



Lightning/Tarpon Nigerian Nationals
Lagos, Nigeria
May 24-25, 2014

						Day 1				Day 2						
Pos	Sail#	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	T/O	Nett
1	15461	Orieoda	Mike Barnes	Lynn Obray	Sam Coombes	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	13	3	10
2	15271	Lizard	Lloyd Crisp	David Kruyt	Jean-Philippe Caillaud	1	1	4	2	6	3	2	2	21	6	15
3	15270	Otitan Dara	Graham Gips	Kristian Gips	Steven Martin	3	2	2	5	1	1	4	4	22	5	17
4	14448	Kiwi Magic	Helmut Braun	Mark Loxey	Olaf Schmueser	4	4	6	4	10	7	6	7	48	10	38
5	15274	Now Now	Julian Calvin	Gerrit du Toit	Rachel	9	9	9	7	5	5	3	3	50	9	41
6	15325	Easy Life	Richard Leek	Ed Skene	????????	8	6	7	3	8	12	5	8	57	12	45
7	15273	Scud	Nolan o'Neal	Susan Hunt	Dan Cox	10	7	5	6	4	11	7	11	61	11	50

RACE REPORT from JULIAN CALVIN

Day opened on Saturday with many anxious faces scanning the skies. We are part way into the rainy season, and the past week had seen some heavy storms pass through. Although these generate strong winds at the time, immediately afterwards the wind dies completely.

By 0900 crews were gathering and preparing their boats (or going around asking advice from more experienced crews). A number were also fitting new sails so handling them very gingerly. At the registration the previous night we had twenty-five boats sign up, of which six were woodies. Unfortunately, some helms were either on leave or away on business, so we had five boats unable to take to the water to reach the magic figure of thirty, which was our target.

A few drops of rain fell, and an ominous cloud gathered in the east but, thankfully, soon disappeared offshore. By 1030 boats were launching, and the wind had picked up a little. Traditionally, we have day one as harbour races and day two is held offshore if the weather and conditions permit. The tides in Lagos can run up to three knots, so setting an appropriate start line is always a major challenge. Thankfully not so much a problem offshore.

The first race started 1130, and we then managed to sail five races throughout the day. Three were straight windward/leeward and two with sausage and triangle.

Wind stayed fairly light all day, but the OOD and helpers on the committee boat did a great job to keep the races moving. Rescue boats circled carrying extra bottles of water that were really needed, as we all dehydrated in the 29 deg C temperature. We finally came ashore by 1700 to collapse and then recant all the tales of what might have been. We were wacked, though but most managed to stay for an hour or so to enjoy the 'small chop' and soup laid on by the kitchen.

Sunday opened with similar conditions, but we were determined to go offshore. We had a race out, but this took over an hour and a half to reach a suitable position clear of shipping lanes. Due to some 'confusion,' this one race was actually abandoned.

Once offshore, we laid appropriate marks and, once again, sailed traditional windward/leeward courses. Due to the light winds, only two races were held offshore, with a final race downwind back to the Club, which was reached between 1630 - 1700. Unfortunately, a number of protests delayed the results, but the band started up and food was served, so only those at the protests were disturbed.

Results were finally announced at 2000, awards were presented, then the partying started in earnest.

Congratulations to our Commodore, Mike Barnes, and his crew for their winning performance.

Note in results: On day one my rigging was not set correctly. Re-tuned day 2 and improved dramatically.; By day 3 I would have been winning!!!!

