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Press Release

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“Cliborne, Hull and Gietl take top honors.”

Glenn Cliborne and his J/24 Bandit crew returned to the BYRA Pub Race Saturday and won by a large margin over a fleet of 11 boats.

This year’s race was sailed from Lakestone on Bull Run to marker BU-5, and back to Crazy Horse Marina. The annual event sponsored by the Blackwater Yacht Racing Association (BYRA) varies the destination and this year was hosted by Mexico Viejo at Crazy Horse. Family and friends joined the sailors at the cantina and the rowdy group swelled to over 35.

This race features a staggered start with handicaps front-loaded so the slower boats get a head start and the faster handicap boats leave later. The last team to start was Udo Gietl from Huddleston and his crew Warren Theis. They crossed the starting line 13 minutes after the first boat, John Short’s “Fever”, had started the race. Udo needed most of the course but caught the fleet in the Blackwater and finished third.

Mike Maloney and Chuck Tunnell had the early lead in “Courageous” after rounding marker BU-5. But they could not hold off the resurgent fleet and finished 5th. Jim Hull had the Pearson 26 “Fools Game” dialed in and cruised to a 2nd place finish. Jim Hull gave credit to his crew. “They were watching the wind ahead, picked the best course and avoided the light air patches. They sailed the best race all season.” Hull said.

The top skippers received victory mugs and crew members received silver cups. All skippers received memorial silver cups. Following are the finishing positions and finish times.

 **Skipper Boat Elapsed Time Position**

Cliborne “Bandit” 1:12:20 (1)

Hull “Fools Game” 1:29:14 (2)

Gietl “Udo” 1:29:57 (3)

Evans “Severance” 1:33;27 (4)

Maloney “Courageous” 1:34:45 (5)

Miekina “Synergy” 1:37:58 (6)

Schraw “Second Wind” 1:39:02 (7)

Perdue “ Debra Ann” 1:40:50 (8)

Short “Fever” 1:41:25 (9)

Gobble “Always Something” 2:02:29 (10)

Johnson “Felicite” DNF

Photo Captions:

# 7203 - BYRA Fleet rounds Marker BU-5 and heads out toward the Blackwater River.

# 7204 - Maloney’s Harbor 20 leads (r-l) Evans, Cliborne and Perdue after rounding marker BU-5 in the early stage of the race.

# 7216- Hungry BYRA sailors wait for the main course at Mexico Viejo.