

Water Fronts for April 22

Three races, totaling 7.5 miles, were decided by just one second - a mere tick of the clock - as Deke Klatt and Jaded won the J-24 class in Sunday's Ventura Yacht Club Regatta.

While Klatt was winning his class by the narrowest of margins, Joe Joines and Randy Alcorn ran away with their classes. Joines sailed his Melges 24, Tunzagrunt II to three wins to easily take the non-spinnaker class. Alcorn sailed his Cal 29, Out Patient to three wins and victory in the non-spinnaker class.

Winds were light and shifty, causing the race committee to move the starting area several hundred yards to the south for the second and third races.

Klatt won the first race of 1.5 miles, with Cecile Schwedes taking second in Blue J. Third was Tortoise, co-skipped by Stan Whisenhunt and Garrett Baum.

The second race was as tight as it gets, with Jaded coming from behind to nudge Tortoise by just one second in a photo finish. That proved to be the margin of victory in the regatta because Tortoise won the final race while Jaded placed third.

Alcorn won every race handily in the non-spinnaker class, but Joines had some tight competition in the spinnaker class. He won the first race by just 16 seconds on corrected time over Mike Hopper's J-22, Majic Dragon. Then he took the second race by just 46 seconds over Alan Macnaughton's Hobie 33, Wahoo.

Jaded and Tortoise had faster corrected times than Tunzagrunt in all three races, as the J-24 and PHRF spinnaker classes sailed the same courses. The non-spinnaker class sailed a shorter, 3 mile course in the final race, while the J-24s and spinnaker boats went 4.5 miles.

The final regatta in the series will be sailed Sept. 12 and will also serve as a tune-up for the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge/Ventura Cup the following weekend.

Results:

J-24 Class: 1-Jaded, Deke Klatt (1-1-3); 2-Tortoise, Whisenhunt & Baum (3-2-1); 3-Blue J, Cecile Schwedes (2-3-4); 4-Radio Flyer, Carlos Brea (4-4-2).

PHRF spinnaker: 1-Tunzagrunt II, Joe Joines (1-1-1); 2-Majic Dragon, Mike Hopper (2-4-2); 3-Wahoo, Alan Macnaughton (3-2-4); 4-Double Down, Brian Kerr (4-3-3); 5-Paradise Found, Jim Albert (5-5-5).

Non-spinnaker: 1-Out Patient, Randy Alcorn (1-1-1); 2-R Escape, Verne Haller (2-2-3); 3-Flying Carpet, Doug Fajardo (3-3-2).

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Ivan Cox of Ventura Yacht Club skippered Voyager to victory in the opening event of the Santa Barbara Channel Series of cruiser navigation contests.

Placing second was Frank Sullivan of Channel Islands Yacht Club in Valkyrie.

Cox had an error factor of 2.1959 percent, while Sullivan came in at 5.2585 percent. Five boats entered, but Sheri Holzapfel had to withdraw in It'll Do because of rudder problems.

The next contest is the Jim Cline Memorial on May 15.

Results:

1-Voyager, Ivan Cox, 2.1959%; 2-Valkyrie, Frank Sullivan, 5.2585%; 3-Romance, Bernie Marington, 7.6060%; 4-Kiss, Jan Lawson, 9.3969%.

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 49; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 35; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 32; XS, Mull 30,

Gene Beville, 29; Funatic, Choate 48, Rod Abbott, 28; Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 22; Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 21; Perfect Balance, Olson 30, Richard Sharpe, 20; Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 19; Majic Dragon 18; Rival 18; Quiet Times 15; Paradise Found 14; R Escape 13; Zuma Jay 13; Blue J 10; Maine Squeeze 10.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

-- Saturday, May 1, Port Royal Regatta. Hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club, this regatta will feature a buoy course and a random leg course. There will be PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. The entry fee is \$30 (\$25 for U.S. Sailing members). Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the skippers meeting will be at 9. Racing begins at noon in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. Four races are planned for the spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. One race is planned for the cruising class.

-- Saturday, May 15, Hardway Race. Hosted by Pierpont Bay Yacht Club and Santa Barbara Sailing Club, this is the first event in PBYC's Island Series. It is also part of the Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs high point series and scores double points in the Ventura County High Point Championship Series. The skipper's meeting is at 9:30 on Saturday May 15 at the SBSC dry storage area and the first start is at 11 AM. The entry fee for the Hardway Race is \$55 (\$50 for USSA members); the entry fee for the three-race series is \$135 (\$120 for USSA members). Skippers from Channel Islands and Ventura harbors need to request a slip in Santa Barbara by April 29. A minimum of five boats will be required in order for the race committee to include the Hardway course around Santa Cruz Island. The entry form, Santa Barbara slip request form and notice of race are on PBYC's website ([www.pbyc.org](http://www.pbyc.org)). For further information, contact Richard Countess at [rcountess@aol.com](mailto:rcountess@aol.com) or at 818-889-2669.

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

May 1, CIYC, Port Royal Regatta.

May 1-2, SBSC/SBYC, Cinco de Mayo Regatta, J-24s.

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

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May 8, PCYC, VCORC Random Leg, PacCorCup 2.

May 15, PBYC/SBSC, Hardway Race (Island Series 1). (Double points).

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