

HARBOR 20 FUN IN THE SUN . . . AND IN THE SHADE

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There is always plenty of action in the Harbor 20 fleet, and the last few weeks have been no exception.

The **Newport Harbor Yacht Club** hosted its **Second Annual Invitational Team Race**, a unique 4 x 4 format of round robin team racing that attracts world-class sailors from yacht clubs throughout the country. Because the Harbor 20s are borrowed from members of Fleet 1, the club adds protective bow and stern bumpers to add extra protection during the intense sailing that is inevitable in a team race. Colored jibs are also used to identify the members of each team.



New York Yacht Club won the team race event, with Southern Yacht Club taking second place honors. For an interesting story written by Lynn Fitzpatrick, go to www.worldregattas.com/ViewInfo.php?ContentID=213, and for great photos taken by former Harbor 20 Class President Bob Yates, go to http://www.kodakgallery.com/ShareLanding.action?c=auytj8.7r24m4q0&x=0&y=-vvo8y1&localeid=en_US.

Harbor 20 Fleet 3, Hilton Head, South Carolina sailed down to Harbor Town on April 9 and raced off the 18th hole during the Verizon Heritage PGA tournament. It is a “storied” PGA golf tournament that’s been hosted by Harbour Town Golf Links for more than 36 years. Brian Gay was the big golf tournament winner - \$1,026,000. Imagine a fleet of Harbor 20s sailing just off the 18th hole! The fleet’s next big event was the Domenico De Sole & Associates Cup. The regatta was sailed May 2 & 3 in 12 – 15 knots with thirteen entries. First was John Adair in *Firefly*, Second was Dominico De Sole in *Slingshot*, third was Cameron Brower in #279 *Defender*.

John Colver, Harbor 20 #226, won the non-spinnaker division in the 2009 Midwinters sailed at the Corinthian Yacht Club on **San Francisco Bay**. John won with two firsts, one third, and a DNS (“as it was already in the bag and the weather was nasty”). John followed that up with a second in the non-spinnaker fleet at the club’s

Intra-Club Regatta. He was the fourth boat to finish out of 16 boats. John sails with a rating of 234, which means he still gives the Cal 20s thirty-nine seconds per mile before time-on-time adjustment. John says, "It is tough to correct out ahead of them, but we can do it most of the time!"



Sonia Mockett recently purchased Harbor 20 #269 and moved it from Newport Beach to Marina Del Rey. Sonia is new to sailing and loves her Harbor 20. When she isn't out with her sailing instructor, you can find her sipping a glass of wine under her new sun awning. This is a "cruising" option we just added to the list. It has three telescoping poles and provides welcomed shade for the cockpit. The awning sells for \$576.

During the very same weekend as the NHYC Invitational Team Race, **Newport's Fleet 1 hosted an on-the-water seminar with Dave Perry.** Even though 16 of the fleet's boats were committed to the team races, 16 more boats participated in the Dave Perry seminar. The seminar covered everything from boat handling to racing rules and was a huge success. The month of May signals the beginning of the Summer Season for this lucky Southern

California fleet. It all started Monday, May 4, with the first of the FUN evening races. By the time July comes around, there is a twilight race every night, Monday through Friday. They are low key races that emphasize fun and the social aspects of sailing.