



## *High School Pacific Coast Doublehanded Championships*

April 21-22, 2007 U.S. Sailing Center, Long Beach, Calif.

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### ***Newport Harbor sails to 16th Pacific Coast title***

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Newport Harbor High's athletic teams are all called the Sailors, so the school's success naturally extends to boats, as it did in the High School Pacific Coast Doublehanded Championships Saturday and Sunday, hosted by the U.S. Sailing Center.

Among 22 teams from California and Hawaii, the Sailors beat back a challenge by another prep powerhouse from San Diego's Point Loma High to win the title for the second consecutive year and the 16th time in 36 years of the event. Final score: Newport Harbor 117, Point Loma 164.

"Against them we always have to work for it," coach Caleb Silsby said. "Point Loma is always there."

Newport Harbor again received the Bill Wakeman Perpetual Trophy, named for and presented by the Sailors' former coach.

In the 32 races---16 each for A and B teams---Newport Harbor won 14 and Point Loma nine while rotating two-person crews in CFJ dinghies. The Sailors' primary team was comprised of skippers Charlie Buckingham and Michael Menninger and crews Blair Belling and Brooke Thomson. All are seniors, but Silsby has some capable undergrads in the wings, some of whom took their turns late in the regatta.

Belling said, "We've been practicing a lot lately and getting ready for any conditions."

The conditions were steady and moderate: wind 8 to 11 knots both days for the races sailed before a spectator fleet on Belmont Pier inside the breakwater.

Point Loma's team was comprised of skippers Tyler Sinks and Shane Bowman and crews Caleb Paine and Reece Bennett. Sage Hill of Newport Beach, Corona del Mar and Cathedral Catholic finished third through fifth, also qualifying to advance to the National Championship in Long Beach



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**Top finishers**

1. Newport Harbor, A team 52 points, B team 65, total 117.
2. Point Loma, 64-100/164.
3. Sage Hill, 77-134. 211.
4. Corona del Mar, 140-116/256.
5. Cathedral Catholic, 172-110/282.
6. Coronado, 174-146/310.
7. Calvary Chapel, 182-141/323.
8. Wilson, 147-185/332.
9. Poly, 143-194, 337.
10. Francis Parker, 200-138/338.

Complete results: [www.pcisa.org](http://www.pcisa.org)

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