



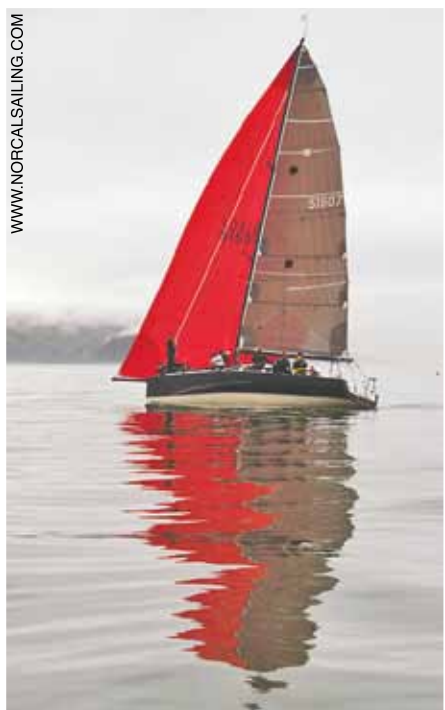
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Frequent Flyer, took top honors. Jenny Thompson's J/30 *Friction Loss* took second. *Head Rush*, the Antrim 27 skippered by Anja Bog that had two bullets in the two previous Winter Series races, had to tack to cross the finish line and got nipped for third by *Red Boat*, the Open 5.70 skippered by Charlie Watt. Alex Huang on the J/29 *L2O* took the fifth spot only 6.5 minutes (corrected time) after the lead boat.

The race committee enjoyed the wait between the start and the finish, finding *Calypso* a pretty comfy way to support winter racing.

— cathy moyer & kathy conte

Ultimate 20 Fleet Champions

David Krausz, Craig Watson and Liz Ellison found the hot spot with their first year as owners of *Salsa*, winning the 2015 Ultimate 20 season of 12 events, which included Richmond YC's Big Daddy and Great Pumpkin and Tiburon YC's H.O. Lind Series. It was a season that almost didn't happen when *Salsa* lost her mast in June's Delta Ditch Run,

Corinthian YC Midwinters, continued. Clockwise, from bottom center: Zach Anderson's Schock 40 'Secret Squirrel'; Natalie Criou at the helm of the Express 27 'Elise'; 'Pearl Ace' glides through the fleet without fanfare; dancing to the Hot Rods in CYC's ballroom on Saturday night; trimming the kite on Walter George's Capo 30 'Wahoo' on Sunday, the breezier day of the weekend.

but the fleet spare was put to good use, allowing the team to win the H.O. Lind Series at three very windy events while the new carbon mast was on order.

"We've got a great one-design boat and a competitive PHRF racer," said *Salsa's* David Krausz. "I am going to toot our own horn and highlight that our Ultimate 20 beat out 95 PHRF boats in the Jazz Cup. This isn't the first time a U20 has come out on top in a big PHRF race against newer boats with top sailors."

The Pacific Coast Championship was held at RYC during Fleet Week in October, with 13 boats from Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada and California. "We consistently get great competition in our fleet and will need to up our skills when the Nationals come to the Bay this year," said Krausz.

The season trophy is named in honor of Matt Boroughf, who lost his battle with

cancer in August. Matt was a member of RYC and sailed in most all local and regional Ultimate 20 events before selling *Salsa* to her new owners.

"We are pleased to win this trophy to honor Matt and his legacy to the fleet," concluded Krausz.

Salsa had the low-point score of 38. Fifteen Ultimate 20s competed throughout the year, with seven sailing the minimum number of races to qualify for the season.

2) **Uagain**, David Woodside, 48 points; 3) **Uhoo!**, Mike Josselyn, 51. (7 boats)

— mike josselyn

Race Notes

At 25 entries, July's **Vic-Maui Race** is full and a waitlist is forming. Roy Pat Disney's Marina del Rey-based *Pyewacket* raced in the Pacific Cup in 2014, but the Andrews 70 will return to the Canadian

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race this summer. In the 1996 Vic-Maui, *Pyewacket* set a race record and won line honors and their division on corrected time. See www.vicmaui.org.

We wouldn't normally cover a World Sailing youth regatta hosted abroad, but the brouhaha over discrimination against the Israeli team by the host county, Malaysia, can't pass without notice. A statement from World Sailing (ex-ISAF) said that two sailors from the Israel Yachting Association (aka Israel Sailing Association) were unable to compete at the 2015 **Youth World Championships**, held in Langkawi on December 29-January 3, due to the conditions imposed by the Malaysian authorities. The ISA chose not to send two young windsurfers and their coach to the championship in the Muslim country after they were told that the kids would not be able to compete under their flag or display Israeli emblems on their gear, and that their national anthem would not be played. Plus,



David Krausz, Craig Watson and Liz Ellison of 'Salsa' were the Ultimate 20 champions in 2015.

the Israelis had not yet been granted visas within 24 hours of their scheduled departure. According to the *Jerusalem Post*, the ISA is concerned that its team members will be unable to compete at the 2016 Youth World Championships in Oman in December or the World Cup final in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, in October. Like Malaysia, Oman and the UAE do not have diplomatic relations with Israel. Perhaps sailing could be a good place to start.

Hundreds of dead fish have joined the garbage and pollution already contaminating Rio's Guanabara Bay, the site of sailing in the **2016 Olympics**. Officials in Rio de Janeiro have admitted that they will not meet their clean-up goals in time for the Games, which will start on August 5.

In happier Olympic news, **US Sailing Team Sperry** has released its roster of sailors who have qualified. West Coast team members include Paris Henken, Coronado, CA, and Helena Scutt, Kirkland, WA, 49erFX; Caleb Paine, San Diego, Finn; Chris Barnard, Newport Beach, Laser; and 470 sailor Briana Provancha of San Diego, crewing for 2015 US Sailing Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year Annie Haeger. In Paralympic classes, former Marinite Dee Smith, 2.4mR; and Ryan Porteous of San Diego, with crew Maureen McKinnon, SKUD-18, have made the team. We hope they all have cast-iron constitutions.

— *latitude/chris*

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