

Water Fronts for May 20

Records fell last Saturday on the easier courses of the Hardway Race.

Boats sailing the coastal courses made record times as high winds prevailed. The going was somewhat slower for the boats sailing the 67-mile hardway course from Santa Barbara around Santa Cruz Island and finishing at Ventura Harbor. An impressive 28-boat fleet competed, with only one failing to finish.

Posting a sizzling elapsed time of 3 hours, 37 minutes, 46 seconds over the 47 mile spinnaker and multi-hull course was Bill Gibbs' 52-foot catamaran, Afterburner. Despite doing an horizon job on the other five multi-hulls, Gibbs managed to place only fifth on corrected time.

The fastest spinnaker boat was Mike Warns' Santa Cruz 50 Fifty-One-Fifty, which sailed the 47 mile course around Anacapa Island in 5 hours, 41 minutes and 7 seconds. He placed third on corrected time, just 2 seconds out of second place.

The fastest boat doing the hardway course, which saw some boats face 35-knot winds on the backside of Santa Cruz Island, was Dr. Laura Schlessinger's J-120, Warrior. The top selling author and radio personality sailed the course in 10 hours, 18 minutes and 8 seconds. The record for the hardway course was 7 hours, 59 minutes, 30 seconds by Bruce Tabor's Jumping Jack Flash in 1998.

In the non-spinnaker fleet, which sailed a 24 mile course, Randy Alcorn's Cal 29, Out Patient, posted the best time of 4 hours, 22 minutes, 46 seconds. And, like the other record setters, Alcorn failed to win his class on corrected time.

The corrected time class winners were Charles Browning in Bebe in Class 1 which sailed the hardway course; Dr. Dave Chase in Uhambo in Class 2; Thomas Tunberg in Bullet in Class 3; Verne Haller in R Escape in non-spinnaker Class 4; Brent Swanson in Velero in non-spinnaker Class 5 and Mitch Yount in Wimpy in the multihull class.

The club championship trophy was won by Santa Barbara Yacht Club which placed 1,2,3 in the hardway class. The race was co-hosted by Pierpont Bay Yacht Club and Santa Barbara Sailing Club.

Results:

Hardway class (67 miles): 1-Bebe, Charles Browning, SBYC, 10:16:45; 2-Warrior, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, SBYC, 10:24:50; 3-Prevail, Bill Guilfoyle, SBYC, 10:34:00; dnf-Maine Squeeze.

Class 2 (47 miles): 1-Uhambo, Dave Chase & Anne Fitzgerald, VYC, 5:32:06; 2-Wahoo, Alan McNaughton, VSC, 5:43:26; 3-5150, Mike Warns, VSC, 5:43:28; 4-Funatic, Rod Abbott, VSC, 5:50:02; 5-Sprit Decision, Weber & Moll, CYC, 6:02:28.

Class 3 (47 miles): 1-Bullet, Thomas Tunberg, SBSC, 5:08:30; 2-Pangea, Mike Leary, VYC, 5:14:48; 3-Zoarcas, Shelly Johnson, CIYC, 5:15:39; 4-Perfect Balance, Richard Sharpe, VSC, 5:24:04; 5-Double Down, Brian Kerr, PBYC, 5:40:04.

Class 4 (24 miles): 1-R Escape, Verne Haller, PBYC, 3:24:25; 2-Quiet Times, Tom Warshauer, CIYC, 3:49:01; 3-Paradise Found, Jim Albert, VYC, 3:53:59; 4-Grace, Robert Heatherly, CIYC, 4:01:06.

Class 5 (24 miles): 1-Velero, Brent Swanson, CIYC, 2:53:58; 2-Out Patient, Randy Alcorn, AYC, 3:10:46; 3-Superstition, Bill Miller, 3:26:13; 4-Spray, Charlie Clark, CIYC, 4:09:36.

Multihull class (47 miles): 1-Wimpy, Mitch Yount, VSC, 5:03:16; 2-No Regrets, Brian Stanton, 5:17:05; 3-Honukai, Lee Edwards, VSC, 5:17:21; 4-Indefatigable, Colin Gegg, VSC, 5:23:58; 5-Afterburner, Bill Gibbs, PBYC, 5:33:48; Sally Lightfoot, Paul Marston, PSSA, 5:34:00.

SOLID BOX:

The fifth annual Safe Boating Expo will be held at Channel Islands Harbor on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the U.S. Coast Guard Station, 4201 S. Victoria Avenue.

During the expo, public tours and offshore rides will be available on the 87-foot Coast Guard Cutter Blacktip and a 41-foot utility boat. Passengers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Events will include:

- Air, sea and fire rescue demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Safety demonstrations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., including fire extinguisher use, flares, life jackets, first aid, life raft deployment and more.
- Agency booths and displays featuring Ventura County Fire Department, Sheriff's Rescue, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, National Weather Service, Channel Islands National Park, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron, Channel Islands Harbor Patrol, Red Cross, Sea Scouts and Vessel Assist.

For additional information call (800) 704-5620 or cauxpa@yahoo.com.

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Despite what Ivan Cox called "a perfect day for log racing" only three boats turned out for the second event in the Santa Barbara Channel Series of cruiser navigation contests.

Cox won the 13.5 mile event in Voyager with an error factor of 1.9878 percent. Taking second was Bernie Marrington in Romance. Jan Lawson placed third in Kiss. The next event is June 26, hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club.

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 60; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 37; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 35; Funatic, Choate 48, Rod Abbott, 30; XS, Mull 30, Gene Beville, 29; Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 27; Velerio, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 25; Perfect Balance, Olson 30, Richard Sharpe, 24; Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 22; Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 21; Quiet Times 19; R Escape 19; Rival 18; Paradise Found 17; Zoarces 15; Zuma Jay 13; Fusee 12; Superstition 11; Honukai 11; Maine Squeeze 10; Wimpy 10; Blue J 10.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

-- Saturday, May 22, Anacapa Island Race. Hosted by Anacapa Yacht Club, this is the first in a three race series which includes the Platform A race on June 19 and the Wes Golemon Memorial race on Aug. 7. Entry fee is \$80 for the series or \$30 for individual races. The skippers meeting is at 8:30 a.m. each race day. Saturday's race will start outside Channel Islands Harbor at 11 a.m. Races 2 and 3 will start at the Mandalay buoy. For additional information contact Gene Beville at 469-9549.

-- Sunday, May 23, Commodore Classic Race. Hosted by Ventura Yacht Club, this popular race requires that the helmsperson be a commodore, vice commodore, rear commodore or staff commodore. There is no entry fee for this event, as it honors those who have served and are serving their clubs. There is one class, for cruising non-spinnaker boats. The skippers meeting is at 9 a.m. The race starts at noon. A festive complimentary buffet awaits skippers, crews, race committee workers and spectators following the race. For more information, contact Stan Whisenhunt at 659-1464 or e-mail him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

-- Saturday, June 12, Governor's Cup. Hosted by Ventura Yacht Club this is the oldest continuously run sailboat race in Ventura County. The perpetual trophy was deeded by then Gov. Pat Brown in 1968. The entry fee is \$35 (\$30 for U.S. Sailing members). The skippers meeting will be at 9 a.m. The first start will be at noon in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. The race scores double points in the County High Point Championship series. For more information contact Stan Whisenhunt at 659-1464 or e-mail him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

May 22, AYC, Anacapa to Port (Anacapa Series 1)

May 23, VYC, Commodore Classic

June 5, CIYC, Cooke Memorial Doublehanded Race

June 12, VYC, Governor's Cup (random leg). (Double points).

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