

### Cedar Point Week 3: Lessons learned and it's all on YouTube!

First and foremost I would like to say nice job to Jacobi and the boys for their great RC work on Sunday. It seemed that each race was up and down in velocity with no apparent relation to the directional change. Sunday was not an easy day to determine a game plan since each race would require a totally different plan that was dicey at best!

After going upwind with Steve Fisk and talking about current over the course, on the run back to the start line, he and I were quite sure that the current would be advantageous on the right upwind and definitely not favored to go right downwind. The first 2 races proved this theory just about 100%. So for the 4th race I had my game plan down. I won the boat, tacked off 1<sup>st</sup> for the right, and was going to 1 tack the beat. Everything was looking fine until we saw a 30-40 degree lefty about 30 seconds after the start. I did not see it, I wonder if many others did. Either way good job to the guys who benefited.

For me after the 4th race the windward beats were all about coming off the start at the favored end and holding until the first shift or an opportune time to cross. I would like to say that I had a defined strategy but I did not, Sunday was one of those days where I tried my best to read the water but much of the time I just had to play the cards that were dealt to me.

There were a few interesting occurrences where I learned some valuable lessons. In the first race I fouled Johannessen, mainly because I put myself in a squeeze scenario between Johannessen and Shattuck. We were all on starboard approaching the starboard gate looking downwind. Johannessen was leeward ROW boat on me and I was leeward ROW boat on Shattuck, with Shattuck inside at the mark. It is hard to tell exactly, but I should have stayed clear of Johannessen by taking Shattuck way high. A great idea would have been to take him so high that I would enter the 2 boat lengths first. Honestly, I was concentrating on staying clear of Johannessen and getting ready to round outside of Shattuck. Going above Shattuck would have been futile as we were too close to the mark and too overlapped to get room. View the YouTube video of this scenario at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DA0kYsIbUY>

look around 1 minute into the video

The second realization I had, which is a little embarrassing, is that I spun the wrong way for my 360. We all know that when going upwind you want to tack first when doing a circle. Well, in this case it would have been best for me to jibe 360 before rounding so that when I finished my loop I was upwind on starboard at the leeward mark. If you follow what happened in the video, I rounded the mark and then did my tack 360. I could have saved 360 degrees of turning by jibing and doing my circle before or just about at the leeward mark; pretty cool when you think about it.

Anyway, nice job to all last Sunday. Until next week...

Laser video part 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DA0kYsIbUY>

Radial video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDA0kYsIbUY>

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