

Story from John Poimiroo:

Three boats competed in Lady and the Tramp, a regatta in which women skipper and their tramps crew. In the first race, light winds (0 – 5) delayed the ladies, their tramps and boats from crossing at the horn. Light to non-existent breezes persisted through the race, causing the committee to shorten the A-5 course at the leeward mark after Barbara Craig had gained a half circle on the fleet.

Buried at the start, Lanette and Dave were relieved to be given the option of being finished on the course for a solid third, as the wind showed promise of increasing.

In the second race, a Half-A to 1 was called with a downwind start in moderate breezes (5-8). That proved to provide the most competitive sailing of the day with Kristen Johnson battling with Barbara Craig and Lanette staying close. Kristen finished five seconds ahead of Barbara, to win the horn.

As the breeze was holding, a full A-5 was called for the final race with a similarly fresh breeze (5 – 8). At the start, Barbara Craig port tacked the line and tacked before fouling Kristen Johnson, though taking the energy out of Kristen's boat. Barbara then had a clean starboard tack toward mark number four and got her new S-20, Fast Eddie, moving nicely. At the right moment, she was first to tack back toward the right layline, crossing the middle of the course in a strong wind line and steadily gaining on Kristen and Barbara. From the windward mark, the finish was settled... Craig, Johnson, Strain.

There were four on the L&T committee, three planned and one not. RC chair was Lady Joan Poimiroo with two tramps, John Poimiroo and Doug Campbell. The fourth member of the committee was a tiny baby sparrow, named "Fly-C" by the committee. During the final race, John worried that the Fly-C, who was nested in the boat's roof and crying, needed water in the hot day, so he tried to slip a bottle top of water to the edge of the nest only to have the juvenile bird flit away crazily on what might have been its maiden flight across the middle of Folsom Lake.

The bird flew erratically in several directions, concluding it wouldn't make it to shore and nearly ditching into the lake several times, before returning to the only

dry spot nearby, the Kayot. The RC was hopeful that the baby bird would reach its nest before tiring, but out of gas the little bird missed the deck on its first carrier landing, hit the side of the Kayot and dropped into the drink. It fluttered about the boat desperately. John was able to get a hand under it just as it sank and lifted the very quiet and frightened sparrow back to its nest. For the rest of the race it sat there, drying its feathers and chirping constantly from its adventure. On return to H-dock, the chirping paid off, as its mother heard it, arrived and led the bird to safety to the RC's relief.

Barbara Craig took first in the Lady and the Tramp Regatta, with Kristen Johnson only a point behind. All three crews were winners, however, taking home Tiki and Cactus stemmed margarita glasses and drink mixes and enjoying a pleasant day of couples sailing on Folsom Lake.

1. Lady Barbara Craig and Tramp Todd Craig, S20, 4 points
2. Lady Kristen Johnson and Tramp Kerry Johnson, C15, 5 points
3. Lady Lanette Strain and Tramp Dave Strain, C22, 9 points