

Last Saturday we had a successful and competitive race honoring our KBSC Commodores. While the wind was light, the day was sunny and crewing the boats was not unlike our Skipper's Scramble in that, many crews were assembled in random participation by those that showed up. It was nice to have the opportunity to crew for these revered members of our club and it was a solid six boat fleet that came out to play. While **Yakkity Yak** didn't have a Commodore, she and **Santé** (Westman) were cheek and jowl all day long, but with the light air the Capris: **In The Red** (Carlsen), **Always Saturday** (Richardson), **Lakota** (Britz), and **Seahawk** (Mickel). If you don't remember TJ's term, it's not without reason but the short version is, he served in a time of need for a record setting short term.

Without a Committee Boat we set a typical pursuit race in the OSIRs style and in a fit of positive ambition, attempted a long course of 11 miles, **KT** to the new marks of **Jolley** and **Whalen Cove**. The day was one where one's best strategy could be derailed if you sailed into a hole and that happened all day long. Many areas had wind aloft though the water was glassy, then there were other areas...well, you get the idea.

The two Open Fleet boats started as the scratch boats and were given a 15 minute head start but the real test was just staying in motion. Yakkity Yak won the start and while had good wind to begin her port tack up the Narrows, she soon was gathered in by Santé who rounded KT first. The Capris started in fairly tight pack with Lakota sandwiched behind Seahawk and below Red. When she tacked to port she was alone and with clear air and a lift. If that was enough to get ahead, it didn't last as Seahawk was in the groove and charged up to round just ahead of Yakkity Yak.

Downwind was more of the same and the spinnaker driven 168s gathered in the heavies. While Lakota and Seahawk stayed ahead to the Slot, ultimately they stalled and Saturday and Red, staying out and on hotter sail angles gathered the leaders in, Red moving to the front and rounding the mark at Jolley and then back to the Windmill in front. Lakota made a move on Seahawk and passed ahead to the Windmill in failing air.

On the next downwind leg the wind got lighter and then inconsistent (to put it mildly). Lakota stayed out in the middle, passing Red. By 15:30, the wind ahead looked uninviting and a call to the fleet got agreement to shorten to the next mark (and save 3 miles of racing) by taking **PC** and hoping to get home. Lakota and Red were able to round and there was some hint of freshening but only Lakota was able to parlay the breeze into enough drive to get over to the ever-reliable (yeah, right) Hwy 20. The wind stayed with her and gradually the other boats conceded to the siren song of the Hut and refreshments. Lakota had to pick up the start buoy anyway and completed the course, much to Chet Britz' joy. **Winner : Lakota / Britz**

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We have one final official race. It comes on the **THIRD** Saturday of November to avoid conflicts with the holiday and is to be conducted on 11/18 this year. See you then!

Brad King

Vice Commodore.

KT= Kono-Tayee

G= Glenhaven

BB= Blue Boathouse

PH= Pink House

PC= Paradise Cove

WC= Whalen Cove

J= Jolley

D= Dollar

B= Buckingham

BR= Blue Roof

SC= Stone Chimney

K= Konocti

P- Pirate's Cove

FP= Frazier Point

RW= Riviera West Water Plant (aka) Casa Blanca