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BOATS FROM CANYON HIGH SCHOOL, ANAHEIM, AND SCRIPPS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL, SAN DIEGO, CAPTURE TOP SPOTS AT METROPOLITAN SOLAR CUP

Hundreds of students from 36 Southland schools competed in event, nation's largest solar-boat competition

LAKE SKINNER, Calif.—Solar-powered boats built and raced by students from Canyon High School, Anaheim, and Scripps Ranch High School, San Diego, today won the veteran and newcomer divisions in the eighth annual Solar Cup competition sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and local water agencies.

The schools were among the 36 teams from Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino counties participating in the seven-month program in which students build, equip and race the 16-foot, single-seat canoes powered only by the sun. The three-day event is held at Metropolitan's Lake Skinner reservoir in the Temecula Valley in southwestern Riverside County.

“At the Solar Cup closing ceremonies, every one of the 700 participants is awarded an Olympic-style medal because, in our eyes, they're all winners,” said Metropolitan General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger.

Assisting in the awards presentations were David De Jesus, Metropolitan Water District director representing Three Valleys Municipal Water District, based in Claremont; Allen Wu, director, Walnut Valley Water District, based in Walnut; Luis Juarez, director, Three Valleys Municipal Water District.

“Over the past seven months, and especially in the past three days, they've learned a lot about water conservation and renewable resources,” Kightlinger said, “and had practical, hands-on application of lessons they had learned in textbooks.”

Teams qualified their boats for the competition on Friday through inspections and testing on land and water by Metropolitan staff and a technical advisory team from Occidental College. Saturday, the teams attached solar-collection panels to the boats for two, 90-minute 1.7-kilometer endurance races.

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Today, the boats removed the heavy solar-collection panels and, using solar energy stored in batteries, raced down a 200-meter stretch—like drag racing on water.

The Solar Cup program began last November when Metropolitan’s member agencies announced their school sponsorships. Teams are sponsored by their local water agencies and other organizations to equip the craft with solar panels, batteries, steering and related systems.

Metropolitan provides each team with identical kits of marine-grade plywood to build the hull. While all teams must build a new boat and equip it, returning teams may use equipment from previous boats. Ten of the 36 teams in this year’s event were newcomers and 26 were veterans of previous Solar Cups.

Following are the trophies and awards presented today. Complete Solar Cup scores will be posted as soon as possible at Metropolitan’s Web site, **mwdh2o.com**.

Newcomer Teams, Cities, Sponsors and Points:

First Place—Scripps Ranch High School, San Diego, San Diego County Water Authority,
Blue Chip Machine and Fabrication, 866.4

Second Place—Mountain View High School, Duarte, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal
Water District, 735.0

Third Place—I-Poly High School, Pomona, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, City of
Pomona, 678.1

Hottest-Looking Boat—Nuvview Bridge Early College High School, Nuevo, Eastern
Municipal Water District

Veteran Teams, Cities, Sponsors and Points:

First Place—Canyon High School, Anaheim, Anaheim Public Utilities, 978.5

Second Place—Savanna High School, Anaheim, Anaheim Public Utilities, 950.1

Third Place—Murrieta Mesa High School, Murrieta, Eastern Municipal Water District,
Rancho California Water District, 874.1

Hottest-Looking Boat— San Jacinto High School, San Jacinto, Eastern Municipal Water
District

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Bart Beziak Memorial Spirit of Solar Cup Trophy [sportsmanship]—Elsinore High School, Wildomar, Western Municipal Water District, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District; “For their spirit and overall positive attitude.”

Teamwork Award— La Cañada High School, La Cañada Flintridge, Foothill Municipal Water District, Valley Water Company; “Assisted another team with transportation to and from May 1 technical inspection.”

TROPHY	SCHOOL	SCORE
First Place Veteran -- Perpetual Cup	Canyon High School	978.5
First Place Rookie--Perpetual Cup	Scripps Ranch High School	866.4
Second Place Veteran	Savanna High School	950.1
Second Place Rookie	Mountain View High School	735.0
Third Place Veteran	Murrieta Mesa High School	874.1
Third Place Rookie	I-Poly High School	678.1
First Place Veteran 200-Meter Sprint	Canyon High School	250.0
First Place Rookie 200-Meter Sprint	Scripps Ranch High School	206.8
Second Place Veteran 200-Meter Sprint	Savanna High School	239.2
Second Place Rookie 200-Meter Sprint	West High School	190.0
Third Place Veteran 200-Meter Sprint	Roosevelt High School	212.5
Third Place Rookie 200-Meter Sprint	La Mirada High School	150.5
First Place Veteran Solar Endurance	Canyon High School	345.0
First Place Rookie Solar Endurance	Scripps Ranch High School	333.5
Second Place Veteran Solar Endurance	Walnut High School	327.8
Second Place Veteran Solar Endurance	Savanna High School	327.8
Second Place Rookie Solar Endurance	La Mirada High School	310.5
Third Place Veteran Solar Endurance	Murrieta Mesa High School	322.0
Third Place Rookie Solar Endurance	San Diego High School	293.3
Best Veteran Technical Report	Canyon High School	73.0
Best Veteran Technical Report	Savanna High School	73.0
Best Rookie Technical Report	NuView Bridge Early College High School	69.0
Second Place Veteran Technical Report	La Canada High School	72.0
Second Place Veteran Technical Report	Roosevelt High School	72.0
Second Place Rookie Technical Report	I-Poly High School	65.0
Third Place Veteran Technical Report	El Monte High School	71.0
Third Place Rookie Technical Report	Mountain View High School	63.0
Best Veteran Visual Display	Walnut High School	280.0
Best Rookie Visual Display	Mountain View High School	277.0
Second Place Veteran Visual Display	Warren High School	274.0
Second Place Rookie Visual Display	I-Poly High School	259.0
Third Place Veteran Visual Display	La Canada High School	271.0
Third Place Rookie Visual Display	Environmental Charter High School	232.0

Hottest Looking Boat--Veteran Division
San Jacinto High School

Hottest Looking Boat--Rookie Division
NuView Bridge Early College High School

Teamwork Award NOTES & COMMENTS
La Canada High School Helped other team to move boat to Technical Inspection, May 1st

Sportsmanship Bart Bezyack Award NOTES & COMMENTS
Elsinore High School For their spirit and overall positive attitude