

2010 Fleet Report

It's April and nice!! With all of March's rain behind us, 15" in just four weeks causing road closures and flooded basements, the thought of another summer sailing in Maine is most welcome. In 2009 Blue Skies edged out a tight win in the CC21 fleet while Gambit took the Viking class honors. Thanks to all who helped make last season a success, whether by participating in the races, volunteering for crash or committee boat, or helping run events.

We're looking forward to a similar format in 2010 and hopefully much better weather! The season and July series begins on June 26 with the traditional opening Fleet Meeting in the reading room at the CCIA to review the race program and details. Fleet races will be held every Saturday during the summer. The August series begins on July 31 and continues every Saturday through the final race on August 21.

Saturday races will start at 12:30pm (with several exceptions – so please check the calendar, and we will communicate any changes on the CCIA bulletin board and by e-mail). As in recent years, we will continue the practice of starting more than one race if conditions permit as insurance against cancellations on other weekends.

Also, to encourage newer sailors we will continue to maintain a handicap scoring (which like golf handicaps measures progress versus prior results).

We plan to start a Viking class (non-21) race every Saturday of the regular season. The Viking class has had solid participation from a core group of members and we welcome anyone interested in bringing their boat or joining as crew.

The annual Christmas Cove Regatta will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 17 & 18, The Regatta will begin with a Skippers meeting on Saturday morning in the Reading Room followed by the first race. We will aim to start five races between Saturday and Sunday and finish with an awards party Sunday afternoon. More details to follow...

We will also have several events and special races, including a Women Skipper's Race on July 31. An all fleet party and awards night will take place on August 21.

Tom Grose has been the catalyst for the "Christmas Cove Cruising Association" with informal power boat cruising ventures, so please see the calendar or contact Tom if you are interested in participating.

Finally we will continue the practice of weekly updates to report race results and details for upcoming events. If you are interested in receiving these emails, please contact Hal Berry or Bruce MacNeil, or sign up at the CCIA during the season. We will be sending additional details about the season as summer approaches.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

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