

Water Fronts for April 1

After a one day delay because of stormy weather, the McCune Memorial Race was sailed in favorable conditions Sunday, with Funatic, Angry Hillbillies and Out Patient taking class honors.

Eighteen skippers signed up for the race on Saturday, but it was blown out by high Santa Ana winds and rescheduled for Sunday. On Sunday, only 13 of the boats turned out for the race, hosted by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club.

The two spinnaker classes sailed an 18.8 mile course around oil rigs Gail and Gina and the Hueneme buoy, finishing at Channel Islands Harbor. The non-spinnaker class sailed a 10 mile race. The format was a reverse handicap, pursuit style race, with higher rated boats starting first.

Randy Alcorn's Cal 29, Out Patient, squeezed out victory in the non-spinnaker class, finishing just 43 seconds ahead of Jim Albert's C&C 37, Paradise Found.

The winners in the two spinnaker classes had it much easier, with Rod Abbott's Choate 48, Funatic, taking Class A by more than 12 minutes, and Paul Moore's Olson 30, Angry Hillbillies, prevailing in Class B by almost 14 minutes.

The J-24, Tortoise, was the first spinnaker boat around oil rig Gail, but was passed by Angry Hillbillies and Funatic, respectively, on the way to Gina. Funatic finally passed Hillbillies on the way to the Hueneme buoy and easily finished first among the spinnaker fleet.

Results (finish times in parenthesis)

Class A: 1-Funatic, Rod Abbott (15:13:30); 2-XS, Geno Beville (15:25:44).

Class B: 1-Angry Hillbillies, Moore & Klatt (15:19:49); 2-Perfect Balance, Richard Sharpe (15:33:43); 3-Tortoise, Garrett Baum (15:35:00); 4-Double Down, Brian Kerr (15:40:13); 5-Majic Dragon, Mike Harper (15:45:00).

Non-spinnaker: 1-Out Patient, Randy Alcorn (13:57:33); 2-Paradise Found, Jim Albert (13:58:16); 3-Breezy, Chris Johnston (14:00:42); 4-Velero, Brent Swanson (14:05:17); 5-Rumbylowe, Virgil Landry (14:07:37); 6-Serenity, Rich Reynolds (14:10:08).

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 41; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 32; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 29; Funatic, Choate 48, Rod Abbott, 28; XS, Mull 30, Gene Beville, 24; Perfect Balance, Olson 30, Richard Sharpe, 20; Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 19; Breezy, Santana 27, Chris Johnston, 19; Jaded 18; Rival 18; Majic Dragon 15; Quiet Times 13; Zuma Jay 13; R Escape 12; Paradise Found 10.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

-- Saturday, April 3, Lady at the Helm Race, hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club. The skippers meeting is 9 a.m. Racing begins at noon. All eligible boats must be entered and skippered by a woman. A special class will be scored for any entries with an all woman crew and/or any double-handed entries. For more information, contact Larry Golkin at 403-9900 or e-mail him at [Larry@Golkinlaw.com](mailto:Larry@Golkinlaw.com).

-- Sunday, April 18, VYC Regatta. This is the second in a three-regatta series hosted by Ventura Yacht Club. There will be a J-24 class, a PHRF spinnaker class and a PHRF non-spinnaker class. Three races are planned in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. Entry fee is \$20. Skippers meeting is at 8:30. Racing begins at 11. For more information, contact Stan Whisenhunt at (805) 659-1464 or e-mail at [Swhisenhun@aol.com](mailto:Swhisenhun@aol.com).

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

April 3, CIYC, Lady at Helm

April 18, VYC, PHRF & J-24 Regatta Series 2.

April 17-18, AYC, Channel Islands to Newport Beach

May 1, CIYC, Port Royal Regatta, PHRF & J-24.

May 5, AYC, Wet Wednesday Series begins (thru Sept. 29).

May 5, VYC, Wet Wednesday Series begins (thru Sept. 8).

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