

NOTICE OF RACE

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7th Annual **FRENCHY'S RUM RUN** – June 25th, 2011 Hosted by Ventura Sailing Club



In 1928 Raymond "Frenchy" LaDreau arrived on West Anacapa Island and lived a hermit-like existence for the next 28 years. Frenchy's wife had died, it was said, and he'd come to the island in a state of mourning. As the years passed, Frenchy's sorrow over the loss of his wife did not lessen and his drinking increased. Despite this (or because of this), Frenchy LaDreau became the unofficial Park Service representative, reporting on acts of vandalism and island activities. When he was 68, he suffered a fall and the Park Service decided to move him to the mainland. He was put on a bus in Port Hueneme. "His destination was not known," a Park representative says, "and that was the last they ever saw of him." Not a single scrap of wood, a nail, a stone, remains to suggest his curious, long tenancy.

He was well-known among fisherman from Monterey to Ensenada; fishermen often stopped in to sample his bouillabaisse from the lobster he trapped, the fish he caught and the abalone he pried from the rocks below.

The above is fact, below is legend...



Prohibition was in force from 1920 to 1933. Is this why Frenchy stayed? Some say he was the supply depot for illegal rum running during his early days of residence. Maybe his stash of rum is still there! If you feel like stopping off at the cove during the race to search for the legendary Frenchy's stash, then be our guest. Although, if you do, you will surely miss out on the rum prizes that are given in honor of Frenchy. Each year we hold this race in Frenchy's memory.

THE ENTRY: The race is open to all racers, whether they are members of a yacht club or not. The entry fee is \$30 for non-Ventura Sailing Club members and \$20 for VSC members. (\$5 discount for USSA members). In order to receive "Highpoints" credits for this race, you must be a member of a yacht club and have a valid PHRF certificate.

THE COURSE: Mandalay Buoy to Frenchy's Cove on Anacapa Island to port (rounding mark coordinates distributed at the Captain's Meeting), then to Mandalay buoy to port, then the Ventura Whistle buoy to starboard, and finishing in the Ventura Harbor entrance channel.

THE RULES: The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Sailing Instructions will be passed out at the Captains' Meetings to be held at the Anacapa Yacht Club. Sign-ups will be accepted from 0800-0845. Captains' meeting will be at 0900. First start will be at 1130.

THE CLASSES: PHRF-handicapped spinnaker and non-spinnaker monohull, ORCA, and beachcat classes. Classes may be modified as necessary to accommodate all boats at the Captain's Meeting.

HARDWARE FOR THE MANTLE: Trophies/prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in each class, depending on class size. Results will be posted Saturday evening after the race at the VSC clubhouse (upstairs at the Victoria Pub and Grill), and later on the VSC website. The awards ceremony will be at the VSC clubhouse at 1830 on Tues. July 13th.

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