

Sailing the Scramble

KBSC's long race for September is the Skipper's Scramble. We had a lovely day that while warm, was not really hot until we had returned. Four boats were available and each had enough for a pair of crew. While the Vice Commodore was doing boat maintenance, the other participants (wisely) selected a conservative course of two laps of the shortest loop in OSIRs - KT to Glenhaven.

Seahawk, *Showtime*, *Santé* and *Lakota* lined up with the usual OSIRs handicap to try to make it fun in the light air. Starting at 12:30, *Santé* and *Showtime* were able to head almost straight to the windward mark with the wind westerly and shifting more south. *Seahawk* and *Lakota* chose opposite tacks at the start and *Lakota* squeaked ahead on Port. *Seahawk* swung over to try and cover but had to fall away from the dirty air.

Santé rounded first but took a while to get her chute out. *Showtime* tried the middle of the course and got the slows. *Lakota* then *Seahawk* rounded and moved over to the North side, passing the Open fleeters. *Seahawk* barely edged *Showtime* at the Leeward mark but had trouble in the transition and were passed to the inside by *Showtime*. *Lakota* was all alone out looking for the Westman lift near Anderson Island when things started. Getting. Really. Sloooow. They were barely able to reach off and regain the wind in the Narrows but both *Showtime* and *Seahawk* saw things get iffy and retired while they were near the harbor. *Lakota* went to KT, as did *Santé* and then *Lakota* also decided to find some shade.

***Santé* continued to G and completed the course to claim both the Scramble victory and the dogged pursuit award.** Well, done and congrats to Jim and your pickup crew of Julie Richardson, plus one.

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