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Romanowski helped us on the Signal Boat on Wednesday for our practice, and Lynn Gruel and Charlie Anderson were with us on Friday and Saturday. The flags would not have come up without Charlie, nor would we have been anywhere near where we should have been on the lake. Charlie was a great help with his depth of knowledge. And Cross Cordosi was just a jewel. On time, attentive, and really good at skippering the Signal Boat and handling the anchor. The Signal Boat crew was just a delight to be with each day we were on the water.

On the pin boat for the starting line, Hunter Farris and Tori Lineweaver were out on Wednesday to do the practice race, and Hunter's wife was out with him on Friday and Saturday. Hunter was just perfect with the pin sets. When the starts were confused, it was my and not his fault. He found the proper distance from the Signal Boat, and was always on the spot with his anchor set. My hat is off to his skilled and most attentive assistance. He blew up an orange tetrahedron and set it record time, which allowed us to finish the final race on Friday on a shortened course without incident.

The others working the marks, Henry Kutschke and Jonny Kelly at the windward end of the course, and Ed Patton and Matt Hamburg, who set the gate marks, were, too, attentive and "on the money" with their mark drops. I never saw a chute come out until the boats rounded the offset. And they made a fine job of notifying the fleet of course changes. Just a great job done at the windward end of the course. And the gate was never set at an angle. A little nudging got it right each time. Both the Judge and I were delighted with the course management. Simply superb!

I was happy to have chase boats out and ready to help. The boys were out on the windy rehearsal day Wednesday, and paid attention to what we were trying to do. I sure was happy to know that I had the GPS operators I needed to set a good course. And because the chase boats were on the job, a chute got replaced and I had useful help communicating when radios became hard to use. It all just "worked".

The Judge you invited, John Tracy, was as good a Judge as I've ever encountered. He was very helpful to me, and I know he helped, too, others. Just a fine, knowledgeable Judge, And a good guy to be around.

And finally, Diane Wahlberg is simply wonderful - always there, looking just perfect, and paying attention not only to all that she had to do to keep us fed and watered, but to making sure we felt welcomed. She is, too, a jewel. As are your



bartenders. Attentive and fun. They make for a nice time once the racing is finished.

So, after many years of being the "PRO", I have never enjoyed the challenge as much as I did with this regatta. My thanks to you for Rick's invitation to be the PRO for the Easterns, for the fine shirts both Dina and I will wear proudly, and for having me come up to your delightful facility to spend time with all of you. You should be very proud of the showing your members made for the 2015 E Scow Easterns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bob Stevens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and a long, sweeping underline.