

Regatta News

Ahmanson, Yachting Cup and other regattas

*The San Diego Yacht Club names the J/105 as
Yacht of the Year.*



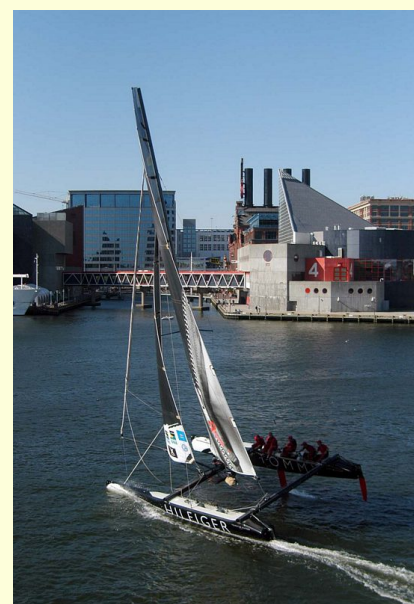
It's been eight weeks since the last issue of J/105 Regatta News and there is plenty of news to report. We've had three High Points regattas as well as local races in both Santa Barbara and

San Diego. And, of course, there's the Newport Ensenada with four Fleet 8 J/105s entered.

The San Diego Yacht Club honored the J/105 Fleet by naming the J/105 the 2006 Yacht of the

Volvo Extreme 40

Our own Larry Harteck, owner of Repeat Offender, and catamaran racer extraordinaire was in Baltimore in early May driving VX-40 "Volvo Ocean Race".



These 40 foot hot rods had closing speeds of over 40kts in the harbor! See www.vx40.org for details. Larry is working hard on his Olympic Tornado campaign. We'll all be cheering for you!

The SoCal J/105 racing season is now in full swing. From Beercan regattas to the Lipton Cup to the upcoming North American Championships we will try to keep everyone updated with email, Regatta News and our Fleet website

- John Downing

Year at their Opening Day Party. Former Fleet 8 captain, Doug Werner (the tall guy in the picture) accepted the award presented by Commodore Betty Sue Sherman. Betty Sue also sails on the SDYC Lipton Cup J/105 team.

In other news, the J/105 Technical Committee proposed a ruling on hull fairing, then withdrew it to gather more information. And several new owners have joined the fleet. All in all it's been a very busy time.

Here's a brief recap of the April and May regattas and races sailed by our fleet members.

Abmanson - April 22, 23

Sixteen J/105s converged on the Newport Harbor Yacht Club to contest the Ahmanson Regatta. Rock and Roll and Short Skirt made the long trip down from Santa Barbara. Nine boats made the trip up from San Diego while the "middle kingdom" was well represented with five. J/105s shared the south course with J/109s and Schock 35s. The PHRF boats sailed the nearby (more about this later) north course. All weekend the 9 to 14 kt breeze out of the SSW made 30 degree shifts. This made for a challenging time for both the race committee and the racers. Racers who found themselves on the wrong side of a shift found themselves flushed out the back. After the first day of racing Short Skirt (11 points) was in the lead followed by Wings, Mischief (13 points each), Grace O'Malley and the Mozer/McLean owned Current Obsession (14 points each). Gary Mozer, after dominating the J/109 class last

year is showing that he is going to be a force in the J/105 class as well.

Rock and Roll got launched in Sunday's first race and had a firm lead on the pack in shifty conditions. As the pack rounded the leeward gate the race committee signaled a course change and moved the weather mark. Unfortunately, the mark change was not reflected on the mark itself. In the confusion, the port tack boats, led by Rock and Roll, mistakenly headed for the weather mark on the nearby course to the north. The rest had a better view of the course and headed to the correct mark. The race was won by Scott McDaniel and his Off the Porch crew amid protest flags from those who sailed to wrong mark. Ultimately, the race committee abandoned the race in the protest room so the race was not counted.

In the end, Pete Lufkin and the Short Skirt crew played it right and sailed to a convincing 1-5-5-3 win over Grace O'Malley, two points behind. It's hard to believe that this was Alice's first ever top three High Points score. Congratulations, Alice! Wings was third followed by a three way tie for fourth between Sanity, Mischief and Chile Pepper (who finished in that order).

Leukemia Cup / Yachting Cup May 5,6,7

Seven of the fourteen boats that sailed in the PHRF class three in the Leukemia Cup were J/105s. Maybe next year we can get our own start! Joe Dagostino's Viggen dominated and won the class and finished fourth overall in

the regatta. Javelin, Short Skirt, Triple Play, Blink, Off the Porch and Airboss followed. The entry fees went to a great cause. Thank you all for participating.

Kelp was the story of Yachting Cup this year. It was everywhere. Nearly every one of the twenty-two boat fleet was seen flossing or flogging their kelp sticks pretty much all of the time. On Sunday at least one boat stopped mid-race to put someone over the side to pull kelp off of the strut. Several others backed down mid-race as well. A glance at the results shows that nearly everyone got bit in at least one race. On Saturday Wings won the first two races then hit the kelp in the third race and dropped six spots to ninth. Chile Pepper and Bold Forbes (sailing with former owner Ed Cummins in the crew) managed to avoid most of the kelp on Saturday and finished the day in the top three. Triple Play and Javelin also caught the dreaded kelp on Saturday pushing them both out of the top five.

On Sunday's first race Chile Pepper threw it all away with a 15th after catching - you guessed it - kelp. Mischief and Javelin came back with top five finishes in both races. Short Skirt had an uncharacteristic 21st in the last race - once again - kelp. There's a story line here..... Bold Forbes continued her kelp-free ways with a first and a fifth on the day and was the convincing winner of the regatta. Triple Play sailed to a well deserved win in the last race moving Lowell and company into third overall in the regatta, just one point behind Wings.

Newport Ensenada May 19

Four Fleet 8 J/105s sailed in the annual Newport Ensenada race. All were entered in the Sprit B class. Belly Dancer finished second in the class and an amazing third overall (in corrected time) in the race. Remarkable! Off the Porch finished 68 overall in a field of 460 (!) entries with J-Hawk just behind at 133rd overall.

San Diego One Design Southern Series April 8

Thirteen J/105s raced at the Coronado Roads. Javelin had everyone covered with a 1-5-2 followed closely by the Scott Harris driven Bold Forbes with a 2-3-4. Triple Play continues her top of the fleet ways with a third place overall with a 5-4-1. Conditions were typical San Diego with a 9 to 12 kt breeze out of the WSW.

Santa Barbara Spring Series

With six races in the books it's Larry Harteck and the Repeat Offender crew all the way with six wins. Wow. Free Enterprise has a string of six second places. Joie De Vivre, Perfect Timing 2, Escapade, Rocken & Grooven (formerly Quicksilver) and Short Skirt have all been racing for third place. At least six boats have made it to every race. Great job guys!

Administrivia

As the fleet matures, an increasing number of boats are

moving to co-ownership. In fact, a quarter of actively raced Fleet 8 boats are now in partnerships. San Francisco based Fleet 1 has a similar profile.

Last January the Fleet 8 Excomm, after doing a survey of other fleets in the class (including Fleet 1), established partnership documentation requirements in line with class rules (there were no formal requirements before then). All partnerships formed in 2006 (three so far with at least two more on the way) have been reviewed and approved by the Excomm. Previously formed long term partnerships have been grandfathered. Changes in existing partnerships will require Excomm review. Please contact Fleet 8 Secretary/Treasurer Scott McDaniel for details.

The national class membership list has been changed to reflect membership status as defined by the class rules. As such, members are designated as OW (owner), CO (co-owner) or AM (associate member). The designation OH (other helmsman) will no longer be used on the national class membership list. Local fleets may keep their own lists of those AMs that meet the class requirements for OH. The Fleet 8 website is being updated to add this information.

2006 North Americans

The planning is well underway for the 2006 NAs at Cal Yacht Club. For example, two practice races are being scheduled for Wednesday afternoon before the NAs start on Thursday giving us a

total of nine races over five days! An international jury is being planned as well. The budget for the NAs is over \$40,000 so you can expect a really first class regatta. Please get your entries in as soon as possible so we can show a substantial Fleet 8 commitment to the success of this event.

And Finally.....

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/.

Results for Southern Series regattas through May 20 (with no throw outs) are on pages 4/5.

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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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J/105 Southern Series Scoring - no throw outs

Place	Boat Name	SDYC March 12 One Design		San Diego NOOD		SDYC April 8 One Design		Yachting Cup		SDYC May 20 One Design		total
		place	points	place	points	place	points	place	points	place	points	
1	WIngs	1	11	10	12	5	9	2	21	3	11	64
2	Triple Play	2	10	9	13	3	11	3	20	5	9	63
3	Sanity	5	7	4	18	4	10	8	15	2	12	62
4	Javelin	7	5	6	16	1	13	5	18	8	6	58
5	Cheetah	6	6	8	14	6	8	11	12	12	2	42
6	Chile Pepper	8	dsq(1)	1	21	8	dsq(1)	4	19	dsq(1)	0	40
7	Mischief	dnc	0	2	20	dnc	0	6	17	dnc	0	37
8	Short Skirt	dnc	0	3	19	dnc	0	7	16	dnc	0	35
9	Bold Forbes / Streaker	dnc	0	20	2	dsq (2)	0	1	22	6	8	32
10	Air Boss	3	9	16	6	7	7	14	9	13	1	32
11	Grace O'Malley	dnc	0	5	17	dnc	0	9	14	dnc	0	31
12	Blink	9	4	14	8	10	4	15	8	7	7	31
13	Belly Dancer	dnc	0	7	15	dnc	0	13	10	dnc	0	28
14	Speedplay	3	9	15	7	9	5	20	3	10	4	28
15	Invisible	dnc	0	21	1	0	0	12	11	1	13	25
16	Rock & Roll	dnc	0	12	10	dnc	0	10	13	dnc	0	23

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17	Straight Edge	10	3	13	9	11	3	16	7	dsq(2)	0	22
18	Zuni Bear	dnc	0	11	11	dnc	0	17	6	dnc	0	17
19	Space Cowboy	dnc	0	17	5	12	2	18	5	11	3	15
20	Vamoose	11	2	19	3	13	1	22	1	dnc	0	7
21	Twelve Bar Blues	dnc	0	18	4	dnc	0	dnc	0	dnc	0	4
22	Obsession	dnc	0	dnc	0	dnc	0	19	4	dnc	0	4
23	Off the Porch	dnc	0	dnc	0	dnc	0	21	2	dnc	0	2
(1)	sailed not class legal - sails											
(2)	sailed not class legal - helmsman											