



25th annual Rose Bowl Regatta

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Organized by the U.S. Sailing Center, Long Beach
Hosted by the USC Varsity Sailing Team

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25th RB Regatta for college, high school sailors

Long Beach, Calif.

Twenty-seven colleges from the East Coast to Hawaii and 54 high school teams representing 41 schools from throughout California will celebrate the silver anniversary of the nation's largest combined scholastic sailing competition in the 25th annual Rose Bowl Regatta Saturday and Sunday.

Several of the 41 high schools will have multiple teams in Varsity, JV I and JV II categories. That means more than 300 sailors rotating off the beach in two-person CFJ dinghies. Each team's A and B boats will compete on separate courses on the inside bays in series of races starting at 11 a.m. each day, conditions permitting.

The event is organized by the US Sailing Center of Long Beach, hosted by the USC sailing team and based at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

Mike Segerblom, executive director of the US Sailing Center, emphasized that it's more a team sport than an individual event, as it was when he competed for USC in the first Rose Bowl Regatta in 1986. Others he raced with and against that year included the late Nick Scandone, who won a Paralympic gold medal in China in 2008; Scandone's Paralympic coach, Mike Pinckney and his brother Jon, and Olympic silver medalists John Shadden and Charlie Ogletree.

But none were competing for personal glory.

"High school and college sailing is a team sport," Segerblom said. "It takes two [A and B] teams combining scores, and a good team will have six or eight people alternating."

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And nowadays about half will be girls, who numbered about one fourth of the competitors in 1986 but through the years in the U.S. and elsewhere have evolved onto virtually equal footing with the boys, some as skippers and many as crew on the top boats.

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"It's about a 50-50 split," Segerblom said, "with many certainly as good as the guys."

One of them this year will be Marissa Golison, daughter of Jay Golison who with Segerblom organized the forerunner to the Rose Bowl Regatta---the colorfully dubbed post-New Year's "Hangover Regatta."

This time St. Mary's of Maryland, victorious in 2007 and 2008 and fourth in 2009, returns as a favorite in the absence of 2009 champion Boston College and runnerup MIT, although third-place Georgetown will compete. Georgetown's Charlie Buckingham of Newport Beach was the college sailor of the year in 2009.

As usual, Point Loma and Newport Harbor are expected to battle again among the high schools, although their dominance is being challenged by Corona del Mar and Cathedral Catholic, which finished 1-2 at the Pacific Coast High School [Anteater] Regatta in Newport Beach early in December.

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