

Singlehanded Regatta

A three-way tie between two Santana 20s and a Wavelength 24 in the Singlehanded Regatta was settled in the last race with Phil Hodgson finishing first on his Wavelength, Te Natura, to win the regatta.

Exceptional for a Singlehanded Regatta, the race run on August 28 had morning wind building steadily to 15 mph, gusting to 28, chasing the power boats off the lake other than one who foolishly dragged a youngster in a towable tube across the white caps.

Race Committee members John Poimiroo and Mark and Stacy Werder had their hands full with the kayot's anchor not holding and shearing away the line anchor line to the center buoy, as well. The committee hauled the loose center mark into the Kayot and lashed it inside the railing, then motored back to the line, waves surging over the bow deck and soaking Stacy Werder who is an old hand at that sort of thing, having been an electrician's mate in the Navy and multi-hull sailor previously.

The high winds kept the committee from setting a line that would hold as the Kayot was blown back, favoring the pin end and dragging the Danforth anchor across the muddy lake bottom, leading John to wonder if the Danforth even had an anchor chain attached (though it did).

The strong winds caused early retirements by Steve Galleria on a Raven, George Koch on a Lido and NAME OF SKIPPER on a Catalina 250 who chose to go in for the first race, hoping it might abate in later races.

In the first race, an A course to 5, Phil Hodgson led, but Jason Crowson on a Santana 20 finished 39 seconds later, correcting to a seven second lead over Te Natura. Mark Erdrich on a Santana 20 finished third.

In the second race, a double A to 4, a Catalina 22 sailed by an unidentified skipper, with reefed main joined the previous three finishers. The wind blew steady between 10 and 15, causing the Kayot to continue to be blown backwards, though quick pin changes by Mark and Stacy allowed the line to stay fairly it held long enough to get off the start. Thereafter, the committee had to motor to maintain station. Again, Te Natura had the early lead, though Mark Erdrich got the bullet correcting to six seconds ahead of Jason and 1:10 ahead of Phil. The Catalina trailed 11:22 behind the leader, then retired.

Before the Catalina finished, Steve Galleria in the Raven returned to announce he planned to race in the last race, but soon ran into technical problems and drifted past without sail control, asking to be towed back to the Cove. Another anxious moment occurred, when the Coho refused to start and we watched Steve being blown toward Mark 2 and shore. The Committee raised anchor and started up the Kayot for an emergency run, but then Mark got the Coho to sputter to life to make the rescue.

In the final race, a C to 5, the two Santanas had twin perfect starts at the line, to the exultation of the committee, with the Wavelength trailing by five seconds. Phil soon took advantage of his speed, reaching the windward mark first with Jason trailing by about 20 boat lengths and Mark E another ten behind Jason. At the reaching mark, Jason hoisted his spinnaker, while Mark stayed with his jib. The

shifting, gusty winds caused havoc, causing Jason to round up and get the chute wrapped. Mark made up the difference and some, rounding the leeward mark 39 seconds ahead of Jason. In the meantime, Phil was oblivious to what was happening behind him, driving his big Wavelength for the long 1-1/2 A to finish the C course.

Phil ended up correcting 1:24 ahead of Mark E to finish first in the last race. Mark extended his lead over Jason at the leeward mark to finish :46 ahead.

We ended a long day of sailing with the post race party finishing about 4 p.m. As we drove away, the wind was still rippling the lake on one of those rare, cool summer days that blows like stink.

First Race	ET	CT	Finish
Crowson	.29:58	.28:12	1
Hodgson	.28:19	.28:19	2
Erdrich	.30:55	.29:09	3

Second Race	ET	CT	Finish
Erdrich	.50:01	.46:30	1
Crowson	.50:07	.46:36	2
Hodgson	.47:20	.47:20	3

Third Race	ET	CT	Finish
Hodgson	1.03:02	1.03:02	1
Erdrich	1.08:10	1.04:26	2
Crowson	1.08:51	1.05:12	3

Final Results	Points	Finish
Hodgson	6	1
Erdrich	6	2
Crowson	6	3