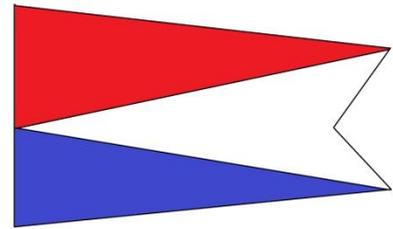


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Frank's Place

With June's race day approaching and various weather systems arriving from the ocean I was wondering...hmm! We got some wind (a good thing) and some periods of rain and drizzle (ok) but the skies cleared out later in the afternoon which made for a nice BBQ event. The afternoon dried out enough to even dry our sails.



However, only four boats/crew attended and it's no surprise as to who they were...Scott with *Wild Juan*, Layne with *Firefly*, Clifford and Dennis on *Teal*, and myself with *Bye Gone*. Of course that made for lots of extra food at the BBQ (especially since Clifford and Dennis took off after the fourth race and headed home early). How to get more boats on the water? That's the question. With another BBQ at the end on July 28th, what to do? How about chicken wings? I can get some pre-cooked and warm them up on the grill to shorten the cooking time and get those great BBQ flavors. All we need, as usual, is some side dishes, maybe a fruit plate and some dessert. By the way extra thanks to Layne for the very nice potato salad last month. Also thanks to Carolyn for her snacks and her photos as well as being our timekeeper.

Other news...Scott trimmed our piece of plexi-glass to size and Kaliph and I installed in the Capt'n Cook building...about time. Still hoping some more painting will be done also. What about our neighbor's, with Kaliph's help, pulling up the sunken C-lark and getting it

ashore. It's a tough job but they got it done. The neighbors seemed interested in cleaning it up and using it. So I gave it to them, even though it not really my or the club's boat, and hope that it now has a good home.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next race/BBQ day on July 28th.

Frank



Layne's Racing Blow by Blow

Our first race of the summer racing season didn't turn out to be very summer like as far as the weather goes. Most of the morning there were on and off again rain showers. It never really rained that hard. It was just a soaking drizzle. The showers tapered towards the afternoon but it was still a pretty gray day outside. Despite the drippy weather, there were still a few of us crazy sailors who made it out and we ended up with four boats racing that day... *Wild Juan*, *Teal*, *Bye-Gone*, and *Firefly*. When it came time light the charcoal for the first BBQ of the season there wasn't a rain drop in sight.



Before the races started I met with a potential new member down at the Fish and Game Launch. His name is Troy and he lives right on the lake, across from Capt'n Cook, just a few houses south of Bill's Boathouse. Troy has been watching us sail for a few months now and wants to get a sailboat and join in with us. He first contacted Frank who gave my name because he said he really likes the looks of my Mutineer, *Firefly*. Anyhow I show Troy my boat and he was impressed by it. He said *Firefly* was exactly what he was looking for as far as size. We were planning on him coming out on *Firefly* to crew for me at the races but because he didn't have any rain gear he decided to wait for a dryer day. However, as we were racing I saw Troy out on his deck watching us. I've been trying to find a local Mutineer for sale that Troy can go look at. Mutineer's aren't like San Juan 21's with boats coming up for sale all the time. Usually only a couple of boats a year come up for sale. I found a couple Mutts that are up for sale now on craigslist. One is up in Bonner's Ferry, Id which is in the panhandle of the state near the Canadian border. The other Mutt is up in Vancouver B.C. Troy contacted

the guy in Vancouver but as I'm writing this I haven't heard back from him. So with any luck, we will have another sailor out racing with us. That would be way cool if Troy ended up with a Mutineer because then there could be three Mutts out racing! I'm also still working on talking Dave Burnett into getting a Mutt. If he did, that would bring the Mutineer fleet up to four...how fun!



Anyhow, back to last month's racing in which we got five races in. In the first races the course set was basically a windward/leeward course up to a mark off the south end of Silcox Island then long downwind leg, to help those boats with spinnaker, to a mark near Harry Todd park with a short leg to make the race end with a upwind finish, so that boats can't finish on a spinnaker run. All the boats got off to a pretty even start with *Wild Juan* crossing the line first. Scott on *Wild Juan* made it to the windward mark with *Firefly* rounding second and *Teal* slightly behind. On the long downwind leg, I put my spinnaker up on *Firefly* but it was difficult keeping the wet kite flying in the drizzle.



However, I was able to overtake *Wild Juan* by the time we reached the leeward mark. Clifford and Dennis on *Teal*, also with their spinnaker flying, made up some ground on the downwind leg. *Firefly* was able to maintain the lead for the next couple of legs. As we approached the last turning mark *Wild Juan* had gained enough on *Firefly* to get an inside overlap. Scott rounded the final mark with less than a boat length lead and on the short leg to the finish line there was never a chance for me to overtake him. *Wild Juan* took first place with *Firefly* coming in second and *Teal* taking third.



The second and third races were pretty much the same with *Wild Juan* taking the lead early on and holding it though out the entire race. *Teal* and *Firefly* would battle up to the windward mark then I would pull ahead on the second downwind leg. What happened to Frank? *Bye Gone* was pretty much out of the races all day long. Frank says that it is time scrub growth of bottom of *Bye Gone*. In the end *Wild Juan*, who held the lead from start to finish, again took first place with *Firefly* taking second place and *Teal* came in third.



After taking a short break to get the charcoal started for the BBQ we ran a fourth race on the shorter triangle course. In this race I blew the start by turning a circle near the pin end of the line to kill time and I couldn't get *Firefly* moving forward quickly enough. I was hoping that I could still clear the pin mark but didn't and just brushed it as I sailed by and ended up going around the mark again while the fleet sailed away. Despite my poor start *Firefly* manage to make up some time and was able to overtake *Teal* by the third leg and closed in on *Wild Juan*. Scott, on *Wild Juan*, again led throughout the entire race easily winning but *Firefly* put up a good fight finishing just about thirty seconds behind to take second place and *Teal* again came in third place.



Finally, after enjoying some great burgers, which for some reason always taste better on the dock than the ones I do in my backyard, we decided to a fifth race. This time we set a course to up and around the little island by the fish and game launch and back to the finish line. Clifford and Dennis on *Teal* had to leave so that left three boats in this race. I really wanted to win this race so Scott couldn't have a clean sweep of bullets on the day. I got off to a pretty good start and manage to keep the lead most of the way up to the island. By the time we reached the island *Wild Juan* had pulled head by about a boat length ahead.



As *Firefly* and *Wild Juan* passed through the leeward side of the island both boats were sailing side by side. Frank on *Bye Gone* managed to close the gap by getting a good puff of wind to push him through the lee.



Finally, *Firefly* made her way through the lead and was the first to catch the wind and accelerated quickly towards the finish line with *Wild Juan* right on her stern. Earlier in the day I had unhooked the spinnaker halyard and never did hook it back up. I

wished that I had because it would have been a great spinnaker leg...oh well hindsight. *Firefly* was able to cross the finish line first with a couple of boat lengths in the lead. I thought it was a big enough lead to keep first place in corrected time. But in the end *Wild Juan* corrected ahead of *Firefly* to take another first place. If you have been keeping score, Scott had a great day of sailing with *Wild Juan* taking the win on all five races. Way to go Scott!

Next month we will do it all again with our races on July 28th. Let's see if we can get a few more boats out there next month. Eric, I would love to see your *Apollo* on the water. Cyndie and Rod, I think the water will be warm enough for you get those Sunfishes out. James, bring your Mutineer and show off your updates on *Go Far*. Frank, get the moss scrubbed off of *Bye Gone*'s bottom so she'll be up to speed. If we can get the weather to cooperate and get some summer sun and warm breeze we can all enjoy another month of sailing, eating and hanging out at Capt' Cook. See you on July 28th.

Layne

June Race Results

| | | | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Skipper/Crew's Name</i> | <i>Boat's Name</i> | <i>HCP</i> | <i>Corrected Time/Position</i> | <i>Corrected Time/Position</i> | <i>Corrected Time/Position</i> |
| Clifford/Dennis | <i>Teal</i> | 96.8 | 28.27 / 3 | 28.27 / 3 | 20.47 / 3 |
| Scott | <i>Wild Juan</i> | 97 | 26.01 / 1 | 24.09 / 1 | 17.14 / 1 |
| Layne | <i>Firefly</i> | 96.0 | 27.66 / 2 | 26.15 / 2 | 19.79 / 2 |
| Frank | <i>Bye-Gone</i> | 102.0 | 37.68 / 4 | DNF / 4 | 22.55 / 4 |

| <i>Boat's Name</i> | Race 4 | Race 5 | | Race Day Totals | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | <i>Corrected Time/Position</i> | <i>Corrected Time/Position</i> | <i>Total Score</i> | <i>Over all Position</i> | <i>Monthly Score</i> |
| <i>Teal</i> | 24.23 / 3 | DNF / 4 | 16 | 3 | 80 |
| <i>Wild Juan</i> | 22.92 / 1 | 27.87 / 1 | 5 | 1 | 100 |
| <i>Firefly</i> | 23.59 / 2 | 27.97 / 2 | 6 | 2 | 90 |
| <i>Bye-gone</i> | DNF / 4 | 30.80 / 3 | 19 | 4 | 75 |



Next Race July 28th, 2012 @ 11:00 AM

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