

May is now behind us and two off-shore races and one regatta are in the results archive. The ABYC one design and open regatta had an amazing turnout. 103 boats all told! Great job goes to the race organizers, volunteers and club staff for putting on a great show and for setting the bar high for the next event.

The two off-shore events showed excellent effort on behalf of all who participated and organized the races. 18 boats started the first race of the season, the Phelan Memorial hosted by ABYC, and 42 boats started what must have been the hardest Susan Hood race in many years. Again, congratulations to all who made these successful events.

June brings us the RCYC open on June 9th and 10th, and again the host club is stepping up to the plate with something different. Check out the web site [RCYC Open Regatta](#) for more information and check out the LORC web site for race instructions and late breaking information.

Some issues arose on the forum site with regards to the LORC regattas as a series. LORC is not running a series of regattas anymore. Each individual club that hosts a regatta is doing so as a stand-alone event. Prizes, flags, and any trophies that may be awarded are done so by the host club. LORC is not tracking results for the purpose of an over-all winner for the year but will present such awards on behalf of the fleets if we are asked. The same holds true for the offshore races. There was confusion regarding this and thanks to Wendy Loat for pointing out that the NOR sections 10 and 15 mention this point.

Since all the events are stand alone it was hoped that more boats would now go back into the host club for the after race festivities. ABYC was very accommodating to visitors but I did not see anywhere near the 103 participating boats come back to the club. Some of the fleets did themselves proud through their participation on and off the water, while others put forth a lack-lustre effort. It was hoped that PHRF and IRC fleets would have attended in larger numbers and excuses were made regarding this, but I hope to see more handicap fleets attending in the future.

I would like to thank some people individually for their efforts and contributions this past month. Wendy Loat and the whole team at ABYC for hosting two well run events this past month. It was a difficult task to start something new and be the first one to deal with it as ABYC did by combining their successful One design regatta with their Open Regatta. Some lessons were learned and ABYC has passed on this useful information to the remaining clubs in hopes of avoiding the same problems.

John Crawley did a great job in getting all the registrations figured out and race results organized. I saw him hiding in his little cubby hole behind his computer on Saturday while the rest of us enjoyed the great meal put on by ABYC. It is due to the efforts of these people and others who volunteer their time to give the rest of us the opportunity to enjoy our sport and I just wanted to let them know that they are appreciated.

Other non-LORC events coming in June include the popular NOOD regatta hosted by the National Yacht Club and the RCYC on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of the month; the LOSH series gets underway with the QCYC course race on the 3rd and the Youngstown 2-day event on the 23rd and 24th; and the start of the C&C owners regatta at NYC on the 30th running onto July 1st. There is lots of racing this month and some time off as well.

See you out on the lake!

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