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midwinter regatta

Martin and Hamlin Show 1-2 Punch in ABYC's Midwinters

by Rich Roberts

Mike Martin and Howie Hamlin, long a winning team in international sailing, have split company—amicably—to give Alamitos Bay Yacht Club a one-two punch in the 505 class, evident by their performances in the club's portion of the Southern California Yachting Association's 75th Midwinter Regatta on Presidents Day Weekend.

Martin, with Jeff Nelson as crew, topped a fleet of 11 boats with three wins in six races but beat Hamlin and Jon Bell by only one point as the two teams prep for the 505 Worlds at Santa Cruz in August.

That was one of the higher profile competitions as 101 boats raced in 11 classes. Over two days they never saw Long Beach's renowned 15-knot southwesterly sea breeze—6-9 knots tops from the southeast and south—but a canopy of sunshine muted any complaints. After all, it was the Midwinters, and down the coast other venues were left windless and thus raceless.

Zack Berkowitz and crew Steve Bourdow came from San Francisco to fly away with the International 14 trophy to no one's surprise, while Chris Snow/Andy Wurmser and Paul Parizeau came from San Diego to win the Snipe and Portsmouth classes, respectively.

Lido 14s had the largest turnout with 13 As and 9 Bs, won by Stu Robertson and his young blue-haired crew, Jimmy Olsen, and ABYC's Tracy Conn, respectively. The Lidos had the inside bay pretty much to themselves, except for a modest Sabot turnout of four boats led by Mary Riddick.



Jay and Pease Glaser

Pease and Jay Glaser, each an Olympic silver medallist, teamed up (she drove, as usual) to win the debut of an F-18 catamaran class with five wins in six races.

Also notable were Mark Gaudio and Latham Bell in a mostly in-house 17-boat Cal 20 fleet. No boat won more than one of the six races, and Gaudio/Bell didn't win any but scored no finish that counted worse than third.

Martin and Hamlin, best known for breaking the Australians' grip on the Aussie 18 skiff world title three years ago, seem to be thriving as opponents in the 505s.

"This year I'm going to drive at the Worlds, so we're sailing against each other," Martin said. "The crew has to be pretty heavy [in the stronger winds of Santa Cruz], and I couldn't get big enough."

So he recruited Nelson, who is 210 to Martin's 175. Hamlin is only about 166, but he has young and still growing Jon Bell, also past 200.

Between them, the two teams won five of the six races. (Results at www.abyc.org)



Mike Martin (right) and crew Jeff Nelson

photos by Rich Roberts

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save the date

Manning	March 6 & 7
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OCR	March 26, 27 & 28
Easter Brunch	April 11
Membership Meeting	April 16
Spring Spruce Up	April 17

commodore's comments



Can you believe that February is already gone, Midwinters, the Superbowl and now the Olympic Classes Regatta is just around the corner as is the Manning. By the time you receive this months addition Ron Wood will have completed the Yard re-surfacing project, Congratulations Ron!! This was a big job, not the re-surfacing but moving all the boats around to the contractor can get at the job. Several volunteers and members of the staff were involved in moving all the boats. All of us owe these folks a hearty thank you!!

The Olympic classes regatta goes off on Friday, March 25 and runs through Sunday. This is one of the biggest events of the year for us. Jim Bateman and Nicole Moffett would love to hear from anyone interested in volunteering. Please give them a call.

I'd like to acknowledge Sharon Pearson, who has taken the reins of the Sou'Wester as Editor. This is a thankless job in that she is always having to hound "us" to get out stuff in on time and this month I required more of her time than I should have. The Sou'Wester looks great and I know Sharon is working hard to get it to you as early during the issue month as possible. Thank you Sharon!!

Fair Winds and calm seas,
Kevin Ellis

clubhouse improvement update



We are making progress!

As of this writing we are in the final stages of the conceptual design phase, so it is a good time to bring all of you up to date.

Last year at the March general membership meeting and through subsequent articles in the Sou' Wester, you were informed of the risks of non-compliance to the current health and safety laws and regulations. This prompted change in policy, mainly in food preparation and the need to update the kitchen, galley and storage.

In the August Sou' Wester results of the Maintenance Improvement survey were published. They provided insight into your priorities and indicated your support for these much needed improvements.

Last summer the board of Directors sent a Request for Proposal (RFP) to several designers. We then selected and contracted with a designer to do only the conceptual design. Work began in September.

For the last several months the designer, with input from the Board of Directors, club manager, and several members with backgrounds in design, construction, code compliance, estimating, finance, and food preparation, worked to finalize the design. Complying with the current codes, improving club operation efficiency, maintaining the overall character of the facility and at a minimum of cost were our goals. I believe these goals were met.

The following will give you a general idea of the changes considered:

The conceptual design layout includes the total reconfiguration of the facility under consideration. However, what we actually accomplish as a first phase depends on the cost.

On the main floor, the galley becomes larger and more efficient with sufficient room for a real boutique in the current office area. The existing storage rooms and manager's office is the office complex. This includes a room for trophy engraving and storage. The junior room and the adjacent office are restored to the original design. This common room can be easily converted from a junior room, to the boardroom, or a classroom, or a room for a small party. With minor structural changes, both restrooms can be made ADA compliant. This is good news because the building department requires a percentage of the cost of construction be applied to ADA upgrades. Also, the elevator is planned for the stairwell, which was its original design. This location reduces the cost of installation by at least 50%.

On the upper deck, the kitchen layout has been rotated 90 degrees for more efficient food preparation, cooking and service. This includes sufficient cold and dry storage. The bar is larger and relocated with an improved view. This was accomplished with the current maximum seating number maintained and no change to the fireplace location. Also, there are provisions for a sun deck on the roof of the quarterdeck. This will most likely be included in a future remodel phase.

I want to thank all of the members who provided their special talents and input for the conceptual design process. As for next steps, we will keep you informed of the progress if the Board of Directors authorizes a go-ahead. The actual changes to be made will depend on cost estimates and reasonable funding by the membership.

John Merchant

manager's corner



In November I wrote about a plan for the Kids Corner at the club. During the Super Bowl here at the club we had ten children participate in activities which included coloring, books and movies, hot dogs and sodas while their parents were up watching the game. I think all the kids involved would tell you that it was a fun time at the club.

We still need several items for the room to make it a success. Book shelves will need to be built to house the books that have been pouring into my office for the children to read. I envision this library to be a versatile place for not only children's books but sailing manuals and adult sections as well.

If you have some lumber to donate or skill at carpentry please give me a call and we can make the last steps of this room a reality!

Theresa

junior sailing



Aloha, With the quick break for the holidays over, Junior Sailing is back up and running! As of February 15th we have already had our first sailing clinic, and first away regatta. That's right the junior sailing team is on the ball this year!

We traveled to Newport Harbor Yacht Club for the 75th annual Midwinter regatta. While our whole team was not able to attend due to the Presidents Day activities with their families, several sailors raced and did rather well. Congratulations to Jack Jorgensen for finishing 2nd in the C3 Fleet despite a rather involved dance with the weather mark in the last race. Derik Smith had a wonderful weekend that ended in a tie for 2nd place in the C2 Fleet. Unfortunately for Derik some pleasure boat traffic hindered his last upwind beat and caused him to loose the tiebreaker. Derik ended up finishing third, Good Job! Laura Newton was off to an impressive start on Saturday with a commanding lead over the fleet, but unfortunately

was unable to compete on Sunday. From the looks of Laura's scores she will be one to watch out for in the upcoming regattas. A big thank you for Doug Jorgensen for braving P.C.H. Both South and North to get the sabots there and back again safely. Congratulations to all!

Summer is just around the corner and sailing announcements will be in your mailbox shortly. This year the Junior Program is set to start on the 22nd of June and end on August 6th. Mark your calendars, and get those sabots ready!

Fair wind and fun Sailing,
Jeremy

Jack Jorgensen receiving his trophy for 2nd place in Sabot C3s.



Derek Smith explaining his last weather leg to Coach Matt and Jack Jorgensen

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, March 12, 2004 is the deadline

hails from the fleets



Racing news report for Sunday, February 8th: The weather and turnout were both very good with the following results:

A Fleet 1) Mary Riddick 2) Bob Ware

B Fleet 1) Scott Atwood

The Midwinters on February 14 and 15 saw only 4 Sabots turn ou: Jane McNaboe all the way from Bakersfield, Robert Walchli from OCCSCA, Mack Mills and Mary Riddick. Mary was the big winner, winning not only the Regatta Trophy, but two SCYA Perpetuals: The Senior Naples Sabot and The Lido Isle Yacht Club Senior Sabot. With such prizes at stack, our competitive sailors should show up more at ABYC Regattas.

The Sunday Meeting went over the rules for the Championship and Twilight Races. Five boats must be entered for the race to count. Much thanks due to Isabelle Lounsberry and Marc Schryer who have said they will run the barge for us during the first race, March 21st. George, Jinx, and Joe will probably be able to see us through the rest of the races in April, May, and June. We will be in need of additional people to help with the Twilight races. If any Club members would like to spend ideal summer Thursday evenings on the Bay Barge starting, finishing, and scoring the Twilight races; please call Adra Kober. Carol and Carl Reynolds have signed for one of the August Thursdays. Peter Gales has signed for the last Thursday of each month. Please let Adra know which month and week you would be available. It's a beautiful experience, sign up for the fun.

Wendy Siegal has volunteered to drive the trailer to the SCWSA Race in April. We will have a sign-up sheet at the March Meeting. Get your name on the list then, or call Wendy.

People interested in learning to sail who do not have boats should call the ABYC office and get on a list. We are working on symbiotic negotiations with the Junior Sabot Fleet. We need to know the interest so we can better plan for caoching and boats.

Remember all ABYC members are welcome at our Sunday Dinners and Meetings. The March event is the 21st; the April - the 18th. The March Dinner is Chicken and Capers. Our meetings begin at 4:30; the dinner at 5:30. See you then!

Barbara Gabriel



The January fleet race was a treat for those who like racing; Diane Gonzales, master and commander of Lido Chick, serving as race committee, served up eight non-stop races. Five boats feasted on the bounty, leaving a lot of

sailors out there wishing they'd joined the fun. Here, in Diane's words is the rundown: First place went to Greg Rodgers with Amy as crew. Second place went to Sam and Dana Bell. Winds were good, around 8, building to 12 in the later afternoon. Ray (ed. note: the other half of Lido Chick) raced with John Grisham in races 3-8, since John's son, Will, was out on a cat. Will, capsized during

race three, so John and Ray gave up a lead to rescue him. Otherwise Sam and Dana would have had some stiff competition. Trophies given dockside were handsome cans of Heineken Beer. As one winner stated, "These are the best trophies yet!" P.S. We started out with 5 boats, but Bill Phillips and Ben Sweigler dropped out during the second race as Bill had a broken tiller.

The Lido 14 fleet is duty fleet for the Chapped Cheek Regatta and the February general meeting. Liz Bergan invites one and all to give her a call (626) 797-3112 or email (lizbeeby@earthlink.net) to volunteer for one or both events.

Upcoming Events:

Chapped Cheek Regatta

March 14

March Fleet race

March 20, (1st day of spring)

April Fleet race

April 24

Pete Jefferson Invitational at Mission Bay

May 15th & 16th

If you don't travel much with your Lido, this is a good regatta to whet your appetite. Excellent racing venue, easy trip, and nice people-what else is there? IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES: The March fleet race, scheduled for March 14 has been changed to the 20th to avoid conflict with the Chapped Cheek Regatta. The Lido Website now shows dates for the Nationals as August 8-11 (tentative) as opposed to the 9-12 dates listed here last month.

Dave Porter



ON WATCH WITH THE KEEL BOAT FLEET

The February armchair cruise was a sell out! Judy Mathias and Carol Reynolds have done their usual excellent job.

Bob Chubb is still offering to make kits for the fleet's model boat regattas. Don't miss this opportunity.

Bard Heavens will have more details on the August Cruise to San Diego. Remember that non-sailors will raft up at a motel in Point Loma so everyone is invited.

Dennis Kasper is busy trying to line out the Spring Cruise. More info. about this at the March meeting. Non-sailors will also meet in Balboa for cocktails on the boats.

March meeting is on the 12th. Lots of fun, info., and potluck as usual. Guest speaker will be Sandra Blazer and don't forget – guests are always welcome.

John and George



No news...still bobbing aimlessly..now headed for open water!



January Results - 3 races

	Sail #	Total	Place
Ryan Mudry	216	4.75	1
Mike Schoettle	769	10.75	2
Ken Hodges	299	12.75	3
Fred Stevens III	393	14	4
Kevin Brown	662	14	5
Glenn Selvin	450	15	6
Dave Ellis	1781	20	7
Cole Price	634	21	8
Chris Wells	249	23	9
Ken Reiff	652	29	10

abyc social update

WOW!

An enchanting evening, beautiful music and wonderful company made a very successful Valentines Day Party at ABYC. The alluring backdrop of shimmering lights on Alamitos Bay set a tone of romance that was enhanced by the beautiful décor inside the Club. Members and friends entered a dimly lit 2nd Deck enhanced with the glow of candles set all around the room. Guests were greeted as hors d'oeuvres and cocktails were offered and Steve Moffett took pictures of all our beautifully dressed couples. A warm and friendly feeling immediately took over the crowd. We took our seats about 8 o'clock and dinner was served as the band began to play beautiful background music. Commodore Kevin Ellis and Nicole Peoples-Moffett lead off the dancing even before the main course was served! The band continued to play great dancing music and everyone, I mean everyone, danced the evening away. We watched Carl and Carol Reynolds, Bill and Sue McDannel, Jim and Lynn Drury, Chris and Melinda Wells, Jeff and Lisa Savage and so many others on the dance floor gazing into each others eyes as the band played romantic and danceable music all night. Al and Jeanne Nelson won the prize for the longest marriage, 53 years! Scott Atwood and Stephanie Munn won the bouquet of roses for having sailed together on Valentines Day. We kept the band busy until midnight and I think we all went home with sore feet, but with plenty of wonderful memories of a very romantic evening at ABYC.

This is the first time this event was added to the ABYC social calendar and it was a success! Thank you to Stacy Conn, Diane Bateman, Elaine Wood and Barbara Angus for their talent and hard work and thank you to all who attended. I hope you enjoyed the party and found a little romance in the evening.

Nicole Peoples-Moffett

This years New Year's Party is going to be a spectacular event. Your committee is working hard to provide you with a night to remember. Great food, good friends, and lots of fun.

The Bad Boys have been booked to perform the music! They are locally famous for playing Jazz Music and can be heard on 94.7 "The Wave" jazz station. One of their members was with "The Commodores" so they also play a little 70's dance music. I have also heard them play some awe-inspiring rock and roll. All ages will enjoy what they have to offer. A treat to be listened to in anyone's book.

We'll keep you posted on the activities and progress in future newsletter issues. If you have any ideas about how to make this a fun-for-all party, please let us know. We can use some committee members that are ready to make history.

It's not too early to start thinking about ringing in the new year...plan now to attend and bring all your friends to New Years Eve 2004 at ABYC. We promise you, this is something that will be talked about for years to come.

Kelly Asper

on the horizon

March 14th, Sunday

St. Patrick's Day Family Party- sail in the Chapped Cheek Regatta or just come on down to enjoy an afternoon of fun and games. Don't forget, this is for the family! Bring the kids.

March 19th, Friday

General Membership Meeting hosted by the 505 and Snipe Fleets.

April 11th, Sunday

Easter Brunch-an annual event at ABYC. Reserve early and be ready for the Easter bunny.

April 16th, Friday

General Membership Meeting hosted by the Juniors.

April 17th, Saturday

Spring Spruce Up-don't think of this as just a Club clean-up day, think of it as a chance to see friends, eat hot dogs and paint something too!

thank you

jim grubbs...

for the very generous donation of a "kiddie" bounce house of our very own! We will be able to eliminate rental costs and use it at many more ABYC family events.

scuttlebutt

Jack Godfrey Hallatt, M.D. passed away on Dec.31, 2003 at the age of 92. Jack loved sports and was highly competitive. He was captain of the Track Team at Polytechnic High and at Occidental College where he won the Iron Man trophy and set a 20 -yr. pole vault record only broken after the advent of the fiberglass pole.

After completing his AB in Chemistry, he attended Loma Linda University Medical School where he was President of his graduating class of '39 and continued to lead the class until 2000. He married his sweetheart, Beth Reid, whom he met in the Christian Endeavor group at Long Beach City College. She graduated from UCLA and taught at Freemont High School. His medical career included a residency in OB-Gyn at LA CO. General Hospital, Chief Surgeon overseas during WW11, and 48 years in the Ob-Gyn dept at Kaiser Foundation Hospital. He was admired by his staff and instilled confidence in his patients. He had a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor. He taught at Loma Linda University and continued to do research throughout his career. After retirement at the age of 79, he played golf and raced his Lido 14 sailboat "Buttercup" out of ABYC where he was awarded the title "Fleet Surgeon". He will be missed by his family and many friends and remembered as a wonderful energetic man who loved and deeply appreciated life. Memorial Services were held on January 31, 2004 at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

Luke Reynolds (grandson of Carl & Carol Reynolds) who after 20 years of taking his first piano lesson, 5 years after making his big move to the music scene in Nashville, Tenn., Luke and his rock band Blue Merle, have signed a record contract with Island Def Jam Records for a CD, due out this coming summer. He wanted to become the best sideman he could be. He wanted to be a road musician with a major touring band. That didn't happen. Instead, he says, I'm the lead singer, lead guitar and primary songwriter. What you are going to hear is a rock band that doesn't sound like other rock bands," says Reynolds who cites his influences as Paul Simon, Sting, and a host of old blues men.

We hope Carl and Carol can get him to visit ABYC. We would love to hear him play. Good Luck Luke!

A get well card was sent to Roscoe Butcher who was hospitalized in January, and came home within a week. Also, a card was sent to Bobbie Hodges, who fell in her home hit her head and broke her pelvis in February. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Jeanne Nelson

board droppings

The Board approved an effort to host the 2005 O'Day championships at ABYC.

There will be a New Years Eve party this year with the band Bad Boys playing.

A security system will be installed in the main building and some rooms in the Quarterdeck.

A steering committee has been established and a formal proposal will be prepared for the 2005 I-14 worlds.

Jim Morford



membership

The Board of Directors at the February 18th meeting approved the following membership matters: The Board approved for REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: Stephen and Mary Clemmer, James and Marie Edmunds, and Don and Margaret Zinn

The Board also approved Georgene (George) Honeycutt to be **posted** as a regular member.

The Membership Committee

secretary's report

Unlike other directors who handle such lofty programs such as running regattas, putting on huge social gatherings, and keeping our kids in Sabots, the Secretary's job is primarily behind the scenes. Such mundane, though extremely critical jobs such as keeping the website running (thanks, Bob Daniel), and putting out our monthly Sou'wester (thanks, Sharon Pearson!), fall under the Secretary's areas of responsibility.

But the largest, one time task, vs. the on-going newsletter and website, is by far the publishing of our annual yearbook and roster. We all get it in the mail each year, and finally, I've figured out by being the club's Secretary, that it's a lot of work! But to give credit where credit is due, the work was done by Shelly Suarez who stepped up to the plate last fall and volunteered to do this year's yearbook. I would like to give a huge, heartfelt thanks to Shelly Suarez for making all of the phone calls for yearbook information, for begging and nagging the appropriate people to get their contributions done, and finally, for working with the ABYC office and with Boone Printing to get the final product into the hands of our members. Also, a big thanks to our Commodore, Kevin Ellis, for updating and correcting the database that actually comprises the roster segment, as well as the boat section of the roster.

Anyway, it's done, it is n your hands, and now I can go back to the mundane. Thanks, Shelly!

Glenn Selvin

sensitivity training and guidance (stag) retreat

It is time to start planning this year's STAG retreat! October 1st-3rd 2004!

This will be another event to remember. Some people complained that last year's self help discipline was weak. They said it was like Chinese food- it passed too quickly. We took this as a challenge. We enlisted the help of professionals of world renown. These people are experts in the discipline of male psycho health, and now we will turn up the flame. This is war.

We are going back to basics. The five fundamentals of male mental health will be followed:

Nutrition: A diet of large dark red meat, Island Benedict, potatoes with gobs of butter and a little rabbit food only if you chose to receive it.

Liquid Refreshments: Unlimited quantities, all you can drink of the finest beverages known to man. No expense spared.

Social Interaction: Meet and speak with individuals of similar likes and dislikes. Solve the problems of the world. Make decisions no one will care about or even understand. Be yourself.

Intellectual quandaries: Throw metal objects into the air, make them land in a desired sequence on the ground, and grade them against your neighbor. Make a little ball fly through the air and land in a boat, have you friends also do this until we see who can do this the furthest. Receive kudos, awards, and peer recognition for such behavior. You are the king of the world.

Worship at The Alter of Emerald Bay, Catalina Island: Swim, fish, hike, and frolic in a world of immense beauty. Throw a load of seaweed on your head and pretend to be a rock and roll icon. You will have no worries except that of personal refinement.

Your assignment for now: Plan how to get there and how many brothers you will bring. Don't leave anyone out. We want Dad, neighbors, high school buddies, teammates, and anyone else that will contribute to the event. Remember this is for the good of all.

Respectfully yours,
Merle Willis Asper III



abyc sailors excel

Ullman Sails congratulates our ABYC customers for their outstanding performances at this year's Southern California Midwinters Regatta...all first place:

J/29- Eric McClure; A-Cat- Pete Melvin; F/18-Jay & Pease Glaser; 505-Mike Martin; Etchells- Ed Feo; PHRF A-Oscar Krinsky; Olson 30-Allen Rosenberg; Mercury-Ron Doherty; PHRF B (Express 37)-Mick Schlens; Cal 20-Latham Bell; Lido B-Stacy Conn; Sr. Sabot-Mary Riddick.

abyc racers score high at other venues

Since the beginning of the year ABYC skippers have participated in races at neighboring yacht clubs. On a very blustery January 3rd Jeff Cohen took 2nd in ORCA A and Bob Anderson took 2nd in ORCA B at the DRYC Berger Series Malibu and Return Race. On January 31 at the NYC Regatta Cole Price took 1st in PHRF A Spinnaker Division and Jerry Montgomery took 2nd. Jerry Montgomery's PATRIOT won PHRF A and the Keating Coffey Flagship Trophy for the best finishing current commodore at LAYC's Opening Day Regatta. The Keating Coffey Flagship Trophy has not been engraved with the names of the last several winners, but does include the names of Jerry Thompson 1971 and Karl Weber 1977. On the same day at LBYC's Harbor Sprints Oscar Krinsky's CHAYAH won PHRF A, Chris Wells was 2nd and Bob Marcus 3rd in PHRF C. In the Cal 20 Class (all from ABYC) Ken Hodges won.

A race result that I missed reporting toward the end of last year was that Bob Marcus on REDLINE won the Southern California Class Championship in 30/30s sailed at Cabrillo Beach YC.

Jerry Montgomery

midwinter regatta photos



Hard-hiking Blake Warner of NYHC won the last two races Sunday to finish third overall in the Byte class.

Photos by Rich Roberts



Kurt Lahr of San Mateo and crew have their hands full of their International 14, about to capsize.



Grant and Brabara Williams of SDMBYC led the Lido A fleet during the last race, although Stu Robertson held on to win the overall title.



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