



commodore's installation

photos by George Honeycutt-Anderson

The torch was passed again as more than 100 members, friends and guests met for the annual Installation of Officers and Directors dinner on Saturday, October 21.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres led off the dinner of filet mignon and crab cakes as the diners, both young and old, gathered to celebrate the winners of various awards, thank the outgoing officers and directors and welcome the new Commodore and Board. The evening did not include dancing but did include a pianist performing on the club's piano both before and after dinner.

Ron Wood, outgoing Junior Staff Commodore, emceed the presentation of special awards while assisted by outgoing Commodore Nicole Peoples-Moffett. Four ABYC members were recognized and had their names added to the Commodore's Council trophy for bringing in members: they were Merle Asper, John Massey, Carol Ann Rosenberg and Alan Rosenberg.



Chris Ericksen accepting the Ted C. Matson Memorial Service Award



Bob & Emily Sherwood, winners of the Elise and Stan Church Perpetual

Junior trophies were next on the agenda. The Ann and Sid Exley Junior Travel Trophy went to Sydney Bolger, who added East Coast regattas to her travel schedule in 2005, while Elle Merrill was awarded the Frances Dixon Nason Sportsmanship Trophy. The Don L. Adams Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Junior Sailor, which deed calls for the winner to exhibit "excellence in representing ABYC in both sailing and sportsmanship," was awarded to Laura Newton.

The awards continued for adult sailors. Jeff Ives and Dave Myers were awarded the Order of the Green Propeller for their service as ABYC Port Co-Captains while Ed Feo and Maddie Golison shared the Neal Dundas Daily First Perpetual for winning the greatest number of Daily First awards in the year.

A nearly new trophy, the Elise and Stan Church Perpetual given to the married couple with the most successful racing record or record of service to the club was presented to Bob and Emily Sherwood. And a brand-new trophy, the ABYC Sea-Change Trophy, was dedicated to recognize service or actions at ABYC that effect a "sea change" in activities in the club; ABYC's Junior Program Director Brad Schaupeter was awarded the trophy, a half-model of the Doug Peterson One-Tonner "Ganbare" that marked a sea change in ocean racing.



Pete Melvin was presented with the Sidney T. Exley Trophy

The Ted C. Matson Memorial Service Award, presented to the ABYC volunteer who provides outstanding service to ABYC "above and beyond the call of duty," went to Chris Ericksen while Pete Melvin, a three-time World Champion,

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save the date

Membership Meeting	November 17
Turkey Day Regatta	November 18-19
Flight 6875	November 24
CISA Clinic	November 24-26
Christmas Party	December 10
Flight 6875	December 29
Boxing Day Regatta	December 30

commodore's comments



Fall marks the changing of the guard at ABYC as we rotate up through the flags. Thank you, Nicole for handing over the helm with our club well trimmed and heading in the right direction. As commodore, you have precious little time to make a positive impact to the club so I have no delusions of grandeur or overly ambitious plans. I do have several basis themes that I will be pushing. These include:

Growing our membership – there are few if any actions that can have a greater impact on the health of our club than growing our membership. We've upgraded this to a flag officer responsibility and I know we can expect a strong and effective program under the leadership of Rear Commodore Merle Asper and our new Membership Committee Chairman Mike Baumann.

Having more fun. Over the past few years, we've been reclaiming our club and I support this trend. I believe a big part of having fun means reviving our great tradition of direct member involvement in their activities and events and, yes this means members in the kitchen under the proper

supervision. We need to reinvigorate our fleets and our growing junior program and get the next generation of family members down to the club. To this end I ask all our committee chairs to make an extra effort to recruit our newer members into the ranks of our active volunteers.

Better utilization of our yard – My year as Vice Commodore left me with two strong views: 1) I know we will attract and retain more good members by providing them storage in the yard and 2) I have little or no regard for member's perceived right to a spot in the yard despite their complete disregard of the established yard rules. It's time for dense packing and racking of the lesser-used boats. Our yard is one of our most valuable assets and we must use it more effectively.

Writing the book on regattas – We could write a book on running great regattas and frankly, I think we should. Our best regattas are fastidiously planned and executed but we can't assume that we will always have our "A Team" running everything we do. We need to make sure we carry this knowledge and discipline forward. I ask my board, our committee chairs and our best regatta chairs to update our regatta guidelines and, literally write a book on running not just races but on running great regattas.

Taking better care of our toys and cleaning up after ourselves. I am delighted to see that we have many members and a club manager that walks the yard and coils hoses and picks up litter and cares about how clean the club is. I hope this behavior is contagious and that all our members feel that sense of ownership and responsibility to take care of our stuff and make sure our guests understand and respect our rules.

Planning for the future. We're in decent shape financially but we have many demands on our resources. We need to balance our current needs with our long-term financial plan and the 2020 fund. Between the board, the finance committee and the 20/20 fund trustees, we will put together a coordinated approach

Junior Sailing If you haven't noticed, our Junior program has matured into quite an organization. At the installation dinner, not only did we present our prestigious junior perpetual trophies but we presented our Junior Program Director Brad Schaupeter with our new Sea Change perpetual for the tremendous impact he has had on our program. I've been to several installations but I never have seen the level of participation, enthusiasm and organization that our young sailors displayed last night. Our Junior Program will play a pivotal role in all themes noted above.

It is an honor to be your Commodore for the coming year and I thank you for the opportunity. I love ABYC and pledge to do my best to make sure that our club continues to prosper.

Good sailing,
Jim

manager's corner



I'm finding it hard to believe, I'm writing my third installment to the Sou'Wester. The weeks have literally "sailed by" since my first day at ABYC back in August.

October has been another exciting, event filled month, with little time for us to catch our breath. The "powers to be" tell me things will start slowing down soon, but as I glance at the calendar I see very few open weekends here at the club. To tell you the truth, I wouldn't want it any other way. The opportunity to host reunions, receptions, birthday parties, various meetings and happy hours as well as insure all of the regatta's run efficiently are what keep the days flying by.

When we do enter the *slower* months...(I'm sure there just around the corner) we'll be concentrating on getting the yard, equipment (love those mules) and facility back in shape. The club in many ways is like a boat...it needs constant attention, maintenance, and an abundance of TLC.

In the months to come, I'll be working with your new Board of Directors and my staff to strategically plan capitol improvements and purchases, maintenance programs, facility upgrades and a host of other

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exciting endeavors. These programs are all focused on providing ongoing improvements and support to our most important commodity, you the member.

As I've stated before, your input and suggestions are always welcomed, and we will attempt to implement as many positive changes as possible.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to sincerely thank Nicole Peoples-Moffett for her unequivocal support and trust in allowing me to "run her ship" during my short tenure under her command. I look forward to working with Nicole under her new responsibility as Jr. Staff Commodore. Thanks again Nicole.

Thanks to Ron Wood and his "pearls of wisdom" and support the past few months. Here's to fewer meetings and more hours on DRIFTWOOD Ron.

Grant Hill...your time involved on the board issues, hours spent on calendars and websites did not go unnoticed. Thank you for all your help. Enjoy more time with your family.

And finally, to our new Commodore Jim Bateman and his Board of Directors; Godspeed, you're a solid team full of great ideas, enthusiasm and experience.

I look forward to working with all of you.

Kelly Whitlow

rear commodore's notes



As Rear Commodore my duties will be to make your social activities the most enjoyable they can be while trying not to lose any money for the club. It is all about making and giving you the Club Member a great value while providing a highly enjoyable experience. We want you involved.

Kelly Whitlow and I have been discussing how we can upgrade our Happy Hour to draw more people of all ages. If you have any ideas, please let us know. John Massey has mentioned that he plays in a Ukulele Group and maybe we could get them to come play at a very nominal price. Kelly has some buddies that play smooth jazz. I know a guy that plays the steel drum. If you are in a band or have a friend or family that is in a band, let us know. We can't pay much, but we can work out a deal. Steve Harder's band Flight 6875 has been playing for the cost of drinks and many people have been having a great time. They will be continuing. Please thank Steve

when you see him.

Kelly has come up with some great ideas for appetizers and you should all be here to experience the cuisine. He also wants ideas. Tasty stuff is on the way.

We will be notifying you via email and Sou'Wester as to what is coming up. (By the way, if you have not been receiving the Sou'Wester via mail and wish to, let the office know) Stay tuned and alert, it is going to be a great year!

Membership

In addition to being in charge of the social end of things, I will also be the board liaison for membership.

I have said this before and I am going to say it again. The basis of any club is its membership. With every new member comes renewed energy in the direction of the Club. When we get a new person or family, we get more people that will be promoting, preserving and working to benefit the Club. Maintenance and construction needs will be taken care of now and in the future. With each new member the load gets less and easier to handle. With a full compliment of members, we will easily be able to handle upgrades and basic maintenance to the infrastructure, as well as future goals and hurdles that are absolutely going to come up. We need new members now and in perpetuity. Please keep up the pressure; your club needs your effort.

Just so you have it in your mind what is involved in the membership process, here are some simplified steps:

1. Submit a completed Membership Application form that includes the names of five member sponsors. If this is a problem, the initial sponsors and membership committee will assist with developing additional contacts to complete the list of five.
2. The Office will send prepared questionnaires to the five members named on the application.
3. When all questionnaires are returned and the approved by the Board, the member's name will be posted for 30 days.
4. After 30 days the new member will be introduced and presented with a club burgee at the next General Membership Meeting.

Mike Bauman (michael_baumann@mac.com) is your esteemed Membership Chairperson and I am always available to help. If you have a potential new member or need information of some sort, let us know.

Thanks and see you around the club,

Merle Asper, merleasper@verizon.net

fleet captain's report

Brief first report: The board has authorized the purchase of a new Evenrude 40hp ETEC engine as an integral part of the on going program to up grade our fleet of Race Committee boats. Construction has begun on 30 new Sabot Dollies. They will be the same Bob Chubb design that is so popular. A new type of dolly wheel will be used, in order to improve performance over the existing wheel which has proven to have a weak hub. A replacement Green flag is on order to replace the finish pin flag lost during Ladies Day. The annual survey of the bay marks will start soon. We discovered one mark that had so much floating kelp attached to the ground tackle, that during the extreme high tides, the kelp actually lifted the anchor causing the mark drift out of position.

John Massey

20th annual charity regatta

The event held for all these years, and now by seven Long Beach yacht clubs and a sailing association achieves biggest success as the community service event benefiting The Children's Clinic. The contribution made by the sponsors, benefactors, Nissan of America, the participants, the committee, the ABYC Staff and all of the volunteers from each club truly showed the character of the yachting community. **A high five to all of you!!**

The figures are nearly complete and it does look like the preceding events, the Swap Meet and Golf Tournament and the Regatta and Drawing and Silent Auction and Burger Bash have made a significant increase over even last year, our best till now. Our treasurer, Ruth Schock and I, along with Angela of TCC are pulling all of the info together and it looks like we will net approximately \$34,000.00, about \$6,000.00 more than last year. Please take pride in your support of this event, it helps children and their families enrich their lives through better health

The ABYC family did an awesome job of support through racing for the children and the PRO Mike Baumann of the Bay Venue and his committee of Barbara Gabriel and Allen Nelson along with the Finish Group of Evelyn Belisle, Bobbie Peterson, Betty Mills, Carol Reynolds Jeannie Nelson and electric boat driver Vern Peterson and whaler support Dan Clapp and of course David Meyers for whaler and port support. The Silent Auction chaired by Georgene Honeycutt-Anderson was incredible. Nancy Grubbs was again able to have many DVDs donated for Movie Baskets through her efforts. Mary Montz was there to help throughout the day and help with the Tee Shirt pickup early in August. Carol Kofahl was Raffle Chair and was outstanding. Stephanie Munn helped with the Children's Art Contest and pitched in where needed. Ruth Schock served as Charity Regatta treasurer and that's a big job. Bob Anderson helped everywhere needed. Jim Morford again served as computer guy and kept all of the contestants and their results straight and posted them in an orderly manner. Commodore Nicole Peoples-Moffett for her support, as well as the Board of Directors. The ABYC Staff, terrific as always, with a smile and a helping hand. I hope I did not miss someone, if so my deepest apology. Say thank you to these members and staff for their continued support of this incredible community service event.

Congratulations and thank you to all for a job well done,
Norma Clapp, ABYC Representative

adopt-a-beach

The last beach cleanup took place on September 23rd. It was the weekend after the National Beach Clean-up Day because of the International 14's so successfully filling our September Calendar.

Allen and Jeanne Nelson came out along with Larry Kidd, Alaine Weiss, and Chelsea Brock, visiting from out of town. We joined a group from CSULB which comes out once a month. They are pre-law students who meet for social and community activities.

Brad Schaupter, the ABYC Junior Program Director, was interested in joining our environmental efforts. So we should enlarge our group this way and, of course, those of you who care to help from the senior sailor segment of our membership are always welcome! Bob Anderson will chair us this year and Cathy and Todd Black-Smith will lend their support.

The next activity is in January. We hope to see you then. If you have suggestions or want to be on our calling list, please call Bob Anderson or myself. Thanks.

Barbara Gabriel

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, November 17, 2006 is the deadline
for the December Sou'Wester.

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former Olympian and groundbreaking multihull yacht designer, was presented the Sidney T. Exley Trophy, the Commodore's Award, made to a member who has "brought distinction to the club."

The outgoing Commodore and Junior Staff Commodores thanked outgoing officers and directors of the club and presented service awards; the recipients included outgoing Secretary Grant Hill and Ron Wood himself. Ron then introduced and administered the oath of office to the incoming Officers and Directors.

Incoming Commodore Jim Bateman was presented with the accoutrements of office, including the Commodore's Keys and other useful or whimsical gifts by the outgoing Commodore. Commodore Bateman used his remarks to talk about his plans and wishes for the future.

In her closing remarks, the outgoing Commodore—who was presented a display of the four officer's flags she flew that also commemorates the service of her husband, Staff Commodore Steve Moffett—said that the word that described best her years of service to ABYC as "satisfying." She noted Ron Wood as a colleague and "a nice person to follow," wished Jim Bateman the best of luck in his coming year and thanked husband Steve for his support.

Chris Ericksen



Junior Program Director Brad Schaupeter was awarded the Sea-Change Trophy



abyc women's group

Happy Holidays ABYC members from our newly formed women's group! We have had a few productive meetings, and we have a lot of great ideas and a mission statement. We don't have a name, but our mission statement is: To promote and encourage camaraderie, unity and appreciation of all ABYC family members through social, educational and philanthropic activities.

We would like to support the Junior program through fundraising, and we could use all the ideas you have. There are many classes and learning activities being discussed. Let's not forget the social part, where girls just want to have fun and get together. Our first activity will be a "Kooking with Kelly Klass" on Friday, January 12th. Our manager Kelly will be instructing us on how to cook Chicken Picatta, fresh veggies, and homemade soup. The cost will be only \$8.00, so everyone please sign up!! I am looking forward to meeting all the women of ABYC at a meeting or an activity, and I'm expecting all the men to support us. We are a great bunch of gals, and together we can accomplish much!!

Stephanie Munn, Women's Group Chair

the bay clogger (junior sailing)

The big news this month was the North Series for Sabots held at ABYC. This major event is the first of a four part series that takes place all across Southern California during the off season and specifically is geared towards the A fleet sabot racers. We had 20 students compete from the ABYC Junior program out of a total 70 boats, all of which reached major milestones in their sailing careers!

After bringing home a 4th place trophy in the A fleet at Fall Gold Cup, Jack Jorgensen did it again sailing an extremely consistent regatta and beating some top talent in the North Series. His score will be one of the four scores for his overall bid for the perpetual trophy.

Ginger Luckey struggled during Fall Gold Cup to try and win the regatta finding her self frustrated at the end of a few races with light breeze and tough competition. She came back strong at the North Series sailing one of the most composed regattas I have seen. Though she was slotted to bring home 2nd place after the first day, she sailed as though every race was a new regatta and ended up finishing with a 1, 2, 2 during the second day and won the regatta in the B fleet (welcome to the A's :-)!)

Sunny Scarbrough showed her natural talent and was within just a few points of winning the C1 division while still bringing home a 3rd place trophy.

The rocket ship award goes to a sailor with a red boat that is so fast, you can hardly see him! Matt McDermaid came in 2nd place in the C2 fleet out of 16 boats while James Temple, Elle Merrill and Hilton Beckham followed close behind in 3rd, 4th and 6th respectively. Richard Bell sailed his first ever C2 regatta and had some awesome starts showing them he belonged with the talent!

Finally in the C3 fleet, we saw Dugan Farrell with his new Corsair take home the 2nd place trophy and graduate up to the C2 fleet, while Sawyer Gibbs, John Merrill and Andrew Cole followed close behind.

Certainly, one of the most exciting things to see right now in our junior sabot racing program is the amount of C fleet talent we have right now. As they all compete against each other, they continue to graduate one by one up the ranks. As of right now, we boast 22 C1 and C2 sailors who are no longer beginner racers and continue to improve each time they sail. Keep up the great work guys!

Another event that we competed in was the BCYC Corinthian Cup. This is the first year they have ever done this event and it was a successful and fun regatta. The event was built around a team championship in that each student, no matter where they placed earned points for their team. For example, if there were 13 boats in a fleet, a first place finish in a race would earn a sailor 13 points for the team while a second place finish would earn 12 points, etc. We sent a team of 9 sailors, primarily younger students who are on fire for sailing right now and actually came within 7 points of winning the whole thing and took home a close second to BCYC for our team! The overall highest point earner of the entire regatta actually ended up being our very own Bridget Luckey in the C3 fleet, earning 103 points for the team along with winning the C3 division and moving on up to the C2 fleet! There were lots of awards and honors brought home by many individuals including Sawyer Gibbs who received sportsmanship recognition during the awards. Great job team ABYC!

Finally, it is time to introduce the Junior Board for the 2006-2007 sailing year. This year's Junior Rear Commodores are AJ Robinson and Laura Newton. Their Directors are Sydney Bolger (double handed director – liason to USSC and last year's commodore), Alex Vaught (special events director), Cameron Summers (laser fleet director) and Max Clemmer (secretary). The Junior Rear Commodores have additionally appointed Sabot A fleet director Jack Jorgensen, B fleet director Ginger Luckey, and C fleet director Elle Merrill. Congratulations to them all! We are truly looking forward to one of the most outstanding and competent junior boards we have ever seen!

It was undoubtedly a great month for our students and I could not be prouder of them. Up next we will be heading down to Mission Bay for the second leg of the North Series and then back to ABYC for the Turkey Day Regatta. It will be fun for sure and we'll see you on the water!

Brad Schaupter, ABYC Jr. Program Director



Our new junior board...from left to right...Sydney Bolger, AJ Robinson, Laura Newton, Max Clemmer, Cameron Summers and Alex Vaught.

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The South Pacific Islands (Marqueses and Tuamotus to Tahiti)

After 25 days at sea dropping the anchor was truly a relief. Our landfall was several days later than we had all hoped. With the anchor firmly set in Baie Taiohae on Nuku Hiva our spirits were high. By this time we had burned through the majority of our potent potables, beer and wine and we were anxious set foot on solid ground. After checking in with the Gendarme and posting our Bond of \$1,300 per man we were free to roam around this small town.

The town of Taiohae is quite small and set at the foot of a deep bay which provides reasonable protection from the Easterly winds. Some wave action was present as well as the wakes from vessels crossing the Bay or arriving/departing the commercial quay on the SE side of the bay. A small landing area is available, regularly used for dinghies, at the bottom of the bay on the East. The local fishermen use this to unload their daily catch and it also houses an Internet Café, a small local coffee house and a Yacht Services business.

Our arrival in Taiohae coincided with the last few days of the July Festival. The Festival is held in a large open building which was extended on one side to the East with a complex of food stalls all covered under a temporary thatched roof. We entered this building and witnessed a group of young Marquisian women doing traditional Marquisian dancing; this was not a show for the tourists! It was the real thing organized by the people of the Island for their own enjoyment – it was quite a spectacle!



Church at Daniel's Bay

The following week we moved west to what is popularly known as Daniel's Bay – one of the most protected anchorages I've ever seen. Adjacent to Daniels Bay is a small inlet which is fed by a small river which can be navigated in a dinghy for several hundred yards. The water is fast moving not more than a ¼ mile up stream and provides for great fun enjoying the small rapids and getting laundry done as well. This river leads up to a water fall which can be accessed on a marked trail and takes about an hour and a half to hike through some real jungle.

South of Nuku Hiva is the Island of Ua Pou not but 20 miles away. After a quick re-supply run to Taiohae we spent two nights on Ua Pou in the villages of Hakahau and Hakahetau. Ua Pou has several spires which make it visually one of the most dramatic islands in the Marqueses. From there we were off to the Tuamotu Archipelago,

450 miles to the W/SW. On the morning of the fourth day we arrived at the Manihi Atoll.

This was our first experience entering a lagoon through a narrow pass and it was very exciting and scary. The pass is fairly narrow and pinches at the inside end. Andrew stood on top of a make shift platform providing guidance to get us through the pass and around the coral heads and the pearl farms in the lagoon. We took an anchorage off the village of Manihi in 90' of water. We later found our anchor fouled on some coral when we decide to move to another location later that day. But the weather came up and spent the next two days exploring the island. We needed a diver to clear the anchor and were fortunate to locate Raphael who ran the diving at the Pearl Lodge across the lagoon. He cleared our anchor for \$100 and we were on our way to Atoll Rangiroa, 100 miles further W/SW.

When we arrived in Rangiroa the weather was perfect and the anchorage large and adjacent to a large hotel as well as the Pension Glorine. We dined two nights at the Glorine and the food, as well as the hospitality was terrific – the location was great too. The water was a deep turquoise and with the palms on the motu in the background made you feel you were in paradise.

From here we were off to Tahiti, look for our next report.

From Brian, Andrew and Kevin, Fair winds and calm seas.

Kevin Ellis

**Turkey Day Regatta
November 18-19**



from the pages of history

November seems to pass for "New Year's" at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club as the new officers, Board of Directors and committees take over. Also, many fleets elect new leaders at this time. So the SOU'WESTER's of past have a lot of stuff about the coming year, as well as reports on events just past. And, as always, themes of today echo those of the past.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

Tick Weber penned his first "Commodore's Comments" in the November, 1977, edition of the SOU'WESTER. He was happy to be serving with "one of the best Boards ever elected by our membership," a Board that was about to submit a comprehensive By Laws revision proposal to the membership that was supervised by Sid and Ann Exley. Major infrastructure projects were on tap for the coming year, too, and a new committee had been set up to oversee the Junior Program.

One of the busiest volunteers of thirty years ago was a fellow named Don Brackenbury; many of us remember him as a regular Bay PRO and a regular contributor to the SOU'WESTER (Don worked as a reporter for the local paper), but this year he was also the roster chairman. He asked for updates for the coming year; apparently an endemic problem was that most folks were pretty lackadaisical about getting their updated info to the club when addresses or phone numbers changed, and Don was trying to get ahead of the curve. He was also recruiting folks to serve on the Race Committee. Sounds like a busy guy.

Mary Croes reported on the activities of the "First Mates," the group for ABYC women. They held monthly meetings, usually on a Thursday morning early in the month; October's meeting featured flower arrangements by Steve Marinoff, a local florist; November's meeting had a linen workshop scheduled; and the meeting in December would feature a speaker on the Long Beach Youth Home.

ABYC I-14 sailors Jack Wills and Bob Curry traveled via motorhome to Seattle in October, 1976, where Jack won the Fleet Championship in Shilshole Bay; he also was waiting patiently for the arrival of his new boat, an "Opus II," which was built with a lower hull of fiberglass and an upper hull of cold-molded mahogany...Keith Dodson, Ted Stoker and Rich Caley took their C-15's to the Cecil R. King Inverted Start Race at King Harbor, where Keith took third and Ted fourth...the Sabotier Fleet was holding a "Ballast is Beautiful" series of three regattas where the classes were divided by skippers' weight; there were 32 entrants in four divisions for the first race...

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

In the November, 1986, SOU'WESTER, Commodore Tom Ramsey announced some changes at ABYC, notably the replacement of a single Race Committee Chairman, who was expected to run every ABYC race of the year, with a number of race officers who each volunteered to run a race or two. A new Social Events Coordinator was named to keep track and assist in the planning of social events. And the "group of retired and semi-retired members" who have "volunteered countless hours to the club during the week" was formally recognized as the "Over-the-Hill Mob."

Ladies' Day was a themed regatta in 1986: Hollywood was the theme and 27 "Leading Ladies" were on hand for the regatta. Trophies resembled Oscar statuettes. Even the volunteers got Hollywood-themed titles: PRO Tony Fallon was "director," George Caddle was "key grip" as the man in charge of the ramp team and Ed Feo was the "chief critic" as head of the protest committee. The winner of the A division was Betty Barr of San Diego Yacht Club; ABYC's Winnie Wills won in the B division.

The 1986 Stag Cruise drew 50 men to Corsair Cove in an event co-chaired by Dan Clapp and Bud Lorbeer; Chris Ericksen and Tony Fallon "led after-dinner singing around the roaring campfire" before an "amusing and eye-opening film" was shown...Mike Segerblom and Ron Rosenberg, in a borrowed boat, won the Snipe NA's in September on San Francisco Bay without having to sail the last race...the donation of a grand piano to the club by Staff Commodore Jack Graye was acknowledged; the piano had already been delivered and now "graces our second deck".

TEN YEARS AGO:

Commodore Patrick Bixby reported in his "Commodore's Comments" for the November, 1996, SOU'WESTER, that a lot of hardware had been collected by ABYC members in the recently previous months. The US SAILING National Offshore Championship for the Lloyd Phoenix Trophy, then just ten years old, had been held at LBYC for the first time, and an ABYC team led by Keith Ives and including ABYC members Jim and Rob Fuller and Jared Morford won. New ABYC member Jeff Newsome brought trophies for both the US SAILING Area J Multihull Championship and the National Multihull Championship for the Hobie Alter Cup home from King Harbor Yacht Club. An ABYC team in Melges 24's that included Wally Hollyday, Steve Flam, Tom Paulling and Bob Falk took second at the Los Angeles Yacht Club Watts Trophy Regatta. It was a good summer.

Ladies' Day and Men's Day were sailed back to back on the same weekend in 1996. Robin Townsend was the woman of the year as she apparently coordinated most of the regatta in advance and then went on to finish fourth in the A division on Saturday. ABYC ladies swept the B division, however, taking the top seven places; the big winner was Judy Mathias, who won the B division and two of the three perpetual trophies. The men, who raced on Sunday, were divided by weight, as usual: Carl Reynolds, Mike Sentovich and Don Hodges were the three division winners, with Carl earning the Men's Day Perpetual by winning the heavyweight division with three first-place finishes.

Service award winners for the year included Sandy Toscan (the Ted Matson Memorial Service Award), Mara Bell (the Frances Dixon Nason Sportsmanship Trophy) and Curtis Spencer IV (the Don L. Adams Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Junior Sailor...the Stag Cruise went to Balboa YC's facility at White's Landing; there was no report, but some photos...new memberships in process included that of Jim and Diane Bateman, owners of a Holder 20 and a Laser and parents of two boys; I wonder how that turned out...

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

2007 committee chairs

ladies day 2006

Sunday October 8th provided fine weather for Sabot racing. The total 23 entrants braked out in Classes as follows: 10 Ladies A, 7 Ladies B, and 6 men's division. ABYC sailors that trophied were Jane McNaboe 3rd in Ladies A; Tom Newton 2nd and Fred Stevens 3rd in Mens. Fair Sabot winds were offset by a significant tidal flow as the bay emptied from a high of 6.7 to a low of -0.7. For a blow by blow tide report just ask Wendy Seigal or anyone else that had to negotiate the tough launch ramp angle while pulling out. For light supper, Kelly Whitlow created a good stew served in bread bowls. Guest sailors, 4 from SDYC, 3 from MBYC, and 5 from BYC, extended thanks to ABYC for our hospitality and especially the fine race committee of the 505 fleet organized by PRO Kevin Taugher.

Special thanks to Jane McNaboe for jumping in at the last minute to enter and run the computer scoring program.

John Massey

7th Annual Boxing Day Regatta Pursuit Race Saturday December 30, 2006

This years Boxing Day regatta will be on Saturday December 30, and your last chance to hit the water in 2006! Once again there will be a pursuit race. In a pursuit race the slowest boats start first and the fastest last. Last year saw the Etchells work their way through the fleet from nearly the last starting time to win.

Mark your calendars and make sure that you don't miss the seventh annual Boxing Day Pursuit Race, a fun day on the bay, Saturday December 30, 2006 starting at 1pm.

Get off the couch and work off some of that Turkey.

Mark Townsend

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thank you jay and pease glaser

We had a small emergency recently when one of our regattas was missing flags for the inside race course. Jay and Pease Glaser were kind enough to step up and hand make some beautiful flags for us in a very short period of time.

Here's the kicker, they only charged us for the fabric! Very generous of them! They are an example of great people pitching in for the club. Please thank them when you see them!

Merle Asper

hails from the fleets



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

Lots of things happening in our fleet but first; the latest on Kevin and Brian in the South Seas. As of last month they were planning to spend December in New Zealand. But 'the best laid plans of man and beast etc.' have definitely gone astray. Now it is back to the Marquesas and from there to Hawaii for December. Hawaii in December does not sound too bad to me so this is just a small delay before getting back on their original schedule. Brian will fly to Alaska to take care of some financial problems while Kevin stays with the boat. Brian and Kevin have been joined by Andrew, a relative of Kevin's.

If you missed the Pineblock Regatta October 15, you missed out on pure fun. Jeanne and Bob always put on a great race and picnic complete with prizes. The best part is the spectators have just as much fun as the competitors. Results are as follows: Gold Flight 1st Elizabeth Buchanan, 2nd Dan Clapp, 3rd Bob Chubb. Silver Flight 1st John Perone, 2nd George Caddle, 3rd Joe Riddick. Grand Finally 1st Dan Clapp, 2nd Bob Chubb.

The most important news for our upcoming fleet year is the formation of a triad to be in charge of the fleet. Said triad being Judy Mathias, Joe Riddick and John Brennan who deserve a big thanks and SUPPORT from the fleet members. Minutes from their first meeting include: (1) Budget. The fleet took two big hits this past year, \$500 to ABYC for our share toward the purchase of a motor and a 'fleet host picnic with expensive wine' that was over the top. Result is to budget all functions. (2) Christmas Party December 8, with the Sabot Fleet will be a no host party. Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres. This is always a great party with the same great pianist from last year playing Christmas carols plus the fun games and prizes. Joe Riddick from the Keelboat Fleet and John Ellis from the Sabotier Fleet are in charge. (3) Calendar for this coming fleet year is ready and will be passed out at the November meeting. First on the calendar is the ABYC Membership Meeting January 19 for which both the Sabotier and Keelboat Fleets are responsible for the meal and speaker. George Caddle from our fleet and someone from the Sabotier will be in charge. Any volunteers would be appreciated.

Dues are due, bring or send ten dollars to Sue Brennan, 118 Glendora Ave. Long Beach, CA 90803. Checks made out to Keel Boat Fleet. Whew! See you at the November fleet meeting hopefully but for sure at the Christmas Party.

George C



Iwould like to thank these sailors for sailing in the Ladies Day Regatta: Jane McNaboe, Dianne

Gonzales, Nancy Grubbs, Jennifer Kuritz, Sheila Eberly, Wendy Siegal, Tom Newton, Fred Stevens and Mike Gass. I really appreciated their efforts. There were 10 of us and 13 from out of town. Congratulations

to Jane McNaboe, who trophied, 3rd in the A Fleet and won the Ladies Day ABYC Perpetual Trophy for best sailor from ABYC. Betty Becker won the Ladies Day Overall Perpetual. Tom Newton and Fred Stevens were 2nd and 3rd in the Mens' Div. with Mike Gass right in there.

Fred Stevens won the Charity Reg. with 6 pts, Jane McNaboe, 8 pts, and Dianne Gonzales, 8 pts. Others seen at the scene were Jennifer Kuritz, Wendy Siegal, Mack Mills and Mary Riddick.

Also, congratulations again to Lee and Fred for getting 1st and 2nd at BYC Sept. 20 in the S.C.W.S.A.

THE CALENDAR

Dec. 8, Christmas Party

Anyone 18 and over is invited to join our Fleet and sail with us. Give us a call if we can help you.

Junior Parents, we invite you to join our Fleet Races and Halloween Regatta, a good one to get your feet wet, figuratively speaking that is.

Mary Riddick

more senior sabots

Sunday October 22nd 12 great sailors came out sail assisted by Al Nelson, PRO, Jinx Ellis Duncan Harrison, and Steve Kuritz on the race committee. The winners were (1) Robin Townsend, (2) Bob Ware and (3) Jane McNaboe. Dianne Gonzales and John Ellis were close but didn't trophy.

The Installation of our new Fleet Captain was postponed until next month when Isabelle Lounsberry, our new Fleet Captain and Mary Riddick, our past Fleet Captain will be back in town. Bobby Ware will hold the coronation items until then.

Mark Townsend and Robin ran the meeting for Isabelle and presented the list of officers:

Fleet Captain: Isabelle Lounsberry; Asst. Fleet Captain: Dianne Gonzales, Treasurer and Chief Measurer: John Ellis, Historian: Don Wilson, Sabotier E-Mailer: Dale Berkihiser, Sou'Wester Scribe: Barbara Gabriel. Wine Steward: Bob Ware PRO: Al Nelson, John Mcnaughton, and Mark Townsend will share as available. Race Committee Joe Riddick, Jinx Ellis, and Barbara Gabriel INSA: Lee Berlinger SCWSA: Mary Riddick We are in need of a Trophy Chairman. Please call Isabel if you can help.

Events coming up are The Christmas Party (Please call Judy Mathais or Joe Riddick if you'd like to help) the November Fleet Race, Meeting and Installation, and the January Meeting, which is our responsibility. Call Isabelle if you would like to serve.

As we change guard, it is time to remind everybody that our \$7.00 dues are now due. Please bring them in at the next meeting or mail them to John Ellis.

Thanks to Mary Riddick for a great year!

Barbara Gabriel

hails from the fleets



Ten Etchells teams turned out for an incredibly successful and informative clinic led by long-time Etchells champion and sailmaker Jud Smith on Saturday, October 14, where everyone learned something—including why you should keep a better look-out.

The day started under clouds threatening rain. After Jud checked in and carded some newly-delivered Doyle-Curtis sails on the Second Deck, the participants adjourned to the Quarterdeck for a short introductory session complete with hot coffee and doughnuts. The clinic moved to the dock where Jeff Powell and Gordon Dudley had moored their USA531 so that it could be used for the initial discussion. Jud covered rig set-up, sail trim and the importance of keeping track of settings in different wind conditions before the fleet, whose boats were already in the water, began to rig; Jud went from boat to boat to offer suggestions.

Then it was off onto the water. Cal 20 fleet members Ken Reiff and Mike Schoettle ran three, two-lap races on a short course set off Seal Beach as Jud, with Bruce Golison as boat driver and assistant coach, came out to videotape the starts and the races. During the races Jud and Bruce motored along behind each boat to offer tips and critiques. Their videotaped observations were shown later in the day after everyone had returned to the Quarterdeck so that everyone could learn from seeing what they'd seen and hearing what advice they'd passed along.

The three races were scored as a regatta, and the winners were Jim Barber, Doug Jorgensen and Bob Newsome in USA126; Jerry Montgomery, sailing with Bob Anderson and Grant Hill, were second. Third place went to...well, that's a story.

Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen, sailing DESPERADO with Chris Rulla, were pretty fast: they won the first race, managed a top-three finish in the second race after a lucky gybe and were leading the fleet on the last run of Race Three when disaster struck. And we mean struck: they failed to see Larry Harvey and Pat McCormick in TUSK, who were coming across the course on port tack after the DESPERADO's had rounded and set. When DESPERADO gybed, they managed to keep TUSK in the blind spot made by the spinnaker and T-boned the leeward boat, punching a hole in her port side and deck but sustaining no damage to themselves. Nobody was hurt and TUSK made it safely back to the dock; DESPERADO retired from the race and scored third place for the regatta.

After the debrief—where the sound of the collision and Jud's exclamation punctuated the view of the two boats getting unstuck (they missed the actual incident)—the fleet enjoyed a barbecue dinner with an alfresco bar prepared by the ABYC staff.

The success of the clinic is due not only to Jud Smith's coaching but to the hard work and organizational skills of Jeff Powell, our Fleet Captain, and his partner Gordon Dudley, the fleet Treasurer. Steve Flam and his new wife Ilana graciously put Jud up in their home while Bruce Golison served as Jud's chauffeur both afloat and ashore. Special thanks go to the Cal 20 fleet for giving up the day of sailing and providing race-committee help, and to Kelly Whitlow and the ABYC staff for dinner.

There is much on the calendar for the Etchells in November. Our last fleet regatta with the Cal 20 fleet is set for Sunday, November 5, and the ABYC Turkey Day Regatta is set for Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19. There is also interest in sailing the Seal Beach Yacht Club Sunday Sailor's Series this year; it is a regatta made up of one race a day for three winter Sunday's, November 12 and 26 and December 10. Watch for more information on this in the coming days.

Chris Ericksen



Other than representing ABYC at the recently concluded educational seminar at Catalina or better known as the STAG CRUISE, the majority of CAL 20 sailors have been preparing for a couple of upcoming regattas. We are expecting a great turnout for both the HALLOWEEN event on Oct. 29 and then the traditional TURKEY DAY Regatta on November 18/19. Each of these events is on schedule to have a large contingent of CAL20's participating. If you haven't signed up yet, what are you waiting for?

If we're talking about Halloween and Turkey, the holidays can't be far away. Well they're not and Fleet 1's Holiday extravaganza (otherwise know as the holiday party) will be held on Dec. 16th.

Cathy Black has graciously offered to hold the party at her home on Naples, and we're thrilled. Stay tuned for more info about this event.

That's about it for now, remember Halloween Regatta on the 29th and Turkey Day on Nov. 18/19.

Kenneth Reiff



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Lots of flags!!



november general meeting

Paul Galvez will be presenting a slide show of the I-14 Worlds on November 17th. Be there!

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