

Fall Series VII Regatta for 2015

Sunday October 25, 2015

Lenny wins the regatta.

First of all let's all welcome Tanya who tried her hand at sailing a Jet-14. Although there wasn't much sun, the winds were northwest at 5-10 kts. The PRO was Kathy Wallace who stepped in for Connie. The skippers meeting started at 1:00pm with 19 skippers registered. Jamie (commodore) announced that all participants needed to sign a personal liability waiver. Three races were conducted: first race was wire, dam and back with starboard rounding; the second race was to the wires and back with starboard rounding. While the third race was to the dam, wire and back with marks left to port. Tim/Jane crossed the finish line first in the first and third races while Lenny crosses the finish line first in the second race.

There were some eventful pre-racing activities; Lenny got his truck stuck trying to use the improved ramp; Connie launched 203 with no one holding the bowline—required rescue boat; and to top it off Chris went swimming while getting into his boat 433. Jamie hoisted his pirate flag, but was unable to hoist his sails. Then there was a group picture of all the individual costumes.

The first race, the boats that started just left of center seem to come out ahead with Chris jumping out to a lead. Tom/Jane put up their spinnakers. Tim/Jane, Chris, Tom, Lenny and Connie/Teri rounded the first mark in their respective order. The next leg turned into upwind leg between the wire and dam and collected a couple boats as they got too close to shore. The next leg was a reaching leg until the ranger cove then turned into upwind leg. Lenny finished 1st, Chris finished 2nd, Tim/Jane finished 3rd and Tom finished 4th.

Second race witness a collision just before the start and a couple of boats over early. Chris, Curtis/Rick and Connie/Teri stayed left with the rest of the fleet in the center. Curtis/Rick rounded the mark first with Connie, Lenny, and Chris nipping at his heels. The whole fleet seem to be trying to round the mark altogether. The next leg was upwind and heading up the center seem to be most advantageous. Lenny finished first, with Tanya second, Curtis/Rick was third, and Connie/Teri was 4th.

Third race started out strange I got the impression that the boats on the right thought we were headed to wire mark as the fleet (windward) was pushing down on most lured boats Connie and Lenny. After Lenny got rolled, he headed up and became the most windward boat and jump out ahead of the fleet when a puff came in from the right. Richard H was halfway to the wire mark when he decided to turn for the dam mark which actually paid off, rounding the mark in fourth. Tim/Jane, Rick/Elizabeth, Lenny rounded the Dam and wire marks in the respective order. Chris made up some distance by staying in the center. Lenny was 1st, Chris 2nd, Tim/Jane was 3rd, Rick/Elizabeth was 4th.

I really must apologize; I was so focus on my sails and the wind ahead that I did not look around. If I am still the Vice Commodore next year I will be looking for some assistance for the regatta write ups. So I included Lisa and Barney summation of the day events.

Pirate Scallywag Lisa's summation:

Funniest is a word right? Yes there were mishaps..yours truly ran aground early on in race 1(looking for pirate booty) Jamie's mainsail would not hoist up, Chris took an unexpected dip in Lake Julian and likely other things I didn't hear about....BUT every time I looked around at all the pirates ...it was too funny!

I sat out race 2 to recuperate and had so much fun with our Pro!!! Wonderful job ...and got to see Curtis and Crew (Bob?) race so well right on the heels of leader Lennie.

Chris took pity on me and I crewed with him in race 3...as usual had a blast that Jet 14 can fly! I kept saying oh my gawd your boats so uncomfortable...surprised he didn't practice man overboard :) Other fun moments were watching Pirate Girl (Tanya) handle her borrowed Jet 14 with courage...she matched her boat! Julia was a good addition as crew. Caswell and Daniel fit somehow in their boat(OPTI)..not quite sure how....so many treats and rum punch was delicious. Again the most fun regatta this year. Special thanks to Richard B for talking me home...I owe ya :) can't wait for next year!

Barney's summation of the day:

I agree that the event could not have been funnier. We could schedule regular Funnier Regattas. My only regret is that I did not have time to put on my costume, but I think I clowned around enough to appear as the giant cartoon dinosaur I am. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vzo0iHrivVQ>

Commodore Jamus Titus Maximus deserves huge appreciation for bolstering the pirate theme and providing amenities, right down to the blender drinks. "Rrrrr!" mate, "We be re-rigging yer mainsail halyard assembly again post haste." (we had the same failure on our Scot once).

As for your fetching up on a lee shore, you know what they say, "If you haven't run aground, you haven't been around." We've had at least five rescue operations during regattas this year, and I've done three, non-regatta by those rocks just in the last two weeks. Safety First!

Funny, I am making up a test for my students, and danger to leeward is in one of the questions. But teaching is not learning, and anything can happen out there. Fun does, but there is a reason most folks stay home and watch TV---less risk. Safety First!

I worried when I saw the Hennon Jet flip, but then I saw he was not in danger, just wet, and laughed. Hope Chris did, too. Docks are actually more dangerous than rocks, because we are on them more often. Lee, who is mega-Safety Girl, was stepping off our Scot at the dock once and fell between the dock and the boat. DUDE! You do NOT want to get between a rigid wooden structure and a bobbing, 850 lbs. hunk of hard plastic. People have been killed. Fortunately, Lee was not injured in that incident. Safety First!

The Pirate Girls---Connie, Teri & Tanya---were my favorite costumes. SO CUTE!

Yes it was inspiring to see the Hunter flying well. Bob (Mitchell) credited Fireball fuel. You just wait till Curtis rigs a pop-up spinnaker on her---she could plane OVER the wires, safety be damned. "Rrrrr

As the fall series first through fourth was still up grabs. Overall regatta results Lenny was 1st, Chris was 2nd, and Connie was 3rd, with Tim/Jane in 4th.

The 2015 fall series results; Lenny 1st, Tim/Jane 2nd, Chris 3rd, and Connie/Teri was 4th.

Skipper	Boat	Sail	D-PN	R1 ET	R1 CT	Place	R2 ET	R2 CT	Place	R3 ET	R3 CT	Place	Tot. Score	Finish
L. Wells	Jet-14	1130	97.2	24.08	24.78	1	16.55	17.03	1	23.48	24.16	1	3	1
C. Hennon	Jet-14	433	97.2	24.28	24.98	2	18.98	19.53	5	24.10	24.79	2	9	2
C. Berchem	Jet-14	483	97.2	26.87	27.64	6	18.05	18.57	4	26.87	27.64	5	15	3
T. Alderson	Flying Scot	5092	89.6	22.57	25.19	3	19.45	21.71	11	23.00	25.67	3	17	4
R. Devereaux	Flying Scot	4131	89.6	26.33	29.39	9	17.82	19.88	6	23.60	26.34	4	19	5
Tanya	Jet-14	203	97.2	28.43	29.25	8	17.87	18.38	2	33.98	34.96	12	22	6
R. Hansen	Flying Scot	520	89.6	24.33	27.16	5	18.90	21.09	10	26.88	30.00	7	22	7
C. Boyd	Hunter 170	170	92.7	28.60	30.85	11	17.12	18.46	3	30.17	32.54	9	23	8
T. Cannon	Flying Scot	2847	89.6	23.77	26.53	4	19.50	21.76	12	28.78	32.12	8	24	9
S. Wallace	Demon		95.4	28.87	30.26	10	19.30	20.23	9	26.82	28.11	6	25	10
D. Monoson	Galilee 15	255	99.4	29.05	29.23	7	20.02	20.14	7	34.43	34.64	11	25	11
B. Sokol	Flying Scot	2807	89.6	28.17	31.44	12	18.12	20.22	8	29.33	32.74	10	30	12
D. Langsner	Laser Radial	12527	96.7	33.43	34.57	15	22.92	23.70	13	34.42	35.59	13	41	13
Keil	Hobie Wave	26486	91.9	30.70	33.41	14	21.80	23.72	14	35.10	38.19	14	42	14
C. Kern	Opti		123.6	39.80	32.20	13	32.07	25.94	16	53.63	43.39	16	45	15
D. Buckley	Newport 16	N16	103.5	38.63	37.33	16	26.53	25.64	15	43.15	41.69	15	46	16
R. Beytagh	Rhodes22	2011	100.2	DNS	DNS	20	DNS	DNS	20	50.78	50.68	17	57	17
L. Wilcocks	Oday17	H17	98.5	DNF	DNF	19	DNS	DNS	20	DNS	DNS	20	59	18
J. Titus	Flying Scot	3430	89.6	DNS	DNS	20	DNS	DNS	20	DNS	DNS	20	60	19