

Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week

Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs June 28-30, 2013

The West Coast's largest keelboat regatta

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Small boats big for Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week as early entry fee discount deadline nears

LONG BEACH, Calif.

Your crew's all set and your sails are in shape, but there's one more checkoff for Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week: sign up before the early entry fee discount offer expires Monday, June 10.

Bennet Greenwald and other J/70 sailors already have, marking a first for the event. Competitors must <u>enter</u> <u>online</u> for the three days of racing June 28-30.

Although Ullman LBRW, co-hosted by the Alamitos Bay and Long Beach Yacht Clubs, is long established as the West Coast's largest keelboat regatta, that doesn't mean it's just for big boats. Smaller classes with keels--notably Viper 640s and J/70s---are coming on strong.

The 21-foot Vipers, led by defending champion Jim Sears, an ABYC member and co-host of the CBS network daily show "The Doctors," top this year's entries with 23 so far.

The J/70s, 22.75 feet overall, are making their debut at Long Beach but swamped East Coast docks with 55, 49 and 39 boats at Charleston, Annapolis and Key West over the past year.

That suggests that J/Boats, which had 26 per cent of the total 133 boats in 15 classes at Long Beach last year, should boost its numbers with the usual fleets of J/80s, J/105s, J/109s and J/120s also checking in.

One attraction the Vipers and J/70s share is their portability. They can be kept at home and towed anywhere, which is why the current entry list shows home ports from three states and Vancouver B.C. There's



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J/70 class will make its LBRW debut



Vipers are returning in force



Big boats will battle it out, too

2012 high-resolution photo gallery even Glyn Locke's Viper entry from Great Britain's Isle of Wight.

Greenwald, from the San Diego YC, is a J/70 favorite who joined the new class on a whim. Earlier this year he planned to sail his larger J/105 at Quantum Key West Race Week in Florida but the class failed to establish. Rather than miss the action, he chartered a J/70.

With pro Eric Doyle as tactician, Greenwald said, "We had a blast ... a lot of boats and great competition, and we did OK"---12th among 39 boats.

"I said to Eric, 'If you were me would you buy this boat?' He said 'Yeah,' and do I did.

"What attracted me was the size of the fleet, the quality of the competition and how nice the package is. It goes through the water beautifully. It planes downwind in 14 knots [of wind]. It's easy for an old guy to drive. It's a hoot."

Greenwald has been sailing "since I was 13 ... more than 60 years, let's put it that way," he said.

In March he won the San Diego NOOD Regatta among 10 boats.

"That was because of the fact that I had in my boat a guy named Brun, who is a pretty good tactician. He beat me up around the course with a whip."

That would be Vince Brun, the 1986 Star class world champion.

The J/70s sail with three or four people, but Greenwald said, "It's better to sail with four. That extra set of hands, particularly in getting the kite under control, is a huge help."

Otherwise, he said, "The boats are pretty simple. They go down the road just fine. You can travel all over the place. That's part of the fun of it. I haven't had a really small boat in a very long time. I'm going to keep doing this until they take it away from me."

Racing will be on <u>three courses</u> set inside and outside the port's Federal breakwater. Each day's competition will be followed by onshore parties hosted by the yacht clubs



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Competitors will be racing for a truckload of trophies for, among other goals, the Farr 40 West Coast championship, the Open 5.70 North American championship, the Catalina 37 and Olson 30 National championships, the Viper 640 Pan-American championship qualifier and points toward the J/80, J/105, J/109 and J/120 Southern California High Point Series.

All 10 of the Catalina 37s chartered from the Long Beach Sailing Foundation have been taken by teams from as far away as Tacoma, Wash. and Scottsdale, Ariz.

Free mooring assignments are available for out-of-town boats. <u>Onshore accommodations</u>, including event sponsor Ayres Hotel in adjacent Seal Beach, may be booked with special Race Week rates.

Regatta website

Notice of Race

Current entry list

Alamitos Bay Marina aerial guide

Ullman Sails Inshore Championship

2012 class winners

(7 races; no discards)

CATALINA 37 (9 boats)---Team ABYC*, Chuck Clay, ABYC, 1-3-4-1-2-4-3, 18 points.

FARR 40 (7)---Dark Star, Jeff Janov, California YC, 1-1-1-1-2-1, 8.

J/105 (12)---Current Obsession, Gary Mozer, LBYC, 2-2-2-1-1-3-1, 13.

J/120 (8)---Caper*, John Laun, San Diego YC, 1-2-1-1-1, 6.

J/80 (6)---Avet, Curt Johnson, California YC, 3-1-3-1-1-1, 11.

OLSON 30 (8)---Blue Star, Larry Spencer, Pacific Corinthian YC, 1-1-1-1-1, 7.

OPEN 5.70 (21)---Mor Shenanigans*, Tracey Kenney, South Coast Corinthian YC, 3-1-5-2-1-1-1, 14.

PHRF-1 (6)---Margaritavillle (Custom 52), Jay Steinbeck, Shoreline YC, 1-2-1-1-1-2-2, 10.

PHRF-2 (5)—Derivative (J/125), Mark Surber, Coronado YC, 1-1-1-1-1-1, 7.

PHRF-3 (8)---eXigent (Columbia 32), 1-6-1-1-1-4-1, 15.

PHRF-4 (8)---Tie between Lugano (40.7), Mark Stratton, South Bay Yacht Racing Club, 2-1-3-1-1-2-1, 11 (won tiebreaker vs. Rival (J/35), Dick Velthoen/David













Boatner, Ventura YC, 1-2-1-2-2-1-2, 8).

PHRF-5 (8)---Sugar (J/109), Steven C. Crooke, LBYC, 1-3-1-1-1-4-1, 12.

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

RANDOM LEG 1 (7)---Gladstone's Long Beach (Morelli ProSail 40 catamaran), John Sangmeister, California YC, 1-1-1, 3.

RANDOM LEG 2 (5)---Victoire (40.7 monohull), Robert Atkins, LBYC, 1-2-1, 4.

*---Re-entered this year.

Complete 2012 results

2012 Race Week action

2012 awards photos



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