



# 2019 Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week *Hosted by LBYC and ABYC*

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## **Racers ‘Rock Around the Clock’ at Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week**

**LONG BEACH, CA** 22 June 2019 -- Racers were rockin’ and rollin’ on and off the water at the 2019 Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week here today. Ullman Sails LBRW is hosted annually by Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and Long Beach Yacht Club.

Conditions on Day Two of the three-day event cranked up from a modest 11 to 13 knots at the onset, to sporty seas and breeze in the high teens by late afternoon. Buoy racers in 10 different divisions, competing on three courses, enjoyed a trio of lively races; while Random Leg racers took a scenic tour of San Pedro Bay in distance courses ranging from 12 to

23nm. In that category, *Elyxir* moved to the top of the leaderboard of RL A; *DistraXion* posted a second bullet and firmed up their lead in RL B; while *Gator* snapped up first place in RL C.

*Midlife Crisis* and *Minor Threat* ended Day Two tied for first in J/70s. Amidst that competitive 18 boat fleet is Ullman Sails owner and LBRW sponsor Bruce Cooper, racing aboard *USA32*, in sixth place. Ullman Sails has been hosting a nightly debrief for J/70 racers, and tonight’s talk was aptly about ‘dealing with chop’ and ‘communications onboard in heavy and noisy conditions.’

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Holding a 10-point lead over rivals in the Viper 640 fleet was *Nice Asp. Code Blue* blew *Whiplash* out of first place in Schock 35s, with a 2-2-1-1-1 record (\*unofficial result pending protest hearing). Also clocking only top-two finishes was *Raptor*, in PHRF C: 2-1-1-2-2. In PHRF A Santa Barbara Yacht Club's *Argo* stood in first place, with *Lugano* the frontrunner in PHRF B. In the Catalina 37 Nationals, a home-town rivalry shaped up, with LBYC teams *DH3* moving to first place and *D-Ives* nipping at their heels.

Today's conditions provided spectacular viewing for competitors, spectators, and the 70-some volunteers on the water. A panorama of colorful sails spanned the horizon atop white-capped seas, where dolphins and sea lions cavorted.

Nowhere was the excitement more evident than Bravo course, where the big boats played. Farr 40 skipper Rick Goebel, flying a Canadian flag off a hockey stick astern *Insanity*, said the racing was, "not for the faint of heart." *Insanity*, in second place after today's racing, is tuning up for the Farr 40 Worlds, to be held here in October, and illustrates the international pedigree of LBRW racers. While Goebel is Canadian, Farr 40 leader *Struntje* hails from Germany; TP52 competitors *Nimbus* and *Patches* are from Mexico. PHRF A fleet's *Kite35* is also from Canada, and *Aussie Airwaves* from the Land Down Under.

Sailors were rockin' and rollin' each night at LBRW as well. Following up Friday evening's rousing party on the lawn at ABYC was a Mount Gay Rum party poolside at LBYC tonight. Rivalries melted as friendly competitors danced and shared racing tales and cocktails as the sun sank low.

Sailing continues Sunday June 23 for LBRW daily and overall honors, plus the *Kent Golison Family Trophy*, *Satariano (one-design) Boat of the Week* and *PHRF Boat of the Week* awards, the *Yacht Club Challenge*, *Catalina 37 National* and *Schock 35 Pacific Coast* championship titles. Races start at 11:55am tomorrow, with a prize-giving at LBYC at 5:00pm.

For more details and official results go to [www.lbrw.org](http://www.lbrw.org).

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### **Alamitos Bay Yacht Club**

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club was founded in the mid-1920s, establishing a world-wide reputation as a premier small boat club. Recognized for its mission, ability and expertise in hosting and promoting competitive events, ABYC and its members illustrate a passion for encouraging the development of the sport of sailing. ABYC was the first yacht club in the United States to win the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy: an award presented by US Sailing for excellence in race organization and management. A three-time winner of the St. Petersburg trophy, ABYC continues to host scores of championship regattas from its beautiful location at the entrance of Alamitos Bay.



### **Long Beach Yacht Club**

Established in 1929, Long Beach Yacht Club is recognized as a leading club in the international yachting community for its commitment to excellence in yacht racing and innovation in race management. Congressional Cup, the club's signature event, now in its 55th year, is the preeminent match racing regatta in the United States and considered the Gateway to the America's Cup. In December 2018, the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron accepted Long Beach Yacht Club's challenge for the 36th America's Cup, to be sailed in Auckland, New Zealand in 2021, where the Club will be represented by Stars + Stripes Team USA. In addition to hosting numerous local, national and international yachting events, the Club's member families enjoy a year-round calendar of social, yachting, and junior activities at its beautiful clubhouse on the shore of Alamitos Bay.

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