

Water Fronts for Aug. 25

Sailboat racing conditions don't get much better than they were last Saturday for Pierpont Bay Yacht Club's 34-mile Tri Point Race.

Twenty six boats started and 26 boats finished as favorable winds prevailed all day. All boats finished the race around Anacapa Island before 6 p.m., with most of the fleet in before 5 p.m.

The fastest boat - Bill Gibbs' 52 foot catamaran, Afterburner - stormed around the course in just 2 hours, 30 minutes, 25 seconds. The fastest monohull was the J-145, Radio Flyer, skippered by Caroline Parks of Santa Barbara Sailing Club. Radio Flyer took only 4 hours, 9 minutes, 5 seconds to complete the course.

The big winners were:

* Brent Swanson in the Islander 29, Velero, winning the non-spinnaker class and posted the day's best corrected time.

* Deke Klatt and Paul Moore in Angry Hillbillies, an Olson 30, winning Class A.

* Mike Hopper in his J-22, Majic Dragon, taking first in Class B and overall honors in the spinnaker class.

* Dena Mercer in the J-30, Pangea, placing second in Class B, second overall and winning the woman skipper perpetual trophy.

* Gary Kahler, taking top honors in the multi-hull class in Drei, an F-31.

* Bob Martinez winning the beach catamaran class in Sailbad the Sinner, a Prindle 18.

The race was the final event in PBYC's Island Series, which also included the Hardway Race and the Milt Ingram Trophy Race.

Tri Point Results:

Class A: 1-Angry Hillbillies, Paul Moore & Deke Klatt, 3:58:44; 2-Misfit, George Moll & Eric Schlageter, 4:06:30; 3-Rival, Dick Velthoen & Dave Boatner, 4:09:20; 4-Double Down, Brian Kerr, 4:15:11; 5-Troublemaker, Rod Abbott, 4:23:38; 6-Radio Flyer, Caroline Parks, 4:24:23.

Class B: 1-Majic Dragon, Mike Hopper, 3:55:29; 2-Pangea, Dena Mercer, 3:56:10; 3-True Blue, Tim Droney, 3:59:14; 4-Outpatient, Donna Lorenzen, 4:02:56; 5-Rush Street, Larry Leville, 4:07:40; 6-Paloma, Michael Raider, 4:21:13; 7-Zoarcas, Shelly Johnson, 4:24:38.

Non-spinnaker: 1-Velero, Brent Swanson, 3:47:58; 2-R Escape, Verne Haller, 4:10:24; 3-Breezy, Chris Johnston, 4:11:36; 4-Quiet Times, Tom Warshauer, 4:24:15; 5-Alcyone, Gary Goodman, 4:27:26.

Multi-hulls: 1-Drei, Gary Kahler, 3:58:42; 2-Afterburner, Bill Gibbs, 4:00:23; 3-Itchy, Mitch Yount, 4:15:56.

Beach catamarans: 1-Bob Martinez, 5:01:49; 2-Terence Seaman, 5:13:22; 3-John Schwartz, 5:37:50; 4-Brent Johnson, 5:40:07; 5-Manny Dagnet, 6:09:11.

Perpetual trophy winners: Spinnaker class-Majic Dragon; Non-spinnaker class-Velero; Woman skipper-Dena Mercer, Pangea.

Island Series Results:

Class A: 1-Misfit, 4 (2-1-1); 2-Rush Street 6 (1-3-2).

Class B: 1-Pangea 5 (1-2-2); 2-Majic Dragon, 10 (8-1-1); 3-Double Down, 13 (2-8-3); 4-Uhambo, 15 (4-3-8); 5-Rage, 17 (5-4-8); 6-Spirit of Falmouth, 19 (3-8-8); 7-Wahoo, 22 (6-8-8).

Non-spinnaker: 1-Velero, 3 (1-1-1); 2-R Escape, 7 (3-2-2); 3-Quiet Times, 10 (4-3-3); 4-Alcyone, 13 (5-4-4); 5-Majic Dragon, 18 (2-8-8); 6-Caroline, 21 (8-5-8); 7-Paradise Found, 24 (8-8-8).

Multi-hulls: 1-Afterburner, 4 (1-1-2); 2-Drei, 5 (2-2-1); 3-Itchy, 10 (4-3-3); 4-Sally Lightfoot, 13 (3-5-5).

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Anacapa Yacht Club and the Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation hosted the U.S. Sabot Nationals at Channel Islands Harbor over the Aug. 13-14 weekend.

The regatta was sailed in westerly breezes of 5 to 15 knots.

Matthew Pierce of Santa Barbara Yacht Club won the six-boat Class A with five firsts and four seconds and a total of 40 points in the 15 races.

Brianna Doyle of the Santa Barbara Sea Shell Association came in second, three points behind.

Annika Garret of Del Rey Yacht Club was third, seven points out of first with four bullets. Harrison Cooper of AYC and PCYC finished fourth, taking a first in the last race. Caroline Gay of SBSSA came in fifth with 58 points, followed by Taylor Lewis of AYC with 72 points

In the B Fleet Frankie Doyle of SBSSA had 11 first place finishes on his way to victory with 22 points, followed by Ryan Eastwood (SBSSA) with 36 points. Jordan Wood of PCYC/AYC came in third with 55 points in her first effort in the B Fleet. Katelon Egan of SBSSA was fourth with 56 points, followed by Mason Bromberg, DRYC, with 56, Mason Bromber, DYRC, 65, and Sabrina Stevens, DRYC, 81.

In C Fleet, several local sailors competed with all the sailors from the local harbor out for their first official race. Chase Clary (AYC/PCYF) sailed to first place with 10 wins and 27 points. Caden Scheiblaue (SBSSA) was second with 52 points. Mary Toomey (AYC/PCYF) took third with 53 points, followed by Fisher Price and Nicholas Morgan, both of (AYC/PCYF) tied with 69 points with Fisher winning the tiebreaker. Garret Winter (AYC/PCYF) sailed to sixth place with 82 points. Stephanie Zaludek (SBSSA) was seventh, followed by Alexander Galvin (AYC/PCYF), Robert Leicht (WYC) and Will Lang (AYC/PCYC).

Gene Beville, principal race officer for the event, notes that Pacific Corinthian, Ventura and Santa Barbara yacht clubs all offer outstanding summer youth sailing programs to give our young sailors the opportunity to learn and excel in the sport. He suggests that if any parents have an interest in getting their youngsters involved, they should give him a call at 469-9549.

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Ventura County High Point Standings (Score best 10 races; in parenthesis, number of races scored): Velerio, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 69 (10); Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 59 (10); Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Paul Moore & Deke Klatt, 52 (10); Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 50 (10); Pangea J-30, Mike Leary & Dena Mercer, 45 (6); Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 43 (10); Rival, J-35, Dick Velthoen & Dave Boatner, 41 (7); XS, Mull 30, Gene & Geno Beville, 38 (7); Outpatient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 33 (9); Tortoise, J-24, Stan Whisenhunt & Garrett Baum, 30 (9); Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 28 (4); Maine Squeeze, Schock 35, Mike Taylor, 21 (7); R Escape, Cal 320, Verne Haller, 20 (7); Fusee 18, Afterburner 17, Double Down 17, Misfit 16, Zuma Jay 15, Moore Fun 12, Sunrise 11, Commotion 11.

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Upcoming Sailboat Races

* Saturday, Aug. 27, VYC Regatta Series 3. This is the third and final regatta of the series and a great tune-up opportunity for the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge and Ventura Cup. Four buoy races are planned for J-24s and PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats. The series leaders are Jaded and Commotion in the J-24 class and Double Down, Majic Dragon and Sunrise in the PHRF Class. Entry fee for boats not already in the series is \$25. The skippers meeting is at 8:30 and racing begins at noon in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. For more information, contact Stan Whisenhunt at 659-1464 or Swhisenhun@aol.com.

* Sunday, Aug. 28, TGIS Fall Series 1. This is the first of four races in the TGIS Fall Series, co-hosted by Pacific Corinthian and Anacapa yacht clubs. AYC will host races 1 and 2 (Sept. 25) and PCYC will host 3 (Oct. 16) and 4 (Nov. 20). Entry fee is \$50 for the series or \$20 for individual races. All skippers meetings will be at AYC. The skippers meetings are at 11. Racing begins at 1 p.m. Starts will be outside of and the finishes in the vicinity of the Channel Islands Harbor outer breakwater. For more information, contact Gene Beville at 469-9549 or email him at genebeville@aol.com.

* Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 17-18, Santa Barbara Channel Challenge/Ventura Cup. There will be two windward-leeward races on Saturday and a random leg race on Sunday. Yacht Clubs can enter up to three 3-boat teams. The class breaks are 84 and below for Class A; 85 to 137 for Class B; 138 and above for Class C and a non-spinnaker class. The guest principal race officer is Stan Betts of U.S. Sailing who conducts the race management seminars for the Southern California Yachting Association. Entry fee is \$50, if received by Sept. 9 and \$75 thereafter. Each skipper will receive a ticket for the Saturday night barbecue. There will be DJ and dancing Saturday after racing. On Sunday, there will be a huge complimentary buffet and awards following racing. The skippers meeting is at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Racing begins at noon both days. For more information, visit the Ventura Yacht Club website at venturayachtclub.org or contact Race Chair Stan Whisenhunt at (805) 659-1464 or email him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

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2011 ocean sailboat racing schedule

Aug. 27, VYC, PHRF & J-24 regatta (J-24 Series)

Aug. 28, PCYC/AYC, TGIS Series 3

Sept. 3 & 5, AYC, Santa Barbara City Race

Sept. 5, AYC, Tequila Derby

Sept. 10-11, VSC, Prison Break

Sept. 17-18, VYC, S.B. Challenge/Ventura Cup (Double points; ASBCYC race)

Sept. 24, CIYC, Lady at the Helm

(Fax your race announcements, results and other information to Stan Whisenhunt at 659-3058 or call him at 659-1464. His e-mail address is Swhisenhun@aol.com).