



Helen Brierley drives her and husband Dan McGanty's Tartan 101 Mistral off starting line in strong position



Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week
Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs
 June 28-30, 2013

The West Coast's largest keelboat regatta

June 27, 2014

Friday's weather: Wind 10-5k south; sunny, high temp. 75F.
 Saturday's forecast: Wind 10k SSW; sunny, high temp. 71F.

Light wind but heavy competition open Ullman LBRW

LONG BEACH, Calif.

This ain't a commercial, but one of the four boats that won both of its races on opening day of Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week Friday was skippered by ... Dave Ullman.

The sailmaker and multi-class world champion ran away from the other 15 boats in the fast-evolving J/70 class, but his rivals have two more days in the West Coast's largest keelboat regatta presented by the Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs to follow his lead about racing in light to vanishing breeze.

Actually, the fastest boat of all on the day also finished first but didn't win. Tom Holthus' Bad Pak left seven other proven ocean racers behind over the 21-nautical mile Random Leg/PHRF 1 course offshore to the west. The STP 65 from San Diego sailed faster than what little wind there was with an average speed of about 10 knots in a mostly single digit southerly fading to 5.



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Craig Walker's Viper crew scrambles to set spinnaker



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The downside was its minus-126-second handicap, which left it in fourth place behind Ed McDowell's Grand Illusion, Jay Steinbeck's Margaritaville and Bob Lane's Medicine Man---all longtime rivals in West Coast ocean racing.

"Not a lot of maneuvers," Holthus said, "but the crew got it together for a good performance."

Holthus suggested that Bad Pak made its best gain early when it elected to use a Code Zero headsail in a stretch of broad reaching while others were resorting to full spinnakers.

So is Holthus hoping for stronger wind---say, 25 knots?--over the weekend?

"Twenty-five knots would be a hoot," he said, chuckling. "Twelve or 15 would be good, but we're comfortable with 7 or 8, too."

The 35th year of the regatta has 142 boats from six states and Canada, living up to its slogan, "Race With the Champions." There will be as many as five more races over the last two days, starting at noon each day, conditions permitting.

The largest class is Viper 640s with 23 entries. Kevin Taugher's Hot Mess from ABYC with a first and a third has a three-point lead over Alex Steele of Balboa YC (3-4), but former winners Jay Golison and James Sears are lurking in sixth and seventh place.

The Catalina 37 class, with all 11 boats chartered from the Long Beach Sailing Foundation, opened with a three-way tussle among Dave Hood, LBYC (2-1), and Chuck Clay, ABYC (1-4), who have won the last six LBRWs between them, and veteran Bruce Ayres of Newport Harbor YC (3-2).

The regatta is open to one-design classes and PHRF boats with handicaps of 222 or less. Racing is on three closed courses---two outside and one inside the breakwater---plus the Random Leg course across the adjoining Long Beach and Los Angeles harbors with one race daily.

The Yacht Club Challenge Trophy features several of the Catalina 37s filling the requirement to be part of a three-

at start of first race Friday



Dave Ullman and his J/70 crew cross finish line in first place



Eric Nelson's Corinthian YC team douse their C/37's spinnaker



The red, white and blue parade



Paul Turang's "LB Misfits" team cruises past spectators

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boat team with boats from two other classes.

The Golison Kent Family Trophy will be awarded to the crew with the most family members on board.

The next post-race party will be Saturday night at LBYC. The Sunday trophy presentation and party will be at LBYC. A water taxi will offer transportation between the clubs across the bay each evening.

[Regatta information](#)

(including L.B. and L.A. Harbor charts for Random Leg racers)

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Class leaders

RANDOM LEG

(3 races)

PHRF-1 (8 boats)---Grand Illusion (SC 70), Edward McDowell, King Harbor YC.
PHRF 2 (12)---Elixir (SC 52), Chad and Karie Downey, Los Angeles YC.
PHRF-3 (11)---lulu (Schock), David Booker, Santa Barbara YC.
PHRF MULTIHULL (4)---Mama Tried (8.5cm Tri), Pete Melvin, ABYC.

CLOSED COURSE

(7 races; no discards)

CATALINA 37 (11 boats)---Team LBYC, Dave Hood, LBYC, 2-1, 3.

VIPER 640 (23)---Hot Mess, Kevin Taugher, ABYC, 1-3, 4 points.

J/70 (16)---David Ullman, Balboa YC, 1-1, 2.

J/109 (6)---Electra, Thomas Brott, Santa Barbara YC, 1-2, 3.

J/120 (7)---Shenanigans, Gary Winton, Cabrillo Beach YC, 2-1, 3.

FLYING TIGER (6)---John Harrop, San Diego YC, 1-2, 3.

MELGES 20 (5)---Makaira, Skip Shapiro, Richmond YC, 1-1, 2.

PHRF-SB2 (7)---Avet (J/80), Curt Johnson, California YC, 1-1, 2.

PHRF-A (11)---Flyer (RP 47), Rob Sjosted, Corsair YC, 2-1, 3.

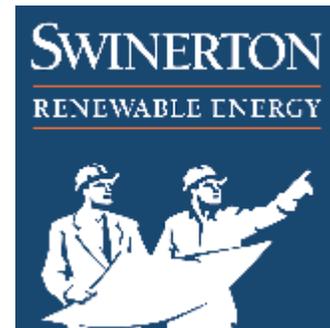
PHRF-B (8)---Rival (J/35), David Boatner, Ventura YC, 1-1, 2.

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organizers as providing clean events that minimize impacts upon our oceans.

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Now even stronger, Ullman Sails recently joined forces with Jannie Reuvers Sails, one of the largest and most technologically advanced sail production facilities in the industry. This move means a bigger and more dynamic Ullman Sails group, adding three lofts in South Africa including a major manufacturing facility and state-of-the-art membrane plant in Cape Town. Jan Reuvers, owner of Jannie Reuvers Sails, also brings a talented team with extensive experience in super yacht and OEM markets. This exciting match means Ullman Sails can provide the same high quality sails and service now backed by more specialized expertise and leading production capabilities.

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Sailstice is a worldwide celebration of sailing on the weekend closest to the summer solstice. This year the solstice fell

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