



abyc sailors excel

Over the last month or so a number of our sailors have competed and done well in regattas outside of the Long Beach area. Some of those are listed below.

Larry Harvey and his crew came in fifth in the J105 North Americans at San Francisco.

At the PHRF Championships in Marina del Rey Oscar Krinsky sailing CHAYAH and Andrea Cabito sailing SCOOTER both won their classes.

Bob Anderson and Mike Shea were fourth (I believe) at the C15 Nationals.

Jerry Montgomery's PATRIOT was first overall in the Newport to San Diego Race.

Shelly Suarez sailing as crew for George Szabo won the Snipe Nationals at the Columbia River Gorge.

Jim MacLeod crewing on WILD THING was second in the 1D35 Nationals in San Francisco.

Chris Rabb 3rd in the Rolex Laser Masters at Newport Rhode Island.

Jerry Montgomery

*Marc Schryer, Theresa Laird,
Mike Baumann*



Peter Gales enjoying the Luau



*Flight provided entertainment
for the Luau*

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HALLOWEEN REGATTA OCTOBER 25TH

*Juniors are the duty fleet...
support our kids!*



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election results

Bard Havens
John Massey
Nicole Peoples Moffett
Ron Wood

commodore's comments



I attended the Junior Program end-of-the-summer awards banquet. Most impressive was the huge group of people that was enjoying the evening. Over 200 dinners were served. As the instructors were announcing the various awards, it was clear to me that the kids had learned basic sailing and racing skills they will appreciate for the rest of their lives, they met new friends, and above all it appeared they had fun!! Junior Program Director Jeremy Davidson and his staff did an outstanding job. The summer program was also successful because parents and grandparents were here every day giving encouragement to their children. They took time out of their busy schedules to come to Tuesday night twilights and travel to San Diego and Newport Beach for regattas. This kind of support was invaluable to the program. Families were enjoying ABYC.

ABYC members are for the most part one design and small boat sailors. Recently it dawned on me that one of our major strengths is that we are organized by fleets. The advantage of the fleets is members meet with and compete against each other frequently and staff regattas, and social events. This builds strong relationships. The fleets are also a major weakness, because fleet members tend to congregate with members of their own fleet and do not interact with the rest of the membership. Here in is an opportunity. The family fleet, an all inclusive group dedicated to sponsor events for the whole family such as the Christmas Party and Easter Brunch. Saint Patrick's Day party is becoming a favorite for the younger kids. Other events such as a regatta for dad, mom, and the older kids could include a day at the beach for those not sailing, games for the younger children, all followed by a picnic. The 4th of July would be a great time for such an event. All of us are members of the family fleet. We just are not organized as such. Maybe one of you will volunteer to be our fleet captain.

As the year draws to a close I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on what has transpired. First, thank you, the membership, for giving me the opportunity to serve as your commodore. Second, I thank my wife Georgia, for being so understanding. And lastly, thank you to all the volunteers, ABYC staff, committee members, and the board of directors for our many successes.

2003 has been a year of cultural change for ABYC. We knew it would be a challenge from the start.

Our focus this year was to maintain our ABYC tradition of social events, regattas and the junior program yet gain an understanding of the influence of current health and environmental laws and regulations affecting private clubs. A few bumps were encountered along the way, and we are still learning from the experience.

At the March general membership meeting and through subsequent articles in the Sou' Wester we informed you of the risks of non-compliance to the current laws and regulations. This has prompted change in policy, mainly in food preparation. It also means that our kitchen and galley facility need to be updated. Results of the Maintenance Improvement survey indicate your support for these much needed improvements, and a conceptual design is under way.

Also in process is a long-range financial plan which incorporates operating expenses, major improvements, major acquisitions and the 2020 fund. The plan will provide insight as to future income required to meet these requirements. The intent of the plan is to provide a roadmap to financially sound future.

Meanwhile we have been operating since 1998 without increasing dues. In 2000 an additional five dollars were dedicated to increase the 2020 fund. However, inflation has caught up with us, and it is probable that we will need to initiate a dues increase. Up to now we have worked very hard to control costs and gain revenue from other sources, and we will continue to do so.

Director Rich Kempster and the membership committee worked hard to improve both the volunteer and membership recruitment processes. They put in place a quarterly event volunteer sign up sheet, streamlined the method by which junior members join ABYC, and provided incentives for current members to sponsor new members. Here is where we really need your help. If you know anyone interested in joining ABYC, please encourage them to do so.

Adding to the challenge this year was our manager, Daniel, leaving mid year and the job search that followed. I am confident that ABYC will be much improved by Theresa Laird as our new manager.

Throughout this year of change our sailing and social events have been outstanding. Even the weather on Opening Day did not rain on our parade. We just did the ceremony inside for the first time. We continue to get praise for our innovation and professionalism from our many visitors. Thank you all.

Smooth sailing,
John

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

Commodore's Ball

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2003

COCKTAILS—6:30 PM DINNER—7:30 PM

Dancing will follow dinner and the installation ceremony

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS. . .

CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW BOARD AND OFFICERS
AND IN CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS.

Watch for your invitation in the mail.

driftwood

The dates of the Yacht Club Challenge have been confirmed. It will be held March 25-28, 2004 in Catalina 37s. It will be a match race format held at NHYC.

Margaret Caddle

Anyone interested in a crew wanted/wanting to crew list? If so, please send your submissions to sharonpea@aol.com and it will appear in our next issue.

Coming next month.....

Theresa Laird will be announcing the details of a Kids Corner in the Junior Sailing Room.

Adopt-a-boat. Vern Petersen and George Caddle will have news about a new program they are planning for our club.



PRICES SLASHED

Prices on most beverages and liquor at the bar and galley have been reduced by 33%. Prices are even lower for "Happy Hour" on Friday night. **Remember:** When you charge you save on most food and drink too.

ENJOY YOUR CLUB AND THE REDUCED PRICES.

labor day/luau

This year the Labor Day Regatta and Luau was once again hosted by the Lido 14 fleet. Moderately light conditions prevailed all weekend, with races held under clear skies. Entries were down to 85 boats this year, and harbor traffic was also lighter (folks must be staying away from the beaches and bays). As we had done last year, the Luau featured the band FLIGHT. Folks danced away through a delicious dinner of roasted boar and tuna, supervised by our event executive chef Dana Bell. The event was well received, and couldn't have been done without the help of the fleet and other club members, and guests of some of the competitors. Overall, more than 40 people pitched in to help make the end of summer race and Luau one of our holiday series highlights.

Harbor classes were run by PRO Bob Anderson, and Chief Scorer Shirley Smith. In Cal 20's the 9 boat fleet was decided in the last race with Jennifer and Steve Kuritz acing Ron Wood. Chuck Tripp also took overall Laser honors with that 15 boat fleet being decided in the last race. In Etchells, Ed Feo won on a tie breaker with Tom Corkett. Bob Falk took Laser Radials. We also hosted Thistles and a fleet of Olson 30s who had sailed in a race from Santa Monica Bay to Seal Beach YC on Saturday.

Bay classes were run by PRO Marc Schryer. Senior Sabots had a competitive 9 boat fleet, with 5 points separating the top 6 places. Bruce Golison won with a third in the last race, beating Chris McNaboe by 1 point. Visiting clubs dominated Sabot B's, with Rex Cameron from SDYC winning easily. Eight new sailors competed in C3. Although LBYC and ABYC sailors had a large showing, Perry Emsiek from Balboa took top honors with 3 bullets. Since the ABYC Lido fleet was volunteering for the event, and the Mission Bay Lidos stayed home this year, the 3 boat Lido fleet was won by Parker and John O'Brien from Balboa.

Mike Baumann

Labor Day Race Results

Pos	Sail No	Helm	Club	Pos	Sail No	Helm	Club
A Cat				Laser			
1	69	Pete Melvin	ABYC	1	3677	Chuck Tripp	ABYC
2	79	Jeremy Laudergeran	ABYC	2	5891	Bryan Buffaloe	SWYC
3	109	Hall Stratton	VSC	3	4300	Peter Drasnin	Westlake
4	71	Scott Taylor	CBYC	4	7175	Bill Symes	WSC
5	711	Julian	SCYC	5	8441	Steven Smith	ABYC
6	5	Stan Sorensen	ABYC	6	7285	Nils Anderson	MBYC
Cal 20				7	9039	Horia Ispas	PMYC
1	238	Jennifer & Steve Kuritz	ABYC	8	22	Stephen DeWolfe	BYC
2	69	Ron Wood	ABYC	9	9623	Andrew McDade	ABYC
3	1538	Marty Vogel	LBYC	11	2040	Vladislav/Mikulich	UCLA
4	979	Jerry Thompson	ABYC	12	8305	Stephen Orisz	SMWYC
5	6	Steve Butler	ABYC	13	4792	Hardy Wronski	BBYC
6	397	Lee Smith	ABYC	14	1042	John Bergan	ABYC
7	299	Ken Hodges	ABYC	15	6975	Jorge Suarez	ABYC
8	1506	Cathy Black Smith	ABYC	Laser Radial			
9	1190	Dave Kofahl	ABYC	1	3248	Bob Falk	ABYC
C-15				2	3247	Parker Shinn	SDYC
1	3296	Dustin Durant	ABYC	3	7343	Allie Blecher	Cal
2	2244	Vincent Paternoster	Marina SC	4	4380	Mark Spector	KHYC
3	3006	David Marsh	Cal	5	5174	Sean Kelly	SFYC
4	1666	Mike Shea	ABYC	6	1176	Jake Sorosky	Del Rey
5	3744	Terence Gallagher	SBYC	7	6865	Brian Cottrell	KHYC
6	2491	Greg Dair		8	6023	Buillermo Leon del la Barra	ABYC
Etchells				9	8082	Ross Bennett	BYC
1	790	Ed Feo	ABYC	Olson 30			
2	889	Tom Corkett	ABYC	1	18199	Aaron Feves	CBYC
3	491	Tim Carter/Chris Ericksen	ABYC	2	30409	Cole Price	ABYC
4	653	Steve Moffett	ABYC	3	67682	Bill Barnard	SMWYC
5	494	Sims/Menezes	ABYC	4	77516	Patrick Lenehan	KHYC
6	1002	John Chapman	ABYC	Thistle			
7	8	Chris Well	ABYC	1	1285	Ron Smith	Fremont
8	126	Doug Jorgensen	ABYC	2	2270	Peter Troin	ABYC
9	531	Jeff Powell	ABYC	3	2737	Mike Yarnell	Arizona
10	89	Tim Harriman	ABYC	4	3145	Bob Larzeiere	BYC
				5	3852	Mark Miller	ABYC
				6	352	Brooks Benjamin	NHYC

manager's corner



What a difference a month makes! So many of you dropped by to say hello that I felt I would never remember all of your names initially. Very slowly that too has changed, thank you for your patience. What a kind and wonderful start to my employment at ABYC.

I would like to thank all of the Fleet Captains that have been assisting me in my education here this month. They too have had to bear with me in asking one too many times what we were doing for dinners and boats. Not one has (out loud) been impatient with me or critical. There would have to be a special thank you here as well to John Massey, Vern Peterson and George Caddle for my education with Patience and our Whalers, as well as Dan Clapp and Stan Sorensen for their continued hard work.

Please let us know in the office if you fail to receive your Sou'Wester each month. This is a great tool for us to get our news out to you and we want to assure that our mailers are doing the job.

Theresa Laird

membership

At the September Board Meeting the following membership matters were approved. Max Friefeld was approved as a new Independent Junior Member. Max has been in our summer junior program.

The Board also approved for posting Dustin Delgado as a Yachting Member and Jeff and Karen Turner, Grant and Alison Wooden, Kirk Wells, Gary and Michele Myers, and Tom and Jennifer Pollack for Regular Membership.

Membership Committee

Race Results (cont)

Pos	Sail No	Helm	Club
Sr. Sabot			
1	9303	Bruce Golison	ABYC
2	8586	Christopher McNaboe	ABYC
3	9494	Fred Stevens	ABYC
4	9522	Don Hodges	ABYC
5	9901	Jane McNaboe	ABYC
6	8592	Mary Riddick	ABYC
7	8590	Mack Mills	ABYC
8	1083	Wendy Siegal	ABYC
9	8588	Nancy Grubbs	
Sabot B			
1	7654	Rex Cameron	SDYC
2	9832	Cameron Summers	HHYC
3	7604	Thomas Shadden	LBYC
4	9191	Ryan McNaboe	ABYC
5	8209	Paxton O'Brien	BYC
6	9035	Ian Fournier	LBYC
7	9918	Mallory Somerset	LBYC
8	17	Alex McKean	ABYC
9	688	Spencer Snook	ABYC
Sabot C3			
1	9405	Perry Emsiek	BYC
2	827	Haley Kirk	LBYC
3	8778	Dylan Dale	LBYC
4	3184	Allison Welty	LBYC
5	6400	Korbin Kirk	LBYC
6	7201	Derek Smith	ABYC
7	7687	Jack Jorgensen	ABYC
8	6574	Cameron Kolies	LBYC

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, October 10, 2003 is the deadline for the November Sou'Wester.



IT'S DUCT TAPE!! HE PROBABLY WAS A SAILOR!

scuttlebutt

Summer is about over and many vacations have been taken. I am asking ABYC members to let me know, Where did you go? What did you do? It is interesting to hear about peoples' trips, whether good or bad, but hopefully good. Looking forward to hearing from you.

I am starting with Marilyn Hutchinson: In June she took two 11 day back to back tours with INCA Travel. The first was to PERU where she joined one other couple for a fabulous trip. Highlights: 3 days in fascinating CUSCO, 3 days touring the beautiful URUBAMBA VALLEY and then a train ride to the Ruins of MACHU PICHU where they stayed two nights. The second tour was to the GALAPAGOS ISLANDS off ECUADOR. There were 12 people on board a beautiful 1251 motor yacht. Each day they visited a different island and took an AM & PM hike, they snorkeled every day too. Both tours were wonderful experiences but rather strenuous for an older person. She wishes she had gone a few years earlier. Sounds wonderful!! (Whose next?)

Jeanne Nelson -

hails from the fleets



The end of summer brings a lot of championship and trophy news. The 2003 Twilight Season was one of the best with pretty consistent balmy breezes. The winners varied more than the weather:

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- May: A Fleet: 1) Freddie Stevens Jr.
 2) Jane McNaboe
 3) Bob Ware
 4) Lee Berlinger
 B Fleet 1) Wendy Siegel

- June: A Fleet: 1) Tom Newton
 2) John Ellis
 3) Mary Riddick
 4) Bob Ware
 5) Al Nelson
 B Fleet 1) Bernice Weiss
 2) Wendy Siegal

- July A Fleet: 1) Jane McNaboe
 2) Sarah McNaboe
 3) Fred Stevens Sr.
 4) Mark Vredenburgh
 B Fleet: 1) Bernice Weiss

- August A Fleet: 1) Bob Ware
 2) Mary Riddick
 3) Lee Berlinger
 4) Fred Stevens Sr.
 B Fleet 1) Nancy Grubbs
 2) Mike Gass

Margaret Caddle put all this data into her computer and came up with the perpetual Twilight Trophy Winners for 2003: A Fleet: Bob Ware, B Fleet: Bernice Weiss.

The Fleet Championship Winner is usually established by the Fleet Races in March, April, May and June. This year we did not hold a Fleet Race in June, so the Championship was carried over to July. The results were again computed by Margaret and resulted in: A Fleet Champion: Bob Ware. There were not enough B Fleet sailors to qualify anyone for the Perpetual; so it will be carried over until 2004.

That brings you up to date on trophies, but there is much great racing ahead in the fall. Ladies Day is October 19th and the October Fleet Race follows the Sunday after on the 26th. We will be voting on a slate of officers at that time. Teresa is coming up with a great chicken menu for the evening. Everyone is welcome at the Sabot Races and

Dinners. There are currently 199 Sabots listed in the Boat Registry at the Club. You are all welcome, but just let Teresa know so she can throw on an extra plate.

Barbara Gabriel -



After six months of sailing and 36 individual races, the 2003 Alamos Bay Etchells Fleet Championship Series came to a resounding end as Tom Corkett claimed the title. He jumped to an early lead, dominating in all conditions on all venues, and was challenged only by one team throughout the year.

And what a challenge! Greg Sims and Doug Menezes, sailing only their second full season in an Etchells, finished a strong second in the standings, 'way ahead of the next team. In most of the fleet regattas and Holiday Series events that made up the Fleet Championship Series, they were both faster and smarter than most of the rest of the fleet, a tribute to their active racing schedule that included a regular racing against the best Etchells sailors in California off San Diego.

Past Fleet Champion Steve Moffett finished a distant third place just ahead of 2000 runners-up Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen. John Chapman was fifth and multiple past Fleet Champion Ed Feo finished in sixth place.

The "rookies of the year" title went to Jeff Powell and Gordon Dudley, who finished in seventh place. The rest of the standings went to sailors who missed most of the series: in order, they were Jerry Montgomery, Doug Jorgensen, Paul Ancil and Kevin Ellis, Larry Harvey, Chris Wells and Tim Harriman.

Here are the point totals for the series, which was a high-point series wherein each boat got a point for starting and one for each starter it finished ahead of, with a twenty per cent discard.

OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS
Corkett	USA889	156
Menezes/Sims	USA494	131
Moffett	USA653	74
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	70
Chapman	USA1002	58
Feo	USA790	56
Dudley/Powell	USA531	48
Montgomery	USA792	38
Jorgensen	USA126	18
Ancil/Ellis	USA143	26
Harvey	USA965	22
Wells	USA488	18
Harriman	USA89	2

Etchells cont....

Thanks to all the ABYC members of many fleets who turned out to do race committee for the events of our Fleet Championship Series.

A great time was had by the ten ABYC Etchells who turned out for the ABYC Labor Day Regatta in late August. The drama of the 2003 Fleet Championship Series was somewhat overshadowed as the regatta became a dogfight between Ed Feo, sailing with Mark Rastello and Tim Patrick, and Tom Corkett, sailing with Wayne Rodgers and Michel Meader: at the end of eight races and one discard, the pair ended in a dead heat, and the tiebreaker came down to who beat whom in the last race. The nod went to Feo, with Corkett and Company carding second in the event.

While this went on, there was another dogfight for third place among Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen, sailing with a pickup crew, Joe Sorosky; Steve Moffett, sailing with Kevin Ellis both days and with Paul Ancil and Jim Bateman one day each; and Greg Sims and Doug Menezes, sailing with their regular third, Chuck Simmons. Greg and Doug lay in third place ahead of Carter/Ericksen and Moffett at the end of the first day of racing, but pressure from the other two teams pushed them back to fifth while Carter/Ericksen moved into third and Moffett into fourth; at that, only one point separated Moffett and Menezes/Sims. Here are the results:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS
Feo	USA 790	10
Corkett	USA 889	10
Carter/Ericksen	USA 491	29
Moffett	USA 653	32
Menezes/Sims	USA 494	33
Chapman	USA 1002	34
Wells	USA 488	48
Jorgensen	USA 126	53
Dudley/Powell	USA 531	56
Harriman	USA 89	69

Besides Ed Feo, there were a couple of skippers who were out for the first time of the year: Chris Wells had CAHOOTS, USA488, out after an extensive refit, while Doug Jorgensen, who co-skippered the family J/120 on Transpac, was out on Saturday only. Regulars John Chapman, Jeff Powell and Gordon Dudley and the new owner of USA89, Tim Harriman, sailed with the former owner of USA 89, Pat Kelly, on Saturday only.

Chris Ericksen



Congratulations Mark Golison, the Class Champion for 2003! This is the first for Mark, although some of us thought he had won it before. He would have gotten another trophy, possibly for the ugliest boat, but Long Beach Yacht Club did not have that in their "program". Except for a few other traditional trophies they didn't include, LBYC did a good job of hosting the Class Championships.

hails from the fleets

The rest of the top ten, which was the cut-off for trophies is as follows:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 2. Mike Sentovich | 6. Mark Gaudio |
| 3. Tom Pollack | 7. Jib Kelly |
| 4. Doug McLean | 8. Ron Wood |
| 5. Chris Raab | 9. Ives/Stevens |
| | 10. Walt Johnson |

There were 45 entries of which 20 were ABYC members. It was, in reality, a CAL 20 "Open" as some of the participants became Class members on the eve of the regatta. The good news is that none of them took the top award nor 2nd place!

ABYC would have had another trophy recipient, perhaps, if Chris Wells mast didn't break into, on the second day of the Championship races.

Roland Fournier (of LBYC) won the Consolation, aka Silver Championship and our Cathy Black-Smith took 2nd.

Although this time of year racing gets thinner, here are the Labor Day Regatta results:

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| 1. Jennifer Kuritz | 6. Lee Smith |
| 2. RonWood | 7. Ken Hodges |
| 3. Marty Vogel | 8. Cathy Black-Smith |
| 4. Jerry Thompson | 9. Dave Kofahl |
| 5. Steve Butler | |

See you Turkey Day,
 Dave Ellis

Keelboat Kapers



You missed a great dinner September 12th. Theresa and the staff had some great taco fixin's with refried beans and Mexican flan for desert. Bob Chubb was out of town, so no postcards were sent out (only e-mails for those we had addresses for). We missed the rest of you at the dinner, but it WAS announced in the Sou' Wester last month. The next Keelboat meeting/dinner is scheduled for November 14th. Although we saw Bard Heavens and Barbara at happy hour, they snuck out before we could thank them for the wonderful Catalina cruise last month!

George Caddle volunteered to head up a committee to find a new Keelboat fleet captain for next year. Dennis Kasper and John Ellis volunteered to head up the joint Keelboat/Saboteers Christmas Party planning committee.

Margaret Caddle handed out tickets for those of you that had series reservations for the Long Beach Pops concerts.

See you at the next meeting!
 Captain Ron
 (Ron Long)