



catalina cruise 2007

Lorraine Perone photos

This years Catalina Cruise was a huge success! Wayne Noecker and Tania Hurd worked very hard to get the program organized this year. We had 41 attend and everyone had a great time. Various interesting people came in and out and there was no shortage of remarkable conversation. We had the main bandstand with tiki bar and fire pit reserved right in the middle of all the action.

The air temperature was perfect and the ocean was about 70 degrees.

Friday night consisted of fabulous BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs with all of the trimmings catered by Harbor Reef. Always a fun night, Tania made drinks for everybody and all went well! We had a Bon Fire and Lorraine Perone went and bought marsh mallows and sticks to cook them on. Later, many retired to Doug's for more excitement.

At around noon-ish Saturday afternoon, the progressive cocktail party kicked off at the fabulous Dick and Linda Landes boat. A big beautiful power boat made to go on long comfortable trips. Delicious seven layer dip and margaritas made the camaraderie flow smoothly. Thanks to the generosity of our hosts everybody was more than comfortable. All stayed a long time and were very relaxed with the company.



Dick & Linda Landes



Dave Rustigan & Robin Townsend

Jim Bateman, Chuck Hardin, and I went to a quick dive in Emerald Bay (we decided this is one of our very favorite places on Earth) on Chuck's Whaler. Everybody was invited. When we returned one and all were happily sitting on the Landis boat. Nobody had moved! Literally everyone was nearly in their same exact seats. Usually people scoot around and do other things, but everyone was glued down! Now that is camaraderie at the finest level!

Next was Wayne Noecker and Tania Hurd's boat, a blue J44 "Sabrosa". She is unbelievably well maintained and I can speak from lots of experience, an absolute joy to sail. Wayne understands and could write a book about fine woodworking and his boat shows his talent. Tania made fabulous Chinese dim sum, which surprised and amazed everyone present. She managed to steam them in the traditional manner in bamboo baskets over a gas marine stove! Obviously Tania has expertise beyond that of mere mortal man.



Wayne Noecker, Merle & Kelly Asper

After that we headed back to the bandstand for drinks and bbq chicken with all of the trimmings for dinner. The fabulous Bon Fire was once again sparked up to the cheers of all present. Dave Dorrans went and got fixings for S'mores. There is something about the Isthmus, a group of friends, a clear beautiful night, and a group of friends that makes life special!

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commodore's comments



I write this as we are completing the Club 420 North American Championship Regatta. Over a hundred of the top youth sailors from around the US came to ABYC this week and Brad Bolger and his team put on a first class event. The race management was outstanding and the regatta ran like clockwork from the early planning meetings right on through to the trophy presentation. My deep appreciation goes out to Brad and Sharon Bolger and their team for their hard work over several months to ensure that this important event was a complete success.

As Summer winds down we're heading towards a busy Fall with what looks to be a large Labor Day Regatta and Luau, the Charity Regatta, North Series and leading right into the Olympic Trials for the 470's and RS:X boards in early October. The energy and enthusiasm for all these events is contagious. They also show the spectrum of sailing that ABYC covers.

The first weekend in October usually marks our annual Stag Cruise. This year, due primarily to conflicts with the Olympic Trials, we're not having this Fall classic at its normal time out at Corsair YC's beautiful facility at Emerald Cove. We're still working on a substitute but I want to ensure all the Stags that this is not the end and that we shall return to the Cove next fall. An interesting thing happened as we were discussing the tragic conflicts that lead to the demise of this year's event. We had the weekend reserved with Corsair YC and Dan Clapp suggested that he might be interested in pulling together a co-ed event to take advantage of our reservation. I guess it was a pretty good idea or that Dan is one heck of a recruiter. Last count he had 18 boats lined up. Thanks Dan, for picking up this ball and running with it. If I wasn't working the trials I'd be there with you. Just don't get too attached to that weekend. The Stags will return.

September is Annual Meeting time. This is another event that if you haven't attended in the past, you should try to make it this year. There is a lot going and this meeting is designed to get you informed and involved in your Club. This is more than a time of reports and speeches. This is our opportunity to elect new board members. You will be receiving information regarding this very soon. Please read it carefully, talk to your friends at the Club and make sure you vote. ABYC has had a great year and we need a strong board to continue our success.

Good Sailing,

Jim

manager's corner



As I gaze out my office window, I see the last of the 420's easing their way back to the club. Six hundred and forty sandwiches, 1200 bottles of water, 1000 taco's and enough string cheese to rig a large sailboat, we say farewell to great group of young sailors. Brad Bolger and his gang did an outstanding job with this Regatta, and the group as a whole was a pleasure to have at ABYC.

There's not much time now to give the "ole girl" a quick spruce up, and get her ready for one of the largest events of the year, the Labor Day Luau.

We've been busy the past few weeks, trying to insure the yard, patio, hoist, committee boats and club in general are looking great, and all equipment functional. There's a new cement walkway adjacent to the quarter deck, which not only has improved the look of that area, but hopefully makes transporting food and supplies down to the boats in the marina a little easier.

I'm looking into replacing the patio tables and making the outside area an even more relaxing environment than it currently is. As we are all aware, the outside restrooms are, to say the least, in need of a major makeover, and I'll be addressing that issue with the Board of Directors as well.

We were able to strike a deal with the Marine Department which will open up (8) additional parking spots in our yard. That's a 16% increase in available parking for members. Mark Sandoval has issued our staff parking permits to park across the street in the city lots. Our part of the bargain is to service the trash cans on the docks. Pretty good deal if you ask me.

I hinted several Sou Wester's ago that I was working on an exciting summer program that had a "drive in theater" feel to it....well my idea of having movie night out on the patio wasn't thought out quit enough. Seems Mother Nature forgot to remind me that it doesn't get dark until after 8:00 during the summer, so we'll be looking at starting club ABYC movie night in fall. Popcorn, pretzels, and hotdogs will be available, and we'll show some classic family fun films.

I don't know if it's the constant reminders of how our beautiful earth is changing or the fact that I haven't seen a drop of rain in a very long time, but one thing is for sure, we are soon to be in a critical water shortage if things don't change soon. So, that being said, PLEASE make sure you shut off hoses after you rinse off your boats. The staff and I walk the yard several times a day, and are constantly shutting off leaking hoses, or repairing hoses that have burst by being left on. For our part, I'm looking into new paper products for the Galley, that are "green" and environmentally safe. Every little bit helps.

Kelly Whitlow

vice commodore's view



ABYC continues to be just an incredibly busy place, each and every weekend! Its not just the regattas, but its just simply our members coming down to enjoy their club, their boats, and the lifestyle that encompasses Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. I was down last weekend to sail my Capri 25 with family and friends, and couldn't help but notice all the happy people enjoying what was a very gorgeous Saturday afternoon!

Our staff and General Manager are doing a wonderful job of keeping up with all of this. Kelly keeps wondering when this place slows down, but is finding that it just doesn't! But the club is staying clean, in spite of the constant onslaught of people. The garden hoses are being gone through, and our members are doing a great job of keeping their spaces cleaned up and ship shape, and those of us in charge of the yard thank you for that.

I'm also very, very proud of how Big Boat Row has shaped up. The East Yard used to be where derelict boats went to die, which I've always thought was a shame. Check it out now... four Etchells, an Olson 30, and two very, very nice Columbia 30's all lined up and looking very sharp. When I envisioned the lining up of big boats, it was so much for the revenue, as much as it was to get our members with larger one design and sport boats into the yard where they could sail their boats! Both owners of the Columbia 30's thought that they'd never, ever get into the yard because of their boat's size, but creating the Big Boat Row in the East yard solved that problem and gave our members what they needed!

If you haven't come to the office to get a sticker for your transom, could you please do so? Lisa LeBold and I spend a fair amount of time going through the yard making sure that boats are where they should be, and indeed, these stickers help. So if you've not yet checked in with the office, could you please do so?

See you around the club. Summer still has a long, long ways to go. Come down and say hi, and enjoy your boat while the sun is shining bright!

Glenn Selvin



Sou'Wester DEADLINE
 Friday, September 21, 2007 is the deadline for the October Sou'Wester.

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rear commodore's notes



September is another great month of the year. Not necessarily for sailing, but for being down by the water. It is warm, maybe too warm, but so is the temperature of the water. The wind is lighter and our sailing slows down considerably. Generally, this is the beginning of the academic year. (Football season also!) Children go back to school with all of their excitement and emotion and it is a new beginning. There are new teachers, new classes and it is a time to make new friends. For all of us, it is a time to reflect on how great the Summer was and to plan on how we will make Fall a great season as well!

Multihull Regatta:

I was lucky enough to be the board liaison for the Multihull Regatta. Steve Smith was regatta chair. Chuck Tripp was PRO. Mike Shea got a lot of volunteers. There was also a great group that came with these guys from the C15 fleet and the Laser Fleet. Fun people to work with and everything went perfectly. The participants were very happy. Thanks everyone, you are excellent! We as a Club are very fortunate to have such a high caliber of racers, friends, and volunteers.

Membership:

It is a time for me to thank many of the people that I have been fortunate enough to work with this year at ABYC.

Mike Bauman has done an excellent job as Membership Chairman! He is very organized and he moves the new members through quickly. He produces reports that make it easy for all of the board members to understand what is happening, without too much connection. Mike Bauman has strived to make it easy for the new members to settle in and get involved right away. Part of the job is to help paperwork go through the system easily and quickly without any hick-ups and Mike makes it happen. Mike cares to do a good job and he has been successful. Please thank him when you see him as he deserves all of our praise and respect.

Don't forget about our membership deal where you and the new member earn ABYC dollars.

Don't forget about the Commodore's Council! You just need to be the number one sponsor of 2 new members (regular, junior, or yachting)!

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

Social:

Fridays have been grand. We are Racin' in the Basin with the remote control sailboats and then upstairs for Happy Hour. There is great entertainment, great food, great camaraderie and ultimately great fun. You are invited to participate. We will be having Flight 6875 (the songs you love between the years of 1968-1975) playing soon and there will be a steel drum band playing for a number of dates as well. Stay tuned for more information.

Thanks go out to everyone on the Social Advisory Committee. All of the parties have been a success and we have managed to break even or make a little money.

Dan Clapp is organizing another Catalina Cruise that will be excellent. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Stag Cruise is being replaced this year by a co-ed cruise that has all of the earmarks of being a great event. It is taking place at the same wonderful location of Corsair Yacht Club in beautiful downtown Emerald Bay, October 5th, 6th, and 7th. (same weekend as Buccaneer Days at the Isthmus). Contact Dan if you have any questions, want to sign up, or volunteer.

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

See you around the Club! Go ABYC!

Merle Asper

fleet captain's report



The last day of the C420 North American Championships here at ABYC affords me an opportunity between launch and recovery of boats to form this issue's report. As such, I find myself seated at a table on the second level with a view of the channel trying to concentrate on the keyboard and ignore a green double ender and a small contingent of 470's from the Sailing Center headed outbound, shepherded by a coach with a shrill whistle.

The 470's and RSX sailboards will be conducting Olympic Trials the 1st and 2nd weeks of October. September Calendar is worth your study for race activity. Labor Day, Charity Regatta and the North Series for the Juniors. The ASPBYC San Pedro Cup, for monohull keelboats is scheduled for September 30th. Abstract from the June ASPBYC minutes describe the team "..... three boats

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with PHRF ratings between 65 and 180 with the winning team the one that best sails to their handicap rating." We have some ABYC sailors that might take a serious look at creating a team that could win the Cup. John Merchant is the one to answer any technical questions. The ball is in your hands ... how about it?

Regarding whalers, on #4 we have experienced a failure of the hydraulic steering helm. All who drive the hydraulic steering equipped boats love the way they handle, and prefer to be assigned to one of them. BUT, here is the weakness we have uncovered. While bouncing through the chop, drivers are hanging onto the wheel to keep their balance. The seals within the helm assembly cannot hold up long to this lateral action, and premature failure occurs. It is not necessary to hold course by hanging on to the wheel. The boat will not veer off as with the older cable steering. So, hang on to the console and turn the wheel as needed. Oh, by the way, when you're in a turn, and you reach the limit of the wheel. STOP. Continuing to force the wheel will not increase your turn and such action will injure the internal hydraulic valving. If you had to sign the repair bill like I just did, or had to pay for it yourself, like the club just did, you would not enjoy the experience.

Bay Race Registration and Scoring Committee ... Evie Belisle, Betty Mills, and Bobbie Peterson, are anxious to expand their numbers. They will accept and review any applications of those interested to join their ranks. Too little can be said about the diligent effort these amazing ladies do at each of our regattas. Before you START, they have accepted and verified entries, taken in the appropriate fees, and submitted information to computer scoring. When you FINISH, they call number rotations, cross check numbers to make sure all boats are accounted for, and submit results to computer for scoring. Oh yes, when the computer blows up, they can score the regatta by hand. Pretty neat, huh. I couldn't do that, but I'm willing to learn. And so should some of you, as well. They have volunteered to create task outlines and conduct on the job training. have been out on the bay with this gang and have enjoyed every minute. Plus, there is no better way to view the races. You are always very close to the weather mark, and you ARE the FINISH LINE. How much better can you get than that?

So, make yourself known soon. This is one of the best jobs of the whole regatta. Once again to all you new members, pick a job and jump in with both feet ... It's fun....

John Massey

unsung heroes

There are many members in the club that keep giving as if it is their duty. It is not. It is all done by volunteerism. I would like to make sure we acknowledge them. This is not a complete list and I would like to keep recognizing what you think is important as well.

We all hear about the members who run regattas, head social events, or are on the board of directors. These are very important to our club and not to be slighted, but they get the recognition for those things. What about the background people and those that are important to an event and hide behind the curtain?

Jim Morford – Scoring. Unless he is out of town for some reason he seems to always be willing to sit at the computer entering competitors, waiting for results then sorting and printing the results.

Barbara Gabriel – She organizes the beachcomber clean-up crew for adopt-a-beach four times a year. This is a good program to be a part of for your soul. We use the beaches and though we do not mess them up we need to be part of the solution to help.

Latham Bell – Has pitched in lots of time on the new bay barge which is on the water and the structure is just about to come together. No small amount of thanks go to John Massey on that as well.

Lisa LeBold – We have "Yard Czars" who do not get much thanks, but they are there trying to make our lives in the yard more comfortable.. I would like to thank a couple of others that have done it in the past, John Perone and Cole Price.

George Kornhoff – For thinking of a solution to make our yard more efficient. He has taken it on to design, budget, order and build the prototype Sabot rack. With just a couple of things to iron out we are sure to have a prideful arrangement.

Stacy Conn – Seems like she is always behind the scenes when we have special occasions that call for that elegant look.

Sharon Pearson – Keeps coming out with the SouWester for all of us to enjoy every month. I know we all know who does it I just want to put it out there that she does a great job of it! This publication is widely read, I found out when someone from another state asked me about an article in it.

I see people just helping out with tasks they see someone else taking on without a word. This is great club and part of that comes from the offerings our members bring.

It would be nice to hear from the various committees regarding which members have made nice contributions. Not just the committees there are plenty of places that pride in the club becomes evident.

Thank you, Dan DeLave

the bay clogger (junior sailing)

ABYC Juniors Win Three out of Four Fleets at Sabot Junior Nationals!

Silver Winner – Riley Gibbs
Bronze Winner – Marissa Golison
Iron Winner – Jacob Rosenberg

2nd place girl overall – Samantha Gebb
2nd most improved overall – Ginger Luckey
4th place Silver – Rob Rice

Nationals Wrap Up

This year's Sabot Nationals was one for the books. We sent down 28 sailors to try and qualify for 1 of 120 spots. Over 200 competitors attempted this feat and 14 of our sailors made it into one of the most competitive Nationals I have ever witnessed. In the end, ABYC ended up winning three of the four fleets.

Riley Gibbs took home 1st place in Silver and the perpetual trophy to match with it (which was nearly as big as him). Marissa Golison had an outstanding regatta and an amazing comeback. After starting with a last place finish, she shook off the jitter bugs and ended up winning the Bronze fleet by a margin of 16 points!

Nine year old Jacob Rosenberg won the Iron fleet in a close race between several competitors. Despite the competition, he kept his speed up and focus and came away with the win. Rob Rice also took home 4th in the Silver fleet, while Samantha Gebb was just 2 points out of being the top girl overall.

Ginger Luckey made a strong run at the most improved perpetual trophy improving from the last sailor qualified last year to qualifying for the Gold Fleet this year.

There were strong showings from all our sailors, but it is certainly worth noting that Ginger's brother Palmer Luckey came out of sabot retirement and a season sailing lasers to try and qualify for his first Nationals. Not only did this "dark horse" qualify, but he missed the silver fleet by 2 points and ended up in 1st place in Bronze after one day of the Championship Series. After a rough second day, he fell to 8th place overall, however that doesn't take away from an astounding effort by Mr. Luckey.



Marissa Golison - 1st place in Bronze at Sabot Nationals



Rob Rice winning a race - 4th place overall in Silver at Sabot Nationals

Another surprise performance came from Sunny Scarbrough, who stepped up tremendously in flight selections and made the Bronze fleet finishing mid fleet after being the very last competitor to qualify overall for Nationals.

Savannah Robinson took home 7th place in bronze; a noble effort. And Zack McDaniel had a break through regatta pulling out many top 10 finishes in Iron. Overall, it was an amazing event and ABYC was very well represented. Congratulations to them all!

Juniors take top 3 at Alamitos Bay Fleet Championships!

ABF Champs is an all bay sabot regatta between the top sailors where all fleets are combined. ABYC had an amazing showing getting the top three spots, 7 out of the top 10 and 14 of the top 20. Here are the top 10...

Jack Jorgensen	ABYC	3	4	-6	2	1	1	1	1	19	13
Lauren Bussey	ABYC	4	2	-5	1	4	4	5	5	30	25
Samantha Gebb	ABYC	6	3	8	3	3	-9	2	2	36	27
Korbin Kirk	LBYC	-10	5	1	6	5	6	4	3	40	30
Robert Rice	ABYC	2	-7	2	7	6	2	6	7	39	32
Melissa Shadden	LBYC	5	6	3	-13	2	5	7	8	49	36
Hailey Kirk	LBYC	-9	1	9	8	8	3	9	6	53	44
Marissa Golison	ABYC	1	9	12	4	7	-13	10	4	60	47
Ginger Luckey	ABYC	7	-12	7	5	10	10	3	9	63	51

Laser Radial Juniors Perform Well in Strong San Francisco Breeze!

Max Nickbarg – 2nd overall, 1st junior
Ian Paice – 10th overall, 6th junior
AJ Robinson – 24th overall, 9th junior

Alex Vaught – 6th overall, 3rd junior
Ryan McNaboe – 20th overall, 7th junior

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Apparently there were gusts over 30 mph and they kept the guys sailing, but light or heavy breeze didn't matter for our team as they all came away with top 10 finishes in junior radials and competed like champs in the heavy San Francisco breeze. An interesting point to note is that this is the farthest regatta our junior program has ever traveled to as a team. Vann Wilson, Chuck Tripp, Kurt Miller, and Jorge Suarez competed in full rigs for ABYC and did very well also – a very cool thing to see the masters and the juniors of ABYC traveling together to regattas.

FALL PROGRAM 2007!

One of the best ways to improve your sailing skills in the off season is to do the Junior Sailing Fall and Spring Programs. They consist of five clinics and lots of regatta opportunities. They focus very specifically on each sailor's skills and try to improve them in a smaller classroom setting. Registration is available online at www.fleetracing.net or in the front office of ABYC. The first fall sabot clinic is August 26th, so sign up quickly!

9/29-9/30 Junior Fall Invitational (North Series I) @ ABYC

This newly renamed regatta is definitely a great one for ABYC Juniors. It is the first regatta of the four part "North Series". The series itself is for 'A' sailors to compete in, but each individual regatta is open to all sailors and great opportunities to improve in the off season. Notice of Race and Entry Form will be available shortly online at www.abyc.org. There is still need for volunteers to help run the regatta. John Robinson, the regatta chairman, has done an outstanding job in organizing the event and if you would like to help out in some way, please contact John at sanilex@verizon.net.

Brad Schaupter, ABYC Jr. Sailing Director



Alex "Cubby" Vaught - 3rd place junior/6th overall at San Francisco Pacific Coast Championships

product review

Learn *The Racing Rules* DVD With David Dellenbaugh

The Racing Rules of Sailing to me are much like foul tasting medicine, sometimes tough to take but you know it's good for you. Therefore I'm always looking for ways to achieve better understanding and application of the Rules. To this end, I purchased *Learn The Racing Rules* DVD with David Dellenbaugh.

This is a two disc set; Part 1: Basic Right of Way Rules and Part 2: Rules at Marks & Obstructions, explaining the 2005-2008 International Yacht Racing Rules. Both discs run for 60 minutes and feature graphic representations and live action video of boats clearly explaining the rule in question, accompanied with expert narrative by David Dellenbaugh. Especially of interest to some ABYC racers, some of the footage uses *Etchells* and *Lasers*.

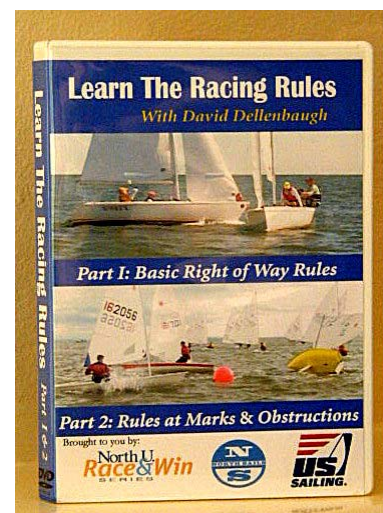
Disc 1 covers all the basic right of way rules and definitions, clearly explaining how The Definitions affect the rules. Disc 2 required more of my attention, as Rule 18 is examined in depth showing, as any reading of Rule 18 reveals, there are situations where Rule 18 is overridden by other rules or other rules are turned-off by Rule 18.

If you are an expert or beginning sailboat skipper or crew, *Learn The Racing Rules* will be either an enlightening review or clear description of the US Sailing *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

David Dellenbaugh is relaxed and clear explaining the subjects addressed and well qualified to do so. David is "a senior certified judge and the new chairman of the US Sailing Rules Committee." He participated in several America's Cup campaigns, is a World and National champion in several one-design classes and publishes the sailboat racer's newsletter, *Speed & Smarts*.

Ordering information for *Learn The Racing Rules* can be found at: www.sea-tvproductions.com

Review by: Steven Smith



from the pages of history

Back next month...Chris Ericksen's mom was taken to the hospital unexpectedly and he is in Arizona with her.

catalina cruise (cont)

Next year has been reserved for the same weekend and location. Many of the people I talked to are planning on coming; you are invited! Put it on your calendar and start making your plans.

It looks like members John and Andrea McBrearty will be chairing the event next year. You can count on it being another year to remember. John is a real kick and Andrea is a sweetheart.

Thanks again to Wayne Noecker and Tania Hurd for taking the time

out of their busy schedule to make all of the onshore fun happen, doing a host boat, and chairing the event. Dick and Linda Lades were fabulous hosts and generously opened their boat up.

John and Loraine Perone took great pictures and added to the party. Kelly Asper has been the liaison with the Harbor Reef people for the last 3 years and has done much of the behind the scenes organizing. Jim Bateman was on scene producing much of the pomp and circumstance anticipated and expected from a Commodore (just kidding, but he really did carry a lot of stuff up and down the beach and helped run my boat like a real pro!). Diane Bateman offered her support when needed and was convinced that she was burning calories by riding in a Whaler. If I



left anyone out, please keep in mind that I am at my intellectual boundary and your participation and help is and always will be appreciated.

Once again...friendship abounded and all were happy.

See you next year!

Merle Asper



2007-2008 elections

All regular members in good standing are encouraged to cast their vote for this year's election candidates! Surely you can find some time to stop by the club and submit your ballot. Check out these candidates:

Merle Asper
Mike Bauman
Tim Carter

John Massey
Stacy Jackson
Yvonne Galvez

Jon Robinson
Ken Reiff
Dan DeLave

2007 Poll Schedule

Saturday, September 1st, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Friday, September 7th, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday, September 14th, 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday, September 21st, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Sunday, September 2nd, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, September 8th, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday, September 16th, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Attention ALL senior sabot sailors!

Please join the fun and participate in the annual Ladies Day regatta to be held on:

Sunday October 21st.

This is an annual fall classic that will extend your summer sailing for one more glorious weekend day.

There will be three Ladies divisions - A, B and Novice as well as an open mens division.

Dust off your leeboard and come out for a fun day of bay sailing.

membership report

Diane Bateman photos

Many of you have been promoting the club to your family, friends, and neighbors this summer. We have had 18 new members in the last two months, including 11 juniors, who have joined, and plan on participating in the year round youth program. We are still running the promotion on regular memberships, where the sponsor is presented with \$250 ABYC bucks to spend on merchandise and in the galley.

I am privileged to announce the latest members and their sponsors:

Regular Members

Stacey Massey
Jim Carey & Sara Meggers
John Filkins
Ian Maugham
John Williams & Leah Pike

Sponsors

John Massey
Kevin Taugher
Merle Asper
Russ Fox
Jerry Montgomery

Yachting members:

Deniz Erkiling
Sarah McNaboe

Bill McDannel
John Ellis

Junior Members:

Brian MacLean
Scotty Byzak
Scheer Levy
Bradley Clinton
Michael Black
Garret Fields
Samantha Washburn
Patrick Griley
Kathern Lynn Massey
Ginger Luckey
Parker Fife

Gabe Ferramola
Bob Bishop
Carol Ann Rosenberg
Sharon Pearson
Bud Lorbeer
Eric Bakker
Steve Washburn
Bob Bishop
John Massey
John & Donna Massey
Latham Bell



New Regular Member Stacy Massey and her sponsor (and dad) John Massey with Jim Bateman



New member Deniz Erkiling, sponsored by Bill McDannel



New Junior Member Ginger Luckey and her sponsor John Massey with Merle Asper

And finally we are posting three applicants for junior membership:

Max Nickbarg sponsored by Bob Summers
Steven Hopkins sponsored by Latham Bell
Matthew Wieberg sponsored by Terry Bishop

Mike Baumann

beach cleanup

ABYC CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EARTH-MONTH EVENT, SEPTEMBER 22ND. We will be cleaning the beaches from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 22nd. We start with breakfast with Kelly: coffee, pastries, and orange juice. Then we pick up the bags and gloves provided by the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department and head for the dunes. The object is to stop as much trash as possible from returning to the ocean where it can pollute the dining area of our planet's fish and sea birds.

In July, Al and Jeanne Nelson, Mary Riddick, Jeanne Reid, and Mike Degracie showed their dedication as experienced Beachcombers. In September, we will have the added incentive of Dan DeLave explaining "Racin in the Basin" with his neet fleet, and as the capper: Leonardo Di Caprio will love you. Join us! Remember the date: September 22nd! Remember the hours (onlytwo) 9:00-11:00. See ya!

THE ADOPT-A-BEACH COMMITTEE...9-22-07 (9 to 11)

boxing day regatta

Saturday December 29, 2007

Summers 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 actually occur on December 29th.

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

Mark Townsend

member accomplishments

4 days of racing for 2 regattas, for the 52nd year the Mercury Class held their 3 race, High Sierra Regatta on Saturday July 28 and Sunday morning July 29, 2007. This year it was followed by the 5 race National Championships that began Sunday afternoon and continued through Tuesday. Hosted by Fresno Yacht Club, the Race Committee was headed by Matt Jones who ran the racing program for many years at St. Francis YC. The starts were very aggressive for the 31 boats leading to several general recalls with the "I" flag flying.

The conditions were typical Huntington Lake, light and shifty or puffy and shifty. Picking the correct shore and being patient for the shifts paid its rewards or penalties. With a premium paid to anyone with clear air and speed off the line Chris Rabb, ABYC, skippered the boat owned and crewed by Kenny Dair of CBYC to First Place in both regattas.

After working out the kinks in the High Sierra Regatta, Don Whalen, San Diego YC with crew Alan Johnson, ABYC, finished Fifth in the Nationals.

Alan Johnson

abyc boatique

New ABYC Merchandise to be Unveiled at the September Trunk Show Friday, September 21st

While you are down at the Club to cast your vote before the Annual Meeting, please stop by the "ABYC Boatique Trunk Show" to see some of our new merchandise that will be available by special order and will be delivered in time for your Holiday gift giving. We will have items ranging from polo shirts and Reyn Spooners to vests and jackets.

The Gill rep will also be present to show the "hot new sailing gear" just in time for your holiday shopping.

The most popular items will be available in limited quantity in the Boatique.

November 16th (General Membership Meeting) is the deadline for orders to be received in time for Christmas.

Remember, there is no General Membership Meeting in October, so if you want to see the items...come on down to the Club on September 21st or November 16th!

Kelly Asper

commodore's council

People that have made it: People having one each and can make it by sponsoring one more new member :

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club 420 champs

Rich Roberts photos

Roberts and Martin Enjoy the Big Breeze

The breeze came in early again on Tuesday for the final day of competition of the Club 420 North American Championship. Going into the day the San Diego crew of Adam Roberts and Nick Martin had a four point lead on the Newport Beach crew of Chris Barnard and Chris Segerblom.

Both teams got off to a rough start of the first race and Roberts and Martin rounded the weather mark in 20th while Barnard and Segerblom rounded in 27th place. Despite their difficult first legs the two teams went on to finish the first race fourth and eighth respectively. This gave Roberts and Martin a nine point lead over Barnard and Segerblom, but there was still plenty of opportunity for either team to win the regatta.



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After the first race Adam Roberts and Nick Martin were not nervous as the breeze was coming up, "We knew we had plenty of boat speed and all that we needed to do was have a good start in the last race." The breeze started at five to seven knots and continued to build to 11 to 12 knots.

Roberts and Martin got off to great start in the final race and rounded the weather mark in first place. "After the start, we heard that Chris and Chris were called over early and we knew that all we had to was keep and eye on Trevor and Perry." Said crew Nick Martin. Adam and Nick continued to have great speed in the breeze and extended their lead on the competition as they rounded marks two and three. With two legs left it was pretty clear that the race was in their hands as they continued to build their lead.



Coming into the finish line Adam Roberts and Nick Martin were well over one minute ahead of the second place boat and they were all smiles as they had one the final race as well as the 2007 Club North American Championship.

Meanwhile, in the women's division Stephanie Hudson and Laura McKenna of Chicago, IL got off to a great start and won the first race. This win put her seven points of female Long Beach and Newport Beach sailors Sydney Bolger and Caitlin Beavers. After the first race

Bolger said, "It's not over, we are going to have a good final race." Bolger and Beavers did just that and finished their final race in ninth. Their counterparts Hudson and McKenna had a better race and finished sixth in their last race and won the all female division of the 2007 Club 420 North American Championship.

The competition was also very tight in the Junior division which consists of sailors under the age of sixteen.

Going into the final race Shone Bowman and Jake LaDow were one point ahead of Keven Laube and Jake Reynolds. The two boats stayed very close throughout the entire race. In the end, Laube and Reynolds finished 17th and Bowman and LaDow finished 18th which tied their overall scores. After the tie-breaker, Keven Laube and Jake Reynolds claim the 2007 Junior Club 420 North American Championship.



The 420 is the doublehanded boat of choice internationally and for collegiate programs across America and Canada. The boat has set the standard for development of sailing skills needed to transition into international competition and the men's and women's International 470 Olympic Classes.

This is the first time a West Coast venue has hosted the C420 North Americans.

The final results (after 13 races; one discard):

1. Adam Roberts/Nick Martin, San Diego YC, 42 points.
2. Taylor Canfield/Perry Emsiek, St. Thomas YC, U.S. Virgin Islands/Balboa YC, 57points.
3. Chris Barnard/Chris Segerblom, Newport Harbor YC, 62 points.
4. Oliver Toole/Willie McBride, Santa Barbara YC, 80 points.
5. Stephanie Hudson/Laura McKenna, Chicago YC/LBYC, 119points.

Complete results: www.abyc.org, More Photos: www.gtsphotos.com, More information: www.club420.org
Glennon Stratton



multi-hull regatta

Steve Smith photos

Nineteen catamaran racers arrived to challenge each other in the 2007 ABYC Multi-Hull Regatta. Once everyone was rigged and ready to go, we conducted a brief skipper's meeting on the patio. Dave Myers and George Caddle had *Patience* and the whalers ready to go, so we motored-out for our race area between the oil islands.

PRO Chuck Tripp set a windward-leeward course with the assistance of Ellen & Jim Kirk, Jorge Suarez, Todd Smith, Dan Gilboa and guest Bill O'Keefe running *Sydney T* and a whaler. On *Patience*, Chuck was helped with timing, check-in & scoring by Vann Wilson, Mike Shea, Paige Tripp and Steve Smith.

We had enough breeze to start racing; however, we waited to set a windward mark while a container ship, anchored near the breakwater, was towed by a tugboat out of our race area. The A Cats started first followed by a variety of F18's which raced as a



one-design fleet. Also sailing was a solo Blade F16 that started with the F18's.

The RC sent the fleets on a twice around course first; however, the wind was not cooperating, so the rest of Saturday's races were once around, allowing us to conduct five races in time for everyone to return to ABYC for showers and dinner.

After five races, Pete Melvin was a mere two points ahead of Pease Glaser in the A Cat fleet, while ABYC's Dan DeLave and crew Eileen Haubl, with a favorable throw-out score, were only two points behind Jacques Bernier and crew Paulina Carvallo from San Marcos CA in the F18 fleet.

Like Saturday, Sunday started warm and sunny with no marine layer to speak of. Race course set-up was nearly the same as Saturday with the Kirk's and Jorge on the whaler but with a new crew; Jim Otis, Gordon



Dudley and Steve Casey running *Sydney T*. On *Patience*, Saturday's crew was joined by Joe and Hideko O'Reilly.

The wind picked up a notch for crews to fully extend on their trapeze and do "the wild thing" downwind. The RC ran three more races, twice around the windward leeward course to give the racers a fair contest.

Pete Melvin continued his dominance of the A Cats, finishing with nothing less than a third. He even won the last race after trading boats with our second place finisher, Pease Glaser. Pease was followed in order by more ABYC racers; Jeremy Laundergan, Jay Glaser and Howard Hamlin.

In the F18 fleet, Jacques Bernier and crew Paulina Carvallo finished ahead in the first two races Sunday, but headed-in to pack for the trip home, taking a DNF as their throw-out in race three. In second place, Dan DeLave and crew Eileen Haubl, were followed by F18 teams; Brandon Wallace & Damon LaCassella, Dennis Key & Phil Dow and Marc Umemoto & Robert



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I wish to thank Merle Asper as Board Liaison, Jim Morford, Margaret Caddle, Sandy Toscan, Cathy Black-Smith and the staff of ABYC for helping make my job of Regatta Chair easy and fun.

Steve Smith

cal 20 north americans

Place	Sail	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	Total
1	363	Magic Buss	Gaudio,Mark	Lathem Bell, Eric Heim	BCYC/ABYC	33
2	26	Veintiseis	Clay,Chuck		ABYC	38
3	294	Clozer 2	Gibbs,Stan	Busch,John	ABYC	46
4	56	Rubber Dog	Ives,Keith	Stevens,Chuck	LBYC/ABYC	49
5	9	Rigormortis	McLean,Doug		ABYC	50
6	101	Basic Sailing	Pollack, Tom	Yoshikane, Clarence	NHYC	54
7	103	TJ	Shadden, John	Thomas Shadden, Jim Grubbs	LBYC	57
8	83	Convicts On Tour	Stenovich, Michael	Erik Thorsen, Janet Hyde	ABYC/NHYC	58
9	69	Lickety Split	Wood, Mike	Ron Wood, Cingy King	ABYC	70
10	6	Maniacal	Crockett, Dave	Dave Crockett, Dave Perry	ABYC	71
11	400	Toad Stool	Townsend, Robin	Townsend, Mark	ABYC	73
12	82	4B'S	Birnberg, Scott	Keryss Gonzalez, Murphy Birnberg	LBYC	73
13	238	Hot Pink	Kuritz, Jennifer	Steve Kuritz, John Ellis	ABYC	80
14	438	Shoots	Zinn, Don	Mudry, Ron	ABYC	81
15	606	Hustler	Lindquist, Brian	Kurt Mayol, Eric Mayol	KHYC	97
16	35	Retread	Harvey, Larry	Pat McCormick, Chris	ABYC	98
17	393	Dino	Stevens, Freddie	Stevens, Fred	ABYC	108
18	143	Southern Belle	Thomas, Steve	Durnin, Robin	Kaneohe YC	115
19	299	Loryee	Hodges, Ken	Stewart Hanes, Dan Bates	ABYC	116
20	250	Green Machine	Robertson/Shaw		LBYC/ABYC	141
21	508	Breakfast Club	Merchant, John	Fuller, Rob	ABYC	146
22	344	Quick Response	Murillo, Ray			147
23	899	Lilikui Pie	Perpall, Bob	Chuck Bricker, Ray McVey	KHYC	151
24	117	Tres Amigas	Czuro, Karl	Michael Mlynski, Dana Musial	OCC SA	160



He races all weekend. It takes a day or two for him to get his corporate legs back.



hails from the fleets

KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



Finally in touch with Bard Heavens and Barbara Marks and can give an up date to their Alaska and Canada boat adventure. Seems the high tech satellite communication gizmo went bust before they hardly were started into their cruise. But the good news is that I was able to talk to them by phone finally and as reported last month they have left the Alaska area and are back in British Columbia.

After reaching Ketchikan the weather turned unusually cold and wet and the decision was made to retreat to British Columbia but not before some terrific adventures that included numerous whales and an encounter with a Grizzly Bear just 40ft away. They are now working their way down the East side of Vancouver Island with stops at Campbell River, Naimo and Victoria. After a few days seeing the sights in Victoria they will stop at Friday Harbor for a short rest and then head down the coast. They have no set itinerary for the trip down but they have promised to keep in touch.

Our other great adventurers, Kevin and Brian, have postponed their departure from Hawaii as Brian is still being detained by business in Alaska. Kevin is using the time to make minor repairs to the boat in anticipation of a departure the end of August and by the time you read this they will again be on the high seas.

There is a good chance that September's Sou'Wester will arrive before our next Keel Boat Fleet meeting, September, 14th and that gives me a chance to remind everyone of the various topics that will be covered. Judy Mathias, John Brennan and Joe Riddick have done a great job at the helm the past '06/'07 year. This September's meeting starts our '07/'08 year and they will be looking for ideas and volunteering from the rest of the Fleet. Last years trip to the WWII 'Lane Victory' plus the lunch at Mary's and Joe's great hole in the wall restaurant was a complete success. This is sort of activity that they would like to have more of. We of course will have the Pinewood Model Boat races and picnics that Bob Chubb and Jeanne Reid, (with help from professional model boat retrievers Carol Reynolds, Eleanor Beland and Micky Beland), that have been so much fun. But you get the idea, it's your Fleet and the more you put into helping the more you and everyone will enjoy it.

The dinner will be an outside barbecue, bring your own entrée, a dish to share and your libation. The Fleet will supply paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic utensils and barbecue tools. If it gets cold we have the Quarter Deck on standby.

Dues are due for the coming '07/'08 year. Please bring or send \$10 to Sue Brennan or Mary Riddick whose addresses are in the ABYC year book. One last caveat, if you do not receive a reminder card of the September meeting you have probably not paid last years dues and

have been dropped from the Fleet's member list. However if you pay this year's dues you will be welcomed back with open arms.

See you at the September meeting,
George C.



Catching up with some old news: At the July 15th Sunday Meeting a vote was taken whether to hear protests. The response was NO! The result was everyone is being very polite on the water - doing circles if needed or not. Mary revised the June Twilights taking a penalty that was not declared necessary. Here are the June Twilight Results: (1) Bob Ware (2) Fred Stevens (3) Mary Riddick. The July Twilight winners were (1) Tom Newton (2) Lee Berlinger and (3) Fred Stevens.

Time out to thank all the people helping on the Race Committee this summer. On the whaler: John and Susan Brennan, John and Loraine Perone, Duncan Harrison and Steve Kuritz when he doubled in brass being both PRO and rescue boat. Other PRO's: Isabelle Lounsberry who also works at getting everything manned, Bob Ware and the resourceful John McNaughton who can start races from a whaler, shorten courses when the wind gives out, and most importantly, steer the barge in a straight line. Jinx Ellis is our anchor, times the starts with impeccable accuracy. A round of applause, please!

The Sunday races are not so well attended as the Twilights - maybe too much sun. Here are the winners out of eight boats for August 5th: (1) Lee Berlinger (2) Dianne Gonzales.

Isabelle put on a delicious Barbeque, complete with baked potato, salad, and dessert. A week before, she had baked a delicious chocolate cake for Marilyn Hutchinson's surprise 80th birthday party.

Maggie Caddle gave her helpful chalk talk which was voted for in lieu of protests. Many sailors took the opportunity to sound off. So it was productive in many ways.

Now to return to some of the best sailing anywhere - the Sabot August Twilights! Fourteen boats were out August 2nd. Fred Stevens got first place with 3 points; Lee Berlinger was second with 5 points. Mary Riddick and Mack Mills both had 7 points, but Mary got the ace in the second race so came in third. Adra Kober, our past Fleet Captain came out to watch, but had even more fun the next Thursday when brother, Chas Merrill and grandson Jeff Merrill showed up to race along with Sue Crockett.

In the second August Twilight, Chas was first in the first race, but then in between races in the middle of the bay he changed boats with Jeff much to the amusement of Jo Ann Pike. Maybe it was good Adra had her back turned. Mary is going to have fun scoring this one. For in the next race Jeff was fifth in Chas's boat

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and Chas was 11th in Jeff's boat. "First Lady." So the results:

Fred Stevens and Lee Berlinger both had 4 points, but Lee had the ace in the second race so

(1) Lee (2) Fred (3) Bob Ware. The rest enjoyed the sunset.

The third twilight was one of those disappearing wind nights. Racers had a great first race, but a slow, shortened second race. The Merrill boys showed up in force with Scott Merrill getting in the mix. The results: Scott and Chas both had 6 points, but Scott had the ace in the first race. Mary Riddick and Jeff Merrill both had 7 points, but Mary had the ace in the second race. Therefore: (1) Scott (2) Chas (3) Mary.

Only two more Twilights remain. We'll all be sorry to see this summer end.

Update on Joe Riddick. He is using skipoles to make it to the bay waters and going for daily swims. Recently when the Past Surf Riding Champions were honored at Huntington Beach, Joe couldn't make it, but they sent him his trophy. We need a picture of that! Joe also belongs in the Hall of Fame for Rehab Champion of all time.

Isabelle is planing another barbeque for September 16th, Fleet Race Day. Call her for reservations and any volunteering you'd like to do.

Barbara Gabriel

L₁₄ As the deadline for the Sou'wester approaches, the 50th Anniversary of the Lido Class Championships are underway in Newport Beach. Next month we will have a full report. Closer to home (as if Newport is far away!) the twilights are keeping the fleet momentum going. Ten to twelve boats are showing up for the 6:30 start with most staying around after racing to enjoy Jesus wonderful patio dinners.

The July twilights are in the books, Mark Ryan (# 4790) with either Sarah Ryan or Britney Johnson as crew won the July Series without sailing in the first two races. In the races sailed, third was their lowest finish. Dan Milechik (# 3842) with Kandice Kerr as crew, took second place, just seven points behind Mark.

The first three Wednesdays of August have had 18 different teams out enjoying time in their trusty little boats. Traditionally the Lido Twilights end with the last Wednesday in August, but oh, there is so much nice weather left, the fleet decided to extend through September. Come...join the fun.

Don Taugher



2007 Laser /Radial PCC's

Eight ABYC Laser racers traveled to the San Francisco Bay area to compete in the 2007 Laser Pacific Coast Championships (PCC's), hosted by the Treasure Island Sailing Center. The Treasure Island venue promised typical San Francisco Bay summer breezes, which from reports and photos to follow, did not disappoint.

Here is a report from one of the participants, Vann Wilson:

My favorite recollection of the Laser PCC's, I will call BIG Saturday. One race, windward-leeward, twice around. Sounds simple enough...only challenge was the wind, averaging 22 knots and gusts rolling down the course at 30 knots. Upwind was ok, then the gates to chaos opened.

Sailing a Laser downwind in over 20 knots requires a skill level hard to obtain outside the experience itself. That same experience is achieved from trial and error. The error part resulting in spectacular capsizes. The course looked like a NASCAR track after a bad crash. Lasers turned over everywhere. If you made it to the leeward mark, you were likely exhausted from the effort of righting your boat. The good news was the upwind leg was going to be easy after what you just went through. The bad news was when you got to the weather mark, the gate to chaos was going to open up again. When we all got back to the dock there was a feeling shared that we had really experienced San Francisco Bay racing at its best and all came out much better swimmers.

Our ABYC team acquitted themselves well. Alex Vaught was third in the Junior Division of Radials. Alex managed a nice recovery, securing a second place finish in race five following a DNF in race four. Following in order were; Ian Paice, Ryan McNaboe and AJ Robinson.

In the Laser Full-Rig fleet, Jorge Suarez finished third in the *Apprentice* Master fleet, Vann Wilson finished fourth in the *Master* fleet followed by Chuck Tripp fifth and Kurt Miller sixth.

ABYC 2007 Laser Fleet Championship Standings

Chuck Tripp remains top scorer to date for the fleet championship. Chuck is followed in order by Jim Kirk, Jorge Suarez, Vann Wilson and Cameron Summers. The last regattas in the Fleet Championship series are Labor Day, Charity and Turkey Day regattas.

Steve Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain



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*This proves it...there really is life after serving as Commodore!!!
Take heart Jim! Nita Hardin photo of Chuck catching a Northern
Pike. Thanks to George Caddle for sending it in.*



*Rich Roberts photo
Barbara Gabriel
contribution*

RICH ROBERTS WINS THE HENRI CARTIER-BRESSON "DECISIVE MOMENT" AWARD!

In 1952, the French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson published a book. In it, he expounded on photography and photo/journalism. He wrote, "To me, photography is the simultaneous recognition, in a fraction of a second, of the significance of an event as well as a precise organization of forms which give that event its proper expression." He called this "the Decisive Moment" (Quotation taken from Gilles Mora's PHOTOSPEAK)

This award may be fictitious, but Rich Roberts' beautiful photo, Morning Light, would deserve it.