



## RIPS Canadian Race Week 2007

**August 15, 2007:**

After a calm start and a false start at the marina due to no wind, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of RIPS Canadian Race Week managed to get off a nice steady race for all divisions.

Thanks to the following for the daily reports:

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### Div. 1 – Nemesis

What can we say? The pot luck dinner for the Moores was the social event of the year complete with Moore food than you could eat. Great entertainment and a group of the friendliest racers you will ever meet. Cowbells brought shirts for the crew of EACH boat! The graphics and lettering were awesome. Unbelievable generosity and thoughtfulness. Thank you very much.

For all the PHRF boats that want Moore fun see the Moores for sale on the Moore 24 website (Boats for sale).

On the water today, things were a little slower especially Nemesis. We decided to write for the newsletter instead of doing the last race. Uff Da sent their diver off the 3 metre board for a top notch dive. A 9 from all the judges. The 242's showed a lot of love today with new sail graphics. Luckily Ghost Dancer's wind dance brought us enough wind for a little racing. A large thank you to Imagine as they tirelessly towed us out and back FOUR times!!

### Div. 2 – Red Flyer

Wednesday's light air conditions brought out the evil alter egos of the PHRF-1 boats. While the fleet awaited the wind's arrival, I'm A Gin Palace rafted to Singapore Sling and traded cocktail recipes. Seasick joined them for cocktails apparently, overindulged as their crew was subsequently observed leaning over the leeward rail as the wind built to a staggering 5 knots. The Spelectra crew was much more industrious, replacing the rigging on their boat, which seems fair given that they replaced their former boat on Tuesday. It is not known how the mixed gender crew on XES, with its complement of kneepads and headgear, passed the time and perhaps that's just as well. PHRF-1 was pleased to welcome the team from Khazikstan, which goes by the name Borat. Apparently Borat would like to interview nubile crew from other boats. Canadian Tire took a flyer back into Port with more hitchhikers attached to our little red wagon only to return to Plumper Sound as White Slave's flogging of its crew in an effort to appease the wind gods produced impressive results.

Thanks to RC for hanging in and getting the fleet racing!

### Div. 3 - Erebus

We were assuming that RIPS meant racing, but we realized that, in fact, it is short for ripples, which is all that the wind could produce today. Although the waters were calm, the competition was exciting due to

the tight quarter racing of the Martin fleet. Congrats to the parents for their third!!

### Div. 4 - Haida 26

Puff, puff – Wheeze, wheeze goes the sound of sailors trying to fill their sails on a windless day. Haida's green crew reaching the tip of their learning curve and the collective sigh of the oldest (and wisest) fleet in RIPS.

Despite the average age of these boats (30 years folks), we are a fiercely competitive division. We have great character, characters, and colour (e.g. a fine hue of protest red and black and blue all over).

With 1 ½ races under our belts on Wednesday, we have now caught up with the rest of the fleet, and much like the familiar odour of salmon and cheese in an iceless cooler on the 4<sup>th</sup> day, we just won't go away.



Good luck racing today and remember it's about having FUN!

### Thursday's reporters:

Div 1 – Runnin' Blues  
Div 2 – Sisu  
Div 3 – White Noise  
Div 4 – Imagine Cat