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commodore's installation

More than a hundred members and guests of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club gathered to celebrate the installation of the 2004-2005 officers and directors of ABYC at a gala dinner and ball held on Saturday, October 16.

New members and old and family and friends, including several parties covering three generations, were on hand at the ABYC Clubhouse to see the passing of the leadership of ABYC from outgoing Commodore Kevin Ellis to incoming Commodore Ron Wood.

Following a welcome by Commodore Ellis, Junior Staff Commodore John Merchant served as master of ceremonies for the presentation of special awards. Recipients of the awards included Christopher McNaboe, the Don L. Adams Memorial Trophy; Akemi Leung, the Frances Dixon Nason Sportsmanship Trophy; Sydney Bolger, the Ann and Sid Exley Junior Travel Trophy; Paul Anciau and Dave Ellis, the Order of the Green Propeller; Pease Glaser, the Neal Dundas Daily First Perpetual Trophy; Glenn Selvin, the Ducky Woodman Trophy; David Behr, the Ted C. Matson Outstanding Service Award; and Rich Roberts, the Sid Exley Commodore's Trophy.

Junior Staff Commodore Merchant also presided over the installation of new directors and officers, including incoming Fleet Captain Selvin, incoming Secretary Grant Hill, incoming Director Merle Asper, incoming Fleet Surgeon Mick Shlens and incoming Junior Rear Commodore Graham Bell. Outgoing Director Larry Kidd, outgoing Fleet Surgeon Arthur "Mickey" Beland and Merchant himself received awards for their service.

In his remarks, Commodore Wood spoke of the work done by his predecessors and indicated his interest in continuing in their example, particularly by concentrating on attracting and retaining new members. He praised Commo-



Merle and Kelly Asper and guests

odore Ellis and his Board for bringing in 40 new members in the past year and for leaving the club in good financial order and presented Commodore Ellis a gift to commemorate his service.

Commodore Ellis, in his remarks, named the ABYC members who served as committee and event chairs and pointed out that all these volunteers—and, in fact, all ABYC volunteers—make the club work. Commodore Ellis passed on to Commodore Wood the "symbols" of his office, including an admiral's hat, a chain full of keys, several boxes of stationery and one of "unanswered correspondence" and an answering machine.

After the ceremony, the attendees danced to the music of the Battleaxe Trio, which also played during dinner. The bill of fare for the dinner, prepared by chef Jamie Dill and served by the ABYC staff under the direction of General Manager Theresa Laird, included miso-glazed sea bass and crispy spiced breast of chicken.



Jim Bateman and Rich Roberts

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save the date

Commodore's Appreciation Party	Nov 13
Membership Meeting	Nov 19
Turkey Day Regatta	Nov 20 - 21
End of Month Brunch	Nov 28
Christmas Party	Dec 12
Boxing Day Regatta	Dec 26
New Year's Eve	Dec 31

commodore's comments



This is the beginning of The Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's 78th year and my year as commodore of one of the most respected yacht clubs in the nation. When originally confronted with the possibility of moving up through the flags, one of my considerations was who was going to be ahead of and behind me. Just in case I had a misstep and fell back or forward there would be someone to catch me. Needless to say we, as members of ABYC, have been very fortunate to have had in the past years some great commodores. While I have been on the Board I have had some excellent examples of what makes an effective Commodore: Dave Crockett, Chuck Hardin, John Merchant and Kevin Ellis. Each has brought to the club a different style and each has added to the club in their own way. With Nicole Peoples-Moffet and Jim Bateman watching my backside, I felt that by being surrounded by strong people I might have the leadership abilities to make a difference during my year.

We have a very strong Board and a membership that is always willing to step up and give back. One of my 'pre jobs' for my year as commodore was to recruit members to serve as chairpersons for the many committees that plan the activities of the club, and members that chair the many special projects and events. I started this process in late March and filled 66 spots for these responsibilities, and here is the Key Point: not one member turned me down. That willingness to give back is what makes this club what it has been for 77 years, and this giving sprit will sustain us during our 78th year and into the future.

I know that the year will go by very fast and in order to make a difference we will have to set our goals early and get on with it. The most important goal for me is the same one that Kevin had— to increase membership and improve membership retention. We did a very good job this past year and presented burgees to 40 new members.

This will be the Board's major focus again this year.

Also with the help of the Design Committee we will (at a minimum) have firm plans to improve the club and to make it code compliant, and with a little luck and hard work we should be able to start this work on my watch.

During my year there will be hundreds of problems— each of which will be handled by our competent club manager, Theresa Laird, the staff and Board.

The main idea, of course, is movement and momentum. As Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving; we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor". The Board and I are committed to keep a hand on the tiller and an eye on the club's compass and sail a steadfast course that will make the club a better and, more importantly a fun family place to be.

Thanks for all your past and future support.

Ron Wood

2005 board of directors



Left to right...back row...Jim Bateman, Rear Commodore; Glenn Selvin. Front row... Fleet Captain; Nicole Peoples-Moffet, Vice Commodore; Ron Wood, Commodore; Kevin Ellis, Junior Staff Commodore.



Left to right...Merle Asper, Grant Hill, Bard Heavens, John Massey.

manager's corner



What a pleasure it was to see all of you dressed so fine and kicking up your heels at the Commodore's Ball this year. From all accounts everyone had a great time and our Chef was a wonderful find for the club. It was a perfect evening to welcome in all of the returning and new Board members. I look forward to working with each of them this year.

If you missed the event please be sure to contact the Kelly Asper, Diane Bateman or any of the fine ladies and gentlemen that are taking reservations for New Year's Eve. Kelly has had such clever sign up ideas at the Commodore's Ball that I know the dinner and entertainment will be THE place to be New Year's Eve!

Also, be sure to mark those calendars for the Turkey Regatta this month and enjoy one of the finest days for the whole family left this year. I look forward to seeing you there

and at the End of the Month Brunch!

charity regatta 2004

A giant thank you to the ABYC Board of Directors for approving the 26th of September use of the Club for the 18th Annual YCLB Charity Regatta. It was a huge success and the support of our members was, as always extraordinary. The Children's Clinic, the recipient of the proceeds each year was most gratified with the success of this community service event.

Each part of this year's Regatta seemed to have great weather and participation, from the Swap Meet in July, to the Golf Tournament in August and the Regatta, Silent Auction, Drawing and Burger Bash in September. One more great evening, the Appreiation Party, will be held on October 29th at Shoreline Yacht Club, it is hoped the great weather and participation continues for that night. The proceeds from all phases of the YCLB Charity Regatta, Golf Tournament and Swap Meet are presented to the representatives of The Children's Clinic along with some kudos to all who helped make this event a success.

There were nine harbor classes and six bay classes racing and ABYC racers, adult and juniors took home a lot of hardware. Thank you, Etchells, Cal 20's, PHRF, Senior Sabots, Juniors and A Cat racers for your participation in this year's regatta. The committee truly appreciates your support of this event.

The Burger Bash and trophy presentation on the patio was fabulous, along with an exceptional Silent Auction and drawing saw a lot of winners. The staff did a wonderful job setting up supporting all phases and then the food at the Burger Bash has received raves from all who were there.

One of the regatta participants got his crew into the Crew Challenge and then he also collected donations from people where he works. It made me so proud to be able thank him publicly that afternoon for the One thousand dollars he and his crew collected for The Children's Clinic, the recipient of the proceeds of the regatta. Thank you LAYC member.

My appreciation goes, without question to all who helped make the day so much fun and so successful.

Sincerely, *Norma Clapp, Chairman 2004*



Ring in the New Year at ABYC

**Friday, December 31st
8:00 p.m. til Midnight**

Dance the Night Away
and enjoy
Scrumptious Food & Drink Specials
then
Roll the Dice & Play Your Cards
at
Blackjack & Craps
to
Win Fabulous Prizes



**Special Rate for
Early Reservations**
(before November 15th)
\$75 per person

After November 15th
\$100 per person
No refunds after December 15th

Dress — New Year's Festive



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hails from the fleets



September's Fleet Race was won by Mack Mills who proceeded to give himself a trophy (as trophy chair).

The Twilight Perpetuals were presented to Bob Ware for the A Fleet and Wendy Siegal for the B Fleet.

The new slate of officers was approved and passed. Thanks to Adra Kober who said she would see us through another year. Here is our complete list of officers for 2005:

- Fleet Captain: Adra Kober
- Asst. Fleet Cap: Mary Riddick
- Secretary: Lee Berlinger
- Treasurer: Marilyn McMahon
- Trophy Chairs: Al Nelson and Mack Mills
- Measurer: John Ellis
- Historian: Don Wilson
- PRO: Tick Weber
- INSA Rep: Wendy Siegal
- SCWSA Rep: Mary Riddick
- Wine Steward: Bob Ware
- Scribe: Barbara Gabriel
- Sou'wester: Adra Kober and B. Gabriel

If you have any questions about sailing a Sabot, please contact anyone of these people. And remember our Sunday Dinner Fleet Meetings are open to all. Please join us! The next one is October 24th!



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

Thirteen one-design boats on the line for an October fleet regatta has to be some kind of a modern day ABYC record. Sunday, October 10 was the Keel Boat semi-annual picnic and pinewood model boat regatta. Aply chaired by Jeanne Reid and Bob Chubb (designer and builder), with Mickey Beland, course and mark set manager. Errant boat retrievers Eleanor Beland and Bard Heavens, were undoubtedly the busiest people at the regatta.

Results:

GOLD FLEET

1. George Caddle
2. John Brennan
3. Dan Clapp

COMMODORES' RACE

1. Kevin Ellis

SILVER FLEET

1. Joe Riddick
2. Bill McDannell
3. Don Hodges

GRAND SLAM

- Kevin Ellis

Awards were given out during the cocktail hour and consisted of pumpkins and bottles of wine. Lori McPherson, the new chef at ABYC, added to the dinner with some great homemade potato salad. Needless to say it was a great fun. If you do not have a boat, give Bob Chubb a call. He still has a few made up and will probably go back into production if we need more.

November 12 is our next meeting. Pot luck as usual and you can bring your own wine to a fleet function for a 50-cent corkage fee.

We will be voting on the slate of chairs for 2005 presented at the September meeting. Joe Riddick and

John Ellis will give the details on the combined Keel Boat – Sabotier Christmas party. Judy Mathias and Carol Reynolds will tell about the armchair cruise.

Lots going on, don't miss the meeting.

John and George



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.

There is one ABYC tune-up for Turkey Day coming up at the Halloween Regatta Saturday October 30th. I hope I will see you there!

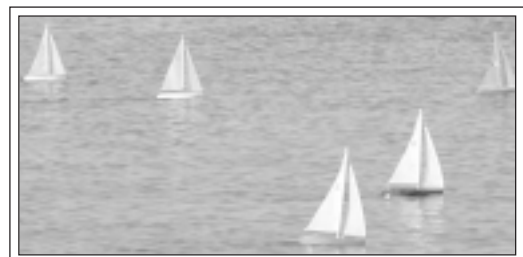
Please contact me anytime via E-Mail, salaor@sbcglobal.net or phone at (626) 403-9533 if you have any questions or are interested in getting your **Laser** back in the water.

We can help you with rigging, pointers and lots of source material to help you get the most from your **Laser**.

See you on the water,
Steve Smith

The Pine Block Yacht Race held last Sunday afternoon on the beach adjacent to ABYC. It's a hoot...like the real thing. You even get all wet! Afterwards we had an award ceremony and BBQ in the patio

Bill McDannell



2004 stag cruise

This year's Stag Cruise was one of the best on record with a total of 71 stags attending. According to several long time participants, this is the largest turnout in the history of this venerable event. This year was also special in that we had the largest number of boats in Stag Cruise history at Emerald Cove totaling 23.

The organizers, Merle Asper, Jim Bateman, Brian Holmes & Jorge Suarez are to be commended for a job very, very well done. They made sure that all the provisions were in order and most importantly that they made it to the beach and that the activities were well organized and executed.

Those in attendance included a spectrum of ages, from those in their twenties to a renowned group of retirees. We had several staff commodores, all of the flag officers who qualify as stags, sorry Nicole, and a great group of ABYC members (many of whom were first timers).

It should be noted that several of our members brought a significant number of non-member guests. Dave Crockett's party totaled 9 and the Rob Rice party totaled 6.

Jorge Suarez organized the games & trophies; the trophies were a highlight and were a credit to Mr. Suarez's creativity. The winners of the events were, Ball and Chain Throw: Greg Simms, Dinghy Pitch: Greg Sorenson, Horse Shoes: Brian Holmes & Kevin Ellis.

Everybody had a great time and all returned safely, a little tired, but safely nonetheless.

Kevin Ellis



Hello ABYC **Laser** Sailors:
Our ABYC Junior Sailing Director is an energetic young man named Brad Schaupeter. Brad has proposed a Junior racing program at ABYC using the **Laser Radial** as a step-up for Juniors from Sabots. To promote this new program, Brad has proposed, and I have agreed to assist him with a **Laser Get Acquainted Day** at ABYC this fall. We have targeted one of three dates; **Oct. 23rd, Nov. 6th or 13th** for this experiment.

We hope to have several ABYC **Laser** sailors on-hand with their **Lasers** or **Laser Radials** rigged and ready by 11:00AM for interested Juniors and maybe their parents to try-out. I have agreed to provide my Radial rig for this venture and ask you to join me in this wonderful plan to expand the ABYC Junior sailing program and increase participation in the ABYC **Laser** racing fleet.

Please note: some of those Juniors and their parents attending *Get Acquainted Day* are going to be interested in buying a **Laser**. Please let me know if you are willing to rig and have your boat available for demonstration. We'll notify you of a firm date as soon as possible.

Thanks for your consideration!

Steven Smith, ABYC **Laser** Fleet Captain

the bay clogger (aka junior sailing)

Hello again ABYC members and welcome to “*The Bay Clogger*” – the new name chosen by the Fall Non-Racing class for our monthly Junior Sailing Section of the Sou’wester. That’s right; we recently sat down, brainstormed up some good names and voted it out until “*The Bay Clogger*” barely won out over “*The Boom Times*”. Thanks to all the Fall Sailors who helped us come up with this name!

It has been an absolutely amazing fall season so far, moving at break-neck speed. I have seen great improvements across the sailors involved in the fall clinics and great things happening at the regattas as well. So far we have had three clinics for our fall sailors and three regattas for the racers.

One of the highlights of the Fall Sailing clinics was September 19th, where we had an extremely breezy day for the newer sailors. Many of them were frightened, but we talked about it and after some discussion, we all took a deep breath and headed out. It was amazing to see these sailors go out and tackle that type of breeze. Students weighing less than 70 pounds went out alone and came back without even capsizing...except for one small casualty. Catherine Schock had the most awesome capsize ever when her Sabot caught an edge and literally threw her into the air and out of her boat. It was such a sight that we all started laughing and it became the story of the day. Congrats to you guys for toughing out the big winds!

Fall Gold Cup (NHYC)

One of the events we attended this fall was the Shadden Series Fall Gold Cup down in Newport Harbor. We had a group of 10 sailors go down and take home 5 awards from the event. Here is a break down of those who took home awards:

Sydney Bolger	3 rd place – A Fleet
Lauren Bussey	2 nd place – C Fleet
Laura Newton	3 rd place – C Fleet
Jack Jorgenson	1 st place – C2 Fleet
Derek Smith	4 th place – C2 Fleet

Charity Regatta

Thanks to all the sailors who came out for this year’s Charity regatta. It really was a great success with 16 of our juniors competing and attributing for a large majority of the awards. ABYC actually took home first and second in every fleet! Additionally I would like to point out the great job that all of the new C3 sailors did. I was not only impressed by their results, but also their outstanding attitudes throughout the entire regatta. Congratulations to all who competed. Awesome job! A complete list of results can be found on the ABYC website.

Sydney Bolger (1st place – A fleet), Shane Young (2nd place – A fleet), Lauren Bussey (1st place – B fleet), Laura Newton (2nd place – B fleet), Brandon Spagg (3rd place – B fleet), Jack Jorgenson (1st place – C fleet), Samantha Gebb (2nd place – C fleet), Rob Rice (1st place – C2 fleet), Derek Smith (2nd place – C2 fleet), Lauren Swank (1st place – C3 fleet), PJ Lorch (2nd place – C3 fleet), Alex Newton (3rd place – C3 fleet), Savannah Robinson (4th place – C3 fleet)

North Series

ABYC hosted the first of four regattas for the North Perpetual Trophy Series on the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd. It is primarily for A sailors, but all fleets are fielded at the regattas. We were fortunate enough to have nine sailors compete, many of which moved up a fleet from doing so well at the previous regattas. We saw an outstanding performance out of Lauren Bussey who took home the 4th place trophy at her first B regatta and Jack Jorgenson took home 2nd place in the C class. There was also really some really great sailing out of Derek Smith and Samantha Gebb. Congratulations to all the sailors for competing at such a high level.

Other Stuff

We are still looking for anyone willing to donate old Sabot parts or sails for our charter boats. If you have any info or would like to help out the Junior program, please leave a message with the Junior Sailing office. It has been an amazing Fall so far and there is sure to be much more exciting things to come. Thank you to all who helped tow boats this fall and all those who helped out in any way so far. This program would not be what it is without such supporting and awesome parents. Special thanks to John Massey for his very much needed last minute help to get a power boat down to Newport.

Brad Schaupter
ABYC Director of Junior Sailing

scuttlebutt

Jeanne Nelson, Jane Kidd, Carol Reynolds and 15th others went on a Gadabout Tour in October, from the 5th to the 13th, to Philadelphia. We enjoyed seeing the trees turn to fall colors, went to Pennsylvania, Valley Forge, Pittsburgh, Gettysburg and many beautiful areas. It was a wonderful vacation.

Jeanne Nelson

membership

The Board of Directors at their October 13th meeting approved the following membership matters:

Approved for Regular Membership: Stacy Conn, William and Sharyn Green, Tim and Mary Ann Hogan, Scott and Jackie Taylor, Michael and Lisa Wood, and Stephen Washburn.

Approved for Junior Membership were Aisha Chin, Brandon Corn and Lauren Swank.

Wow! Is our membership growing or what?

The Board also approved the number of half priced memberships. At present i.e., Sou'Wester deadline there are six such memberships available. Talk to your sailing friends. There's no better deal than this east of Hawaii.

The Membership Committee

family christmas party

Come one and all to the ABYC Christmas Party! Sunday, December 12th, upstairs. 4:30 until the last carol has been sung. Meet SANTA and have your photo taken with him! Gifts for the children. Sing carols with our very own famous guitar group, "Los Tres Amigos and Ken". We will serve ham, roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding, mashed potatoes, salad and cheesecake for dessert. Adults \$10.00, Children \$1.00

Come and join the fun!

RSVP to ABYC ASAP or at least by Dec 9th

rose parade float

Come decorate a Rose Parade Float!! We need volunteers any day between Christmas and New Year's day. It is with the City of Sierra Madre. Please contact Stephanie Munn. I will let you put roses in on the camera side! 951-549-0267

5th Annual Boxing Day Regatta Pursuit Race and Treasure Hunt Sunday December 26, 2004

This year's Boxing Day regatta will be on Sunday December 26, which actually IS Boxing Day. Once again, there will be a pursuit race and a treasure hunt. In a pursuit race the slowest boats start first and the fastest last. Last year saw nine different classes in the top ten boats with Bruce Golison in his Santana 20 passing Eric Conn's Snowbird at the end of the race while managing to hold off Jeff Cohen in his F31 Tri-maran.

The treasure hunt will again be run around Naples Island with a few stops to find answers to the clues. In past years everyone who participated had a great time and I am sure Sandy McDade will be back trying to beat out the competition. Participation is easy... bring a few friends and a boat capable of getting under the Naples bridges.

Mark your calendars for a fun day on the bay, Sunday December 26, 2004 starting at 1pm.

Get off the couch and work off some of that turkey.

Mark Townsend

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, Nov 19, 2004 is the deadline for the December Sou'Wester.



Jack Jorgenson about to get thrown in for winning his fleet and having to move up.



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Junior Board - Jr. Director, Sydney Belger; Junior Director, Michael Henry, Junior Rear Commodore, Graham Bell (with Ron Wood and Kevin Ellis)



Pat and Carolyn Bixby, Marilyn McMahon, Bonnie Dorrans



Kevin Ellis gives Ron Wood the "tools of office"

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