



## labor day regatta 2007

It has been said that in order to be successful you should surround yourself with people who have ability, judgment and knowledge but above all a passion for service. This was certainly the case at ABYC Labor Day weekend, as some outstanding chairs took 180 boats that came to race and 300 people who came for dinner well within their stride.

Preparing, decorating and setting up for the Luau was the

job Chair Lori Van Skyhock thought she had agreed to, but little did she know that another of her duties would be spending a good part of the morning trying to get the large carcass of a decomposing seal removed from the rocks adjoining the patio of ABYC! She accomplished this with efficiency and tenacity, and then without missing a beat went



Lori VanSkyhock - Luau Chair

about transforming the area into a tropical, (and now better smelling) paradise. Helping her with this task of transformation and setting up for 300 guests were her friend from Reno Sandy Stocks, Ed

Spotsky, Michelle Spotsky, Brian Spotsky and Sue McDannel.

The Luau was hugely successful thanks to great food from the ABYC kitchen, music for listening and dancing from "Flight 6875" and Hawaiian entertainment by "Melati's Island Dancing Adventures." The Lido and Multihull fleets, many of whom had just returned from staffing the racecourses, graciously served dinner. Also Dana Bell and Diane Bateman somehow managed to collect money, stamp hands and figure out who actually had or had not paid.

Meanwhile, in the yard and on the water co-chairs Don Taugher, Mike Baumann and Jorge Suarez saw their endless hours of phoning, organizing and making spreadsheets pay off. A regatta that is being called "mini Turkey Day" was a total success. They, however, are the first to admit that for an event of this magnitude it really does "take a village," and in the three days of the event the ABYC village came out.

Handling the scoring duties were: Lathem Bell, Margaret Caddle, Ernie Baine, Doug McLean, Barbara Gabriel, and of course Jim Morford. Evie Belisle, Betty Mills, Bobby Peterson and Carol Reynolds registered all of the entries. Bill McDannel with the trusty Cliff Mathias stood guard at the gate.



Luau - audience participation



Mike Baumann...regatta co-chair

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### save the date

Olympic Trials .....	October 3-14
Stag Cruise .....	October 6-7
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# commodore's comments



This has been quite a year.

My first weekend as Commodore was welcomed in with a phone call from Kelly at 6 AM telling me that someone had driven through our front gate and tore it right off the wall. Yahoo! That was the bad news. The good news was that we had a club manager that was informed and concerned. We addressed the problem, got security in place and had the gate repaired in days. Odd as it may sound, this was a good start.

It has been a character building year, full of challenges, discussions, debates, confrontations and compromises but also a year filled with the satisfaction that comes from working hard and getting things done. While the emotions ran high and rhetoric got a bit heated at times, it was clear that those in the scrum were passionate about our club.

It was a year of sadness and tragedy for the loss of too many of our dear friends but also of celebration of their lives so well lived.

The club literally hummed with activity this year. Our little ramp must be the busiest in the world. Our regattas were the best attended in years. We had great sailors from all over the world competing in local, regional, national and continental championships. Olympic sailing returned to ABYC. Putting on this extensive and diverse of a racing program is only possible with an outstanding Race Management Committee. Chris Ericksen has chaired this committee for the last four years. Thank you Chris, for your years of great service in this role. I'm sure Chris would be the first to point out that this a group effort and meeting after meeting I see Mark Schryer, Jim Drury, Latham Bell, John Massey, Mike Baumann, Sharon Pearson, Bob Anderson, Steve Flam and Doug McLean contributing their expertise to ensure we do things properly. Our pride is a product of their planning and the performance of all our race committees on and off the water.

It's the faces you always see like, Evie Belisle who, for many years has been running our entry committee with Bobbie Peterson, Betty Mills and Carol Reynolds or Barbara Gabriel at the protest room door, Jim Morford at the scoring computer, Vern and George at the dock for Patience and Carol Kofhal on the perpetual trophies that we tend to take for granted but to whom owe a debt of gratitude.

Across the room from the Race Management meetings was the Social Advisory Committee. For three years Sue McDannel has chaired this group that includes Stephanie Munn, Diane Bateman, Carol Selvin, Lori Vanskyhock and Ann Seapy. My thanks go to Sue and her team for putting together so many great events. You can't say party without thinking about Stacy Conn who is the best in the business at putting on first class events with very modest budgets.

Last fall we gave our Junior Program Director Brad Schaupter the "Ganbare – Sea Change" award for his impact on our Junior program and our Club. There really has been a sea change brought about by Brad but also guided by a group of dedicated members led for many years by Bob Kirstine and the Junior Advisory Board. Thank you Bob. ABYC's future is brighter because of the success of this program and your leadership.

Stuff just started working better this year. The website (Rob Rice) , broadcast emails (Merle Asper), four mules that work (Joe O'Reilly), the new phones and PA system (Glenn Selvin), draft beer ( there are several claiming responsibility for this one) , new marks on the bay ( Jon Robinson and John Massey), new motors on the whalers, how about the lighting on the patio, the BBQ and at the gate (Ed Spotsky), bay burgers (Kelly Whitlow) , happier happy hours, the radio controlled fleet (Dan Delave) and oh yeah, the new bay barge ( Latham Bell, John Massey).

I had fun and I hope you did too. Thank you very much.

*Good Sailing, Jim*

## upcoming installation dinner

ABYC's annual installation dinner is coming soon, so start clothes shopping now! The installation of officers is scheduled to start at 6:30PM on October 20th with cocktails served before dinner. The invitation and menu will be coming out shortly.

This promises to be a great time, with a band scheduled to play after the awards and installation. So come for the dinner... support your outgoing Commodore and your incoming Board, but then stay for the jazz music afterwards. I promise you that this will be a fun time.

*Glenn Selvin, Commodore-Elect*

# manager's corner



**O**ur first rain of the season has come and gone, leaving only the tell tale signs of a sandy boatyard, and a dirty car. It's hard to believe it's almost October, and the Holidays are once again right around the corner.

October has always been a special month for me, as a kid, it marked another year on this earth for me, and the anticipation of gifts that Birthdays bring. As an adult, Birthdays are just a sad reminder of how many miles I've put on the ole odometer.

October has historically been the month I put the first fire in the fireplace, comfort food, Halloween and post season baseball.

As I've had the chance now to reflect on my first year at ABYC, I realize I have another "event" each October that I will anxiously await...new Commodore, new Board of Directors.

In my short tenure, I've had the privilege of working with Nicole Peoples Moffett and Jim Bateman. Executives in their careers, professional, diligent and resourceful in their position of Commodore.

I wanted to take moment to thank both Nicole and Jim for their support, guidance and leadership. Taking on the position of Club Manger for ABYC has been challenging, but never overwhelming; do in large to their availability, sensibility and willingness to share their knowledge of ABYC.

As Jim passes the torch to Glenn Selvin, I'm sure he does so with a great sense of accomplishment. Each Commodore, I suspect, wants to leave a bit of a legacy...a healthy club, both physically and fiscally, a strong and growing membership, a Board of Directors that works as a governing body, willing to work through tough decisions, spirited conversations and differences of opinions, ALWAYS keeping in mind the preservation of the culture that is ABYC.

I look forward to working with Glenn Selvin and the new Board of Directors. We have another strong Board, and from the short time I've worked with Glenn, another Commodore with a sense of history, protocol and purpose.

Best of luck to Nicole, Jim, Glenn and the new Board of Directors.

I hope to be around when my odometer "rolls over"

*Kelly Whitlow*

# member news

**J**im and Toni Morford have proudly welcomed a new grandbaby. Brynn Lillian Jolly was born on September 5th and weighed 8 lb 6 oz...21 1/2 in long. Mom, dad and brother (Brooke, Tom and Tanner Jolly) are all doing great.

**Sou'Wester DEADLINE**  
October 19, 2007 is the deadline for the November Sou'Wester.

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# rear commodore's notes



This is the end of my year as Rear Commodore and it is time for me to say "Thanks!" to a number of people.

## **Social Advisory Committee**

Nothing happens without these ladies. They make the parties and social occasions work. They plan it in advance, get there early and leave late. They were very successful! Every party made money and we had fun!

Please thank:

The Queen: Sue McDannel, Diane Bateman, Stephanie Munn, Carol Selvin, Georgene Honeycutt-Anderson, Lori Van Vanskyhoeck, Ann Seapy and Stacy Conn

## **Bar/Galley**

The Bar is doing very well. Happy Hours have been great. Many more people showed up than usual and they had a blast. We had some great entertainment. We had Jazz Bands, Rock Bands, Blues bands, Piano Players, and Comedians. Participation has been way up because we are having fun!

The Galley is also doing well. The food is simple, but tasty. We got the Bayburger in, which if you have not had it, it is very good burger. People are actually thinking of coming to the Club as they would a restaurant for lunch! In the old days, you would eat something because it was too hard to leave and go someplace else.

Just a side note: The last Wet Wednesday we served around 150 meals! There were not enough seats!

Kelly Whitlow managed to bring better food in at a lower cost! We made money in the Galley for the first time ever. In the old days, it was considered a service to our members to have it open, but every meal cost more than what was charged.

Please thank **Kelly Whitlow** for doing a fine job.

## **Membership Development**

Due to all of our successes, we have very many new members. We are on the upswing. We can not let up. There is only two ways to go: Forward or backward. You can't tread water or you will sink.

Mike Bauman has done an excellent job as Membership Chairman! He is very organized and he moves the new members through quickly. Mike produces reports that make it easy for the board members to understand. He makes the new members feel at home. Part of the job is to get the new members through the system easily and quickly: Mike makes it happen. He cares to do a good job and he has been successful.

Please thank **Mike Bauman** for doing an excellent job.

## **Events**

I was also the Board Liaison for several events and I would just like to thank the people in charge.

### **St. Patrick's Day Party**

If you went you will know it was a hoot! We had some great entertainment brought in from Las Vegas and it was fun. A late night was had by all.

Please thank **Bruce and Stacy Conn** for putting on a first class event.

### **Mid-Winters**

The midwinter regatta was well attended and a first class event. Chris Ericksen was the Regatta Chairman and he was great. There is no doubt that he will provide a fine and entertaining trophy presentation.

Please thank **Chris Ericksen** for putting on a first class event.

### **Multi-Hull Regatta**

Steve Smith is unbelievably organized and a true professional. He gets the job done in fine style and he keeps within all of the parameters.

Please thank **Steve Smith** for putting on a first class event.

### **Catalina Cruise**

This is always a great event. Wayne Noecker and Tanya Hurd did a great job of getting it together. They served drinks and made it a fun event. We had a large attendance and everyone had a great time.

Please thank **Wayne Noecker and Tanya Hurd** for their hard work.

### **Labor Day Luau Party**

Last but not least Lori VanSkyhock did a great job of getting the party together. It could have been the largest Luau ever. We had a fire dancer, hula dancers, Kalua pork, and a great band. We served 281 meals!

Please thank **Lori Vanskyhoeck** for her hard work.

After everything has been said and done I need to thank you the members for making this year great!

*Merle Asper*

# fleet captain's report



**A**BYC has a blessing of being a yacht club located in Southern California. While those clubs located in places that enjoy the "seasons" are busy hauling out and shrink wrapping boats, not to mention draining water pipes, ABYC continues a fine schedule of sailing regattas. By release of this issue of the SouWester, the US OLYMPIC Trials for the RSX Boards, and 470's will be almost, if not, already completed.

As for our own sailors, we look to a continuation of our ABYC Holiday Series, with the "HALLOWEEN" Regatta and (the big one) "TURKEY DAY" Regatta. Both are good regattas for you newer members to jump in with the rest of the volunteers and enjoy the pride of creating a fine racing event. Turkey Day (November 17-18) requires us to muster staff and crews for 3 racing circles outside plus the bay courses. The opportunities for tasks are many, both on and off the water.

**ON SHORE** - Welcoming Staff, Parking Lot & Rigging Area Control, Dock Master, Ramp Bosses, Hoist Operators & Assistants, Entry/Registration Duties, Trophy set up.

**ON THE WATER** - Whaler Drivers, Whaler Captains, Whaler/Mark Setting Crews, Scoring, Signals, Timers, Flags, Committee Boat Crews. As you can see, there are many opportunities to be involved. If you can only help morning or afternoon of just one day, that's OK.

So, get yourself onto the volunteer list in the office. If you have a job preference, say so, that's OK to.

Looking on into December, our ever popular "BOXING DAY" Regatta (December 29) will be a pursuit race in the bay...all classes against one another. Always fun.

January 2008 starts right off with the "Rose Bowl Regatta" (collegiate sailing bay only) followed by the "ISAF World Youth Qualifier".

It is no small wonder that your yacht club ... ABYC ... is so well known within the sailing community.

*John Massey*

## unsung heroes

**T**his is not regarding those on the board but those who have run to be on the board. It is a great commitment to have allowed yourself to be on the ballot...thank you. We had a great slate of candidates this year and I would like to acknowledge their contributions to the club. Yvonne Galvez was the primary go to person for the International 14 Worlds now the benchmark to beat on the world scene for well run regattas for that class. Ken Reiff ran the Memorial Day regatta with lots of accolades from the Race Management committee. Stacey Jackson has been PRO many times for major regattas and is really pleasant to work for. Tim Carter is on a mark boat or helping out on the committee boat, sometimes forgoing sailing his own event. You may also know him as the "Sausage King" for Opening Day. I encourage you to thank these and the future others that are willing to devote their time and energy to our outstanding club.

*Dan DeLave*

## beach cleanup

**W**ith the support of "green" board members, Dan De Lave and Merle Asper, the beachcombers had a successful day out on the dunes between spurts of rain showers. Merle and Dan had put out enough publicity on the event to gather a dozen hardy volunteers. Eileen Harld, Lori Vanskyhock, Savannah and Jon Robinson, Mary Riddick, Mack Mills and Nikki Nete spent the combing the beaches for bits of styrofoam and other debris. We are the only yacht club that supports the city's Park and Recreation Dept in their efforts to maintain clean beaches and we can take pride in that. Thanks to all who came out this year.

*Barbara Gabriel*

## boxing day regatta

**Saturday December 29, 2007**

**S**ummers over so it must be time to start planning for the last of the holiday regattas ... Boxing Day! Mark your calendars and make sure that you don't miss the eighth annual Boxing Day Pursuit Race, which this year will occur on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry Montgomery after his win said, "I got more publicity winning Boxing Day than I did the Transpac"

*Mark Townsend*

# the bay clogger

## (junior sailing)

ABYC Juniors Send 20 Sailors to Fall Gold Cup!

8<sup>th</sup> place A – Riley Gibbs

3<sup>rd</sup> place C3 – Noah LaBarba

3<sup>rd</sup> place C1 – Sawyer Gibbs

1<sup>st</sup> place C3 – Johnny Blumberg

5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Schaupter, ABYC Jr. Sailing Director*



*Noah LaBarba accepts his first place trophy in C3s in the Jessica Uniak Memorial Beach to Bay Regatta. Presenting the trophy are Alex Uniak (left) and Bill Uniak (right). (James LaBarba photo)*



*Photo from Fall Gold Cup...let to right...Johnny Blumberg, Sawyer Gibbs, Noah LaBarba, and Brian MacLean.*

## from the pages

### of history

Sorry to have missed you all last month, but a family crisis unexpectedly took me to Arizona and I missed the deadline. But we're back on track

### THIRTY YEARS AGO:

A bright orange cover graced the SOU'WESTER for October, 1977, reflective of the fall season. But the big news was the recently-completed Tornado World Championship. Sixty-three boats representing a dozen foreign countries took part in this event, only the second Worlds that ABYC had run. Regatta chair Paul Merrill called it "probably one of the most interesting regattas ever" at ABYC, and commented that the single starting line stretched about a half a mile.

Tick Weber's "Commodore's Comments" included some fun tidbits from the event. He talked of Vladimir, a; six-feet, eight-inches of him, sleeping the regatta in a Cal 20; of the German team that arrived in the belly of a C-130 and included a former Luftwaffe pilot; of "some girl from Malibu" who called the club every night looking for a sailor "who

seldom answered;" and of Dick George, who helped get some Austrian sails ordered by an Australian sailor out of Customs quarantine by mentioning his being a member of the FBI. These kinds of stories come from each Worlds we've ever done, and they make the events as memorable as the sailing.

There was a lot of fleet news, too. The Lido fleet was getting ready for the Fleet Six Invitational, a now-defunct regatta that was the big Lido event of the fall at ABYC; Charlie Cummings had just finished third at the Districts at King Harbor. The 470 fleet reported sending four boats to the PCC's in Klamath Falls, Oregon; Mandi Smith tied for first while her parents, Al and Mary Smith, tied for fourth with Ed and Timmie Kimball. And the International 14 fleet reported that fleet and ABYC member Jack Wills had been elected President of the International 14 Class; he also returned with the latest in technology, molds for the "Opus II" Fourteen.

The Installation Dinner for the 1977-78 officers and Board of Directors was set for Saturday, October 15, the weekend after the Stag Cruise...the Halloween Regatta was being run over two days, outside classes on Saturday, October 29, and in the Bay on Sunday, October 30...a Braille Regatta was scheduled for November 5, hosted by the Lido Fleet...

## **TWENTY YEARS AGO:**

Outgoing Commodore Tom Ramsay published his last "Commodore's Comments" in the SOU'WESTER of October, 1987. He observed that "the bridge (connecting Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach with Ocean Avenue in Seal Beach and blocking entrance and egress from Alamitos Bay) came out over thirty years ago" and that one in four ABYC members were members of the Keel Boat Fleet, indicative of the changes in our club. And he admitted some things that needed done that didn't get done, including replacement of "a sound system (that) is a poor second to a megaphone."

There were a bunch of photos on the cover and in the magazine that were reflective of the summer past. A photo on the cover showed the winning ABYC team of Stan Sorensen, Steve Moffett, John Weiss and Peter Gales holding the Al Adams Trophy; they'd won the interclub team race hosted by the Los Angeles/Long Beach Yacht Club Association. Another showed a kid whacking a piñata during the Labor Day Regatta dinner, apparently a Mexican fiesta rather than a Luau. There were photos from the Couples' Cruise inside the magazine, and one on the cover of Sabots in the Bay with the palm trees at the end of Naples Plaza in the background; I think that scene was the inspiration of Bob Senske's well-known painting.

A funny story was told by the reporter for the Cal 20 fleet. The fleet had scheduled a cruise to Avalon, with some members sailing the boats over and others coming on the ferry. Apparently some of the sailors, however, had neglected to make advance reservations for moorings and ended up at the closest place with spaces available: the string line at Isthmus Cove. Lessons learned, said the reporter, who apparently spent the weekend at Two Harbors.

The International 14 fleet had the duty for the Halloween Regatta, with racing on the Bay on Saturday and on the Ocean course on Sunday; only three races were scheduled for each day on each venue, and the entry fee was three bucks—two bucks for Bay classes...Keith Ives and Pat Deere won their second consecutive Lido 14 Junior Class Championship at ABYC, finishing just ahead of Ross Nemeroff and Matt Ehlers of Mission Bay Yacht Club...among the "new" members of ABYC were Robin and Mark Townsend; Robin was converting from a Yachting Member while Mark, who met Robin during the 1981 Snipe Worlds, was reported as "interested in racing"...

## **TEN YEARS AGO:**

ABYC member Pete Melvin won the 1997 A-Class Catamaran World Championship Regatta, and his photo was on the cover of the October, 1997, SOU'WESTER. The regatta, which had been held at ABYC in September, was reported in a two-page center spread written by Regatta Chairman Chris Ericksen. He said this was "one of the first ABYC regattas publicized on the Internet," and "links from the ISAF and A-Class websites let interested sailors from all over the world link into ABYC's website for a blow-by-blow update on the regatta."

The article lauded ABYC volunteers in general, and some in particular. "Mike McDade proved again that he is a world-class race manager," it said; "his performance and that of his race committee earned and received the praise of the international sailors and the International Jury." Pease Glaser served as Competition Chairman and had planned to sail but could not; "her loss was the regatta's gain," the article said. "It might have been possible for the regatta to have gone on without her," it continued, "but it certainly wouldn't have been as great a regatta as it was."

Pete was not the only winner that month: Ron Rosenberg, sailing a boat that, like Pete's, was designed by Melvin and built by Water Rat in Santa Cruz, won the North Americans the weekend before the Worlds. Besides Pete and Ron, other ABYC members racing include Jeff Cohen, then A-Class Association President, and Jay Glazer; Jay was joined by at least one other Olympic catamaran medalist and three other Olympic catamaran competitors. Interestingly enough, the article does not say how many boats were entered, but memory serves that just under 50 boats were on hand from a dozen countries.

New members continued to join ABYC; among applicants posted for membership were Jeremy Laundergan, and A-Cat sailor, and Lido sailors Ken and Angela Reiff and their children...several passings-on were noted, including Tim Carter's mother and John Massey's father...a new volunteer opportunity was announced in this SOU'WESTER: the Adopt-A-Beach Program, sponsored by the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine; ABYC had adopted the beach from adjacent to the club to the lifeguard stand at 62nd Place, and Barbara Gabriel and Pat Bixby were coordinating volunteers...

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

## junior advisory board

Special thanks to Bob Kirstine for 5 years of chairing the Junior Advisory Board. After 5 years at the helm Bob Kirstine has handed over a fast charging ship to new chairman, Doug Jorgensen. The Junior Advisory Board (JAB) is a committee of ABYC adult members who help guide the junior sailing program at the club. Bob is a charter member of the group and has been its leader from early on. The JAB has been instrumental in helping ABYC develop one of the largest and well organized year round junior sailing programs in the country. Bobs guidance and influence will be felt for years to come. When you see him at the club please shake his hand or give him a high five for all of the hard work and time he has given to help our junior program become so successful.

*Jeff Merrill - Director Jr. Program*

## lido class champs

Congratulations to the team of Mark Gaudio and Dave Swain for winning the 2007 Lido 14 Class Championships! Six members of the ABYC fleet, competed in this years Nationals at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Mark & Sarah Ryan, Walt and Terry Johnson, Tracy Conn and Mark Stanifer, Russ Nemeroff and Robert Rice, Grant and Connor Hill, and Freddie and Fred Stevens competed, with five crews qualifying for the Championship fleet. The Newport breeze never got over 10 knots, the heat was pretty intense and the racing was just as hot. The venue was the turning basin and with 52 boats present, so the sailing was pretty tight, with the moored boats and cruisers.

As boats would work their way up the first weather leg, they would ping-pong their way thru the moored yachts mentioned previously. It wasn't unusual for a boat to be in a clear lane thru the mooring fields only to get a great lift that would send them right to a moored yacht - forcing a tack onto to a big header. Ouch! Add multiple boats in your immediate vicinity and it makes for strange circumstances. It was pretty common to find a large crowd of boats converging out of the mooring field at the same time - making for intense tactical exchanges the last 25 yards to the weather mark. Despite these challenges, the top rated teams of Mark Gaudio/Dave Swain and Stu Robertson/Erin Frederick continued to dominate the racing. Mark and Sarah Ryan won the final race of the regatta, finishing fifth overall, and forced the leaders into the protest room. After multiple, protest and counter-protest, one team was disqualified, and Gaudio/Swain were the victors.

One of the more sentimental elements of the regatta; Roy Woolsey, who sailed in the 1958 Lido Nationals with his son, sailed this year's regatta, again with his son, Roy Jr. Two days after the last race, Roy had a sudden stroke and recently passed away. He was 92.

The regatta was well organized and included five of the area yacht clubs, involved with registration, launching and burger bashes. The final night was capped off with a nicely catered dinner at Newport Harbor Yacht Club and included; raffle prizes, an excellent presentation on America's cup sailing, and, of course, the trophies and awards for the regatta. This regatta will be remembered for a very long time as a benchmark on the depth of talent in the teams racing, the number of teams participating, and the great social events - in short a very enjoyable regatta despite the challenging and frustrating sailing.

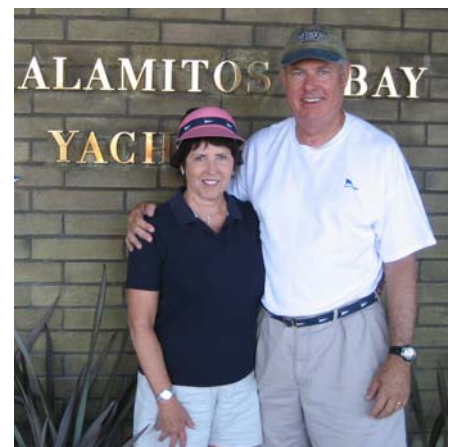
*Grant Hill*

## more labor day

On board Patience PRO Jerry Montgomery was assisted by Dave Ellis, Judy Mathias, Pete Melvin, Brent Carey, Don Reiman, Sharon Pearson, Edna Best, Chris Taugher, Brian Brown, Nathan Yokum, Al Johnson, Russ Boudreau, Sam Bell, Vicki Vaught, and Ken Reiff. Steve Landau, Ron Clanton, Ryan Clanton, Vann Wilson, Dan DeLave, Scott Babcock, Chuck Babcock, Jorge Suarez, Lisa Lebold, John Hauck, Tracy Conn, Jeremy Laundergan, and Dave Rustigan manned the supporting Whalers.

The number of racers in the bay venue necessitated two barges; the PRO duties here fell to Marc Schryer. Working with him were Ross Nemeroff, Jinx Ellis, Evie Belise, Betty Mills, Bobbie Peterson, Pam Merrill and Carol Reynolds. Jeff McDermaid, Brian and Haley Brown, and Bob and Emily Sherwood drove whalers on this course.

Meanwhile, back on the ocean was another circle. PRO Stacy Jackson on Sea Owl oversaw this one with assistance from Mike Ludt, Bill Horner, Norma Clapp, Barbara Rustigan, and Stephanie Munn. A special thank you is extended to Jerry and Sally Dalley who not only assisted Stacy but provided their boat Sea Owl as well. The Whalers assisting Sea Owl were staffed by Dan Delave, Edna Best, Jay and Pease Glaser and Fred Stevens.



*Chris & Don Taugher...Don was co-chair with Mike and Chris signed in volunteers, gave out lunch tickets and then went out on Patience*

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# labor day (cont)

Another couple who went beyond the call of duty are Carol and Bruce Miller of Seal Beach Yacht Club who volunteered their personal whaler for the photo boat for Rich Roberts. Rich did the publicity for the entire regatta.

There were other people who volunteered at the last minute and we regret that we didn't recognize you, but to all of the named and the unnamed, a HUGE THANKS! YOU MAKE OUR CLUB THE SUCCESS THAT IT IS!

*Bill McDannel board liaison for the regatta and Sue McDannel SAC chair*



*Luau overview*

## hails from the fleets



**D**oing this chronologically takes us back to the August Twilights where we find that the month's winners were: (1) Fred Stevens (2) Mary Riddick (3) Lee Berlinger, (4) Mack Mills.

And the winner of the Twilight Perpetual Trophy for this summer is: Fred Stevens! (Sr)

The Labor Day Regatta had a nice turnout: Sue Crockett, Chas Merrill, Jeff Merrill, Mack Mills, Jane McNaboe, Sarah McNaboe, Tom Newton, Mary Riddick, and George Vandervort from MYBC. The winners were: Tom Newton with 3 aces, Sarah McNaboe with 1 ace, and Jane McNaboe with 1 ace. Although she didn't trophy, Mary Riddick got the other ace, which accounts for the 6 races. Congratulations to the winners. Is it my imagination or does Tom make winning this Regatta a habit?



*John McNaughton uses the "wind finder" that Mack Mills made for him.*

SCWSA had their annual event at Balboa Yacht Club. Members from our fleet participating were Pinky and Rowell Greene and Lee Berlinger. Lee took second in the men's race out of 14 boats.

This takes us up to Sunday, September 16th when we were delighted to have 5 sailors from BYC join us. Nancy Mellon, Bob Reilly, Dennis Allison, Diane Kent and John de Rosa all raced with us. This should happen more often! Also in that category of happening more often was the great assistance on the barge of Sandy Toscan and Scott Kramer in the whaler. Sandy commented on what a great way it was to spend a Sunday, and Scott seemed to be enjoying himself even if it included a rescue when Lee Berlinger got a sudden

puff of wind while he was doing his famous tilt on the running leg of the course. Lee came back with a 2nd and a 5th, but it was not enough to put him in the winning circle which included: (1) Bob Ware (2) Robin Townsend and (3) Mary Riddick.

Mark Townsend was there also to give us tremendous professional help on the scoring computer so at the end of the day we had official printouts of the races. Robin and he were also there to give Isabelle assistance on her last day of duty as Fleet Captain. Isabelle had arranged another of her delicious steak dinners to honor the many volunteers who helped her throughout the year: Sue and John Brennan, Latham Bell and John Massey (for their work on the new barge), Al Nelson, Steve Kuritz, Joe Riddick, Don Shirley, Bob Ware, Jinx Ellis, Sandy Toscan, Scott Kramer, and of course family members, Jon Lounsberry, and Mark and Robin Townsend.

The Fleet presented Isabelle with travel and cook books from France and a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble for all her work for the fleet this year. Her help was really appreciated!

Fanfare please! Jennifer Kuritz has agreed to be Fleet Captain for the year 11/07 to 11/08!

This is a big boost to the Sabot Fleet. Robin said she would help out too. Mary Riddick agreed to do the trophies. With the Kuritzes, Townsends, and Riddicks' support, we should have a great sailing year.

Don't forget dues are due! (only \$7.00) Ladies Day is coming up! Call Jennifer if you want information or to volunteer. Happy New Year!

*Barbara Gabriel*



*Isabelle Lounsberry steps down as Sabot Fleet Captain as Jennifer Kuritz takes over.*

# hails from the fleets

## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



**T**he September meeting and barbe cue was a great success. The side dishes, salads and deserts were awesome and as usual 'my eyes were bigger than my stomach'.

The meeting, with Joe Riddick speaking for the Triad, (Judy Mathias, John Brennan and Joe Riddick), had a lot of information for the Fleet. He confirmed that Bob Chubb and Jeannie Reid had cancelled the Pinewood Model Boat Regatta slated for the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. No make-up is scheduled as ABYC is hosting the Olympic Trials during October. The Fleet will incorporate all the popular activities of last year and is receptive to any new ideas from the members.

Our dues for the new Fleet year, (2007-2008), are due and payable to either Sue Brennan, 118 Glendora Ave., Long Beach, CA, 90803 or Mary Riddick, 28 Laguna Place, Long Beach, CA, 90803. Dues are \$10 and checks should be made out to the 'Keel Boat Fleet'. Hopefully the Fleet members will be a bit more prompt than in previous years as the dues traditionally pay for not only the postage and printing of Fleet meeting and activity announcements but the 'Best Christmas Party' of the season.

November 9<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting and we will be hearing more information on the afore mentioned Christmas party. The format will be the usual pot luck dinner. Please bring a dish with serving utensil to share for 8 with the Fleet providing plates, cups, napkins, plastic utensils and coffee. Cocktails at 1800, dinner at 1900 with the meeting to follow.

*George C.*



**T**he Lido Fleet has been busy on and off the water. 23 Fleet members helped staff the Labor Day Regatta and 19 Lido teams participated in the Lido Twilights for August, with eleven boats being the most at any one time. A tie breaker decided the outcome, with Ross Nemeroff # 6026 taking first, Mark Ryan # 4970 second and John Hauck # 3616 third. Following the last race, awards were presented in the Quarter Deck to the winners of each series. Chuck Babcock (May), Tracy Conn (June), Mark Ryan (July) and Ross for August. Tracy Conn and Jim Drury received special awards for the antics on the water !

Not letting the summer slip away, the Lido Fleet extended the twilights into September. We moved the start up 1/2 hour to 6:00. Wanting to maximize the sailing during the shortened daylight hours, the first start is downwind from the yacht club basin, race 2 and 3 are rabbit starts beginning near V mark.

Although participation has been good this year, there is room on the start line for many more boats, come join the fun.

*Don Taugher, Lido Fleet Captain*



**B**y the time you read this, the 2007 Etchells season will be about over. Like a day on Lake Woebegone, it was quiet: no major regattas, small turnouts for fleet races and so on. "Maybe it was just the time of day, or maybe it was the time of man," but it seems like there was a lot of not a lot this year.

The fleet contested their 2007 Fleet Championship Series this year, as usual, but with fewer regattas—and at least one date cancelled owing to lack of interest. The final race of the season, however, should have been a corker. Scheduled for September 29, it combined the last event of the 2007 Fleet Championship Series and the 2008 Worlds Qualifier Regatta, and end with a gala awards dinner.

The fleet usually sets one or two of the Fleet Championship Series as the Worlds Qualifier Regatta or Series. Running a worlds-qualifying race or series is about the only thing required of our fleet by Etchells Class rules, and it sets the order in which fleet members can qualify to go to the Etchells Worlds. With the Worlds in places like Australia, England or the East Coast in recent years, not a lot of boats wanted to go, so whoever did, could.

The Championship Series usually kicks off in April and runs through September; the worlds qualifiers are usually early in that sequence. But the 2008 Etchells Worlds will be in Chicago in early summer, and four or five local teams have expressed interest in attending. So, as we did in 2005 when the Etchells Worlds was in California, the fleet decided to have a single regatta to set the order. And doing it early will allow more-than-sufficient time for those who qualify to get their ducks in a row well in advance of the regatta date.

Results on both the 2007 Fleet Championship Series and the 2008 Worlds Qualifier Regatta will be in next month's SOU'WESTER. I don't know about you, but I'll be interested to see how it all turned out.

The summer saw the Etchells racing in the Seal Beach Yacht Club Pop Tops Regatta, although with fewer competitors than in years past. But the regulars included Jeff Powell and Gordon Dudley, with a variety of partners; Rich Vaught with his brother Alan and a number of visitors; Larry Harvey with Pat McCormick; the gang on CAHOOTS, including Chris Wells, Dan Dooros and others; and Commodore Jim Bateman with Dan De Lave and a variable cast of characters. The Vaught's won the first series while Harvey and Company won the second. The SIBYC website is a bit behind, and the regatta continued into September this year, so wait to see how it turns out.

The fleet missed the ABYC Memorial Day Regatta, but did sail in the Fourth of July Regatta, the first-ever running of the event as an inverted-start race. Bateman was tops among the four Etchells sailing, taking eighth place overall. And Doug Jorgensen won the Labor Day Regatta.

# hails from the fleets

We sailed our first-ever Etchells Junior Day in August, with a bunch of ABYC Juniors joining for sailing and racing in the Bay. It was a great success and plans are to do it again. The Charity Regatta is usually supported by the Etchells Fleet, so tune in next month to see if they did it again.

And so, as fall widens across Alamitos Bay, our Etchells Fleet looks back on a quiet summer of 2007 and forward to a nice fall and a fun new year.

*Chris Ericksen*



Labor Day Regatta and Laser District 25 Championship Long Beach offered Southern California sailors a cool respite from an oppressive heat wave blistering the Los Angeles area Labor Day Weekend. Fifty Laser **Radial** and twenty-three Laser Full-Rig racers came to the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) to contest for the 2007 Laser District 25 Championship held in conjunction with the annual ABYC Labor Day Holiday Regatta.

The ABYC Labor Day Holiday Regatta is an open, multi-class event this year attracting 168 boats. Lasers raced a windward-leeward course shared with Cal 20's and Thistles on ABYC's traditional race area, set inside the breakwater of Long Beach harbor.

Lasers began their racing with a General Recall but restarted in a moderate 10 knot sea breeze and confused waters with enough wind chop and boat wakes to make one pay attention. Abe Torchinsky of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club quickly took control in the Full-Rig fleet with three straight bullets and a second to end the day. Pat Toole of the Santa Barbara Sailing Club and **Vann Wilson** of ABYC followed in order with Pat taking the last race of the day.

In the **Radial** fleet, Nick Dugdale, representing the, can you believe, San Francisco, St. Francis and Richmond Yacht Clubs finished day one in first place with Chris Barnard of Newport Harbor YC and Greg Dair of the California YC. Waiting in the wings; however, was Ryan Hoeven from King Harbor YC. Ryan was OCS failing to restart, in the first place, giving him a whopping 51 points to begin the series. Well, that did not deter Ryan, as he scored bullets in the last three races of the day. Dropping those 51 points would make a huge difference when the throwouts kicked-in day two.

Abe Torchinsky continued his winning ways in Full-Rigs day two, with two more first place finishes and a fourth for his throw out. Pat Toole scored another first place finish on day two, but fell four points behind the consistent **Vann Wilson** who finished second overall and first Master.

Day two featured variable and lighter breeze with holes that caught the leader of race five, Caleb Paine at the penultimate mark moving him back to an understand-

ably frustrating 18<sup>th</sup> place finish. Caleb did recover nicely for a second and first to take fourth overall and was first Junior in Full-Rigs. Cody Shevitz finished in fifth place overall. Other ABYC racers were; **Jim Kirk**, first Grand Master and 6<sup>th</sup> overall, Cameron Summers in 7<sup>th</sup> and **Steve Landeau** in 8<sup>th</sup> was first Apprentice Master. Other ABYC racers in order were; **Jorge Suarez**, **Guillermo Leon de la Barra**, your author, **John Bergan** and **Hilton Sligh Beckham**

In the **Radial** Fleet, Ryan Hoeven did not dominate as in day one, scoring a fourth, fifth, second, but by virtue of dropping an OCS, won the regatta by a mere two points over Nick Dugdale. Ryan collected quite a variety of awards; receiving the ABYC Labor Day Regatta award, Laser District 25 First Junior Radial & First Radial Overall and the imposing *Art Hall Fiesta de la Playa Perpetual Trophy* awarded by ABYC to the winner of the largest class of boats competing at the Labor Day Regatta. Rounding out the top five were; Nick Kaschack from San Diego YC moving up to third, Katie Maxim from the San Francisco YC moved up nicely, from 9<sup>th</sup> on Saturday, to finish fourth and Greg Dair fifth. This author is pleased to see the increasing participation of ABYC Juniors in Laser regattas. ABYC racers placing in this very competitive fleet in order were; **Alex Vaught**, **A. J. Robinson**, **Ryan McNaboe**, **Spencer Snook**, and **Palmer Luckey**.

The ABYC Laser Fleet wants to recognize and thank **Ellen Kirk** for the imaginative and striking graphics she produced for the Laser District 25 Masters and Junior Radials awards. I know these awards will find a prominent spot in the winner's trophy cases.

Laser racing in Southern California and ABYC in particular is growing with each event. With ABYC hosting the US Sailing Youth Worlds Qualifier featuring both **Lasers** and **Radials** January 19-21, 2008 and the Laser US Nationals August 7-10, 2008, we're looking forward to even more competition in the coming months since we don't have to put the boat away for winter.

ABYC 2007 Laser Fleet Championship Standings By virtue of his result in the Labor Day/ Laser District 25 Regatta, **Jim Kirk** moved to 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**, **Cameron Summers** and **Chuck Tripp**.

*Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain*

## radio controlled

**W**e know you're out there on Friday evenings...how about some news, results, upcoming events, etc???



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Thank you, Chris Raab, for fabricating and donating the wonderful new top for our Bay Barge!!! Very cool!!!

## 2007-2008 Election results

Congratulations to our new or continuing board members:

**Merle Asper**

**Mike Bauman**

**Dan DeLave**

**John Massey**

**Jon Robinson**

### Ladies Day Regatta (gentlemen, too!)



**Sunday, October 21, 2007**

Warning for first race at 11:50

Classes: Ladies A, Ladies B, Gentlemen A  
Novice (both Men and Women)

Three races then dinner and trophies, come  
join the fun!

Full details on [www.abyc.org](http://www.abyc.org)



"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.

# labor day regatta 2007

Rich Roberts photos

## Winning sailboat races is fun, most of the time

**A**ndrew Kern sailed through lumpy seas and bad blood to win the Finn class in Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's annual Labor Day Regatta concluding Sunday, leaving the impression that winning isn't always as much fun as it's supposed to be.

Kern, a 46-year-old Long Beach resident, alluded to some ill feelings on the water even as he won three of seven races for a five-point margin over ABYC's Chris Raab in the 21-boat fleet, and it appeared that some strife could carry over to next month's U.S. Olympic Trials at Newport Beach where Kern will pursue his life-long dream to represent his country in the Games.

"I hope they keep it a fair contest," Kern said.

He had only praise for ABYC for "a stellar job of putting on the regatta," and admitted that some of the blame for recent unrest falls on himself over an incident at an event on Mission Bay in San Diego last month, a point raised by some of his rivals.

It was a happier day for the other winners of 15 classes for 180 boats, including six Naples Sabot sub-classes. A moderate breeze of 8 to 9 knots, slightly lighter than Saturday, kept the air temperature at a bearable 72 degrees F. during Southern California's prolonged heat wave.



Johnny Blumberg, 11, got refreshingly dunked by his peers—the winner's treatment for finishing first in Sabot Class C-3, earning him his first racing trophy.

"It was cold," Blumberg said.

Blumberg trailed ABYC teammate Noah LaBarba by a point starting the sixth and last race and said, "At the first mark [LaBarba] was in front but he tacked too early and couldn't lay it. I went a little farther and got it just perfect."

They wound up tied in points and initial tiebreakers, but Blumberg took the title on the ultimate tiebreaker as winner of the last race.

As anticipated by some observers, Ryan Hoeven of King Harbor YC in Redondo Beach charged up from 11th place after discarding 51 points for a starting disqualification in the opening race to top ABYC's Mike Shea by five points in the 50-boat Laser Radial class.

David Rumnaugh of Sacramento's Lake Washington Yacht Club, with Anne Jaeschke as crew, won the Coronado 15 North American championship held in conjunction with the Labor Day Regatta—his first NA title in four tries. After a 1-2-1-1 string of finishes Saturday he slipped a bit to 3-3-2 Sunday but beat ABYC's Mike Shea by five points.

"It was very difficult . . . different each day," Rumnaugh said. "The wind was a little stronger Saturday—ideal for us. Today was light and lumpy, and being from a lake venue we aren't used to that stuff."

Ron Smith of Sunnyvale, Calif., sailing his Thistle with Jim Moyer and Jill Moritz as crew, posted the only perfect record—seven wins—to top a seven-boat fleet in one of his semi-annual visits from Northern California.

"We really do well here," Smith said. "This is Thistle heaven, and these people really know how to run a regatta."

Doug Hart and crew Scott Hoffman of San Diego's Mission Bay YC won the Snipe Pacific Coast Championship with a one-point edge over Jim Grubbs and Mark Ryan of ABYC.

Complete results: [www.abyc.org](http://www.abyc.org)

Rich Roberts



Ron Smith's Thistle swept 7 races



Julian Soto drives his Radial past the windward mark



Chris Raab won this race and placed second in the Finn class

# charity regatta 2007

## Charity Regatta's real winner is The Children's Clinic

When the 60 sailboats had finished racing and the trophies handed out, the real winner Sunday in the 21st Annual Charity Regatta was The Children's Clinic of Long Beach with more than \$40,000.00 in donations from racers and sponsors.

Guy Shulman, Chief Development Officer for The Children's Clinic tried to put it into perspective.



(l-r) Commodores Jim Bateman, ABYC; Mike Van Dyke, LBYC; Hank Walker, SBYC; Warren Wolfe, SYC and Joe Rogers, LBSSYC

"Few people here today can understand the enormity of what they're doing," Shulman said, "and what this means to the families. Never mind that people's lives will be helped by what money is raised today, some could die if it wasn't for these donations."

The Children's Clinic was started in 1939 by a group of doctors and businessmen who recognized a need for health care, especially those in low-income families.

But it wasn't until 1987 that four local yacht club commodores got together and decided it was time to give back to the community. Pete Ives, Long Beach Yacht Club; Hans Schoedl, Shoreline Yacht Club; Tom Ramsey, Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and Larry Lewis, Seal Beach Yacht Club had several meetings at each others homes to set the plan in motion that for 21 years has benefited The Children's Clinic.

Since that time, four more yacht clubs have joined the team; Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club, Little Ships Fleet, Long Beach Singles Yacht Club and Navy Yacht Club

of Long Beach.

Mike Van Dyke, commodore of Long Beach Yacht Club, may have the most family history with The Children's Clinic.

"My grandfather, Dr. Milt Van Dyke was one of the co-founders back in 1939," Van Dyke said. "He was their first medical director. My dad, Dr. Alexander Van Dyke, my mom, Dr. Dwanda Van Dyke and my uncle Dr. Richard DeGolia [all pediatricians] worked with the clinic all their lives"

Mike currently sits on the clinic's board and received the Founder's Award three years ago.



LBYC Dustin Durant leads other Cat 37s around the course Sunday

With 21 classes of boats racing on three courses there was enough wind at 8-10 knots to keep the action tight.

One of the surprises of the day was the two first place finishes by the LBYC Junior team on one of the Long Beach Sailing Federation's Catalina 37s, skippered by Dustin Durant.

"We had a really good day," Durant said. "We had a new bowman so we practiced a little and he was fine. In the last race the second place boat was so close we started match racing. It was great."

Onboard to assist were veteran sailors Barney Flam and John Busch.

"John gave a little help sometimes," Durant said, "but mostly worked the main and Barney called some of the tactics."

Trophies and awards were handed out at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and commodore Jim Bateman played host.

"This is a great event," Bateman said, "and the racing drives people here.

But the benefit to The Children's Clinic is the real reason we're here."

Complete results and more information is available at: [www.lbyc.org](http://www.lbyc.org) and [www.abyc.org](http://www.abyc.org) .

Information on The Children's Clinic is available at: [www.thechildrensclinic.org](http://www.thechildrensclinic.org)

Rick Roberts



LBYC Juniors accept first place award in Catalina 37 class