



Random Leg boats (l-r) It's OK, Margaritaville, Medicine Man and OEX had traffic jam at start; protests were dismissed



Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week

Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs
June 27-29, 2014

The West Coast's largest keelboat regatta

June 29, 2014

Sunday's weather: Wind 5-8k SE-SW; sunny, high temp. 75F.

Medicine Man came calling at Ullman Sails LBRW

LONG BEACH, Calif.

The sailors with the best prescriptions survived the relatively windless distress of a difficult Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week---notably Bob Lane, the pharmacist who drove his familiar Andrews 63 named Medicine Man to first place in Random Leg PHRF 1 for the biggest of the 142 boats in 15 classes.

The 35th version of the West's largest keelboat regatta was staged by the neighboring Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs, and despite the absence of the familiar whitecapped race courses and breeze below the usual level the competition was lively.

Lane progressed each day with finishes of third Friday, second Saturday and first Sunday against the West Coast's best ocean racers on courses as long as 22 nautical miles between Long Beach and Point Fermin at San Pedro to the west. He edged Jay Steinbeck's Margaritaville (2-1-4) by one point and Ed McDowell's Grand Illusion (1-6-2) by three.



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Harbor seals invite Pendragon crew in for a swim

Lane's worst moments may have been a post-regatta protest hearing over a pre-start mess of five boats sailing on opposite collision tacks behind the line. There were no collisions and a handful of protests were dismissed.

Other winners in seriously contested classes included ABYC's Chuck Clay and Kevin Taugher---the former in a fully chartered fleet of 11 Catalina 37s and the latter in the largest class of 23 Viper 640s.

Less contested was the recently introduced J/70 class where a veteran with more experience in the boat from ventures to the East Coast tallied four firsts, a second and a third. His name: Dave Ullman.

"The wind wasn't big but it was good enough to sail," the title sponsor said. "It was quite shifty, but we were always sailing."

Clay held off defending champion and two-time winner Dave Hood of LBYC by five points to collect his fourth C/37 title in six years, and he never stopped looking over his shoulder.

"I never took my eyes off Hood," Clay said. "In these boats you never have a big enough lead"---an opinion often stated by the world-class skippers who race them in the Congressional Cup every spring.

Clay, whose personal boat is a Cal 20, sails them once a year, too, in this event. After winning three of the first five races, he finished one spot behind Hood's second and first on Sunday, as another LBYC team led by Ray Godwin scored its only win, as Clay shadowed Hood.

Clay's crew was tactician Pat McCormick, mainsail trimmer Scott Atwood, trimmers Kevin Brown and Jim Bateman, mastman Rob Clay and Bowman Mike Lamb. All are ABYC members except Rob Clay, his son.

Taugher, sailing with Chuck Tripp and Mike Pentecost as crew, was chasing an elusive goal in the Vipers, where he had been competitive and as good as second place behind Jay Golison only last year. He led the class all weekend, although stumbling to his worst finish of seventh place in the next-to-last race.

"We never got in phase with the [wind] shifts," he said,



ABYC team (4) targets pin end of start line next to Gardyloo en route to first place overall in Catalina 37s



ABYC's Kevin Taugher and Viper 640 crew won largest class of 23 boats



Tom Holthus' Bad Pak, the fastest boat of all, leads way to mark



OEX leads Grand Illusion and Medicine Man off the start line

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"so we had a good team talk, had a good start at the pin end in the last race and won by about two minutes."

Just what the doctor ordered.

Special awards:

The Yacht Club Challenge Trophy for three-boat teams from different classes---one being C/37s---was won by ABYC.

The Golison-Kent Family Trophy went to Bruce Ayers C/37 crew for the most family members on board.

Chuck Nichols' J/120 from San Diego was named One-Design Boat of the Week with three wins in seven races.

Lane's Medicine Man was PHRF Boat of the Week.

[Regatta information](#)

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Class winners

(3 days)

RANDOM LEG

(3 races; no discards)

PHRF-1 (8 boats)---Medicine Man (Andrews 63), 3-2-1, 6 points.
PHRF 2 (12)---Elixir (N/M 50), Chad and Kerrie Downey, 1-3-1, 5.
PHRF-3 (11)---lulu (Schock), David Booker, Santa Barbara YC, 1-1-1, 3.
PHRF MULTIHULL (4)---Mama Tried (8.5m), Pete Melvin, ABYC, 1-2-1, 3.

CLOSED COURSE

(7 races; no discards)

CATALINA 37 (11 boats)---Team ABYC, Chuck Clay, 1-4-1-2-1-3-2, 14 points.

VIPER 640 (23)---Hot Mess, Kevin Taugher, ABYC, 1-3-4-1-4-7-1, 21.

J/70 (16)---David Ullman, Balboa YC, 1-1-2-1-1-1-3, 10.

J/109 (6)---Electra, Thomas Brott, Santa Barbara YC, 1-2-3-1-3-2-1, 13.

J/120 (7)---CC Rider, Chuck Nichols, San Diego YC, 3-4-1-4-1-3-1, 17.

FLYING TIGER (6)---John Harrop, San Diego YC, 1-2-1-2-3-4-1, 14.

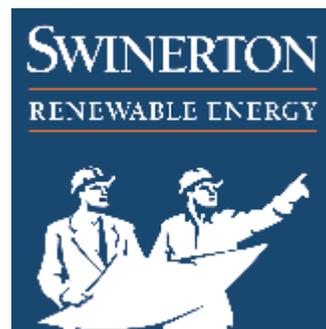
MELGES 20 (5)---Makaira, Skip Shapiro, Richmond YC, 1-1-3-1-1-1-1, 9.

J/24 (8)---3 Big Dogs, Pat Toole, Santa Barbara YC, 1-1-1-5-2-3, 13.

PHRF-SB2 (7)---Avet (J/80), Curt Johnson, California YC, 1-1-1-2-1-2-1, 9.

PHRF-A (11)---Flyer (RP 47), Rob Sjosted, Corsair YC, 2-1-2-6-4-4-5, 24.

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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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