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4th of July regatta

(Photos & captions courtesy of Rich Roberts)



Jerry Thompson, with crew Jeff Littell and Randy McLaren, led the Etchells fleet



John Shadden, an Olympic bronze medalist in 1988, gets reacquainted with a Sabot after 25 years



ABYC's Lauren Bussey leads J.P. Barnes of San Diego in Sabot C class



These are the people who make it work



There were 25 Cal 20s, building up to their Class Championships at ABYC July 15-18



Steve Kuritz sets the whisker pole as Jennifer Kuritz steers Hot Pink with John Ellis as crew. Stan Sorenson (foreground) cruises by on his catamaran



Jeff McDermaid and son Matt keep an eye on the Lido competition



Bill Uniack and Andy Zinn have their 505 on the transom of Howie Hamlin and Jon Bell

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save the date

Santana 20 Class Champs	Aug 12 - 15
Membership Meeting	August 20
Labor Day Regatta	Sept 4 - 5
Luau	Sept 4
Polls Open	Sept 5 & 11
Annual Meeting (Polls Open)	Sept 17
Charity Regatta	Sept 26

commodore's comments



June and July have come and gone. In June the ABYC played a key role in two major regattas, Long Beach Race Week and Premiere Racing's North Sails Race Week. Members of the ABYC provided their expertise in running races for both of these events and did their usual fine job.

Also in June, I had the opportunity to participate in the Keelboat Fleet "pine block" regatta. For those of you who don't know what that is, the Keelboat Fleet has a fleet of Pine Block 12" One-Design boats. These are non-radio controlled, sloop rigged, model boats that actually sail themselves. Bob Chubb, designer, builder, fleet originator and de facto Pine Block 12" class president, provides boats to members of the Keelboat Fleet at no cost. Boat holders are responsible for finishing their assigned boats and participating in the regatta. This year's turn out was great, the competition was fierce amongst the 16 entries and the barbeque afterwards was lots of fun. The keelboat fleet is to be commended for a great job. It was my pleasure to participate.

I am pleased to inform you that during the June Board meeting, nine new regular members were approved as well as 2 applicants posted and we had two new applications submitted. Keep up the good work! As I said last month, membership is the key to our long-term success and each and every one of us needs to bring in new members.

Coming up next month is the annual membership meeting and elections. Please take time to consider the nominees for the 2004/2005 board. This year's nominees are very strong. Voting in ABYC elections is an important part of your membership obligation. Please be sure to vote.

*Fair winds and calm seas,
Kevin Ellis*

North Sails Race Week Photos



Helmsman Walter Johnson drives Oscar Krinsky's 1D48, Chayah, around a pile of kelp. Chayah was the overall winner in PHRF 1



Barney Flam, 79 (right), with son Steve (middle) as tactician, won this race Sunday by going hard left on the first beat into a Catalina eddy. Flambuoyant was sixth overall among 20 J/105s

Photos and captions courtesy of Rich Roberts
Photo boat courtesy Doug McLean with captain Tom Leweck



2004 Santana 20
Class Championships
August 12 – 15, 2004

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, August 30, 2004 is the deadline
for the September Sou'Wester.

More 4th of July from Rich Roberts



Steve Leo and crew Tim Legge set the chute on their Hobie

manager's corner



I came to ABYC last year in August at a challenging time. You may all remember that we had been without a General Manager and the Board of Directors had been filling in for months. In many ways it seems impossible to think that I have been here now for a full year.

With August upon us again, we are heading into our final full month of Twilight Dinners. Please remember to come and enjoy the hard work that Jesus and his team puts together for you. He has also enjoyed seeing each of you at the last Sunday of the month brunches on the second deck. They have started out a bit slow, but seem to be growing in popularity. I have enjoyed sitting with many of you and hearing your great sailing adventures!

At the end of my first year with you I have looked back at all of the members who have supported the staff and our efforts to make your club a happy and fun place to sail.

There are so many of you that ALWAYS have a kind word and a happy smile, not to mention the jokes! Yes Dan....I repeat MOST of them often. I am amazed at how quickly I have made such wonderful friends here at ABYC. I would be extremely negligent if I did not thank the staff for all their help and support. They lead me through the rules and history of the club so that I could do my job. They have all pulled behind me to show me the ropes. THANKS GUYS!

Theresa Laird

junior sailing

The junior program this year is running smoothly. There are 60 children in the program this year. There are about 35 morning sailors and about 25 sailors in the afternoon. The Sea Urchins have gone on a field trip to the Aquarium and sailed with the older sailors this year. The beginning sailors have quickly been learning their way around the bay, while the intermediates have been learning how to race. Some intermediate sailors have even attended regattas such as Fourth of July and Summer Gold Cup. The afternoon sailors have been concentrating hard on fleet and team racing. Every Tuesday there are Jr. Sabot twilights in the bay where the ABYC sailors can race against LBYC and Leeway. Alamitos Bay Fleet races are held on Wednesday's, where the juniors are able to practice racing against the rest of the bay. Some past regattas that sailors have attended are Summer Gold Cup at NHYC and Fourth of July Regatta. The team racing team has also attended team races at SDYC, ABYC, and NHYC. Some regattas that will have occurred once this article is released are Dutch Shoe in San Diego, Sabot two's for sailors under 12, Beach to Bay, and Bay Fleet Championships. The Awards banquet for the junior program is August 5th. The Junior Sabot Nationals are on August 9th-12th at Mission Bay Yacht Club. We hope for some good performances in nationals this year.

Andrew McDade

charity regatta 2004

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 26th and participate in the 18th Annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta. This event was the idea of the commodores who served their clubs in 1987. ABYC's commodore that year was Tom Ramsey who is still serving our club as Judge Advocate.

There will be venues for all classes of boats from Sabots Senior and Junior, Lido 14's, Lasers, Cal 20's, Echells, PHRF, ORCA, Beach Cats, Catalina 37's, Cal 25's, Cruising and PHRF Non Spinnaker. We try to have venues for all classes and hope that some new to racing will also come out and give it a try and support this community event. There are some beautiful perpetual trophies to be presented at the trophy presentation following the Burger Bash at ABYC.

The Cerritos Bahia Golf Tournament will be held on August 21st at Recreation Park South followed by lunch and drawings and presentation of winners trophies. They will have long drive contest on two holes and three closest to the pin contests. There will be winners in each category and there will be men and women winners in all categories. They have this benefit golf tournament process all figured out and have been very successful and donated a very good amount to help make the Charity Regatta and it's supporting events grow each year.

Plan to race on the 26th, come to the Burger Bash and have a great time celebrating the 18th Annual Charity Regatta to benefit THE CHILDREN'S CLINIC.

Norma Clapp, ABYC Representative

IF THERE IS NO WIND **ROW!**

Small print disclaimer...not advocating this strategy during racing...

hails from the fleets



The last Championship Race for the fleet was held June 20th on

Father's Day. Two fathers and one granddaughter were the winners so it seemed in perfect keeping with the day. The B let did not have enough boats so only the A Fleet trophied:

- 1) Bob Ware who came to dinner with the whole family
- 2) John Ellis who raced against daughter Jane and granddaughter, Sarah
- 3) Sarah McNaboe - what a great father's day for John and Bob.

Fleet Champions have been decided by a mix of golf scores for the A Fleet and Basketball scores for the B's. Joe Riddick kept track and ran copies of the score sheets which will be available at the July 11th meeting along with the Perpetual Presentation to: (drum roll)

- 1) A Fleet: Bob Ware
- B Fleet: Wendy Siegal

Winners of the June Twilights will get their trophies at this same meeting:

- A Fleet: 1) Bob Ware 2) Mary Riddick 3) Lee Berlinger
B Fleet 1) Bernice Weiss

Fourth of July Regatta: or was it the Family Reunion Regatta so many families sailed or volunteered together:

Jennifer and Steve Kuritz with dad, John Ellis, Steve and Barney Flam, Mike and Ron Wood, Matt and Steve Rustigan, Dave and Carol Kofahl, Fred and Freddie Stevens, Cathy and Todd Smith, Marcel and Cherie Hughes, Grant and Connor Hill, Chuck and Paige Tripp, Jeff and Matt Mc Dermaid, Dianne and Ray Gonzales, Judy and Clif Mathais, Bob and Bobbie Hodges, the Belands, the Caddles, the Petersons, the Clapps, the Mills, and the whole Kidd family Larry, Jane, Laurie and grandkids; and was that Pete Melvin's crew at the trophy table with him? If the families that sail together don't win together, at least they have a whale of a good time.

Senior Sabot Winners were 1) John Shadden (LBYC) 2) Jane McNaboe 3) Tom Newton

Don't forget Twilights have one more month to run. See you there.

Barbara Gabriel

ABYC LASER Guys, Gals and Geezers

Beginning **Wednesday July 28 through August 25, 2004** The ABYC Laser Fleet has been invited to join the **Lido** Fleet for Wednesday evening racing on the Bay.

The name for this series; **Guys, Gals and Geezers** came from suggestions for summer evening **Laser** racing at a recent ABYC Membership Meeting and I think it may "have legs". You may choose how you wish to be identified, but we really just hope you'll rig your **Laser**, or borrow one, and come out to enjoy some warm weather sailing.

Right now if the **Lidos** have five (5) or more racers, each crew pays \$3.00 for the services of the Bay Barge. If there are less than five, the assembled racers forego use of the Bay Barge and use "rabbit starts". Depending on how many **Lasers** show up, we can make a determination of whether we use the Bay Barge or not. Regardless, \$3.00 is less than we pay for a café latte, so I don't anticipate this being an issue.

We will keep score as best we can for the five weeks remaining in the 2004 Summer season and think of something if we want to recognize outstanding or memorable performances.

We hope to see you on Wednesday evening!

ABYC Fourth of July Regatta

Eight **Laser** racers participated in a four race contest hosted by the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) July 3rd.

We raced in the traditional ABYC race area in Long Beach Outer Harbor between Oil Islands Chaffee and Freeman. Clearing sunshine made for a beautiful day on the race course punctuated by the occasional snarling offshore powerboat, the boatpix.com photo helicopter (I still haven't seen my boat on the website) and a few cruising keelboats wandering close to check out the action.

We enjoyed marginal hiking conditions and enough shifts to keep it interesting throughout the day, which kept the competitors close and margins between finishers often measured in seconds. ABYC race committee set windward leeward courses, kept time between starts to a minimum and managed to keep the **Lasers** well separated from the numerous other fleets competing on the same course.

Congratulations to Bob Falk who was dominant, only slipping to second place once behind Peter Drasnin in the last race of the day.

Final results - 4 races/no discard

Place	Sail #	Skipper	Club	Points
1	3248	Bob Falk	ABYC	5
2	4300	Peter Drasnin	Westlake	8
3	1	Charlie Heatherly	WLYC	16
4	4205	Jim Kirk	ABYC	19
5	8441	Steven Smith	ABYC	21
6	7281	Donat-Pierre Luigi	UCLA	22
7	9623	Andrew McDade	ABYC	23
8	6905	Vann Wilson	ABYC	30

Future LASER Regattas

August 14-15, 2004: California Yacht Club is hosting their Summer Dinghy Regatta. **Lasers** and **Laser** Radials are among the invited classes. The NOR is posted on the California Yacht Club website.

August 13-15, 2004: **Laser** US *Masters* Championship, Cascade Locks OR

September 4-5, 2004: **Laser** District 25 Championships, Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) in conjunction with the ABYC Labor Day Holiday Regatta. Watch ABYC website

If you have any questions or are interested in getting your **Laser** back in the water, please contact me via E-Mail, salaor@sbcglobal.net or phone at (626) 403-9533.

Steven Smith



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

The largest one design keel boat sloop-rigged fleet in ABYC held a terrific regatta June 26. The fact that the Bob Chubb designed boats are under 2 feet long is just a minor fact in this 24-boat fleet. Sixteen skippers raced with all the enthusiasm of offshore professionals and were cheered on by 33 spectators. With Bob Chubb and Jeanne Reid co-Principal Race Officers plus Mickey Beland setting the course, you knew the regatta was going to be at least a 9 ½ out of 10. Seriously, we are considering entering the regatta to U S Sailing as best managed regatta on the West Coast. Eleanor Beland and Carol Reynolds were retrievers of errant racing sloops (there were many). The chase boat was skippered by the versatile Mickey Beland.

Results – Well, the trophy presentations were delayed until skippers changed into dry pants, (A certain amount of wading in cold water, oh my, was required).

SILVER FLEET

- 1st Chuck Hardin
- 2nd Dennis Kasper
- 3rd Ron Long

GOLD FLEET

- 1st Kevin Ellis
- 2nd Ron Wood
- 3rd Dan Clapp

COMMODORES/DIRECTORS FLEET

- 1st Kevin Ellis
- Last Place Award “Captain Quigs Balls” Ron Wood

GRAND SLAM

- 1st Ron Wood, winner of a bottle of champagne and a parking space on Ocean Blvd (mind the street sweeper).

The awards were followed by a picnic with the fleet supplying salads, chips, salsa, paper ware, etc. One last caveat – all staff commodores and dedicated sailors should order your free Chubb One design kit for the next “Pinewood Regatta”.

A small but elite group of keel boaters met Saturday, July 10 for lunch at ABYC and then a trip to Rancho Los Alamitos. Some of us had been there before but none recently. The volunteers and staff have done a wonderful job of preserving and restoring the Rancho. Beautiful gardens and great barns, but the Ranch House is the diamond among many gems. Better than a museum because it's as though the Bixby family has just stepped outside and you walked in the back door. The tour, (led by a very knowledgeable guide, Cindy) goes through almost all rooms and you are not behind ropes or barricades. You're next to the pool table, stove, bed(s), dining room table set with crystal, silverware and china, etc. This has to be one of the greatest assets of the city of Long Beach.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next meeting will be September 10. More information, including a guest speaker, fall cruise and other matters will be in the Keel Boat postcard reminder.

Four-wheel yachts – join the cruising fleet August 7 at Dana Point Yacht Club for cocktails on Bard's boat (bring your libation and light hors d'oeuvres). Dinner at DPYC to follow.

Four-wheel yachts – Join the cruising fleet at Mission Bay August 19. We will have a picnic and games at Mariner's Basin. Bring your Chubb Pinewood boats.

John and George



No news...all bobbing aimlessly..

scuttlebutt

Cal 20 sailor Ryan Mudry received his Bachelors Degree in Agronomy from Cal Poly Pomona in June and is currently working towards his masters, Good Luck Ryan!

Jane Kidd and Jeanne and other friendS all took a ride on the AQUA LINK in July , an easy shuttle around the Harbor. It was nice not having to drive and pay for parking. A great way to go to your favorite restaurants and have lunch or dinner. Also great shopping. We all thoroughly enjoyed our day. Try it!! Its fun.

On Wednesday, July 7 Al and I got up early and our day started with a very large BANG!! We ran outside and discovered a plane crashed near our backyard across the fence to our neighbors house. A large fire started and the couple in the house were able to run out of their home, luckily they made it. The wife got burned a little. Our neighborhood all ran out of their homes to see what happened. We ended up with around 50 firemen and trucks. Dozens of policemen were every where and every radio and TV station were there and dozens of planes were in the sky all day taking pictures of every thing. It was interesting to watch how the firemen and police took care of every thing. But I tell you we were all very scared at what happened and feel very lucky we didn't get hurt or lose our home. It is something we will never forget. It is sort of interesting, thinking back a few years, we were hit twice (10 years apart) with tornados hitting our house. THIS IS SEAL BEACH...but we Love it and hope nothing else happens.

Jeanne Nelson

membership

At the July 15th meeting The Board of Directors approved Dave Baillie and Laura Willbanks for Regular Membership and Graham Tremper for Junior Membership. At this time there were no applicants ready to be posted for membership, so there is still time to invite friends to join our Club at half price. WHAT A GREAT DEAL! If you have someone interested please get in touch with me at (562) 598-6384 and we'll get to work on finding sponsors.

Don Reiman

long beach youth learn the ropes of sailboat racing

Young people in the Long Beach community are experiencing the dynamic and exhilarating sport of sailboat racing through the collaborative efforts of several local sailing foundations.

The United States Sailing Center-Long Beach, CA and the Long Beach Yacht Club Sailing Foundation have combined resources to teach children from the Long Beach chapter of the NAACP the basics of sailboat racing. The LBYC Sailing Foundation provides the boat, while the US Sailing Center administers the program and provides training staff and racing crew for the boat.

The children are participating in the Long Beach Yacht Club's Wet Wednesday races, a summertime midweek series that attracts many of the regions best sailors. The children participating are able to compete at the top level.

For the kids participating, each day's racing is preceded by a classroom session in which the intricacies of sailboat racing, some theory of hydro and aerodynamics and some oceanography are explained.

"We want this to be a fun, safe, and exciting experience for the kids," said Jim MacLeod who runs the program on behalf of the US Sailing Center. "We also want this to be an educational experience so the kids can take something away with them when the program is over. That's why the classroom component is so important."

This is the second year of the program and all those involved, from the directors of the two foundations, the Long Beach sailing community and certainly the kids participating have all been thrilled with the results. During last year's Wet Wednesday series, the program took out several dozen kids from Long Beach Jordan High School and the Boys and Girls Club of Long Beach. This year's program has exceeded the previous year's success.

"The children we have participating have traditionally been underserved by the aquatic and sailing community," MacLeod said. "With the LBYC Sailing Foundation making one of its Catalina 37 sailboats available and the US Sailing Center's ability to implement such a program, it's natural for our two organizations to come together to offer this." Not all of the participants' time is spent in the classroom or hard at work on the boats however. Thanks to the LBYC Sailing Foundation, the kids are treated to a dinner at Long Beach Yacht Club's Burger Bash after each evening's race. The US Sailing Center's roll in the program is supported by a grant from the California International Sailing Association through funds donated by Roy Disney (famous yachtsman and nephew of Walt Disney).

Photos of the program are available upon request.

PUBLICITY, Rich Roberts

new year's eve 2004 (prelim)

It's not too soon to make your plans to ring in 2005 at ABYC's Midnight Race of Champions (aka. New Year's Eve Party)

Don't miss the party! Bring your neighbors, friends, family. Prizes for the gambling winners!

Watch the Sou'Wester each month for more information. Volunteers needed for Check-in table, Food station servers, Decorations, Raffle baskets for gaming prizes, Advertising, Master of Ceremonies/announcements Please contact me with questions or if you would like to help with the party. (562-856-5853)

Kelly Asper

social

So Many Plans, So Little Time

Wow, its already August and the summer is half over. Time goes by so fast that I find that I miss out on so much stuff I want to do. This summer I wanted to go to Catalina as much as possible and join in on the ABYC Catalina Cruise (well, work got in the way of that idea). I wanted to sail the sabot in the Thursday Night Twilight Races (work got in the way of that too). I wanted to meet Steve in Hawaii after Pacific Cup (work again). I wanted to sit on the ABYC Beach and work on my tan (guess what work I got to do instead!).

But, at least I got to kick back on the ABYC patio and watch the boats pass by and talk with good friends (got to do a little of that). I also did a little race committee. There are so many cool things to do around the yacht club, but there just isn't enough time to do them all. But I'll do what I can and always know that the ABYC is always ready and waiting for me. Come on down and see what's waiting for you!

SIGHTINGS

Long Beach Arena, Long Beach POPS!-A whole bunch of us got together for the final POPS! Concert of the season. Thank you **George and Maggie Caddle** for organizing the tickets and introducing a few of us to some really great and inexpensive entertainment right here in Long Beach!

Radnor St., Long Beach-**Chris and Lynda Peoples** house. Where did it go? It's being remodeled and they are adding on 1300 sq. ft.! Congratulations and may it be a swift and speedy project.

July 1, St. Francis Y.C.-**Steve Moffett** boarded the Santa Cruz 50 Chicken Little for the Pacific Cup Race to Hawaii. The ride wasn't as fast as they would have liked it, but they still had a little too much fun!

July 3rd, ABYC Race Course, Long Beach Harbor - **Mark Townsend** sailed his beautifully refurbished Cal 20 and took 5th place with **Chuck Harden**. May you have many more successful voyages!

July 4th, ABYC Bayside Beach-**James and Sam Melvin** and **Riley and Sawyer Gibbs** hi-jack a Hobie Cat for a sail on the bay. Moms' **Kathy** and **Stacey** stayed on the beach while these little guys got their first taste of sailing freedom. With a little help from Dads' **Pete** and **Stan** on other sailboats, the boys got back to the beach just in time for the 4th of July water fight!

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

This is an easy one that I think everyone can join in on. Your challenge this month if you choose to accept it is to launch your boat! If you don't have a boat, call someone that does and get them to launch their boat. Offer to pack a lunch or bring the refreshments. If you need a little help getting your boat to the hoist, ask Theresa (Club Manager) and she'll take care of you. Just get out there. What else do you have to do that is so important that you can't take a few hours out of a busy weekend or weekday and go for a sail around the harbor or bay? If you haven't figured it out yet, ABYC is the place to be anytime. So work on getting the boat on the water, your friends and family together and enjoy the great outdoors. This is my challenge to you! And hurry, this is the best time of year for warm breezes and long days!

Fair winds, cool drinks and good tans!

Nicole Peoples-Moffett

adopt a beach

TURNING THE TIDE

Larry Kidd signed up more than two-dozen people Saturday, July 17th (the second day of the great Cal 20 Championship) to clean up the beaches. Getting an early start before the tides could recoup all the debris they had deposited on the shore were many ABYC members and Hayley Brown's Girl Scout Troop #54. The City Parks and Recreation Dept supplied the bags, gloves and beach sites. ABYC (via Theresa) supplied the water, doughnuts (including chocolate), orange juice and coffee. After loading up on the continental breakfast, the Beachcombers adjourned to the beachheads where the clutter awaited.

Phyllis Macleod, mother of Jim who presides over the Sailing Center's charitable activities, came along as did Jeanne Reid, Yvonne Lindemann, Alaine, John, and Bernice Weiss, Chelsea and Trish Clay. Brian and Cindy Brown brought Halley's brother Kyle and all of Halley's scout group including Annie and Misty Scolamieri, Miranda and Brenda Ganter, the four Goodmanson sisters, Donna Ianha, Lily Peck Elissa Taushu, Aisha Chin and Kate Wall.

Efforts were made at the tidelines to grab articles washed up before they could go sliding back in the sea. Sandhills were scoured for Styrofoam with Paul Aumann's "Pick up sticks. Jetsam such as bottles, candy wrappers and other litter were collected and tossed. The beaches looked very improved by the end of only two hours. We noticed the small colorful shells that used to infest the shores have returned, a good omen; and a flock of seagulls flew in to inspect and approve the changed look of things.

Our next Clean-up Day is September 18th, please join us and bring the family, troop, team working or drinking buddies. It makes for a very rewarding day.

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

Barbara Gabriel



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driftwood

Mark Townsend recently became a US citizen and celebrated by sailing their (his, Robin's, and Isabelle's) completely refurbished Cal 20 in the 4th of July regatta. He and Chuck Hardin finished 5th (of 25) and then further celebrated with a "coronation" party in his honor that evening.



*Keeping
"coronations"
in the family*

Holly MacLaren photo



Whaler Princess

Yes, there is a story. Robin Townsend volunteered for Whaler duty all three days of the Golison (OK...Premier North Sails) Regatta. Robin's Whaler partner was Mike Baumann who treated her to a very nice chilled white wine (no screw caps or boxes), a lovely wine glass, brie and crackers. Where is the sign up sheet Mike??? The ladies are deciding that Whaler duty is the way to go.

Robin and Mark were hosting Mike and Marilyn Foster from SDYC (who were also involved in the regatta) for the weekend. Marilyn went shopping for the tiara which was presented to Robin after racing on Sunday. It was the deluxe model with little flashing lights as well. A fitting end to a weekend of fun.

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