



commodore's installation



Flag officers: (l to r) Kevin Ellis, Jim Bateman, Nicole Peoples-Moffet, Ron Wood and John Merchant



Stan Sorenson joins the Order of the Green Propellor



Chuck Hardin presents John Merchant with the Jr. Staff Commodore's flag



Kate Bishop was presented the Francis Dixon Nason Sportsman Trophy



The Ann and Sid Exley Junior Travel Trophy was presented to Kaley Dodson



Jim Morford receives the Sid Exley Commodore's Trophy for outstanding member



The Ted C. Matson Outstanding Service Award was presented to Bob Chubb (r) and John Massey

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save the date

Turkey Day Regatta	Nov 22 & 23
Family Christmas Party	Dec 14
Boxing Day Regatta	Dec 27

commodore's comments



This is the beginning of The Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's 78th year. Over the past 77 years we have maintained a tradition of volunteerism, corinthianism and a commitment to excellence during good times and bad. The club continues to provide an atmosphere that fosters the camaraderie that is found when people of common interests socialize, compete and work together to pursue their shared interest. The membership of the ABYC should receive the majority of the credit for making the ABYC the world-class organization it is.

While all of the members make a significant contribution to our mission, some choose to make an even larger commitment by agreeing to serve as a director, officer or chairperson. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Jr. Staff Commodore, John Merchant. John as did Staff Commodore, Chuck Hardin, served through some extraordinary times. For example, we experienced a change in management during each of their terms and with that the incredible amount of additional responsibility that falls to the Chairman of the Board. They are to be commended for keeping their wits about them while maintaining a firm hand on the tiller during those stormy times. Thank you both. I also want to thank all of the officers, directors, chairperson and volunteers, past or present, who make this organization what it is today.

The last several years have been difficult for other reasons as well. We have felt the impact of the economic downturn, an increase in operating expenses across the board, a decline in event participation as well as a drop off in our membership. On top of that our facilities have reached that age where in addition to regular maintenance they need to be upgraded or replaced due to age or changes in the regulatory environment.

The board has been working hard to grapple with all of these issues. Those who have lead before me have been asking the right questions and pursuing what I believe to be the right answers. Unfortunately, there are times when the decisions made to respond to these questions are not popular, but they need to be and are being made.

I am committed to continue the tradition of those who have come before me. We have many difficult issues that need to be grappled with like renovating the club house, portions of our support fleet, our operating practices, our compliance to local regulations and the level of which we are managing our exposure to all sorts of outside risks.

It is my promise to you that I will keep my eye on the future, apply the lessons from past, seek the council of many and I will continue to push us forward to ensure the future of the ABYC for another 77 years.

Fair winds and calm seas

Kevin Ellis

vice commodore's notes



I would like to thank those members who voted for me for a new two-year term on the Board, and for the Board's support in my election as your Vice Commodore for the 2003-04 year.

As your Rear Commodore this past year I have enjoyed the support of many members who have given their time and expertise in helping the club make changes and to improve the club and the way it runs the numerous activities of the club. As Rear Commodore my main area of responsibility was to oversee the social and food services. My involvement became more intense with the departure of the previous Club Manager which, I must say, gave me more hands-on experience than I had bargained for, but all in all, it was a good learning experience. It also gave the club a chance to implement many of the changes that were recommended by a 'member focus group' that convened in December, 2002. This focus group looked at all areas of food services. With the input from this group we changed our banquet policy so that when a member rents the facility for their event the fee has been reduced significantly- which greatly adds to the value of your membership. We also made it possible to use outside catering. We looked at the Sunday night dinners, bar pricing, food quality, etc. and made changes accordingly. We still have lots of room for improvement, and we think that we know what the members want and expect at their club. I know that your new Rear Commodore will continue to implement changes to make the club function in a manner that reflects the goals of the membership. I would like to thank the members of this focus group: Marilyn McMahan, Carolyn Bixby, Stacy Conn and Lokke Patrick. Also the Social Advisory Committee did an outstanding job all year in guiding all the many programs at the club. The committee was chaired by Lokke Patrick and his diligent committee women consisted of Holly Mac Laren, Stacy Conn, Diane Bateman and my wife, Elaine.

I look forward to the coming year.

Ron Wood

manager's corner

NEW KIDS CORNER



Since our founding in 1924, The Alamitos Bay Yacht Club has emphasized family and fostered an atmosphere that promoted the entire family to participate and enjoy sailing in all its phases. Currently over 400 families are members of ABYC and support the concept that our families and children are the future of our club and sailing. For years we have had a play area for the children and I personally love to see each child that comes through the door to enjoy a day at the club with their parents.

Most major studies will tell you that children who learn to enjoy reading at an early age continue to read throughout their lives. In order to develop a love of reading, combined with a true love of sailing, children must have access to books and supplies which stretch their imaginations, touch their emotions and expand their horizons. We want to assure that for the time that our children and their parents are here at the club they are equally engaged and find ABYC a place that they look forward to spending time.

Kids Corner will be an area that children can come and color, read or just watch videos in a safe and fun environment. We are encouraging our members to get involved by donating used books, book shelves and supplies such as; crayons, paper, art supplies and videos to reward our children. The books donated through the program are used for, toddler, preschool, and school age children; future reading programs such as "book buddy" programs in which older children read to younger children and to just provide children with a "good read and a good time" while at the club.

All contributions to The Kids Corner, large or small, are greatly appreciated. Your support can help give a child a gift to last a lifetime—the wonderful world of books and sailing.

We will establish a Named Sponsor Program for any individual or organization donating to the library. Each book donated through the Named Sponsor program will have a bookplate inside with the name of the Sponsor or you may choose to honor someone else or may remain anonymous. We will also keep a picture gallery of donators in the room.

We already have several volunteers ready to support this activity in the club! We look forward to, and appreciate all of your help.

Theresa

General Membership Meeting - November 21st

Come see home videos taken on the ABYC entry in the 2003' Transpac Race aboard the yacht "There and Back Again" skippered by Rob Rice. The dinner will be Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Salad, Garlic Bread and Desert. Please RSVP with the Office by November 16th

Cal 20 Fleet - Steve Butler

junior sailing



Once again the seasons are changing, and so is the face of junior sailing at ABYC. The Fall Sailing Program has started and is a great success! With both racing and non-racing programs filled and running the club is abound with happiness and joy. This year we are running almost full day clinics for both classes. This gives the instructors more time to work on skill sets and lots more time for practice on the water! One of the largest successes this fall so far is the participation of our junior sailors at the first north series. Competing were Jack Jorgensen, Sydney Bolger, Derrick Smith, Max Clemmer, and Graham Tremper. A very large congratulation goes out to Graham who finished 2nd in the C2 class. The junior advisory board and I are already starting to plan the spring sailing program, and also are starting to look towards summer 2004!

Good Sailing

Jeremy

hails from the fleets

Keelboats cont....



At the September Fleet Meeting trophies were awarded to:

- A Fleet: 1) Bob Ware
2) Mary Riddick
3) Fred Stevens

B Fleet had a tie between:

- 1) Wendy Siegal and 1) Nancy Grubbs.

Congratulations to all the winners.

At the October Meeting we will be installing a slate of officers that was the result of a combination of discussions at the September Meeting, phone calls, and E-mails. Here is the awesome result!:

Fleet Captain:	Adra Kober
Asst. Fleet Captain:	Dianne Gonzales
Secretary & INSA Rep:	Lee Berlinger
Treasurer:	Margaret Caddle
Trophy Chairman:	Al Nelson
Measurer:	John Ellis
Historian:	Don Wilson
PRO:	George Caddle
SCWSA Rep:	Mary Riddick
Scribe:	Barbara Gabriel

Much appreciation is due to all those who said they would serve. Officers will be installed at the October 26th Fleet Meeting, complete with all the "formal" procedures. Theresa Laird has promised another great dinner. To attend, (if you're not a fleet member) just send in your reservation by the Wednesday before the Sabot Fleet Meeting.

Stay tuned for news of Ladies' Day, and other Sabot Activities that may include you!

Barbara Gabriel

Keelboat Kapers



Theresa Laird will be the guest speaker at the meeting. We will be discussing the Christmas party (in December) with the senior Sabotiers.

George Caddle volunteered to head up a committee to find a new Keelboat fleet captain for next year. He has made some excellent suggestions for next years Keelboat meetings/activities.

The first of these suggestions is to start potluck meetings again. So the November 14 meeting will be a potluck; so, bring enough salad, entree, rolls, desert, etc. for eight. This seems to always work out. Remember to bring your own serving spoons, tongs, knives, etc. No one is allowed to use any utensil, pan, etc in the kitchen or pantry, this includes silverware, dishes, etc. No one is allowed to use any freezer, appliance in the kitchen. If you need to nuke something, bring the microwave or warming plate. There will be plenty of plastic knives, forks, spoons, paper plates to eat on.

Please bring guests, prospective members or not. We will stick with our old schedule of cocktails 1800 to

1900 hours, dinner at 1900 hours. Bob Chubb may not mail a last minute reminder for this meeting, so check your e-mail for the reminder. If you do not have an e-mail address on file with the Keelboaters, you may not get a reminder. The meeting will commence at 1930 hours (approx), and be over by 2030 hours. We hope to see you there!

Captain Ron



This month's Etchells Fleet report will be a short one and filled with kudos but not much racing news, past or future. The kudos go to our 2003 Fleet Champion, Tom Corkett, and the 2003 runner's up, Greg Sims and Doug Menezes; awards were given in a wonderful barbecue dinner served after racing on Saturday, Sept. 21, in the ABYC patio.

Kudos, too, to our 2003 Fleet Captain, Greg Sims; his solid contributions to a successful year were recognized at the same barbecue with the presentation of a token of the fleet's appreciation. And kudos to Gordon Dudley, our Fleet Secretary/Treasurer, whose contributions, while not so rewarded, are nonetheless recognized and appreciated.

And very special kudos to Kevin Ellis, who took the helm as ABYC's Commodore on Saturday, Oct. 18. Other Etchells sailors similarly installed into positions of authority and responsibility that evening include Nicole Peoples-Moffett, Rear Commodore; Jim Bateman, Fleet Captain; and Paul Anctil, Port Captain. From your friends and fellow Etchells owners and sailors, congratulations, and thank you for your service to our yacht club.

There was some sailing done in the recent past. As mentioned above, we had a one-day fleet race on Sunday, Sept. 21, that was really well attended; sadly, the results and I have parted company, so I don't remember the totals exactly. Tom Corkett, Jr., filled in for his father in this regatta; and, just as his father had at the ABYC Labor Day Regatta the month earlier, ended up tied with Ed Feo at the end of the day and lost the tiebreaker. John Chapman was third overall.

The following Saturday saw the annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta. Two Etchells showed up and raced under PHRF, becoming part of a four-boat ABYC sweep of the top four positions: Chris Wells corrected out to second place behind Cole Price in his Olson 30 while Chris Ericksen was less than a minute out of fourth place behind the ABYC Soling team of Jeff Savage and David Morse.

ABYC's Etchells will have one final fleet regatta in 2003 on Sunday, Nov. 9, before ending the 2003 season at ABYC's Turkey Day Regatta over the weekend of Nov. 22-23.

Chris Ericksen

driftwood

Thank you Beachcombers...

We had a very nice turn out for our beach clean up in September. It was also a national and international beach clean up day so along with yacht club members and loyal locals we had bus loads of concerned citizens cleaning up our beach. At the end of the day the beach sparkled.

Many thanks to all of the thoughtful people that joined us on that Saturday in September.

The Beachcomber Committee

Welcome back...

I met an old acquaintance from my Cal 20 days, and it was Margaret Duhamel. She sailed Sabots with Don, and Cal 20's with whomever! She is ready to come back to ABYC and sail her Cal 20, and get back with the group. (Tai Pan?) GUESS WHERE I MET HER...Curley's! Margaret has had knee surgery, and will be back soon. Beware lagers!

Bobbie (Baker) Hodges

SANTANA 20 NATIONALS

Bruce Golison and Phillip Infelise will be the Co-Chairs of the Santana 20 Nationals to be held at ABYC on August 10-15, 2004, with ABYC's Mark Townsend as the PRO.

TURKEY DAY REGATTA

It is very clear that here, at Alamilos Bay Yacht Club, volunteerism is alive and well, and we hope you all will support the club again this year.

With over 200 boats anticipated to be competing on three race courses and probably more than 400 turkey dinners to be served, the volunteer members and staff will have their hands really full for the two days of November 22nd and 23rd. This event traditionally will involve over 50 volunteers on the water led by PRO's Chris Erickson, Bob Anderson and Jerry Montgomery, and 40 or more ashore including protest, registration, scoring, yard traffic management, hoist operation, and the dinner. Traffic and parking will be simplified with the operation of the ABYC shuttle – signage donated by Cathy Black-Smith

A special invitation goes to the ABYC Juniors who make it possible to re-use plates and place settings by bussing tables so efficiently.

So, please help us out this year by accepting a role in this most 'ABYC' of regattas. THANKS!

Rich Kempster and Larry Kidd

board droppings

The October Board meeting started at 1900 led by Commodore John Merchant. All the Board members were present and were joined by new Board members Bard Heavens and John Massey.

Five regular members and two yachting members were approved for membership.

At the September Board meeting, there was a lengthy discussion about gaining new members and retaining existing members. Rich Kempster reviewed the bullet points from that meeting.

Jim Bateman presented the calendar that was prepared at the Fleet Captains meeting where each fleet requested dates. The Board approved the calendar as presented.

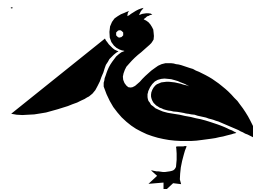
Treasurer George Kornhoff showed overheads for each area of the budgets showing actuals against budget for the year 2003. John Merchant showed slides prepared by Long Range Planning showing revenue and expenses in order to develop future plans.

Larry Kidd presented drawing showing revisions a committee made to the original conceptual plans developed by Bill Ridgeway.

Theresa Laird, our club manager requested timely request forms for upcoming events in order to facilitate planning.

Kevin Ellis passed out assignment and orientation plans to the incoming Board members. Chuck Hardin made closing statements at this, his last, Board meeting. John Merchant thanked the Board members and the Treasurers for their efforts this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2155.



scuttlebutt

Former member Art Glasier's wife, Lucille (82) passed away early in October. They were married 63 years. They live in Tehachapi, Calif. They were very active in sailing many years ago in the 40's. There are many trophies at ABYC with Art's name on them. A card was sent to Art and his family from ABYC.

Dale Berkhiser had his gall bladder and gall stone removed. He is feeling better. We sent him a Get Well card

Dawn McCormack was sent a get well card also and we hope she is feeling better.

Our new member Chris Liston, Lido sailor, passed away unexpectedly at his home on October 10th. Chris was 40 years old.

VACATIONERS

In September, John, Alaine and Bernice Weiss went traveling in France.

A group of women from ABYC, Jeanne Nelson, Bobbie Peterson, Betty Mills, Jane Kidd plus friends flew to New York for a few days, then we all boarded the Golden Princess and were on our way to Halifax. Unfortunately a hurricane got there first and caused a lot of damage, so we couldn't go there, but went to Saint John, Bar Harbor, Massachusetts, Boston and Rhode Island, then back to New York. We all had a wonderful time.

Vern and Bobbie Peterson went to Hawaii for a week in October.

Jeanne Nelson

membership

The Board of Directors at the October 16th meeting approved the following membership matters:

The Board approved for REGULAR MEMBERSHIP Jeff and Karen Turner, Grant and Alison Wooden, Kirk Wells, Gary and Michele Myers and Tom and Jennifer Pollack.

The Board also approved for YACHTING MEMBERSHIP Dustin Delgado and Marc Hickerson.

The Board also approved Jared Morford for posting as a REGULAR MEMBER.

Long time member Keith and Mary Kay Nottage have resigned their membership in the club.

The Membership Committee

secretary's memo

As Club Secretary, one of the items that fall under my area of responsibility is the Sou'wester. With the advent of e-mail, I've had a lot of people commenting that, while many people prefer a printed version, many others would prefer to simply receive their Sou'wester electronically. We already have the Sou'wester as a PDF, and could simply e-mail that to our members who would like to receive it in that medium, vs. print.

If you would like to opt off of the club's mailing list, and simply receive a monthly e-mail with the Sou'wester attached as a PDF, please e-mail me your name and e-mail address. My e-mail address is ghselvin@ix.netcom.com

You will still receive all of the inserts, but by not printing and mailing so many Sou'westers each month, it'd be a great way for the Club to save money!

Glenn Selvin

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, November 14, 2003 is the deadline
for the December Sou'Wester.

regatta reports

Charity Regatta

The 17th Charity Regatta is in the history books now. The weather cooperated, the wind a bit light, the Burger Bash fantastic, the trophies awarded, the Silent Auction a success, great prizes given away all in all a fabulous day. This event happens because of volunteers and participants working and playing to make The Children's Clinic Benefit, sponsored by the Yacht Clubs of Long Beach successful.

There were several perpetual trophies presented to ABYC members that day. The Kelley Daniel Ting for winner of the largest class went to Cole Price, Southern Comfort XL, Cole and crew also were the recipients of the Family Trophy, a beautiful Half Model donated by David Smith. Wendy Siegal, won the Female Crew Half Model, also by David Smith. Wendy's crew aboard Willow Wind was all female. Mary Riddick won the Betty Newton Memorial Perpetual for Senior Sabots, she has always been very supportive of this event.

Two boats from Shoreline Yacht Club participated in the Crew Challenge and raised over \$1000.00. Yellow Jacket's crew raised the largest amount, followed closely by the crew of Bold Lady. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated.

The many who helped the day of and before - Marilyn Hutchinson, Evie Belisle and daughter Diane, Sandi McDade, Andrew McDade (who also raced), Shirley and Wayne Smith, Bay PRO Kevin Ellis, Jerry Thompson, Dan Clapp, Maggie and George Caddle, Vern Peterson, Clif Mathias, Latham Bell, Chuck Fuller, Stan Church, Carol Kofahl (sent letters requesting prizes - and they're still coming in), Nicole Moffett (lots of good prizes from SAILING PRO.COM), Stephanie Mum. Last but not least is our fabulous Staff who had all equipment and everything ready for this event as they always do and served an incredible Burger Bash our first for ABYC at this event.

One of the new items for The Charity Regatta were the shuttle boats to pick people up and deliver them to and from ABYC. This service was provided by John Faber of McKenna's on the Bay. The Duffy boats were perfect for the event and the Duffy Drivers had fun and assured me their passengers did too! Thanks John.

I hope I didn't miss anyone to thank - if so, I apologize. This community event we have participated in for these many years makes a real impact for The Children's Clinic. Let's look forward to a bigger and better impact next year.

Norma Clapp, ABYC Representative

NORTH SERIES AND HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LASER REGATTA

While many of the male members of ABYC were at the Stag Cruise, ABYC on October 4-5 hosted the North Series Regatta for junior sabots and in conjunction with the US Sailing Center the PCIYRA Pacific Coast Championships for collegiate single-handers and the PCISA Pacific Coast Championships for high school laser full rig and radials.

A total of 66 sabots sailed in the North Series. ABYC had 6 kids racing - 1 in A division and 5 in the various levels of C competition. Mark Schryer was PRO and Regatta Chairman.

In the high school and college laser regatta there were 23 collegiate full rig sailors, 12 full rig laser high school sailors and 24 high school radial competitors. The college competition was won by Brian Haines of Stanford with ABYC members Carlos Roberts sailing for UCI coming in 6th and Jon Bell sailing for UCSB finishing 10th. In the high school laser division which was won by Parker Shinn of Pt. Loma HS, Jamie DeWolfe of ABYC finished 2nd. and thus qualified for the National High School Single-handed Championships (the Cressy Trophy) to be sailed this month in St. Petersburg, FL.

The two regattas were staffed by a combination of ABYC members and Sailing Center volunteers. Special thanks go to the two PROs Chris Ericksen, and Mike Segerblom, to on the water judges Margaret Caddle and Grant Baldwin, to board liaison Glen Selvin, to regatta chairman Chas Merrill, to new Fleet Captain Jim Bateman, to Stacy Conn for eats and treats, to new Board Member John Massey and to all the other volunteers who made this such a successful weekend.

ABYC can take pride in its volunteers and facilities. There are probably only one or two other yacht clubs in Southern California that could pull off two simultaneous regattas with 66 sabots and 59 lasers all coming in the morning of the regatta launching, racing and departing late Sunday afternoon with what appeared to be apparent ease. Thanks everyone!

Jerry Montgomery



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ladies day 2003 abyc style

One of the happiest and strangest events took place October 19th when sailors from Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego Yacht Club, Balboa, and Alamitos Bay Yacht Club met to sail the Ladies' Day Regatta. Jim Bateman was the Officer in charge for the day. Jorge Suarez ran the races, and Rob Waterman, organized the volunteers: Andy Beckman, Jeff Nelson, Bill Mais, Brad Wheeler, Chuck and Page Tripp, and Don Thompson. Jim Morford scored the races. Howard Hamlin and Mike Martin, champion racers from the 505 Fleet, were on hand to video the races with running narratives. They even came in with the competitors at lunch time and did televised interviews. These films were shown before and after the trophy presentations. The races themselves were unusual in that race one was run in clear weather, but race two was socked in with heavy fog. Betty Becker called it very interesting. Dianne Gonzales said you had to depend on the prevailing wind direction to know where the Club should be. The third race, after lunch was back to normal with clear skies and fair winds.

The winners were presented beautiful embroidered soft wool blankets with Sabots on them, designed by Betsy Black-Smith. Here are the winners:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| A Fleet: | C Fleet |
| 1) Betty Becker SDYC | 1) Sheila Eberly ABYC |
| 2) Merideth Blair SDYC | 2) Anne Hinton |
| 3) Rowena Carlson SDYC | 3) Bobbie Hodges ABYC |
| B Fleet: | |
| 1) Jennifer Kuritz ABYC | |
| 2) Beverly Roberts BYC | |
| 3) Bernice Weiss ABYC | |

The Mrs. Richard Russell Sr. Perpetual Trophy for best overall racer was awarded to Betty Becker, and the Wagner Perpetual Trophy for ABYC best overall went to Jennifer Kuritz. A delicious supper was served by Teresa. The party concluded with the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Ruth Jones of MBYC, who was celebrating her 60th on the very day. And then all the sailors packed up and went to their various homeports.

Barbara Gabriel

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