

## **SJRYC Windward Sheet volume 2016, number 11**

Since the predictions showed little to no wind at race time, our Principal Race Officer, Ken Zimmerman, set up a short-course triangle to give us the best chance of getting a race in. Once around for JaM and twice around for Spinn, given the dire predictions of quickly falling wind speeds, also gave the RC boat crew the option of shortening the race if needed.

Comments on this race from the RC boat:

- As the race began, the Spinn boats got away clean except for Attitude, who was very late to the start and had what would have been a perfect start--except that it was right with the JaM boats.

- Wellenreiter had a very slow first leg, then came alive and began to work their way through the pack. This takes lots of spot-on crew work on a big, fast, boat racing on short legs.

- Imagine, rating 30, rounded the second mark behind Zot, rating 93, and could not find a way around them. Zot accelerated so fast, and kept their air clean, denying the Farr 395 with a large masthead assy-spinnaker the ability to get by the much smaller Soveral 33 with a deep fractional rig.

- Attitude, sailing at the front of the JaM fleet, sat on Carrera's air for the first leg, allowing Fuzzy Logic to sail right up to, and above Carrera after the first mark rounding. Carrera, intent on pointing above Attitude to finally get free of their wind shadow, sailed very close to the wind after the first mark rounding. Fuzzy, feeling they would do better not getting involved in the two-boat take-up tangle, opted to fall off into their own lane below Carrera and Attitude so they could go fast on their own.

- Silver Arrow while in hot pursuit of Carrera on the second leg was forced to do a full 360 turn to allow Attitude, who was just ahead of them, clear room at the second mark. Did I mention that Attitude had what appeared to be an 8-year old girl at the helm?

- It was great this week to see skippers and crew from other boats sailing on new vessels. Ron Groth's boat Elixir is out of commission with a broken boom, so he raced with Dirk Kruger on Sea Raider; Cubbie Ziegert helped out Bill Barton on Moody Blue; Mike Kinney sailed with Bill Born on Distraction; and it turns out the rumors were true, that is, Andy Grootendorst was again onboard Jeff Mitchell's Little Beauty. The camaraderie in our fleet is great to see, and a refreshing change from the "win at all costs" so prevalent in other harbors. Sharing knowledge is a trait we cherish at the SJRYC. Check the results for the boats noted above to track how the extra hands impacted the finish order in both sections.

- We on the RC boat are delighted to have Bill Thomas back with us full time, now that Cynthia is not racing in the Summer Series.

The results of a lovely night of sailing were a throwback to the last few years--rather than 2016--in many ways. Wellenreiter won Spinn going away, by about two minutes over long-time BotY contender (and winner) Zot, who beat Dirk Kruger on Sea Raider by 31 seconds, with Judd Brown's sistership C&C 110 Silk a minute back in fourth sneaking ahead of Patrick Nelson's Captain Blood by all of 11 seconds, who finished just 14 seconds ahead of Bill Born's Distraction. Welly and Zot out in front like the old days, with Dirk on Sea Raider right in there as well.

Over in JaM, there were shades of last year as well, with Carrera grabbing a win over long-time rival Gordon Dill's Silver arrow after two disappointing finishes. One of the newly competitive JaM boats, Dan Emery's Fuzzy Logic, finished in third, a minute ahead of Gary Sisson's WinSome, with another highly improved boat, Jeff Mitchell's Little Beauty in fifth.

This season has been one of significant change in both sections. In Spinn, our normal

"two-horse race" (Welly & Zot) for about a decade now has four or five players, with Captain Blood doing very well in the Spring Series and Distraction doing the same. Yet now here in the Summer Series, we find Distraction still in the lead, with Welly and Zot right behind. Each top boat in Spinn has already burned a throw out (other than Wellenreiter)--and we are just three races into an eight race series! That gives you some idea of how tough these first three races have been in Spinn.

Over in JaM, it's pretty much the same story. Eric Mallen leads the Summer Series, with Carrera tied in second place by Fuzzy Logic, new to the winners' circle, with Silver Arrow down in fourth and just ahead of Little Beauty with newcomer Infinity not far behind in sixth. Just as in Spinn, all the top JaM boats have burned one throw out in the same three wildly competitive races. The first five boats in Spinn are separated by 7 points; first five in JaM are closer as always, by 4 points--but in Spinn, there is a three-way tie for fifth place.

In 2015, things looked pretty predictable, with both 2014 BotY winners eventually winning their sections again in 2015. At this point in the season, there is no way to guess who will win BotY this year in either section.

**Mac Race Note:** We forgot to include one boat in the Mac finishers, Gugnir, which was skippered by our own Dan Emery (of Fuzzy Logic fame), and finished 16th in section. Even more interesting, Gugnir is a

Cayenne 41 sistership of Carrera, and before Dan's Dad bought Gugnir in 2008, he first tried to buy Carrera but discovered the boat was not for sale.

**Racing Schedule:** August is a very busy month at the SJRYC.

Noted below are the races coming up:

Wed 11 August: Summer Series #4

Sat/Sun 13/14 August: PHRF Perfection Race to MCYC – Offshore Series

Wed 18 August: Summer Series #5

Sat 20 August: Dual Handed Race - Spinn & JaM together

Wed 25 August: Summer Series #6

Wed 31 August: Staggered Start Race - Spinn & JaM together

Fri/Sun/Mon Sept 2/4/5: Tri State – Offshore Series

Wed 06 Sept: Summer Series #7

Wed 13 Sept: Summer Series #8

Sat 17 Sept: Chili Regatta – Spinn & JaM together

We'll see you out on the water, Ken Z. and Jim S.

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