

Water Fronts for July 8

Sailors competing in this weekend's SailFest Regatta will have a couple of great opportunities. For starters, they can attend a racing clinic by a world class sailor, and then go compete against some of the top skippers and crews on the West Coast.

The two day regatta for J-24s and PHRF boats will be at Ventura Harbor, hosted by Ventura Yacht Club.

After the 9 a.m. skippers, there will be a racing clinic by Chris Snow of North Sails. Snow is a 5-time J-24 U.S. National Champion and he has placed in the top 10 in the J-24 Worlds six different times. Snow's presentation will be a mini-version of the North U and J-World courses.

After the presentation, Snow will then take to the water in his J-24, Bogus, as one of the favorites in the large one-design class. Among his chief competitors will be VYC's Deke Klatt, a former North American champion in Jaded; Pat Toole of Santa Barbara Yacht Club, who won the recent Cinco de Mayo Regatta in 3 Big Dogs, and Sue Taylor of Cal Yacht Club, who won the J-24 Midwinters hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club.

The J-24s will sail up to seven races over the weekend, while PHRF boats are scheduled to sail two random leg races on Saturday and one on Sunday. J-24s will be coming from Las Vegas, San Diego, Dana Point, Marina Del Rey and Santa Barbara.

This event is part of the J-24 District 21 Road Series and the local J-24 Fleet 145 championship series. The entry fee is \$30. The skippers meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Racing will begin at noon each day. Staff Commodore Richard Countess of Pierpont Bay Yacht Club will serve as guest principal race officer.

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Last week I reported that Dick Velthoen and Dave Boatner of Ventura Yacht Club co-skipped the J-35 Rival to a class victory in Long Beach Race Week. Rival won all seven races in the PHRF 3 fleet. I have since learned Eric Schlagater of Anacapa Yacht Club won the Flying Tiger 10 class in Ruckus.

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 91; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 51; Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 50; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 47; Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 39; XS, Mull 30, Gene Beville, 38; Funatic, Choate 48, Rod Abbott, 35; Perfect Balance, Olson 30, Richard Sharpe, 32; Zuma Jay, Cal 25, Kevin Dickmann, 30; Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 29; 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 18, The Source 17, Col5 45 15, Maine Squeeze 15, Zoarces 15, Senior Advantage 13, Honukai 13, Fusee 12, Wahoo 11, Superstition 11, Wimpy 10, Blue J 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 10-11, VYC, SailFest Regatta, PHRF and J-24s.

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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