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Tracy Conn photos

opening day 2007

The Order of Staff Commodores did an outstanding job coordinating Opening Day. Tom Ramsey re-established the tradition of a raft-up and party on Friday evening, and Ron Wood coordinated the fleet hospitality and displays. Although the weather Friday was quite cool and windy, it did not stop us from us enjoying the model sailboat races in the basin and the burger bash.



Commodore, Jim Bateman, welcomes the crowd

Saturday the sun came out, providing perfect conditions for the club championship regatta, the boat hospitality, and ceremony. Don Hodges and the gang from Curley's had our feet stomping to their Dixieland tunes. Chris Ericksen with Marc Schryer as PRO ran a super regatta using FJ's borrowed from the U.S. Sailing Center. Kevin Taugher with his sister as crew won the Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy and the coveted parking place for the club champion.

The ceremony was excellent. Junior Rear Commodore Laura Newton led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, Junior Rear Commodore A.J. Robinson handled the flags and Don Reiman gave the invocation. Staff Commodore Adra Kober was awarded the Silver Burgee for her many years of service to ABYC. Commodore Jim Bateman and Long Beach City Councilman Gary DeLong speeches were short and to the point. Vice Commodore Glenn Selvin did well announcing our visitor's names. After the ceremony, the Order of Staff

Commodores hosted the traditional champagne reception, and Manager Kelly Whitlow and the staff provided the hors d' oeuvres.

Thanks to all the members who decorated the club, staffed the gate, coordinated the guest registration, engraved the host boat plaques, displayed their boats for review and hospitality, recorded the day with photographs and handled the bell ringing. A special thanks to goes the staff for setting up for the ceremony and making the club sparkle.

John Merchant



Gail & Bruce Conn and Pat McCormick enjoy open boat hospitality



Adra receives her award from Commodore Jim Bateman



John & Alaine Weiss

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save the date

Men's Day	June 3
Membership Meeting	June 15
Junior Program Begins	June 18
Long Beach Race Week	June 22-24
Club Closed	July 4
4th of July Regatta	July 7
Multihull Regatta	July 28-29
Catalina Cruise	August 4-5

commodore's comments



Opening Day is a special day at ABYC because it underscores the strength and diversity of our club. Here's a day where we show off our wonderful location and facility, bring together generations and celebrate our accomplishments. From the host boats on Friday evening to the Club Championship Regatta and through the best and briefest ceremony in the opening day circuit, everyone outdid themselves in putting our best foot forward. I, and I hope you, had a great time and was very proud how we presented ourselves. Many thanks to all involved.

We have a busy summer of sailing and social programs coming up that provide many different ways for you to enjoy being a member of ABYC. From small side of the Pine Wood Derby on Saturday June 2nd to the spectacle of the largest big boat regatta on the West Coast - Long Beach Race Week on June 22-24, ABYC will once again be humming with activity. In between these two extremes we have sailing and/or dinner every Wednesday and Thursday night but also the entertaining and ever competitive Men's Day on Sunday June 3rd and a great series of entertainment-packed Friday Happy Hours. Another event that everyone can enjoy will be the 4th of July regatta and party run on Saturday, July 7th. In the tradition of the Boxing Day Regatta, we're making this family event where you can get everyone out on a boat in a low-key-fun-comes-first format followed by a traditional 4th of July BBQ on the patio. As always, I strongly encourage you to come down and enjoy your club.

As the activity builds, it is a good time to remind everyone that we need to share and respect our club and members. Please remember to follow the rules particularly in the parking lot and boat yard. If you see something amiss or someone abusing our hospitality please don't hesitate to say something. Between our many events, our growing Junior program and our various projects, space is at an absolute premium. Likewise, all our equipment will be heavily used. If anything isn't working properly, please make sure you bring it up to the office or a board member immediately.

As special thanks to my flag officers, the board and our club manager, who allowed me to take an extended business/pleasure trip to Italy during the month of May. I had a very enjoyable trip and knowing the club was in good hands made it more so.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Good Sailing,
Jim

vice commodore's view



5/4/2007

To our members:

As Vice Commodore, one of my responsibilities is working with Lisa LeBold, our yard czar, in trying to keep our club's largest asset in order. This job entails keeping track of the various boats comings and goings, making sure that boats are where they're supposed to be, and making sure that we're properly billing those members who have boats in the yard.

It's the knowing that boats are where they're supposed to be that is turning out to be the largest issue, especially with the Sabots. Thus, we're going to go back to having numbered ABYC decals on our transoms. Many of us have that already, but the majority of the Sabots do not.

If you have a boat in the yard, whether it be a keelboat, a dinghy, a Laser in the rack, or most importantly, a Sabot, please come in to the office, check in, and get a numbered sticker for your transom. This will go a long, long ways towards helping us keep track of the Sabots, because, quite

frankly, all the Sabots are starting to look alike!

We've also had members of our Sabot fleets trading spots in the yard, but not notifying the office. We really don't care if two people want to trade places for their own convenience, but again, both parties have got to come in to the office so that we can follow your transaction on paper! And again, that's what these numbered stickers will help us do.

Thank you for your help.
Glenn Selvin

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

Friday, June 22, 2007 is the deadline
for the July Sou'Wester.

manager's corner



First, congratulation to Rick Rose, our maestro of maintenance, Rick and his wife Kelly welcomed the birth of their first child, Rily Wayne Rose on May 7th. Rily weighed in at 7lbs 10oz's and 19" long. Mother and baby are doing great, and made a surprise visit to the club this past Thursday. The little fella is a beauty, and Rick is already planning his first visit to Dodger Stadium.

Rick will be off a couple of weeks, in his absence Adam Phelps will be pitching in, and giving us a hand with maintenance and various duties around the club. You'll see Adam out fueling the Mule's, rewinding hoses, wiping down handrails and insuring the club is looking its best. Take a moment, say hello to Adam, and make him feel at home here at ABYC.

I must admit, I wasn't looking forward to Spring Spruce Up. It was initially described to me by an employee (who shall remain nameless) as the day a bunch of volunteers come down, move things around, have lunch and leave a big mess. Well guess what??? Under the tutelage of Nicole Peoples-Moffett, it was run with the precision of a college marching band. Over 70 enthusiastic volunteers rolled up their sleeves, grabbed paint brushes, shovels, and various cleaning products, and for four hours worked like a small Army on a mission.

There was even a sighting of a certain Commodore on a ladder with wire cutters, pruning old wires and conduit from the main building to the quarter deck. Great job Commodore and the 12 families on the peninsula are fine without their phones or cable TV.

The club looked great at days end, and as for the big mess.....well, let's just say the nameless employee was a little right. JWD Nicolle.

Opening Day was amazing, and I must say my favorite event in my short tenure here at the club. John Merchant did a great job of organizing the ceremonies, and there just seemed to be an aura of pride in all the members as they showed off their beautiful boats and spit and shined facility. Many thanks to my staff, and all the hard workers who made Opening Day such a special occasion.

A belated happy Mother's Day to all you incredible mothers out there. I was able to take a couple of days off last week, and missed the MD brunch. From all reports the ABYC Mother's Day Brunch came off without a twist. Sue McDannel, Merle and Diane Bateman were instrumental in spearheading the brunch and it looks like this will be an event that grows and grows each year. Jesus is back in rare form, and his food is better than ever.

Speaking of food (and beverage) I hope everybody enjoyed Merle Asper's hilarious email a couple of weeks ago, introducing our latest addition to the club.....DRAFT BEER IN THE GALLEY. Ice cold Coors Light and Sam Adams is now available in either pint or pitchers. Come on down, enjoy a bay burger, hot dog or bowl of chili and an ice cold beer. More additions and improvements to the Galley menu coming soon.

I'm working on a few fun summer events, and will have more information in weeks to come. Here's a hint...think Drive in Movie.

Kelly Whitlow

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rear commodore's notes



June already! If you are not full into your summer swing, you better get going. It is not going to get any better than this. Wet Wednesdays and Thirsty Thursdays are in full swing and our galley is open both days and serving great food.

I want to mention just in case it does not get out by any other source how great I think it is that Doug McLean, Ron Wood, and Steve Flam went up to Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club and brought home the gold for ABYC in the ASBYC (Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs) Walt Elliott Harbor Challenge. This is the first time anyone from ABYC has won it and it has been run since 1968 (although not consecutively)! They really gave them a shellacking. Thanks boys for bringing home the gold and showing the other Yacht Clubs of San Pedro Bay what club really is the king! On a side note, just about all of the other boats in the regatta were sailed by ABYC members representing the other clubs. I think the other yacht clubs just simply have a hard time finding

qualified sailors of their own. (Just kidding, I know you are reading this you dorks!)

Membership:

We are doing great! The club has not been stronger in recent memory. Participation seems to be up in general. I think the emails, word of mouth, RC fleet, yard looking much better, more boats and new boats getting into the yard, new fleet engines and boats, new interior to the clubhouse, new kitchen, great junior program getting stronger and healthier every day, great food and beverages (with friendly conscientious staff!), great manager, our regatta's have always been top notch, and everything in general working positively forward is catching on and we are gaining momentum.

Our junior program is starting up and we will be seeing a lot of new little faces around the club. If they are great, let's get those kids and their families as members. You are ultimately doing them a favor. What better place is there for a kid to grow up? A wholesome environment teaching great life skills with great role models abounding. We will have a new promotion coming out geared towards these people, so stay tuned. Don't forget about our current promotion as well. If you have any questions, send me an email.

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

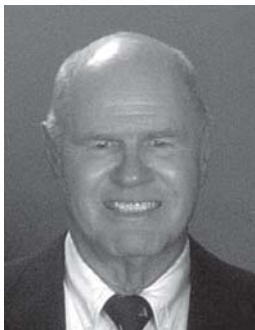
Social:

Fridays have been great. Kelly and Jesus have been preparing magnificent food and everyone has been having a great time.

See you around the Club! Go ABYC!

Merle Asper

fleet captain's report



I am very gratified to report that the new Sabot dolly Project is now complete. There are many individuals and vendors that helped us through this 6 month effort. With your indulgence I'm going to submit a roster of these folks for your consideration of a "Job Well Done" Bob Chubb for design, patterns, cutting & drilling his way through 622 feet of aluminum, and showing up to staple carpet. Joe Riddick for helping feed into Bob's cutoff saw most all of that aluminum. Pat McCormick and his band saw that created the bunks. Rich Vaught for donating two tubs of Tef-Gel to treat the stainless fasteners. Randy Strass of Eureka Bearing for wheels and an outstanding price for stainless fasteners. Matt & Sue Fourmont of Summit Steel provided the stainless steel axles, cut to length. Jim Shirley of Shirley Design for welding all the aluminum frames. Dana Johnson of Johnson Restoration & Supply and his bridgeport mill to drill the axels plus his punches to mark the dolly

frames. Long Beach Plywood supplied the MDO material for the bunks. Action Sales & Metals for the Aluminum materials. Finally and most appreciatively "thanks" to our Chief Judge Latham Bell, Junior Member Richard Bell and to our Junior Director Brad Schaupeter for showing up Saturday May 30th for final assembly of all 30 units. Plus, a humble note to all those who offered their help, but were not called, I apologize and thank you for your offer. The project was so strung out that specific dates seemed impossible to assign, and I thought it unfair to call a work party, only to realize a key part was incorrect. I am including a picture of all the dollies stored at the bulkhead... don't they look grand?

New business ... 4th of July Regatta will be held on the 7th of July. Go figure? Just a mixed up week. The Regatta will be a 1 day only featuring a pursuit race in the Bay and one in the outer harbor. The Social Committee is planning a FAMILY DAY event with entertainment for the little ones and contests for the Juniors and Adults. One question to be challenged is just how far and accurately can a person launch a watermelon seed (without the use of a mechanical device). Plus, It has been far too long at this yacht club since a proper contest on how fast and how many bowlines can be "thrown" in a specific time period. The prize will be top bragging rights at the bar, so all you hot shots get to practicing.

John Massey

See photo of dollies on back page

junior staff

Commodore



NEWS FLASH: OVER 75 VOLUNTEERS REWARDED WITH BURGERS & BEER!

Spring Spruce Up 2007 was great! On Saturday morning April 28, we cleaned up the club in preparation for Opening Day. We had paint brushes, rags, trophy polish, paint, tape, and projects ready to go when members showed up ready to work.

Planning started the previous weekend when I sat down with Dave Myers to go over the projects to be completed and the materials we needed to have on hand. Fortunately, I saw Jennifer Kuritz at the club that day too. She said she wouldn't be in town for Spring Spruce Up but offered to pick up the supplies we needed.

With list in hand Jennifer was off to Home Depot during that next week. Teri Bishop also had some advanced planning going on too. She worked with a local nursery to make sure that the gardening supplies arrived on Saturday morning. Thanks Dave, Jennifer & Teri for the early help!

On the day of clean up I walked into a load of supplies, donuts, coffee and juice.

Volunteers started arriving about 8 am and projects were doled out. Over 75 club members arrived eager to find a job and get to work. Our members ranged in age from 2 years old to over 80! Everyone was a huge help and I think had some fun too!

At the end of the day we managed to complete the following projects:

- Flag pole pin rail re-varnish
- Patience-clean-up inside & out and deck re-paint
- Whalers-rails were re-varnished and boats were cleaned up
- Large Hoist Area-Orange stripes were repainted, railing tops were re-painted, new wiring for the light
- Small Hoist Area-Railings around hoist re-painted
- Dock area beneath large & small hoist-red stripes painted designating "NO TIE ZONE"



Dave Ellis painting the hoist area



Jim Morford & John Merchant working on the quarterdeck

- Ramp-new paint & burgee
- Quarterdeck-interior cabinets re-painted, exterior block wall around building re-painted, wood deck in front of slider re-painted
- Trophies-dusted, cleaned & polished
- Patio Area-umbrella bases and Galley step re-painted
- Lost & Found-locker cleaned out of junk and washed down
- West Yard-swept, weeds pulled, litter picked-up and washed down
- East Yard-swept, junk & trash thrown away
- Shed-cleaned out and tidied-up
- Gardening-pulled weeds, old bushes, cleaned out drains, trimmed plants, re-planted the front and back of the building, roses planted near flag pole



John Merchant polishing the brass plaques

The list is actually longer than this as members just took on jobs as they came up or came up with jobs that needed to be done. This is the best group of volunteers around! To take a morning off from your busy schedule and help clean a trophy or paint a block wall really means a lot to the club. This shows the pride we take in our facility, our members and our Club. ABYC is really a special place to be. Thank you to everyone that came out and helped spruce up the Club.

Nicole Peoples-Moffett



Nita Hardin gardening



John Ellis varnishing on Patience



Trophy polishing & repair crew...(l to r) Barbara Gabriel, Carol Kofal, Jinx Ellis and Syble Amos

the bay clogger

(junior sailing)

Hello ABYC members! The Junior Summer Sailing Program is just around the corner and we are excited to have one of the best and most fun summers ever. We anticipate around 115 to 120 students this summer including a sabot/laser racing team of over 50 and a truly international coaching staff including a few familiar names and many new ones too. Here is a brief introduction to each of our 2007 summer sailing instructors...

Brad Schaupteter - Brad has been the director of the ABYC Junior Sailing Program for nearly three years and has been coaching/directing junior sailing programs for the past nine years. He is originally from Grosse Pointe, MI and graduated from Indiana University in 2002. Brad spends much of his free time as a musician and singer/songwriter for his band "The Silent Partner" (www.thesilentpartner.com).

Sarah Ryan - This will be Sarah's second year coaching where she has become a staff leader at ABYC. She is currently working on a degree in Elementary Education at Biola. She will be working with the Sea Urchins and the Intro to Sailing group in the morning and the C3 racers in the afternoon.

Billy Lopez Segura - Billy is a world class laser sailor from Argentina where he is attending university classes and training in 29er's. He will be joining us for his second summer and working with our morning and afternoon laser radial groups.

Conor Byrne - Conor will be joining us as the second laser coach to facilitate our growing laser radial program. Conor is from Dublin, Ireland and was the youth ISAF representative for Ireland at Busan, South Korea in 2005 among many other accomplishments which also include being the Irish Junior National Laser Champion in 2005 and being ranked 1st nationally in Optimists in 2000. He currently is the sailing captain at the University College of Dublin.

Katie Hamilton - Also from Ireland, this will be Katie's first year at ABYC but not her first year coaching in the U.S. as she spent last summer coaching in Rochester, NY. She is studying Physiotherapy at Trinity College in Dublin where she is also on the first place ranked college sailing team. She will be working with the morning sabot beginners and C level racers in the afternoons.

Cory Drogy - A local sailor that has coached at Long Beach Yacht Club, he is a past Sabot Nationals Gold Fleet Champion. He will be coaching in the afternoon with our A sabot sailors along with Alex Uniack (Long Beach's waterfront director) and Brad Schaupteter (ABYC junior program director).

Brendon Springstead - A graduate of the San Diego Yacht Club program, Brendon has coached at O.C.C. sailing school, Lido Isle Yacht Club and Long Beach Yacht Club. He has crewed on several ships and is currently taking classes to get his captain's license. Brendon will be working with our Intermediate sailors in the morning and B/C1 sabot racers in the afternoon.

Sydney Bolger - Sydney is joining us for her second year after achieving the title of Best Female Sabot Sailor in Southern California. Since that title, she has gone on to achieve amazing results sailing 420's all across the United States. She spends much of her time dancing and as a leader of her high school sailing team. She is also training hard for the 420 North Americans to be held at ABYC later this year.

Andrew Mason - Andrew is a graduate of the Newport Harbor Yacht Club program where he is a top notch sabot and 420 sailor. He will be joining us for his second year and working with the sabot racers in the afternoon. His high school team recently qualified for fleet racing and team racing nationals which will be held in New Orleans.

Russell Olson - Russell has done some off season coaching with ABYC in the past, but will be doing his first year of summer instructing as an afternoon C fleet coach alongside Sarah Ryan and Katie Hamilton.

Alex Vaught - This is Alex's second year as an assistant instructor. He is currently training hard in his laser and also has been consistently coaching since last summer in our off season program. He will be working with the morning beginner sailors.

Laura Newton - A familiar name to many around the club, our junior board co-commodore will be joining us as a morning assistant instructor and sailing lasers in the afternoon. She is currently sailing for her high school team crewing for Sydney Bolger.

A.J. Robinson - Also a junior board co-commodore, A.J. will also be coaching our morning sailors and similarly to Laura is involved in high school sailing and with the junior board at ABYC.

Cameron Summers - Cameron originally sailed out of Huntington Harbor Yacht Club and eventually transferred over to the ABYC laser program where he has grown into a truly talented laser sailor winning last year's Junior Olympics held out of ABYC. This year he will be joining us for the first time as a coach and will be working with beginning sailors in the mornings and sailing lasers in the afternoons.

We have a lot of fun events planned for the summer that can be found on our junior website calendar at www.fleetracing.net. Sign ups are still being accepted, but please hurry as class space is filling up extremely quickly. All forms for the program including medical releases and the parent handbook can also be found on the junior homepage. Get ready for the most exciting and fun summer of junior sailing at ABYC yet!

Sincerely,

Brad Schaupteter, ABYC Junior Program 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:

The Snipe fleet was pretty busy, according to the SOU'WESTER of June, 1977. Bob Nash with crew Sandy Toscan won the Memorial Day Regatta, sailed in "light, shifty southerly winds;" Ken Weiss with Grant Hill was second while the Foxes—presumably Ron and Karen—were fifth. In the North-South Regatta, Eric Conn, the "down wind whiz," was third.

Keith Dodson was tops in the C-15 fleet, having won the ABYC Spring Tune-Up Regatta; Terry Clapp—now Terry Bishop—was second. The Laser Fleet announced that their summer Twilights would be sailed on Sunday nights, starting at six o'clock on each Sunday in June, July, August and September. Entry fee for each monthly series was \$1.50. And the Keel Boat Fleet reported they would hold a "Picnic Race" on August 13: inverted start, finish at ABYC, no spinnakers.

Junior Sabots were busy, with Steve Bloemeke reported as being first in the A's at the ABYC Cinco de Mayo Regatta; third and fourth places went to others whose later went on to Olympic medals in the 470, John Shadden and J.J. Fetter (now J.J. Isler). And top Junior "C" was a youngster named Walter Johnson. Senior Sabots, too, were active, with a lot of younger sailors taking part in the fleet elimination regatta for the Senior Nationals; the top four, in order, were Mark Golison, Greg Lowe, Andy Ayale and Hank Schofield.

Some other things never change: Commodore Tick Weber reported on things done by "someone:" "someone" stripped the new steering out of Whaler One; "someone" destroyed the lower end of a new outboard motor; "someone...forgets to put away gear, or breaks something and doesn't report it." As Commodores before, after and now, Tick reminds us that "Someone" really means 'we,' you, me or anyone else in the club. WE use the gear and WE are responsible for its care. We pay the costs when WE break something. Let's all try to keep the costs down by using a boat or motor as though it were our own." Sound familiar?

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

Three very active fleets had full-page reports in the SOU'WESTER of June, 1987. The C-15 fleet reported that the Coast Cup Series was heating up: Jim Holder, who later became a member of ABYC, was first in the standings, ahead of Greg and Stan Sorensen (Greg steered while Stan hung on the wire). And the birth of a legend was reported in this article: apparently Stan and Greg suffered a rudder failure, but sadly in the neighborhood of Barbie Anderson, Bob's daughter; "the Hammer," as Barbie came to be known, "T-boned" the out-of-control Sorensen boat, leaving it with "a sunlit cuddy cabin."

Evidently the picnic race first held in 1977 had become a feature: the Fifth Annual Picnic Race for the John Hand Perpetual Trophy was to be held on June 13. Again, no spinnaker, inverted start, finish at ABYC. And the J/24 fleet was pretty active, too. Bruce Golison was the subject of the "Fleet Spotlight" portion of the article: C-15 national champion in 1980 (with Keith Dodson as crew, if memory serves), two-time J/24 PCC's winner and two-time participant in J24 Worlds (Sydney in 1985 and San Francisco in 1986) where he finished in the top ten both times.

Marty Bowman was winner of the April Senior Sabot fleet race, coming in a point ahead of Peter Gales; other finishers, in order, were Lee Berlinger, Cliff Mathias and Bobby Ware, while Jane Berlinger was top "B." Twilights had started, but it was too early in the year to have results. And the Lido fleet reported on a very successful seminar run by Ron and Steven Rosenberg, with attendees from the Newport Beach and Mission Bay fleets coming to learn something.

There were three Yachting Members introduced in the SOU'WESTER in June: all had been recent participants in the Olympic Classes Regatta and were mounting Olympic campaigns. One was Kimo Worthington, already well known in big-boat circles and now campaigning a Finn; another was young Bryant Sih, a Bay Area sailor attending UC Irvine and campaigning a 470 with his brother. And the third was a young woman from Illinois and Brown University, mounting a campaign for the first-ever Women's 470 event: Pease Herndon (now Pease Glaser),

TEN YEARS AGO:

ABYC Juniors were reported as "excited" to begin the ABYC Summer Sailing Program with the annual swim test in the SOU'WESTER of June, 1997. Mara Bell was the correspondent, and reported that junior twilight races would be held on Tuesday nights; that Elaine and Juliana Long, Andrew McDade, Jon Bell and Kelly Moffett helped her with the May membership dinner; and that trophy winners at the last Luff-In of the season, held at Huntington Harbour Yacht Club, included Freddy Stevens, Andrew McDade and Graham Bell, who were 1-2-3 in the "C" fleet. In a separate article, it was reported that ABYC junior Jesse Oliver and crew Kevin Tominaga had been selected to race Laser II's in the US SAILING Junior Olympic National Championship Regatta in Toledo, Ohio.

The Senior Sabots apparently had a busy day on May 4, the day after Opening Day: correspondent Mary Riddick said there was a "discombobulated mess at D mark" and on a run-in that Don Hodges apparently had with an electric boat. Maggie Caddle was first in the "A" fleet, ahead of Peter Gales, Paul Aumann and Mack Mills, in that order; Don Wilson was top "B." And thanks went out "to Marilyn McMahon for a delicious roast pork dinner, to Bernice Weiss for a great apple cake, to Mary Matson for helping, to George (Caddle) on the barge, Joe (Riddick) on the whaler and Maggie (Caddle) for her Rules Seminar."

Chris Wells, Cal 20 fleet reporter, congratulated Mark and Jennifer Golison for having won the Club Championship Regatta, sailed that year in Cal 20's; second place went to Tom Newton, Junior, then a Cal 20 sailor but representing the Senior Sabots. It was also reported that Long Beach Yacht Club had invited Cal 20's to take part in Long Beach Race Week for the first time; however, four sailors—Ron Wood, Vann Wilson, Doug McLean and Chuck Clay—would be out of town at the Canadian Nationals in Vancouver, BC.

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

flotsam and jetsom

Ron and Karen Fox are the very proud grandparents of Max Ryan Fox Born 5-11-07 7 Lb 11 oz 22 inches. Oh, by the way...the proud partners are Russ and Erin Fox!! Congratulations Fox family!!

Latham Bell has been accepted into a Administrative credentialing Cohort program between LBUSD and CSULB. He was one of twenty accepted from a field of two hundred. Way to go Latham!!!

Sandi McDade has been voted Teacher of the Year by her peers in the Anaheim School District. She accepted her award on the 21st of May at a ceremony held by the Anaheim School Board. Well deserved Sandi!

patience looks great!

Vern Peterson and I would like to say thanks to the terrific crew that worked 'Spruce Up Day' on ABYC's venerable race committee boat, Patience. The old 'Dowager' is all dolled up and ready for the racing season. This same crew has helped in the past years also and never fails to varnish, clean, polish or whatever it takes to have Patience shining on Opening Day.


A big tip of our hats to Jeanne and Al Nelson, Bety and Mac Mills, John Ellis and Bobbie Peterson for a job well done. A special thanks to Mickey Beland who replaced our broken compass bearing sign with a brand new sign that he built.
George C.

stan church memorial

The life of Stan Church, a long-time member of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and Lido 14 Fleet Six who passed away on March 12, 2007, will be celebrated with a memorial concert on Sunday, July 22, in Rancho Palos Verdes.

The indoor concert, which will include performance of a requiem and other vocal selections, will be held at St. Peter's By The Sea Presbyterian Church. Among the singers will be Stan's granddaughter, singing a traditional Norwegian folk song. All members of ABYC and all Stan's friends are invited.

The concert will begin at 3:00 pm. The church is located at 6410 Palos Verdes Drive South, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. No RSVP is required.

 Save the date . . .

Saturday, September 1, for the annual ABYC Labor Day Luau!

Dust off that grass skirt and limbo on down to join us for good music, great food, and fun and games at the annual ABYC Labor Day Luau.



Mark your calendar - you won't want to miss the fun!



mother's day

ABYC moms were treated to long stemmed roses, a delicious brunch, pomegranate mimosas, and live music performed by Junior Director and piano man Brad Schaupeter. The families of these pampered moms also enjoyed the occasion, especially since they were able to avoid overcrowded restaurants or worse yet, doing the cooking themselves. Taking on the challenge of adequately paying tribute to these deserving moms was a dedicated team from the Social Advisory Committee, the team included Merle Asper, Stephanie Munn, Diane Bateman and Sue McDannel. They were assisted by John McNaughton, "check in guy and flower distributor," Bill McDannel, champagne and coffee pourer, and of course the wonderful ABYC staff. Among the many compliments the committee received was a request that we make this affair an annual tradition.

Sue McDannel



The Luckey family



Sue McDannel and Diane Bateman



Brad Schaupeter entertaining



John McNaughton handling check-in and flower distribution



Merle Asper and Stephanie Munn

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KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



A great storyteller can stir your imagination like no other media can. Michael Salvaneschi needed no props, no pictures to capture the attention of everyone. The story was about Michael's seven years circumnavigating the world single-handed and was filled with excitement, humor and suspense. What a great program for our May 11 meeting that Adra Kober arranged for us. Many thanks Adra from all the fleet.

And more thanks from the fleet go out to Vern Peterson for arranging the Shoreline Yacht Club Cruise May 4th. The success of the Cruise was also due to Bobbie Hodge's sailboat, "Dixiecat", that Bobbie and husband Don brought to Shoreline Yacht Club for the host cocktail boat. Enjoying the cruise were Bobbie and Don Hodges, Larry Hill, Barry Simmons and Barry's son Chris whoa!! came by boats. Coming by car were Jeanne and Al Nelson, Jinks and John Ellis, Eleanor and Mickey Beland, Jeanne Reid and Bob Chubb, Betty and Mac Mills and Bobbie and Vern Peterson.

June 2nd is the Pinewood Regatta, not June 11th as reported in the Fleet meeting reminder. This is the last Fleet function until after the summer months. The Fleet will resume in the fall with the September 14th Keelboat Fleet meeting.

George C.



First, it's good to share the news that our Sabot Icons are continuing their recovery:

Wendy Siegal has returned to her classroom for half days following her brain surgery. She is amazingly strong.

Joe Riddick is now in ReHab at St. Mary's and getting on his feet slowly, but the progress continues.

Margaret Caddle is home from Community Hospital recovering from a bout of Pneumonia. She still needs a lot of rest, but she sounds more and more like the old Margaret.

Wendy is not sailing Twilights, but she shows up to check up on us most Thursdays; so this report is for her:

May - First Twilight: Bob Ware = 1st Fred Stevens = 2nd Tom Newton = 3rd. Other participating boats were Mary Riddick, Mark Vredenburg (with a second in the first race), and Jennifer Kuritz.

Second Twilight: Mary Riddick = 1st Freddy Stevens = 2nd Bob Ware and Tom Newton shared the third spot (Bob 2 - 6) Tom (6 - 2). Other competitors were Mack Mills with a third in the first race, Jennifer Kuritz, Mark Vredenburg, Mike Gass, John Ellis and Don Hodges.

The Third Twilight was a real thriller. Ten competitors showed up including Chas Merrill returning to Sabot sailing after a long hiatus. The winners were Chas = 1st Freddie Stevens = 2nd Mary Riddick = 3rd. Bob Ware = 4th. Don Hodges was late to the starting line in the first race, but made up for it by taking a 2nd in the 2nd race.

John McNaughten suits the courses to the wind conditions, and he and Jinx Ellis run some great races. Twilights are the best racing ever. Come and join us.

While putting their boats away, the Sabotiers were awed by the 30 new improved dollies that Bob Chubb and John Massey have put together. They have been at it since November with Bob designing and John organizing and pushing through the production. Many thanks to these two. They are surely National Treasures of this Club.

We are not able to post the results of the Third Championship Race this month since it falls after the Sou'Wester goes to press. The results of the first two races show Bob Ware, Mary Riddick, and Lee Berlinger in hot contention. To be continued.

A report on the May Meeting as well as the Men's Day and the Sabot Nationals will have to wait for next month also. However, this is a spot to compliment the Club on the great Mother's Day Event they put on and thank all the people involved who made it such a special day. This same sort of class restaurant act goes on once a month at the Sabot Meetings. If you would like to enjoy great food, views, and resort evenings for fast food prices, join us on Sabot Sundays. Check the Club Calendar, call and make a reservation, and we'll look forward to sharing the joys of membership with you.

For information on Sabot events, please call our Fleet Captain, Isabelle Lounsberry.

Barbara Gabriel



It's funny how high-point scoring works: sometimes your score improves if you DON'T come out!

There are now two races completed in the Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet 2007 Fleet Championship and Worlds Qualifier Series. The latter event, which is comprised of the first two regattas of the former, is now done, so the "pecking order" is set.

And the first to get a chance to go to the 2007 Etchells Worlds in England will be Jerry Montgomery. He sailed very well during the first regatta of the series, held on Sunday, April 22, but not as well in the second, held on Saturday, May 12; nevertheless, he stands atop the leaderboard. His score of 23 points puts him ahead of the Steve Flam/Bruce Golison team at 21.

Now, Jerry sailed the second regatta, but Bruce and Steve did not. And yet Steve and Bruce moved up in the points. You see, after the first regatta, the twenty-percent discard required them to toss a scoring race;

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however, with four non-scoring races for the second regatta, they got to keep the score from the first—and their high-point score went up. Got it?

Third place in the standings goes to the defending Fleet Champions, the team of Jim Barber, Doug Jorgensen and Bob Newsome. They won three of the four races in the second regatta after missing the first. They lie three points ahead of the teams of John Chapman and Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen; John sailed the second regatta while Carter/Ericksen missed it. The next three places go, in order to the teams of Chris Wells, Mark Hardy and Dan Dooros; Gordon Dudley and Jeff Powell; and Rob Rice and Ed Ureño.

The regattas themselves were great fun, spring sailing at its best. Flam/Golison, sailing the boat formerly owned by Tim Hogan and under charter from the U.S. Sailing Center of Long Beach, to which it was donated, dominated the April regatta; only Jerry Montgomery, who took second overall, beat them, and only once. Carter/Ericksen missed the first race but still ended up third.

In the May regatta, the Barber/Jorgensen/Newsome team had a similar score; this time it was John Chapman who won Race One and went on to finish second overall in the regatta. The four-boat field was rounded out by Montgomery and Dudley/Powell, in that order.

There was much more on the calendar in the last several weeks for the Alamitos Bay Etchells; after a slow winter and early spring, the calendar is filling up. The Etchells Fleet hosted the ABYC General Membership meeting in April, serving both as food-service personnel and lining up the program speaker. Thanks to fleet members Jane & Pat Kelly, Greg Sims, Gordon Dudley, Dave Myers and Jeff Powell for their work.

Tim Carter and Paul Ancil represented the Etchells Fleet in the 2007 Club Championship Regatta, held in conjunction with ABYC's Opening Day on May 5; in the words of our droll Fleet Captain, Jeff Powell, "they beat the boat that dismasted." Commodore Jim Bateman showed his Etchells, the flagship of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, at Opening Day, and hosted a number of Etchells fleet members aboard for refreshments. Tim Carter, Jeff Powell and Dave Myers managed to run the most popular food booth again, grilling sausages for all and sundry. A good time was had by all.

And the Thursday-night series of Pop Tops races, hosted by Seal Beach Yacht Club, kicked off in May as well. Again this year, for about the fifth year, ABYC Etchells got a start of their own and will race all summer. It is too early to tell who is leading, but the series now runs through late September, so there'll be plenty of time for everyone else to join in.

By the time this edition of the SOU'WESTER is in print, the ABYC Memorial Day Regatta will have been sailed. Check next month to see how that turned out. And the Etchells Class has been asked by the organizers of Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week if they want to race in this, the third year of this joint ABYC/Long Beach Yacht Club regatta; again, we'll know next month how that turned out.

Chris Ericksen

abyc wins aspbyc harbor challenge

The Alamitos Bay Yacht Club team of Doug McLean, Steve Flam and Ron Wood won the Walt Elliott Harbor Challenge Trophy from the defending Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club.

The Walt Elliott Harbor Challenge Trophy is awarded yearly by the Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs to the member club winning the fleet race in a monohull yacht that the defending club accepts as the challenge.

The challenge this year was sailed in Cal 20's, on May 12, 2007 in the waters off of Los Angeles harbor. All member clubs of the Association of San Pedro Bay Yachts Clubs were invited to participate in the event. Five clubs were represented. Besides ABYC and CBYC, Huntington Harbor Yacht Club, Long Beach Yacht Club and Shoreline Yacht Club participated. The regatta was almost an ABYC Cal 20 Fleet event. In addition to the ABYC yacht, ABYC members Chris Raab and Payson Infelise represented HHYC, past Walt Elliott winner Keith Ives with Bobby Frazier represented LBYC, and John Merchant crewed on the Shoreline boat. Vann Wilson spent the day as the cheering section by dogging the fleet in his laser.

The day was somewhat of an adventure. Four boats were towed to CBYC by Ron Wood's Driftwood. The trip took a couple of hours, slowed a bit by a broken tow rope and one of the 20's losing a rudder after hitting a good sized powerboat wave. After a short meeting we sailed to the middle breakwater which is about half way back to Alamitos Bay for the three race regatta. When the last race was finished some ABYC members hitched a ride back to CBYC and the rest sailed to Alamitos Bay. Doug and I made a return trip to CBYC for the trophy presentation and to help Driftwood with the trip back to basin 5.

John Merchant





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John Massey photo

Buncha dollies...see John Massey's article on page 4

Peninsula Summer Concert Schedule

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

General Membership Meeting - June 15th Duty Fleet: Lido 14

Program: ABYC members Rich and Fran Roberts have just returned from a 10 day adventure to Antarctica. Leaving Ushuaia, Argentina by way of Drake's Passage aboard a 200' cruise ship, 68 passengers witnessed and experienced what few others do, exploring the region up-close in Zodiac inflatables.

Members are familiar with and thoroughly enjoy Rich's sailing journalism. Here is our chance to hear and see first hand from Rich and Fran regarding their rough passage through Drake's Passage to the tranquil inlets of Antarctica. Their commentary along with Q and A frames a 15 minute photo and music DVD presentation.

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