

CALIFORNIA *dreamin'*

All eyes are on Triple Crown hopeful California Chrome, the Los Alamitos-based steed, which is preparing to make a run at history. **NEWS 9**



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GOP? Nope, not me

It may make sense to keep a distance from the GOP in Long Beach, a city where Democrats outnumber Republicans two to one. In what could be a reflection of true political beliefs, or good-old-fashioned political maneuvering, both candidates for mayor have adopted more progressive platforms.

But here's the catch: Both had more than a passing fancy with the GOP. Damon Dunn and Robert Garcia take the time to explain their political evolution.

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Dunn



Garcia



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Sydney Bolger, left, and Carly Shevitz practice in the waters off Long Beach on Wednesday. The pair are on the the US Sailing Team and are training in preparation for the 2016 Olympics. Bolger, a Long Beach native, is the skipper of her crew.

She's got the wind in her sails, and Rio on her mind

Sydney Bolger has her eye on the prize — and hopes it's golden.

The 24-year-old Long Beach local — a U.S. Sailing Team member since 2012 — is hoping to participate in her first Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

"That's the goal; that's what we're all training for," Bolger said.

Four members of the U.S. Sailing Team Sperry-Topsider are coming to the Long Beach Yacht Club this evening, giving the public the chance to meet some of the sailors hoping to make the Olympic squad in 2016.



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If you go

What: U.S. Sailing National Team Tour. Four U.S. Sailing Team members and managing director Josh Adams will be available for a Q&A and reception.
When: Today, 6:30 p.m. for the main presentation and Q&A; 8 p.m. reception with U.S. Sailing team members
Where: Long Beach Yacht Club; 6201 E. Appian Way
Cost: Free
Info: lbyc.org; 562-598-9401

The U.S. Sailing Team, including Sydney Bolger, will be at the Long Beach Yacht Club today for the public to meet and talk with the Olympic-hopeful sailors.

59% of L.B. schools list in top half

CAMS and Gant, Lowell and Naples elementary rate tops in state in last year of phased-out API.

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Nearly 60 percent of Long Beach schools ranked in the top half statewide in 2013, the last official year for the California Department of Education's annual Academic Performance Index rankings will be given.

The API, which has long been used to rank schools based on state standardized test scores, concluded last year after Assembly Bill 484 revised the California Education Code and established a new testing system.

The new system, known as the

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