

Black Tie

April 14-16, 2000

Fleet 5 Rush Creek Yacht Club, Texas

Andy Burdick provided the following interesting notes on each race, as well as analyzing tactics and tuning for each condition.

Race 1. 8-15 mph breeze, 65 degrees.

The port side of the line and the course looked good. Andy followed Bill Jackson around the top mark. Downwind you had to really concentrate on where the shafts of breeze were coming down the lake. You had to be left on the final beat so Andy stayed left of Slocum on every tack. Gust was headed for the 3rd spot but his hiking strap broke and Kern took the 3rd.

What was fast? You had to be in the breeze upwind and downwind. I (Andy) kept his traveller centered, pulled on vang and a bit of cunningham as the wind strengthened. Hiking hard in the puffs generated top speeds. Downwind sailing to leeward of wind was fast, especially to get into new wind. Easing the vang helps when doing this.

Race 2. Andy took on crew as the wind got up to 15. He stayed on starboard though those to the right were doing better. Finally tacking he found a big left shift and covered those on the right. However, Slocum found a big lift and eventually won this race.

What was fast? Staying in phase with the shifts. Not a lot of vang was fast. You were able to sail low and still go fast. Heading up to get into the breeze was key. You had to keep looking over your shoulder to spot the shots.

Race 3. Staying in phase was key, because it also meant more pressure in this race. Greg Gust with a good start won the race and Andy finished 6th.

Race 4. Port end of the line was favored and Scott Tillema took advantage of this fact and port tacked the fleet. You had to stay in the pressure as it mean 10 degrees of pointing if you did. Andy rounded the top mark 2nd to Zak Clayton. Downwind sailing to leeward and working the waves was key. In order to not nose dive you have to live on the edge and let the boat heel. **Moving your weight back only drags your transom.** You have to lean out and let the boat carve.

Clayton got a big lift into the mark to lead all the boats there. On the final beat Andy tacked at least 20 times but could not be caught and Andy finished 2nd.

What was fast? Being in phase, always sailing a lift. A flat sail was good in the small chop. So, lots of vang and even the traveller

down 6 inches in the puffs with a trim was good. You could really trim hard to bend the spar and flatten the sail with the vang.

By the end of Race 4 the top sailors were in order, Andy, Slocum, Gust, Bowers, Clayton.

Black Tie photo on page 18.

Pl	Skipper	Div	Club	Boat	Races				Pts
					1	2	3	4	
1	Andy Burdick	P	MBW	2001	1	2	6	2	11
2	Scott Slocum		RCYC/TX	1929	2	1	5	5	13
3	Greg Gust		RCYC/TX	1750	4	8	1	6	19
4	Gordy Bowers	P	Sequel Sls	1593	5	3	2	11	21
5	Zack Clayton		LBYC/WI	1995	9	9	4	1	23
6	Adrienne Montgomery	W	RCYC/TX	1884	8	13	12	3	36
7	Dan Fink	S*	LMYC/WI	1877	16	4	11	8	39
8	Drew Mize		AYC/TX	1956	18	18	3	4	43
9	Bill Freytag	GM	LGYC/WI	1788	21	6	7	14	48
10	Glen Walborn		SLYC/MI	1540	22	10	10	9	51
11	Scott Tillema	S	MYC/MO	1524	15	21	9	7	52
12	Bill Jackson	GM/S	RCYC/TX	1559	6	5	21	21	53
13	Mark Babb		RCYC/TX	1468	12	23	8	13	56
14	Gary Verplank	M/S	SLYC/MI	1795	14	7	18	18	57
15	Bob Cantrell		MYC/MO	1507	11	26	13	12	62
16	Jack Schwindler	M/S	MYC/MO	1752	10	16	23	19	68
17	Eric Protzman		RCYC/TX	1831	20	14	17	17	68
18	Greg Gearing	S	AYC/TX	1947	19	11	22	20	72
19	Jason Bradley		RCYC/TX	1707	17	17	15	24	73
20	Ron Swezy		MYC/MO	1811	28	12	20	16	76
21	David Hamilton	S	RCYC/TX	1685	7	35	25	10	77
22	Rick Tears	M/S	RCYC/TX	1415	26	15	14	30	85
23	Charlie Lind	GM/S	RCYC/TX	1959	24	25	16	22	87
24	Peter Harken	GM/S	PYC/WI	1841	13	20	32	26	91
25	William Cantrell	GM	RCYC/TX	1539	23	24	26	25	98
26	Gerry Dorsey		FRYC/CO	871	35	30	24	15	104
27	Daniel Ziegler	S	WSC/OK	1321	25	31	33	28	117
28	Jack Kern	GM/S	RCYC/TX	1895	3	19	DNF	DNB	118
29	Ralph Kelley	GM/S	RCYC/TX	1554	31	27	34	31	123
30	Jack Progelhof	GM/S	RCYC/TX	1946	30	28	31	34	123
31	Burt Scott	GM/S	RCYC/TX	1398	32	29	36	27	124
32	Herman van Beek	GM/S	RCYC/TX	1939	27	34	30	33	124
33	Justin Adams	J	WSC/OK	832	37	39	28	23	127
34	Jeff Marosz		RCYC/TX	1479	DNB	22	27	32	129
35	Mike Galish	S	AYC/TX	1128	29	32	35	36	132
36	Adam Mize	S	AYC/TX	1521	33	33	37	29	132
37	Woody Woodruff		FRYC/CO	1736	36	38	29	37	140
38	Austin Chamberlin	J	MYC/MO	1994	DNB	DNB	19	35	150
39	Kevin Harper		AYC/TX	590	34	41	38	39	152
40	Ken McClanahan	GM	AYC/TX	1288	39	37	DNB	40	164
41	Mark Handley	S	AYC/TX	877	42	43	40	42	167
42	Tom Tatum	GM	RCYC/TX	1973	38	36	DNB	DNB	170
43	Scott Butler	S	AYC/TX	1523	DNB	DNB	39	38	173
44	Sarah Ramler	J	AYC/TX	532	40	44	DNB	41	173
45	Albert Christian	M	RCYC/TX	1948	41	42	DNB	DNB	179
46	James Holden	S	LGYC/WI	1855	DNB	40	DNB	DNB	184

* 'S' Indicates single-handed for all races.