

## LABOR DAY REGATTA

Fleet 57 - Coos Bay YC, OR

Aug. 31 – Sep. 01, 2013

PI	Skipper		Div	Club/ST	Sail	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Lau	Randy	GM	CBYC/OR	2095	2	2	4	2	2	12
2	Hood	Steve	M	LWSA/WA	1559	1	4	3	4	1	13
3	Moore	Jim	GM	CBYC/OR	1941	4	3	2	1	4	14
4	Hood	Liam	Y	LWSA/WA		3	1	5	3	5	17
5	Harlan	Paul	M		1527	7	6	1	6	3	23
6	Hogue	Jerry	GM	CBYC/OR	314	5	5	7	5	6	28
7	Mast	Donna	GM	CBYC/OR	1755	6	7	6	8	8	35

The forecasted winds for the Labor Day Regatta were for light winds in the 6 – 8 mph range, but turned out to be a little stronger at 6 – 12 mph for most of Saturday and Sunday. The one exception was the third race on Saturday when the wind dropped down to very light winds. On the lake, that translated to a number of “holes” of no wind, and light zephyrs from just about anywhere. But, the sun shined throughout the weekend and the winds were “consistent” which made for some great sailing.

All five races allowed a starboard tack start from the committee boat end of the starting line, but it quickly became an issue of tacking over to the port tack as soon as possible. Where a majority of the skippers headed to the west on the starboard tack across the line, anyone who dared tacking over to port won the initial lead, or caught up from the back in the first crossing. The port tack favored the lift around the first point of land and occasionally continued with the lift to the center of the lake towards the first windward mark.

With the exception of the light air race on Saturday, the watchword that was coined was, “RESET.” As the fleet made its way on the course, it was not infrequent to note that no matter where you were, invariably the fleet would “come together”, and it was if the whole race needed to “reset” itself or have a restart.

Only in the third race on Saturday, with the light air, did Jim Moore sail away from the rest of the fleet with an enormous gap between his boat and the boat in second. Four different skippers won a race during the regatta, but none of these were the eventual overall winner for the regatta. With a little bit of consistency, Randy Lau took the overall 1<sup>st</sup> Place finish and trophy in the end with four second place finishes, and a fourth.