

Waterfronts, March 5

Sometimes in sailboat races, things can get as grueling for race committee workers as for the sailboat racers themselves. Such was the case in the recent Southern California Yachting Association Midwinters Regatta, hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club.

On Sunday, conditions ranged from strong winds, lumpy seas and rain to virtual calm.

At one point the race committee drug anchor and the crew had to scramble to get the boat back into position and get the starting line reset so a race could be run. Later, the mark set boat got the anchor line of the leeward mark around its prop. So the mark set boat became the leeward mark. One of the racing boats, Fat Tuesday, which broke a main halyard, dropped out of the race and went to the leeward mark area to stand by in case the mark set boat needed assistance.

Just another interesting day on the water for racers and race committee workers.

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Ed Kutchma, who chairs the predicted log racing program for the Santa Barbara Channel Cruiser Association, has announced the schedule for 2015.

It is the middle Saturday of each month, starting in April, with the exceptions of the Jim Klein Memorial on Sept. 26 and the Capt. A.A. Oakley on Oct. 10. Remaining predicted log race dates are April 18, May 16, June 13, July 18 and Aug. 14.

Predicted log racing is somewhat like sports car rallying for powerboaters. Even some sailboaters compete.

Kutchma encourages skippers to take guests on board during races to introduce log racing to perspective boaters, power and sail. Check out the association web site for more information: <http://www.jimznet.com/SBCCA/Homepage.html>

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The Star has decided to run my Waterfronts column just once a month, except for the summer months when it may run twice monthly. Please continue to email or fax your notices of race and results to me and I will include them in my monthly column or forward to the Star for publishing on Thursdays in a special Waterfronts box the weeks that this column doesn't run. .

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Stay up-to-date with the latest notices of race, results and other timely information by joining the local Google Group for the Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs. Click over to: <http://groups.google.com/group/asbcyc> and then select "Join this group."

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Upcoming Sailboat Races

- Saturday, March 7. PBYC Spring Series 2. Hosted by Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, this is the second of a three race series. The final race is on March 21. The entry fee is \$30 per race (\$25 for U.S. Sailing members). Skippers meetings are at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Race Chair Richard Countess at (818) 889-2669 or rcountess@aol.com.
- Saturday, March 15, TGIS Winter Series 4, hosted by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. Entry fee is \$15. The skippers meeting is at 11 a.m. at Anacapa Yacht Club and the race starts at 1 p.m. outside Channel Islands Harbor. For more information, contact Gene Beville at 469-9549 or email him at genebeville@aol.com.
- Saturday, March 21, PBYC Spring Series 3. Hosted by Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, this is the last of a three race series. The entry fee is \$30 per race (\$25 for U.S. Sailing members). Skippers meetings are at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Race Chair Richard Countess at (818) 889-2669 or rcountess@aol.com.
- Saturday, March 28, McCune Memorial Race. Hosted by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, this race is the first event in the club's Pacific Corinthian Cup Series. The skippers meeting is at 8:30 a.m. Other races in the series will be the VCORC random leg regatta on May 9 and the Yachting Cup windward-leeward regatta on June 20.
- Saturday, April 18, Regatta Series 1. Hosted by Ventura Yacht Club, this regatta was blown out on Jan. 24, again on Feb. 28 and rescheduled. It is the first of three windward-leeward regattas for PHRF spinnaker boats. Eleven boats signed up for the first regatta and more are expected in the rescheduled event. The other regattas in the series are on April 18 and Aug. 29. Entry fee for individual regattas is \$25, or \$60 for the series. The skippers meetings will be at 8:30 a.m. and racing begins at 11 a.m. in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. For more information, contact Race Chair Stan Whisenhunt at 659-1464 or email him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.
- Sunday, April 19, Regatta Series 2. Hosted by Ventura Yacht Club, this is the second of three windward-leeward regattas for PHRF spinnaker boats. The final regatta in the series will be on Aug. 29. Entry fee for individual regattas is \$25. The skippers meetings will be at 8:30 a.m. and racing begins at 11 a.m. in the vicinity of the Mandalay buoy. For more information, contact Race Chair Stan Whisenhunt at 659-1464 or email him at Swhisenhun@aol.com.

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