**Tivoli Shootout**

For the first time we held what we called the Tivoli Shootout organized by Barton Rachwal. Sanctioned class F only. Since it was experimental and wanted to keep it small we had 16 people invite only. We skied straight up to determine seed for head to head competition. Once in head to head competition we had two boats running just like Big Dog events. Handicap was determined by ranking list. For example: my ranking list score was into 41 off 36mph so it was considered my wall pass. My competitor Barton's wall pass was 38 off at 34mph. So he would go off the dock at 28 off 34mph, I would go at 35 off 36 mph. It was very cold and very windy so we weren't focused on scores we were focused on who could run the most buoys. A score of 3 buoys on his third pass (35off) would beat my score of 2 on my third pass (39off).

We had a fantastic time, boat crews were even competing by keeping track of how many winners they had as the day went on. Higher seed got to pick to go out first or second or defer, lower seed would pick boat since we had two different manufacturers. Once a competitor was eliminated they got to watch and cheer, it was unlike any tournament I've been to before and I've been in more formats than I can remember. In 2016 we hope to open it up and have qualifying round as a class C and then the best 16 (ability based) get to do the head to head while the rest of the skiers that came get to party and cheer. With our new experience and some adjustments, we think we can do the 16 man head to head bracket in 2 hours so everyone can go home by 2 or 3 pm.