

# The winner *Wharf-To-Wharf Race*



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Barb Myers-Acosta of Santa Cruz won the women's division, becoming the first local woman to win.

## Wharf To Wharf brings in crowds

■ *Carmello Rios of Hayward was the first across the line, while Santa Cruz women put together a one-two punch. — See Sports*

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CAPITOLA — Neighborhoods from Santa Cruz to Capitola echoed with the sound of rock music and feet pounding pavement as an estimated 12,000 participants ran the 18th Annual Wharf To Wharf Race Sunday morning.

However, the race was not devoid of trouble.

According to race director Kirby Nicol, a 45-year-old man suffered a mild heart attack and was taken to Dominican Hospital, where a nursing supervisor said he was critical condition in the intensive care unit.

Nicol said the medical problem was actually uncovered by race medical volunteers and hospital personnel at the end of the race on the Capitola Esplanade.

"Initially people thought he was just

suffering from dehydration and was tired and everything," he said. "As a precaution they put a heart monitor on him and checked him out and found he had suffered a cardiac arrest. So we immediately transported him."

Nicol and hospital officials declined to release the man's name. Nicol said the man was expected to survive.

Nicol said the heart attack was the only problem associated with the race.

Authorities reported no major mishaps. A feared problem failed to materialize; officials had worried about a possible logjam of humanity where the race detoured at Laurel Street Extension because of Riverside Bridge construction, but the problem failed to materialize.

Capitola police said the streets around the Esplanade were gridlocked as race participants and observers converged around 9 a.m.

However, the crush of cars and people gave way to normal beach traffic by noon, police said.

Nicol estimated about 12,000 people participated.



About 12,000 entered the competition.