

Water Fronts for Sept. 15

Fusee and Outpatient were winners in Anacapa Yacht Club's Santa Barbara City Race.

Fusee, a Benetau 38 skippered by Harry Krum won the spinnaker class by taking a first on the leg from Mandalay bay to Santa Barbara and a third on the leg from Santa Barbara to Channel Islands Harbor and won a tie-breaker based on total corrected time.

Randy Alcorn won the non-spinnaker class with a second on the leg to Santa Barbara and a first on the downwind leg to Channel Islands Harbor and winning the tie-breaker on total corrected time.

In the tequila derby, which was scored separately as a downwind run from Santa Barbara to Channel Islands Harbor, Gene and Geno Beville won the spinnaker class in XS, a Mull 30, and Alcorn took the non-spinnaker class in Outpatient.

Results

Santa Barbara City Race

Spinnaker Class: 1-Fusee, Harry Krum (1-3, total corrected time 10:32:16); 2-Superluminal, Jerzy Poprawski (3-1, time 10:41:04); 3-Rambunctious, Mike & Donna Lorenzen (2-4); 4-XS, Gene & Geno Beville (5-2).

Non-spinnaker: 1-Outpatient (2-1, total corrected time 11:20:52); 2-Runaway, Tom Colp (1-2, time 11:29:41); 3-Alcyone, Gary Goodman (3-4); 4-Huba Huba, Joe & Joanne Underwood, (5-3).

Tequila Derby:

Spinnaker Class: 1-XS, 5:30:57; 2-Superluminal, 5:32:57; 3-Fusee, 5:50:10; 4-Rambunctious, 6:03:44.

Non-spinnaker: 1-Outpatient, 6:08:43; 2-Runaway, 6:26:06; 3-Huba Huba, 6:39:51; 4-Alcyone, 6:58:24.

SOLID BOX: Santa Barbara Channel Cruiser Navigation Series. Two predicted log races to report on in the last two weeks. On Aug. 27, race 4 was run in good conditions, and with the largest fleet in years. Seven boats turned out, 5 from VYC, and 2 from CIYC. Ed Kutchma of VYC won with an error factor of .8988 percent, including one perfect leg. Frank Sullivan of CIYC was second with a score of 2.0275%. Team Scores after 4 races were: VYC 8,799; CIYC 3, 192. Race 5, the Jim Cline Memorial was last weekend. Six boats turned out. This race was dominated by weather and current. Doug Buckingham from CIYC won the race with an error factor of 1.722 percent. Team Scores after 5 events: VYC, 11,642; CIYC 4,164. Boat of the year is shaping up to be a two boat event. This award goes to the boat with the best 4 of 6 races. With just one race to go, Ed Kutchma has a one point lead over Doug Buckingham from CIYC.

SOLID BOX: The 10th annual Caregivers Sailathon will be held on Sunday, Oct. 9. The event annually raises funds to help area senior citizens.

The skippers meeting will be at Pierpont Bay Yacht Club at 8:30 a.m., and the action begins at noon off the Ventura Pier.

Boats will sail as many laps as they can from noon until 2 p.m. Later, skippers and crews will meet at the Ventura Harbor Marina & Yacht Yard (formerly Anchors Way Marine) for a reception beginning at 3 p.m.

Spectators can view the Sailathon from the Ventura Pier where they will have a bird's-eye view of boats traversing a triangular course.

The event features music, food, desserts from Savory Bakery, a free wine tasting from Kenneth-Crawford Winery and a huge array of raffle prizes.

Caregivers, a volunteer organization which assists the elderly, was established in 1984. Thanks to the many volunteers working with the program, seniors receive in-home assistance and transportation to medical appointments. Program Coordinators also work to connect their clients to services available to them in the community such as The Brown Bag Program, Cal-Fresh, Senior Nutrition, Shop Ahoy, In-Home Support Services and many more.

For more information on the 10th Annual CAREGIVERS Sailathon, call Terri Keffer at (805) 658-8530, or visit the CAREGIVERS website at www.vccaregivers.org.

SOLID BOX:

The Channel Islands Women's Sailing Association will have its next general meeting on Thursday, Oct. 13, at Channel Islands Yacht Club. The meeting, featuring a pot luck dinner, will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Last names beginning from A through H are requested to bring a side dish. Last names beginning I through Z are requested to bring a main dish. The topic will be GPS training and election of 2012 officers.

To nominate someone for office or for more information, contact Mary Howard at

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Ventura County High Point Standings (Score best 10 races; in parenthesis, number of races scored): Veleroy, 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, 52 (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, 41 (8); Outpatient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 38 (10); Tortoise, J-24, Stan Whisenhunt & Garrett Baum, 33 (10); Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 32 (5); Maine Squeeze, Schock 35, Mike Taylor, 23 (7); Fusee, Beneteau 38, Harry Krum, 22 (9); R Escape, Cal 320, Verne Haller, 20 (7); Misfit 19, Afterburner 17, Double Down 17, Zuma Jay 15, Alcyone 14, Commotion 13, Runaway 12, Moore Fun 12, Sunrise 11.

* 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.

* Saturday, Sept. 24, Lady at Helm Race. Co-hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club and the Channel Islands Women's Sailing Association. There will be spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. The course will be from the Mandalay buoy, around oil rig Gina and finishing in from of the CIYC clubhouse. The skippers meeting is at 8:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 11. Entry fee is \$30 (\$25 for U.S. Sailing members). For more information call CIYC at 985-2492 or e-mail Mary Howard at MHoward@venturalaw.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.

* Saturday, Oct. 1. Gal & Guy Series 1. Hosted by Ventura Yacht Club. This popular three race series has the gal doing the driving and the guy doing the crew work. There will be a J-24 class and probably a PHRF "experienced" class and a "novice" class depending on number of entries. Entry fee is \$50 for the series and \$20 for individual races, with discounts for early entries. Registration will begin at 9:30 and the skippers meeting will be at 10 a.m. Racing begins at noon. Other races in the series will be on Nov. 5 and Nov. 19. Daily and series awards will be presented on Nov. 19. 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.

SOLID BOX:

2011 ocean sailboat racing schedule

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

Sept. 24, CIYC, Lady at the Helm

Sept. 25, PCYC/AYC, TGIS Series 4.

Oct. 1, VYC, Gal & Guy Series 1.

Oct. 8, AYC/PBYC, Fall Series 1.

Oct. 9, VYC/PBYC, Caregivers Sailathon.

(Fax your race announcements, results and other information to Stan Whisenhunt at 659-3058 or call him at 659-1464. His e-mail address is Swhisenhun@aol.com).