

SBYRC

SOUTH BAY YACHT RACING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Commodore Corner

We are just half way through the year already, and the summer iswhere is the summer??? Arrrgh!!!!!! What's happening with the weather? Going from weeks with no wind to days too windy to sail with gust of 25 and over; racing lately has been quite challenging and many racers just retired after "racing" in dead wind. At times it felt like January, at other times the sun was out and people were playing like it was summer. Let's hope for some more steady winds and a great racing season now on. And think about next year already!

The future of our club is in your hands today! South Bay Yacht Racing Club is made up of racers for racers and we are now looking for volunteers to serve on the Board during 2011. A well diversified club in age and backgrounds makes the club fun and special. Get involved now, and help the sailing community by sharing your experience and knowledge, as well as learn from others.

Please contact anyone on the board or send me an email at sbyrc@sbyrc.org, I will be more than happy to answer your questions.

Commodore Nora Feddal



SOUTH BAY YACHT RACING CLUB
JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER
FOR 2 GREAT EVENTS

MATCH RACING
Sept 11&12

Women On the Water
Woman At the Helm
Sept 18&19

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Registration & NOR Available ONLINE for both events

SBYRC Calendar Corner

September is busy with 2 great events.

On **Sept 11 & 12** our next event is a much-anticipated Match Racing that invites one-design sailors to sharpen their starting skills. It begins Saturday morning with a seminar that will explain, in detail, the intricacies of this type of racing; then later in the afternoon and on Sunday there will be an on-the-water regatta. For the ultimate in yacht racing challenges, you can't miss this one.

The annual WOW / WAH race weekend, for all our female sailors and mixed crews, on **Sept 18 & 20th** should not be missed – great competition and a great party weekend!

Green Dragon caught on fire!



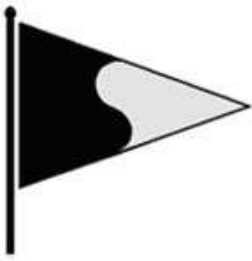
Membership Corner

We welcome our new members and encourage your racing participation and to reach out to us or any SBYRC board member if you have questions, or would like to volunteer for your club's racing activities.

SBYRC's newest members:

- Lee, Rawles "Sua Sponte" Harbor 20
- Michael, Rettie "Coctail" Harbor 25
- David Epstein "SuperStar" Catalina 38 - Simon Locke "SuperStar" Catalina 38
- Allen Bakalyar "Escape" Cat 25
- Adam Tromp, Huntervision 32'
- Rene, Hollander "Encore" Venture 21'
- Natasha Peterson
- Sheri Hunt

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Racer's Corner:

Flying the SBYRC banner, fellow members Shawn Ivie, Douglas Johnstone and Chad McNeely on **FRICTION LOSS** just took **2nd Place in the Pacific Cup race from San Francisco to Hawaii!**

After leading their class from the start, about half way across they fell in a hole that cost them 40 miles against the competition. From that point the game was "Catch up", and catch up they did...Reducing a 6 hour lead to 45 mins at the finish! All they would have needed for 1st is another 10 miles of race that wasn't there.

Check out the Pacific Cup website for pix and details, and send them a message of congrats: <http://www.pacificcup.org/image/friction-loss-crew>

We couldn't ask for better "representin" than this!

George Biddle, Fleet Captain



Berger –Stein Overall

PHRF-AA	1 st Place	CHEETAH - Chris Slagerman
PHRF-A	2 nd Place	LUGANO - Mark Startton
PHRF-C	2 nd Place	EGGEMOGGIN – Team HLM
ORCA	1 st Place	TRIPLE TAP – Alan Egusa
CRUISING-SPIN	2 nd Place	PROMETHEUS- George Biddle

Long Beach Race Week

B36.7 Fleet 1st Place **KRAKEN - Greg Lynn**

Pas de Deux

PHRF	2 nd Place	TEASER - Mike Guccione
CRUISERS	1 st Place	WINDSONG- Sam Cowen
	2 nd Place	PROMETHEUS- George Biddle



Mike Guccione and Guillaume Rasse receiving the 2nd place PHRF™ handmade™ trophies from Trophy Chair Terry Davis.

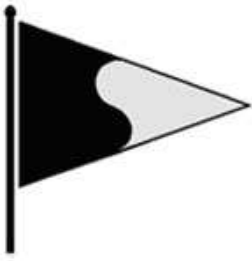
The Pas de Deux was a great race for double handed beginners. The racing was very tight the second and third place boats were only 28 seconds apart after 17 miles of racing. The weather was perfect with 10 knots of wind most of the day. The best part of this race was the after race party. Over 120 people showed up at PMYC to take advantage of the 2 dollars shots, 2 dollar beer and five dollar Hamburger dinner. A live band and a lot of fun people made this the best race of the year.

Thanks to all that organized this great event. We can't wait till next year!

Mike Guccione and Guillaume Rasse (Teaser)

**Congratulations to all!
We are proud to have all of you flying our burgee!**

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Rear Commodore Corner:

High noon was nearly upon the South Bay Yacht Racing Club as we approached the start of our second annual Pas De Deux; a mid distance regatta race of approximately 17 miles and "dance for two" it was! The weather could not have been more cooperative, sunshine, fair winds, and seas. It has been a great learning experience and an honor to have been the PRO for my first race on such a beautiful day surrounded by great people.

Great fun, laughter, merriment, and friendly competition summed up the day. Huge congratulations to our Pas De Deux winners for 2010. For cruising spin and non spin there were 8 boats registered. Windsong, Joe Cowan took first place followed by Prometheus, George Biddle, second place and third place goes to Avanti, Jim LaBarge. For PHRF spin and non spin there were 10 boats registered. Critter, James Bourley took first place followed by Teaser, Mike Guccione second place and third place goes to Jubilation, Lenny Shabes.

The magnitude of time and effort that goes into such a race requires the time and effort of many individuals in order to make it a success.

A special thank you to Sal and Gloria for their generosity and hospitality of loaning SBYRC their beautiful boat, "Friendship" to be our race committee boat. Another huge thank you to our fearless race committee which consisted of: Bob Kellock, Mike Gitchell, Jen Husz, Jessica Filippini, Diane Larson, and our Commodore, Nora Feddal. "Thank you" to Tony Milazzo, director of Junior Chair, Special Events Chair/RC for his hospitality, booking of the band "Good Cop, Bad Cop" who provided amazing entertainment and for all, and for throwing us such a wonderful BBQ. Also, Thanks to Herlo for supplying us with t-shirts from their clothing line and to Mike Guccione for securing our hosts PMYC.

Lastly, a warm thank you to the bridge of SBYRC for all of the time, effort and guidance you provided to me during my first race. Thank you to Nora Feddal, Mike Shocklee, Arnaud Massonnat, George Biddle, Terry Davis, Val and Jim Cash, Karen Mahmalji, and Julie Albright.

Kathy Rooney, PRO and Rear Commodore

Messages Corner:

If anyone would be interested in participating in the Catalina Classic as an escort boat for a paddler, I have a few people who are in need of an escort for the 32 mile paddleboard race.

<http://catalinaclassicpaddleboardrace.org/index.html>. The race is scheduled on Sunday Aug 29, 2010 leaving from Isthmus Cove on Catalina @ 5am to Manhattan Beach Pier. Escort boat captions are generally compensated around \$500 for their efforts, and are able to participate in the pre and post festivities of the race.

Kind regards,
Rodney Ellis rodney.n.ellis@gmail.com

Publicity Corner

Want to be part of yacht racing? You can!

Own a boat? Every sail boat can be raced. SBYRC has a mentoring program for new skippers headed by SBYRC's Staff Commodore Tim Tunks. Tim will help you get starting and learn the ropes on your way to having more fun with your boat.

No boat? Every yacht racer needs crew to race. Go to www.YRRC.com and get on the crew list. This is where the local skippers look for new crew. New people can learn to race on many of the teams here in Marina Del Rey. Put your Facebook page away and get out on the ocean with friends, it's great fun.

Mike Guccione Staff Commodore and Publicity Chair

Green Dragon caught on fire



Gary, Rosalie and Crew,

When Green Dragons' loss was announced at Del Rey yesterday, it stunned the room. The assembled racers looked about just shaking their heads in disbelief.

The crew on Prometheus was much more vocal with their refusal to believe this could happen.

Since we began racing in cruiser class, Green Dragon has been our yardstick of competition, and occasionally, our Nemesis. After every race, the question was more often not how we placed but: "Did you beat Green Dragon?"

We are confident that a new Green Dragon will soon be on the water to keep us on our toes, and meanwhile there will be a place on Prometheus whenever possible for the GD crew.

Our wishes for a speedy return to the race course,

George and Crew, Prometheus

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