

## Sea of Cortez Race Week Numero Uno

March 29, 2013 – La Paz, Mexico

It was exactly 30 years ago yesterday that 'Her Majesty' Laurel DeForest of the Olympia, WA based Balfour 28 *Robbie's Wake* popped the cork on a bottle of Champagne in front of a crowd of barefoot sailors, and thus declared the first-ever Sea of Cortez Race Week had officially begun.



The crowd gathers at Caleta Partida for a heads-up on the day's events.

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The site was Caleta Partida, and for an inaugural event the turnout was terrific, with roughly 300 people from 84 boats participating in nearly 20 events that included several boat races, a dinghy race, a windsurfing race and a wet T-shirt contest. The whole event was light-hearted and loosely structured, with a focus on family fun rather than over-the-top partying. And even though it was the first event of its kind in the area, both local government officials and businesses lent their support.



A bevy of lovely cruisers struck a pose for our cameraman.

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If you were there, we suspect you have very fond memories of that week, as we do. Recently, we were perusing the 1984 edition of *Latitude 38* that reported on the first Sea of C Race week, and we began wondering, "Where are they now?" So if you were there, please drop us a note by [email](#) and let us know what sort of adventures you've been up to since then, and perhaps share a few of your favorite Race Week memories. Also, feel free to drop us a few photos from fun times back then or today. We'd love to hear from you.



John Spence of *David Oliver Jones* shows off the free T-shirt he got. In fact, the whole event was free.  
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#### Official Entry Roster of Sea of Cortez Race Week Numero Uno:

- Perpetua / Rafiki 37 / Stan, Rebecca, Amy Seldor / Point Richmond
- Blue Yonder / Samson 50 / Jay King / San Francisco
- Janus / Peterson 44 / Trish Dutoit / Seattle
- Aurelle / 34 Sloop / Jon Comer, Patti Shore / Santa Barbara
- Ariel / Cal 40 / Dave Lastufka, Kim Harbeck / San Francisco
- Captain J / Columbia 34 / Bob Harrington / Long Beach
- Arlon / Morgan OI 33 / Tom, Bonnle Reiche / Marina del Rey
- Mile High / Robert's Spray / Jim, Jean Kirby / Valyermo, CA
- La Perla / Santana 22 / Lyn, Linny Kindred / McCaul, ID
- Mar Y Vent / Hardin 45 / Lee Schell / Santa Cruz
- Robbie's Wake / Balfour 28 / Dale, Laurel Deforest / Olympia
- Grebe / Valiant 40 / John, Randi Sanger / Santa Barbara
- Mary T / Formosa 41 / Mary, Terry Taylor / Portland
- Makai / Cal 29 / Tom, Zelda Shields / Coos Bay
- Sundance / Stevens 40 / NAO Yachts / La Paz
- Mistral / 33 Sloop / Brett, Debra, Dereck Hilton / La Paz
- Freedom / Freedom 44 / Roger, Jody Midura / Portland
- Aquarius / Alberg 35 / "Molly" Mallout / Sausalito

- Wiki Win / Spray 40 / Phil Hollywood, Sandra Hill / Victoria
- Broad Reacher / Freedom 28 / Al MacDiarmid, Jinks Hargrove / Aiviso
- Ptarmigan / Westsail 43 / Jim, Cheryl Beck / Breckenridge, CO
- Yo Ho Ho / S&S 38 / Ken Rogers et al / Newport Beach
- The Trip / Irwin 37 / Ralph Naines / San Francisco
- Evenstar III / Cascade 36 / Jean Turrentine / Portland
- Letoile de Mar Lancer 36 / Denise, Mac Yeaman / Oakland
- La Luna / Santana 25 / Steve, Michelle Ott / South Lake Tahoe
- Elusive / Lancer 25 / Michael, Sherry, Ben Irby / Boulder, CO
- Star / Fllicka 20 / Buck, Sally Pedrick / Steamboat Springs
- Lubeck / Defever 52 / Jeff Corran / San Diego
- Rhiannon / Islander 28 / Randy Gillespie, Mary Ducharme / Kalama, WA
- Yanqui / Dollah / Islander 33 / Vern Rathfelder, Holly Smith / San Francisco
- Indigo / Columbia 26 / Steve, Catherine Wells / Marina del Rey
- Freebird / Montgomery 17 / Marc Hightower / Toyon Bay, Catalina
- Siesu / 37 ft sloop / Burks, O'Connor, Oakley, Merchi / Santa Cruz
- Prelude / Islander 36 / Terry, Sharon Schultz / Dana Point
- Saratoga / Islander 41 / The Fowler family / Redondo Beach
- Lemoore / Watkins 36 / Bill, Ann Rose / San Francisco
- Eolo / 55 Cutter / Lee, Paula Washburn / San Diego
- O. D. Jones / 30 Ketch / John Spenser / San Francisco
- Persistence / Peterson 44 / Bob Mills / Guernsey, England
- Sunshine Ltd. / Mercator 30 / Pete Hardy / Olympia
- Whispur / H.C. 34 / Joe, Nancy Smith / San Francisco
- Warpath / Islander 41 / Wally Barber, Scott Knox / Oceanside
- Te Amo / CT 41 / Randy, Judy Von Leeuwen / Barrow, AR
- H. Chihuahua / Falmouth 22 / Jay Ramos / Channel Islands
- Nobility / CS 36 / Joe, Mel Noble / Salem, OR
- Amisted / H.C. 38 / Frank, Judy Lara / Moss Landing
- Meshach / Cat Ketch Trl / Chrlisty / Arizona
- Tamaru / Ferro Ketch / Darlene McQuellen / Victoria
- Willin / Contender / Steve Brown, Robln Gearheart / Lake Tahoe
- Amanda / Alajueta 33 / Dennis Miller / Santa Cruz
- Wet Dream / Downeast 32 / four women / San Francisco
- Liebchen II / Cheoy Lee 40 / Bob Vollmer / Portland
- Serendipity / Garden 51 / Richard Prince / Richmond
- Tumbleweed / Trimaran / Dennis, Dawn Johnson / Puerto Escondido
- Wind Ra / Peterson 46 / Bruce, Nancy, Damon / San Francisco
- Hallelujah / Bristol 38 / Dale, Jean DeWitt / N/A
- Freedom II / Trawler / Michelle Dehaven / N/A

- Freightrain / Santa Cruz 33 / N/A / San Diego
- Casino / Westsail 32 / N/A / San Diego
- Maverick / Yorktown 39 / N/A / Oxnard
- Destiny / Brigantine 55 / N/A / Anchorage, AK
- Silver Moon / Roseborough / N/A / Sitka, AK
- Windhaven / Rhodes 56 / N/A / Portland
- Sunbar / Samson / N/A / Los Angeles
- New Moon / N/A / N/A / San Francisco
- Moonshadow / 45 Ketch / N/A / Santa Cruz
- Skybird / Perry 35 / N/A / Wilmington, DE
- Daquiri II / Cal 40 / N/A / N/A
- Nimbus / Bounty II / N/A / Oceanside
- Misty Blue / Bahama / N/A / Alaska
- Halo / Cape George / N/A / N/A



A crew named Michele dances up a storm with the owner of a big motorsailer named *Windhaven*.

Yeah, some guys actually wore speedos to beach parties back then.

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