

Water Fronts for Feb. 17

The Spring Series for sailboat racers began Saturday, with light and fluky winds causing frustration for most skippers and crews.

Only one spinnaker boat – XS, a Mull 30 co-skipped by Gene & Geno Beville – managed to finish the 15.5 mile course in less than four hours. Three multi-hulls also sailed the 15.5 mile course and none of them could complete the course in less than 4 hours, 20 minutes. The going was equally slow for the non-spinnaker class, which sailed a 10.1 mile course.

Winners were XS in the spinnaker class, Kevin Dickmann's Cal 25, Zuma Jay, in the non-spinnaker class and Lee Edwards' F-28, Honukai, in the multi-hull class.

How frustrating was the race? Here's how Garrett Baum, skipper of the J-24, Tortoise, reported things:

"The event was completely conditions induced. Boats were passing one another the entire race within 200 feet of each other with one boat going about two knots faster because of small bursts of wind or no wind areas. We took off third boat for boat (behind XS and Angry Hillbillies) for most of the leg from Mandalay to Gina and were ahead of and stretching our lead boat for boat over Rival. The breeze went fluky on us and we got passed by the faster boats. Then on the one tack waterline nightmare back to Fishsticks, the big boats pulled away. It was rough going."

No kidding.

Results:

Spinnaker class: 1—XS, Gene & Geno Beville, 3:36:15; 2—Angry Hillbillies, Paul Moore & Deke Klatt, 3:40:44; 3—Rival, Dick Velthoen, 3:48:21; 4—Paradise Found, Jim Albert, 4:22:49; 5—Fusee, Harry Krum, 4:30:52; 6—Majic Dragon, Mike Hopper, 4:33:02; 7—Tortoise, Garrett Baum, 4:37:36; 8—Double Down, Brian Kerr, 4:51:42; dnf—Senior Advantage.

Non-spinnaker: 1—Zuma Jay, Kevin Dickmann, 3:14:26; 2—Quiet Times, Tom Warshauer, 3:19:16; 3—Tuxedo Junction, Brad Barnes, 3:20:43; 4—Moore Fun, Joe Joines, 3:22:09; 5—Breezy, Chris Johnstan, 3:33:49; 6—Velero, Brent Swanson, 3:38:24; 7—Alcyone, Gary Goodmanb, 3:45:02; 8—R Escape, Verne Haller, 3:46:20.

Multi-hulls: 1—Honukai, Lee Edwards, 4:31:48; 2—Itchy, Mitch Yount, 5:02:32; 3—Drei, Gary Kahler, 5:33:18.

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Ventura County High Point Standings. XS, Mull 30, Gene & Geno Beville, 11; Majic Dragon J-22, Mike Hopper, 9; Moore Fun, Moore 24, Joe Joines, 9; Sunrise, Newport 30, Geoffrey Ball, 7; Paradise Found, C&C 37, Jim Albert, 7; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 7; Zuma Jay, Cal 25, Kevin Dickmann, 7; Out Patient 6, Rival 6, Quiet Times 6, Tuxedo Junction 5, Jaded 4, Flying Carpet 4, Rumbylowe 4, Double Down 4, Fusee 4.

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Upcoming Sailboat Races

\* Saturday, Sunday, Feb. 19-20. SCYA Midwinters hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club. This regatta is for PHRF boats, J-24s, multi-hulls on Saturday and Sunday and a cruising class on Sunday. This event is part of the J-24 Fleet 145 championship series, the ASBCYC High Point Series for PHRF boats, and scores double points in the Ventura County High Point Standings. Entry fee is \$30 for boats 20 to 32 feet and \$40 for boats over 32 feet. Entry forms and sailing instructions are available on CIYC's web site. The skippers meeting is at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Racing begins at noon both days. For more information contact Regatta Chair Connie Calo at 985-2492.

\* Saturday, Feb. 26, Spring Series 2. Hosted by Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, this is the second in a three race series. Race 3 will be on March 19. The entry fee for individual races is \$30 (\$25 for U.S. Sailing members). The skippers meetings are at 8:30 a.m. and racing begins at 11 a.m. in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. All finishes will be in the Ventura Harbor entrance channel. For more information, contact Race Chair John Thawley at 218-8792 or e-mail him at [jthawleydj@verizon.net](mailto:jthawleydj@verizon.net).

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2011 ocean sailboat racing schedule

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

Feb. 26, PBYC, Spring Series 2

Feb. 27, PCYC, Racing Rules Seminar

March 12, AYC, St. Patrick's Day Race

March 13, PCYC/AYC, TGIS Spring Series 3.

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