



Start with painstaking planning, invite a few pirates with passion and personality, add some primo race management and a plethora of prizes - pull it all together on Pender Island, British Columbia – what have you got? All the elements of a phenomenal regatta!

That's exactly what RIPS Yachting Ltd. and the Trustee organizers (Sue & Alex Foley and Lynn & David Sutherland) of **RIPS CANADIAN RACE WEEK 2010** delivered a few short weeks ago. Over 250 racers attended year six of the **Racing In Plumper Sound** regatta from August 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, adopting [Port Browning Marina](#) as their temporary home.

The RIPS regatta, affectionately referred to as “summer camp for adults”, welcomed attendees from as far away as Sylvan Lake, Alberta (thanks to [Westport Marina](#) for the launch/haul-out), Orcas Island (USA), Vancouver and Vancouver Island. A total of 43 boats, sporting [UK-Halsey Sailmakers Northwest](#) backstay pennants, basked in the scorching 30+ Celsius temperatures ... grateful for the abundance of water, courtesy of [Tru Value Foods](#).

Of course it goes without saying; the pillar of any successful regatta is the race committee. These 35 dedicated volunteers (from the [Canadian Forces Sailing Association](#), [Jib Set](#), [Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club](#), [Cooper Boating](#), [Bosuns Yacht Sales & Service](#) and [One 4 Yacht Fractions](#)) were fearlessly led by International Race Officer, Paul Ulibarri (PU). Arguably, the finest of *fine* race management teams, these tenacious individuals executed 15 races on 2 distinct courses over 5 days, in spite of the challenging conditions. The committee members performed their tasks in comfort aboard the chase, photo and signal boats, generously provided by Cooper Boating, Bosuns Yacht Sales & Service and David Trace.

It is possible onlookers uttered the words “controlled chaos”, while witnessing 17 extremely talented/maniacal skippers determined to ‘win the start’, when **RIPS** welcomed a new and exciting element to the regatta this year by incorporating the

29<sup>th</sup> annual Martin 242 (M242) North American Championships, hosted by Vancouver Island’s M242 Fleet 2.



*Martin 242 Blackadder garners the pin end start*

The recently restored historic R-class sloops Aloha (R1), built in 1923 and Lady Van (R7), built in 1928, kicked off the regatta in a ceremonial start, skippered by childhood friends, Alex Foley and Don Martin. The two appeared to be in familiar territory; casual competition quickly graduating to full on match-racing.



*The elegant Aloha (R1) leads the lovely Lady Van (R7)*

Port Browning is to be commended for their top-notch facilities, housing numerous elegant yachts in the marina, energetic campers on the grounds and appreciative patrons in the pub and café. The popular PU adage “fun happens naturally because race management is priority #1” certainly rang true onshore. The off-the-water activities are reason enough to block August 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 off your calendar for **RIPS** #7. The spirited (sometimes debilitating) games, the opportunity to meet the Blackadder pirates of **RIPS** Idol fame, the ground and aerial highlights captured on film so eloquently by Linda McDonald of Through My Eyes Productions, topped off with beer nights, sponsored by [Okanagan Spring Brewery](#), a **RIPS** Rum night, and [Lewmar](#) moments ... it’s almost too much excitement for one day. But that’s ok, you can relive it all the next morning through the daily newsletters.



*Extremely competitive J80s battle it out on an upwind leg*

And now, what you’ve all been waiting for, the results!

**[Fleet 1 \(M242\)](#)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trouble – Randy Vogel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Wicked – Michael Clements
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Star Point – Gord Galbraith

**[Fleet 2 \(J80\)](#)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pepe – Fraser McMillan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Swish – Mike Brewis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joyride – Jeremy Smith

**[Fleet 3](#)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Van – Don Martin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Aloha – Foley / Gibbons / Klimach
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pendragon – Maurice Voisin

**[Fleet 4](#)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ghost Dancer – Larry McFadden
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oi – Ken Kelly
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mischief – Garry Rogers

**Congratulations to all competitors, awesome showing!**

View the overall and daily [2010 Race Results](#)



**[TROUBLE](#)**

**[M242 North American & RIPS Overall Divisional Champs](#)**

*Reigh North, Jamie Walker, Randy Vogel, Ben Mumford, Chris Carroll*



*Nine PHRF competitors head downwind in Plumper Sound*

Visit the **RIPS** website at [www.rips.ca](http://www.rips.ca) for results, newsletters, photos, Sponsor & Yachting Affiliate websites, plus all kinds of pertinent information. Registration for **RIPS 2011** will open in the fall, so check back often. At the conclusion of **RIPS 2010**, one racer stated “... us Yankees are already planning to return in 2011”.

Here’s to another week of **Really Intense Passionate Sailing!**

Aloha!

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