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2004 turkey day regatta

Two-hundred-thirty-seven boats, ranging in size from a forty-three-foot ILC boat racing PHRF in the harbor to eight-foot Naples Sabots racing one-design on Alamitos Bay, took part in the 2004 Turkey Day Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, November 20-21.

A total of 22 classes were established, and five more one-design classes were combined into a Portsmouth class. Racing took place on two venues in the harbor and one on the Bay.

Turkey Day is renowned for odd weather, and this year was no exception. Saturday saw southeasterly breezes kicked up by a "Catalina Eddy;" it shifted to the expected southwesterly breeze but never built above six or eight knots. Early Sunday morning saw rain and was punctuated by a tremendous thunderclap that was audible all over Long Beach, and the morning breeze was out of the north-east; however, the wind settled into a brisk—as in cold—southerly and racing continued. All classes got five or six races in, including the PHRF boats, and there was only one protest the entire weekend.

More than 150 volunteers, including those from outside ABYC, came together to run what has become ABYC's largest regatta and the last major event of ABYC's year.



Regatta co-chairs Bard Heavens and Larry Kidd worked for months lining up volunteers, arranging for a parking shuttle bus, working out a docking plan for the basin and collecting the turkeys, game hens and pumpkin pies that were the trophies. ABYC Commodore Ron Wood, himself a competitor (and trophy winner as crew) assisted in the prize giving.



On Saturday night nearly 400 diners were served a traditional hand-carved turkey dinner, complete with mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, green beans and both pumpkin and apple pies for dessert coordinated, carved and served by Stacy Conn, her family and plenty of other non-related volunteers. Customer service for competitors and volunteers was streamlined by moving registration to the Quarterdeck, serving bag lunches out of the Race Entry Room and providing free coffee to all comers that kept the breakfast lines

at the Galley short and manageable and by establishing a separate beer-and-wine bar for dinner Saturday night.

Bob Anderson, Chris Ericksen and Jerry Montgomery served as PRO's. Sandy McDade did the computer scoring while Jeanne Nelson, Evie Belisle and their team handled the registration process and bay scoring. Margaret Caddle was chief judge and organized a jury of yacht club judges from throughout Southern California. Special thanks is annually due to Jerry and Sally Dalley, who brought their boat "Sea Owl IV" over to serve as the third race committee signal boat. "Patience" and the Bay Barge were readied by George Caddle and Vern Peterson and co-Port Captains Paul Ancil and Dave Myers organized race-committee gear. Theresa Laird and the ABYC Staff outdid themselves.

Chris Ericksen

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Rose Bowl Regatta	Jan 8 - 9
Membership Meeting	Jan 21

commodore's comments



The tree is up and the decorations have been hung. It's time to enjoy the holiday season. Elaine and I look forward to joining in the fun at the club's Christmas Party on December 12th. Stephanie Munn—with lots of help—has a great family party planned. We are also looking to enjoy the 'holiday spirit' of the fleet Christmas parties scheduled. Look for the Juniors to put together a great float for the Naples Boat Parade on December 11th. Join in the festivities...it's a great time to share with your family and friends.

Since I'm writing this a few days prior to the Turkey Day Regatta I can only report that the regatta is shaping up to be another success for the club. Bard Heavens and Larry Kidd have been working diligently as the Board Liaisons and have done a terrific job of staffing and organizing. I believe they have thought of everything, and the members owe them a big THANKS for their efforts.

We sent a notice in the monthly billing in early November, but, just in case you missed it, you will see a small increase in yard fees starting January 2005. It will be around 5% which is below the CPI change for the three year period since we last increased. The good news is the wind is free; use your boat more since you'll be paying a 'little more to store'.

We have an exciting year planned on the water with five US One Design Championships to be sailed at the club. In April we will be hosting The Hobie Alter Cup which is the Multihull U.S. Championships. June we will have the Senior Sabot Nationals followed in August with the Junior Sabot Nationals. We will also be running the US Singlehanded Championship which will be sailed in Lasers. And finally we will host the I 14 Nationals in September. These are all regattas that our members have a keen interest in. It will be a great opportunity for the membership to join in or participate as a volunteer.

As you make your New Year resolutions please make one for the club: a commitment to bring in at least one new member to enjoy our uniqueness.

Elaine and I wish you fair winds for the holidays and calm seas for the New Year.

Ron Wood

manager's corner



A night ride through our city or on the water during the holiday season is a special treat for all of us here in Long Beach, but especially for those of us who work for ABYC.

We enjoy seeing the holiday lights and displays along Bay Shore and in Naples. They always brighten the spirit and warm the heart.

We have enjoyed a particularly successful winter season and were very fortunate to have had the opportunity to welcome so many familiar faces during this period. Christmas, as always at ABYC is a very special time, beginning with our fleet parties and continuing through our club Holiday Party! This year we have the added benefit of our long awaited New Year's Eve party that is shaping up to be another great function at the club. Don't miss Chef Jamie Dill's excellent presentation and the hard work and commitment that have been made by our Social Advisory Committee members.

It is with genuine affection that I wish each of you the happiest of holiday seasons and pledge again our absolute commitment to quality and service here at ABYC. We look forward with pleasure to welcoming you back to your home away from home here on the water.

Theresa Laird and Staff

membership development

As the board member in charge of membership development, I have sent out invitation letters to a number of people that should be members. This invitation outlines all of our strong points and lets them know how important it is for them to join. If you know of anybody that is on the fence or should belong, let me know and I will give him or her some extra effort. The initiation fee is only \$500 (temporarily) and we have a lot of attributes to make any sailor a member. Think about your friends, neighbors, relatives, sons or daughters that grew up in the club but never joined, or how about people you have crewed with over the years. This is a great time to get those important people that we all know to join ABYC!

Merle Asper

scuttlebutt

A NNOUNCEMENT: Ethan Jax McNaughton was born at 6 pounds even. All are very well. Fleet choice to be announced? Later, much later...This is the second child for Parker and Adrian. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
Two ABYC members are getting some new body parts. Bill Nicolai got a new KNEE. He says he should have had it done a year or two ago but kept putting it off. If you ever have anything like that, fix it quickly. It simply is not worth the pain to let it go. Needless to say for him it was a time for celebration.

Dan Clapp is getting a new hip this month. We wish him well.

Four ABYC members celebrated their Birthdays-all in October together; Raleigh Moffet, Cliff Mathias, Al Nelson, and George Caddle. Their wives accompanied them to a local restaurant and all had a good time.

ABYC members STAN & ELISE CHURCH, members of LIDO FLEET for many years, are both ill at their home in Palos Verdes Peninsula. They would love to hear from you, by a visit, or phone call, or letter. Hope you who know them and are reading this will respond.

Merle & Kelly Asper spent two weeks in November traveling Costa Rica in celebration of their 10 year anniversary.

Jeanne Nelson

summer cruise

The club cruise to Catalina starts Friday July 29th, 2005 and end Sunday July 31st. Were Planning to extend the cruise by another week with tentative stops at Emerald Bay, Howlands, Cat Harbor, possibly Avalon and Whites cove, you can go home any time or add an additional 3 days at Dana Point Yacht Club or Dana West.

To get on the list contact Bard Heavens days at 562 467-8600 or 562 860-8641 nights;
e-mail :shim-it@att.net

new year's eve

Ring in the New Year at ABYC - Music by The Bad Boys (jazz, easy listening, pop tunes)
Black Jack & Craps tables with professional dealers - Food, drink, fun, prizes and festivities!
\$100 per person - Please make your reservations soon!



New member Vann Wilson (right) with Commodore Ron Wood

Oops! How'd I do that???

In the November Sou'wester Dave Ellis was listed as a new Co-Port Captain instead of Dave Myers AND I neglected to credit Chris Ericksen with the front page article about the Commodore's Installation.

Sorry Daves & Chris!

Sharon



Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, December 17, 2004 is the deadline for the January Sou'Wester.

hails from the fleets



Ladies' Day has come and gone but not without a lot of excitement and fun.

Sailors from down the coast joined us and the results:
Women's A Fleet: 1) Better Becker 2) Jane McNaboe 3) Robin Townsend 4) Mary Riddick
Women's B Fleet: 1) Nancy Grubbs, who also won the Wagner and Russell Perpetuals, 2) Wendy Siegal 3) Sherta Eberly 4) Nancy Melon
Women's C Fleet: Lois Harrington
Men's 1) Ken Geves 2) Paul Blank 3) Lee Berlinger 4) Fred Stevens

The Halloween Regatta followed with more fun, but not so many Sabots. Jane McNaboe won the trophy
Coming Events:

Christmas Keel Boat and Sabot Party December 10th

Senior Sabot Race and dinner – December 5th
Besides good food and company, Margaret Caddle does her famous chalk talks on the rules.
Come join us for our meetings and dinner. Housekeeping note to all Senior Sabots: Annual dues of \$7.00 are now due. Please bring to Sunday meeting or mail to Marilyn McMahon. Call Adra Kober, Fleet Captain, for more information.

Barbara Gabriel



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

It was a great crowd, 40 to 50 keel boaters at the November meeting. But it wasn't the 2004 Olympic Sailing ISAF DVD or the meeting itself that brought everyone together. It was the fun of seeing good friends old and new. That is what makes the Keel Boat Fleet unique.

The fleet elected the following for the 04-05 term:
Treasurer/Historian – Sue Brennan and Mary Riddick,
Secretary/Picnic Model Boat Races – Jeannie Reid and Bob Chubb,
Armchair Cruise – Judy Mathias and Carol Reynolds,
Summer, Fall, Spring and Charter Cruises – Bard Heavens, Dennis Kasper and Mickey Beland,
Christmas Party – Joe Riddick and John Ellis,
4th of July Regatta Staffing – Margaret Caddle,
Meetings and coordination – John Brennan and George Caddle.

John Ellis talked about the Christmas party. Everyone bring hors d'oeuvres. Guests are welcome.

Judy Mathias and Carol Reynolds spoke about the February armchair cruise. The cost will be about \$20 and goes to support a very worthwhile charity. All ABYC is invited. For information, contact Judy or Carol. It's always a fun evening at the Playhouse Theater.

The next meeting is January 14. The speaker's topic will be migrating whales. This is very timely, as the whale migration will be underway.

See you at the Christmas party and do bring a guest.
John and George



The recent unexpected, but welcome, Southern California rainstorms washed a noticeable quantity of flotsam and jetsam into Long Beach Harbor where the 2004 ABYC Halloween Regatta was contested. This year, sunshine, warm temperatures and fair breezes was a nice contrast to the 2003 Halloween Regatta when we sat around waiting for wind in falling ash resulting from the wildfires.

ABYC race committee set their course a bit further south of the normal ABYC race area to take advantage of permanent marks in the harbor and spread out a large Portsmouth Handicap fleet racing in the regatta. This venue made for interesting racing to the windward mark set between two large container ships anchored and waiting to unload their cargo.

ABYC race committee postponed, waiting for the breeze to settle as we sailed amidst a surprising amount of bamboo, seaweed and occasional logs. We were pleased to have former ABYC member and greatly missed former **Laser** Fleet Captain, John Bergan back to sail with us, as well as Ross Bennett from Balboa Yacht Club who frequently joins us to race at ABYC.

Six **Laser** full-rigs started the first race in a light marginal hiking breeze with Bob Falk (ABYC) leading the way for your author (ABYC), Jim Kirk (ABYC), John Bergan, Vann Wilson (ABYC) and Ross Bennett.

In the second race, we were joined by Cameron Summers and Bradley Schoch of Huntington Harbor Yacht Club sailing **Laser** Radials.

Bob Falk won the second race as well, with Vann and John spoiling your author's repeat second place overtaking me in the final yards to the finish.

In a nice building breeze, the race committee signaled twice around the windward-leeward circuit for the final race of the day. Bob, Vann and Jim quickly separated from John and I who duked it out through four legs of the course until John encountered a rudder problem, dropping him from contention. In the lead pack, Vann took the final gun with Bob and Jim close behind.

Bob secured his overall win with 4 points; followed by Vann with 8 points, your author, Jim, John and Ross.

After putting the boats away, enjoying the hors d'oeuvres and the trophy presentation, we all agreed to come back for the Turkey Day Regatta November 20-21. We hope we will see you there as well!

ABYC Juniors Laser Get Acquainted Day

Saturday November 6th was the perfect day to introduce a baker's dozen of eager youngsters to the joys of **Laser** and **Laser Radial** sailing.

The Director of our Juniors Program, Brad Schaupter gathered his students to try their hand at sailing **Lasers** and **Laser Radials** in hopes of generating interest in a **Laser Radial** sailing/racing program this coming season. Brad believes using the **Laser Radial** is a logical "next step" for our Juniors who may be looking for an alternative to Sabots.

hails from the fleets

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Using one of the whalers, Brad rotated his charges between two **Laser Radials** and two **Laser** full-rigs generously loaned for the day by; Jon Bell, Keith Dodson, Steve Smith and Vann Wilson. Initially the sailors were paired-up to handle the full-rigs, but soon solo sailors were seen darting about the Bay on both **Radial** and full-rigs.

The Juniors helped out washing and unrigging the boats finishing a most enjoyable and successful day. We look forward to seeing many of these youngsters out racing with the **Laser** fleet very soon!

With major **Laser** regattas pending in early 2005, it's not too soon to prepare for the ABYC Turkey Day Regatta and beyond.

The **Laser** Midwinters West will be hosted by the California Yacht Club March 11-13, 2005. This is a good tune-up for ABYC Olympic Classes Regatta the following weekend March 18-20, 2005.

The 35 and over crowd should not miss the California **Laser** Masters Regatta at Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego CA April 9-10, 2005. This has been a fun weekend hosted by the **Laser** District 25 Secretary Nils Andersson.

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

Have Fun!

Steve Smith, Laser Fleet Captain

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The Lido fleet is out and sailing as the fall weather moves across the sailing landscape. If you are a Lido sailor or want to be a Lido sailor come on out and see how fun the "fiberglass bathtub" can

be. Let's get right into the race results. The September fleet race ended up as follows:

- 1 - Dan Gilboa and Mike Shea in #4074
- 2 - Sheila and Carl Eberly in #4630
- 3 - Tracy Conn and Mark Stanifer in

#4029

- 4 - Wayne Brania in #4554

The November fleet race was held on a beautiful fall day. The winds were 5 to 6 knots and steady. You couldn't ask for nicer day to be out on the water sailing. We ran four races and had 3 different race winners! We had such a fun time I forgot to write down the results. So here is the best guess on how the points added up.

- 1 - Mike Shea and Ron Clanton
- 2 - Sheila and Carl Eberly
- 3 - Greg Rogers and Wayne Brania
- 4 - Dan Gilboa and Serena Gilboa
- 5 - Two Guys in a Red Lido

There will be no fleet race for December because of the Lido Christmas Brunch. Yes, it is that time of year again. The brunch will be on the 18th and we will have our traditional "White Elephant" gift giving. Although I haven't seen too many white elephants lately everyone should have a good time. Mark your calendar and please join us for the holiday cheer.

Now for a little business; Dave Porter who has been the Lido fleet reporter/publisher has decided to hand off the chores to someone else. So, if you like to write and want to see your name in print, the job is open. Give Ron Clanton a call if you're interested.

Happy Holidays and hope that Santa brings you a Lido for Christmas!!!

Ron Clanton, Lido Fleet Captain

ladies day regatta

ABYC's annual Ladies Day Regatta, featuring the stalwart women of the SoCal Sabots, was held on Sunday October 17th. Threatening skies and rain greeted this hardy group of ladies, making several of us wondering whether or not we'd actually hold a regatta this year. However, rain clouds gave way to sunshine, and continue on they did!

The buff dudes of the 505 fleet, though wearing shirts this year, acted as chaperones, helping with the unloading of trailers, launching of sabots, and the actual running of the regatta.

The regatta was preceded by a nice continental breakfast in the quarterdeck, with videos and a light dinner served after the event. Overall, Ladies Day was a fun time at ABYC, reminding us all once again why we're members of this fine yacht club.

Results? Go to www.abyc.org!



Nancy Grubbs photos



Starting line

the bay clogger (aka junior sailing)

Hello ABYC members! The Fall Junior Sailing Program is officially winding up here and what an amazing fall it was. I saw great improvement in the skills of the sailors while having a lot of fun at the same time. The class was the biggest ever and the students were really great. Some of the events that we participated in this past month included the Halloween Regatta, a Laser Try Out Day, and the fall clinics.

Halloween Regatta

As many of you know, the ABYC Juniors are responsible for running the Halloween Regatta. I was nervously anticipating this event, as I knew deep down that the students could handle it, but I wasn't sure how seriously they would take it. I was very pleasantly surprised to show up fairly early that morning and see a dozen students waiting to help out. I was greeted by



Lauren Bussey, Samantha Gebb and Ryan McNaboe at Halloween Regatta

Sydney Bolger at the gate handing out parking passes and directing traffic. Michael Henry and Cat Schock were down towards the boat launch to help with any congestion there, and the rest of the crew met up with Chris Erickson and Jim Drury (Outside and Inside PRO's) to find out their assignments. It was great to see so many students and parents to help out.

The outside race committee was run completely by Ryan MacNaboe, Samantha Gebb and Lauren Bussey (under the supervision of Chris Erickson). I actually heard that it was one of the best race committees this year! Thank you to all of you parents and students for volunteering and a special thanks to Doug Jorgenson and Tom Newton for Co-chairing this year's event!

Laser Try Out Day

Something we have been tossing around in the Junior Program is the idea of developing a Laser Radial fleet. We weren't sure what kind of response we would get for something like this, so we decided to do a "Laser Try Out Day" where we could get the students out on some Lasers. On November 6th, with the help of Laser Fleet Captain Steve Smith and a couple of generous ABYC Laser Sailors, we put together this Laser clinic and gave the students a chance to head out on the boats. We had 10 students show up and



Steve Smith photo

had a blast! The kids

did incredibly well to the point where we started racing the boats at the end of the day. It has generated a lot of interest and I am looking forward to potentially having our first Laser Radial program this coming Spring! A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Vann Wilson, Keith Dodson, and especially Steve Smith for helping organize and donating boats for the day. Thank you guys!

Wrapping up the Fall

The Fall program will once again wrap up with the Turkey Day Regatta and Spring Sailing to anticipate. Overall it was a blast and I am truly looking forward to doing it again in the Spring. More information on the Spring Program will be in the next Sou'wester and mailers will be going out soon regarding the program.

If you would like to help by donating old sabot sails and parts, fixing a charter boat, or if you have a Laser or Sabot to sell, call the Junior office at (562) 434-9955. Until then, sail fast and hike hard!

Brad Schaupeter



membership

The Board of Directors at their November 17th meeting approved the following membership matters:

The Board approved David and Yvonne Zoetewey for REGULAR MEMBERSHIP.

The Board also approved the following to be **posted for REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**: Steven and Elizabeth Crooke, Lisa Marie Lebold, John and Lorraine Perone, Jay and Jackie Golison and John and Andrea McBrearty.

There are still a few half priced memberships available.

Spread the faith.

The Membership Committee



Back row (L to R): Vann Wilson, Bruce Golison, Steve Washburn, Jr., Steve Washburn, Brandon Corn, Grant Hill, Lisa and Michael Wood and Ron Wood. Front row (L to R): Bill Green, Glen Dobbs, Ruth Schock, Lauren Swank

upcoming new feature

Beginning with the January, 2005, SOU'WESTER, we'll be starting a new monthly feature. Every month, we'll review what was being written about in the SOU'WESTER's of old.

We've found SOU'WESTER copies going all the way back to 1975. We'll take tidbits out of the SOU'WESTER that was published in the same month ten, twenty and thirty years before. We'll tell you who won which regattas, who became members that month, whose children were born or graduated from college and what the Commodore was commenting about.

It'll be a fun review for many of you and new for a lot of you. What you'll see is a lot of changes: regattas we no longer sail, people who are no longer racing with us. But you'll also see the names of people who were winning regattas back then and are still racing and winning. It'll hopefully be informative and reflective, but mostly it'll be fun.

Now, we'll need some help. Ann Exley, our previous Club Historian, ran features for over a decade entitled, "From the Pages of History." These pieces were culled from many sources, including personal scrapbooks, copies of old meeting minutes and old SOU'WESTER's. We do not want to presume to use her title, so we're open to your suggestions for titles. If you think of a good title for a series of extracts from SOU'WESTER's of old, please send them to the current Club Historian at chris491@earthlink.net.

Thanks for your help with this, and watch for our new historical feature starting next month.

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian



Glenn Selvin (1066) sailing in San Francisco Bay



Photo from Bill and Sue McDannel

TURKEY DAY REGATTA BY THE NUMBERS

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150 dedicated volunteers
20 turkeys baked
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*MOST kids love Santa...oh well, can't win 'em all.
Come join Santa at the ABYC Christmas Party at 4:30
PM on Sunday, December 12th.*

Boxing Day Regatta - December 26th! Be There!

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