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29th ANNUAL MCNISH CLASSIC YACHT RACE

Channel Islands Harbor, CA – Woodland Hills resident **Dan Israel** skippering his 30-foot cutter **Silvan** won the **Strathmore Cup** in the 29th running of the **McNish Classic Yacht Race** on Saturday, August 5th, 2006. Israel's novice, but true-blue crew consisted of his wife Lynne, daughter Marcy and grandson Doug. **Paul Scripps**, of San Diego, once again earned **Best Elapsed Time** honors for his deft handling of 80-foot **Miramar**, a 1948 80-foot ketch completing the 17-mile course in 2 hours 19 minutes and 13 seconds with an average speed of 7.33 knots.

Israel needed every bit of sailing skill and sailor's luck because it was water-borne drag race for second place as **Elusive II** sailed by Don Greene of Ventura finished a mere three seconds behind **Silvan**. Sponsored by the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, Israel also won his weight in **Mumm's Champagne** – five cases full.

"Had I known there were five cases of champagne in the offing," remarked Israel, "I would have sailed faster! The first two marks were no problem, but we had to fight it out with **Elusive II** all the way to the finish line even though they had lost their steering at the start forcing them to use a tiller. We must have done everything right!"

The wind started light at 12 knots and built to 18 by the finish. Of the 37 boats entered, 32 started and 29 finished the 17-mile course picked to favor the sailing style of traditional styled wooden boats

1928 **Sally**, a 59-foot sloop skippered by C.F. Koehler of San Diego, captured the **Sloops and Cutters Class A** and third overall. The 46-foot **Tempest**, a 1937 yacht sailed by Tom Meyers of Dana Point, earned a 2nd place class finish and 5^t overall. **Vignette II** of Oxnard sailed by Edith and Walter Russakoff, a 1946 Island Clipper to third and placed 6th overall. In **Sloops & Cutters Class B**, Don Greene of Ventura sailed **Elusive II** to second, Santa Barbara resident Tom Huston placed third sailing the 1940 **Siboney**.

Race Founder Dick McNish's **Cheerio II** was the victor in **Yawls Class** and eighth overall. Venturans Lisa and Greg Collier's **Panacea** finished second and tenth overall. In **Ketch Class**, 80-foot **Miramar** was first and the 52-foot **Spitfire** sailed by Jeffery Woods of Newport Beach once again earned second place followed by **Patience**, sailed by Denton Porter of Long Beach.

Always threat to west coast schooners is 71-foot **Dauntless** skippered by San Diegian Paul Plotts who took first place in Schooner Class. Len Daniello sailed 72-foot **Dirigo II** into second with help from the entire charter crew. Brian Eichenlaub's 42-foot **Witchcraft** from San Diego nailed third place.

One of four gingerly contested regattas on the western seaboard, the **McNish Classic** has attracted a remarkable mix of veteran and novice sailors for more than a quarter of a century. All the boats are *designed* before 1952 and range in size from a diminutive 17 feet to 82-feet.

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STRATHMORE CUP Silvan / Dan Israel / Woodland Hills
(Overall Winner)

BEST ELAPSED TIME Miramar / Paul Scripps / San Diego
(Fastest Around 17-mile Course) 2 Hrs 19 Min 13 Sec

TROPHY FINISHERS

SCHOONERS

Dauntless / Paul Plotts / San Diego

KETCHES

Miramar / Paul Scripps / San Diego

YAWLS

Cheerio II / Dick McNish / Somis

SLOOPS & CUTTERS A

Silvan / Dan Israel / Woodland Hills

SLOOPS & CUTTERS B

Sally / C.F. Koehler / San Diego

LAST TO FINISH

Heron / Julie Gombert / San Pedro

CLASS WINNERS

SCHOONERS

1. Dauntless / Paul Plotts / San Diego
2. Diriglio II / Len Daniello / Long Beach
3. Witchcraft/ Brian Eichenlaub /San Diego

YAWLS

1. Cheerio II / Dick McNish / Somis
2. Panacea /Lisa & Greg Collier/ Ventura
3. None

KETCHES

1. Miramar / Paul Scripps / San Diego
2. Spitfire /Jeff Woods / Newport Beach
3. Patience / Denton Porter / Long Beach

SLOOPS & CUTTERS

CLASS A

1. Sally / C.F. Koehler / San Diego
2. Tempest / Tom Meyers / Dana Point
3. Vignette II / Walter Rusakoff / Oxnard

CLASS B

1. Silvan / Dan Israel / Woodland Hills
2. Elusive II / Don Greene / Ventura
3. Siboney / Tom Huston / Santa Barbara