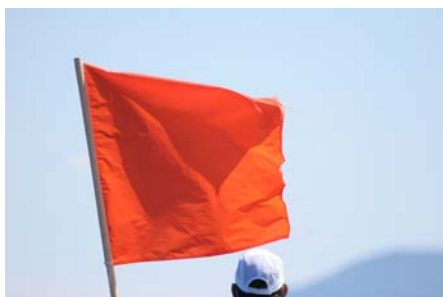




RIPS Canadian Race Week 2007

August 13, 2007:

The first day of RIPS Canadian Race Week 2007 started with a blast of 4-8 knots on a beautiful sunny day. In fact, the wind stayed so even, RIPS Race Committee managed to run 3 races for all four divisions.



Daily reports for each division handed in before 8 PM, are as follows:

More Cow Bells

Well funded by the Canadian Liquor tax, the Canadian Moore program has long been a daunting fleet. However, the NW Moore fleet is excited to continue its Canadian assault after a very competitive Cow Bay Regatta. We recognize a lot of the same faces from the Martin fleet and are enjoying the growing relationships, though we'd love to see them not so close on the course and closer at the beer tent. Thank you to the RIPS race committee for a beautiful first day of racing with lots of changes to make it a perfect day of racing.



Crystal Dolphin

The crew of Crystal Dolphin declare all out fun is now underway. Having looked forward to this, our second RIPS, for 364 days, all expectations have been met on day one!! Well... the plan to build a big lead and coast to victory will have to be abandoned for plan B. The new recipe will be 3 parts rum instead of 2; please no open flames near the crew.



Liberte

Day 1: Martins. Ahhh..... One design racing! The Martins had a superbly level fleet with all six positions changing almost every race. The Martins have boats from Vancouver, Victoria, Sidney, and Nanaimo – several racing together for the first time. The fleet is warming up for the North Americans in Vancouver in September where they will have a whopping fleet of 40-

50 boats. Day 1 saw Ken Holland (Blackadder) pulling away upwind with tremendous boat speed and point. White Noise had a blinding and deafening new yellow chute that made sure we could all see them and had a stellar start in race 3. Winning the start and sending most of the fleet to the wrong side of the Committee boat while sailing away with boat speed. The Foleys get the award for consistency while Liberte covered both ends of the scale (2, 2, and 5). At the end of the day, there is one point separating each of the top 4 spots with point totals of 7, 8, 9, 10. Great racing!!!



Good luck racing today and remember it's not life and death out there! It's just about having FUN!