

Water Fronts for Sept. 1

Deke Klatt and crew sailed Jaded to four wins Saturday to easily win the final event of the VYC Regatta Series and take overall series honors.

The regatta was also the final event in the J-24 Fleet 145 Championship Series and Klatt had already clinched that title. So his win on Saturday was icing on the cake. Klatt, a Ventura Yacht Club member and sailmaker at Gary Swenson's Ullman Sails loft, has won the season championship every year since 2000. The last skipper other than Klatt to win the J-24 title was Stan Whisenhunt in 1999 in Tortoise. Whisenhunt and Tortoise finished second in the championship series this year and third in the Regatta Series.

Taking second in the Regatta Series was Dave Witham's Commotion. No PHRF boats turned out for the final regatta, so the series titles for the spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes were essentially determined in April. Brian Kerr's J-92, Double Down, was the series winner in the spinnaker class, while Verne Haller's Cal 320, R Escape, was the winner in the non-spinnaker class.

J-24 Regatta results:

1-Jaded, Deke Klatt (1-1-1-1); 2-Tortoise, Stan Whisenhunt (3*-2-2-2); 3-Commotion, Steve McCormick (3-3-3-3); 4-Radio Flyer, Carlos Brea (4-4-4-4); 5-Abracadabra, Dan Chepley (5-5-5-5). *Note: Tortoise finished second but was penalized one place for checking in late.

Fleet 145 Championship Series (best 5 regattas)

1-Jaded (1-1-2-1-1); 2-Tortoise (2-2-1-2-2); 3-Commotion (2-1-2-2-3); 4-Radio Flyer (4-3-2-2-1); 5-Blue J (4-4-1-2-4); 6-Abracadabra (5-2-2-5-5).

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Ed Kutchma of Ventura Yacht Club took top honors in Saturday's predicted log race which was part of the Santa Barbara Channel Series. Kutchma's Pacific Pixie had a winning net error factor of 0.6122 percent.

Frank Sullivan of Channel Islands Yacht Club skippered Valkyrie to a second place finish. Seven boats competed.

Results: 1-Pacific Pixie, Ed Kutchma, 0.6122%; 2-Valkyrie, Frank Sullivan, 1.4855%; 3-Voyager, Ivan Cox, VYC, 1:7550%; 4-Sea Cat II, Doug Buckingham, CIYC, 3:1947%; 5-Romance, Bernie Marrington, VYC, 2.2299%; 6-Kiss, Jan Lawson, VYC, 6.7034%; 7-It'll Do, Sheri Green, VYC, 19.8146%.

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Ventura County High Point Standings (Score best 10 races; in parenthesis, number of races scored): Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 69 (10); Majic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 59 (10); Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Paul Moore & Deke Klatt, 52 (10); Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 50 (10); Pangea J-30, Mike Leary & Dena Mercer, 45 (6); Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 43 (10); Rival, J-35, Dick Velthoen & Dave Boatner, 41 (7); XS, Mull 30, Gene & Geno Beville, 38 (7); Outpatient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 33 (9); Tortoise, J-24, Stan Whisenhunt & Garrett Baum, 33 (10); Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 32 (5); Maine Squeeze, Schock 35, Mike Taylor, 21 (7); R Escape, Cal 320, Verne Haller, 20 (7); Fusee 18, Afterburner 17, Double Down 17, Misfit 16, Zuma Jay 15, Commotion 13, Moore Fun 12, Sunrise 11.

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Upcoming Sailboat Races

* Saturday, Sept. 3, Monday, Sept. 5, Santa Barbara City Race. This race to and from Santa Barbara is hosted by Anacapa Yacht Club. The

second leg on Monday also serves as a separate race, the Tequila Derby. Entry fee for both races is \$35. The start on Saturday will be at 11 a.m. at the Mandalay buoy and the finish in front of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. The start Sunday will be at 11 a.m. and the finish, to be decided at the skippers meeting, will be either at Ventura Harbor or Channel Islands Harbor. The Saturday skippers meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. at Anacapa Yacht Club. The Monday skippers meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on the deck at Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

* Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 17-18, Santa Barbara Channel

Challenge/Ventura Cup. There will be two windward-leeward races on Saturday and a random leg race on Sunday. Yacht Clubs can enter up to three 3-boat teams. The class breaks are 84 and below for Class A; 85 to 137 for Class B; 138 and above for Class C and a non-spinnaker class. The Challenge scores double points in the County High Point Standings and is part of the ASBCYC High Point Series. The guest principal race officer is Stan Betts of U.S. Sailing who conducts the race management seminars for the Southern California Yachting Association. Entry fee is \$50, if received by Sept. 9 and \$75 thereafter. Each skipper will receive a ticket for the Saturday night barbecue. There will be DJ and dancing Saturday after racing. On Sunday, there will be a huge complimentary buffet and awards following racing. The skippers meeting is at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Racing begins at noon both days. For more information, visit the Ventura Yacht Club website at venturayachtclub.org or contact Race Chair Stan Whisenhunt at (805) 659-1464 or email him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

* Sunday, Sept. 25, TGIS Fall Series 2. This is the second of four races in the TGIS Fall Series, co-hosted by Pacific Corinthian and Anacapa yacht clubs. AYC will host this race and PCYC will host races 3 (Oct. 16) and 4 (Nov. 20). Entry fee is \$50 for the series or \$20 for individual races. All skippers meetings will be at AYC. The skippers meetings are at 11. Racing begins at 1 p.m. Starts will be outside of and the finishes in the vicinity of the Channel Islands Harbor outer breakwater. For more information, contact Gene Beville at 469-9549 or email him at genebeville@aol.com.

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2011 ocean sailboat racing schedule

Sept. 3 & 5, AYC, Santa Barbara City Race

Sept. 5, AYC, Tequila Derby

Sept. 10-11, VSC, Prison Break

Sept. 17-18, VYC, S.B. Challenge/Ventura Cup (Double points; ASBCYC race)

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