

White Rose Regatta/2010 Region 2 Championship

The weekend forecast was calling for 15-25mph winds on Sat and was fairly close, 10-15 with gusts to 20 (actual).

Lake Redman generally provides us with ideal wind direction from the prevailing direction or a 180 shift, which allows us to run a long 100 yd open course parallel to the Shore.

With the high winds running the length of the lake we had what is probably the best simulation of open water/ocean racing that can be provided in Central PA.

Saturday started out with Dave Brawner in top form and dominating the first 6 races, with a strong lead over the talent rich fleet. During the break after Race 6 Dave found a hole, which happened to have a drainage pipe in it and tore a good gash in his heel. After a Field Triage by our Doc, on call (Jarl Wathne), it was suggested the injury required stitches. So Fred Maurer volunteered to act as Ambulance Driver and take DB to the Urgent Care for treatment (12 stitches). Video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tW2tc5ujrG8>

With DB out of the picture the rest of the pack started to duke it out. Mark Rinehart, Dave Ramos, Danny Thomas and Jarl Wathne soon started swapping the lead back and forth. Danny had numerous dismasting with a newly built rig, but did not lose too much with on the water repairs. Jarl lost control of his boat on a tack away from shore and barley caught it with a duel fuel chase boat (Electric and Oar), the investigation found Jarl did not follow one of his own preaching's "Feed your boat before you feed yourself"

On one windward leg Jarl was leading by several boat lengths and noticed a large blacksnake crossing the trail and made note of it to the skippers following him down the trail. Mark and Danny both did not think much of the comment and chalked it up to the sometimes normal verbal distractions that are thrown about from time to time.....only to find the snake themselves. Although I did not personally hear it, I am told Danny left out a scream that would make a B movie horror film actress jealous.

Rick West and Bill Ewing also were sailing well and keeping the leaders on their toes. The remainder of the fleet (including a few rookies and a few that had one regatta under their belt) handled the conditions and played well together with a few taking a race or two here and there for repairs and recovery.

Sat Eve dinner was at Commodore Chuck Aiken's Farm and was enjoyable as always.

Sunday brought another fine day but with much lighter winds 3-5 with gusts to 7 or so. We like to offer full spectrum conditions when we can! Lead changes took place every other race or so. In the final few races we saw Mark Rinehart Over Early! mid line and in the middle of the fleet which had him starting last on his restart after being taken down the course 10 yards or so.....only to climb back to a 4th place finish on the 2 ¼ lap race. Jarl with a small lead.....then lost it with a miss of the windward Mark wich allowed Mr. Pink to reclaim the lead.

Results:

Rinehart 55
Wathne 57
Thomas 63
Ramos 71
West 93
Mote 120
Ewing 135
Donahoe 183
Maurer 221 (Number of DNS while acting as a Ambulance Driver)
Cavanaugh 223
Mortgu 228
Hermann 243
Wiest 250 (first regatta)
Cole 268 Sat Only
Oberg 271
Brawner 284 ("WHAT?" you say, story will be in the report)
Dickes 306

Fun and interesting regatta with a great group of skippers

<http://sites.google.com/site/statecollegemodelyachtclub/sailing-venues/lake-redman/region-2-regatta-2010>

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