

Water Fronts for Sept. 16

The largest racing fleet of the year will turn out this weekend as more than 30 boats and teams from at least five yacht clubs compete in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge and Ventura Cup.

Three spinnaker classes and a non-spinnaker class will sail two buoy races on Saturday and an offshore race on Sunday in the big event hosted by Ventura Yacht Club. At deadline time, 34 boats had checked in for the regatta.

While the emphasis is on individual competition, yacht clubs will be vying for bragging rights in the Ventura Cup team portion of the competition. The defending Cup champion is VYC's Gold Team of Dave Boatner and Dick Velthoen co-skippering the J-35 Rival, Deke Klatt and Paul Moore co-skippering the Olson 30, Angry Hillbillies, and Bryan Shaw skippering the J-30, High Voltage. Santa Barbara Yacht Club will be back in the fray this year with a strong team of Dr. Laura Schlessinger in her J-100, Perfect; Tom Parker in the Rachel Pugh 68, Taxi Dancer, and Larry Leveille in the J-29, Rush Street.

VYC will have two other teams; Anacapa Yacht Club has two; Pierpont Bay and Channel Islands yacht clubs will each field a team. Also expected is a team from Ventura Sailing Club.

The regatta scores double points in the County High Point Standings and is part of the Association of Santa Barbara Channel High Point Series. Entry fee is \$75. Entry forms and sailing instructions are available on [www.venturayachtclub.org](http://www.venturayachtclub.org) web site.

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Tortoise, Majic Dragon and High Voltage were class winners Sunday in the final event in Ventura Yacht Club's Regatta Series. The four-race regatta served as a tune-up for this weekend's Santa Barbara Channel Challenge and Ventura Cup.

Tortoise, skippered by Stan Whisenhunt, won the J-24 class and had the best overall corrected time standings among the 11 boats in the fleet.

Majic Dragon, a J-22 skippered by Mike Hopper, took top honors in the spinnaker class. Bryan Shaw's J-30, High Voltage, was the winner in the non-spinnaker class.

Nine of the 11 boats in the regatta will be competing this weekend in the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge.

The regatta was the final event in the J-24 Fleet 145's season championship series. Deke Klatt previously locked up first place in the series, with Whisenhunt second. Third place was decided in the final regatta, with Cecile Schwedes in Blue J taking the position by 1 point over Dave Witham's Commotion, even though Commotion prevailed in the final event.

Results:

J-24 Class: 1-Tortoise, Stan Whisenhunt (2-1.5-1-1); 2-Commotion, Dave Witham (1-1.5-2-2); 3-Radio Flyer, Carlos Brea (3-3-3-3); 4-Blue J, Cecile Schwedes (4-4-4-4).

Spinnaker class: 1-Majic Dragon (2-1-1-1); 2-Tunzagrunt II, Joe Joines (1-5-2-3); 3-Wahoo, Alan Macnaughton (4-3-3-2); 4-Senior Advantage, John Thawley (3-2-5-5); 5-Endurance, Michael Stuzane (5-4-4-5).

Non-spinnaker: 1-High Voltage, Bryan Shaw (1-1-1-2); 2-Out Patient, Randy Alcorn (2-2-2-1).

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The boats with the highest handicaps won both classes in Sunday's Prison Break race hosted by Ventura Sailing Club. The race started in light breezes at 11 a.m. at Prisoner's Harbor on Santa Cruz Island and finished in 15 to 18 knot winds at the Mandalay buoy, with all boats finishing before 3:30 p.m.

John Steigler won the spinnaker class in his Cheoy Lee 31, Carese, and Chuck Manley took the non-spinnaker class in his Dey Rey 24, Spit Dog. The fastest boat was Mike Taylor's Schock 35, Maine Squeeze, sailing the 3 mile course in 3 hours, 13 minutes, 47 seconds.

Results:

Spinnaker: 1--Cafrese, John Stiegler, 1:46:44; 2--Maine Squeeze, Mike Taylor, 2:45:02; Wainui, Mark Coleman, 2:48:00; 4--Acadia, Kieth Brown, 2:56:08; 5--Take it to Paradise, Brian Cunningham, 2:59:05; 6--Pacific Shredder, Tom Hudson, 3:07:06.

Non-spinnaker: 1--Spit Dog, Chuck Manley, 2:39:48; 2--Halona, Norbert Hirsch, 2:52:05; 3--Wind Canary, Kevin Dickman, 2:55:14; 4--Bodhisative, Mike Young, 2:57:20.

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Sheri Holzapfel skippered her powerboat, It'll Do, to victory in the Jim Cline Memorial predicted log race Saturday, which was the fifth event in the Santa Barbara Channel Series.

Holzapfel had an error factor of only 0.3446 percent over the 13.5 mile course.

Placing second was Jim Crandall in Second Wind. Ivan Cox was third in Voyager and Bernie Marrington fourth in Romance.

Crandall discovered an oil leak about halfway through the race and shut down his left engine, completing the course on only one engine.

SOLID BOX:

Deke Klatt of Ventura Yacht Club skippered Jaded to victory in the Audi Cup last weekend at Dana Point. The event was part of the J-24 District 21 Road Series.

After placing second in the first race, Klatt won the next six races. Pete Fischer of Dana Point Yacht Club sailed Rumblefisch to victory in the first race and placed second overall.

Klatt, a sailmaker for Ullman Sails of Ventura, won an Ullman spinnaker made at the Long Beach loft. His crew was Taylor Lewis, Paul Moore and Sam Martin.

Fresh breezes of 12 to 15 knots prevailed boat days. Twelve J-24s competed.

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County High Point Standings:

Out Patient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 147; Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Moore & Klatt, 101; XS, Mull 30, Gene Beville, 79; Tortoise, J-24, Whisenhunt & Baum, 75; Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 74; Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 55; Velerio, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 51; Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 45; Colt 45, Tripp 40, Dan Chepley, 39; R Escape, Catalina 320, Verne Haller, 38; Pangea, J-30, Mike Leary & Dena Mercer, 38; Paradise Found, C&C 37, Jim Albert, 37; Funatic, Choate 48, Rod Abbott, 35; Perfect Balance, Olson 30, Richard Sharpe, 32; Zuma Jay, Cal 25, Kevin Dickmann, 30; Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 28; Rival, J-35, Velthoen & Boatner, 26; Superluminal 21; Wimpy 20, Honukai 20, Senior Advantage 20, Sunny Girl 19, Zoarces 19, Double Down 17, Uhambo 17, The Source 17, Afterburner 16, No Regrets 16, Maine Squeeze 15, Fusee 15, Superstition 15.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

\* Sunday, Oct. 3, Gal & Guy Series 1. 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 second and third races in the series will be on Sunday, Nov. 7. The entry fee for the series is \$50. 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](mailto:Swhisenhun@aol.com).

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2010 ocean sailboat racing schedule:

Sept. 18-19, VYC, S.B. Channel Challenge/Ventura Cup (Double points).

Sept. 25, CIYC, VCMRF Charity Regatta

Oct. 3, VYC, Gal & Guy Series 1

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

Oct. 10, PBYC/VYC, Caregivers Sailathon

Oct. 17, PCYC, TGIS 3

Oct. 23, AYC/PBYC, Two Harbor Fall Series 2

Nov. 7, VYC, Gal & Guy Series 2 & 3

Nov. 13, AYC/PBYC, Two Harbor Fall Series 3

Nov. 14, PCYC, TGIS 4

Nov. 27, VSC, Wild Turkey Classic

Dec. 4, PBYC/AYC, Two Harbor Fall Series 4

Dec. 5, PCYC, TGIS 5

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