

Water Fronts for April 8

Hillary Hosshaw and Trish Castanon were class winners Saturday in the windy and wild Lady at Helm race hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club.

Thirteen lady skippers braved high winds and choppy seas as spinnaker boats went 19 miles around oil rigs Gilda and Gina and non-spinnaker boats went 18 miles around Gilda. Winds were light at the start but piped up considerably as the fleet approached oil rig Gail. Gusts of 25 knots were recorded at some points during the race.

Hosshaw skippered the Mull 30, XS, to victory in the spinnaker class, recording the fastest elapsed time of 3 hours, 1 minute, 10 seconds, and nipping second place Suzy Ramey in the J-24, Tortoise, by 1 minute, 20 seconds on corrected time.

Castanon won the non-spinnaker class aboard Out Patient, a Cal 29, by almost nine minutes on corrected time over Diane Van Arsdall aboard the Catalina 27, Sisu. The fastest boat on elapsed time was the C&C 37, Paradise Found, skippered by Bonne Duncan, covering the 18 miles in 3 hours, 24 minutes, 38 seconds.

Funatic, a Choate 48 skippered by Roxanne Vettesse, was the first boat to the oil rig by a large margin over XS and Maine Squeeze, a Schock 35 skippered by Cherri Taylor. Spinnaker problems in the high winds, however, caused Funatic to lose her lead and XS caught up and crossed the finish line 25 seconds ahead.

Tortoise, the smallest boat in the spinnaker class, registered speeds of 11.6 knots on the run from Gilda to Gina. Every boat in both classes completed the long course in less than four hours.

Results:

Spinnaker class: 1-Hilary Hoshhaw, XS, 2:36:28; 2-Suzy Ramey, Tortoise, 2:37:48; 3-Cherri Taylor, Maine Squeeze, 2:41:17; 4-Mary Foster, Zoarces, 2:43:56; 5-Brenda Golkin, Fusee, 2:46:18; 6-Roxanne Vettesse, Funatic, 2:49:14.

Non-spinnaker: 1-Trish Castanon, Out Patient, 2:36:37; 2-Diane Van Arsdall, Sisu, 2:45:34; 3-Bonne Duncan, Paradise Found, 2:52:14; 4-Bernice Luna, Breezy, 2:58:41; 5-Kelly Warshauer, Quiet Times, 3:10:39; 6-Kim Lighthart, Windermere, 3:219:51; 7-Jane Thomas, Mystic Flyer, 3:23:39.

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 47; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 33; 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; Perfect Balance, Olson 30, Richard Sharpe, 20; Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 19; Jaded 18; Rival 18; Majic Dragon 15; Quiet Times 15; Paradise Found 14; Zuma Jay 13; R Escape 12; Maine Squeeze 10.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

-- 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.

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

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).

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

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

May 22, AYC, Anacapa to Port (Anacapa Series 1)

May 23, VYC, Commodore Classic

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