

Water Fronts for Dec. 2

The county's top spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats - Angry Hillbillies and Out Patient - were winners Saturday in Ventura Sailing Club's Wild Turkey Classic Plastic race.

The race was for fiberglass boats built before 1991.

Angry Hillbillies, an Olson 30 co-skipped by Paul Moore and Deke Klatt was the winner in the spinnaker class. Out Patient, a Cal 29 skipped by Randy Alcorn was the winner for the third year in a row in the non-spinnaker class. Out Patient is in first place in the County High Point Standings, while Hillbillies ranks second.

Although the wind was blowing at 10 to 12 knots most of the morning, by the 11 a.m. first start in the reverse handicap race, there was dead calm and lumpy seas, giving a huge disadvantage to the slower-handicap boats starting early.

The 15 mile course was around the Mandalay buoy, oil rig Gina and the Hueneme buoy, finishing at Channel Islands Harbor.

The race attracted 19 boats, including 12 non-spinnaker, 7 spinnaker and one multi-hull. The going was tough for the early starters as they spent the first hour just trying to clear the starting area. Things finally got moving about 11:40 as a light southwesterly filled in, mercifully releasing the fleet from the quagmire of the starting area. The multihull fleet, down to just one boat this year, made the last start at 12:00, soon after the last monohull, Maine Squeeze, left the start line at 11:57:45. During the first leg of the race the wind began to switch to its typical westerly direction and built to a steady 12 to 14 knots for the remainder of the race.

For the multihull class it was Robert Shirley on his Weta trimaran, Empress, who was the only entrant. Even though he didn't have anyone to race, Robert was all smiles as he was able to smoke past the entire fleet after starting last, being the first boat to finish, and posting the fastest time around the course at 1 hour 42 minutes and 50 seconds.

Results (finish times): Spinnaker Class: 1-Angry Hillbillies, Moore & Klatt, 13:49:46; 2-Wahoo, Alan Macnaughton, 13:50:00; 3-Maine Squeeze, Mike Taylor, 14:01:50; 4-Majic Dragon, Mike Hopper, 14:02:36; 5-Second Chance, Phil Sauer, 14:02:52; 6-Wainui, Mark Coleman, 14:05:29; 7-Star Too, Sid Karneke, 14:52:29.

Non-spinnaker: 1-Out Patient, Randy Alcorn, 14:10:12; 2-Moore Fun, Joe Joines, 14:10:25; 3-Breezy, Chris Johnston, 14:15:10; 4-Green Flash, Jon Rodriguez, 14:18:35; 5-Zuma Jay, Kevin Dickmann, 14:23:50; 6-Halona, Norbert Hirsch, 14:24:00; 7-Allergria, Paulson & Wooding, 14:24:01; 8-Sea Dog, Phil & Chelsea Tifo, 14:27:30; 9-Spit Dog, Chuck Manley, 14:25:41; 10-Courageous, Larry Burroughs, 14:51:39; 11-Touch of Grey, Bruce Alker, 15:17:25.

Multi-hull: 1-Empress, Robert Shirley, 13:42:57.

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 180; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 138; XS, Mull 30, Gene Beville, 119; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 101; Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 83; Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 73; Pangea, J-30, Mike Leary & Dena Mercer, 69; Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 69; Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 60; Rival, J-35, Team Rival, 58; R Escape, Catalina 320, Verne Haller, 46; Colt 45, Tripp 40, Dan Chepley, 45; Paradise Found 37, Quiet Times 35, Funatic 35, Double Down 34, Perfect Balance 32, Quiet Times 31.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

* Saturday, Dec. 4, Two Harbor Fall Series 4. This final race of the Fall Series is hosted by Pierpont Bay Yacht Club. The skippers meeting is at 8:30 and racing begins at 11 at the Mandalay Buoy. The finish is at Ventura Harbor. Entry fee for non-series entrants is \$30 (\$25 for USSA members). For more information, contact: Richard Countess (PBYC), phone: 818-889-2669, e-mail: rcountess@aol.com, or Gene Beville (AYC), phone: 805-469-9549, email: race@anacapayachtclub.com.

* Sunday, Dec. 5, TGIS 5. Hosted by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, this is the last race in the series and the final race of the year in Ventura County. The skippers meeting is 10:30. The race starts at 12:30 outside the Channel Islands Harbor breakwater. For more information contact Gene Beville at 469-9549.

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

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