



memorial day regatta 2007

See Rob Rice photos on web

The ABYC Memorial Day regatta this year was on May 26th & 27th and as in years past it was the responsibility of the Cal 20 fleet. The Board Liaison was Dan DeLave. The Cal 20 fleet Captain is Ken Rieff. The Regatta staffing and planning had already started before I became involved.

My involvement started innocently enough when Board member Bob Anderson approached me on (of all places) Crescent Avenue in Avalon with the question of would I like to be PRO for the Memorial Day Regatta. Naturally my first response was what happened to Steve and Barney Flam as they historically have done the PRO work for this regatta as members of the Cal 20 fleet and it has been in the past my honor to work with them. It seem that a prior commitment was not going to allow them to be there and a PRO was needed. I accepted.

My next contact was with Dan and it was decided that I should have an assistant and we would ask Stacy Jackson. I've known Stacy for a good many years, we've raced against each other and had always had a good relationship and on top of all that, Stacy had been a doing a lot of committee work in recent months. All in all it seemed like a good fit and I was fairly sure that I was going to need help. Running a major regatta for a club that lives on its regatta management reputation is no easy job and an assistant was for sure a good idea.

As with all these things staffing is always a major thing, Ken had staffed last year's regatta and was well on his way to having this regatta in place when I came on board. I had some people that had worked with me before on Regatta's (some family and some good friends) so Ken and I went to assigning jobs. One thing that I should mention is that when the Cal 20 fleet is the duty fleet there is no shortage of talent available and they are always ready to jump in and help.

From the volunteers, we put the following people into the following positions. On the upper deck of Patience, in addition to myself and Stacy we had, Barbara Rustigian doing flags and signals, Judy Mathias as timer, John Ellis handling course cards and the recall flags, Sharon Pearson as regatta recorder and Steve Kuritz calling the finishes. On the lower deck we had Jennifer Kuritz as chief scorer and helping her were Wayne & Shirley Smith, Dave Ellis, Gordon Dudley, and Dave & Carol Kofahl.

On the course setting marks were, Matt Rustigian & Erin Johnson, Start Line, Cole & Mike Price, Weather Mark 1, Dave Myers & Ron Wood, Weather Mark 2, and Ken Hodges & Stuart Haines at the Leeward Gate.

Onshore doing entries was Bobbie Peterson and the scoring was done by Jim Morford.

Special thanks go to Jeff Ives and Dave Myers for the great condition of the regatta equipment, and to George Caddle and Vern Peterson for all their work on Patience. If you haven't worked a regatta lately our committee boat and race equipment are in really great shape.

We started 9 classes from Patience on the outside courses. I can't list all the boats that took home trophies but I would like to congratulate the class winners.

A-Cat... Pease Glaser... ABYC

F 18... Keith Christesen... No Club

Hobie 16... Greg Thomas... No Club

Finn... Darell Peck... Lake Sailing Club

Snipe... Jim Grubs... ABYC

C-15... Mike Shea...ABYC

Laser... Van Wilson... ABYC

Laser Radial... Tucker Strasser...DRYC

Portsmith... Matt Houlihan... ABYC

Congratulations go to all the trophy winners who took home picture frames as trophies supplied to us through the efforts of our trophy Chairperson Cathy Black Smith. The rest of the results are posted on the ABYC web site.

And a very special thanks to Chris Ericksen for the new outside course charts.

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save the date

Independence Day Regatta	July 7
Adopt A Beach	July 21
Multihull Regatta	July 28-29
Catalina Cruise	August 4-5
Membership Meeting	August 17
Club 420 Nationals	August 18-21
Labor Day Regatta & Luau	Sept 1-2
Membership Meeints & Elections	Sept 21

commodore's comments



Be prepared. This slogan comes to mind for a number of good reasons. I have attended Eagle Scout Courts of Honor this year for two fine young men from ABYC families - AJ Robinson and Aaron Kofahl. I was never a scout but have always respected the great effort and discipline it takes to achieve this honor. With our great sailors we see the same discipline and dedication to preparation. My congratulations have gone to both AJ and Aaron and our many champions, but also my gratitude for setting such good examples for all of us.

Through the Spring, we've seen a tremendous amount of preparation going on at ABYC. From the Spring Spruce Up for Opening Day to the countless hour of work for setting up our major events like Long Beach Race Week, the Club 420 North American Championships and our 4th of July Regatta, it is the effort put into preparing for these events that really makes a difference. Any good sailor knows that proper preparation takes many times the number of hours actually spent on the water.

As Commodore, I get an ear full on preparation requirements, not only for specific events but also for the projects and programs that support all these events. I also get to see and hear how our preparation has paid impressive benefits. The facility is in good shape for the summer. Our major refurbishment efforts over the past few years have been paying dividends. The club looks good and the systems (including new phones, paging, PA, stoves, walk-in refrigeration, lighting, gate safety, security) have all proven to be sound expenditures and ready to take the onslaught of hundreds of sailors. Our new and refurbished yard mules are working well and we just resurfaced the yard between the sea wall and the boats. At our last board meeting we approved carving out a specific area of the yard and racks for our growing junior program. We also approved funding to complete the new bay barge project – the whole project, including power. We ratified the full funding for a previous commitment to fund the new sabot racks that will help us get more boats into the yard and generate more revenue for the club.

So, we're prepared for the summer and I hope you are preparing to take full advantage of what you club has to offer.

Being prepared also encompasses having leadership in place for the future. Summer is the time when we are looking for good people to join the board, head committees and chair our events for the next year. I hope you will consider taking on one of these roles.

Good sailing and of course, be prepared,
Jim

rear commodore's notes



July! One of my very favorite months! I tend to like them all though, but that is just me. Don't forget to get down to our galley and enjoy our fabulous Bay Burgers and a cold pitcher of draft beer on the patio. Watching the boats go by never seemed so entertaining! Wednesdays and Thirsty Thursdays are in full swing and our galley is open both days and serving great food.

Membership:

We are doing great! Keep it up. It looks like we have filled all of our slots for junior members and our regular membership is on the rise. We have some really great people coming in. If you see some of these new faces around the club, introduce yourself, you may just meet your next best friend.

Don't forget about our current promotion. I have been pushing it a lot, so I will not bore you with details. If you have any questions or do not know what it is, send me an email.

Do you know some people that are interested in joining? Contact Mike Baumann michael_baumann@mac.com, your hard working Membership Chairman or me. We like to meet new people and help them get into and enjoy our Club.

Social:

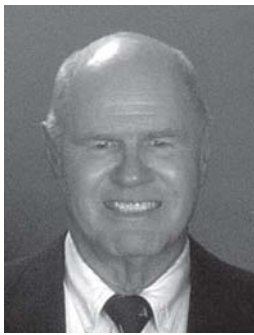
Fridays have been great. Great entertainment, great food, and great camaraderie. We had several comedians the other night and I think everybody present had a great time. Our bands have been first rate. If you have not been, you should come by soon.

Some super events to keep your eyes open for are: 4th of July Regatta and Picnic (reverse start, games and more!), Catalina Cruise (get your friends together and have a ball!), and Labor Day Regatta and Luau (come dance the dances of the islands).

I keep everyone very abreast of what is happening every week via email. If you have not been getting my emails, send me your address, and I will put you on the list. We want you there and participating! You won't be sorry.

See you around the Club! Go ABYC!
Merle Asper, merleasper@verizon.net

fleet captain's report



As I write this month's report, it is Saturday evening, June 16th, and I can hear an unusually loud Fireworks event in the distance. As it is 9pm my son John Jr. suggested it might be a GradNite at Knotts Berry Farm. I only mention this as it drives home to me, that summer is upon us. Right Here and Now! The ABYC Junior Summer Sailing Program hits the water, Monday. The size of the program requires that all our equipment be fully operational.

The whaler engines have recently completed their annual preventative maintenance visits to their respective service shops. During the past 2 years, five out of the eleven whalers have received new engines. Should the god of outboard engines smile on us, the remaining gang of gas hogs may just hold together one more summer.

The Sabot trailers, the Laser trailer as well as the coach boat trailers have today completed a long over due round robin of visits to a shop for full axle spindle service. This type of service requires removing the hub from each end of the axle, cleaning out the old grease, pressure forcing new grease through each bearing, and installing new grease seals. On more than one trailer, the hub's old lubrication was grease in name only, as the material required the use of a sharp putty knife to carve it out. On witnessing this useless gunk, I urge all those who have not looked into their boat trailer's running gear in a long time, please consider scheduling the service, especially if you are planning an away regatta. Remember, that as you drive 55-mph, those itty-bitty little trailer tires are spinning well over twice the revolutions of one revolution of your tow vehicle tires. Your new main sail won't work too well on a burned out hull that got torched due to a tire fire.

Coming Regattas:

ABYC Multihull Invitational Regatta ...July 28-29...Regatta Chair .Steve Smith - Duty Fleets C-15 and Lasers

Club 420 North Americans ...August 18-21 .. Regatta Chair .. Brad Bolger No Duty Fleet—but we need lots of help— over 80 boats and many will be in our yard the week prior. Many off water tasks to control the parking, hoist, ramp, and dollies.

ABYC Labor Day Regatta ... September 1-2 .. Board Liaison Bill McDannel -Duty Fleets Lido 14 and MultiHull . This regatta will include the C-15 Nationals and the Snipe PCC's starting August 3, a day earlier we need lots of crane operators for this one.

Note our Newer Members ... ABYC Regattas are good because of a great amount of preparation by the Regatta Chairman, and especially the Principal Race Officer (PRO). There are all manner of tasks big and small that need to be filled. Just call or email the Chairperson or PRO that you are available. They normally assign morning and/or afternoon jobs. In any case...just show up. All our regattas are excellent affairs to get to know other club members. No kidding ... don't be shy. All of us were new at one time. Just hang a name tag around your neck and dig in ... it truly is a lot of fun.

John Massey

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memorial day regatta (cont)

Many thanks go to all the people mentioned here and to anybody I may have overlooked please accept my sincere apologies and thank you all for a job well done.

Dave Rustigian

Ken Reiff took the point on this regatta by stepping up to the Regatta Chairman position. As the board liaison I was really pleased with the intelligent questions and comments he introduced long before the event was in a critical timeframe stage. It was nice to hear while attending the race management meetings, "Well it looks like Memorial Day Regatta is on track, next!". Thank you Ken for running a smooth event. I have to mention that the duty fleet was the Cal-20s and they were very willing to be there for the racers. Ken commented weeks before the event that he had a full roster of volunteers. Big thanks to them, as well.

The Club (ABYC) decided to step up to the plate and fix the disaster that was the dinner last year. Kelly, not in charge of last year's fiasco, made up for it with freshly BBQed Steaks and Chicken. Thank you Kelly and Jesus for making that a nice make-up meal.

The sailing was very nicely run. We had 144 entrants between the inside Sabot and Lidos and the outside course consisting of A-Cats, Formula 18s, Hobie 16s, C-15s, Snipes, Finns, and Laser Standard and Radials.

The PRO for the outside was Dave Rustigian and for the inside was Jim Drury.

The A-Cats were sailing for a spot at their Worlds event. Pease Glaser secured that spot so we now have 3 sailors from ABYC guaranteed a position on the start line in Florida for that event.

I thank all the volunteers that came out for this event you really made it a great event!

Dan DeLave

membership report

This was a busy month as we welcomed 9 new members. We also handed out three burgees at this month's membership meeting. Your enthusiasm in bringing people to the club has made my job all the easier.

Our youth membership has been so successful that it is going to reach it's cap after we process the existing applications. Thanks to the Junior Advisory Board, and particularly Latham Bell, Jeff Merrill, and program director Brad Schaupter.

New Members as of May & June:

Kristine & Duncan MacRae
Art & Tiffany Vasenius
Marcel & Jennifer Hughes
Brian and Heather Rusaw
Eric and Becky Chadwick
Joe Orte
Robert Best
William Bordreau (Jr)
Dana Bordreau (Jr)

sponsored by Bill McDannel
sponsored by Nicole Peoples-Moffett
sponsored by Dave Smith
sponsored by Mike Baumann
sponsored by Ed Spotsky
sponsored by Ron Wood
sponsored by John Massey
sponsored by Robert Sherwood
sponsored by Robert Sherwood



Kristine & Duncan MacRae

We are also posting the following folks for membership consideration in July:

Jim Carey & Sara Meggers
Sarah McNaboe (Yachting)
John Filkins
Ginger Luckey (Jr)
Ian Maugam
John Williams & Leah Pike
Parker Fife (Jr)

sponsored by Kevin Taugher
sponsored by John Ellis
sponsored by Merle Asper
sponsored by John Massey
sponsored by Russ Fox
sponsored by Jerry Montgomery
sponsored by Latham Bell



The Rusaw's, Brian and Heather, & sons Zack and Sam



Robert Best with daughters Eona and Amanda

Bathing beauties and Hula dancers turned out in force to run Men's Day. Twenty-eight nervous looking men waited for the 11 o'clock keg tapping in hopes of claming their nerves before setting out for battle in Sabots.

Three classes were formed: Magnums (200+ pounds), Fifths (171-199 pounds) and Splits (less than 171 pounds). Under the great care of PRO Robin Townsend and her able crew of Isabelle Lounsberry, Sandy Toscan, Jinx Ellis and Don Shirley three great races were run.

Only a few problems occurred during the day. ur Commodore Jim Bateman swamped while gybing before race two. His boat was quickly bailed out so he made the start of the race only to be disappointed when his boom broke. He was towed in by Nicole Peoples-Moffett and Stacy Conn.

The next innocent was during the start of Race 2. Dave Meyer's mast broke. Wendy Siegal, Donna Palmer and Jennifer Kuritz towed him in. Dave used Jim's mast and made it back out on the racecourse for Race 3. (Dave said he was going to modify the mast for a new Sabot Radial class!)

The final race of the day was the annual beer race with the finish on the ramp. The harbor patrol wasn't happy, but allowed the whaler run by Brooke (Morford) Jolly, Sharon Pearson, Barbara Gabriel, Stephanie Munn, and Deborah O'Connor



Jim Bateman receives the "wet hat" trophy from Regatta Chair Jennifer Kuritz

to anchor near the weather mark to hand out beers. The racers rounded the weather mark and ran down beside the whaler to receive their beers. Most caught their beers, but some cans were rescued from the bay.

Another mishap occurred at the finishing ramp. Jon Lounsberry slipped jumping out of his boat and fell chest deep into the water. After a quick recovery, Jon still won the final race.

Results:

Magnums:

1. Vann Wilson – 6 pts.
2. Steve Washburn – 7 pts.
3. Jon Lounsberry – 8 pts.

Fifths:

1. Jay Golison – 4 pts.
2. Jeff McDermaid – 6 pts.
3. Jeff Merrill – 11 pts.

Splits:

1. Chas Merrill – 5 pts.
2. Bobby Ware – 10 pts.
3. Lee Berlinger – 11 pts.

Stay tuned for next year's Men's Day Regatta. We hope to see more of our guys out on the water!

Jennifer Kuritz



The Magnums (Vann Wilson, Steve Washburn and Jon Lounsberry) receive their trophies from Robin Townsend (PRO) and Jennifer Kuritz (Regatta Chair)



The 2007 Men's Day participants



Robin Townsend, PRO, with Chas Merrill, winner of the Splits fleet



Winners of the Fifths fleet...Jeff Merrill, Jeff McDermaid, Jay Golison



Jim Bateman receives some assistance

the bay clogger

(junior sailing)

Tomorrow, June 18th marks the beginning of one of the biggest junior programs in ABYC history. With an astounding 114 sailors signed up and nearly 60 of them racers (46 sabots & 12 lasers), we are packed to the brim and ready to have one of the most exciting summers to date! We are fortunate enough also to have the late addition of Dave Ullman's son, Chuck Ullman, join us on staff to coach our morning light-air racing class and our afternoon B sabot racers. All in all, with an international staff, a huge program and the biggest racing team we have ever seen, it will be one wild ride! ☺

Before we get carried away with all the good things to come, there are still some things to be excited about in the past month. 21 ABYC juniors competed in five classes including Sabots, Lasers, Snipes, Lido 14's, and Hobie 16's in the Memorial Day Regatta. This was the first time we have seen many of our juniors branch out into other classes in recent history and it was certainly fun. Just ask Palmer Luckey who crewed on a Hobie 16 and had this to say, "that was the fastest I've ever gone on a sailboat!"

Of course some of the biggest break-throughs don't always come on the biggest courses. In the case of John Merrill and Samantha Ebert, their break-through performance was in the C3 beginning racer fleet.

Samantha is a visiting exchange student from Germany living with the McNaboe family up in Bakersfield, California. She had not ever been sailing before and the family and her decided that maybe she would have fun doing the spring junior sailing program. After being in the beginning sabot program and sailing a total of four morning clinics, she competed in the Memorial Day regatta with astounding results. After getting last her first race and second to last her second race, it was nothing but firsts and seconds after that for a 2nd place finish overall! Truly each race was better than the last and she came away smiling after sailing just six days altogether.

John Merrill of course was the dark horse and came out with severe C3 boat speed the first day. After bulleting the first three races, he too faced a rough first race on the second day coming in last place. But acting like a seasoned veteran, he cooled and collected himself to come away with 2nd and 3rd place follow up races helping him to clinch the 1st place trophy and ward off the up and coming Samantha Ebert. Either way, both of our C3 sailors did us proud and had their own personal triumphs.

It is definitely worth noting that Samantha and John were not the only ones who did well in the regatta. Jack Jorgensen, Lauren Bussey and Rob Rice all came away with A fleet trophies in 3rd, 4th, & 5th respectively. Elle Merrill (John's sister), and Matt McDermaid came away in 3rd and 4th in the C1 fleet. And in the C2 fleet, ABYC had the biggest showing. Of the seven sailors, six were ABYC and they came in 1st through 6th places. Leading the pack and in vicious C2 competition, (which often involves talking about their favorite TV shows and video games while on the race course), were Alex Westland, 9-year old Jacob Rosenberg, and Andrew Cole. Split by just four points, they came in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively and all had several bullets to their name. Congratulations to all the ABYC juniors. And now, let the summer begin...See you at the club!

Brad Schaupteter, ABYC Junior Sailing Director

from the pages

of history

That the fleets of ABYC are and have been the building blocks of our club is never more evident than in reading the SOU'WESTER's past and present. Fleets come and go, but some stay—and many names are the same from decade to decade. These three historic editions of the SOU'WESTER illustrate this very well.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

There was some big news in the SOU'WESTER of July, 1977. Staff Commodore Paul Merrill, Jr., announced that ABYC would host the Tornado Worlds after Labor Day. Fifty to sixty boats were expected, and interested had been received from skippers in Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand as well as from Canada and elsewhere in the United States. Sid Exley was slated to serve as Race Committee Chairman; Lance Seaman was to be in charge of chase and stake boats. The opening ceremonies would be led by Buddy Ebsen, then not only a noted television actor but also a very active multihull racer and advocate.

The other news was the distribution for review of the newly revised ABYC By-Laws. This announcement ended a long and active review process; members racing the Fourth of July Regatta could collect theirs at the club, with those not in attendance getting theirs in the mail later in the month. A special meeting to consider the By-Laws and either approve or reject them was set for August to coincide with the regular membership meeting.

A very comprehensive Junior Sabot article reported on some past events. One sounds like it was a lot of fun: the Family Scramble, held in May, evidently pitted family teams against each other; the family with the lowest cumulative score was the winner. The Mel Hebert family won the regatta, followed by the Ron Fox family and the John Ellis family. Jennifer

history (cont)

Ellis and her father both received individual fleet trophies, as did Marijane Hebert; Lynda Fox won a “Boyfriend/Girlfriend” trophy, the criteria for that unreported. While the article does not say so—evidently in those days everyone knew this—the regatta was held annually down at Mission Bay Yacht Club.

New members were streaming into the club, most with children and nearly all with Sabots, Lidos or other small boats; representative of them were Bob and Winifred Ragland and their five children—Cole, Rich, Jim, Robin and Ann. Ross Butcher and Don Hodges both brought championship trophies back from the Naples Sabot Senior Championships to ABYC: Ross won the regular division while Don was tops in the over-40 division...the ABYC C-15 fleet was preparing to host the 1977 Class Championship, and some of the hotshots were traveling and doing pretty well: teams led by Tom Linskey, Bruce Golison and Keith Dodson had gone to Westlake for their June Invitational and were one-two-three, respectively...

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

Events recently completed got big coverage in the SOU'WESTER of July 1987. A two-page spread talked about the ABYC Memorial Day Regatta, which had nearly 150 boats in 19 classes. While many of the same classes as today were there, there were a few that we don't see as often. The J/24's, even then waning as a popular class, had eight boats while there were a half-dozen Tornado catamarans. The singlehanded Contender class, which was kind of an oversized Laser—or a monohull A-Cat—had only four boats and were here as kind of a demonstration class; Laser II's were on hand as well. And there was even a PHRF class.

Men's Day was in those days a themed event, and the theme was a “Boys of the Bay Beach Party.” Jane Berlinger was chair of the event, while races were run by Margie Brown. There were 48 men in four divisions: the lightweight class, named “90-pound Weaklings,” was won by Nick Scandone of Balboa Yacht Club; Don Hodges was top ABYC finisher. The next class, “Lifeguards,” was won by Lee Berlinger, while Ross Butcher was tops in the “Mister Atlas” class. And the heavyweight division was won by Bob Anderson; Bob won the perpetual, but Sid Exley sailed and was named “Ancient Mariner” in that division.

A new program had been meticulously organized by Clif Mathias to allow for moorings within Basin Five on a space-available basis for visiting yachtsmen of other yacht clubs. The Reciprocal Moorings program was designed to pay back other clubs for their hospitality to our yachting members. It included coordination of open slips in the Basin when member-owners were away and the loan of marina keys to the heads and showers for visitors. Clif was justifiably proud of the program, which was covered both in a full-page article and in the “Commodore's Comments” penned by Tom Ramsey.

There was a gala celebration for the eightieth birthday of Sidney T. Exley, Jr., attended by a huge number of members; Emile Razpopov, an ABYC member in the film business, taped it all—and copies were available in the then state-of-the-art BETA videotape format...Allison Jolly and her crew Lynne Jewell were ramping up their “Darkstar Campaign” with sights set on representing the United States in the first-ever Women's 470 event at the 1988 Olympics to be held in Korea; an article in the SOU'WESTER outlined the campaign...ABYC Director Dick Caley had chartered “STRIDER,” a Nelson Marek 55, and was about to set out for Honolulu in the 1987 Transpac...

TEN YEARS AGO:

It must have been a busy time ten years ago when the SOU'WESTER for July 1997, was being assembled: the edition was a bit thin. But there was lots of news. Commodore Pat Bixby bragged about some regattas involving ABYC members. Oscar Krinsky represented the club in his Schock 35 at the Lipton Cup Regatta in San Diego, skippered by Steve Flam; Pat reports them to have been “in the hunt” before falling to a field that included Dennis Connor and winner Neville Whittey. And he reported that Mark Golison and his crew took second place to San Diego Yacht Club's Vince Brun in Melges 24's in the ABYC-hosted Balboa Cup Regatta.

Pat also reported that ABYC and then-pretty-new United States Sailing Center of Long Beach were preparing a bid to host the 2000 Olympic Sailing Trials. Mark Townsend chaired the committee preparing the bid for the event, which would be held in the springtime so that conditions more closely matched those expected in Sydney, Australia, three years hence.

Mara Bell, the reported for the ABYC Juniors, told of a busy summer of sailing. Junior Twilights had kicked off, and events to come included the ABYC Fourth of July Regatta, the Sabot II North Regatta at Lido Isle, the Dutch Shoe Marathon in San Diego Bay and the Jessica Uniack Memorial Beach-To-Bay Regatta here in Long Beach—all in July! 1997 was also a year when ABYC was set to host the Naples Sabot Junior Nationals in early August.

A bunch of new memberships were in progress: Doug McLean, a Cal 20 sailor, was joined by I-14'er Doug McIntosh, Sabot owner Bryan Warren and others posted for Regular Memberships while family member Kevin Taugher and his wife Gayle were posted for Yachting Memberships. ABYC Chief Judge Margaret Caddle was running a series of illustrated rules tutorials; and her comment at the end said. “If you are totally confused, buy a rule book”...the Keel Boat Fleet was preparing for a cruise to Santa Barbara that would include a day trip to Anacapa Island...

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

flotsam and jetsom

Marilyn Montgomery is recovering from a total hip replacement and, according to Jerry, is perking along very well. There were many ABYC members participating in Long Beach Race Week and there will be a full report next month.

Judy Mathias is off to Branson on and Elder Hostel trip with oldest grandson. We'll expect a report next month.

From June 2007 Sailing World - College Sailing Guide - Power Sailing 101

Caption read: Oregon State University's Andrew McDade and Amy Welch round the weather mark.



From Scuttlebutt via Christ Ericksen:

Two-time Santana 20 National Champion Bruce Golison (Rossmoor, CA) and crew Blair Wallace and Andrew Kerr continued their winning ways at the 30th National Championship, scoring 2-1-1-2-3-1-3 for 13 pts. The event was sailed June 18-22 at Windycrest Sailing Club, Tulsa, OK. Eric Kownacki (Rancho Bernardo, CA) took 2nd with 16pts, closely followed by Kenny Baggett (Tulsa, OK), 17pts. Teams dealt with a variety of conditions on Lake Keystone including light air, high water from weeks of Oklahoma rains plus a huge thunderstorm with widespread lightning Tuesday night. See complete results at <http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=poeXwtZv9Lyx9FkvpvWBJCw>

hails from the fleets

JET here is a song from my youth wandering around in my head. No, it's not "Summer is A'Comin' In": that is an Elizabethan-era tune, and I'm not quite that old (though some might wonder). No, it is "The Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer." With summer just begun in June, the Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet has been mostly lazy: not much going on.

We missed the Memorial Day Regatta altogether. It has often been lightly attended by the Etchells, partly because a bunch of Etchells sailors take part in a race in larger keelboats around Santa Catalina Island; two sets of them were out this year, one in Pat and Jane Kelly's boat and another in Doug and Tom Jorgensen's boat. The third team that usually sails PATRIOT and usually includes Jerry Montgomery, Jim Bateman, Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen sat the year out.

And apparently the turnout for the Seal Beach Yacht Club Pop Top Regatta races has been a bit light, too. I hear this not from the fleet but from friends at Seal Beach Yacht Club. The regatta itself, however, is hitting record numbers each night, so the absence of the Etchells is noted but not terribly well felt.

And there has been only one fleet race in recent past, that on the day before Father's Day. It was held Saturday, June 16. It was not part of the 2007 Fleet Championship Series, so the results—which were not reported as of deadline for this article—did not effect the standings. And the Etchells did not establish a fleet for Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week—which is kind of a good thing, as a lot of us are on the Race Committee.

But July will be busy, for sure. A number of boats plan to take part in the new ABYC Fourth of July Regatta. I say "new" as the format is for a single, inverted-start race that will begin in the harbor and end off the clubhouse. It ought to be a blast. More on that next month.

The Fleet Championship Series continues on Saturday, July 21, with a one-day fleet race. That will be followed by the rescheduled junior day. Fleet Captain Jeff Powell has been coordinating the Brad Schaupter, the ABYC Junior Program Director, to find a day when the advanced ABYC Juniors can try racing a bigger boat, and that Sunday seems to work. There'll be racing in the Bay for the kids and skippers: the more Etchells, the more kids. So watch next month to see how this weekend turned out.

Chris Ericksen

hails from the fleets



Memorial Day Regatta

The ABYC Race Committee threatened and used the "I" flag several times the first day of Laser fleet starts. An eager group of 13 Laser racers charged the start-line leading to at least three general and numerous individual recalls during the four races on Saturday. Racing was conducted on a windward-leeward course shared with several other classes including numerous speedy catamarans. This worked out fine, but one had to be watchful of the cats finishing on the port side of the committee boat when waiting for our starts.

Breeze for the first race gave us marginal hiking conditions, but increased for the remainder of the day. After four races and close finishes with all racers, ABYC's **Vann Wilson**, with 10 points, shared the lead with frequent ABYC visitor Peter Drasnin, while another ABYC racer, **Chuck Tripp** was in striking distance a mere 2 points back.

On Sunday, the marine layer cleared earlier giving us a bit more breeze for three races. **Vann** continued his consistent performance finishing in first place. **Chuck Tripp** finished with fewer points than Peter; however, he came up two points short of a second place finish by virtue of dropping a 5th place finish vs. Peter's 8th place drop.

Other ABYC racers finishing in order were; **Jim Kirk**, **Cameron Summers**, **Willem Emmer**, **Jorge Suarez**, **Steve Landeau** and your author.

U.S. Sailing Single-Handed Championship Area J Qualifier

Light and lumpy sounds like the recipe for lousy pudding, but it describes the sailing conditions for ABYC Laser racers participating in the U.S. Sailing Single-Handed Championship Area J Qualifier hosted by King Harbor Yacht Club (KHYC) June 2nd. Despite having the most participants, your ABYC "team" did not prevail for spots on the award podium.

The winner of the U.S. Sailing Single-Handed Championship Area J Qualifier is given the opportunity to travel this year back to New Jersey, with some travel expenses provided by U.S. Sailing, and compete in the prestigious U.S. Sailing Championship who's winner receives the George O'Day trophy and a spot in the U.S. Olympic Trials.

ABYC hosted this regatta for many years under the direction of our own U.S. Sailing representative, **Jerry Montgomery**; however, this year the regatta was moved to KHYC. KHYC was a most accommodating host with easy parking for our cars near the launch area. The races began with a short postponement just before noon in light and shifty breezes. The RC, featuring ABYC's own hard-working **Jerry Montgomery** as PRO, ran five windward leeward courses in generally light to marginal hiking conditions in small ocean swells and a light chop to make steering, both upwind and down, interesting.

With many sailors closely matched in ability, several mark roundings were crowded with contact and very close calls a not infrequent occurrence (sometimes 720's were done, sometimes not). The racing was so close, the top two racers were tied on points, requiring a tie-breaker to determine the winner, while third and fourth were also tied on points (no throwouts). Ryan Hoeven - moving from **Radials** to full-rigs - of KHYC was first, Adam Deermount and Charlie Buckingham, both from Newport Harbor YC, were second and third respectively.

The top finisher from ABYC was **Cameron Summers**, finishing a respectable 7th in the 19 boat fleet. Other ABYC racers placing in order were; **Vann Wilson**, **Alex Vaught**, **Jim Kirk**, your author and **Jorge Suarez**.

ABYC 2007 Laser Fleet Championship Standings

Chuck Tripp, by virtue of his performance in the Memorial Day Regatta, remains top scorer to date for the fleet championship. **Chuck** is followed in order by **Jim Kirk**, **Jorge Suarez**, **Vann Wilson** and **Cameron Summers**. The next regattas in the Fleet Championship series are our 4th of July and Labor Day regattas.

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain

radio controlled

I am asked a lot about how to go about getting one of the new **RC One Design boats**. This is to inform you about the Radio Controlled Nirvana fleet. We are about 75 boats strong just at the club now and there are still people that are considering a purchase. If you would like to know more about them and how to order you can go to the [ABYC website](#) homepage, choose [Fleets](#) at the top, then go to the [Nirvana Fleet](#). There is information on the left hand side and on the bottom on how to join us on Friday before happy hour.

Dan



The Boats



The Skippers

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photos by Marilyn Shipley (Margaret Duhamel's sister)
captions by Margaret Duhamel

KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



Jeanne Reid and Bob Chubb co-chaired another great Pinewood model boat regatta Saturday, June 2. The format that Jeanne and Bob have perfected, racing at 5:00 PM then cocktails at which time trophies are handed out followed by the bar-b-que is just right.

Results: Silver Fleet, 1st Bill McDannel, 2nd John Ellis. Gold Fleet, 1st Dan Clapp, 2nd Chris Reid. Grand Slam, 1st Chris Reid, 2nd Bill McDannel.

Many thanks to Kelly and Jesus who had everything that supported dinner etc. on time and just right. They really contribute to a successful event.

One of our long time members, Bard Heavens with girl friend Barbara Marks, are off on a great adventure to Alaska on Bard's large powerboat, 'Penguin Crossing'. First leg was a quick trip to Ensenada, Baja California to load his boat on one of the boat transports that lowers itself in the water to let the boats being transported to power on to the transport's deck. The transporter then pumps out the ballast tanks, rises to its normal height in the water and away it goes, in this case to Nanaimo, B.C., Canada. Nine days later Bard and Barbara powered Bard's boat off the transport and headed for Nanaimo Yacht Club where they were received with great hospitality. After a few days replenishing their food supplies and a small matter of replacing the generator raw water impellar, (now called an unmentionable name), Bard and Barbara were off to Pender Harbor. After an easy crossing they arrived on opening day of prawn season and mass confusion. But the good folks of Pender are gracious hosts, prawn opening day or whatever, and Bard and Barbara, who have been given the name 'Boonies', enjoyed five days at Pender. Off to Princess Louisa Inlet via the Malibu Rapids where tidal flow can exceed 15 knots. The trip through the rapids was uneventful at slack tide and they made their way through the beautiful Inlet to

Chatterbox Falls. During the stay at the Falls, (never more than 3 boats there because it was so early in the season), it rained hard over night and the Falls went from 35 yards wide to 50 yards wide and the noise was awesome. That day they

headed for Campbell River to again fix that pesky generator, (loose wire to the fuel pump), and the propane stove that was on strike, (leave the vented lid ajar and no problem). The Boonies were the only cruising boat in Squirrel Cove, April Bay, Echo Bay and Refuge Harbor although at Refuge they were joined by a family of Canada geese who were very noisy and loved French bread. Going north



Ready, Set, GO! Racers eager to start the pinewood race. The bay water was warm and summer evening on the bay was perfect!

through Johnston Straight and Seymour Narrows with the tide produced an exciting 15.3 knots for a boat that normally cruises at 8.5 knots. At the head of Seymour Narrows was a pod of Orcas feeding on salmon, a most unusual sight that Bard and Barbara will never forget. We will end this segment with Bard and Barbara at Sullivan Bay marina waiting for the weather to clear, (it's turned cold and stormy), for the run, (50 miles of open water), across Charlotte Sound. More on the 'Boonies' next month.

An update on our other intrepid sailors last seen in Hawaii. Both Brian and Kevin have jumped ship. Brian still up in Alaska tending to business but Kevin and his girlfriend are in French Polynesia which sounds a lot better than Alaska. Both Brian and Kevin plan to be back aboard and heading to Auckland, New Zealand in July.

A reminder that the Keel Boat does not meet in July. Our next meeting will be Friday September 14. More on the plans for this meeting in the next Sou'wester.

George C.



Bob Chubb was one of the early arrivals at the beach. He ended up removing a stingray from the shallow water before the start. (Most of the sailors did not even know of the encounter before the race.)



Wow! It must be the new paint! Margaret Duhamel watches as her boat takes off for its first race!

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N Thanks to Lee Berlinger for being our reporter on the scene at the Sabot Nationals 2007. Also thanks to Nancy Grubbs for getting so many Sabots there, towing the boat trailer. The weather (light shifting winds with patches of nothing) and nature (eel grass and 20 foot kelp) did not help the racers, but all had the same disadvantages. The results: Seniors: (1) Tyler Sinks (2) Mark Gaudio (3) Chuck Sinks Our Sailors: Freddie Stevens (8) Mike Sentovich (10) Kevin Dumain (11) Masters: (1) Becky Becker (2) Tom Newton (3) Ken Wilde The rest of our sailors: Lee Berlinger (8) Fred Stevens (9) Following after were Jerry Thompson, Nancy Grubbs, Dianne Gonzales and Wendy Siegal. Grand Masters: Arlene Simpson (1) Rowell Greene (6).

Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesterday and to be more precise: The Memorial Day Regatta. First was Freddie Stevens, Second, Tom Newton, third, Jeff Merrill and fourth, Fred Stevens. The rest enjoyed a great two-day Regatta.

The 3rd Fleet Race for the Championship was held May 21st. The winners were Lee Berlinger (1), John Ellis (2) and Jane McNaboe (3). Putting together all the scores from the three races we have the following surviving contenders: Bob Ware with 26 pts., Mary Riddick with 26 pts. and Lee Berlinger with 28 pts. You will have to wait until July to find out from the SouWester how this cliff hanger turned out.

Of all the great sailing events this month, who could argue that Men's Day wasn't the most fun. What a great turnout! Jim Bateman, Latham Bell, Michael Gebb, Mark Townsend, Jon Lounsberry, Steve Washburn, Vann Wilson made up the Magnum Class.

Dave Meyer, Dan DeLave, Ron Wood, Jorge Suarez, Jim Kirk, Bob Reilly, Rowell Greene, Jerry Thompson, Jeff McDermaid, and Jay Golison filled the Fifths.

Dave Kofahl, Jeff Ives, Mack Mills, Fred Stevens III John Ellis, Don Hodges, Lee Berlinger, Bob Ware, and Chas Merrill were in the Splits.

The winners: Magnums: Vann Wilson (1) Steve Washburn (2) Jon Lounsberry (3)

Fifths: Jay Golison (1) Jeff McDermaid (2) Jeff Merrill (3) Jerry Thompson (4)

Splits: Chas Merrill (1) Bob Ware (2) Lee Berlinger (3)

Dave Myers received a special trophy for going back ashore in the middle of the last race to replace his broken mast. He returned and finished the race (last, but finished!) His trophy would have to be seen-to-be-believed. (See photo on this page.) Don Hodges deserves credit for being the only one to get a first out of Chas Merrill's almost perfect aces. This was the last race so Don actually beat him to the beer can finish.

All this fun was provided by those entrepreneurs: Jennifer Kuritz and Robin Townsend, (PRO for the day.) They were assisted by a great crew of "bikini" clad assistants: Sharon Pearson, Sandy Toscan, Jinx Ellis, Isabelle Lounsberry, Brooke Morford Jolly, Stephanie Munn, Debra O'Connor, and yours truly.

Twilights continue as some of the most exciting racing ever. During the last May Event, the lifejacket flag was hoisted from the barge and all the Sabotiers complied. Those being gusted in by the high winds were Bob Ware (1) Freddie Stevens (2) Lee Berlinger (3) Bob and Freddie both scored threes (a first and a second), but Bob got his in the last race. The May trophies will go to Bob Ware (1) Freddie Stevens (2) and Mary Riddick (3).

In the first June Twilight, Freddie came in far enough in the lead to do two 360's before crossing the line. (Shades of the Congressional Cup!) Tom Newton was second, and Bob Ware was third. Thus starts the contest in June.

Thanks to John McNaughton, Jinx Ellis, John Brennan, Don Shirley, Mark Ryan, Steve Kuritz for manning the committee boats and especially to Isabelle, our Fleet Captain, who makes sure we have the crew to run the races.

Happy 90th birthday to Dale Berkihiser, our Sabotier Net Newsmen. Thanks for all your help to the Sabots!

Don't forget we have duty on the July Regatta. The Fleet Race is July 15th, and Adopt-A-Beach is July 21st. See you there!

Barbara Gabriel



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What a great way to end the summer!

Peninsula Summer Concert Schedule

5:30 - 7:30 pm - 72nd Place Park
 JULY 8 Big Box of Men
 JULY 22 HoDads
 AUGUST 5 Gregg Young & The 2nd Street Band
 AUGUST 26 Elm St. Band

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

transpac

ALOHA

There will be a number of ABYC members surfing the Pacific swells on their way to Diamond Head in this summer's Transpac. ABYC members and the boats on which they are racing are:

Eric McClure & Jerry Montgomery
 Ed Feo
 Scott Atwood
 Eric Conn
 Bob Lane, Keith Ives & Jared Morford
 Doug McLean
 Tom DeLong
 Dave Robertson
 Rob Waterman

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 IT'S OKAY
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 TOWER

In addition to the above racers, Don and Margaret Zinn will be coming to Hawaii to greet the arrival of their son Andy, who is sailing on WESTERLY, and Wendy Siegal who is this year's Transpac trophy chairman will be coming over to set up the awards for the Prize Giving Banquet.

Jerry Montgomery