

PENGUIN NATIONALS

Place	Points	Number	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	Race Finish				
							1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1	70.8	240	Rascal	George Ruby	Leah Ruby	Balboa	1	3	2	4	1
2	63.1	1860	G. O. Plenty	Chas. Kober	Adra Kober	Alamitos	5	2	1	3	7
3	61.8	1924	Meenie	Bob Woodward	Deane Clare	Balboa	4	4	7	1	3
4	59.8	2186	Stinker	Martin Blutworth	Harold Collins	Houston	3	1	4	8	5
5	53.7	1702	Janie	Reed Scott	Don Scott	Balboa	2	9	3	2	2
6	53.0	2085	Spindrift	Bob Taylor	S. B. Thomas	Alamitos	8	5	5	5	4
7	48.0	1843	Su-Pa-Ja	Sid Exley	Ann Exley	Alamitos	7	7	6	6	6
8	32.0	2204	Chilly	Bert Israel	Faith Israel	San Diego Bay	12	10	10	7	9
9	32.0	2475	Sno-Ski	Leslie Marshall	Shirley Marshall	Mission Bay	10	8	11	9	10
10	31.0	1846	Five Down	Mary E. Pilling	Dan McKinnon	Downer	6	15	8	12	8
11	24.0	986	Snow Ball	Wesley Krymer	Don Adams	Mission Bay	11	6	13	14	12
12	21.0	836	Flipper	Gene McCormack	Melba McCormack	San Diego Bay	9	11	15	11	13
13	18.0	1158	Ski Dew	Marvin Hermann	June Herrmann	San Diego Bay	14	13	9	15	11
14	14.0	2824	Pegasus	Peter Paganis	Mary Lou Paganis	Columbia	15	12	12	13	14
15	14.0	659	Luana Lyn	Robert E. Roberts	Thelma Roberts	Mission Bay	13	14	14	10	15

1951 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Under the newly inaugurated system of rotating the National Championship Regatta around the country, the 1951 contest was held September 6-9 on the West Coast at San Diego, California, where the Regatta was hosted by the San Diego Fleet and the San Diego Yacht Club. Seven Fleets sent qualified entrants to the races—Alamitos Bay, Balboa, Mission Bay, and San Diego from California, the Columbia Fleet from Illinois, the Houston Fleet from Texas, and the defending Downer Fleet from New Jersey—making up an entry list of fifteen skippers who presented themselves and their boats for measuring in on the first day of the Regatta. Under the guidance of National President, R. D. Israel, class regulations were carefully followed and several sails had to be hastily re-cut and even a structural change or two made.

The first race was held early the following afternoon in the open waters off Harbor Drive in San Diego Bay and featured a light, contrary wind that was to persist through this race and the second. Several of the California boats that had sailed these waters in the Regionals played the shore line as it had been highly successful then, but those that stood out proved to hold a slight advantage and at the windward mark, Reed Scott of the Balboa Fleet was first around followed by fleet mate, George Ruby, who caught Scott at leeward mark and held his lead for a win. Reed Scott was second and Martin Bludworth of Houston, Texas, third.

In the second and final race of the first day, the wind had shifted more out of the south before the start which may have caused the somewhat confused get-away, as Reed Scott of Balboa and Bob Taylor of Alamitos Bay were recalled as being over the line. Martin Bludworth of the Houston Fleet made an outstanding port tack start and easily held the leader's position all through the race. Chuck Kober of Alamitos Bay finished second and George Ruby of Balboa third. At the end of the first day's racing, Martin Bludworth of the Houston Fleet and George Ruby of the Balboa Fleet were tied for top honors with 28.8 points each, netted from a first and third place apiece. In third spot was Charles Kober of Alamitos Bay, California, with 25.3. A couple of mishaps during the second race had affected the over-all standings of the entrants. Reed Scott of Balboa, second in the first race, was given a 6 point penalty for fouling Bert Israel at the finish of the second heat and Mary Elizabeth Pilling, representing the Downer Fleet and sixth in the opening race, limped in last in this second contest after having broken her tiller.

The weatherman added fog to the light winds during the second day's races making visibility something of a problem at times. Chuck Kober of Alamitos Bay took the third race of the Series followed by George Ruby, Reed Scott, and Martin Bludworth in that order making the standings of the leaders 43.1 for Ruby, 41 for Kober and 40.8 for Bludworth at the close of the third race. In the fourth race "Hard Luck" Reed Scott of Balboa had a commanding lead but took the last marker on the wrong side and lost points again for

failing to correct his mistake properly. As a result George Ruby and Chuck Kober went into the last race only a point apart with scores of 55.1 and 54.1 respectively. Next in line were Martin Bludworth with 48.8 and Bob Woodward of Balboa with 48.7. Others were close on the leaders' heels so the last race was a tense one but Race Chairman Russell Adams and his committee didn't need to do any adding to determine the new Champion when George Ruby of the Balboa Fleet crossed the line first. Chuck Kober of the Alamitos Bay Fleet held his second place in the over-all scoring and Bob Woodward of the Balboa Fleet was third place winner.



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Just after a start in the '51 Nationals at San Diego, Calif. L. to R.: Israel, Ruby, Scott, Herrmann, Woodward, McCormack, Krymer, Roberts, Bludworth, Pilling, Kober, Paganis, Marshall.

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