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rose bowl regatta

Sophomore Brian Haines, with freshman Caroline Young as crew, sailed Stanford's "A" boat to three wins in eight races to lead a combined A and B victory by six points over the Trojans, who suffered in the two light-air races Sunday. Schools from Hawaii to the East Coast were represented in the largest combined college and high school regatta in the nation.

Among 47 high school teams from throughout California, Marin Catholic High of Kentfield scored a major upset in winning the Gold fleet, while Loyola of Los Angeles won the Silver fleet.

Marin Catholic Coach Dan Malpas said, "It's the first time a Northern California team has done this well ever."

Teams were split into A and B boats in high school gold and silver and collegiate fleets, all sailing CFJ dinghies. There was plenty of wind the first day, following a full day of rain Friday, but not enough Sunday to complete the 15 scheduled rounds.

The races were run on the protected inner bay, where the harbormaster's headquarters flew a red Small Craft Advisory flag all the first day as a chilling northeasterly wind of 15 knots gusting to 20 whistled through the rigging of the little boats. Capsizes were common, and the sailors soon learned that the 57-degree water was as cold as the breeze.

Sunday remained cool but with no wind. While competitors digested breakfast burritos from the ABYC snack bar, the boats remained beached for more than two hours before a bright sun got enough air moving to run just a few races.

Haines, the son of Robbie Haines, a world-class ocean racer from San Diego, and Young, from Florida, had sailed only one other event together and didn't do well.

"Communication is the best thing we had going," Young said. "And boat handling was our weakness," Haines said. "We're one of the heavier boats out there, but near the end we knew we had to beat [USC]."

The Trojans were missing their best skipper, Mikee Anderson, who is competing in the International 420 Worlds in Australia.

Top-ranked Harvard did not compete but second-ranked Dartmouth was third, three points behind USC and one ahead of Washington College of New Jersey.

Marin Catholic's team, which draws North Bay support from the San Francisco Yacht Club, was composed of Cameron McCloskey and his sister Michaela alternating with Delaney Lynch on the A boat and Morgan Gutenkunst and Becky Mabardy on the B boat. All are juniors or seniors.

Marin Catholic won both the A and B groups to finish a whopping 54 points ahead of Newport Harbor, which retained its lead in the 2003-04 Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association standings after three of five events by one point over the Northern California team.

Coronado was three points behind Newport Harbor.

A younger Marin Catholic "JV" team, which has Paul Cayard's son Daniel as a crew member, placed seventh.



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save the date

Membership Meeting	Feb 20
Midwinter Regatta	Feb 14 & 15
Valentine's Day Party	Feb 14
Manning	March 6 & 7
Chapped Cheek/St. Patrick's Day	March 14
Membership Meeting	March 20
OCR	March 26, 27 & 28

commodore's comments



Let's start with up coming events, SCYA Midwinter's February 13 -14, and the Manning Series, March 6-7. Between the two, Ron Wood is planning to re-surface the boat yard and parking lot. If you are free to give a hand moving boats around please let Ron Wood know. Also, Don't forget that Olympic Classes Regatta starts on March 26th and I'm sure Rear Commodore, Nicole Moffett and Fleet Captain Jim Bateman would love to have your help.

As a part of my effort to encourage membership growth, I am pleased to announce the formation of a new committee, the Membership Development Committee. I am equally please to announce that Bard Heavens has agreed to chair that committee. Their mission is to: **Develop pro-active programs to increase ABYC membership and increase membership retention over the long term.** In conversations with Bard it became clear to me that he has a fire regarding this issue and I am confident he will do a fine job. If you are interested in contributing to the work of the Membership Development Committee please contact Bard Heavens.

John Merchant continues to work hard on club the house improvement project. During January he gathered a group of members to review the early conceptual plans and gather feedback. I attended the meeting and heard a great deal of discussion. I'm sure John's work will benefit from the interaction.

In January the Board will hold a special Budget Review meeting. During that meeting we will focus on fiscal performance as it relates to the 2004 budget. We have not had adequate time to fully review the budget performance on a quarterly basis; I look forward to a lively discussion.

The quarterly Volunteer Sign Up sheet went out in the mail in January. If you haven't completed and returned it please take the time to do so. You, the membership, make our events great.

Fair winds and calm seas,
Kevin Ellis

vice commodore's notes



The big move....The big, big move....

We have not done it since 1997, and we are at least two years late in re-sealing the club's asphalt yard and parking area. Work will start on Monday, February 23. Our goal is to have everything completed by Saturday, the 28th. All boats and equipment will be moved beginning Sunday, February 22. Needless to say there will be no parking in the yard starting on Sunday until the work is completed. If you have a boat in the yard and need to take it home to work on it this would be a great time to plan on doing it...one less boat to move. If your boat will be in the yard during this time it will be moved to accomplish

the work. Some boats will be placed in the city parking lot across the street so please remove any valuables and lock your boat as we cannot prevent theft. Here are some important points:

- √ Sabot owners: Have your mast upright and attached to your rack. Racks will be moved with boat and equipment as a unit. If your mast is lying on two racks we will have no way of knowing where the mast belongs once the racks are moved.
- √ Stow all gear on your boat or trailer. Any loose gear in the yard will be thrown away.
- √ Trailer tires must be inflated so your boat can be moved.

This is a big job and any help you can give us on Sunday, the 22nd and during the week, would be greatly appreciated. But the most help you can give us is to assure that we can move your boat easily. You don't want the wrath of the Yard Ogre on you. Please give Lokke Patrick or myself a call if we can count on you for help.

FINAL CALL: Laser owners

No one has come forward to claim any of the 5 lasers that are in the upright racks that are not paying yard fees. If not claimed by March 10, they will be sold for unpaid fees.

Ron Wood

manager's corner



OVERHEARD NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS AT ABYC

Whether you celebrated Hanukkah, Eid ul-Fitr, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or your own special holiday, December was a whirlwind of activity! I believe most of us concur that we are relieved we made it through 2003! With the old year gone we have entered a brand spanking new set of 12 months. As we start 2004 fresh I thought I would pass along a few overheard New Year's Resolutions we have heard around the club.

7. I will not leave my ice chest on the ground again
6. I will not bring my dog (no matter how cute I know it is) to the club
5. I will not let my children come into the club with sandy feet this year
4. I will remember to put a sticker on my new car
3. I will not leave my boat in an empty space
2. I will volunteer more this year

And the number one overheard resolution was.....

I will not moor my boat under the hoist

On a more serious note....what ideas do you have for this new year at the club? Let me know, I have incorporated several new suggestions into our club procedures. Whatever you decide to do in order to make 2004 a better year for yourself and others, know that we have resolved as a team to make your club a fun and enjoyable place to be in 2004!
Theresa

board droppings

The Club has been asked if we were interested in hosting the 2005 Alter Cup.

The black top in the yard will be slurry coated the week of February 22. The boats will be consolidated adjacent to the clubhouse and across the street in the parking lot. It would be greatly appreciated if members could take their boats home during this time.

New rules were approved for Basin 5 pertaining to the use of the basin for mooring.

There was lengthy discussion about including adult sailing classes at the Club.

John Massey will investigate the issue.

Ron Wood promoted the Valentine's party.

Kevin Ellis again discussed his commitment to membership retention and growth.

Jim Morford



membership

The Board of Directors at the January 14th meeting approved the following membership matters:

The Board approved for REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: Glenn and Margo Dobbs, Jim and Cindy Loeffler, and Jerry and Gail Miller.

The Board also approved the following to be **posted** as regular members: Stephen and Mary Clemmer, James and Marie Edmunds, and Don and Margaret Zinn.

The Membership Committee

correction

The volunteer sign-up sheet did not contain all the event dates. Following are the missing dates:

- Valentines Party - Feb. 14, 2004
- General Meeting - Feb. 20, 2004
- St. Patrick's Day Party - Mar. 14, 2004
- General Meeting - Mar. 19, 2004
- Easter Brunch - Apr. 11, 2004
- General Meeting - Apr. 16, 2004

hails from the fleets



In December, the fleet adopted a family suggested to us by Teresa Laird. On short notice, Marilyn and Mike McMahon, Jeanne and Al

Nelson, Margaret and George Caddle, Mary and Joe Riddick, Bernice Weiss, Bob Ware, Tick Weber and fleet Captain, Adra Kobra assembled Barbies, Sponge Bobs, slippers, shoes, skateboards and other toys and warmies to take over to the flu struck Lopez family of San Pedro. The families are selected because they have a disabled child.

The December fleet race had poor attendance, but Bob Ware was the winner. Tom Newton and Fred Stevens gamely took over the barge and ran the races for us.

In January, we had a great turnout with the results: A Fleet: 1st: Mary Riddick; 2nd: Lee Berlinger; 3rd: Bob Ware. Brian Brown sailing with daughter Hadley as crew won in the B's. New fleet member, Mark Miller came all the way from Westlake Village to join us. Hope more club members with boats on the racks will be joining us too. You don't have nearly so far to come.

The Club January Membership Meeting will have a presentation by Sabotier, Chas Merrill speaking on the Sailing Center at the other end of the bay that sponsors disadvantaged youngsters as well as having a hand in the great Rose Bowl Regatta that took place the first of the month. We hope you all had an opportunity to hear him.

Our next Fleet Race, Meeting and Tamale Dinner will be February 8th. Join us to sail or to eat and meet later.

Barbara Gabriel



For anyone who might be considering a change in their sailing activities to accommodate children, spouse, siblings, cousins, etc. or the urge to have more fun with less hassle, here is a reminder of the Lido 14's virtues. Most who race the Lido,

from world champions to the boy next door, say it is fun to race, providing rapid fire tactical challenges and sports car handling. What separates it from other boats with those qualities is affordability, convenience, and the roominess and comfort of a Sunday picnic boat. For that reason, a fair portion of the fleet always consists of family teams. Fleet 6 at ABYC has a track record of camaraderie, full racing calendars and social opportunities. Come check us out; just ask any Lido sailor.

Christmas Brunch: The fleet celebrated Christmas with a traditional brunch, held on the second deck of the club. Chief Elf, Liz Bergan, planned and organized the event which brought us together for food and drink, Christmas spirit, and the chance to talk to fellow sailors about something other than fat little sailboats-it's amazing what goes on in the daily lives of folks we see mostly as racing skippers or crew. Liz reports that support from Teresa, Jesus, and staff made the planning manageable and the food enjoyable. When the plates had been licked clean-several times for some-

the always entertaining white elephant gift exchange again offered evidence that what's hot and what's not will surprise you every time. One who seems to have the process wired is Matt McDermaid, who never fails to track down his objective.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Midwinters: Feb 14/15

Sunkist (4th race) at Balboa YC: Feb 7

February Fleet Race: Sat., Feb. 21

Manning Series: Mar. 6/7

W.D. Shock Regatta at NHYC: Mar. 6/7

National Championship Regatta: (The venue this year is Eugene, Oregon, so early planning is advisable.) Dates are August 9 thru 12. According to the Lido 14 web site, there is a new winter race series this year put on by the reactivated fleet 43 at Ventura, CA. The last 2 of the 3 race series are on Feb. 2 and Mar. 29. The Anacapa YC has both ramp and hoist, and there will be fundraising burgers and dogs after the races (\$3 for single and \$10 for family). Details are available at <http://lido14.org> or Mike O'Neill, (805) 207-8215. Here is a chance to test new waters and make new friends.

Dave Porter



The January meeting brought lots of information on trips and activities, plus our guest speaker, Commodore Kevin Ellis, brought us up to date on '03 problems and future finances.

Bard Heavens and Dennis

Kasper, co-chairs of charter and local cruises, reported on upcoming events. The spring cruise will be to Balboa with the date coinciding with the Ensenada Race. The summer cruise will be August 7 through August 21 with all arrangements for guest docking at the various yacht clubs completed. A charter cruise to Northern Friesland, Holland will be in 2005.

Judy Mathias and Carol Reynolds, arm chair cruise co-chairs, have the date, February 27 for Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park". Seating is limited so call Carol Reynolds ASAP AT 562/431-7687*

Jeanne Reid and Bob Chubb, model boat racing chairs, are planning a picnic plus model boat race in June. Bob has volunteered to go back in production and make more boats for anyone interested. The boats are lots of fun. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

Mary Riddick has volunteered to co-chair treasurer, scribe and historian with Sue Brennan. Note we have added historian to this chair. Please send pictures including date, names and general description for our '04 scrap book. Pictures may be sent to Sue or Mary.

Our guest speaker for the March 12 meeting will be the co-principal of Wilson High School, Dr. Sandra

hails from the fleets

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moments and not so great moments at our local high school. Wilson has won many scholastic and sports honors. It is a school that has many firsts such as dress code, academy status and many others. Dr. Blazer is a terrific speaker and by the end of the evening will have you proud of Wilson for the school's many accomplishments plus it's future goals.

As noted above our next meeting will be March 12. We will again have 'pot luck'. Jeanne and Bob will send out reminder cards.

The various members who make up our chairs are doing a fabulous job. Many thanks to you all.

John and George

*Tickets are \$15 each and checks should be made out to Carol Reynolds and sent to: 6206 Parima Street, Long Beach, CA 90803



No news...all bobbing aimlessly on Alamitos Bay!!

abyc social update

The social committee is hard at work, busily planning upcoming events! And we have some good ones coming up! I hope you signed up for the Valentines Party. It's sure to be a huge success, so hurry and make your reservation at the ABYC Office. Coming up on the agenda we have the St. Patrick's Day Party in March and the annual and very popular Easter Brunch in April. Plan on bringing your family to the Club and enjoy these good times.

social events on the horizon

February 14, Saturday Night:-ABYC Valentines Party. Men, this is your chance to impress your loved one!

February 20, Friday Night:-General Membership Meeting hosted by the Lido 14 Fleet.

March 14, Sunday: St. Patrick's Day Party.

March 19, Friday: General Membership Meeting hosted by the Snipe and 505 Fleets.

April 11, Sunday: Easter Brunch. A wonderful brunch spent with family and friends.

April 16, Friday Night: General Membership Meeting hosted by the Juniors.

Nicole Peoples-Moffett



Valentine's Day February 14, 2004

*Imagine the French Riviera or the canals of Venice.
Dining and dancing on the waterfront of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.
An evening of romance for you and the one you love.*

Cocktails 7:00 PM - Dinner 8:00 PM

\$100. per couple

includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner dessert & dancing

Cocktail Attire Please

Reservations are limited...please reserve now...

scuttlebutt

To all my Alamitos Bay Yacht Club friends, not having heard from anyone in a long time, I am hoping you will drop me a line on your wonderful experiences during the Christmas Holidays. Also would like to know about anyone who was ill, or got married, or added to their family, or have moved, ETC.

In the meantime, I have a story for you: Last summer, down at Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, near Bakersfield, some folks new to boating, we're having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22-foot boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power was applied. After an hour of trying to make it go they puffed to a nearby marina hoping someone there could tell them what was wrong. A check on topside conveyed everything was fine, the out drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So one of the marina guys jumped into the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water. He was laughing so hard. Now remember THIS IS TRUE. Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.

Don and Bobbie Hodges, just returned from a JAZZ SEA CRUISE with 5 of their favorite bands, and one "Jazz Sea Jamb Band in which Don got to play in it. When they were free, they danced themselves into exhaustion. We ate and ate, but didn't gain weight from all of the action. They visited Islands, Tortolla, St. Thomas and Halfman Cay (Bahamas). They made many new friends and met some old ones whom they hadn't seen for years. The cruise was only a week, but was so full of music that it felt like a month!

Larry and Jane Kidd spent 3 weeks in Hawaii at their daughter, son in-law and grandson's home during December (including Christmas). Besides, visiting with family, Larry and Jane spent a lot of work and time helping their kids improve their home. What a nice gift!!!!

Jeanne Nelson

adopt-a-beach

ADOPTING-A-BEACH IN A VARIETY OF WAYS

Every Adopt-A-Beach is different. Last year at this time, we had Lynda Peoples bring her fourth grade class from Minnie Gant School. We've had college kids, "surf riders", and many families that bring all the kids. On Saturday, January 17th, Grant Hill of the Lido Fleet brought his "Pack 601". No, not the Hells Angels, but his boy scout group. Besides his son, Conner, the troop consists of Logan Lamb, Mary Ann Smith, Taylor Ramirez, Jason and Cindy Barnes, Daril Garcia, Cindy, Tom, and Kevin Olszewski, Dalton Padilla, Michelle Porter, and Andrew Jala, Ben Dan and Leah Winter. Helping the kids were Mary Riddick, Larry Kidd, Mack Mills, Marilyn McMahon, Jeanne Reid (stiches and all), Kate, Terri, and Peter Bishop, Bernice Weiss, Al Nelson, Barbara Gabriel, and Cathy Black.

This was a relatively lightly strewn debris day and yet the beach was full of styrofoam and plastic mounds. If the flotsam and jetsam is ever to be conquered, it would have to be on a tidal schedule where what is deposited on the beach is immediately scoped up before it can be washed out to sea again. (This might be a Nobel Prize Project!) Anyway, thanks to all of you who fearlessly and regularly come out to face the "monster." And thanks to Larry Kidd, our Chairman and Board Liaison who has kept on top of the Park and Recreation Contracts - and makes it all fun.

Barbara Gabriel



Photo courtesy of Barbara Gabriel

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, February 13, 2004 is the deadline for the March Sou'Wester.

family day

Mark your calendar. Sunday, March 14 is a day for every member of the ABYC family.

The day will begin with breakfast on the patio. You can order good food at a reasonable price and enjoy the best view in town. After breakfast, mom, dad, and kids, put your boats in the water and race in the Chapped Cheek Regatta. The Chapped Cheek is a regatta for ABYC fleets designed to provide the maximum amount of participation with the minimum amount of volunteers required. By limiting keelboats and catamarans to the ocean courses, and assigning the dinghies to the bay, ten of us volunteers can run the races so all the rest of you can sail! For a measly five bucks a boat you get three races that start at 11:30 am and finish early in the afternoon. This means you will be done racing in time to enjoy the Saint Patrick's Day party. The party is for the kids. Various activities geared for children of all ages are planned for the afternoon. Parents and grandparents will get a kick out of the festivities. In the late afternoon the bar will open and a light supper featuring traditional Irish cuisine will be served along with Leprechaun dogs, Irish fries and Shamrock cookies for the little ones. The supper will be for the reasonable price of three dollars per child and six dollars for everybody over ten. No excuses. You can come for breakfast or supper. You can sail and go home, or stay for the party. You can do one of the above, or all of the above. Come and spend the day at ABYC. I promise you will have a good time.

John Merchant

officer of the day

ABYC needs volunteers for Officer of the Day. Duties include:

1. Meet and Greet-Greet visitors and guests, help with directions and introductions. Show potential new members our program.
2. Security-Be an extra set of eyes for safety and protection of property. Lock and unlock gates and hoists.
3. Assist Flag Officers-Hoisting of signal flags.
4. Assist professional staff-Help find people and things. Advise parking-lot etiquette. Open the gate with transmitter.

Duty hours are 9-5 on a Saturday or Sunday. Privileges include nifty badge and/or armband and a FREE LUNCH!

Please check the calendar at the club for available dates to serve. This duty is a great way for new members to get involved, and for old members to renew friendships.

Dave Kofahl

rose bowl regatta photos



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Ladies Weekend at Avalon

February 27th, 28th, and 29th.

*We will stay in a rental house at the center of town.
It was donated by the Ethridge Team of Realty,
Eddie and Maggie Ureno.*

*Sail or take the fast boat to a weekend of fun,
shopping and relaxation!*

Space is limited!

*R.S.V.P. Stephanie Mumm (909) 549-0267
or email: nefie@earthlink.net*



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