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God Bless America & God bless the ABYC!

What better place to spend a summer afternoon in July than down at your yacht club! We have a snack bar & grill, two beaches to visit, a parking lot, two hoists and a launch ramp to put your boat in the water, the best views of the Alamitos Bay and Catalina, a Quarterdeck to watch TV or play some cards and a patio (the best place of all) where you can just sit back and relax with a cool drink and talk story with friends! It just doesn't get much better than that. I could go on about all of the benefits of your membership at ABYC, but I want every one of you to come down and experience them first hand! Your yacht club is here for you to use and enjoy. Get your family to put on some bathing suits and sun block, pack a picnic, grab the beach chairs and towels, hook-up the trailer to the car or to the mule and cruise down to your yacht club. You won't regret it!

Sightings

Basin 5, The Westerly- **Mary and Greg Montz, Jerry Thompson, Kevin Ellis, Nicole and Steve Moffett** all enjoying an afternoon cocktail aboard the Catalina 36.

ABYC, 2nd Deck-**Stacy Conn** celebrated her 30th birthday with a whole lot of friends. While congratulations are in order for **Eric and Barbara Conn** celebrating an anniversary on the same night.

Long Beach Aquarium-**Eric Conn** accepts an award on behalf of Honda Motor Co. for developing environmentally friendly engines, especially the four-stroke outboard.

Alamitos Bay-Mens Day, forget what the men did, **Jennifer Ellis, Sandy Toscan** and the rest of the pretty in pink **Bettys** (you know who you are) put on some outstanding races in great conditions.

The Log Newspaper-**Jerry Montgomery** and **Chas Merrill** get their picture in the paper with the new U.S. Sailing first woman president, Janet Baxter.

ABYC, 2nd Deck- **Dan Clapp** gets a surprise 75th birthday party from wife and staff commodore **Norma**.

The Monthly Challenge

And you thought the monthly challenge would just go away. Oh no, I have another one! This one is directed at members of all of the fleets. We have all heard that ABYC wants more members, so this is my challenge to the fleets:

Between July 1 and November 30 of 2004, the fleet that obtains the most new memberships (minimum three regular memberships) for ABYC will be credited for the support boat fees charged for calendared fleet races in the 2005 ABYC calendar year. Your fleet must be a recognized ABYC fleet and you must schedule your races for the upcoming year at the October Fleet Captains Meeting.

Now what could be easier than that? There are probably a few people in your fleet that should become members so now is the time to sign them up!

Once again, I wish everyone fair winds, cool drinks and good tans!

Nicole Peoples-Moffett

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save the date

4th of July Regatta	July 3
Cal 20 Class Champs	July 16 - 18
CFJ Nationals	July 30 - Aug 1
Catalina Cruise	July 30 - Aug 1
Santana 20 Class Champs	Aug 12 - 15
Membership Meeting	August 20

commodore's comments



Summer is here!! The season has officially opened, the Junior Program is underway and there is sailing to be done. I hope to see all of you this summer enjoying your club.

We have some special events this month, the Cal20 Class Championships July 16-18 (board liaison, Glenn Selvin) & the CFJ National July 29 - August 1 (board liaison, John Massey). As always the event organizers will need your support, so please contact the board liaisons and let them know if you can help out.

Also, for the cruisers among us, the annual Catalina cruise, chaired again by Holy and Randy MacLaren, will take place at Isthmus cove on July 30 - August 1.

Membership is still at the top of my list of priorities. I am pleased to announce that we had 9 applications in process for regular membership as of June. This is great news!

Membership is the key to our continued success. The membership development committee continues to work on strategies to bring in new members and I look forward to seeing their efforts bare fruit. However, a small group of people can't possibly reach as

many folks as you, the membership, can.

The membership is ABYC's greatest asset. I need each and every one of you to become our sales team. That's right, I want you to sell the idea of joining ABYC to as many people as you can. If every member of the club talks to two potential members, we could have a waiting list by the end of the summer - That's right, a waiting list! So put your gift of gab together and go get those sailing friends, mooring neighbors and racing buddies to join the club.

Fair winds and calm seas

Kevin Ellis

vice commodore's notes



Since we are in the club's busy summer sailing season and the club's usage is at its peak, I thought it would be a good time to remind all of the members of the House and Yard Rules. If observed, your club will be a more enjoyable and safe place. Please take a few minutes to review them again located in your ABYC roster/yearbook. The five 'big ones' are:

1. No dogs are permitted either loose or leashed unless as an aid to a handicapped owner.
2. The small hoist should only be used for centerboard boats (no C20s unless an emergency).
3. Vehicle parking in the yard is for members and employees only and only with an ABYC parking decal.
4. Only members shall have gate/key cards; members shall not loan key cards to non-

members.

5. Boats and/or trailers left in the yard—not having a regular assigned storage space or not in their assigned space without advanced permission of the club management—will be impounded and fined at the current rate of \$10.00 per day.

Let's work together to make the time we spend at the club enjoyable. This is accomplished by everyone knowing and following the rules and policies of the club.

One last thought: it's a good time to check your boat's hoisting slings. We had a C20 drop due to total sling failure on a recent Wednesday night. Luckily for the owner and anyone who might have been close-by, the sling gave way just as the boat was being lowered onto the trailer, and it only dropped a foot or two. It was a very scary sound. Have your sling professionally checked if in doubt.

See you at the club

Ron Wood

driftwood

Robin and Mark Townsend have been busy representing ABYC on race committees at other clubs this year with appearances at Key West Race Week, Lipton Cup (SWYC), Ensenada Race (NOSA), and Farr 40 North Americans (LAYC). Robin running weather mark, gate and line boats and Mark on the Race Committee boat.

manager's corner



I have been really listening to members since I have arrived to increase my knowledge about sailing and I think this is what I have heard.

Sailing – The fine art of getting wet and becoming ill, while going nowhere slowly at great expense.

Boom - Called boom for the sound that's made when it hits crew in the head on its way across the boat. For slow crew, it's called 'boom, boom.'

Calm - Sea condition characterized by the simultaneous disappearance of the wind and the last cold beverage.

Course - The direction in which a skipper wishes to steer his boat and from which the wind is blowing. Also, the language that results by not being able to.

Crew - Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down charts, anchor cushions in place and dampen sudden movements of the boom.

Current - Tidal flow that carries a boat away from its desire destination, or towards a hazard.

Tack - A common sticky substance left in the cockpit and on deck by other people's kids, usually in the form of foot- or hand-prints.

BOAT - Break Out Another Thousand

SAILING LANGUAGE - See course.

lost and found

Remember to check lost and found items left by the BBQ. They will be on display July 10 & 11 and again on July 17 and 18...or see Theresa during regular club hours. All items left unclaimed will be donated to charity.

charity regatta 2004

The 18th annual Charity Regatta presented by the Yacht Clubs of Long Beach has an event in August. Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club's Golf Tournament at Rec Park South on Saturday August 21st. Contact them if you would like to play, there is a flyer posted at our Club with information.

Plan to participate in the Regatta on Sunday, September 26th. ABYC has won the participation award a number of times as well as some of the beautiful perpetuals. The Burger Bash, trophy presentation, silent auction and drawings will be held at ABYC following the racing. I hope lots of you come and participate. It's a great way to do what we like to do race and socialize and help a worthy cause, The Children's Clinic, at the same time. I hope to see you that day.

Norma Clapp, ABYC Representative

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

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

2004 Cal 20 Class Championships
July 16 – 18, 2004



2004 Santana 20 Class Championships
August 12 – 15, 2004

hails from the fleets



Men's Day Fun and National's Tryout:

Jennifer Kuritz and family, Steve, Jan, Jerry, and Ryan McNaboe, Jinx Ellis, Nicole Moffett, Sandy Toscan, Stephanie Munn, and Nancy Grubbs staged a fun day of races which turned out to be trials for the Nationals. Light weights: Nick Scandone, Freddie Stevens, Mike Bartell, Fred Stevens, Mack Mills, Chris McNaboe, Don Hodges and Mike Bartell and Middle Weights: Rowell Greene, Jay Golison, Brian Brown, Kevin Dumain, Mike Sentovich, Jerry Thompson, John Ellis and Mark Miller were really giving it a practice run for the big races that came the following weekend. The Macho class was there for fun: Steve Moffitt out to hang on to his title while Scott Atwood sailing with daughter Kimberly and Robert Rice with crew, Bobbie were just cruising. They were the only class to be given a separate course.

The Winners:

"Bettys": 1) Freddie Stevens 2) Nick Scandone
3) Fred Stevens.

"Wilmas": 1) Jay Golison, 2) Kevin Dumain
3) Mark Miller

"Barneys" 1) Yes, Steve hung on to his title - champ for another year.

Kimberly got a crew award; Robert Rice got a daily first.

The Follow-up Show:

The Nationals at Mission Bay Yacht Club, June 12-13th Seniors Class:

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| 1) Randy Lane, | 2) Freddie Stevens |
| 3) KevinDumain | 4) Mike Sentovich |
| 5) Melanie Roberts and | 6) Nick Scandone. |

Masters Class:

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| 1)Mark Gaudio | 2) Lee Berlinger |
| 3) Betty Becker | 4) Jerry Thompson |
| 5) Ken Karnes | 6) Fred Stevens. |

The Grand Masters Class was won by Graham Gibbons.

May Twilight Results: A's: 1) Tom Newton 2) Bob Ware
3) Mary Riddick

B's: 1) Wendy Siegel 2) Mike Gass
3) Nancy Grubbs

Don't forget the Twilights are every Thursday.

Beach Cleanup is Saturday, July 17th.

Barbara Gabriel



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

Even though we live where we sail all year, summer is the time for great cruising. Bard

Heavens San Diego Cruise is right on schedule. If you are not sailing, do plan to join the cruise at Dana Point Yacht Club for dockside cocktails (bring your own drinks and light hors d'oeuvres) and dinner at DPYC. Festivities start at 1600 hours.

Mariners Basin, Mission Bay is another great day, August 19, for non-sailors to join the cruise. Bring

your lunch, dinner to barbecue, libation and your "Chubb pinewood" model sailboat and get ready for a fun time. Model boat racing, horseshoes, Frisbee golf and the dreaded water balloon toss will start at noon.

Don't forget the Rancho Los Alamitos trip, July tenth. We will meet at ABYC for lunch at 1200, then go to the Rancho.

There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will be September tenth.

John and George



RACE RESULTS:

May Twilights:

1. Tracy Conn & Mark Stanifer
2. Sam & Dana Bell
3. Chuck and Scott Babcock

May Fleet Race:

1. Dianne Gonzales & Ray Gonzales/Dave Porter
2. Chuck Tripp & Paige Tripp/Conner Peden
3. Tracy Conn & Mark Stanifer
4. Sheila & Carl Eberly
5. Don and Billy Burdge
6. Ryan & Carol/Ron Clanton

Ron Clanton was Race Committee (except when he jumped in the family boat to keep his hand in). Ray Gonzalez and Dave Porter split their day between RC and Lido Chick.

Memorial Day Regatta-

12 boats, 6 races

1. Stu Robertson & Max Mark
2. Jeff & Matt McDermaid
3. Dave & Jeanne Smith
4. Tracy Conn & Mark Stanifer

Not bad-first four places to Fleet 6!

Change of command:

Liz Bergan tendered her resignation as Fleet Captain several weeks ago for personal reasons connected with work and relocation. Ron Clanton is serving as Captain until the election of new officers takes place. He would like to have a Vice Fleet Captain. If anyone is interested, give Ron a call at (562) 425-1136. If you have not received at least one e-mail from Ron, and you wish to receive fleet mailings, send him your e-mail address. His e-mail address is: ronald.clanton@sbcglobal.net

Fleet Championship:

Ron has decided, after some discussion within the fleet, to move the Fleet Championship regatta to the July 17th fleet race. Arguments favoring this move center around the fact that in June, most of us are still shaking off winter rust and not yet at fighting weight. Moving to later in the season gives us more opportunities to shape up and be at our best.

Coming Events:

Twilights are underway, with good attendance for the first two weeks before fading, perhaps due to school-year-end activities. Head for the Bay on Wednesday

afternoons and enjoy a mid-week escape from work-place tensions. To those who have not tried weekday racing, the diehards say give it a try. The racing is usually competitive and always fun, with a good range of winds over a month's worth of races. Races start at 6:30 p.m., give or take a little, and scoring is on a monthly basis.

Dave Porter



If you have access to a **Laser**, we invite you to sail with us!

If you have been away from **Laser** sailing, you may know the **Laser** has been up-graded with new Vang, Outhaul & Cunningham rigging options.

Although the new rigging is not required to sail and race this responsive dinghy, the new rig options make sail adjustments simple with the result your **Laser** is even more enjoyable to sail.

The new rig options have encouraged older sailors returning to or trying the **Laser**. At ABYC we are seeing growth in our **Masters** fleet. Sailors qualify as Masters at age 35 and are classified by age group; 35-44 Apprentice, 45-54 Master, 55-64 Grand Master and 65+ Great Grand Master. Masters regattas score participants with finishing positions handicapped with a point system for overall results and individual performance by Masters age group. You may recall ABYC hosted the highly successful **Laser** Masters North American Championship last summer.

In addition to new rig options, there is increasing interest in the **Laser Radial**. The **Radial** features a shorter lower section for the mast and corresponding smaller sail. Junior and lighter weight sailors find the **Radial** a terrific alternative to the standard or Full Rig **Laser**. Some of our Masters sailors added a **Radial** rig to their **Laser** giving them the option to chose **Radial** or Full Rig based on the venue, weather, etc., a nice option if I don't say so myself.

There are several accomplished, even expert, **Laser** sailors at ABYC. These individuals are generous with advice and happy to welcome you to the Fleet. We can help you with the new Vang, Cunningham, Outhaul or **Radial** options if you wish to "update your **Laser**."

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.

Memorial Day Results

Bob Falk dominated this regatta winning all but one race. The fleet sailed in 8-15 knot breezes on Saturday and a bit more on Sunday which necessitated aggressive hiking upwind but great waves and surfing for the downwind leg of the last race on Sunday. The race committee did a great job both days esp. Sunday as we had only minutes between heats before heading in after a fun regatta.

1	3248	Bob Falk	ABYC	6.00
2	4205	Jim Kirk	ABYC	11.00
3	6905	Jorge Suarez	ABYC	20.00
4	8441	Steven Smith	ABYC	24.00
5	9623	Andrew McDade	ABYC	30.00
6	4129	Fred Courouble		40.00
7	9017	Matthew Rustigian	SLBYC	49.00
8	4286	Tim Harriman	ABYC	53.00
9	2515	Ross Bennett	BYC	60.00

US Sailing's O'Day Area J Results

US Sailing Area J volunteers organized the 2004 O'Day Area J qualifying regatta at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) Saturday June 5th. The winner of this regatta is invited to compete for the US Sailing O'Day Cup at Bay Shore Yacht Club in Bay Shore New York this August.

The race this year was sailed in overcast to clearing skies and light breezes which built to marginal then full hiking conditions as the day progressed. Chris Raab dominated the day with a near perfect score, spoiled only by Peter Drasnin who took the gun in race four. We are also pleased to see Charles Heatherly back from a **Laser** racing hiatus. Charles looked good posting two second place finishes in the first two races and securing fourth place in the regatta. Bob Falk finished second overall with Mark Spencer four points back in third.

This is always a well-run regatta for sailors over 16 years contested in **Lasers**.

The finals for the O'Day Cup in 2005 will be held at ABYC and Area J will be allocated two slots for competitors vs. the traditional one place opening. So get ready for a competitive field at the O'Days in 2005.

1	9628	Chris Raab	ABYC	6.00
2	3248	Bob Falk	ABYC	16.00
3	4380	Mark Spector	KHYC	21.00
4	1	Charles Heatherly	WLYC	24.00
5	4300	Peter Drasnin	WYC	25.00
6	17	Jeremy Miller	UCLA	34.00
7	2040	Vladislav Mikulich	UCLA	35.00
8	7281	Luigi Donat-Pievre	UCLA	42.00
9	9623	Andrew McDade	ABYC	42.00
10	5891	Bryan Buffaloe	SWYC	48.00
11	6905	Jorge Suarez	ABYC	53.00
12	8441	Steven Smith	ABYC	58.00

Future Laser Regattas

July 10-12, 2004: **Laser** Pacific Coast Championships, Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club <http://www.mpyc.org/>

July 15-18: Laser Nationals, Santa Cruz Yacht Club, Santa Cruz CA <http://www.scyc.org/>

July 24-35, 2004: Laser Masters Pacific Coast Championships, Huntington Lake CA <http://www.laser.org/c/cnt/down/masterpccnor.htm>

August 13-15: Laser US Masters Championship, Cascade Locks OR <http://www.drlaser.org/D6/>

See You on the Water!

Steven Smith

scuttlebutt

Dave Dorrans is about to retire after 38 years in public education, the last 18 spent at Los Alamitos High School. He has been a teacher, a football coach, and an administrator. Won't it be nice to add 5 more days a week to the weekend? Future plans include traveling, with an upcoming trip to Alaska and British Columbia for Dave and Bonnie. Have a wonderful trip and ENJOY.

On Saturday, June 13 at ABYC, a large group of people were waiting for Dan Clapp and Norma to walk up the stairs so everyone could yell HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAN. Was he ever SURPRIZED!!! He was celebrating his 75th year. It was a wonderful evening with close family and many good friends and lots of good food and a beautiful cake. He got lots of kisses and hugs from everyone. It was such a special day for Dan and one he will never forget.

On Memorial Day Virginia Butcher was surprised and celebrated her Birthday with lots of friends from the YACHTCLUB while she was at Shoreline Health Care. It was fun for everyone helping her celebrate.

Former member, Virginia Hartel passed away June 7. Services were held at Hillside Chapel on June 11. We sympathize with her family.

Jeanne Nelson

Longtime Alamitos Bay Peninsula resident Mildred Dressel, born Sept 24, 1914, passed away in Long Beach on May 13, 2004. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and wonderful friend to many.

Mildred was an active member of Alamitos Bay Garden Club and many bridge clubs (she was a participant in the John Tracy Clinic bridge marathon). She was also a long-standing member of the Alamitos Bay Birthday Club with many of her friends.

Mildred took great pleasure and enjoyment in knitting and crocheting blankets and slippers for the Garden Club Philanthropy and more recently for the Long Beach Community Hospital gift shop. She loved sailing and her many years of participation on the local race committee earned her the opportunity to serve on the race committee for the 1984 Summer Olympics which was a highlight of her sailing experience.



membership

At the June 17th meeting The Board of Directors approved the following for Regular Membership:

S. Paul Bishop, Shelly Schrieber, Nancy Grubbs, Vann Wilson, Mark and Heidi Hardy, William P. Uniack and Kathy Houseman.

Clark and Donna Corn and Dave and Laura Baillie were approved for posting for Regular Memberships. Graham Tremper was approved to be posted for a Junior Membership.

There are still a few memberships available at half price, i.e. \$500.00. Talk to your sailing friends about joining the best yacht club in the west.

Don Reiman

out of towners

Over the June 5-6 weekend Ed Feo and Barney and Steve Flam took their boats to MDR to race in Cal Race Week. Ed, in his new to him Shock 40 MAD DOG, took second in PHRF A and the Flam boys took second in the 19 boat J105 Class. Barney and Steve are on a roll having also recently finished fourth in the Lipton Cup.

Over Memorial Day weekend Jerry Montgomery in PATRIOT and Wendy Siegal in WILLOW WIND race in the Cabrillo Beach to Dana Point Race. PATRIOT was first in PHRF A and WILLOW WIND was third in the spinnaker cruising class.

Jerry Montgomery

board droppings

Nine applicants were approved for membership

Sandy Jack has donated an aluminum pontoon boat to replace the bay barge. Jim Bateman has put together a committee to oversee the design and implementation of outfitting the vessel. He emphasized the need to not "Rube Goldberg" the outfit.

Ron Wood has put together a design committee who are interviewing designers for the kitchen and galley layout prior to contacting an architect. The Board approved expenditure not to exceed \$5500.00 for the design.

Jim Morford



ABYC SUMMER CRUISE 2004

July 30th - August 1st



Come on over and enjoy the fun
See you at the island
Full moon provided at no extra cost
\$40.00 per person
(details below)

FRIDAY: 6:00 P.M. HAPPY HOUR: BEER, WINE, SODA, AND MUNCHIES.
7:30 DINNER: COOKED TO ORDER CHEESE BURGERS WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS.

SATURDAY: ALL DAY TO HAVE FUN AND RELAX. TAKE A WALK, PLAY A GAME, HAVE A BUFFALO MILK, TAKE A NAP. IT'S YOUR DAY. ENJOY!

6:00 P.M. HAPPY HOUR GATHERING: BEER, WINE, SODA, AND OUR SPECIAL BUCKETS OF ISLAND CHEER. HORS D' OEUUVRES FURNISHED.

7:30 DINNER: BAKED POTATOES WITH ALL TOPPINGS, SUMMER GREEN SALAD, **BRING AND COOK YOUR OWN MEAT.**

DESSERT: NEW YORK CHEESE CAKE AND COFFEE.

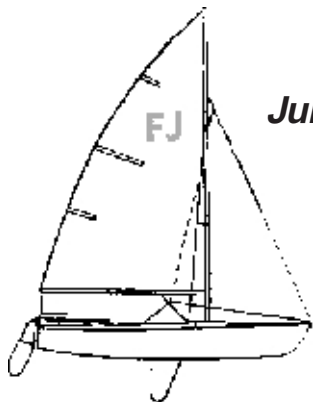
AS ALWAYS, THERE IS NIGHTLY DANCING AT DOUG'S.

FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT BONFIRE PLEASE BRING A BUNDLE OF WOOD.

RESERVATIONS: ABYC OFFICE 562-434-9955 BY JULY 25TH

QUESTIONS: CALL HOLLY MAC LAREN 562-987-1579

junior sailing



July 29th - August 1st

Nationals



He's still working on his docking skills!



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President George W. Bush
The White House
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Washington, DC 20500

RE: ABYC Stag Cruise

Dear President George W. Bush,

I am writing to you on behalf of the outstanding group of men of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. We realize your job is very difficult, and you are doing the best that you can. You are in some tough situations; some of them are "no win". Our lives are similar, but we don't have millions of people screaming at us every day. That is why we would like to formally invite you to our Stag Cruise which is being held at Emerald Bay on Catalina Island October 1st-3rd, 2004. It is a yearly tradition for our yacht club, where men only (even though we like women immensely) get together and celebrate kindred spirits.

If you plan to attend, your only challenge will be to win the horseshoe tournament and golf ball dingy pitch, if you choose to play. Otherwise the weekend will be filled with swimming, hiking and other equally refreshing recreational pursuits.

The five fundamentals of male mental health will be followed:

Nutrition - Man food: red meat, potatoes, Island Benedict (a more substantial version of egg benedict), and the like.

Liquid Refreshments - Unlimited quantities, no expense spared, for both refreshment and well-being. We feel better immediately, hopefully you will too.

Social Interaction - Meet and speak with individuals of similar likes and dislikes, allow us to help you solve the problems of the world, we promise to be gentle.

Intellectual quandaries - Horseshoe tournament, Dingy pitch, and some surprise games guaranteed to make you forget you real world troubles.

"Worship at The Alter" of Emerald Bay, Catalina Island - Natural beauty beyond comparison. The water is beautifully green and clear.

We hope you can join us for ABYC's Stag Cruise 2004. Please contact our office at the above number if you plan to attend.

Respectfully yours,

Merle Willis Asper, III
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Stag Official

P.S. Bring GB Senior, Dick Cheney, Alan Greenspan, and anyone else that might add to the fun! If you can't make it, please send a picture and sanction our event with a proclamation. We would also appreciate 45-55 Secret Service or C.I.A. baseball caps and jackets. We could also use some beach towels that say "The White House" or "Mr. President".



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