

Water Fronts for July 15

Last weekend's SailFest Regatta attracted J-24s from two states, seven harbors and nine different yacht clubs. The impressive field included the reigning North American champion, a three-time U.S. National champion, a former North American champion and the reigning SCYA Midwinters and Long Beach Race Week champion. They all finished in the top five in the 14 boat fleet, while a relative "dark horse" managed to snatch third place. The highly competitive fleet sailed eight races over two weather-perfect sailing days off Ventura Harbor. The regatta was hosted by Ventura Yacht Club with Richard Countess of Pierpont Bay Yacht Club serving as principal race officer.

When the action was over, the winner was Pat Toole of Santa Barbara Sailing Club. He is the current North American champion and has a strong lead in the District 21 Road Series, of which the weekend regatta was a part. He recently won the Cinco de Mayo Regatta in Santa Barbara which was also part of the Road Series.

In addition to the J-24s, there was a seven-boat PHRF Class which sailed three random leg races, with Mike Hopper taking the win in his J-22, Majic Dragon.

The J-24 racing was tight, with five different boats winning races. The issue was still in doubt until the final race when Toole scored his third win and clinched the regatta title.

Placing second was three-time National champion Chris Snow of San Diego Yacht Club aboard One Love. Snow won two races, but finished five points back of 3 Big Dogs.

The top local boat was Tortoise, co-skippered by Stan Whisenhunt and Garrett Baum of VYC. Tortoise won the opening race by 15 seconds over 3 Big Dogs and had single-digit finishes in all but one race enroute to a third place regatta finish.

Fourth place went to Deke Klatt, also of VYC and a former North American champion. Klatt had three second place finishes and his crew dazzled onlookers in the seventh race as they sailed four legs with just a spinnaker halyard having to make bare-headed sail changes at each mark. Despite that, they lost only three places after their genoa halyard gave way and the genoa crashed to the deck.

The other two boats winning races were Midwinters and Long Beach Race Week champ Susan Taylor of Cal Yacht Club in Take Five, finishing fifth in the regatta, and Peter Fischel of Dana Point Yacht Club, who placed sixth aboard Rumblefisch.

The racing was too tight for the faint of heart. In race one, Tortoise won by 15 seconds over 3 Big Dogs, with One Love just one second behind Dogs. Only 31 seconds separated the first four boats. In race two Rumblefisch won by 22 seconds over Blue J which nipped Tortoise by 5 seconds for second place with Slippery When Wet just another 11 seconds behind. And so it went for eight grueling races.

The PHRF competition was also tight, with Majic Dragon finally prevailing. Randy Alcorn's Cal 29, Out Patient, won the opening 10.8 mile race handily. It was a different story in the 7.7 mile second race, as Majic Dragon prevailed by just 47 seconds over Out Patient. It was more of the same in the 12.5 mile final race, as Majic Dragon won again, this time by just 55 seconds over Out Patient.

The regatta was not only part of the J-24 District 21 Road Series, but also part of the local Fleet 145 championship series. Tortoise's win in the local fleet left her just one point behind Klatt's Jaded for series honors. Three more regattas are scheduled in the series. .

J-24 Results:

1-3 Big Dogs, Pat Toole, SBSC, 15 (2-8-1-3-2-5-1-1); 2-One Love, Chris Snow, SDYC, 20 (3-11-3-1-1-4-4-4); **3-Tortoise, Stan Whisenhunt & Garrett Baum, VYC, 25 (1-3-4-5-7-10-2-3);** **4-Jaded, Deke Klatt, VYC, 28 (6-10-2-2-3-6-7-2);** 5-Take Five, Susan Taylor, CYC, 30 (4-13-7-6-4-1-3-5); 6-Rumblefisch, Peter Fischel, DPYC, 34 (5-1-5-4-5-13-5-9); 7-Critter, James Baurley, SMWYC, 49 (8-5-8-9-10-3-6-11); 8-Mourning Wood, Charlie Fox, ABYC, 50 (9-12-6-7-9-2-11-6); 9-Geraldine, Dan Tierney, SBSC, 54 (12-6-9-10-6-7-8-8); 10-Slippery When Wet, WYC, Jacquelin Pierson, 58 (7-4-12-8-8-14-9-10); **11-Blue J, Cecile Schwedes, VYC, 70 (11-2-13-13-16-8-10-13);** **12-Radio Flyer, Carlos Brea, VYC, 70 (13-7-11-12-12-9-12-7);** 13-About Time, John Cianciarulo, DPYC, 83 (14-14-10-11-11-12-13-12); 14-PT Platinum, Frank Glenn, Lake Mead, 85 (10-9-14-14-13-11-14-14).

PHRF results:

Overall: 1-Majic Dragon, Mike Hopper, 2-1-1; 2-Out Patient, Randy Alcorn, 1-2-2; 3-Superstition, Bill Miller, 4-6-3; 4-Tunzagrunt, Joe Joines, 3-3-8; 5-Deliverance, Minolis Dimotakis, 5-5-4; 6-Paradise Found, Jim Albert, 6-4-6; 7-Superluminal, Jerzy Poprawski, 7-7-5.

Race 1 (10.8 miles): 1-Out Patient, 1:44:48; 2-Majic Dragon, 1:48:42; 3-Tunzagrunt, 1:52:48; 4-Superstition, 1:57:45; 5-Deliverance, 1:58:33; 6-Paradise Found, 2:00:47; 7-Superluminal, 2:06:52.

Race 2 (7.7 miles): 1-Majic Dragon, 55:09; 2-Out Patient, 55:56; 3-Tunzagrunt, 58:10; 4-Paradise Found, 1:02:02; 5-Deliverance, 1:02:03; 6-Superstition, 1:03:50; 7-Superluminal, 1:05:51.

Race 3 (12.5 miles): 1-Majic Dragon, 1:42:50; 2-Out Patient, 1:43:45; 3-Superstition, 1:49:28; 4-Deliverance, 1:50:53; 5-Superluminal, 1:51:08; 6-Paradise Found, 1:58:57; dns-Tunzagrunt.

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 96; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 58; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 51; Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 50; Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 39; Velerero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 39; XS, Mull 30, Gene Beville, 38; Funatic, Choate 48, Rod Abbott, 35; Perfect Balance, Olson 30, Richard Sharpe, 32; Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 31; Zuma Jay, Cal 25, Kevin Dickmann, 30; Rival, J-35, Velthoen & Boatner, 26; Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 25; Pangea, J-30, Mike Leary, 24; Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 37; R Escape, Catalina 320, Vern Haller, 23; Paradise Found 19, The Source 17, Superstition 15; Col5 45 15, Maine Squeeze 15, Zoarces 15, Blue J 13; Senior Advantage 13, Honukai 13, Fusee 12, Wahoo 11, Wimpy 10.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

* Saturday, July 17, Milt Ingram Race. Hosted by Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, this is annual one of the most popular sailboat races. The 42-mile race starts at the Mandalay buoy and goes around oil rig Grace and Anacapa Island before finishing at Ventura Harbor. It is the second race in PBYC's Island Series and it part of the Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs high point series. The entry fee is \$55 (\$50 for U.S. Sailing members). The skippers meeting is at 8:30 and the race starts at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Richard Countess at (818) 889-2669 or Rcountess@aol.com.

* Saturday, July 24, Yachting Cup. This 3-race regatta is hosted by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club and scores double points in the Ventura County High Point Standings. It is the third and final event in the Pacific Corinthian Cup Series. It is also part of the J-24 Fleet 145 season championship series. Entry fee is \$45 The skippers meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Racing will begin at 11 a.m. Entry forms and sailing instructions are available at www.pcy.org.

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

July 17, PBYC, Milt Ingram Race (Island Series 2)

July 24, PCYC, Yachting Cup, PacCorCup 3 (Double points).

July 31, PCYC, McNish Classic Yacht Race

Aug. 7, AYC, Wes Golemon Memorial (Anacapa Series 3)(Double points).

Aug. 14, CIYC, Underwood Memorial Regatta, PHRF & J-24s (Double points).

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