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Weather was the big story all over Southern California as Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and more than 20 other yacht clubs and sailing organizations of the Southern California Yachting Association combined to put on the 2005 SCYA Midwinter Regatta.

Saturday morning opened with two serious issues: heavy rain that caused flooding on the Peninsula and a power outage that shut down lights, coffee makers, computers and the hoists. Regatta Chairman Chris Ericksen, Board liaison Nicole Peoples-Moffett, Ocean PRO Kevin Ellis and Bay PRO Jerry Montgomery agreed to postpone ashore throughout the morning: the combination of no hoists, no power and cresting waves at the mouth of the jetty led them to hold off. Eventually the weather moderated and the Lido 14's managed to launch by manhandling the boats down the Sabot ramp, allowing three races to be run on the Bay; however, races were abandoned for the day for the boats planning to sail in the Long Beach Outer Harbor.



Sunday saw some strong rain at mid-morning, but the subdued sea state led to racing being resumed in the harbor. Three races were run for each of the six Ocean classes and two Bay classes, leading to an eventually successful regatta.

ABYC sailors fared well. Kevin Taugher and Chuck Tripp dominated the seven-boat 5-0-5 fleet while Pete Melvin was equally unstoppable among the four A-Cats. ABYC swept the field in the 14-boat Cal 20 fleet, the largest in the regatta: Doug MacLean came

out on top while one point separated the second-place team of Barney and Steve Flam and the third-place team of Latham Bell and Mark Gaudio.

Matt Houlihan and Dominic Meo in a Tempest was tops among the four monohulls racing under the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system while Tracy Conn was second among the nine Lido 14 B's. Other ABYC members racing elsewhere fared well. At Long Beach Yacht Club, Oscar Krinsky in his 1D48 won the four-boat PHRF A fleet, just ahead of John McBrearty in his Tripp 40 in second. Allen Rosenberg in his Olson 30 was first overall among 10 boats in the PHRF B fleet and Tim Carter in his Etchells won among the three



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commodore's comments



March to early April is shaping-up to be a very active time around the club. Already, the Manning Regatta was held (March 5-6); up-coming, we have OCR (March 16- 20) which will include—as part of the regatta—the Finn North Americans. Easter Brunch is, of course, a ‘family favorite event’ held on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Plan on bringing your family and friends for a great brunch and Easter egg hunt. Rumor has it that the Easter Bunny will be here to help hide the eggs. April 2, 3, 4, and 5 the club will be the home to the CISA advanced racing clinic. This is the type of event that we (at ABYC) are proud to be a part of. The clinic is by resume only, and the number of attendees is very limited. CISA’s slogan is “Supporting a Generation of Champions”, and they live up to this motto! The students are always enthusiastic and enjoy ABYC’s hospitality as well as our great sailing venue. If you haven’t already done

so, give Dan DeLave a call and volunteer to help with the US Multihull Championship (The Hobie Alter Cup) to be held April 13 -17. It will be a great event with participation of the top multihull sailors coming from around the US. It is a little harder to staff since we especially need help on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday when many of you still have to work to pay for your hobbies.

We now have the new club brochures to help promote membership. Doug McLean donated the printing of these to the club so that all of you could have a handful to give out. Please pass them along (to anyone you feel would be an asset to the club) to help promote new club memberships. Pick some up at the office TODAY!

In this issue there is a good report by Todd Smith on the design committee’s progress of plans for the redecorating of the clubhouse. This committee is taking a very professional approach to these much-needed improvements. For those of you who did not attend last month’s membership meeting, I announced that the City is not requiring us to bring the kitchens up to a costly full-compliant design since we are not a public food facility. Therefore we will proceed to replace some needed equipment at once. We will finish up the additional needed upgrades when we do the 2nd deck redecorating. Work has started on the repairs to the exterior of the building which needs to be completed prior to painting. This work is being supervised by VC Nicole Peoples-Moffett and Larry Kidd. They are hoping to get the buildings painted by the end of May. We are fortunate that we have enough money saved in the capitol reserve fund to pay for the exterior painting and to purchase the equipment for the first phase of the kitchen upgrades. We are now in the process of getting estimates for the balance of the planned work. Once we have a good estimate of the total cost, the Board will be looking at ways to raise the money to pay for this much-needed work. One way is to borrow the funds and pay them back over time through a small monthly assessment; this, of course, will be with membership approval. In addition, we will be doing some fund raising events as well as asking for outright gifts from members who want to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor. Since we got a break on the kitchen cost it is not going to be too painful when the financial burden is spread over 400 members. A very high percentage of the members (when surveyed) recently were highly supportive of getting on with this much-needed work and were more than willing to pay for it outright. If any of you would like to have more detailed information, please give me a call or talk to me at the club.

Last but not least. . . .mark your calendars now for Opening Day (April 30th). The festivities and fun will begin at 1100 with the Club Championship Regatta. The Opening Day Ceremony will be at 1530.

*See you at the club,
Ron Wood*

manager's corner



We have had several new developments here at the Club since our last printing of the Sou’Wester. Our wonderful Eucalyptus trees waterside received way too much rain this year for their root structure to hold. We had one fall onto the playground area and the other was uprooting and leaning towards our building. They did a great job getting the entire tree out, but it is still so odd to look out my window and not have it framed by greenery.

The other is a much more pleasant topic. Our member Steve Harder and his band Flight 6875 are going to be playing here on Friday March 25th during our Happy Hour at the club. They play the best tunes from 68’ to 75’ and will be playing from 6-10 p.m. Come out and give them support and we just might make it a monthly endeavor!

If you haven’t had a chance, come take a look at the great merchandising that Donna

Massey has done to the Boutique. Valentine’s Day was so good I can’t wait to see her St. Patrick’s Day display!

Theresa Laird

membership

The Board of Directors, at its February 16th meeting, approved Jeff and Julie Ives for General Membership. The Board also approved Charles Fox for a Yachting Membership and Dustin and Bridget Starr for Junior Memberships.

The Membership Committee

Burgees were presented to the following new members at the Membership meeting on February 16th. Welcome...



*Mark Vredenburg
(with proposing
member Jo Ann Pike
and Ron Wood.*

*Carol and
Michael Lundt
(with Ron Wood.*



scuttlebutt

Our Sincere Condolences to:
Jerry Montgomery on the loss of his mother, Sue. Former member, Jim Karis on the loss of his wife, Kay. The family of Margaret Davis, widow of Past Commodore John Davis.

Jeanne Nelson

club design update

In support of ABYC's goal to improve our clubhouse and facilities, a design committee was formed in late 2004 under the direction of Commodore Ron Wood. This committee has been chartered with overseeing the design aspects of updating the club's interior spaces. The last major update at ABYC was back in 1985, hence we are long overdue after 20 years to upgrade the décor and interior finishing's.

Supporting the committee are several enthusiastic club members who are passionately focused in getting us to the point this year where improvements can take place. I was elected (or coerced) into serving as the chairman with excellent committee support from Ron Wood (board liaison), Stacy Conn, Larry Kidd, John and Donna Massey, John Merchant, Dominic Meo, Nicole Moffett, Gary Myers, Vahan Skenderian, and Cathy Black-Smith. We have held several meetings over the past several months and have developed a go

forward plan that will lead us to a best case remodeling start date of June 27 this year.

The ABYC Board of Directors has developed a priority list of club improvements that our design committee is following. Key club priorities include exterior painting and required renovation (this activity is managed outside the domain of the design committee as no exterior color changes are planned), miscellaneous kitchen and galley equipment upgrades, 2nd floor remodeling, 1st floor common area remodeling, main clubhouse bathroom remodeling, and office remodeling. Exterior storage and race committee storage improvements are also on the punchlist.

Our design strategy is to improve the aesthetics, flow, and storage facilities in a cost efficient manner while at the same time not compromising quality. The focus of the design improvements will be sympathetic to the architecture and integrity of our wonderful sailing clubhouse. Previous conceptual designs that showed significant changes to the layout of the club have been scaled back appropriately in order to help us manage the remodeling budget. The layout of the second floor will remain largely as it is, albeit with interior improvements including new floor covering, painting, a bar facelift, and updated furnishings (one suggestion was to auction off our slightly used grey couches on E-Bay. Any bidders?).

We have elected to form a sub-committee that will be coordinating the design details with a professional interior decorator. This interior design sub committee is co-chaired by Stacy Conn and Cathy Black-Smith and supported by a great group of ladies including Barbara Conn, Stacy Gibbs, Nancy Merrill, and Lynda Peoples. The interior design theme is "classic nautical." Our committee believed that a professional interior designer working under the guidance of our interior design sub-committee would yield a design that appeals to the diversity of our club membership. Classic nautical is envisioned to result in a welcoming environment that serves the sailing community (regatta social events), club events such as Christmas and Easter, and special events including weddings. We want to have a clubhouse that we can all enjoy and be proud of for years to come.

For those who would like more information on the design committee, our schedule plans, and design information, please feel free to call me at home at 562/438-2940. We would be happy to share with you what we are doing and we encourage and welcome feedback. Once the interior design is completed, we will present the final design and selections to the membership either at a monthly club meeting or a special meeting.

Todd Smith, Committee Chairman

what happened to my february sou'wester?

As you may have noticed, it was very late. Our printer moved, didn't notify us until the day prior and anticipated no delays. They were WRONG. Everything that could go wrong did.

Please keep in mind that the the Sou'wester is always available on line and on time!



hails from the fleets



Results of two Sunday Races:
January: 1) Lee Berlinger,
2) John Ellis, 3) Al Nelson

February:

1) Bob Ware, 2) Jane McNaboe, 3) Dianne Gonzales

The fact that you don't see any names repeated above is indicative of the great racing going on in the fleet. All the contests are close and the scoring committee is never bored.

It was wonderful in February to see Don Hodges on the course again after eye surgery recovery, and he almost got a first in the third race!

Judy Mathais and Carol Reynolds saw a very successful turnout to their "Armchair Tour of "Play It Again Sam." Sabotiers filled the theatre. We'll look forward to the next offering.

The Nationals in June are being managed by George Caddle. If you would like to volunteer, please call him. If you'd like to race in them, start practicing with us on Sundays: March 13th, April 10th, and May 22nd.

Call Fleet Captain, Adra Kober for more information.

Barbara Gabriel

KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



The armchair cruise is always a delight and this year was no exception. Judy Mathias and Carol Reynolds do an excellent job in choosing just the right play. This year's production was not only fun but also the proceeds went to charity. There were great hors d'oeuvres and wine to start the evening off in a special way and surely the hilarious character of Humphrey Bogart's ghost (hence the play's title 'Play it Again Sam'), left us all laughing. Thanks ladies, the evening was a success.

The spring cruise will be Saturday, April 2 at the Shoreline Yacht Club. Their new clubhouse has great views of both the city skyline and harbor. Present plans call for cocktails on just two boats, although SYC may accommodate other boats that would like to participate. The cocktail boats would be the Beland's around the world sailboat, Aikane, and Steve and Nicole Moffett's new 43' Beneteau. If you plan to come with your boat, please call George Caddle as soon as possible and we will try to accommodate you. For everyone coming by boat or car, cacktails start at 4:30 with dinner being whenever your particular group would like to eat. There will not be a special seating or entree. Instead, we will just join with SYC members in the dinning room at separate tables and enjoy their menu. However, I do need to give SYC a head count by March 15. Again, call George Caddle. SYC probably has the same bar rules as we have which means no drinks of any kind other than purchased at the bar in the clubhouse. You may, and should, bring your own libation and a small hors d'oeuvre to the cocktail boats. For all the Keel Boat members coming by car, bring quarters. Parking by SYC

is close by but is metered parking until 6:00 p.m. The meter is actually a centrally located kiosk that issues tickets for your numbered parking stall.

March meeting is Friday, 11th. We will undoubtedly have more info. on the spring cruise plus a sign up to avoid having to call and reserve. Jeanne Reid and Bob Chubb will have a date set for June's model boat race and picnic. Call Bob if you need a model boat kit.

Rick Ware will be the speaker at the March meeting. Rick is a native of Long Beach. Rick is the son of Bob Ware, longtime member of ABYC and the Sabotier fleet. Rick's field of work is creating artificial reefs and it should make for a very interesting evening.

Dinner is potluck as usual with the reminder to bring a serving utensil.

John and George



2005 ABYC **Laser** Fleet Championship Series
Here's a reminder, the Manning Series Regatta and Olympic Classes Regatta will be the first races awarding points to the 2005 ABYC **Laser** Fleet Championship Series. The 2005 Championship Series will be scored from results of the following ABYC Regattas:

The Manning Series: March 5-6

Olympic Classes Regatta: March 18-20

Memorial Day Holiday Regatta: May 28-29

U.S. Sailing O'Day Area "J" Qualifier: June 4

Labor Day Holiday Regatta: September 3-4

Turkey Day Holiday Regatta: November 19-20

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 to add an incentive to attend as many of the regattas as possible.

Please contact me anytime via E-Mail, salaor@sbcglobal.net, phone at (626) 403-9533 or find me in the boatyard, (I'm the guy wearing the bandana with my wet suit) 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**.

*Steven Smith, ABYC **Laser** Fleet Captain*

hails from the fleets



The annual Super Bowl Regatta put on by the Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet is always a fun event.

The gang gathers early in the morning of the Super Bowl game to launch the boats, then hold a number of races on Alamitos Bay. There are usually costumes, sometimes collisions or groundings and always a good-time-had-by-all.

The 2005 edition of this event, held on Sunday, February 6, saw the race committee of Kevin Ellis, Jim Bateman and Jorge Suarez dressed in yachting whites, yachting caps and bow ties; Jorge even wore his blue blazer. They managed four races around the Bay, including the traditional capper of a contest that featured spinaker racing in the Bay, in sartorial splendor reminiscent of East Coast yachting.

While only five boats turned out, the regatta was led from wire to wire by the team of Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen. After a stuttering start where Chris rounded the first mark the wrong way—something his former opponents in the Lido 14 fleet remember him doing before—they got it together and won the other three races. One race, however, ended up being a gift as the rest of the fleet conspired to omit two legs that Chris and Tim sailed; they graciously withdrew from that contest.

Chris Wells and Dan Dooros were the only other race winners, taking the first heat and finishing up in second place overall. Jeff Powell and Gordon Dudley with Dave Morse took third, one point ahead of John Chapman with Greg Sims and Dave Myers as crew. Rob Rice and Eddie Ureño rounded out the standings; here they are:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	5
Wells/Dooros	USA488	12
Dudley/Powell	USA531	16
Chapman	USA1002	17
Rice/Ureño	USA9020	

ABYC's Etchells intended to compete in the SCYA Midwinter Regatta on Presidents' Day weekend, February 19-20, with three entries, however, the power failure of Saturday morning found only Tim Carter in USA491 in the water—Rob Rice and Eddie Ureño were caught with their boat on the trailer. Tim, sailing with Greg Sims, were raced with the PHRF C fleet over at Long Beach Yacht Club; they did so well on Saturday that they would have been ranked in first place among the handicap fleet! Jeff Powell and Gordon Dudley came out Sunday, but Tim's lead was too great: he won the event—and the historic *Angelita* Trophy, the SCYA perpetual for the Etchells class named for the legendary, gold-medal winning Eight Meter from the 1932 Olympics and donated by her equally legendary skipper, Owen Churchill—with four bullets.

March will find several ABYC Etchells in the southern climes of San Diego, competing in two major events: the Etchells Midwinter West Championship on March 5-6 and the Land's End/*Sailing World* NOOD Regatta on March 18-20. As many as six ABYC boats are expected to be there. Look here next month for a report from those events.

And be on the lookout for the big local event of the spring, the Worlds Qualifier Regatta over the weekend of April 9-10. With the 2005 Etchells Worlds at Richmond Yacht Club in September, there ought to be a record number of ABYC Etchells out for what will surely be the most contested Etchells Fleet event in recent history. It'll be May before we can report on this, but watch for it.

Chris Ericksen

the bay clogger (aka junior sailing)

We are just about to start our spring program and it looks like it will be a great class that might even be bigger than our recording breaking fall program of 27 students! We have added two new exciting classes in particular. One of which is an intro to racing class that will allow many of the students to learn the basics of racing without jumping head first into the advanced racing class. We will focus on the fundamentals of starting, mark roundings, more advanced boat handling skills and much more. I had the privilege of working with many of these students in the fall and saw such phenomenal improvement that I believe they are on their way to becoming the next generation of great racers at ABYC.

We are also adding for the first time, a laser radial class. We have interest from several juniors and are currently working on finding boats for them to charter as many are still deciding if this is the right boat for them to be in. If you happen to have a laser you would like to rent out for the 5 Sunday clinics this Spring, please let us know! You can always get a hold of me through email: jrprogram@abyc.org or by calling the club at (562) 434-9955.

Here is our current list of clinics and regattas we are planning on attending:

Feb. 27 th	Clinic #1	ABYC	10:30a – 4:00p
March 5 th -6 th	Manning	ABYC	9:00a – 4:00p
March 13 th	Chapped Cheek	ABYC	9:00a – 4:00p
March 19 th /20 th	Spring Gold Cup	NHYC	9:00a – 4:00p
April 10 th	Clinic #2	ABYC	10:30a – 4:00p
April 24 th	Clinic #3	ABYC	10:30a – 4:00p
May 1 st	Clinic #4	ABYC	10:30a – 4:00p
May 22 nd	Clinic #5	ABYC	10:30a – 4:00p
May 28 th -29 th	Memorial Day	ABYC	9:00a – 4:00p

I'm looking forward to an amazing spring and I will see many of you out there very soon!

Brad Schaupeter, ABYC Junior Director

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, March 18, 2005 is the deadline for the April Sou'Wester.

from sou'wester's past

Each of the March SOU'WESTER's of the past had a different focus, but there was one theme in two of them: serious yacht-club business.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

The front page of the March, 1975, SOU'WESTER had a proposed change to the By Laws. The proposal involved what was then called an "Interim" membership, now called "Yachting;" apparently one needed to have been an ABYC junior to become an Interim member, and this change deleted this requirement so that there were "some excellent potential young persons...who are attending college or who cannot afford the initiation and transfer fee (to become a Regular member)." The matter would be decided at the regular membership meeting on March 21, 1975.

ABYC hosted 277 boats for the SCYA Midwinter Regatta, the largest number of boats at any single club. And the largest class in the regatta was the Laser class with 103 boats sailing out of ABYC (the mind boggles...). Bill Jones and Don Brackenbury handled PRO duties on the harbor and bay, respectively; Clyde Ellerman was Protest Chairman; Dorothy Hill was Entries Chairman; and "Keith Dodson...helped on the grounds..."

Juniors had a busy month in March, 1975. Big news was that the Junior Room was to be redecorated. Cathy Black had "designed an exciting mural" that would be painted by ABYC Juniors under her direction. There was also a Mickey Mouse Invitational Regatta, a one-day event open only to Junior Sabot B and C sailors and Junior Laser sailors who had never previously won a trophy.

The Board was soliciting names for "the new building which houses the Race Committee and Protest rooms as well as the lounge overlooking the basin"...somebody suggested "Mother's Roost"...Jan and Tom O'Toole were chairs of the Easter Brunch and suggested "a Bloody Mary hunt (or whatever) at the bar for the older set" during the Easter-egg hunt...Costumes at the Nostalgia Night in February included Ann Exley's beaded gown and Sid's double-breasted tux, Alice Merrill's cheerleader uniform and Mike McDade and Lance Seaman in "diapers ONLY with their birth dates on the sterns"...food prices were raised 5-1/2 per cent, including a raise of regatta box lunches to \$2.00.

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

A flyer in the March, 1985, SOU'WESTER announced the "1985 Easter Sailing Seminar." It came hard on the heels of the CISA Clinic that ran the earlier week and was for Junior Sabots. A special emphasis of the Clinic was team racing.

There were a lot of pictures on the cover and inside of the Midwinter Regatta and a lengthy article. Tony Fallon was regatta chairman. Charlie Cummings won in the Lido A fleet and Al Smith won the J/24 class; the Kober/Moffett team was fourth ahead of Jim and John Chapman. The largest class in the regatta was the Snipe class, won by Mike Segerblom; Chris Raab was third and Keith Dodson was fourth. There were even 14 Finns at the regatta, won by Richard Byron. There were a lot of volunteers, including Al Nelson and Fred Hegenberger in the yard and Vic Boetel and Earl Bowman running the hoists. Protests were handled by Rod Ogilby, Mike Segerblom, Chuck Babcock, Ron Fox, Keith Dodson and Pat McCormick, most of whom sailed.

A proposed change in the Yard Rules was announced in a full-page flyer inviting comment from the membership. It had been moved, seconded and tabled at a Board meeting that the rules be changed to allow power boats to be launched and retrieved on the hoists and stored in the yard; previously the rule said, "The use of the yard and hoists shall be limited to sailing craft." It was pointed out that ABYC was practically alone in forbidding motorboats from being stored and launched in the yard. The matter would be revisited at the April, 1985, Board meeting after opinions from members were received.

Keith Dodson beat Mark Reynolds of San Diego at the SCYA Manning Series regatta in Snipes...Charlie and Pam Cummings had a baby boy, Christopher Michael, in January...Max and Mary Croes welcomed their first grandchild, a daughter...the Easter Brunch was \$4.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children...new nautical lights were installed over the central trophy case in the Clubhouse.

TEN YEARS AGO:

The new members kept coming as reported in the March, 1995, SOU'WESTER. Dan Dooros and his wife Pan became Regular members, sponsored by Chris Wells. Mike Martin became a Regular member, too, as one of the 5-0-5 fleet that came over from LAYC; Howard Hamlin was his sponsor. And David and C.J. Crockett converted from Yachting to Regular members; Ann and Sid Exley, Dave's grandparents, were sponsors and on hand for the burgee presentation. Dave and C.J.'s children, Justen and Austen, are the fifth generation of this clan to be members of ABYC.

The SCYA Midwinter Regatta in February had over 100 boats in eight classes, with unseasonably warm weather and light winds reported. Mark Townsend was PRO on the harbor, and the editor of the SOU'WESTER reported parenthetically that "outside racers were heard complimenting the Race Committee for 'giving them their money's worth,' with lengthy courses and minimal waiting between races." Ted Flood was chairman of the event. Commodore John Weiss reported that five of the 12 Etchells racing at Balboa YC for the Midwinter Regatta were from ABYC, and four of those boats were helmed or crewed by Staff Commodores.

Sid Exley, a charter member of ABYC, suffered a stroke in January and was reported as "making progress but...slow and very frustrating"...Ann Exley said thanks for all the cards and messages and asked everyone to "please keep praying for Sid"..."Yard Ogre" Dave Crockett reminded everyone to be sure their trailers are in good working order and their boats used once every six months...the Easter Sunday Brunch will cost \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

entrants in the Etchells class, also at LBYC.

Jeff Cohen in his F-31 trimaran was tops in a five-boat Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) fleet over at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club that also included Bob Anderson in his F-24 tri and Joe and Hideko O'Reilly in their F-28R trimaran; the latter two sailed on Sunday only as the sea conditions made it impossible to get out of Alamitos Bay for the trip west!

In addition to the folks named above, ABYC volunteers served in several key positions. Margaret Caddle headed up the protest committee; Jeannie Nelson, Bobbi Petersen and Betty Mills handled entries and Bay scoring; Shirley Smith was Chief Scorer in the harbor. George Caddle and Vern Peterson did their usual great job preparing PATIENCE and the Bay Barge; John Massey coordinated the whalers; and ABYC Port Captains Paul Anctil and Dave Myers organized the racing gear.

Special mention needs be made of Clif Mathias and Al Nelson, who served as gate and yard monitors in the rain on Saturday morning; Clif came back on Sunday morning and again in the afternoon to manage the gate while Al reported to the scoring booth in the Bay. Also deserving of accolades was the ABYC Boatique manager, Donna Massey, who staffed the merchandise table selling a record number of SCYA Midwinter T-shirts (with a little help from the Regatta Chairman).

Finally, not enough can be said about the amazing work of Theresa Laird and the ABYC staff: through daunting challenges they turned to and made for a great regatta experience for the ABYC members and our guests.

driftwood

Spring Spruce up

We are approaching that time of year when we need to put some elbow grease into our club. Opening day is not far away and that means it's Spring Spruce Up time again. We have a broad range of projects lined up and need your help to execute them. This year Spring Spruce Up will be on Saturday, April 23rd and we would like to start working early. Please plan to arrive as close to 8:00 AM as possible.

We will provide donuts and coffee in the morning as well as drinks and food during the lunch hour.

If you are planning to come down please contact me so I can organize work parties to focus on specific projects.

Kevin Ellis, Jr. Staff Commodore

Opening Day 2005 – Host Boats

Dear friends, believe it or not, Opening Day 2005 is on the horizon. The planning is underway for the official opening of our 2005 sailing season. This year I have been asked to coordinate the Host Boats for the coming year.

Show your fleet's pride by displaying your boat for our guests and your fellow members during the celebration of our 79th opening. I am looking for boats to display both in the water and on the hard. If you would like to participate please contact me so I can develop a mooring plan to show off your boat.

I can be reached by email: kellis@getty.edu or by phone during business hours at 310-440-6722.

Kevin Ellis

Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week 2005

The planning for race week continues at a rapid pace. The website (www.lbrw.org) has all the current information as well as an online entry form. If you are planning to participate you can enter via the website. Please get your entry in to aid the organizers in their planning.

Also, I am still looking for volunteers. I have many positions available both on and off the water and many of which will not require a commitment to the entire duration of the event. Please contact me if you would like to be involved in this World Class Regatta.

I can be reached by email: kellis@getty.edu or by phone during business hours at 310-440-6722.

Kevin Ellis

HOUSING NEEDED FOR O'DAY COMPETITORS

ABYC will be hosting the US Sailing Single Handed Championships (The O'Day Trophy) from August 17 through 21, 2005. Although in numbers this is a relative small Laser regatta with only about 20 competitors, it is a regatta that is significant and pits the representatives from every area of the U.S. against each other.

Those ABYC members such as Bob Falk, Chris Raab and Chuck Tripp who have participated in this event at other venues have commented that the thing that sets this event apart from other Laser regattas is the family atmosphere. A good part of this family atmosphere is that the competitors from throughout the United States are housed in the homes of the host yacht club member families.

I know this event is not until August, but I wanted to bring this housing need to the members' attention so that members can plan to make housing available. If you can make your home available to some of the competitors, please contact me.

Jerry Montgomery, Regatta Chairman



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ABYC Family Day -

The Chapped Cheek Regatta and St. Patrick's Day Party will be held on Sunday March 13th. There will be an 11:30 start for the regatta. The Kid Party will begin at 2:00 and dinner will be served at 4:30(ish). Irish Stew will be served and kid food will be available as well (Irish fries, Leprechaun dogs and Shamrock cookies).

- Sailing \$5.00 entry
- Kid Party \$4.00
- Dinner \$6.00 adult, \$3.00 kids under 10

Want to help? Call Sharon Pearson - 562 493-1995



The Easter Champagne Brunch will be held on Sunday, March 27th from 10:00 A.M. to 1 P.M.

The Easter bunny will arrive at 11:00 to take pictures with the children, and the egg hunt will be at 11:30. The price is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. The price at the door will be \$18.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children so get your reservations in early!

If anyone would like to help, please contact Stephanie Munn 951 549-0267

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