

Water Fronts for Dec. 24, 2009 – by Stan Whisenhunt

After a lull of about six weeks, the 2010 sailboat racing season will kick off on Sunday, Jan. 17, when Ventura Yacht Club hosts the first in a series of three regattas. The long season will end on Dec. 5 when Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club hosts the last of its TGIS Series.

Every local yacht club except for the Ventura Sailing Club will have launched their racing programs by the middle of March.

Pierpont Bay Yacht Club kicks off its Spring Series on Feb. 13.

Channel Islands Yacht Club will host PHRF and J-24 classes in the SCYA Midwinters on Feb. 20-21.

Anacapa Yacht Club starts its racing season on March 13 with the St. Patrick's Day Race.

Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club's race committee swings into action on March 14 when it hosts a "Regional Training Race."

Ventura Sailing Club gets going on June 26, when it hosts the Frenchies Rum Run race.

All of those races and every other race on the schedule are open to sailors from all the local yacht clubs, so there will be more than enough action to whet the yachting appetites in 2010.

Early on there will be a couple of important seminars for local sailors to attend. On Saturday, Jan. 23, the Southern California Yachting Association will put on a day long Race Management Seminar at Ventura Yacht Club. This is primarily for race committee workers but is also an excellent program for racers.

On Sunday, Feb. 28, Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club will be host for a Racing Rules of Sailing seminar. This seminar is mainly for racers but also applies to race committee workers as well.

So get you're your scissors and clip out the full 2010 racing schedule below. Tape it on your refrigerator and get your foul weather gear handy. The 2010 racing season isn't far away.

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The J-24 Fleet 145 Championship Series schedule has been set for 2010. There will be seven regattas on the schedule and the best five will be scored for series honors.

The 2009 champion was Deke Klatt in Jaded, with Stan Whisenhunt's Tortoise second, and Dave Witham's Commotion third.

The 2010 schedule:

Sunday, Jan. 17, VYC's PHRF & J-24 Regatta Series 1

Saturday, Jan. 23, VYC, Race Management Seminar.

Sat/Sun, Feb. 20-21, CIYC Midwinter Regatta

Sunday, Feb. 28, PCYC, Racing Rules of Sailing Seminar.

Sunday, April 18, VYC's PHRF & J-24 Regatta Series 2

Saturday, May 1, CIYC's Port Royal Regatta

Sat/Sun, July 10-11, VYC's SailFest Regatta

Saturday, Aug. 14, CIYC's Neil Underwood Regatta

Sunday, Sept. 12, VYC's PHRF & J-24 Regatta Series 3

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Upcoming sailboat races:

* Sunday, Jan. 17, VYC Regatta Series 1. Hosted by Ventura Yacht Club, this is the first of three regattas for PHRF boats and J-24s. The other regattas will be sailed on April 18 and Sept. 12.

The entry fee for the series is \$45. Entry for individual regattas is \$20. Three races are planned for each regatta, with skippers meetings at 8:30 and racing beginning at 11. Notice of race and entry form are available on the club's website at Venturayachtclub.org. For more information, contact Stan Whisenhunt at 659-1464 or e-mail him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

Jan. 17, VYC PHRF & J-24 Regatta Series 1.
 Feb. 13, PBYC, Spring Series 1
 Feb. 20-21, CIYC, SCYA Midwinters, PHRF & J-24.
 Feb. 27, PBYC, Spring Series 2
 March 13, AYC, St. Patrick's Day Race
 March 14, PCYC, Regional Training Race
 March 20, PBYC, Spring Series 3
 March 27, PCYC, McCune Race, PacCorCup 1.
 April 3, CIYC, Lady at Helm
 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).
 May 22, AYC, Anacapa to Port (Anacapa Series 1)
 May 23, VYC, Commodore Classic
 June 5, CIYC, Cooke Memorial Doublehanded Race
 June 12, VYC, Governor's Cup (random leg)
 June 13, CIYC, John Larson Memorial
 June 19, AYC, Platform A Race (Anacapa Series 2)
 June 26-27, CIYC, Channel Islands to Marina Del Rey
 June 26, VSC, Frenchie's Rum Run
 July 10-11, VYC, SailFest Regatta, PHRF & J-24s
 July 17, PBYC, Milt Ingram Race (Island Series 2)
 July 24, PCYC, Yachting Cup, PacCorCup 3
 July 31, PCYC, McNish Classic Yacht Race
 Aug. 7, AYC, Wes Golemon Memorial (Anacapa Series 3)
 Aug. 14, CIYC, Underwood Memorial Regatta, PHRF & J-24s
 Aug. 15, PCYC, TGIS Series 1
 Aug. 21, PBYC, Tri Point Race (Island Series 3)
 Aug. 29, PCYC, Rotten Ralph Race.
 Sept. 4-6, AYC, Santa Barbara City Race
 Sept. 5, PCYC, TGIS 2
 Sept. 6, AYC, Tequila Derby
 Sept. 11-12, VSC, Prison Break
 Sept. 12, VYC, PHRF & J-24 Regatta Series 3
 Sept. 18-19, VYC, S.B. Channel Challenge/Ventura Cup
 Sept. 25, CIYC, VCMRF Charity Regatta
 Oct. 3, VYC, Gal & Guy Series 1
 Oct. 9, PBYC/AYC, Two Harbor Fall Series 1
 Oct. 10, PBYC/VYC, Caregivers Sailathon
 Oct. 17, PCYC, TGIS 3
 Oct. 23, AYC/PBYC, Two Harbor Fall Series 2
 Nov. 7, VYC, Gal & Guy Series 2 & 3
 Nov. 13, AYC/PBYC, Two Harbor Fall Series 3
 Nov. 14, PCYC, TGIS 4
 Nov. 27, VSC, Wild Turkey Classic
 Dec. 4, PBYC/AYC, Two Harbor Fall Series 4
 Dec. 5, PCYC, TGIS 5

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