



## turkey day regatta 2007

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Turkey Day Regatta turns on tight racing

**W**ith all of those turkeys awaiting the winners, Alamitos Bay Yacht Club almost needed the wishbones to settle some of the class championships in their annual Turkey Day Regatta Saturday and Saturday. Among 262 boats in 17 classes, four titles were determined by tie-breaking rules when leaders completed the six-race schedule even in points, and a few others were hanging in the balance to the end.



Naples Sabot sailors of all ages competed in six classes

Although winds were a light 5 to 7 knots both days, the parking was grid locked and the two outside courses were swathed in a stubborn fog layer Sunday, no one complained about the competition in the event that has evolved into a cult classic of sailing over the years.

"It's one of the great Lido regattas," said Lido 14 A class winner Kurt Weise of Newport Beach. "People traditionally show up."

Anne Weise, his crew and wife, echoed, "I love this regatta. It's part of Thanksgiving. It makes us thankful for the water and the wind that we all enjoy."

The Weises won three of their six races. Bob Yates of Newport

Beach, another veteran and the class president, won two for an apparent second place, then disqualified himself on shore when a rival told him he had sailed through the Naples Sabot starting line—a strict no-no—and settled for fourth.

No official saw the infraction and there was no protest, but Yates said he forfeited the win because "I thought it was the right thing to do."

Keith Ives and Chuck Stevens of the host club won the keenly competitive 18-boat Cal 20 class for the second year by a single point over Day 1 leaders Doug McLean and Randy Smith, barely avoiding a tiebreaker which, Ives said, "We would have lost."

Larry Spencer and Todd Downey from Oxnard's Pacific Corinthian YC repeated in the Olson 30s by 1 1/2 points, although missing their annual rivalry with local veteran Allan Rosenberg, who did not compete.



Who said 12-year-olds were too young to race a 29er? Not Chuckie Eaton (left) and Patrick Powell of Coronado YC

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Midwinter Regatta .....	February 16-17

# commodore's comments



**A**s I watched the Turkey Day regatta unfolding through out the weekend, and as I stood upstairs carving up birds Saturday night, I couldn't help but be amazed by the way our club, and all of our volunteers, continuously pull off events that are just epic in size! I got thanks from so many of the competitors for a wonderful time this past weekend, and I know that many people see and are amazed by the efforts that go into putting on events like this!

John Massey and Bill McDannel did a great job of pulling this all together. But as they're lining up the volunteers to staff the whalers, score the finishers, and serve the food, I note so many of our usual suspects that give so, so much of their time. People like Jim Morford who spends so many weekends reading the paper in the scoring room, while making the computer scoring look so easy. I see people

like Dave Myers spend a significant amount of time getting all of the whalers fully equipped for a weekend's duty. As I was hoisting out our Cal 20, I looked over and saw George Caddle on the dock, preparing to bring in Patience and go through the ol' gal before putting on all her covers.

John and Bill, as the regatta chairs, will hopefully thank all the volunteers as I pay salute to our club's special volunteers. But it's not just our volunteers. Kelly Whitlow and his staff work really long hours during weekends such as the Turkey Day regatta. But our staff also fully appreciates that many of these competitors come down from San Francisco and up from San Diego, just to race in our regatta and enjoy our Saturday night dinner. Our staff fully recognizes how much people far and wide appreciate Alamos Bay Yacht Club and all that we do. But that still doesn't negate how hard our staff works, and I thank them for that.

ABYC is just getting into its holiday fare. For the first time in years, we will have a real, live, nice smelling Christmas tree upstairs on the second deck, vs. our old plastic tree. By the time you read this, it'll be all decorated and looking festive. Come to the Christmas party in December, bring your family and friends, and enjoy what it is that makes Alamos Bay Yacht Club such a very special place.

*Glenn Selvin*

# vice commodore's view



**T**he Vice Commodore's job is one of great intrigue! There are great mysteries out in the yard to be sleuthed out! Who left that boat there? Why is there a boat with an old hole in it sitting in someone else's spot? I impounded a boat from a spot and then came back a day later and someone else has moved their boat in illegally.

There are vacant slips and poachers to be chastised. Boats have been impounded. I have made a lot of phone calls to many numbers that do not exist or don't have answering machines! Please call the office and make sure we have your right number, especially if you are waiting for a slip!

The job of Yard Ogre is one that is thankless, but is one that is very important to maintain our greatest asset, the yard. They are like an old west Sheriff in that they run the bad guys out of town and make it safe for law abiding folks. This is a position that routinely receives death threats (not really, but sort of!) We are going to be forming a committee to make this happen with less detriment to one person and more strength to the institution. This way no one person has to take the hit and every problem will be solved by group forum, so nobody can complain that one person was being unfair. So far it is Lisa LeBold (Laser sailor), Jorge Suarez (Laser sailor), Jim Kirk (Laser sailor), Jon Robinson (Junior parent and big boat sailor), John Williams (multihull sailor) and myself (Cal 20 and Keelboat sailor). We need a sabot sailor, or a few. If this experiment works, we may see a new day for ABYC.

Turkey Day was another fabulous success.

The Club is doing great!

Thanks!

*Merle*

## **Sou'Wester DEADLINE**

**December 21, 2007 is the deadline  
for the January Sou'Wester.**

# rear commodore's notes



I am ever amazed at the enthusiasm and determination of the volunteer core of our yacht club. Weeks of phone calls, to staff the Turkey Day Regatta, created an "A" team of members to run an outstanding event. With such team efforts, it would be a sorry attempt to award a "game ball" to any one individual or group.

I want to direct some following thoughts to all, members new and old, who do not know or have forgotten just what happens around here during one of these "happenings".

We had three racing circles. One in the bay and two out in the harbor. So, as not to fall into a three ring circus, tasks are assigned wherever possible to match seasoned volunteers with newer volunteers.

Not unlike an apprentice training program. Out on the water is where all the action occurs. On Race

Committee Boat, you get to witness the grandeur of the start, the excitement of the finish, and the exactitude of scoring. On the "Whaler Boats", you set the weather and leeward marks, the starting pin flag, and finishing pin flag. The big plus is, that you get to watch close at hand, the boat to boat action at the marks. This, by far, beats binoculars from the beach. When the wind pipes up, you are the first line of support for the inexperienced skipper, the exhausted sailor, and the occasional carnage of too much bravado while rounding a mark.

Ashore, preparations start well ahead of any event. Accurate registration and scoring computer entry cares for the racers, while support boats and equipment are dispensed and retrieved. Automobile parking alone is a challenge. This year we hired a PASSPORT bus from Long Beach Transit to work between ABYC and the remote car parks along Ocean Blvd. Well, so much for parking cars, what about the boats? The parking lot was devoted to the dinghy fleets. Most all trailers were stored across the street, yet, a few remained in our lot as over night hull storage. Over two hundred boats transit the ramp or use the cranes each morning and evening. Choreographing this "Dance of the Dinghies" in and out of the water requires seven to ten strong, stout hearted, and leather lunged individuals. At the conclusion of racing, protests are heard and adjudged, the scoring is updated as final, then off to the trophy awards ceremonies. Oh, I failed to mention, that while those close to two hundred seventy racers are out charging about the water, the yard gets busy once again. Dollies are collected and staged, hoses are positioned for wash out stations, plus on the last day, the trailers from across the street are returned to the yard and positioned for loading and departure.

That's pretty well the nut of the Turkey Day Regatta. Our most well attended of the year. For those, and not just the new members, who have not as yet taken an opportunity to join in on one of these regattas, I'm putting you on notice that unless you are sailing in it, you are missing out on the fun and action that really makes this outstanding yacht club tick. I suppose now is the point where I should admonish the membership to fill out and return the volunteer forms you receive with your billing. If, you are unable to volunteer that's OK, we understand you may be taking an all expense paid train trip to Tahiti to watch submarine races, that's still OK, but please, just note as such on the form, and send the bloody thing back.

That being said ... Merry Christmas and come sail Boxing Day Regatta, which is a Club only fun sail on the Bay for whining rights at the bar. Just do it!

Then, look out, here comes the new year...PYSF clinic, ROSE BOWL Regatta, ISAF Youth Qualifiers, Youth Multi-Hull Championships.

*Cheers, John Massey*

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# fleet captain's g



As we move into the holiday season the club has a brief reprieve to “catch our breath” after another busy year. We are lucky to live in a part of the world where we can get out on the water all year long. I have many friends who have hauled their boats and placed them on-the-hard for a long winters nap and their attentions turn to fireplaces and book reading. Not so for us!

ABYC is an incredibly active facility and our year long sailing habit generates above average wear and tear on our club house and our support boats. These whalers, barges and “Patience” carry our volunteers, race committee and coaches safely across the water and log hundreds of hours each year. With their constant use there is rarely a break to service and maintain them. It would be nice if we could rest them when summer ended and school starts back up, but we capped our year off with by far our largest regatta of the year – Turkey Day – and our great ABYC personnel once again insured our boats were ready, willing and able. Next time you see Kelly Whitlow, Rick Rose and Adam Phelps please thank them for making sure our boats are able to support our racers. And I would be remiss if I didn’t thank “Mr. Everything” John Massey for his determination, dedication and involvement over the last couple of years to help keep our whaler and bay barge fleet current.

One new development that you will notice next time you come to the club is that we are now mooring our whalers on land, in the parking lot! The two closest rows to Ocean Blvd. are now our land based parking zone for whalers. The extra effort to haul our whalers and stow them on trailers will significantly improve their longevity. We can repair, service and maintain them with greater ease. Naturally, this takes extra time and effort on behalf of our staff, but we are convinced it is worth the effort. Keep this in mind if you are running an event or your fleet has signed up to use the club boats. We have a whaler request form that needs to be submitted to Kelly Whitlow in advance. If we know what you want and when you want it we can have everything launched, fueled up and ready to go – planning and communicating are the keys.

All of us who race sailboats at the club certainly appreciate that we couldn’t compete on the water if our race committee didn’t donate their time to provide us with courses to sail. A lot of effort goes in to organizing the race committees and regattas. This year our Race Management Committee is lead by co-chairmen Mike Baumann and Jim Drury. As our 2008 calendar fills in we find we are always in need of volunteers to help with every aspect of coordinating a regatta – parking, entries, launching (ramp and hoist), mark setting, etc. Most active fleets have a “duty” regatta where it is your turn to pitch in and help run the regatta – this is actually a great way to give back, learn something new and meet more people at the club. We are a volunteer based organization, if you want to learn how to drive a whaler or would like to help out with receiving entries or manning the gate to control the flow of parking please give me a call and I’ll make sure we get you more involved.

Our port captain, Dave Myers, has been quietly keeping all of marks, anchors and support boat equipment for the Race Committee organized and ready. Dave spends countless hours at the club (and has been doing this for years) making sure that when the sun rises on Saturday morning we have all the components in place to make sure we can run races. Thanks Dave, your efforts are greatly appreciated!

The sabot racks project is going to happen very soon. The rack design is complete and ready for board approval. Pipe cutting and the pre-assembly of parts should be noticeable next time you are at the club. The layout committee has submitted its’ recommendation to the board and a special BOD meeting will take place to walk the yard before approving this final step. We are confident that this change will provide many benefits that our members will enjoy for years to come, but caution that it going to take a little getting used to. We honestly feel that the new racks are better, will last longer and that the new yard mapping will open up not only more sabot spaces, but also more spaces for other trailerable boats.

If you own a sabot **PLEASE** come down to the club and identify your boat and spars. All sabots need to have an ABYC sticker affixed to the transom and the sticker number needs to match what we have on file for that rack location in the office. Your mast, boom and covers should have your last name and hull number on them (blue tape / sharpie pen is fine). If you have any loose parts near your sabot please clear them out and take them home. We fully expect that there will be LOST items during this move. Unknown and unclaimed parts will be placed into an impound area for no more than 30 days, then any “lost and found” items will be destroyed or donated. Correspondence in the form of an email and/or letter will be sent out to each sabot owner as a reminder that the transition from the wooden racks to our new aluminum racks is taking place. Please call me if you have questions or need help due to illness, travel or anything else that may prevent you from getting down to the club and I will do everything I can to assist. I don’t want to come across too strong and we truly want to minimize the potential for lost parts, BUT it your responsibility as a member to have your gear clearly labeled so that if it gets lost it can be returned to you.

Enjoy the holidays, come down to the club and go out for a sail. By the time you put your boat away and drive home the sun will be down and the lights will be shining from the “Trees on the Bay”...what a nice way to reflect on the holiday spirit

*Jeff Merrill*

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# from the pages of history

**A**bout my favorite thing in reading old copies of the SOU'WESTER for this column is seeing names of folks still around and of seeing topics still current ten, twenty or even thirty years later. This crop is no different:

## **THIRTY YEARS AGO:**

There was an interesting article in the SOU'WESTER for December of 1987, written by Tick Weber and entitled "The Mule." It was not about a recalcitrant, dumb animal best suited for hard work—well, maybe it was. "The new boat mover has about the same horsepower as the old one," the article says. "However, there are no gears, it's hydraulic." The article explains how you close the choke, open the throttle half way and turn the key; it also talks about the jack to raise and lower the ball. There are only two rules affecting the new mule," the article concludes: "Only adults may operate it," and "Any repairs or damage will be assessed to the East Yard."

Turkey Day apparently featured 171 boats on two venues; Sid Exley ran races in the harbor while Don Brackenbury did the duty on the Bay. It blew hard, apparently: regatta chairman Gary Winterrowd reported gusts to 35 miles per hour. Among the winners—or survivors—were Mark Golison in Senior Sabot A and Bruce Golison in C-15 class.

Christmas parties were on tap for many ABYC fleets. Dick and Margaret Russell were hosting the Coronado 25 fleet's Christmas Party, to which attendees were asked to bring "hot or cold hors d'oeuvres to share." The Cal 20's were partying at the club; dinner would be catered by The Queen Restaurant, which company had also catered the recently completed Thanksgiving Dinner (not held in conjunction with Turkey Day in those days). The Sabotiers were also celebrating Christmas in the clubhouse the day after the Cal 20's; it would feature a buffet dinner, live music for dancing until one in the morning and a charge of \$5.50 per person.

ABYC member Tom Linskey reported on sailing in the 1977 Championship of Champions Regatta at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; representing the C-15 class and sailing Buccaneers, the team of Linskey and crew Jeff Lenhart took first place...The Grounds and Mooring Chairman announced that all boats stored in the yard were going to be required to have a sticker with the name of the owner and the CF number of the boat stenciled onto the trailer; boats with no sticker were to be "chained to the fence"...Commodore Bill Nicolai finished his Commodore's Comments with this thought: "Mary Lou and I wish you all a Joyous Holiday Season and a Bountiful New Year. We look forward to seeing you around the club"...

## **TWENTY YEARS AGO:**

A lengthy article ran under the title, "The Yard Ogre Speaks," in the December, 1987, SOU'WESTER. Dan Clapp, the "Yard Ogre," announced that all boats in the yard had to bring a photocopy of their 1988 registration to the office by the end of January, and all boats had to have their 1988 renewal stickers on the boats at that time, too. Sabots had to register their boats by sail and/or hull number. Finally, Dan reminded everyone that the Yard Rules are in place to insure that we all can use the Yard to its fullest potential and our best advantage. Those who would ignore or violate these Yard Rules impinge on the freedom of all those members who are operating within the rules." He concluded with the sentence, "I believe the 'Golden Rule' applies."

Commodore Al Nelson reported that Fleet Captain Dick Caley was to be "in charge of everything involving regatta management, including Traffic and Launch Control, Trophies, on-water communication and the Race Management Committee." This latter group, a new concept at ABYC, was to be "in charge of appointing key chairpersons and coordinating staffing for each club regatta" as well as creating a "critique system and a personnel development program, all with the purpose of improving the quality of ABYC regattas." Sid Exley and Langdon Parrill were identified as members of the RMC.

The First Annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta was declared an absolute success by the chairperson. A total of 160 boats on five different venues took place. Among trophy winners from ABYC were Allan and Ron Rosenberg (second in PHRF A), Suzanne Worthington (second in Catalina 30), Mary Riddick and Clif Mathias (first and second, respectively, in Senior Sabots) and Ken Hodges, Nick Emmer, Steve Shaw, Isabelle Lounsberry, Gordon Brown and George Hardie (second through seventh in that order in Cal 20's).

It was a month where the births of grandchildren were reported; among the happy grandparents were Carol and Carl Reynolds, Jim and Kay Hetherington and Bill and Pat Van Cleve, while ABYC manager Midge Marshall celebrated becoming a great grandmother...the ABYC Christmas Party was set with a charge of \$3.00 for anyone over the age of ten but free for those ten and under (attendees were expected to donate something to the "Holiday Buffet Table," as the event was a pot-luck in those days); while attendance was encouraged, with no charge for kids, members were asked not to "bring the whole neighborhood"...

## **TEN YEARS AGO:**

According to the SOU'WESTER of December, 1997, that year's Turkey Day Regatta featured 265 boats in 26 classes on three venues. George Caddle, Bob Anderson and Chris Ericksen were the three PRO's. Among the classes sailing in the event were Melges 24, Finn, Olson 30, Europe dinghy, International Canoe, 420 and Soling. Among the names of winners were Bob Falk in Laser, Christopher McNaboe in Junior Sabot C2, Kevin Dumain in Senior Sabot A, Doug Jorgensen in Etchells, Dan Gilboa in C-15 and Pete Melvin in A-Class catamaran. And third place in the I-14's went

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to a couple of youngsters, Paul Galvez and his crew, Yvonne Heusler; they beat Olympic medalist Allison Jolly and her husband, Mark Elliot, who took fourth place.

The centerspread featured photos of many new members. Among the new Regular members were Glenn and Leslie Cox, Jeremy Laudergeran and Brian Warren and Kirsten Cesarez; new Yachting members included Stacy Conn and Kevin and Gayle Taugher. Roger Jenkins, an A-Class catamaran sailor, and his family were reported as posted for consideration for Regular membership.

Christmas parties on the calendar included one for the Keel Boat Fleet, the Snipe Fleet and the Senior Sabot Fleet; the club's Christmas Party was set for December 7 that year. "Mary Smith and Company" were in charge of the 1997 ABYC New Year's Eve "Beach Party," with attendees encouraged to wear their Reyn Spooner holiday shirts; dinner fare included beef Wellington, seasonal vegetables, a raspberry English trifle for dessert and a coffee and liqueur bar.

Another sign of the season was a holiday toy donation program to benefit the Children's Dental Clinic; ABYC members were encouraged to bring a wrapped toy, and the ABYC Juniors were among the "elves" who delivered the toys to the Clinic on December 12...a letter to all members, included in the SOU'WESTER, that another round of resurfacing and restriping of the boat yard would take place in January; not only were volunteers called upon to move the boats, all members with boats in the yard were asked to be sure their trailers were moveable...Ann Exley's column, "From the Pages of History," mentioned the 424-boat Pacific Coast Championship Regatta, sailed in Newport Beach in August of 1957—fifty years ago; among the trophy winners was Dick Landes of ABYC, sailing his Snipe, "Barbarian"...

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

## the bay clogger (junior sailing)

### **A** mazing Performances in Twelve Fleets at Turkey Day by ABYC Juniors!

3 <sup>rd</sup> place Sabot A – Riley Gibbs	4 <sup>th</sup> place Sabot C2 – Bridget Luckey
2 <sup>nd</sup> place Sabot B – Elle Merrill	5 <sup>th</sup> place Sabot C2 – Brian MacLean
3 <sup>rd</sup> place Sabot B – Matt McDermaid	6 <sup>th</sup> place Sabot C2 – John Merrill
6 <sup>th</sup> place Sabot C1 – Sawyer Gibbs	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Sabot C3 – Bradley Clinton
1 <sup>st</sup> place Sabot C2 – Richard Bell	5 <sup>th</sup> place Sabot C3 – Caitlyn Curley
2 <sup>nd</sup> place Sabot C2 – Johnny Blumberg	3 <sup>rd</sup> place 29er – Sydney Bolger
3 <sup>rd</sup> place Portsmouth (420's) – Jack Jorgensen & Lauren Bussey	
4 <sup>th</sup> place Portsmouth (420's) – Cameron Forsberg & JP Saunders	

### **Turkey Day Wrap Up**

This may very well have been one of the most astounding Turkey Day Regattas I have ever witnessed from the juniors. AS the ABYC Junior Program has grown and the students have gotten older, they continue to move into new types of boats to sail and for the first time not only did we have 34 juniors compete, they were part of 12 fleets at the regattas! This included all five of the sabot fleets, Portsmouth (420's), laser standard and radial, 29er's, Cal 20's, Lido 14's, and Mercury's. IT was a sight to see such a presence out on the ocean and the bay from our junior racers.

In the end, not only was there a presence in many fleets, but several of the students did very well. We saw at least five breakthrough performances and many more that were truly impressive.

#### **On the Bay**

After the first day, Riley Gibbs was in first place for the Sabot A fleet against some of Southern California's best (a marvelous feat); Elle Merrill led the B fleet in only her third regatta after having moved up; Richard Bell led the C2 fleet with team mate Johnny Blumberg close behind. In the C3 fleet, eight year-old Bradley Clinton fought himself into second place on Saturday!

Sunday brought more consistent breeze and saw more impressive surprises from the juniors. After a respectable first day, but a ways off of the trophy mark, Matt McDermaid is the official "come-back kid" pulling out two bullets and a second to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall just behind Elle Merrill (2<sup>nd</sup> overall) in the Sabot B's. Again, this is a huge accomplishment for two of our brightest stars that are very new to this fleet which has recently been noted as extremely tough to break into the top 10 much less the top 3.



*Elle Merrill wins a turkey for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Sabot Bs*



*Bridget Luckey - 4<sup>th</sup> place in Sabot 2s*

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A couple of other notable performances included Marissa Golison's surprising 8<sup>th</sup> place A fleet finish. She and Ginger Luckey (10<sup>th</sup> overall) are both young A's that have battled from the bottom up and are now both entering the top portion of the difficult fleet.

Richard Bell was the star of the regatta with all top 3 finishes in the C2 fleet, winning the regatta outright and officially becoming a C1. Just behind him was the new rocket-ship, Johnny Blumberg (more affectionately known as Johnny B) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. In fact, in the C2's, five of the top six were ABYC with Bridget Luckey in 4<sup>th</sup>, Brian MacLean in 5<sup>th</sup> and John Merrill in 6<sup>th</sup>. C2 newbie Noah LaBarba pulled out a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in one race which showed promise of a bright future as well.

In the C3's, we had several 8 year old sailors and many young racers. Bradley Clinton finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> overall while Caitlyn Curley followed close behind in 5<sup>th</sup>. She deserves the most improved and greatest determination award for never quitting! Peter Bishop, Alan Peoples and Carl Olson also had top three finishes this weekend and showed a promising future for ABYC.

## **On the Ocean**

On the ocean courses, we had 420's for the first time in our junior program history. The three ABYC teams were short a full fleet for themselves so they sailed in the Portsmouth fleet against C-15's, Catamarans and a U20. Jack Jorgensen and crew Lauren Bussey duked it out with Cameron Forsberg and crew JP Saunders for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place position while Samantha Gebb and crew Laura Newton showed threatening moments of serious speed near the end of the regatta. This was the first and second regattas in the boats for several of the sailors, so it was great to see them competing so closely. It was also practice for

Cameron and JP who will be traveling to Florida this December/January along with Sydney Bolger who sailed in 29er's this regatta for a change and got 3<sup>rd</sup>, to compete in the Orange Bowl in 420's.

Our star laser sailors Cameron Summers and Alex Vaught were on the full rig and radial courses respectively. They both showed moments of strong performance and smart sailing. Alex started his first race in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and sailed extremely smart by watching the shifts and playing them accordingly. He found himself competing in the top 10 of the competitive fleet for several of the races and finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall out of the 44 laser radials. Cameron finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall in Laser full rigs behind Jay Golison and Chris Raab showing that the junior sailors can hold their own next to the big dogs.

Ian Fournier, Ryan McNaboe and Palmer Luckey also sailed in radials with the biggest improvements coming on day two. Each of these three sailors went above their personal best to achieve some great races.

Overall, Turkey Day was an amazing showing by the juniors and one that won't soon be forgotten!

*Brad Schaupter & Sarah Ryan*

## **SCYYRA C420 Perry Series – Regatta #2**

Over the weekend of November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, youth sailors Cameron Forsberg, JP Saunders, Jack Jorgensen, Lauren Bussey, and Sydney Bolger from ABYC's C420 fleet participated in the Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association C420 double handed Perry Series regatta #2 held at SDYC. The Perry Series is comprised of (4) regattas sailed through the winter and spring of 2007/2008 and provides a solid foundation for youth sailors interested in competing in national and international double handed dinghy regattas.

Chris Barnard & Perry Emsiek from NHYC won the regatta with an amazing consecutive string of (6) 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes out of the (8) total races sailed South of the Zuniga jetty in the extremely light and shifty ocean course conditions. ABYC sailors finished as follows: Forsberg/Saunders (21<sup>st</sup>), Jorgensen/Bussey (13<sup>th</sup>), and Bolger/Beavers (12<sup>th</sup>). Of the 32 entrants, Sydney came into race #2 in 4<sup>th</sup> place having sailed a respectable regatta #1 in Sept. held at CBYC. However, a couple of tactical oversights and seaweed issues in this regatta produced a mid fleet finish, which will move her back in the overall standings.

The real story was Jack and Lauren's brilliant performance in their first C420 regatta after only a couple of months training in the boat. At the close of racing on Saturday, this new team was (6<sup>th</sup>) in the standings with a string of top ten finishes, placing them ahead of the 2007 US Youth World Team (Toole/McBride) and the 2007 Sabot National Winner (LaDow). This is just after Jack went to MBYC and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the North Series – regatta #2 in sabots the weekend before. Sunday brought yet another top-ten finish for this hot new team and a couple of rough races in the difficult wind conditions, which resulted in a tie finish of 87 points with Bolger. A marvelous performance by Jack & Lauren to be sure, and a huge congratulations to everyone.

*Brad Bolger*

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*Richard Bell with his 1st place pie for Sabot C2 - he actually took a burkey home...he had a joke played on him*



*Bradley Clinton with his pie for a 3rd place win in Sabot C3s*

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"Although Allan wasn't here, [Ray Corbett's] Shadow from San Diego was really fast," Downey said. "We had to beat him in the last race, and we got him at the start and took him way past the lay line [for the windward mark] and held on."

Spencer/Downey also had a rare dead-heat second-place finish with Jim Kerrigan from Balboa's Bahia Corinthian YC in Sunday's first race.

Youngsters Max Fraser, 17, and crew David Liebenberg, 16, from notoriously windy Santa Cruz YC in northern California dominated the 13-boat 29er fleet with three wins, two seconds and a discarded third place.

"I've been trying to come down here every year to learn how to sail in lighter wind," Fraser said.

The only problem, Liebenberg said, was that sailing a lively 29er in single-digit breeze "is almost like sailing a [more sedate] Flying Dutchman."

But they weren't the youngest crew sailing a 29er. Chuckie Eaton, all 79 pounds of him, and crew Patrick Powell from Coronado YC were each 12 years old.

The other skiff class, International 14, took tiebreaking to the limit. Ron Boehm and crew Archie Massey from Santa Barbara YC swapped three firsts, two seconds and discarded thirds each with ABYC's Paul Galvez and Guillo de la Barra. The issue was settled on Boehm/Massey's 1-2 win in the last race.

The Sabot A class battle between Esteban Forrer, 13, from California YC in Marina del Rey, and Reece Bernet from San Diego's Southwestern YC, was tied going into the last race, which Forrer won by five boat lengths.

"That was pretty exciting," Forrer said.

The two largest fleets were won by Brian Cottrell, King Harbor YC, among 34 Lasers and Chris Barnard, Newport Harbor YC, who won four of six races among 44 Laser Radials.

*Rich Roberts*



29er fleet Sailors -Left to Right 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Sydney Bolger, Skipper & (not pictured, Willy Mc Bride, Crew), 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Caitlin Beavers, Crew & Alex Bernal, Skipper



Olson 30s had to pick their way through the Laser Radial fleet at the windward mark



Mark Ryan with Skipper Bruce Wasson in their festive turkey hats...2nd place in Lido Bs



Turkey Day Regatta is a family affair

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# turkey day (cont)

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The lines were long but the dinner was great thanks to our terrific staff and volunteers. Early in the day, tables were set, decorations were arranged and chairs were scrubbed by a mighty SAC team and friends. Those on hand for set up were Lori VanSkyhock, Betsy Crooke, Diane Bateman, Ann Seapy, Sue McDannel and my sister-in-law Julie

Campbell. Betsy and Julie later checked reservations and stamped turkeys on hands as hungry sailors and friends started up the stairs to a sumptuous turkey buffet. Greeting them was Richard Vaught who passed out plates, jokes and checked for turkey stamped hands. In the kitchen, Dave Myers assisted Jesus and Adam with cooking chores. Serving grommet mashed potatoes, turkey stuffing, green bean casserole, and corn were Lorraine Perone, Jon and Kathy Robinson, Georgia Merchant and Pamela Merrill. Turkey carvers were Commodore Glenn Selvin, Vice Commodore Merle Asper and Don Taugher. Barbara Angus and George Anderson directed the carving operations and helped dish up hot sliced turkey. Finishing up with desert service of apple or pumpkin pie slathered in whipped cream were Diane Bateman, Stephanie Munn and Carol Selvin. Turning tables at blinding speed to make sure that our almost 400 diners had seats were Terri and Kate Bishop and Vicki Vaught. The Bart Bollen Steel Drum Band provided background waiting and diner music.



Max Fraser and crew David Liebenberg of Santa Cruz (left) led the crowd of 29ers

Newport Harbor Yacht Club apparently was so excited about the great time they were having they hung up their NHYC burgee from the ABYC balcony. Perhaps they wanted to share the glory.

## **SOME TURKEY DAY HISTORY:**

Based on the results of a Merrill family conference, Adra, Chas and Paul recall that the first Turkey Day Regatta was held in either 1948 or 1949. 1948 was also the year ABYC built and moved into what is now the Leeway Sailing building. This first regatta included Skimmers, Rainbows, National One Designs, Penguins and Snipes. There were no ocean classes as sandbars and a bridge blocked the entrance to the ocean. Robert Zietan of the famous Naples market Zietan's provided Turkey trophies.

Robin Townsend organized the first Turkey Day Regatta turkey dinner in 1981 when she was social chairman at the tender age of 22. She thought this would probably be the first turkey dinner of the season for most people and that it should be made with good fresh turkeys. The Vice President of Pavillions lived on the peninsula at that time and sold her rotisserie turkeys at cost. Robin also thought that the Commodores and Directors should mingle with the members more so she started the tradition of having them do the carving. Not bad for 22!

*Bill McDannel*



Larry Spencer and Todd Downey lead the Olson 30s downwind on their way to a close first place overall



Olson 30s had to pick their way through the Laser Radial fleet at the windward mark

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# membership report

Mark Gaudio photos

The following new members accepted their burgees at the membership meeting on November 16th:



*New Junior Member Rory Gaudio with sponsor Latham Bell and Commodore Glenn Selvin*



*New Regular Members Lars & Eileen Rosenblad sponsored by Todd and Cathy Smith*



*New Junior Member Tyler MacDonald with sponsor Latham Bell and Commodore Glenn Selvin*



*New Regular Members Charles & Anne-Gail Devanneaux with Membership Chairman Ken Reiff and Commodore Glenn Selvin*



*New Regular Member Sean Roll with sponsor Norma Clapp, Membership Chairman Ken Reiff and Commodore Glenn Selvin*



*New Yachting Member Phillip Toth with Commodore and Sponsor Glenn Selvin*

# Boxing Day Regatta

Saturday, December 29, 2007

## Inverted Start All classes welcome!

A day of fun on the water with friends at ABYC.

Inverted Start for centerboard and small keelboat classes. For those of us who need to get a final sailing fix for the year, an inverted start race will be run in the Bay. All boats with a Portsmouth yardstick; Sabot's, Lido's, Laser's, C-15's, Snipe's, CAL 20's, Etchells, F-31 Trimarans, CAL 40's etc. One race starting at 1pm and lasting approximately 100 minutes.

Don't miss the fun, even if you just come down to watch.

***Inverted Start – Start 1pm***



Entries \$10  
at ABYC Office  
or On-line at [www.abyc.org](http://www.abyc.org)

# halloween regatta

**Editor's Note:**

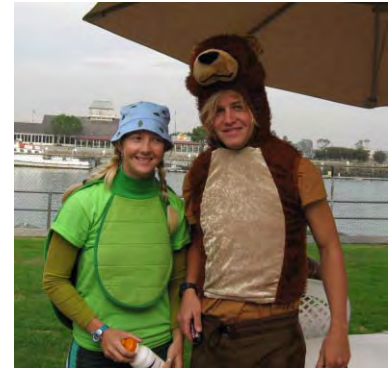
The Halloween Regatta always "falls between the cracks" because of the regatta date (between Sou'wester deadlines) and the focus on the Installation. Here are some photos and results from the event.



Mark Gaudio in a fright wig!



The younger kids sailed in their costumes while the older juniors ran the regatta!



Sara Ryan and Mark Ryan dressed for the event and coached the kids.

Rank	SailNo	Helm	Crew	Club	R1	R2	Total	Net	
<b>Lido B</b>									
1	4790	Mark & Sarah Ryan		ABYC	2	1	3	3	
2	6026	Ross Nemeroff	Nita	ABYC	1	2	3	3	
3	5024	Don Taugher	Christine Taugher	ABYC	3	3	6	6	
4	5088	Vicki Vaught/Terry Bishop		ABYC	5	4	9	9	
5	2540	Ron Clanton	Ryan Clanton	ABYC	4	5	9	9	
6	4963	Bruce Wasson	Alex Newton	Leeway	6	6	12	12	
7	5036	Kelly Cantley	Anne Eggers	SCCYC	8 DNC	8 DNC	16	16	
<b>Sabot B</b>									
1	9320	Steven Hopkins		ABYC	3	1	4	4	
2	9507	Sawyer Gibbs		ABYC	1	3	4	4	
3	8904	Adrian Black		LBYC	2	2	4	4	
4	10030	Dugan Farrell		ABYC	5 DNC	5 DNC	10	10	
<b>Sabot C-2</b>									
1	8	Rory Gaudio		ABYC	1	2	3	3	
2	8378	Jonn Merrill		ABYC	4	1	5	5	
3	8392	Bridget Luckey		ABYC	2	3	5	5	
4	5140	John McInerney		ABYC	3	4	7	7	
5	10145	Noah LaBarba		ABYC	6 DNC	6 DNC	12	12	
<b>Sabot C-3</b>									
1	9432	Lilly Flam		ABYC	4	2	6	6	
2	433	Peter Bishop		ABYC	2	4	6	6	
3	7928	Gentry Bell		ABYC	6	1	7	7	
4	9427	Emily Golsion		ABYC	1	6	7	7	
5	9766	Beth Golison		ABYC	5	3	8	8	
6	8049	Bradley Clinton		ABYC	3	5	8	8	
7	10108	Sean Curley		ABYC	7	7	14	14	
<b>Laser Radial</b>									
1	10	Julian Soto		ABYC	1	1	2	2	
2	4	Adam Pokras		DRYC	2	2	4	4	
3	9695	Palmer Luckey		ABYC	3	3	6	6	
4	4088	Derek Landeau		ABYC	5	4	9	9	
5	4148	Seamus Dougherty		DRYC	4	5	9	9	
<b>Laser Full</b>									
1	7388	Jay Golison		ABYC	1	1	2	2	
2	1828	Chuck Tripp		ABYC	2	2	4	4	
3	3825	Jim Kirk		ABYC	3	3	6	6	
4	9463	Steven Smith		ABYC	4	4	8	8	
5	8918	Nigel Morris			5	6 DNC	11	11	
<b>Cal 20</b>									
1	72	Barney Flam	Steve Flam	ABYC	1	2	2	5	5
2	238	Jennifer Kuritz	John Ellis/Steve Kuritz	ABYC	3	3	1	7	7
3	373	Jeff Ives	Phil Soma	ABYC	2	4	4	10	10
4	508	John Merchant	Rob Fuller	ABYC	8	1	6	15	15
5	952	Tom Mendenhall	Dan Mendenhall	ABYC	6	8	3	17	17
6	69	Mike Wood		ABYC	5	5	7	17	17
7	299	Ken Hodges	Ken Reiff	ABYC	4	7	8	19	19
8	438	Don Zinn	Mark Rhodes	ABYC	9	6	5	20	20
9	1077	Dan Bates		SIBYC	7	9	9	25	25
10	1145	David Johnson	Linus Rolls	ABYC	10	10	10	30	30

# hails from the fleets



## 2007 ABYC Halloween Regatta

The smoke from numerous Southern California wildfires still hung in the calm air of a Saturday morning as a group of five **Laser** Masters on full-rigs and five Juniors on **Radials** gathered for the 2008 ABYC Halloween Regatta. Flags hung limp as the skippers meeting concluded with a postponement for some wind. Predicting a continuation of drifting conditions, the **Laser** fleets elected to stay close and race in the Bay.

Once we saw ripples on the Bay we ventured out for our start. **Mike Bauman**, overseeing the duty fleet of ABYC Juniors –many resplendent in bright Halloween costumes- started the Full & Radial rigs together in the barest of breeze. The eventual pecking order of ABYC's **Jay Golison, Chuck Tripp, Jim Kirk**, your author and guest Nigel Morris started to sort itself out as the lead changed hands down the unpredictable channel to marks "F" & "B". In the **Radial** Fleet, ABYC's **Julian Soto** was hanging in with the Full Rigs around much of the course. Once around "F", **Jay** and **Chuck** caught the first puffs and left us in the proverbial dust. The Full-Rigs played cat & mouse across out the rest of the course but **Jay** prevailed in first, followed by **Chuck, Jim**, your author and Nigel. In **Radials**, **Julian** was first, followed by Adam Pokras from DRYC, **Palmer Luckey** from ABYC, Seamus Dougherty from DRYC and **Derek Landeau** from ABYC.

We were able to start a second race, albeit without the challenging legs to marks F& B. The start saw some bumping but the guilty parties returned to restart or do their penalty turns. Finishing order in the Full-Rigs remained the same with **Jay** in first flowed by **Chuck, Jim** and your author. In the **Radial** Fleet, **Julian** was first again followed in order by Adam, **Palmer, Derek** and Seamus.

All in all, despite frustratingly light breeze, all racers took the conditions in stride and had a good time together. Now we're ready for Turkey Day!

## 2007 Turkey Day Regatta

This report comes from Chuck Tripp:

The Turkey Regatta was a wonderful success for **Lasers** and **Radials**. I think there were a total of 80 **Radials** and **Laser** Full Rigs. Race Officer, **Bob Anderson** and crew did an incredible job on the **Laser** Full Rig course. I couldn't believe we had that many boats. Sharing the ramp with 29ers, Finns, Sabots, 14's and all those **Lasers** made life interesting. 200 of the boats in the regatta used the ramp. I think we should petition for a larger ramp!

Saturday morning brought grey skies which burned off and winds in the 4 to 8 knot range from the normal Southwest direction. Splitting the **Radials** and **Lasers** on separate courses worked well and prevented scoring hiccups. It can sometimes be difficult telling the difference between **Radials** and Full Rigs on the race course. The **Laser** Full Rigs had three races on Saturday. ABYC's **Jay Golison, & Cameron Summers**, Peter Drasnin from Westlake YC, and **Chris Raab** of ABYC were all in the top six at the end of the first day. Competition was the best I have seen in a number of years. With the wind light and shorter than usual first weather legs, separation was difficult which made racing really tight.

Sunday brought more grey skies and fog. It finally burned off around 1:00 and **Bob Anderson** and crew were able to get three good races in. Wind was definitely better than Saturday. We had 7 to 12 knots so the 160 pounders were full hiking and even the heavier Master sailors were able to hit the straps. The most interesting development was that starting at the leeward end and going left on Sunday was one of the fastest tracks. Most of the races on Saturday also favored the left side of the course...definitely a change from the norm. **Jay Golison, Chris Raab**, and Peter Drasnin ended up with Turkeys. **Cameron Summers**, I and **Jim Kirk** also enjoyed moments of glory. Definitely a fun weekend.

## ABYC 2007 Laser Fleet Championship

Congratulations to **Jim Kirk**, the 2007 ABYC **Laser** Fleet Champion. Finishing second is **Cameron Summers**. In addition to this recognition, **Jim** and **Cameron** will represent the ABYC **Laser** Fleet in the 2008 ABYC Club Championship held Opening Day in May.

*Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain*



# hails from the fleets

## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



It was another great presentation by Mary and Paul Zack at the November 8<sup>th</sup> Fleet meeting. They had a wonderful slide show and talk on their adventures in Vietnam. The pictures were outstanding and the various places in Vietnam they visited brought names that we read about years ago but had no idea what the places really looked like. A visit from Mary and Paul is a very special treat and I hope the Keel Boat Fleet will enjoy some other adventures with them in the near future.

Joe Riddick, Judy Mathias and John Brennan do a great job running the Fleet but I am sure they could use some volunteers. The Keel Boat Fleet and the Sabotier Fleet are responsible for the ABYC General Meeting, January 18. Please give our Fleet Captains a ring as they will need help on the serving line etc.

The Christmas Party is the 14<sup>th</sup> of December and is always a grand affair. Judy Mathias has lined up our favorite pianist, Rhonda Rubio, who always sets the mood just right. I know Joe said he was not up to an active part in this year's party but I'll bet we see his touch in the fun games. Don't miss this party; it's the best one of the season. Do bring a hors d'oeuvre to share.

Our old friend and former Fleet member, Bard Heavens, will be the guest speaker at the next Keel Boat Fleet meeting, Friday, January 11. Bard took several months to explore the inside passage to Alaska on his boat as reported in several of these columns in the Sou'Wester. The January meeting will again be pot-luck. Judy Mathias and Carol Reynolds will be giving out the details about the upcoming Armchair Cruise February 2.

The name of the play is 'The Deadly Game' and is a mystery that really sounds fun. The Armchair has developed into quite a yearly tradition with our group enjoying the complimentary hors d'oeuvres and reasonable wine before the play and of course the kicker is that it's for a great charity.

Wow, lots going on. See you at the Christmas Party!

George C.



*Celebrate \ selu 'breyt\ verb 1: mark a significant occasion with an enjoyable activity*

**C**hristmas Party December 14<sup>th</sup> -  
BE HERE NOW

Within hours of Joe Riddick's nod, the plans were underway to bring you the Sabotier and Keel Boat Fleets annual exchange of holiday cheer. Come down and renew some age-old friendships, let the conversation flow, and help Joe make every guest feel well taken care of. We will begin with cocktails at 5. Come down and see what all the fuss is about, foodies bring a

casserole or, if you can't cook, bring something splendid to share. You don't have to be an exacting chef, everyone loves to try something new and we are all here for the celebration and friendship. Mention the word music and the next thing you know the sabotier fleet will be tapping their feet in three four time. Singing? Of course-come on down and enjoy the fun...leeboard or keel, simply put, we would love to see you.

Backtrack for a moment.

Turkey Day Regatta...Boomtown USA...flexibility was the watchword here. The yard was perpetually buzzing with sailors trying to get from here to there and back again. Everyone is prepared for sensory overload anyway, and the lucky sailors who persevered were:

### Turkey Day Regatta

1st Place -Jane McNaboe

2nd Place -Mary Riddick

3rd Place - John Ellis

4th Place - Jennifer Kuritz

November 11<sup>th</sup> Fleet Race-You never know what to expect around the next corner...the regatta was cancelled due to inclement weather or to put it more mildly...the PRO was cold.

### October 28<sup>th</sup> Fleet Race

1st Place -Bobby Ware

2nd Place -Mary Riddick

3rd Place - Dianne Gonzalez

Two more chances to round out 2007; jump off the couch; leave the remote dangling and leap in your Sabot. Fleet Race December 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet Race, Boxing Day December 29<sup>th</sup>, where we have every chance of winning especially if we can con the PRO into improving our rating!!!

Betty Mills is home and the Mills family would like to thank everyone for their cards and words of support.

Coal in the stockings to all that haven't paid their dues to John Ellis.

Hope to see you all at the Party on the 14<sup>th</sup>...

*Jennifer's Merry Elves*



**S**ix Lido teams showed up for the noon start of the Halloween Regatta. This fun regatta was organized, staffed and run by the ABYC Juniors, most of them in costume, adding to the enjoyment for all.

What little air there was, was light and shifty, delaying the start for 1:30 or so. Due to the late start, only two of the three scheduled races were sailed. Sarah Ryan with brother Mark (#4790) took first, followed by Ross Nemeroff and Nita Scott (#6026), Don and Chris Taugher (#5024), Terry Bishop and Vicki Vaught (#5088), Ron and Ryan Clanton (#2540) and Bruce Wasson and Alex Newton (#4963).

The 27 Lido teams which converged on ABYC for the Turkey Day Regatta were met with two days of

# hails from the fleets

light breezes. Teams traveled from as far as Morro Bay and San Diego to compete in one of the largest regattas of the year. Kurt and Anne Weise of NHYC easily handled the A Fleet with a total of 7 points, followed by Eric Heim and Ryan Del Prado of DPYC with 15 points. Top finishers from ABYC were Ross Nemeroff and Nita Scott in seventh and Dave and Jeanne Smith in tenth.

Seven ABYC fleet members were sailing in the twelve boat B Fleet. Bruce Wasson sailing with Mark Ryan took second place, while Tracy Conn and Mark Stanifer wound up fourth. Others competing were Terri Bishop and Kate Bishop, Margie Brown and Jenny Knox, John and Liz Bergan, Martyn Bookwaltet and Jamie Moore and Bob and Edna Best.

Up next is the Boxing Day Regatta, come join the fun.

*Don Taugher, Fleet Captain*

## *A Turkey Day wrap-up*

Like every other class in the Turkey Day Regatta, the lido fleet showed up in large numbers. All in all there were twelve lido A's and 14 lido B's! Nine lido teams from ABYC showed up to race for a turkey, most of whom in the B's. Although none of us trophied in the A's, Ross Nemeroff with crew Nita Scott came close. Rumor has it boats collided out on the water and Ross ended up with rail damage and a lost whisker pole. That probably counts for his two DNC's. Bum out! We hope to see Ross/Nita back on the racecourse soon. On a lighter note, it was good to see Dave and Jeanne Smith back in good old Alamitos Bay in their lido. The Smith's our long time fleet members.

Fleet Six had better luck in the B's. Long time lido sailor Tracy Conn/Mark Stanifer placed 4th overall. They even pulled off a bullet in race two! They were miles ahead in that race! Bruce Wasson {a soon to be fleet member} and your author finish second in the B's. Bruce is a product of Leeway Sailing Center and is Jim Dury's crew. This was only Bruce's second regatta skippering! Whoa!

It was great to see Terri Bishop and daughter Katie Bishop trying out the high-performance Lido 14. They finish a respectably 6th in the B's. Close behind was Margie Brown/Jenny Knox. Bringing up the back end of the fleet is fleet six's newest members Robert and Edna Best. This past year the Best's bought a brand new lido#6307! This is {I believe} they're first big lido regatta. Although they didn't place well, they still had big smiles out on the racecourse. That's the true spirit of lido sailing and I'm looking forward to seeing them in the next regatta and the coming twilight's!

Don't forget lido sailors, the Boxing Day Regatta is coming up!

Smooth lido sailing for the coming year everyone!

Ciao!

*Mark Ryan*



**T**he weather in the months of October and November were not exactly fall-like—unless you grew up in Southern California and know that

Santa Ana winds and 90-degree temperatures are what we see in fall—but the Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet seems to be getting ready for a long winter's nap. The completion of the 2007 Fleet Championship Series and running of the 2008 World's Qualifier Regatta back in September seems to have taken the rest of the fall off: no boats competed in the Halloween Regatta, and the plug was pulled for a one-design start at the Turkey Day Regatta a few days in advance.

But that doesn't mean the fleet is dormant. On any given weekend day there'll be one or another boat in the water for a day of practicing or just sailing about; the Seal Beach Yacht Club Sunday Sailor's Series may get a few Etchells. But autumn seems to have been a time for fleet members to do something else other than race.

But that will change, and right soon. Etchells are almost always present at the ABYC Boxing Day Regatta the weekend between Christmas and New Year's Day, and 2007 should be no exception. Jerry Montgomery won the regatta in his Etchells a few years ago and quipped that he got more publicity for winning that event than he did for winning the Transpac (the regatta was featured on the ISAF website that year).

And a full schedule of fleet races is on the ABYC calendar, starting with one on Saturday, January 12. February will see both the annual Super Bowl Regatta on Alamitos Bay the first Sunday of the month, and Etchells are perennial participants in the SCYA Midwinter Regatta that same month. March brings the ABYC Chapped Cheek Regatta and a bunch of events down in San Diego to which some of our locals will go. And the fleet races continue in April, which will also probably start the 2008 Fleet Championship Series.

And there are plenty of ABYC Etchells doing other things. Chris Ericksen and Jerry Montgomery will both be PRO's for the 2008 US SAILING ISAF Youth Worlds Qualifier and U.S. Youth Multihull Championship Regatta in January; Steve Smith, the regatta chairman, is a regular Etchells crew. If you look around most events you'll see an Etchells sailor there, either as a worker or as an attendee. And don't forget that a whole slew of past and present ABYC officers and directors are Etchells sailors, including about a half-dozen Staff Commodores.

So, just because we aren't racing doesn't mean we aren't around. But the racing will resume soon enough and you'll be reading more about us in the 2008 editions of the SOU'WESTER.

On behalf of the members of Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet 18, let me wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Chris Ericksen*



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*Robin & Mark Townsend in their Cal 20 sailing Turkey Day*



*A busy yard during Turkey Day Regatta*



*A beautiful day on the water*

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# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Boxing Day Regatta Pursuit Race

**Saturday December 29, 2007**

**T**urkey Day Regatta is over, so it's time for the last holiday regatta ... Boxing Day!

Mark your calendars and make sure that you don't miss your last chance to hit the water in 2007!

This years Boxing Day regatta will be on Saturday December 29, and once again it will be a pursuit race. In a pursuit race the slowest boats start first and the fastest last. In past years we have seen everything from a Naples Sabot to an Etchells win.

Mark your calendars and make sure that you don't miss a fun day on the bay at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Boxing Day Pursuit Race, Saturday December 29, 2007 starting at 1pm.

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

*Mark Townsend*