

I would like to thank Julian Lee for putting together another great regatta at scenic Deception Bay State Park. His efforts along with the able guidance of our NCS, Freddie Rocha, and the all important support team of DPMYC members and their spouses made it a wonderful experience for the eighteen skippers. A special thanks goes out to Jean Lee and the spouses that stuck it out both days in the strong winds, cool temperatures and sometimes wet skies. And what can you say about Collie, and I believe Jack, who manned the chase boat in high winds and surf. They spend more time rescuing boats than we spent racing. And I would like to thank the generosity of Performance R/C Hobbies in Burlington. I won one of their gift certificates.

Also dinner at the Lee's home perched high overlooking the Sound was special.

We opened with eighteen boats at the start, and I emphasize eighteen boats. We didn't close with eighteen boats. The wind, averaging 20 and sometimes gusting in the upper 30's took its toll. By late Sunday seven skippers had retired early due to rig and boat failures. And there were many collisions. These were not normal bang, tap or pop collisions. They were measured on the richter scale. Unfortunately Bob Wells' BritPOP sank. The boat was not recovered but scuba divers will return this week and Bob is hopeful. He took it in stride though and finished the regatta with an extra boat (Brad Gibson's Glamrock) offered by Jerry Brower.

The locals were okay with the robust weather. But Freddie, a SanDiego resident, was wrapped up in fourteen layers of clothing from head to toe. His arms were so bundled in he couldn't move them far enough forward to reach his whistle. So it was "Boatsa ina wata, boatsa ina wata.". Interestingly, both days he received calls from America's Cup RD Iain Murray advising we must abandon racing due to winds exceeding the 20 knot limit. He ignored Iain and did a great job moving things along. Skippers who made it to the end sailed 27 exciting races despite the delay searching for Bob's boat.

Congratulations goes to Gary Boell and his Cheinz. He sailed a brilliant regatta and won by a large margin. He controlled the committee end mark at the start and avoided the flak at the first windward mark. It was the perfect formula. In the final race, when the wind was in the 30's throughout, he pulled off a port start from the pin end and waived good bye to the bewildered starboard fleet. HOWEVER, Gary pulled in immediately after one start complaining, "I am dragging a weed." It wasn't a weed. Gary forgot to remove the bulb sock!!! Yikes, and this guy is representing the US in the World Championships in Israel in a couple of weeks. Morgan Dewees, sailing an MMX, finished a solid second. His boat was impossible to catch in the surf after he dialed in the trim for his C rig. And I say this with all due respect, Julian surprised everyone making the podium with third place. It appears he is liking his new V8. His sailing was simply fantastic.

I hope I got most of the above right. Good luck to Gary and Jerry at the Worlds

Thank you
Ron.