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Boston College, Newport Harbor Sail to Rose Bowl Wins

LONG BEACH, Calif.---Intense competition among many of America's best young sailors representing 23 colleges and 61 high schools shone through light winds and fog in the 21st annual Rose Bowl Regatta Saturday and Sunday.

Freshman Adam Roberts, with crew Justine O'Conner, led Boston College to first place in the collegiate group while his older sister Melanie, a junior at USC, crewed for Greg Helias for third place behind the University of Hawaii, led by Bryan



Adam Roberts and crew Justine O'Conner led Boston College



Ben Wallace of Pacific Collegiate takes a dive at the windward mark.



Charlie Buckingham and crew Marla Menninger led Newport Harbor HS.

Lake with crew Meredith Adams. The latter pair won the first five of eight races in the collegiate A division---nobody else won more than one---but the combined A and B boat scores put Boston College on top with 51 (27-24) total points to Hawaii's 60 (15-45) and USC's 70 (44-26).

Reed Johnson and Julie Howe sailed BC's B boat, alternating with Roberts and O'Conner.

College sailor of the year Mikee Anderson, who led USC's win last year but will not sail for the Trojans this spring, nevertheless took Helias' place in the last two races and placed first and second.



Sailors had to find their way in the fog for part of Sunday's racing.

Photos gallery will be posted at

Newport Harbor High School swept the high school honors, led by junior Charlie Buckingham with senior crew Marla Menninger in the Gold division and JV freshman Wade Hatton and junior Lindsay Beavers in Silver. Defending champion Point Loma was second in both groups.

The two-day event was organized by the US Sailing Center with support from the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. The USC sailing team was the official host. Winds were 3-7 knots Saturday and about 5 knots Sunday when a dense fog inundated the two bay race courses early on.

All teams sailed two-person CFJ dinghies in the two venues, rotating boats off the beach.

Lake was trying for his second collegiate victory in the event and his fourth overall, counting two wins when he sailed for University of San Diego High School.

"This was my seventh and last Rose Bowl," he said, indicating it was also his most satisfying despite finishing as runner-up. He had a big lead in the opening race when the race was abandoned because of dying breeze.

"We were fired up after that," Lake said. "We felt good all weekend with good speed, although we've usually seen more wind here. All these events are preparation for the [college] Nationals this year, and we learned a couple of things this weekend.

"In one race we went to the wrong windward mark. Meredith said afterward that she thought we were but she didn't say anything at the time. I've been sailing with Meredith about a year and a half. I told her if I ever miss a mark again it's her fault."

Adam Roberts credited his success to consistency, "although the usual sea breeze never filled in. But it was pretty easy to look upwind and see the puffs, even if it wasn't typical ABYC racing."

Melanie Roberts said, "We haven't really sailed against each other much over the years, so it was fun. We did a lot of talking back and forth out there."

Helias said, "It was tough in the light wind. I like to get out on the rail."

Complete results: www.pcisa.org and www.collegesailing.org

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