

## **Regatta Report – Old Brown Dog Regatta Catawba Yacht Club – Charlotte, NC**

The 2014 CYC Old Brown Dog Regatta was held Nov 1-2 at CYC.

On Saturday morning the MCs and Wayfarer sailors arrived to compete in this dual class regatta. Unfortunately, so did winter weather. With cold temps, rain, and blustery winds the weather for the day, participants made the best of the circumstances. Wayfarer class coach Al Shoenberg gave a rules clinic. Ali Kishbaugh brought backgammon and beat anyone brave enough to challenge her! Rocking chairs were brought in, placed by the fire, and many enjoyed relaxing, reading, and talking.

In the meantime, Dan Kishbaugh and son Jeremy were preparing a scrumptious BBQ dinner in the kitchen. At 6 PM things livened up as we enjoyed a superb dinner. Afterward, an ad hoc band got together with a stand up bass, tub drum, and guitar and led the group through a sing-a-long of hits from the sixties.

Sunday morning we were hopeful for great sailing weather and we were not disappointed. Bright sunshine and great breeze far outweighed the brisk temperatures. The CYC race committee led by our own US Sailing PRO **Phil Keenan** and ace crew of **Sheri Enfenger, Doug Conley, Jeff Park, Bob Boyd, and Jeremy Kishbaugh** pulled off three great races.

Fred Herr won the first race in winds of 8-10 mph. In race 2, the wind piped up 4-5 mph with gusts approaching 18. Will Hendershot from Canada won race two. AS we went to race three it was anyone's regatta. David Benson had the lead with a pair of deuces and 4 points. Fred Herr was second with 5 points and Jon Few was third with a pair of treys.

Race three was Jonathan's. He sailed the only score that would win the regatta – an ace. But even then he needed help from Will Hendershot, whose second place finish deuce kept David Benson from a regatta winning 2.

Benson and Few tied with 7 points. Tiebreaker to the man with ace – Jon Few.

Goodies headache award and sportsmanship award goes to Will Hendershot. Will forgot his life vest and had to sail back in to recover it causing him to DNS race 1. Otherwise he would likely been in the mix.