



installation of officers 2007-2008

photos by Tracy Conn

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club opened its 81st year in fine style as past deeds were recognized and incoming officers were installed at the Installation of Officers dinner in the clubhouse on Saturday, October 20. Among the award winners were several repeats, emblematic more of the ongoing and traditional activities of ABYC than of a lack of other candidates. And in their remarks, both incoming Commodore Glenn Selvin and outgoing Commodore Jim Bateman touched on that very theme: our traditions and the continuity of excellence.

Following cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a welcome from Commodore Bateman and an invocation from Don Reiman, the diners enjoyed a steak-and-shrimp combination dinner to the accompaniment of jazz standards from Top Shelf. As the dessert service was being performed, outgoing Junior Staff Commodore Nicole Peoples-Moffett began the ceremonial part of the evening with introductions of officers and Staff Commodores present and with special thanks to the Bateman and Selvin families for their lead in organizing the evening



Don Reiman begins the evening with an invocation

The first awards announced, additions to the Commodore's Council for bringing in two or more members in the year, included a number of repeating awardees. Elle Merrill, last year's winner of the Frances Dixon Nason Sportsmanship Trophy, was awarded it again this year; she is "the heart of what sportsmanship is," said the commendation that accompanied her award.



Elle Merrill accepts one of her awards from Commodore Jim Bateman

Sydney Bolger, last year's winner of the Ann and Sid Exley Junior Travel Trophy for 1995, earned the award again this year; she traveled to 18 regattas around and across the country, including the US SAILING Junior Women's Doublehanded Sailing Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy. Sydney added the Don L. Adams Memorial Trophy for the Outstanding Junior Sailor to her accomplishments; her travels and achievements have become a role model for other ABYC juniors, according to her recommendation letter. Sydney and her father, Brad, had planned to attend, but were late returning from a college-tour trip.

Two awards with junior-program connections featured in the evening. A new trophy, the Paul Washburn Memorial Trophy, has been presented in the memory of this family junior member who passed away earlier in the year; the trophy features a portrait montage by the noted marine artist Jim DeWitt. Paul's is the first name on the trophy; the recipient for this year was Alan Peoples.

The other award is the year-old Sea-Change Trophy, presented to an ABYC member whose outstanding achievements have created a "sea change" at the yacht club. For his years of dedication and leadership to the ABYC Junior Program, the tro-



Bob Kirshine accepts the Sea Change trophy from Jim Bateman

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save the date

Junior Clinic #4	November 11
Turkey Day Regatta	November 17-18
CISA Clinic	November 23-25
Junior Clinic #5	November 25
Christmas Party	December 9
Boxing Day Regatta	December 29

commodore's comments



As I write my first article as the Commodore of Alamos Bay Yacht Club, I can't help but feel both incredibly honored as well as a bit overwhelmed. I joined ABYC in the early '70's, and for the past thirty plus years, I've called this special little piece of real estate home. And thus, my goal for this year is to continue to maintain and yet improve Alamos Bay Yacht Club so that it may continue to be home for our present members, as well the future generations of members behind us.

Most certainly, we have long-term issues at hand above the normal operational tasks. These issues include the replacing of our Sabot racks, lease negotiations, and capital expenditures. We have a great Board of Director's in place, and this Board will tackle these issues in such a way as to make ABYC a better place for all of us!

As we enter the autumn season, ABYC is as busy as ever. No, Kelly, we don't have a slow season! The Olympic Trials are completed, and the upcoming, always fun Halloween Regatta is just around the corner. John Massey and Bill McDannel are signing up volunteers for November's Turkey Day regatta, which promises to be just another example of why ABYC is as world renowned as a sailing club as it is. If you'd like to volunteer for Turkey Day, please contact Bill or John. To our newer members...Volunteering for these regattas is always a great way of meeting your fellow club members!

So come on down to ABYC, go sailing, and relax. As we enter the holiday season, give a moment to reflect on why it is that you got into sailing in the first place, and promise to enjoy your Club as your second home as I do. And if you see me in the yard or enjoying a burger on the patio, let's chat!

Glenn Selvin

manager's corner



October 20th, 1:00 pm.
It's one of those Chamber of Commerce days here at the Club. Seventy-Five degrees, clear skies, and just enough wind to peak the interest of our sailing community. An assortment of boats head out the jetty, both sail and power, and as I sit at my desk, writing this month's contribution to the SW, I reflect on just how lucky I am to be a part of this exceptional Club. I have felt a sense of pride from the day I accepted the position of General Manager of ABYC, but occasionally something will stop me in my tracks, and I become almost overwhelmed by the serenity and beauty of our Club.

Today as I did my morning walk of the yard, (back in shape from the Olympic Trials...thank you Rick and Adam) I found myself staring out at the bay, intoxicated by the simple beauty of a pelican posed as a sentry as if "standing guard" at the entrance of our basin.

The water was void of recent discoloration and flock of geese was gathered on the finger dock, joining me in my morning rapture. As I passed the Galley, the smell of bacon cooking and coffee brewing put an instant smile on my face.

I headed upstairs to say hello to Jesus and noticed how incredible the 2nd floor looked as we prepare for tonight's Commodore Installation Dinner. Something about the blue tablecloths, fresh flowers and flags hanging from the stairwells transform the room into something magical. I suppose it could have something to do with the room being surrounded with some of the most incredible vistas in Long Beach, but special, nonetheless.

Electric Duffys are departing from the docks now, heading out to enjoy Alamos Bay, and the tranquility that comes from simply "being on the water."

The quiet cruise of the Duffy is soon drowned out by the guttural roar of a off-shore boat reminding me that boating comes in many flavors...I prefer the Duffy.

The half-day fishing boat is docking across the jetty, and a lone seal is barking if not begging for a treat. Seagulls trail the boat hoping for unused bait to be discarded, and are greeted by several large scoops of "something fishy"

Tonight is the changing of the guard. Jim Bateman passed the torch of Commodore to Glenn Selvin, and flag officers step up a notch.

I look forward to tonight, as I can take my Club Manager hat off for a couple hours, enjoy the company of members, and guest, and reflect on quite a year.

Alamos Bay Yacht Club is something special. Those of us fortunate enough to be part of this facility as employee, member or guest, surely should never take it for granted.

Well, enough of my ramblings...it's time for a BAY BURGER.

Kelly Whitlow

P. S. Come on down to the club early some morning, join me for a cup of coffee; I'll tell the **guard** you're coming.

vice commodore's view



House and Grounds

As your incoming Vice Commodore I will be in charge of House and Grounds. We have many plans for upgrades and maintenance and you will hear all about it in the upcoming Sou'Wester. Stay tuned because some big changes are on the horizon. The Yard Rules, House Rules and By-laws will be upheld. If you have any questions regarding getting your boat into the yard, please consult the rules first, then feel free to contact me via email at merleasper@verizon.net. If you have a boat in the yard and it is breaking the rules, please count on it being impounded very soon. Please feel free to get to the Club and move it before I do. Please be reminded that it will cost you \$10/ day for an impounded boat. I am going to take a hard line on this because that is what the Membership requires me to do.

This year is not going to be easy, but I will do what is required to maintain order in the yard.

That is why you pay me the big bucks. Wish me luck!

Membership

Dan DeLave is your board Liaison for membership. Ken Reiff is your Membership Chairman. They are both eager to do a great job. Contact either of these people if you have any questions about membership. They are eager to help. Don't forget about our membership promotion! For each regular member brought in \$250 ABYC bucks to both the incoming member and the number one sponsor.

Commodore's Council

Not to repeat myself, but I would just like to bring this to everybody's attention again. Please note our fabulous plaque located as you enter the club on the right side. It states "Commodore's Council: Enhancing the Club through membership development". Below that, this year's names are listed.

Why membership is important:

The basis of any club is its membership. With every new member comes renewed energy in the direction of the Club. When we get a new person or family, we get more people that will be promoting, preserving and working to benefit the Club. Maintenance and construction needs will be taken care of now and in the future. With each new member the load gets less and easier to handle. With a full complement of members, we will easily be able to handle upgrades and basic maintenance to the infrastructure, as well as future goals and hurdles that are absolutely going to come up.

People should also remember, it is gratifying to sponsor a new member and see them growing within the club. How does the person feel that sponsored our incoming and outgoing Commodores? Look at all the great things they have done and will do.

The Purpose

The Commodore's Council is to give more incentive to people sponsoring new members into the club and to keep it in their vision. Ultimately, to recognize the people who go above and beyond the call of duty in bringing in new members.

Requirements

A member must be the primary sponsor of two or more regular, yachting, or junior members within the year.

Dan DeLave is the Board Liaison for membership and in charge of Commodore's Council next year. Please support him in his efforts to make the membership strive further and farther than ever.

Social

John Massey is your new Rear Commodore, which means he is now in charge of your social program. He will do a great job. If you have any ideas for something fun to do at the Club let him know, he is ready to listen!

Merle Asper

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rear commodore's notes



This is my first lash at a report by the Rear Commodore. So, be prepared for a bit of transition. I have passed my position on to Jeff Merrill who is now Fleet Captain and Board Liaison to the Race Management Committee. Onward and upward Jeff, and for an exciting beginning my friend, the 1982 engine on the Junior 17 ft whaler finally blew out the lower end gear case, for which parts are no longer available. But, no worries, the whaler is now receiving a new ETEC-40. It should be ready for service by the Halloween Regatta.

It may take a bit of time to get up to speed with the new (to me) tasks of the rear commodore. I'll be trained up a good bit by the Social Advisory Committee which is a dedicated group with whom I had the pleasure of working in preparation for last year's 4th of July Picnic. I'm anticipating the coming year to be quite active as the 2008 calendar is filling quickly. If you may be planning to request the use of club facilities, I suggest you submit your request soon.

Turkey Day Regatta (Bill McDannel) efforts are in full process. Already up on the radar, are planning issues for the Christmas Party, and Boxing Day. The new-year kicks off with the Rose Bowl Regatta, plus ABYC hosts the ISAF Youth Worlds in January. Keep checking the Club Calendar on the ABYC web site - www.abyc.org. The Calendar will continue to be up dated with the most current information. Also, your fleet activities will be at the web site.

John Massey

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

November 16, 2007 is the deadline
for the December Sou'Wester.
(Except for Turkey Day coverage)

ladies day

Ladies Day Regatta Blown Out!

One of the things you can usually count on when racing sailboats at ABYC is good wind, but gale force warnings provided a little too much of a good thing on Sunday October 21st and the 2007 Ladies Day regatta (Gentlemen too!) was not sailed.

Senior sailors on the SCWYRA circuit traveled up from San Diego and Newport to compete in this year's event. We had nearly 30 entries (12 men!) all set up by Mark Townsend in the computer and paid in full. The comments from those pulling in to our parking lot who had driven up the coast was that it was "howling", but by 10 am we looked out at a glassy bay and wondered if we'd even get enough to sail.

The wind filled in Santana style and a few of the boats that had been rigged with their sails wrapped around their masts were actually capsized – on the lot! Not one skipper even launched, though all were ready to cast off.

Regatta PRO Kevin Taugher and Race Chairman Jeff Merrill discussed the options and decided to wait an hour before throwing in the towel. Coffee and rolls were provided and the competitors watched the bay become starched with white caps.

At 12:30 the regatta was officially cancelled and many of the out of town sailors were already packing up their sabots.

Meeting in the shelter of the Quarterdeck refunds were provided to all contestants and the perpetual trophies that were supposed to be awarded last year were formally presented by Mary Riddick;

Winners in 2006 were:

Jane McNaboe – ABYC – Christina S. Wagner perpetual

Betty Becker – SDYC – Ruth M. Russell perpetual

The 505 fleet was greatly appreciated as duty fleet for helping to offload sabots and they were available in full force and ready to run the races. Jon Robinson and Dave Myers were also around to help keep things rolling and for a non-event regatta we actually all had a good time...every chair in the patio was capsized, the two outside lawn bars flipped on their sides and I guess there's really nothing like watching trash cans fall over to make you feel a little better about deciding to stay ashore.

So, we'll try again next year, but never fear...

"ABYC is the place to be, money back guaranteed!"

Jeff Merrill, Regatta Chairman

Interesting note from Chris Ericksen...in the History column for this month you will see that 10 years ago this regatta was blown out as well.

fleet captain's g



As an active ABYC member with kids involved I have come to appreciate that our club truly is a year 'round hub of activity, not just a hang out in the spring and summer. We have an active calendar that stretches the limits of our resources and we have a volunteer membership that is always up to the task. Our membership is growing, sailboat racing participation is up and we are definitely hitting the high notes!

One major project that has been in the works for nearly a year now is the new sabot rack design. Initiated by club treasurer, George Kornhoff, about two years ago as a idea to optimize our limited grounds for boat storage and improve our revenue, what started out as a PVC pipe prototype has slowly gained momentum and the BOD has approved the purchase of materials to assemble anodized aluminum sabot racks which will create better sabot storage and open up space in the yard for us to provide more storage spaces for our members with trailerable sailboats.

One of my tasks as Fleet Captain will be to coordinate the implementation of these new sabot racks which is going to affect more than just the sabot sailors. Please let me explain some of the logic behind this shift from the perfectly good wooden sabot racks we now enjoy and why we have made the decision to move forward with the new aluminum design.

Our club grounds where boats are stored is one of ABYC's biggest assets. The space rental that is collected as monthly fees for stowing member boats is our biggest revenue producer. We currently have long waiting lists for space in the yard and new members who have joined ABYC and want to go sailing have no place at the club to park their boats. Anything we can do to create more space and allow more members to keep their boats here will increase overall participation at the club and make ABYC even more attractive for all of us.

The sabot fleet is one of our most active groups and the wooden racks have stood the test of time, in fact they are in great shape and would last many more years. But as we look out at the yard and think about ways to maximize our boat storage potential we see a lot of unused space available in-between the sabot racks... Looking at what other clubs do to solve the same problem we have seen more condensed sabot storage with lengthwise placement not sideways storage like we presently have, and racks that stack four sabots high, instead of the three levels we currently use.

Right now there is a committee working on optimizing the metal rail sabot rack design. Our junior program manages the 'beta' test rack which is located in the far west corner. This rack was in use all summer by juniors and their parents and feedback to the committee has allowed for us to make fine-tuning improvements in order to maximize convenience and ease of use for this new type of metal rack. We have settled on a bow in orientation and have developed a set of full length plastic (UHMW) glides that make sliding in and out of the upper storage slots much easier. The ground level is still being evaluated for the best means of parking a sabot. We have multiple ideas in play, keel up vs. keel down so please try the various options and help us evaluate the differences. The next time you are down at the club please take a minute to see how this new rack works and please call me or send me an email if you have any suggestions.

Once the design is complete it will be presented to the BOD for approval. We have already budgeted to replace all of the wooden racks and a separate committee is working on the optimum yard layout so that we can keep it easy for sabot sailors to stow and use their boats and also open up more yard space for all other trailerable sized boats. The layout committee will also offer recommendations for the board to approve before construction of the racks begins.

Any time a major change in the arrangement of what has "always been" is initiated it creates discomfort. Your ABYC board of directors is trying to do what is best for ALL of the club and we ask for your support, help and ideas as we transition into the realization of our new sabot racks and their effect on the yard layout.

I'd like to thank John Massey, my predecessor Fleet Captain for a fantastic job in 2007; he's made it very easy to step in to this position. I'm looking forward to working with all of the fleets and the race management committee this year and encourage everyone reading this to come down to the club, get your boat out and go sailing!

Jeff Merrill

unsung heroes

Patience, our stalwart committee boat, is always ready for action due in large part to the efforts of Vern Peterson and George Caddle. If you have not been involved with skippering this craft you may not know all the effort that Vern and George put into this task. One or both of them seem always to be there when the boat is on the way out or back from the course at every regatta. They have made it their obligation to prepare Patience for optimal working order at any time. This can lead to ugly work sometimes leaving them up to their elbows in oil, grease and diesel fuel maintaining the mechanical parts. Then there is the brightwork, paint, and fittings making sure she shows well for the racers and the photo opportunities she frequently encounters. We are lucky to have such a boat for our club and equally lucky that these two care so much for her. Make sure to thank Vern and George for their efforts.

Dan DeLave

the bay clogger (junior sailing)

Brad Schaupeter photos

A BYC Juniors Send 20 Sailors to Fall Gold Cup!

8th place A – Riley Gibbs

3rd place C3 – Noah LaBarba

3rd place C1 – Sawyer Gibbs

1st place C3 – Johnny Blumberg

5th place C2 – Brian MacLean

Fall Gold Cup Wrap Up

This past weekend was the Fall Gold held at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Riley Gibbs sailed a great regatta with five of the six races finishing in the top ten and ending overall in eighth! The largest fleet out on the water was the B fleet with 36 sailors. ABYC had some highlight races with sixth place finish from Steven Hopkins and a fourth from Sunny Scarbrough! We had some astounding performances from our younger sailors in the C fleet. In the C1 class Sawyer Gibbs had some highlights in day one with a first and second place finish, and ending in third place overall. James Melvin, Dugan Farrell, and Andrew MacLean represented ABYC well with a number of top ten finishes. Congratulations to Brian MacLean who finished in fifth place taking home a gold cup in the C2 fleet. In day two, team ABYC had an amazing race when Richard Bell finished in first place with teammate Bridget Luckey behind him in second. And John Merrill gave a great performance on day one with all top ten finishes. In our C3 class we saw some remarkable racing from our less experienced racers. In day two Gentry Bell rounded the weather, reach and leeward marks in first place! And during one leg of the course Noah LaBarba, Gentry Bell, and Carl Olson were all fighting for third place! Noah LaBarba sailed a great second day and finished overall in third place. Congratulations to Johnny Blumberg who can proudly say he is a C2 now. He won the regatta with all first or second place finishes. Well done!

Submitted by Sarah Ryan

Off Season Updates

When one summer ends, the junior program doesn't take much time off in starting to plan for the next. This off season has a huge bill of updates. While the club works on updating the yard sabot racks, the junior program is working on expanding our trailering capacity from 16 sabots to 25. Improvement of the junior whalers is being headed up by Junior Advisory Board member Latham Bell while charter boats will be repaired by the entire JAB and several volunteers. The junior shed in the east yard is on



Noah LaBarba won C3's while John McInerney (J-Mac) narrowly missed 2nd place

the list to update as well as designing laser racks for the growing junior laser program. All in all, it is a huge list of things to get done!

Brad Schaupeter, ABYC Jr. Sailing Director



Riley Gibbs and Paris Henken looking up to the master Jack Jorgensen

Noah LaBarba, Gentry Bell, and Carl Olson were



Johnny Blumberg (middle) and Bridget Luckey (right) prevailed in C2's!



Sawyer Gibbs (far right) looking up to Dugan Farrell towering over his competitors.

US Sailing Coach Skip Whyte Talks to Junior Sailors

On a Saturday afternoon after the sabot Fall Junior Invitational in September, the junior sailors received valuable insight from US Olympic sailing coach Skip Whyte, and Olympic sailors John Shadden and Carol-Ann Rosenberg. The three speakers shared personal anecdotes, general advice for the kids, and answered their listeners' questions. They discussed realizing a dream as well as their own Olympic experiences and how they got there.

First to talk was John Shadden, who sailed 470s in the 1984 and 1988 Olympics and won a bronze medal in 1988. He stressed that practicing the fundamentals a lot is what will lead to success. For him, that meant going out and sailing every day after high school and training by himself. He did lots of boat handling drills, including sailing rudderless, backwards, and blindfolded! The final speaker was Carol-Ann Rosenberg, world champion windsurfer and three-time Olympian. She related the joy of accomplishing your goals, and she shared her motto: "Work harder than the next person."

The highlight of the event was Skip Whyte, who talked about how he got to where he is today and the training and trials for the Olympics, which took place at ABYC in early October. (He relayed this information in his public speech to the kids and a private interview conducted with him shortly afterward.) Coach Whyte grew up sailing in Rhode Island, taking his childhood naps in his father's star boat. However, there was no junior program in Newport, so it wasn't until he attended college at the University of Rhode Island that he started sailing competitively. When asked when it was that he knew he wanted to go to the Olympics, he started by saying that he watched the Olympics as a kid and was encouraged to hear about "normal" people that were making it into the prestigious competition. When he was a freshman in college, the sailing team was very successful and that's when he started to believe in the sport. However, it wasn't until his senior year, when his team won the college 420 nationals, that he knew he wanted to represent his country sailing in the Olympics. As soon as the 470 was announced as the new Olympic class boat, he had his ordered before Christmas of 1972. To pay for his sailing expenses, he started a local business selling Lasers. Unfortunately, he never got to actually sail in the Olympics. He came very close to making the team in 1976, which were his second Trials, but in the last race there was a forty-degree wind shift which put him at a disadvantage, and he lost the spot by three tenths of one point. He attended his first Olympics as a coach in 1992, and has gone to every summer Games since then.

Coach Whyte gave the junior sailors some tips and answered some of their questions. He told them that to reach the Olympics at the top of the sailing mountain, you have to go one step at a time. He emphasized the importance of setting goals for yourself; improve not only in the race results but also in the actual racing techniques. His big tip for the kids on boat handling was: "You gotta be smooth." When confronted with the question of "Is the Olympics hard?" Whyte replied with a smile and said, "Yes, it's very very very hard, but it's also fun." He was looking forward to the Olympic Trials, which began on October 1st, because of the stiff competition and the way the sailors will handle the pressure of the regatta. Ultimately, his message for the kids was to find something you really want to do and dedicate yourself wholeheartedly to it. For him, as well as many others, that something is sailing.

Samantha Gebb, Junior Board Secretary

board droppings

The last meeting of the current Board said goodbye to Nicole Peoples-Moffett and Bill McDannel. Best wishes and congrats were tossed about the room. We also welcomed Mike Baumann and Jon Robinson.



Mike Baumann presented an opinion by our Judge Advocate Tom Ramsey regarding members with domestic partnership agreements and the impact these agreements have on memberships.

There have been problems with some members parking their cars in the yard, locking them and taking the keys. The "Yard Rules" state you must leave your keys in the car. If you wish to lock your car in the yard, the staff will direct you to a spot that will not have an adverse impact and will need a key in case your car needs to be moved. If you do not comply with this, and lock your car and leave, a policy was passed unanimously to fine members \$25.00 a day effective immediately.

The Club's co-treasurer, Mary Montz, said we finished the year with a positive variance against the budget. John Massey will purchase a new engine for whaler #6.

Jim Morford

turkey day regatta

November 17-18, 2007

boxing day regatta

Saturday December 29, 2007

phy—featuring a half-model of the ground-breaking, Doug Peterson One-Tonner “Ganbare” that marked a sea change in ocean racing—was presented to Bob Kirstine.

Returning Port Captain Dave Myers was presented the Order of the Green Propeller, emblematic of his service. The Neal Dundas Daily First Perpetual Trophy, awarded to the ABYC sailor or sailors who earn the greatest number of Daily First awards at ABYC regattas, went to Samantha Ebert and Elle Merrill. And long-time Lido-fleet members and race-committee volunteers Wayne and Shirley Smith received the Elise and Stan Church Perpetual Trophy, awarded to a husband-and-wife team who for racing success or a record of service to the club.



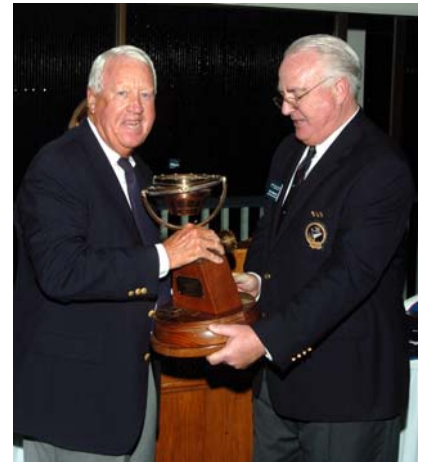
Dave Meyer accepting the Order of the Green Propeller



Latham Bell...recipient of the Ted C Matson Memorial Service Award

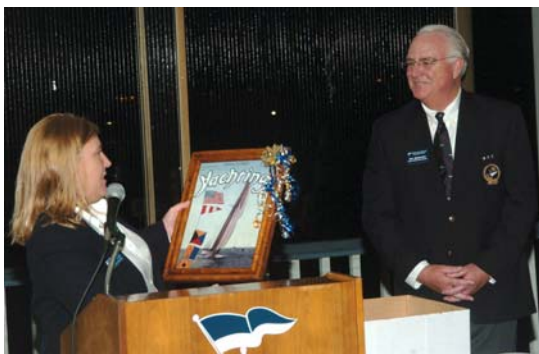
The Ted C. Matson Memorial Service Award, emblematic of outstanding service to the yacht club by a volunteer, went to Latham Bell; not only his work as ABYC's Chief Judge but also his labors in setting up the new Bay Barge and his unstinting support of the ABYC Junior Program were cited in the presentation statement. And the Sidney T. Exley Trophy, the “Commodore's Award” to a member who has “brought distinction to the club,” went to a former recipient whose service to the yachting community has not slackened and includes having served as commodore of the Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs, the Southern California Yachting Association and the Transpacific Yacht Club and now includes serving on the Board of Directors of the United States Sailing Association: Jerry Montgomery.

Following the awarding of service awards to outgoing chairs and officers, the outgoing Junior Staff Commodore administered the oath of office to the incoming officers and directors; all the new officers received their flags and badges of rank. Outgoing Commodore Bateman passed on to incoming Commodore Selvin the



Jerry Montgomery receives the Sidney T Exley Award

usual and whimsical items—a seemingly endless chain of keys, for one—but also new items including a personal locating device, a skin-thickening potion, a year's supply of earplugs, a disguise so that he could come to the yacht club unmolested and three envelopes to be opened in case of troubles he could not handle himself. Finally, as the expected and traditional award to the outgoing Commodore was late in arriving, Jim Bateman received a very special award: an original cover from the first “Yachting” magazine, published one hundred years ago.



Jim Bateman receives the 100 year old original Yachting magazine cover from Nicole Peoples-Moffett

In his remarks, incoming Commodore Selvin mentioned the traditions of ABYC in recounting his own career at ABYC that started in his childhood. ABYC was made to feel like home to him, he said, and cited in particular Helen Potter, ABYC's longtime office secretary, who “kept an eye on her kids”—including a young Glenn Selvin. He thanked the membership for electing a great Board and for being great committee and project chairs.

In his closing remarks, outgoing Commodore Bateman spoke with sincere and obvious pride and gratitude of the year just passed. He said that, while it was a year filled with activities and challenges, ABYC came out of the year with an even greater reputation in the yachting community. This was due to the work of ABYC volunteers, he concluded; and, to the applaud of the audience, he named many of them as his eyes passed around the room and found them in attendance.

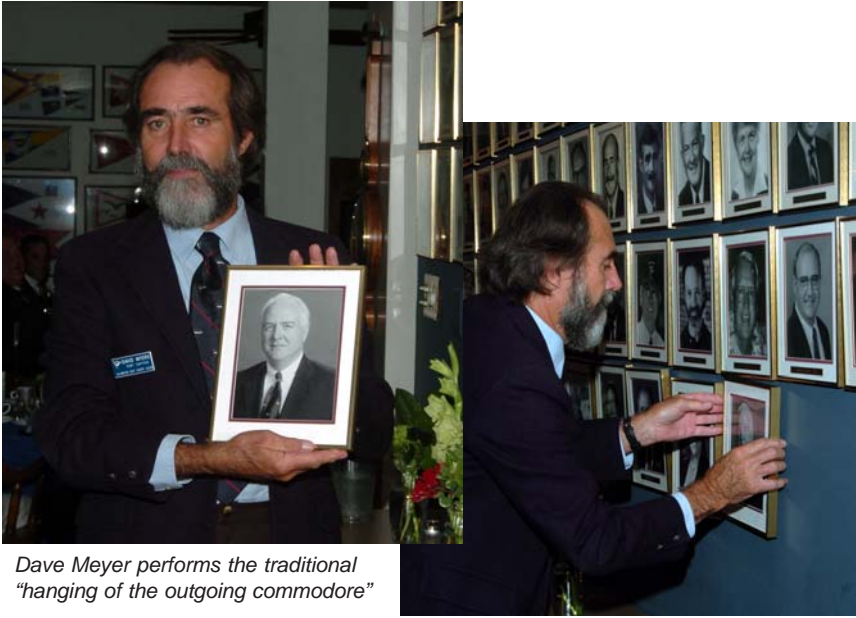
Chris Ericksen



Glenn Selvin with the “keys to our world”

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installation (cont)



Dave Meyer performs the traditional "hanging of the outgoing commodore"



Jim Bateman and new Commodore Glenn Selvin



The Bells: Jamie, Gentry, Latham and Richard



Kathy and Jon Robinson



Three generations of Merrills: Pam, Jeff, Elle, Nancy, John and Chas



Stacy Conn, Nicole Peoples-Moffett, Steve Moffett and Margaret Zinn - standing are Don Zinn and Ron Wood

from the pages of history

The November SOU'WESTER marks the new year in a meaningful way at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club as new hands take over tillers—and gavels and keyboards: for most fleets and most officers and chairs, their new duties started soon after September's elections or October's installation. So the SOU'WESTER is often a bit thin as the new folks learn what to do—or until they get it together for the December edition! And often the same themes are sounded, as you'll see from reading on:

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

Bill Nicolai took over as Commodore of ABYC in October of 1977 and the SOU'WESTER of that November included his first Commodore's Comments—signed just "Bill." "In the past a number of committees have ended up as a single person," he says. "This year we are going to make it easy to become involved." Seminars in race management were planned, the leadership of social events was going to be passed around, and other kinds of "outreach" were to be tried before that word was widely used. "Don't be bashful!" he concluded; "Come around and ask!"

Chris Dundas, Social Coordinator, put out the call for social-event leaders. "My job will be to coordinate the events," she said. "I need different chairmen, co-helpers and committee for each social event." And the Race Committee got into the act: "Equal opportunity employer," said the article. "No discrimination, male or female, no age limit. No experience necessary, only willingness and desire." There were apparently 26 days of regattas in 1978 already on the calendar, and that probably was only regular club regattas; they needed folks for "entries, hospitality, scoring, starting, finishing, protests, operation of whalers, operation of Bay Barge (and_ operation of PATIENCE." Interested parties were to contact Dorothy Hill, Race Coordinator; Langdon Parrill was evidently Race Chairman.

Ladies' Day had just concluded, and what a day it must have been: there were a total of 67 women from nearly a dozen yacht clubs in attendance. A dozen ABYC women sailed, and half trophyed; top winner was Anne Bloemke, who was first in the "A" division, thereby winning the Mrs. Richard L. Russell, Jr., Perpetual Trophy, and top ABYC sailor, thereby winning the Christina Wagner Ladies' Day Perpetual Trophy. Mildred Dressel was tops in the "C" division. Sixty-seven boats...wow...

Back in those days the ABYC Outstanding Service Award—since rededicated to honor Ted Matson—was awarded to groups as well as to individuals; winning it for 1977 was the ABYC International 14 Fleet for their painting of the Widow's Walk railings, deck and cupola...Gary Winterrowd took over as new Cal 20 Fleet Captain; John Ellis was treasurer...John Hand, PHRF Fleet Captain, asked if anyone was interested in holding an inverted-start race that would finish at the clubhouse; wonder how that idea turned out...there were some service awards from the Installation Dinner still in the office; among those who needed to collect them were Lex Kimball, John Merchant and Al and Mary Smith...

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

Not only was there a new Board of Directors and officers, there was a new editor for the SOU'WESTER in November, 1987: Joe Laccia. The new Commodore, Al Nelson, was rather wry in his first Comments: "Becoming Commander (sic) is not the only way to get a column in this publication," he wrote, "but it is the hardest way." My guess is that Al's spell checker caught the word "Commodore" and changed it to what it had on file; my guess is that it didn't happen again.

Judy Mathias wrote a column called "Driftwood" in those days; it was filled with social and non-racing news and was almost always a pleasure to read. In this one she reported on newly acquired boats (for Ed and Virginia Feo as well as for Dick and Linda Landes) and newborn grandchildren (for Bobbie and Vern Peterson), but also on trips and travels. A group that included the Caddles, the Heatheringtons and the Lyons took an RV "cruise" and found varied weather as the went from "Long Beach to Needles (hot) to Flagstaff (cold) to Lake Powell (hot) to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon (damn cold) to Bryce Canyon (hot) to Zion (cool) to home (perfect!)" I wonder if the parenthetical comments were Judy's or one of the travelers; either way, it was a great read.

Carl Risher was the C-15 fleet reporter, and did something that I don't think has been done before or since: he reported in the SOU'WESTER on the recently completed Stag Cruise. The C-15 fleet excelled in horseshoe pitching: Bob Anderson was on the winning team, with Carl and Stan Sorensen second. There was a report of some Polynesian dancing on Saturday night, punctuated by the dousing of the dancers with a bucket of mai tais. Aside from that, it was apparently a rather sedate event: I was reported as having been there and I actually remember most of it—including who tossed the mai tais on the dancers.

Christmas parties were the order of the day, with announcements for most of them. The Cal 20's started the season on Friday, December 4 while the J/24 fleet scheduled one for the next day; the Keel Boat Fleet party was the next Friday, December 11, the Sabotiers were to party that Saturday, and the club party was scheduled for Sunday the 13th...Ladies' Day had occurred, but on what date and with how many attendees was not reported; Diane Gonzales was tops in the "C" fleet, Winnie Wills tied for first in the "B" fleet and Robin Townsend was first ABYC sailor in the "A" division in fourth place...

TEN YEARS AGO:

ABYC's new Commodore, Al Smith, dove right into the swing of things in the Commodore's Comments in the SOU'WESTER of November, 1997. The membership elected "a strong, experienced Board of Directors," he wrote, "and

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an enthusiastic group of committee leaders” had been appointed. “I’m looking forward to working with these fine volunteers,” he continued, “along with the fleets of ABYC to experience a superb year of sailing and social events.”

Most of the fleet reports were short and many were not there, owing no doubt to the recent turnover of fleet captains and reporters. But Mara Bell, the newly appointed Junior Rear Commodore, did a great job in her chatty and light but informative column. She reported that six ABYC juniors—Andrew McDade, Freddy Stevens, Michael Oliver and Jon, Graham and Mara Bell—sailed the Charity Regatta and that Christina Feo had been awarded the Fran Dixon Nason Sportsmanship Award for the previous year.

Ladies’ Day and Men’s Day regattas were scheduled over the same weekend in 1997, but Ladies’ Day—set for the Saturday—was blown out by winds that gusted to thirty knots and rescheduled. Men’s Day was sailed as scheduled on Sunday, however, and 21 men were there. John Ellis was tops in the lightweight division and Tom Newton, Jr., won in the midweight division; Joe Riddick was top finisher among the other group (you know, the one that weighed more). Sandy Toscan was PRO.

A couple of Snipe teams sailed well the past summer, according to the fleet report: Chuck Tripp and crew Stacy Dumain took sixth among 32 boats in the Heinzerling (championship) division at the Snipe Nationals in New Jersey while Jerry Thompson and crew Dee Schilling were eleventh; Jerry and Dee also sailed the Snipe Worlds at Mission Bay Yacht Club...and it happens that Ann Exley’s “From the Pages of History” column reported on happenings now fifty years in the past: among the trophy winners at the 1957 Fourth of July Regatta were Jerry Thompson in Snipes, Sue Exley in Penguins, Hank Schofield in Naples Sabot Division I and Steve Butler in Naples Sabot Division II...fifty years ago...wow...

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

olympic trials

Over a period of eight racing days on the water and three days of measurement and registration, a large group of ABYC volunteers helped with the Olympic Trials selection of the 2008 U.S. Olympic representatives for the men’s and women’s 470s and the men’s and women’s RS:X Boards.

It was a great event and we received nothing but praise from the competitors, the coaches, the competitors’ families, the judges and the US Sailing officials that were involved with the regatta.

Thanks to the many volunteers. **Measurement:** John Ellis, **Registration:** Sue Crockett, Karen Fox, Linda Landes, Judy Mathias **Social:** Stacy Conn, Nicole Peoples-Moffett, Kathy Black, The Segerblom Family, Barbara and Eric Conn, John McNaughton, Mary Montz **Media Boat Drivers:** Chris Wells, Rick Roberts, Tom Shadden, **Mark-set Boats:** Bob Anderson, Jerry Thompson, Dave Kofahl, Don Reiman, Jim Drury, Chas Merrill, Dave Crockett, Grant Hill, Ed Kimball, Don Zinn, Rich Richards, Dave Rustigan, Mike Bauman, Robin Townsend, Chuck Hardin, Don Shirley, Gordon Dudley **PATIENCE:** Mark Townsend, PRO, Sandy Toscan, Isabelle Lounsberry, Jon Lounsberry, Barbara Rustigan, Nita Hardin, **ADRA GRACE:** Dick Landes, Dave Cort, Carol Armitage, Stacy Jackson, Jerry Montgomery, Jerry Moulton, Mike Schoettle **Equipment & Boats:** Dave Myers and Mike Segerblom **Scoring:** Jim Morford **Housing:** Dick & Linda Landes, Toni & Jim Morford, Chas & Nancy Merrill, Adra Kober, Eleanor & Arthur Beland, Cathy & Todd Smith and Stephanie & Robert Seimer **Shuttle Boat Operator:** Robert Siemer **Jury Clerks:** Margaret Caddle and Barbara Gabriel **Venue Chairmen:** Pat Bixby and Todd Smith **Assistants to the Regatta Chairman:** Marilyn Montgomery and Stacy Conn **Drug Test Assistants:** Greg Glynn, Jane and Don Reiman, Larry Kidd, Dave and Sue Crockett, John and Loraine Perone, and Pat Bixby **Spectator Boats:** Ron and Elaine Wood, Greg and Mary Montz

Rich Roberts served as the West Coast media person for all of the West Coast Trials, and his son Rick provided media coverage locally for the web site and the Long Beach Press Telegram. George Caddle and Vern Peterson looked after PATIENCE.

Thanks also to Commodore Jim Bateman and President of the PCSF Tom Ramsey for their help and support for this event, and to our manager Kelly and the ABYC staff for their help.

Jerry Montgomery, Regatta Chairman



Stacy Conn is recognized for heading up the group that kept everyone fed and watered for the entire regatta in addition to many other tasks that she handled with her usual unique style.

2008 committee chairs

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we have a plan!

For the last 15 months a dedicated committee has worked behind the scenes with the goal of bringing a much-needed elevator to ABYC. They studied traffic patterns, architectural ramifications and utilization. They taped out mock-up locations, obtained bids and did cost analysis. They went off site and looked at different kinds of elevator systems at different yacht clubs. And now they have unanimously agreed on a sight and a system.

The elevator entrance on the first floor will be located in the area across the hallway and south of Kelly's office, east of the central stairway. The door will open directly into the lobby. On the second deck, the door will open into the dining room facing east, looking toward the jetties. In other words, you will enter the elevator in the front and exit out the back. Now comes the fun part, funding the project!

Many thanks to the committee who have believed in this project and have seen it through. They are Norma Clapp, Eric Conn, Larry Kidd, George Kornhoff, Bud Lobeer, John Merchant, and Kelly Whitlow. Joining this group recently are Jay Golison who has graciously agreed to provide sketches for the structural engineer, and Dominic Mao who will be taking over under the new Commodore as committee chair.

Bill McDannel

Editor's Note: Oops!! Last month I placed this photo on our back page but neglected to include the article...it made no sense at all by itself. Sorry for the confusion!



"Elevator Committee chair Bill McDannel witnesses his mother-in-law Willa Gilmore, assisted by son Jon, as she struggles up the stairs to the Mother's Day brunch."

hails from the fleets

N Cabin fever \kab-en fev-r\ noun...extreme irritability and restlessness resulting from living in isolation or within a confined area for a prolonged period of time.....here is the cure. We all need to get out more and now is the time to get some fresh air and resurrect yourself...Don't dawdle...join the Sabotier fleet. For just \$7.00 (or the cost of two Lean Cuisines) you can have a year of interaction with people who look forward to sharing your Sabot year.

First, send off your dues to John Ellis and you will be deliciously fed, embraced as a friend, sail with like minded folks or just volunteer to loll along in a whaler and throw marks in strategically selected places in the bay. Catch your breath, laugh with friends. O. K. enough of the business of business-send in your check today.

Secondly, we would like to introduce our new leader, Jennifer Kuritz. Jennifer has a busy schedule and needs our help and, lets face it, one person can't do it all. We are seeking help with a "wine" minded soul for the job of SABOTIER SOMMELIER...champagne flutes at the ready. However, the budget is more along the lines of drinking in the evening air. If you are one that loves to peruse the wine values, you are our pick. Another area that needs you is HELP WITH THE MONTHLY FLEET RACES. You don't have to do them all...perhaps just a couple. Bring a smile and the ability to enjoy a Sunday in the bay.... Mary Riddick has agreed to be trophy chairman so we shall be suitably awarded for our on the water achievements

And on to some WELL DESERVED APPRECIATION for especially memorable people and events.

Outstanding, Comfortable, Amazing...Cleopatra had her own barge so why not the Sabot Fleet? Guess what? Everyone who sails in the bay from ABYC has had a wonderful new gift. It's simple, fuss free and before you can say "Its even steerable", you are whisked out in the bay to start the races... We would like to thank everyone who put so much effort into making the bay barge "happen" Latham Bell and John Massey are you listening? And we mustn't forget our very own adopted John McNaughton as our trusty skipper and his able assistant Jinx Ellis and Barbara Gabriel for their on the water barge duty. And thanks again to Barbara for keeping us abreast of what's new through her thoughtful articles. Thanks to Dale Berkhiser for being our IT guru; Jesus and Kelly for their culinary masterpieces and to Jim Bateman for being a Commodore who listened to our concerns and gave so much of his time to the club Finally, we would like to thank one of the greatest fleet captains ever...ISABELLE...for innovative dinner ideas, a sporting attitude, and hours and hours of "getting the job done right" and to John Ellis who assures us that we are solvent. Great folks all of you!!!!!!!!!!

Ladies day was cancelled due to high winds and blowing patio furniture.

We wish Betty Mills all of our love and support for a speedy recovery and hope by the time this is printed that she is home and feeling better.

Jennifer's ghost writer - Happy Halloween

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KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



The big news is the upcoming Christmas Party, December 14, which is always the best party of the season.

However this year Joe Riddick, who is still recovering from that horrific accident would like a lot of help in planning and putting on the party. Please give Joe a ring ASAP.

Keeping track of our wayfaring members, Kevin and Brian are once again on the high seas. They left the Kona coast the end of September and headed for Fanning Island. After a brief but enjoyable visit at Fanning Island they have again headed out, this time to the Samoan Islands. They have promised a more complete account when they reach the Samoans as they plan a more extensive stay. Hopefully December's Sou'Wester will bring the news.

As for another couple of seafarers, Bard Heavens and Barbara Marks, Bard has sent me an e-mail of the trip home. The last month's column had Bard and Barbara going into Friday Harbor for supplies and a quick rest.

"From Friday Harbor we hit Port Angeles, Neah Bay and Gray's Harbor in Washington, crossed the Columbia bar and went in to Illwaco. The next stop was Tillamook and then 4 days in Newport OR because of a storm with gale winds. Next was Port Orford and again high winds kept us in our next stop, Brookings, for 3 more days. We got a one day opening and made it into Eureka before it closed again and we were stuck there for a week. We followed this with 4 days of running, Shelter Cove, Havens Cove, Bodega Bay and Half Moon Bay to get into Monterey Bay where once again gale force winds took over forcing us to stay there a week. Much of this delay was due to that cut-off low that went through here the weekend of 9-22. The damned weather forecast was constantly changing almost hour by hour because of the unpredictability of a cut off low. Finally on the 22nd we hit San Simeon, then Moro Bay, Port San Louis, Cojo Anchorage, Channel Islands and, after 6 months, home in Huntington Beach on 9-27. The trip in British Columbia and Alaska was outstanding and a chance of a lifetime we were both blessed to be able to do. Coming down the U.S. Pacific Coast was an anti-climax and seemed to drag on forever. It was a fantastic adventure, an adventure that you have to complete to know what it's like and one we will never forget. *Bard and Barb*"

Bob Chubb will be sending out his usual P.O. card a week or so before the Christmas Party with more details about the party.

Dues are due! This year we are only sending the blue event reminder post cards to the paid up members. You snooze you lose.

See you at the Christmas Party,
George C.



Jerry Montgomery, who served as Etchells Fleet Captain, a national officer of the class association and attended at two of the largest Etchells World Championships in history, added to his great achievements as an Etchells sailor by winning the 2007 Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet 18 Fleet Championship.

Now, Jerry will joke that it helps to attend all the regattas when the series is scored using the high-point system; and it is true that he missed only one of the five regattas that comprised the 2007 Fleet Championship Series. But the truth is, Jerry won by sailing well in the larger regattas; he did not win any of the regattas in which he sailed, but did well enough when he needed to.

His high-point score of 54 points put him more than ten points ahead of his nearest rivals, Steve Flam and Bruce Golison. Third went to Fleet Captain Jeff Powell and Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Gordon Dudley, who finished a point ahead of the 2006 champions Jim Barber, Doug Jorgensen and Bob Newsome. A total of 20 races comprised the Fleet Championship Series and no fewer than 13 teams sailed on one or more regattas.

The final event of the series was also the 2008 Worlds Qualifier Regatta, held on September 29. With the 2008 Etchells Worlds scheduled for early summer in Chicago, it was decided that an earlier-than-later qualifier would be best for all concerned, leading to the first time a qualifier regatta or series took place in the year before the Worlds for which it was intended. Tim Carter gave up the chance to race to organize the race committee and managed to get five races done off the Seal Beach Pier.

The regatta was attended by an old friend and former ABYC member: Argyle Campbell of Newport Harbor Yacht Club, who is the new owner of USA1229, formerly owned by Jerry Thompson and Jeff Littell. He was given a real run for his money, however, by the Flam/Golison team: at the end of the day only a half-point separated them, with Argyle coming out on top. Jerry Montgomery was third—and his second-race dead-heat with Argyle led to the half-point in the scoring. Rich Vaught was fourth, followed in order by the Dudley/Powell team and Pat and Jane Kelly.

With the Etchells Worlds in Chicago, this order of finishes will be used in determining the order of preference for Fleet 18 members to go. The Etchells Worlds is not an open event; participation is based on two factors, a percentage set by the Etchells class and regatta organizers and the number of members in the fleet. Neither of these numbers are known at this time, of course, but the order of finishes of the Worlds Qualifier Regatta will be applied when a number is set. At least four Fleet 18 members have expressed an interest in competing; with luck, all four will get to go.

Finally, at the gala celebration dinner after the regatta, Rich Vaught and his brother Alan were elected co-Fleet Captains of Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet 18 for

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the coming year. Rich and Alan in "CHICKEN OF BRISTOL"—USA821—have been active participants in fleet events, not only regular regattas but also the fleet's racing in the Seal Beach Yacht Club Pop Top Regatta on summer Thursday nights. Rich was also took a leading hand in organizing the first-ever and very successful Etchells Junior Day, where a bunch of ABYC Juniors were introduced to keelboat racing in August. Gordon Dudley has agreed to stay on as Fleet Treasurer.

The fleet calendar will wind down for 2007 with two ABYC regattas, one that will be past when you read this and one still to come: the fleet plans to sail in both the Halloween and Turkey Day regattas. And then

Chris Ericksen

L¹⁴ Summer was busy for the Lidos, the twilights were well attended, the class celebrated their 50th National Championship and many fleet members were busy with the Labor Day Regatta. There has been a lull in the activity since summer, but that should change with the Fall Regatta Schedule.

Lido Fleet 6 is growing in size and participation, a total of 27 boats were out during the summer, usually 10 to 12 boats were on the starting Wednesday evenings during June, July and August. If you are wondering who is having all the fun...here they are...Baumann, Bell, Bergan, Best, Bookwalter, Brown, S. Babcock, C. Babcock, Clanton, Conn, Drury, Eberly, Ferramola, Hauck, Hill, Little, McDermaid, Melefchik, Mermeroff, Ryan, Schock, Shea, Sherwood, Taugher, Thompson, Tripp and Vaught.

The Lido Fleet encourages new members, come join the fun.

Don Taugher, Fleet Captain

Since Twilights came to an end, there has been little Lido activity going on at the club. This gives us time to reflect on the year and plan for next year.

This past year saw Don Taugher take the Captains chair for fleet six. A new Commander in Chief usually means a lot of changes. Such is the case with the Lido fleet at ABYC. The 2007 Twilight's saw a record number of Lido's out on the water. I can certainly say that I've never seen as many Lido's show up for Twilight's in years past like I have this year! This is probably due to the fact that Don has been sending out weekly reports to fleet members via E-mail. This surely persuaded some to come out and play {including myself}. Keep it up Don!

Of course, the year is not over. The fleet is planning on racing in the upcoming Halloween Regatta, the {famous} Turkey Day Regatta and last, but not least the Boxing Day Regatta.

There's thirty-some-odd Lido's in the boat yard that need to be sailed. Get off the couch and come join the fun! Good Lido sailing!

Mark Ryan

2007 Charity Regatta

Racing for a good cause, eleven **Laser** racers competed in a fun series of three races inside Alamitos Bay to benefit the Children's Clinic of Long Beach.

Sailing in light to occasional hiking conditions, ABYC's **Todd Smith** got the jump on us in the first race finishing first despite a late press by ABYC's **Steve Landeau**, who got closer to **Todd** than allowed by the *Rules* at the penultimate mark, forcing **Steve** to perform a 720. Coming on strong to finish third was Kevin Bereruh from Seal Beach Yacht Club.

The reasonably steady and fresher breeze in the main part of the Bay, became shifty and lighter as racers were sent down the channel to marks "F" & "A". Lead changes were common as racers chose between staying in the center of the channel or tacking closer to the yachts berthed on the South side of the channel.

In race two, the RC sent us on the same course as race one, but with an extra windward-leeward leg added. **Todd** again showed the way with **Steve** right behind. **Steve**; however, sailed to the wrong mark allowing your author and newcomer to the **Laser** Fleet, New Zealand ex-pat Nigel Morris, to slip past. **Steve** did recover to finish third as Nigel chose a different tack to the finish line for a fourth place finish, completing a first to fourth sweep by the **Laser Masters** in that race.

The final race followed the same course; however, this time your author found his groove to finish first and take second place overall by a single point over **Steve Landeau** in third. **Todd Smith** finished the last race in second place to easily secure the overall win. Nigel finished in fourth for the race and the series. Other ABYC racers competing in order were; **A.J. Robinson**, doing nicely to finish sixth, with newcomers **Eric Chadwick** and **Ed Spotsky** also racing.

It was nice to see new faces and have a nice turn-out of ABYC **Lasers** racing on a beautiful day.

2007 Laser Masters World Championship

Congratulations to **Vann Wilson** and **Jorge Suarez** who traveled to Roses SPAIN to compete with 419 others in the 2007 **Laser Masters World Championships** September 29-October 6. **Vann** placed tenth overall with two first place finishes, a second and third of ten races in the 54 strong *Masters* division. **Jorge** finished mid-fleet in a tough 59 boat *Apprentice Masters* division.

With 320 **Laser Masters** registered and 69 on the waiting list, ABYC's **Chuck Tripp** and **Chris Raab** got their registration in on-time to compete at the 2008 **Laser Masters World Championships** in Terrigal AUSTRALIA. We'll be watching the website to see how our guys do *down under* next February.

ABYC 2007 Laser Fleet Championship Standings

Here are our latest standings adding scores from the Charity Regatta. **Jim Kirk** stays at the top of the **Laser Full-Rig** leader board for our 2007 ABYC **Laser Fleet Championship**. Not far behind is **Vann Wilson**. Also within striking distance in order are; **Jorge Suarez**, **Steve Landeau** (moving up with his Charity Regatta score), **Cameron Summers** and **Chuck Tripp**.

The last regatta in the 2007 Fleet Championship series is Turkey Day.

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain



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Thank you, Tracy Conn, for all of the board photos