

Water Fronts for June 9

Sunrise and Velero were winners last week in the Bob Cooke Memorial double-handed sailboat race.

The 18 mile race around oil rig Gilda was hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club and sailed in moderate southeast winds. There was a spinnaker class but it was a misnomer. Because of the wind direction, it was a close reach on both legs and only one boat - which had originally been aiming for the wrong oil rig - was able to fly a spinnaker. Because each leg was a no-tack reach, it was a very fast race, with all but three boats finishing in less than three hours.

Tom Edgerton and Jack Edgerton sailed the Newport 30, Sunrise, to victory in the "spinnaker" class with a corrected time of 1 hour, 56 minutes, 14 seconds.

Brent Swanson, grandson of the race's namesake, and Larry Burroughs, sailed Cooke's old boat, the Islander 29, Velero, to victory in the non-spinnaker class, with a fleet best corrected time of 1:55:16.

All but one boat in the 14-boat fleet finished the race. After all but one of the boats had finished, the wind dropped to almost nothing, leaving Jane Thomas and Mary Howard Ingram unable to finish aboard the Capri 22, Desert Wind.

The fastest boat on the water was Maine Squeeze, a Schock 35 sailed by Mike and Cheri Taylor with an elapsed time of 2 hours, 38 minutes, 20 seconds.

Results:

Spinnaker class: 1-Sunrise, Tom Edgerton & Jack Edgerton, 1:56:14; 2-Tortoise, Stan Whisenhunt & Gary Bright, 2:05:36; 3-Majic Dragon, Mike Hopper & Dan Alpern, 2:07:34; 4-Moore Fun, Joe Joines & Paulo Cabrizo, 2:09:37; 5-Angry Hillbillies, Paul Moore & Sam Martin, 2:10:21.

Non-spinnaker: 1-Velero, Brent Swanson & Larry Burroughs, 1:55:16; 2-Quiet Times, Tom Warshauer & Curt Ingram, 2:05:34; 3-High Voltage, Brian Shaw & Brad Shaw, 2:06:09; 4-Pangea, Mike Leary & Dena Mercer, 2:07:04; 5-Out Patient, Randy Alcorn & Dave Gourney, 2:09:18; 6-Fusee, Harry Krum & Dave Lockridge, 2:11:21; 7-Maine Squeeze, Mike & Cheri Taylor, 2:15:50; 8-Endurance, Mike Stuzane & Bruce Reynolds, 2:19:25; dnf-Desert Wind, Jane Thomas & Mary Howard Ingram.

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Ventura County High Point Standings (Score best 10 races; in parenthesis, number of races scored): Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 29 (8); Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 28 (10); Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 28 (7); Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 27 (8); Rival, J-35, Velthoen & Boatner 24 (4); Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt 18 (3); Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 18 (6); XS, Mull 30, Gene & Geno Beville, 16 (5); Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 16 (6); Fusee, Beneteau 38, Harry Krum, 16 (6); Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston 15 (6); Others: Moore Fun 12, Zuma Jay 11, Double Down 11, Sunrise 11, Paradise Found 8, Commotion 7, R Escape 7, Alcyone 7, Afterburner 6.

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Upcoming Sailboat Races

* Saturday, June 11, Governor's Cup. Hosted by Ventura Yacht Club, this is the county's oldest, continuously run offshore race. The perpetual trophy was deeded in 1968 by the late Gov. Edmund G. Brown and stipulates that boats must sail at least 18 miles. There will be PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes and a multi-hull class if 3 or more entrants. The entry fee is \$40, with a reduced fee of \$30 for boats entered prior to June 1. The skippers meeting will be at 9 a.m. and the first start will be at noon in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. For more information contact Race Chair Stan Whisenhunt at 659-1464 or e-mail him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

* Sunday, June 12. John Larson Memorial Race, hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club. The 12-mile course is from the Mandalay buoy around the Hueneme buoy and around oil rig Gina, finishing in front of CIYC. The mandatory skippers meeting is at 9 a.m. The first start is at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Mary Foster at (805) 797-5148.

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2011 ocean sailboat racing schedule

June 11, VYC, Governor's Cup (random leg)

June 12, CIYC, John Larson Memorial

June 18, AYC, Platform A Race (Anacapa Series 2)

June 25, VSC, Frenchy's Rum Run (Double points; ASBCYC race)

July 9-10, VYC, SailFest. PHRF & J-24 (J-24 Series)

July 16, PBYC, Ingram Trophy Race (Island Series 2; ASBCYC race)

July 23-24, PCYC, Yachting Cup (Double points; J-24 Series)

Aug. 6, AYC, Golemon Memorial (Anacapa 3; Double points; ASBCYC race)

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