

## **Classboat B, I-14 regatta report**

Saturday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> was gorgeous – we had perfect I-14 conditions on the Bay for the Classboat B regatta. Three boats turned out and sailed in 8-12 kt trades. Water temp ~78°, air temp slightly higher. Thanks to Race Committee Bob Stephenson, Morgan Stephenson, & Rick Osborne.

Course for 1<sup>st</sup> race was A-E twice around. Tom & Brad were busy bimbaling and didn't get out on the water in time for the first race. Team Bates won the start and got to the windward mark first. After the rounding, the breeze veered north --we set, never gybed, and had to douse early to climb up to the mark. Andy/Maureen got there first, but overshot the mark and had to go back to round it from the correct direction. Elise/Doug heeled too much going into the 2-sail gybe at the mark and Doug jumped out of the boat. They didn't capsize, but the recovery gave Andy/Maureen enough time to get back to the mark and round first. The two boats split, with Bateses going left and Elise/Doug going right. Elise/Doug got lucky when the wind shifted giving them a nice lift. By the time the boats re-converged, Elise/Doug were ahead by as much as they had been behind at the leeward mark. The 2<sup>nd</sup> run again didn't have a gybe and we had to douse and climb to make the leeward mark. Elise/Doug held onto the lead to take Race 1.

Race 2 (course A-F) saw 3 boats going for the pin end at the start. A lefty came in and Bateses got pushed below the pin. However, they came back and went right, which was the place to be with the northerly wind. Tom/Brad were above Elise/Doug and forced them to keep going left, giving Andy/Maureen a good lead. Tom/Brad showed great boat speed, however, and rounded the windward mark first, followed by Andy/Maureen. Brad had problems tying knots (was that a slip bowline?) and they were forced to gybe...and sail too far in the wrong direction. Andy/Maureen got to the leeward mark first and didn't look back, taking Race 2. Elise/Doug followed, with Tom/Brad finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Race 3 was probably the most exciting (course A-F). Tom/Brad win the "Best Start of the Day" award for this one. When the sequence started, they were somewhere around the crash boat channel (apparently Brad was tying more knots). It was a pin start –Andy/Maureen and Elise/Doug were on starboard, and Tom/Brad came blasting in at full speed on port, took everyone's stern, had the course hollered at them, and zoomed off to the right. I think they banged the corner, but the middle was the better way to go. Andy/Maureen rounded A first, with Elise/Doug immediately behind and Tom/Brad breathing down their necks. Andy/Maureen had spinnaker issues, and while Maureen was showing her strength by tearing a block out of the boat, the other 2 boats rolled them to leeward. The breeze had shifted back from N to NE, so Elise/Doug gybed and went across to the left to get on the other side of the Cal 20 fleet, and Tom/Brad gybed to cover, but then gybed back earlier to come down the middle. Andy/Maureen banged the right corner, and more than made up the time they had lost in the set. We all came into the leeward mark at full speed, into the middle of the Cal 20s. I wish there were a video – one I-14 came in from the right, one from the left, and one (Tom/Brad) threaded the needle through the middle...and in case that wasn't exciting enough, Tom/Brad tea-bagged coming out of the rounding and capsized to weather just below the mark. Andy/Maureen had a several boat-length lead on Elise/Doug, who figured their only chance was to take a flier to the left and hope for a shift since there was no way to win by following. This did not pay off, and Andy/Maureen took Race 3 decisively to win the day.

Results for the day:

Andy/Maureen:	2-1-1	4
Elise/Doug:	1-2-2	5
Tom/Brad:	4-3-3	10

## **Season to date:**

As you may recall, we're scoring by breaking the year into 3 seasons of 4 regattas each. "Frostbite season" points are very tight among the 3 boats that have sailed both regattas, assuming one throw-out per RRS.

Total points (worst score) = nett

Elise/Doug: 10 (2) = 8

Andy/Maureen: 13 (3) = 10

Tom/Brad: 14 (4) = 10, tie-breaker to Andy/Maureen on number of 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes (tied for number of bullets & number of seconds)

**Next up:**

**SKIFF DAY** on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Sounds like there's quite a bit of interest! Hope you all plan to be there.

Next classboat regatta, Sunday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

Aloha,

Elise

**Classboat schedule for remainder of 2013 - Sunday unless otherwise noted**

Classboat C - Feb 24

Classboat D - Mar 10

Classboat E - Mar 24

Classboat F - Apr 7

Classboat G - Apr 28

Classboat H - May 19

Classboat I - Jun 30

Classboat J - July 21

Classboat K - Aug 11

Classboat L - Sep 7 (Sat)

Classboat M - Sep 22