

## **2015 Glimmerglass**

2 Flying Scots, 5 Buccaneers, 6 Lasers and 15 Thistles gathered for the annual Glimmerglass Regatta.

The forecast was good, with sun and wind. Little did we know that the breeze on Saturday would build through mid-afternoon to a steady 15 with continual puffs in the upper teens. While the Bucs (Arrrrrrr!) and Scots are 2 man crews, a number of Thistles also were working the deuce. Between capsizes and a few boats heading to shore for refuge, the fleet thinned for the two Saturday races before the RC called it a day.

Sunday's breeze was considerably more moderate in the 6-10 range. Both days the direction was relatively steady, although Sunday's NW started to get a little flukey toward midday.

I was in a Thistle, so I lack perspective on the other fleets, although from the score cards, the racing looked tight, with the top spots being mixed from race to race. Drew Porter sailed consistent in the Lasers to squeak out the top spot over Brad Dunn. Robert Derock built a nice lead Saturday in the Buc fleet and David Spira made a nice push Sunday to close the gap. Mike Birnbaum was hot on their tail to wrap up third. Ron Streek and Waldo Johnston had a back and forth regatta with Ron taking the top spot.

Dan Hesse cleaned up in the Thistles, although his dominance waned Sunday. The diminished breeze Sunday afforded John Baker the opportunity to drive Miss Joy to the top spot twice. The Gindling family boat tallied the day's other bullet. Of note, the Gindlings' sailed out a capsize Saturday to score a 9<sup>th</sup>, which greatly helped their scorecard. Most other capsizes didn't finish and suffered the heavy DNF point load. Bill Wilson was steady throughout to capture second overall.

Saturday's races were a bit strung out with the strong breezes and long course. Sunday's races found the fleet more compressed and had nice action at the corners and competitive racing across the fleet.

Between the very nice weather, great food (Thanks Heidi and crew!) and good work from the race committee those who did not attend the Glimmerglass missed out.

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