

## Race Commander Report

May 2019

Turnback Regatta did not go to Bar-K-Ranch, but there was plenty of racing. Unfortunately, collisions sometimes happen when we race and during Turnback there was a collision with extensive damage to both boats, and sadly there was a crew injury. The protest itself was easily resolved (port/starboard), and the skippers are working it out between their insurance companies. I have taken the initiative to contact both skippers, interview as many eyewitnesses as possible, and discuss at length with both skippers. I believe the “lessons learned” of the skipper on port, will result in different choices on the race course, with different crew assignments, in future races, to avoid the situation in the future.

Roadrunner Regatta June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> offers opportunities for members to see the next generation of sailors – up close & personal, from the vantage point of a chase boat, or one of the 3 Signal boats we will have. Please contact Jeff Brock if you would like to volunteer, either off the water, or no the water.

For this “Late Spring” Series, the use of 2 Leeward buoys instead of 2 Windward Buoys is working well for the J80s. For future series, we are considering 2 Windward and 2 Leeward buoys. Please provide your input to the PRC.

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

I will be initiating a “Scoring Research Committee”, with a very different scope than our current Scoring Committee, whose focus is execution of series scoring using existing software and hardware. This new sub-committee will be benchmarking available solutions (hardware and software), comparing scoring systems used at other clubs, even doing a test run using alternate scoring system on an upcoming series.

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