

INSIDE, OUTSIDE, AND ALL AROUND THE HARBOR

2009 W. D. Schock Memorial Regatta

February 28 & March 1, 2009

For the twelfth annual W. D. Schock Memorial Regatta, the Harbor 20s and Lido 14s sailed short courses inside Newport Bay; the Finns, Santana 20s, and Schock 35s sailed outside; and the Harbor 25s sailed long courses that took them all around Newport Harbor. The weather was delightful, with light air on Saturday and a range of conditions on Sunday that treated the fleet to light air for the first race, heavy air for the second, and perfectly delightful medium conditions for the third.



Harbor 20Bs fast off the line.

There are three Harbor 25s in Newport, and all three came out for their very first one-design event. To make this fun for everyone, the Harbor 25s raced just one race each day and were sent on a long course that took them all around the Harbor. The were sent from the starting line in the turning basin up to U mark off the Lido Isle Yacht Club, clear down to a mark by Balboa Yacht Club, then up to the top of the north Lido channel, down to Q off Collins island, and upwind to the finish line. Michael Rettie and Rosemary De Camp sailed #22 well and finished first in both races.



Harbor 25s – Just wing'n it.

Each of the other fleets racing on the inside courses sailed a total of seven races and were allowed one throw out race. John Fuller was the winner of the thirteen-boat Harbor 20A fleet. Terry Gloege was second, and Bob Yates was third. When you consider that John threw out a 5th, Terry a 9th, and Bob a 12th, John's lead was pretty impressive. With 17 entries, the Harbor 20B fleet was the largest in the regatta. Dave O'Hara in 20/20 sailed an outstanding regatta to take first place, ten points ahead of second



Three Harbor 20s ghost along on a clear So Cal day.



A crowd of Harbor 20Bs at the weather mark.



Walter Johnson is looking great . . .

place Matt Campbell. Len Connelly, Helen Duncan, and Emile Pilafides tied for third, with Len winning the tie-breaker.

Competition was tough in the 15-boat Lido A fleet, with National Champion Stuart Robertson taking first place honors. Stu's daughter Erin and her husband-to-be in May Whit Batchelor finished a solid second, but third was a mixed bag. Kim McRae's total score would have put him in third a head of Walter Johnson and Freddie Stevens. But Kim's worst race was a 7th while Walter's was a DSQ and Freddie's was a 14th. After their worst races, Walter and Freddie were tied for third and Kim ended up fifth.

Charlie and Joanna Smith walked away with first place honors in the Lido B fleet with four firsts and two thirds. They had launched their brand new *Lido Mosquito* just a few days before the regatta, and this was their very first Lido event. They recently moved to Santa Monica from Clinton, New Jersey, where they sailed out of Hunterdon Sailing Club and actively raced a Jet 14. Kelly Buchan was second and Mark Hunter third.



. . . but Stu Robertson is launched!



Santana 20 sailors Chris Nesbitt, Erik Berzins, and John Papadopoulos Photo by Bronny Joy Daniels.



Steve Murphy and his Schock 35 crew Photo by Bronny Joy Daniels.



Michael Rettie was fast off the line in Harbor 25 #22.

Caleb Paine, a hot former Laser sailor from Mission Bay Yacht Club dominated the seven-boat Finn Fleet. He threw out a 4th place to finish the regatta with finishes of 2-2-2-1-1. The Santana 20 fleet had 8 entries, with Eric Kownacki from Mission Bay Y.C. finishing first and Britt Williams, who had driven out from Tulsa, Oklahoma,

taking second place honors. The Schock 35 fleet ended the event with a tie for first between Steve Arkle and Steve Murphy. Steve Arkle ended the regatta with a total of 15 points and threw out a 5th. Steve Murphy had a total of 14 points and threw out a 4th. Steve A. won the 10-point tie breaker with two first place finishes over Steve M's one first place finish.

Seventy-eight boats turned out for this really outstanding Newport Harbor Yacht Club event. The racing was exciting, the race management exceptional, and the onshore activities extraordinary. If you missed this year's regatta, we hope to see you next year!

Inside course photos taken by Jane Schock. Additional photos for the outside courses are available at:

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