

Water Fronts for Sept. 2

Gene Beville skippered his Mull 30, XS, to victory Sunday in the 12th annual Rotten Ralph Race hosted by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. The turnout was down - only four boats - from a year ago, but the participants had some exciting competition and some antics on the water. It was a pursuit start, with faster-rated boats starting last. XS started last at 12:37:48 and finished first at 1:48:39. Second place went to Larry Spencer's Blue Star which finished just 27 seconds later. Placing third was Harry Krum's Fusee, while Jack Schuler's Esmerald was fourth.

The course was 6.5 miles around oil rig Gina.

XS and Blue Star battled to the finish, with XS gaining an inside overlap at the north end of the breakwater and narrowly winning.

SOLID BOX:

Four young sailors from Anacapa Yacht Club's junior race team competed in the U.S. Sabot Nationals at Marina Del Rey recently. Fifteen races were held over three days.

Harrison Cooper bested several boats in the B fleet finishing 6th out of 11 with a second and a fourth. He is in his second year of US Sabot competition, and taking racing very seriously. Harrison plans on competing in all the Sabot events and racing with the Ventura Laser fleet and continuing to crew on the Mull 30 XS.

Julia Rychlik finished 6th out of 8 in C fleet with seven fifths. Ricardo (Pica) Velazquez finished 7<sup>th</sup>, with a fourth and a fifth. Jordan Wood came in 8<sup>th</sup>, with two sixth places.

Harrison, Julia and Jordan also competed in the Bill Vrooman Memorial Regatta hosted by Westlake Yacht Club. Five races were held on Westlake Lake, with steady breezes.

Harrison finished fifth (one point out of fourth) out of eight sailors in B fleet, with a third. Julia came in first in a five boat C fleet, with three first places and two seconds. Jordan finished third with a second and four thirds.

SOLID BOX:

Ivan Cox skippered Voyager to victory in the fourth predicted log contest in the Santa Barbara Channel Series. Cox had an error factor of 2.7927 percent, edging Sheri Holzapfel in It'll Do with an error factor of 2.9218 percent.

Jim Crandall was third in Second Wind, while Jan Lawson placed fourth in Kiss. Bernie Marrington in Romanance did not finish.

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Upcoming sailboat races:

\* Saturday, Sept. 4/Monday, Sept. 6. Santa Barbara City Race. Hosted by Anacapa Yacht Club, this two-legged race starts at Mandalay buoy and finishes at Santa Barbara Harbor on Saturday. On Monday, the race starts off Santa Barbara Yacht Club and finishes at Ventura Harbor. The skippers meeting is at 8:30 Saturday at AYC. Starts of both legs is 11 a.m. Entry fee is \$35. There will be a party on the SBYC guest dock Saturday evening. Trophies will be awarded at the Sept. 17 Wet Wednesday bbq. For more information, contact Doug Fajardo at 818 383-6911 or e-mail race@anacapayachtclub.com.

\* Monday, Sept. 4, Tequila Derby. Hosted by Anacapa Yacht Club, this is in conjunction with the second leg of the Santa Barbara City Race. Fee is \$35 for those entering only the Derby.

\* Sunday, Sept. 12, VYC Regatta. This three-race regatta is for J-24s and PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats. It will serve as a tune-up for the Santa Barbara Channel Challenge/Ventura Cup the following weekend. Entry fee is \$20 for boats which have not entered the series. The skippers meeting is at 8:30. Racing begins at 11 a.m. in the vicinity of the Mandalay Buoy or the Ventura Harbor Whistle buoy, depending on entries. For more information, contact Race Chair Stan Whisenhunt at 659-1464 or email him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

\* Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 18-19, Santa Barbara Channel Challenge. Hosted by Ventura Yacht Club, this event also includes the Ventura Cup team competition. The regatta will have two buoy races on Saturday and an offshore random leg race on Sunday. The skippers meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18. Racing starts at noon both days. 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 \$50 until Sept. 10, and then \$75 thereafter. Entry forms and sailing instructions are available on [www.venturayachtclub.org](http://www.venturayachtclub.org) web site. 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:

Sept. 4-6, AYC, Santa Barbara City Race

Sept. 5, PCYC, TGIS 2

Sept. 6, AYC, Tequila Derby

Sept. 11-12, VSC, Prison Break

Sept. 12, VYC, PHRF & J-24 Regatta Series 3

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

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