



Navy's Michael Grove and Caroline Lockett (l.) cross rival Stanford's Michael Dahl and Haley Kirk



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Navy, Point Loma claim Rose Bowl glory

Sunday's weather: W 6-8k NE-SW; temp. 73F.

LONG BEACH, Calif.

Winning the 27th Rose Bowl Regatta in little CFJ dinghies was fun for the U.S. Naval Academy sailors this weekend, but more sobering duty will soon call the seniors on the team .

Jason Carminati, the captain from Yonkers, N.Y. who skippered the Midshipmen's A boat in a close victory over Stanford, will start training to be a Navy Seal.

Alice Hong, his crew from nearby Palos Verdes: "I'll be going to an aircraft carrier."

Caroline Lockett, from Boston, who crewed for Michael Grove on the B boat: "I'll be



Point Loma HS B-boat skipper Jake Reynolds and crew Maddy Brownsea in victory's glow



Dinghy crews aren't just along for the ride

going to flight school."

Grove, from San Francisco, is only a sophomore with his near future in Annapolis, but he'll carry a new weight as leader of the team.

"I didn't really know what to expect here," he said, "but it was great to win."

After Day 1 Navy led Stanford by only two points in the 27-boat fleet but stretched that to nine, 61 to 72, at the end with solid, steady sailing while keeping another eye on a brawl among St. Mary's of Maryland, 77; Georgetown, 78, and College of Charleston (S.C.), 79. USC, the host team, was a commendable sixth at 115.

Then there was---no surprise---Point Loma High School from San Diego, whose Varsity won its eighth consecutive Rose Bowl Gold Division championship while its Junior Varsity 1 and JV 2 teams romped to second and fourth places among 27 schools from throughout the West Coast. Cathedral Catholic, also from Diego, found room to squeeze into third.

How does one school collect so much talent?

Coach Steve Hunt said, "We're just really lucky that they all happen to live in Point Loma, and we had a great freshman team this year with a lot of light sailors."

Ideally, Hunt said, a CFJ crew combined won't top 260 pounds, "but most of the young ones are around a hundred."

One lightweight is Maddy Brownsea, a 15-year-old girl who crewed for senior Jake Reynolds on the B-boat. Olin Paine skippered the A-boat with Johannes



Some like their racing up close and personal



Silver fleet PRO Chris Ericksen (r.) blows for a general recall



Navy's Michael Grove and Caroline Lockett do a roll-tack



Stanford's Michael Dahl and Haley Kirk pushed Navy to win

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McElvain and Grant Rickon alternating as crew.

"It was hard," Brownsea said, "with a lot of people working together."

Surprisingly, that included opponents.

"We talk to other crews," Brownsea said. "We tell them things about the conditions and stuff and they tell us things. It helps everybody."

Part of that involved the weekend conditions of light and shifty breeze that were unusual for Long Beach. Saturday had 2-6 knots and Sunday 6-8 made more difficult by a day that started with a brisk morning Santa Ana from the northeast before racing started and through the afternoon swung from northeast to west (140 degrees to 290) before settling in from the southwest.

Schools from the north dominated the 32-team Silver fleet, led by Palo Alto/Harken, Sir Francis Drake from San Francisco, Athenian from Danville and Bellingham from Washington state.

The event was based at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach, a.k.a. the Aquatic Capital of America, and was hosted by the USC Sailing Team and organized by the US Sailing Center of Long Beach.

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](#)

The winners

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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