

# Sou' Wester

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## spring spruce up

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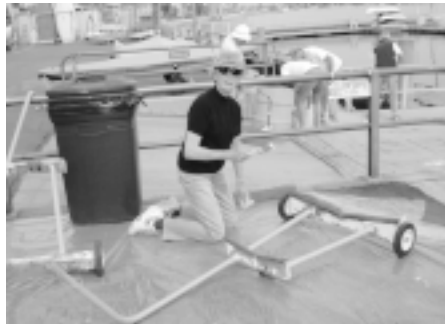
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 Mc Naughton and Chuck Tripp*



*The Bobbies...Petersen and Hodges*

## save the date

Mother's Day Brunch .....	May 8
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## commodore's comments



**B**y the time you read this we will have celebrated our 79<sup>th</sup> Opening Day on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and I'm sure that the club looked polished and ready-to-go due to the diligent efforts of Jr. Staff Commodore Kevin Ellis in mustering members to lend a hand to make the club look its BEST! The Opening Day organization was handled by Staff Commodore Dave T. Crockett who is President of the Blue Gavel. Since I'm writing this a week prior to Opening Day I can not congratulate the winner of the Club Championship, but next time you are at the club you will see the name of the Club Champion on the coveted parking space. Chris Erickson, as he has done in the past, will have run an exciting club race. There are many people to thank for making Opening Day special; you know who you are and I say: "Thank You".

A new perpetual trophy (Elise and Stan Church Perpetual) was gifted to ABYC by the daughters of Elise and Stan. It was presented by Jim Bateman (Rear Commodore) to the club as part of Opening Day. The trophy shall be awarded annually at the Commodore's Installation to a married couple who are members of ABYC and (as a couple) have had the most successful racing record in the club, or have (as a couple) contributed the most to sailing on and off the water. Those of you that know Elise and Stan could confirm that they—as a couple—would have won this many times. Their Lido 14 sailing consistency, dedication to ABYC and un-ending voluntary participation makes this a very special and fitting Perpetual to their namesake.

If you haven't looked at Patience lately you should check it out. Vern Peterson and George Caddle have taken on the job of totally updating her, and have topped off the job with new graphics on the sides showing the Burgee and RC flag. We want to thank them and Jeff Powell who was very kind in designing and donating the decals; we are now especially proud of the club's committee boat.

In March I reported that we would be proceeding to make many of the needed upgrades to the clubhouse. I also, at the same time, said that we would be looking at the cost and we may need to impose a monthly assessment to pay for the work. The Board of Directors have voted to do the work within our ability to pay for it out of club revenues as well as using the capitol reserve fund, thusly, NO special member assessment! The Directors felt that by doing it this way we could encourage new membership by not imposing an extra monthly fee. You will be seeing painting, new equipment, new carpeting, etc. at a pace we can afford by managing the club to produce positive cash flow. Since membership is the key in being able to do the things we want, now is the time to use every opportunity to talk up MEMBERSHIP at ABYC to anyone you know.

See you at the Memorial Day Regatta!!

## manager's corner



**I** can't believe it has been another year and summer is upon us yet again here at ABYC! We had a great winter, and a busy one. Our volunteers have truly been working overtime this year! My hats off to all the Fleet Captains and racers who have made our racing season this winter a great success, I know that with all of their hard work summer will be a memorable one.

Summer also means that we are back to Twilight Dinners on Wednesday and Thursday night here at the club. At other clubs they have a regular menu on race nights and this year we have decided to join them, and stick with what we know and love...JESUS' MEXICAN NIGHTS! Each Wednesday and Thursday night we are going to have great homemade Mexican food prepared by our very own Jesus Espinoza. You can rest assured that we will have consistent quality and at a great price, so if you are tired of burgers and chicken make sure to come and bring a guest for some great homemade salsas and south

of the border food that will whet your appetite for margaritas and beer!

I look forward to another great summer and hope to see you all on a regular basis at our new Mexican nights here at ABYC.

*Theresa Laird*

### **Sou'Wester DEADLINE**

Friday, May 20, 2005 is the deadline for the June Sou'Wester.

## men's day 2005

**J**ennifer Kuritz and Robin Townsend cordially invite you to participate in Men's Day on June 5th. A flyer with all the details is included in this Sou'Wester. We look forward to seeing you all at the event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer at 562-433-3310 or Robin at 562-433-4366.



## from sou'wester's past

**F**inding a common theme for the May SOU'WESTER's is not hard: it's the ABYC Summer Junior Sailing Program. Two of the editions of the SOU'WESTER reviewed here had inserts for the summer program and articles about them. It's interesting to see the similarities—and the differences—over the decades, and the names, too.

### **THIRTYYEARS AGO:**

The flyer for the summer program of 1985 was handsome: a decorated, folded flyer with application cards inside. The program ran eight weeks and was open to ABYC Juniors only. In addition to A, B, C and Beginner divisions in Sabots, there was a Lady Sabot class offered and a Laser program.

Racing was not the only thing on the agenda: field trips to local sail lofts, boat builders and the Cabrillo Beach Maritime Museum was planned. Races would be on Fridays. The fee for the program was \$15.00 per child for the eight-week program. John Weiss was program director, and Cathy Black was his assistant.

The 1985 Olympic Classes Regatta must have been a huge success: 157 teams from the U.S. and Canada came to this, the fifteenth OCR at ABYC. Special note was made of the "No Hassle Regatta Management Machine." "All the competitors were enthusiastic and complimentary towards the management team," the SOU'WESTER said. "No mistakes—no breakdowns—just good organization and lots of competent members carrying out their assignments." There were three venues and 125 volunteers on the duty rosters. The three PRO's were all Staff Commodores: Sid Exley, Chuck Kober and Dick Russell.

Men's Day saw winds up over 30 knots in the bay: 77 boats were entered but only about 30 finished...Latham Bell finished second in the Sabot C division at the Spring Tune-Up Regatta; although it is customary to toss a skipper who moves up from one division to the other into the basin, Latham was inexplicably chosen for this treatment...the mural in the Junior Room was due to be done by May 1...among the instructors for the Junior Sailing Seminar were Benny Mitchell, Mark Rastello, Andy Rose and Henry Sprague.

### **TWENTYEARS AGO:**

The Easter Brunch and the Easter seminars were subjects of the photospread for the May, 1985, SOU'WESTER. Almost 400 were on hand for the Brunch and there was a wonderful picture of Commodore Dave Dorrans, wife Bonnie and their daughter Leslie, and pictures of the volunteers—about twenty of them, including a kitchen crew heavy with Staff Commodores. There were photos of the Easter Bunny and lots of kids.

There were pictures, too, of the Easter Seminar, led by the legendary Dave Perry, who'd been in town for the CISA Clinic earlier the week before Easter. Team racing in Naples Sabots was the focus, and there were also pictures of juniors in Laser II's and Snipes. There was also a picture of Stacy Dumain in her "jazzy new Sabot."

Four ABYC Lido's (including yours truly) sailed the Huntington Harbour Opening Day Regatta inside the Harbour, the first time Lido's had sailed there in years; Gib Marshall won the event...Rick and Jane Hinman, J/24 sailors from Colorado, became new members, but Stan Miller and Dave Perry both left the club...Kent Ramseyer, son of Dick and Carol, was appointed to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy...Elizabeth Bartlett Schwegler was born to Benny and Jan and reportedly had "a delightful sounding set of lungs."

### **TENYEARS AGO:**

Jim Grubbs was pictured on the cover of the May, 1995, SOU'WESTER, carrying his Snipe dagger board across the yard during the Olympic Classes Regatta. Then a non-resident member of ABYC, he won the Snipe class ahead of Argyle Campbell. Pete Melvin won the Tornado class ahead of Pease Glaser, and Kevin Hall of Ventura won in Lasers and was awarded not only the Sidney T. Exley Perpetual Trophy for winning his class but also the Olympic Classes Perpetual for winning the largest class and the Llewellyn Bixby Family Perpetual Trophy, an Olympic torch, for winning the most competitive class (as an aside, Hall—the U.S. Finn representative at the 2004 Athens Olympics—repeated his winning of the torch in the Finn class at OCR this year).

The flyer for the Summer Junior Program listed Brooke Morford as the Head Instructor; other instructors included Mark Ivey, Jory Henry, Jamie Riddick and Kevin Taugher. The eight-week program cost \$260 for Sabots (\$310 for non-members), \$150 and \$175 for CFJ's, Lasers and Laser Radials, \$110 and \$130 for Sea Urchins and \$100 and \$125 for the adult class taught Sunday mornings.

There was a lengthy article giving alternatives to people who stored their boats at ABYC but did not use them in accordance with the Yard Rules, including storing them offsite and donating them to the Boy Scouts...Sid Exley was recovering very slowly from his stroke...Elliot Rosenthal, Stan Scott and Fred Hegenberger all received cards, encouraging their recovery from various ailments...Otis Tavlin had a PHRF Fleet report, enumerating all the ABYC keelboats that had taken part in the first of the LBYC Catalina Island Series.

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

## wrap up of the chapped cheek regatta

**T**his regatta was a blast; windy and chilly but a blast. I would like to personally thank Jorge Suarez and the race committee and our cool coaches Brad and Chris. I would like to especially thank Brad for teaching me one good lesson during Chapped Cheek 2005. "Always race each race like it's your first."

The Results...

All C's: Samantha Gebb – 1<sup>st</sup> place, PJ Lorch – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Derek Smith – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

B Fleet: Jack Jorgenson – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Laura Newton – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Lauren Bussey – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

A Fleet: Haley Kirk – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ryan McNaboe – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Thomas Shadden – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

*Catherine Schock, Junior Sailor*

# hails from the fleets



**B**efore getting into the sporting news, we'd like to congratulate the winners of the Bernice Weiss Trophy which goes to the people who have helped the fleet the most over the past two years.

Two couples who have given so much of their time, season after season, Mary and Joe Riddick and Jinx and John Ellis will have their names inscribed for the years 2003 and 2004.

Much appreciation goes with those inscriptions!

The racing season has begun with a whirlwind of activity and not just up on Pine Street and off the Belmont Pier.

Our Fleet has begun a schedule that will keep it surfing until September.

First, The Championship Fleet Races began in March with the first four places going to: 1) Tom Newton, 2) Lee Berlinger 3) Don Hodges 4) Mark Vredenburg. These races continue in April, May, and June.

Second, current fleet Championship, Bob Ware, asked Lee Berlinger, who asked Tom Newton to crew, to represent the Fleet during the Opening Day Race for the Club Championship. Hopefully, the boys will get to share that coveted parking space,

Third, Men's Day is coming June 5th. If you'd like to help, call Robin Townsend.

Fourth, and the biggie, the Senior Sabot Nationals comes to ABYC June 11-12th. There are plenty of places to help out. Please call George Caddle. Besides great racing, there will be a Polynesian Party, June 11th.

Before this, and while the battle for the Fleet Championship is still going on, Twilights will start Mat 5th and continue every Thursday until September. So, please come sail, watch, root, have Sunset dinners or just hang out with us.

Adra Kober, Fleet Captain, will take any questions. (Be sure to ask about the coaching opportunities from Henry Scofield and Mark Gaudio.)

*Barbara Gabriel*

## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



**F**irst, take a seasoned world traveler 37 ft. yacht in Bristol condition, pair it with a beautiful new 43 ft. Beneteau, then bring a well maintained 33 ft. Hunter and you have the perfect combination of host boats for a great dockside cocktail party on April 2.

Many of the Keel boaters arrived by car and a great time was had by all. As the cocktail party was on the opposite side of the marina, the auto keel boaters bussed the boaters to Shoreline Yacht Club for dinner. Shoreline Yacht Club could not have been more gracious in every way. Their Commodore Gary Schneider and Port Captain Terry Asher assisted in the pre-cruise arrangements, plus Terry was on dock site to make sure all boats were safely in their respective slips. Just a wonderful spring cruise.

Upcoming events include our May 13 meeting with Al Siegrist, Keel Boat member, on the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific.

June 18 will be the semi-annual regatta of the model boat race and picnic. More details on this event at the May meeting.

There is no meeting in July. At the September meeting we will be presenting our new slate of chair people for the '05-'06 year. We will also be giving details of the fall cruise in October.

*John and George*



## Olympic Classes Regatta

**W**ow, ABYC's own Kevin Taugher showed he did not suffer from his not inconsequential absence from racing Lasers. Kevin dominated the 2005 ABYC Olympic Classes Regatta (OCR) with an eighteen-point margin over three Canadian Laser racers and the rest of a 36-boat Laser fleet. Kevin's worst finish came in the lighter early going with a discarded 20<sup>th</sup> finish; otherwise he finished first, four times, second, twice and third, once. Not to be denied, ABYC member and Laser *Master* Chris Raab finished seventh while another ABYC Laser *Master*, Vann Wilson finished ninth. Other ABYC members in the top half of the fleet were Carlos Roberts 12<sup>th</sup>, Jim Kirk 16<sup>th</sup>, and Bob Falk 18<sup>th</sup>.

Racing outside the breakwater off the Seal Beach Pier, we enjoyed a variety of conditions with light and variable conditions the first day with wind and swells increasing for Saturday and even more on Sunday. The race committee set trapezoid courses, so when the wind came up Saturday and Sunday we had spray-filled, reaches with lots of surfing and capsizing opportunities after leg straining windward legs.

It was great to have eleven Laser racers from ABYC participating in the OCR this year. Eight racers were from our *Masters* group with two in the top ten. We now need to work on getting younger Laser and Laser Radial racers at ABYC. With fifteen Laser Radials participating in the OCR, it looks like there is no lack of competition for our young racers.

## Laser Twilights

Get your hands on a Laser and join us for some after-work Laser races on the Bay this summer. The Lido14 fleet has generously invited the Lasers to share the Bay and race organization duties Wednesday evenings beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

*Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain*



**E**arly in the history of ABYC's Etchells Fleet, Ed Feo and his then-partner Pat McCormick won every single fleet championship in which they entered. Over the weekend of April 9-10 Ed proved why as he dominated the

Etchells fleet Worlds Qualifier Regatta.

Ed and his crew, Steve Beck and Chuck Simmons, scored all first-place finishes after their discard in the six-race, two-day series raced in the waters outside the Breakwater.

The event had every kind of weather imaginable except flood and famine. Saturday's racing was in conditions reported as 25 knots true with gusts to 35 knots as reported at the Long Beach Buoy by the National

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Weather Service. The course was also dominated by really big swells. How big? Kevin Ellis, standing on the bow of PATIENCE, said the crests of some waves blocked the horizon and looked to be over his head.

The attrition started early. Of the ten boats entered, only nine started Race One and only eight finished. Larry Harvey, sailing with Pat McCormick and Doug McLean, lost a halyard and the mainsheet; they finished the race but returned to ABYC for repairs. Gordon Dudley and Jeff Powell, racing with Dave Morse, pulled the headstay out of the boat and were done for the weekend. Perhaps the winner of the "Discretion is the Better Part of Valor" award went to Chris Wells, Dan Dooros and Mark Hardy: they stuck their noses out and decided a day at the dock would be safer.

For those that made it around the circle, the beats were filled with overpowering conditions and dropping off big waves while the runs featured thunderous spinnaker work and gnarly surfing. Catching waves was a premium: a boat could make huge gains by "hooking up" and surfing ahead of the competition. While Feo won Race One, Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen, sailing with Chris Rulla, found themselves in second until they were reeled in by Jerry Thompson and Jeff Littell, racing with Bob Mais. Coming from behind, Jerry and his team caught a wave and surged past Carter/Ericksen at the finish; the margin was less than three feet. Doug Jorgensen, sailing with Bryan Warren and Naim Busek, were fourth.

Race Two was much the same, except for one thing: only six of the ten entrants started. Feo and his team again won, Jorgensen grabbed a second-place finish ahead of Thompson and Company. After this race, as the breeze actually was building, PRO Stan Sorensen postponed racing for the gentler conditions on Sunday.

As advertised, Sunday came up sunny and bright, a bit warmer—and a lot lighter. Race Three was started in lightish conditions that led to very mixed results. Feo and Jorgensen were again one-two, but the repaired and rejuvenated Harvey team came back for a third-place finish ahead of the fourth-place Jerry Thompson, sailing with Skip Elliot as substitute crew. Race Four was a real knock-down, drag-out contest, especially off the starting line, as the wind lightened and backed; when the dust settled, it was Harvey and Company that figured it out best and took the win. Thompson carded a second-place finish ahead of Feo (this was their worst finish and their discard) in third and Carter/Ericksen in fourth.

Race Five started in steadier conditions. Feo and his team were again victorious and Jorgensen and Company second, with Harvey third and Thompson fourth. With only four slots open for the 2005 Etchells Worlds—the reason for the regatta, after all—the stage was set for a showdown in Race Six.

And it was epic. The breeze suddenly filled to the high teens, and the thrills and spills of Saturday made a return, as did the carnage: only five boats finished. John Chapman, sailing with Greg Sims and Dave Myers, retired after losing his mainsheet tackle; the Wells/Dooros/Hardy teams dropped out, too, as did Rob Rice, sailing with Eddie Ureño and Grant Hill (a substitute crew).

Disaster struck the Harvey team as McLean fell overboard early in the first run. While Larry and Pat McCormick flagged the kite and circled around to rescue him, Pat Kelly, sailing with Jim Davis and Dave Salerno, dropped their kite to stand by; Doug was recovered safely, but both teams dropped out and didn't finish the race. Then,

as the second beat started, the jib halyard let go on the Jorgensen boat; they stayed in but fell behind as they recovered.

At the finish, Feo and his team were well in front. The drama in the last run to the finish was between Jerry Thompson and Carter/Ericksen for second place. The two boats rounded the offset mark within a boatlength or two of each other and went at it hook and tong: every time Carter/Ericksen tried to roll over Thompson, Jerry caught the wind and surged up and to windward to protect. Finally, within a hundred yards of the finishing line, Carter/Ericksen hooked under Thompson's transom and pretty much followed them into the finish. Jorgensen was fourth and Rice and Company was fifth.

At the end, Feo ended up with five points for the series. Thompson, sailing in his first major fleet event, was second, one point ahead of Jorgensen but eight behind Feo. And rounding out the trophy winners was Carter/Ericksen.

Afterwards, Kevin Ellis handed out trophies to the top four finishers. In addition to congratulations to the winners, thanks were gratefully given to Stan Sorensen and his race committee, which included Kevin Ellis, Barbara Rustigian, Gordon Dudley and Jerry and Sally Dalley. Special thanks went to Tom Mendenhall and his crews, who served as the sole mark-laying boat both days and did a huge amount of work. Margaret Caddle organized protest committees (that ended up gladly unneeded) and George Caddle, Dave Myers and John Massey combined to organize boats and equipment.

In the middle of all this, the fleet held a barbecue dinner for fleet members, family and friends at ABYC on Saturday night. Organized by Gordon Dudley and ABYC General Manager Theresa Laird, the dinner gave the fleet the chance to recognize and award the 2004 Fleet Championship Series winners. Tom Corkett repeated as winner, a point ahead of the second-place team of Greg Sims and Doug Menezes and two points ahead of third-place John Chapman. All were awarded embroidered jackets.

And, finally, the ABYC Etchells are looking forward to staffing the first ABYC Holiday Series event of the year, the annual Memorial Day Regatta, May Fleet Captain Tim Carter and ABYC Rear Commodore Jim Bateman will co-chair while Kevin Ellis will be ocean-course PRO and Chris Ericksen bay-course PRO. Every Etchells member and all our friends are invited to help out. Be ready for your call to duty and be ready to say, "Yes" as the Etchells pay back ABYC and our fellow members for their service.

*Chris Ericksen*



No news...Bobbing  
aimlessly on  
Alamitos Bay!



## alter cup

**A**lamitos Bay Yacht Club hosts the 2005 US Multihull Championships (Alter Cup). Jerry Montgomery, PRO, has gotten off ten races in two days with many volunteers from ABYC and the multihull sailing community. Format for the Alter Cup is twenty teams competing on ten boats in a round robin event to determine the Champion. They sail from the club in the morning and switch boats at the Clairmont ramp throughout the day where judges and fellow competitors watch their every move. In a round robin event the boats have to be turned around quickly, thanks to Pat McCormick's keen eye for detail and ability to fix anything that has happened very efficiently. Winds have been cooperative at 10-15. If all continues we should have 24 races in the series. Pete Melvin and Jay Glaser of ABYC have moved into second place and are coming on strong with three more days of racing. Greg Thomas and Jacque Bernier are tough competition in first place. They have competed as a team in many events with finishes as high as second in the world and two national championships.

Sailors from around the country have been very complimentary of ABYC's hospitality. The event is sponsored by US Sailing, Rolex, and Hobie Cat.

*Dan DeLave*

## the bay clogger (aka junior sailing)

**H**ello ABYC members! We've been busy not only gearing up for the summer program, but also running one of the biggest and best Spring programs we have ever had. Here are some of the updates...

One of the goals of the program this year was to add a Laser Radial program for the students who are outgrowing Sabots. We officially had our first clinic Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> with 8 students. The purpose of the program is to allow students who are growing out of sabots an opportunity to sail a high performance, single-handed dinghy as well as build leadership on our junior sailing team with older students. We have had students join from all across the bay as well as some students who have not sailed in a long time and are starting up again. We would truly like to thank Denise Spagg and Joe D'angelo for their help in fixing up some Lasers. We are still in need of Laser rigs, blades, sails and parts. If you have any that you are willing to donate please contact Brad at the junior office (562) 434-9955.

### **Biggest Spring Program in History**

With the addition of 8 laser sailors to our junior team, we are officially at a count of 39 students signed up for the spring, which gives us the largest Spring program in ABYC history. It is nearly four times the size of last year's program. Our instructors for the Spring are Graham Bell, Chris McNaboe, Michael Oliver, and program director Brad Schaupteter.

Spring Gold Cup was held at Newport Harbor Yacht Club on the weekend of March 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. We had five students attend; all of which competed very well. Highlights included breakthrough sailing performances by Brandon Spagg and Samantha Gebb. Samantha pulled off several "horizon jobs" on the second day of racing,  
PLEASE HELP!!!

The Junior program needs help in several ways. The Junior Sabot Nationals Regatta will be held here at ABYC from August 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. We need several volunteers to help run the regatta as well as put on fun events in the evenings. There are numerous ways to help, so please email Brad at [jrprogram@abyc.org](mailto: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. Anything will do though. Thank you for being so supportive of our growing Junior Sailing program!!

*Brad Schaupteter, ABYC Jr. Program Director*

## charity regatta

**T**he 19th Annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta benefiting The Children's Clinic plans are under way and are moving along. The Regatta will be held on Sunday, September 25th followed by the Burger Bash at ABYC again this year. It is a great day to spend doing what you like - race your boat, then come in put it away and have a great burger bash and maybe win some prizes as well as a trophy! Join the fun, the cause is good - it helps children and their families in the greater Long Beach area to have access to better health care. Support this community service event and have a terrific time while participating.

The childrens' art contest will be over by the time you read this - the drawing will have been selected from all entries and will be used on the Notice of Race and the T-shirts. It's always fun to see the imagination that takes hold to produce these drawings.

The "Marine and Other Things" Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, July 9th at Sreal Beach Yacht Club. There are lots of booths and the fee is a direct donation to The Children's Clinic. There will be a booth for your donated items, if you wish to donate. All sales in this booth are totally a donation to The Clinic. If you have something you think might like to donate, bring it to SIBYC about seven o'clock in the morning.

The Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club's Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 6th at Recreation Park South, followed by a Burger Bash and drawing at their Club. It is a fun day and again all proceeds benefit The Children's Clinic. This will be their 9th Annual Charity Regatta Golf Tournament and last year they had 92 entries, let's go for a 100 this year!

Give me a call if you'd like to participate in any of these events or committees - you will have a good time doing good and meeting some new people.

*Norma Clapp, ABYC Representative*

# membership

The Board of Directors at its April 13th meeting approved the following matters:  
Steven Rustigan, Catherine Boomus, Karl and Susan Anderson, Charles Barry and Carole Simmons, and Bobby and Cathy Frazier were approved for Regular Memberships.  
Tyler Noesen and Nicholas Brulois were approved for Yachting Memberships and Alexander Vaught was approved for a Junior Membership.  
Santiago Reyero and Wilfred "Will" and Karelle Paul were approved for posting for Regular Memberships and Cameron Summers was approved for posting for a Junior Membership.  
Time is running out for those HALF PRICED memberships. Go out to the aquatic highways and byways and invite your friends to join.  
*Membership Committee*



Ron Wood, Charles and Alicia Stevens and sponsor Keith Ives

Photos by Elaine Wood and Don Reiman



Ron Wood, Julie and Jeff Ives and brother/sponsor Keith Ives



Ron Wood, Lisa Marie Lebold and sponsor Bill McDannel

# social advisory committee

March was an active month for the Social Advisory Committee and for all of those ABYC members who participated in the lively social events.  
It all began with the kids jumping for joy in the "bounce house" at the Chopped Cheek/St. Patrick's Day Regatta. These young Leprechauns were also decorated with face charms, played games, made crafts, and even whacked away at an "Irish piñata". Not to be outdone by the kids, the adults listened to Irish music and feasted on Jesus' locally famous Irish stew. Thanks to Sharon Pearson and her committee for making this a festive and fun event.  
Next we had a surprise treat on the last Friday of the month. We all thought we were coming to the club to stuff Easter Eggs, but as we stuffed we rocked out to the music of the 6875 Band. And, I understand they are doing a repeat performance the evening of April 29 to help us get ready for Opening Day!  
Last, but certainly not least, the children of ABYC were delighted Easter morning when they found, live baby ducklings waiting for them on the patio! To continue the excitement, the Easter Bunny hopped through the second deck inviting the 65 kids to follow along and hunt for eggs on the grounds. The 250 adults were treated to a second deck beautifully decorated with pastel linens and fresh flower arrangements, which set the scene for a delicious and most ample brunch!  
Many thanks to Stephanie Munn, Easter brunch chairman, for a most memorable Easter. Stephanie was assisted by Chris Ericksen, maitre d' de extraordinary, John McNaughton, Dawn and Pat McCormick, Elaine and Ron Wood, Nicole and Steve Moffett, Bill and Sue McDannel, Chris Atwood, the flag officers, who so generously poured champagne, and Kelli (Pearson) Clinton our professional Easter Bunny!  
See you all at Opening Day and on Mother's Day for brunch.  
*Sue McDannel, SAC chairman*

*Are you sure we need a gas can to make it go?*

Merle Asper and Nicole Peoples Moffett having an adventure during OCR. Is this a Ducky Woodman contender?  
*(Anonymous photo contributor)*



June 24th - 26th  
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## ullman sails -long beach race week

**L**ong Beach Race Week, the culminating event for the Ullman Inshore Championship!  
Earlier this year the LBRW Executive committee joined forces with Ullman Sails & three other prestigious Southern California Yacht Clubs to become the final event of the 2005 Ullman Inshore Championship. The series includes: Ahmanson Cup (Newport Harbor YC), Yachting Cup (San Diego YC), Cal Race Week (California YC) culminating at Long Beach Race Week (Alamitos Bay YC & Long Beach YC). This is a very positive development for the re-birth of Long Beach Race Week and further solidifies our relationship with Ullman Sails.

We have been working on this regatta full steam since September of 2004. Much has been accomplished but there is much to be done. You can get a sense of the quality of the event planned by visiting the Long Beach Race Week website at WWW.LBRW.ORG.

I want to assure each and every member of ABYC that this is a true collaboration between ABYC and LBYC. The Executive Committee is co-chaired by one member from each club, and each club is equally represented on the committee as a whole. We have worked very well together - this is one of the most pleasant job's I've taken on since becoming a member of the Board at ABYC.

Our vision is to take the strengths of each club and apply them to one of the premiere big boat events held in California. I think we are on track to accomplish just that. Next month we will be looking for volunteers in earnest. There are many opportunities available so please contact me if you are interested in being involved. I can be reached by email: [kellis@getty.edu](mailto:kellis@getty.edu) or by phone 310-440-6722.

*Kevin Ellis, Jr. Staff Commodore*

## newport-ensenada race

**T**he 2005 Ensenada Race had a distinct ABYC flavor. Mark Townsend was PRO for the second year in a row and Jerry Montgomery was Assistant Race Committee Chairman. Helping out on the committee boats for the start were Robin Townsend, Nita and Chuck Hardin, Isabelle Lounsberry, Jon Lounsberry, Don Reiman, Sandy Toscan, Sharon Pearson, Barbara Rustigan, and Mike Ludt. Past NOSA Commodore Jim Drury helped set the starting marks, and past NOSA and ABYC Commodore Mike McMahon announced the play-by-play of the start from the bluffs at Corona del Mar.

A number of the group traveled on to Ensenada to help with the finish and scoring. Mark and Jerry were each on one of the finish boats, and Sandy, Sharon and Robin helped with the scoring. Mike and Marilyn McMahon and Jim Drury helped with the logistics and hospitality in Ensenada.

Among the ABYC racers only Cole Price and his crew brought home a trophy. They were third in PHRF F Class. We have no reports of any ABYC folks ending up in jail although Mark Townsend had a close call with a speed trap and an officer on the way home with his passengers (Robin, Sandy and Sharon) counting money "just in case".

*Jerry Montgomery*

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