

Water Fronts for June 17

Mike Leary is on a roll. Leary won for the second consecutive week on Saturday as he sailed his J-30, Pangea, to victory in Class B in Ventura Yacht Club's Governor's Cup race. A week earlier, the VYC sailor teamed with Dena Mercer to win their class and first overall in Channel Islands Yacht Club's Cooke Memorial double-handed race. Sixteen boats turned out for the Governor's Cup. Ventura Yacht Club members won all three classes. Rival, co-skipped by Dick Velthoen and Dave Boatner, won Class A, while Michael Raider's Paloma won the spinnaker class. Class A sailed a 22.2 mile course, while Classes B and C sailed an 18.4 mile course. The fastest boat on the water was Bill Gibbs' 52-foot catamaran, Afterburner, which sped around the 22 miles in 3 hours, 19 minutes, 9 seconds. Every boat but one finished and the fleet was in before 6 p.m. The only boat not to finish was For Sale, a Moore 24 skippered by Joe Joines, which sailed the wrong course. Eight boats completed the race in less than five hours.

Results:

Class A: 1—Rival, Velthoen & Boatner, 3:52:14; 2—Colt 45, Dan Chepley, 3:55:34; 3—Perfect Balance, Richard Sharpe, 3:57:34; 4—Endurance, Mike Stuzane, 4:39:06; 5—Double Down, Brian Kerr, 4:39:14.

Class B: 1—Pangea, Mike Leary, 3:44:11; 2—Tortoise, Stan Whisenhunt, 3:49:51; 3—Out Patient, Randy Alcorn, 4:01:50; 4—Senior Advantage, John Thawley, 4:06:41; 5—Majic Dragon, Mike Hopper, 4:10:42; dnf—For Sale.

Non-spinnaker C: 1—Paloma, Michael Raider, 4:25:35; 2—R Escape, Verne Haller, 4:32:47; 3—Breezy, Chris Johnston, 4:40:05; 4—Superstition, Bill Miller, 4:48:32.

Multi-hull: 1—Afterburner, Bill Gibbs, 4:13:55.

SOLID BOX:

It's time to get on my soap box again. Five more people were inducted Sunday night into the Ventura County Sports Hall of Fame. Since it's inception in 1983, there have been 142 county residents inducted.

But there hasn't been a single sailor inducted into the County Hall of Fame, even though the county has two pleasurecraft harbors, hundreds of active sailboat racers and some of the top sailors in the state if not the world.

I'll name just five who should be in the Hall of Fame.

* Gary Swenson. He was winning major races as a teen-ager and has evolved into a leading sailmaker, owner of Swenson's Ulman Sails Loft at Ventura Harbor.

* Kevin Hall. He has won world championships in dinghies as a youngster and today is a veteran America's Cup sailor.

* Ryan Cox. He was Collegiate Sailor of the Year while attending the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He won the J-24 Mexican Nationals a couple of years back.

* Kevin Miller. He is a sailmaker with North Sails and a highly respected professional sailor. He has guided many top boats to victory in world-class events.

* Deke Klatt. He has probably won more local races than any area sailor. He has won the J-24 North Americans and numerous other blue chip events outside the area. He has won the local J-24 fleet championship numerous times. He is also a sailmaker, working for Swenson's loft. These guys have done far more than many of the athletes and others who have been inducted into the County Hall of Fame. But officials in the organization obviously have a blind-spot. I repeat: There has never been a sailor inducted into the County Hall of Fame. It's way past time. The organization could make up for lost time by inducting those five as a group next year.

SOLID BOX:

County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 70; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 47; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 39; Funatic, Choate 48, Rod Abbott, 35; XS, Mull 30, Gene Beville, 32; Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 32; Perfect Balance, Olson 30, Richard Sharpe, 32; Veler, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 27; Rival, J-35, Velthoen & Boatner, 26; Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 25; Pangea, J-30, Mike Leary, 24; R Escape, Catalina 320, Vern Haller, 23; Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 22; Jaded 21, Paradise Found 18, Maine Squeeze 15, Zoarces 15, Zuma Jay 14, Fusee 12, Honukai 11, Superstition 11, Wimpy 10, Blue J 10.

SOLID BOX: Upcoming sailboat races:

-- Saturday, June 19, Platform A Race. Hosted by Anacapa Yacht Club, this is the second in its three-race Anacapa Island Series. The final race will be the Wes Golemon Memorial (Anacapa to starboard) on Aug. 7. The entry fee for this race is \$30. The skippers meeting is at 8:30 a.m. The start will be at the Mandalay buoy at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Gene Beville at 469-9549.

-- Saturday, June 26, Channel Islands to Marina Del Rey Race. This race is co-hosted by CIYC and Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club. There will be spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruiser classes. The entry fee is \$45 (\$40 for U.S. Sailing members) for entries received before June 24. After that, there is an additional \$10 surcharge. Entries will be accepted Friday evening at CIYC and until 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 26. CIYC will serve breakfast on Saturday for \$7 from 7 to 9 a.m. The skippers meeting is at 9 a.m. The first start is at 11 a.m. SMWYC will host a country style breakfast on Sunday from 8 to 10 a.m. for \$7. For more information contact CIYC's Bob Deyling at 985-0603 or SMWYC race chair Paul DeLuca at 818 845-1887.

SOLID BOX: 2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

June 19, AYC, Platform A Race (Anacapa Series 2). (Double points).

June 26-27, CIYC, Channel Islands to Marina Del Rey

June 26, VSC, Frenchie's Rum Run (Double points).

July 10-11, VYC, SailFest Regatta, PHRF, J-24s & J-30s

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

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