

TSC Members Enjoy the 2020 AYC Birthday Regatta.....by Brian Dolan



A cloud of boats approaching a downwind mark at the 2020 AYC Birthday Regatta Photo: Scott Jenkins

What a great regatta! 78 boats in 10 different fleets, 2 days of gorgeous sailing conditions and the Race Committee completing 71 races total. That is nothing short of amazing! Three TSC boats participated in this event held over the weekend of February 7-8, 2020: Marshall Williamson and his SHAZAM crew, Brian Cummings and his BLUE STREAK crew and Brian Dolan, Mark McDade, Audi Dolan and John Knipp on board CALAMITY. At times it was quite hectic trying to figure out the starts with boats all over the place going in every which direction but we managed to keep it straight. Glen Brostedt also brought his boat DESTINY and had some fine sailing with Bob Burden and the Burgards as crew.

The TSC again hosted the Saturday morning breakfast and the proceeds went to support this charitable event and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Glen Brostedt and Peter Burgard orchestrated the spread with Alan Burgard, Tony Krauss, Mike Geller and the entire gang mentioned above lending a hand and assisting in various capacities to serve more 80 hungry sailors. Needless to say it was a hit again this year.

The sailing was especially pleasant for a lake with the winds reasonably steady from 5-12 knots and only brief periods of no wind when it shifted from north to south. Saturday we had 4 races in the PHRF Spinnaker fleet. Sunday started off early with great conditions and by 1:00pm we had run another 4 races for a total of eight over the weekend. It doesn't get much better than that. Overall all three competing TSC boats did reasonably well with respectable overall finishing positions. For the Calamity crew it was our best AYC regatta finish in the past three years.

We shared a nice community camp spot where most TSC members circled around with their various vehicles, trailers, tents and cots reminiscent of other communal gatherings at Playa Bonita in Rocky Point. The campfire pit provided by Elanie Charteris was a nice addition this year and sure helped to take the chill off.

I can't say enough about this regatta and the fine job that AYC does in putting it on. If you haven't been to it before be sure to get it on your calendar next year.



Typical start for the Spinnaker Fleet....nice and tight and right on time!

Photo: Scott Jenkins



The breakfast crew up early and hard at work on Saturday morning.

Photo: B. Dolan



The Saturday morning skipper's meeting inside the big top.

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TSC camp and crime scene Sunday morning...what happened last night?

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