

Water Fronts for Oct. 7

Brenda Vance and Christina Baum were class winners Sunday in the first race of the Gal & Guy Series.

Vance took top honors in Class A aboard Fat Tuesday, a Santana 30/30. Baum won Class B aboard Tortoise, a J-24.

Both classes sailed an 8.53 mile course, with light, southerly 5 to 7 knot winds prevailing. Five boats competed in Class A, while seven boats battled it out in Class B.

The battle for first place was tight in both classes. Brenda Vance won by just 43 seconds over Dena Mercer in Class A. Christina Baum won by just 12 seconds over Danika Briggs.

The series concludes with two races on Sunday, Nov. 7. The series is hosted by Ventura Yacht Club.

Results:

Class A: 1-Fat Tuesday, Brenda Vance, 1:35:01; 2-Pangea, Dena Mercer, 1:35:44; 3-High Voltage, Susan Howard, 1:38:31; 4-Upside, Diana Clark, 1:41:08; 5-True Blue, Maraya Droney, 1:58:05.

Class B: 1-Tortoise, Christina Baum, 1:26:57; 2-Jaded, Danika Briggs, 1:27:09; 3-Commotion, Linda Witham, 1:33:57; 4-Blue J, Cecile Schwedes, 1:34:01; 5-Radio Flyer, Suzy Ramey, 1:39:22; 6-Out Patient, Trish Castanon, 1:39:55; 7-Eclipse, Katelyn Dembowski, 1:41:11.
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The annual Caregivers Sailathon will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10. Pierpont Bay Yacht Club will be hosting this year.

The skippers meeting is at 9 a.m. Start time is noon off the Ventura Pier. See how many laps you can sail until 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$30, but the way to raise money is to get pledges per lap. A reception and awards ceremony will start at 3 p.m. at PBYC with lots of food, fun and prizes.

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 158; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 121; XS, Mull 30, Gene Beville, 95; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 91; Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 76; Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 61; Pangea, J-30, Mike Leary & Dena Mercer, 57; Velerero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 55; Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 50; R Escape, Catalina 320, Verne Haller, 46; Colt 45, Tripp 40, Dan Chepley, 45; Paradise Found 37, Rival 36, Funatic 35, Perfect Balance 32, Double Down 31, Zuma Jay 30.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

* Saturday, Oct. 9, Two Harbor Fall Series 1. This first race is hosted by Pierpont Bay Yacht Club. The skippers meeting is at 8:30 and racing begins at 11 at the Mandalay Buoy. Races 2 and 3 will be Oct. 23 and Nov. 13 and hosted by Anacapa Yacht Club. The final race will be hosted by PBYC on Dec. 4. There will be one throw-out in the series. The 1st and 4th races finish at Ventura Harbor; the 2nd and 3rd races finish at Channel Islands Harbor. The entry fee for the series is \$90 (\$80 for USSA members), and the entry fee for individual races is \$30 (\$25 for USSA members). Boats need to be registered for the series prior to the second race to be eligible for series trophies. For further information, contact: Richard Countess (PBYC), phone: 818-889-2669, e-mail: rcountess@aol.com, or Gene Beville (AYC), phone: 805-469-9549, email: race@anacapayachtclub.com

* Sunday, Nov. 7, Gal & Guy Series 2 & 3. Hosted by Ventura Yacht Club, this popular series gives the ladies a chance to take the helm. A female must drive and a male must do the crew work. The final two races of the series will be sailed on Sunday, Nov. 7. Fee for individual races is \$20. The skippers meeting will be at 10 a.m. Racing will start at noon. For more information, contact VYC race chair Stan Whisenhunt at 659-1464 or e-mail him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

Oct. 9, PBYC/AYC, Two Harbor Fall Series 1

Oct. 10, PBYC/VYC, Caregivers Sailathon

Oct. 17, PCYC, TGIS 3

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