VP Navigational Rally – 2020 Report

2020 was a landmark year for navigational rally in Ontario. Many sports series were cancelled or had so few events that there were no winners announced. Due to navigational rally's season spanning from early January to late November, enough events were run to declare a complete season and thus determine series champions. Five of the scheduled nine events ran. Four of the five main clubs were able to hold at least one event. Attendance was about normal for recent years with a total (not average) of 18 Expert entries and 28 Novices in the 5 events. Geographically, events ran between Colborne to the east, Bancroft to the north and Ingersol to the west.

Entries continue to be low compared to what there could be but there is a core of competitors that do most of the events. Some novice crews come and go.

KWRC continues to have a strong club and has a great club level series in their Saturday Night at the Rallies events. This really is a beginner friendly series and is a feeder to the ORRC series. PMSC has occasional club level events but they are not very well attended.

One thing I would like to work on in 2021 is a greencrew "school" to provide green crews with more direction as to what their responsibilities are and how to accomplish them.

In conclusion, navigational rallying in Ontario continues to survive but with low turnouts compared to the amount of effort that goes into the preparation of the events. It seems that organizers are still prepared to continue to hold events despite this low reward.

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