

Pirate's Picnic and Labor Day Weekend Race



The festivities began on Saturday morning with gentle breezes and a race from Bodkin Creek to a buoy just below the Bay Bridge. Windrose took first place, with Silent Running and Champagne in second and third place. Nine boats began anchoring along the northeastern shore of Whitehall Bay early Saturday afternoon. While some of us were preparing the Rum Laced drinks and foods for Happy Hour and the Pirate's Picnic, others went swimming, kayaking, or walked their dogs along the beach. Happy Hour began at 4:00 with several Pirates aboard Elsie's Phantasie and Aquila. Carl Reitz won the pouch of pieces of eight for his UNIQUE costume. A variety of Pirate drinks with secret ingredients were passed among the partiers, as we sipped and discussed the events of the day and made plans for some upcoming events. The prize for best drink was awarded to Steve Coppage for his Angry Sailor drink. Somehow, Steve's costume shared the same UNIQUE qualities as Carl's costume. There was a variety of delicious food including a bean salad, pork slices laced with rum and pineapple, Pina Colada shrimp and pineapple, pirate pizza, and various dips and crackers. The decision was difficult with all of the special recipes; however, Linda Ubelacker's tasty chocolate rum balls won the pouch of pieces of eight for the best rum laced food. As the sun set in the west, the some of the pirates returned to their ships and others attended a party continued aboard Silent Running.



On Sunday morning the unanimous decision was made to head north to the calmer waters of Broad Creek to continue the festivities. Although several additional race options were planned the winds were not favorable so the race on Sunday was cancelled. Windrose headed south to be closer to home, while Silent Running sailed back to her slip. Contigo joined the remaining seven boats in Broad Creek and two separate happy hours were held aboard Contigo and Tenacity, with dessert aboard Aquila after a break for dinner. Hellen Kelley aboard Pau Hana was anchored nearby and joined Tenacity's happy hour.



On Monday morning we began the journey back to our slips to recover from the busy weekend.

Boats in Attendance were:

Elsie's Phantasie, Aquila, Silent Running, Windsprint, Windkist, Windrose, Tenacity, Schatzi, Champagne, and Contigo.