



A well-executed start by Jeff Janov's unbeaten Dark Star leads Farr 40 rivals off the start line in first race on Day 2



## Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week



Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs  
June 22-24, 2012

*The West Coast's largest keelboat regatta*

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Saturday's weather: Wind 8-15 SW. High temp. 73F.  
Sunday's forecast: Wind 10-15k SW. High temp. 74F.

**Four boats, old and modern, unbeaten into final day**

LONG BEACH, Calif.

Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week has been a perfect weekend for a handful of boats so far, and Larry Spencer can almost taste a sweep.

"You can't win 'em all unless you win the first five," Spencer said, with indisputable logic, after his Blue Star, an Olson 30, won all five races in the vintage one-design class over the first two days, with two races remaining Sunday in the regatta co-hosted and organized by the Alamitos Bay and Long Beach Yacht Clubs.

Three other boats remain unbeaten---Jeff Janov's Farr 40, Dark Star; Mark Surber's J/125, Derivative, in PHRF-2, and John Sangmeister's 40-foot catamaran, Gladstone's Long Beach---in the Random Leg group.

Jay Steinbeck also has just missed a double sweep. He's not



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Pendragon 6 (r.) leads the Gladstone's catamaran at Random Leg start, but the big cat won again

only a part owner of the Gladstone's multihull but the skipper of Margaritaville, a modified Andrews 52 that has won 4 of its 5 races in PHRF-1.

All of those boats have comfortable leads to greet the last day, although Gladstone's can't afford a serious stumble with Bob Lane's Andrews 63, Medicine Man, only three points behind before today's last go-round. The big cat won Saturday's race running away again, this time in a 27.5-nautical mile offshore contest with more variables than the windward-leeward races in the outer harbor.

And you can bet that victory among eight Olson 30s is as big a deal to Spencer as success in Farr 40s at the grand prix level is to Janov.

Spencer, a working guy from Oxnard representing the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, bought his boat in 1987 and is racing with two-year-old sails and a longtime crew. Todd Downey, a veteran ocean racer on bigger boats, is at the helm and offers key input on tactics.

"We wouldn't know what to do with Todd if he was in the middle of the boat, he's such a big guy, so we let him drive," Spencer said. "We've all been together for a long time."

Spencer has won six Olson 30 National championships, including his first one when he lost only one of 27 races, and he's confident his team can pull off a perfect weekend.

"We've got an effective plan and we're sailing clear," he said.

Meanwhile, Team ABYC, with Chuck Clay as skipper, was near a successful defense of its title in the Catalina 37 charter fleet with a steady line of 1-3-4-1-2 finishes but has only a three-point lead over Bruce Ayres, the veteran Melges 24 campaigner from Newport Beach, and partner Drew Satariano of LBYC.

Gary Mozer of LBYC (2-2-2-1-1) also seemed a fair bet to retain his J/105 crown on Current Obsession with a five-point lead over John Demourkas, who won the Farr 40 East Coast regatta earlier this month. The Santa Barbara veteran has finished one place behind Mozer in every race.

### Class leaders

(after 5 of 7 races; no discards)

CATALINA 37 (9 boats)---Team ABYC, Chuck Clay, ABYC, 1-3-4-1-2, 11 points.



Team ABYC leads Catalina 37 fleet into the leeward gate



Bahia Corinthian YC and ABYC bowmen call the time at start



The J/35 Rival, tied for first in PHRF-4, clears leeward gate



Leader Tracey Kenney sets up

FARR 40 (7)---Dark Star, Jeff Janov, California YC, 1-1-1-1-1, 5.

J/105 (13)---Current Obsession, Gary Mozer, LBYC, 2-2-2-1-1, 8.

J/120 (8)---Caper, John Laun, San Diego YC, 1-2-1, 3.

J/80 (6)---Avet, Curt Johnson, California YC, 3-1-3-1-1, 9.

OLSON 30 (8)---Blue Star, Larry Spencer, Pacific Corinthian YC, 1-1-1-1-1, 5.

OPEN 5.70 (19)---Mor Shenanigans, Tracey Kenney, South Coast Corinthian YC, 3-1-5-2-1, 12.

PHRF-1 (6)---Margaritaville (Custom 52), Jay Steinbeck, Shoreline YC, 1-2-1-1-1, 6.

PHRF-2 (5)---Derivative (J/125), Mark Surber, Coronado YC, 1-1-1-1-1, 5.

PHRF-3 (8)---eXigent (Columbia 32), 1-6-1-1-1, 10.

PHRF-4 (8)---Tie between Lugano (40.7), Mark Stratton, South Bay Yacht Racing, 2-1-3-1-1, and Rival (J-35), Dick Velthoen/David Boatner, Ventura YC, 1-2-1-2-2, 8.

PHRF-5 (9)---Sugar (J/109), Steven C. Croke, LBYC, 1-3-1-1-1, 7.

VIPER 640 (15)---The F.N.G., James Sears, ABYC, 1-4-1-3-2, 11.

RANDOM LEG 1 (7)---Gladstone's Long Beach (Morelli ProSail 40 catamaran), John Sangmeister, California YC, 1-1, 2.

RANDOM LEG 2 (5)---Tie between Gator (Frers), Thomas Wheatley, ABYC, 2-1, and Victoire (40.7 monohull), Robert Atkins, LBYC, 1-2, 3.

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