

Response from Steve Tacy

Keeler, my two cents. Nice having a committee boat, I know the three amigos have put a lot of time and effort into it and great job. I would like to see the committee boat used to it's fullest value. Now that we have a boat to move marks, starting lines etc, let's use it to do so. Let's make sure we have to tack to get to the first mark. Maybe you could check the course, starting line before starting the sequence, making sure it somewhat close to being correct, maybe a meeting on how to set up a course and start line? Setting the course up two hours or more ahead of time at Brookville Lake is at best a guess most of the time. I'd suggest setting the course up a littler closer to the time the race is going to start. Maybe not have the committee boat come back in during skippers meeting, but setting the course during or right after?? If you use the big pool to race in and leave the dock right after the skippers meeting, it take about one hour to get down the lake, set the course, and be on station. That would mean about 1:15 start. One time out and one time back in would cost half the gas and half the wear and tear on the motor of the committee boat. And set the course better, with whatever the wind direction, is closer to the start time. Food for thought. Horn system is a great move. maybe a tad longer courses . the p fleet doing a "follow the leader ABC course "all the time should be mixed up as well. I still think the J fleet should go first at all starts so as not to have to sail thru the P fleet. I understand some P fleters want to mix it up" but there were a few occassions where it got a little ugly and there was no reason for it. the fleets may come together on the course, but I see no reason for the faster boats to sail thru the other fleet. Maybe a quik recap of any rules that may have come up/altercations from the last race, so that everyone, including myself becomes more familiar with the rules. Possiblily plan a meeting for sailing rules discussion?? If a protest committee accepts a protest it should follow thru and make a finding, so as to let the person in the wrong know it, Pig Regatta. I would still use the horn system in addition to the "cow bell" I think if you are going to limit what sails can be used for a race, the racers should have a say in it."Dacron Delight" Clever names for all the races. I think a spring ,summer,fall series like we used to have makes a lot of sense. Possibly a A and B fleet, red/blue fleet to get some trophys to more people in increase participation. I think that committee duty should Not be an Advantage or a Disadvantage but the most level playing field for all particapates. I already sent you my ideas using an average system for throw outs and other thoughts. Extra throwouts for those that do committee duty are another idea for doing committee duty, these all try and level the playing field, The DSQ for not doing committee should only be used if the guy doesn't show up, if that person makes other arrangements to have someone do committee duty for him, there should not be a DSQ Jetman. .Just my thoughts trying to improve the sport of sailboat racing at Broolville Lake. Looking forward to 2008 season with all smiles at the lake. Almost forgot, GPS traking devices in marks in case someone tries to take one home. Tacy