

The 2015-2016 Soling Racing Season

Soling Skippers, yesterday we sailed the last race of the winter season. We had a great turnout, 14 boats. After racing we retired to the Club House in the development where Dan Pearce lives for a rules seminar conducted by Alan Perkins. Alan reviewed the basic rules and, with questions from those in attendance, did a super job. Everyone, experienced or not, benefited from the discussion.

It is always a sad time of year for the Frogs to see the Snow Birds leave for the tundra. Team polkadot sailed their last race yesterday and headed for Valparaiso. We've already lost Mike Vanover and others will follow soon. Of course, we'll continue to race Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the summer, but the turnout will be much smaller and the weather a bit muggier.

Taking a look at the past 12 months, the Soling Fleet has experienced tremendous growth and success. By my count, we started the year with approximately 24 registered boats and ended with 33, a growth rate of nearly 40%. The other fleets within the squadron have grown nicely too, but none like the Solings. Alan and Thomas continue to build new, competitive Solings for those wishing to upgrade and Dan Pearce usually has used boats for those wishing to get started with Soling RC racing.

For the summer, we'll be initiating Regatta Tuesday (the first Tuesday of each month) and I have several new ideas planned for the fall to keep our fleet growing and an exciting place to sail. Thanks for your great support throughout this past year. John Goldsworthy, Soling 1M Fleet Captain