

Border Run

By Robert Van Pelt

Several years ago a new race was inaugurated in Southern California to serve as an alternative to the annual Newport to Ensenada Race. The new race was to be shorter, just barely into Mexican waters, around the Coronado Islands and back to San Diego. Two years ago a shorter "Sprint" race was also offered in order to boost participation. The Sprint Course was to be a 14-mile course from the Balboa Pier to Dana Point. The start time and date was the same as the longer course.



Since smaller boats could effectively compete in this shorter course we decided to enter Reggae, my Capri 22, as this boat has proven to be very competitive when matched up against boats with a similar handicap. On Saturday March 10th Bill Yount, my son Eric and I motored up to Newport to check in for the race and were greeted by several members of LMVYC who had volunteered to serve on the race committee. We also spotted Willi sailing on a J80 named Hunu.



All together there were 223 boats crowding the starting line, which was quite a sight. The Sprint Class started at exactly 12pm in an 8-10 knot wind, which was favorable to Reggae. However, the wind was coming from the South, which turned the race into an upwind beat instead of a spinnaker run that we had anticipated. The boats in our class were pretty evenly matched and it became apparent that no one had much of a speed advantage. Playing the wind shifts was to be the determining factor and our little team from Lake Mission Viejo has had plenty of experience in that area. We tacked on every header and played the lifts as well as we could. In the end, we crossed the finish line 2nd out of 13 boats in our class, just 25 seconds behind. However, the first boat over the line was 35 feet in length and owed us 4 minutes, so we easily corrected over him and captured the first place trophy in Class C.



Back at the club we talked to Willi who served as tactician and crew on Hunu. By following a similar tactic his boat also took first place in their respective class. All in all it was a pretty successful and rewarding day for LMVYC sailors and those members who volunteered their time to serve on the race committee.



Sprint XS Mono C (13 boats)

Race 1

Race Information: Start Date/Time = March 10, 2012 12:00:00, Length (NM) = 14

Pos	Sail	Skipper	Boat	Club	Rating	Div.	Finish Time	Elapsed	Time Allow	Corrected	Time Behind	Penalty	Pts
1	56026	Robert Van Pelt	REGGAE	LMVYC	210		16:27:16	04:27:16	00:49:00	03:38:16	00:00:00		1
2	56494	Daniel Hodge	WIWO OLE II	DPYC	192		16:26:39	04:26:39	00:44:48	03:41:51	00:03:35		2
3	262	Karl Pomeroy	Knot at Work	BCYC	198	[Harbor 20]	16:28:14	04:28:14	00:46:12	03:42:02	00:03:46		3
4	46828	Dave Griffin	Fair Havens	Dana Point Y.C.	198		16:29:10	04:29:10	00:46:12	03:42:58	00:04:42		4
5	97519	Wayne Wallace	Wind Dancer	DWYC	192		16:29:15	04:29:15	00:44:48	03:44:27	00:06:11		5
6	209	Emile Pilafidis	Party Globe	UCISA	198	[Harbor 20]	16:39:08	04:39:08	00:46:12	03:52:56	00:14:40		6
7	300	Steve Woodruff	Adrenalin	BCYC	198	[Harbor 20]	16:44:04	04:44:04	00:46:12	03:57:52	00:19:36		7
8	29	Bill McNamara	Sheri Lynn	ALYC	198		16:57:24	04:57:24	00:46:12	04:11:12	00:32:56		8
9	3946	Neil Brand	Waterlemon	Dana West Yacht Club	204		17:01:00	05:01:00	00:47:36	04:13:24	00:35:08		9
10	60214	Randy Nickel	?	?	192		NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	00:36:08	DNF1	14
11	109	Nik Froehlich	Wiggitt	SSYC	198	[Harbor 20]	NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	00:36:08	DNF1	14
12	28	Durwin McCarty		None	210		NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	00:36:08	DNF1	14
13	495	Mike Gunning	Electra	DPYC	210		NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	00:36:08	DNF1	14

Sprint XS Light Mono (3 boats)

Race 1

Race Information: Start Date/Time = March 10, 2012 12:00:00, Length (NM) = 14

Pos	Sail	Skipper	Boat	Club	Rating	Finish Time	Elapsed	Time Allow	Corrected	Time Behind	Penalty	Pts
1	USA539	Tom Patty	Hunu	Dana Point Yacht Club	102	15:37:41	03:37:41	00:23:48	03:13:53	00:00:00		1
2	20001	Ralf Butz	Carrera	Dana Point Yacht Club	60	NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	00:01:00	DNS0	4
3	266	Jeffery Florczak	Uptick	Balboa Yacht Club	138	NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	NO TIME	00:01:00	DNF0	4