

# Londerville Cup Regatta

Half Moon Bay Yacht Club hosted its annual Londerville Cup Regatta on February 12 and 13, 2011 with 8 boats in the C-15 class competing for honors on the windward-leeward race course set inside Pillar Point Harbor. On Saturday the racing teams were blessed with mild winds and temperatures created by a narrow gap between Pacific storms that routinely slam into the California coastline at this time of year.

The overall winner of this year's regatta was skipper Alex Fishman from Sacramento, California who managed a near perfect "picket fence" of 7 first places, and one second place. Skipper Kiersten Vance was the only sailor able to spoil Alex's perfect score by winning race #3 on Saturday, capitalizing on a well timed start at the committee boat end and excellent upwind boat speed.

Sunday's racing started out with more light air sailing, but the breeze filled in for the final two races of the day allowing crews to (finally!) stretch their legs and get out on the trapeze. For these last two races, to the surprise of some racers, the Race Committee set up for a downwind start and finish, sending the racers to the leeward mark first. Naturally everyone arrived together at the first leeward mark, calling for some skillful maneuvering as the inside boat was overlapped with everyone else. Ultimately everyone managed to make it around unscathed and greatly relieved! Could this be a preview of the course selections for the upcoming C-15 North American Championships? We'll have to wait and see.





