



SBYRC

SOUTH BAY YACHT RACING CLUB

Newsletter

Commodore Corner

It is with great pleasure that I take over the helm of South Bay Yacht Racing Club for 2010. I'll do my best to lead our organization; our director and chair positions are filled with dedicated and energetic racers, many of whom are already forming exciting plans for this year. With the dynamism of the incoming board, this year is poised to be a great one for SBYRC.

The new decade started with zero wind on the first week, to change dramatically to thunderstorms, bringing a lot of rain in the Santa Monica Bay with high winds in the 35 knots. Then the weather changed all of a sudden, the rain stopped, the sky cleared up the day before the Champagne Series Regatta giving us a great weather to race; then the bad weather came back a few days later bringing the thunderstorms, the high winds and even a tornado. That unfortunately led a lot of the racers to stay home, trusting the weather man.



SBYRC Calendar Corner

Be sure to mark your calendars for these great upcoming events and races!

Opening Day!
Start Racing Clinic
Pas De Deux
Match Racing
WOW and WAH

Co-hosting with MVYC
Free and for all Fleets!
Double handed racing
2 days of Matchless Racing
Women on the Water

Champagne Series Racers and Winners

March 13th
April 3rd
July 24th
Sept. 11th and 12th
Sept. 18th and 19th

SBYRC Winner's Corner

The Champagne Series was a five race regatta that managed to dodge all the bad weather SoCal has had for the last few weeks!

Winners

PHRF A - John Staff *Plankton*
J80 - Curt Johnson *Avet*
Open 5.70 - Jerome Sammarcelli - *Semi Aquatic*
PHRF B - Cheda/Thomas/Fleck - *Bandit*
Martin 242 - Denise George - *All In*

Jerome Sammarcelli won the Champagne Perpetual Trophy on *Semi Aquatic*.
 George Moll was the winner of the Kleeve Perpetual Trophy for the One Design on his Open 5.70 *Sonic*.

The hospitality after the two days of racing was held at MVYC and all had a great time enjoying the camaraderie with many awesome raffle prizes from our sponsors!

The daring sailors who came out to play and raced the second day of the Champagne Series Regatta, had a blast sailing out on a beautiful day on the water with great winds and no rain. Yes, we were blessed with a wonderful weather for our first regatta of the year, I agree. Let's hope for great winds all year long!

South Bay Yacht Racing Club is made up of racers for racers, if you are interested in joining our efforts, please let us know.

I am looking forward to a year of challenges, fun and growth of the club.

Nora Feddal - Commodore



Membership Corner

The South Bay Yacht Racing Club board and members would like to welcome our newest members: Kieran Shocklee, Mark Spector, Sayoko Adachi-Edwards, Wayne Brandow, Ray Durand, David Messier.

Good luck racing and we'll see you on the water!
Michael Shocklee
 VC and Membership Director

For information on how you can help the club, be part of a Race Committee and learn more about racing, send an email to sbyrc@sbyrc.org or contact any of the board members anytime.

Special New Member and Renewal Promotion

New Members and Renewing Members can receive a \$10 discount on club dues when providing this code on their payment: SB-2/2010

**** Sign up with us ASAP if you are planning on entering the Ensenada Race and need to be affiliated with a yacht club!****

SBYRC promotes the sport and art of sailing throughout the South Bay and encourages new sailors to join and grow via sailboat racing – at the most inexpensive rate in town.

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SBYRC Champagne Series:

While most of us were still in our winter hibernation, top yacht racers in Marina Del Rey joined South Bay Yacht Racing Club's two day Champagne series regatta. Principal Race officer and new Commodore of SBYRC, Nora Feddal was able to come up with two beautiful race days in the midst of some of the strangest California weather. The threat of bad weather, that never materialized, kept some competitors from the starting line on the last day of racing dramatically changing the results.

At the end of the first day of racing Jerome Sammarcelli seems to have first place locked up in the 5.70 fleet mainly by virtue of being the only one to correctly sail the second race. After the second day of racing Jerome not only won first in class but was also declared the winner of the Champagne Perpetual Trophy. Tracey Kenney one of the top 5.70 sailors and legendary Lido 14 sailor, was hanging on to Second place but two other boats were right behind her. Tracy missed the starts on the second day opening the door for George Moll on his yacht "Sonic" to pick up second place in the series and the Kleeve Perpetual trophy and Nik Vale rounded out the winners circle with a third.

Then it's on to the J 80 fleet with Curt Johnston and a perfect score of five first place finishes. Marc Morris was three points ahead of Jeff Friedman after the first day of racing but Jeff moved ahead to capture second place after Marc failed to show on the second day of racing. Marc Morris finished third.

John Staff, Dan Howard and Mark Stratton were all in the hunt for PHRF A first place prize. John was able to hold on and finish first with Mark Stratton in second and then a Mark Spector knocked Dan Howard out of third when Dan failed to report to the starting line.

In PHRF B it was the trio from Bandit versus Doug Johnston fighting it out with only one point separating the boats after the first day of racing but when Doug failed to show for race day two that moved Don Hedges into second place and Derek Heeb and his crew Team Redline into third place. This was the closest race in the series. Bandit finished first.

Then it's on to the perpetual battle between Jim Durden and Denise George in the Martin 242 fleet. Two points separate these two with Denise in first, Jim in second and Simms Stauffer rounding out the winners in third place. Martins only race the first day of the series.

It was two days of great sailing with Marina Venice Yacht Club providing hospitality for both days of the event. This was a nice kick off to the 2010 racing season.

MDR 2-18-2010 by Mike Guccione

Staff Commodore of SBYRC and Publicity Chair

SBYRC Winner's Corner:

SBYRC members are above all else, racers. They are sailors who like the wind in their faces and the competition at their backs.

Congratulations to our members for their accomplishments on the water in the last few weeks.

The *Mid Winter Regatta* took place on Feb 20th and 21st. The Southern California Yachting Association's 81st Midwinter was hosted at thirty three clubs from the Channel Islands to San Diego and all ports in between and also including inland lakes from the Pacific Coast to Arizona. Attracting over 600 boats, the Midwinter is the largest regatta in North America and featuring 80 classes including PHRF, cruisers, multihull, dinghies, predict log racing, canoes, and model sailboats.

It was almost a clean sweep for SBYRC; our members took 3 out of the 4 first places at SMWYC, and won 2 out of 3 perpetual trophies:

1st place "**Lugano**" Mark Stratton in PHRF A

1st place "**Eggemogin**" Team HLM in PHRF B

1st place "**Windsong**" Joe Cowan in Cruising under 30

2nd place: "**Farr Gone**" Staff Commodore Rick Ruskin

3rd place SC Gary Green on "**Green Dragon**" followed by our fleet Captain George Biddle on "**Prometheus**" In Cruising over 30.

At the *Berger/Stein Regatta* last Saturday once again our Yacht Club was very well represented, taking home 4 First places, 1 Second place and a Third place.

Congratulations to South Bay Yacht Racing Club members:

1st place "**Lugano**" Mark Stratton in PHRF A

1st place "**Eggemogin**" Team HLM in PHRF C

1st place "**Triple Tap**" Alan Egusa in ORCA

1st place "**Prometheus**" George Biddle in Cruiser Spin

2nd place "**Cheetah**" Chris Slagerman in PHRF AA

3rd place "**Teaser**" Team Guccionne / Rasse in PHRF C

Congratulations to all!

We are proud to have all of you flying our burgee.

Mark your calendar for the up coming seminars:

2010 ASMBYC Racers Forum - March 10, 7:00 p.m., at CYC

This year's forum will be dedicated to the Cruising class in the Santa Monica Bay. Representatives from ASMBYC, club Race Chairs, and PHRF will be there for the discussions. Info: Tucker Strasser details:

<http://www.asmbyc.org/>

Dave Perry is Back Friday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at CYC

"Dave's Top 10 Tactical Tips" includes tactical applications of the racing rules in key areas around the race course from America's top rules expert. This program is open to all interested sailors and avid racers. It's just \$10 at the door.

Safety at Sea Seminar Saturday March 20th at DRYC :

"How to deal with emergencies that occur during coastal (near shore) cruising. How to be physiologically & physically safe if you become "suddenly alone."

SBYRC Start Racing Clinic Saturday April 3rd 2010

Finally, our members like to share their knowledge and love of the sea. Throughout the year our volunteer staff organizes races, seminars and clinics. Our next event is a much-anticipated start racing clinic seminar that invites every racer, beginners and expert sailors to sharpen their starting skills. If you love the sea and want to share in the excitement, please join us as we look forward to a new racing season.

The fun never ends on the water;

See you on the water or at Opening Day Saturday March 13th at 14:00 hours

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