

## Race Commander Report

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Frostbite Series participation was very good - we had a total of 59 boats race over the 5 weekends, with average of 32 boats each weekend. Some fleets had very low participation, the water was too cold? PHRF C fleet had the highest participation with an average of 9.2 boats on the line, and a max of 12. As a group, PRC learned a lot from Frostbite series, what went well, what didn't. Generally speaking, our fleets can pull off almost flawless starts and great courses ... but upon returning to the dock, they present the Scoring team with an unnecessarily confusing record of starters & finishers, that takes way too long to unravel. PRC will work each week to reiterate the importance of the iPad data entry, and corresponding paper record of all activities. We've already received an unsolicited commitment from the A fleet PRO to "set a standard for other fleets to emulate".

The Permanent Race Committee members are exceeding my expectations. Our 3rd PRC planning meeting went 2 hours again, with vigorous discussion of the pros & cons of a long list of various choices of how to administer Series races for the benefit of the fleets. Then, several members attended a US Sailing "One Day Race Management Seminar" on Sat 17<sup>th</sup>, which helped build our skills, and our confidence to lead, in our likely roles as PRO from time to time. Keith Denebeim, Kurt Carson & I deployed solar-powered lights on top of marks D, B and E, to be in compliance with LCRA requirements. Bob Mathison and Kurt Carson helped clean up the RC room, then Kurt replaced a wartime-era file cabinet, with one that works. Kurt also vacuumed out the rodent nests, and Jackie now has the RC room on the rotation for extermination treatments. Thanks to Bob Leonard, we have 3 large cement anchors for use when we deploy any replacement or additional buoys.

Spring Series documents will be posted shortly. I have asked, and received inputs from fleets, about options they want for different series. Ensigns will be asked to race LD courses on the last date of each series. A fleet has asked for RTB courses for Spring, but the choice is not unanimous. In response, we are looking for creative ways to have good quality racing that is inclusive of racers who rate within a given fleet, but don't want to race that style of course chosen by the fleet, for that Series.

With a little help from John Grznich, I cleaned up the "Race results" and "Racing Documents" pages, so that the info you need now, is more easily and quickly visible, while still maintaining the history for bragging rights.

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