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The
FLYC Telltale

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Addenda!

Next Membership meeting Tuesday Sep-
tember 7th, 7:00PM at Inland Sailing.
Snacks to be provided by FLYC.

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CUP BOAT REGATTA

The annual Cup Boat Regatta will be held at the Poiriroo residence (1448 Crocker, EDH) on Tuesday, August 13, starting at 6:30 p.m. This is a social event, no-host BBQ and pot luck dinner open to all members and prospective members of FLYC (originated by Banshee Fleet One) at which sailboats made from styrofoam cups are sailed in the Straits of El Dorado (the Poiriroo pool). All materials to make a cup boat are supplied. Attendees are requested to bring one shared item according to their last name, as follows: A - J, salad; K - P, dessert; and Q - Z chips/dips/appetizers. Attendees should also bring whatever entree (meat) they plan to BBQ and their preferred alcoholic beverage. Ice and disposable cups, plates, utensils and napkins will be provided. The Cup Boat Regatta Deed of Gift and sailing instructions can be read online at www.flyc.org.



CUP BOAT ☞ One-design Class Rules, Notice of Race, Race Instructions
and DEED of GIFT

Hallowed History of the Cup Boat Class

The first Cup Boat Regatta was held in John and Joan Poimiroo's swimming pool (also known as "The Straits of El Dorado" (so named by Dean Eppley) on June 27, 1999. John Poimiroo conceived the Cup Boat class and the Cup Boat regatta as a social event for the very social members of the Banshee Class. Participating in the first regatta were about 20 boats, comprised of members of Banshee Fleet #1, Sacramento. No awards were given, though everyone had a good time. At the end of the evening, an honored tradition of Cup Boat racing was begun as all competing boats were thrown into a trash can. No Cup Boat has ever been displayed in an airport lobby, yacht club bar or trophy case and none ever will be (though at least one made it to someone's mantle).

Rule #1 – Construction of the Boat

- A. The only materials that can be used to build a Cup Boat are:
 - i. One styrofoam coffee cup (as supplied by the Race Committee, only)
 - ii. Plastic drinking straws (as supplied by the Race Committee, only)
 - iii. One plastic, paper or cardboard sail not to exceed 5.5" x 8"
 - iv. Adhesive tape (as much as you like). Tape cannot be used to increase sail area.
 - v. Ballast (pennies and/or water... as many/much as you like)
 - vi. The boat may be decorated as desired
 - vii. A clearly legible sail number must appear on the Cup Boat's sail
 - viii. The Cup Boat symbol (the outline of a styrofoam coffee cup) must appear on the sail.
- B. Cup Boats must be constructed on race day, from materials supplied by the Race Committee. Any boat made in advance or from materials other than those supplied by the Race Committee is ineligible to compete.
- C. A competitor may enter only one boat, but may construct more than one boat and test them prior to first shape. The race committee reserves the right to restrict each competitor to one sail or cup, in order that all who wish to race may do so.
- D. Scissors, a hole punch and a knife are provided to assist in manufacturing your Cup Boat. The cup, sail and mast may be cut and modified into any design and used any way desired. Plastic tape may be used on the boat in any way desired, other than to increase sail area.
- E. Prior to racing all Cup Boats shall be placed on a display table to be judged in order to satisfy Rules #7 c i. ii. iii..

Rule # 2 – Double Elimination

In a Cup Boat Regatta, each skipper races until he/she loses two races and is eliminated or is the last remaining boat with no or only one loss. The Race Committee shall determine order of start and how many boats may race in a given round. Depending on the number of boats in the regatta, it is usual to start four boats in each round, with the two fastest

boats advancing and the two slowest boats receiving one loss. Rounds continue with boats that have not raced, until all boats have raced once. A boat failing to race in the first round may not race in succeeding rounds.

Rule #3 -- Non-interference

- A. When sailing, a Cup Boat may be righted if it capsizes. It may also be emptied of water, but it cannot be propelled forward by throwing, pushing, wave action or individual application of artificial air (blowing upon the sail) other than artificial air inherent to the Straits of El Dorado. A Cup Boat's direction cannot be purposefully changed by touching the boat or purposefully changing the position of fans. The Straits of El Dorado, the traditional sailing venue for the Cup Boat Regatta, has a peculiar wind condition that is shop-fan-aided; the addition of shop fans that benefit all competitors is acceptable within Rule #3 A.
- B. In the event no wind (breeze) exists, the Race Committee can allow blowing or fanning as long as it is announced in advance of the start.

Rule #4 -- Race Committee

- A. The Race Committee shall be comprised of all people attending a Cup Boat regatta who are not wearing swim suits and who do not captain a boat in the regatta. This includes people who know nothing about sailing and perhaps have never set foot in a sailboat before.
- B. The Race Committee chairperson shall be selected from the general membership of the Race Committee by general acclamation. Every effort should be taken by the Race Committee to select a person of sterling character and unquestioned honesty. Of course, since such people are not usually found attending Cup Boat Regattas, any person who appears to be otherwise coherent will do. The chairperson shall not be allowed to protest his/her election as chairperson, but shall be allowed to request an adult beverage.
- C. Prior to the first race, the Race Committee shall look at each boat and award Special Awards as defined in Rule #7C a., b. and c.
- D. While judging Special Awards, the Race Committee shall also determine if any boat violates any part of Rule #1. If so, that skipper shall be congratulated for his/her audacity and asked to correct the error before racing commences. A boat that does not comply with Rule #1 shall not be allowed to race.

Rule #5 – Races

- A. Double elimination. Any boat that loses twice is eliminated. More than one First Round may be run, depending upon the number of cup boats entered in the regatta.
 - a. The first two boats to touch the far end of the Strait will be given a win.
The third and fourth boat to touch will be given a loss. In the event a round is run with two boats, the first boat wins and the second boat loses. In the event an odd number of boats are entered, half of all boats entered plus one shall advance.
 - b. Four boats shall be sailed in any given round.

c. The finals shall be run when only two boats remain with one or fewer losses.

In the Finals, the first boat to touch the far end of the Strait shall be declared the winner.

B. Number of boats to sail in any given round shall be the judgment of the Race Committee, based on the capacity of the Strait to accommodate boats.

C. Decisions of the Race Committee are final and not subject to protest. D. All boats must move on their own power, using natural wind or the artificial air inherent to the Straits of El Dorado. No blowing, fanning, wave action or pushing by a competitor or spectator are allowed with the exception of rule 3B.

E. Bows shall not be placed further down course than the starting line which shall be approximately 18' from the windward edge of the Strait.

F. Boats shall be held by the owner and released at the start.

G. Two over-early starts in the same race are considered to be a loss.

H. No skipper shall be in the water except to launch a boat, as permitted by the committee. Skippers may not advance or interfere with any boat's progress, once the race has begun. Violation of this rule is cause for disqualification. The purpose of this race is to see which boat is fastest due to its design.

Rule #6 – Protests

A. Protests are encouraged, as long as they are absurd, impassioned, humorous, not personal and brief.

B. The Principal Race Officer (PRO) shall have the authority to dismiss a protest at any point by saying, "Ridiculous! Let's get on with it."

C. Under exceptional circumstances in which the Race Committee Chairperson determines that the protest is particularly hilarious, should time permit, the RC Chairperson may call for a formal grievance process. Because of the time involved, the Chairperson is advised to dismiss most protests. However, should a protest be allowed, the more formal grievance process follows:

i. The protesting boat shall be given one minute by the Race Committee to describe his or her protest. In the event that the protest lasts more than a minute, the protesting boat shall immediately lose the protest.

ii. After the protest has been heard, the protested boat's skipper shall defend him or herself and have one minute to do so. Again, should the protested boat take more than one minute, he or she shall immediately lose the protest.

iii. Any interference by anyone during the protest shall result in the interfering person being applied the penalty as if he or she lost the protest.

iv. After both parties have made their case, the race committee shall ask who disagrees with the protesting boat and who disagrees with the protested boat. Witnesses shall be as derisive as possible and the race committee shall select the boat that is criticized most for the penalty.

v. If the protested boat loses the protest, it receives a five second delayed start in the next race. If the protesting boat loses, it receives a five- second delayed start in the next race. In the event the protest occurs on

the last race, the losing boat forfeits the race and any position that may result from it.

Rule #7 – Awards

- A. A styrofoam cup (this may not seem much, but remember, this is the equivalent of a brand new boat.) and a coffee cup decorated with tawdry advertising are awarded to the owner of the winning boat. There shall never be classy or valuable gifts for a Cup Boat regatta. Tacky, useless and inexpensive awards are most fitting the Cup Boat class.
- B. Special awards:
 - a. Most Original Design
 - b. Most Beautiful Design
 - c. It's Amazing it Didn't Sink Immediately Out of Sight (this award may be awarded to any boat, including a boat that sinks immediately out of sight)
- D. Concluding Ceremony – in the time-honored tradition of the Cup Boat Class, all competing boats are thrown into the trash, following the regatta with the exception that any competitor under 18 years old (or whose maturity is similarly aged) may keep their Cup Boat to display on their mantle.

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If you read this far, you are in serious need of rest and recuperation. There is no DEED of GIFT in Cup Boat racing. Get a life.

