

Regatta Sail Boat Race Kickoff

Reverse Handicap

Friday June 30, 7:00pm

At the Gazebo

For those of you that are regulars on Thursday night for our sailing races, you have seen six class starts each race with five minute intervals between each start. If you hung around and celebrated until the competitors began to finish, you noticed that the finishes occur somewhat randomly based on when each boat started and / or its size and speed. Thursday racing is *handicap* racing, where each boat in a particular class might have to give time or get time from another boat in its class; kind of like golf handicap scoring.



Reverse Handicap Theory

In *Reverse Handicap Racing* each boat is assigned a starting time and cannot cross the starting line prior to its assigned time. For example, if **Boat A** is deemed 45 seconds faster over the length of the course compared to **Boat B**, **Boat B** will be assigned a starting time 45 seconds earlier than **Boat A**. The idea is to try and get each boat racing to “Fight It Out” for first place at the finish. There is **Only One Winner** (i.e. first boat to cross the finish line). His/her name is engraved on a special trophy that is kept in the club house on display. The race course is approximately 2 miles and generally takes 1 hour or less.

See you at the Gazebo!

Reminder:

The club holds a Thirsty Thursday cheering squad that comes down for the races during the Spring and Summer Series to cheer on the boats as they are starting and finishing the races. You are always welcome to join us as it is a great way to begin your weekend fun!

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