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## multihull regatta 2006

photos by John Richardson

This year's Multi-Hull regatta was much the same as previous years but with a couple twists including a new fleet to our club and some on the water drama in the form of an injured sailor. With the Reynolds 33s making their debut here at ABYC, they continue to impress the Southern Cal racing scene.

These beautiful large cats are as graceful as they are fast. The team of Storr/Dair dominated the five boat fleet with five firsts in six races. However, even with absolutely beautiful conditions of ten to 15 knots of wind and perfectly clear skies, a few boats managed to get their masts wet. One capsized even sent a competitor crashing onto the rig resulting in a broken leg. As usual, though, the ABYC race committee headed by Chuck Tripp, was quick to respond with waiting paramedics on the dock after the quick Whaler ride back to the club. There were confirmed reports however, that she was seen at the club that evening enjoying the food and drink from the comfort of her crutches.



As for the racing, the usual suspects were there in numbers and showed once again why catamaran sailing is so addictive. Starting with the A Cats, Pete Melvin was unstoppable on his way to eight straight firsts in an impressive display of speed and tactical ability. Coming from behind in a few races, he showed



his competition a taste of how he won the world championship in these awesome yachts.

Hobie 16s were again the largest fleet with John & Linda Hauser taking first over Jeff Perlmutter and Susan Stockdale. The venerable Hobie 16 fleet is quite impressive with their diverse group of competitors as well as the close competition. Although small in size, they look very fun and always show why this fleet is so large worldwide.

The F-18 fleet also showed their true form by actually finishing faster than the A Cats in each race. The level of competition in this fleet is clearly improving over previous years as they show great confidence flying spinnakers at incredible speeds. Keith & Curt Christensen won the fleet over ABYC's Jeff Newsome and Peter Nay.

The Laser and C-15 fleets were again responsible for this regatta and along with numerous volunteers, put on another successful show. ABYC's reputation of quality regattas was upheld once again with many comments of appreciation throughout the perfect weekend.

Mike Shea



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Ladies Day .....	October 8

## commodore's comments



**W**ow, it's already September! Where does the time go? My year as commodore is nearly over and it seems like I'm just now starting to get the hang of the job! (That's okay though, I'm also ready to let someone else take over in October.) Being commodore of this very prestigious yacht club is an honor, but as with all volunteer jobs it comes with a lot of hard work and patience. But I'm glad to say that I can't think of anything else that has been so satisfying and provided a huge learning experience.

The last year has gone by very quickly and we've had a few bumps in the road along the way, but nothing that your ABYC Board of Directors couldn't handle. Some of the issues we've tackled this past year are constant refrigeration and mule breakdowns, food and beverage service problems and manager turnover. But I'm confident in telling our membership that we are taking corrective actions to make your Club a great place to be. We are making headway in the mule-replacement program with two new mules and the refurbishing of the old ones. New walk-in refrigeration will be installed in the next month and you will see continuing improvement in our food and beverage services because of a commitment made by the Board of Directors and our new manager.

So, by this time you've probably noticed that we have a new club manager. His name is Kelly Whitlow and he is a Long Beach native. Kelly brings to ABYC years of experience from the tradeshow management industry. His description of managing major tradeshows across the country sounds very similar to our club and regatta management. There is a lot of logistics and event planning that have to be considered when running a tradeshow or a yacht club and Kelly has already jumped in feet first to learn our business. We know that Kelly will be a great asset to the club and we are really looking forward to a super future with him. So please join the Board of Directors in welcoming Kelly to ABYC!

Finally, a friendly reminder; summer is almost over so you better take advantage of the last of the long afternoons and go sailing! Your boat and family will be glad you did before the cold and blustery days of fall and winter take over. Have a great September and we'll see you around the Club!

Fair winds and fast sailing!

*Nicole Peoples-Moffett*

## manager's corner



**I**would like to take a moment to thank the Board of Directors for the opportunity bestowed upon me as the new General Manager of this prestigious organization.

I know the decision did not come lightly, and I will do everything in my power to assure the Board, and members, that I am worthy of this position.

As a Long Beach native and current resident (for more years than I care to remember), I have had an opportunity to visit ABYC on several occasions for mixers, receptions and memorial services. I was always taken by the incredible vistas, casual atmosphere and general ambiance of the facility.

It seems almost unbelievable that now, as I gaze out my office at our beautiful jetty and passing flotilla, that it is *my* facility to guide into the future.

I have been truly blessed the past several years to travel the US and internationally, producing large tradeshows and conventions. These events have encompassed several genres including International Beauty Shows, Home & Garden Shows, Boat Shows, Sportsman Shows, and most recently Off Road Race Expositions.

I've always tried to treat each and every event as if I were inviting guests to my home, (several events exceeded 70,000 attendees), and never forgot the importance of servicing the customer, attendee and exhibitor.

I will always attempt to bring this same passion and commitment of customer service to ABYC as well as prepare us for future growth and the challenges that we may face.

This career change could not have happened without the undying support of my incredible family, my wife Debi, daughters Sarah, Kelli and Emily, son-in-laws Andrew and Christian and our newest joy, Colin, my grandson.

Please take a minute and drop by my office so I may meet each and every one of you personally. My door is ALWAYS open.

Sincerely,

*Kelly Whitlow, General Manager*

### **Sou'Wester DEADLINE**

Friday, September 22, 2006 is the deadline  
for the October Sou'Wester.

## vice commodore's view



The "JO's" were well covered last month but I have a few more comments. Big regattas can be taxing but when you have the right combination of expertise, organization, execution and competitors, they can be great fun and rewarding experiences. This year's US Sailing Junior Olympic Sailing Festival hosted by ABYC was such a regatta. Great regattas require execution of three phases:

Getting the racers here, entered and out on the course,

The racing

Getting the racers scored, trophied, fed and on their way home

Regatta chair Mike Segerblom did an exceptional job of pulling together a top flight team of youth sailing event experts to ensure that we had a world class event. The event was well publicized with press releases, website links and affiliation with the Long Beach Sea Festival. Registration was well organized, efficient and innovative. We used the new US Sailing online registration and payment system for the first time and it worked quite well – thanks in no small part to the efforts of Mette Segerblom who worked diligently with US Sailing and our office to get his set up.

On the water we did truly great work in some challenging conditions. Friday was challenging because of too much wind, Saturday of late wind and Sunday for too-late wind. We used a new modified trapezoid course that facilitated good separation of large fleets with less equipment. Chris Ericksen's, Mike Segerblom's and their support crew's race management work was exemplary. These were accomplished junior sailors who demanded and appreciated the quality of race management they received.

Shore side Stacy Conn worked wonders with organizing the daily ebb and flow of over a hundred hungry teenagers. Again, we had innovation with the build-your-own bag lunches. These not only provided good, fresh food but cut the waste that providing standard lunches to "selective eaters" produces... and it saved money by adjusting our purchases to meet the daily demand. When the racing was over, we had the sailors happily fed, trophied and on the road in short order. Not only did the top performers get their US Sailing medals, but we provided beautiful framed action photos of them in action at this regatta. Our PRO's staged the completion of racing so that we had order at the ramp and their trailers were staged and ready to load and go. Rich Roberts did a great job with press coverage and our results and pictures were posted promptly to our website.

The attention to all these details made this the kind of event for which ABYC is famous. Thank you to everyone involved. *By the way, we also did quite well on the event financially which helps us pay for all the stuff needed to put on these regattas.*

### **Mule report**

We have a new yard mule! After some significant modifications, the manufacturer built us a mule that should serve us well for many years. As noted in a previous Sou Wester, Joe O'Reilly has taken on the task of rebuilding our old mules. He currently has mule "#4" completely torn down. The frame will be rebuilt and all the components will be refurbished or replaced. Special thanks to Joe for his efforts and to Glenn Selvin's Commercial Relocation Company who has pledged to underwrite the cost of the rebuild. It will be repainted and put back in duty before Turkey Day. Our next project will be to rebuild our heavy duty –dual chain drive mule which is the best for moving our larger boats with double axle trailers. The mules are now on maintenance routines to help ensure we have a proper functioning mule team.

### **Yard news**

We had another East Yard clean up and with the departure of one of the big trimarans we have some much needed elbow room for getting the active sailboats in and out of the yard and storing our whalers out of the way. We'll continue to seek the best configuration that provides the best utility and revenue generation for the club.

In the West yard, we've got nearly all of the unused keelboats out but we now need to focus on the dinghies. If you are not actively using your dinghy please sell, donate or dispose of it. We have a long waiting list of active sailors that want your space.

Over the next few weeks we will be looking for poachers and impounding and fining these boats. The initial impound fee is \$50 plus a fine is \$10 per day. Please remember that unless you have an assigned space in the yard for which you pay every month, you may not put your boat or trailer in the yard without registering and paying the temporary storage fee. Doing it right is much cheaper than paying the fines.

September is I-14 Worlds time so expect the club, the yard and the parking lot to be very busy. Please plan accordingly and come down and see these amazing boats in action.

*Jim Bateman, Vice Commodore*

## fleet captain's report



**W**e have the 2006 San Pedro Bay Cup regatta coming up in October, which is team racing and pits the local yacht clubs against each other. I encourage anyone interested to contact Jorge Suarez ([jorge@cedarsbank.com](mailto:jorge@cedarsbank.com)), our challenge chairman. Here is some information and more can be found online at <http://aspyc.scyweb.org/>; The regatta is open to one team from each member club of the Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs (ASPBYC). Each team shall consist of three (3) boats, each of which being a monohull of not less than twenty feet (20') in overall length and with a PHRF rating between 65 and 185. Any combination of handicaps maybe used.

Patience received a stern paint job and the letters of her name were renewed. George, Vern and Duncan had a lot to do with this(as if we did not know)! They never rest! Also thank Jeff Powell when you see him. He provided the vinyl lettering to us at no charge.

Hopefully by now you have all met Kelly Whitlow our new manager. We interviewed 5 great candidates. All were fantastic and could have done the job well, but he shined above the others. He has hit the grounds running. The Club-house looks better than it has looked in a long time and he has just started. Stay tuned for bigger and better accomplishments!

Multihull regatta went well. The C15 and Laser fleets were in charge. These guys were a lot of fun to work with and they sure got the job done. Mike Shea and Chuck Tripp headed the charge and they had it all together to say the least. Their volunteers were a hoot to work with and I look forward to the next event with these fun people.

Labor Day regatta is coming up and it is going to be a big one. We are going to need volunteers. Grant Hill is large and in charge. If you have not been involved with running the regattas, this would be a great way to start. Contact [Grant.Grant.Hill@west.boeing.com](mailto:Grant.Grant.Hill@west.boeing.com) if you can help. I promise you will have a good time.

Jim Drury took the initiative to take our leaky inflatable marks into the shop and get them patched up. Just in case you did not know, Jim does a lot of things around the club and regatta management would not do nearly as well without him. He deserves our gratitude. Thanks Jim!

Finally, I would like to say that if there is a way that you would like to participate more in the running and organizing of any our events, or if you would like to take on some aspect of the club that you feel you could do well with, always feel free to let me know. I will make it easy for your participation to make a difference!

See you all around the Club!

*Merle Asper*

## 2006 annual charity regatta

**T**he 20th Annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta Sunday, September 24th!!

Four racing venues, they are Bay, ABYC; One Design, LBYC; PHRF, SIBYC; Cruising, ORCA and Predicted Log, SYLB. You should have received your NOR's, make your plans and support this yacht club community service event.

The Burger Bash, Silent Auction (we have fabulous items), Drawing (more fabulous items) and of course the Trophy Presentation. It is a day filled with fun, excitement and the opportunity to support this community service event doing what you love - race your boat!!!!

Twenty years ago the four commodores who wanted to help make a difference in the community selected The Children's Clinic to be the beneficiary of the proceeds from the Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta. TCC is still the selected beneficiary of the proceeds and this has been a benefit for all that work and support this truly wonderful group of clinics that make a child's life and family a healthier.

Share in this event with your support of time, donation or regatta entry you will have helped to enrich a child's life.

*Norma Clapp, ABYC Representative*

*"Stag Cruise? I Can't Wait!"*



*October 6-8, 2006, Emerald Cove*

*Call Jorge at 562.260.8116*

*"It's a must!"*

### **Remember When...**

Remember when you were young?

Remember when you could do whatever you wanted to do?

Remember when you were young, and you knew your mom wasn't going to call for the next 3 hours?

Remember when you were young, and three hours was a really long time?

Relive those days at the ABYC Stag Cruise, October 6-8.

Boat charter, camping, games, sports, beverages. Do every one, or nothing at all, just like when you were young.

Contact Jorge Suarez at [jorgesuarez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jorgesuarez@sbcglobal.net) or

(562) 260-8116.

## from the pages of history

Thus far this feature has not focused on a single issue or topic from SOU'WESTER's of old, but I did come across something this month that tickled my fancy. Since there is no SOU'WESTER for September, 1976, in the archives, I grabbed one from September, 1954, more than a half-century ago. What I found in that was a real gem, a lengthy opinion piece entitled, "Within the Bay," bylined by the "Old Salt."

Before you read this, think back to what ABYC was about in 1954. We were less than a ten years away from World War II, during which conflict the club was dormant. The members were still enjoying their clubhouse on the beach down near the corner of Bayshore Drive and Ocean Boulevard, the building that is now the home of the Leeway Sailing Club. Boats were being sailed off the beach, most stored on "sand dollies," wooden trailer-like contraptions that rolled into the water so that the boats could be floated off and on. There were few large keelboats in the club, and those were either cruising boats or large racing boats; some were moored in front of the Naples homes of members while others swung on mooring cans that dotted the Bay.

The yacht club was pretty much a summertime place: there were a few winter and spring events—the SCYA Midwinter and Manning regattas were going on—but mostly there were weekly races in summer months. Classes active then included Skimmers, Rainbows, Snipes, Penguins and Nationals, in addition to the Naples Sabots being sailed by both adults and juniors. A comment in the Sabot article in this SOU'WESTER said that there was some doubt that "these glass Sabots you have heard about are going to be admitted to the National Sabot Association because they do not come up to their specifications." There were also articles about new classes that hoped to come to ABYC, the Lightning and the Viking; while most of us know the Lightning—a 19-foot, undecked sloop designed by Sparkman & Stephens—the Viking was a 20-foot decked sloop built of cedar and mahogany with a ten-foot draft, a ten-foot cabin and a 750-pound keel. Wood was king in boat building in those days, and fiberglass was very much the new (and suspect) material.

Alamitos Bay was still very shallow in spots and had no access to the ocean for rigged sailboats. But change was in the air: the Alamitos Bay Marina was in the planning stages. Another article in the SOU'WESTER said the only projects firmly underway or scheduled in conjunction with that included extending the Alamitos Bay jetties and removing the bridge over the entrance of Alamitos Bay that connected Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach to Ocean Avenue in Seal Beach. Dredging of 52 acres south of the Pacific Electric right-of-way (it ran along what is now Appian Way and crossed into Seal Beach, where it connected to what is now Electric Avenue) was still in the future, as was the building of the first slips in the new marina.

But apparently there was the idea that this new marina might include a new home for Alamitos Bay Yacht Club—nearly ten years before to official opening of our current facility. And with that facility in mind, here is what the "Old Salt" wrote. It is reprinted here with all the original spelling, capitalization and punctuation intact; the parenthetical comments are those that appeared in the original piece and are not those of this writer or the current SOU'WESTER editor:

"There has been a great deal of talk about our proposed new club facility, but so far I haven't heard of anyone who seems to have a concrete plan of what they want. Some people feel that it should be in the nature of a Palm Springs Spa, while others believe the same old shack on the beach should be continued. Somewhere between the two we may find a facility that will suit the greatest number of our members.

"It seems to me that we should have certain objectives in mind in designing our new facilities. We should attempt to preserve our family status. We should continue to encourage our dinghy and small boat classes. We should improve our facilities for boat handling, we should also make provisions for handling large boats. We should improve our program of activities.

"To accomplish these objectives it would seem that in addition to our club house, we must provide for small boats and dinghies a paved yard, ramp and hoist, all to be fenced and lighted. For the large boats, we must provide slips (or perhaps moorings) and a dock for loading and washing down.

"To improve our program, we might consider planning year around activity, a better junior program with social events as well as sailing. Perhaps we can have coke and platter parties for those of Junior High School and High School age. There should be one race series a month from October through May and the usual weekly schedule during the summer. We might try Sunday night buffet suppers once a month during the winter. Why not have a twilight series for all classes, sponsored by the club, with a buffet supper to follow?

"The question of a bar is bound to come up, but to preserve our family status, if a bar is included in our planning, its hours of use should be quite restricted. In order to accomplish the program, we need a facility which at the very minimum will include a large club room, adequate galley, lavatories, shower and dressing rooms and a spacious verandah.

"But what will this cost? First, it probably will not be accomplished all at once. To develop facilities and programs like the large and well-established clubs in the area have, takes a considerable period of time and a large membership to support. Our club is starting with limited funds and a membership of around two hundred regular members who must pay the bill. It has been variously estimated that we will have to raise somewhere between sixty to one-hundred thousand dollars for the type of facilities described above.

"I have noticed that twice in the Sou'Wester, our Board of Directors has asked for suggestions in connection with the building program. I understand that not a single reply has been received by them. On this basis, you just wonder if the membership really does want to make a move! (Editor's note: The opinions expressed above are the personal opinions of the 'Old Salt' and do not represent the views of the magazine, nor the Directors.)"

## history cont...

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This column is an historical undertaking, not an opinion piece: I leave it to you all to consider the thoughts of the members of more than a generation ago. Yet let me observe that are many parallels between our present and our past, and this piece from the pages of history show this yet again. And think of how the history of ABYC, like the history of any organization or society, shows us all the time how much of a debt of gratitude we owe to the thoughts and dreams of those who came before us.

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

## cal 20 class championships

photos by Ken Reiff

**W**hat do you say about the class championship for a boat that last saw production approximately 30+ years ago, CAL20 Class Championship.

This year the championship regatta was hosted by Fleet 13, Royal Victoria Yacht Club on July 7, 8 and 9<sup>th</sup>. Overall there were 23 boats racing with 1 boat from Long Beach (our own Mitch Schroeder and crew Frank), 1 from Portland, 8 from Vancouver, 2 from San Juan Island and 11 from Victoria. In general, that is on Friday and Saturday they saw mostly light winds up to about 10 knots, usually less. For those of us who get a bit upset if there aren't enough races run in a particular afternoon would have enjoyed this regatta. They ran 5 races in on Friday, then 2 on both Saturday and Sunday; a grand total of 10 races over the 3 days without any throw outs. In addition there weren't even any protests during the entire regatta. They must really know how to play well together up there in the Northwest.

OK, I know you just want to know who won, yes Mitch Schroeder who was the SOLE CAL20 from Long Beach or even all of CALIFORNIA walked away with the big prize. In fact, when you look at the results; he blew them out of the water. Over the 10 races Mitch and Frank scored a total of 27 points, the number 2 boat came in with 41 and number 3 with 42. After day 1 its sort of a miracle that anyone showed up on Sat. or Sun, because Mitch scored 3 firsts, a third and a fourth on day 1 alone. Overall Mitch and Frank got 4 firsts (out of 10 races), 3 thirds, 1 fourth and 2 fifths (not the kind you drink).

I can only imagine how he and Frank would have sailed if he had some of his fellow ABYC Fleet 1 members on the line?

So here are the all the results:

**GRAND PRIZE: Mitch Schroeder, Fleet 1 ABYC**

Second Place: Fred Poustie, Fleet 13, Royal Victoria YC

Third Place: Colin Jackson, Fleet 38, Vancouver

MASTERS: Gerry Thompson

TOP Female: Helga Sheppard (on CAL20 #1)

Ugliest Boat: Colin Jackson

Prettiest Boat/Trailer: Brian Barnett's X from Portland

**FROM FLEET 1: CONGRATULATIONS MITCH AND FRANK, YOU DID US PROUD!!!**

*Ken Reiff*



*Mitch Schroeder -*



*Rounding the mark*



*Starting line*

## the bay clogger (junior sailing)

If you have been around the club lately, you can probably notice by the decrease in noise level that the summer junior sailing program has wrapped up, but not without a bang. As the program ended and we had our annual awards banquet for the students, a group of 21 racers loaded up the trailers and packed their bags for Junior Sabot Nationals in Mission Bay, San Diego. This is the toughest regatta of the year for our sailors as they go through four days of rigorous sailing including qualifications, flight selections and two days of the championship series against the best in Southern California. We had 15 of the 21 qualify this year, which was a record for ABYC in the past decade or more. In addition to that, the sailors did very well during flight selections with 5 qualifying for Gold fleet, 4 qualifying for Silver fleet, 3 qualifying for Bronze fleet, and 3 qualifying for Iron fleet. The staff could not remember a time when we had so many students qualify for Gold fleet. The students who did not qualify for Nationals moved on to another regatta called the cove cup and also did extremely well. It is hard to say with words how proud we are of them all!

Here are the results for the ABYC Sabot team...

Jack Jorgensen - 11th in Gold Flight (missed the trophies by one point!)

Samantha Gebb - 15th in Gold Flight

Riley Gibbs - 23rd in Gold Flight (and only 9 years old!)

AJ Robinson - 25th in Gold Flight

Laura Newton - 29th in Gold Flight

Kaley Dodson - 12th in Silver Flight

Lauren Bussey - 15th in Silver Flight

Rob Rice - 18th in Silver Flight (only 10 years old)

Derek Smith - 27th in Silver Flight

Cory Dodson - 6th in Bronze Flight

Savannah Robinson - 22nd in Bronze Flight (first Nationals)

Kevin Baumann - 29th in Bronze Flight (first Nationals and only 10 years old)

Elle Merrill - 15th in Iron Flight (first Nationals ever!)

Ginger Luckey - 26th in Iron Flight

Zack McDaniel - 29th in Iron Flight

Davis Bakker - Missed qualifying by one point!

Palmer Luckey - Received 1st in one of the Cove Regattas

James Temple - Just a few spots out of qualifying and it's his first year in Naples Sabots!

Hilton Beckham - Also just a few spots out and her first year sailing! She received 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Cove Regatta.

Richard Bell - Displayed some great sportsmanship and sailed outstandingly at the Cove Regatta

Alex Newton - Sailed qualifications and the Cove Regatta

We also had five students participate in Laser Radial World Championships, which included Cameron Summers, Alex Vaught, Ian Paice, Ryan McNaboe, and Kurt Buchbinder. They did extremely well in a very tough event. Congratulations to them all! The instructors and parents could not be prouder of our team!

Coming up, we have our Fall Junior Program starting. Information regarding that can be found on our junior website at [www.fleetracing.net](http://www.fleetracing.net).

*Brad Schaupter, ABYC Junior Sailing Director*

### look what we found!



*This was our sailing team six years ago and includes three of our current instructors (Graham Bell, Andrew McDade and Chris McNaboe.)*

*Left to right...back row...*

*Sarah McNaboe, Alden Knowles, Garrett Brown, Dustin Delgado, Graham Bell, Jake?*

*Front row...*

*Adam Denny, Tyler Scarsbrough, Chase Young, Chris McNaboe, Andrew McDade*



# international 14 nationals

## Hamlin and McNicol crash I-14 class in style

photos by Rich Roberts

**H**oward Hamlin and crew Euan McNicol added to their sailing laurels Monday by breaking into the International 14 class with a runaway victory in the national championships.

Over three days Hamlin, of Long Beach, and McNicol, of Sydney, Australia, won six of eight races. Their only two slips—if second place is a slip—were when they capsized in one race Sunday and chased 11-time and defending champion Zach Berkowitz of San Francisco, sailing with crew Mike Martin of Newport Beach, across the line in Monday's next-to-last race.

Berkowitz and Martin wound up third overall, behind Tina Baylis and crew-husband Trevor of Santa Cruz, who won the other race that Hamlin/McNicol did not and were second in six others.

The event hosted by the US Sailing Center of Long Beach was a tune-up for American hopefuls competing in the International 14 World Championship Sept. 14-17 to be hosted by Hamlin and Martin's own Alamitos Bay Yacht Club down the street.



Howard Hamlin and crew Euan McNicol prepare to jibe.



Boehm and Mohler were knocked flat in collision with Reutenik and Murray.

Today the nation, next month the world?

"They're my pick to win the Worlds," said Martin, who has won a world title as Hamlin's crew on an 18 Skiff. "They sailed in a full range of conditions this weekend and did very well."

Hamlin's response: "He said that a month ago—that we'd win the 505 [class] Worlds and the I-14s—and he's already half wrong."

Hamlin was second by only two points in the 505 Worlds in Great Britain earlier this month before stepping onto an I-14 on an invitation from McNicol.

"We were sitting down at dinner one night last year and I said, 'The Worlds are at Long Beach and you would be pretty silly not to do them out in front of your house.' "

Hamlin answered, "I will if you will," so they went right down to

Wal-Mart and bought an I-14 . . . well, not exactly.

"It's a strong class and a hard boat to sail," said Hamlin, "harder than a 505 or an 18 Skiff. I'm lucky that Euan asked me to do this with him."

Most of their wins were runaways in winds ranging from 4 to 18 knots over the three days, with the strongest winds in mid- to late afternoon. The Baylises were battling bow to bow in Monday's first race until they suddenly fell back.

"We got kelp on our centerboard up near the windward mark," Trevor Baylis said. "We had him for awhile, but it didn't matter. He was faster."

Berkowitz/Martin were the only boat to lead Hamlin/McNicol at the first windward mark in the entire regatta and went on to a comfortable victory.

"He went hard left and the biggest left shift we saw all day came through," Baylis said.

There were only three capsizes Monday after Saturday and Sunday's wild flip shows, probably because the races started earlier at 11 a.m. and were over before the strongest wind arrived around 3 o'clock.

Seventeen boats started the regatta and 14 finished it Monday. Top finishers (17 boats; 8 races):

1. Howard Hamlin/Euan McNicol, Long Beach, 1-1-1-1-(2)-1-2-1, 8 points.
2. Tina and Trevor Baylis, Santa Cruz, 2-2-2-2-1-2-(3)-1, 13.
3. Zach Berkowitz/Mike Martin, San Francisco, 4-3-4-3-(18/DNF)3-1-4, 22.

Complete results: [www.ussailingctr-longbeach.org/](http://www.ussailingctr-longbeach.org/)

Rich Roberts, Press Officer



The wife drives for team of Tina and Trevor Baylis, who finished second.



## international 14 worlds

It's here! Starting officially on Tuesday, Sept. 5, the 2006 International 14 Worlds will begin: by the time you read this, we will officially be underway. Teams from Australia, Great Britain, Germany, Japan, Canada, and even the Hawaiian fleet will join a large American contingent to have some great sailing along Sunset Beach.

Come on down and get a "pier-side" seat for the World Team Racing Championship on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 7 and 8, off Belmont Pier. The fleet racing part of the World Championship Regatta starts with a practice race on Saturday, Sept. 9 and the Worlds will be raced every day from Sunday, Sept. 10 through Saturday, Sept. 16. While that will take place offshore, there is much to see and learn shoreside. Walk along the beach next to the club and get "up close and personal" to these innovative, modern, ever-evolving hi-tech skiffs; feel free to ask questions and watch them launch off the beach every day to practice and race.

All of the festivities of the I-14 Worlds are open to club members, so come on down and make some new friends. You will find that some of the sailors and judges have been to ABYC on many, many occasions. The World Team Racing Championship opening ceremony is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 6, with the World Championship Regatta opening ceremony set for the evening of Saturday, Sept. 9. A good old-fashioned ABYC Burger Bash is planned for Sunday, Sept. 10, after the first day of the World Championship Regatta, and a dinner catered by the Naples Rib Company is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 13. The regatta will end with a gala awards ceremony aboard the Queen Mary, complete with dinner and dancing. Complete schedules will be available at the club.

If you'd like to watch on the water, spectator boats will be available; check in with Chris Ericksen @ [chris491@earthlink.net](mailto:chris491@earthlink.net). And if you have any questions about or want to make reservations for any of the dinners, contact Yvonne Galvez @ [yvonnegalvez@hotmail.com](mailto:yvonnegalvez@hotmail.com). Of course, once the regatta is underway, the easiest way to reach either Chris or Yvonne is to come on down to the club!

Plan to come down and see the best skiff sailors in the world at the 2006 I-14 Worlds. More information is available at the official regatta website, [www.I14Worlds2006.com](http://www.I14Worlds2006.com).



## calling all ladies with sabots

Sunday, Oct 8, is Ladies' Day in Sabots. So dust your sabot off and come on out to sail. All levels are encouraged to sail: "A's", "B's" and "C's". Plus a Men's Division. Let's support this ABYC Sailing Tradition and have a good time, too. Any questions, please call me.

*Mary Riddick, Sabot Fleet Captain*

## more friends of patience

Who ever was the author/song writer of "We are all in our places with bright shining faces" must have been talking about Vern Peterson and me. But one look at our smiles at the brand new lettering on Patience's transom that ABYC club member Jeff Powell donated, (and had his installer affix the decal), tells the story. Many thanks Jeff and thanks for all the rest you have done for Patience in the past.

Vern and I are looking for some club member to help with some work on our load hailer/intercom system. We also were donated a GPS by Mickey Beland that needs to be installed and are hoping someone will volunteer.

*George C.*

With deep sadness we announce the passing of Diane Parrill on July 30th after a brief battle with cancer.



# hails from the fleets



## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

**K**evin and Brian report from Ua Pou Hakahetau, August 15. All is well. We left Nuku Hiva yesterday and spent the night in Hakahau which was fairly uncomfortable. Hakahetau is one of the most beautiful places we have ever seen. You are stunned by the spire peaks on the Island. It is located just 23 miles south of Nuka Hiva.

We leave for the Toumotuos Saturday. We expect to arrive in 3-4 days, a total of 450 miles. For the most part the boat continues to function well. We do however have some issues with the batteries not living up to our expectations.

Best, Kevin and Brian

Remember there is no Keel Boat Fleet Meeting in September because of the I 14 Worlds Regatta. However Jeanne Reid and Bob Chubb will put on their famous Pinewood Model Boat Regatta Sunday, October 15. This is always great fun for both racers and spectators.

Bob Chubb will send out a mailer with details about the first of October.

Put Friday, November 10, in big red letters on your calendar to remind you of the next Keel Boat Fleet meeting and potluck dinner.

George C.



**O**n Aug. 13 we had 12 boats on a good day for sailing.

Thanks go to Al Nelson, Barbara Gabriel, Jinx and John Ellis, Joe Riddick, Dale Berkihiser, John McNaughton and Bob Ware for their good Fleet Work. Trophy winners were Bob Ware, 1<sup>st</sup>; Lee Berlinger, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Jane McNaboe, 3<sup>rd</sup> and John Ellis, 4<sup>th</sup>. We always have a wine time, a meeting and a dinner after our monthly Fleet Races. You are welcome to join in.

July Twilights were fun and very successful, with 15 sailors, and close scores. 1<sup>st</sup> Place was Mary R.; 2<sup>nd</sup> was Bob Ware; 3<sup>rd</sup> was John Ellis; 4<sup>th</sup> was Chris McNaboe; 5<sup>th</sup> was Fred Stevens, Sr.

We need more "B" and "C" adult sailors, so if you are available, please come out and join us for sailing.

Sunday, Sept. 24, is the Charity Regatta. Everyone is encouraged to sail in this one. You don't need to be a member of anything. It's a good Practice Race.

Sunday, Oct. 8, is Ladies' Day in Sabots, for ALL levels of sailors. Save this date on your calendar. Please come and join in this ABYC tradition, Men's Division, too.

Any questions, please call me.

Mary Riddick, Fleet Captain



**A**BYC's **Cameron Summers** and **Alex Vaught** may be just a bit sun-burnished and sore from hiking having competed in the Laser PCC's, late July at Cabrillo Beach YC, the Laser **Radial** Men's Worlds Championship at California YC the first week of August, followed immediately by the Laser Youth Worlds also at California YC. Another ABYC member at the Men's Worlds was **Chris Raab** who finished a very respectable 18<sup>th</sup> in a fleet of 71 Laser **Radial** racers from around the world. Your author was also there and despite some much appreciated coaching and encouragement from **Chris Raab**, I finished well down in the standings.

The conditions in Santa Monica Bay were challenging at best with a wicked chop on most days or light conditions. The Men's fleet was relegated to start following two flights of Women's **Radials**. With more boats in the Men's fleet, the Race Committee had to hoist anchor of the 35 ft. sailboat used as one end of the start line and reset a longer line following the lady's starts. Well, with the occasional General Recall, mark re-set for wind shifts, etc, the Men were often waiting around 2-3 hours before their first start. When the first race was done, we had to wait all over again. I don't know how it could have been done differently, but it made for hours on the water and minutes of racing.

Following the Men's Worlds, **Alex** and **Cameron** raced in the Laser Youth Worlds, also contested in **Radials**. **Cameron** finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Silver Fleet with **Alex** in 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch out for these guys in the future!

## ABYC Laser Racers at the P.C.C.'s

Congratulations to **Chuck Tripp** for his 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the Laser Pacific Coast Championships, held this year at Cabrillo Beach YC. Also from ABYC; **Vann Wilson** placed 4<sup>th</sup>, **Willem Emmer** 11<sup>th</sup> and **Jorge Suarez** was 16<sup>th</sup> in the Laser Full-Rig Fleet.

In the Laser **Radial** Fleet; **Cameron Summers** placed 14<sup>th</sup>, **Alex Vaught** 20<sup>th</sup>. Other ABYC racers in the fleet were; **Kurt Buckbinder**, **Ryan McNaboe** and **Spencer Snook**.

The ABYC Laser Fleet is delighted to see this kind of participation and performance from our growing youth fleet! Congratulations to all!

## Chuck Tripp Tames San Francisco Bay

ABYC's **Chuck Tripp** not only showed the way at the P.C.C.'s, he traveled north to the Richmond YC for the Laser Masters National Championship this August. **Chuck** was second only to long-time local Laser Master Tracy Usher. The Masters Regatta was contested in the challenging waters of San Francisco Bay and 18-25 knots of cool breeze. Congratulations **Chuck!**

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain

## hails from the fleets

# L<sup>14</sup>

It has been awhile since the Lido fleet has appeared in the So'Wester. So let's waste no time in catching up to date. The big news was back in July; ABYC's fleet 6 hosted the Lido 14 National Championship Regatta held at Huntington Lake. A near record number of boats showed up for the 3 days of sailing. The 46 Lidos were divided into two fleets based on the results of the 3 race qualifying series. The weather was perfect with clear blue skies and 12 to 15 knots of breeze. Fleet Captain Tracy Conn and PRO Mike Baumann organized and ran an excellent regatta. Mike felt the conditions were so good he sent the fleet on a 7.5 mile course with three upwind legs. The regatta was covered by Rich Roberts for the Long Beach Press-Telegram. Rich's daily reports gave the Lidos press coverage that is mostly held only for big boats in big name regattas. Fleet 6 would like to thank Rich for his outstanding reports and for shining a spotlight on the Lido Class. The championship was won by Stu Robertson and Steve Mendenhall. Taking 2<sup>nd</sup> was ABYC's Freddie Stevens and Fred Stevens.

The Lido Twilights have had yet another successful summer. A consistently good turn out has made the midweek series not only a great diversion from daily routines, but the competitive edge has helped us all improve our sailing. The racers would like to thank Tracy and other members who've worked as race committee. Remember, fleet racing continues all year long, so check the web site calendar for the next race.

Now for some organizational news. To keep in line with the Lido national, Fleet Captain Tracy Conn and Treasurer Ron Clanton have elected to stay on in their respective roles until December. The new officers will take over at the New Year and hold the position for one year. The change will occur at the annual Christmas Brunch. The Lido Fleet is looking for Lido sailors who want to become more involved in the fleet. Let Tracy know if you are interested. Along those lines, Bob Sherwood has become the new fleet measurer.

*Ron Clanton*

**E**T he end of summer has brought to an end two series that involved Alamitos Bay Etchells. The first was the series of Seal Beach Yacht Club Pop Top Regattas, Thursday-night races that started back in May and ended in mid-August; there were four, four-race series, with winners for each series and an overall winner.

The great part of this is that a total of 11 Alamitos Bay Etchells participated in at least one or two races in the summer; one night saw seven boats on the line. This is the largest number ever, and a real tribute to the dedication of Etchells Fleet Captain Jeff Powell: he was a great cheerleader for the event and also sailed many nights himself (and partner Gordon Dudley saw that the boat sailed the nights Jeff couldn't be there).

One of the great pleasures of the summer was the return to Alamitos Bay Etchells sailing of Larry Harvey. After a long hiatus, Larry has gotten together some great sailors and been out nearly every week. He was fourth in the first series, missing the first few races, but won the other two. Sadly, results for the last series and final results are not posted, but it looks like the finals will come down to a three-way challenge; the others vying for the series title include Jim Bateman and the Jeff Powell/Gordon Dudley team. Tune in next month for a final report.

The other series that will have to be reported next month is the 2006 Fleet Championship Series: the last race was scheduled for Sunday, August 27. The pecking order in this high-point series has pretty well been set, at least at the very top, but there are still changes to be made in the other places. For now, here are the current standings:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	
<b>TOTAL</b>		
Barber/Jorgensen/Newsome	USA126	50
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	39
Rice/Ureño	USA90	28
Feo	USA790	20
Lane/Markowitz	USA662	19
Montgomery	USA792	19
Vaught	USA821	18
Bateman	USA143	17
Chapman	USA1002	13
Dudley/Powell	USA531	9
Corkett	USA889	11
Wells/Dooros/Hardy/Weeks	USA488	0

A gala awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 14, the date of the next Etchells fleet event. And it will be special in another way, as Jud Smith, the legendary sailmaker and all-around nice guy of the Etchells Class will be on hand to run a one-day clinic for the fleet. Jud has more than 20 years of sailing Etchells and has won innumerable class titles; he also had a hand in the design of one of the breakthrough sail designs when he and Dennis Connor combined to work up the DC-series of sails that have become one of the standard designs for the class. Now paired with old friend and Etchells champion Dave Curtis at Doyle-Curtis Sails, Jud will bring both his expertise and a whole slew of newly ordered sails to the clinic. Watch for more information in upcoming SOU'WESTER's.

There is no Etchells fleet regatta in September, but Etchells are expected to participate in both the ABYC Labor Day Regatta and the annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta. We'll report on those when they are done.

*Chris Ericksen*



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**sailing shorts**

**C**oronado YC hosted the Santana 20 National Championship on south San Diego Bay, August 7-11. 26 teams from Colorado, Washington, Oklahoma, Oregon & California attended the championships. At the conclusion of the seven race series that saw winds ranging from in 5 to 15 knots, Payson Infelise and his team of Phillip Infelise and Nate Campbell (Alamitos Bay YC) won the championships, Second overall was Chris Winnard, Andrew Kerr & Lance Purdy (Southwestern YC), Third went to Eric Kownacki, Tom Jenkins and Bob Martin (Mission Bay YC). — <http://www.s20.org>

**annual meeting and elections**

**VOTE...VOTE...VOTE...VOTE...VOTE**

**SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, SEPTMEBER 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Annual General Membership Meeting and Elections**

You will be voting TWICE: once for your new Board Members, and at the membership meeting, you will be voting on two important By-Laws changes. In order to make changes to the By-Laws we need a large member turnout to establish a quorum.

**Vote for new Board members at the following times:**

Friday, September 8th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 9th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday, September 15th, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday, September 22 from noon to 8:00 p.m.

**By-Laws vote will take place at the start of the General Membership meeting**

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