



Junior Sailing "WAVES"

June 28, 2015

ROSCOE THOMPSON MEMORIAL REGATTA AND FUNDRAISER - Sunday, June 23

The Roscoe Thompson Memorial Trophy was donated in 2007 by Fred Hazelwood, in memory of his father-in-law. Since then the regatta has become a team challenge tradition, with sailing relays, games, beach activities, food and fund-raising. Here is Matt's report of the 2015 event:

"The Roscoe Thompson event - one of our most anticipated Junior Sailing events - was a complete blast this year! The wind was light but spirits were high as three teams of four loaded up into a sunfish each and half paddled half sailed their way out of the harbour for the first event: a race to Nathan's Bay beach.

Once to the beach we found conditions perfect for an all team relay. Many kids had never skippered a sunfish before, so the light winds were perfect for them. And our fearless team leaders (Joey, Alexis and Bessie) all did a fantastic job of coaching the new kids around the course.



Speaking of team leaders, let's take a moment and introduce the teams. Some really creative names here...!

"Order of the Phoenix": Bessie, Summer, Journey, and Maitland (replaced with Dawson later)

"No Idea": Joey, Mason, Jasmine, and Blake

"Still Thinking": Alexis, Ryan, Luke and Frye

Led by one of most competitive sailors, "No Idea" won the first two events. But "Still Thinking" and "Order of

the Phoenix" were all tied up as we broke for lunch.

And what a lunch! A big thanks to Nakia and Patti for helping put it together. And of course to Rich for some awesome BBQ chicken. There were even sweet treats afterwards, provided by some of our parents. I think we all left lunch feeling quite full.

The kids needed that extra weight from lunch, because the next event was the Tug Of War. We got the parents involved too, because the kids love making them work and get sandy. After this event, things were all turned upside down and we went into the final event with any team ready to take the trophy.

Our final event is the most famous. Every year we have a different line up of events due to changing weather, skill sets, or instructor discretion/memory.



But we always have the aquatic triathlon. It's swim, kayak, sail.



"Order of the Phoenix" and "Still Thinking" were neck and neck throughout the whole event, way in front of "No Idea". But on the final leg, the sailing, "No Idea" must have had some ideas, because they came back from behind with some good upwind sailing to win the Triathlon.

Then the sailors had a nice easy sail back into the harbour to clean up. They only lost one kid, Dawson, but he managed to swim back in and catch a ride with the Race Committee.

A big congratulations to the winners of the 2015 Roscoe Thompson Trophy:

"No Idea" (can't wait to see that memorialized in bronze!)

Joey Gale

Jasmine Aberle

Maison Koepke

Blake Cash



RACE CLINICS

A series of Race Clinics will be offered between now and the Opti Nationals in October. This will get the Green Fleet kids used to race conditions, courses, starting sequences, and some of the finer points of getting around the course. For the more experienced Juniors Sailors, this is a chance to keep in practice, hone your skills, and be ready for the Big Event.

Last week, Joey Gale demonstrated tacking and gybing for the younger sailors during Matt's Race Clinic. Hopefully they will be able to imitate the moves, bringing them a big step closer to competitiveness. Matt videoed the lesson, which can be found on Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/131833891>

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