Entries open for Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week

LONG BEACH, Calif.

Looking forward to shorts, T-shirts and the first weekend of summer? Mark June 22-24 on your calendar, which leaves you only about four months to collect a crew, shop for sails and get your boat ready to "Race With the Champions" in Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week.

Entries are now open for the West Coast's largest keelboat regatta, which was featured last fall in Sailing World magazine. Competitors may register online.

The organizing Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs hosted 150 boats in 15 one-design and PHRF classes last year. They expect to top that with three days of racing on three windward-leeward courses inside and outside the Long Beach Harbor breakwater.

For those who prefer longer offshore adventure with changing scenery and only one race a day, there's a Random Leg fleet, won last year by David O. Team's Rebel Yell, a Transpac 52 from Newport Harbor YC. The win also was good for PHRF Boat of the Week honors and a $1,000 Precision Swiss Time watch.

True to the event's tradition, there will be parties every night, with free transit by the Big Red Bus between LBYC and ABYC.

Ullman LBRW joins with Sailors of the Sea

This year LBRW also is associated with the Sailors for the Sea program for Clean Regattas. Sailors for the Sea, based in Newport, R.I., is the only ocean conservation nonprofit focused on the sailing and boating community. Its program assists and certifies yacht clubs
and regatta organizers as providing clean events that minimize impacts upon our oceans. ... like, picking up nautical litter along the way when it's convenient and not leaving your own plastic, paper and Styrofoam behind.

Late last year Sailors for the Sea announced its first overseas affiliate office in Yokohama, Japan.

LBRW's slogan, "Race With the Champions," remains appropriate. This year it will serve as the national championship for Catalina 37s (chartered from the Long Beach Sailing Foundation), Olson 30s, the West Coast championship for Farr 40s and J/29s, the Pacific Coast Championship for Open 5.70s, the Southern California championship for Beneteau 36.7s and part of the SoCal high-point series for J/80s, J/105s, J/109s and J/120s, along with the Cal 25 Carl Kindrich Challenge Cup.

Trophies, anyone? There are more.

Last year 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 David Michaelis and Viper 640s with Tim 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.

Among the prominent winners were Farr 30 class president Deneen Demourkas from Santa Barbara, whose nearest pursuer was her husband John, three points behind, both sailing boats named Groovederci.

"I was here as a goodwill ambassador to get people up to speed for the [Farr 30] Worlds in San Francisco in September," Demourkas said.

She won that, too, and then a nomination for America's Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year.
Long Beach's Gary Mozer also collected a watch with his J/105 Current Obsession as One Design Boat of the Week for winning a tough class on a tiebreaker.

The comeback win of the weekend was by California YC's Jerome Sammarcelli, who won the largest class in his Open 5.70 by coming from nine points behind in the last two races Sunday.

But no one was more pleased---or relieved---than Dark Star's Jeff Janov, who prevailed in Farr 40s with significant input from his tactician with a name that rang a bell: Dave Ullman.

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Online entry, current entries, Notice of Race and more

2011 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, 3-1-2-5-1-1-1, 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)—II 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, 1-1-1-1-2-1-2, 9.

J/105 (9)—Current Obsession, Gary Mozer, Long Beach YC, 4-2-0CS/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, 1-4-1-1-3-2, 13 (won tiebreaker against Bella Vita, Marty Burke, King Harbor YC, 2-2-
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 was part of SoCal High Point Series for J/80, J/105, J/109 and J/120.

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