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turkey day photos



The Mercury fleet takes a windy start.

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Lidos and Sabots mixed it up in close quarters on the Bay course.



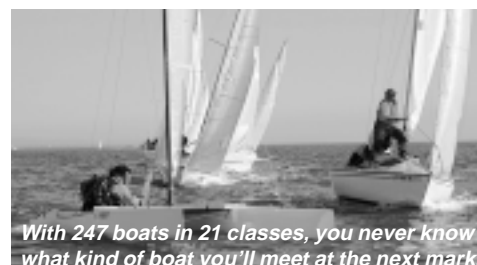
It takes a fleet of support boats to run three courses for 247 boats.



Olson 30s look for clear lanes off the starting line.



Ryan Sampson (left) Mission Bay YC, stood tall with fourth place in the Sabot-B fleet.



With 247 boats in 21 classes, you never know what kind of boat you'll meet at the next mark.



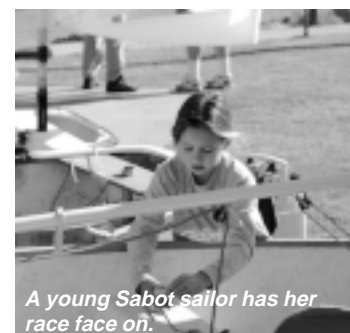
Peter Mosler and Ron Boehm lead the I-14 fleet.



It became a tough day for Van Heecheren when he had to go swimming to get off the mark.



Jay Golison, Long Beach YC, works a roll tack to get a jump on the Senior Sabot fleet.



A young Sabot sailor has her race face on.

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A mixed bag of dinghies drives off the line.

save the date

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commodore's comments



The Holiday season is upon us providing many opportunities to enjoy friends and family. Please make a note to attend the Annual ABYC Christmas Party on December 14th as well as the various fleet Christmas parties. I look forward to bumping into many of our members at the annual 2nd Street Parade on December 6th and the Naples Boat parade on December 13th.

This year's Turkey Day Regatta was shaping up to be one of the biggest we've had in some time and I know those who were involved worked hard to ensure all went well.

Turning to more serious matters, Theresa Laird (ABYC General Manager) with input from the Operations Committee (Commodore, Jr. Staff Commodore & Vice Commodore), has been working on an assessment of ABYC's staffing needs in light of various fiscal pressures. As a result of her analysis Theresa has reorganized the club staff and has been able to reduce the total number of staff hours required to keep the place running and in good shape. Unfortunately, some staff had to be laid off as part of the reorganization. I am confident this reorganization will have a very positive impact on our bottom line and improve our long-term fiscal performance.

The most pressing topic I wanted to touch on this month is the need for ABYC to bring in more members. All of the board members are in agreement that a full membership is the one of the single most important factors to the club's viability, over both the short and long term. The members of the ABYC are some of the best volunteers in the yachting community but we are not the greatest sales people when it comes to telling others about our club.

I have received a commitment from each and every member of the board to consider member recruiting as key factor in each and every decision they make. However, there is only so much the nine of us can do.

I need every single member of the ABYC to talk with those who would find value in what we offer, camaraderie, competition, fellowship and the really pleasant atmosphere we all cherish at the club. We need to end each of the next three years with a net increase of at least 10 members. With our membership demographics growing older and the increase in leisure offerings to younger families, we (all of us) need to work harder to get the message out that we have something special to offer at ABYC.

Fair winds and calm seas.

Kevin Ellis

vice commodore's notes



ATTENTION LASER OWNERS

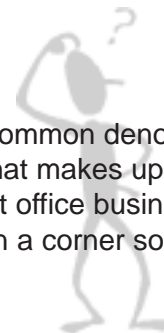
The yard ogre (Lokke Patrick) has found 5 Lasers that are in the upright racks that are not paying yard fees. If you have a boat in the yard and have not been paying yard fees please identify your boat and contact the office ASAP. These boats have been impounded and will be sold if not claimed.

Ron Wood

where is my november sou'wester?

Unfortunately, your guess is as good as ours. We haven't a clue. The only common denominator we can find is that all 908 and 907 zip codes have not been delivered. Since that makes up the majority of our members we are inserting the November issue into this one. The post office business mail unit is checking into the problem. We suspect that the issues are all huddled together in a corner somewhere.

Sharon Pearson



manager's corner



I am so proud of our staff! They have been working faster, harder, and more efficiently to provide you, the membership, with the service you expect and deserve. I believe it is important for us to strive to provide service which exceeds your expectations.

With that in mind our attention over the last few weeks has turned towards the galley and our food service. Jesus and I have spent hours going over local menus and attending vendor fairs and previewing new menu items. Our focus has been to evaluate our offering and determine ways to upgrade without raising our prices.

Improving menu design begins with determining what our members want.

The last thing we want to do is create problems instead of eliminating them. I know that in conversations with individuals I have heard that healthier and heartier breakfasts would be welcomed, such as pancakes and waffles and fruit. Others have stressed that the addition of specialty salads were important to them.

Jesus has begun offering "Chef's Specials of the Day," during our weekend hours and during the winter we are featuring a soup of the day with a side salad. We have created and priced our specials apart from our regular menu items. Jesus would love to consider your favorites when planning his monthly menus, so please let us know what you would like to see stay and those items you won't miss!

Theresa

junior sailing



It is really amazing what can happen in just four weeks. Spring sailing dates have been approved and the applications should be in the mail by now.

Please plan on having your children join us for some informative class sessions, and much needed on the water practice.

Spring is the perfect time to get your sabot out and start sailing again. Winds are light, the sun is out most of the time and the days are starting to get longer. Participating in spring sailing classes will help your summer sailing also. Unfortunately, sailing is not like riding a bike and takes practice to keep your skills honed.

Congratulations to the Clemmer family, the Robinson family, and the Smith family for having the initiative to take their children for a two day sabot regatta in Mission Bay. This was a great learning experience for Max, A.J., and Kyle. Good job guys!!

This month I will start interviewing Instructors for the summer sailing season. I hope to find a few new Instructors as well as bring back most of the team from last summer. I am constantly on the prowl for new and talented sailing instructors that will take the time and have the patience to pass on their passion for sailing. I have already received several resumes from very qualified instructors who heard how wonderful our junior sailing program is and want to be a part of it. Some of these instructors are not from southern California, so once again we will be looking for sponsor families to house an instructor or two for the summer sailing season. If you are interested please contact me at the club.

Last year The Junior Advisory Board and myself made many improvements to the junior program's equipment. Most of the improvements made were based on making a safe environment even safer. The largest purchase for the junior program was a 20 horsepower engine for Bix, the junior Whaler. We also added a really nice first aid kit to the junior office, as well as 7 new VHF radios, and 12 re-rigged sabots. None of this would have been possible without the generous donations made to the Junior Fund.

The junior fund helps the junior program purchase equipment to keep things running safely and smoothly and is a very important cause to donate to. The future of the yacht club grows up through the sailing program. If you check the little box on the bottom of your bill each month, or even once and a while, our thanks go out to you.

Fun Sailing
Jeremy

hails from the fleets



On October 26 fires were everywhere burning down houses and forests from San Diego and going North. During this time Sabotiers were sailing with ashes from the fires falling on their boats and their hair. Out of 8 sailors the Class A winners were: 1—John Ellis, 2—Bob Ware, 3—Fred Stevens, SR. Class B winner was Bernice Weiss.

Upstairs, the sailors and Sabotiers were all sitting around the Fireplace to attend the Sr. Sabot meeting, installing new officers. Adra Kober is our Fleet Captain. Adra took over her duties with all the aplomb of a former Commodore presenting trophies and a special gift to Scott from the fleet. Then we all got in line for another of Teresa's Sunday dinners prepared by Jesus.

On Friday, December 12 we will have our Christmas Party, made up with Sabotiers and Keel Boat members. See you then!!

Keelboat Kapers



A great crowd and lots of enthusiasm has the 03-04 season off to a great start. The November meeting was well attended and a great potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. Manager Theresa Laird was the guest speaker who gave her first impressions of club and upcoming changes to the club. The following chairs were installed: Sue Brennan and Mary Riddick – scribe/treasurer, Jeanne Reid and Bob Chubb – secretary/model boat competition, Maggie Caddle – 4th of July duty fleet, Bard Heavens and Dennis Kasper – charters and cruises, John Ellis and Joe Riddick – Christmas party, John Brennan and George Caddle – meeting organization and guest speakers.

The Christmas party December 12 at 6:30 p.m., will be an 'Old Fashion Christmas' with the Sabotier Fleet. Christmas music and carols plus the annual hors d'oeuvre bonanza make this party something special.

January's meeting will feature more detailed plans for the upcoming cruises and other events. The guest speaker will be our own fleet member, Commodore Kevin Ellis. Don't miss this chance to roast the Commodore.

sensitivity training and guidance retreat revisited (stag cruise)

The 2003 STAG retreat turned out to be a colossal success. All had a good time. Men came home revitalized and empowered to be all that they can be. Wives were surprised and amazed. Here's what the experts had to say:

Wife #1: "I was flabbergasted! When he came home it was all about me...twice!"

Wife #2: "No more Mr. Schlumpy, my husband got out of bed early Monday morning!"

Wife #3: "My husband had bad breath and bad hair before he left. When he returned, he was Mr. Clean with an aura that shined for miles."

Wife #4: "That man of mine could not pull his head out of a sweater to save his life before the weekend, but afterwards he was unstoppable!"

Wife #5: "I swear my husband must have lost weight...he looks soooo good!"

Wife #6: "My husband usually snores and tosses and turns all night. When he returned from that wonderful retreat...he slept like a baby."

Wife #7: "My husband used to be the Joker, now he is Superman. I think he even grew more hair."

Wife #8: "When I consider what a lousy good-for-nothing my husband was before, and what a super achiever he is today, I would never consider him staying home."

Wife #9: "I think they should make the STAG retreat weekend into a whole month!"

Wife #10: "WOW, The STAG retreat worked better than "Head and Shoulders" at removing my husband's dandruff"

Wife #11: "The doctor said my husband would have scoliosis for the rest of his life, but it was entirely cured by the end of the weekend."

Wife #12: "Put it this way, I have already packed his bags for next year!"

I guess it is unanimous; all had a great weekend. Next year promises to be even better. Stay tuned for more info!

Yours truly,

Merle Willis Asper III

the magic of social programs

Do you ever think about how a social event at ABYC is planned, organized and then executed? Have you wondered how the “magic” happens? Maybe you haven’t, but let’s get acquainted with ABYC social programs anyway! This is the “how the beer stays cold, the food gets made and tables get decorated before you come off the water from a day of sailing” lesson!

Most of us know how regattas are planned and executed, but did you know there is an entire committee of ABYC members that are involved in social programs to make your membership in ABYC more enjoyable? This year we are lucky to have Stacy Conn at the helm of the Social Advisory Committee (SAC). And if you know Stacy, you know that she is a serious party planner! Along with Stacy, Diane Bateman, Elaine Wood and Barbara Angus have all volunteered their time and creativity to your social experience at ABYC. These women bring not only professional experience in the party planning department; they also bring tradition, creativity and a fabulous sense of style and flair to our Club. We are very lucky to have these women watching after our social calendar.

Speaking of calendars, of course the ABYC social calendar is always a busy one. SAC meets every month to manage upcoming events and reflect back on past ones. We assign duties, go over logistics with event chair-people, as well as meet with our Club Manager Theresa for scheduling staff and meal planning. Some events are annual routines that just seem to happen (Turkey Day 2003-Rich Kempster & Larry Kidd, they know turkey), some are special events added to regattas (Charity Regatta Burger Bash-Norma Clapp, fundraiser to the stars) and others come about because someone has a special interest and is willing to act on it (St. Patrick’s Day Party-tapadh leat Sharon Pearson!). And just like Race Management, it takes a group of dedicated members to put together the promotions, the menus, the entertainment and the good times for everyone to enjoy.

This year we will have many of the same events we’re all accustomed to, however we are also introducing some new events at ABYC. Of course we want to see our members sailing their boats and participating in regattas, but we will not forget our members who want to enjoy the social aspects of the Club too. Let me know how you would like to get involved with social programs. Thanks for listening to the ABYC social buzz!

*Nicole Peoples-Moffett
Rear Commodore*

upcoming social excitement

December 14-ABYC Family Christmas Party

Now’s our chance to whisper in Santa’s ear what good boys and girls we were this year!

January 16-General Membership Meeting

Hosted by the Keel Boat & Sr. Sabot Fleets. Get updated about your Club at this meeting.

February 1-Super Bowl Sunday Party

Big screen, big beer, big dogs and big chili bowls! Its big game time, so why not watch it down at the ABYC!

February 14-1st Annual ABYC Valentine Sweethearts Party

Let’s try something different. How about an evening of romance at your favorite place? The perfect party to bring your special someone for an evening of cocktails, dining and dancing. Reservations are limited for this event. Don’t miss out!

Friday Night Happy Hour in the Ward Room

Every Friday night the Ward Room Bar is open for Happy Hour. Enjoy a casual evening with family and friends at a really great place!

scuttlebutt

Ron & Elaine Wood crossed over to the “dark side” by just completing a two week charter of a 45 foot Bayliner which they picked up in Vancouver. They cruised Canada’s Desolation Sound and Sunshine Coast. They went with another couple who are also sailors so it was a real adjustment getting used to all the toys. The trip was great with the weather being fantastic for the end of September.

Nicole and Steve Moffet celebrated their FIRST ANNIVERSARY on November 16 by traveling to Hawaii. Congratulations you two.

Wishing all members a wonderful Christmas

Jeanne Nelson

membership

At their November 20TH meeting the Board of Directors approved the following membership matters:

The Board approved for REGULAR MEMBERSHIP Jared Morford.

The Board also approved the following for posting as REGULAR MEMBERS: Jim and Cindy Loeffler, Glenn and Margo Dobbs and Jerry and Gail Miller. Gerald and Mary Melling have resigned their membership in the club.

The Membership Committee

boxing day regatta

4th Annual Boxing Day Regatta Pursuit Race and Treasure Hunt

Saturday December 27, 2003

This years Boxing Day regatta will be on Saturday December 27. Once again there will be a pursuit race and a treasure hunt. In a pursuit race the slowest boats start first and the fastest last. In 2000 the Sabots made a fast start and although the faster boats were closing at the end, time ran out before anyone passed the leading Sabots. In 2001 after a rain delay until Groundhog Day, the Sabots were unable to repeat their performance with Cal 20’s dominating the race. 2002 saw a close finish with boats being passed yards from the finish and in one case a Sabot held off an F31 by a couple of feet.

For those of you who were challenged by your Portsmouth Yardstick last year, I have good news... I have averaged the last three years finish positions and adjusted the ratings accordingly. This should be especially good news for the Cape Code Frosty.

The treasure hunt will again be run around Naples Island with a few stops to find answers to the clues. In past years everyone who participated had a great time and I am sure Sandy McDade will be back trying to beat out the competition. Participation is easy... bring a few friends and a boat capable of getting under the Naples bridges.



Mark your calendars for a fun day on the bay, Saturday December 27, 2003 starting at 1pm. Get off the couch and work off some of that Turkey.

Mark Townsend

Sou’Wester DEADLINE

Friday, December 12, 2003 is the deadline
for the January Sou’Wester.

turkey day trophies

Pos	Sail No	Helm	Club	Pts	Pos	Sail No	Helm	Club	Pts
Sabot A Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 1					5-0-5 Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 1				
1	91541	Chris Barnard	NHYC	8	1	8824	Andy Beeckman	6	
2	8380	Mac Mace	NHYC	8	2	7771	Kevin Taugher	ABYC	8
3	8949	Lauren Gautschi	LIYC	22	3	8266	Howard Hamlin	ABYC/NHYC	10
4	9167	Stephen Scruggs	NHYC	22	Mercury Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1				
5	8938	Sally Mace	NHYC	23	1	532	Ron Dougherty	ABYC	10
Sr Sabot Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 1					2	508	Doug Baird	FCY	14
1	7988	Jay Golison	LBYC	7	3	548	Chris Messano	CBYC	15
2	8592	Mary Riddick	ABYC	7	C-15 Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1				
3	8343	Tom Newton	ABYC	11	1	3776	Barrett Sprout	CYC	6
Sabot B Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 1					2	1666	Mike Shea	ABYC	14
1	7281	Ian McRae	CYC	13	Olson 30 Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1				
2	10001	Alex Ranum	MBYC	14	1	8923	Larry Spencer	PCYC	5
3	9103	Brooks Clark	NHYC	17	2	77640	Allan Rosenberg	ABYC	11
4	8419	Ryan Sampson	MBYC	17	3	67682	Bill Barnard	SMWYC	17
Sabot C Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 1					Cal 20 Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1				
1	3205	Olin Paine	MBYC	7	1	9	Doug McLean	ABYC	12
2	9575	Brandon Ludgate	BCYC	7	2	3	Chris Raab	ABYC	20.5
Sabot C-2 Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 1					3	72	Barney and Steve Flam	ABYC	23
1	9660	Jack Driscoll	SDYC	7	4	83	Michael Sentovich	ABYC	23
2	7767	Matt Morris	SDYC	9	5	363	Mark Gaudio/Latham	BBYC/ABYC	24
3	9363	AJ Robinson	ABYC	12	I-14 Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1				
Sabot C-3 Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 1					1	1150	Ron Boehm	SBYC	5
1	9360	Shone Bowman	CYC	4	2	1147	Paul Galvez	ABYC	9
2	9884	Jay Sanchioli	MBYC	11	Laser Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 1				
3	7687	Jack Jorgensen	ABYC	11	1	6197	Carlos Roberts	LYRA	5
Lido A Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 1					2	6461	Ian Storer	SCRA	6
1	3113	Stu Robertson	7	3	1192	Vann Wilson	StFYC	15	
2	4794	Greg Rodgers	CBYC	9	4	5891	Bryan Buffaloe	SWYC	20
3	5051	Bob Yates	NHYC	12	5	22	Stephen DeWolfe	BYC	25
Lido B Fleet - Sailed: 5 Discards: 1					Laser Radial Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1				
1	5127	Nancy Davidson	BYC	6	1	7343	Allie Blecher	CYC	15
2	4370	Grant Hill	ABYC	11	2	3248	Bob Falk	ABYC	17
3	4029	Tracy Conn	ABYC	13	3	7246	Steven Natvig	KHYC	20
CFJ Fleet - Sailed: 4 Discards: 0					4	4987	Dave Leuck	MBYC	20.5
1	DRYC3	Stephen Pitts	DRYC	8	5	9384	Case Hathaway-Zepeda	CYC	21
2	WYC2	Reine Hobin	WLYC	9	Santana 20 Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1				
3	DRYC5	Sean Dougherty	DRYC	14	1	919	Golison & Washburn	ABYC	11
MonoHull Portsmouth Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1					2	679	Payson and Phillip Infeli	ABYC	12
1	323	Dominic Meo	ABYC	6	3	586	Chris Nesbitt	SDYC	13
2	495	Willy Petersen	CYC	15					
3	105	Michele Fraer	USSA	19	<i>The wind was up for these CFJs Sunday.</i>				
4	115	Rick Nelson	ABYC	21	Photos courtesy of Rich Roberts				
MultiHull Portsmouth Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1									
1	79	Jeremy Laundergan	ABYC	7	<i>Bruce Golison drives as co-owner Steve Washburn trims their Santana 20 and Washburn's son Stevie works the bow.</i>				
2	109	Stratton Hall	VSC	10					
3	1281	Dan DeLave	ABYC	12					
4	826	Julian Jenkins	SCYC	16					
5	647	Jeff Thayer	NHYC	31					
6	139	Gordon Christie	TPAC	35					
Geary 18 Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1									
1	1500	Chris Knudson	SBSC	5					
2	1509	Mitch Schroeder	ABYC	9					
Ethells Fleet - Sailed: 6 Discards: 1									
1	126	Doug Jorgensen	ABYC	8					
2	1002	John Chapman	ABYC	13					



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This could be your little one with Santa. Remember the ABYC Christmas Party on December 14th.

Tracy Conn photo-2002

abyc sailors excel

ABYC Junior Member Jamie DeWolfe traveled to the East Coast to compete in the High School National Single Handed Championships (The Cressy). Jamie finished fourteenth.

ABYC Members Pease Glaser, Jay Glaser, Pete Melvin, Jeremy Laundergen, Stan Sorensen and CBYC Members Scott Taylor traveled to Lake Pontchartrain for the A-Class Catamaran NAs. Pease won the championship with Pete finishing third and Jay tenth but winning the Master's Division. Jeremy finished twenty-third and Stan thirty-third in a thirty-nine boat regatta. It looks like Alamitos Bay is the capital of US A-Class Catamaran racing.

Jerry Montgomery's PATRIOT has been named the winner of the YRUSC Highpoint Series. The Highpoint Series consists of the best four of twelve races sailed along the coast from Santa Barbara to San Diego.

Former Olympic Gold Medalist and former ABYC member, Allison Jolly competed in the 2004 US Olympic Trials in the 470 class. There were a small number of competitors and Allison finished fifth.

Jerry Montgomery

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