Ben Mohr Race *Feb.* 25, 2024

Exciting race!

We got off to a good start and then, with a series of bad tacks and crazy wind shifts, we found ourselves playing catch up—lots of big gusts (we saw 28 knots true) and shifts in Trincomali as well. After one too many round-ups we tucked in both reefs and were still overpowered.

Sorcery X built up a nice lead heading for the halfway mark and we were again playing catch-up. You guys and Martin wisely chose to head back before things got really silly out there (would not have been much fun as you got closer to Mayne Island.) Eric managed to sort out whatever issues he had at the start, and also made up some time at this point and was within a couple of miles of us.

The wind went soft near Ben Mohr Rock on the return so there was a bit of silly sailing going on there. Greg was about a mile and a half ahead and managed to get around a bit quicker than us before it went too soft.

Sailing back through Captain Pass the wind filled back in with gusts to 15 and more oscillations of up to 30 deg. As we headed towards Second Sister we noticed that Greg had found a very light spot on the west side of the island and very kindly waited there for us to catch up a big chunk of water. The final beat to the finish was also true to form for the day, with wind shifts on the order of 90+ degrees and gusts to the high teens coming out of nowhere. Fortunately Greg was about 10 minutes ahead and acted as a telltale for us, so we were able to sail a bit of an avoidance course to the finish.

All in all a very exciting day!

Vern Lhotzky, Invictus

Club Rating Results

Club			Finish	Corrected		Rating for
Rating	Boat	Skipper	Time	Time	Place	Next Race
86	SORCERY X	Slakov	13:14:20	03:28:27	1	83
114	INVICTUS	Lhotzky	13:25:15	03:30:26	2	114
196	SECOND WIND	van Soeren	14:17:40	03:53:55	3	199
164	KAY D	Herbert	dnf		4	164
99	POCOLOCO	Faget	dnf		4	99

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PHRFBC Results

PHRF			Finish	Corrected		Rating for	club
Ratin	Boat	Skipper	Time	Time	Place	Next	points
113	SORCERY X (NES)	Slakov	13:14:20	03:19:33	1	113	100
141	INVICTUS (NES)	Lhotzky	13:25:15	03:21:50	2	141	80
144	SECOND WIND	van Soeren	14:17:40	04:12:14	3	144	60
208	KAY D	Herbert	dnf		4	208	20
165	POCOLOC	Faget	dnf		4	165	20