



College teams from U.S. (above) and West Coast high schools started Rose Bowl Regatta Saturday



**27th annual
Rose Bowl Regatta**

Jan. 7-8, 2012

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
U.S. Sailing Center Long Beach
USC Varsity Sailing Team

Jan. 7, 2012

It's personal between Navy and Stanford

Saturday's weather: W 2-6k SSW; temp. 67F.
Sunday's forecast: W 8k NNE; temp. 73F.

LONG BEACH, Calif.

The 27th annual Rose Bowl Regatta quickly became a lively reunion among Stanford coach John Vandemoer and the men and women sailors from the U.S. Naval Academy.

"I used to coach all those kids," he said, standing two points behind the Midshipmen in the 59-boat fleet after the first day of the two-day event Saturday.

Midshipwomen? Naah, says Ian Burman, now the Navy coach at Annapolis. "They're



Fordham working its way to the leeward mark



Muscling around the mark

all *Midshipmen*."

Both of their two-boat teams are equally mixed with both genders---Jason Carrmiati, Alice Hong, Michael Grove and Caroline Lockett for Navy and Sally Mace, Kieran Chung, Yuri Namikawa and Haley Kirk for Stanford. All of the members are from California. Vandermoer also recruited his competition.

But he won't get Jake Reynolds, the leader of the perennially powerful Point Loma team that this weekend has spread its talent among a Varsity and Junior Varsity 1 and 2 teams, which stand first, second and fifth. Cathedral Catholic is third and Newport Harbor fourth, now apparently fighting to finish second behind Point Loma in seven consecutive Rose Bowl Regattas.

Reynolds, a senior already committed to College of Charleston (S.C.), said, "We have a really good coach," referring to Olin Paine, whose game plan was to play the conditions and take few risks.

The weather was cool but clear, and the fleets were met by a subtle south wind of maybe 2 knots before filling gently to 6.

"It was pretty light and shifty, and most of it was just getting quickly out in front and sailing clear," Reynolds said. "That's one of the rules of our team."

Navy, meantime, sailing the same course off the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier in the Long Beach outer harbor, didn't win a race but scored mostly seconds and thirds.

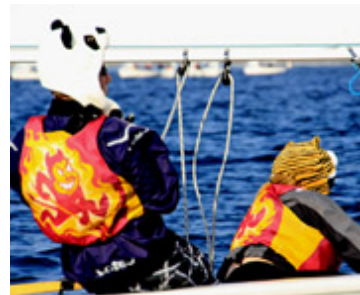
Burman said, "I knew there wouldn't be much wind in this regatta. The forecasts weren't good. With so many boats, our



Stanford started the day 1-2



Teams switch boats behind Belmont Pier every 2 races



Panda Steve Cassingham and tiger Jennifer Brandon make a devil of a team for Arizona State



Quick recovery from a flip

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strategy was to avoid the long pile-ups at the starts and watch for opportunities to pass other boats."

Stanford won two of its seven races---and, unlike the Cardinal football team that blew the Fiesta Bowl to Oklahoma State by missing two late field goals instead of relying on its best weapon, quarterback Andrew Luck---never backed off from its strength.

"As long as we stay away from kicking we're all right," Vandemoer said.

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

Sunday's final day of racing will start at 11 a.m., conditions permitting. The pier will be open to spectators, with concessions and comfort stations available.

The US Sailing Center, once envisioned solely as a training site to help sailors fulfill their Olympic dreams, has developed into a center of training for sailors of every ability, from developmental clinics and hosting of world-class regattas to coaching area high schools and the USC collegiate sailing team. Programs also include Youth At-Risk activities, Learn-to-Sail classes for all ages and disabled sailing opportunities through the center's own Disabled Sailing Association. [Learn more](#)

Saturday's leaders

COLLEGE (59 boats)---U.S. Naval Academy.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLD (28)---Point Loma Varsity.

HIGH SCHOOL SILVER (31)---Palo Alto Harker.

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