

Water Fronts for Nov. 24

Out Patient had a good weekend, winning races Saturday and Sunday at both of the county's pleasurecraft harbors.

On Saturday, Out Patient, a Cal 29 driven by Lisa Rizzo and crewed by owner Randy Alcorn, won the non spinnaker B Class in the final race of Ventura Yacht Club's Gal & Guy Series. On Sunday, Alcorn drove Out Patient to victory in the final race of the Fall TGIS series, hosted by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club.

Seven boats turned out at Ventura Harbor for the last Gal & Guy Race and sailed in brisk breezes. The non spinnaker A class sailed a 13.1 mile course, with Troublemaker driven by Roxanne Vettese and crewed by Rod Abbott, winning the race and the series. The non spinnaker B boats sailed a 7.4 mile course, with Eclipse finishing second behind Out Patient. Eclipse, skippered by Katelyn Dembowski and father Jim, had already wrapped up the series, having won the first two races.

In the J-24 class, there was a battle royal between Tortoise and Blue J, with the lead changing several times. Finally Tortoise, driven by Christina Baum and crewed by husband Garrett, won the race and the series.

Because of rainy conditions, only six boats turned out Sunday for the final TGIS race. But after a drizzly start, things cleared up enough for the small fleet to sail the race around the Hueneme buoy, oil rig Gina and the Wes mark before finishing at Channel Islands Harbor. The six boats sailed as a non-spinnaker class. Winds ranged from 6 to 20 knots during the day.

While winning on Sunday, Out Patient moved into a tie for second place with three other boats in the County High Point Standings.

Gal & Guy Race 3 Results

Non Spinnaker A: 1-Troublemaker, Roxanne Vettese & Rod Abbott, 2:16:04; 2-Buena Vista, Abra Flores & Dwight Rowe, 2:17:18.

Non Spinnaker B: 1-Out Patient, Lisa Rizzo & Randy Alcorn, 1:30:20; 2-Eclipse, Katelyn Dembowski & Jim Dembowski, 1:33:49.

J-24 class: 1-Tortoise, Christina & Garrett Baum; 2-Blue J, Cecile Generaux & Randy Moss; 3-Radio Flyer, Suzi Ramey & Carlos Brea.

Gal & Guy Series Results (best 2)

Non Spinnaker A: 1-Troublemaker, 2-1; 2-Buena Vista, 1-2; 3-Fat Tuesday, Brenda & Fred Vance, 1-7; 4-Summer Breeze, Meloney & Don Roy, 4-7.

Non Spinnaker B: 1-Eclipse, 1-1; 2-Moore Fun, Bobbi Balderman & Joe Joines.

J-24 class: 1-Tortoise, 1-1; 2-Commotion, Linda & Dave Witham, 1-2; 3-Blue J, 3-2; 4-Radio Flyer, 4-3; 5-Jaded, Danika Briggs & Deke Klatt, 2-7.

TGIS Fall Series 4 Results

1-Out Patient, Randy Alcorn, 1:49:58; 2-Rambunctious, Donna Lorenzen, 1:56:33; 3-Moore Fun, Joe Joines, 1:57:39; 4-Alcyone, Gary Goodman, 1:58:42; 5-Flying Carpet, Doug Fajardo, 2:06:40; dnf-Huba Huba.

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Su Countess of Pierpont Bay Yacht Club has been recertified for another four years as a U.S. Sailing Association racing judge.

Countess and Ryan Cox of Ventura Yacht Club were participants in a judging workshop at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach. Cox is serving as an umpire for the America's Cup events at various locations. He rides a turbo jet ski while chasing the very-fast catamarans used for the America's Cup as an on the water umpire.

Countess has been a senior U. S. Sailing judge for over 20 years. USSA requires judges to recertify every four years by attending a two-day workshop, passing the associated exam, and maintaining a log of events judged during the 4-year period on USSA's web site.

Countess serves as a judge each year for the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge/Ventura Cup and has judged other high level events such as the Women's Olympic qualifier in San Diego.

Perhaps her most high-profile experience was when she judged a protest between two world class sailors - Peter Isler and Dave Ullman.

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Ventura County High Point Standings (Score best 10 races; in parenthesis, number of races scored): Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 80 (10); Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Paul Moore & Deke Klatt, 64 (10); Magic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 64 (10); Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 64 (10); Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 64 (10); Rival, J-35, Dick Velthoen & Dave Boatner, 61 (10); Pangea J-30, Mike Leary & Dena Mercer, 59 (7); Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 49 (10); Tortoise, J-24, Stan Whisenhunt & Garrett Baum, 48 (10); XS, Mull 30, Gene & Geno Beville, 47 (10); Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 35 (5); Misfit, ID 35 turbo, George Moll & Eric Schlageter, 34 (10); Maine Squeeze, Schock 35, Mike Taylor, 29 (10); Zuma Jay, Cal 25, Kevin Dickmann, 29; Fusee, Beneteau 38, Harry Krum, 27 (10); High Voltage 27, R Escape 22, Double Down 19, Afterburner 18, Troublemaker 18, Eclipse 18, Commotion 18, Moore Fun 16, Alcyone 16.

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Upcoming Sailboat Races

* Sunday, Nov. 20, TGIS Fall Series 4. This is the final race in the TGIS Fall Series, co-hosted by Pacific Corinthian and Anacapa yacht clubs. PCYC will host this race, while the skippers meeting will be at AYC at 11 a.m. The start will be at 1 p.m. outside of the Channel Islands Harbor outer breakwater. For more information, contact Gene Beville at 469-9549 or email him at genebeville@aol.com.

* Saturday, Nov. 26, Wild Turkey Plastic Classic. Hosted by Ventura Sailing Club, this is a pursuit style, reverse handicap race, with slower rated boats starting first. The start will be outside Channel Islands Harbor and the finish will be abeam of the Whale's Tail Restaurant. Skippers meeting at 0845 on the lawn north of the Channel Islands Harbor small boat launch ramp. The first start will be at 1100. Entry fee is \$30 for non-VSC members, with a \$5 discount for USSA members. The race is open to fiberglass boats 1991 and older. Mandatory skippers should contact Will Young in advance to determine starting time. Young can be reached at (805) 205-0999.

* Saturday, Dec. 3, Two Harbor Fall Series 3. This race is hosted by Anacapa Yacht Club. The start is in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy and the finish is at Channel Islands Harbor. Registration is from 8 to 8:30 a.m. at AYC, with the skippers meeting at 8:30. Racing begins at 11:30. Entry fee is \$30 for individual races (\$25 for U.S. Sailing members). For more information, contact Joe Vetrano at 256-5828 or email him at sailstmartin@yahoo.com, or Gene Beville at 469-9549 or email him at race@anacapayachtclub.com.

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2011 ocean sailboat racing schedule

Nov. 26, VSC, Plastic Classic (Pre-1991)

Dec. 3, AYC/PBYC, Fall Series 4

Dec. 11, AYC/PCYC, TGIS Winter Series 1.

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