



# WIND WORDS

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White water over the bow and a 30+ degree tilt during the September Ocean Race off Coronado Island. Ensign 2 crew member Alen Metzger had several chances to risk his smart phone to get this shot. **See Page 3 for details on the October Ensign Bay Race**

## Ocean Race Sees High Winds And Several Other Races Off Coronado.

**W**e had a fun time at the September 23rd Ocean Race.

The aim was to have a picture of the winning captain and crew. We looked around for Terry and crew and decided we all won!

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Race survivors gathered on the dock to award the annual trophy. The winning team was absent for the presentation!

## October Ensign Ocean Race

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The wind was good with quite a bit a chop. It was interesting how it affected the downwinds with the spinnakers. Several boats ran them up, only to run them right back down again. There was no lack of wind heading north!

Our race course seems to have been overtaken by a bunch of other racers. We counted at least three other races just west of our course. We'd even hedged a bit by setting Mark #2 short by about 200 meters

in order to make for greater safety and less overlap with the other racers, but in the end they changed their course and sailed right over us. I'm just glad no one (or boats) was hurt. It was fun to see a lot of other races out there.

Mark #4 came undone and was trying to immigrate to Mexico, thus messing up the finish line. Thanks to Terry and crew for resetting that mark! Without their

help, we might have ended the race in Encenada!

### 2023 Ocean Race Finish Standings:

- 1st. E192 Terry & Crew  
*Trophy Winner*
- 2nd. E1122 Hector & Crew
- 3rd. E722 Frank & Crew
- 4th. E323 Dough & Crew
- 5th. E453 Bob & Crew
- 6th. E2 Tracy & Crew

Boat	Skipper	SAT 18 Mar	SAT 15 Apr	SAT 20 May	SAT 17 June	SAT 22 July	SAT 19 Aug	Ocean 23 Sep	SAT 21 Oct	Throw Out Adjust	Total
722	Frank	2	2	1	2	2	6	3		-6	12.0
1122	Hector	3	4	4	1	1	2	2		-4	13.0
192	Terry	1	3	2	6	5	1	1		-6	13.0
2	Tracy	4	1	3	4	5	3	5		-5	20.0
453	Bob	5	2.5	5	3	3	4	4		-5	21.5
323	Paul	3	5	6	5	4	5	6		-6	28.0
<b>Series Scoring: Lowest total score for series wins</b>											
DNC	Did not come	# boats + 1									
DNS	Did not start	# boats + 1									
DSQ	Disqualification	# boats + 1									
DNF	Did not finish	# boats + 1									
JNS	Justified not start	# boats + 1									

## Congratulations Guy! Time To Start Your Thirty Hours To Victory



You'll remember this photo of Guy Howe from the November WindWords newsletter. He and his fellow recent Victory grads can now enjoy Victory sailing either for fun or in competitive races. Those who aspire to captaining one of the fleet of Ensigns will need 30 hour of Victory sailing to qualify. One way to get those hours is by participating in Supersloopers, an informal racing programs that meets every Thursday at noon. The group is composed of Victory sailors from experts to newcomers.

(See story on page 5)

## Lost & Found

These water bottles were fund following the race on Saturday the 21st. They are in the Sign-In box.



# Brisk Winds For Year End Bay Race

The bay looked flat and still as the crews arrived at 10:30 AM but by race time there was plenty of wind. Even the down wind segment of the race ran fast.

Upwind, there was plenty of opportunity to experience heeling of 30-plus degrees.



We've seen more competitive contests in the Ensign class this year and this race was an example, with many of the boats clustered together for most of the race.

Congratulations to Terry and his crew for their 1st place finish Saturday and for their 1st place finish for the 2023 Ensign Racing series. The standings for this season are on the following page.



Congratulations to Hector and Frank who tied for 2nd place, each being only 1 point behind Terry and the 192 crew. And Special Mention goes to Frank and his 722 crew for perfect attendance during

the 2023 Ensign series of races -- in addition to being 1st in the series coming into this race! You gave Terry and Hector a run for their money.

Robert -- thanks for the festive champagne idea -- great energy and it made for a fun time this afternoon.

Bob -- if there's any solace to losing your spinnaker bag over-

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board during the race, it's that your Throw Out Adjustment got nudged up one since today's DSQ-score was 6 and one higher than you'd had previously. So, except for now having the task of acquiring a new bag, it didn't end up making any net point difference.

You're not alone. Ensign 2 lost it's bag earlier in the season.

Paul and 323 crew -- we missed you during a number of races this season and hope you are each on the mend. We're looking forward to racing with you in 2024!



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1122	Hector	3	4	4	1	1	2	2	2	-4	15.0
722	Frank	2	2	1	2	2	6	3	3	-6	15.0
2	Tracy	4	1	3	4	5	3	5	4	-5	24.0
453	Bob	5	2.5	5	3	3	4	4	6	-6	26.5
323	Paul	3	5	6	5	4	5	6	6	-6	34.0

Series Scoring: Lowest total score for series wins

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DNS	Did not start	# boats + 1
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JNS	Justified not start	# boats + 1
volunteer to not sail - boat down	scoring = average of fleet	



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## Supersloopers

Thursday each week a group of Victory sailers meet at the Key Box at 12:00 PM for an afternoon of racing and formation sailing just south of Tom Ham's Lighthouse.

*Supersloopers* is part of the history of our club. More accurately termed "formation sailing," it's one of the opportunities for members to get together to enjoy and enrich their mastery of the art of sailing, challenging ourselves to improving our boat handling skills.

A typical Thursday will include a set of formation sailing exercises followed by a series of informal short races. Both activities are a great way to improve basic sailing skills under the guidance of some of our clubs most experienced members.

They ask those who decide to participate on a regular basis to bring



A demonstration of formation sailing from years past. It shows six Victories sailing in formation in a curve mirroring the bay bridge. The photo was taken by Larry Fitzgerald, who was an early adopter of digital photography, probably taken in early 2000s

a family service radio (think: CB radio) which they use to communicate between boats. Don't run out and buy a radio. Attend one of the sessions and they can help with info and recommendations.

*"The invitation is out to new members (and those of you who re-joined recently) to sail with us on Thursdays",* said Harry Smith, one of the Superslooper coordinators.

*"If you are a novice we will pair you up with a more skilled sailor. If you are an expert we will give you a chance to challenge yourself. If*

*you wish to bring a crew mate feel free to do so. If you are solo you will be able to pair up with another member. Finally, if you wish to suggest an alternative group sail we'll put it up to the others – how about a group sail to a yacht club for lunch?"*

### **Why Is Formation Sailing Important?**

If you think back to your Victory Checkout, you'll recall the Man Overboard maneuver. That's a practical example of the formation sailing skill set, learning and acquiring the confidence to place your Victory where you want it, when you want it there. Formation sailing is fun and you'll learn by doing from the first day with Supersloopers. And the "fun" translates to better boat handling, improved situational awareness, understanding of right-of-way and other safety skills. Did you know that you can turn a Victory 360 degrees on a dime? It's fun, and might come in handy if you ever do have a man overboard!

**To join up, Contact Harry Smith  
[sailho@live.com](mailto:sailho@live.com)**



The Victories begin one of five short races on Thursday October 26th. Harry Smith's boat had a clean sweep of all five races. Captaining was rotated between the three sailers on board (with wins for everyone from expert sailing instructor Smith to beginner Jeff "Anchor Man" Nelson).

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## CSC Outboard Tips.

*Supplied by Paul Feldon*

Here are some step-by-step troubleshooting tips that you can use to start your outboard and keep it running smoothly.

- **Give the motor and fuel system a general “once over”**

- o Check the bracket clamps and tighten if loose
- o Check the fuel level in the tank

- **Fuel System**

- o Open the fuel tank vent if present (the newer tanks don't have a vent knob)
- o If the boat has a ventless tank, loosen the tank cap to release any built up pressure-then retighten
- o Attach the fuel line connector to the motor (be sure it is oriented correctly and clicks into place). On some motors considerable pressure must be applied until it seats fully and clicks in place.
- o Pump the priming bulb until it is hard
- o If the bulb remains soft, check the connector and connector-hose junction for leaks
- o **TILT THE MOTOR** into the vertical position **AND LOWER IT INTO THE WATER USING THE HANDLE ON THE STERN BRACKET**
- o **NOTE:** Ensign 323 (blue boat) does NOT have a stern bracket. Just tilt the motor into the vertical position

- **Starting**

- o Be sure the safety key is in place!
- o Choke should be all the way

out (for a cold start)

- o Throttle should be in the “Start” position
- o Gearshift must be in the neutral position
- o Pull the starter rope out (gently) until it is under tension, then pull rapidly to start
- o The motor should start after no more than 5-10 pulls
- o If the motor does not start, check the priming bulb
- o If the bulb is soft, check again for air/fuel leaks at the fuel connector-motor junction (listen for air leaks while gently squeezing the bulb)
- o If the bulb is hard, try spraying starter fluid (kept in the tool dock box) into the carburetor air intake, then pulling starter rope
- o If the motor does not start after using starter fluid spray 1-2 times, contact the boat and/or fleet captain, write a note in the maintenance log, and tag the boat out of service

- **After starting**

- o **BE SURE COOLING WATER IS STREAMING FROM THE BACK OF THE MOTOR!**
- o If no cooling water is coming out-shut down the motor and tag the boat out of service as well as noting in the maintenance log and contacting the boat and/or fleet captain
- o **DO NOT STAND ON THE BOW** with the motor running without another person in the cockpit to bal-

ance the boat as this will pull the water intake of the motor out of the water and result in the motor overheating

- o On most motors, a small indicator light on the front “panel” will flash red as the starter rope is pulled. However, if this light stays lit (red), there is no oil pressure and the motor should be shut down and the boat tagged out of service

- **Motor shutdown**

- o Detach the fuel connector while the motor is running and let the motor run until it stops
- o Raise the motor out of the water with the stern bracket and then tilt the motor forward (the gearshift must be in the forward position to allow the motor to tilt)

- **RECOMMENDED VIDEOS**

- o The Skinny River channel on YouTube ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcD\\_\\_8BTghZ3u5-hVA0BgLA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcD__8BTghZ3u5-hVA0BgLA)) has excellent videos on troubleshooting and maintaining motors identical to CSC's.
- o Note that Mercury 4,5, & 6 hp 4 stroke outboards are identical to those branded Tohatsu and Nissan and that CSC has a mix.



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## Victory Race Standings - November 2023

**CSC/TPSC REGATTA – Letter 2 – 2023 November 4, 5  
 October 30, 2023 Fleet order = C,A,B,D**

**Fleet C PRO = Ryan Drobek Sat, Nov 4, 1030 AM**  
 Skipper Sdav Boat

Peter Wells	4.037	648
Craig Unger	4.069	633
Fred MacDougall	4.154	TPSC
Greg Roberts	4.283	TPSC
Bob Lewis	4.330	615
Jack Cabeen	4.492	TPSC
J Otto / D Gayon	4.562	611
Fernando Valera	4.729	Cancel
Tabor's Pirates	4.737	Moved from D fleet

**Fleet A PRO = Peter Wells Sat, Nov 4, 1330 PM**  
 Skipper Sdav Boat

Sandy Leon	2.138	648
Ryan Drobek	2.666	611
Terry Edlund	2.735	610
John K / Joe R	3.036	615
Bruce / Robert	3.313	633
Kevin Gerbracht	3.372	634

**Fleet B PRO = Alen Metzger Sun, Nov 5, 1030 AM**  
 Skipper Sdav Boat

Joe Curran	3.460	610
James Walker	3.586	633
Doug Bass	3.641	618
Doug Diepholz	3.659	Cancel
John Hysler	3.920	Cancel
Mike Norden/Traci	3.942	634
Dan + Dennis	4.021	632

**Fleet D PRO = Doug Diepholz Sun, Nov 5, 1330 PM**  
 Skipper Sdav Boat

Yehor Shyticov	4.742	632
Alen Metzger/Nicole	5.453	610
Zarko Tasev	5.686	633
Mark Whitehouse	5.728	Cancel
Cesar Mize	5.815	634
Gregory Herbster	6.482	TPSC
Hugo Day	6.500	618