

Greetings, Members!

This should be the last Newsletter of the 2020 season. It was a summer of great racing and deficiency of social interaction. We have a lot to make up for next year!

Our last race of the season finished with as much excitement as we have come to expect. Conditions, although more moderate, were similar to the previous weekend with strong winds and random, robust gusts.

Five boats assaulted the start line and took off at high speed. The race quickly turned into two duels. The first of these was between the Hall and Hogg crafts with the Hoggs pulling away and Warren and Brad closing their lead over the last two legs of the race, so much so that the finish positions, again with the two boats on different tacks, was difficult to predict, and more difficult to judge. In the end, Hoggs took first place by about 16" or one one tenth of a second. Intense and wonderful competition!

The second battle started out with three boats; however the Douglas/Houlden Team withdrew after one lap. The Johnson boat, again crewed by brothers Ted and Paul, capsized early on allowing Dean MacMurtry and crew, nephew Dave Jeffries, to slip into third place until they, in turn, capsized. Johnsons then were able to reclaim third position which they held to the finish with MacMurtry taking fourth.

The results of this race are as follows:

- 1). Hogg
- 2). Hall
- 3). Johnson
- 4). MacMurtry
- DNF. Douglas

And the final points results of the season based on top six races of the summer for each boat are as follows:

- 1). Warren Hall and Brad Dibble - 3
- 2). Laura and John Hogg - 4.5
- 3). Ted and Stephanie Johnson - 16
- 4). Dean MacMurtry and various crew - 19
- 5). Bill Lobb and various crew - 27
- 6). John Douglas and Brent Houlden - 32
- 7). Houldens (Brent, Afton, Ashley, Kathryn) - 32

Almost every boat improved upon its score from 2019 which is highly commendable and an indication of the level of competition and dedication of these teams. This improvement, I feel, is due at least in part to the scoring system introduced last season by Rob Ballagh which allows all teams to easily and accurately keep track of their points from week to week.

Next summer will hopefully bring more boats to the course.

In the works for the upcoming season are the following:

- sailing course for new sailors
- race training for captains and crew
- introduction of handicap system for non-albacore boats

-membership drive

If anyone has thoughts on any of these schemes, or if you have other ideas for the Club, please message me.

The 2020 race season would not have worked nearly so well without the co-operation of our volunteers:

Crash Boat: Sharon Vance and assorted assistants

Course Setter: John Hogg (July) and Warren Hall (August)

Meteorologist: Ted Johnson

Photographer: Greg Crawford

Race Committee: Doug Golding, John Douglas Sr., Andrew Douglas, Royden Ritz, Jen McLellan, Katherine Dibble, Rachael Cass, Sue Tovee

Treasurer: Elspeth Hogg

Scorekeeper: Rob Ballagh

Thank you so much!

An addition to the agenda of PSYC events this year is a September four-race series starting this Saturday, September 12. We are going with a 2pm start and including the possibility of time change due to weather conditions. As the lake is cooling quickly (16C today) it is strongly recommended that captain and crew wear wet suits if possible.

A show of hands was taken at the first Captains/Crew/Volunteer get together on August 8 to keep the current Commodore (Sue Tovee) and co-Vice Commodores (Stephanie Johnson and Edward Gledhill) in place through the 2021 season in the hope that a semblance of normality will have returned by next summer and we can do a proper changing of the guard.

Wishing all Members a safe and healthy fall, winter and spring and looking forward to summer and sailing already,

Sue Tovee,  
Commodore, 2020

Sent from my iPad