

40TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CUP REGATTA – MAY 2021

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Dare I say it but it appeared that we were almost back to normal with our 40th Annual International Cup May Regatta in San Carlos, Mexico. We still had some pandemic related restrictions and prescriptions to follow but with everybody very much accustomed to that by now the regatta and its associated activities could not have gone any better. It was simply an epic weekend and especially so after missing it for the past year. Mark Kane ran an exceptional race committee onboard Shawn Dolan's signal boat. And Vince Radice was once again superlative with setting marks and

standing by on his super-panga as our chase/safety boat.

Many members started arriving mid-week to launch boats and get all the cobwebs blown out with some practice sailing and great winds on Thursday and Friday. The weekend officially kicked off with a very well attended welcoming party at D dock on Friday evening and Glen Brostedt and Brother Dan made sure we did not run out of beverages.

Early Saturday morning the registration tables were set up at Hammerheads and expertly manned by Mark Kane, Larry Potter and Dorothy Dolan with Ned and Deana Pos also hawking tickets for the raffle prizes they had assembled. Within an hour all race packets were distributed, race registrations completed and race classes assigned. Amazingly we also sold out of tickets for the Sunday Awards Presentation and any extra t-shirts that we had on hand. After a brief period of socializing to reunite with old friends and acquaintances the skippers meeting was conducted and race courses for the day were assigned.

Soon after the skipper's meeting 20 race entrants in 4 classes left the dock and were greeted with smooth water and a light southerly breeze that consistently built to about 8-10 knots by midday. I can attest that the courses and wind direction provided many opportunities for passing lanes throughout the day. A delightful raft up and refreshing swim in Shangrila Cove ended the day on the water for me and others in my party.

Day 2 on Sunday we saw a bit more wind that built to 10-12 knots during the day with more swings in direction and a higher sea state that made the racing intense for some and challenging for others. Overall there was nothing but praises for the favorable weather we had during the entire regatta and the manner in which the races were conducted.

The Sunday Awards Presentation at La Palapa Griega was a perfect way to cap off the weekend and was very well attended by 81 very happy and enthusiastic participants. The pork rib meal was nothing short of spectacular and the no host bar was well stocked. The raffle was a huge success and many thanks go out to everyone that contributed items including the special Pilar condo rental auction items donated by Sid Rosen. The award presentation ended the evening with trophies being awarded 2 deep in all four classes. See accompanying photos and visit our TSC website>racing>race results tab for the full results.

I'd be remiss in not mentioning the situation with the new port captain and the permission we need to now secure from his office in order to conduct our events within his jurisdiction. He is new to the area and because of our 50+ year history of hosting regattas in San Carlos he very graciously allowed this event to happen. But it was made very clear that in the future we will have to work more closely and earlier with his office and the Marina and that inspections of all participant's vessels will likely be required. We will see how that unfolds but I think he may be serious as some might have noticed that his staff was in a boat following us around the race course on Saturday.

See you all in the Fall when we can do this all over again!!! Thanks.

