

Race Commander Report

Jan 25, 2018

Racing is already underway, with the Keel Fleet Redeye Regatta in the books, and 2 of the 5 race dates for the Frostbite Series already completed. Weather has been good, and participation has been very good, considering these are “off-season” races. The race calendar is full this year, with 28 Series Races, 3 club regattas, and multiple other fleet-organized regattas as well. There will be plenty of opportunities for members to volunteer their time, and to race.

I am extremely pleased with the energy and passion of our 2018 Permanent Race Committee members. We have met several times already, to publish NOR & S.I.s for Frostbite, and notably, a new Course Card for 2018. The new course card gives some additional options, and fixes a few issues from last year’s card. We still do not have the new marks in the water yet (A and J), but we will soon. No, the “J” mark is not for “Jim”. We will also try to implement “X” mark as well, off Windy Point.

Under Kurt Carson’s leadership, the PRC also planned and delivered the RC Training event on Jan 14th. About 25 folks showed up for RC Training, and we worked through many of the scenarios that are experienced when providing RC for our Series races.

Another area we are diligently working to improve is post-race Scoring – not just in the promptness after the race, but we hope to make it easier for scoring Committee to deliver accurate results promptly. The iPad that was implemented a few years ago continues to be a key element of this metric, so we are really pushing each RC duty fleet to enter finish times and sail numbers on the iPad. By using the iPad, there is less typing by scoring committee, we can “just” import the file & process the data. We are also looking at proposals on how to more quickly upload results to the web (maybe while still on the water?), whether it be different hardware or better software.

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