

Regatta News

San Diego NOOD

Chile Pepper and Mischief duke it out.



The 2006 San Diego Yacht Club NOOD regatta opened with twenty-one J/105s on the line making it, yet again, the largest one design class in the regatta. Actually, make that twenty J/105s on the line after Tom Carruthers and the Invisible crew dropped out before the first start. More about that later.

The weather on Saturday was excellent with the temps in the mid to high 50s, maybe a bit chilly

us SoCal types. The rain showers that threatened all weekend all dissipated or passed to the north or south. For the most part, the breeze was about 12 kts out of the WSW with some pretty large shifts (mostly caused by the rain clouds) thrown in to mix up everyone's tactics.

Noteworthy among the competitors was Steve Grillon and his Belly Dancer crew. Steve's crew included none other than

Your Vote Matters

As this is being written the on line vote on the traveling sails question is drawing to a close. Nearly every boat has voted showing just how strong our fleet is. Thank you all for taking the time to vote and for carefully considering the issues before us.

The on line questionnaire format which is being used in this poll will also be used to provide feedback on our High Points regattas and future rules proposals.

Upcoming Regattas

The SoCal J/105 racing season is now getting into full swing. On April 8 the SDYC will



host a One Design Saturday. . On April 8/9 the Santa Barbara YC will host their Spring Regatta. The Santa Barbara YC Wet Wednesday Series starts on April 5 and will continue until September 27. On April 22/23 the Newport Harbor YC will host the Ahmanson regatta. Two weeks later on May 6/7 the SDYC will host Yachting Cup. And don't forget the Leukemia Cup on Friday May 5.

- John Downing

Dave Perry and three SDYC Sabot A fleet junior sailors! Is that great or what? The three sabot sailors were Jake Reynolds, David Larson and Matt Morris. I understand they all had a blast. How does a 75 pound bowman sound? Those unfamiliar with Dave Perry should check Amazon for rule books. Yup, he wrote them. And he frequently lectures about sailing rules as he did earlier in the week for SDYC juniors. Five years ago he won US Sailing's Sportsmanship award. All in all a very cool guy out there racing with us. Steve, Dave and the kids sailed Belly Dancer into a seventh place overall!

Steve Grillon is also an extremely accomplished sailor. We are lucky to have him in the fleet. For those who don't know Steve, here are a few of his many successes. In 1983 Steve, sailing with Bruce and Jay Golison, won the Prince of Wales which is the U.S. Match Sailing Championship. (Dave Perry won it in 1982.) More recently in 2000 he finished third in the Etchells Worlds, this time sailing with Peter Isler. In 2003

Steve won Ahmanson on Belly Dancer. Watch Steve on starts. He has remarkable boat control in bad air and close quarters.

The first race on Saturday was won by Carolyn Hardy on Mischief, serving notice that they were going to be a force to be reckoned with. In that race Javelin and Chile Pepper went left from the pin end of the line. This looked like a great game plan until the wind went right 25 degrees when they were banging the left corner. Oops! By the time they got back to the weather mark they found themselves in the cheap seats rounding at the tail end of the tightly bunched field. As Bill Campbell of Javelin said afterward, "at least we won the left side!" By the end of race 1 Javelin had worked back through the field to tenth and Chile Pepper did a bit better with a fifth. Steve Howell and his Blink crew finished a fine sixth, outstanding for their second High Points regatta ever. Rick Goebel's Sanity and Pete Lufkin's Short Skirt finished in the top 4 and continued to show they were contenders all weekend.

Chile Pepper won the next two races on Saturday. Mischief, Sanity, Short Skirt, Grace O'Malley, Rock and Roll and Javelin all had finishes in the top four. But all had at least one race in double digits.

Mischief's 13th in the last race on Saturday pushed them into second place. Even with two wins on Sunday they couldn't catch Chile Pepper who finished in second right behind Mischief in both of Sunday's races. Chile Pepper was the only boat to finish every race in the top ten.

Sanity moved from third overall to fourth after taking a 40% penalty in the last race. Short Skirt moved up one to third overall.

The level of competition in the fleet is just remarkable. Nine boats, nearly half of the field, had at least one top five finish. Fifteen boats had at least one top ten finish.

Season High Points standings through two regattas are included in this issue of Regatta News.

Check your tillers - and that includes emergency tillers !

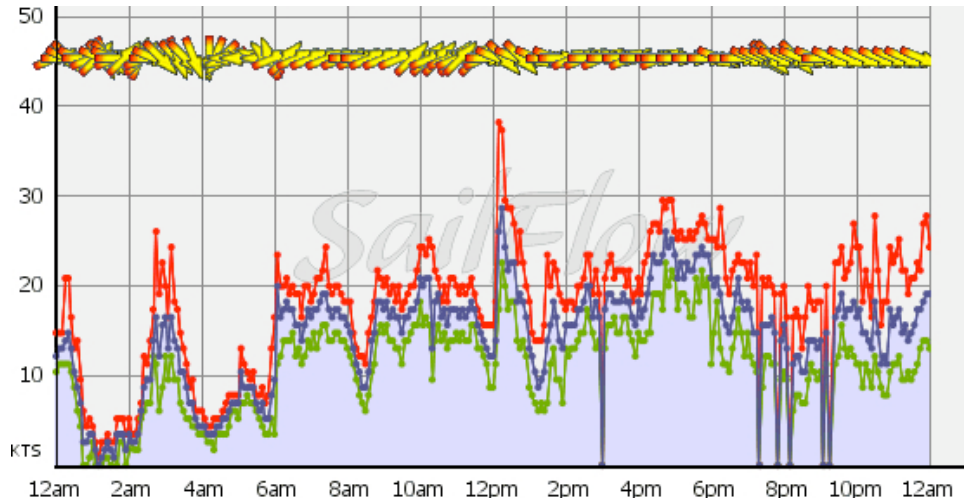
Tom Carruthers' J/105, Invisible, was a wheel boat converted to tiller. In this conversion the tiller mount was fastened to the rudder post with epoxy glue. When backing down prior to the first race at NOOD the rudder went over hard (which is an easy thing to do) and broke the epoxy seal. The tiller got loose and turned 45 degrees on the rudder post. If you have such a conversion, you might consider fastening the tiller mount with a shear pin.

In a related issue wheel boat owners are advised to try out their emergency tiller. I'll be you never have given it a second thought. I tried mine and found it wouldn't fit over the Delrin ring on the rudder post making the emergency tiller useless. I'll bet yours doesn't fit either. Let me know if yours fits or not. I have a machine shop handy that can make a new Delrin piece for you as they did for me.

Dennis and Sharon Case's Wings wins the March 12 SDYC One Design Weekend

Wings was the winner of the March 12 SDYC One Design Weekend with a 3-3-3 for the three race Sunday only regatta. This event was the first regatta of the San Diego based Southern Series J/105 Championship. Eleven J/105s competed with Triple Play winning the first and third races. Javelin was the winner of race two. In the overall results it was Wings, Triple Play and a tie for third with Air Boss and Speedplay. Ten of the eleven boats in the event were "class legal". Chile Pepper sailed with demo sails so was not classified for the Southern Series.

On Saturday the SDYC held a set of practice races for J/105s and Beneteaus 36.7s. The Beneteaus failed to show but four intrepid J/105s participated.



A glance at the chart above shows why only four made it out. Given the weather and the small field the SDYC Pro elected to run the clinic in North Bay which turned out be a great call. At about 12:30 in the afternoon the gusts got to 37kts with hail. That was enough and everyone promptly called it a day. Iron man awards go to the crews on Invisible, Air Boss, Sanity and Straight Edge (does Mark ever miss a chance to race?) and, of course, to the SDYC race committee who stuck it out.

Results after two events for the Southern Series are included in this newsletter.

You may notice that the scoring for the High Points series and the Southern Series differs. The Southern Series uses a simple formula of assigning a score based on the number of boats you beat plus one. Last place gets 1 point and first gets a score equal to the number of boats racing (whether or not class legal.) High Points scoring is described on our fleet web site at www.j105.org/fleet8.

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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 High Points Scores after two regattas

Place	Boat Name	Dana Point		San Diego NOOD		total
		place	points	place	points	
1	Chile Pepper 617	2	91	1	100	191
2	Sanity	4	83	4	86	169
3	Mischief	11	67	2	94	161
4	Airboss	1	97	16	63	160
5	Wings	3	87	10	72	159
6	Grace O'Malley	10	69	5	83	152
7	Triple Play	6	77	9	74	151
8	Space Cowboy	5	80	17	62	142
9	Belly Dancer	13	63	7	78	141
10	Rock & Roll	8	73	12	68	141
11	Zuni Bear	9	71	11	70	141
12	Speedplay	7	75	15	64	139
13	Blink	12	65	14	65	130
14	Straight Edge	16	60	13	66	126
15	Twelve Bar Blues	17	59	18	61	120
16	Short Skirt	dnc	0	3	90	90
17	Javelin	dnc	0	6	80	80
18	Cheetah	dnc	0	8	76	76
19	Off the Porch	14	62	dnc	0	62
20	Pendragon	15	61	dnc	0	61
21	Vamoose	dnc	0	19	60	60
22	Bold Forbes	dnc	0	20	59	59
23	Invisible	dnc	0	21	58	58

San Diego Southern Series scores after two regattas

Place	Boat Name	SDYC March 12 One Design		San Diego NOOD		total
		place	points	place	points	
1	Sanity	5	7	4	18	25
2	Triple Play	2	10	9	13	23
3	WIngs	1	11	10	12	23
4	Chile Pepper	8	dsq(1)	1	21	21
5	Javelin	7	5	6	16	21
6	Mischief	dnc	0	2	20	20
7	Cheetah	6	6	8	14	20
8	Short Skirt	dnc	0	3	19	19
9	Grace O'Malley	dnc	0	5	17	17
10	Speedplay	3	9	15	7	16
11	Belly Dancer	dnc	0	7	15	15
12	Air Boss	3	9	16	6	15
13	Straight Edge	10	3	13	9	12
14	Blink	9	4	14	8	12
15	Zuni Bear	dnc	0	11	11	11
16	Rock & Roll	dnc	0	12	10	10
17	Space Cowboy	dnc	0	17	5	5
18	Vamoose	11	2	19	3	5
19	Twelve Bar Blues	dnc	0	18	4	4
20	Bold Forbes	dnc	0	20	2	2
21	Invisible	dnc	0	21	1	1
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