

Response from Dan CaJacob

Keeler,

I think the number of races and regattas are good. Racing in the main body of the lake seemed to reduce the effect of geographic shifts and I think that is overall good, though it was fun to add that component to the races occasionally. I think we should add more races with 10-20 knot winds. I think the Committee Boat added a lot and brought the racing program up a notch or two.

I was disappointed in the bickering amongst some of the racers and their crews. This is not the America's Cup race. We are here to have fun while enjoying some friendly competition. Let's do whatever it takes to make it as fair as possible for everyone. It seems obvious that there is some disagreement as to how the Committee Boat duty was determined and hopefully this will be resolved and clarified for next season. I think the suggestion that the boat assigned to committee duty be given a number of points (for that race) equal to the average of his/her points throughout the season is very fair and reasonable. One would of course need to define precisely how that average is determined, i.e. does one count all the races including throw-outs or excluding throw-outs.

I am anxious for Spring to arrive and the start of another sailing season. Let's keep it fun. We don't want to discourage participation. I think the program has grown so fast that we are experiencing some growing pains.

best wishes,

Dan