



The Random Leg fleet rolls off the line to start first day of three-day Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week Friday



Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week

Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Clubs
June 22-24, 2012

The West Coast's largest keelboat regatta

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Friday's weather: Wind 11-15k, SW. High temp. 73F.
Saturday's forecast: Wind 16k SW. High temp. 73F.

Let's hear it for the sponsors --- and a catamaran

LONG BEACH, Calif.

The sponsors checked in for opening day of Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week Friday, on and off the water.

Title sponsor Dave Ullman called tactics for Jeff Janov's Dark Star as it won both races in the tough Farr 40 fleet, while John Sangmeister's 40-foot catamaran---named Gladstone's Long Beach for his waterfront restaurant, a sponsor of the event---beat a fleet of monohulls in the 18.5-nautical mile Random Leg race outside the harbor.

Catamaran? Right---the only multihull among 151 boats in 15 classes in the event co-hosted and organized by the Alamitos Bay and Long Beach Yacht Clubs. John MacLaurin's big red Pendragon 6 rated 45 seconds a mile faster than Gladstone's, which beat it boat for boat.

Sangmeister noted that the result was right in step with the America's Cup.



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Catalina 37s are never far apart

"Back to the future," he said. "It was a really fun day."

Janov was more reserved, as he was in last year's wins in the Farr 40 North Americans and this event.

"The results did not reflect the competition on the water," Janov said. "[The Jeff Shew/Bill Durant second place] Viva La Vida sailed spectacularly. They were winning the second race several times. It's going to be a very long and difficult weekend. I don't remember it ever being this close."

Janov conceded that "Dave [Ullman] is a key player, but the whole team works well together, and we still have a lot of work to do."

The schedule calls for three races Saturday and the last two Sunday, starting at noon each day on three courses inside and outside the breakwater, conditions permitting.

The conditions on the first weekend of summer---11 to 16 knots of southwest breeze on fairly flat seas under a clear blue sky---were also comfortable for the Gladstone's cat.

"It was pretty ideal for the catamaran today," Sangmeister said. "Under 12 knots of wind we tend to struggle. We also tried a lot of things that seemed to work."

Robert Atkins Victoire (not a catamaran) won the Random Leg 2 race for smaller boats, and the only other boat still unbeaten after Day 1 was Mark Surber's Derivative, a J/125 from Coronado YC that leads the PHRF-2 class.

Sangmeister also noted that "it was fun seeing all the different kinds of boats out there, especially the smaller ones like the Open 5.70s and the Vipers."

There seemed to be room on the water for everyone, even catamarans.

Class leaders

CATALINA 37 (9 boats)---Team ABYC, Chuck Clay, ABYC, 1-3, 4 points.

FARR 40 (7)---Dark Star, Jeff Janov, California YC, 1-1, 2.

J/105 (13)---Current Obsession, Gary Mozer, LBYC, 2-2, 5.

J/120 (8)---No racing Saturday.

J/80 (6)---Blue Jay, Bob Hayward, Santa Monica Windjammers YC, 1-2, 3.



J/105s turn downwind



Open 5.70s running downwind



Close quarters in PHRF-5



Vipers love the breeze

OLSON 30 (8)---Blue Star, Larry Spencer, Pacific Corinthian YC, 1-1, 2.

OPEN 5.70 (19)---Mor Shenanigans, Tracey Kenney, South Coast Corinthian YC, 3-1, 4.

PHRF-1 (6)---Margaritaville (Custom 52), Jay Steinbeck, Shoreline YC, 1-2, 3.

PHRF-2 (5)—Derivative (J/125), Mark Surber, Coronado YC, 1-1, 2.

PHRF-3 (8)---Déjà vu (1D35), Tom Payne, Cabrillo Beach YC, 2-1, 3.

PHRF-4 (8)---Tie between Lugano (40.7), Mark Stratton, South Bay Yacht Racing, 2-1, and Rival (J-35), Dick Velthoen/David Boatner, Ventura YC, 1-2, 3.

PHRF-5 (9)---Sugar (J/109), Steven C. Croke, LBYC, 1-3, 4.

VIPER 640 (15)---Viral, Tim Carter, ABYC, 4-1, 5.

RANDOM LEG 1 (7)---Gladstone's Long Beach (Morelli ProSail 40 catamaran), John Sangmeister, California YC, 1.

RANDOM LEG 2 (5)---Victoire (40.7 monohull), Robert Atkins, LBYC, 1.



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