

## Reference: Slide Show to Music – a rockin’ wrap-up!

*Who wouldn't like to watch a replay of the whole regatta? We asked organizers of the JO Festival/Texas Jr. Race Week to tell how they pulled it off.*

- Our week-long format made this more feasible, but a shorter event could do a streamlined version.
- It's best to *start* the Awards Ceremony with the Slide Show; we did it at the end, because there was too much daylight earlier.
- Kids *love* to see themselves on screen; use shots of as many children as possible, but expect a few hurt feelings.
- Equipment needed: Two slide projectors with one dissolve unit. Set slides to change every 6 seconds. Show was 15-20 minutes, using 160-200 slides.
- Need to time slides to music (sometimes tricky; will need patience).
- Loud, jazzy, fun music – and the kids really get into it. No narration needed!

**Music:** I started with (1) “The Boys Are Back in Town” – overall group shot, individual team shots (each yacht club), unloading boats/cars, registration, RC, volunteers, competitors’ meeting, launching, leaving the docks, rigging boats, clubhouse, welcome signs, JO banner; (2) “Take It Back” (Jimmy Buffett) – start line, mark roundings, up/downwind sailing, (3) “Whip-Out” – crash shots, capsizes, exciting roundings, waves; (4) “Fins” (Buffett) – lots of girls, close-ups, sailing, now & then a few guys; (5) “Changes in Latitudes” – racing, parties, kids socializing, everything else. Music helps set the tone; let your imagination go.

**Shooting Film:** It took 20-30 rolls of slide film to pick out the best shots. It doesn't take a pro, but it does take someone who knows how to take action shots – good, up close and moving shots. Our local camera store donated 10 rolls of Kodak slide film and the developing, because Kodak was an Olympic sponsor at the time (even absent that “hook” you may well be able to negotiate some substantial support).

**Allow Time/Delegate:** Time to take photos, have film processed, pick music (ahead), pick slides, assemble, set up.

**Contact Your Photo Store/Lab Early:** Tell them you want to present a slide show as the finale of your Junior Sailing Olympics, hoping for their help. Can they provide slide film/developing? Is their lab in-house? Can they turn slides around in 2-3 hours? Someone can drop off the first day's exposed film, and even the final morning's, to minimize pressure on the lab your last day. You'll also be able to sort the first day's slides and start building the show. Some full-service photo stores have 2 slide runs daily (in by 11, out by 2; in by 2, out by 5).

It was a big hit – with kids and parents!

- Barbara Brownback