

"On the way to the boat... a message from the sky in brilliant color... assuring the participants a great day!"



**Beautiful, Breezy,
DAY on the Gulf!**



How Suite it is...



Our Ladies at the Helm

"The beginning of our lovely day started by waiting for Sun Dancer to rise out of the mud. By the time the first race was starting we slogged our way out of the marina. Karen and I had been thinking all along the cruise to the starting line, "How come this event isn't held on Mother's Day?" Then we saw a dolphin in the water and stopped thinking about that question. What a beautiful day! It started with a great rainbow, and the temperatures were fantastic. Then came the starting sequence for the eleven-o'clock race. I was wondering if I will be as patient with a Lady at the Helm as when there is a lady in the driver's seat of a car with me as a passenger. The answer was, I more comfortable. Our two captains worked well together. Responsibilities were assigned and I thought the men did a pretty good job, not questioning the Captain's order. No different than we behave when we are at home. Even though we only raced two of the three races, we felt very good about our results in the second race. Ladies at the Helm might be the answer.

This was a great event. Everyone on board Sun Dancer had a great time and it was fun seeing all the boats around us, even that pesky Dragon Fly. We extended our sail by traveling five or so miles south of Gordon Pass following the races. It was one of the best off shore winds we have experienced in Naples. "

Thank you Frank for organizing such a great event, together with the supporting actors!



...when the race is on!



**The Human Whisker Poles...
Ballet on Deck!**

Princess on the Perch

HAPPY CREW..

WINDY CITY!



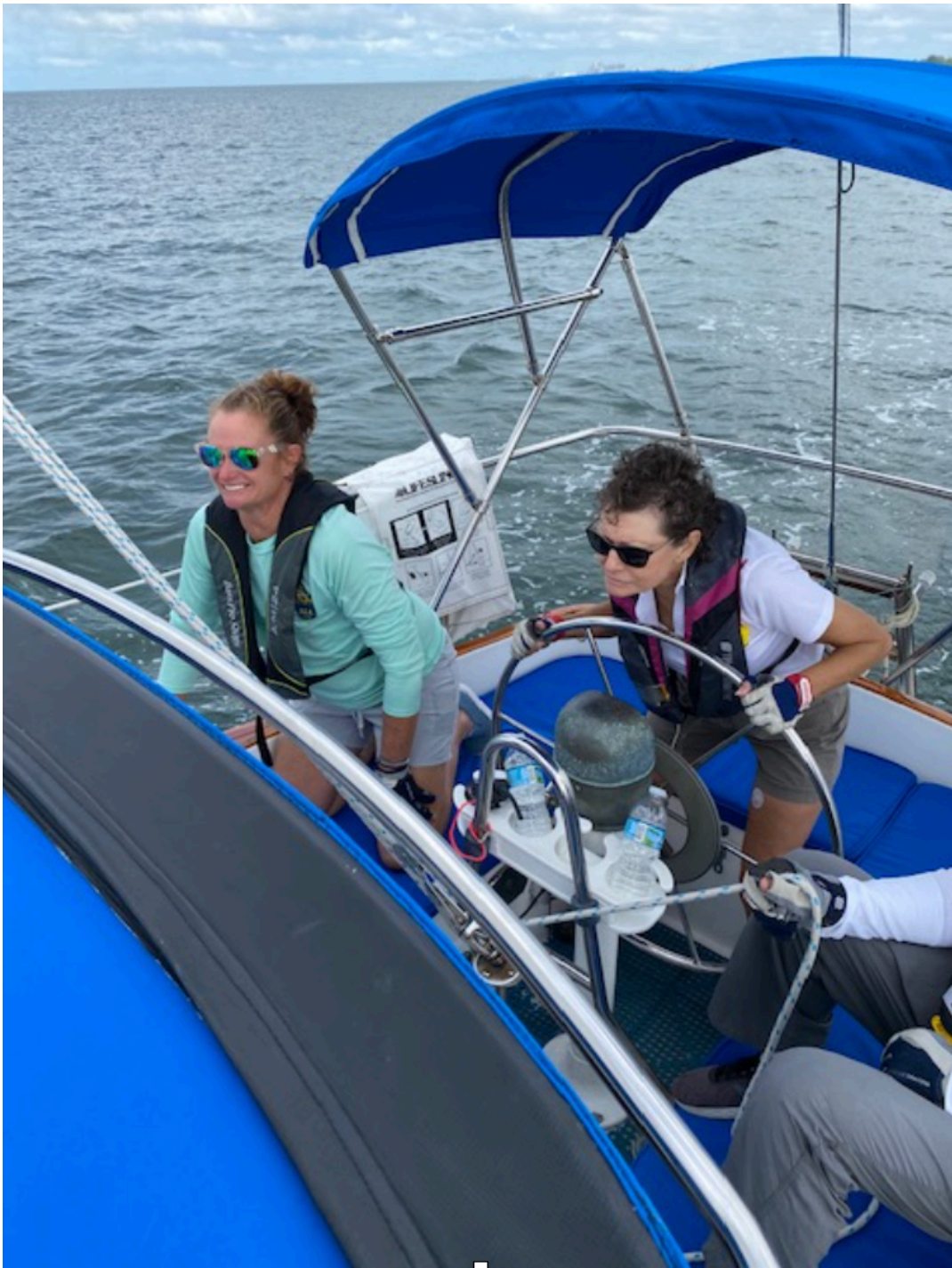


**Some hair-raising moments
were had...**

But in the end....

"What incredible day of racing we had yesterday for the lady's day regatta! The weather was just about perfect with the wind staying pretty constant out of the Northeast. Winds were blowing at 10 knots with gusts to about 15 knots. The wind oscillated 10 to 15° back and forth making it pretty exciting as you got lifted thinking you could make it to the mark and then God





"Grand Cru, driven by Susan Watkins did a masterful job on the first race and ran away with it winning by over four minutes. Let me tell you, look at the pictures she was very focused!"



On the second race **Dragon Fly** skippered by **Liza Brown** picked up a shift on the right-hand side and made out like a bandit. And although “**No Name**”_tried to block us at the windward mark we fainted left and snuck around them winning that race by almost 3 minutes.

The third race was much closer with Diane Fowler on "WINDY CITY" hit all the wind shifts getting around the Windward mark first. At that point she had quite a lead but "NO NAME", was next around and started to run her down. "DRAGON FLY" and "SUN DANCER" where the next boats around. They pursued the two leaders down the race course. Dragon Fly slowly overtook the two boats and finish tied with "No Name" for second place, with Diane holding onto the lead to the end.

WINDY CITY**SUN DANCER**

WINDY CITY HOLDS ON TO THE LEAD!

*" First, I want to thank everybody for coming out and making it such an incredible day. **This was the 25th running of the lady's day regatta.***

I have been running it since 2007 and it makes me proud to put on such a great event.

We all gathered at Texas Tony's BBQ for the after race telling of lies. Forty-two (42) of us showed up. We were treated by a surprise anonymous donor who generously provided some fantastic trophies and gift packages."



"It is a tribute to the rating system that we had three different winners and on the last race **first three boats were finished within 30 seconds of each other!!!!**"

The Way of the Sail:

Sailing is a sport that one can easily interchange with the art of living. In the water, or on land, sometimes you cruise sometimes you race, but in either case the skills required are the same: attention to detail, flexibility of movement, determination to reach the goal, and concentration at each step of the way. The reward for the high expectation is pure Satisfaction! The steady balance of the keel... the windblown pull of the sails... the full bounce of the wave... the perfect timing at the mark; it is felt in the hand at wheel, in the rope pulling tight, in the shifting feet on the moving deck, but most of all, it is felt in the heart...

Sailing is the thrill of Life! And just as in life, you win some and lose some! Grand Cru won the first race, but getting out position, lost the second; low wind marked the third race on the second leg. Nevertheless, a day on Gulf waters with the wind in your hair is always a win!

The Way of the Race:

No Race Committee required for these Corinthian Race Events. All sailors are on the honor system to self-police and abide by the racing rules of sailing.

Shelly Russo & Jeff Gage placed the marks defining the race course with:

- One mark at 1,000' West of the Naples Pier,
- One mark located 1 mile, + 1,000 feet West of the Naples Pier.

Jennifer and Dennis Auray placed two additional marks:

- 1 mile Southwest of the pier
- 1 mile Southwest of the western most point of the triangle.

A triangle formed by the Start/Finish Line to the Naples Pier, to 1 mile west of the Naples Pier and back to the Start/Finish Line made for a 3 mile race course.

Race #1... was a 2 mile course; shorter race from the start/finish to the pier and back. This race was won hands down with a lead exceeding 4 minutes over the next closest by "Grand Cru", skippered by Susan Watkins from Naples.

Race #2... was a 3 mile course won by "Dragon Fly" skippered by Liza Brown from Marco Island.

Race #3... was won by "Windy City", skippered by Diane Fowler from Cape Coral.