

Hot Rum at the Sailing Club

January 1, 2024

A bright warm day launched the new year, as Club members gathered in the Clubhouse at noon on Sunday, January 1 for the newly-revived annual Hot Rum luncheon, race, and social. It took a little while for the Clubhouse to fill up, but as the racers drifted in there was an estimated crowd of 50 to 55 people.



The Hot Rum Race was a pursuit race, with the start at Second Sister. Skippers had the option of sailing one of two courses, both of which measured 5.4 miles on the rhumb line and finished at the Club. Option 1 was Batt Rock then Horda Shoal. Option 2 was U62 and back.

There were ten boats: **Fool in the Rain, Inga, Robyn Hood, Kay D, Second Wind, Evangeline, Invictus, Pocoloco, Sorcery X, and Pturbodactyl.**

There was little to no wind for the early starters, and it looked like the early starters were headed to Batt Rock. But as the wind finally started to develop, U62 looked like a better bet so boats started heading that way,

with Sorcery X and Pocoloco leading the way. Everyone made it to U62 and most set a spinnaker for the run home, but only Sorcery X and eventually Pturbodactyl made it to the Club finish before the wind died again.



The Results...

First: Sorcery X (Greg Slakov)

Second: Pturbodactyl (John Tulip)

Everyone else DNF (...did not finish, for those non-racers among us.)

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Staff Captain Trevor Bishop, Tracy Watkins and Candace MacKenzie organized a much-appreciated spread of quiches, meat pies, and homemade frittata, accompanied by three delicious salads and dessert of baked goodies.

Thanks to servers **Nicky Arnoldus** and **David and Marnie Naphtali**, who cheerfully filled peoples' plates.



Thanks also to **Mike Byrne**, who made sure everyone had a hot rum in their hands.



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Race winner **Greg Slakov** of Sorcery X fame generously shared his winning bottle of rum (...this time there was eggnog available...).



Thanks also go to the food preparation crew of **Julie van Soeren, Chris Levan** and **Doerte Jansson** and to the folks who stayed to clean up: **Jan Macpherson, Mia Cahill, and Charlie James.**



Note that more photos can be found through the Club Photos link on the Club website.