

Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week

Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs June 25-27, 2010

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A package deal for LBRW, with breeze thrown in

LONG BEACH, Calif.

Discounts are more popular than ever these days, but Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week has been playing the game for years to remain the West Coast's largest keelboat regatta.

The three-day event co-produced by the neighboring Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs is scheduled June 25-27. A \$50 discount fee applies for <u>online entry</u> before June 1, and that ain't all. Other perks:

Free mooring or docking, courtesy of the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine;

Nightly parties with complimentary hors d'ouevres;

Free water taxi transportation between the sponsoring clubs;

Free breeze for the racing.

The latter, reaching 20 knots on the final day last year, was enjoyed by 132 boats in 18 classes but especially by winners from San Diego like Chuck Nichols in J/ 120s. Chris Snow in J/24s and Mark Surber who won PHRF-1 on his J/125, Derivative. Also, David Voss's Piranha from Marina del Rey devoured the charged-up Farr 40 class to win Boat of the Week honors.

"The conditions were fabulous," Voss said. "It was the first regatta where I've crossed the finish line when we were winning but was disappointed that it was over. We were having so much fun in that last race in particular that I was sorry to see it end."

Nichols said, "We've had the same crew [of 10] for seven or eight years and our average age is over 50, so it's good to know we can still sail in heavy air. I think we were the only one in our class that didn't wipe out."

Derivative ran off two seconds and three firsts in the windiest races over three days

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