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**GOLDEN GATE TRAFFIC JAM:** Members of the J105 fleet fight for position during racing on the San Francisco Bay yesterday.

# Fun Big Boat birthday for Fridell

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While it wasn't such a successful day on the scoreboard for Tiburon's Franci Fridell, racing Big Boat for the first time as owner and skipper of her J105 Breeze, but it was still a great way to spend her birthday.

"We sat mid-fleet for most of the day and with the exception of a few major wipeouts, it was fun to be on the

bay to celebrate Franci's birthday," said Breeze crew member Mark Leonard.

Franci and Kristen Lane (J105 Brickhouse) are the lone female Marin boat owners/skippers racing Big Boat this week.

Sunny skies and a stiff breeze that grew to 25 knots by Race 2, was challenging for Beneteau 40.7 owner/skipper Tim Ballard.

"It takes a focused, practiced crew

to race the bay in today's big winds and tide," Ballard said. "We were in mid-pack all day but it was awesome."

Local successes after Day 2: Philippe Kahn (Pegasus 52) in first place in the IRC A division; Scott Seller and Eric Ryan (Donkey Jack) in first place in the J105s, with Tim Russell (Aquavit) in third; and John Sylvia (Oui B5) third in the J120 class.