



Tough conditions hamper regatta

By Gregor Robin
News-Press Sports Writer

Light winds and heavy currents caused delays and forced a few of the 78 boats to miss their starting times in the Semana Nautica Regatta Saturday off the Santa Barbara coastline.

The regatta continues today with one final race in the outside line one-design class and two races (including a makeup race), in the multi-hull and inside line classes. Race co-chairperson Jane Watkins is hopeful that the conditions will improve.

"It's very difficult racing in these conditions," Watkins said as the scores were being tabulated. "You have to be very attentive, especially to the weight

Handball tourney
finals today G-8

on the boat. You look for wind shifts constantly. It was real choppy. Some of the boats even dropped out because of sea sickness."

On a more positive note, the regatta attracted more entries than in its past two years with the greatest turnout ever from out-of-town boats, said Watkins. That surprised her because of the cancellation of the citywide Semana Nautica titled festivities.

In one of the more popular classes, the J-24 yachts, a crew member on Don Trask's Invisible One is Kimo Worthington of

the California Yacht Club of Marina del Rey. Worthington, 26, will crew in Eagle in the qualifying trials for the America's Cup on Oct. 5. Rod Davis of Newport Harbor is the skipper of Eagle.

"My girlfriend lives in Santa Barbara so I'm here because she is here," said Worthington. "It's a lot of fun here because it's low key."

Worthington and Trask had their trouble getting Invisible One to the start of the first race and missed it.

"We did awful," said Worthington. "We didn't make the start because there was too much current. We got there 10 minutes late. Half the fleet didn't make it. I've never been late for a race in my life."

Eric Arndt of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club skippered Houdini to first in the J-24 opener while Kevin Connelly of the SBYC skippered Cowabunga to victory in the second race. They will battle along with 11 other J-24's today.

Don Whelan of the St. Francis YC won the Star class opener while Jack Dollahite of Newport Harbor won the second race. Alan Laflin of St. Francis took the International class opener. Bruce Johnston of the Bay Shore Sailing Association won the second race.

The Santa Barbara Sailing Club's Gerald Koldjeski won the first Mercury race. In Lasers, Kent Lawson of the SBYC won the first race and his clubmate Pat Dougerty took second.

The wind finally picks up to carry Connelly to J-24 victory in Semana Nautica Regatta

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Kevin Connelly of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club, a national champion in the Olson 30 class, skippered Cowabunga to a pair of first places and one fourth place in the Semana Nautica Regatta over the weekend to win the popular J-24 class.

Connelly was followed by runnerup Eric Arndt

"Everybody wants to know why," said Wadkins. "Having brand new sails and a brand new boat usually helps. It was very tricky sailing. The current really hurt a lot of people and there were a lot of judgment errors."

Wadkins said the event was a success considering the light winds and heavy current.

"Actually it turned out great," she said. "We were very fortunate that we did get some wind

Undefeated SBYC Advances in Prince of Wales Tournament

SANTA BARBARA—The Prince of Wales elimination series, held May 3-4, for the Santa Barbara/Ventura County regional competitors, established Santa Barbara Yacht Club as the winner and area representative in the semi-finals.

Six yacht clubs competed during a weekend of 15 to 25 knot winds in round robin match racing aboard J 24's.

SBYC was undefeated among Santa Barbara Sailing Club, Ventura Yacht Club, Ventura Sailing Club, Channel Islands Yacht Club and Pierpont Bay Yacht Club.

Eric Arndt skippered for the winning crew of four.

Long Beach, Newport, and San Diego are still slated to compete in eliminations during May and June. The Santa Monica Bay elimination series took place in April with King Harbor Yacht Club coming out on top.

The elimination series for the Association of Orange County Yacht Club's will be held June 21-22, the Association of San Diego Yacht Club's races will be June 15-16 and Long Beach/Los Angeles area yacht club's have not established a date for their elimination series.

Newport Harbor Yacht Club will host the J region finals, or national semi-finals, August 1-3. Competitors will race in Etchells and the winner will represent the region at the finals scheduled for Sept. 17-22 in Larchmont, New York.

Boater Escapes Injury When Boat Catches Fire

HUNTINGTON HARBOUR—A 54 year-old man escaped injury when his boat caught fire shortly after launching it from Sunset Aquatic Park, April 26.

The 22-foot Apollo inboard/outboard owned by James Veritch, 54, was extensively damaged.

According to Lt. Harry Gage of the Orange County Sheriff's Harbor Patrol, Veritch had just launched the boat when the engine died.

When he restarted it, he heard a pop and looked back to see flames shooting from the engine compartment.

Veritch jumped overboard and swam to the guest dock where he

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□ GENTLEMEN AND PSEUDO-GENTLEMEN

Being one of the many avid readers of *Latitude 38* in Santa Barbara, I thought you might enjoy this shot of our "old salt" John



JANE WATKINS

It's always safer to sail doublehanded than singlehanded.

Sports News

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SAILING

Californian Arndt
leads J-24 event

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California sailor leads J-24s

By ERIC SHARP
Herald Boating Writer

In five days of testing on San Francisco Bay, the new North spinnaker that Vince Brun built for Eric Arndt seemed to have an edge in breezes above 12 knots.

The sail got its baptism of fire Tuesday in the J-24 Midwinters on

northwesterly breezes that ranged from 10 to 16 knots.

Rounding out the top 10 who made the 46-boat championship fleet were Harry Melges of Zenda, Wis.; Scott Ferguson of Newport; Greg Tawaststjerna of Toronto; Ed Baird of St. Petersburg; Jay Lutz of Kemah, Texas; Ken Batzer and



Photo by Linda Tillman

Dick Tillman, Class Executive Director, with (left) Nancy Canard, District 10 Governor and 1989 USJCA Vice President, and Jane Watkins, District 21 Governor, after second annual District Governors' Race in New Orleans.

Class Growth

I am pleased to report that the International Class has completed six consecutive years of growth. In 1988, the U.S. Class showed the greatest gain with a total strength close to 1900 members, a 5% gain over 1987. Other countries reporting significant membership increases include Bermuda, Canada, Germany, Holland, Monaco and Peru. Total membership for 1988, is shown below:

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|----------------|------|-----------|----|
| United States | 1900 | Bermuda | 30 |
| Italy | 150 | Germany | 23 |
| United Kingdom | 150 | Ireland | 23 |
| Japan | 125 | Argentina | 20 |
| Canada | 125 | Mexico | 15 |
| Holland | 35 | | 10 |
| Switzerland | 30 | | |
| France | 30 | | |
| Peru | 30 | | |

in Corpus Christi and New London, CT; the Bitter End Yacht Club Invitational Match Racing Series, the Masters' Regatta in San Francisco; and even by New Zealand as practice for the America's Cup Challenge. Reports of major regattas and fleet events are contained in this issue.

1989 looks to be another active year for all aspects of the class. Have a good one!

New U.S. Fleets and District Governors

Four new U.S. fleets have been established since the Spring magazine reported on the charter of Fleets 132, 133, 134, 135 and 136. Welcome and good sailing to Lake Forest Fleet 137 (Walter Nielsen, fleet captain) in District 15, and in District 1, Camden Fleet 138 (Ryan Fendler, fleet captain); Portsmouth Fleet 139 (Bob Torr, fleet captain); and Lake Winnepesaukee Fleet 140 (Phil Dresser, fleet captain).

We also have four new district governors. Ned Plumer, who sails *Plum Crazy* in Shreveport, LA, takes over from John Peck, who has headed District 14 for five years and established the well-known Texas Circuit events. Doug Kracht, sailing *Fear and Loathing* in Milwaukee, WI, assumes leadership of District 15 from Glenn Gustafson, who has been elected the 1989 USJCA President. District 15 has the largest number of fleets, with 11. District 17 has a new Governor, Andrew Hubbard, who sails out of Oklahoma City on his J/24, *Ajax*, taking over from Rocky Milford. And in California, Jane Watkins, who races *She Bop* in Santa Barbara, takes the helm from Terry Hanna. We thank the departing governors for their dedication and hard work, and wish our new governors a good year in their new leadership role.

Winds Play Havoc With Volvo Regatta

Race 4 Gets Blown Out

BY KIMBALL LIVINGSTON

CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

And how do you like our bay now, "Mr. Volvo"?

Coming into the inaugural Volvo Regatta, there was talk from the sponsors about what a fine thing it would be to see the fleet sail in a bit of breeze after all those light-hearted, light-wind years in Newport, R.I. Then the back side of yesterday's cold front blew in, blew out, and took Race 4 with it.

Graham Thornton, "catching air" in the mark-set boat, said the baseline wind was 35 knots. The city harbor master, meanwhile, put the gusts at 50 knots. And on the front lines, more than one bruised body-mind unit was grateful when they called off the afternoon race, leaving Santa Barbara's Eric Arndt still the hero with three straight firsts in the biggest fleet out there, J-24s.

Out of six fleets Arndt is the only skipper going into today's finale with straight firsts, but he's getting no gifts. The Volvo representatives added a makeup race this afternoon, when they were supposed to be down to the shouting.

Eliel Redstone, leading Express 27s at 1-2-1, has second-best scores so far. Some of the best racing, however, is in Etchells 22s, where local Jim Coggan holds his own against boats from all points of the country.

into Folkboat racing — stands 3½ points ahead of Jerry Langkammerer. Peter Szasz leads J-29s (the boat is named JC'n Me, so he presumably has help), with Kirk Denebeim trailing by 1¼ points.

Flood tides at 11 a.m. force the boats to sail the first beat "right on the bricks" along the marina breakwater before they've had time to sort out and spread out. It's keen dodge 'em-scare 'em — with only a few dozen collisions so far.

Local sailor ready to challenge world

News-Press staff report

Defending champion Eric Arndt of Santa Barbara skippered Houdini to five wins in five outings in the J-24 class at the Volvo Regatta last weekend in the San Francisco Bay.

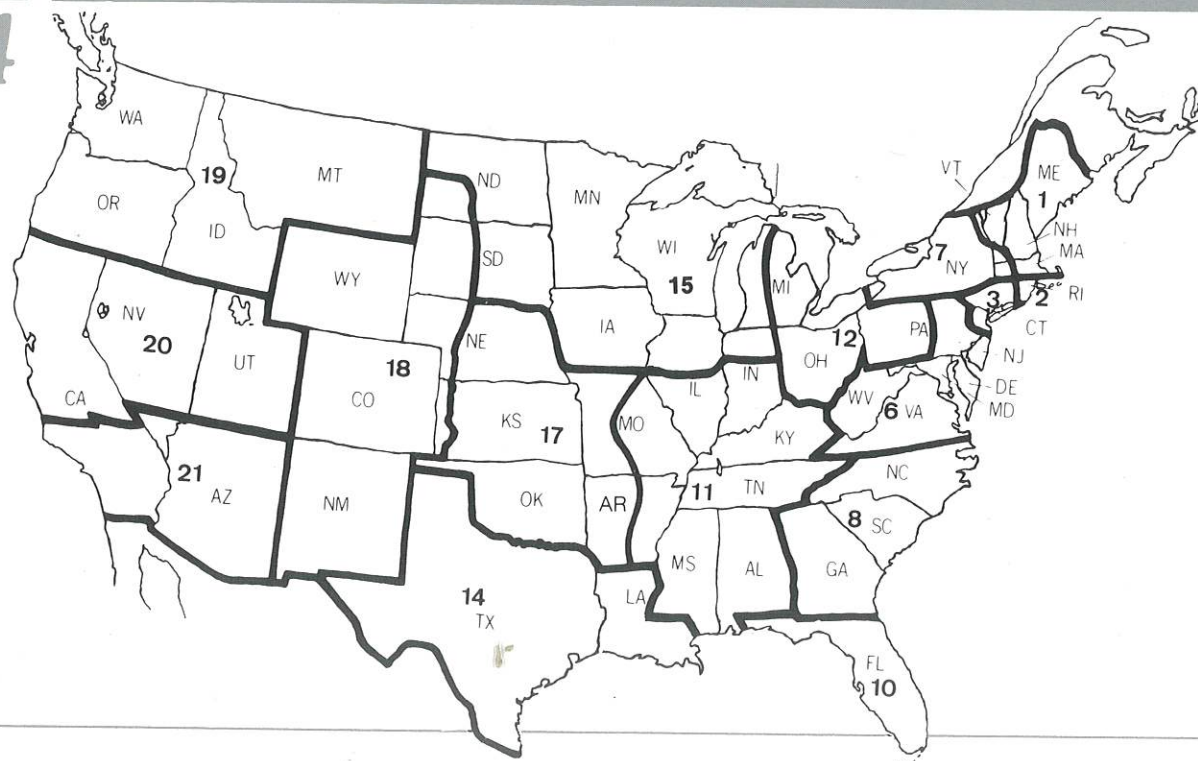
Arndt, 26, and his crew of Harold Blades, Matt Wilson, brother Kirk Arndt and Pat Griffin swept the races on a windy day in the bay. Last year Arndt and Houdini also won all five races for the victory.

"This team has sailed together and has spent a lot of time practicing and traveling to regattas," he said. "We just came back in January from the Florida Mid-Winters Regatta and took second."

The Mid-Winter Regatta is considered the United States Nationals and has an international field. Arndt said it was a good test for the crew.

The worlds are a seven-day, seven-race event ranging in distance from eight to 14 miles

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Photo by Linda Tillman

Attending the 1988 USJCA Annual Meeting in New Orleans were (back row) Peter Young, Dick Tillman, Jeff Johnstone, Harry Dursch, Ned Plumer, Rick Peper, John Peck; (middle) Nancy Canard, Jane Watkins, Glenn Gustafson, Carla Peck, Gil Samuelson, Greg Swetka, Bill Denes; (front) Vin Bitel, Chris Towles, Lee Corbin.

1988 USJCA Annual Meeting

Despite the threat of Hurricane Gilbert, the 1988 annual meeting of district governors was held in New Orleans over the weekend of September 17-18. Fifteen voting members were present for the meeting that included a social get-together at the Southern Yacht Club Friday evening, a formal meeting all day Saturday, and concluded with the annual District Governors Race on Sunday morning (Nancy Canard, the winner). Guy Brierre was the 'host with the most' for the entire weekend, complete with dinner and tour plans for Saturday evening. New officers for 1989 are: Glenn Gustafson, President; Nancy Canard, Vice President; John Peck, Technical Committee Chairman; Gil Samuelson, Finance Committee Chairman. The work of the outgoing executive committee members (Rick Peper, President, and Chris

Towles, Finance Committee Chairman) is appreciated, and we anticipate continued strong leadership by the new guard. The 1989 USJCA Executive Committee is shown with the fleet captain list on page 82. Minutes of the meeting will appear in the Spring magazine.

1988 IJCA Annual Meeting

The IJCA Annual Meeting is scheduled at 0930 hours on November 6, 1988, at the Royal Thames Yacht Club in London. All National Associations have been encouraged to send representatives. World and Continental Championship venues will be discussed and rule proposals finalized for presentation to the International Yacht Racing Union for approval. Minutes of the meeting will appear in the Spring magazine.

The Irish Times

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Arndt prevails in aggressive match series

CALIFORNIAN Eric Arndt, in an all-American finish with Jim Brady, won the Rothmans International Championship on Dublin Bay yesterday in impressive style with some aggressive sailing. The top Irish helms, John Ross Murphy and Martin Byrne, were both eliminated in the semi finals with Ross Murphy winning the third slot.

"The standard has risen since I first started coming here, the crews are sharper and the boats are quicker", Brady, a former winner, said while congratulating Arndt on his achievement.

In Saturday's semi-final between Byrne and Arndt, it was a straightforward contest with the American winning the first two races with the best of three to count.

The semi final between Ross Murphy and Brady was a protest ridden affair — so much so that in order to resolve the dilemma the race committee elected for a resail yesterday morning, delaying the start of the final.

While Brady won all three races on the water, Ross Murphy had a damaged mast before starting, resulting in a claim for a redress after getting a new boat in the first race for not having enough time to retune. This was granted. The situation was further complicated in a second race when Brady was protested for tuning his rig after the first race had taken place. This was also granted.

YACHTING

Enda O'Coineen

One minute before the start of the final, with the best of three to count, Arndt — having pushed Brady up over the line — broke away to the leeward end. Brady compounded the error by hitting the inner limit mark, obliging a 720 degree penalty turn.

Thereafter it was Arndt's race, being a full 55 seconds ahead at the weather mark and though Brady tried pulling back a small margin, the Californian covered every move to win comfortably. However, Brady protested the committee for getting the signals wrong.

Race two started five minutes before the gun with aggressive circling manoeuvres — 33 times in all — each trying to get the upper hand. Arndt broke 30 seconds before the gun, getting a slight edge to weather as the boats crossed together. Arndt maintained this weather edge, being eight seconds ahead at the first mark with a 13-second spinnaker hoist to Brady's 26 seconds. By the leeward mark, Arndt increased his lead to a comfortable 17 seconds which he held to the finish despite a tacking duel.

The protest committee then met at sea and granted redress to Brady for the first race and sent the competitors back to race again.

Yet another aggressive starting duel got under way before the gun with each circling seeking the

Hitman of the Helm

by David Brainard

Ask around any of the local gyms or mention his name at the softball diamond and it's unlikely you'll get much of a reaction. Eric Arndt is a yachtsman and that's not exactly mainstream stuff. But Eric is a Thomas Hearn's topside, the hitman of the helm. He scallops his sailboat through the water getting a lift from every puff of wind and every wave, sailing faster and smarter than anyone with less saline blood.

Last Sunday, 23-year-old Eric was awarded the Santa Barbara Yacht Club's MVP for 1986, the Baldwin Boner Trophy awarded for excellence achieved in out-of-town regattas. He is the California Champion; he placed ninth in this year's World Championships, and for his efforts the SBYC named him the youngest skipper-of-the-year ever.

Eric races J-24's, a 10-year-old design that has swept the world by virtue of its exciting performance, affordability, and pure tactical competition. "All of the hotshots got into them," says Eric, "because they all have the same boat speed, they're a very competitive class, and you can pick one up for 10 grand." So for just about the price of a couple pair of Nikes and designer sweats, you too can go charging through the high seas with the rest of the 12-meter aspirants, half of whom, according to Arndt, come out of the J-24 class.

For Eric and his syndicate, '86 was a year with a plan. Financial backer/crewman Gene O'Hagan proclaimed, "No more crewer!"

was just a year for tuning-up; a time to get a crew working together three or four times a week and concentrate on boat speed.

In September, Newport, Rhode Island hosted the J-24 World Championships with 68 boats from 16 countries qualifying. "This was said to be the toughest Worlds yet," says Eric, "because 20 boats were right in there and one wrong move puts you at the back of the pack." "I didn't sleep for a week. It was pretty intense." Also intense were the bar room exploits of the *Houdini* crew, pleased as they were with their ninth place overall finish. Nobody in the fleet partied as boisterously as did the Santa Barbara contingent. "We destroyed relations between Rhode Island and California," remembers O'Hagan.

Eric's sailing background stems from his family, who nine years ago took a four-year trip onboard their 50-foot ketch to Hawaii, the South Sea, and the Orient. He's been racing sailboats and teaching racing ever since with experience that belies his youth.

For 1987, Eric hopes to be one of six U.S. boats to qualify for the Worlds in Italy in June, and the North American Championships this August in San Francisco. Arch rival Bruce Golleson aboard *Cat Sushi* will lead the charge against *Houdini*, and *Houdini's* syndicate looks hard to beat at both.

SPORTS CALENDAR

ONGOING: The "Over the Hill Gang" meets every Thu, 8a.m., at Stearns Wharf for a 2040 bicycle

Getting Smarter Faster

by Jane W. Watkins



North instructor Matt Ciesicki smiles at the performance of the crew on Ice 9.

Photo by Jane Watkins



Photo by Jane Watkins

from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crews could switch positions on the boat or work on perfecting their usual position. The instructors switched boats on the water to give the "students" a well-rounded education from experts whose techniques varied.

The first day was spent doing more tacks, gybes and mark rounding than you might want to do in a lifetime, but boat handling and teamwork improved as the day went on. Participants met for dinner and dancing in the evening, but partying was limited, knowing that "class" started again early the next morning.

Sunday, after the lecture and some practice races, "The Final Exam Regatta" took place. Larry Klein jumped off his stu-

immediately popped to celebrate a successful weekend. •

These clinics have done wonders for our fleet (28 boats) in improving boat handling, performance and confidence amongst the crew. In addition, we have found that the local boats used over the weekend are given a critical eye by the instructors as far as deck and gear layout. Within a week of North J World, we saw boat owners changing halyards, fixing winches and even buying new sails, much to the delight of the crews. They are ready to win! And once you and your crew feel faster and smarter, you begin to recognize what's wrong with the boat.

There is so much to learn about J sailing and racing in general, and these clinics have certainly put our fleet on the right track. The students ranged from

Above: Larry Klein shoots video of clinic students on Watermelon during final exam.





Anatomy of a West Coast "Practice Regatta" (A Parody of An Actual Event)

by Jane W. Watkins

I have many times heard the hue and cry for an informal regatta where skippers and crew can practice, tune their rigs, switch positions or just sail without the pressure of taking home the silver or being super aggressive on the race course. Even though I have attempted to put on such an event, the word "race" usually awakened the raging hormones of the sailors into a frenzy of wanting to win at all costs. This was not to be the case in the "First Annual Midwinter Tune Up Regatta" organized by Matt Ciesiaki, San Diego, 1/24 Fleet Captain

me, and we thought we would just look for a crew position. However, Larry Klein, who was ultra mellow after finishing his wheat grass breakfast flip, offered me one of the J World boats, which I gratefully accepted. There was no registration and no forms to fill out. The "Skipper's Meeting" was so casual that most of us missed it while having a leisurely yuppie breakfast at the San Diego Yacht Club.

A diverse group of J sailors were on hand: Bob Richards and his brand new boat *Ice Breaker* from Lake Tahoe, who would be traveling on to Midwinters in New Orleans; Mike Cheda and Mark Levy of Long Beach, with their new J, *Pinball* (they gave it this name after bouncing around a bridge with a flat tire on the way down); Wayne Clough and Carl Forsander of Marina del Rey, with *Downtown Uproar*; Vince Brun and Matt on *Bueno*; Larry Klein on *Fly Mo J*; myself with *Love Shack*; and two other J's from San Diego, *Shillalough* and *Big Pumpkin*.



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RE: 1992 J/24 North American Championships

We are pleased to learn that the USJCA has awarded the above noted event to our yacht club. In order to properly calendar this competition and continue our planning we would like to have a formal notification from your parent organization.

As we have discussed, I will assume the role of General Chairman for the regatta unless notified to the contrary.

Our only initial conflict with dates is that of the World Match Racing Championship which we are hosting during 1992. This event has tentatively been scheduled for August 16-23, 1992. We will have to be sensitive to setting a good date in that many exciting events will be happening in 1992.

I am curious as to the support we, LBYC, should expect from the Class. It is normal for us to run our own events and if the Class desires/expects direct input into the manner in which racing instructions are written, courses set up, etc. the pipeline into our Race Management Committee must be cleared early. Remember that all this is volunteer effort and takes a little more time than salaried expectations.

Our normal scheme would be to have a General Chairman, Principal Race Officer and Judges Panel, support craft etc. under the LBYC banner.

congratulations to Glenn Butler for being the most improved racer last season. Doing well for the season, and at the Dillon Open, Glenn was right in the hunt and has worked his way up through the fleet.

Also, thanks to the Strasia's for making the trek all the way from New Mexico with their J to sail with us for the Open and the Districts.

We all are looking forward to good times and good racing in 1991 at Dillon. If anyone is passing through on a weekend, feel free to call. You might have a lot of fun.

1990 Dillon Fleet Season (Best 5 of 6 Weekends)

| POS | SAIL | YACHT | HELMSMAN | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | TOT |
|-----|------|-----------------------|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | 1966 | <i>Hard Times</i> | Ray | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 12 |
| 2 | 2958 | <i>My Lady J</i> | Kirkland | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 14 |
| 3 | 3687 | <i>Jinx</i> | Law | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 15 |
| 4 | 1351 | <i>Blue Side Down</i> | Helmer | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 22 |
| 5 | 4458 | <i>Outer Limits</i> | Roybal | 2 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 25 |
| 6 | 361 | <i>Blue Max</i> | Castle | 6 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 11 | 15 | 32 |
| 7 | 3736 | <i>Respite</i> | Stelzer | 11 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 33 |
| 8 | 4200 | <i>Zero Gravity</i> | Iler | 7 | 12 | 8 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 37 |
| 9 | 506 | <i>Gray Lady</i> | Butler | 18 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 41 |
| 10 | 1010 | <i>Catch 24</i> | Keesling | 15 | 14 | 1 | 14 | 18 | 1 | 45 |
| 11 | 2664 | <i>Shooting Star</i> | Taylor | 13 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 16 | 9 | 52 |
| 12 | 1972 | <i>Out Of Bounds</i> | Kresge | 14 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 15 | 55 |
| 13 | 2973 | <i>Smokin</i> | Baker | 10 | 9 | 15 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 57 |
| 14 | 1877 | <i>Septillion</i> | Dille | 8 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 58 |
| 15 | 1858 | <i>Obsession</i> | Writer | 18 | 15 | 7 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 64 |
| 16 | 1789 | <i>Natural</i> | Facchinello | 9 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 67 |
| 17 | 4736 | <i>Shock Wave</i> | Balcar | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 10 | 15 | 79 |
| 18 | 2185 | <i>Skagit</i> | Buchan | 12 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 15 | 81 |
| 19 | 4125 | <i>All That Jazz</i> | Stevens | 16 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 15 | 85 |

Oswego, NY, Fleet 146

by Bill Pirillo, Fleet Captain

Fleet 146 started its initial season as a four boat fleet consisting of John Dickquist's *Little Feat*, Greg DuFore's *J-Marie*, Jim Holland's *Stinger*, and Tom Doran/Bill Pirillo's *Split/Decision*. Jim Holland was elected Fleet Captain for the inaugural season.

The fleet started racing on May 16, 1990, as part of the Oswego Yacht Club's PHRF fleet. A seven race Spring Series was followed by a ten race Summer Series. The boats were scored both as PHRF Division 1 and within the J/24 fleet.

As the season wore on, Mike Gagliardi sailed his J/24, *2nd Chance* into Oswego Harbor and never left, to become the fifth member of the fleet. Racing was both interesting and competitive

One of the highlights of the year was the Sail Oswego - Apple Regatta, hosted by the OYC during Oswego's Harborfest on July 27-28. Nineteen J/24s were on hand to enjoy two great days of racing, parties and fireworks. The J/24 class finish was: Tom Doran/Bill Pirillo's *Split/Decision* in first place, Russ Cook's *Significant Other* in the runner-up spot, and Kirk Reynold's *Idiot Proof* rounding out the top three.

For the 1991 season it appears that two additional boats will be joining the fleet. Joe McCloskey is moving up from the Lightning Class and is in the process of finalizing a deal on a J/24, and Charlie Krylo is bringing *Seaweed* up from Oneida Lake to join this growing and competitive fleet. Both of these individuals will provide strong crews and will challenge the present competitors for fleet honors.

The fleet will continue to race on Wednesday nights under the burgee of the Oswego Yacht Club. At the present time the fleet is undecided whether they will race one-design or continue with the dual format. Anyone interested in information can contact 1991 Fleet Captain, Bill Pirillo (315-342-4887) or Fleet Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Holland (315-343-3085).

Santa Barbara Annual Fleet Party

by Jane Watkins

The Annual Fleet 63 Trophy Party was held over the Christmas holidays at the home of Jeff and Becky Berkus. This is our traditional dressy (black tie optional) event where we get to see what sailors look like outside of Patagonia and Big Dogs sailing gear. The party was another great success as our hosts, Jeff and Becky, kept the champagne, wine and beer flowing with an accompaniment of fattening desserts. Special guests for the evening were John and Carla Peck who also conducted a measurement seminar at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club the next day. John arrived in full tux despite the fact that he and Carla had flown in only an hour before.

The Perpetual Trophies were presented for many different categories for 1990. These trophies were donated several years ago by various J/24 sailors in the Fleet. (Some are seen in photo.) The winners get to keep the trophy in their homes until the next yearly presentation. Master of Ceremonies was Fleet Captain Jeanene Lucas, who gave out the following awards:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1st Overall in Fleet | <i>Three Big Dogs</i> | Pat Toole |
| 2nd Overall in Fleet | <i>Ice 9</i> | Berkus/Wilkes |
| 3rd Overall in Fleet | <i>Rebel</i> | Goodson/Watkins |
| 1st, "A" Wet Wednesday | <i>Firedrill</i> | Glen Bjorkman |
| 2nd, "A" Wet Wednesday | <i>Jackpot</i> | J & J Hawxhurst |
| 1st, "B" Wet Wednesday | <i>Cowabunga</i> | Andy Dunn |
| 2nd, "B" Wet Wednesday | <i>Tigger</i> | Rice/Zimmerman |
| 1st, C.B. District "A" | <i>Lumstart</i> | Ken Kiedinga |



California Circuit Champion, Ken Kieding, crashes through a wave off Santa Barbara.

District 21 News

by Jane W. Watkins, Fleet 63

Ken Kieding, of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club, was the District 21 Champion of 1990. Ken and his J/24 *Jump Start* attended all five of the California Circuit regattas and, with one throwout, had finishes of 2, 4, 1, 2. Each regatta consisted of five races, each hosted by different yacht clubs. His crew includes his sister Susan, George Sanchez, Paul Bishop and Chris Collins. The take home trophy this year was a wood model J/24. Crew trophies included the 1991 J/24 calendar in which, by chance, Ken and his crew were featured as the January boat. The perpetual half model trophy remains displayed at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

Photo by Dick Foat



Fleet 63's crew of Watermelon received first in Wet Wednesday series and most improved boat for 1987.

Santa Barbara Awards 1987 Trophies

by Jane Watkins

The Santa Barbara J/24 Club held a formal cocktail party for the presentation of their top trophies of 1987, on January 9th at the home of John Schwamm. Master of Ceremonies was Jane Watkins, this year's president.

Eight newly donated perpetual trophies were presented, along with 24 crew trophies and several special awards. Perpetual trophies, which were donated by members, included several nicely framed prints, J/24 models and various nautical memorabilia.

The Wet Wednesday series, which is raced every Wednesday between April and October, had a total of 21 J/24 entries in 1987. First in Class A was *Watermelon*, skippered by Jeff Berkus; 2nd was *IO*, Michael Baran and Larry Freeman. In Class B, first was *Jackpot*, Jack Hawxhurst, and second was *She Bop*, Jane Watkins. The first overall (combination of Spring and Fall Series) went to *Wet Paint*, driver Mike Glick. This was the Michael Baran Memorial Trophy, donated by Jeff Berkus. Second overall was *She Bop*, Jane Watkins.

Opening Day trophies went to *Houdini* in first place with Eric Arndt skipper; second was Greg Larson, in *Vanessa*; and third were Scott and Leslie Deardorff on *No Quarter*. District perpetual trophies went to Eric Arndt, first in Class A, and Jeff Berkus, first in Class B.

Most improved boat for 1987 was voted to be *Watermelon*. Jeff Berkus and crew, Carey Berkus, Jeanine Lucas, Eric Boldt



USJCA meeting attendees break for District Governor's Regatta at close of Saturday session.



Championship, as suggested by Hank Killion. Also, add that 15% of the number of entries receive trophies (skipper and crew). No one was opposed to the executive director receiving a slot at the Worlds and it was accepted that the USJCA president's slot comes from the U.S. allocations. The new guidelines specify how to schedule an event and entry fee maximums, etc., and were unanimously accepted with the above input. The need for a U.S. National Championship was discussed; it was the consensus that an additional event could dilute attendance at the North

7.4 1992 Worlds Venue

Nine excellent bids to host the 1992 Worlds in the U.S. were received, from Corpus Christi Yacht Club, Texas; St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco; Long Beach Yacht Club, California; Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, Mass.; Noroton and Stamford Yacht Clubs, Connecticut; Severn Sailing Association and Eastport Yacht Club, Annapolis, Maryland; Chicago Yacht Club; Duluth, Minnesota; and Rochester, NY. Vice president Nancy Cabassa summarized the information presented, and each proposer was given presentation time. A vote by paper ballot narrowed the field to five, then two and then one, and the site selected was Annapolis, MD.

Arndt wins 3rd straight S.F. Regatta

By Tony Gibbs
News-Press Staff Writer

For two years, Santa Barbara's Eric Arndt has made the Volvo/San Francisco Regatta his personal property, winning the highly competitive J-24 class with five straight firsts both times. Those performances made Arndt's Houdini the boat to beat at this year's series, run on San Francisco Bay over Memorial Day weekend, and once again he swept the field,

thanks to a light easterly wind. The fleet crossed the line under spinnakers, but fighting a 3.5-knot current. Houdini led all the way.

By the time of the second start, Saturday afternoon, the wind had gone around to its usual westerly direction, but was still light, around 10 knots. The Santa Barbara sailors, used to light, shifty winds, again led the field.

Sunday's winds remained light and shifty. In the morning race,

ing around for the start, it can really get to you."

Sailing very conservatively, Houdini still managed to rack up another second, which put her in an impregnable position for Monday's race, the series final.

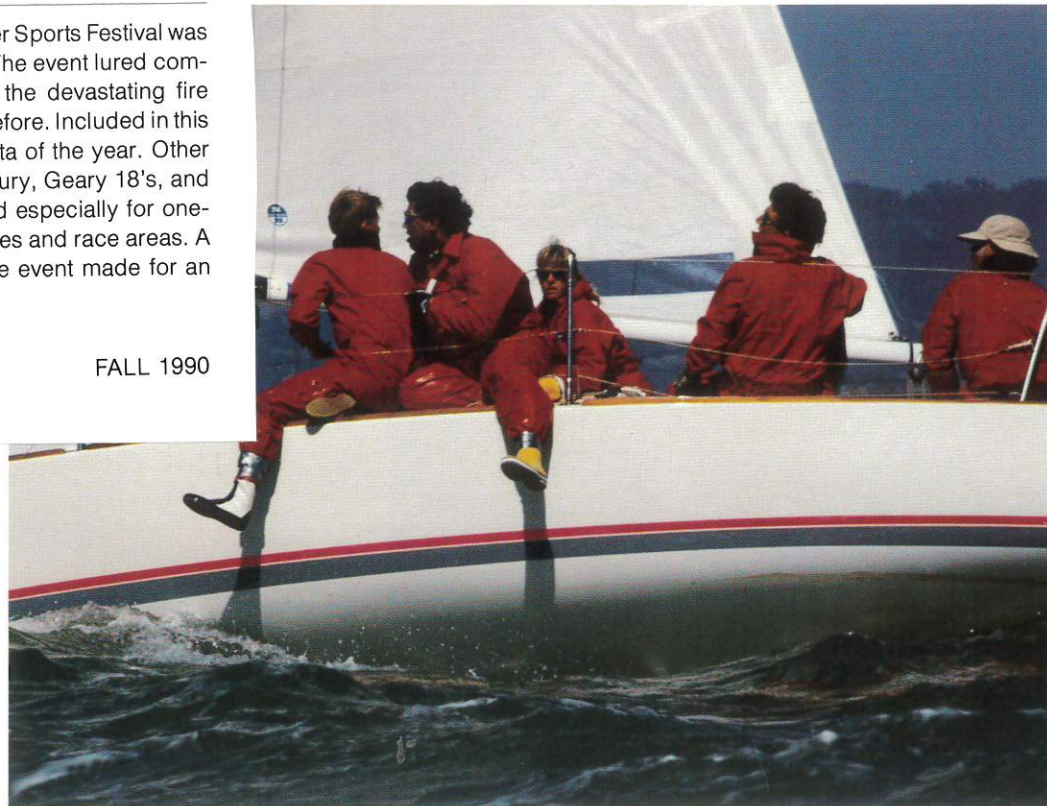
And Monday was the first real San Francisco Bay day in the regatta — 22 to 25 knots of wind. "A perfect day," Arndt said. "Great sailing. Of course, we have a very physical crew, and we can handle

Santa Barbara's Semana Nautica

by Jane W. Watkins, District 21 Governor

The 53rd Annual Semana Nautica Summer Sports Festival was held in Santa Barbara, June 30 - July 8. The event lured competitors from all over California despite the devastating fire which hit Santa Barbara only three days before. Included in this event was the third District 21 J/24 regatta of the year. Other classes included International 14's, Mercury, Geary 18's, and Multi-hulls. The two day regatta is geared especially for one-design fleets with two separate starting lines and race areas. A large navy ship which was visiting for the event made for an

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Ken Kieding and crew sailed *Jump Start* to win over a fleet of 24 J/24s in the Semana Nautica Regatta at Santa Barbara.

Photo by Kelly O'Neil

interesting obstruction on the course. The younger set had Sea Shell races inside the harbor.

For over half a century, Santa Barbara has celebrated the nine day Semana Nautica Festival during the 4th of July holiday. The festival originated in 1936, when the local populace challenged the crews of five U.S. Navy battleships, which were at that time moored outside the harbor, to a series of contests along the beach. Dubbed "Fleet Week", the resulting enthusiasm inspired the city council to charter the event on a permanent basis the following year, changing the name to Semana Nautica in honor of the town's Spanish heritage. Over the years, the sports festival has incorporated, at one time or another, hundreds of various events besides yacht racing, including open ocean swims, beach biathlon and fencing.

On Saturday, weather conditions were perfect with no fog, flat seas, and 5 to 15 knots during the day. Good race committee work and tight competition made the outside line the place to be. The aggressive J/24 fleet of 24 boats started out the day with two general recalls. Once the racing got started, mark roundings were something to behold when 10 J's were trying to round at the same time. Along with all of this action the International 14's, looking like bright colored high-speed insects on the water

J/24s ended up with several protests and one T-bone incident. Ken Kieding, on *Jump Start*, did not finish first in any of the races, but with consistent finishes of 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, easily won the regatta, putting him in first place for the 1990 District 21 Championship. Two district regattas remain for the year: October 13-14 at the San Diego Yacht Club, and November 17-18 at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

1990 Semana Nautica

| POS | YACHT | HELMSMAN | CLUB | TOT |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------------|------|-----|
| 1 | <i>Jump Start</i> | Ken Kieding | SBYC | 13 |
| 2 | <i>Color Blind</i> | Jeff Thorpe | VYC | 23 |
| 3 | <i>Ice Nine</i> | Berkus/Wilkes | SBYC | 33 |
| 4 | <i>Tigger</i> | B. Zimmerman | SBYC | 37 |
| 5 | <i>Three Big Dogs</i> | Pat Toole | SBYC | 40 |
| 6 | <i>Flying Colors</i> | Robert Kunicki | CBYC | 42 |
| 7 | <i>Brew 102</i> | Bill Daffron | SBYC | 43 |
| 8 | <i>Pinball</i> | Cheda/Levy | WYC | 44 |
| 9 | <i>No Quarter</i> | Scott Deardorff | SBYC | 47 |
| 10 | <i>Lil Driller</i> | Dean Shipman | ABYC | 49 |
| 11 | <i>IO</i> | Larry Freeman | SBYC | 56 |
| 12 | <i>Trunks</i> | George Antarr | CYC | 59 |



1990 J/24 Junior North American Championship Santa Barbara, California

The Santa Barbara Yacht Club and J/24 Fleet 63 are pleased to extend an invitation to junior sailors to participate in the Junior North American Championship to be held August 18-19, 1990.

Santa Barbara is a one and a half hour drive from the Los Angeles Airport. Known as the Riviera of the Pacific, Santa Barbara is one of the most beautiful racing areas of the West Coast. All efforts will be made to help with housing. Competitors must not exceed the age of 20 before December 31, 1990. Charter boats will be available.

A complete notice of regatta will appear in the Spring issue of the J/24 Magazine. Anyone needing further information should contact Jane W. Watkins, District 21 Governor, P.O. Box 20077, Santa Barbara, CA 93120; home phone (805) 564-



Photo by Jane Watkins

Eric Arndt scored wins in three of five races to top the 51 boat fleet in a variety of conditions on San Francisco Bay.

Eric Arndt Takes Third Straight Volvo San Francisco

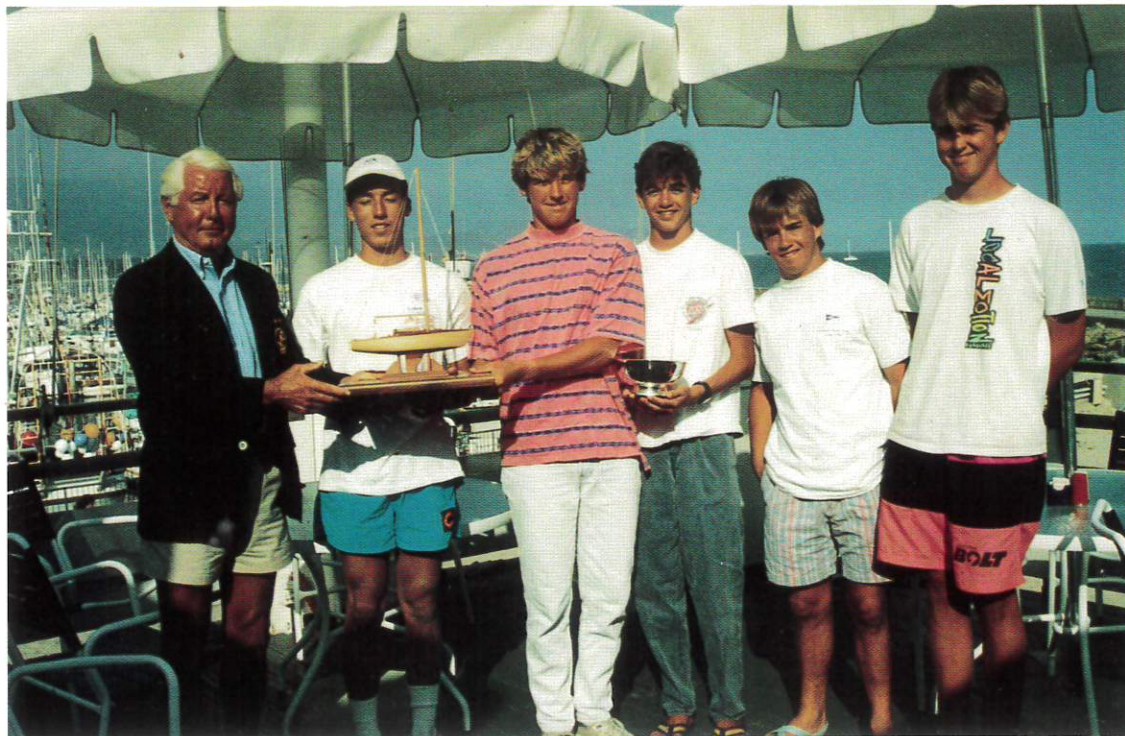
by Phil Perkins, Fleet 17 Captain

Once again Volvo put on a fantastic Memorial Day weekend event for the J/24s, as well as 11 other fleets, in the 1990 Volvo San Francisco Regatta. The racing was staged in San Francisco Bay, which exhibited midwinter conditions for an event typically marking the opening of summer. Fifty-one boats entered the three day, five race, no throwout series which also served as the 1990 Western Regionals and last qualifying event for the 1990 World Championship in Ireland.

Much to the locals' dismay, Saturday morning provided a 5 knot easterly breeze for the first race rather than the 15-20 westerly expected by all. Due to the "dependable" westerly during the summer in San Francisco Bay, the only weather mark was set to the west, so we had a downwind start for the first race. I'm sure I can speak for most participants when I say that a light air, downwind, up-current start with 51 J/24s is a heck of a way to start off a three day regatta. About halfway to the "weather" mark and a half hour later, the wind shifted to the southwest and the leg turned into a beat. Eric Arndt, sailing *Houdini* from Santa Barbara, led the fleet around the course in pursuit of his third straight Volvo San Francisco victory. Eric was followed by Brian Thomas in *Rhythm Method* and Jack Christiansen in *Magic Bullet*.

SBYC Commodore Bill Deardorff presents Jr. North Americans perpetual trophy to co-skippers Yumio Dornberg and Sean Kennedy and crew, Carter McCoy, Pat Hafer and Craig Steele.

Photo by Jane Watkins



J/24 Junior North Americans

by Jane W. Watkins, Regatta Chairman

On August 18 and 19 the J/24 Junior North Americans were held at Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Conditions were ideal for the younger set with hot, sunny days and 8 to 10 knots of breeze. A small turnout of four crews competed in front of a large flotilla of spectators. Parents were treated to two days of lounging and picture taking aboard Fred Rice's 45' Bayliner. Crews got to see themselves in action on big screen videos at the end of the day along with a free barbecue sponsored by SBYC. The kids had a blast and all performed with excellent boat handling and tactics, especially considering their age and experience. The average age of the third place boat was 13!

Leading the regatta from the first start were co-skippers Yumio Dornberg (age 17) and Sean Kennedy (age 15), from Santa Monica Bay/Windjammers Yacht Club. Their crew was Carter McCoy, Pat Hafer, and Craig Steele. Clean sailing and five bullets made them the heroes of the regatta. In second place was Brady Phillips and Bruce Howarth on *Majic*. Third place was Kyber Logue, and fourth was Peter Spiess, both of the Santa Barbara Youth Foundation. The perpetual trophy model of a J/24 will reside at Yumio and Sean's yacht club until the regatta next year. Take home trophies of silver bowls were awarded to competitors, along with T-shirts.

J/24 Jr. North American Champions



USJCA District Governors and Executive Committee members gathered at Marmaduke's Pub in Annapolis for the 1990 AGM.

District 21 News

by Jane W. Watkins

Ice 9 Wins 1989 District 21 Championship

Jeff Berkus and Jeff Wilkes, owners of J/24 *Ice 9*, were the overall winners of the 1989 California Circuit. Owners and crew, Jeanene Lucas, John Kosich, and Eric Boldt are all from Santa Barbara Fleet 63. In 1988, they were voted "Most Improved" by the local fleet and, with a lot of diligence, became the top district racers in 1989.

Five regattas were held during the year, rotating between Santa Barbara, Marina del Rey and Alamitos Bay, with parties and trophies following each regatta. Fleet Captains Leslie Deardorff, George Antarr and Chris Reno did a great job of organizing these events.

Fleet 63's Ice 9, sailing on San Francisco Bay.

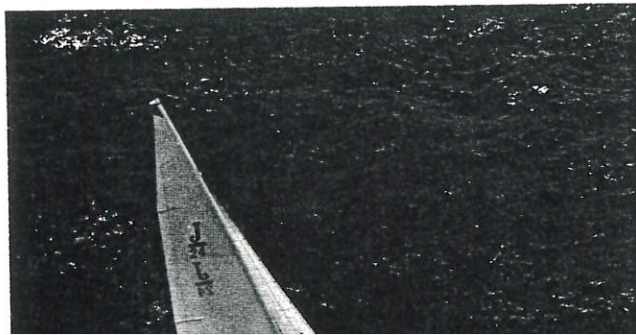


Photo by Dick Foot



Crew of Ice 9 with District 21 Championship trophy.

Busy Year For Santa Barbara Fleet 63

The Santa Barbara Fleet had a busy year, with several new J's entering the fleet and good participation in a lot of different regattas. The annual formal trophy party was held at the home of Robert Miller, owner of *Firedrill*. Jeanene Lucas was installed as the new fleet captain. The following perpetual trophies were presented.

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| 1st Overall in Fleet | <i>Ice 9</i> | Jeff Berkus/Jeff Wilkes |
| 2nd Overall in Fleet | <i>No Quarter</i> | Scott & Leslie Deardorff |
| 3rd Overall in Fleet | <i>3 Big Dogs</i> | Pat Toole |
| 1st "A" Wet Weds. Series | <i>Ice 9</i> | Jeff Berkus/Jeff Wilkes |
| 2nd "A" Wet Weds. Series | <i>Mixed Nuts</i> | Sam & Jim Pattillo |
| 1st "B" Wet Weds. Series | <i>Rebel</i> | Tom Goodson |
| 2nd "B" Wet Weds. Series | <i>Watermelon</i> | Steve Berkus/Robert Coles |
| 1st S.B. Districts "A" | <i>Ice 9</i> | Jeff Berkus/Jeff Wilkes |
| 1st S.B. Districts "B" | <i>Rebel</i> | Tom Goodson |
| 1st Semana Nautica | <i>Vanessa</i> | Carol Robinson |
| 1st Double-Handed Race | <i>Jump Start</i> | Ken Kieding/Eric Boldt |
| Most Improved 1989 | <i>3 Big Dogs</i> | Pat Toole |

Santa Barbara also had a very good showing at the annual Masters Invitational Regatta held in J/24s at the St. Francis Yacht Club, October 13-15. Seventeen international entries vied for top honors which were taken by Don Trask, a St. Francis entry. SBYC took 2nd with skipper Bob Grant and crew Bill Deardorff (Commodore of SBYC), Gene O'Hagan (owner of the infamous *Houdini*), Dexter Goodell (1989 Commodore), and Eric Arndt. Another Santa Barbara team took 7th with helmsman Dick Riechel and crew Clark Smith, Bill Lenvik, Dave Wyman and Scott Deardorff.

Santa Barbara is gearing up for another big J/24 year and working on hosting the J/24 Junior North Americans in August.

in about 15 knots of wind, followed by a two hour bay tour in a lightening breeze and ending with a game of follow the leader as boats reached along the San Francisco shoreline to avoid the current. Herb Cole was able to endure the conditions and take the gun to end Eric Arndt's string of wins in the Volvo San Francisco regatta at 12. Eric Arndt was second, followed by Brian Thomas. The second race on Sunday began with two general recalls and an eventual 5 p.m. start. The race lasted over two hours and covered the entire bay. The light air finish provided some excitement for the spectators in the St. Francis Yacht Club bar, as the top twenty boats were grouped together and the lead changed hands several times before the finish. In the end, Jack Christiansen in *Magic Bullet* took the gun and was followed by Eric Arndt and Brian Thomas.

San Francisco Bay finally cooperated for the fifth and final race on Monday. The 15 to 25 knot westerly made for some exciting sailing and a perfect way to finish off a three day regatta. From tight spinnaker reaches to short tacking up the SF city front, it was a typical San Francisco summer day. Eric Arndt won this last race and was followed by Brian Thomas and Mike Lahorgue.

All in all, thanks to Volvo, the San Francisco Yacht Racing Association (YRA), and the St. Francis Yacht Club, the regatta was a great success. The conditions were challenging for the participants and the race committee (which did an excellent job reacting to the changes). The local San Francisco fleet would like to thank those participants who made the trip from Seattle, Santa Barbara, and other cities to participate in the 1990 Volvo San Francisco. If you don't already have plans for Memorial Day weekend in 1991, consider taking a trip to San Francisco for the 1991 Volvo. Contact the Fleet 17 captain for information regarding accommodations or boat charters.



Photo by Jane Watkins

Victorious Houdini crew members, from left, Matt Wilson, Kirk Arndt, Kevin Bagg, Eric Arndt, Scott Deardorff, have a lot to smile about after Volvo San Francisco win.

1990 Volvo Regatta, San Francisco (Top 25 of 51)

| POS | SAIL | YACHT | HELMSMAN | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | TOT |
|-----|-------|----------------------|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | 4553 | <i>Houdini</i> | Eric Arndt | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 2 | 4448 | <i>Magic Bullet</i> | Jack Christiansen | 3 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 26 |
| 3 | 226 | <i>Oathead</i> | Herb Cole | 10 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 32 |
| 4 | 8363 | <i>J-Walker</i> | Wazzal/Perkins | 13 | 14 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 47 |
| 5 | 8316 | <i>Sweeney Todd</i> | David Menis | 5 | 9 | 13 | 7 | 12 | 48 |
| 6 | 2171 | <i>Jail Bait</i> | Frederic Laffitte | 11 | 8 | 6 | 19 | 9 | 53 |
| 7 | 3840 | <i>Color Blind</i> | Ernie & Jeff Thorpe | 8 | 18 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 54 |
| 8 | 28002 | <i>Geek Magnet</i> | Mike Lahorgue | 18 | 4 | 28 | 5 | 3 | 58 |
| 9 | 4596 | <i>Ice Breaker</i> | Bob Richards | 7 | 5 | 19 | 13 | 17 | 61 |
| 10 | 4267 | <i>Rhythm Method</i> | Brian Thomas | 2 | 52 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 62 |

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NOTICE OF REGATTA

J/24 Junior North American Championship, August 17-19, 1990

Invitation

by Jane W. Watkins

The fourth annual J/24 Junior North American Championship will be held August 18-19, 1990, at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club in Santa Barbara, California. Santa Barbara is located 90 minutes from Los Angeles Airport. Normal conditions are light to medium, with air temperatures of 75-80 degrees. This is a great opportunity for young skippers and crew to participate in a major regatta.

Santa Barbara Yacht Club, host of the 1990 Jr. NA's.



Photo by Jane Watkins

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| Site | The 1990 J/24 Junior North American Championship will be sailed August 18-19, on the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Santa Barbara, California. The Santa Barbara Yacht Club is the host club and organizing authority, assisted by J/24 Fleet 63. | | |
| Rules | The regatta will be governed by the International Yacht Racing Rules and the Class Rules of the International J/24 Class Association, this notice and by the sailing instructions. | | |
| Eligibility | Competitors must not reach the age of 20 before December 31, 1990. | | |
| Schedule | Friday | August 17 | Registration & Measurement Practice sail/race |
| | Saturday | August 18 | Skippers' Meeting Races 1, 2 & 3 Bar-B-Que |
| | Sunday | August 19 | Races 4 and 5 Trophy Presentation |
| Racing | The regatta will consist of as many as 5 races. Jib size will be determined by the Race Committee as conditions dictate. | | |
| Courses | Racing will be on Olympic courses or variations thereof. Course lengths will be determined by the Race Committee based on the sailing conditions. | | |

Semana Nautica Draws 22 J/24s

by Jane Watkins, Fleet 63

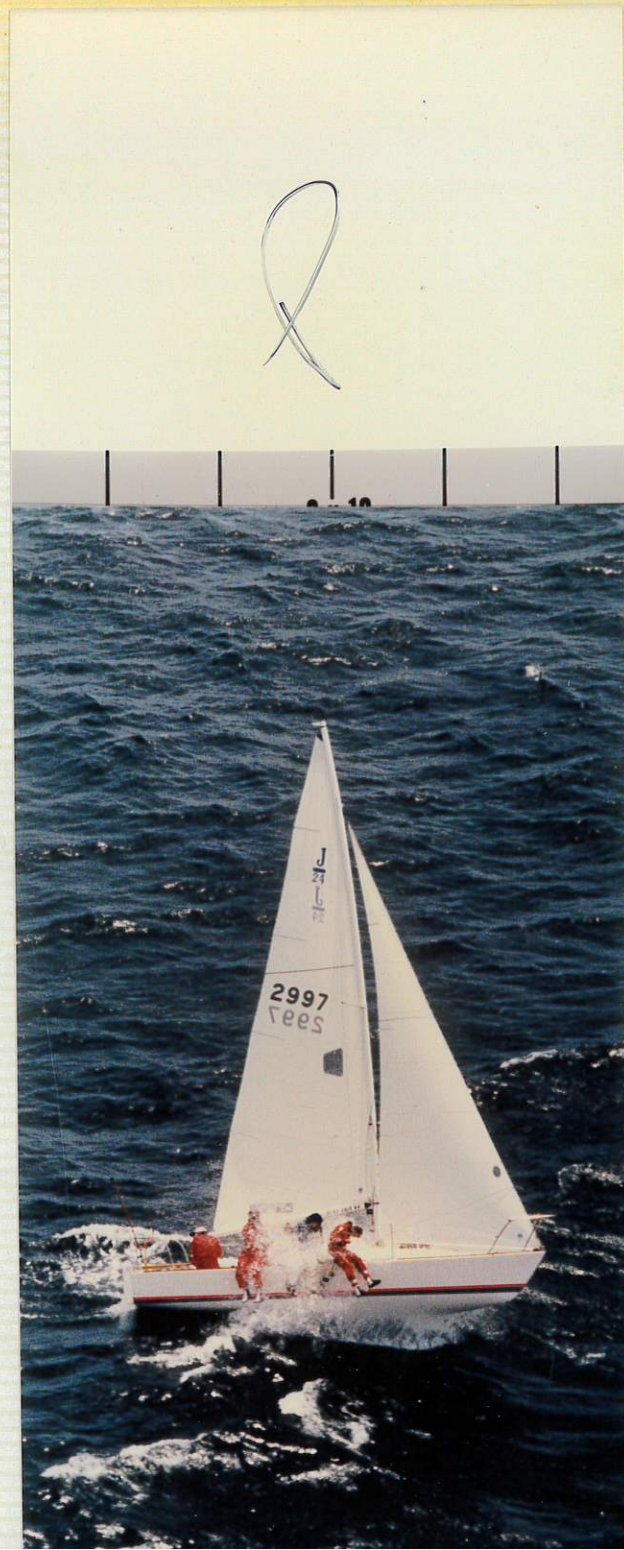
The 54th Annual Semana Nautica Race Week was held in Santa Barbara, California, over the 4th of July holiday. Besides the twenty-two J/24's competing in this District 21 Championship, over 100 boats participated in this multi one-design event that encompassed the International 14 National Championship and the Nacra State Championship.

The J/24 five race regatta was held over two days, with fog and light air on the first day, and bright sun with 10-17 knots of breeze for the second day. Chris Snow of San Diego, Key Hey of Alamitos Bay, and Pat Toole of Santa Barbara, look like the three skippers to watch this year, as they are rapidly creeping up the California Circuit ladder. The same top sailors still hold the first four spots after this regatta, which was Circuit Race 2 of the year. With three Circuit regattas left, we have Jeff Berkus/Jeff Wilkes in first place with 5 points; Ken Kieding, 6 points; Robert Kunicki, 12 points, and Mike Cheda/Mark Levy with 14.

Regatta activities included beach volleyball, videos and barbecues. Trophies were the traditional photo-etched Semana Nautica plaques, with additional promotional prizes given to a majority of entrants ranging from a dry suit to T-shirts, and USYRU rule books. Regatta organizer and Race Committee Chair was Jane Watkins.

Results: 1. *Chimera*, Chris Snow, 2-5-1-1-1 (10); 2. *Ice Nine*, Berkus/Wilkes, 1-1-2-6-5 (15); 3. *3 Big Dogs*, Pat Toole, 4-2-9-2-4 (21); 4. *Jump Start*, Ken Kieding, 3-12-7-3-2 (27); 5. *J Roq*, Ken Hey; 8-10-5-4-3 (30); 6. *Flying Colors*, Robert Kunicki, 7-3-8-9-7 (34); 7. *Pinball*, Cheda/Levy, 9-11-10-13-6 (49); 8. *Mach 5*, W. Hollyday, 13-17-3-7-11 (51); 9. *Firedrill*, G. Bjorkman, DSQ-7-4-10-9 (53); 10. *Iceman*, Richard Allen, 6-4-17-14-12 (53); 11. *Miracle*, Toyama/Shaw, 12-19-11-5-10 (57); 12. *Flying Squirrel*, C. Forsander, 11-9-15-PMS-8 (66); 13. *Lil Driller*, Dean Shipman, 10-18-6-PMS-15 (72); 14. *Sheila*, Hulme/Weir, 16-14-16-15-16 (73); 15. *Bongo*, Ted Gerike, 17-8-23-8-17 (73); 16. *IO*, Larry Freeman, 14-13-12-16-20 (75); 17. *Grinch*, Madsen/Rowland, 21-20-14-12-13 (80); 18. *OK J*, Brian Green, 18-6-18-17-DSQ (82); 19. *Shiny People*, George Antarr, 15-15-PMS-11-DNF (87); 20. *Wildebeest*, Bruce Ferguson, 20-16-20-20-19 (95); 21. *Channel Z*, Dave Walsa, 19-DNS-13-18-DNF (96); 22. *Picasso*, Bill Hahn, DNS-DNS-19-19-18 (102).

Kim Weir and Tom Humel (3923) work to cover fleet on reaching leg of Semana Nautica race sailed off Santa Barbara.







News From Santa Barbara Yacht Club

by Jane Watkins

(Other yacht clubs located Marina del Rey to Santa Barbara are invited to claim free space for a monthly "club column" in *Sailboating*. Call (805) 487-4442.

Semana Nautica was a tremendous success this year with Ed Vernon as Chairman. The racers would like to thank a hard working race committee including Wendel Hans and Bob Kieding for getting off so many good starts. Starting 14 different classes is a feat in itself.

Our next big bash was the 10th Annual King Harbor Race on August 6th. The night before the race the Santa Barbara



JANE WATKINS

Yacht Club hosted a Santa Maria Style B-B-Q and dance. Dave Wyman was chairman of the event. This will be the first year of having two IOR Classes along with the PHRF. Some of the out-of-town hotshots expected were *Brisa*, *Drifter*, *Secret Love* and *Rollercoaster*. We have two new weapons, Dick Compton's *Wampum* and Don Hughes' *Quintessance* to bolster our growing fleet. The King Harbor Yacht Club Shrimp Feed at the end of the race was reportedly sold out a month in advance. Race results were not available at this writing.

The Kieding's new J-29 arrived in Santa Barbara in mid-July. *Dry Ice* will be skippered by Kenny Kieding in the MORC series in Marina del Rey.

We were all happy to see David Hamilton's smiling face return to the club after he completed the Single Handed Transpac, finishing fourth in his class. There was little wind out there this year and David took 21 days to finish.

Wayne Rodgers returned from a grueling Bermuda Race aboard *Nathaniel Bowditch*. He turned right around and sailed in our *Wet Wednesday* with Gene O'Hagan and James Pederson's new J-24 *Cowabunga*.

Five boats from SBYC took part in the Marina del Rey to San Diego Race: *Sunseeker* (Harris); *Wings* (Brownwood/Goodell); *Gallop in Gale* (Magee); *Tranquility* (Lynn); and *Radiant* (Strahl/Coulter). *Radiant*, the new Lancer 36, placed 5th in their class with crew Ron and Darin Strahl, Greg and Richard Naiman, Chris Coulter and Bruce Van Dale. Bill Coulter was unable to make the race as he and Sara were delivering youngest son Eric to the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Friday Harbor has just about run out of booze since the latest group went up to visit the Cunninghams and Evermans. A party in mid-July included such notables as Max and Shirley Lynn, Stan and Lenny Los, Al Schmidt, and John Noble, and Don and Lee McFarland.



STEVE MALONE / NEWS-PRESS

Jane Watkins won the Peggy Slater Award for her leadership in the advancement of women in the sport of sailing.

Jane Watkins honored for leadership in sailing

By **BECKY FREEMAN**
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Jane Watkins has been enhancing the sailing experience of women in the Santa Barbara area for nearly 30 years now.

She expected nothing in return, nothing except the joy of seeing the desire to sail in the eyes of other women. But on Jan. 5, Watkins' accomplishments were decorated with the most coveted award for a female sailor: The Peggy Slater Award.

Once a year it is presented to "a female for outstanding contributions to the enhancement of women's participation in sailing or individual achievement in sailing." Watkins excelled in both those areas, teaching and participating. Despite her success, she was shocked and honored to win the prize.

"I was totally overwhelmed," said Watkins. "The selection committee is mostly from L.A. and I was amazed when they called."

Watkins began sailing when she moved to Santa Barbara in 1972. At that time, sailing was dominated by males, and as

Barbara Yaught Club since the early 70s and was the first woman to serve on the Board of Directors. In 1986, she founded the Women's Yacht Association of Santa Barbara and began teaching racing, clinics solely for women. That is also when she began skippering J-24 boats, and she is credited with the revitalization of the J-24 racing.

The J-24 is a 24-foot boat with a five-person crew. Watkins says it's a good size for women, because you don't have to be extremely strong to sail them. Her work in that class gave Watkins the honor of being the District Governor on the West Coast.

Watkins didn't stop there. In the 1990s, she got involved with 70-foot boats, and began crewing for the Taxi Dancer. She went from sailing with all women to being the only woman on board with 17 other men.

"I like sailing with women, but I like sailing with men a lot, too," said Watkins. "It was a step up in competition, in both the people I sailed with and against. I was racing with some of the best in the U.S."

While on the Taxi Dancer, which won the West Coast Championship after winning a

Sorcery. It is a famous old racing yaught, and she got the call to be on its crew after meeting people when the Taxi Dancer was in Mexico a few years ago. Another special connection Watkins made while crewing on the Taxi Dancer was with the boat's owner, Don Hughes.

"She has a different level of commitment and support — as a friend, crew member, organizer, supporter, worker, sailor, and cheerleader," Hughes said of Watkins. "Peggy Slater really added something unique that made sailing better. Jane Watkins does the same thing. It just seems to be the perfect match between the spirit of the award and this recipient."

Slater was the first woman to skipper boats in the Los Angeles area during the 1950s. She won approximately 900 trophies in sailing competitions, and was named the Los Angeles Times Woman of the Year in 1954. When Slater died 12 years ago, the Southern California Yaughting Association started the tradition of giving out the award in her honor.

Watkins truly is a female pioneer in the sport, especially in the Santa Barbara area,

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