

We had a great kick off meeting for the racing season on Sat 2/9/2008 at the club house. The weather was getting warmer and the wind was blowing.

The Race Committee for this year so far is:

- Scoring                      Brian Jones
- Marks
- RC scheduling              Nancy Van De Mark
- Trophies
- Rookie training            Tracy Ireland
- Trophy Display

There are 3 unfilled spots on the Race Committee, so help out if you can and log some work hours.

We are going to add to the race formats this season. The Spring, Summer and Fall series will each be 3 weekends long. One of these weekends will also be scored as a mini regatta as well as count in the series results. We will do the scoring and trophies on Sunday after racing. I hope to encourage some boat that have trouble committing to a whole series to come on out for the weekend. The mini regatta weekends will be: May 17 – 18, June 28 – 29, and Sept. 20 – 21.

We will also score the series races as Saturdays and Sundays for the season to give some of the members who can only make it for one day on a weekend.

We are anticipating 3 fleets this season: PHRF A (racing division PHRF Certificate required), PHRF B (cruiser division, no certificate required) and the Capri 22 fleet. You can choose which of the fleets to race in for each series, depending on the intensity that you enjoy.

Starting time for the weekend racing will be:

April – June Races:

- Saturday - First warning signal 12:30
- Sunday - First warning signal 11:30

July – August Races

- Saturday - First warning signal 15:30
- Sunday - First warning signal 15:30

September Races

- Saturday - First warning signal 12:30
- Sunday - First warning signal 11:30

The start times for the Commodores Cup and the Lady Victory are TBD and will be posted with the sailing instructions.

There will be a skippers meeting on Saturday before racing, times TBD and posted on the web site.

The assigned scoring places will be:

- TLE                      number of finishers +2
- DNS/DNC              number of starters +2
- DNF                      number of starters +1
- OCS                      number of starters +1
- RC                        average of series score after throw outs

To clarify the policy on scoring for RC, only one boat may receive the RC score at any time, if 2 skippers are RC at the same time they will have to decide who will get the RC score. The crew of a boat may act as RC (skipper need not be present) and the boat will receive the RC score. Only 1 day of RC score per series.

We will organize some shore side training talks on a variety of topics such as tactics, rules, RC tips, spinnaker work and weather. These talks will take place in the morning of race days and be posted on the web site. If anybody has any requests for topics for discussion please let me know.

I am looking forward to a great race season. There should be plenty of water and wind so come on out and have some fun.