

## August 2004

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### From the Fleet Captain Phil Ramser

We are half way through the summer season and already Harbor 20 sailors have enjoyed some great racing and lots of good fellowship at our events. The Stars and Stripes Regatta hosted by the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum was very successful. We had 26 entries and a great course starting at the Museum and proceeding out to the entrance buoy and then the sail back to the start-finish line in front of the Museum. The party held on the upper deck of the Museum was terrific, the food was excellent and we all had a great time. Ted Munroe did a splendid job as "Regatta Chairman" and has promised an even better event next year.

There are many opportunities for racing during the

summer months. Actually, there are races for H20's in the bay every summer evening during the week. Many of these events include the opportunity to have dinner at the host club after the racing. Check the schedule to see which event works for you.

One of our most popular activities is yet to occur, and that is the annual boat rally and party scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>. All the information has been sent to you by mail and is also included in this newsletter. Be sure to attend this event. Find another couple, enlist their brains and unravel the clues as you sail around the bay. It's great fun and at the end of the day there will be prizes to win and adult beverages along with good food for all contestants served at the Lido Island Yacht Club. Kathy Sangster and Judy Weightman are in charge of this event and they have promised a great afternoon and evening for us all.

### From the editor:

Need a boat for the August 15th boat rally? Especially Fleet 2 from San Diego – let us help you out. Check out this generous offer from the Boy Scouts. And let's not forget to be generous with them when we are able!

### From Dave Janes:

As chairman elect of the Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America, I want to affirm that we would make our boats available for use [on August 15]. I would add that the Harbor 20 is exceptionally fine for teaching youngsters keel boat sailing. We now have three.

I would ask you to inform all members of the fleet that we welcome donations and will give fair values for donation. These boats are helping create a new generation of competitive small boat sailors and donations will ensure that this can continue.  
WE NEED MORE BOATS

### FROM TED MUNROE, aka EARTH TO TED

The Harbor 20 Stars & Stripes Regatta grew bigger and better this year! There were a record number of entry starts off the museum docks with quite a show of exciting maneuvering seen from the museum top deck

On June 19th the second annual Stars & Stripes Regatta with eleven HARBOR 20 A's, fifteen HARBOR 20 B's plus one Novice Class entry started from a line set in front of the Nautical Museum docks. The course went down through the bay out around the harbor entrance Bell Buoy and back to the finish line in front of the Nautical Museum. By holding the start and finish off the Nautical Museum, racing sailing became much more of a spectator sport that day. With all the boats carrying American Flags and most sailors dressed in red, white and blue, it was fun to see.

In the A Fleet, after a good start the team of Jamie Douglas and Mark Gaudio stretched their lead on every leg to finish first with a comfortable margin. Jim Kerrigan, last year's winner, sailed single handed to take second, and the team of Bob and Ellie Yates followed closely to finish third. A very special award went to Winn and Carlita Fuller's team who sailed

with eight crew members on board, towed a toy, and played and sang a rendition of John Phillips Sousa as they crossed the finish line to everyone's delight. And as a first in Harbor 20 sailing annals, the team of Lenore Collins and Suzanne Spangler sailed with her three month old daughter strapped in a car seat amidships as additional crew. A Horizon Job for winning the award for the youngest crew.

The B Fleet started almost ten minutes after the A Fleet and the B leaders actually caught up and passed one or two of the A's. The team of Helen and Warren Duncan was first to finish with an additional distinction of having the first woman skipper. Second was the team of Jim and Marion Jordan Third was the team skippered by Kathy Brittingham who had not raced since Sabots at BIYC over 35 years before. Her team had five crew members that included three generations of coaching help. In the Novice Fleet, Skipper Durow won the first place in the first race he had ever sailed.

The Harbor 20's headed back to their own docks immediately after the finish, and then returned to the museum for cocktails, trophies and dinner. The third level Texas Deck room was ideal for the party; the food was excellent and abundant. Glenn Zegoren presented the trophies. And every skipper not already a member of the Nautical Museum became one that day as a part of their entry fee. The event ended with all looking forward to the day, the race and the party upcoming next year.

## **OBSTRUCTIONS from Bob Yates, July 21, 04**

Last month, Dave Perry, the consummate expert on Sailing Rules and Tactics visited Newport Beach and gave two outstanding seminars. I wish that all of you attended, for those of us that took the time to listen to Dave came away with a much better understanding of the sport of sailing. I did take lost of notes, and feel that the ones related to safe sailing around obstructions are the most important to pass on to all the Harbor 20 sailors. Please read on.

Sailors have the responsibility to avoid each other, the docks along the shore, and boats moored alongside our sailing courses. The "Rules of Sailing" as well as Maritime Law is very specific regarding our responsibility to avoid contact. It is imperative that we know these rules in order to prevent collisions and expensive damages which we are responsible for paying.

First, we have no right what so ever to hit a moored boat or dock. If we do, we are responsible to inform the owner, and to pay for the damage. Most of the time, however, the damage is to our own boat, and it will be expensive for us to repair.

Racing other boats among moored boats is a more complex issue and is covered by the "Rules of Sailing". Lets review the Rules regarding Obstructions. Rule 18 gives the "inside boat room to round between an outside boat and a mark or obstruction, including room to tack or jibe when either is a normal part of the maneuver". We follow this Rule frequently when we are rounding a mark, but we must be aware that the rule applies equally to an obstruction. Remember, there is no "right away" for forcing another boat into an obstruction.

The second obstruction Rule is 18.5, which applies when we are passing a continuing

obstruction such as a moored boat or dock. This Rule allows a boat that is between another racer and an obstruction, adequate room to continue on its course without interfering with the obstruction. This rule also prevents a boat that is clear astern from entering the zone between a racing boat and an obstruction when there is no room to safely pass through the space. Specifically, a boat that is clear astern shall keep clear when entering the vicinity of a continuing obstruction.

The best precaution when approaching and obstruction is to discuss the upcoming situation with the other skippers. Decide ahead of time who is overlapped and needs space to pass the obstruction. Also, be sure that a skipper who is behind knows that they are not entitled to any space. Everyone should understand their obligations when the first boat is within two boat lengths of the obstruction.

Finally, we get to Rule 19, Room to tack at an Obstruction. It states: "when safety requires a close-hauled boat to make a substantial course change to avoid an obstruction and she intends to tack, but cannot tack and avoid another boat on the same tack, she shall hail for room to do so. Before tacking she shall give the hailed boat time to respond. The hailed boat shall either (a) tack as soon as possible, in which the case the hailing boat shall also tack as soon as possible, or (b) immediately reply "you tack" in which case the hailing boat shall tack as soon as possible and the hailed boat shall give room..."

Rule 19 requires racing boats to keep clear of another boat that is tacking to avoid an obstruction such as a dock or moored boat. The logic of this rule is clear. If we do not give the boat that is keeping clear of an obstruction room to do so, extensive damage could occur. The "Rules of Sailing" go to great

lengths to maintain the safe and orderly sailing of races. We are all obligated to honor these rules and to sail in a safe and orderly manner.

These and many other rules are discussed in detail in Dave Perry's classic book, "Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing...." If you have any doubts about your obligations or just want to learn more on the subject, I recommend that you buy and read the book.

**Reminder  
Please join us  
For the**

## Harbor 20 Boat Rally

Bring your  
nautical  
knowledge and  
cheerful clue  
seeking selves.  
Invite your  
friends.

**Sunday, August 15  
1:30 PM  
LIYC Dock  
Cocktails 4:30  
Dinner to follow**

**\$25 person all inclusive  
Call 723 0350 to reserve with  
Kathy Sangster**

## Harbor 20 Fleet 1 2004 Race Calendar

### Update provided by Ross Watanabe, Webmaster

The LIYC Summer Rally and Party originally scheduled for 7/25 has been rescheduled for 8/15.

The BYC Harbor 20 Midsummer Regatta

originally scheduled for 8/7 has been cancelled.

The BYC CHOC Regatta originally scheduled for 9/25 has been rescheduled for 11/6, in conjunction with the Sunset Series #1.

Please note that there is no BCYC Finally Friday race on 8/20.

### Upcoming Fleet 1 (Newport Beach, CA) Events:

Mon. 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23,  
8/30 6 PM ALYC August  
Sundowner Series

Tues. 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, and  
8/24 6 PM NHYC August  
H20 Twilights

Wed. 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, and  
8/25 6 PM BYC August  
Twilights

Thurs. 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, and  
8/26 6 PM BYC Stout  
Series Beercans

Thurs. 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, and  
8/26 6 PM NHYC August  
Twilights

Fri. 8/6, 8/13, and 8/20 6  
PM LIYC Adult Sailing  
Series #3

Fri. 8/6, 8/13, and 8/27  
6:30 PM BCYC August  
Finally Fridays

Sun. 8/15 1:30 PM LIYC  
Summer Rally/Party

### Upcoming Fleet 2 (San Diego, CA) Events:

Sun. 8/8 CYC Vanity  
Single-Handed (not single  
handed for Harbor 20s)

Sat. 8/21 CYC/SGYC  
Crown Cup (PHRF)