

2016 Santana 22 Fleet 1 Meeting – Notes from the meeting

Friday, March 4, 2016

1) Introductions

Several owners and crew attended the fleet meeting held at Island YC in Alameda.

Jennifer McKenna (Zingaro) and crew Fred, Suzanne

Deb Fehr (Meliki) and crew Julia, Marianne and Cam

Kristen Soetebier (Pueo)

Chris Nicholas (Fun)

Russell Shroff (Santa Maria)

Barb Miller (Fast Company) and husband

Hank Lindemann (Anemone)

Jan Grygier (Carlos)

Megan Dwyer (Mad Max)

Larry Nelson (Albacore)

Matt Denny (Lanakai)

2) 2015 Awards (First Place)

a) White sails – Anna Alderkamp (Byte Size)

b) Spinnaker – Deb Fehr (Meliki)

c) Women skipper – Anna Alderkamp

d) Sportsmanship – Not awarded this year.

3) Race Season

a) Schedule (See attached PDF for all dates)

i) White sails. It was discovered that afternoon that YRA was cutting 2 races from their schedule (4/9 and 9/17) bringing the number of race days from 6 to 4. The group discussed our options, and we decided we would add one of the CBRA race days to our schedule. The September 24 race day has been added to the schedule, which is held off the St. Francis YC race deck.

ii) Long haul. This is essentially the spinnaker series with a twist. Both non-spinnaker and spinnaker are allowed to participate in this series. Boats racing non-spin will be given a boost to their PHRF rating to be more competitive with the boats flying spinnakers. This rating adjustment will not be applied to the races results, but will be applied after the fact by the fleet for our internal standings.

b) Next year. We had a discussion about ideas for next year.

i) CBRA. The Classic Boat Racing Association (CBRA) is the former Wood Boat Racing Association (WBRA). Participation is all one-design fleets: Bear, Bird, IOD, Folkboat, Knarr, Cal 20 and Alerion 28. Many of the attendees liked the idea of racing with other one-design fleets. We decided to add one of the CRBA race days to our 2016 schedule. We will likely switch from YRA to CBRA in 2017.

ii) A and B Fleet. This was an idea to inspire more participation in racing. If there are a lot of boats on the line, the fleet seems to naturally separate into 2 groups. The fleet would continue to start as one group, but we would score each boat based on 2 groups (A and B fleet). The idea is that the more competitive boats are in A fleet, and the less competitive or “new to racing” boats would be in the B fleet. It was concluded that we would need quite a few boats on the line to implement this idea, and we decided to table the idea to a later date.

iii) Shorthanded series. This was an idea for the 2017 season. In the past, several of the shorthanded races were included in the Spinnaker Series. There are several boats that participate in the shorthanded events (single- and double-handed, spinnaker and non-spinnaker). Everyone seemed to like the idea, and we decided to table the item to a later date to discuss it in more detail.

c) Nationals in Santa Cruz, 7/29-7/31. This was an announcement.

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4) Other Activities

- a) Spring tune-up / start clinic. The date for this activity was determined after the meeting. Frank Lawler (Tackful) has graciously agreed to run the event again this year.
- b) Westpoint Regatta, 7/9. If the fleet wanted to do this race, the YC would reserve dock space for everyone to raft up. There was a lively discussion on this topic. There wasn't much interest amongst the attendees, and it was agreed that this would not be included in our long haul race season. However, individuals are encouraged to go if they wish.
- c) Boat Show, April 9. There is going to be a celebration of Gary Mull and his designs at the Strictly Sail Pacific boat show. We were asked to provide a Santana 22 for the event. Kristen (Pueo) agreed to take her boat.
- d) Cruise in/out. We discussed doing something fun with the fleet. Hank, Kristen and Barb agreed to work on setting a date, probably the first week in October. Possibly at Aeolian where Hank is a member.
- e) Team Racing. We went over how team racing works and some of the benefits gained from team racing. The Santa Cruz fleet does team racing on a regular basis and encouraged everyone to check it out. The fleet also discussed the possibility of putting together our own team racing event.

5) Rules Reminder

- a) Fleet and YRA. This was a simple reminder that there are fleet rules and YRA rules. The YRA equipment list was distributed. The Santana 22 rules can be found on the website.

6) Mentor Program

Abbreviated description of the mentor program was provided. No attendees present that wanted to be paired with a mentor.

7) Fleet Dues

Please pay your fleet dues for 2016. We understand the link to the form is not working properly and are trying to fix it. In the meantime, you can mail your dues to Wayne Best at the address shown and include a note with your name, address, and boat name and number (sail and/or haul). Dues collected at meeting: Zingaro, Santa Maria, Fast Company, Anemone, Carlos, Meliki, Mad Max, Albacore.

If you want to be considered in the fleet standings for racing, your dues have to be paid in full.

8) Discussion / Questions

- a) After race get together. There is a lot of benefit to getting together after racing to discuss the events of the day and compare notes. We are going to pick a couple race days and a location to meet following racing. These get together would occur after everyone has put their boats away. Since the fleet is spread all over the bay, we are going to try to find a more central location. We will notify the fleet well in advance to plan accordingly.
- b) Discussion of possible rigging demo or similar. Deb will ask Tom Montoya if he would be interested.
- c) Brief discussion by Russell about a sailing game. Potential for a fun fleet get together.