

WOMEN'S WINDUP PARTY

We started in the Spring - May to be exact and raced every Thursday for 10 weeks. Now we celebrate our victories at the Windup Party held on July 27th. Corinne and staff cooked a delicious Greek buffet. Chanel and Jay manned the bar. It was wonderful!

Seven boats raced this year in our weekly series -2 non coached and 5 coached. You may have seen us out on the water on Thursdays nights racing around the buoys under the watchful eye of the committee boat manned by Peter Hirschmiller and Doug Fleming.

In total there were 15 races held and one boat managed to win 11 of them. This performance won Ayesha the "**Boat of the Year Award**". **Rookie of the Year** was a tie between Kyla Johnson on Mystique and Gabrielle Strong on Phoenix. Both put in strong performances as foredeck crew in their first year of racing. Chaos won the **Nut Free Award** never having a male on board while Mystique won the **Get Knotted Award** for stopping for a swim during the regatta and missing the start of the next race. Special recognition was given to Pam St Pierre on Little Miss Magic. She won the **Breaking Bad Award** (ask to see her hammer) for venturing out beyond our Thursday nights racing and breaking through the glass ceiling in B fleet during the Wednesday night mixed fleet. Icing on the cake, she won the Summer series in B Fleet. Congratulations Pam!

This year a new perennial Award was started - the **Debbie Gittins Memorial Award** in honor of our friend and fellow sailor who was a great inspiration to other women sailors. The winner of this award is a Vernon sailor who exhibits perseverance, commitment, enthusiasm, determination, love of sailing and the joy of competitiveness. This was an extremely hard decision to make as so many qualified for it but one sailor in her first year as helmsperson not only steered her boat to victory in the weekly races, she came first in the coached fleet in the Okanagan Women's regatta. Congratulations to Cathy Appleby for winning the first annual Debbie Gittins Memorial Award!