

Wednesday Night Race Report, Results, and Pictures

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Pictures by Dew Stotesbury and Peter Toby

This will be a perfunctory report due to scheduling conflicts. I nice way of saying life and work are getting in the way of sailing yet again.

Skeena Cloud had another successful outing under the leadership of Steve White augmented by the determination of Mia and Michael to sail well and sail fast. I have rarely met a leader like Steve. He gracefully marries a fierce competitive instinct with a calm ability to guide and mold his team within the crucible of a race. Make no mistake, the team set out to win the race, and win they did. Our downwind mark rounding at Welbury, with Michael on the bow, Steve on the helm, Mia on the sheets and furling line, and me desperately trying to stay the hell out of the way, was ballet in life jackets and deck shoes.

I know many were surprised to see Skeena Cloud, after years of racing alone, have five aboard readying the boat. It was a surplus of riches, and being that Second Wind didn't have crew, and both Drew and Eric have a penchant for smelly sneakers; Drew volunteered to go with Eric. The example of what makes us the best club sailing squad on the coast.

But while we did well, special mention must go out to Pturbodactyl, Imp, Oasis, PocoLoco, and Radiant Heat. All had excellent races. Pturbodactyl completed the 7.3 nm course in an hour and twenty-seven minutes. Considering the wide angles she sails, her average speed must have been near two digits. PocoLoco, obviously inspired by the return of April, sailed the lights out of the course, completing the circuit in just under one hour and forty-seven minutes. Imp was quiet, steady, and expertly sailed as usual. Oasis, after being protested by Skeena Cloud at the start, was last seen doing her turns. But within minutes she reappeared, leading the pack out of the harbour. And Radiant Heat, at the end of the first echelon of racers did the entire under white sails, out-sailing most on the upwind legs.

And one can not leave out Thing One, who greeted many of us at the finish line, finally able to enjoy some time at the picnic table. Well done. *(For clarity, Thing One sailed a shorter course. Her times were adjusted accordingly)*

And special mention to Thalia and crew, who reported, *'Thalia had the joy of extra crew. David's brother from Vernon and 3 kids took an assessment of the air quality and decided to hop in their vehicle and drive down to the coast until air quality improves.*

This meant the spinnaker was flown for the first time by the current owners. Enjoyable day to pop the chute!!!

Quote of the day "Look at the moon, it's not red!!!! David and Lena





Not often that you get a picture taken exactly on the starting gun, or so the camera says



Look out Eric!!





The race to home is on!







Steve's not competitive!

My crew is getting serious: new sailing gear



Bye for now....

By the way, those legs Drew is sporting above have run 1,000 miles this year alone. He has run a minimum of 5k, 290 consecutive days, and has run a half-marathon for 21 consecutive months. Run Drew Run.

See some of you for the Race/Cruise event this weekend

Club	Finish	Corrected	Rating for			
Rating	Boat	Skipper	Time	Time	Place	Next Race
292	SKEENA CLOUD	Taylor	19:17:02	01:49:42	1	274
-6	PTURBODACTYL	Tulip	18:27:21	01:50:28	2	-21
105	POCOLOCO	Faget	18:46:40	01:50:56	3	93
153	IMP	Leitch	19:03:03	01:58:51	4	144
155	OASIS	Jones	19:05:32	02:00:53	5	149
150	RADIANT HEAT	Brogan	19:09:30	02:05:38	6	147
174	LIL FOOT	Hillier	19:15:56	02:07:19	7	177
163	EVANGELINE	Sutton	19:22:54	02:16:00	8	169
177	THALIA	Cardew	19:28:57	02:18:54	9	186
217	SECOND WIND	van Soeren	19:41:00	02:22:00	10	229
324	THING ONE	Arnoldus	20:06:53	02:23:56	11	339
206	YOLANDA	Grange	19:41:00	02:24:09	12	224
171	RAMPART	DeRoos	dnf		13	171

