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chapped cheek/st. pat's family day

Sunday, March 14 truly was a day at ABYC for every member of the family. The day began a little overcast with no wind. The postponement flag was hoisted. However, by 2:00 PM the sun was out, the Saint Patrick's Day family party was in full swing, and the wind had picked up for outstanding sailing conditions. What more can you ask?

The Chapped Cheek regatta is designed to provide ABYC members with the maximum amount of participation using the minimum amount of volunteers. By limiting keelboats and catamarans to the ocean courses, and assigning the dinghies to the bay, a few volunteers can run the races so everyone else can sail! Rob and Jim Fuller, the regatta chairmen, and fourteen of their closest friends staffed the bay and harbor racecourses as well as shore support. Normally it requires a least thirty to forty volunteers!



Working on the piñata.



Bounce house line up

In the harbor, the Etchells and Cal 20s took full advantage of the deal. PRO Stan Sorensen was able to start racing at a reasonable time and completed all three of the races by early in the afternoon. Racing was a real family affair. Doug Jorgensen and crew were first of seven boats in the Etchells class. His son, Jack, was a competitor in Sabots. Mike Sentovich became the Cal 20 fleet champion by edging out the fathers and daughters team of Emily, Marrisa, Mark and Jay Golison. Eric and Stacy Conn, another father daughter team, placed third. Other family teams competing were Ron and Ryan Mundry, Jennifer and Steve Kuritz with Jennifer's dad John Ellis, Mike and Ron Wood, Garrett and Kevin Brown, Dave and Carol Kofahl, Dave, Steve and Mike Rustigan. Barbara Rustigan

and Jinks Ellis volunteered to help PRO Mike Baumann with the bay race committee.

The turnout for the bay was not as many as hoped. Nonetheless, families were well represented. Mike Baumann's son, Glenn, along with Derek Smith competed in the seven-boat Sabot class. Lauren Bussey sailed very well and placed first. A. J. Robinson was a close second. Third place was a three-way tie. Samantha Gebb won the tiebreaker over Jack Jorgensen and Cameron Summers. First in the Lido class was the father son team of Ron and Ryan Clanton.



Watch that bat!

All the boats were back at the dock by about 2:30, in time for the Saint Patrick's Day kid's party. Various activities geared for children of all ages were planned for the afternoon. About forty kids and their parents and grandparents got a huge kick out of the festivities. The beanbag toss, face painting, O'Gonzales's green piñata, and the bounce house were among the favorites. New this year was the art contest for the Charity Regatta design logo. Sharon Pearson and ten helpers did a wonderful job of planning and staffing the party and dinner with excellent support from Theresa and our loyal staff.

In the late afternoon the bar was open and a light supper featuring traditional Irish cuisine was served. It appeared that eighty to one hundred of us enjoyed the good company.

John Merchant

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save the date

Easter Brunch	April 11
Membership Meeting	April 16
Spring Spruce Up	April 17
Yard Slurry	April 28 - 25
Special Membership Meeting	May 21
Memorial Day Regatta	May 29 - 30

commodore's comments



A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of spending a couple of days on the water as the Harbor PRO for the E.E. Manning series regatta. The regatta was lightly attended but the competition was great. The event organizers did a great job. The next time you see Greg Sims and Glenn Selvin thank them for their hard work.

As I contemplate the year to date, I realize that Spring Spruce Up and Opening day are right around the corner. In February I attended the LAYC opening day ceremonies with Rear Commodore Moffett and Fleet Captain Bateman, and I am looking forward to attending the opening days of all the clubs in the San Pedro Bay area.

I want to encourage you to come down to the club on May 1st for our 78th opening day. The format will be the same as last year with the Club Championship regatta in the morning, the ABYC Fleets providing hospitality around the facility as well as showing off their boats and the open boats in the water. We will have the ceremony in the afternoon followed by a dinner that evening. Please join me as we open the club for the 2004 sailing season.

We were informed in March that Jeremy Davidson is leaving the position of Junior Program Director. Jeremy has been an integral part of the re-building of the program and we all appreciate his contributions. I have met with John Massey, the Board Liaison and Bob Kirstine the Junior Advisory Board (JAB) Chairman to talk about how we proceed. I think both Bob and John and the other members of the JAB have things under control and I look forward to another great summer program.

As part of our ongoing effort to increase membership the board has waived the transfer fee for the 20 memberships sold as beginning March 18, 2004. If any of your friends are considering membership at ABYC now is the time!

Also, John commented on the building program initiative last month. This has been a major project over the last 18 months. I am happy to report to you that we are nearing the point where we can share what we've developed. To facilitate the dissemination of this information there will be a special meeting on May 21, 2004. The board will present all of the current information on this project, including the current conceptual layout, an explanation of each project element, the relationship between the those elements and how they are inter-related, fiscal impact, funding options and more. There will be a question and answer session at the end of the presentation. This meeting will not be in the traditional format of our monthly membership meetings. I hope to see you there.

Fair winds and calm seas,

Kevin Ellis

vice commodore's notes



YARD WORK... THE BIG MOVE....

Beginning April 18th will start a week of work on the yard and parking areas of the club. All boats will be moved so that the lot can be re-sealed and re-stripped. We need your help to make sure that we can move your boat. Have your tires fully inflated and all gear on your boat or trailer.

This is a big job and we need lots of hands to make it happen. We will need help on Sunday, April 18th and Wednesday April 21st as well as on Saturday April 24th for the final move. If you can help, show up, or better yet give myself or the yard ogre, Lokke Patrick a call and let us know that we can count on you. During this time there will be no parking in the yard nor use of the cranes.

See you at the club,
Ron Wood

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, April 16, 2004 is the deadline for the March Sou'Wester.

**SPECIAL MEETING -
May 21st...
to discuss the proposed
remodel**

*Spaghetti & meatballs,
garlic bread and dessert*

manager's corner



New things abound here at the club. We have endured without trauma, and to my surprise many positive comments, the installation of our burglar alarm system here at ABYC. I think we have implemented the system with your comfort and our security in mind. The bathrooms and quarterdeck remain open to you after hours and you are free to use the showers and the deck if you have purchased a key. You must however make arrangements to enter the main building and scoring rooms as well as the Sailing Directors Office if you do not have a security code. If you have any questions regarding the new system please feel free to contact the office and we will address them.

Our other new and exciting item is the beautiful new cushions on our lobby couches. It was time! We found a great local company to make new covers and hope that these are as pleasing to your eyes as the fresh smell is to our noses! I just knew we had years of wonder drugs growing within the foam in the old ones!

If you see other items that you think need attention please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention!

Theresa

junior sailing

By the time this edition of the Sou'Wester is distributed, a number of our members will already know that our sailing director for the last two years, Jeremy Davidson, has resigned. He is moving on, and many of our younger sailors will miss Jeremy's cheerful presence. Good luck Jeremy.

Regular instructor Brad Schaupeter will continue the Spring Clinics. May 23rd will be Downwind tactics, hours 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. Arrive early if you can, but don't be late. Also, for all Juniors, whether signed up for the clinics or not, plan to sail in the Memorial Day Regatta. Racing is a fine place to judge for yourself just how well you are improving. Besides, it's fun, messin' around in boats.

We need to put together work parties to spruce up charter boats for the season. The Senior Sabot Fleet has offered funds for some much needed maintenance on the sabot trailers. So, a work party or two will be scheduled for that effort.

Moving on to the Summer Program, Junior Advisory Board President Bob Kirstine has received a number of instructor applications and notes that quality of these individuals is very impressive. So, we are looking toward a solid program. Recommend you sign up as early as possible to assure your attendance will be included, especially in the racing categories.

John Massey

As it has been for nearly a quarter century, Alamitos Bay Yacht Club will host some of the finest young sailors from all over North America as the CISA Advanced Racing Clinic comes to town April 3-6.

Nearly 140 sailors in almost 80 boats will be on hand for the Clinic, sponsored by the California International Sailing Association, a not-for-profit organization that supports international sailing competition. Training and racing will take place in Laser, Laser Radial, Club FJ, Club 420, International 420 and 29'er classes. Competitors will come not only from Southern California but also Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Florida, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota, Washington state and Hawaii—and a team from British Columbia, Canada, will make this a truly international event.

Coaching will be handled by a team of instructors gathered from all over the United States, some of whom are past CISA participants and most of whom are past CISA instructors. Attendees and coaches are housed all around the area, most in the homes of other CISA participants.

ABYC will be the center of the event. For all four days, the CISA Clinic will fill the yacht club with meetings morning and night. All meals, all programs and all the sailing will be out of ABYC. In addition to the CISA volunteers, a team of ABYC volunteers coordinated by John Massey, the ABYC Director responsible for junior events, will assist. The ABYC Staff, under club manager Theresa Laird, also works day and night to turn the CISA Clinic into a great ABYC event. ABYC members Chris Ericksen and Pete Melvin serve on the CISA Board of Directors and will be working on the regatta.

ABYC is the only home the CISA Advanced Racing Clinic has ever had, and the Clinic is itself an outgrowth of the Easter Clinic that ABYC hosted for juniors in the Seventies. For many of the CISA attendees, both coaches and campers, the CISA Clinic is a high point in their sailing careers, and most leave with great memories of ABYC that they recall over the years. Many return years later to race Olympic class or other one-design boats, and any regular ABYC regatta where junior sailors participate is filled with veterans of CISA Clinics. The Clinic has been and remains a tangible example of ABYC's ongoing dedication to junior sailing.

Chris Ericksen



hails from the fleets



The E.E. Manning Regatta is always interesting because of its structure of one-race-suits all. There is no division within fleets.

Everyone sails together. The A Cats, C15's, and Lasers barely made groups of five. But the Sabots had 35 boats, making them the largest fleet in the regatta and eligible for perpetuals. The CFJ's had 25. They are the boat that the U.S. Sailing Center uses and were seen most recently in the Rose Bowl Regatta with their awesome tacking style. They came from many different yacht clubs and sailing centers. Only Andrew McDade and Brittany Johnson sailed for ABYC.

Of the 35 Sabots, only seven were Senior Sabots, but they were a great bunch: Nick Scandone, Mike Bartell, Tom Newton, Mary Riddick, John Ellis, Mack Mills, and Wendy Siegal. Only four are from ABYC. Nick and Mike come from Balboa Yacht Club, and they are the ones that trophied. Nick took third and Mike fourth. Congratulations to them! First place went to Chris Barnard, who only had 2 second place wins: the rest were first place- and he managed all this with a late registration. Wade Hatton also of Newport Harbor Yacht Club took the second place trophy. You can pick up the complete Regatta news at our WEB site along with Rich Roberts wonderful pictures.

Also on ABYC.org are the complete results of the Chapped Cheek Regatta with pictures. The Senior Sabots did not make a fleet, but Jennifer Kuritz, John Ellis, and Wendy Siegal went sailing with the Cal 20's (the biggest fleet in this regatta.) Judy and Clif Mathais, Scott Atwood and Steff helped with the Saint Patrick's Day Party and enjoyed it along with the rest of the young at heart.

The April Championship Race has been postponed because of the yard repairs on the 18th. It will be held on April 25th. Please make a note!

If you are interested in sailing or coaching lessons in Sabots (ownership not necessary) leave your name at the office. If you would like to sail your Sabot, a great time to start is the first Thursday in May when the Twilights begin. They continue every Thursday through the summer followed by Sunset dinners in the patio. This is enjoying your Club to the optimum. Come join us.

Barbara Gabriel



The March Keel Boat meeting rated 5 stars. Spring Cruise, summer cruise, charter cruise in Holland, picnic with model boat regatta and topped off with a speaker who had everyone laughing.

Dennis Kasper reported that the spring cruise is set for Friday, April 23, to Sunday April 25. Friday watch the start of the Ensenada Race with cocktails at 1630. Saturday cocktails at 1630 with dinner at a yacht club. The non-sailing Keel Boat members are invited to bring their 4 wheel yachts to Balboa Yacht Club Saturday for cocktails aboard with dinner at a yacht club to follow.

Bard Heavens reported that the summer cruise will start Saturday, August 7 with Dana Point Yacht Club the

first stop. The cruise will continue to Mariners Basin, Southwestern Yacht Club, Coronado Yacht Club, San Diego Yacht Club, Mariners Basin, Dana Point Yacht Club and home Saturday August 21. Four wheel yacht members are invited for dinner and cocktails at Dana Point Yacht Club the first night, Saturday, August 7. Four wheel Keel Boat members are also invited to join the cruise the weekend of August 13, 14 and 15. Accommodations will be in Point Loma for Friday and Saturday night. Cocktails Friday, sight seeing and cocktails with dinner Saturday and on Sunday a sail from Coronado Yacht Club to San Diego Yacht Club.

Bard Heavens is arranging a charter trip in 2005 for Northern Friesland, Holland. Don't miss this trip. It's also 5 star all the way. Two staterooms each with its own head! The price is very reasonable and is probably the most enjoyable charter you will ever be on.

Jeanne Reid and Bob Chubb are planning a picnic with a model boat (our pinewood specials) regatta. Bob will have model boat kits at the May meeting for any member that does not already have one. Saturday, June 12 is the tentative date.

Sandra Blazer, principal of Wilson High School, is not only an outstanding education administrator but also a stand up act that had us all roaring. But the overall message was clearly brought forth. Wilson Classical High School ranks in the top 4 percent in the entire nation! Everyone wears a school uniform, has seven periods per day and takes four years of math, English and foreign language. Wilson is able to accommodate less than half of the number of students that apply for freshman admittance, all of whom must be an honor student to even be considered.

It's very evident that the various chairs of committees are doing and have done a tremendous job. Let's give these chairs the support they deserve. Attend the meetings and participate in the activities. The next meeting will be May 7.

John and George



Not much news out of the Alamos Bay Etchells fleet: not much has been going on! But there is some past news to cover, some future events to talk about and some changes in the makeup of the fleet.

We have had three regattas this year, starting with the annual Super Bowl Regatta on February 1. Ed Feo ended up on top of the eight-boat pile. There was the usual good times and the usual collisions, with Jerry Montgomery lifting the mantle from Chris Ericksen as the most dangerous Etchells skipper on the bay that day.

Ed also won the Etchells fleet in the annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta February 14-15. Long Beach Yacht Club ran the event in San Pedro Bay this year after having it run by Seal Beach Yacht Club for the past few years.

Six boats turned out for the ABYC Chapped Cheek Regatta on March 14. Doug Jorgensen was winner in that event.

hails from the fleets

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March also saw two regattas in San Diego. The annual Etchells Midwinter West Regatta was held on March 6-7, which was also the 2004 Etchells Pacific Coast Championship Regatta, but most of the local teams stayed home as the Etchells fleet did it's annual service as duty fleet for the SCYA Manning Series Regatta that weekend at ABYC. Two weeks later San Diego also hosted the Sailing World NOOD Regatta; three teams, led by Ed Feo, Tom Corkett and Greg Sims, respectively, traveled south for that event.

But the big event kicks off this month as the 2004 Fleet Championship Series begins on Sunday, April 25. The series will continue through October. Most of the events are our one-day fleet regattas, but we'll also count the races on the Saturday of the ABYC Memorial Day Regatta in the standings. The first two events will also serve as our Worlds' Qualifying Series to determine who can go to the 2004 Etchells Worlds, held this year in July and August in Mooloolaba, New South Wales, Australia, in the middle of their winter.

Our regattas are shared with the Cal 20 fleet. They usually have three or four races, set 'round windward-leeward courses with a minimum of staffing and equipment and a very nominal entry fee.

There have been some additions to our fleet, one removal and one pending new boat. Joe Markowitz has taken on Reese Lane of Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club as a partner; their boat has been a work in progress for some time but is due back soon. Greg Sims also chartered a second Etchells and plans to move it up to Richmond, where the 2004 North American's will be sailed and the 2005 Worlds.

And a sad farewell was made to SLIPPERY WHEN WET, one of the original boats in our fleet. Previously owned by the late Chuck Kober and John Weiss, the boat has found a new home in a growing fleet in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Reports and photos on the old girl show that she has reached her new home and will doubtless be as active in her new fleet as she was here in Long Beach.

The last bit of news is that Jerry Thompson has agreed to purchase a very late-model Etchells and bring her to Alamitos Bay. She should arrive in April or May. Welcome to the fleet, Jerry. Just what the Etchells fleet needs: another Staff Commodore...

Chris Ericksen



What a great start to the New Year. We had 17 boats for the Midwinter Regatta, and then turn right around and have 17 boats for the Chapped Cheek Regatta. Midwinter results: 1. Gaudio/Bell, 2. Chris Rabb, 3. Henry Schofield, 4. Doug McClean, 5. Barney & Steve Flam. Chapped Cheek results: 1. Mike Sentovich, 2. Mark Golison, 3. Eric Conn, 4. Larry Harvey, 5. Ryan Mudry. CONGRATULATION TO ALL.

Mike Sentovich is our new Fleet One Champion. Mike will have the opportunity to represent the Cal 20 fleet in the club championships.

May 15-16 is the Bud Gardiner Bowl at King Harbor Yacht Club. This is a really fun away regatta. This would be a good regatta to attend because the following weekend the Cal 20 fleet has the duty for the Memorial Day Regatta and the next regatta won't be until the Fourth of July Regatta just 2 weeks before the Nationals. It would be really neat if we could get 4 or 5 boats to attend. I know of one boat that plans to attend.

Steve Butler

abyc social update

Hop on over to our

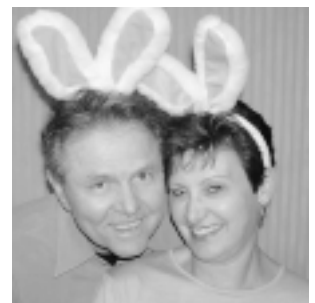
ANNUAL EASTER BRUNCH

Last one there is a rotten egg.

We're hopping with excitement. Sue and Bill McDannel are organizing the Easter Brunch again this year. As over 300 people knew from last year it was a fabulous way to have the whole family enjoy our wonderful club.

There will be a bountiful brunch starting at 10:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M., and the Easter Bunny has promised to arrive at noon for the big egg hunt. Make your reservations by April 9th to save a few bucks....making it easier for us to plan.

Ron and Elaine Wood



on the horizon

Save the date for this years beach party. Events, menu and cost in the May Sou'Wester. July 23rd - 25th - The Isthmus, Catalina Island - More to follow! Holly MacLaren

New Years Eve...planning underway...watch for details in upcoming issues. Kelly Asper

scuttlebutt

Los Alamitos police honored several policemen in March and one of them is ABYC member Dave Dorrans, Police Employee of the year for 2003 as Reserve Officer. Dave grew up and attended school in Long Beach. He went to Long Beach City College and then transferred to the University of Redlands, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received his Masters Degree from California State University Long Beach in 1976. He taught and coached football in high school and coached at a community college in the San Gabriel Valley for 20 years. In 1986 he became the dean of students at Los Alamitos High School. In 1990 he was promoted to assistant principal in charge of student services. Dorrans graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Reserve Academy in 1992. He then became a technical reserve for the Los Alamitos Police Dept. in 1997. In January 2001, Dorrans' status with the department changed when he became a sworn reserve officer. CONGRATULATIONS DAVE!

Dick and Linda Landes recently became Grandparents for the 4th time and Al and Jeanne Nelson became Great-Grandparents in December. Hooray to all!

Jeanne Nelson

transpac happy hour

The happy hour on May 7 will feature continuous videos and DVDs from a number of the boats that participated in the 2003 race. Wendy Siegal's video from WILLOW WIND, Eric McClure's DVD from INCREDIBLE, a great DVD from the Japanese boat BENGAL II along with the DVD from THERE AND BACK AGAIN that some of you may have already seen will be shown. A number of potential 2005 crew and boat owners will also be invited. If you want to see some great offshore sailing footage, just be there6:30 TO 9:30 PM.

board droppings

Randy Smith and Norma Clapp, representing the Finance Committee, gave a PowerPoint presentation. Correspondence noted from International Community Foundation, American Red Cross and Mission Bay Yacht Club. MSA to donate something from the Boatique with a value up to \$25.00.

The treasurer presented overheads showing different areas of the budget and their actual performance against budget.

New Business

MSA The 2005 O'Day's

MSA Junior Sabot Nationals for the week of August 8 – 11, 2005.

MSA May 7, 2004 for a Transpac night.

Around the room:

Glenn Selvin announced he was donating a truckload of furniture for the office.

Ron Wood discussed the Easter Brunch.

John Massey talked about CISA and Junior Program calendar dates.

Nicole Peoples-Moffett said she expected a low turnout for OCR

Bard Heavens said he had received a list of ideas from the Morford's. He said there was a need to address membership enhancement.

John Merchant talked about Chapped Cheek/St. Patrick's day party and Spring Spruce Up. He also showed overheads regarding the Club improvement.

Jim Morford



membership

The Board of Directors at the March 17th meeting approved the following membership matters:
The Board approved Georgene (George) Honeycutt for regular membership. It also approved Mike Pentecost to be posted for regular membership.

The Membership Committee

ALOHA.....Memberships For Sale

Do you know someone who wants to join our great Alamitos Bay Yacht Club? Well get on the phone, the email or the coconut wire and tell them we were looking for new members. We have 20 memberships offered for sale and we are waiving the transfer fee! That's a \$500 SAVINGS!!! Act now, tell your friends and bring them on in to the Club while the going hot!!! Contact Don Reiman or the ABYC Office to get a membership packet and take advantage of this offer NOW!

charity regatta 2004

18th Annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach
Charity Regatta
Sunday, September 26, 2004

Plan to race, come to the Burger Bash, and help this be a really great day for all to support this charitable event. There are venues for Bay Racers, Harbor and Ocean Racing as well as a Predicted Log Race for the Power Fleets. The Children's Art Contest for children 7 to 12 years old. The deadline for submission of their artwork is April 30th. Simple rules - 8 1/2 x 11 white paper with a picture in no more than three colors about sailing.

Submit to: ABYC Office, Attention Stephanie Munn.

There will be the Marine and Other Things Swap Meet at Seal Beach Yacht Club on Saturday, July 10th. While that is going on Navy Yacht Club Long Beach will be serving a Pancake Breakfast.

On August 21st Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club will be holding their Annual Golf Tournament and Lunch. They always put on a great event with lots of prizes and drawings. They already have one Tee Sponsor.

The Regatta and Burger Bash Silent Auction, Prize Drawings and Trophy Presentation at ABYC on Sunday, September 26th will wind up the planned fundraisers for The Children's Clinic.

The final activity held in connection with this community service benefit is the Appreciation Party held to thank the sponsors, volunteers, participants and committees, Commodores. We also present the proceeds to The Clinic at this event, which will be held on October 29th at Shoreline Yacht Club of Long Beach.

It's a great series of events to benefit The Children's Clinic that serves under insured and uninsured children. They do great things there to improve a child's life. If you would be interested in a tour, let me know, I'll set it up. If you'd like to be a sponsor or donor, let me know, sponsors get their logo on the Regatta Tee Shirts and in the Notice of Regatta as well as other recognition.

Norma Clapp, ABYC Charity Regatta Rep.

tehauntepecer

Roscoe Butcher's Sabot was named for the strong northerly winds that bring cool air to the Oaxaca area of Mexico off the Gulf of Tehauntepec. It is symbolic of the wide influence that Roscoe had on most of the fleets at ABYC. He sailed Lidos with Dale Berkihiser and Isabelle Lounsberry back in days when meets were held at the other end of the bay. He has sailed with the CAL 20's and participated in their Nationals when they were held in Hawaii. In their Cal 30, Ginny and Roscoe toured with the Keel Boat Fleet when they went sailing or, as a year ago, sailed the canals of Holland. And of course, he was a Sabotier, which means he served his time as Fleet Captain. Besides fleet versatility, Roscoe supported many Club Events. He worked on the Christmas Floats for years, being the first to get lights on them. Bobby Ware remembers one year when the barge submerged, but the lights shone on under water. His "Toys of Christmas" and Stern Wheeler Floats remain classics.

He was the youth director for a memorable summer when Dave Dorans was Commodore.

During World War II, Roscoe joined the Signal Corp, but wound up in the Air Force. He was a navigator when the war ended. (The Pilot's license had to wait until he was 72 years old.) He met Ginny's brother during the war and he introduced Roscoe to Ginny when they visited her at her college in Santa Barbara. Roscoe stayed on, graduated from Santa Barbara and married Ginny. They both worked in School Districts which allowed them to do a lot of traveling together. Mexico and the Latin American countries were favorites. He spent a sabbatical term in San Miguel de Allende where he learned Spanish, studied art, picked up the name of his boat, and had one ideal Easter Vacation with Ginny.

Good friends, the Hutchinsons, the Berkihisers, and the Lounsberrys enjoyed skiing trips with them. Roscoe has been on many cruises and races including the Ensenada Race nine or ten times. But the jewel of the Butcher travels seem the three or four camping trips they made to Europe with their kids, Ross and Bonne. How many families can look back on such experiences.

Ginny and Roscoe would have been married 53 years this March 17th. According to Jeanne Nelson, they held hands for most of them.

Ross and Bonnie grew up excelling at sailing. He hope they will join the Sabot Fleet during Twilights and get the ole Tehauntepecer blowing again.

Barbara Gabriel

adopt-a-beach

The tides of March have passed and so has our beach clean-up day. If you were there, we thank you. We won't know who you were until the next edition of the Sou'Wester. If you couldn't make it, remember you can still help Saturday, July 17th and September 18th, National Clean-up Day.

The Adopt-A-Beach Committee: Larry Kidd, Chairman, Cathy and Todd Black-Smith, Carl and Carol Reynolds, Alaine and John Weiss, and Barbara Gabriel.



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Barbara Conn - St. Pat's registration

See insert for Manning and Chapper Cheek sailing photos!



A "monster" St' Pat's pinata



Beanbag toss

abyc sailors on the road

At the 2004 Laser Master's Midwinters East sailed in Clearwater, Florida, ABYC member Chris Raab bested a fleet of 64 of the best Laser Master sailors in the world to win the championship by 15 points. The fleet included two current Master's World Champions and several past Master's Worlds Champions and included sailors from Australia, Germany, Bermuda and the Dominican Republic. GREAT RACING, CHRIS. CONGRATULATIONS!

In the middle of February San Diego Yacht Club hosted the Women's Snipe Nationals. Participating in the 29 boat fleet were Shelly Suarez, Abigail Ahmanson, Ruth Pauling Shock and former ABYC member Stacy Szabo.

Jerry Montgomery

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