

Water Fronts for March 25

Deke Klatt and Paul Moore of Ventura Yacht Club are on a hot roll in the young sailboat racing season. Klatt crews on Moore's Olson 30, Angry Hillbillies. Moore crews on Klatt's J-24, Jaded.

The two boats rank three and four in the County High Point Standings and their collective total of 40 points would put them easily in first place if Moore and Klatt stayed aboard just one boat. At the rate they are going, they may well become the first co-skippers to win two different trophies in the standings.

On Saturday, they sailed Hillbillies to first in Class A and first in the series as Pierpont Bay Yacht Club wrapped up its Spring Series.

Twenty nine boats turned out for the finale, which was marked by light, shifty winds and flat seas.

Mike Hopper sailed Majic Dragon, a J-22, to first place in Class B, but finished second in the series to Tortoise, a J-24 co-skipped by Stan Whisenhunt and Garrett Baum, which took second in the final race.

Bill Miller won the non-spinnaker class in his Capri 25, Superstition, while Randy Alcorn prevailed in the series in his Cal 29, Out Patient.

In the multi-hull class, Colin Gegg won the race aboard Indefatigable, while Bill Gibbs won the series in Afterburner.

The spinnaker and multi-hull classes sailed a 14.2 mile course around the Fishsticks buoy, the Wes Mark and finishing at Ventura Harbor. The non-spinnaker class sailed 9.9 miles around the Fishsticks and Mandalay buoys.

Racing was very close in the race and the series. Tie-breakers had to be used for trophies in Class A and the multi-hull class.

Of special note, every boat in the non-spinnaker class had a PHRF certificate by the end of the series, as PBYC followed a recommendation of the Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs that all racing boats should have valid certificates after a number of races.

Out Patient not only won the series and remained atop the County High Point Standings, but also came to the rescue of the race committee. The prop shaft on the committee boat came apart at the coupling as the race committee was preparing to set anchor in the starting area. Out Patient towed the RC boat into position so the committee could set its anchor.

Results:

Class A: 1—Angry Hillbillies, Moore & Klatt, 2:51:39; 2—Funatic, Rod Abbott, 2:52:24; 3—Rival, Velthoen, Boatner & DeDreitas, 2:52:46; 4—Perfect Balance, Richard Sharpe, 3:03:38; 5—Sprit Decision, George Moll, 3:11:31; 6—XS, Beville, 3:11:45; 7—The Source, Joe Joines, 3:17:04; 8—5150, Mike Warns, 3:18:46; 9—Maine Squeeze, Mike Taylor, 3:18:47; 10—Double Down, Brian Kerr, 3:40:43.

Class B: 1—Majic Dragon, Mike Hopper, 3:05:42; 2—Tortoise, Whisenhunt & Baum, 3:06:41; 3—Tuxedo Junction, Brad Barnes, 3:17:31; 4—Zoarces, Shelly Johnson, 3:22:17; 5—Paradise Found, Jim Albert, 3:51:01; dnf—Fusee.

Non-spinnaker: 1—Superstition, Bill Miller, 2:21:44; 2—Out Patient, Randy Alcorn, 2:32:27; 3—Quiet Times, Tom Warshauer, 2:33:25; 4—R Escape, Verne Haller, 2:35:42; 5—Breezy, Chris Johnston, 2:36:27; 6—Serenity, Rich Reynolds, 3:02:29; 7—1421, SK Leong, 3:02:34; 8—Papakea, Steve White, 3:02:47.

Multi-hulls: 1—Indefatigable, Colin Gegg, 3:26:25; 2—Afterburner, Bill Gibbs, 3:26:37; 3—Honukai, Lee Edwards, 3:27:04; 4—No Regrets, Brian Stanton, 3:30:24; dnf—Tomahawk.

Series results:

Class A: 1--Angry Hillbillies 6 (1-4-1); 2—Rival 7 (2-2-3); 3—XS 9 (3-1-5); 4—Funatic 9 (4-3-2); 5—The Source 15 (5-4-6); 6--Sprit Decision 17 (7-6-4); 7—5150 22 (6-9-7); 8—Double Down 25 (8-9-8).

Class B: 1—Tortoise 4 (1-1-2); 2—Majic Dragon 5 (2-2-1); 3—Tuxedo Junction 9 (3-3-3); 4—Zoarces 14 (4-6-4); 5—Paradise Found 16 (5-6-5).

Non-spinnaker: 1—Out Patient 6 (1-3-2); 2—Quiet Times 8 (4-1-3); 3—Superstition 10 (7-2-1); 4—Breezy 12 (3-4-5); 5—R Escape 13 (2-7-4); 6—Papakea 18 (5-7-6).

Multi-hull: 1—Afterburner 6 (2-3-1); 2—Honukai 6 (1-3-2).

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 31; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 25; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 22; Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 18; XS, Mull 30, Gene Beville, 18; Rival, J-35, Boatner, Velthoen & DeFreitas, 18; Funatic, Choate 48, Rod Abbott, 16; Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 15; Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 15; Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 13; Zuma Jay, Cal 25, Kevin Dickmann, 13; Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 13; R Escape 12, Perfect Balance 12; Superstition 9; Blue J 9; Fusee 8; Maine Squeeze 7; Zoarces 7; The Source 7; Tuxedo Junction 6; Sprit Decision 6; Serenity 6.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

-- Saturday, March 27, McCune Memorial Race. Hosted by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, this is the first of three events in its Pacific Corinthian Cup series. Late registrations start at 8 a.m. The skippers meeting is at 8:30. For more information, contact Fred Richardson at 658-1645.

-- Saturday, April 3, Lady at the Helm Race, hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club. The skippers meeting is 9 a.m. Racing begins at noon. All eligible boats must be entered and skippered by a woman. A special class will be scored

for any entries with an all woman crew and/or any double-handed entries. For more information, contact Larry Golkin at 403-9900 or e-mail him at Larry@Golkinlaw.com.

-- Sunday, April 18, VYC Regatta. This is the second in a three-regatta series hosted by Ventura Yacht Club. There will be a J-24 class, a PHRF spinnaker class and a PHRF non-spinnaker class. Three races are planned in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. Entry fee is \$20. Skippers meeting is at 8:30. Racing begins at 11. For more information, contact Stan Whisenhunt at (805) 659-1464 or e-mail at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

March 27, PCYC, McCune Race, PacCorCup 1. (Double points)

April 3, CIYC, Lady at Helm

April 18, VYC, PHRF & J-24 Regatta Series 2.

April 17-18, AYC, Channel Islands to Newport Beach

May 1, CIYC, Port Royal Regatta, PHRF & J-24.

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