

## **SJRYC Windward Sheet vol. 2016, no. 18, September 18, 2016**

### **Race Results, Wednesday's Race**

Wednesday's final race of the Summer Series was run in plenty of wind, which tested our heavy weather sailors. This late in the season we call courses to allow the slowest boats to finish before dark. This means shorter races for the faster boats, especially in JaM.

The view from the RC boat showed a picture-perfect Spinn Section start, with all boats on the line, trimmed for speed and perfectly timed. Just beautiful to watch, truly World-class. Attitude tacked away early and sailed in calmer water than for those boats who headed out into the Lake.

There were lots of Series Flags on the line in this race, and Jammers also had good starts, with Carrera at the pin executing a full-speed, well-timed "Andy" start all by themselves. There was a big pack at the boat end that got quite crowded, with everyone wanting the same "most windward" position rather than grabbing their own "lanes" as the Spinn section did by spreading out down the line.

Spinn boats did a triangle, JaM and out and back. At the first mark, two of the leading JaM boats, Silver Arrow and Little Beauty, decided to follow the Spinn boats on the next leg of the triangle, rather than pivot around the mark and head for home. Out in front was Fuzzy Logic, who had sailed a great first leg, and behind Silver Arrow and Little Beauty was White Knuckles and Carrera.

Heading for the finish line in JaM was Fuzzy Logic, who flew faster than all the other boats on the blast reach home to win another race wire-to-wire. Second over the line was Carrera, given the two fast boats (Silver Arrow and Little Beauty) that went the wrong way. Third was White Knuckles, who corrected out over Carrera for second place.

Over in Spinn, many boats finished close to each other, but it was Attitude which won their first race of the year, building on their reputation as a potent heavy weather boat. Next up was Distraction, then Imagine, Captain Blood and Picaron.

The Spinn Summer Series was won by Wellenreiter, by 5 points over Distraction, which was a far smaller margin than usual for Welly. Captain Blood won the third place flag 6 points back. The first five boats in Spinn had a spread of 16 points, and included Silk in fourth and Imagine in fifth.

The JaM Summer Series was much closer--as usual--with zero points separating first and second places, with a tie-breaker needed to separate Carrera and Silver Arrow into first and second places. A hard-charging Fuzzy Logic finished the season just four points back, and with three 1st place finishes in the Summer Series, more than both Silver Arrow and Carrera who each had two. We will expect more good racing from Dan Emery on Fuzzy Logic next season! Just four more points back were White Knuckles and Little Beauty, also tied, in fourth and fifth places. The first five boats in JaM had a spread of just 8 points versus 16 points in Spinn; and the first three boats in JaM had a spread of just 4 points, while in Spinn, the first three boats had a spread of 11 points, almost three times more than JaM.

It was a wild Summer Series, where the best boats in both sections were seriously challenged, and in some cases, out sailed, by newly-fast rivals. This heralds next year's season to be full of surprises--and we wouldn't want it any other way.

### **SJRYC 2016 Offshore Series**

Winners of the SJRYC Offshore flags for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be announced and awarded at the Awards Banquet.

### **Chili Regatta**

First for the important news: The winning bowl of Chili was prepared by Bailey Carolla, who garnered bids totaling \$288 for her delicacy. Over-all, more than \$900 was raised for the Junior Foundation.

Now onto the racing news. This race was run on a blustery Saturday morning, with winds from 11 - 19 knots. First to finish on the water was Picaron, then Captain Blood, and Attitude. However, the decidedly fast and hi-tech Sport Boat Picaron, helmed by Jr. Foundation pro Pat Ray could not save their time over a Sport Boat from a by-gone era, the Lightning known as White Knuckles, who finished first on corrected, with Picaron

second and Attitude third. Pat Ray's two brothers, along with Gretchen French, also represented the Jr. Foundation as crew in this race.

### **Dual-Handed Race Update**

We are planning on running this race next Saturday. Keep an eye on your email for final details.

### **Annual Awards Banquet, Saturday night, 22 October, 6PM**

So we can be sure to have plenty of food and tables for everyone (we kinda ran out of both last year thanks to the super turn-out), send your reservations to [jimschrager@gmail.com](mailto:jimschrager@gmail.com) this year. Please let me know how many people you expect. We are also working on a Sailing Trivia Quiz that will again revolve around sailboat names, so everyone can participate.

### **Chicago-SJ Tri-State Section Winner**

We got it wrong: Cynthia was 1st in Section on this leg, not 2nd. We regret the error. Congrats to everyone on Cynthia for two great legs in this year's Tri-State.

Best regards,  
Ken Z & Jim S.

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