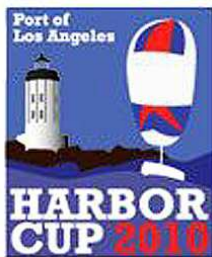




Fight on! USC celebrates victory in Harbor Cup after finishing second to Cal Maritime in last race



Port of Los Angeles Harbor Cup 2010

Cal Maritime Invitational Intercollegiate Regatta

**Organized by Los Angeles Yacht Club
San Pedro, Calif. March 12-14, 2010**

The West Coast's only intercollegiate big boat regatta

March 14, 2010

USC plays it cool for first Harbor Cup win

SAN PEDRO, Calif.

USC skipper Chris Vetter, having learned from heartbreaking experience, wrote a different script for his crew before racing started in the Port of Los Angeles Harbor Cup/Cal Maritime Invitational Intercollegiate Regatta.

"We have a little more time in the boat than previous years," Vetter said. "Hopefully, it's going to give us the speed to make a difference, and I should have a better feel for the boat to just sail consistently."

Bingo.

With 10 college and academy teams from the East Coast to Hawaii sailing Catalina 37s chartered from the Long Beach Sailing Foundation, the Trojans won only one of the 10 races over three days but had no finish worse than sixth, which nobody else could say. That erased bitter memories of finishes behind Maine Maritime Academy the first two years of the event.



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But they never led until the next-to-last race Sunday.

"And going into [Sunday] we were in second place," Vetter said, sensing that same old sad result coming on.

But when Cal Maritime, the leader through seven races, stumbled to ninth place in the next-to-last race as USC placed third, the Trojans suddenly had a six-point cushion, and all they had to do as the Keelhaulers scored their third win---tops in the regatta---was to follow their rivals from Vallejo home in second place.

Vetter said, "We just wanted three finishes in the top three today, and that's what we did."

Racing moved back outside off Point Fermin Sunday after escaping rough seas by going behind the harbor breakwater Saturday, and the fleet enjoyed winds to 13 knots with smooth seas.

Only Vetter, a senior from St. Petersburg, Fla., and headsail trimmer Andrew Nunn will not return to sail for USC next year, but the rest of the crew will be intact, with bowman Alex Brock Kraebel, floater Maddie Thompson, pitman Erik Samuels, main trimmer Kelsey Rupp and trimmer Danny Kivlovitz.

The Trojans train out of the U.S. Sailing Center in nearby Long Beach under Mike Segerblom, a USC alum and the center's executive director.

Jim Morgan, race chairman for the Los Angeles Yacht Club, said, "They may have lost [football coach] Pete Carroll but they still have Mike Segerblom."

Crew member Danny Kivlovitz said, "We picked up the slack for the football team," which did not have one of its better seasons last year.

Kraebel added, "We also want to say thanks to the Los Angeles Yacht Club and the Port of Los Angeles and Cal Maritime for putting on this regatta. It's an event we really look forward to."

The Port of Los Angeles is the sponsor, California Maritime Academy of Vallejo, Calif. the inviting school and Los Angeles Yacht Club is the host and organizing authority.

Results



Port of L.A. Executive Director Dr. Geraldine Knatz (c.), who earned two degrees from USC and teaches there, congratulates the team. Skipper Chris Vetter and coach Mike Segerblom at left



Trojan Andrew Nunn's sunblock was the school Cardinal and Gold



Coast Guard leads Merchant Marine to 1-2 finish in Race 9



USC and 2-time champion Maine Maritime wage a spinnaker duel

(10 races; skippers noted)

1. USC, Chris Vetter, 5-3-2-6-1-6-3-3-2, 33 points.
2. California Maritime Academy, John Gray, 4-8-1-2-6-2-1-4-9-1, 38.
3. Chapman Univ., Max Moosman, 2-2-4-5-8-4-8-1-4-7, 45.
4. U.S. Naval Academy, James Prieto, 1-1-6-3-4-11-6-5-6-3, 46.
5. Maine Maritime Academy, Matt Bourque, 3-4-5-7-3-1-4-3-4-4, 40.
6. Univ. of Hawaii, William Petersen, 7-5-7-4-5-3-5-2-5-8, 51.
7. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Eric Johnson, 6-7-3-8-2-6-5-8-1-6, 52.
8. Cal State U. Channel Islands, Nick deRoulhac, 8-6-8-1-7-7-2-7-7-4, 57.
9. U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Gary Taylor, 9-10-9-9-8-7-6-2-9, 78.
10. Univ. California Davis, Chris Hagerman, 10-9-10-10-10-9-10-10-9-10, 97.

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Runnerup Cal Maritime struggles with a spinnaker takedown

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The teams

Maine Maritime Academy

Matt Bourque, skipper; Jonathan Kovach, John Joseph, Jake Newton, Chris Poole, Willy Leathers, Matt Butcka.

Cal Maritime Academy

John Gray, skipper; Sean Kelly, Tom Steele, Thor Prouly, Evan Wanamaker, Sebastien Laleau, Kyle Vanderspek.
Alternate: Sara Himes.

Chapman University

Max Moosman, skipper; Aaron Krugman, Colin Camisasca, Elizabeth Nihill, Grant Laten, Taylor Forster, Kevin O'Such.

Cal State U. Channel Islands

Nick deRoulhac, captain; Ignacio Mendiguren, helm; Kevin Schaller, Andrew Domingos, Cameron Demaranville, Andrew Healy, Hayley Bracken.

UC Davis

Chris Hagerman, skipper; Michael Lazzaro, Ryan Sandy-Lee, Liz Thome, Eric Erico, Chelsea, Haddock, Brittany Hirsch.

Univ. of Hawaii

William Petersen, skipper; Zachary Hestes, Craig Schiffuns, Hannah Tuscion-Tuner, Matthew Wenner, Jackie McLoughlin, Ryan Wild.

U.S. Naval Academy

James Prieto, skipper; Peter Gibbons-Neff, Kenneth Endicott, Alisa Albrecht, Ted Dempsey, Emily Frost, Graham Tyson.

USC

Chris Vetter, skipper; Alex Brock
Kraebel, Andrew Nunn, Maddie
Thompson, Erik Samuels, Kelsey Rupp,
Danny Kivlovitz.

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Eric Johnson, skipper; Stephen Hills,
Dan Langston, Tony Burley, Alex Lloyd.
Breanna Hite, Stephanie Mewes.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Gary Taylor, skipper; Daniel Gillis, Misty
Harris, Amos London, Alex Nielsen, Jake
Rugland, Timothy Stacy.