



The two Farr 40s on the right were squeezed out at the start line by Viva La Vida (l.) and Flojito y Cooperando (2nd l.)



## Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week



Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs  
June 24-26, 2011

*The West Coast's largest keelboat regatta*

June 26, 2011

Sunday's weather: Wind 4-9k S-SW; temp. 72F.

### Dark Star shines on

LONG BEACH, Calif.

After Dark Star mauled the marquee Farr 40 class in Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week Sunday with three wins in seven races, including the last one that it didn't even need to sail, owner/skipper Jeff Janov was ready to talk, and what he said was, "It wasn't as easy at it looked."

Two days earlier Janov feared setting himself up for a fall--- and, in fact, there was plenty of opportunity, from shifty light winds to bad starts and constant pressure from 10 other boats.

"The results don't show how tough the fleet is," said Janov, whose team also dominated the class North Americans on the same waters a month earlier. "It's definitely an exercise in blood pressure management. I love it ... most fun I've had."

Dark Star's 17-point winning margin was the widest in any of the 15 classes contested by 150 boats. Three were resolved on tiebreaker countbacks: Gary Mozer's Current Obsession over David Gould's Air Boss in J/105s, Steven Ernest's Aimant de Fille over Marty Burke's Bella Vita in Beneteau 36.7s and John Laun's Capar over Chuck Nichols' CC Rider in J/120s.

Others weren't so close. Deneen Demourkas' nearest pursuer in Farr 30s was her husband John, three points behind. Both sailed boats named Groovederci, she winning four races and



Dark Star finishing first is becoming familiar in the Farr 40s



Deneen Demourkas leads hubby John past the windward mark



he two of the other three, neither with a finish worse than third. But their sights for the fleet were on the Farr 30 Worlds to be run as part of the Big Boat Series in San Francisco in September.

Deneen Demourkas lives in Santa Barbara but is president of the international class after competing in Europe the last several years.

"I was here as a goodwill ambassador to get people up to speed," she said. "We should have at least 15 boats in San Francisco."

One will again be Mr. Demourkas, which hasn't been a problem on the home front.

Do they ever protest each other?

"Uh...no," she said. "We both want to win and we both do our best . . . [although] John did get us into trouble once today."

Tim Carter, sailing Viral, logged five firsts and two seconds to win the 16-boat Viper 640 class by 13 points, noting, "We had good boat speed, calling the [wind] lifts and keeping our heads outside the boat to avoid the kelp---and our Ullman Sails were great."

But the weekend didn't start well; Viral started prematurely in the first race Friday but didn't realize it until "we were 300 yards up the course," Carter said. "We went back [to restart] and picked off boats all around the course to finish first."

The biggest comeback win was in the Open 5.70s, the largest class where Jerome Sammarcelli from California YC, who came from nine points behind in the last two races Sunday.

No one was more pleased---or relieved---than Janov. Dark Star's worst finish, a fourth, was in Saturday's third race when it fought to recover from a premature start, with significant input from the event's namesake, Dave Ullman, who was brought on board as tactician for the event.

"He was amazing," Janov said. "We were tuned in to playing all the shifts."

PHRF Boat of the Week honors and a \$1,000 Precision Swiss Time watch went to David Team, whose Rebel Yell, a Transpac 52 from nearby Newport Harbor YC that posted a 1-1-3 score on corrected handicap time in the 10-boat Random Leg competition, followed by Ed Feo's Andrews 45, Locomotion, that won Sunday's race and Bob Lane's Andrews 63, Medicine Man.

**David Michaelis shook off the Schock 35 competition**



**Michael Johnson towed his J/24 from Seattle for a victory**



**Tim Carter's Viral ran away from the other Viper 640s**



**Chuck Clay skippered ABYC's chartered Catalina 37 to first place and the Yacht Club Challenge win**



**Jim Madden's Stark Raving Mad won PHRF-2 with 4 first places**

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Mozer also collected a watch with Current Obsession as One Design Boat of the Week.

The Kent/Golison Family Trophy was won by Steve Wyman's J/80 crew on Nununu from Dana Point YC. Wyman sailed with offspring Dana and Sarah on board.

Team ABYC, with three first places---Catalina 37s with Chuck Clay as skipper, Schock 35s with Michaelis and Viper 640s with Carter---won the Yacht Club Challenge.

David Anderson and Neil Martin received the farthest travel award for coming from the UK to charter a Catalina 37.

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### Class winners

FARR 40 (11; West Coast championship)---Dark Star, Jeff Janov, California YC, 2-1-1-2-4-3-1, 14 points.

PHRF-2 (7)---Stark Raving Mad (J/125), Jim Madden, Newport Harbor YC, 4-3-1-1-1-2-1, 13.

PHRF-3 (7)---Nemesis (Melges 30), Geoff Longenecker, Southwestern YC, 3-1-1-2-2-1-2, 11.

PHRF-4 (16)---Rival (J/35), Dick Velthoen, Ventura YC, 3-1-2.5-5-1-1-1-2, 15.5.

FARR 30 (7)---Groovederci, Deneen Demourkas, Santa Barbara YC, 3-1-1-1-1-2-2, 11.

J/120 (10)---Caper, John Laun, San Diego YC, 1-5-1-4-1, 30 (won tiebreaker against CC Rider, Chuck Nichols, SDYC, 3-1-2-3-3, 30).

OPEN 5.70 (21; West Coast championship)---Il havic, Rich Festa, California YC, 3-1-4-1-2-1-4, 25.

J/80 (5)---Avet, Curt Johnson, California YC, 1-2-1-2-2-1-1, 10.

CATALINA 37 (7)---Team ABYC, Chuck Clay, Alamitos Bay YC, 1-2-1-1-5-5-1, 16.

VIPER 640 (15; national championship)---Viral, Tim Carter, ABYC, 1-1-1-2-1-1-2, 9.

J/105 (9)---Current Obsession, Gary Mozer, Long Beach YC, 4-2-OCS/10-2-4-1-2, 25 (won tiebreaker against Air Boss, David Gould, San Diego YC, 3-6-3-4-3-5-1, 25).

RANDOM LEG PHRF (9)---Rebel Yell, David O. Team, Newport Harbor YC, 1-1-3, 5.

BENETEAU 36.7 (7; Southern California championship)---Aimant de Fille, Steven Ernest, Dana West YC, 1-4-1-1-1-3-2, 13 (won tiebreaker against Bella Vita, Marty Burke, King Harbor YC, 2-2-3-2-2-1-1, 13).

J/24 (12; District 21 championship)---Hot Pursuit, Michael L. Johnson, Seattle YC, 1-3-1-3-1-1-3, 13.

SCHOCK 35 (7; Pacific Coast championship)---Mako, David Michaelis, Alamitos Bay YC, 3-2-1-1-2-4-3, 15.

NOTE: Regatta also is part of SoCal High Point Series for J/80, J/105, J/109 and J/120.

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