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# Yacht Harbor Remains Open Despite Fierce Storm

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The big Sunday and Monday storm failed to close the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor — and how's that for good news.

Harbormaster Brian Foss reported that there is a 10-foot channel in the harbor and that the second phase of the dredging is scheduled to begin in two weeks.

The only major damage suffered during the storm was that the huge waves destroyed the disposal lines for the dredge.

Foss also reported the experimental jet pump system is working.

The first phase of dredging saw 30,000 yards of sand re-

moved from the channel. The same amount will be removed during the second, third and fourth phases.

One of the area's top sailors is leaving Santa Cruz.

Rob Wade, an intercollegiate All-American while a student at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a member of Bill Lee's winning crew aboard Merlin in the Transpac Race, has accepted a position with North Sails in San Diego.

Wade, who will continue to sail with UCSC sailing proff Dick Murray in an attempt to represent the U.S. in the Soling Class in the 1980 Olympics, will start as a sail cutter for the famed sailmaking firm. Once

he learns the trade he will be moved to the firm's research department.

He is expected to do research into designing the correct sails for ultra-light sailboats.

Wade's credentials for ULDBs is excellent. Not only did he crew for Lee aboard Merlin, but successfully skippered his own ULDB, Poltergeist, a Moore 24, to two successive Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association titles.

The great match between Lee's Merlin and Drifter, skippered by its designer Harry Moloshco, will be repeated in the upcoming Manzillio Race.

The 1,130-mile race, which starts in San Diego, finds

Drifter the scratch boat. But the big matchup will be between the two ULDB's.

The two boats will be out to set a new race record. The current record of seven days and 19 hours is held by Ragtime, the beloved Long Beach boat which was built Down Under.

Local sailors will enjoy the article about ULDB's in the current (January) issue of Sea magazine. Written by Dave Beck and Elyse Mintey, the article describes the theory behind the ultra light displacement hull and a history.

Of course Bill Lee, the modern father of the ULDB, is prominently featured as is Ron Moore and his Moore 24.

It is an excellent article despite two minor errors. One error is that Magic, Lee's first true ULDB design, was racing under its designer in Southern California waters. Magic made its name on the Monterey Bay and later was sold to a south state skipper.

The second error is in the claim that there are now 400 Santa Cruz 27s sailing. Lee would love to have 400 of his most popular boat sold. But at the present time the number is 95.

But they are minor errors and in no way detract from the article.

The Santa Cruz Yacht Club will hold its annual installation

dinner-dance on Jan. 21 at the Elks Club.

Bob Simpkins is scheduled to be installed as commodore with Joy Evans being the new vice commodore and Bruce Wrenn as rear commodore. John Logan will be installed as secretary and Bill Welch will again be treasurer.

Richard Newsome was recently installed as commodore of the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

Other officers installed were Jim Wynn, vice commodore and Paul Fuge, rear commodore. Frank Pierce is the club's new secretary and Chip Wood was installed as treasurer.