

Regatta News



Upcoming Regattas

San Diego NOOD, San Diego One Design Weekend and Ahmanson.

The San Diego NOOD regatta is coming up fast. On March 18 and 19th we will be sailing on the south course at San Diego's Coronado Roads so give yourself some extra time to get out to the course, which will be a mile or so south of our regular spot. As of yesterday 14 entries have been received and we are counting on at least eight more so please get your entry in as soon as possible. Entry forms are available at the San Diego

Commodore's Regatta

On Saturday, February 25 the Santa Barbara Yacht Club hosted their Commodore's Regatta using J/105s. Nine past commodores from the club participated in this three race round robin series using six of the Santa Barbara based J/105s. Each boat was driven by two different skippers over the course of the regatta. The finishing positions were:

- Free Enterprise
- Repeat Offender
- Short Skirt
- Rock & Roll
- Joie De Vivre
- Escapade

Kudos to the Santa Barbara owners for having the club feature our fleet and donating their boats to the regatta. This is a great example



of how we can keep the J/105 at the forefront of one design racing in Southern California.

- John Downing

Yacht Club site at www.sdyc.org. Click on "racing."

Please contact Karen Yingling at karen@jconcierge.com for a weigh in schedule. You can send her your crew and sail declarations as well. She will also collect your 2006 dues at registration if they haven't been paid yet.

The San Diego Yacht Club On Design Weekend will be held next weekend, March 11 and 12, the weekend before NOOD. There is no entry fee. Just sign up on the San Diego Yacht Club Site. As of today, there is only ONE J/105 signed up! And that's mine. Yikes!! Please sign up as soon as possible so we can plan the weekend's activities. As of this writing, the Beneteau 36.5 fleet will be joining us for at least one day of one design racing. We will be sailing both days.

The Newport Harbor Yacht Club will be hosting us at the Ahmanson Regatta on April 22 and 23rd. The entry form and NOR are on line now at the NHYC website, www.nhyc.org. Click on "racing" then on the drop down menu. It's a little confusing but it really is there.

2006 Class Membership Dues and Other Membership Information

If you haven't already paid your 2006 dues (\$75 cheap!) please get them to Scott McDaniel as soon as possible. Karen Yingling will collect dues at NOOD registration as well. Remember, you have to be a current member to race in High Points regattas and to have a vote.

Scott has been working very hard on enhancing the Fleet 8 membership database. He is adding other (currently) non-member SoCal J/105s. Over the last 12 months several boats have changed hands. Scott is tracking down the new owners. If you know of a boat that has changed hands or of a J/105 owned by a non member of the fleet please pass this information on to Scott for his "census."

The Executive committee is also developing new membership applications for owners and long term shipmates (associate members). The owner form will reflect the trend in the fleet toward partnerships and company owned boats and will have a simple checklist of requirements. Likewise the associate member application will up upgraded to require some supporting information for new associate members.

One More Thing.....

I need to know if this newsletter is getting through your spam filter. Please send an email to J105@dfwines.com to let me know you received it. If I don't receive confirmation from you I'll assume you haven't received it and that means MUCH more work for me to find another way to reach you!

You can indicate in the body if you no longer wish to receive it or you can include more email addresses for your crew. Please distribute this little newsletter to your crew and prospective J/105 owners. Please send me the email addresses of those who you think might enjoy reading - or contributing - to it. Results and write-ups of events featuring our fellow J/105 Fleet 8 members are most welcome. Please send in notices of upcoming races featuring the J/105 class - even PHRF events - especially those which provide a separate start for the J/105 class.

fairwinds,

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Fleet 8 Captain

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