

May 27th Race Results

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FINISH TIMES (manually entered)

		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6
Skippers							
John Bassett (A)	Laser-R	08:21	16:20	13:41	12:30	13:00	13:18
Alex Wood (A)	Laser-F	07:20	14:36	12:50	12:07	12:30	12:47
Travis Wood (B/Y)	Laser-4.7	09:51	23:35	16:42	16:41	15:25	16:50
Danielle Meyers (A)	Laser-R	08:36	14:40	13:52	13:14	14:37	13:32
Lorie Berkey (B)	Laser-R	07:55	15:54	14:10	13:41	13:59	13:58
Michelle Stava (A)	Laser-R	07:37	16:12	13:27	13:53	14:47	14:32
Wally Kuencer (B)	Laser-R	10:35	19:53	15:18	14:35	14:32	14:52
Eli Sheets (A)	Laser-R	08:16	15:16	14:47	13:03	14:03	14:38
Kris Hawkins (B)	Laser-F	09:02	16:09	14:55	13:47	14:38	DNS
Tiffany Anderson (B)	Hobie One	09:23	17:12	15:57	15:41	14:23	15:35
Grady Weyenberg (B)	Hobie One	10:36	20:44	18:09	16:14	15:15	17:01

BOAT RATING (manually entered)

		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6
John Bassett (A)							
		96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7
Alex Wood (A)							
		91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Travis Wood (B/Y)							
		95.4	95.4	95.4	95.4	95.4	95.4
Danielle Meyers (A)							
		96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7
Lorie Berkey (B)							
		96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7
Michelle Stava (A)							
		96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7
Wally Kuencer (B)							
		96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7
Eli Sheets (A)							
		96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7	96.7
Kris Hawkins (B)							
		91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1
Tiffany Anderson (B)							
		105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5
Grady Weyenberg (B)							
		105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5
Reference Rating (1st finisher)							
		91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1

ADJUSTED FINISH TIMES

		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6
Skippers							
John Bassett (A)		07:51:59	15:23:14	12:53:27	11:46:34	12:14:49	12:31:47
Alex Wood (A)		07:20:00	14:36:00	12:50:00	12:07:00	12:30:00	12:47:00
Travis Wood (B/Y)		09:24:21	22:31:13	15:56:50	15:55:52	14:43:18	16:04:28
Danielle Meyers (A)		08:06:07	13:49:02	13:03:49	12:28:01	13:46:12	12:44:58
Lorie Berkey (B)		07:27:29	14:58:45	13:20:46	12:53:27	13:10:24	13:09:28
Michelle Stava (A)		07:10:32	15:15:42	12:40:15	13:04:45	13:55:37	13:41:30
Wally Kuencer (B)		09:58:13	18:43:54	14:24:50	13:44:19	13:41:30	14:00:20
Eli Sheets (A)		07:47:16	14:22:57	13:55:37	12:17:39	13:14:10	13:47:09
Kris Hawkins (B)		09:02:00	16:09:00	14:55:00	13:47:00	14:38:00	DNS
Tiffany Anderson (B)		08:06:09	14:51:08	13:46:22	13:32:33	12:25:12	13:27:22
Grady Weyenberg (B)		09:09:11	17:54:12	15:40:21	14:01:03	13:10:06	14:41:38

FINISH POSITION

		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	TOTAL POINTS
Skippers								
John Bassett (A)		5	7	3	1	1	1	18
Alex Wood (A)		2	3	2	2	3	3	15
Travis Wood (B/Y)		10	11	11	11	11	10	64
Danielle Meyers (A)		6	1	4	4	8	2	25
Lorie Berkey (B)		3	5	5	5	5	4	27
Michelle Stava (A)		1	6	1	6	9	6	29
Wally Kuencer (B)		11	10	8	8	7	8	52
Eli Sheets (A)		4	2	7	3	6	7	29
Kris Hawkins (B)		8	8	9	9	10	12	56
Tiffany Anderson (B)		7	4	6	7	2	5	31
Grady Weyenberg (B)		9	9	10	10	4	9	51

		TOTAL POINTS	THROW OUT	TOTAL WITH THROWOUT	FLEET A	FLEET B	YOUTH FLEET
Skippers							
John Bassett (A)		18	7	11	1		
Alex Wood (A)		15	3	12	2		
Travis Wood (B/Y)		64	11	53		6	1
Danielle Meyers (A)		25	8	17	3		
Lorie Berkey (B)		27	5	22		1	
Michelle Stava (A)		29	9	20	4		
Wally Kuencer (B)		52	11	41		4	
Eli Sheets (A)		29	7	22	5		
Kris Hawkins (B)		56	12	44		5	
Tiffany Anderson (B)		31	7	24		2	
Grady Weyenberg (B)		51	10	41		3	

May 27, 2018 – Day 1 of the NHH 2018 Summer Dinghy Series

We had 11 sailors join us for this first race day. For 5 of the sailors, this was their first race!

We had 9 Lasers on the water, 2 with Full size sails, 6 with Radial sails and one with a 4.7 sail. We also had two Hobie Ones.

For the first few races, the boats very quickly became spread out over the course; a few at the front, a group in the middle, and some at the rear. As the day progressed, the starts were much closer and boats were pretty close to each other going around the windward mark.

Alex Wood managed to cross the finish line first in each race. This did not however give him first place honors for the day. Alex was sailing with a Full size sail. After adjusting everyone for their boat/sail combinations, a Radial sailor ended up taking first place in each race. Michelle Stava took first place in race #1 and #3. Danielle Meyers took first place in race #2. John Bassett took first place in the last three races. Alex was the most consistent with an adjusted finish position of second or third in each race. John Basset came out on top of the pile at the end of the day, as each sailor was able to throw out their worst of 6 races; for John, he got to throw out a 7th place. This pushed John one point ahead of Alex for the day; John had 11 points, Alex 12 points.

The top 5 finishers were all A fleet sailors. Danielle Meyers, third with 17 points, Michelle Stava, fourth with 20 points. and Eli Sheets, fifth with 22 points.

First place in B fleet was taken by Lorie Berkey with 22 point. This was a tie with Eli from A fleet, who also had 22 point. Tiffany Anderson took second with 24 points, Grady Weyenberg was third with 41 points and Kris Hawkins was fifth with 44 points. Kris was unable to sail the last race of the day, as the traveller on his Laser failed (one of the fairleads broke), so he headed back to shore early.

Travis Wood raced as a Junior Sailor, as the Juniors will compete for their own awards. He finishes first in the Youth Fleet and sixth if ranked with the B fleet. He was on a Laser with a 4.7 sail, so had the smallest sail out on the water. This was his first race and he definitely improved through the day.

Race Committee/Course/Scoring

We utilize Portsmouth Ratings to adjust finish times between different boat/sail combinations. This is an attempt to equalize the equipment. It's an inexact science, but allows us to utilize the menagerie of vessels the club has available.

Winds were predicted to be trades, peaking around 8-9 knots according to WindFinder.

A medium length (for Hilo races) triangle course was set for the day. Winds were light (4 knots) while the course was being set.

The Race committee setup the course so the windward/leeward marks were oriented the wind at 10°. First race was at 12:00 noon, the wind at 4.1 knots and coming from 15°. Through the day, the wind continued to rotate more eastward; 20° at the second race, 35° at the third race, 40° at the fourth, 50° at the fifth and 45° at the last race. The course and start line were not adjusted through the day.

Not adjusting the course as the wind shifts has some implications to the sailors. Most significant is that

the start line becomes less and less “fair”. Ideally, the start line is always perpendicular to the wind. As the day progressed, the starboard side (right side) of the start line became more and more favored – It was further upwind than the port side, thus a shorter sail to the windward mark. Some of the sailors noticed the reach to the reaching mark seemed more downwind as the day went by, and the reach to the downwind mark was more like a beam reach.

Protests/Questions

There were no formal protests for the Race Committee to handle, but there were a few questions out on the water. We tried to discuss with those involved after the boats were put away for the day.

In the second race, there was an incident between Michelle and Danielle. Danielle boom slight touched Michelle's boat. Michelle told Danielle she had to do a penalty, but a one turn penalty would be ok because it was minor and didn't affect Michelle very much.

The rule being broken here is Rule 14 – Avoiding Contact. A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible

Another rule which applies is Rule 44.1 – Taking a Penalty. A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.

Rule 14 is in Part 2, so a Two-Turns penalty is required to exonerate the offending boat.

In this case with Michelle and Danielle, they decided all had been squared between them, so the issue was closed.

This is all fine and good, but I pointed out another rule... Rule 60.1(a) – A boat may protest another boat, but not for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 unless she was involved in or **saw** the incident. (My emphasis on saw).

The point is, a third boat may have seen the incident, saw that Danielle only did a one turn penalty, and protest Danielle. Although Michelle had said it was ok, all boat are constrained by the same rules. When a sailor breaks a rule, they should take the penalty... It is unfair to the other sailors to do anything else.

Rules of Sailing – Basic Principles – Sportsmanship and the Rules

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

In the third race, an incident occurred just after the start. Several boats sailing side by side, all on starboard tack. Eli was the leeward boat, thus entitled to right of way. He wanted to head up and he told the boat to windward. The response back to Eli was that there was no room for them to head up.

The rule being broken here is Rule 11 – On The Same Tack, Overlapped. When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat.

Another rule which would also apply is Rule 16.1 Changing Course – When a right-of-way boat

changes course, she shall give the other boat room to keep clear.

The way I explained how I would deal with this at a formal protest was – I would ask the boat directly to windward of Eli, whether they attempted to make room by heading up. Did they relay the the next windward boat they had to head up. If they had relayed the information, I would find the skipper of the next boat and ask them the same question until getting to the windward boat... and then for the most windward boat, did you give way?

In this case with Eli, the boat next to him upwind simply replied there was no room. I would have come down in favor of Eli on the protest and disqualified that second boat. The boats further down the chain were not aware there was an issue because the boat directly to leeward of them was not attempting to alter their course. If the boat next to Eli had relayed to the next boat, the boat next to Eli would have been exonerated from breaking the rule because they for forced to do so because of the next boat breaking a rule.

Eli was in a difficult situation. Five boats to windward of him. Even if each boat relayed the need to head up to the next person, and eventually, they all did so (or tacked).... It would have been a long time before all the other boats were out of his way. Disqualifying one of these boats would not have given Eli the advantage he was after... He simply wanted to sail a higher course than others were sailing....

Conclusion

Hopefully a good time was had by all. The day went well for the Race Committee and except for Kris's failure during race 5, all seemed to go well on the race course. There were no capsizes (Wally came close once, he successfully kept his mast out of the water).

A small group went to Hilo Town Tavern to do preliminary scoring for the day.

Photos of the May 27th race are on the [Na Hoa Holomoku Facebook page](#).

Next Race – June 24th