

Water Fronts for Aug. 5

Places in the Ventura County High Point Standings are likely to be shaken up considerably the next three weekends. Sailboat races each of those weekends will score double in the high point standings. The first big event is Anacapa Yacht Club's Wes Golemon Memorial race on Aug. 7. That race is around Anacapa Island, leaving the island to starboard. The following weekend will be Channel Islands Yacht Club's Neil Underwood Regatta. That regatta not only scores double points, but also is part of the J-24 Fleet 145 season championship series and will be a showdown between Jaded and Tortoise for first place. The two boats are virtually tied and the Underwood Regatta will determine the season championship since both boats will be racing in Dana Point the weekend of the final event in the series on Sept. 12. Deke Klatt, skipper of Jaded, has won the fleet championship every year since 2000. The last skipper other than Klatt to win the championship was Stan Whisenhunt and Tortoise in 1999. The battle for the third place trophy is between Blue J, Radio Flyer and Commotion and likely will take both the Underwood Regatta and the VYC Regatta on Sept. 12 to decide. On Aug. 21, Pierpont Bay Yacht Club will host the Tri Point Race, still another double points race and the final race of PBYC's Island Series. Randy Alcorn of Anacapa Yacht Club has a commanding lead in the County High Point Standings aboard his Cal 29, Out Patient. Alcorn has sailed in 21 races and amassed 113 points. Angry Hillbillies, co-skippered by Paul Moore and Klatt, has raced only 10 times, scoring 69 points and standing in second place. The battle is for the second through fourth place trophies. Tortoise is just one point behind Hillbillies, but likely will sail only in the Underwood Regatta and might well drop out of the top five. The fourth place boat, Chris Johnston's Catalina 27, Breezy, is just 8 points behind Tortoise. XS, a Mull 30 skippered by Gene Beville, stands 18 points behind Tortoise and likely will sail all three double points races and may overtake the J-24 in the standings. Other boats expected to score well the next three weekends are Velero and Majic Dragon, both with good shots at finishing among top five.

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 113; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 69; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 68; Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 60; XS, Mull 30, Gene Beville, 50; Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 43; Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 39; Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 39; Funatic, Choate 48, Rod Abbott, 35; Perfect Balance, Olson 30, Richard Sharpe, 32; Zuma Jay, Cal 25, Kevin Dickmann, 30; Pangea, J-30, Mike Leary, 28; R Escape, Catalina 320, Verne Haller, 26; Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 26; Rival, J-35, Velthoen & Boatner, 26; Honukai 20, Paradise Found 19, Senior Advantage 17, The Source 17, Colt 45 17, Maine Squeeze 15, Fusee 15, Superstition 15, Zoarcas 15.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

* Saturday, Aug. 7, Wes Golemon Memorial. This is the final of three races in Anacapa Yacht Club's Anacapa Series. It scores double points in the County High Point Standings and is part of the Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs high point series. The race is around Anacapa Island to starboard, starting at the Mandalay buoy. The skippers meeting is at 8:30 a.m. The race starts at 11 a.m. Entry fee for non-series entrants is \$30. Entry form is available on the club website at www.anacapayachtclub.com. For more information, contact Gene Beville at (805) 469-9549.

* Saturday, Aug. 21, Tri Point Race. Hosted by Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, this is the final of three races in the club's Island Series. It scores double points in the County High Point Standings. Entry fee for non-series entrants is \$55 (\$50 for U.S. Sailing members). The skippers meeting is at 8:30 a.m. The race starts 11 a.m. at the Mandalay buoy and the course is around Platorm Gina and Anacapa Island, leaving both to starboard, and finishing in the Ventura Harbor entrance channel. For more information, contact Richard Countess at 818 889-2669 or e-mail him at Rcountess@aol.com.

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

Aug. 7, AYC, Wes Golemon Memorial (Anacapa Series 3)(Double points).
Aug. 14, CIYC, Underwood Memorial Regatta, PHRF & J-24s (Double points).
Aug. 15, PCYC, TGIS Series 1
Aug. 21, PBYC, Tri Point Race (Island Series 3)(Double points).
Aug. 29, PCYC, Rotten Ralph Race.
Sept. 4-6, AYC, Santa Barbara City Race

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