

Water Fronts for Sept. 29

After a long season of playing supporting roles on the local sailboat racing circuit, it's time for the ladies to step into the limelight.

Ladies drove the boats last weekend in Channel Islands Yacht Club's Lady at the Helm Race and will be back on the helm again this weekend when Ventura Yacht Club hosts the first of its Gal & Guy Series.

Dawn Brooks and Trish Castanon were class winners Saturday in the Lady at the Helm Race, with Brooks driving Magic Dragon to victory in the spinnaker class and Castanon driving Out Patient to victory in the non-spinnaker class.

Nikki Turner has the distinction of skippering the top boat with an all female crew.

Both classes sailed a 10 mile race, starting at Mandalay buoy and rounding oil rig Gina and the Port Hueneme buoy before finishing in front of the CIYC clubhouse in Channel Islands Harbor.

Results:

Spinnaker Class: 1-Magic Dragon, Dawn Brooks, 2:30:41; 2-Moore Fun, Josie, 2:40:00; 3-Tortoise, Suzi Ramey, 2:43:31; 4 tie-Abracadabra, Cathy Paine and Miserlou, Barbara Poitras, 2:51:31.

Non-spinnaker: 1-Out Patient, Trish Castanon, 2:40:16; 2-Fusee, Mary Ingram, 2:49:18; 3-Zoarcas, Chris Williams, 3:04:26; 4-Heathen, Nikki Turner, 3:22:25; 5-Spray, Lee Anne Clark, 3:28:10; 6-Argo, Cindy Arosteguy, 3:30:16; 7-Cabana Girl, Cindy Crocket, 3:36:04.

All female crews:

1-Heathen, Nikki Turner; 2-Argo, Cindy Arosteguy; 3-Cabana Girl, Cindy Crocket.

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Misfit and Quiet Times were winners in the first race of the TGIS Fall Series, co-hosted by Anacapa and Pacific Corinthian Yacht Clubs.

Misfit, co-skippered by George Moll and Eric Schlageter won the spinnaker class, while Tom Warshauer took first in the non-spinnaker class in Quiet Times.

Results:

Spinnaker: 1-Misfit, Moll & Schlageter; 2-Maine Squeeze, Mike Taylor; 3-Magic Dragon, Mike Hopper.

Non-spinnaker: 1-Quiet Times, Tom Warshauer; 2-Alcyone, Gary Goodman; 3-Heathn, Justin Turner.

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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.

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Ventura County High Point Standings (Score best 10 races; in parenthesis, number of races scored): Velero, Islander 29, Brent Swanson, 79 (10); Magic Dragon, J-22, Mike Hopper, 64 (10); Quiet Times, Hunter 37, Tom Warshauer, 61 (10); Angry Hillbillies, Olson 30, Paul Moore & Deke Klatt, 59 (10); Pangea J-30, Mike Leary & Dena Mercer, 59 (7); Outpatient, Cal 29, Randy Alcorn, 59 (10); Rival, J-35, Dick Velthoen & Dave Boatner, 51

(8); Breezy, Catalina 27, Chris Johnston, 49 (10); Tortoise, J-24, Stan Whisenhunt & Garrett Baum, 48 (10); XS, Mull 30, Gene & Geno Beville, 47 (10); Jaded, J-24, Deke Klatt, 32 (5); Maine Squeeze, Schock 35, Mike Taylor, 27 (9); High Voltage, J-30, Bryan Shaw, 27 (4); Fusee, Beneteau 38, Harry Krum, 27 (10); R Escape, Catalina 320, Verne Haller, 22 (8); Misfit 21, Zuma Jay 21, Double Down 19, Afterburner 17, Eclipse 15, Alcyone 15, Commotion 13, Moore Fun 12, Blue J 12, Runaway 12.

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Upcoming Sailboat Races

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2011 ocean sailboat racing schedule

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

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

Oct. 9, VYC/PBYC, Caregivers Sailathon.

Oct. 16, PCYC/AYC, TGIS Series 5.

Oct. 22, PBYC/AYC, Fall Series 2.

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