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boxing day regatta - 2005

photos by Rich Roberts

The weather for Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's 6th Annual Boxing Day Pursuit Race wasn't even suitable for ducks. Instead a harbor seal spent most of the day trying to play with its newfound friend - an F24 Trimaran.

Sailors entered boats in twelve different classes for the 6th Annual Boxing Day Pursuit Race held on Saturday



December 31st on Alamitos Bay. A less than perfect winter's day greeted the sailors with grey skies and a forecast of rain before the end of the day. Classes participating ranged from a Naples Sabot and the ever-present Snowbird, all the way to Etchells, F24 Trimaran and J/80's. Asymmetric spinnakers, gaff rigs, bow sprits, code zeroes, bloopers, leaping Harbor Seals - the Boxing Day race had it all.

About 10 minutes before the skip-

pers meeting the forecasted rain started, but the Race Committee already had everyone's entry fee and wasn't about to give it back nor were the sailors willing to let the Race Committee off the hook and call the race because of weather! 23 hardy skippers with crew ventured out into the rain, wind and cold!

With the wind gusting over 20 knots and rain squalls and white caps blowing across the bay the Race Committee fired the warning signal. At that point the Sabot C sailors all decided to capsize. A ten minute postponement ensued to rescue the now inverted dinghies. After some quick rescue work, the previously inverted Sabots

were once again sails up and leeboards down as the sequence restarted. The wind had abated to 16 knots as the Sabots headed to the first mark.



The pursuit race format builds the handicap into a classes starting time. Boats are started in reverse order of their speed; the slower boats racing for over two hours, and the faster boats such as the F-24 Trimaran for only a little over an hour. As each class's assigned start time arrived, they lined up and tried to catch the slower boats that had started ahead of them while trying to avoid being caught by the faster boats behind them.



The final two boats to start were the F24 Trimaran followed one minute later by the J/80. A harbor seal which had been fascinated by the activity decided to join in, starting just behind its friend, the F-24 Trimaran. The seal made several leaps into the air. It must have been a slow day for the seal as well!

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save the date

Super Bowl Regatta & Party	February 5
Membership Meeting	February 17
Midwinters	February 18-19
Manning	March 4-5
Membership Meeting	March 17
Chapped Cheek/St. Pat's Party	March 18
Olympic Classes Regatta	April 1-2
Easter Brunch	April 16

commodore's comments



How do I love thee, let me count the ways. I love thee for your fast sailboat, I love thee for your first place finishes, I love thee for your sailing stories told late into the evening at the yacht club bar. Are these some of the sweet nothings that your Valentine recites to you during the month of February? ...Probably not, but your Yacht Club does want you to know it appreciates the time you volunteer, the contributions you make to sailing and the moments you spend enjoying membership benefits like our hoist and beautiful facilities. But, we can't forget to let our Yacht Club know how much we love and appreciate it's legacy, its staff and everything else it has contributed to our leisure and social time. So at this time of love and romance, just whisper a little sweet nothing to ABYC too.

Last month I told you that **Maggie Caddle** was receiving the SCYA Peggy Slater Memorial Trophy for female contributions to sailing. Well, that evening of the award's dinner I found out that another ABYC member was receiving a sailing award too. I'm so happy to announce that the **SCYA James M. Webster Perpetual Trophy** for male contributions to sailing was awarded to **Barney Flam!** What an honor to watch two of our finest members receive such high recognition from SCYA and the Southern California sailing community. See their trophies on display for the next year in our lobby trophy cabinets. By the way, several ABYC members were on hand to see Maggie and Barney receive their awards. **Spouses Evelyn and George** of course were there, but also **Chris and Vickie Ericksen, Mike and Marilyn McMahon, Jerry and Marilyn Montgomery and me and Steve.** Congratulations to Maggie and Barney! We are truly blessed with these two members and their spouses.

As we head into the sailing season we have several events on the horizon already. For February and March we'll be hosting Mid-Winters, Manning, and Chapped Cheek regattas. A lot of fleets are already hosting mini-series and tuning up for the spring events. Don't forget to sign-up for the annual St. Patrick's Day Party for the kids and be sure to attend the General Membership Meetings too. There is just so much to do at the Club already!

I'm sure you know by now that I'm very proud to be your Commodore this year. Every time I turn around I'm always inspired by my fellow members. The time we give to the Club to make it a better place for all of us shines through in our activities, events, and facilities. I receive more compliments from the sailing community about how wonderful ABYC is and don't we know it! We are constantly asked to host regattas, social programs, sailors, and many more events than we can handle. We can't always do everything, but it is really an honor to know that we are thought of so highly by our sport. But it is truly our membership that makes our Club so valuable. Please take a moment sometime and look around at the Club. We built it as members, we operate it (along with our staff) as members and we guide it's future as members. This is a very special yacht club with very special people!

Fair winds and fast sailing!

Nicole Peoples-Moffet

manager's corner



Last month I alluded to the fact that we have exciting new things coming up this year for our Friday night Happy Hour. Our Social Advisory Committee has been hard at work developing new ideas such as Karaoke night and Game night not to mention the continuation of our great band that plays the last Friday of the month, Flight 6875! Each night they have played we have had a ball dancing and listening to one of the best bands in the area...AND Steve Harder is a member! Thank him next time you see him for all the support he gives to our club!

As many of you heard at our last Membership Meeting the life blood of our club other than sailing is our Galley, Bar and Banquet facilities. Each of these areas needs to operate a successful operation to support all those little extras that we want to do for our sailing organization. We have spent the better part of two years revising and working on our internal operations, and now that we are healthy and working under budget we all need to focus our attentions into those things that bring us together as a club and help us to get to know one another on a social level. Bring your ideas to the Social Advisory Committee and we can get those ideas put into play.

Also, please remember us when you have functions coming up for celebration in your family and with your friends. We have a first class catering company that we deal with on an exclusive basis and a staff that is eager to make your next function a memorable one.

Theresa

name tags

Get your own official ABYC name tag...

The Social Advisory Committee is putting together a special order for ABYC name tags. If you would like one, please call the ABYC office or email Diane Bateman at dcrbateman@yahoo.com. The cost will be about \$5.

vice commodore's views



As Vice Commodore, I get to oversee a number of infrastructure projects that may not seem too exciting but that make a big difference. Here's what's news with the house and yard.

COLOR RETURNING TO THE WALLS OF THE SECOND DECK

The house committee is re-matting, re-framing and re-hanging the burgees starting this month. Our house committee of Cathy and Todd Smith, Stacy Conn, Marilyn McMahon and Linda Peoples have scheduled a coordinating meeting on January 29th and two working weekends February 4-5 and February 11-12 to get the burgees back up. They need help so if you can lend a hand please call Stacy.

A GATE THAT OPENS AND CLOSSES

Our so-called automatic front gate has been behaving erratically for the last few months so we had the electrical system rebuilt and we believe we've solved the problem.

A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM THAT YOU CAN HEAR

Since Chris Ericksen doesn't chair every regatta we run, for those of us less vocally endowed we felt it necessary and long overdue to upgrade our PA systems. We recently acquired a new portable self-contained system that we can be used for all our events (inside and out) and even rented out for banquets. We're also working on the paging systems for the general and galley pages.

A YARD FOR ACTIVE SAILORS

We have many sailors anxious to get their boats into the yard. Some are newer members who have been waiting for several months and others are prospective members whose interest in joining is contingent on getting their boat into the yard in the not too distant future.

We have long standing rules about using your boat (see Rule 3.20) and we will be sending eviction notices out this month to a few boats that never get used. We have put together a list of offsite storage facilities at reasonable prices and not-for-profit organizations that will accept donations of boats that we will refer to those evicted and we will assist where possible in the relocation or disposition process.

In addition, we will be dense packing boats in accordance with rule 3.21 that are infrequently used. We anticipate dense packing six or so boats in a manner that will inconvenience the lease number of sailors.

Even more exciting is a new project for racking the Sabots and other dinghies that may produce more keelboat spaces. Stay tuned for developing news on this.

Another project will be clearing the East Yard of all unused equipment and other junk. If any of this belongs to you please come and remove before we put it in the dumpster.

Coming Attractions : 3rd Deck Repairs, Refrigeration and Electrical Panel upgrades.

Jim Bateman, Vice Commodore

scuttlebutt

Our warmest condolences go out to Maryann Feo in the recent passing of her father.

Mark Schryer is recovering from a recent stay in the hospital. He'll be laid up for a little while, but would appreciate phone calls and cards. Mark, we hope you have a speedy recovery...we need you to run races in the bay. Stay cheerful and we look forward to seeing you back at the Club real soon!

The Daniel twins (William Bowen and Matthew David) arrived at Hoag Hospital on January 4th. They were born at 35 weeks after a difficult pregnancy. The boys (and mom and dad, Bob and Sharon) are doing well. Bob and Sharon would like to thank their friends for their love, support and prayers. We would like to congratulate them on their new family and lifestyle change.

burgee work party

The committee is going to work on Sunday, Jan 29 getting it all organized. Then on Sat. & Sun.

February 4th and 5th and 11th and 12th, we hope to get lots of help with getting the frames ready to go up, as well as at least part of the collection on the walls. Almost all frames need new backing paper and to be resealed. Many need to be re-matted as well, which is very time consuming... so many hands would help.

Marilyn McMahon

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, February 17, 2006 is the deadline for the March Sou'Wester.

from the pages of history

Reading past SOU'WESTER's reminds us that the basic building blocks of our club are our fleets, and fleet reports made up more or less of the February editions of year's past—that and regatta reports, and the names of new members.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

The SOU'WESTER of February 1976 featured a report from a now-defunct fleet at ABYC, the Coronado 25's. There was a time when these fiberglass sloops were raced and cruised a lot at ABYC; while there are a few still here, they are rarely raced anymore and are relegated to day-sailing and cruising. The big discussion this time was whether or not to leave outboard motors in place during racing. In case you don't know, Coronado 25's had an afterdeck behind the cockpit where the outboard was placed while motoring and in which it could be pulled up but left in place while sailing; apparently there was some discussion about the legality of removing it from the lazarette and filling the hole in the hull with a plug expressly made for that purpose. While no decision was reached, it was reported that there was "a 'zesty' discussion, just short of a full-scale shouting match between King Kong and Godzilla!" It is not reported who was which movie monster, but those of you who were around in those days can draw your own conclusions.

Junior news was really big, with nearly half the edition devoted to one thing or another. The ABYC Ladies Auxiliary had held a breakfast and gave the proceeds to the Juniors; the Sabot Tournament of Champions was on tap for March and would also feature a breakfast, this one prepared by the Juniors under the direction of Chief Cook Todd Merrill. That regatta, by the way, was a brand-new event, created by ABYC member Roger Bloemke; it pitted the top 15 over-eighteen Sabot sailors against the top 15 under-eighteen Sabot sailors. The Sabotier Fleet article opined that, "maybe once and for all the argument of who can make that ornery Sabot go faster (juniors or seniors) will be settled."

The Lido fleet held a "round robin" regatta where skippers switched boats between each race; it was statistically determined that the skill of the skipper was twice as important in winning as the condition of the boats...the I-14 fleet was hard at work building new sails and rerigging the boats in response to "the IYRU-approved, long-overdue changes in the International 14 measurement rule"...new members introduced in this month's SOU'WESTER included some still-familiar names: Howard Hamlin, even then sailing 5-0-5's; Randy MacLaren, a Finn sailor then building sails for Ullman; and Allan Rosenberg, DDS, who came in with his wife, Carolyn, and three sons, Steven, Ronald and Darren.

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

"New Fleet Born at ABYC," read the headline in the February 1986, SOU'WESTER. The fleet: Etchells 22. With three boats, one each owned by Chuck Kober and John Weiss, Steve and Raleigh Moffett and Ken Frost, the group that has become Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet 18 was established. Described as "a boat in which 'seniors' can truly match their skills against the 'kids,'" a line drawing and list of specifications accompanied the article. "If you've got the touch," the article concludes, "and want real competition, CALL US!"

"That's right," crows another article, "the Fourteens return to the SOU'WESTER!" Tim Carter, the newly installed fleet captain, invited "anyone...interested in finding out more about these fantastic boats" to contact him so that he could arrange for demonstration rides and pass along information on new or used boats that were available. Three new members had joined the fleet, and more than 20 boats were expected for the SCYA Midwinter Regatta that month.

A new regatta was reported on, the inaugural Keelboat One-Design Regatta, which had been sailed in January. It was lightly attended, and by two established ABYC fleets, Cal 20s and J/24's. Ken Hodges was the Cal 20 winner, ahead of Steve Butler (then of Seal Beach Yacht Club) while Jim and John Chapman beat Bob Anderson and a visitor from Anacapa Yacht Club for the untrophied win the J/24's.

A new yard rule stated that "the use of the Yard and Hoists shall be primarily limited to sailing craft," and power craft could not be launched between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on weekends or holidays; I think that rule is still on the books...the February general-membership meeting would be a reception honoring all Staff Commodores and feature the recollections of those Staff Commodores in attendance of their Commodore year...Jay and Jackie Golison were reported to have been married in Seattle in January

TEN YEARS AGO:

The Snipe fleet, under the direction of co-captains Mark Capper and Stacey Dumain, was working hard to stave off slackening participation and announced a Bay Race Day for February. Anyone who could beg or borrow a Snipe could sail for a three-dollar entry fee. There would be a racing seminar on trimming the boat, followed by racing on the Bay and ending with a dinner. There would even be baby-sitting offered for those parents who wanted to try their hand. A Spring Series was planned over the next three months, with Snipes sharing the Bay with the Lido's.

A truly Solomonic decision was reached during the 1996 Manning Regatta, as reported in the SOU'WESTER of February 1996. The E.E. Manning Trophy is awarded to the winner of the largest fleet and the Skimmer Trophy to the winner of the second-largest fleet; however, there were 21 boats in both the Lido 14 and Naples Sabot classes. So each trophy was awarded to the winner of each class. That's right: Mark Gaudio in a Lido and Jennifer Porter in a Naples Sabot both won both the trophies. I wonder how the engraving on the trophies reads today...

ABYC announced that a club-owned CFJ was available for charter by ABYC Juniors who wanted to sail regattas...a poker tournament, featuring seven- and five-card stud, draw and Texas Hold-Em, was being organized in conjunction with a Friday-night Happy Hour by "The Bar Czars"...a film crew came to ABYC in January, 1996, and paid the club over twenty thousand dollars to use the facilities...to make room for the Olympic Classes Regatta and Laser Midwinters West, all the dinghies would be moved out of their end of the yard and moved into the aisles of the keelboat yard; anyone wanting to use their boat during the two weeks of this period would have to make prior arrangements, as they'd be otherwise unmovable.

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

fleet captain's report



2006 is on its way to being a great year for ABYC. Many things are happening and you can be a part of it. By volunteering and being concerned, you get to know the club better. You will meet new and interesting people with your same interests. Here are some of the things I am involved with and I invite you to be a part:

Race Management Committee:

This is your committee that is in charge of running the regattas. This is where the rubber hits the road as far as putting on our world class sailing events. You will find it to be both interesting and fun. Be a part of sailing history! Meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month.

Weather Classes:

The second set of classes is on the way to being a success. It is not too late to join in. You don't have to be a world cruiser to find weather prediction interesting. It is another

tool in your toolbox of life. Remember: Tuesdays at 7:00.

Challenge Chairman:

Jorge Suarez is heading up our effort. If there is an interclub challenge you would like to sail, please contact him.

Race equipment (Port Captain):

Dave Myers is in charge and he welcomes any help you want to give. Dave and I are making a list of things to buy. If you know of any equipment issues, please let us know so we can be prepared for the upcoming year.

Patience:

George Caddle and Vern Peterson are keeping our baby pristine. Duncan Harrison has been doing a lot of work professionally and he has informed us that anything we pay him is to go to the junior program. When you see those guys around the club, tell them "Thanks!" They deserve our appreciation and gratitude.

Whalers:

John Massey is in charge and he is the king. The Whalers are in good shape and we have John to thank for it. Find him around the club and tell him you appreciate his effort. Any sweat you can give is nice.

OCR:

Olympic Classes Regatta is the premier regatta on the wet coast for Olympic sailing. The dates are April 1st and 2nd 2006. We will soon be hosting the Olympic pre-trials and trials for the RS:X (sailboard) and 470 classes, so this regatta plays an importance on a world scale. It is going to be a big one! Maybe more than 150 boats! Dan DeLave and I are in charge of it. We need volunteers. This is an excellent way to get more involved and see some fabulous racing. You may also get to meet some of the rising stars in the sailing world. By applying yourself, you can see the world through visiting yachtsmen's eyes. If you want to rub shoulders with some of the greats, there is no time like the present. Let us know you would like to volunteer!

Remember:

This is your club. The more you get involved, the more you will enjoy all of ABYC's benefits. Feel free to contact me if I can facilitate your participation in our fine institution. Let's make this a great year! See you soon!

Merle Asper, merleasper@verizon.net

special thanks

Thanks to Duncan McIntosh for doing his magic with a great layout for our Santana 2006 Race Calendar ad. ABYC really 'stands out' as the place to be for sailing. You have received a copy (with your February billing) of the ad for your reference throughout the year. Thanks to Doug McLean, owner of Macson Printing, for making these copies available. Ads like this will result in increased membership. We have extra copies at the office (as well as membership information flyers) for use in promoting membership.

Ron Wood

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Cruise the Mexican Riviera on your bicycle by joining us April 22, 2006 for the Rosarito Ensenada Fun Bicycle Ride. A fun challenge for riders 8 to 80.

For information log on to www.rosaritoensenada.com. John Merchant and Ron Wood are in training - contact us.

a correction

In the November issue, on the Volunteer List, the Patience Chairmen were listed as George Caddle and Dan DeLave. Vern Peterson should have been listed along with George.



J. P. Barnes from San Diego YC, sailing his Naples Sabot, appeared to have a large enough lead to not be caught. However, Steve Schupak, from King Harbor YC sailing his Lido 14, slowly ate away at the big lead as Jennifer Kuritz from Alamitos Bay YC in her Cal 20, was gaining on the Lido.

The faster boats including the Etchells, F24's and J/80's who had given the Sabot a one hour head start were starting to work their way through the fleet. Their chances of catching the Sabot before the time ran out looked good.

With only about five minutes left Steve Schupak (Lido 14)

caught and passed J. P. Barnes (Naples Sabot) to take the lead. However Jennifer Kuritz (Cal 20) was only a couple of boat lengths behind and passed the Sabot and the Lido 14 to take the lead as they started what was to be the final leg.

Two Lasers, sailed by Jim Kirk and Steven Smith, rounded the mark next followed almost immediately by Jerry Montgomery's (Etchell). The Etchells swept down the last leg passing everyone to take the win as the 3:26pm finish time was reached.

With five classes in the top six places the handicaps had worked well.

Final Results

1	Jerry Montgomery (ABYC)	Etchells
2	Jennifer Kuritz (ABYC)	Cal 20
3	Steve Schupak (KHYC)	Lido 14
4	Jim Kirk (ABYC)	Laser
5	Steven Smith (ABYC)	Laser
6	J. P. Barnes (SDYC)	Naples Sabot

A GREAT time was had by all; sailing against competitors and boats that they rarely see on the bay. Trophies were presented on the second deck, with lobbying for improved handicaps next year for some already starting at the bar.

Next years Boxing Day Race will be on Saturday December 30, 2005. Results are posted at <http://www.abyc.org>

Mark Townsend



Editor's Note: Mark Townsend managed to get this article published on the websites of ISAF, US Sailing and Sailing Anarchy. Santana and The Log published the article and it has been submitted to Latitude 38. Jerry Montgomery commented that he received more publicity from winning the Boxing Day Regatta than he did from the Transpac.

Photo prints may be obtained from Rich Roberts.

Note from Rich Roberts: A very soggy Boxing Day Regatta Saturday. I shot until my Canon protested that it wasn't an underwater camera and quit. These were the best of a limited lot.

the laws of sailing

Honour's Law

"Never go sailing when the wind speed and the temperature are the same number."

There's just no good combination, there. 0-0 - nope. 10-10 - not likely. 20-20 - you gotta be kidding, I'm out there for fun, not to write books. 30-30 - not in this life. 40-40 - no picnic either. 50-50 - maybe someone else's cup of tea, I'll watch the video. 60-60 - still too cold and getting pretty freakin breezy. 70-70 - starting to get warmer but lost my toupee. 80-80 - now that's warm, but who took the rig?

Flam's Laws

"Never sail in a race that requires running lights"

"Never sail in a race that leaves sight of land"

submitted by Mark Townsend

abyc members excel

photos by Gail Hine via Kitty James, Santana

In a ceremony held at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club on January 7, ABYC members Margaret Caddle and Barney Flam each were honored by the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) as recipients of two of SCYA's most prestigious trophies.

Margaret Caddle was named 2005 winner of the Peggy Slater Memorial Trophy, presented for contributions to the participation of women in the sport of sailing. Named for the legendary and ground-breaking woman who was a yacht broker and racer in a time where men were nearly ubiquitous, Margaret's achievements in becoming both a certified judge and on-the-water umpire and her involvement in the management and running of women's championship regattas were cited in remarks made by outgoing SCYA Commodore Tom Kennedy. In her acceptance speech, Margaret commented on her breaking into the "old boys' network" of judges and umpires and proudly noted that she is no longer the sole woman in the group. Margaret's nomination was made by ABYC.



Barney Flam was named the 2005 winner of the James M. (Jim) Webster Perpetual Trophy. The award is for an individual who "need not be actively engaged in sailing events or the winner of a number of races" nor to someone who has "been a flag officer of a yacht club" but may be "a race committee person" or "someone who has displayed exceptional sportsmanship." In the presentation speech made by SCYA Commodore Mary Bacon, Flam was identified as being all these things: Staff Commodore of two yacht clubs (Cabrillo Beach and Long Beach) and of two yachting organizations (SCYA and the Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs), he also has raced in no fewer than three Transpac races and nearly a dozen Congressional Cup regattas and served as PRO for dozens of championship regattas, most recently the 2002 Etchells NA's at ABYC. His continuing participation as a racing sailor in the J/105 and Cal 20 classes was also cited in Commodore Bacon's speech. Flam was nominated for the award by the Commodores of ABYC, CBYC and LBYC.



Previous ABYC recipients of the Webster Trophy, which has been presented since 1958, include Don Brown (1983), Mike Segerblom (1999) and Chuck Kober (2001). The only previous ABYC winner of the Slater Trophy, which has only been presented since 1990, is Pease Glaser (2004).

ABYC members in attendance for the ceremony, held in conjunction with the annual SCYA Installation Dinner, included Commodore Nicole Peoples-Moffett and Steve; SCYA Staff Commodore Don Brown and Margie; SCYA Staff Commodore Jerry Montgomery and Marilyn; SCYA Honorary Staff Commodore Mike McMahan and Marilyn; SCYA Service Center Manager Vicki Ericksen and Chris, SCYA One-Design Chairman. George Caddle accompanied Margaret while Evelyn Flam accompanied Barney for the dinner and ceremony, all as guests of SCYA.

Chris Ericksen

membership

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors, the following matters were covered: Diana Delgado, Ross Nemeroff were approved for posting for Regular Membership. Noah LaBarba was approved for approved for posting for a Junior Membership.

Membership Committee

The following new members received their burgees at the January 20th membership meeting:



Kevin Leddy, Junior Member



Terry McKenna, Regular Member, with proposer Tom Delane



Karl Olson and Alex Casell, Junior Members



Tom and Sandra Shadden, Regular Members

rose bowl regatta 2006

Rich Roberts photos

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Intense competition among many of America's best young sailors representing 23 colleges and 61 high schools shone through light winds and fog in the 21st annual Rose Bowl Regatta Saturday and Sunday.

Freshman Adam Roberts, with crew Justine O'Conner, led Boston College to first place in the collegiate group while his older sister Melanie, a junior at USC, crewed for Greg Helias for third place behind the University of Hawaii, led by Bryan

Lake with crew Meredith Adams. The latter pair won the first five of eight races in the collegiate A division—nobody else won more than one—but the combined A and B boat scores put Boston College on top with 51 (27-24) total points to Hawaii's 60 (15-45) and USC's 70 (44-26).

Reed Johnson and Julie Howe sailed BC's B boat, alternating with Roberts and O'Conner.

College sailor of the year Mikee Anderson, who led USC's win last year but will not sail for the Trojans this spring, nevertheless took Helias' place in the last two races and placed first and second.

Newport Harbor High School swept the high school honors, led by junior Charlie Buckingham with senior crew Marla Menninger in the Gold division and JV freshman Wade Hatton and junior Lindsay Beavers in Silver. Defending champion Point Loma was second in both groups.



Ben Wallace of Pacific Collegiate takes a dive at the windward mark.

The two-day event was organized by the US Sailing Center with support from the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. The USC sailing team was the official host. Winds were 3-7 knots Saturday and about 5 knots Sunday when a dense fog inundated



Adam Roberts and crew Justine O'Conner led Boston College.



Charlie Buckingham and crew Marla Menninger led Newport Harbor HS.

the two bay race courses early on.

All teams sailed two-person CFJ dinghies in the two venues, rotating boats off the beach.

Lake was trying for his second collegiate victory in the event and his fourth overall, counting two wins when he sailed for University of San Diego High School.

"This was my seventh and last Rose Bowl," he said, indicating it was also his most satisfying despite finishing as runner-up. He had a big lead in the opening race when the race was abandoned because of dying breeze.

"We were fired up after that," Lake said. "We felt good all weekend with good speed, although we've usually seen more wind here. All these events are preparation for the [college] Nationals this year, and we learned a couple of things this weekend.

"In one race we went to the wrong windward mark. Meredith said afterward that she thought we were but she didn't say anything at the time. I've been sailing with Meredith about a year and a half. I told her if I ever miss a mark again it's her fault."

Adam Roberts credited his success to consistency, "although the usual sea breeze never filled in. But it was pretty easy to look upwind and see the puffs, even if it wasn't typical ABYC racing."

Melanie Roberts said, "We haven't really sailed against each other much over the years, so it was fun. We did a lot of talking back and forth out there."

Helias said, "It was tough in the light wind. I like to get out on the rail."

Complete results: www.pcisa.org and www.collegesailing.org

Rich Roberts



Sailors had to find their way in the fog for part of Sunday's racing.

upcoming events

queen mary salutes

Salutes between QM and QM2 are tentatively set as follows:

February 22, 7:00 a.m., when QM2 is on her way to the Port of Los Angeles to berth at its passenger terminal.

February 22, 5:00 p.m., when QM2 departs Los Angeles on her way to Mexico.

Apparently, QM2 has one of the QM whistles and will sound it as she passes by. QM will respond with its whistle.



As you know, scheduling can change. I suspect this will receive newspaper coverage. The reader should confirm the date and times as we get closer to February 22.

Tom Ramsey



**St. Pat's Family Party & Chopped Cheek Regatta
March 18th**



**OCR
April 1st & 2nd**



June 23rd - 25th



hails from the fleets

photo by Ken Keiff



Even though the CAL20 Fleet has been absent from the pages of the Sou' Wester, please don't be concerned, we are alive and very well and hope to be more present in these pages. Over the holidays (all of them) CAL20 sailors were out in force on the water. The Halloween Regatta saw 13 (who says that's an unlucky number) boats competing. Coming away with first place was Mark Gaudio and Latham Bell with second going to Doug McLean and third to the Flam's, Barney and Steve. Next up was the Turkey Day Regatta, always a favorite for CAL20 sailors and by the number of

boats out competing, 16 it was clear that this was going to be a hotly contested event. A lot of ABYC history in this regatta in that Barney Flam had won the original regatta over 50 years ago (I didn't think he was old enough). Well, history has a way of repeating itself because the Flam's won it again, this time with the team of Barney and Steve Flam bringing home the turkey. Following the Flam's in second place were Doug McLean and Randy Smith with Keith Ives and Chuck Stevens bringing in third place. The Fleet had a wonderful holiday party at the home of Ken Reiff with lots of food and drink and a bit of conversation about sailing. The CAL20 and Etchell's Fleets have been running Fleet Races just about every month, starting in January (check the calendar). This past Sunday, January 22nd saw a great series of races held behind the breakwater with the last race finishing in the bay, right in front of the Club. Ken Hodges was working on a perfect set of scores (winning the first 3 races)

even his third place finish in the fourth and final race couldn't budge him from an overall winning performance. Following Ken in second place was Ron Wood with Jim Barber in third. It was a great race with lots of excitement. Next time you get an email or phone call about participating, JUST DO IT!

Ken Reiff



Ken Hodges and his winning boat!

january 22 - cal 20/etchells results (4 races)

Cal 20

SAIL #/SKIPPER	Total	Rank
299 / KEN HODGES	6	1
69 / RON WOOD	8	2
571 / BARBER & SCHOETTLE	13	3
216 / RYAN MUDRY	16	4
508 / JOHN MERCHANT	18	5

Etchells

SAIL #/SKIPPER	Total	Rank
USA143 / BATEMAN/ELLIS	7	1
USA491 / CARTER / ERICKSEN	10	2
USA653 / MOFFETT	12	3
USA1002 / CHAPMAN	17	4
USA488 / WELLS / HARDY	20	5
USA531 / DUDLEY / POWELL	22	6
USA662 / LANE	27	7



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

Mary and Paul Zack were two of the most delightful speakers we have had in a long time. Everyone was spellbound as the Zacks narrated their voyage to the South Seas. Their slides were fabulous and presented in a very professional format. Probably the best part was when Mary and Paul expressed an interest in returning with their slides from Vietnam and Japan. I can hardly wait.

Lots to talk about on future activities and their dates:

Friday, February 10, Judy Mathias has arranged for our fleet and guests to drive to Shoreline Yacht Club for cocktails and dinner. SYC has several entrées at reasonable prices. Arrival time is 6 pm to 6:30 pm with dinner at 7 pm or there about.

Friday March 10, Keel Boat meeting. Pot luck as usual. It's always so good. Information and signups for the **April 6 Armchair Cruise** to Long Beach Playhouse, which is always one of the great activities. Information and signups for **April 28 Spring Cruise** to Shoreline Yacht Club. Dockside cocktails, BYOB and a small hors d'oeuvre, at 5 pm with dinner at 7 pm or again, there about.

Many thanks to Evelyn and Barney Flam, Lorraine and John Perone, and Judy and Clif Mathias for volunteering to serve the food at the January ABYC General Meeting.

George



The blustery weather on Jan. 15 brought out 11 hearty sailors, and the winds did cooperate.

Thanks to Tick Weber, Barbara, Jinx and Joe we had 3 great races. Margaret Caddle provided a good chalk talk as a prelude to our meeting.

Twenty people enjoyed Jesus' delicious chili.

There is much racing coming up: Feb. 18 and 19, March 4 and 5, March 18 and March 19. Come out and join us for some good Sabot sailing.

You are invited to join the Sr. Sabot Fleet by sending a \$7.00 check made out to Sabotiers to Marilyn McMahon. If anyone would like a day of Sr. Sabot lessons by Mark Gaudio, please call Mary Riddick.

January 15 Fleet Winners were: 1st. Bob Ware, 2nd. Lee Berlinger and 3rd. Jane McNaboe.

Mary Riddick



Do not miss the February 2006 ABYC Membership Meeting February 17th!

The ABYC Laser racers who participated in the 2005 Laser Masters Worlds Championship in Brazil will be giving a presentation on the regatta and their collected adventures before during and after. A multi-media presentation is planned and if time permits, we will show a new video/DVD, *The Boat Whisperer*.

The Boat Whisperer features on-board camera visuals of beginning and experienced Laser and Laser Radial racers in a variety of conditions with expert narration addressing techniques of value to any dinghy racer looking to improve their results on the race course. So don't be out of town February 17th!

2006 ABYC Boxing Day Regatta

A cold - for Southern California - and rainy day greeted 25 eager sailboat racers assembled to contest the 2005 ABYC Boxing Day Regatta. The sailors all seemed to relish the idea of challenging the elements and dressed the part.

We were joined by a curious harbor seal in the starting area that raised its head out of the water close enough to show teeth and make this author wonder if he might nibble on me while hiking.

We enjoyed enough breeze for hiking in the main part of the Bay while reaching turning marks down the channel required close attention to sail trim and wind puffs between the houses and buildings. All in all, a fun and challenging day of sailboat racing.

Laser racers greatly improved on their Boxing Day results (boats are scored by Portsmouth Handicap and started at calculated time, in reverse order, slowest to fastest classes) of 2004 with Jim Kirk taking 4th and your author, who tried hard but could not catch Jim, taking 5th. Other ABYC Laser racers competing were, Alex Vaught, Lisa Lebold and, moving from Sabot to a hastily, newly rigged Laser Radial this year, Spencer Snook did just fine, placing 7th.

Despite the rain, the regatta was truly enjoyable and well run by Mark Townsend. If you have not tried it before, don't miss Boxing Day 2006!

ABYC Winter Racing Series for Lasers, Laser Radials

Six Lasers and two Finns turned out for the second Winter Series on December 18th. ABYC's Ellen Kirk and one of our competitor's father, Peter Bennett, conducted four races in short order despite light wind conditions in the Bay. After a rocky first race, young Alex Vaught showed us the way around the buoys to register a tie in points for the day with your author.

Ten Lasers and Laser Radials turned out for the third Winter Series on January 15th. Prior to sailing into the Harbor to race, we enjoyed a most informative, interesting and humorous DVD titled, *The Boat Whisperer*. The video showed experienced and less experienced Laser racers performing maneuvers in 20-30 knots of breeze, accompanied by expert narration explaining the dynamics of sailboats and how and why they behave as they do in various situations. This video featured downwind racing and, as we enjoyed a fresh breeze for our races, everyone could directly apply what they had seen and heard in the video to their racing the same day.

Following the video, we proceeded to enjoy four races under clear skies, wonderful visibility due to the prior day's rain and breezes demanding vigorous hiking upwind rewarded with spray-filled, wave-riding downwind legs. Our intrepid RC consisting of Lisa Lebold, Ellen Kirk

hails from the fleets

and Peter Bennett even managed to give us two races with reaching legs when the wind shifted right making the original windward mark a convenient reach mark.

Jim Kirk ruled the day winning three of the four races and taking second in the other. Racing was close with the Radial sailors keeping up with and finishing in front of the Full Rig racers in the building breeze. A great day to race Lasers!

To recap our Winter Series...we race in the Bay or outside depending on conditions. We take turns with RC duties and all competitors pitch-in for gas (\$5.00 per racer covers the cost of renting a whaler).

We include anyone who wants to race Lasers, especially anyone new to Lasers/Radials.


Here is our remaining Winter Series schedule:

January 29th, February 12th, February 26th

This schedule takes us up to the ABYC *E.E. Manning Series* March 4-5, ABYC *Chapped Cheeks* March 18th and the Laser *Midwinters West* March 24-26 in San Diego.

We need volunteers to handle Race Committee duties, so if there is a date you can volunteer your services, please send me an e-mail.

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain

The Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet got off to a rip-roaring start to the 2006 season during one of our regular fleet races shared with the Cal 20 fleet. New Cal 20 fleet captain Ken Reiff and former Cal 20 fleet captain Dave Kofahl gave up racing and ran the regatta for the five Cal 20's and seven Etchells in attendance.

That's right: seven boats on the line, the largest turnout in a really long time. In addition to the competitors, two more Etchells owners, Pat Kelly and Ed Feo, came out in their larger keelboats to watch the proceedings. It was the most Etchells owners seen in one place since our Worlds Qualifier Regatta last spring, and bodes well for the level of participation we hope for in the coming year.

Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen, racing their first event since the 2005 Etchells Worlds, came out with their Worlds crew, Chris Rulla, and started out with a bang in the light to moderate onshore breezes. They came from behind in Race One to touch out USA143, with owners Jim Bateman and Kevin Ellis sailing with guest skipper—and former partner—Paul Ancil. They won the second race wire-to-wire ahead of Bateman/Ellis but fell to second behind USA143 in Race Three.

This set the stage for the final showdown: who won the last race between these two boats would win the regatta. The race committee set a race that started in the harbor, rounded a weather mark and finished inside Alamitos Bay. The two boats started last and second-to-last, with Carter/Ericksen working to stay ahead of Bateman/Ellis. When the latter team gybed in to the beach, the

former continued along the breakwater in search of steadier wind.

And that's when the Wind Gods intervened: as Bateman/Ellis found light but steady wind inshore, Carter/Ericksen fell into an inexplicable hole. USA143 entered the jetty behind Steve Moffett, sailing double-handed with Grant Hill, while USA491 bobbed around looking for the breeze. As the now-last-place Carter/Ericksen team approached the jetty, they discovered the cause of the holes: the Santa Ana's struck from almost the exact opposite direction as the sea breeze and with considerable force. Down came the spinnakers and on came the backstays as the Etchells in the jetty beat their way into Alamitos Bay for the finish.

And if that wasn't enough, the Santa Ana's made for some considerable excitement in the basin as boats entered in various states of preparedness. The team of Mark Hardy, Rex Weeks and Chris Wells in USA488 found themselves unable to either sheet out or lower their main and ended up hard against the long dock—now a lee shore—with the sail up and drawing; with the help of others in the fleet, they clawed off the dock to get the sail down and the boat back to the dock under bare poles. It took as many as five or six of the sailors to get each boat hoisted up and set down on the trailers as the winds caused the boats to heel over on the crane. Eventually all the boats came out in more or less good condition: fortunately, there were no injuries or much damage.

Rounding out the fleet were John Chapman, sailing double-handed with Charlie Burn; Gordon Dudley and Jeff Powell with Dave Morse; and Reese Lane with Jonathan Mitsumori as the third double-handed team. Here are the results:

By the time you read this, the annual Super Bowl Regatta will have been sailed. Well into its second decade, the regatta is held the morning of the Super Bowl game and is sailed exclusively on Alamitos Bay. Spinnakers are eschewed for all but one race, and the winners are announced at half-time of the game during the ABYC Super Bowl Party. Check in next month for results.

The ABYC Etchells are again scheduled to sail at Long Beach Yacht Club for the annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta. As of press time, it was not certain if there'd be a fleet: many in the fleet will be on the regatta committee. Check back in the March *SOU'WESTER* to see if anybody turned out.

Finally, ABYC's Etchells are the duty fleet for the SCYA Manning Regatta in March. Steve Moffett is regatta chairman and Jim Bateman is Board liaison. If you get a call from either of them or from current Fleet Captain Tim Carter, please be ready to accept their challenge and help out: it is the one time a year our fleet is asked to run a regatta in partial payment to the other ABYC fleets who make our racing possible all the rest of the year.

Chris Ericksen



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