



# RIPS CANADIAN RACE WEEK 2007

Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

So our 4<sup>th</sup> day of the RIPS Race Week has come and gone. Today we see a sad 5<sup>th</sup> day only because it is the last day of an amazing fun adventure. We hope everyone has had an awesome time and will look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

In the meantime, we need to get at what happened yesterday and thanks to the three reporters who graciously handed in their reports, we will get under way.

## Division 1: Runnin' Blues

Well, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of RIPS 2007 was really a Moore kind of day! Is it possible to have any Moore fun than today? It was great on the racecourse. Nemesis was disheartened after breaking their spinnaker pole on the first race, but they have since fallen in love with the Lowly Worm, who loaned them a spare pole and made their day. Three cheers for the worm! As with the first three days, Uff Da, Peptide, and More Cow Bells are battling for the top three positions. Let's hope the wind is strong tomorrow too. And, wasn't it nice to have a warmer south-easterly to play in? Good call RC!!

## Division 2: Sisu

Missing in action I guess..... no report.



## Division 3: White Noise

Things were not looking too good when our foredeck announced he had "fallen down too much" last night. The bright side of wet and windy conditions was the crew of Aquarius was seen for the first time in a shirt. Spooner-San was mightily heroic in rescuing the pin boat from some sort of propeller and line issue – a fine looker in a tight wet suit!! Actually, the whole Urban Daisy crew must be commended for courtesy letting us catch up in the 1<sup>st</sup> race by doing something strange with their spin for 5 minutes. We also had a fun spin downwind with Erebus in the 2<sup>nd</sup> race – DAMN KIDS!! We usually can barely see the leaders in the fleet, so typically have little to say about them, but our finest hour came in the last race where we finally managed to pick the correct side to go to and hung on in wind we were swearing at for our best result in the regatta ..... SO FUN.



**SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!!**

## Division 4: Imagine cat

Wow, what a day! Once again, Coopers, Bosuns, the RIPS organizers and the many superb sponsors laid on another fantastic day of competition for all of us.

In three challenging races Imagine Cat dodged a huge number of hazards to escape the day unscathed with all nine lives intact. To start things off in the first race the committee chose some benign conditions but the hidden challenge was to catch the big right hand shift when it came. As the first beat unfolded we watched the boats ahead and, by tacking on to starboard a little early, we hooked into the righty as it came through and wound up to lay the weather mark.

The second race was the "Deliverance" race because of all the fun and games we had out there in the river. Avoiding the huge flood in midstream was the key to the race so we banged it to the Saturna shore as fast as a pick on a banjo.

The third race was the "Waterworld" race because you had to look out for everything. Gusts, shifts, and holes along with some fancy sail handling kept all the crew on their toes. As usual on Imagine Cat, we were happy to be lucky rather than smart as we wound up the day with a total of three more points on our score card. Good times.

