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University of San Diego High and Coronado High schools captured first and second places respectively in the 1999 Interscholastic Sailing Association Doublehanded Championships in Grosse Pointe, Mi., May 7-9. Newport Harbor and San Marcos High (near Santa Barbara) finished third and fourth to give Southern California schools the top four places among 20 teams. Torrey Pines High School placed 17th.

Hal Haenel joins the Ocean Conservation Society as director

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LOS ANGELES— Hal Haenel, a two-time Olympic medalist in the Star class and a former Star world champion, has joined the Ocean Conservation Society board of directors, a nonprofit association dedicated to marine conservation, research and public education.

"His role with the society will be to increase awareness of ocean conservation and marine eco-systems within the recreational boating community," said the society's executive director, Charles Saylan.

"Haenel will help develop and implement educational programs specifically designed for recreational boaters. We target the recreational boater because they're already on the ocean. We make presentations to yacht clubs which includes a talk by our research team, slide shows, videos and displays," Saylan said.

The Ocean Conservation Society was

organized in 1998 to fund marine research programs for the development of long-term conservation strategies for the ocean. It currently administers the Los Angeles Dolphin Project, which studies dolphins and other marine mammals in coastal waters.

"We hope to organize a society fund raiser regatta next year for both racing boats and a cruising class. We'd like to make it an annual event and invite some celebrity entrants," Saylan said.

Haenel is vice president of U.S. Sailing and team leader for the U.S. Olympic Sailing Team for 2000. He won a gold medal in 1992 and a silver in 1988.

Haenel was also the U.S. Olympic Yachting Committee's male athlete of the year in 1989 and 1992. He is vice president and general manager of Hollywood Center Studios, one of the largest independent film studios in Hollywood.

Those interested in projects sponsored by the Ocean Conservation Society may contact Saylan, (310) 822-5205.