

## SJRYC Windward Sheet Vol 2021, No 1

For the Opening Day of the Season it was hard to ask for much better weather. We had a gorgeous sunny day, with 7 - 11 knot Northerlies, dropping temperatures, and a flat lake.

The Race Boat Team was led by Louie Tremblay who created an excellent course for the evening. Because our permanent marks are not yet in place, Louie used all temporary marks which were easy to recognize in both color and shape. The Windward mark was due North of the starting area, with a wing mark West of the Windward mark, and a finish line back in the starting area. Spinn went first With Up/Down legs and then a tour of the Triangle before finishing. JaM started second and did the Triangle once around.

The wind was variable and at times prior to the start had the boats moving rather quickly, especially as they reached back and forth behind the beautifully set starting line, perpendicular to the wind just like they show you in the racing textbooks.

The Spinnaker start had boats everywhere, with No Quarter playing the pin end of the line with their jib flapping to kill time and hold their place, while Cynthia seemed to be going away from the line prior to the start. While No Quarter held station at the pin end, Cynthia turned and made her charge for the line much closer to the RC Boat, which she passed right on time and became windward boat of the fleet with clear air. But how much does a start matter when we have so many great racing boats in our Spinn fleet?

Over in JaM, Gary Sisson had another "textbook" start near the windward end of the line while Paul Falk on the Pearson 35 Falcon was closer to the pin end with Carrera just to windward and aft of Falcon. Falcon was just a bit early, causing them to run down the line which gave Carrera a chance to move next to Falcon. When the gun went off both boats were clear, sailing next to each other and headed on the first tack of the beat leg.

The JaM boats were heading North as the top of the Spinnaker fleet was headed back South and both No Quarter and Captain Blood were kind enough to fall off to the the JaM boats through even though the Jammers were burdened on Port tack. While this was going on, Cynthia seemed to head back home going nearly dead downwind. Do people still do that now-a-days? Gosh, that can't be the fast way, can it?

In the end, the J-111 No Quarter of Mark and Colin Caliban which was unbeatable last year, is still unbeaten, winning by an impressive 3 minutes and change. But after that, the racing was quite close. Looking at the rest of Spinn, the order was like this: Silk in 6th, just 25 seconds behind Fuzzy Logic in 5th, who was a slender 2 seconds behind Captain Blood looking quite racy in 4th place, 45 seconds behind Sea Raider in 3rd.

What about second place in Spinn? The boat in 2nd place was a whopping 1:30 ahead of Sea Raider. How about that boat that got the windward start, the one that seemed to be

going to the leeward mark DDW? Yeah, Cynthia was in second place last night and while they didn't beat the J-111, they beat all the other well-sailed SJRYC Boats.

In JaM the battle was between Falcon and Winsome who finished under a minute apart with Winsome in second place, no doubt partly because of their fine start. Carrera won with Windspirit in 4th.

In spite of the beautiful weather, many boats in both fleets were not ready to race. Those not ready to race missed a wonderful day to be out on the lake.

We are very lucky to have Ken Zimmerman out on the lake with us many weeks taking photos. This week he has provided a link to his "best picks" of the day, which is noted below.

Many thanks to Louie and her RC Team for a great night of sailing. In case you missed it, come on back next Wednesday at about 6PM and we will do it all over again--but we make no promises on the weather.

Best regards, Jim Schragger

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