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The 2013 edition of the Pacific Cup Regatta is now history and for those of you who were there, it will never be forgotten. All the "old timers" I spoke to said they had never experienced a two day regatta with such miserable weather. In addition to the rain, we were presented with a host of other problems such as boat motors that wouldn't start, drowned electronics that quit working and shelters that blew away. We had a team of race officials and boat drivers that stood or sat for hours in the rain and cold. We had people who came early in the morning for set-up and were soaked before the first race even started. Our safety boat crew were rookies who were tested in the first few races and many times thereafter. Even after a long day of being cold and wet, many stayed late to assist with cleanup. Through it all, everybody did the job that was asked of them and RCKC thanks you.

The people taking care of food might have been warm and dry, but that didn't make their job any less important; our outside team knew that at the clubhouse would be hot soup or chili and sandwiches and the coffee was always on. For extra cheer, our bakers were busy and brought treats that were oh-so-welcome.....who cares about the calories!

A number of our senior athletes stepped in to volunteer, some for the first time in positions of very real responsibility and that is especially encouraging to your parents who have served the club for so many years. RCKC thanks you; we couldn't have managed without your help.

We also had officials and volunteers from other clubs and again, we couldn't have managed without their help and for that we are grateful. Thank you to all of you and please call on us if we can return the favour.

Thus far I have refrained from mentioning names because there are so many of you and I would inevitably miss a few if I attempted to list everyone. There are however a few names I feel I should mention simply because they are people who are new to the RCKC scene. We had a dinner in the park on Saturday night, prepared by Kevin Priebe, his parents Marg & Marlin, and their friends, Sharon & Delmar Boyne. Somehow the word "dinner" just doesn't seem adequate to describe the feast they prepared for us. The food they provided was hot and delicious and their friendliness made it wonderful to be their guests. All of us who were there look forward to working with them again.

Another name I want to mention is Glenn Jaegli. I met Glenn for the first time on Thursday. He was looking for a place to park his touring kayak for a month or two and simply offered to "give us a hand". Give us a hand he surely did for over the course of 3 days he lugged tables, erected tents, drove boats and got soaking wet along with the rest of us. He volunteers because, he says, it feels good. Thanks Glenn, you're an inspiration and your help was greatly appreciated.

To all of you who had a hand in Pacific Cup 2013, I thank you. That our team was able to stage a successful regatta when faced with numerous problems and such appalling weather is a testament to your dedication and skill and I am truly honoured to be associated with all of you. I offer my congratulations for a job well done!

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