

8/18/18 Buoys

Howdy Sailors;

We were able to start getting back to our racing schedule this weekend with 6 boats and about 20 sailors on board. The temps. were pushing the century mark and there was light smoke still on the lake. We were able to do two races in each division and had light to moderate winds. The committee boat was crewed by Val Adase and Bob and set up with a leeward gate.

The Open fleet saw Jim Westman and Erik on *Santé'* elect to not fly a kite and take the adjusted ratings benefit. The tactic did little against *Showtime* as Don Ford and Julie along with Bruce have their boat powered up and, "in the groove". *Showtime* was 3rd over the starting line in both races but first at the finish line. Chet Britz on *Lil' Bit* was not able to fend off *Showtime* in spite of a great effort by his crew of Kevin and Betty Hood. In the first race *Lil' Bit* was within seconds of *Showtime* and only a minute behind in the second race on adjusted time. *Santé'* used her, wing on wing technique to go straight down the course very efficiently.

In the Capri 168, ODR division, *In the Red* is back into full race form and throwing down the gauntlet for the rest of the fleet. With two fine starts, *Red* was off to the races and led both races wire to wire. *Lakota* is coming back into form after early season struggles and went after *Red* in both races. Jim Carlsen with Paul Samberg, Burt and Philip fought off repeated attempts to reel them in by Brad, Tom, and Teresa on *Lakota*. Unfortunately, for *Lakota* they ran out of runway and ended up just behind *Red* in the second and last race. John Coovert on *Always Saturday* and his crew had a tough day trying to keep a fired up *Red* and *Lakota* within striking distance and in the end could not do it. *Saturday* had great early season form and will be in the mix till the end of the season.

Jim Carlsen and crew on *Red* have now taken over the number one spot in the ODR fleet, while Don Ford and crew on *Showtime* are continuing their hold on first in the open fleet.

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