

# The Trailer Tongue

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## **WIND IS THE WINNER AT SECOND LAKE LOWELL EVENT**

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Is there ever enough of a good thing?! When your knot meter registers over four knots with a bare mast and no jib, most at Lake Lowell agreed there was a bit too much wind. Double reefs, jib only and general survival mode made for interesting sailing but no racing on Saturday, May 5th.

Thanks to the intrepid souls who put out in wild conditions! The Canyon County Sheriff's boat was on hand and kept a lookout for our members. The real heroes were Rico Weber and Vince Serio (with two broken fingers) who fought a gallant battle to hold an anchor on the committee boat.

After numerous attempts, wet from waves breaking over the bow, and lots of anchor line, they finally got a double anchor system to hold. With great pride they began a starting sequence only to realize the fleet was at the dock!

With little hesitation the crew pulled the freshly set anchor onto the *Rachel* and slowly cruised into the wind and waves, back to the dock. Consistent with SISA tradition, a spontaneous party commenced which made for a nice, relaxing afternoon.

After all the boats were trailered, the party moved to the park shelter for a fabulous potluck. Mexican salad, corn salad, potato salad, Chinese chicken salad (is there a theme here?), as well as steak, chicken and burgers made up the main course with chocolate cake and brownies for desert. Great food with great friends.

With hope that the wind would moderate, we launched the committee boat on Sunday and retrieved the marks that were blown hundreds of yards downwind. Unfortunately, the wind continued to build and the racing was abandoned.

The games we had planned are ready for our next regatta on May 19-20. Mark the calendar and plan to enjoy warm weather, steady wind, and interesting events. This will be our last event at Lake Lowell so take advantage of the easy commute. Let's have a BIG turnout to celebrate an early summer season!



## **ARE YOU READY FOR THE 32nd AMERICA'S CUP?**

Yes, it's here at last, the greatest sailboat regatta on the planet! The Louis Vitton Challenger Cup semi-finals began May 14th between four teams: BMW Oracle from the USA, Emirates Team New Zealand, Luna Rossa from Italy, and Desafio Espanol from Spain. The two winners of the semis will face off beginning June 1 to determine who will race the America's Cup defender Alinghi from Switzerland.

The America's Cup race series runs from June 23 through July 7 in the Mediterranean Sea off of Valencia, Spain.

In the spirit of the Cup, we thought you might enjoy some quips and quotes from sailing greats. Here's the first from American sailing icon Buddy Melges.

*"When I was just learning to race, my father kept saying to me: Son, if you want to do well in this sport, be first at the start, stay out in front, and increase your lead."*



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>May 19-20</b>	<b>Regular Regatta</b>	<b>Lake Lowell</b>
June 2	Learn About SISA	Lucky Peak
June 3	Free Sail Day	Lucky Peak
June 9-10	Payette Cup	Payette Lake
July 7-8	Cascade Cup	Lake Cascade
	Sponsored by Mill Harbor Yacht Club	

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**Don't miss the first true regatta  
of the season and the last event  
at Lake Lowell. Join us on May  
19-20 for great races, terrific food  
and some special games!**

