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(Photos courtesy of Tom Ramsey and Nancy Grubbs)

What can I say? It was a near picture perfect weekend. Clouds hid the full moon most of the evening, so what? Thirty of us gathered and enjoyed good weather, good food, great cheer and friends. I believe it was the best bonfire ever.

We were all treated to brunch aboard Ramsgate (Tom Ramsey, Anne Newton) on Saturday. A very special thank you is in order.

It is said that all good things end but not so. Next year's event will be done by Stephanie Munn. I have retired after six years of fun. She will do a great job, that's for sure.

My thank you is to all of you who attended in the past. You all made the party. And a very special thank you to my "helpers", my friends, who were there to help fetch, tote, pack, carry, mix and most of all keep me sane and calm. Retirement is good!

See you at the Island Cruise 05.
 Holly MacLaren



Holly's retirement photo (photographer and waiter unknown)!



A brunch group



Another brunch group



Guest transportation



Cook your own



Beer belly contest (Jeremy???)



Company



Chuck Hardin enjoying the fire

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save the date

Polls Open	Sept 5 & 11
Annual Meeting (Polls Open)	Sept 17
Charity Regatta	Sept 26
Stag Retreat	Oct 1 - 3
Commodore's Installation	Oct 16
Halloween Regatta	Oct 30

commodore's comments



If you missed the July Catalina Cruise you missed a great time at the Isthmus. Holly & Randy MacLaren did a great job and I know everyone had a great time, I sure did. I encourage you to put this on your calendar for next year.

In August, I had the privilege to attend the Junior Program Banquet. The energy in the room was palpable. Junior Program Director, Rebecca Padilla and the teaching staff, supported by John Massey and the Junior Advisory Board clearly did an excellent job with this year's program. The Junior Advisory Board is chaired by Bob Kirstine with Tom Newton, Doug Jorgensen, Marc Schryer, Jim MacLeod, Chas Merrill & John Massey. This year's instructors included: Shawn Belisile, Gram Bell, Jonathan Bell, Andrew McDade & Christopher Macnibow. ALL OF YOU DID A GREAT JOB, THANK YOU!

Coming up this month is the annual membership meeting and elections. Please take time to consider the nominees for the 2004/2005 board. John Merchant, Norma Clapp and the nominating committee have done an excellent job with this year's nominees, which are very strong. Voting in ABYC elections is an important part of your membership obligation. Please be

sure to vote.

Membership update, I am please to inform you that during the July & August board meeting one new membership was approved, and in August five memberships were posted with four more applications in process. Things are moving in the right direction. Clearly the membership has taken our need to increase the number of members to heart. Whatever you do, don't stop! We need to keep this trend moving so keep bringing your friends, family and neighbors down and encourage them to join.

Did you know that your racing crew can become a member of ABYC, even if they don't own a boat? Well it's true. The membership chairman has been authorized to accept applications from prospective members who are active sailors whether they own a boat or not. The boat ownership requirement, under the current policy, may be waived based on the club's knowledge of the applicants and five strong sponsor recommendations. This is intended to allow more of our sailing friends to join the club who were not eligible until now.

One last comment on the elections, there are several current members of the board who are up for re-election. It is my sincere hope that you will continue to support these individuals as you have in the past with your vote. They are a good group of committed and hard working individuals and in my opinion they deserve your support.

Fair winds and calm seas,
Kevin Ellis

vice commodore's notes



C20 Class Championships:

The C20 Class Championships were held the third weekend in July. The event was very well attended with 41 boats participating. On behalf of the C20 fleet I would like to thank the club for holding this event for these great old boats. Mark Golison repeated his winning ways by coming in #1 and retaining his title (as the champ) that he won last year. He is the one to beat! Chris Erickson did his usual excellent job as PRO with lots of help from our dedicated members. Glenn Selvin and Doug McLean were co-chairmen for the event and did an outstanding job of organization. Everyone had a great three days on the water and well as enjoying the club and the fellowship that a really well-run event promotes. This is why ABYC is the place to be.

Yard:

With the club really pushing for new members (25 new members in the last few months) we have a long list of people waiting to get their boats in the yard. One of the big reasons new members choose to join is because of the yard. Some of our members find that they are not using their boats for a number of reasons. If you are in this situation please consider selling your boat or making a tax-free donation to either the sailing center or the Boy Scouts. We really need to make room for the active members. There are yard rules to remove boats but we would prefer that members make the decision that is good for them and the club.

Save the Date:

Saturday, October 16th is the Installation of Officers and the Commodore's Ball. Plan on attending in support of the incoming Board as well as to honor the members who will be receiving special awards for outstanding service, sportsmanship, sailing, junior awards and the Ducky Woodman award. We are planning a special event with great food and great dance music (We will have the same musicians that we had for the Valentine's Party). Make your reservation early; get a group and reserve a table!

See you at the club
Ron Wood

manager's corner



The summer sailing program was a great success and one that I personally enjoyed for many reasons. Watching the kids that were here for the summer and getting to know them was fun for me, but imagine what it did for them! The wonderful thing about sailing is its always different, perhaps the site is different or the weather is unique to the last time you sailed, whatever the difference is it always seems to be an adventure that the whole family can talk about and enjoy.

During the final dinner for the juniors and throughout the summer I noticed many of the same active families here. Children who run and play (and get in the candy in my office) were also enjoying their first, second or for a few third years of sailing. I know that many of our instructors have familiar family names and grew up sailing.

What a wonderful way to invest in your families' treasure trove of memories!

Spending time here at the club, on weekends and events can be an excellent tradition that your family will look forward to, and in time, look back upon with fond memories. Don't forget to see us as the kids return to school this fall and throughout the winter months!

Come and taste the culinary arts of our new cook Lori McPherson for Sunday morning brunch the last Sunday of the month. Brunch will be served from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on the second deck. Do not despair! Jesus will still be doing Mexican food here at the club!

Theresa Laird

charity regatta 2004

The Notice of Regatta should be in your hands by now and the event is nearly here, the anticipation of the 18th Annual Charity Regatta presented by the Yacht Clubs of Long Beach is building. The committee hopes you are planning to race. The event was planned to appeal to sailors at all levels and have it be a benefit to help others while doing something we love.

We have some outstanding sponsors and benefactors. This is what helps to make this regatta a success. They are shown in the NOR and we hope if you will give a hearty thanks to them for their generous contribution to this community event.

The races and Burger Bash will happen on Sunday, September 26th. We will have the trophy presentation, silent auction and drawings take place at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club that day. All skippers and crews are cordially invited to participate. The Perpetual Trophies will also be presented. The Crew Challenge winners will also be announced as well as the Gangway Team Challenge winners, this is new for the Charity Regatta this year. The forms for these two challenges are available at each club.

We hope Sunday, September 26th is a great day for the regatta and a great success for the recipient of our efforts, The Children's Clinic. If you would like to take a tour, it can be arranged and you will see dedicated professionals providing the best health care possible to the children in need in the greater Long Beach area.

Norma Clapp, ABYC Representative

monthly challenge

Rock the Boat, I mean the Vote!!! This month's challenge is to get out and vote at the annual ABYC Board of Director and Trustee elections! This is your opportunity and duty to take part in the democratic process! Make your voice heard. Results will be announced at the September 17th Annual General Membership Meeting.

Nicole Peoples-Moffett

membership

The Board of Directors at the August 19th meeting approved the posting for Regular Memberships the following applicants: Mitch Barney, Jeffrey and Stella Case, Mike DeBrincat, David Robertson and Mary Suttie, and Steven and Tracie Snodgrass. The half price membership campaign has been rather successful, but there are a few such memberships still available. Talk to your friends about joining the best in the West.

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, Sept 17, 2004 is the deadline for the October Sou'Wester.

hails from the fleets



We have suffered another Fleet and Club loss in the death of Dick George. He was one of our most dependable volunteers and good friend. He will be missed by all.

August 8th saw many fleet members out of town. However, there were enough. Scott Atwood, Nancy Grubbs, Mack Mills, Mary Riddick, and Bob Ware gave each other enough competition for good racing. After going around the courses a few times, the winner was Bob Ware. Adra Kober, fleet captain, presented his trophy at the following meeting. Adra also gave out the July Trophies for Twilights. Only the A fleet turned out enough sailors to qualify for the monthly trophy. The A Fleet trophies were:

- 1) Bob Ware
- 2) Sarah McNaboe
- 3) John Ellis

A great steak dinner was enjoyed by the small group thanks to Theresa and the talented Jesus.

By the time you get this, the twilight races will be over, but there are still Sunday Sabot Races coming up and Ladies' Day. The September Race is the 12th. It would be a good time to get some practice for Ladies' Day on October 17th. The Sunday race day in October follows on the 24th.

Ladies Day is a wonderful opportunity for women who would like to try Sabot sailing as it is one of the few times where there is a "C" fleet for women racing at the level of beginners. If there is a Sabot in the family, please consider getting started in October at this great event. Wendy Siegal wants to remind everyone that they must have an INSA membership sticker to sail in this race. It's still only \$15.00 to join. Call Wendy at 562-799-0250 and she'll get you on the Bay if not the Pacific Ocean.

Anyone interest in more Sabot information, please call Adra Kober for sailing and meeting dates.

Barbara Gabriel



KEELBOAT ON WATCH

Put several sailors on a boat add a little wine, and it's an instantaneous great party! The Mills, Petersons, Carol Reynolds, Nelsons, Cliff Mathias and Caddles met the San Diego cruisers Bard Heavens and Barbara, Belands, Ellis and Clapps on their first stop, Dana Point, going south.

The host club, Dana Point Yacht Club now enjoys a large clubhouse, but a few years back operated from a much smaller facility. The DPYC started a tradition at the former clubhouse, way back when, of the Saturday night 'barbecue your own entree'. From a hamburger to swordfish and every kind of steak, they offer it. The "go-withs" are an extensive salad bar and a huge selection of wonderful vegetables. You can even add a dish of ice cream; serve yourself, 75 cents in the box please, honor system. The price for this great feast is still ridiculously low, although the ice cream used to be 50 cents. Needless to say we all staggered out of DPYC with a very satisfied smile.

September 10 is our next fleet meeting. We will be talking about next year and the activities the fleet members would like to enjoy. The October cruise dates and details will be presented. Our speaker will be Dave Chrisman from the Port of Los Angeles. He will give an overview of our neighbor port.

As always it will be a potluck dinner. Bring enough for eight of whatever. It always seems to work out just right. The bar will be open or, for a corking fee, you may bring your own bottle of wine.

George and John



ABYC **Laser** racers; *Bob Falk, Chris Raab* and *Vann Wilson* ventured out of Southern California to some major **Laser** regattas this summer.

Vann Wilson placed 26th in the **Laser** Pacific Coast Championships in Monterey CA back in July followed by a 17th place in the **Laser** Nationals at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club in Santa Cruz.

Bob Falk also raced in the **Laser** Nationals at Santa Cruz in the **Laser** Radial class, making a great showing, taking the lucky 13 spot in a fleet of 47 **Laser** Radials!

Chris Raab went up the mountain to race in the **Laser** Masters Pacific Coast Championships at beautiful Huntington Lake in the Sierras in August. Chris won both the Masters Division (**Laser** sailors aged 45-54) and the Overall Title.

Congratulations to Chris on your Championship performance!

The ABYC Laser Fleet has been quiet this month, but will be back in earnest for the Labor Day Regatta which also serves as the Laser District 25 Championship this year. Please look for full results in this space next month.

Please e-mail salaor@sbcglobal.net or call me (626) 403-9533 if you or someone you know is interested in sailing and racing **Lasers** or **Laser** Radials at ABYC.

See you on the water,
Steve Smith



The Alamos Bay Yacht Club Barfly Fleet is pleased to announce that the wardroom glass has been covered with a sunscreen coating. The bartender's risk of cataracts has been reduced, members won't be sunburned, the afternoon's lower temperatures will improve air qualities and the carpet will last longer.

A first step in the long awaited improvement of our Club House.

Tick Weber

hails from the fleets



4th of July Regatta

1. Jeff & Matt McDermaid
2. Grant & Conner Hill
3. Aaron Feves & Lena Maun

Top two to ABYC; way to go guys!

Fleet 6 Championship Regatta

A's

1. Freddie & Fred Stevens
2. Jon Bell & Lauren Hobson
3. Jeff & Matt McDermaid

B's

1. Tracy Conn & Mark Stanifer
2. Grant & Conner Hill

This regatta was tight from top to bottom, start to finish, with three boats winning at least one race. The first three A's ended up with 9, 10, and 12 points, respectively. Tracy Conn had a second in one race, and the Eberlys had a third. Tracy and Grant had to be sorted out with two tiebreakers. At any given time, everyone was in a close race with at least one other competitor. Weather was beautiful and the après-race social hour included a special gift from Bacchus-more later on that point. Thanks to Ron Clanton and Ray Gonzales for excellent race management.

National Championships-The nationals were in Sequim, Washington the second week of August, and ABYC Fleet 6 members captured 1st and 3rd places, with Stu Robertson taking 1st place and Freddie Stevens third. Mark Gaudio came in second. Full details can be found on the Lido 14 website at www.lido14.org <<http://www.lido14.org>> Upcoming events:

September 18th-Fleet race

September 26th-Charity regatta

October 9th-Fleet race

October 9th & 10th-Mission Bay Invitational (Lido 14 class)

October/November timeframe-A special fleet event presented by one of our own. A wine tasting evening conducted by a wine master-one of those people who can tell the country of origin, the vineyard the grapes came from, the winemaker, and possibly the vintage by tasting alone. We will enjoy a pleasant social evening, learn something, and enjoy some excellent wines, a preview of which some of us received after the Fleet championship regatta. Our connection with this fine wine-to be revealed later-has wine know-how nearly as spectacular as his sailing skills! This party will be a standalone evening event with no racing scheduled, but details are yet to be worked out. We will keep you posted with plenty of advance notice. This is one you won't want to miss! It is open to all fleet members and their guests.

Dave Porter



The Cal 20 Class Championship was held at ABYC July 16-18. Photos courtesy of Dave Kofahl. Results are on the ABYC website.

Dave & Carol Kofahl photos & captions



THE WINNER AND STILL CHAMPION: Mark Golison (center) with crew Chris Snow (left) and wife and crew Jennifer, with daughter accept the Cal20 National Championship Perpetual from former Masters Champ/ABYC Vice Commodore Ron Wood.

Tom Shadden of LBYC enjoys victory in the Masters Class with his grandson and crew Thomas. Son John, (not pictured) also crewed on #103.



Steve Flam (left) is awarded the Bravura half-model perpetual for the best maintained boat #400 Toadstool (owned by Isabelle Lounsberry, Mark & Robin Townsend), by co-chair Doug McLean. Not pictured is Skipper Barney Flam



Holding an almost invisible trophy, Merle Asper and crew Chris Wells of ABYC, accept 3rd place in Silver Fleet from Vice Commodore Ron Wood. (The trophy was later passed to Chris where it looked bigger.)



Chuck Clay of ABYC and crew took the Elimination Series Perpetual on #26 Veinte Seis.

Excitement builds with the organized chaos of getting Cal20's ready for the intergalactic Championships.. The event attracted 40 boats, and over 100 racers to the hub of the Cal20 universe, Long Beach.



scuttlebutt

ABYC member Richard (Dick) George passed away on August 13. Our sympathy goes to his family. Larry & Jane Kidd went to Hawaii in August to welcome a new baby Grandson.

In July, Vern and Bobbie were surprised with a 50th Anniversary Party at Shoreline Yacht Club, put on by their children and grandchildren. It was a wonderful surprise party for them and all their friends and family.

In August, Betty and Mack Mills had a celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary at Brad & Sharon Bolger's home in Long Beach (daughter and son-in-law) with many relatives and friends. A wonderful time for all
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Let me know if any of our members are celebrating a Special occasion. Also would love to hear about your vacations.

Jeanne Nelson

junior sailing

Summer Sailing Program Wraps Up

Hello ABYC members! Well, the summer is wrapping up and what a fun summer it has been. The Junior Sailing Program and all its sailors saw amazing improvement.

The second week of August, we took 13 sailors down to Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego for Sabot Nationals. 180 junior sailors tried out for the regatta. ABYC had eight juniors qualify, one student missing the cutoff by just two places. Of the students who qualified, Sydney Bolger placed 26th in Gold Fleet. Shane Young placed 3rd in Bronze, followed by Ryan McNaboe in 8th. In the Iron Fleet, Jack Jorgensen placed 7th, Kaley Dodson placed 12th, Cory Dodson placed 17th, Laura Newton placed 18th, and AJ Robinson placed 20th. Congratulations to all the ABYC juniors who went down and participated for this highly competitive regatta!

We ended the summer down at Leeway, sailing in the Sea Festival with other juniors from around the bay. This is a fun two-day regatta with raffle prizes and amazing trophies. Shane Young placed first in the A fleet. In C1s, Laura Newton won, followed closely by Jack Jorgensen in 3rd. Lauren Swank championed the C3 fleet and Savannah Robinson took 6th. It was a great couple of days coached by Andrew McDade.

Congratulations to all of our summer junior sailors!

Rebecca Padilla

Fall Sailing to Commence and Director Change Over

The summer is coming to a close and school is starting, but that does not mean the end of sailing! That's right, we will be doing a fall sailing program for the third year straight. This program was incredibly fun and the sailors saw tremendous improvement in their skills.

A core group of sailors participated in last year's fall racing program, most of which were not racers prior to the fall or the past summer and every one of them took home an award in at least one regatta this year in addition to becoming an awesome group of friends. This also happened in the non racing class where we saw students who were afraid to get in the boat gain confidence in their sailing skills and truly become strong sailors.

To find out more about this program and/or to sign up, go online to www.ABYC.org to download the form and info, email the new Sailing Director, Brad Schaupeter at bschaupe@hotmail.com or leave a message on the Junior Sailing Director's voice mail at the club. Forms are also available in the junior sailing office at the club.

Starting this fall, Rebecca Padilla will be moving on to a teaching job in Portland, OR. Taking her place will be Brad Schaupeter, a former instructor at ABYC from the previous summer, fall and spring. (For those who do not know me, I look forward to meeting you!) Brad is a graduate of Indiana University and an aspiring musician. I am extremely excited to be back at ABYC and really looking forward to a great fall, spring and summer.

A huge thank you to the instructing staff from this summer (some of which will be back for the fall) and especially to Rebecca for preparing everything for a seamless changeover:

Rebecca Padilla – Director, Sea Urchins
Sean Belisle – Advanced Racing, Intermediates
Jon Bell – Advanced Racing, Beginners
Gram Bell – Intermediate Racing, Beginners
Chris Macnabo – Intermediate Racing, Beginners
Andrew McDade – Intermediate Racing, Intermediates
Assistants:

Sydney Bolger, Achemi Lee Young, Michael Henry and Ryan Macnabo

Thank you also to an outstanding Junior Advisory Board who continue to strive for a great program and I am really happy to be working with.

Brad Schaupeter



golison new santana 20 national champion

Congratulations to our own Bruce Golison along with Steve and Stevie Washburn for sailing into first place at the Santana 20 Nationals hosted by ABYC August 12 thru the 15th. 28 boats and 84 competitors from around the country converged on ABYC to battle it out for the Santana 20 National Champion title. Phillip Infelise, Bruce Golison and Nicole Peoples-Moffett chaired the four day event working together to make sure the sailors enjoyed the best experience possible at ABYC.

Day 1 of the event let sailors enjoy practice racing lead by Jim Drury. Many had sailed in the local waters, but still needed to "re-acquaint" themselves with the winds and currents. Many sailors were used to lake sailing and found it an enjoyable change to sail in mostly consistent winds on longer tacks! A Burger Bash on the patio finished off the day.

Day 2 started with a skipper's meeting lead by Phillip and Bruce. PRO Mark Townsend was introduced and the sailing began. Three races were completed with Golison leading the pack. Phillip Infelise with son Payson trailed close behind and in the hunt. But the real action was after racing, the In-N-Out burger truck was parked on campus taking orders and creating a frenzy. The Santana 20 class hosted the truck and Friday Night Happy Hour guests enjoyed burgers too!

Day 3 opened with beautiful skies and light winds. As the day moved forward the wind built and the sailors enjoyed three more races. Golison was still leading but a few other boats were hot on his trail. The Flip Flop Bar was opened for business and luau hostesses Allegra and Joya Infelise (Phillip's little girls) welcomed sailors to a luau dinner while a nine member, 20+ piece steel drum band played into the evening.

Day 4, the final day of racing. Shifty yet breezy wins made for some tough sailing, but Golison managed to pull off the overall win. Phillip and son Payson won the eighth and final race of the day capping off three days of great racing and sportsmanship. Trophies were handed out and everyone packed up for another Santana 20 Nationals.

Being the chair of such a great event takes the help of many other people. Some involved were race committee: Mark and Robin Townsend, Sharon Pearson, Wayne and Shirley Smith, Isabelle Lounsberry, Jon Lounsberry, Randy and Holly MacLaren, Kevin Ellis, Jim Bateman and Chuck Hardin. On-shore logistics Chris Ericksen and Steve Moffett. Patience prep: George Caddle and Vern Peterson. Protest Chair Maggie Caddle and clerk Barbara Gabriel. Computer scoring Jim Morford. And of course the ABYC staff led by Theresa.

Special thanks are in order for Phyllis Infelise and Margo Golison. Margo and Phyllis handled registration, while Phyllis also tackled the trophies and covered the many other details of regatta management. We also must thank Allegra (8) and Joya (6) for all their decorating help and attention to the details!

It was a great pleasure to co-chair the Santana 20 Nationals with Phillip and Bruce. I learned so much and was very proud and honored to be part of another ABYC regatta.

Nicole Peoples-Moffett

out of towners

The last two months have been very busy for ABYC sailors racing away from the Long Beach area. Some of these results are as follows. In mid July Wendy Siegal raced her Cal 40 WILLOW WIND to a first place in the cruising/spinnaker division of the Seal Beach to Dana Point Race. The Rustigians's CARDINAL SIN was second in PHRF D in the same race.

Ed Feo raced his Schock 40 MAD DOG to a convincing three and one half hour margin victory over the rest of the PHRF A class in the Crew of Two Around the Island Race. Ed should also be complimented for his selection in the August issue of the *California Lawyer* magazine as being the top California lawyer in the field of Project Finance. Ed was cited for his work with Duke Energy and for the \$775 million financing deal for the development of a toll road in San Diego.

Over the Memorial Day weekend Jerry Montgomery's PATRIOT was first in PHRF B in the Newport to San Diego Race. Chris Raab was the Area J representative to the National O'Day Championships in New York. Chris has won this event in the past but this year had to settle for eighth in an event that was marred by the effects of Hurricane Charlie. Pease Glaser crewed on the ISAF Women's Keel Boat Match Racing World Championship in Annapolis. In other Glaser family news, Jay was named as the Olympic coach for both the US and the Puerto Rican Olympic Tornado Teams and will be coaching them both before and during the Olympic Games.

In one design championship events, Howard Hamlin took second and Mike Martin third in the 102 boat 505 World Championships in Santa Cruz. Kevin Taugher and Chuck Tripp were 14th and Steve Flam and Rob Waterman were about mid fleet. In the North American Championships held just a few days before the Worlds, the results were reversed with Mike Martin finishing second and Howard Hamlin finishing third. This was an 85 boat regatta and in this event the Flam/Waterman team bested Kevin and Chuck. In the Lido 14 Nationals raced in Ridge Lake, Oregon, John Papadopoulos crewed on the second place boat and Freddie and Fred Stevens were third, with Dave and Jeanne Smith in eleventh.

At the Snipe Nationals in Ohio, Jerry Thompson was 23rd and Jim Grubbs and Ruth Shock were 27th. As you can see it has been a busy two months for the ABYC racers.

Jerry Montgomery



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COMMODORE'S BALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2004

COCKTAILS-6:30 PM

DINNER-7:30 PM

DANCING WILL FOLLOW DINNER AND THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS IN
CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW BOARD
AND OFFICERS AND IN CONGRATULATING THE
WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS

WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION IN THE MAIL.

STAG Retreat

This is it! Your final notice before the STAG Cruise!

When: October 1st-3rd 2004! Some people go over Thursday, but facilities are not available until I get there with the key.

Where: Corsair Yacht Club, Emerald Bay, Catalina Island

Who to bring: This is a multi-generation event. We want Dad, neighbors, high school buddies, teammates, and anyone else that will add to the event. They can be yachtsmen or not. Remember this is for the good of all. Maybe bring someone that is interested in joining the Club.

What to bring: We will provide liquid refreshments while on shore. Dinner Friday night is "bring your own" meat, but we provide everything else. We will also provide dinner Saturday and brunch Sunday. You will be responsible for your other meals (a box of Sugar Corn Pops would suffice).

Please also bring a bundle of firewood. A swimsuit, flip-flops (2), a t-shirt, and a jacket should do fine for clothing.

How to sign up: Call Debbie in the office (562-434-9955, smart guy) and let her know about you, your buddies and how you are getting there.

How to get there: Boat, swim, Catalina Express to Twin Harbors, parachute in...just get there. It's only 26 miles, use your imagination. If you don't have a ride or a place to sleep, let Debbie in the office know, and we will do what we can to find one for you. You can sleep on someone's boat that has room or on shore in a sleeping bag or tent. Don't worry, be happy. We want you there. Many people slept on shore last year and they were quite content, in fact, their feet were drier more of the time.

Your final Assignment: Don't screw this one up. The only test involved is whether or not you can get yourself there.

This will be another event to remember.

Respectfully yours,

Merle Willis Asper III, Stag Cruise Tackling Dummy



Editor's note: Merle has done it again! He mailed the enclosed, inserted letter to our State Capitol.

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