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Great conditions for our first regatta of the season Sunday, Jan 20th. Next regatta is SATURDAY, February 9th.

Recap from Jan 20th:

Breeze about 12-15 kts out of the north, and shifty. Water temp 76 deg F.; air temp 76 deg F. Four boats came out and enjoyed good racing.

Course for the first race was B-L (leeward drop mark) twice around. Everyone started at the boat end on starboard, with a little bit of yelling to “keep it up” in a close start. Off the line, Elise/Doug tacked immediately for a hitch to the right while the rest of the fleet went left before coming back up the middle. Tom/Brad rounded 1st, Todd/Doug 2nd, Elise/Doug 3rd, and Andy/Maureen 4th. On the first downwind, Todd/Doug broke their pole launcher and took a DNF to go in and repair it. Distances between boats changed as people caught (or missed) shifts, but the order of boats did not change again: Tom/Brad finished 1st, with Elise/Doug in 2nd, and Andy/Maureen in 3rd.

Second race was a one-lapper (B-L) with 3 boats, as Todd/Doug were in repair mode. The start was close with all 3 boats right on the line at the horn. Everyone went left. Immediately after a tack, Tom/Brad on port had to duck Andy/Maureen on stbd, didn't quite clear them, crossed rigs, and had to do spins. Elise/Doug rounded B first, and opened up the lead when Andy/ Maureen capsized at or near the gybe. Elise/Doug were high coming into the leeward mark and tried to soak down instead of doing 2 gybes. They went DDW, death-rolled, and capsized, but the kite had already been put away and they managed to get back up quickly enough to preserve their lead. Tom/Brad closed to within a few boat-lengths after rounding L. Elise/Doug went left and Tom/Brad went right. Left paid off, and Elise/Doug were able to hold on to take 1st. Tom/Brad took 2nd, with Andy/Maureen 3rd.

Third race saw Todd/Doug's return in time for the start. Race committee – Alohalani crew – did a nice job, shorthanded in tricky conditions. They decided to give us something different for the last race, so course was B-E-L-B. Tom/Brad banged the left corner and were first around B. Everyone else threaded the needle through the Cal 20s coming downwind. Andy/Maureen came up the middle and rounded B in 2nd; Elise/Doug came in from the right and were close behind, managing to get by Andy/Maureen on the hoist, and Todd/Doug rounded in 4th. Tom/Brad were well ahead of the rest of the fleet and sailing in different breeze. They went much higher, gybed, and passed E mark by quite a bit before having to douse. The rest of the fleet sailed a header, gybed much nearer to E, and doused immediately. It was a tight reach from E to L – that unstable but (usually) fast 2-sail reaching angle we all love so well. There were some holes, and Todd/Doug unfortunately found one on the reach. Left side was favored again on the last beat to B, and then it was a downwind finish. Tom/Brad extended their lead and finished way ahead of the rest of the fleet. Elise/Doug were next, with Andy/Maureen close behind and Todd/Doug in 4th.

Results for the day:

Tom/Brad:	1-2-1	4
Elise/Doug:	2-1-2	5
Andy/Maureen:	3-3-3	9
Todd/Doug:	5-5-4	14

Fleet business:

Fleet pot luck and meeting followed at Elise's house. It was decided that the year's scoring would be divided into spring, summer, and fall seasons, plus a year-overall scoring. The late September regatta will not count towards season's points as it falls during the Worlds.