



easter brunch 2008

Lori VanSkyhock photos

Over 300 members and guests were part of the reverence and ritual of the ABYC Easter Brunch which was chaired by Lori VanSkyhock. A number of families and large groups enjoyed the beautiful spring weather, fine food and libations, a festive atmosphere, and wonderful camaraderie on Easter Sunday. Thanks to Bill and Sue McDannel, Diane Bateman, and Lisa Fernandez who manned the registration table, which was overflowing from the number of reservations. I

also applaud Lisa's daughter, Alisa Casillas and her friend, Victoria, for the multitude of tasks they were given.

Legendary maitre'd Chris Erickson was assisted by Cara Knudsen and Laura Newton. The wonderful assortment of brunch items were served up by Duncan and Christine Macrae, Yvonne Lindemann, Eileen Haubl, Ann Marie Knudsen, Jon Robinson, Robin Peacock, Marilyn Spencer, Bonnie Robertson, Sue McDannel, and Carol Selvin. Sparkling champagne and Mimosas were poured by our very own Commodore, Glenn Selvin, who was assisted by Merle Asper, Dan DeLave and Dave Meyer. Donna Massey, complete with bunny ears, served orange juice while John Massey assisted staff in clearing tables.

Thanks to all the juniors who volunteered to show up early Sunday morning to hide over 400 Easter eggs!

(Exactly where *did* you guys hide that golden egg?! *Somewhere* in the Sabot rack there is a marshmallow peep melting in the sun!) And special thanks to Stu Robertson for "hopping" into the bunny suit (which doubled as sauna); he swears he was five pounds lighter after removal of his costume!

Kudos to the entire Social Advisory Committee for their help in decorating and set-up on Saturday morning. The calla lilies on the tables were hand dusted in chalk by Elaine Wood, Diane Bateman and Bonnie Robertson in all the delicate pastel colors of spring. Georgia Merchant, Lori VanSkyhock, Donna Massey, Sue McDannel, and Carol Selvin stuffed Easter bags, rolled napkins, arranged centerpieces and set tables.



Cara Knudsen, Chris Ericksen and Donna Massey greet the brunch guests



Spencer Clinton (editor's grandson) is determined to capture his "goal" egg and climbed for it with an admiring audience



We have no idea who she is other than simply too cute!!!!

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save the date

CISA Clinic	April 5-8
Membership Meeting	April 18
Spring Spruce Up	April 26
Opening Day	May 3
Mother's Day Brunch	May 11
Membership Meeting	May 23
Memorial Day Regatta	May 24-25
Men's Day	June 21
Long Beach Race Week	June 27-29

commodore's comments



Having recently helped out at the ISAF Junior World Qualifiers in January, the SCYA Midwinters in February, and the Manning regatta in March, I'm often taken aback by the amount of parents that come to me to let me know just how much they enjoy coming to our regattas to both sail, and to just hang out and relax. I've been a member of ABYC since I myself was a youngster, and I've been to many yacht clubs across the country, and yet there's just something different about ABYC. I'm not sure if it's the casual atmosphere, or if it's the fact that we're really not a yacht club as much as we are a sailing club, or if it's the world class regattas that we run within our casual infrastructure, or if it's just that Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is just an enjoyable place to come to relax with my friends. But there's just something about ABYC that's just different!

In a year that isn't even a quarter over, we've had a busy schedule of regattas and social events. A look at our website will tell you where we've been so far this year, and a look ahead gives you an idea of how the year will shape up with all kinds of events to enjoy.

We're entering into the time of the year that brings the ABYC traditions. This coming weekend is the Easter Brunch, a time honored, annual family event that many of look forward to. This is the time that we as members often invite our families and friends to come down to enjoy our Club. The Easter brunch is an event where we get to set aside our t-shirts and shorts, and make ABYC a more formal atmosphere.

Spring Spruce Up, always a passage of winter into spring and spring into summer, is the end of April. It's the time of the year that our members come down to the club to lend a hand, to kibitz with their friends, and to hopefully enjoy some burgers when the day is done. Spring Spruce Up has been one of ABYC's traditions for generations, and it's the day that we spend some time giving back to our facility in exchange for all that our Club gives us. It's a good time, and it's a way that we annually show our volunteer spirit.

The very weekend following Spring Spruce Up is our Opening Day. This isn't just a blue blazer event for officers of other yacht clubs. Come down and enjoy the festivities as the sailing season officially begins. The Etchells fleet will be hosting their annual barbecue, there will be some very cool boats on display both on shore and on land, and I'm sure that there will be some hotly contested radio control boat racing as well! So many of our members see Opening Day as a time to stay away, yet, nothing could be farther from the truth! This is your yacht club... and Opening Day is certainly one of yachting's finest traditions.

We have an active year coming up... be active in your Club whether it be ashore or on the water. But don't let yet another year pass by when you wish you'd have come to ABYC more than you did the year before!

Glenn Selvin

vice commodore's view



House and Grounds:

Bob Bishop got out his grinder with a polishing wheel and polished up the bronze plaques that commemorate past Commodores on the quarter deck wall. It looks much better and he put a lot of effort into it. Please thank him when you see him. Nice job Bob!

The finishing shack at the end of the north break wall for basin 5 is looking a little down. Some of the fiberglass walls have fallen and fishermen and partiers are getting into it and creating havoc. If you see anyone in there, do not hesitate to call the Marine Patrol and tell them someone is trespassing. I did it once last week and others have done it several times. In the mean time, Kelly Whitlow and staff are going to be boarding it up and performing the necessary maintenance duties to get it up to speed. Even though we don't use it much we are going to maintain it and keep it squared away for future generations.

Yard Czar Committee:

For the most part, all of the trailers that belong in the yard have been tagged with a permit. If there is a trailer in the yard without a tag, it probably means that it is poaching. If your trailer does not have one, would you please go to the office and get one, or get it out of the yard. This small action will alleviate future problems for all of us.

Jennifer Kuritz has gone through and assigned all of the spaces in the new sabot racks that will be finished in the near future. The waiting list is going to be wiped out and we are actually going to have a few empty sabot spaces. Hooray!

Thanks to the new sabot racks, we will be creating more space for other types of boats as well, thus making more members happy. I have been trying to figure out the new yard layout with a lot of help from the board and Chuck Hardin. This is very detailed and I am trying to get it under control. It is working its way toward completion.

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Easter Brunch

If you did not go, you missed a fine ABYC tradition. The Club really looked great. I heard many people compliment the beautiful arrangements. Lori VanSkyhock and our fabulous Social Advisory Committee really did a great job! Not only was it probably one of the biggest ever (more than 300 people) but it went off like clockwork. Fun, Fun, Fun! I will have to say that this is one of my favorite traditions that we have and it did not disappoint. The Atwood family hid the Easter Eggs, which is always s fun for the little ones. Stu Robertson got in the bunny suit and I am sure his core temperature rose significantly. The Staff arrived at around 6:00 AM and started cooking. Really great Mexican breakfast items as well as our gringo favorites were provided in very large supply. Special drink delicacies were also to be found. All this for \$16.00 a person! I really can't figure out why anyone would want to be somewhere else for Easter. I bet next year will be even bigger and better. Don't miss it!

See you around the Club.
Go ABYC!
Merle

fleet captain's log



With spring upon us we ramp up for the busy time of year...hurray for daylight savings so we can sail into the evening.

Our sabot rack project is on the home stretch, really! We have the materials being assembled for the ground cart "Chubby's" and once they are complete we will stand up the new racks. My best guess is that this will occur in early May now...thanks for your patience.

And speaking of "Patience" she has just undergone some nice sprucing up to carry her through the upcoming season. Thanks again to George Caddle and Vern Peterson who do a great job of keeping this old girl ticking.

The Laser rack project is still gathering information and then we will assemble a prototype; my expectation is that this will occur after we finish the sabot racks.

Race Management Committee has a full agenda of events to run in the coming months, if you have time to help out with any of our events either shore side or out on the water please give me a call and I'll hook you up.

Whaler 2 is being refitted – Adam and Rick are getting pretty good at this and special thanks to Steve Butler for providing the new lettering that proudly pronounces "Alamitos Bay Yacht Club" on the hull sides.

See you on the waterfront!
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manager's corner



Easter Sunday, 1:30 pm 2008...I'm sitting in my office attempting to catch that illusive second wind to begin the clean-up process from Easter Brunch.

The ABYC staff started at 5:30 am, chopping, mincing, dicing, scrambling and all that goes with preparing for the onslaught of just over 300 members, family and guest for the annual Easter Brunch.

Once again, the Social Activity Committee, lead by Sue McDannel, and spearheaded by Lori VanSkyhock, planned an event as beautiful as the weather. The fabulous volunteers began the decorating process early Saturday morning, and continued right up until the first guest arrived at 10:00am Sunday morning.

Chris Ericksen (the human PA system) assumed his position at the podium as our Maitre de, Jesus and all the ABYC staff took their positions in the kitchen (even Sheila "Mad Dog Mattocks") did some grill time, and we were off to the races. Tables were bussed as quickly as humanly possible, and before you knew it, we were serving the last plate around 1:00pm.

Now for a guy who produced hundreds of large events over the years, using a large staff, promotion companies, marketing companies, convention center employee's, and UNIONS...it never ceases to amaze me the power and prowess of our volunteers. This group just rolls up their sleeves, throws on an apron, and gets the job done. GREAT effort everybody!!!

The staff and I have been busy these past few months getting the club cleaned up, and ready for the "season". The quarterdeck has a new look, as well as a new TV (well...the old TV that was upstairs) but a nice addition, nonetheless. The second floor does have a new beautiful TV (thank you Jim Bateman).

The *junk room* in the front has been painted, and reorganized. The administrative office has been cleaned up (thats you Mary) and Roberto has been busy keeping the grounds in tip-top shape.

A big Job Well Done to Rick and Adam for their efforts on the total refurbishment of Whaler 4. It was their first attempt at fixing up our tired Committee Boat fleet, and they did an outstanding job. Next time your down at the club, take a look at #4.

It's hard to believe, but Opening Day is just around the corner. Spring Spruce Up signals the start to another exciting sailing season for us, and I hope to see you all at this fun event.

Come on down and enjoy some of the new food in our Galley, have a cold beer, and take advantage of what I think is the greatest view in Long Beach.

Hope to see you soon.

Kelly Whitlow

from the pages of history

It's an aphorism that "the more things change the more they stay the same." We surely see that in the pages of ABYC history: the same topics seem to come up all the time. But there are changes, too. We'll see both "changes" and "the same" in this month's trip in time.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

If the report in the *SOU'WESTER* of April, 1978, can be believed—and it was written by Chris Dundas—there were 200 people at the St. Patrick's Day Party that year. The stew was prepared by a crew that included Roy Conn, Earl Bowman and Ray Klein; Tony Fallon led singing of Irish tunes; Chuck Babcock brought a gang of dancers to entertain; and something was done by Steve Moffett, Lance Seaman, Mike McDade and Pat McCormick, but I can't figure out what they did. Two hundred people...wow.

The Senior Sabot fleet seemed to be going great guns: they had a total of 45 boats in three divisions participating in their series to determine seeding for the Senior Nationals. Roger Bloemeke was first ahead of Tom Newton, Jr., and Betsy Ogilby (in that order) in the Senior "A" division. Peter Gales touched out Shorty Campbell as top in the "B" fleet; Isabelle Lounsberry was a "B" then and earned a Daily First. The top Senior Sabot "C"—yes, there were Senior "C's" in 1978—was Tony Fallon; Mildred Dressel won a Daily First in the series. Forty-five Senior Sabots in three divisions...wow.

Back in 1978, ABYC had a very busy women's auxiliary group. According to the *SOU'WESTER*, their annual fashion show was a great success. Evelyn Scott was the reporter and described the fashions gathered by Linda Brown from Doncaster and Hajla as "just the type yacht gals would enjoy at home playing hostess or at the beach or club parties." Marylou Nicolai and Georgette Weber were co-chairs while Betty Tebbetts was the big winner of the raffle, a pair of tickets for the exhibition of the treasures from Tutankhamen's tomb then showing.

There were 42 Snipes sailing in the SCYA Midwinter Regatta, a feature of which was having a race thrown out when Mark 31 was found to be missing—and some of the boats rounded an inflatable mark somewhere in the vicinity...Bruce

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Golison was Challenge Chairman and announced that Ed Lorence was representing ABYC at the Lipton Cup Challenge Regatta at Newport Harbor Yacht Club, sailing Ed Feo's CF37; Bruce and his brothers were advancing up the ladder for the 1978 Prince of Wales regatta, then as now the U.S. match-racing championship...Carl and Carol Reynolds were reported as new members of ABYC, sailing a Lido 14, as was new Independent Junior member, a student at Hughes Junior High named John Shadden; wonder if he ever amounted to anything...

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

Several articles in the April, 1988, SOU'WESTER raved about the race management done by the Snipe fleet for the Keelboat One-Design Regatta that year, only the third time the regatta had been run. Fleet co-captains Steve Bloemeke and Claudia O'Brian staffed the event, and got a good crew: Mark Townsend was PRO on Saturday and assisted Randy Smith on Sunday, and together they must have put on a great show. There were a dozen Cal 20's and four Etchells but also five Catalina 30's and 12 J/24's, the latter sailing in both "A" and "B" divisions. One Capri 25 and two Santana 20's showed up and were run in a PHRF class.

Speaking of J/24's, they were active in 1988. Eric McClure was Fleet Captain, Chris Reno was Secretary / Treasurer and the SOU'WESTER reporter and Terry Hanna was District Chairman. The California Circuit was under way, consisting of races at ABYC, Santa Barbara Yacht Club and one down in San Diego. Kenny Kieding was leading the "A" division on the strength of his performance at the Keelboat One-Design Regatta while Dean Shipman of ABYC was first in the "B" fleet.

Ann Exley continued her "From the Pages of History" column with a bit of a diversion, but a most interesting one: an overview of the very roots of what is now the SCYA Midwinter Regatta. Originally hosted by the Civic Regatta Association and "sanctioned by" SCYA, Pacific Coast Yachting Association and the North American Yacht Racing Union (the predecessor to US SAILING), the regatta was originally sailed out of the California Yacht Club facilities in Wilmington; the first classes were Eight Meters, Six Meters and R-Class sloops. Ann's article included reproductions of the pages of the NOR from 1930—a priceless artifact of the past.

Wilson High School of Long Beach was sending a three-person team to Annapolis for the annual high-school nationals for the Cressy Cup; they were Dana Riddick, Darren Rosenberg and Jonathan Greening...Charlie Cummings had a busy month: he took second among 13 Snipes at the Turnbuckle Tightener Regatta and then led a team-racing seminar for the Lido fleet another weekend...somebody calculated that the value of the labor donated by ABYC members at Spring Spruce-Up was \$20,000, not a small sum; they further calculated that they'd have to raise dues four bucks a month to come up with that money.

TEN YEARS AGO:

The SOU'WESTER of April 1998, was only eight pages, including the front and back covers that had no news; the SOU'WESTER of April, 1988, was twice that size. One difference was that the editor of the 1988 had two regular columns that were not in print ten years later. Judy Mathias reported on members' travels, family births and new boats in a feature entitled, "Driftwood," and Marilee Gillespie reported on illnesses and passages in her "Friendship" column. There were also reports on regattas past, generally written by one person; the same happens in 2008, with the reporting of Rich Roberts gracing the newsletter in this day and age.

Mara Bell was Junior Rear Commodore in 1998 and her column was always breezy and fun to read. ABYC had hosted the first Luff-In for juniors in Naples Sabots, and among the participants were Mara, Graham and Jon Bell (brother, sister and cousin), Daniel Henry, Juliana Long, Andrew McDade and Freddie Stevens. The next two Luff-In's were set for Huntington Harbour Yacht Club and Balboa Yacht Club. Mara noted that April was "the Easter Bunny's month," and she signed off, "Hop, Hop, Hoppingly yours."

Glenn Selvin was the reporter for the Cal 20 fleet ten years ago and was happy to say that Vann Wilson and Ron Wood were glad to have their "newly refurbished" Cal 20 back. "Repainted from top to bottom," said Glenn, "it's nearly too pretty to...put in the water." Chris Wells and John Merchant were working on their boats, too. Glenn finished by saying it was "nice to see that old classics like the Cal 20's can still look so good."

Speaking of old classics, Ann Exley reported in her "From the Pages of History" column that among the 14 one-design classes racing at Los Angeles Yacht Club for the 1958 Midwinters—fifty years ago, if you are counting—were PC's, Stars, Dragons and Six Meters; ABYC hosted five classes of smaller dinghies and Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club ran races for larger ones...Elliott Rosenthal reported that the Manning Regatta, for which he served as Regatta Chairman, featured five Staff Commodores on PATIENCE—Pat Bixby, Chris Ericksen, Steve Moffett, Jerry Montgomery and John Weiss; wonder who was charge...Commodore Alan Smith reported that he and Mary had slipped away for a ten-day bareboat charter in the British Virgin Islands; he was glad to say that nothing had changed there: it was "as beautiful and balmy as ever".

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

Sou'Wester DEADLINE
 April 18, 2008 is the deadline
 for the May Sou'Wester.

the bay clogger (junior sailing)

Brad Schaupeter photos

Summer Program Sign Up Now Available

The Alamos Bay Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program is proud to announce the 2008 Summer Sailing Classes for children ages 6 to 18. The program runs seven weeks from Monday, June 16th through Friday, August 1st. Hours are Monday through Friday 9am-12pm for morning novice classes and 1-4pm for afternoon racing classes.

This year offers the new Advanced Racing 420 class as well as a new family discount (\$25 discount for each additional child enrolled after the first). We also are looking forward to the best instructing staff ABYC has ever seen. Details on this year's exciting instructor line up and schedule of events will be released soon.

Sign up by June 1st to avoid a late penalty and assure space in the program. Members will have first priority prior to May 1st for program space while non-members who sign up early will be put in line to be first in once May 1st passes. After that date, it is first come - first serve.

Medical consent and code of conduct forms should also be turned in when submitting your application that can be found in this edition of the Sou'wester or online at www.fleetracing.net.

If you have a child or know of someone that has a young potential sailor in their family who would like to be part of the award-winning ABYC Junior Program, please pass the word around. Word of mouth is our greatest advertiser and with the new sabot racks, we are looking forward to fitting in new sailors and watching them fall in love with the sport for the first time this summer!

Spring Gold Cup and Sabot North Series Wraps Up

This past weekend, Spring Gold Cup and the final leg of the North Series wrapped up. It was a nuclear blow with sabot yard sales occurring all over Balboa Bay. It blew so hard that all three C fleets could not even race one race!

The remaining 6 sailors in A's and B's competed gallantly with remarkable performances by all in truly difficult breeze. Jack Jorgensen, Riley Gibbs, and Ginger Luckey all competed in at least three of the four North Series regattas and finished 5th, 12th and 14th overall respectively in the competitive series.

The real story of the weekend was the tremendous perseverance of B fleet sailor Elle Merrill. In the second race of the first day, after several sailors had already capsized or sailed in, only about 16 B fleet sailors of the original 24 remained. As Elle rounded the reach mark, she fought hard to keep her boat from pearling but lost it as a gust threw the boat forward and Elle flew out of the boat. She pulled it up and began bailing from in the water (with wind blowing over 20 knots)! Asked if she wanted assistance, she refused twice and continued to bail. Meanwhile, as she tiredly drew water from her boat, a massive puff came and capsized all but two of the remaining B fleet sailors. One by one, each of them were towed in and their race was over. Exhausted little Elle still continued to bail however



Elle Merrill - the lone sailor left on the course

and finally jumped back in her boat and began sailing once again. Far out of reach of where the fleet once was, she now found herself in third place!

She sailed the race as conservatively as possible ducking behind moored boats to bail for a minute here and a minute there. Taking her time, the story of "The Tortoise and the Hair" came alive before our very eyes as she slowly worked her way to the finish line claiming a greater prize than could have possibly been expected when she originally denied assistance. She never knew what happened to the rest of the fleet and the reward for finishing anyway was a third place in the race and a fourth place trophy overall in the entire regatta! It was truly inspirational and made this coach extremely proud.

Brad Schaupeter, ABYC Junior Director



Riley Gibbs tries to prove a sabot can plane



On his way to a 3rd place finish, Jack Jorgensen works his boat through the waves

membership report

Mike Baumann photos

On the membership front for March we gained an additional 4 members, however after a couple of resignations the grand total gain for March is a positive 2 members. That may not seem like very much but compared with previous years, we are definitely moving in the right direction. Keep those new members coming.



New Member Stephanie Godfrey, Membership Chair Ken Reiff

In previous columns I've spoken about the importance of making the membership process both seamless and easy to navigate; that's my job. Keeping everyone as a member once they've been approved; well that's YOUR JOB. It involves introducing yourself to members that you may not know, taking time to ask a member (especially a new one) if they need any assistance with the cranes or moving their boat around the yard, even buying someone a cold beer on a warm afternoon. We're all doing a great job getting those new members through the front door; I don't want to lose anyone out the back. Luckily with the members' of ABYC, I know that this is not a problem.

I'd like to also make note of two of our newest members; Mary Saleff and Stephanie Godfrey. Unlike many of our members Mary and Stephanie come to ABYC without a long laundry list of sailing accomplishments however, what they both possess are strong desires to sail, race, volunteer and get involved in the ABYC sailing community. Keep these two new members in mind if you're looking for able-bodied crew and helping on race committee. I'm sure you'll be glad you asked them to join you.

Thanks for all your help and support. See you down by the water.

Ken Reiff, Membership Chair



New Member Mary Saleff, Membership Chair Ken Reiff



Sponsor Dave Crockett, New Members Mike and Liza Van Dyke



Sponsor Kevin Taugher with New Member Hubert Guy (not shown is wife Isabelle), Commodore Glenn Selvin

member news

Very very sad news. Long time member Betty Mills has passed away, and will most certainly be missed by the ABYC community. Betty is most recently known as one of our three registration ladies, and was always a very involved member of Alamos Bay Yacht Club. She will be missed, and our thoughts are with her family.

Glenn Selvin

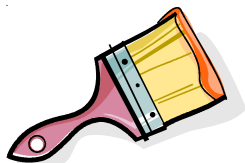
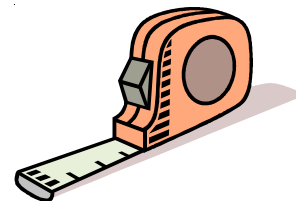
spring spruce up



Saturday April 26th

It's that time of year again. Another chance for you to lend a hand in getting the club spiffed up for Opening Day. We have several bite-sized projects that will make a real difference. Some will take more time than others so, even if you can only give a few hours, please come down and help out. If you can't make it, the traditional contribution to the costs is \$35 and would be most appreciated. Here's a partial project list.

- ◆ Resurface the boat ramp. We're peeling off the old plywood and replacing it with a new more durable and slip resistant finish. – Job Boss – Jim Loeffler
- ◆ Repaint the orange safety lines around the hoists and red tie-up rails on the docs – Job Boss - Open
- ◆ Repairing the stainless safety ropes around the hoists. – Job Boss – Open
- ◆ Sand and repaint the white bench outside the Quarterdeck. Repainting the grey wall beneath the bench. – Job Boss – Open.
- ◆ Refinishing the belaying pins and pin board on the flag pole, polishing the brass plates on the Commodore Memorial Wall – Job Boss – Bob Bishop
- ◆ Clean out the members' tool room. Careful inspection indicates that about half of the stuff in the shop has been unused and untouched for decades. This purge is step one in rebuilding the tool room into something that will be a useful resource for the members. – Job Boss – Merle Asper
- ◆ Polish the perpetual trophies – Job Boss – Carol Kofhal
- ◆ Whaler clean up – Various minor repairs to our heavily used committee boat fleet – Job Boss – Dan DeLave.
- ◆ Replanting and refreshing the landscaping – Job Boss – Terry Bishop
 - ◆ Cleaning out the container and reorganizing the social supplies and decorations – Job Boss – Sue McDannel



Flip me an email at jbateaux@gmail.com if you would like to sign up as a Job Boss or crew for any of the above projects. You can always just show up Saturday as well. We'll make sure we have all the tools and supplies you'll need to make this a productive and enjoyable day at the club. We'll have lunch and refreshments for all our volunteers.

Cheers,
Jim Bateman, Jr. S/C

unsung heroes

Craig Yandow photo

Clif Mathias

Recognize this face? Oh...only if you have ever come to the Yacht Club on a regatta weekend! The friendly face greeting you at the gate to escort you through the parking procedure for the weekend's event is Cliff Mathias.

It is a job that he loves to do but that makes it no less important. He has been at that post most of the time in the past few years. With a cheerful demeanor and a gentle nudge he is able to cajole many people through the gates with the knowledge of the next step for them. That may be that trailers are parked behind the gate or pushed over to the parking lot across the street, but with a wave of his hand he pulls out the colored pass allowing you to park your car legally in metered spaces for this event.

Thank you Clif and keep up the good work!
Dan DeLave



Ed Spotsky

Just in case you don't already know, Ed Spotsky has been slowly and surely updating all of the lighting at ABYC. Ed owns a lighting company and believe it or not, this is what he loves to do. I am not going to be able to give you all of his accomplishments, but here are some examples: last summer he made the outside lighting better around the galley, white tables and barbeque, he helped replace the new lights going in at the gate after some joker ran them over, he put in lights into the new display cabinets for the Boatique, and he has helped or replaced many of the fixtures and bulbs that are obsolete around the Club. He has donated his time and his materials selflessly because he loves our Club and wants it to thrive and prosper.

His next project is to update the lighting in the trophy cabinets. Let's all thank him when we see him. Thanks Ed!
Merle

andy gramm trophy

Robin Townsend, Sandy Toscan and Mark Townsend went to the American Legion Yacht Club in Newport Harbor to receive the Andy Gramm Trophy for services to Olympic Yachting, on behalf of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's (ABYC) Olympic Classes Regatta (OCR) Race Management Team.

Mark Hansen, the Commodore of the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA), presented the trophy. Prior to awarding the trophy he listed some of the involvement ABYC has had with Olympic Yachting, as well as some of the Olympic class regattas in which Sandy Toscan and Mark Townsend have been involved. One of ABYC's earliest involvements was at the Los Angeles Olympic Games when an ABYC member, won gold. That was of course the 1932 games. Sandy, Robin and Mark would like to note that none of them were present!

A regatta for Olympic classes was the idea of Chuck Kober a keen Dragon sailor and soon to be ABYC Commodore and President of US Sailing. The first OCR was run from the brand new Alamitos Bay Marina basin five in 1961. The clubhouse was yet to be built but the hoist and the docks were in place, so it was time to go sailing. Since that time the regatta has been run from basin five on all but two occasions, in 1983 and 1984 the regatta was moved to another brand new facility, the downtown Long Beach Olympic Yachting Village as part of the preparation for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

In addition to the annual OCR event ABYC has run since 1961, we have also organized many regattas for individual Olympic Classes stretching over more than forty years.

- 1964 US Olympic Trials, Dragon
- 1974 Finn Gold Cup
- 1974 Finn U.S. National Championships
- 1974 Laser U.S. National Championships
- 1975 470 U.S. National Championships
- 1975 Laser U.S. National Championships
- 1977 Tornado World Championships
- 1981-3 Pre Olympic Regattas
- 1984 Olympic Games, Tornado and Flying Dutchman
- 1984 US Olympic Trials, Star and Soling
- 1984 470 U.S. National Championships
- 1986 Finn U.S. National Championships
- 1988 Hosted US Sailing Team for final training prior to Seoul Olympic Games
- 1991 US Olympic Festival, Sailing Venue
- 1991 Tornado Catamaran U.S. National Championships
- 1992 Hosted US Sailing Team for final training prior to Barcelona Olympic Games
- 1992 Canadian Olympic Trials, 470
- 1993 Tornado Catamaran World Championships
- 1996 Canadian Olympic Trials, Star, Finn and Europe
- 1996 Laser Midwinter's West, Olympic Trials Qualifier
- 1996 Laser Midwinter's West
- 1997 Laser Midwinter's West
- 2000 West Coast Laser Olympic Qualifier
- 2000 Canadian Olympic Trials, Star, Finn and Europe
- 2000 Laser Trials West Coast Qualifier
- 2006 Olympic Pre-Trials 470 Men, 470 Women,
- 2006 PanAm Games Trials RS:X Board Men, TS:X Board Women
- 2007 Olympic Trials 470 Men, 470 Women, RS:X Board Men, TS:X Board Women



Mark Townsend and Sandy Toscan with SCYA Commodore Mark Hansen

Hard copy, digital or both? That is the question. If you would like to have your name removed from the Sou'wester snail mail list, please contact Lisa in the ABYC office (562 434-9955) and she will remove your name. What do you want to bet that you'll still receive your monthly bill???

model display

Three models, all depicting small boats with strong histories at ABYC—and close ties to the model maker—were put on display in the lobby of the Clubhouse in mid-March. Built by Staff Commodore Sherwood Jones (1984), who passed away in 2006 and whose wife, Marietta, donated them to the yacht club, the models depict a Snipe, a Naples Sabot and a Penguin—all three of which were owned by “Jonesy” and Marietta.

The Snipe, built to a one-inch-to-one-foot scale, is of a Phoenix Snipe built by Staff Commodore Ron Fox. It is authentic even to the shape of the daggerboard, which is not the current style but was at the time the boat was built. Details include sails with official Snipe class insignia and numbers, all sheets and other control lines and a moveable rudder with tiller and extension.



The Naples Sabot and Penguin, built to a three-quarter-inch-to-one-foot scale, are even more detailed: the Sabot features a paddle stowed under the leeboard fitting, a bailer and even an ABYC Bay course chart while the Penguin—complete with hull number cut into the keelson in accordance with class rules—is displayed with flotation cushions.

All three models are shown fully rigged with boards and rudders installed. They are mounted on display rods and stand above their bases. Of particular interest are the ABYC old-style Sabot dolly, built to scale and lying on the base, and the scale-model sand dolly of the style used at the old Clubhouse that lies on the base below the Penguin.

The models are mounted on a carbon fiber-skinned tabletop and protected by transparent plastic cases. Ron Wood, with the assistance of former ABYC member Vahan Skenderian, built cherrywood mounting bases, the table top and arranged for the building of the plastic cases. The carbon-fiber skin, figuratively connecting the latest technology in boatbuilding to the older style of boatbuilding displayed in the models, was applied at Dencho Marine through the efforts of San Gibbs.

The completed display is installed on the ground floor level of the Clubhouse adjacent to the base of the stairway. All costs for the installation were borne by the ABYC Order of Staff Commodores.

Chris Ericksen



manning regatta 2008

Craig Yandow photo

Wow! There sure are a lot of juniors coming out for this one! The Manning regatta is the last race in the Shadden Series. There were 31 CFJs from all over, on the line. We also had a Laser full rig fleet, with 11 entrants, and a Portsmouth fleet made up of 3 Radials, 3 Finns and 3 C-15s. In the past we have seen many more Lasers and Laser Radials than this year, somewhat due to the Olympic Trials events run last year. This is an SCYA event for non-keel boats under 20 feet.

The catamaran fleet was the duty fleet and showed up in good numbers to volunteer. John Williams, the regatta chairman, had several club members comment on how many multihull sailors were there. This is the first time in many years that the multihull fleet has been duty fleet for this regatta. Back in history a bit we were charged with this regatta when it was realized that we are qualified to sail in it. A decision was made to give duty to a keelboat fleet since they were



not invited by the NOR. We like to have it back for two reasons. One was that with all the CFJs and Lasers on the water we had a hard time negotiating the course. Two was that the event we were relegated to was the Labor Day Regatta, which always conflicted with us training or attending National or World events either on the other coast or across the oceans.

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The weather was a bit finicky on Saturday. We were scheduled to run 4 races for the CFJs and 3 for the other classes. While progressively shutting down, in the third race, the wind was very hard to find by the end of it. Jerry decided that because of the importance of this event for the CFJs and the fact that there was nothing else he needed to send them in for, after all they were here to race, he wanted them standing by just in case the wind started as suddenly as it stopped. Jerry Montgomery did send the other fleets in after three races. The rest of the boats were towed back to the starting line from the shortened leeward mark finish with a couple of grumbles from sailors. Turns out that Jerry was right! Within 15 minutes or so there was some breeze filling in from the left a bit. Weather, leeward and starting marks were quickly lined up and we were in sequence. It turned out to be a very nice two lap race before sending the sailors in for well deserved showers on an unusually chilly day.

Sunday brought a very challenging day for the race committee as the wind was shifting close to 70 degrees in some cases. Jerry made a tough decision to abandon one of the races while boats were already approaching the weather mark due to a very big shift right after all the races were started. Nobody was complaining as they were rounded up and sent back to the starting line.

Winning the regatta in the largest fleet, CFJs, were Chris Segerblom and Kayla McComb who were also able to wrap up the Shadden Series with a win.

Dan DeLave

*Rich Roberts photos
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It's all in the family at the Manning Regatta

The future of sailing seems secure here, considering how deep the roots of family trees were in the Southern California Yachting Association's annual E.E. Manning Regatta for little boats hosted by the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Saturday and Sunday.

The event, dating to 1935 and limited to boats 20 feet or less in length, is billed as the SCYA interclub dinghy championship.

Chris Segerblom, 15, the son of Mike Segerblom, director of the U.S. Sailing Center in Long Beach, sailed with Kayla McComb, 16, as crew to win the 30-boat CFJ dinghy class and clinch the championship of the Shadden Series. McComb is the daughter of Chris Raab, an accomplished Finn and Laser sailor from ABYC.

Mark Gaudio, 50, nine times the Senior class champion, won the Naples Sabots, but the runnerup among 18 boats was Riley Gibbs, 11, who beat Gaudio in one of the six races. He is the son of a world-class ocean racing sailor, Stan Gibbs, whose other son, Sawyer, 9, was second in the Sabot C class for less experienced boys and girls.

Gaudio's son Rory, 9, sailed with the C group.

Also, among the youngsters there was a Bell, a Golison, a Flam and three Merrills, all representing the third or fourth generations of well-known

sailing families whose kids have taken to the sport like ducks to H2O.

"They jumped into it," Gaudio said. "They love it."

This is the only major Sabot event each year in which adults race against kids.

"I like it," Riley Gibbs said. "It's good competition."

Gaudio said, "I like being out with the kids. If they beat me and I coached them, that's great. They're the products of this junior program."

ABYC recently was awarded the Pacific Coast Yachting



CFJs form a chorus line for a clean start

Association's Garrett Horder Memorial Trophy for a high level of achievement in its youth program in 2007.

Pat Toole of Santa Barbara YC was first among 10 Lasers, edging Jim Kirk of ABYC by 2.5 points.

The CFJs, 10 Lasers and a seven-boat total of Coronado 15s, Finns and Laser Radials competed in a Portsmouth handicap class on the Long Beach outer harbor inside the breakwater. The Sabots sailed inside on Alamitos Bay. Southerly winds were light Saturday but built from 8 to 12 knots with gusts to 15 through a sunny Sunday afternoon.



Mark Gaudio showed the kids and grown-ups how to sail a Naples Sabot



Kids and grown-ups raced head-on in the E.E. Manning Regatta

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The Shadden Series includes CFJ competition at Alamitos Bay, Cabrillo Beach, Newport Harbor and San Diego yacht clubs, although the latter wasn't contested this year because of a lack of wind. The series is named for John Shadden, a local Olympic bronze medalist in 1988.

Segerblom and McComb, who won two of seven races and dead-heated a third, were tied with Jake LaDow and crew Kevin Snow of San Diego coming into this final event, but LaDow sailed last week's San Diego to Nuevo Vallarta race with his father and grandfather on Dennis Conner's entry and was unable to get back in time.



Kick back and enjoy it is the way to go

Segerblom and McComb already had qualified for the European Club 420 championship in Croatia in August, after the versatile Segerblom joins skipper Judge Ryan in the Youth Multihull Worlds in Denmark in July.

Rich Roberts



Chris Barnard and crew Sydney Bolger lead Chris Segerblom and crew Kayla

That left Segerblom and McComb to fight off Oliver Toole and crew Travis Benton of Santa Barbara and Ben Spector and crew Holland Wagener of California YC by 10.5 and 11.5 points, respectively.

"We had a good regatta," Segerblom said. "We liked it when the wind came up, but we were hiking hard, and hiking on an FJ is kind of uncomfortable."



Chris Segerblom, 15, and crew Kayla McComb, 16, won the CFJs to clinch the Shadden Series

chopped cheek regatta 2008

Charly Devenneaux photo

We only had 8 Cal-20s, 4 Lidos and 2 Sabots competing this year. The Lasers decided to go out and do some practicing, as there were not enough to make it an interesting enough regatta. There were a couple of things that contributed to the rather poor turnout. One was the weather. I believe the Etchells Fleet could not make a commitment to the day, as the weather reports were dismal, with impending rain and big winds. The Junior Sabots were in Newport Beach for a North Series Regatta so that thinned our numbers further. Last year we had 25 boats for the event including the inside and the outside courses. Still not big but this is known for being an "in club" regatta.



Well, the weather report was wrong on the rain but right about the wind. We had the first start outside at noon in 12 to 14 mile per hour winds. The course was not long as we needed to see what the day held in store. With an all clear and a two-lap course Jennifer Kuritz was able to take the horn for the first race. Upping the ante a bit, by lengthening the course and adding a lap, one boat was over early and made a quick turn-around to clear. These conditions seemed to favor Don Zinn with a healthy lead coming downwind for the last time...or not. As he came down toward the finish the horn went off but the race committee noticed he was on the wrong side of the mark as he rounded thinking there was one lap to go. Jennifer came in for a finish and got the true horn while Don, hard on the weather, figured it out and came back to finish second. The third race was blowing a bit, about 22 to 24, so the race course was back down to two laps but a couple of breakdowns had three boats retiring early. It was quite a test of sailing prowess as five boats were able to sail all three races. This left Don Zinn with Rich Richards winning with a 2,2,1, John Merchant with Rob Fuller 4,3,2 in second and Jennifer and Steve Kuritz with John Ellis 1,1,9, DNC to finish third.

On the inside courses Mike Baumann decided he did not need all the help and sent some of his race committee, Kevin Baumann and Sam Rusaw, to the racecourse to win in the Lido 14s.

Dan DeLave

manning a junior perspective

Manning Series 2008 for me was fun! It was my first Manning Series and being a "B" junior sabot sailor, I was excited to have the chance to sail with more experienced sailors. The sabots are split into two classes at this two-day regatta. I sailed in the Naples Sabot Fleet, which was the seniors, and junior A's and B's. The other class was the "C" Fleet. My overall placing was 4th place. I was happy to finish up with such top "A" sailors as Riley Gibbs, 2nd place, and Korbin Kirk, 3rd.

For the first race I thought I did very well finishing 4th, but in the second race it was really cool because I did even better. I was battling with Mr. Mark Gaudio who not only is a senior champion, but is sometimes our coach for many clinics. We battled for first place, but in the end I took second place.

In the third race I took a 4th again but more excitement came for me in the fourth race battling again with Mr. Gaudio, Hailey Kirk, and Riley Gibbs. I ended up with a 3rd. The fifth race was o.k. coming across in 6th, but in the sixth race I was over the line early and that put me in last of eighteen boats but I did some very hard sailing pulling myself up to 11th which was my worst finish and throw-out. So, I did sail very well for my first Manning Series Regatta.

Steven Hopkins



Senior Sabot Sailing Lessons!

Come and join the fun of the Sr. Sabot Fleet...we have monthly races and dinners plus sail Twilights every Thursday night all summer long.

What you need: **fun** attitude and access to a Sabot

When: Saturday, **April 12** and **May 10** @ 1:30 to 3:30

Where: ABYC Quarter Deck

Cost: \$30 per person

Instructor: **Mark Ryan**. Mark has many years of experience sailing Sabots and Lidos and is a junior instructor at ABYC and Leeway Sailing Center. Mark will coach you through the basics of rigging and sailing and hopes to be able to coach you through some "B" fleet races during Thursday night Twilights this summer.

Questions? Call Jennifer Kuritz (562) 433-3310 or email Kuritz@earthlink.net

hails from the fleets



Weather seems to be a re-occurring problem for the Senior Sabot Fleet Races.

We were rained-out for our February Fleet race and gale force winds interrupted our plans for the race in March! However, five hardy fleet members braved sailing with the juniors in the EE Manning Series March 1 and 2.

Weather was looking like it was going to be a problem on the morning of the Manning, but the skies cleared and we had beautiful sailing weather in the bay. There were 18 A sailors (include the six seniors) and twenty-three C fleet sailors. For the first time, the C fleet was given a separate start for Manning and I think we all agreed it was a great decision. Marc Schyer was a great PRO and ran courses that separated the A and C fleets. Marc said he was experimenting with courses and mark placement for the next time ABYC hosts the junior nationals. I think the courses worked really well, but let Marc know if you have any feedback.

Sailing with the juniors is really fun, but there is a bit of a difference in weight. All the Seniors were getting great starts and would do reasonably well to the first weather mark only to be over-taken on the reaching and down-wind legs. Apart from Mark Gaudio (who won the regatta) and Mary Riddick (who placed in the top ten), all the seniors finished together toward the back of the fleet! Jeff Merrill and I had a "senior moment" during Race 2 which didn't help our standings. It was a multi-lap windward leeward course and we both got confused and sailed an extra loop. Opps, I guess we needed the extra practice.

In March, we did have a fleet meeting and dinner. Don Wilson brought photo albums of several years of fleet events and is asking for photo from 2006 and 2007 to help fill in the albums. Please let him know if you have photos to share. Bob Ware volunteered to be the "wine guy" for the rest of the year. I also want to thank the volunteers who came out for our February and March events that were cancelled: John McNaughton, Barbara Gabriel, Jinx Ellis and Steve Kuritz.

Senior Sailing Lessons will begin soon. Mark Ryan, our fleet member, has agreed to be the instructor/coach, so please look for a flyer insert in this Sou'Wester. This is a great opportunity to get expert coaching in Sabots. Mark has a lot of experience developing junior sailors and many years of racing experience.

Our next fleet race is April 20, so with the beautiful spring weather keep your fingers crossed for a good sailing day.

Jennifer Kuritz

KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



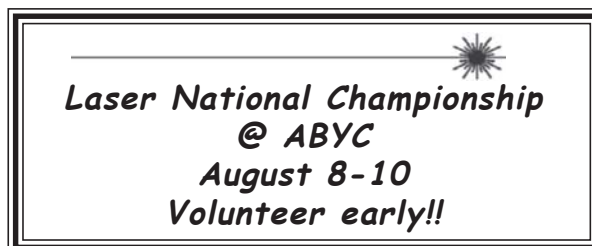
The Keel Boat meetings are always great, good friends, a pot luck dinner and interesting news of upcoming events. The March 14 meeting was no exception. Vern Peterson had all the details of the upcoming Shoreline Yacht Club cruise, Friday April 25. Whether you come by boat or car, please let Vern know so that he can arrange a slip for your boat and also get a count for the dinner. Regardless of how you come, the dock cocktail party starts at 1630 hrs. The cocktail party is at Bobbie and Don Hodges' 'Dixie Cat' not on Bard Heaven's 'Penguin Crossing' as I fouled up and had the wrong date in last month's, March Sou'Wester. I erroneously reported that the Cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club was Saturday, April 26 when in fact it is Friday April 25 and Bard had made another commitment for that Friday. Needless to say Bobbie and Don are our couple of the month, not only for providing their boat at the last minute, but also for the support over the years in every activity the Keel Boat Fleet has. Please bring your libation and a light hors d'oeuvres that will not wreck their carpet if a spill happens. Vern will try to get 'Dixie Cat' as close as possible to the front of Shoreline Yacht Club. Dinner at the club will follow the cocktail party.

The March Keel Boat meeting concluded with a presentation on the Long Beach Aquarium of The Pacific including colorful slides. Terry Tibor, longtime volunteer, as our members John and Sue Brennan, told not only of the various tanks and displays but also based the majority of his presentation on what goes on behind the displays. Maggie and I are, as I am sure a number of Keel Boat members also are, charter members of the aquarium, so the presentation by Terry was doubly interesting. Great pictures and lots of information by Terry, especially the educational work with school students, certainly justify the pride that Long Beach has in the Aquarium of the Pacific. Thanks Sue and John for bringing us a wonderful evening.

May 9 is our next Keel Boat fleet meeting. The speaker will be Chris Ericksen and his subject will be ABYC's history. This should be a lot of fun for everyone. Don't miss it. Bob Chubb and Jeannie Reid will talk about their ever-popular Pineblock Model Boat Regatta June 14. We will again have our potluck dinner, please bring an entrée, salad or desert for eight. This will be the last meeting until fall as there is no meeting in July.

Mark your calendars for April 25, May 9 and June 14.

George C.



hails from the fleets

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A big congrats goes to Kevin Baumann and Sam Rusaw (ABYC Juniors) for taking the Lido Fleet to school at the Chapped Cheek Regatta. Kevin and Sam easily handled the three other Lido teams during two windy races to take first place. John and Doris Hauck were second followed by Bruce Wasson with Mark Ryan crewing and Bob Best with Nathan as crew.

Several Fleet 6 members tried their luck in Newport at the annual W.D. Schock Memorial Regatta the weekend of March 1st. Held in the turning basin in front of NHYC, Stu Robertson with Paul Antil finished second, with Fred and Freddie Stevens a close third. Unfortunately, Jim Drury had some boat problems and had to withdraw early, while Mark and Sarah Ryan spent some after race time in the protest room. Mark and Sarah finished 10th overall. Sunday's conditions were vastly different from Saturday's, the Santa Anas kicked in resulting in broken shrouds and more than one dismasting!

By the time you read this, the Fleet 6 Championship Regatta is only days away. April 19th is the BIG DAY. If you have not paid your dues, Tracy Conn will be on hand to collect your \$45.00 for the 2008 dues, how convenient is that! We should have a good turnout of A's and B's, come join the fun.

April also brings in the start of the Lido Twilights, can you believe summer is almost here! Our first race is Wednesday April 30, the first start is 6:30 pm. Come on down and enjoy the club, the bay, the weather and the friendships. These are low-key races with the emphasis on having fun. We had sixty races last summer without a single protest!!

Mark Ryan, Fleet Secretary



E.E. Manning Regatta

E The first qualifying event of the 2008 ABYC **Laser** Fleet Championship was contested by ten **Lasers** hailing from San Diego to Santa Barbara. All in all, a nice endorsement of the quality sailboat racing and race management offered by ABYC.

Day one offered challenging, light wind conditions. The fickle zephyrs even forced race management -rare for ABYC- to shorten course in race three. This truncated race reinforced in your author's mind to never give up as I, having fallen to last place at the penultimate mark, split with the fleet in the dying breeze. This move placed me in clear air and angled to fetch the finish line now at the original windward mark and a second place finish.

Brian Cottrell from King Harbor YC owned the day with two bullets and a 6th followed by ABYC's **Jim Kirk**, Pat Toole from Santa Barbara SC, Dave Leuck from Mission Bay YC and your author.

Final standings on day two were scrambled as throw-outs and results of the last three races had Pat Toole finishing the regatta first, followed by ABYC's **Cameron Summers** moving up nicely to finish second and **Jim Kirk** finishing third.

ABYC Laser Fleet Volunteers Needed

Summer 2008 will place extra demands on our fleet members and friends, as ABYC and the **Laser** Fleet hosts the Memorial Day Holiday Regatta May 24-25 and the U.S. **Laser** National Championship Regatta August 7-10.

We appreciate your help and support for both these terrific events! Please contact **Jorge Suarez** or **Steve Smith** to volunteer your services for Memorial Day. Contact **Chuck Tripp**, **Vann Wilson** or **Steve Smith** to offer services for the Nationals...Many Thanks to All!

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain

stag cruise

A cruise of the stags, by the stags and for the stags

An inspirational message from the Junior Staff Commodore

Last year it was the snotty little Olympic athletes, invading our club, stealing our friends and using our committee boat as a....oh I can't stand it, a committee boat. Then came all the couples, all kissy and huggy, taking over Emerald Cove for their "mellow cruise". We can't take this sitting down. We need to stand up reclaim our inalienable right to our annual stag cruise.

Be a man, be an American Man, be a Salty Sailing American Man. **BE A STAG** ! Tell your wife to take out the garbage, walk the cat, feed the kids and clean the house. She can even go visit her mother. But you, you're going sailing. You're going sailing to the Stag Cruise! Just tell her "Sorry Babe, I'm booked for the weekend. I've got manly business - Stag business." She'll understand and probably respect you for finally showing a little spine.

Don't wimp out. Pull out your indelible pen and put it on the calendar right now. Friday October 3rd through Sunday October 5th. No excuses. You've been warned. Be there or spend the rest of your life regretting your pitiful lack of courage. Let's make this the best Stag Cruise ever. A cruise of the Stags, by the Stags and for the Stags.

Love, peace and happiness, JB, Jr.S/C

P.S. It's our last chance for a blow out before Merle becomes commodore and probably makes us all wear dresses.



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A big shout out to all my "peeps" who volunteered their time and assistance. One member commented "super event! My mom thought it was the best she had ever seen it." I believe that the core value of any club is its people and that the success of the club is derived from the dynamics of its members. Thank you all for making the ABYC Easter Brunch such a successful event! Look for pictures to be posted on the website soon.

Lori VanSkyhock



Beautiful centerpieces with pastel chalked calla lilies

Ronda Nuzum photo



The Easter Bunny has his lap full of Landes/Pearson grandkids...Shelby and Axel Stordahl on the ends (Landes) Zac and Gavin Nuzum in the middle (Pearson)



Adorable egg decorations on the serving table

Mother's Day Brunch ~ Sunday, May 11

10:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

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**\*AFTER May 4:** \$26 ~ Adults    \$13 ~ Kids under 10)

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