



RIPS TIDINGS

Friday August 14th 2009



Welcome the new and Welcome back the old to RIPS 2009!!

For the next few hours, the docks are going to get busy both with traffic arriving and with crews packing things up to take them ashore. By the day's end, the docks will be full and the campground will no doubt be packed. It plans to be a healthy serving of friends, noise, racing, renewals, laughter, prizes, and apparently good weather. Friday to Sunday the weather is calling for mixed cloud and sunshine and then it's supposed to turn to nothing but sun and another hot day for Wednesday.

For all boats and crews returning to another adventure of sailing in Plumper Sound, you know the drills for the most part (except you might not know that there are new toilets and showers!!!!!!). Camping is first come first serve, think of your neighbor, warn those close by if you are a snorer, watch out for each other's stuff, don't take each other's stuff, blah, blah, blah. Breakfasts will be served in the pub this year rather than being stuffed into the café, True Value Grocery is only a short walk away to grab things for lunch, etc., etc. As stated, you all know what to do.

For those who are new, you are going to have the best time of any regatta you've ever been to. **GUARANTEED.** Why would all the rest keep coming back every year. For you, there are new showers and toilets and areas that have been newly renovated. The staff is incredibly helpful and friendly. The liquor store is no longer beside the pub but they do have

off sales and the café is still beside the pub. If you require more than what is available at the campground, a five minute walk from the campground is a small strip mall where you can buy your lunch groceries, alcohol or forgotten items. The bakery has "mile high" pies and a bookstore with old and new books. If you have any questions, anyone around will have an answer for you and will help you with whatever you need.

Racing is still relentless. Friends on shore are unbearable on the water (unless you've broken some gear then they'll be the first to lend you some of theirs) and the water is unpredictable from one race to the next. Winds change, current goes every which way, and it literally drives the race committee nuts. The playing field is fickle and loves no one. No favourites here. No one can use common knowledge, so it's boat against boat, crew against crew and everyone's best guess for the race course.



Your RIPS volunteers have worked countless (countless) hours getting this event ready for your fun and enjoyment. Thank you, thank you to all of them. I'm not even going to begin any of the long list but if you see any of them, smile, wave, and blow kisses!! (In Lynn's case, just kiss her, but make sure David's not around). It really is an amazing event and everyone is in for yet one more amazing year of RIPS hospitality!



Good luck and great sailing racing.

