

California District Championship
Mission Bay Yacht Club – Fleet 194
San Diego, California
June 17, 2006

| Pos | Sail# | Skipper/Crew | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total |
|-----|-------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 14904 | Scott Finkboner, Jennifer Lyons, Greg Tondreau | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| 2 | 14924 | Jeff Coppens, Larry Schmitz, Kevin Laube | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| 3 | 14263 | Pete Bellin, Scott Hoffman, Evan Hoffman | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 14 |
| 4 | 13742 | Ken Manzoni, Julie Ardagna, Bryan Buffaloe | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 15 |
| 5 | 14095 | Kirk Johnson, Edna Johnson, Richard Hoffman | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 18 |
| 6 | 14202 | Mike Poltorok, Moni Lampe, Michael Brown | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 19 |
| 7 | 14846 | Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Katie Ham | 8 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 28 |
| 8 | 14308 | Dale Bull, Brian Anderson, Heather Brownsea | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 30 |
| 9 | 13860 | Dan Gravatt, Donna Collins, Fred Misa | 9 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 39 |
| 10 | 13842 | Pete Colantuono, Jerry Griffin, Jeff Smith | 10 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 40 |
| 11 | 14720 | Jay & Kate Johnson, Jolene & Jolee Northrop | 13DNC | 11 | 9 | 10 | 43 |
| 12 | 13856 | Ek Petit De Mange | 13DNC | 13DNC | 13DNC | 13DNC | 57 |

This year we decided to have a one day event for maximum attendance. We had a 20+ year record of boats from the Mission Bay fleet-12 boats, with 11 on the water. It turned out to be a great tune-up for the upcoming NAs in San Diego in August.

This year the wind was solidly from the South and it stayed about 180 all day with winds in a hiking 7-11 kts. There was little kelp thank goodness. With new sails and great foredeck crew Jennifer Lyons and center old crew Gregg Tondreau I was very confident. The competition in our fleet is very close with many boats capable of coming out on top so it was anyone's to win. There were no throwouts so every race had to be mistake free. All courses were W/L's.

Due to the big confused swell and chop I would avoid the pin and play it conservative starting mid line in every race. In the 1st race Ken Manzoni from WJM host Southwestern YC nailed the start at the pin and was gone. Boats that went left toward the Mission Beach surf line always came out ahead in every race. He won going away. I unfortunately cut the weather mark close, snagged the long scoped anchor line and hit the mark. After doing the penalty turn I was in 9th place but caught 4 boats on the short leg to the finish for a 5th. To win we would have to nail the next 3 races and the odds were against us in the highly competitive fleet.

In the 2nd race we duked it out with Coppens, Bellin, and Kirk Johnson with at least 3 lead changes in the twice around W/L. We were fortunate to be ahead at the finish. Some boats in the top 5 in the 1st race ended up in the bottom 5 and vice-versa so after 2 races were found ourselves tied for 1st with Kirk Johnson and a point ahead of Bellin and 2 ahead of Coppens and Manzoni.

We had a great start in Race 3 going hard left and lead the entire race, covering a hard charging Coppens and Bellin at the finish in a tacking duel. Our strategy in race 4 was to start clean, make no mistakes and sail clean. The wind was diminishing somewhat so concentration on steering fast in the confused chop and swell was the key. We had a good start and climbed out on top of everyone for some clean air. We followed Coppens around the course and maintained a 2nd to win by 2 points.

I can't thank Jennifer and Gregg enough for sailing a perfect mistake free regatta. They were fantastic. I believe there was more current near the shore that day flowing south rotating the boats up the left side. Of course there were the usual oscillations we also took advantage of. Going right was a killer so we never went that way out to sea. Also, we would always lee bow any competitor keeping on their left if we timed the next shift correctly and it seemed we called every little shift all day.

Scott Finkboner