

Race Commander Report

Jan 28, 2019

Snakebite Series – well it's actually called Frostbite, but it seemed like we were snake bit – WK1 & Wk4 were cancelled due to weather WK3 abandoned after the start. WEEK2 was a difficult light air day handled well by the Ensign fleet, and WK5 only saw two fleets finish a shortened race handled by C22/SC21. We had excellent PRC rep support from Kurt Carson and Steve Pervier, with scoring from Ed Pierce and Larry Ratliff.

Spring Series is scheduled for 5 consecutive Sundays. Race documents were to be posted today. Although we will continue to use the 2018 course card, the order of starts is different. Most other features are the same as we have for most (non=Frostbite) series races. March 23rd-24th is a J24 circuit, so that Sunday will somewhat hectic with the changeover of RC boats. Guest racers are permitted, and in fact we have a few for Spring series. Please be sure guest racers have all the necessary pre-approvals from RC and Office Manager and are aware of AYC rules about being with their host member.

Governor's Cup planning is well underway, this year will have several fleets "circuit" stops and we have guest PRO coming as well. With 3 race areas planned we will have 3 separate starting areas, kind of like Wursthfest, I guess. We will need more RC support than usual, so we will be looking for RC volunteers for this flagship regatta.

Motorboat driver training will be offered by PRC. A dedicated team (Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás, Ed Pierce, Chris Schuttger, Kurt Carson, Harry Polly) has developed a very practical and focused curriculum, adopted from various authorities (Vic Manning, USCG, USPS, BSA, Sea Scouts, etc). We will be testing it out in March on various PRC and Fleet Captains, then we will be pushing hard to get as many members through the training it as possible. We will have more publicity in the next Telltale. My goal is to transition from "we have no list" to "almost everyone is on the list" by the end of 2019.

RC boats – have posted on each boat a checklist for shutdown / closedown procedure. We've noticed a trend that #3 rarely gets used, since people tend to take out "Chase1" first, then "Chase2", using "Chase3" only when three boats are needed. On the Signal Boat, Ed Pierce made some new Plexiglas course letters & numbers. The old wooden ones have swollen over time and are hard to use.

For the cold races during Frostbite, we noticed a few days when the "Go-No-Go" would have allowed us to race, but the prohibition in the RC Policy of just the air temperature kept us from going out. We are discussing whether for next year's Frostbite we may waive the temperature limit in the "RC policy", setting expectation for competitors that it will be a cold series.

A new laptop PC is being commissioned for scoring team, it will have compatible Office software and antivirus installed.

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