

WIND WORDS

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Ensign Race Schedule, 2024



Ensign 1122 approaching the finish line near Ham's Lighthouse.

The 2024 Ensign racing season is fast approaching, with the first race starting this month.

Most of the teams have named their crews but there are some possible openings. If you're not part of a racing team but would like to be, send your name to Tracy Williams:

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You don't have to be checked out on the Ensign to be a member of a race crew. Some team positions

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Victory 21 Mid-Winters Race At Mission Bay

The 2024 Mid-Winter race took place on February 17 at the Mission Bay Yacht Club. The honor of Convair Sailing Club was defended by Sandy Leon and his team using an unfamiliar boat supplied

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Sandy Leon (left) with teammate Rajeev Jain (center) and Joe Rollinson (right) whose Victory Rascal can be seen in the background. Tom Bedford, also a member of the team, was not present for the photo having raced on Saturday. Sandy and his team placed Second overall.



RESULTS													
Victory Fleet													
Fleet	SailNo	Club	HelixName	CrewName	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Nett
Victory	552	MEYC	David Love		2.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	14.0	14.0	10.0
Victory	448	CSC	Sandy Leon		3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	5.0	22.0	17.0
Victory	383	MEYC	Joe Rollinson		5.0	4.0	4.0	16.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	25.0	19.0
Victory	434	MEYC	David Vitez		4.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	18.0	RET	7.0	28.0
Victory	199	MEYC	Paul Schwechberg		1.0	5.0	(7.0)	5.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	29.0	22.0
Victory	40	MEYC	Doug Diepholz		4.0	(7.0)	5.0	4.0	7.0	3.0	3.0	31.0	28.0
Victory	565	MEYC	Mike Norden		(7.0)	4.0	4.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	44.0	37.0

Can you hand me that toolbox?

A Small Broken Part And A Big Team Effort

Repair work was done to the 618 by Boat Captain Dan Hildebrand with help from Terry Edland, Paul Feldon, Bob Keefe and Tracy Williams. They lowered the mast so that the offending parts could be removed and replaced. This involved carefully loosening and disconnecting the shrouds and rigging, and then lowering the mast in such a way that the cameraman (Bob) didn't get hit or thrown off the dock!

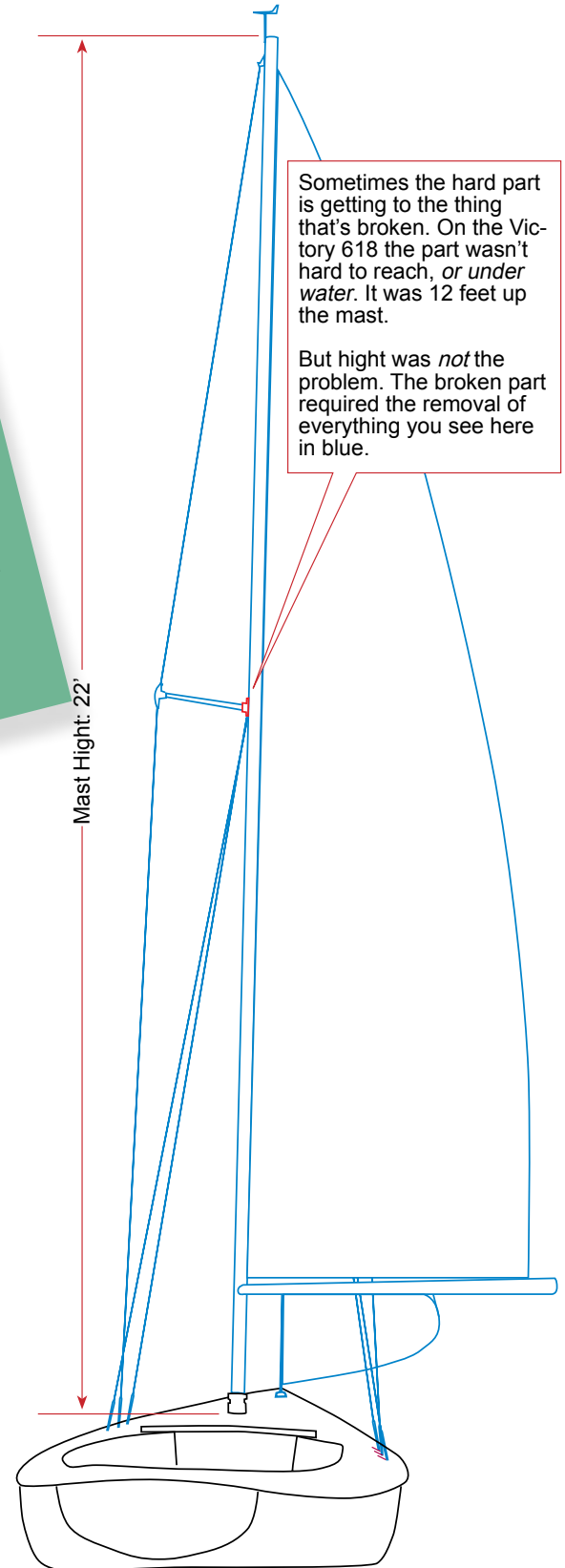
While they had everything down they replaced the starboard side bracket as well. *Thanks guys! None of that looks simple!* 🐶

Starting this month we're adding a new column on what members are doing to fix things that are broken.

There are lots of ways to contribute. Some are simple and quick, others require skills you can learn on the job. They are all great ways to meet your fellow members!



Repairs on the broken part took place after the 22 foot mast was secured on the deck of the V618. Seen here from right to left is Paul Feldon in the red windbreaker, Tracy Williams in the straw hat and Don Hildebrand showing his better side. Bob Keefe took the photo.



Tote That Barge, Lift That Sail.



Rajeev Jain (left) and Tom Bedford (right) after inspecting the new Victory racing jibs that can be seen arranged on the dock behind them.




The old jib sails were washed and dried in preparation for their departure. A great deal of salt accumulates on the Jib.

New Victory Sails!

Last month CSC took delivery of a complete set of new jibs for the Victory fleet. The replacement was funded by donations from members starting last year. Each Victory in our fleet is outfitted with two jibs: a racing jib and a recreational sailing jib. The new jibs will replace the racing jibs. These former racing jibs will now be used for recreational sailing and for groups like the SuperSloopers.

The new sails had to be unpacked and inspected. Then the old racing jibs needed to undergo their own inspection, repair and cleaning process. Finally, the old recreational sails were washed, bundled up and taken to their new home, somewhere else. Rajeev Jain and Tom Bedford assisted Sandy Leon in the day long process. *Thanks guys, for all the hard work!*

You can gain a lot of practical knowledge while helping out on a project like this. For example, there is a specific way to attach the sheets to the clew. If you don't know what that is, you could find yourself on the water with one jib sheet that's too short to reach the winches. I found out the hard way.

There are also simple repairs, like taping tears in the sail. This came in handy for Tom when he notices a small tear in the sail on his Victory after SuperSloopers last Wednesday. 



Sandy Leon preparing the hose for washing. All of the old racing sails had to be inspected, repaired and washed in preparation for recreational sailing.

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don't even require being checked out on the Victory.

Here is the 2024 race schedule:

March 16 th	July 20 th
April 20 th	August 17 th
May 18 th	September 21 st *
June 15 th	October 19 th

*The September 21st. is the annual Ocean Race. *R*

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by CSC and MBYC member Joe Rollinson. Sandy's crew consisted of Tom Bedford and Rajeev Jain (see story on page 3). On Saturday Sandy and Tom set the stage with three 3rds and a 2nd. On Sunday Sandy and Rajeev put the hammer down with a 1st place in the opening race and an overall 2nd place in the regatta. *R*



Joe Rollinson, seen here supervising the lowering of the Rascal into Mission Bay.

Victory In A Borrowed Victory!

Sandy and his team got their Second Place standing in a Victory supplied by CSC member Tom Bedford who also has a membership at MBYC. Thanks to Tom, it wasn't necessary for Sandy and his team to make the weekday sail to and from Mission Bay. *R*

Lost & Found



This container was found on one of the Ensigns on Thursday February 8th. It is in the dock-side box.

By the way, if you find items like this, text "Lost & Found" with a photo to 760-533-8706 to post it in WindWords. *R*

By the way, sailing a Victory from SD Bay to Mission Bay is something that has to be **experienced to be appreciated!**

You sail past a part of Point Loma that's not easy to see.

In past years as many as four Victories would make the Friday trip in preparation for the weekend race. The trip back on Monday is slower but just as fun.



Capitan Tracy Williams and 'menace to navigation', Jeff Nelson sail to Mission Bay race in 2022.

Unidentified warship!