

2023 Wooden Boat Classic Regatta

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The annual FYC Wooden Boat Classic Regatta took place on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

The regatta was run by Jim MacKenzie (who was once again bribed by a not-to-be-named competitor who conveniently brought a spare boat) with help from volunteers in the safety boat: Andy Turnbull, Bonita Magill, and Carleen Hone. It was a lot of fun with a nice blend of goofiness, torture, and serious competition. Nine adult competitors raced in 3 different classes of tiny boats while enduring heavy winds, breakages, semi-sinkings and sore knees! Prizes ranged from Popeye's Spinach to a can of RedBull to a can of air freshener! Next year Tylenol may be added to the prize list.

Here are the Results by Class (Overall position is in brackets)

Boat Class	Sailor	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Points in Class (Points Overall)	Position in Class (Position Overall)
Puddle Duck Racer	John Vanderwerff	1 (1)	2 (7)	1 (3)	1 (5)	1 (2)	6 (18)	1 (3)
PD Racer	Bob Magill	3 (7)	1 (2**)	2 (6)	2 (7)	2 (3)	10 (25) **Race 2 overall breaks tie with Rick	2 (5)
PD Racer	Mike VanWiechen	2 (6)	4 (9)	4 (9 DNF)	3 (8)	3 (6)	16 (38)	3 (8)
PD Racer	Chris Fogelman	4 (9)	3 (8)	3 (7)	DNS 4 (9)	DNS 4 (9)	18 (42)	4 (9)
Cape Cod Frosty (6'4")	Rick Goldt Height 6'1"	2 (8)	1 (5)	1 (4)	1 (4)	1 (4)	6 (25)	1 (6)
Cape Cod Frosty	Gilles Sweet-Boulay	1 (5)	2 (6)	2 (9 DNF)	2 (6)	2 (7)	9 (33)	2 (7)
Optimist	Mike Taylor*	2 (3)	2 (3)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	8 (10)	1 (1)
Optimist	John Santos	1 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (3)	DNS 3 (9)	9 (16)	2 (2)
Optimist	Allen Elliott	3 (4)	3 (4)	3 (5)	2 (2)	2 (5)	13 (20)	3 (4)

Other Important Statistics:

Mike Taylor* = First-time competitor; Overall Winner! Biggest grin and fiercest competition face

John (I Love the Commodore) Vanderwerff = first time builder and competitor; won the Puddle Duck fleet!

Bob Magill = in his new-to-him, Algorand sponsored PD Racer

Chris Fogelman = best secondary propulsion method – a true cruiser is always prepared

Mike VanWiechen = master PD Racer builder - had 3 of his yachts in competition

Rick Goldt = The length to height ratio was impressive

Gilles Sweet-Boulay = first time competing in a boat almost as big as he is (with little to no floatation); he's a great swimmer and carried on racing even after entirely swamping his tiny craft.

John Santos = Also a first-time competitor; had a blast and was often seen standing tall in the tiny boat while blasting around the course

Allen Elliott = First-time competitor and most colourful sail! Second overall in Race 4!