

**California District Championship
Mission Bay Yacht Club – Fleet 194
San Diego, California
February 18–19, 2017**

Pos	Sail#	Club	HelmName	CrewName	Rating	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Nett
1	15456	MBYC	Bob Martin	Julie Martin, Brian Genovese	87	3	2	4	2	1	12	12
2	15475	MBYC	Jeff Coppens	Tom Goddard, Maddy Brownsea	87	1	1	1	3	7	13	13
3	13742	MBYC	Larry Schmitz	Mark Baker, Hil Penix	87	2	3	5	6	3	19	19
4	15530	PYC	Joel Humphrey		87	5	5	2	8	2	22	22
5	15315	RYC	Bill Cabrall		87	4	4	7	4	5	24	24
6	15330	MBYC	Scott Finkboner		87	7	7	6	1	4	25	25
7	13991	MBYC	Steve Ross		87	6	6	3	5	6	26	26
8	15213	MBYC	Bill Lane		87	10 RAF	8	8	9	9	44	44
9	15283	MBYC	Dan Gravatt		87	10 DNF	10 DNC	10 DNC	7	8	45	45

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From left to right in photo: Tom Goddard, Maddy Brownsea, Jeff Coppens, Mark Baker, Larry Schmitz, Bob Martin, MBYC Commodore Van Barr, Julie Martin, Brian Genovese