



PHRF-1 class leader David Bassett-Parkins' Emirage II crew leaps into action to set their spinnaker



Acura presents Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week

**Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs
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Weather report

Saturday's conditions: Wind 8-17 knots SW; high-temperature 78F.
Sunday's forecast: Wind 10k W; high temperature 81F.

Tight fights for first place in LBRW climax Sunday

LONG BEACH, Calif.

The nice thing about racing when Acura presents Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week is that there's always next year. David

Voss has been racing his Farr 40, Piranha---the one with the distinctively mean fish face on the spinnaker---in the event for many years but never broke through to first place until last year.

"Until then we had been second at Long Beach more times than I know," he said. "There's been some heartbreaking years."

But after recovering from a protest setback Friday, he scored a steady string of 4-2-2 finishes Saturday to move back into first place by one point over a familiar rival, Ray Godwin's Temptress, as Day 1 leader Jeff Janov's Dark Star essentially slipped out of contention in the eight-boat fleet.

With two of the seven races remaining Sunday for the 135 boats in 18 classes, Voss said, "Now we'll just be trying to sail conservatively."

Another marquee battle finds David Bassett-Parkins' 1D48, Emirage II, with a two-point lead in PHRF-1 over Chris Hemans' IMS 40, Entropy, the Ullman Sails Inshore Championship leader in the Fast 40 group, and Mark Surber's J/125, Derivative, another point back.



Mako (r.) leads Schock 35s



Bowman Roger O'Connor, 17, at work on his dad's boat Lucky



