

Five Banshees met at the starting line for the Katherine Eavenson Memorial Regatta on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Rancho Seco. Skippers Candace Hardenburg, Barbara Craig, Beth Richards, Christine Caldwell and Kathryn Whelan, who came all the way from Purton, England to represent Whitefriars Sailing Club, were ready to go by the 10am skippers meeting. The Werder clan, including new baby Olivia, cheered on the racers. Todd Craig and Mark Werder managed race committee duties. Dave and Lanette Strain delivered a lovely lunch, with a special treat of cheesecake for dessert.

It was a beautiful day, with lots of sunshine and a good breeze, although a bit shifty. The wind shifted up to 180 degrees or more, or just disappeared only to re-appear elsewhere on the lake. That is one of the joys of lake sailing, but did not discourage these racers.

Race committee ran three full races of a windward, wing-mark and leeward course. Candace and Christine were new to single handed sailing, but soon figured out the boats and the lake and improved with each race. The wing mark rounding on the second race had four boats overlapped to round together. No shouting for these ladies, just a few calls of “starboard” and “room at the mark please” and we all rounded cleanly.

In discussions after the racing, Christine spoke of getting her own Banshee. I said exactly the same on my first Katherine Eavenson regatta. That is the whole point of this regatta, supporting our women sailors, taking the helm, gaining confidence and mostly having a great time sailing.

Many thanks to all who contributed and participated.

Barb Craig

<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>
Barb Craig	1	1	2
Kathryn Whelan	2	2	1
Beth Richards	3	3	3
Christine Caldwell	4	4	4
Candace Hardenburg	5	5	5