



## RIPS TIDINGS

DAY TWO SUNDAY August 16<sup>TH</sup> 2009

*RIPS Yachting would like to remind readers that the reports expressed by the following writers are not necessarily the viewpoints as RIPS saw them. As well, we were informed that the names of the innocent may have been changed.*

### DIVISION 1 – Pepe

The astute (one sympathetic Basque for one geriatric Kiwi). The race committee realized that the crew of Pepe are accomplished procrastinators and changed the start sequence so Div 1 started last so we could primp our hair. Now not to be overly clever, we let Crazy Ivan measure our rig (and even lent Chris a tape measure) and oh what a difference! (Good on yah). Too bad in the last race (Been there; done that yesterday), the race committee abandoned the race. Here's to Joyride for dancing. We had to do three times around as it appeared that he thought that we were not finishing and gave the insight to miss the committee boat. I think Paul La Basque wanted to talk to him about rules! It was interesting at the last leeward mark when a Catalina 320 (sorry I don't remember the name) was paged against the mark with Jeff Able calling starboard – interesting? After a lot of whining from one of our novice crew that was going to have her foot amputated by the spinnaker sheet, she made a great recovery and removed her shoe. The remaining shoe was later recovered by Rum Bob on Hula Moore. Too many things to be brought up.... To be continued.....



### DIVISION 2 - Pendragon

Day 2 and the RIPS routine is established. Div. 2 actually consists of 2 Divs but both are hotly contested. Pendragon being the smallest boat with the stubbiest rig, is firmly ensconced in Div 2B. We can't really see what's going on in Div 2A but we can smell their exhaust! A Div 2A spy tells us that XS was on fire today – apparently this was due to steadfastly refusing to drink with our notorious spy last night. Now that's unusual RIPS behavior.

Of special note, Team Newesis (reincarnated as Scoundrels – a much more fitting name) made the leap today from Div 2B to Div 2A – GO THE SCOUNDRELS!!!

Meanwhile in Div 2B, things are getting hot. White Wives and Pendragon have a long standing rivalry; Bumper Car, Radiant Heat, Hotspur and Mystik are all adding some spice with hot moves around the track.

Then there's the RIPS Version 5 sub-theme: when a race is abandoned, somehow every boat in each abandoned Div was winning when "N" was signaled. Same goes for Pendragon! On to Day 3





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### DIVISION 3 – Silver Bullet

**Is it about the crew uniforms or what?** Who was fast today?

It appears that it was all about the team shirts during Day 2 at RIPS for the M242 Fleet. Sailed in a beautiful 8 knot breeze, with occasional gusts up and lulls down from beginning to end (except for the abandoned last race) three races were completed in perfect flat water conditions.

The hot competition between black shirts (Wicked) and orange shirts (Black Adder) continued. Wicked won race one, Black Hatter came second, Daisy, in team blue shirts under black vests!! Where are their Daisy hats? No wonder they can't get ahead! The P.I.P. team were close to the front.

Race 2 – Black Adder came ahead of Wicked this time. Where was Daisy this race???

Race 3 – Very close finish again. The Wicked team came from well behind after a bad start to pull off an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Black Haller was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Team Daisy pulled off a beautiful clear ahead win!

Lots of personal competitions continued near the other end of the fleet with the black boats, The Mrs. And Treachery, having good racing and the Dirty Dog team continued to look for way better results! Silver Bullit and Watergirl are improving every race (new sunglasses or bikinis would help perhaps).

Day 3 – Hot competition will continue for sure. See keel and rudder for supplies. Who will be in colour tomorrow?



### DIVISION 4 – Lightcure

**NO REPORT (Sad, sad, sad, really sad). So instead here's a picture submitted by Nora from Alberta. Friends who know how important friends are!**

