

ALLAN WYCKOFF

On Single Handling the Harbor 25

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Allan Wyckoff, the owner of Harbor 25 #20, allowed us to use his boat in the Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show; and he also talked to quite a few of the people who came by to see the boat. Allan spends as much time as possible on the water, so he finds himself out sailing alone on a pretty regular basis. Since everyone knows how hard it is to round up a crew, single handed sailing always came up during Allen's conversations at the show. To back up his claim that "you can leave the tiller, and the Harbor will continue on course when sails are properly trimmed", Allen emailed this great photo of *Cece's Rival* sailing without a single soul in the cockpit.



When asked to discuss this further, Allan had this to say: "When I bought the boat, I ordered a tiller extension with the ability of locking the tiller in place thinking this would be handy when sailing alone. When the boat was delivered in July of 2008 and I begin sailing on the Bay, I soon found it unnecessary to lock the tiller if I needed to go below to retrieve something or if I had to go forward to tidy up after hoisting sails. The Harbor 25 is so well balanced when the sails are properly set she'll maintain course unless interrupted by a sudden strong gust of wind or rough water. I tested this out one day when sailing alone. I set the sails for a broad reach, let the tiller go, and stepped

back, keeping a lookout for potential problems, and maintained this configuration for a half hour until I had to turn back for home. Those pictures I sent the other day were taken during that sail. I honestly think the Harbor sails faster if you leave the tiller alone! The second picture was taken while my son was asleep in the cockpit. I went below got my camera and took the picture, leaving the tiller unattended.

Bottom line . . . Don't fall off, it will be awhile before the Harbor 25 stops!"