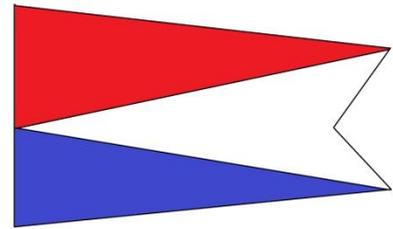


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The San Juan Fleet #1 sailed their own course with 6 boats including Scott and Eric on *Wild Juan*. Their race course was set up along the northern shore of American Lake. Our course was nearer to Silcox Island with our usual start/finish line projecting from the float's main piling towards the mainland (i.e. Bill's Boathouse). As I noted, it was a wet day and all of us ended up with wet sails but happy to be sailing with friends again. We got our four races done by 3:00 pm and just missed the deluge that hit an hour later and made, I'm sure, those San Juan skippers sure to remember their last race of the 2012 season on American Lake a soggy one.

Frank's Place

The drought and burning ban is officially over. Everything is back to normal with seemingly some rain falling nearly every single day. With that in mind we sailors knew that last month's races were probably going to involve raingear, wet sails and cooler temperatures. Sill Layne, Clifford and myself brought our boats to the Capt'n Cook float and plenty of nice conversation awaiting the breeze to build. With race one underway, the air began moving slightly better and by race two we were all able to move well enough. Clifford had Dennis as crew, I had Rod and Layne was going it solo. *Firefly* led most of the day with *Teal* and *Bye-Gone* following. Alas, Carolyn could not make it out so we all had to keep our own times and with the starting sequence, the horn, my stop watch and Carolyn's camera in hand I managed to get it done. We all miss you Carolyn.

Our last race of this year is two days after Thanksgiving on November 24th. Bring your own turkey sandwiches and a friend. See you there! Same time same station!

Frank





Layne's Race Report

Our races last month were a bit on the soggy side with rain falling most of the day and I had to break out the foul weather gear for the first time since June. With the wet weather I figured that turn out at our races would be low and, not to my surprise, just three boats showed up. However, Scott and Eric, who sail *Wild Juan*, were on the lake racing with San Juan Fleet #1 for the day. They stopped by briefly just to say hi while their course was being set up. The wind was kind of on the light side but built enough so that we were able to get four races in.

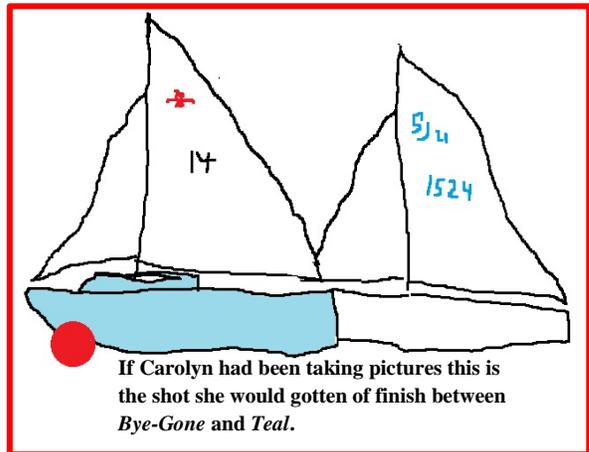


At this month's race I wanted to concentrate on getting a good clean start after getting several bad starts last month races. I find that during a start I have my preconceived strategy that I want to do but it seems that my plans always get messed up with other boats getting in the way. Hey I guess that's the fun of sailboat racing. Often I find that I will try to force my strategy and will end in jam up at the starting line

like I did several times in September's races. Sometimes it is better to not to right on line at the horn...going fast and staying out of traffic jams. It sure is easier getting a good start when there are just three boats on the line.

In the first race was pretty much a parade. Clifford and Dennis on *Teal* and myself on *Firefly* both got off to a decent start despite Clifford not setting his watch right. *Firefly* then got the lead and held on to it for the rest of the race. Clifford and Dennis on *Teal* came in second. With Carolyn out for the day, (I hope that you feel better Carolyn and will be back at next month's races) Frank got off to a slow start which I sure because he was wearing many hats that day including starting horn duty, photography, and writing down scores. Anyhow, Frank and Rod on *Bye-Gone* never did recover in the race and took third.

In the second race, after the start *Firefly* gained the lead which I easily held on to throughout the entire race. However it was a close race between *Bye-Gone* and *Teal* for second place. Frank had got *Bye-Gone* sailing fast on the windward leg over took *Teal* by the time they had reached the first mark. On the downwind leg Clifford and Dennis tried hard to pass Frank and Rod to no avail. In the end *Bye-Gone* held on and just edged out *Teal* beating her by three seconds or about five feet.



For the third race the course was made slightly longer by using the next 5mph marker around the island as the windward mark. Once again I got off to a good start on *Firefly* and had the lead going around the



first mark. As I was turning around the mark I had a moment of excitement on *Firefly*. As the boat turned and my jib moved through to the other side of the boat I went to grab the sheet and I wasn't there. The stopper knot somehow came un-tied and the sheet had unthreaded from the cleat. With the jib flapping, I was trying to grab the sheet and it had come out of the jib block. Finally, I was able to grab the sheet and got it re-rigged and was able to trim in the jib. Fortunately, I had a big enough lead that I wasn't worried about losing a place so this whole incident was just an inconvenience. In the end *Firefly* held on to take first place with *Teal* coming in second and *Bye-Gone* taking third.

For the last race of day, Clifford (sailing solo at this point...Dennis had to leave early) made it for an interesting race. I got off to a good start on *Firefly* with *Teal* right on my tail. Almost immediately after crossing over the line Clifford changed over to a port tack heading back out to the middle of the channel. I stayed on a starboard tack until I had to tack because I reached the shore of Silcox Island. With more wind in the middle of the channel Clifford had *Teal* sailing fast pointing well and when we crossed *Teal* and taken the lead. It was short lived as *Firefly* regained the lead by the time we reached the windward mark which I held till the end of the race. Like in the last the prior races, *Firefly* came in first with *Teal* taking second, and Frank and Rod on *Bye-Gone* bringing up the rear to take third place. Complete results follow:

October Race Results

			Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4		Race Day Totals	
<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>	<i>Corrected Time/Position</i>	<i>Total Score</i>	<i>Over all Position</i>	<i>Monthly Score</i>
Clifford / Dennis	<i>Teal</i>	97	16.49 / 2	28.53 / 3	15.19 / 2	17.16 / 2	9	2	90
Layne	<i>Firefly</i>	96.1	13.30 / 1	21.40 / 1	13.70 / 1	13.98 / 1	4	1	100
Frank / Rod	<i>Bye-Gone</i>	102	19.25 / 3	27.08 / 2	15.46 / 3	17.81 / 3	11	3	80

After we were finish with our races Clifford was going to take *Teal* over and join it with the San Juan Fleet 1 races. I thought about going over to see I they would let my Mutineer join in but it was getting late in the afternoon and I just ended up sailing back to the launch. I'm glad that I didn't join in with the

Fleet 1 races because as I was sailing back the wind started to die down. As I was unrigging *Firefly*, I could see a lot of San Juan 21's moving very slow in the near non-existence breeze across the lake.

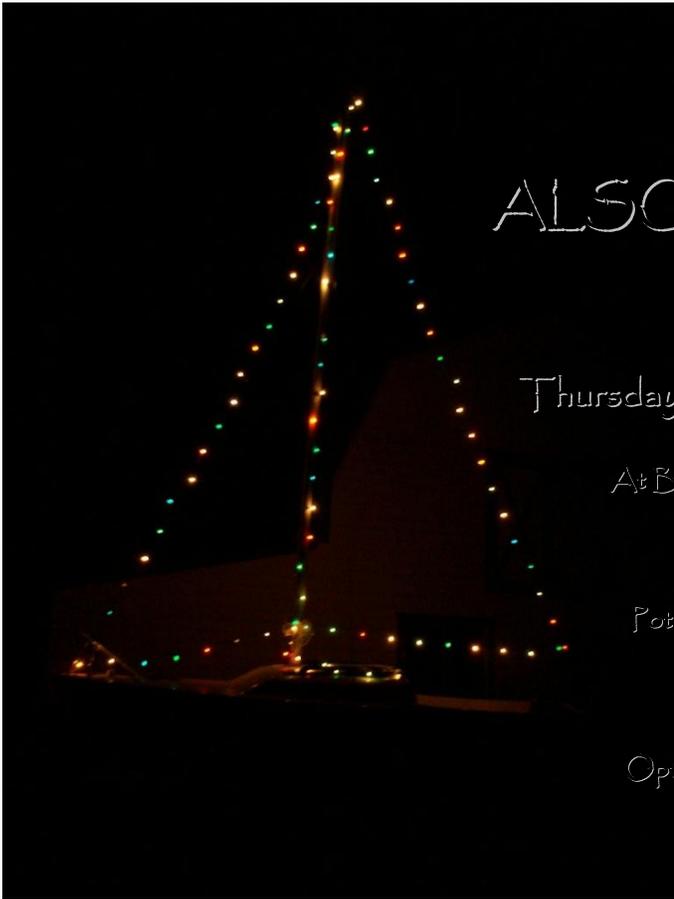
Our next races, which are the last ones of the year, are on November 24th. That is Thanksgiving weekend so after eating all that turkey and stuffing come on down to American Lake and work off those extra calories by joining us in some sail boat racing. Looking ahead to December... our year end awards/Christmas party is scheduled for Thursday, December 13th starting at 7:00 pm at Bill's Boathouse. So mark your calendar and save the date for that party. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the awards party and at our races on November 24th.

Layne



October Race Photos





ALSC Christmas / Awards Party

Thursday, December 13th starting at 7:00 pm

At Bill's Boathouse on American Lake

Featuring:

Potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share)

Awards

Optional Gift Exchange (under \$20 please)

Next Race Nov 24th, 2012 @ 11:00 AM

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