

SCYYRA Perry #4/Bemis Junior Championship Qualifiers @ SDYC

Our final Perry of the year finished off strong with a complex ocean venue for the sailors to stretch their legs on some long ocean courses. The Friday before the event we took advantage of the conditions and ocean access to train for most of the afternoon in San Diego's iconic Roads venue; since sailing in the ocean is so different than in the bay it was crucial to get that extra day of practice, and it certainly paid off for our sailors.

Day one on Saturday we saw a peak of around 9 knots of breeze, with shifty conditions keeping most everyone from being consistent; we only saw one boat who finished every race in the top 10! Despite this we saw Owen Fretwell and Efe Derman holding their own with some solid mid-fleet finishes in some rather extreme swells. Allie Shand, sailing with Kelly Holthus from SDYC sailed into 2nd for the day, putting up all top 5 finishes. Unfortunately, a slight illness kept Liam Kaseburg and Patrick Henderson from joining us the first day but luckily we saw them Sunday!

Sunday was slightly lighter than Saturday with around 7 knots of far more consistent breeze and far less swell pushing in. Sunday we truly shone bright, with Owen and Efe cracking into the top 10 for 3 out of the 4 races of the day and moving from 23rd after day 1 into 12th overall by the regatta's end! Allie maintained her 2nd place position for the event, Congratulations!, and Liam held his own despite not having the entire previous day of experience. With our group of middle schoolers going toe to toe with soon to be varsity collegiate athletes we rounded out our weekend with a superb set of finishes; we learned an immense amount by sailing in the ocean against a fairly large 38 boat fleet and look forward to some of the upcoming clinics and the improvements they hold. Stay tuned as we ramp up for the big summer regattas to cheer on those who are going to represent Mission Bay.

- Coach Ryan Ratliff