



FROM THE RACE CHAIR:

As you probably already know, we are holding 2 special racing events for BYC members this month. These will be a lot of fun. These types of events provide a great opportunity for new racers to begin racing or some not so new racers to get back into it. It would also be a good time to show some support for BYC racing program by participating in these events.

The first event is the **RENSHAW REGATTA** which is being held on **Saturday, August 21st**. The regatta is named for a past BYC commodore and sailing enthusiast Bob Renshaw. Bob believed that racing was an important part of BYC and that the racing program should be run in a way that encouraged all members to race. We intend to conduct this regatta in that spirit. This will be a 2 race regatta. The skippers' meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM under the tent. The first race should get underway at about 11 AM and the second race start sequence will begin about ½ hour after the completion of the first race. The racing will be followed by a pot-luck dinner at 6 PM . The pot-luck dinner is open to all BYC members. We'll have the grills hot! Please bring something to grill and something to share. The winner of this regatta will of course be accorded all the rights and privileges associated with this regatta including having your name permanently engraved on the Renshaw Cup.

The other special event is the **MIDNIGHT FUN RACE**, which will start on the evening of **Saturday, August 28th**. We plan to start this race after the dinner hour shortly after moonrise. We will have the skippers' meeting at 6 PM and start the race at about 7:30PM. This race was great fun last year. There are still stories circulating about who led some of the fleet half way to the dam.

Over the years, the Renshaw Regatta has targeted new and infrequent BYC racers. The emphasis on the Midnight Fun Race should be on FUN. We are really trying to appeal to BYC members who do not normally participate in the racing program as well as our regular racers. The normal racing fees will be waved for these events.

Please e-mail me at carson.richard0530@sbcglobal.net if you plan to come out for one or both of these specialty races. I can really use the advance notice to get things organized. Also, if you know of another BYC member that would be interested in being part of these races, please encourage them to come out.

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