

# The Trailer Tongue

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Commodore Dick Armstrong

I think Mark and Barb Kircher are our good luck charms for C.J. Strike. Last year we were either totally blown off the water or no wind at all, compared to a reasonably steady 14 knots Saturday and a bit more Sunday. Thank you Mark and Barb for a great race even though you had to weigh anchor a dozen times! The SISA Board will discuss a new anchor at our next meeting. Also, thank you members for the great turn out and wonderful food at the pot luck. We have a great group of folks to hang out with.

Heavy-air sailing is truly an adrenaline rush as well as a meaningful education. What happens when a gust knocks a Mac 26 down? The Gabiola's shipped a little water into the cockpit, Janet yells a command which John responds to instantly, and the boat smoothly stands up and sails on its course. No big deal but you may want to learn both the command and technique. Joel Santarone showed us the full length of his keel and sent John Spurlock, as crew, up on the rail like a Hobie trapeze artist while others reefed and maintained great hull speed.

Seeing the advantage of reefing, I decided to single reef the main but failed miserably with a shapeless, powerless mess of a mainsail. After a couple of tacks and now looking at the sterns of the entire fleet we hoisted the full main and got back into the race. While approaching A mark we were all admiring Jim Monroe's Ranger 20's classic transom shape and major wake. Oh, back to the adrenalin, we did push the trimaran past 20 mph on the A to B broad reach flying full main and the asymmetrical spinnaker, then completed a clean jibe for C mark. Having never before successfully jibed the spinnaker made this a very special day and all seven on board had an exciting ride!

Okay guys (and gals), we're down to one remaining regatta at CJ Strike. We plan to mix it up with fun activities on the water and a great party Saturday evening. There is a rumor that we will be pouring endless frozen margaritas. Bring your parrot head apparel and celebrate a wonderful season of sailing as the summer of 2007 draws to a close.

Let's end the season in true SISA style!

## DUTCH OVEN DELIGHT PLANNED FOR LAST POTLUCK

SISA will be providing the meat for the last potluck of the season expertly prepared in dutch ovens by Chefs Entwistle and Klamt. YUM! Just bring your favorite side dish to share along with your appetite. Bob is also going to whip up a batch of his special "grog" so it should be quite a party. This promises to be the perfect end to another great season.

## ARE YOU MISSING A TROPHY PLATE?

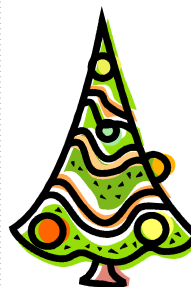
Here's your chance to pick up your past trophy plates and enjoy the fun and great food at the final regatta of 2007. We still have the following trophy plates to present:

August 11-12, 2007	Dalzell, Orlovich
July 21-22, 2007	Hiner
May 19-20, 2007	Kennedy
May 21, 2006	Mercado, Kennedy
October 15-16, 2005	Cleary

## REGATTA RESULTS: September 8-9

Open Fleet:		
<b>First Place</b>	Dick Armstrong	F-27
<b>Second Place</b>	J.T. More	H 16
<b>Third Place</b>	Jim Monroe	Ranger 20

Mac 26 Fleet:		
<b>First Place</b>	Tom and Becky Valasek	
<b>Second Place</b>	John and Janet Gabiola	
<b>Third Place</b>	Bryan Diffendaffer	



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Get your calendars out now and save Friday night, December 7, for the annual SISA Holiday Bash! Watch your snail mail or your e-mail for all the details!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Race Committee</u>
Sep 29-30	Last Regatta!	C.J.Strike	Tom & Becky Valasek

**This is it—the last regatta of the season!  
Don't miss the best racing, the best food, and the best company!**



***Come one, come all to the last  
regatta of the season!  
Join us for the celebration!***

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