

FALL RACING BLOWS BUOY RACERS OFF COURSE

The June Buoy races were attempted by 5 strong crews of racers, but the winds were too much. Winds were steady in the 12 to 14 range, building to a steady 17 to 19 within an hour or so. Gusts were in the 20 to 25 range and were frequent. The 2 to 3 foot rollers added to the challenge.

The Capri 25 fleet of 3 was reduced to one as Lakota broke their shackle on the tack and could not point to cross the starting line to pick up a point for starting. Blue By You did not attempt the start and was pulling down sails as the starting horn sounded. In The Red with Jim Carlsen at the helm was the only boat to cross the starting line. They sailed up to the windward rounding and then went in as we did not have the minimum two boats cross the starting line. The overall standings were not changed in any way.

Sante' and Showtime did start for the open fleet, but Showtime soon decided it was a little too much and dropped out on the way to the windward mark. Sante' used their tonnage to power through the course and were the only boat to complete a race. This one race gives them a one point lead over Showtime on the leader board due to the first throw out coming into play. Congratulations to Jim Westman on Sante'. The scores will be updated on our website and you can view all the standings there.

The winds of spring usually give way to the breezes of summer and we will soon see if that is the case. The strong winds this spring have made for an exciting season and we are off to a fine start! The Monster race is up next.

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