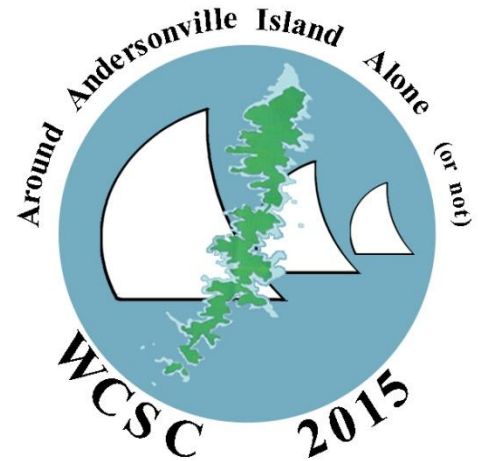
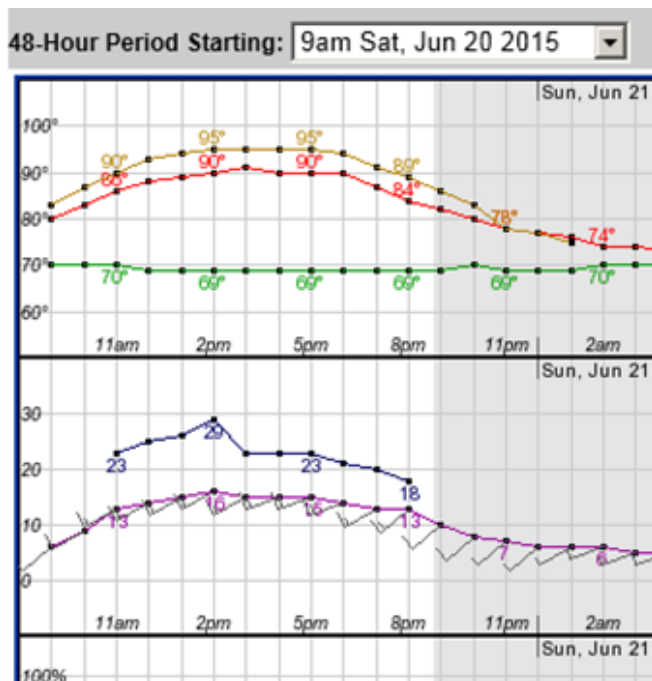


Recap

Around Andersonville Island (Alone) (or not)

To quote Cowardly Lion from The Wizard of Oz, “Unusual weather we're having, ain't it?”. Weather was a big factor in this year's “Round the Island” race. What began as the usual concern for way too-much heat and probably way too-little wind became the unusual concern for too much wind. The National Weather Service forecast for Saturday looked like this:



At the skipper's meeting, a number of entrants withdrew from the race. As boats left the harbor after the skipper's meeting, the wind was WSW about 13-16. It seemed to increase a little while we waited for the fleet to assemble at S 19 for the start of the delay time clock. One boat retired before her start. One boat retired shortly after her start with rigging failure.

As this was a pursuit start race, boats started at different times. Delay time ranged from 1 minute (San Juan 21) to 20 minutes and 12 seconds (Hobie 18). Almost all boats that had the ability to reef the mainsail did so. The majority of the fleet chose to round the island clockwise, and most also chose to sail through the 'cut' at the

southern end of Andersonville Island. With the length of the race course being 7.5 miles, there was quite a bit of separation by the end of the race. The wind strength seemed to suit the multihulls; three (of four) were the first boats to finish. The first two monohulls crossed the finish line separated by only 18 seconds. Exciting! Other than the boat retiring with rigging failure, all boats that started were able to finish within the time limit. And it's good that they did because....



With the last boat finishing, a storm cell was fast approaching. My hand-held anemometer displayed a steady 18 mph. As the last boat motored into the harbor, very heavy rain could be seen coming across the lake. Race committee docked the signal boat in the downpour.

Not to worry, because as the signal boat was docking, the skippers and crews were gathered in the clubhouse, enjoying beverages and Nancy-Sue Harder's snack buffet. There was even a luscious chocolate birthday cake for one of the event organizers ["...Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm..." (Beatles-Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band-)].

Awards were given in several categories:

Multihull with crew	1 st	Steve Keimele (also honorable mention for first to finish)
	2 nd	Thomas Jacob
Multihull solo	1 st	Will DeHart
	2 nd	Bruce Ehlert
Monohull with crew	1 st	Chris Miros
	2 nd	Alan Hippensteal
	3 ^d	Ben Gipson
	4 th	Ted Sauvain
Monohull Solo	1 st	Paul Harder
	2 nd	David VanEmburg

Because this event originated as a singlehanded race, Will DeHart was declared overall winner. Full results are located on the next page.

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Skipper	Boat Name	Sail #	Design * indicates US Sailing Mean Rating	Distance Race	PHRF difference	Course starts and finishes at S 19	Elapsed Time	Finish Order
				PHRF		7.5 miles		
				base 260		delay		
Keimele, Steve	TPoL	10604	Hobie 18	98	162	0:20:12	1:34:32	1
Jacob, Thomas	-	114005	Hobie 16	126	134	0:16:45	1:36:35	2
DeHart, Will	Thunderduck	-	Hobie 16	98	162	0:20:12	1:42:22	3
Miros, Chris	Fais Do Do	3009	J 24	170 spin	90	0:11:15	1:49:17	4
Harder, Paul	Lucky Lindy	48	Lindenburg 22	212 spin	48	0:06:00	1:49:35	5
Hippensteal, Alan	TARTANIC	11	Tartan P270	132 spin	128	0:16:00	1:58:58	6
Gibson, Ben	Full Tilt	1?64	San Juan 21 *	252 spin	8	0:01:00	2:02:22	7
Ehlert, Bruce		-	Hobie 16	98	162	0:20:12	2:23:29	8
Van Emburg, David	Polaris	-	Beneteau 310	141 ns	119	0:14:52	2:33:03	9
Sauvain, Ted	Wind Dancer	274	Beneteau 28.5 WK	190 spin	70	0:08:45	2:46:30	10
Hampton, Brian	Irresponsible	3453	Flying Scott	208	52	0:06:33	DNC	DNC
Fontenot, Allison	Training Wheels	287	Weta	141	119	0:14:52	DNC	DNC
Fontenot, Rick	Cowardly Lion	397	Corsair 24 *	76 spin	184	0:23:00	DNC	DNC
Schrecengost, Keith	Interim	53220	Catalina 30 TM	174 spin	86	0:10:45	DNF	DNF
Mathews, Spencer	Happy Camper	584	Precision 23	245 ns	15	0:01:52	DNS	DNS
Engle, Marcus	Great Escape	-	US 25 *	222 spin	38	0:04:45	DNC	DNC
Ruth, David	Red Dragon	131	Capri 25	174 spin	86	0:10:45	DNS	DNS