

Water Fronts for Feb. 18

Paul Moore seems to change boats more often than some people change their motor oil. Although he has been sailboat racing only seven years, he's already owned and raced four different boats – well, maybe more if you count sailing dinghies.

In 2007 Moore campaigned his J-24, Angry Hillbillies. In 2008 and 2009 he campaigned his Zap 26, Angry Hillbillies 2, with Deke Klatt as co-skipper. They combined for the best record of any spinnaker boat in Ventura County. Also in 2009, Moore won Class B in Ventura Yacht Club's Wet Wednesday series in his Wilderness 21, Tijuana Taxi.

It's a new year and Moore is trotting out still another boat, an Olson 30 named – what else? – Angry Hillbillies 3. Moore and Klatt teamed up Saturday to win class A and overall in the opening race of Pierpont Bay Yacht Club's Spring Series.

They beat eight boats in their class and also corrected out over seven boats in the spinnaker B class.

Taking first in Class B was the J-24 Tortoise, co-skippered by Stan Whisenhunt and Garrett Baum. Winning the non-spinnaker class was Brent Swanson in his Islander 29, Velero, while Lee Edwards took the multi-hull class in Honukai.

The race attracted 29 boats and all boats finished in the great sailing conditions. The spinnaker and multi-hull boats sailed a 16.2 mile course around oil rig Gilda while the 10-boat non-spinnaker fleet sailed a 9-9 mile course around the "fishsticks" and Mandalay buoys.

Bill Gibbs had the distinction once again of having the fastest boat on the water and his 52-foot catamaran, Afterburner, steamed around the course in just 1 hour, 41 minutes, 50 seconds, almost a full hour faster than the quickest monohull.

The series will resume on Feb. 27.

Results:

Class A: 1—Angry Hillbillies, Moore & Klatt, 2:08:45; 2—Rival, Velthoen, Boatner & DeFreitas, 2:11:25; 3—XS, Gene & Geno Beville, 2:11:52; 4—Funatic, 2:17:41; 5—Main Squeeze, Mike Taylor, 2:18:05; 6—The Source, Joe Joines, 2:19:49; 7--5150, Mike Warns, 2:23:11; 8—Sprit Decision, George Moll, 2:25:36; 9—Double Down, Brian Kerr, 2:26:42.

Class B: 1—Tortoise, Whisenhunt & Baum, 2:12:05; 2—Majic Dragon, Mike Hopper, 2:14:25; 3—Fusee, Harry Krum, 2:20:50; 4—Tuxedo Junction, Brad Barnes, 2:21:36; 5—Leona Kai, Larry Listing, 2:22:58; 6—Zoarces, Shelly Johnson, 2:24:17; 7—Paradise Found, Jim Albert, 2:40:24.

Non-spinnaker: 1—Velero, Brent Swanson, 1:29:53; 2—Out Patient, Randy Alcorn, 1:34:08; 3—R Escape, Verne Haller, 1:35:05; 4—Breezy, Chris Johnstan, 1:37:22; 5—Quiet Times, Tom Warshauer, 1:38:41; 6—Serenity, Rich Reynolds, 1:43:10; 7—1421, SK Leong, 1:43:10; 8—Papakea, Steve & Robin Whyte, 1:46:01; 9—Spray, Charles & LeeAnne Clark, 2:12:21; dnf—Superstition.

Multi-hulls: 1—Honukai, Lee Edwards, 2:29:14; 2—Afterburner, Bill Gibbs, 2:36:05; 3—Wimpy, Mitch Yount, 2:40:32.

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Commodores and representatives of the Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs (SBCYC) met for two hours this week and came away with two major recommendations for member clubs.

The association unanimously passed two motions: to recommend to member clubs that they require skippers to show proof of insurance before being allowed to enter a sailboat race, and to recommend to member clubs that they require racing boat owners to obtain PHRF certificates after they have raced in two weekend events. Santa Barbara yacht clubs already require proof of insurance and a PHRF certificate to be allowed to race in PHRF-handicapped events.

Ventura County clubs traditionally have not required PHRF certificates for non-spinnaker boats but that will change if the associations' recommendation is followed.

Certificates can be obtained by visiting the PHRF web site at [www.phrfsocal.org/howtojoin](http://www.phrfsocal.org/howtojoin).

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 10; Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 9; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 9; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 8; R Escape, Catalina 320, Verne Haller, 8; Rival, J-35, Velthoen, Boatner & DeFreitas, 7; XS 6, Breezy 6, Quiet Times 5, USA 3324 5, Majic Dragon 5, Jaded 4, Main Squeeze 4, Fusee 4, Serenity 4, The Source 3; 1421 3, Tuxedo Junction 3.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

\* Saturday, Sunday, Feb. 20-21, SCYA Midwinter Regatta. Hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club, this regatta will be for the J-24 class and for PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats. PHRF rating certificates will be required for boats entering PHRF classes. The skippers meeting will be at 8:30 on Saturday, Feb. 20. Racing will begin in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy both days starting at noon. For more information, contact Race Chair Larry Golkin at (805) 403-9900.

\* Saturday, Feb. 27, PBYC Spring Series 2. This popular three race series is hosted by Pierpont Bay Yacht Club. The final race will be March 20. The skippers meeting for each race is at 8:30 a.m. and racing starts at 11 in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. All finishes will be in the Ventura Harbor entrance channel. Entry fee for individual races is \$30 (\$25 for USSA members). For more information, contact Richard Countess at (818) 889-2669 or at [Rcountess@aol.com](mailto:Rcountess@aol.com).

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

Feb. 20-21, CIYC, SCYA Midwinters, PHRF & J-24. (Double points).

Feb. 27, PBYC, Spring Series 2

Feb. 28, PCYC, Racing Rules Seminar

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. (Double points)

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