

Wild day of racing on the Bay

IJ report

SAN FRANCISCO — Wild windy weather gave most of the 1,000-plus sailors competing in the Big Boat Series exactly what they hoped for: outrageously fast sailing.

The 41st annual regatta, where six historic Perpetual Trophies will be awarded by the St. Francis Yacht Club among the 103 boats competing in five one-design and four IRC classes, continued yesterday on the Bay.

In the IRC Class B, Tiburon's Thomas B. Akin (Lightning) continues to sit in third place after six races with 18 points. He trails Robert Youngjohns of Woodside (Zephyra), who leads with 11 points.

In the Sydney 38 class, Novato's Andy Costello is creating plenty of trouble in his Double Trouble boat after six races. He leads Peter Krueger of Reno (Howl) and Craig French/Matt Lezin of Santa Cruz (Animal), who are both tied with 17 points.

Scott Sellers and Eric Ryan on Donkey Jack remain in first place in



Provided by Sharon Green

RIDING THE TIDE: Belvedere's Rick Wesland races his J/120 boat "El Ocaso" (left) against Don Payan from Half Moon Bay yesterday.

the 33-strong J105 class, in second is Tim Russell's Aquavit, and in seventh place is Kristin Lane in Brick House. Rick Wesland's crew on Tiburon-based El Ocaso, took second and third today in the J120 fleet. Not surprisingly, Philippe Kahn's Pegasus 52 remains in first place in the IRC A division.

Kristen Lane, in her first season driving in the A Fleet as owner/

skipper of Brick House, is thrilled with their position, particularly after being hit at full speed at a windward mark on Day 1. They immediately withdraw from that race and the boat was in being repaired by 5 a.m. on Friday. "We went on to take second place in Race 1 on Friday, which was amazing when we didn't even think we'd show up for the race," laughed Kristin.