

Race Commander Report

April 2019

Despite the weather, I believe Governor's Cup was a success. Ed Pierce turned out to be an excellent Regatta Chairman, with a determination to prod and drive progress from a wide pool of volunteers, while having a willingness to step back and let others take over their delegated tasks when ready. It was also a valuable experience for RC, despite zero time on the water. During planning meetings leading up to the rainout, we had excellent collaboration with our visiting PRO Dave Patterson and worked out specific plans for separate race courses, including offset marks and leeward gates for the RTB classes, multiple starts, multiple finish areas. This experience will be valuable again, in upcoming regattas with large and/or diverse fleets.

In the last few series we have used 2 Windward marks, to give the J80s a longer weather leg. However, we have noticed issues at the Leeward mark. This is due to very different speed and approach angles at the Leeward mark, of the J80s compared to the other fleets. These differences are less noticeable at the Windward mark but are potentially dangerous at the Leeward mark. For the Late Spring Series, we are using 2 Leeward buoys instead of 2 Windward Buoys. For future series, we are considering 2 Windward *and* 2 Leeward buoys. To do this will require extra work by the RC team, but the results may pay off by enhancing the racing experience for all fleets. Final decision is not made yet, but please provide your input to the PRC.

Turnback RC volunteers are needed, please contact Regatta Chairperson Dane Ohe.

Consistency of RC equipment & AYC Chase boat check-in after Series Races is being addressed with laminated checklists on each boat outlining what to do when returning the boats. We are also asking chase boat users to report any issues when noticed.

Discussions are underway for the Centerboard Regatta in October 2019 are already underway, with NOR going out in early May. James Bland is regatta chairman and is bringing new enthusiasm to our dinghy fleet.

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