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## Countdown to Long Beach

Written by: Derek Hardy

We are just around the corner from what could be one of the most competitive National Championships in years. Any of you that have sailed inside the breakwater at Long Beach know what a tremendous venue this is for a Regatta. Along with the hospitality of ABYC, all who attend will experience a first class event.

If you are still on the fence as to whether or not you should go, don't pass this event up. If you feel that you won't be competitive, remind yourself that sailing in events with this caliber of competitors will only improve your performance in the future. You just might surprise yourself and find yourself in the thick of things. Come on out and join the fun.

From my experience sailing in Alamitos Bay, be prepared for a variety of conditions. Wind in August is fairly

predictable, with building velocity as the day goes on. Don't be surprised to see teams changing out to Jibs in the later races each day. Also consider that the Sun is very harsh this time of year.

Bring water proof sunscreen, and even more important, apply it. There is nothing worse than being badly sun burned and having to move around on a S20.

Make sure your crew is competent to change a headsail when the wind velocity picks up. I call this "Headsail Gymnastics".

Bring bottled water on board. It is real easy to become dehydrated in the sun and wind, and lots of water is essential to staying healthy for the entire event. I have seen dehydration

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### Special Point of Interest!

If you are attending this years National Championships in Long Beach, make sure to get your dues in on time. Also, if you have any special needs including housing, where to park your RV, storage prior to the regatta, etc., be sure to contact us. You can find a convenient link on our website, [www.S20.org](http://www.S20.org). Good luck and see you this summer in Long Beach.

## A close one at Western Regionals

Written By: Andrew Kerr

This years North Sails Race week in Long Beach provided the class with terrific weekend of tight sailing as the fleet competed for the Western Regional Championships. Bruce Golison and his team have put together a world class regatta for the last 20 years and this event was very much in that tradition.

10 Santana 20's competed in the event and were treated to 5 races in 5 to 17 knots of breeze.

The story of this regatta (and many more to come) was the strong performances of young guns Payson Infelise & Nathaniel Campbell on "Altitude Sick-

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## Countdown to Long Beach

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incapacitate crew to the point of not being able to sail the following day. Drink your water!

Get there early enough to relax. The size of this event will consume considerable time to get every team checked in and ready to race. Getting through the check in with time to spare will help you enjoy the event that much more.

Make sure you have all your t's crossed and i's dotted. If you need to get your sails measured, don't wait until the morning of the first race. Get this stuff out of the way early so that you don't experience any surprises that could cause your crew to torture you the whole way home.

Do your homework ahead of time. It might be good to know where the marine hardware stores are in the area so that if you have any problems, you know where to go.

If you are traveling any distance, make sure your trailer is ready to go. Check your wheels, bearings, springs, and esp-

cially your spring shackles. My port aft shackle on my Schock trailer broke on the way back from Eugene this year. Don't let it be you.

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For the locals, please help your out of town guests. They just drove a

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hell of a long way and spent an enormous amount of money in gas to get there. They will appreciate your good Corinthian spirit. Many are not aware of the protocol, so help them out and check your attitude at the door. The better we treat the out of town guests, the better chance of seeing them back for another So Cal Nationals in the future.

For the out of town'ers, the locals are lending you



the use of their prized home. Lets not create a reason that keeps us from being invited back in the future. ABYC is not responsible for anyone's bad time. If you have any problems, bring it to the attention of the race organizers, be flexible, and we will all have a great time.

Have fun while you are here. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in the racing that we forget to relax on shore. The board has done a tremendous job in making sure the off course activities are first cabin. Join in and let er rip.

And more importantly, the staff usually only hear about what they did wrong. Lets make sure to pat the backs of the hard workers that are volunteering their time to make this a great event for you. Without these people, this event would never happen. So remember a couple of suggestions. Leave it in better shape than when you found it, and don't forget to smile and say hi to those who are working and not sailing.



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Written By: Andrew Kerr

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ness" (ably assisted by veteran Long Beach sailor and Class President Phillip Infelise) and the team of Del Rey YC's Greg Helias and Andy Dipple on "Voodoo Chicken". Both teams sailed extremely well and, but for an OCS in race # 2 – team "Altitude Sickness" would of won the regatta, as they demonstrated excellent speed and smarts on the race course. Payson and Nathaniel have been doing a lot of match racing over in Europe and their sharp sailing skills were very evident.

Race # 1 featured the breeze out of 210 degrees at 12 to 15 knots. The fleet got off with an excellent start and headed to opposite sides of the course. At the windward mark "Voodoo Chicken" and "Team Disaster Area" (DA) were neck and neck with "Altitude Sickness" in hot pursuit. On the second beat "Voodoo Chicken" and "DA" straight lined it while "Altitude" broke off and got some leverage that gave them the lead that they never relinquished, followed by "DA" "Voodoo" and the team on "Aggressive Tendencies"- Charles Witcher/ Sherron Hart and Charlie Hess from Sacramento fleet #13. Just behind "Aggressive Tendencies" was Scott Mckenney's team on

"Bloodhound" (From Marina Del Rey) who finished a solid 5<sup>th</sup>.

By race # 2 the wind was a steady 15 knots with gusts to 17, so teams started depowering more with more backstay and aft lower tension and tighter Genoa Halyards. Bow crews were looking for firm footing as the boats occasionally rolled downwind and teams looked to steady the boat downwind as some of the bigger puffs came rolling down the course.

The start of race # 2 was very competitive and two boats were called over early by the RC – Scott Mckenney's team on "Blood Hound" (John Lafferty and Larry Anderschock crewing) restarted but the team on "Altitude Sickness" unfortunately did not hear the hail (broadcasted by the VHF radio in addition to the X flag) and were scored OCS for the race.

Team "Head First" (Travis Wilson – the 2000 National Champion with Steve Pickle on the bow and Chris Nesbitt steering) won the start and footed right over the fleet with the Genoa eased in "fast forward mode". They went on to win the race followed by "DA" and "Aggressive Tendencies". The racing was tight in all areas of

the fleet – Steve Orosz, Carla Thorson & Richard Hofmeister on "Grendl" sailed a great race and finished 4<sup>th</sup> followed by Gordon Wanlass and his team of Mike Sentovich and Jon Fisher Smith on "Gremlin" in 5<sup>th</sup>.

The wind held for the final race of the day and shifted to 240 degrees. After another hotly contested start "Team Head First" got another excellent start and jumped out to a small lead over "Altitude Sickness" and "DA". At the final weather mark "Altitude" touched the mark and, also, in trying to extricate themselves they got caught on port tack in the two-boat length zone with an oncoming starboard tacker, they quickly and effectively did there 720 degree penalty turn to finish behind "DA" and race winner "Head First". "Grendl" sailed another solid race to come in 4<sup>th</sup>.

For those with the energy left there was a party and dinner at the seaport marina hotel, other teams gathered at ABYC to socialize and talk about the day before heading to the hotel or to dinner, it had been a full day of excellent racing for the fleet. Sunday morning kicked off early with an impromptu Class Breakfast on the deck at ABYC, attended by chorizo affectionarios.

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## 2004 Socks Regatta, Seattle WA

Written By: Andrew Kerr

8 S20's competed in this year's SOCKS regatta (Seattle one design centerboard and keel boat series) that was run by the Seattle YC with racing on Shillshole Bay. This excellent regatta attracted 128 boats from all over the west coast and Canada and is a fixture on the racing calendar for one design sailors in classes ranging from 505's and lasers to Olson 30's.

The S20 class featured some notable travelers, from Eugene's fleet 19 – Doug Smith – along time SOCKS attendee - brought his team of John Ward and Rick Snodgrass on "one Eye Jacq", Fellow fleet 19 member Jerald Skeen brought his team of Lindsay Vaughan and Gabe Schroder on "Yikes". From Portland's fleet 10 came Joe Kaliszewski and his team of Fritz Kaliszewski and Erica Packer on "Bohemia". We would like to thank these teams for the effort in attending the regatta and would very much encourage more teams to travel for SOCKS next year - it is a great weekend of racing and camaraderie for the class.

The first day of racing featured 4 windward leeward races with a South to South Westerly wind of 4 to 10 knots. With the Northerly wind making an attempt to come in later and a steadily building incoming flood tide this made for a tactically challenging day

on the water. With a long starting line and the current pushing the fleet over the line and the wind oscillating back and forth, teams had to be on their toes at all times and constantly shifting gears.

Barry Williams and Mark Roades on "Snoopy" ( Point Orchard, WA) gamely double



2004 Santana 20 Champions  
SOCKS Regatta, Seattle, WA

handed this day (they were joined by John Sears on the Sunday) and were in the thick of the action.

It was great to also see Fleet 16 Captain Derek Hardy and his team of Ben Seltind and Nick Estrold on "Already Gone". Derek has been instrumental in getting fleet 16 going, he also edited the class newsletter and has been part of a group that is setting up a small boat sailing center to promote small boat sailing in Olympia, WA. He sailed the 20 in the mid 80's when he was a Newport Beach resident (he sailed in the '85

Nationals in Oklahoma crewing for Jane Schock) and it is great to see him back in the class again. Another Washington team was also in attendance – Kevin Swackhamer and his team of Carrie Swackhamer and Chad Holcomb on "Hitched". The "Bohemia" team scored an excellent bullet in race # 2 by passing the whole fleet on the downwind leg – they sailed in more velocity out in the middle as the fleet tried to get current relief inshore. The racing was tight with gains and losses happening very quickly. In the 4<sup>th</sup> race the Northerly came in half way down the run and the whole fleet scrambled to get the pole down and Genoa up and spinnaker down as the spinnaker backed hard against the rig!

What was going to be the final upwind leg turned into a downwind run with puffs of 16 or 17 knots sending the fleet surging through the finish line under spinnakers!

Leading after day one was team "Disaster Area" ( DA) – Chris Winnard, Andrew Kerr & Sam Richardson with a 1, 3, 1, 1 score line. In second was "Inferno" – Steve Orsini (the WD Schock dealer for Washington) and his team of Zak Norris & Kate Hawkin with a 2, 2, 2, 3 score sheet. Team "Inferno" was sailing fast and positioning itself well. Jerald Skeen's team on

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“Yikes” was in 3<sup>rd</sup> and sailing a very solid regatta. “Yikes” was getting off the starting line very well and picking the correct side of the course.

The Saturday evening featured a nice dinner over at the Seattle YC on Portage Bay. The S20 sailor’s grouped together and shared stories of the day’s racing.

Sunday started out with light air, a slight ebb tide and the wind out of the south to the south west. Team DA won race #5 and #6 with the fleet doing battle in all areas. Race # 7 was started in very light air and a strong flood current. 3 boats were OCS at the start but all made great recoveries to get back in the thick of things. The “Snoopy” team got a great start and were going fast and they lead for a good portion of the first leg with “Inferno” , “Yikes” , “DA “, “Already Gone” and “Hitched” all very close. “One Eye Jacq” and “Bohemia” was also making good gains. With the flood tide taking over the race was abandoned and the fleet went in to conclude a great regatta of 6 races.

Thanks to everyone for attending – a lot of the fleet is looking forward to Eugene Yacht clubs upcoming Memorial Day regatta – this is a great regatta for the class and not to be missed. We also look forward to seeing as many teams as possible at

next years SOCKS regatta. Good sailing to all!

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# SOCKS 2004



It was great to see Barry Williams out. Barry was brave enough to battle it with 2 on board Saturday.



Steve Orsini about to pass one of the J 24's. Steve had great speed!



**Jerold, Gabe and Lindsey on Yikes from Eugene with a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish**



**Doug, John and Rick from Eugene. The guys on “One Eyed Jack” know how to have a good time!**

# A close one at Western Regionals

Written By: Andrew Kerr

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Sunday started off much lighter – with the wind at 200 degrees at about 5 to 8 knots. Race #4 started cleanly with no recalls, “Voodoo”, “Altitude” and “Aggressive Tendencies” were all close while regatta leader “DA” was staying close to 2<sup>nd</sup> overall “Head First” who was 5 points behind “DA” in the standings after day one. “Gremlin” and “Stink Bug” (Tucker Strasser, Lindsey Artof & Cassie Guarnia from Marina Del Rey fleet # 1) were going fast downwind and passed “Aggressive Tendencies” who had unfortunately located a clump of renegade kelp on the last run to the finish. “Voodoo” showed excellent downwind speed and held off the team on “Altitude” for the race win, “Gremlin”, “DA” and “Stink Bug” followed in short order.

For the final race the wind was at 190 degrees at about 8 knots and again the fleet got off the line cleanly- “DA” was able to cross the fleet on port tack after about 1 and a half minutes on starboard tack and they took the early lead. This race proved to be a challenging one for all of the team as the wind shifted 10 to 20 degrees on a consistent basis. Monitoring the compass

and tacking to stay in the velocity became a premium as places were lost and gained in a few minutes.

The team on “Aggressive Tendencies” did an excellent job of staying in phase with the wind and keeping in the velocity and they took the lead and held it for the vast majority of this race which was 3 times around. The “Gremlin” team was going very well and kept the leader honest while “DA” was in 3<sup>rd</sup> and looking for a solid finish to win the regatta.

As the three lead boats battled it out on the last beat- “Altitude” broke off to the middle, played a couple of shifts and nipped “Aggressive Tendencies” right at the finish. “DA” came in next followed by “Gremlin”. Notable on this day was the solid performance of Jeff Keenan’s team on Gem, who seemed to like the lighter air more and posted two 6<sup>th</sup> places.

At the end of the regatta - Team “Disaster Area” - Chris Winnard, Andrew Kerr & Bill Ramacciotti were able to win the Western regional championships with consistent finishes of 2, 2, 2, 4, 3. As a historical footnote this was to

be Team DA’s 10<sup>th</sup> win of the Western Regional championships; the first win was in 1990.

“Altitude Sickness” sailed a terrific regatta as did “Voodoo”, they are the future of the class and we are very lucky that these talented teams are sailing the S20.

Thanks to Bruce Golison and his regatta staff and sponsors as well as ABYC for making this a great event for the class.

We all look forward to the Long Beach Nationals for some excellent sailing!

For more details on the whole regatta go to: [www.premiere-racing.com](http://www.premiere-racing.com) and for pictures of the event go to [www.yachtshots.com](http://www.yachtshots.com)



**Disaster Area  
2004  
Western Regionals Champions**



## SOCKS RESULTS

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6 races, no throw outs:

1<sup>st</sup>) "Disaster Area" – Chris Win-  
nard, Andrew Kerr, Sam  
Richardson – 8 points, (1, 3,  
1, 1, 1, 1.)

2<sup>nd</sup>) "Inferno" – Steve Orsini,  
Zak Norris, Kate Hawkin – 14  
points, (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2.)

3<sup>rd</sup>) "Yikes" – Jerald Skeen,  
Gabe Schroder, Lindsay  
Vaughan – 20 points, (3, 4, 5,  
2, 2, 4.)

4<sup>th</sup>) "Hitched" – Kevin  
Swackhamer, Carrie Swack-  
hamer, Chad Holcomb – 27  
points, (4, 6, 3, 4, 7, 3).

5<sup>th</sup>) "Bohemia" – Joe  
Kaliszewski, Fritz  
Kaliszewski, Erika Packer -  
28 points, (6, 1, 6, 5, 5, 5.)

6<sup>th</sup>) "One Eyed Jacq" – Doug  
Smith, John Ward, Rick  
Snodgrass – 35 points, (dnf, 5,  
4, 6, 4, 7)

7<sup>th</sup>) "Already Gone" – Derek  
Hardy, Ben Seltind, Nick Es-  
troid – 38 points, (5, 7, 7, 7, 6,  
6).

8<sup>th</sup>) "Snoopy" – Barry Wil-  
liams, Mark Rhoades, John  
Sears, (Double handed on Sat-  
urday) – 47 points, (7, 8, 8, 8,  
8, 8.)



## Boats for Sale

This section is dedicated to anyone that is looking to sell their Santana 20. A lot of you know someone that may be looking for a Santana 20, or you may be looking to upgrade, etc.

In this section we will post your add for free and jpeg or gif pictures help a lot. So send us your info and we will be sure to place your add here. The next newsletter will be published in October.

This is what we need...

Year of boat  
Boat number  
Asking price  
Phone number  
E-mail address  
Location

Suggestions...

Picture?  
Color?  
Sails?  
OB motor?  
Trailer?  
Gear?  
Does your crew come with the boat?  
Is your crew any good?

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***Coming Up! In the next Issue of 20 20, we will talk about next years venue, Eugene Yacht Club and Fern Ridge Reservoir. We will covers Eugene's 2004 events, and what to expect in 2005. You won't want to miss this issue!***

## **Carry a Santana 20 Flag into Battle!**

This year, Many Santana 20 sailors will go out to the race course sporting a new Battle Flag.

The Board came up with a creative way to give something special to our members and help promote the Class at all major Regattas. With the participation of North Sails, the WD Schock Company and the Class Association sharing in the development cost and North Graphics doing the hard work, we have a stash of Battle Flags that will be distributed as the Prez and other Officers tour the country this year visiting Santana 20 Regattas. And they are not just for winners of races, but for other worthy causes – traveling a big distance, developing a local Fleet, coming up with the next great idea. If the demand is high, we may do another run of the Flags and put them up for sale on the web site.

***Come Join The Fun.... And Carry Our Flag To Show That You Are!***

## **ATTENTION JUNIOR PROGRAMS!**

The Class Association Board of Directors is interesting in receiving Proposals to support Junior Programs where the Santana-20 is used in your program. Whatever we can do to help – subsidize a used boat purchase, or a sail purchase, assist in travel costs, support entry fees & deferrals, whatever it is – talk to us about it and see if we can put our financial support behind your efforts. E-Mail a brief proposal to Phillip Infelise, talk to another Board member, or come see me at a Regional Regatta and let's discuss it. Junior Sailors are the next generation of S-20 Champions and we want to support them!