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commodore's comments



With the start of Wet Wednesdays and the Twilights on Wednesday and Thursday nights, the club activity level has really picked up. During the month of June you will have numerous opportunities for sailing AND volunteering! The Senior Sabot Nationals are June 11th and 12th with a special Polynesian party and dinner Saturday evening. Long Beach Race Week will be June 24th, 25th and 26th; give Kevin Ellis a call if you can help out. . . .be part of what will be the future of big boat sailing in Southern California. The goal for us and LBYC is to have this regatta become the largest, most prestigious yacht-club-run event in Southern California. The event this year will attract over 600 sailors in invited classes. This is a dedicated collaboration between the two clubs to bring three days of 'world class' sailing and partying to Long Beach. The 4th of July Race and dinner will be Saturday, July 2nd. All in all, we're talking 3 big racing events over a 30-day period. . . .jump in and join the fun.

At the June General Meeting (June 17th) the Design Committee will present the plans for the decorating of the second deck which will commence in July. The Design Committee is working with a professional company to make our club more special than it already is. The Design Selection Committee is made up of a cross-section of members which includes: Cathy Black & Stacy Conn (Co-Chairs), Vice Commodore Nicole Peoples-Moffett, Marilyn McMahan, Barbara Conn, Lynda Peoples, Nancy Merrill and Stacey Gibbs. Todd Smith, Chair of the Design Committee, with the help of Staff Commodore John Merchant, is keeping everyone on schedule to get this important phase of improvements completed for the club. If you get a chance, take a look at the new equipment that has been installed in the 2nd deck kitchen. We have a new hood system and three new ovens with 3 styles of cook tops; all are on wheels so they can be easily maintained. Larry Kidd and Dave Dorrans did a great job of supervising as well as performing the necessary tasks to get this kitchen work completed. Kudos to all of you for helping update ABYC.

See you at the club!!

Ron Wood, Commodore

manager's corner



Each month I sit at my computer and ponder what I will say this month. As you know I am rarely at a loss for words, however, often I'll look up words or phrases on the internet and see if it inspires me. This month was no exception, only this month it brought a flood of comments from children and adults alike. All I had to put in my handy search engine was dad and sailing. Each engine was slightly different and each had their own stories to tell, but it struck me that sailing and dads were just about the most written about memories that children had about their fathers. I read touching stories of men waxing poetic about the time spent first, as nothing more than ballast for their dad when younger, to learning the meaning of personal best while watching and learning as their fathers would compete. It made me remember the first time I walked on to a ship that my own father captained and how proud I was of him. I thought he

must be the most intelligent man around. Listening to his stories of adventure and the depth of his knowledge of navigation and the power of the water were captivating. I also read a great letter from a man that said, "Sailing is good, but dad is better, and a sailing dad.....INCREDIBLE!"

This makes Father's Day the perfect day to come to the club and join your family for our Father's Day Brunch that we will be having on the second deck. Join us from 10a.m. until 2p.m. to celebrate your dad or the special sailing buddy in your life! We look forward to seeing you and making new memories!

Also, if you have not tasted our new Mexican theme dinners on Wednesday and Thursday night you are truly missing out. Carne Asada and Carnitas plus a tasty surprise thrown in now and then make it a wonderful night on the patio. My daughters and I have decided to make it a weekly night out tradition this summer. Bring your friends and family and join us!

Theresa Laird, Manager

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, June 17, 2005 is the deadline for the July Sou'Wester.



June 24th - 26th

hails from the fleets



Here are the standings to date in the 2005 ABYC **Laser** Fleet Championship Series:

Chris Raab	64.5	Vann Wilson	47.5
Carlos Roberts	55.5	Mike Pentecost	37.5
Kevin Taugher	55.5	Chuck Tripp	35.5
Bob Falk	51.5	Jorge Suarez	31.5
Jim Kirk	49.5	Steve Smith	29.5
		Andrew McDade	22.5

ABYC Member Laser racers can score points based on placement in each Championship race entered. Scoring for the Fleet Championship Series will count in reverse, i.e. the winner of a Fleet Championship Regatta will score points equal to the number of racers entered, second place will receive one point less than the first place racer and so on with the last finisher scoring one point.

In addition, all ABYC Member Laser racers entered will receive *participation points* equal to half the number of racers entered in a Fleet Championship Series Regatta. This is to add an incentive to attend as many of the regattas as possible.

ABYC Laser Twilights

We enjoyed the first 2005 ABYC Laser Twilight race on Wednesday May 4th. **Jim Kirk, Vann Wilson** and I went out for early evening practice in light conditions. It is fun to sail the Laser without the usual garb of hiking pants wetsuit and dinghy boots. So get your hands on a Laser and join us for after-work Laser races on the Bay this summer. We were also pleased to see Brad Schaupeter Wednesday, coaching three Juniors on their newly acquired Lasers. We hope they will join us for the Wednesday races as well.

The Lido14 fleet has generously invited the Lasers to share the Bay and race organization duties Wednesday evenings beginning May 4th through July 27th.

There will be a nominal entry fee to buy gas for the Bay Barge; otherwise we'll keep things informal and fun. Show up around 5:00PM and we'll shoot for 6:00PM start.

Laser Radials

If you are interested, there are two articles about the Laser Radial and increasing competition in the class as a result of its new Olympic status in the May 2005 issue of *Sailing World*. Check it out for go-fast tips from one of the top contenders.

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain

membership

The Board of Directors, at its May 19th, meeting approved Santiago Reyero for Regular Membership and Cameron Summers for Junior Membership.

The following were approved to be posted for Regular Memberships: Bob Lane, Bill Uniack Sr., Teri and Don McKenna, Jeff and Mary Jane Wood, and Edward Spotskey.

Mark Ryan was approved to be posted for Junior Membership.

Membership Committee

boater alert!

It seems that we have had another instance of the plugs being stolen out of the boats on the end rows. Please remember to check your boat carefully prior to sailing.

new patio umbrellas

A special thank you to Steve Moffett for the donation of all of our new patio umbrellas. They are a Great addition to the patio and a vast improvement over our much used old ones. Please give Steve a nod when you next see him!

the bay clogger (aka junior sailing)

I could tell that summer was on our heels as I began sweating at the Leukemia Cup down at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. The days are getting longer and the sun is getting hotter which means our summer Junior Sailing Program is just around the corner! This year holds so much exciting news it is hard to put it all in this one article, but here goes...

Summer Program Sign up Deadline and Orientation Dinner

Our summer program has been improved greatly and with an outstanding instructing staff, this summer is undoubtedly going to be one of the best! Each year, we have a parent orientation dinner for those who are signed up where we will talk about what to expect for your student this summer. This year's orientation dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 15th at 6:30 PM in the dining room upstairs at ABYC. We hope to see you there!

This year's Junior sailing program features the recently added Laser class, Mondays are part of the regular sailing schedule again, and a newly developed intro to sailing class. If you would like to sign your child up, you can find sign up forms in the office at ABYC or online at www.abyc.org. Don't forget to sign up before June 6th to avoid a late fee!

Leukemia Cup

We had a few students go down to Corona Del Mar to race in Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club's annual Leukemia Cup, which benefits the Leukemia Society. It was pretty light breeze, but our sailors did very well. Derek Smith received 2nd place in Sabot C1's, while Cameron Summers, Bradley Schuch, and Alex Vaught received 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in Laser Radials respectively. Congratulations to all of you!

Friday Night Candy Bar Races

A couple months ago, a few of the parents of students in the junior program approached me with the idea of doing a Friday night regatta where the awards were candy bars. I thought it sounded like a great idea, but as the busy season approached I was tight on time. So this group of parents including Mary Clemmer, Don Smith, Don Burdge and headed by Jon Robinson took it into their own hands and have been running the Friday Night Candy Bar Races on their own during the month of May. It has been catching on and is a total blast for the students and parents. Many of the sailors and parents convene upstairs for hors d'oeuvres and drinks after the regatta and is a great bonding time for all. It is currently taking place every Friday evening for Laser Radials and Sabots (we welcome Junior and over 18 sailors J) with first warning at 5:30 PM.

Thank you!!!

There are so many people to thank for the great success of our Spring programs – especially the new Laser Radial program. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Laser fleet captain Steve Smith who has rallied the Laser fleet behind us to help get the program off the ground. He has donated time, boat parts, effort and much more to make this happen, so thank you Steve! Right behind him supporting us through donations of parts and helping us out in every way they can are Vann Wilson, Doug MacLean who donated his Laser and Keith Dodson and Doug Jorgenson who have allowed us to use their boats and parts for the Spring. Even further behind the success of this all is the one and only John Massey who has poured his heart into helping any way he can to make this happen. Thank you to the Friday night Candy crew and all our Laser program supporters!

There are numerous ways to help, so please email Brad at jrprogram@abyc.org to get involved. We are also looking for donations of Sabot and Laser parts. Particularly, we are in need of Sabot tillers and tiller extensions and laser mast top sections.

We're looking forward to seeing you all this summer!!!

Brad Schaupter, ABYC Jr. Program Director

charity regatta

The first of the 19th Annual Charity Regatta events will be approaching fast! The SIBYC "Marine and Other Things" Swap Meet, Pancake Breakfast and Hot Dog Lunch will be held on Saturday, July 9th from 7:00am to 2:00pm. Seal Beach Yacht Club Parking Lot, 255 Marina Drive, Long Beach. Space Rental Donation \$25.00 to The Children's Clinic, proceeds from the booth sales remain with the vendor. A Charity Regatta Booth will be set up for the sale of donated items, all proceeds from this booth will benefit The Children's Clinic. For information contact Nancy Neff at (714) 848-2291. The food for the pancake breakfast has been donated so your \$4.00 will also be a direct donation.

The entries for the Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club's Golf Tournament will be available by the time you receive this issue of the Sou' Wester so plan to play, it is a fun tournament at Recreation Park South followed by a burger bash at CBYC. There are longest drive contests for both men and women as well as closest to the pin usually on a couple of holes. It's going to be a little earlier this year, Saturday, August 6th is the day. Plan to support this second prelude event to the Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta to benefit The Children's Clinic.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 25th for the Charity Regatta, Silent Auction, Prize Drawing, Burger Bash, Trophy presentation for all venues and just a fun day helping the under insured and uninsured children and their families of the greater Long Beach area to have better health care. This 19th Annual event should make every one of you proud to participate in the enrichment of the life of children.

Norma Clapp, ABYC Representative

from the pages of history

One of the most enjoyable things about researching this series is seeing the differences among the decades. These differences include not only the format of the SOU'WESTER itself but also the regattas that were run.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

The SOU'WESTER's in 1975, including the June edition, was a typewritten, photocopied newsletter printed on both sides of 8-1/2 by 11 paper and stapled in one corner. It was mailed folded in half and inserted in an envelope that said "SOU'WESTER" on it, and all the loose flyers were inserted in the envelope. There were no photos but lots of line drawings and logos for the fleets.

Back in 1975 there was an active Ladies' Auxiliary at ABYC that met one weekday a month in the late morning. There were also a lot more regattas at ABYC; they included the Honest Abe Regatta in February, the Turnbuckle Tightener Regatta in March and a June Regatta in June. All these regattas were two-day events; the biggest difference between then and now is that there were enough fleets that each regatta had a duty fleet.

The reporters for each fleet are listed, but not the editor. Don Brackenbury was the Lido correspondent; Paul Merrill reported for the Cal 20's; Ken Pierick was the I-14 reporter and Anne Bloemeke was reporter for the Junior Sabots. Ronnie Cook wrote a lot of reports for the Sabotiers, a tribute both to her efforts and the active Sabotier fleet we had in those days.

Every month there was a report on what the Board did the month before, filed by the club Secretary. In June of 1975, skateboards were on the agenda, as were pets and unescorted non-members on the grounds; all were banned in the revised Yard and House Rules.

There is a new "fleet" at ABYC: Betty Kolberg and Georgette Weber were the contacts for a monthly bridge group that met the first Friday of each month...Christopher Marr, son of Ernie and Pat Marr, joined ABYC as a member in his own right...Bruce Golison was off to the Prince of Wales sail-off at Venice YC, and Tom Newton, Jr., with Jack Cook, Scott Merrill and Todd Merrill, were being coached by Lex Kimball for the Governor's Cup...the Commodore's Ball was to be held in June of 1975.

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

In 1985 the SOU'WESTER was typeset and professionally published in a magazine-like format; there were a lot of black-and-white photos, including one on the cover. In June of 1985 the photo was of a very crowded patio and lawn during Opening Day. Other photos included crowds in the cockpits of the Bud and Joyce Lorbeer's Ericson 35 and Kathryn and Bill Smith's Pearson 36; there was a picture of the Wilson High School sailing team of Jim Otis, Paul Noring, Kevin Goyan, Russell Fox and Michael Goyan at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where they took second in the Cressy, the national high-school championship regatta.

By 1985 the June Regatta was history, as was the Honest Abe Regatta. Junior Commodore Todd Skenderian was reporting for the Juniors and Jim and Kay Hetherington were captains and reporters of the Keel Boat Fleet. The longest piece in the June SOU'WESTER was the Lido fleet article, written by Chris Ericksen. Eileen Raden had a monthly feature called "Tell Tales," which was a compendium of social and travel notes involving members.

There were no flyers in the June, 1985, SOU'WESTER, but full-page advertisements were there for the Fourth of July Regatta, the Fourth of July dinner and the ABYC Couples' Cruise.

Pat McCormick was on TV in a report on KABC Channel 7 about the Los Angeles Fire Department; he was interviewed and reported "how rewarding he found his profession"...Grant Hill and his Snipe crew, Ann Hayes, were engaged in May and were to be married in the spring of 1986...David Black, Mike O'Toole and a crew of gondoliers from Gondola Getaway that included Jim MacLeod won the big gondola regatta in Venice, Italy.

TEN YEARS AGO:

Allison Jolly was editor of the June, 1995, SOU'WESTER, and her trademark was clever captions on cover photos. This month showed ABYC volunteers painting things at the Spring Spruce-Up, including the railings along the top of the cinderblock wall along Ocean Boulevard; the caption read, "Inmates' participate in spring cleaning at the California State Correctional Facility at Alamos Bay."

A pretty fancy NOR for the Fourth of July Regatta, complete with cover art, was inserted into the SOU'WESTER. Al Rosenberg was Regatta Chairman and John Ellis was Fleet Captain of the Senior Sabot Fleet, which fleet had the duty. Eight races were scheduled on the harbor course and five on the bay.

Bobbie Baker was reporting for the Sabotiers and Drew Gram for the Keel Boat Fleet; Casey Luskin, Junior Rear Commodore, reported on junior activities. Jeanne Nelson was doing a feature called "Friendship" that reported on births, deaths and other life changes among the membership. Ann Exley was the Club Historian and had a monthly piece called, "From the Pages of History;" she gleaned information from her voluminous scrapbooks and those of others, and from her own recollections. She reported on the 1949 Memorial Day Regatta.

Leslie Dorrans, daughter of Staff Commodore Dave Dorrans and Bonnie, graduated from UC Riverside...Landscape Chairman Becky Moffett thanked the folks who did so much to get the club ready for Opening Day...an inside photo showed Vice Commodore Jerry Montgomery, flanked by Commodore John Weiss and Staff Commodore Norma Clapp, speaking from the lectern at Opening Day.

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

hails from the fleets



April Race Winners:

1) Bob Ware 2) Tom Newton 3) Mary Riddick 4) Jennifer Kuritz

SCWSA at Mbyc saw Fred Stevens take a first in the Men's fleet and Mary Riddick at 3rd in the Ladies Race. Fred also took the Club Championship on Opening Day. So champagne is in order. Twilights have begun with two May Races already over: 1st Thursday: Bob Ware, Mary Riddick, Fred Stevens and Mark Vredenburg in that order. 2nd Thursday: Mary Riddick, Freddie Stevens, Fred Stevens and Mark Vredenburg. The racing on Thursday evenings is the best. Come join us for great evenings and sunset suppers.

JUNE IS HERE! with Men's Day June 5th. Fun Racing and a "Party on the Porch". Music, food, and fun.

NATIONALS! June 11-12th Senior Sabot Sunday: June 19th and Twilights continue. Don't miss any of this!

If you want to volunteer, call Robin Townsend or Jennifer Kuritz for Men's Day; George Caddle for the Nationals, Maggie Caddle for the Fourth of July, and Adra Kober, Fleet Captain for general information.

Infirmity Call. Jane McNaboe and Joe Riddick are both on the mend. She from a broken leg and he from shoulder surgery. Sorry for all that soreness, but hope we see them as spectators soon. Thanks to John McNaughton for filling in for Joe on the Race Committee and to Tick Weber for creative racecourses.

Think fun, think sailing, think Sabot.

See you on the bay,

Barbara Gabriel

KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



Our May meeting featured a great program of our Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific. Al

Siegrist has been a volunteer from before the present facility was ever built. His anecdotes from the pre-facility and from the behind-scenes from the present facility made the evening very enjoyable. Thanks Al.

Margaret Caddle reminded us of the upcoming 4th of July Regatta. The Keel Boat Fleet and the Sabotier Fleet are the duty fleets to man the regatta. It is a one-day regatta on July 2. Please phone Margaret and volunteer.

Bob Chubb had two beautiful pine block model boats to give to Stephanie Munn and John and Lorraine Perone. Stephanie received hers (Scott Attwood to be chief bo'sun mate but not skipper) and the Perones did not attend and will be given theirs at a later date. Vern and Bobbie Peterson received Bud Lorbeer's boat (model, that is) as Bud is no longer active in the fleet.

There was a calendar conflict in June with a wedding, and the wedding prevailed. Therefore, the scheduled pine block regatta scheduled for Saturday, June 18 is no longer. It seems the entire ABYC facility has been rented out with the exception of the blacktop by the hoists. We, the Keel Boat Fleet, were generously offered

this area by our manager. However, we could not tell how many times we would have to move the barbecue to let boats in and out of the water nor how many bottles of wine would spill moving the tables. We therefore took the alternative offered to us, Friday, June 10. But wait a minute! This conflicts with the Senior Sabot Nationals. But that's OK, it's only a conflict of fleets. If an ABYC member is a member of both fleets, he or she will just have to choose.

No July meeting as normal. Next meeting will be September 9th.

John and George



The Lido fleet is awake from its winter slumber. The Lido Twilight Wednesday races are now underway. This season the

Laser fleet is joining us for even more fun on and off the water. With a good showing of boats on the first night we have grown in number each week. For those who are new or unfamiliar with the format we have 3 short races and then head in for food and drinks. I would like to invite every owner of a Lido at ABYC to hose off your boat and join us on Wednesdays and stay for dinner on the patio.

This year the Opening Day Regatta was sailed in Lidos. I would like to thank all of the Lido owners who most graciously loaned their Lido to the club for the day. Everything went off without a hitch, thanks to the well maintained boats. The new club champions are the Lido fleet's own Fred and Freddie Stevens. The Lido fleet congratulates them for a job well done.

This year's Fleet Championship will be a break from tradition. The champion is usually decided during the June fleet race, however this year the Fourth of July Regatta will serve as the fleet championship. The highest placing fleet member in the A fleet will be awarded the championship trophy. There are several reasons for the change; one of which is difficulty in getting an independent and knowledgeable race committee, and the other is that club sponsored regattas draw in more competitors. So mark your calendars for the Fourth of July Regatta and be there to sail for two of the most prestigious trophies at ABYC!

The Fourth of July/Fleet Championship Regatta will not only bring in a new fleet champ but also a new fleet captain. The new fleet captain will be long time fleet member and our fleet measurer Tracy Conn. Our fleet treasurer Ray Gonzales has elected to step down after many years of service. This brings an opening for any member who would like to become more involved in the Lido fleet. If being fleet treasurer is something you would like to do, please contact myself or Tracy Conn.

I am working on getting the ABYC web site link to the Lido fleet up and working. I hope to have the latest announcements and a calendar of Lido events soon.

Stay tuned.

Ron Clanton

hails from the fleets



Etchells racing continued in May with the running of the second of our Fleet Championship Series events, a one-day fleet regatta held on Saturday, May 14. Six Etchells were on the line, featuring the return to local racing by Tom

Corkett: after spending time in San Diego this winter and qualifying for the Etchells Worlds out of Newport Beach Fleet Six, the defending Fleet 18 Champion returned with Wayne Rodgers. Also back on the water was USA531, which suffered a near tragic failure when the headstay anchor pulled out of their bow.

But the nicest return was that of the Etchells Formerly Known as MY DOG SPOT; Jim Bateman and Kevin Ellis, racing with Bryan Brown of the Sabot fleet as their third, shook off some cobwebs and got the old girl running.

The regatta, run by Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen, was sailed off Seal Beach in the same area that the Worlds Qualifier Regatta was held. There was considerably less wind, however, than in that event, with breezes topping out at about eight knots. The real challenge, however, was fog: it kept creeping in and out, at times not only obscuring the weather mark from the starting line but at times making it hard to see the width of the line! Nevertheless, four races were held.

Corkett came out of the box in a hurry, winning the first two races handily. It was the team of Jerry Thompson and Jeff Littell, however, sailing with Randy MacLaren, that won the day: their second-place finishes in the first two races were consolidated upon with wins in Races 3 and 4.

Bateman/Ellis also improved over time, moving up from a fifth place finish in Race One to finishing second in the last two heats and taking third place in the regatta. Sadly, the Dudley/Powell team (which also included Dave Morse) went the other way: they had a very strong first race but slipped through the day and ended up fourth overall.

John Chapman, sailing with Dave Myers and Becky Thompson, and Chris Wells, sailing doublehanded with Rex Jacobs, rounded out the fleet. Also sailing were four Cal 20's and four Finn's.

This event swapped the fleet-championship standings a little bit. The Thompson/Littell team moved into a narrow lead in the standings, one point ahead of Ed Feo. Even those who did not sail moved up, as having some zero-score throwouts improved the point count: both Doug Jorgensen and the Carter/Ericksen team advanced. Note, however, that neither Tom Corkett's nor the Wells/Jacobs scores were included in the fleet-championship scoring as they were both sailing double-handed and not to class rules.

The Etchells Fleet also took part in Opening Day in April. At the actual ceremonies, Nicole Peoples-Moffett did a great job hustling through the list of visiting dignitaries; Jim Bateman presented a new perpetual trophy; and Chris Ericksen assisted with the ceremonial stuff. Jerry Montgomery received a YRUSC trophy for their offshore series, sailed in PATRIOT, and Jerry Thompson sailed in the Club Championship Regatta.

There were a lot of Etchells representation on the open-boat display, coordinated by Kevin Ellis. Included in the fleet was the Moffett's Beneteau RESOLUTION, Kevin Ellis' Dufour SEDUCENTE and Stacy Jackson's TRELIS BAY, a Rhodes 19. Two Etchells were also launched, DESPERADO and the Etchells Formerly Known as MY DOG SPOT.

But the big attraction was the barbecue managed by our head chef and Fleet Captain, Tim Carter, assisted by Stacy Jackson and Dave Myers. A huge cooler of beer, water and soft drinks, provided by the fleet, was a welcome oasis on the edge of the boatyard adjacent to the Sabot ramp.

By the time this is printed, ABYC's Memorial Day Regatta, first of the Holiday Series, will be history, and the Etchells Fleet will have done their duty in staffing. More on that next month. Also, the first of the Seal Beach Yacht Club Pop Tops series will have finished: a number of ABYC Etchells are racing on Thursday nights, getting their own start from our friends at SIBYC.

By the way, our Etchells Fleet now has a couple of spots on the World Wide Web. One is a fleet webpage on the Etchells website. To view it, go to www.etchells.org, click on and scroll down the National Fleets selector to find "United States," click on the Local Fleets selector and find "Alamitos Bay" and there you are. This newsletter, photos and other stuff is there. It is a work in progress, but there is some good stuff there.

Also, ABYC member Rob Rice has created a free website of his own, www.fleetracing.net, that has a fleet website. There are some archived newsletters, lots of photos and more is being added all the time. This is a great resource for all of ABYC, as it also includes a very active site for the ABYC junior program. More to the point, however, there are already links for the Cal 20 fleet, the Laser fleet, the 5-0-5 fleet and the Lido 14 fleet—but no information! And there are no sites set up for other fleets and semi-fleets at ABYC, including Senior Sabots, C-15's, Multihulls, I-14's, Tempests and Finn's. This is a free service Rob is providing, people, so take a look at it—and add your fleet to the website.

Here are the current fleet-championship standings:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS
Thompson/Littell	USA1229	43
Feo	USA790	42
Jorgensen	USA126	33
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	28
Harvey	USA965	25
Chapman	USA1002	17
Rice/Ureño	USA90	13
Dudley/Powell	USA531	10
Bateman/Ellis	USA143	9
Kelly	USA89	5
Wells/Dooros/Hardy	USA488	4

Chris Ericksen



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spruce-up thank you

For those of you who went on the Ensenada Race, or had other commitments, you really missed a great day at the club. Over 50 of your fellow members came down to work on a broad array of projects to help get the club ready for Opening Day.

Lots of painting, gardening, repairs and re-finishing were the order of the day. The club hose was not the focus of this effort as we hope to get a contractor working on a new paint job soon. Several people did begin the process of preparing the clubhouse for paint. Other projects tackled included; sabot ramp painting, BBQ valve replacement & deep cleaning, mast pin rail re-varnished & halyards replaced, sabot dollies painted, umbrella bases painted, new whaler decals applied, perimeter wall painting, trophy polishing and maintenance, parking plaques varnished, Bay Barge painting, Patience cleaning and a bunch of gardening including pulling more roots out of the grass in the SE corner.

The following Members came down and did a great job: Shirley & Wayne Smith, Bobbie & Don Hodges, Betty & Mack Mills, Jeanne & Allen Nelson, Chris Wells, Chuck Tripp, Elaine & Ron Wood, Margaret & George Caddle, Bobbie & Vern Peterson, Jeanne Reid, Bob Chubb, Diane & Jim Bateman, Gordon Dudley, Jeff Powell, Tim Carter, Greg Simms, Dave Myers, Pat Marr, Don Reiman, Carol & Dave Kofahl, Mary & Joe Riddick, Carol & Glenn Selvin, Jane Collins, Pat Kelly, Adra Kober, Larry Kidd, Grant Hill, John McNaughton, Jorge Suarez, Alex Vaughn, Steve Kuritz, Chris Ericksen, Jerry Thompson, Nicole & Steve Moffett, Chris Peoples, Terry & Bob Bishop w/ Kate & Peter, Dave Behr, Donna & John Massey and Van Wilson.

Thank you for your hard work!!!

I also want to acknowledge the ABYC staff led by Theresa Laird. The staff was very supportive and helpful and is to be commended.

If you were not able to attend this year and would like to make a contribution to this annual tradition, a donation of \$35.00 would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kevin Ellis, Jr. Staff Commodore

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