

# Tell Tales

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News and Information for Members of the South Bay Yacht Racing Club

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## WOW 2001 — wow!

It is common practice in Marina del Rey, that a two day weekend regatta consists of five races. SBYRC's Race Committee under the leadership of Vice Commodore Christine d'Angelo changed that in this years Women on Water and Woman at the Helm Series. Leaving the number of scheduled races open allowed the race committee to adjust this number according to the conditions. And these conditions were good enough to have the WOW crews race five races on Saturday alone and an additional four races on Sunday.

Six boats, four Martin 242's and two J/24's competed in this division. Marylyn Hoemeyer and her crew on Blarney cruised to an easy win with five bullets and three second places. Susan Taylor on Take Five came in second, only narrowly defending this place against Christel Billhofer's Star Launcher. Blarney also took away the trophy for the Martin 242 one-design fleet and the Robert S. Wilson Trophy.

Most skippers liked the format, nine races give ample opportunities to make up for mistakes. Most crews seemed overworked at the end of each day.

A total of six races were held in the Woman at the Helm Performance Division. The smaller number of races was mainly due to the greater variation of ratings in

the fleet and the fact that the entire fleet consisted of bigger boats which are more suited to longer courses. Kyra Sweda was at the helm of Stardancer and drove that boat to five first place finishes to win this division. Broad Reach driven by Doreen Dates came second and Jeanne Beauchamp steered Topa to a third place finish.



Finally we should mention that Fran Weber-Melville's Lightning competed with vision impaired helms woman, thus proving that yacht racing is open to persons with all kinds of disabilities.

In the Cruising Division Ellen Gessert dominated the fleet of three boats with bullets in every race.

A final word on the format. Similar formats have been used in one-design events at many

other venues. The open number of scheduled races is certainly a desirable format, if a small number of fleets compete and these fleets are one-design fleets or close to one-design fleets. SBYRC has again shown leadership in the local racing community by adapting this format for the WOW.

The regatta was supported by WSA, MVYC and PMYC, with additional support from many local sponsors. It would not have happened, were it not for countless hours spent by VC d'Angelo and Carla Thorson of WSA.

## Get Involved in SBYRC

Maintaining a yacht club requires a lot of voluntary effort by its members. As the 2001 racing season draws to an end there are many opportunities how you could help SBYRC stay a successful club. Consider joining a race committee, it is a wonderful opportunity to learn rules, and observe the tactics of successful racers, all by spending an afternoon on the water. If you want input in the future of your club consider a position on the board. This will further enhance your understanding of how our

sport is organized and maintained by thousands of volunteers throughout the country. Racing a sailboat is certainly the most important thing you can do to keep our sport thriving in Marina del Rey. But racing alone will not do it, you should also help to organize the races. For information, how you could help, send an email to [werner.horn@csun.edu](mailto:werner.horn@csun.edu) or contact any of the board members anytime.

## 2001 Man/Woman Series

The Marina del Rey *Man/Woman Series* consists of four events with two classes: a Spinnaker class and a Non-Spinnaker class, with a perpetual trophy awarded to the Series winners in each class.

On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, South Bay Yacht Racing Club sponsored Event #1 in the Series - the *Two for the Day* Regatta. Two races were run around the Olympic Circle in light conditions, with a fog bank making an occasional appearance. The Martin 242 fleet turned out in strength, accounting for six of the seven Spinnaker class entries. Del Rey Yacht Club kindly provided us the use of its Race Committee boat and clubhouse for post-race hospitality. The winners were: Spinnaker Class: 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 Lives, Mike George & Denise Louiso; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Blarney, Tom O'Connor & Marylyn Hoemeyer; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mischief, Jocelyn Vallier & Mary Kay Scott; Non-Spinnaker Class: 1<sup>st</sup>, Homer, Dennis & Linda Lou Bouch; and, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stardancer, Ron Van Heel & Kyra Sweda.

The Series continued with Event #2, the *Two's Company* race on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Series will continue with Event #3, the *Guys & Dolls* race on October 14 and will conclude with Event #4, the *Two for One Sail* on October 20.

### New Members

Tony Phillips, Catalina 27 "Judith Ann"  
Gary Sprague, Catalina 38 "Regardless"  
Walter Van Den Burg, Bavaria 34 "Victoria"  
Rick Crisfield, Lido 14  
Scott Mills, Merit 22  
Steve Butler, Cal 29 "Merry"  
Henry King, Whaler 20 "Lani Girl"  
Jeff Rothermel, Aerodyne 38 "Wilderness"  
Eric Blumenkrantz, Lancer 36 "Whispering Winds"  
Arnaud Menard, Capri 22 "Bimini"  
Eric Dalton, Sparkman & Stephens 36  
Jay Cole, Cal 20 "Pie V"  
Carlos Debonis, Cal 25 "Caliente"  
Jim Murrell, Albin 25 "Huckleberry"  
Wynn Hammer, Cal 20 "Seascope"

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## Other Upcoming Events

South Bay Yacht Racing Club is sponsoring this year's ***Matchless Match Racing Regatta*** on November 10 & 11. This Regatta will be a two-day match racing event for One-Design fleets, as well as PHRF yachts that wish to compete against similar PHRF yachts. We hope to run as many races as possible during the two days of racing.

Please also mark on your calendar South Bay Yacht Racing Club's ***Installation Dinner*** for December 14 to be held in a private dining room at Del Rey Yacht Club's beautiful facility. We are lining up an informative speaker, to be announced. Please watch your mail for the invitation to this great annual event.