



manning regatta 2007

John Richardson photos

The Manning...it's a wrap!

Regattas such as the just held Manning Regatta is our sport's way of proving that junior sailing is very much alive and well. With 42 CFJ's entered and 54 Sabots, Alamitos Bay Yacht Club was awash with kids! This was also the first time that we've asked SCYA to split out the Sabot C sailors, giving those youngest of Sabot sailors, and the newest to our sport, an arena to race strictly amongst themselves.

These junior sailors weren't the only happy campers at our yacht club. A diverse group of Finnsters, a few C-15 sailors, a few Lido's and a few multihulls shared the course with an always very large group of those hardy Laser sailors, and we had a good turn out of Senior Saboteurs in the bay joining all those kids. These are the regattas that make ABYC stand out as one of America's truly great small boat yacht clubs.

Of course, its truly the volunteers that should be the heroes, as they give up their weekend so that others may play. Outside PRO Jerry Montgomery was joined by rising PRO Stacy Jackson, who, along with Judy Mathias, Nicole Moffett, Jim Drury and Sharon Pearson had an upper deck that truly had a handle on things. But somebody had to score all these boats, and on the outside course, Kay Cook as head scorer, as well as Nita Hardin, Barbara Hare, Norma Clap and Kay Schriefer made sure these boats were scored as they finished.

Outside whaler staff was made up primarily by the Etchells fleet, as they were the duty fleet for this regatta. Tim Carter, Dave Myers, Chris Ericksen, Martin Buckwalter, Rich Vaught, Jim Bateman, Paul Anctil, Vern Vincent, and Tom Corkett all made sure that marks were set and lines were square.

The action on the inside courses was just as lively. Marc Schryer, as PRO, was assisted by Jane Kelly and Jinx Ellis, as well as Isabelle Lounsberry. NHYC parent Deon McDonald helped out also. Evie Belisle, Bobbi Peterson and Donna Massey scored all these Sabots, always a daunting task. Whaler operators Rob Rice, Ed Ureno, Pat Kelly, and Gordon Dudley, all from the Etchells fleet, kept all the Sabots in line.

My thanks also to the two regatta co-chairs, Jeff Powell and Gordon Dudley, who did just a fabulous job of hitting the phones and lining up the volunteers to staff the regatta. Staffing is never an easy job, but these two made the staffing, and the running of the regatta, just look easy!

Finally? The weather. Now I know this isn't Chicago, and no, we didn't have five feet of snow. But come on, wind, cooperate! It either blew dogs off chains on Saturday, or it wasn't blowing at all. And the wind direction? Come on, wind, figure it out! But figure it out it did, because Sunday was just a postcard perfect day!

Glenn Selvin



Bob Anderson

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save the date

Easter Brunch	April 8
CISA Clinic	April 12-15
Membership Meeting	April 20
Adopt A Beach	April 21
Spring Spruce Up	Aprkl 28
Opening Day	May 5
Membership Meeting	May 28
Club ABYC	May 25
Memorial Day Regatta	May 26 - 27

commodore's comments



I have a Pavlovian response to the sun not setting until after 7 PM. It makes me want to launch my boat and find a starting line. The great tradition of “beer can” racing is just around the corner. Between our own Lido and Sabot twilights, our Junior’s “candy bar” series and our neighbors’ Wet Wednesdays and Pop Top Thursdays, you’ve got many good reasons to get your boat back in competition trim and out on the starting line.

Combining an evening race with dinner al fresco on the patio at ABYC is the perfect antidote for the mid-week summertime blues. I’m confident that with Kelly and Jesus, we’ll have the best twilight dinners we’ve had in many years. Good racing, good food and good friends – the foundation of a great club.

Though it seems like we never really slowed down, April launches us into another incredibly active season of sailing and social events. It’s a great time to give a little back to the club. There are countless opportunities for you to get involved and I hope you will consider helping out at Spring Spruce Up, or crew a race committee whaler, be a host boat at Opening Day or help on a social event. We’ve added the email addresses of our officers and directors to the Sou’ Wester so you can contact us with any offers to help, comments or questions.

April marks the second half of our fiscal year and we’re doing well. Attendance at our events has been strong and our membership is growing. We’ve made a number of expenditures on equipment and the facility so that you can better enjoy your club. Some are obvious, like the new phones, new motors for the whalers and the new pontoons for the bay barge. Others are less obvious, like the new water heater for the main clubhouse and new heaters on the patio. The board is compiling estimates for many other major projects like the elevator, yard and dock improvements, shower and restroom refurbishments and others that we know will be needed. My goal for the second half of the year is to make sure we align these projects with our long term capital plans to ensure that ABYC continues to provide enjoyment and value to our members and our community for many decades to come.

I hope to see you at the club soon – with a tiller, a paint brush or at least a cocktail in hand.

Good sailing,
Jim

vice commodore's view



The Manning Series went well, with kudos to Jeff Powell and Gordon Dudley, regatta chairs, as well as to the members of the Etchells fleet that stepped up and staffed the regatta. This was all new to Jeff and Gordon, and both said that they enjoyed themselves and learned a lot. Good racing, good social events afterwards, with a happy time had by all. Participation was up from last year with sailors spread throughout Sabots and Lido’s in the bay, to a large turnout of CFJ’s, plus C-15’s, Finns, Lasers and a few multihulls in the ocean.

If you were at the Manning Series, than you heard our PA system. If you were anywhere near downtown Long Beach, or downtown Los Angeles for that matter... you heard our PA system. The volume has since been turned down, but it was very nice to be able to finally page through out the yard. Our new phone system has also been a treat, allowing us many more features than we’ve had in the past in terms of communication.

The yard is in good shape, with boats moving in and out and boats coming off of the waiting list. The prototype Sabot racks have been moved into their new, semi-permanent place near the Laser racks, and we’ve been able pull Sabots off of the waiting list and onto those racks, giving more members the pleasure of keeping their Sabots in the yard.

And finally, there’s planning for next year... already. As Vice Commodore, my autumn start as Commodore of ABYC is not far off, and I am just beginning the process of filling out my roster of committee chairs. I know many of our club’s members, but there’s also a lot of very talented, dedicated members that I do not know. If you’re interested in volunteering, we’d love you’re help. Whether you’re interest is in maintaining our perpetual trophies, Catalina cruises, race management, or the social activities of the club, please look me up, though I’ll also be making a lot of calls to put all of this together. Maybe you’re interested in playing nurse maid to our whalers, or working to keep our club house decorated and in order. This is your club... volunteer to chair a committee. I promise you that you’ll enjoy it, and you’ll meet a lot of wonderful people along the way.

Glenn Selvin

rear commodore's notes



April is interesting month and we should take time to really enjoy it. Here are some things that April is known for and please take the time to enjoy all of the following down at the club:

- National Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month
- Chocolate Eaters Month
- National Poetry Month
- Cancer Control Month
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- European-American History Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- International Guitar Month
- Mathematics Awareness Month
- National Humor Month
- National Welding Month
- National Smile Month
- National Pecan Month
- VD Awareness Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- Alcohol Awareness Month
- Autism Awareness Month
- Occupational Therapy Month

Social: We have some great things coming up in the near future. Fridays are always great, but keep tuned because there are some new and exciting things in the works.

Easter Sunday April 8, 2007 at the Club. This is my favorite social event of the year. We would appreciate it if you sign up early, because it gives us a better idea about who is going to show up.

Band "Flight 6875" our friends. 4/13/2007

Party Jones. 4/27/2007

Membership: You have heard it before, but please keep our promotion in mind: This is for Regular New Members only and their sponsors. The #1 sponsor and new member each get 250 ABYC dollars. 50 of which is to be used only for Club merchandise. The remaining 200 can be used for food, beverage, or Club merchandise. The ABYC dollars need to be used within 6 months and they can't be applied towards dues or mooring. Just mark you bill when you are paying it how you want your dollars applied. Email me if you have any questions.

Contact Mike Baumann <michael_baumann@mac.com>, your hard working Membership Chairman or me with prospects.

Also: More information can be obtained on any of the preceding by going to our website!

If you have not been receiving my weekly reminders via email, please send me your email address and I will be sure to put you on the list.

See you around the Club! Go ABYC!

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fleet captain's report



No Report this month
Just too many projects have piled up on one another to make any sense of them for others to read.
Sabot dolly parts on going fabrication
Bay Barge Pontoon Boat assembly.
Bailer circuitry for Outrage & Sidney T.
Pull all the Bay Marks for Painting to Yellow (per threat from the Coast Guard)
Sabot trailer Project to increase to 9 boat capacity.
Sabot Racks moving the boats again.
Preparing for a work detail at the Isthmus this weekend.

Not even time for beer.
Hope most of these projects can be reported completed next month.
Forgive me.
John

Editor's Note: John sent me the above note apologizing for not having a report. I think the note speaks volumes about how hard he is working for us so I opted to use it as his report (with permission, of course.)

Sou'Wester DEADLINE
Friday, April 20, 2007 is the deadline
for the May Sou'Wester.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!



CALLING ALL MEMBERS!



YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED AT THE 2007 SPRING SPRUCE UP!

IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP THE CLUB AND GET READY FOR
ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER OF SAILING

When: Saturday April 28, 2007

Where: ABYC

Time: 8:00 AM

Who do I talk to? Nicole Peoples-Moffett

What do I get for participating?



from the pages of history

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

The SOU'WESTER for April, 1977, was pretty thin: only 10 pages. The 17th Olympic Classes Regatta was scheduled for three days that month, with about 100 boats expected; classes included Tornado catamarans, Solings, Flying Dutchmen, 470's and Finns, and the "new" class in the regatta, the Star. Some among us remember that the Star class, which first raced in the Olympic Regatta in 1932, had been replaced in the 1976 Games in Canada by the Tempest; but they had been returned to the fold, so to speak, and so returned to ABYC in 1977.

A new twist reported by Al and Mary Smith, the regatta chairs, was that "inflatable marks will be used on all courses this year, eliminating the need for stake boats." Prior to this year, some racing took place around the stationary marks inside the Breakwater; ABYC moored keelboats with big orange and yellow banners in the rigging to help the sailors find the marks. There would be a hamburger barbecue on Friday night, with the ABYC's officers and directors doing the cooking, and a lasagna dinner—doubtless done by co-chair Mary Smith—on Saturday.

Based on their SOU'WESTER article, the C-15's were an incredibly active fleet. Eleven boats had sailed the ABYC Turnbuckle Tightener Regatta while 17 "A's" and 9 "B's" took place in a Coast Cup regatta on Westlake; Stan Sorenson and Keith Dodson were second and third, respectively, at ABYC, and Dodson won the Westlake event while Stan settled for second. And there was a lot of talk about measurement, light boats, crew weight issues and so on; funny how things don't change.

The list of folks seeking membership included a lot of young people: two juniors posted were Hans Carl Dose and Kevin Dumain while Jeff Case, then a Snipe sailor, was welcomed aboard; Jo Ann Ellerman was posted as an Interim Member (now that'd be a Yachting Membership)..ABYC's Men's Day was announced for mid-May; a change from nowadays is that the "Ancient Mariner" trophy would go to the winner of a division of skippers over fifty years of age...winners in the ABYC Holiday Trophy Series for PHRF boats included Bruce Bennett in QUICK JABS in the "A" fleet and Rod Ogilby in SEADLER in the "B's"...

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

The cover of the SOU'WESTER of April, 1987, featured a reproduction of the 1987 Olympic Classes Regatta medals and a note that said, "(ABYC) welcomes Olympic and Pan-Am Classes"—but there was not a single article in the newsletter about the regatta. In discussing this with the then-editor, it seems they printed a bunch of extra copies that month and left them out for our visitors to collect and take with them. The regatta was held on April 3-5 that year, so the SOU'WESTER "hit the stands" just in time.

There was a full-page article on the Turnbuckle Tightener regatta, with good coverage on the event that drew nearly 100 entries but a few spelling errors: Nick Scandone of Balboa YC, who won the Senior Sabot trophy, was reported as "Mark Scandone," while Geoff Becker of Newport Harbor YC, second in Lasers, was named "Geoff Baker." Mike Segerblom won the 26-boat Snipe fleet, largest in the regatta, and found his name correctly spelled; Allison Jolly was tops in the five-boat 470 fleet, no doubt there in advance of the Olympic Classes Regatta. There were more PHRF boats sailing than even a combined fleet of Etchells and J/24's; Chuck Fuller and then-LBYC Commodore Pete Ives won the former class while Chuck Kober and John Weiss in their Etchells won the latter, combined fleet.

Featured in a photo of a burgee presentation were two family juniors converting to Yachting members, Latham Bell and Steve Rosenberg...new Regular members included Stan and Stacey Gibbs, Al and Marjel Seigrist and Jim and Shirley LaFontaine...the Cal 20 fleet held an event that more fleets should do: a Crew Appreciation Party; skippers supplied and cooked the food for their crews and spouses.

TEN YEARS AGO:

The cover of the SOU'WESTER for April, 1997, showed a young Andrew McDade holding a trophy almost bigger than he: it was the Host Club Trophy, awarded to a "deserving junior sailor" at the 1997 SCYA Manning Regatta the month before. And posed with him was his father, Mike, himself a former Manning participant but then a proud papa.

Naples Sabots were the largest class in the regatta—there were only five classes altogether—but only had 24 boats. Juniors and seniors sail the Manning together, so a San Diego Yacht Club junior won the Manning Trophy while J.M. Modisette, an ABYC junior, was second; but Robin Townsend took third and Don Hodges fourth. The Skimmer Trophy for the winner of the second-largest fleet went to Kevin Taugher in Lasers (there were a dozen of them). There were eleven Snipes, ten Lido's and five C-15's.

Two weeks later, ABYC hosted Laser Midwinters West. There was little coverage in the SOU'WESTER, other than saying that Keith Dodson took third in the Laser Gold division, and that there were about 130 boats. It may also have been among the last flights of the Laser II, and featured a good-sized fleet of Laser Radials. Mark Townsend was PRO and Al Smith regatta chair.

Commodore Pat Bixby reported that Pease Glaser had been named Yachswoman of the Year for 1996 by the Yacht Racing Union of Southern California (YRUSC); she and Jay were in St. Maartins at the time of the award presentation, however, so would collect the trophy later...among applicants posted for membership was Doug McLean, a Cal 20 sailor and Ann Exley's feature, "From the Pages of History," reported that a family joined ABYC in 1956, in time for the club's 30th anniversary celebration: Raleigh and Joy Moffett, who owned a National and had two young children, daughter Karen and son Steve; for those of you who might be math-challenged, that was 51 years ago...

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

the bay clogger (junior sailing)

Believe it or not, the summer is approaching quicker than many of us know. The ABYC Junior Sailing Program is ready and excited to announce the 2007 Summer Program applications are now available. They can be found as an insert in this edition of the Sou'wester, in the main office at ABYC, or online at www.fleetracing.net (the ABYC junior website). We have a great staff lined up and exciting new developments in our programming that is sure to make this summer one of the best yet. Sign up quickly to assure your child's space in the program and please spread the word to friends, family, and neighbors as word of mouth is our best form of advertising. Thank you in advance for your help and we will see you this summer!

Manning Series

We had a huge turnout of junior sailors for the Manning Series which is one of their only chances to showcase their skills against parents and senior sabotiers. It can create quite a competitive environment and a fun event for sure. We had 16 junior sailors come out for regatta this year. Lauren Bussey sailed extremely strong pulling out a 5th place finish for the event while Samantha Gebb came in not far behind her for 7th place. Slowly becoming a superstar for ABYC was Jack Jorgensen who came in 3rd just behind coach Mark Gaudio. There were some awesome moments also from Riley Gibbs and Rob Rice who are 10 and 11 years old and were often times seen up in the top five during races. During the third race we even saw 8 of the top 15 finishers from Alamitos Bay. It was very awesome!

In the C fleet, Elle Merrill, Sawyer Gibbs, and Hilton Beckham really fought it out and ended up in 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively. Sawyer was a surprise as this fleet was comprised of all C1's, C2's, and C3's. He was the only non C1 sailors in the top five for the regatta. Great job to all of them!

Spring Gold Cup & Final North Series Results

The Spring Gold Cup held at Newport Harbor Yacht Club was the fourth of the four part North Series. We had 14 students head down to NHYC for the light and shifty conditions. Newport is the location for this year's sabot nationals. I was very impressed to see our sailors catching on to how to sail through the moorings and geographical wind shifts that the venue offers. A highlight from the regatta included Steven Hopkins, Elle Merrill and Hilton Beckham all fighting for the top positions in the C1 fleet. After finding themselves in 3rd, 4th, and 6th respectively after the first day, Steven Hopkins did some modifications to his mast rake and outhaul and had much better starts and found himself winning the fleet after the second day. Steven will now be graduating up into the B fleet division after only getting into the C1 division three regattas ago. Elle ended up with a 4th place trophy while Hilton sailed extremely consistently and came away just missing 5th place.

Probably the most exciting thing for us was watching Jack Jorgensen one up himself by almost winning the entire regatta. He had several bullets and just missed first place by one point to last year's Sabot Nationals champ. This helped greatly in his overall North Series scores. The North Series itself is four regattas which combines all the scores for the 'A' level sailors. Those who competed from our club in the actual series were Jack Jorgensen, Samantha Gebb, Lauren Bussey, & Riley Gibbs. This was a monumental year for ABYC as Jack took away the third place trophy for the series and was just three points out of second place. Samantha ended up in 11th place, Lauren came in 15th and 10 year old Riley Gibbs came in 20th place even after missing one of the four regattas. This is a tremendous accomplishment for these sailors and for ABYC as it truly is consistency and dedication that will place you as high as these four sailors finished alongside the best that Southern California has to offer. Congratulations to all of our sailors!

Brad Schaepter, ABYC Jr. Sailing Director



Jack Jorgensen with his trophy

membership report

This month we welcome 4 new regular members, Marilyn and Winston Spencer, sponsored by Pat McCormick, Jim and Anita Cole, sponsored by Merle Asper, Andrew Bish sponsored by Lisa Lebold, and Tim Kernan, sponsored by Jim Bateman. This month we are also posting Junior Charlie Buckingham as an applicant for membership.

Just a reminder, as a sponsor of a regular member, you will receive \$250 ABYC dollars, good at the galley and for ABYC merchandise.

Mike Baumann

Diane Bateman Photo



New members Ron and Janis Dougherty with sponsor Alan Johnson

stan Church

Stanford "Stan" Church, a longtime member of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and Lido 14 Fleet Six, died at his home in Palos Verdes Peninsula on Monday, March 12, 2007. He was 88.

Stan earned a degree in the then fairly new field of aeronautical engineering from the University of Minnesota before coming to Southern California, where he had accepted a fellowship at Cal Tech. However, with the entry of the United States into World War II, Stan went to work for the Douglas Aircraft Company (now Boeing) in Santa Monica. After a nearly complete career there, he went to work for Northrop Aircraft Company (now Northrop Grumman) in Hawthorne, and retired from the Advanced Bomber Concepts Group.

Stan and his wife, Elise, were stalwarts of the Lido 14 fleet for more than 40 years. Their first boat was a Christmas present, kept in the neighbor's garage until the day; they ultimately owned three classic Lidos, all of them red. They raced together well into the Nineties, attending dozens of High Sierra Regattas at Huntington Lake; they rarely missed a Mission Bay Invitational Regatta in San Diego and sailed the SCYA Midwinter and Manning regattas for more than 30 years.

Stan was a member of the ABYC Race Management Committee for many years, where his classical education and thoughtful mind was particularly suited for the crafting and editing of sailing instructions and notices of race. He worked race committee for dozens of regattas both on Alamitos Bay and on the ABYC ocean course. A student of the racing rules, he served on many protest committees, where his analytical gifts often helped sift through the testimony to get to the facts and apply the rules.

Stan and Elise's family had been in Southern California early in the month in preparation of the celebration of Stan's 88th birthday, which they observed on March 11. He passed away while napping after lunch the very next day. A private memorial service was held in late March. A more public celebration will be held in June, with a memorial concert at St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes. The date has not been set, but further information will be distributed when it is available.

don robertson

1916-2007

Don Robertson joined all the great sailors that we have lost in the last few years. Don was known by friends, like George Lounsberry, as "the only person he ever met that could get an anvil out of tune". Don & Gloria loved sailing at ABYC. They were sand dolly members when the club was on the beach. He was known for being one of the founding fathers of the ABYC Lido Fleet. Don always had the best parties and fully loved life. He was a great father and a good friend to his children, Stu, Debbi and Jim Jim. He was always first to laugh and found fun in all parts of boating. He never walked away from a battle in business or sailing and set an amazing example of what success is. To know him is to know his friends and they are all around the world. I loved my dad, he was my best friend and he will be greatly missed

Thank you all, Stu Robertson

opening day

Mark your calendar and plan to attend ABYC's 81st Opening Day Saturday, May 5, 2007, starring Commodore Jim Bateman and the Board of Directors and featuring Don Hodges and his friends from Curley's Dixie Land Jazz band. The day begins at 1100 hours with the Club Championship Regatta for the coveted parking place. This year we are racing FJs loaned to us by the U.S. Sailing Center.

From 1300 hours to 1500 hours are the Open Boat Hospitality and Fleet Display. If you are considering showing your boat during this year's celebration, please coordinate with Staff Commodores Tom Ramsey or Ron Wood as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday, April 29. Tom is inviting members with boats in the raft-up or moored in Basin 5 to a pre-opening day party Friday evening.

Because of the festivities on the club grounds and basin 5, we ask the members not to use the hoists after 11 AM.

The ceremony will begin at 1500 hours with Junior Rear Commodores Laura Newton and A. J. Robinson and the junior board raising our colors and Don Reiman giving the invocation. Members, dignitaries, and guests will be recognized, and the club commissioned for the 2007 sailing season. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres will follow.

Staff Commodore John Merchant

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John Richardson photos



Jeff Powell Photo

st patrick's day party

Rob Rice & Merle Asper photos

St. Patrick's Day Party a Great Green Success!

Seen at the scene: Many an ABYC Family donned the green ... there were lots of Conn's (in charge no less), many Foxes (Warnick's & Peoples too), the R's came out in force to include: the Rice's, the Reid's and the Reiff's, lots of green ABYC Board of Directors showed their support, a few Past Commodores found themselves having a good time and lots of ABYC families who names start somewhere between A and Z enjoyed good green fun.

Prizes were awarded to many participants in the crowd-pleasing limerick contest. Bill and Sue McDanel even walked away as greenist guests.

Speaking of green ... Traditional Irish fare was served. How much corned beef do you think was consumed? The total poundage would frighten anyone not accustomed to serving a hearty sailing crowd! A special thank you to Sharon Pearson and Nicole Peoples-Moffitt for helping the Conn clan serve up a great meal!

Party goers enjoyed fun and festive dancing ... did anyone else notice that Elvis was in the building?

Fun was had by all ... a great evening filled with good green Irish fun!

Cheers!

Stacy Conn



Photo evidence that Elvis was in the building



Is that Sue McDannel behind those glasses?



Eric Conn recites his limerick while "Elvis" enjoys the show



Limerick winners were chosen by crowd appreciation



Bill Noak



Jorge Suarez received the only boos of the evening for his limerick



Bill McDannel - the greenest



Barbara Conn



The dance floor was busy

hails from the fleets

KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



Excellent March Fleet meeting with Joe Riddick in charge. Lots of upcoming events among which is the Spring Cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club Friday, April 27. Vern Peterson is in charge and anyone going by boat or car that did not have a chance to sign up at the March meeting should call Vern so he may give Shoreline the approximate count for dinner and the size of the boat for the correct slip. Vern tells me that Shoreline has a new chef and dinning format that is great. Boat side cocktails start at 4:30 PM and dinner around 6 PM. Bring your own libation and a light hors d'oeuvre for the boat side cocktails. When in the Shoreline Clubhouse you must purchase drinks from the bar.

For some time several people have said it would be fun to see the restored WWII Victory class cargo ship, Lane Victory. John Brennan arranged for a friend of his, Larry Stengelsson to show the Keel Boat Fleet members a special tour of the boat. And what a great tour that Larry took the following on: Clif and Judy Mathias, Larry Kidd, Joe Riddick, Maggie and George Caddle, Vern Peterson, Jerry Montgomery, Mack Mills, John Ellis and John Massey. Our tour guide turned out to be the announcer of the Lane Victory's popular Catalina cruise complete with WWII airplanes that attacked the Lane Victory and is the premier guide. I don't think we missed a single thing of interest on the tour. I never realized how many ladders and compartments could be on a small cargo ship. At the conclusion of the very special tour we of course could not thank Larry enough but also we were looking forward to lunch at a favorite place of Joe Riddick's in the heart of fish harbor. Just the chance to sit down sounded good but this was one of those hole in the wall restaurants that was fun and good food. The topper to the great day was Larry, our guide, is a great golfing buddy of mine of several years and I had no idea that he volunteered at the Lane Victory.

Our next meeting is Friday, May 11, and we will have information on the Pine Block Regatta in June. The meeting will be in the usual format of pot luck that never seems to fail us.

George C.



George Caddle ran the meeting Sunday, March 11th, for Isabelle who was burnishing up her culinary skills at a cooking class in Italy with daughter, Robin Townsend. We don't think she missed us too much. Here are the things George accomplished in her absence:

1. Thanked the race committee: PRO, Al Nelson; Chase Boat, Joe Riddick and Timer, Jinx. Ellis.
2. Cited the Sabotiers who participated in the Manning 2007, and gave the order of their finishes: Jeff Merrill, John Ellis, Mike Bartell, and Sheila Eberly. No one from our fleet trophied.

3. Went over the current status of the new Sabot Racks. Bob Chubb has designed a dolly that will carry an upside down Sabot for use in place of a bottom rack. Discussion is still going on over the slide material. The racks will be four storage units high. Thanks to Bob Chubb and John Massey for their continued efforts and successes keeping the dollies available.

4. Rowell Greene requested a vote on having judges on the water for the next Sabot Nationals in June. Frequent violations of rule 54, "Means of Propulsion", have been observed. According to the rule "a yacht shall be propelled only by the natural action of the wind on the sails and spars, and the water on the hull and underwater surfacss." Illegal actions include sculling, pumping, ooching, and rocking. Ten fleet members voted for the judges. There is a DVD that illustrates all these actions which may be viewed upon request form Rowell.

5. The required use of life jackets was again discussed. It was voted that per the INSA mandate, life jackets must be on board a competing boat. However they need not be worn unless the PRO flies the "Y" or life jacket flag when he deems the weather warrants it.

6. George gave out the trophies for the day's racing which happens to be the first in the series for the Fleet Championship. The series concludes in June. Today's winners were: First: Bob Ware, Second: Lee Berlinger, Third: Mary Riddick

There are still three races left and one can be a throw out. So come on out and try for the title!

7. George read the beautiful tribute to Bernice Weiss as a Renaissance Woman and reminded everyone to attend the Memorial Service on March 22nd. He also said Marty Bowman's Memorial would be on March 24th.

8. He announced that the Lane Victory Ship Tour would be Monday, the 12th in San Pedro with lunch following.

9. It only remained to thank Jesus for the wonderful Chicken Mole.

10. We were adjourned until April 22nd. See you then!

Barbara Gabriel

snipe districts



It's official; Snipe District 6 Championships are being held at ABYC this coming spring. The date: Memorial Day Regatta, May 26th-27th. The Snipe fleet at ABYC invites all local Snipe {or former Snipe} sailors to come out and race. You are guaranteed ten to fifteen boats on the line for the districts with top competition. You will see former U.S. Snipe Champions on the water including Doug Hart and perhaps Star Sailor George Szabo.

We encourage all sailors to come out and participate. Borrow a Snipe if you have to. Come and find out why this boat is raced throughout the world and why our motto is "Serious sailing, Serious fun!" For more info, contact local Sniper Jim Grubbs: www.snipeus.org.

Mark Ryan

hails from the fleets



E. E. Manning Regatta

As **Cameron Summers** reports below, Santa Ana winds greeted competitors for the 2007 E. E. Manning Regatta. Results of the first three races had ABYC's **Chuck Tripp** in first place, followed by **Vann Wilson** from ABYC and the always competitive Adam Deermont from Newport Harbor YC. Showing he too is always a threat, ABYC member **Jim Otis** finished day one in fourth place scoring a bullet in race three.

Things changed on Sunday as the breeze abated and three top competitors did not compete. ABYC's **Cameron Summers** started the day with a win followed by a second and a third placing him second overall for the regatta. Adam Deermont continued consistent with a third and two firsts to take first place overall. Finishing third was Pat Toole, representing the Santa Barbara YC and in fourth was **Vann Wilson**, a mere single point behind Pat. Other ABYC racers competing were **Jim Kirk** in fifth and **Jorge Suarez** in seventh place.

Since he was top ABYC competitor, I asked Cameron to comment on the regatta. Here is his report:

On Saturday the NE Santa Ana wind blowing through ABYC made everything seem more intense than it really was. When the wind lightened up on Sunday I knew I would finish better than I did Saturday. I only weigh 150 lbs and had the advantage over heavier competitors on Sunday. Adam Deermont pointed out I should have tacked on him after I passed over him in race 5. I finished 2nd to Adam that race. I won't be so nice next time. This regatta was good practice for Midwinters West. I plan on sailing Full Rigs there.

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain



April will be a busy month for the Alamitos Bay Etchells fleet, as the 2007 Fleet Championship and World's Qualifier Series will begin.

Our local fleet has few requirements laid upon it by the International Etchells Class Association, but one is to hold a series to see who will go to the coming Worlds. The Etchells Worlds has been an event with limited access, and each year the organizers and the class association determines the percentage of members that each fleet may send; some years it is twenty-five per cent, some years more. When the Worlds are local, the series is important; in 2005, for example, when the Worlds were on San Francisco Bay, there were so many interested in going that the series was crucial. In other years, when the Worlds will be overseas—as is the case in 2007—it is less so, but we do it nonetheless.

April 22 will be the first of our combined series: the first few races of the Fleet Championship Series will be the Worlds Qualifier Series. That date will see a regular one-day fleet race, the kind we've been doing for the last several years. It'll be a simple affair: one or two whalers, windward-leeward courses, pretty quick stuff. The Cal 20's will be joining us that weekend on the course.

Meantime, the recent past has been pretty busy, if not on the racing scene; in fact, we seem not to be able to get a full fleet together. Three boats raced the SCYA Midwinter Regatta at Long Beach Yacht Club in February, but only two sailed the ABYC Chapped Cheek Regatta in mid March; Rob Rice won that one over Jim Bateman and Chris Wells sailing together. But we had a great turnout as the fleet did the duty for the SCYA Manning Regatta the first weekend of March. Thanks to all the Etchells who did that.

And the duty continues as the ABYC Etchells host the April ABYC General Membership meeting on Friday, April 20. The program will feature information on the voyages of *HMS Endeavour*—not the original, which took Captain James Cook on his first voyage of discovery in the last of the 18th Century, but the 20th Century reproduction that sails the world to tell the story of tall ships in the age of fighting sail. Plan to be there to support the fleet and learn something.

Finally, congratulations are due to a few ABYC Etchells sailors on other venues. Steve Flam and Bruce Golison ended up fourth overall in the Jaguar Series held in Florida each winter; their boat lives on the East Coast so that they can do the Jaguar and other events in that time zone. And Doug Jorgensen sailed the family big boat, PICANTE, to an overall win in their division of the race to Cabo San Lucas. Congratulations to all.

Chris Ericksen





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Peninsula Summer Concert Schedule

5:30 - 7:30 pm - 72nd Place Park
 JUNE 10 Weenie Roast/concert with Flight 6875
 JUNE 17 King Salmon
 JULY 8 Big Box of Men
 JULY 22 HoDads
 AUGUST 5 Gregg Young & The 2nd Street Band
 AUGUST 26 Elm St. Band

chapped cheek photos

Rob Rice Photos



Bruce Conn enjoying himself, as always



Grant and Connor Hill



The Commodore and Chris Wells get some love from the race committee for a 2nd place Etchells finish. Who is that goofy guy in the background?

A contest...

Editor's note...I didnt' notice until I began layout for this issue that there was a glaring error (actually two) in last month's Sou'wester. I have selected the one that should have popped out the most. (Tick Weber would have spotted them both and notified me immediately) The first person to call (or email) and tell me, correctly, what it was will earn a drink at our bar, on me!! sharonpea@aol.com

General Membership Meeting - April 20th
Duty Fleet: Etchells

Program: An exciting presentation by Peter Damish, retired U.S. Navy Captain and Managing Director of Bluewater Sailing. Peter will offer a multimedia show of his experience on board a replica of the H.M. Bark Endeavor - Captain Cook's first vessel of exploration - as part of her four-year circumnavigation. Peter represented the United States as crewmember on the ship's three-week voyage to her final destination - Sidney, Australia - during which she experienced 62 knots of winter storm and 40 foot seas.

Dinner: 6:00...(Menu TBD) Meeting: 7:00 (\$8.00)