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FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

By Jeremy Smith, Fleet Captain

The summer racing season continued strong since the last report. **RIPS Canadian Race Week** had the highest participation ever with 50 boats including J/80 and Martin 242 one-design fleets. The racing and surrounding event were so good that long-time racers said they would never miss it again. Paul Ulibarri did an exceptional job as Principal Race Officer (PRO), constantly keeping things moving and responding to changing conditions. RVYC had an exceptionally strong showing, with Ghost Dancer (Larry McFadden) winning Division 4 and Joyride (Jeremy Smith) winning in the J/80s. With 2 drops after 13 races, Ghost Dancer had all bullets – nicely done Larry and team! Swish (Mike Brewis) was 2nd in the J/80s, Maptown.com (Roger Nelson) 4th in the 13 boat Martin 242 fleet, and Odin (Ken Kelly) 2nd in Division 4. Absolutely a fantastic event – everyone is already asking when they can sign up for next year.

Not only was Paul Ulibarri PRO for the entire week of **RIPS** this summer, he was also PRO here at RVYC for the week-long Canadian Youth Championships and assisted with the Canadian Optimist Championships, and was PRO in Esquimalt for the CFSA Regatta. Paul has made absolutely tremendous contributions to racing both in our region and as an International Race Officer at the Olympics and other major events. We are incredibly lucky to have someone with such experience, skills, and passion for our sport here in Victoria. In recognition of Paul's significant contributions to the sport, the racing fleet collectively proposed an honorary membership for Paul for the 2009/10 year and this was endorsed by the Executive. Please join me in warmly welcoming Paul to our Club as an Honorary Member and making him feel right at home amongst his fellow racing enthusiasts. Thank you, Paul.