

Water Fronts for March 31

Rival, a J-35 co-skipped by Dick Velthoen and Dave Boatner, took first place in the spinnaker class Saturday in the McCune Memorial Race, hosted by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club.

Five boats sailed in the spinnaker class, while only two turned out for the non-spinnaker class. Both classes sailed an 18.4 mile course, starting at the Mandalay buoy, then around oil platforms Gail and Gina, then the Hueneme white buoy and finishing at Channel Islands Harbor. It was a pursuit-style, reverse handicap race with slower rated boats starting first. Steady 8 to 10 knot breezes prevailed on a day that rain was expected, but only a few drops fell.

It was the first race in PCYC's Pacific Corinthian Cup Series. The next event will be the VCORC random leg regatta on May 7.

Results (finishing times):

Spinnaker class: 1—Rival, Velthoen & Boatner, 3:21:32; 2—Angry Hillbillies, Paul Moore & Deke Klatt, 3:22:47; 3—Tunzagrunt II, Joe Joines & Mike Hopper, 3:34:00; 4—Paradise Found, Jim Albert, 3:44:16; 5—Second Chance, P. Sauer & H. Krum, 3:53:04.

Non-spinnaker: 1—Breezy, Chris Johnston, 3:49:06; 2—Rumbylowe, Virgin Landry, 4:06:01.

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Harrison Cooper of Anacapa and Pacific Corinthian yacht clubs placed fourth in Class A on Sunday in the U.S. Sabot High Point race at Westlake Lake, hosted by Westlake Yacht Club. Thirteen young skippers turned out for the event which was sailed in shifty, light lake breezes.

In the six-boat A fleet Robert Stevens of DRYC finished the five race regatta in first with seven points and four first places. Pancho Sanchez of DRYC came in second with 9 points with a bullet and four seconds. Annika Garret of DRYC was third with nineteen points.

Alex Niederkehr and Alex Wright, both from KHYC came in first and second in the two-boat B fleet. In the five-boat C fleet, DRYC's Bastien Rasse came in first with 9 points and three bullets. Tied for second with the tie breaker going to Julia Rychlik (DRYC) with 11 points and two firsts and Jordan Wood of AYC/PCYC also with 11 points and four seconds. Mason Bromberg (DRYC) was fourth with 20 points followed by Nina Clementi (DRYC) in fifth.

Pacific Corinthian, Ventura and Santa Barbara yacht clubs all offer outstanding summer youth sailing programs to give young sailors the opportunity to compete in sailboat racing.

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Ventura County High Point Standings (Score best 10 races; in parenthesis, number of races scored): Rival, J-35, Velthoen & Boatner 24 (4); Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt 22 (5); Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 18 (5); Velerio, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 16 (4); XS, Mull 30, Gene & Geno Beville, 16 (5); Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 14 (2); Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hooper 12 (6); Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum 12 (4); Fusee, Ben 38, Harry Krum 12 (4); Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn 12 (5); Others: Zuma Jay 11, Breezy 11, Paradise Found 8, Sunrise 7, Moore Fun 5, Tuxedo Junction 5, Double Down 5, Alcyone 4.

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Upcoming Sailboat Races

* Saturday, April 9, VYC Regatta No. 2. This is the second of three VYC regattas for J-24s and PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats. The skippers meeting is 8:30 a.m. and racing begins at 11 a.m. near the Mandalay buoy. Fifteen boats turned out for the first regatta. The final regatta will be sailed on Aug. 27. For more information, contact Stan Whisenhunt at 659-1464 or e-mail him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

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2011 ocean sailboat racing schedule

April 9, AYC, Channel Islands to Newport Beach

April 9, VYC, PHRF & J-24 regatta (J-24 Series)

April 30, CIYC, Port Royal Regatta

April 30/May 1, SBYC/SBSC, Cinco de Mayo (J-24 Series)

May 4, AYC (Wet Wednesdays at C.I. Harbor through Sept. 28)

May 4, VYC (Wet Wednesdays at Ventura through Sept. 28)

May 7, PCYC, VCORC random leg/PacCorCup 2

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