

Water Fronts for Dec. 16

Randy Alcorn sailed more races and scored more points than anyone else as his Cal 29, Out Patient, easily won the Ventura County High Points Championship in 2010.

Alcorn scored 185 points in 34 races, finishing 47 points ahead of the second place boat.

Alcorn, who lives in Ventura, works for the Navy at Point Mugu as a logistics manager for aircraft test equipment. Alcorn is a member of Anacapa Yacht Club and also a member of the Pacific Single-handed Sailing Assoc in Los Angeles.

Local sailors will remember Alcorn as the person who was swept overboard in 2006 during a stormy race and was rescued by helicopter after a worker aboard oil rig Gail spotted him adrift at sea and summoned help.

Out Patient joins Tim Haapanen's Catalina 27, Sisu, as the only non-spinnaker boats to have won the county high points championship. That is testimony to the growing numbers of racers sailing in the non-spinnaker class. The more boats there are in a class, the more points a skipper can score.

"The non-spinnaker class is really a great fleet to sail in," Alcorn said. "After most races, the boats in our class can sit at the same table and talk about what a great day we had and share our stories. It really has been a great year."

Alcorn and his crew won a lifetime worth of first place trophies in 2010 aboard Out Patient. Their victories included the VYC's Regatta Series; CIYC's Midwinter Regatta; PBYC's Spring Series; PCYC's McCune Memorial, VCORC Regatta and Yachting Cup; AYC's Platform A Race, Wes Golemon Memorial, Santa Barbara City Race and Tequila Derby; PBYC's Milt Ingram Trophy Race and the Two Harbor Fall Out Patient also won VYC's Commodore Classic, which did not count for high point scoring, so Alcorn actually sailed in more than weekend 34 events.

Although he had numerous wins, he was especially proud of his showing in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge. "I felt good about our fourth place finish. Look who we sailed against: SBYC's Taxi Dancer, Mike Leary's Pangea and Bryan Shaw's High Voltage. I was really close."

One of his more frustrating races was a Spring Series race in which he was in first place, but got "flushed out of Ventura Harbor, going from first to third, just before we crossed the finish line because of the tsunami."

Alcorn's regular crew consists of Jerry Roth and Mary Howard. His son Brian often sails with him. Also crewing on occasions is Trish Castanon, who drives the boat in CIYC's Lady at the Helm Race and VYC's Gal & Guy Series. Others who fill in from time to time are Dave Gorney, Mike Lorensen and Mike Gehl. After scoring just 67 points in 2009, Alcorn really turned it on in 2010.

After the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge in 2009, Alcorn decided to ramp things up in 2010. He has Kevin Miller of North Sails make a new genoa for Out Patient and "we came out of the box winning."

2010 Top 10

1—Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 185; 2—Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 138; 3—XS, Mull 30, Gene & Geno Beville, 125; 4—Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 105; 5—Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston; 6—Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 73; 7T—Pangea, J-30, Mike Leary & Dena Mercer, 69; 7T—Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 69; 9—Rival, Velthoen, Boatner & DeFreitas, 66; Jaded, Deke Klatt, 60.

Others

R Escape 46, Colt 45 45, Quiet Times 41, Double Down 39, Paradise Found 37, Maine Squeeze 35, Funatic 35, Perfect Balance 32, Wind Dancer 32, Zuma Jay 30, Senior Advantage 28, Blue Star 26, Uhambo 25, Blue J 25, Zoarcas 25, High Voltage 24, Fusee 24, Moore Fun 23, Sprit Decision 22, Superluminal 21, Wimpy 20, Honukai 20.

All-time active top 10

XS 1,095; Funatic 997; Tortoise 992; Rival 851; Velero 813; Wind Dancer 813; Jaded 685; Pangea 511; Scooter 447; Radio Flyer 421.

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The Santa Barbara Channel will say good bye to a familiar competitor this month. The Olson 30 Perfect Balance is being reluctantly sold and she will begin a new life in Connecticut in 2011. Perfect Balance has been a winner of most major competitions off the Gold Coast. Originally owned by Joe Joines, she was 3 times Olson 30 National Champion under the helm of Rick Flukey and was given a new lease of life with Richard and Paula Sharpe over the past 4 years.

The Sharpes, who sponsor the Ventura County High Point Series, won that championship in 2008 aboard

Perfect Balance.

Sharpe said a newer, smaller boat will take Perfect Balance's place in the 2011 season.

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Local sailors who race against Dr. Laura Schlessinger might be interested to know she will be back on the radio soon. She will be on Sirius 102 and XM 155 starting on Jan. 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, with the programs repeated on Saturdays and Sundays. She capped off a successful racing year recently by winning Santa Barbara Yacht Club's Holiday Regatta in her J-100, Perfect.

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County High Point Standings:

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2011 ocean sailboat racing schedule

Jan. 9, AYC/PCYC, TGIS Series 1.

Jan. 15, VYC, PHRF & J-24 regatta (J-24 Series)

Jan. 23, PCYC, Race Management Seminar

Jan. 30, AYC/PCYC, TGIS Series 2.

Feb. 12, PBYC, Spring Se

Feb. 19-20, CIYC, Midwinters (Double points; J-24 Series)

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