



## cal 20 class

### champs

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The Cal 20's came back to the home of Cal 20 Fleet One to contest the 47th Cal 20 Class Championship at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club over four days in July. The Championship was really three events: the JuniorClass Championship on Thursday, July 10; the Elimination Series on Friday, July 11; and the Championship and Consolation series on Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13.

Four teams of ABYC juniors sailed for the Paul C. Merrill (Senior) Trophy, awarded to the winner. There was a distinctly family flavor to three of the teams: Elle Merrill sailed with brother Jon, father Jeff and grandfather Chas; Steve Flam and his daughter Lilly crewed for skipper Ginger Luckey; and Riley Gibbs helmed the family Cal 20 with brother Sawyer, father Stan and family friend Whit Batchlor. The fourth team, however, was an all-kid affair: skipper Kevin Baumann sailed with crew Johnny Blumberg, Kevin Leddy and Jacob Rosenberg in SPAR WARS, loaned for the event by David and Carol Kofahl.

The first race, a dash, was won by the Merrill clan handily; however, after being OCS in Race Two, they finished in third place. Riley Gibbs had finished third in Race One but took Race Two while the Luckey/Flam team carded two second-place finishes. So a three-way tie applied at the start of the third and final race.

It was Riley Gibbs who came out on top: they led the last race wire-to-wire. The rest of the slate finished in the same order as in Race Two and the results were the same: Ginger Luckey was second and Elle Merrill third. The team in SPAR WARS was last in all four races, but they had as much fun—or maybe more—as any of the others out there.

With the Juniors done, it was time to the adults to line up. The entrants were seeded into four color-coded divisions and sailed a three-race, round-robin Elimination Series on Friday. Sailed in lightish conditions, the results decided who would advance to the Championship Series; there were 23 that did, led by the four division winners: Mark Golison and Steve Flam in the Yellow division, Jib Kelly with Mike Burch in the Blue division, Mark Gaudio in the Red division and ABYC's Freddie Stevens in Green. The rest of the entrants—ten in all, including some who did not sail Friday—were moved into the Consolation Series.

And so the Championship began. The Championship Series included no fewer than six past Class Champi-



*Chris Raab (28) claims the pin end at the start of the last race, to leeward of Mark Golison (11)*



*Elle Merrill, 13, drives as grandpa Chas rides the boom and dad, Jeff Merrill, and brother Jon crew*

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# commodore's comments



Sunny skies, peaceful days out on the water racing with friends, mid-week evening sailing... ABYC is in full swing during what has been a very enjoyable summer sailing season. July has gone well, with a full facility rental for a wedding and a banquet, the Cal 20 Class Championships, then the annual lifeguards dinner. All of this has made for a great month revenue wise. Yet on the other hand, the small crane needed its cable replaced, the refrigerator unit in the galley went on the fritz and needed major repairs, and the ladder leading up to the large hoist needed rebuilding and refastening as well. So while we're having a good, profitable summer, we're having the repairs to this ol' gal as well.

Part of our challenge has been with our aging fleet of boats, barges, and whalers. We've been doing some motor work, and we've just bought another 17' whaler to supplement our fleet, as well as to replace a 13' whaler that we finally retired. We have a 17' whaler also ready to be retired, still leaving us a boat short. If you know of any whalers that are for sale that might fit our needs, please, call Jeff Merrill, our Fleet Captain, so that he can investigate.

Yet as I look ahead at the summer schedule, we're as busy as ever... busy as a one legged man in a butt kicking contest, to quote Colonel Potter. Laser Nationals are coming up, followed by the Mercury Championships, and then Labor Day and OCR. In addition, in September we'll be holding our Annual Meeting and Elections, so please plan on attending that very special meeting where your new Board is seated.

So lots going on. Yes, Kelly, someday, we'll have a slow period! Come down and enjoy the yacht club and all that our little community has to offer. Friday night happy hours are always a relaxing time to do a little thumb boat sailing at the ramp before coming up to enjoy a beverage with some friends.

See you down at the club. In fact, I'll buy a Gatorade for the first person that can accurately tell me who Colonel Potter was!

*Glenn*

# vice commodore's view



August is a great month to really enjoy summer! In many European countries, August is the holiday month for most workers. Take the rest of the month off. You deserve it! If you need someone to sign something, I will! ☺

## **Cal 20 Nationals:**

I had a great time. Doug McLean, Steve Kuritz and Crew did a fine job of making this a world class event. If you have not already done it, you should go to the ABYC website and go through Rich Roberts's fabulous press releases. The pictures and the text go a long way to describe the action and adventure! Something that was very evident; there was plenty of wind.

It truly was a world class event. I can't say enough about how well it was put together. Nice Job guys (and Gals)!

## **House and Grounds:**

Constant maintenance makes everything stay together. Kelly and crew work hard to keep the cracks filled! Thanks Boys! Projects are underway that will surprise and amaze everyone!

## **Yard Czar Committee:**

Unused boats in the yard are always a problem. Another problem is poachers. They sneak in and freeloader off of all of us. If you see someone that is poaching, will you please tell them to take their boat another place? If you know who they are, let me know and I will send them on their way. We can't catch everyone, but if we are all on the lookout maybe it will be less of an ongoing issue.

Remember this: If a trailer does not have a tag on it, you can pretty much count on it being in the yard illegally.

## **Laser nationals:**

I am telling the future, because by the time you read this Laser Nationals will have passed! I am sure it was a big one! Steve Smith, Chuck Tripp, Vann Wilson, and Mark Townsend are made it great. I was the board liaison and I had a lot of fun. I hope you enjoyed it as well!

## **Finally:**

Thanks to all of you effort we are doing great! Keep it up.

See you around the Club.

Go ABYC!

*Merle*

# fleet captain's log



**W**e have a new whaler!

Thanks to the keen eye of staff commodore Jerry Thompson, and his skillful, most persuasive negotiating skills (have you ever let him cross you on port tack? Me too!) we have acquired a Boston Whaler 17' Montauk that is in great shape with a nice trailer and is a much needed addition to our fleet. The outboard is being given a quick doctor check up, but by the time you read this we should already have this boat in operation. Thank you Jerry! And a special thanks also to Rear Commodore John Massey for helping to coordinate this purchase.

Patience has an oil leak, nothing too severe, but we are going to try to nurse her through the fall schedule until we can get a reprieve to get her to the boat hospital. If you are operating her, please

be gentle.

Our surge towards online registration is nearly complete thanks to Chris Ericksen, Jon Robinson and Steve Smith. Even if you are not a computer/email person I believe you will grow into this efficient and logical reality and I predict that by this time next year with every event organized via online registration we will wonder how we ever did without this wonderful tool. It may be a bit like that first phone answering machine, or like programming a VCR, but we are going to make this as simple as possible and it will help us do a much better job of planning and coordinating all aspects of our race management.

With September around the corner we relax a bit and try to squeeze a few more days of summer into our lives...and get ready for a very active fall line up of regattas. The Halloween regatta will be our beta test event for the new club online registration and we will also be using this for the first time at Turkey Day.

I've been told that we are "missing" a few sabot dollies – if you have borrowed one for personal use or have seen one "off campus" please help our beloved shuttles find their way back home. Speaking of sabots, our rack freeze is over, we have done our best to accommodate everyone and our "left over's" have been auctioned off with the proceeds going to the Junior Program.

The Catalina Cruise is going to be terrific, the concept of making it more of a family event by encouraging children to come and having events planned for them has added a new level of enthusiasm to this annual pilgrimage.

Eric and Stacy Conn have the Mercury Nationals ready to go, come down to the club and help out (August 22 – 24) if you have some time. Volunteers are always necessary to help ABYC run regattas and help host events – please let me know if you would like to get more involved, thanks!

See you on the waterfront!

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## Sou'Wester DEADLINE

August 22, 2008 is the deadline for the September Sou'Wester.

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*Write this month's article with my tongue planted firmly in my cheek.*

*With all the positive events that happen on a weekly basis here at ABYC, I thought it important to mention a few of the behind the scenes challenges that the staff and I face on a daily basis.*

Well, I didn't think it possible, but I actually think we are busier this year at the club than in 2007. I just did a quick review of the 2008 calendar, and with very few exceptions there has been an event of some type virtually every week thus far.

Regatta's, clinic's, fleet races, club parties, social events and non member events have filled the club with the energy of an amusement park, and with that, comes an enormous amount of wear and tear on the club.

It's not uncommon for us to call our waste management company for an additional trash pick-up a couple of times a month. Hose's & nozzles are either broken, missing or in constant need of repair in the yard.

Our two cranes' are now on a monthly service schedule (normally every 90 days) due to the increased amount of usage they are receiving. The patio lawn is tired, and is showing signs of too many sails being laid out to dry under the hot afternoon sun. Just last week, the main refrigerator in the Galley completely shut down, just about the time our lights went out in the main office.

As I write this article, the Marine Maintenance Department is rebuilding the dock next to the ramp. The ramp of course is in need of much repair as well.

Then of course there are the committee boats, or as they are often called, the "Rental Cars Fleet" They are as important as any component of operation here at the club. As with any boat that is used with the frequency of our boats, they need constant repair & attention. Often, one or more of our boats will be in the shop for repair or scheduled maintenance, while Rick & Adam have one in the East Yard getting a new coat of bottom paint, or just a good cleaning.

Before we know it, summer will be over, fall and winter will be upon us, and a new set of Regatta's, clinic's, parties and social events will be scheduled here at the club. Myself...I prefer the winter months here at ABYC, except if memory serves me correctly during our last rain, I noticed the roof was leaking in the quarterdeck.

By the time this month's Sou Wester article is published, I'll be celebrating my second full year as your club manager. Thanks to my staff and the incredible membership here at ABYC for making these past two years so enjoyable.

*Kelly Whitlow*

## from the pages of history

**S**ummertime means lots of activity, the summer junior program, championship regattas. It's the same today as it was reported yesterday in the pages of history.

### **THIRTY YEARS AGO:**

There was plenty on the calendar in the summer of 1978, both locally and nationally, as judged from the SOU'WESTER for August of that year. ABYC members, both adults and juniors, were sailing everywhere and doing pretty well. Ed Lorence won the 1968 Cal 20 Nationals at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club; Dave Crockett finished sixth overall, one place ahead of Chas Merrill. Tom Linskey won the C-15 Nationals at Lake Ray Hubbard near Dallas, Texas; second place went to Terri Clapp (now Terri Bishop) and third to Bruce Golison.

Some ABYC Juniors had less good luck. The ABYC team for the SCYA Team Racing Championship was Keith Dodson, Bert Lowies and three Merrills—Todd, Jeff and Ricky; they "didn't do too well," according to the report: "they had course-chart-reading problems." A different problem faced the team of Mike Bartel, Scott Merrill and Mike Segerblom in the Governor's Cup Regatta in Santana 20's: there was a five-way unbreakable tie for first that got broken by "adding up win/loss times instead of sailing it off" and the ABYC team finished out of the money. Both teams were sure they would do better another time.

A lengthy column was co-authored by Commodore Bill Nicolai and Vice Commodore Dave Crockett; entitled, "The Bulldog is Growing Teeth!", it said that "we all have been lax in following the rules of our club" but that the officers of the club had "decided on a more aggressive enforcement policy with suitable penalties for infractions." The problems were addressed by referencing the appropriate rule: they apparently included dogs on the club grounds, non-member cars in the parking lot, boats being left in guest spots without specific permission, boats not having required stickers and folks swimming in the basin. Glad to know these problems are in the past...

Bruce Golison wrote that he, Terri Clapp and Jane Kent had been invited to sail in the Coronado 15-Yamaha 15 International Friendship Regatta in Japan and were looking for some support for the costs of travel and lodging...Don and Jeanne Anderson and their children were among new members; they owned a Venture 2-24...Rear Commodore Gary Winterrowd reported on the results of a questionnaire sent to members; among the findings were that ABYC should not

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host fleets that are not active at ABYC or in Southern California, that OCR should be a two-day regatta on two circles during non-Olympic years, that prestigious racing events and the resulting publicity is worthwhile to ABYC and that fleets racing at ABYC should be required to provide race personnel to run club regattas...

#### **TWENTY YEARS AGO:**

"The US Olympic Sailing Team will be training out of ABYC," said the *SOU'WESTER* for August 1988. As many as twenty boats plus coach boats were expected to be at the club for two weeks before embarking for Pusan, Korea, the site of the 1988 Olympic Regatta. At the time of writing the Trials were still going on, and it was pointed out that "half of the eight primary skippers in the Korean Olympics could be ABYC members" (turns out that three were, and two medalled).

Apparently a lot of ABYC members went north in July to take part in the annual High Sierra Regatta on Huntington Lake in the Sierras above Fresno. Carl Rischer's entertaining report on the C-15 part of the event divided the world into Southern California and Northern California—the dividing line being Magic Mountain—and the C-15 fleet into the "Mondo Condo" crowd and the "naked showers in the forest" group. The Lido 14 report was less divisive and pointed out that a quarter of the total number of Lido's on the lake were from ABYC. Included in the total were three Snipe teams who borrowed boats and hauled them up the hill: Mark and Robin Townsend, Keith Dodson and Claudia O'Brien and Linda Fox with Neil Baker. Mark Elliott crewed for A-fleet winner Dave Ullman in the C-15's while Charlie Cummings won the Lido A's.

Ann Exley's "From the Pages of History" reported that in 1931 the North American Yacht Racing Union—NAYRU, the forerunner of US SAILING—had recently published the racing rules and were making copies available for a quarter apiece; ABYC bought two dozen. But special rules peculiar to Alamitos Bay were posted for ABYC regattas that were supplementary to or varied from the NAYRU rules. "This was a necessity," said Ann. "Not only were the racing rules...only recently received but they were written to govern large yachts racing in open waters. For many years," she continued, "the eastern sailboat-racing people had a difficult time picturing fifteen-foot sailboats racing in very shallow waters on a bay which was restricted by a seawall on the lee side and the beach, just a few yards away to windward, on the other." Glad THAT doesn't happen nowadays...

Peter Gales won the Master's Division of the Naples Sabot Senior Championship at ABYC; Dale Berkiheiser was third, Lee Berlinger fourth and Margaret Caddle tenth...Keith Ives, Jared Morford and Pat Deere sailed a borrowed J/24 to qualify for the next round of the Governor's Cup sailoffs; they topped a team from Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club...Commodore Al Nelson reported in his "Commodore's Comments" that the annual Luau during the Labor Day Regatta, the "last big sailing and party fling before the start of school and the football season," would feature a live volcano; I wonder how that turned out...

#### **TEN YEARS AGO:**

ABYC made quite a showing at the 1998 Coast Cadillac/North Sails Race Week, according to reports in the August, 1998, *SOU'WESTER*. Regatta organizers Bruce, Mark and Margo Golison thanked ABYC members for their participation and congratulated the "ABYC Team #3" for winning the Coast Cadillac Yacht Club Challenge Trophy; the team was made up of Larry Harvey's J/120, Alan Rosenberg's Olson 30 and Steve Flam's J/35. Steve also won the Citibank Trophy as low-point boat for the regatta while Doug Jorgensen and his family shared the Lydia Kent Memorial Trophy, awarded to the best-scoring boat with the most family members aboard, with the Rosenbergs. Quite a haul.

The Summer Junior Sailing Program was thriving and enjoying the attention of some guest instructors. Ricky Merrill was head instructor, leading a crew that included Darren Madden, Ali Bell, Molly Choate, Justin Fassnacht and Jesse Oliver. The guest instructors included Jeff Merrill on boatspeed, Hank Schofield on sail shape and trim and Mark Townsend on team racing rules and tactics. Mark's coaching must have really taken, as the ABYC team sent to San Diego the next week beat their first five opponents in the first regatta of the SCYYRA Sweet Series of team races. The team included Jon Bell, Chris Clevenger, Daniel Henry, Sarah McNaboe, Michael Oliver and Freddie Stevens, and they lost only to teams from San Diego and Lido Isle Yacht Clubs.

Steve Moffett was leading the Etchells Fleet Championship Series after a win in a well-attended fleet regatta in July. Only one point behind was Jerry Montgomery, with Larry Harvey and Stan Gibbs in third. The big news was that Ed Feo had returned to the Etchells fleet after a long hiatus; Ed and his then-partner Pat McCormick, it was remembered, never lost a Fleet Champion title during the time they were in the fleet. Ed came in as partner to Pat Bixby on USA531 and sailed the July regatta with daughter Christina and Andrew McDade as crew.

After having held the line for eight years, the ABYC Board of Directors voted to increase dues by ten dollars a month for regular members (and proportionately for other membership classes), with half the increase generated by this increase to be paid directly into the club's "diminishing" capital-and-reserves fund...Howard Hamlin and Mike Martin topped a 13-boat 5-0-5 fleet to win the High Sierra Regatta; the results showed that every boat but one had been scored OCS in Race One—included Mike and Howie—and that the winner of that race was scored OCS in another...Men's Day was not a large event—only nineteen sailors—but it included Peter Gales as winner of the lightweight division, Russ Fox and Latham Bell tied for second in the heavyweight division and Tom Newton Jr., beating Tom Newton, Sr., for the middleweight title...

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

# the bay clogger

(junior sailing)

Hello ABYC Members! The Junior Program ends tomorrow and it has been one for the books. We saw record numbers this year with 128 students in the program and 18 coaches. Beyond that, we sent sailors to 10 different locations all over the country including San Francisco, San Diego, Monterey, Redwood City, Santa Barbara, Marina Del Rey, and Chicago. Nearly 70 sailors competed in travel regattas and over 100 competed locally.

Some of the biggest news is that during the Junior Olympics Regatta, which we sent 18 sailors to, we had five students qualify for the National Single-Handed (Smythe) and Double-Handed (Bemis) Championships. Cameron Summers in Lasers finished the Smythe National Championship today in 11<sup>th</sup> overall, following an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall at Laser Radial North Americans in San Francisco the weekend before. Jack Jorgensen & Samantha Gebb finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall in 420's and Korbin and Hailey Kirk won the entire event with six 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes! Only two single-handed boats and two double handed boats qualify from each of the twelve sailing areas in the US and we represented all of Southern California with three of the possible five boats allowed to go from our area and one of them is now a National Youth Champion! Congratulations to all of them.

Beyond that, we sent a record 38 sailors down to Newport Harbor Yacht Club to compete in the Summer Gold Cup. Emily Golison, Dana Boudreau, and Bradley Clinton placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in Sabot C3's. Mila Bakker won Sabot C2's while Ashley Westland and Brian MacLean got 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in C1's respectively. Davis Bakker had an amazing showing and after being in 2<sup>nd</sup> after the first day, he had a rough race that dropped him out of the top five, but still performed remarkably in the Sabot B class. Riley Gibbs took 5<sup>th</sup> place in A's followed closely by Rob Rice in 7<sup>th</sup> overall. It was truly amazing to have so many sailors



Ronda Nuzum photo

Grabbing a tow for Beach to Bay

attend this travel event and it took all of the sabot trailers from all of the clubs in Alamitos Bay to get them all down there. Thanks to Seal Beach Yacht Club and Long Beach Yacht Club for letting us borrow their trailers!

A little more locally, we saw 75 sailors from ABYC compete in Beach to Bay (nearly 150 total boats). In the C Fleet Champs, where the younger, newer racers compete, we had 41 of the 59 competitors and won 18 of the top 20 spots. We also saw 35 of the 40 sailors come from ABYC for the Alamitos Bay Fleet Champs in which all of the top 15 were from ABYC. Interestingly, 5 of the top 10 were girls and Marissa Golison won 1<sup>st</sup> place overall. What a great local representation!

After sending kids to Summer Gold Cup, 420 Nationals, Junior Olympics, Laser North Americans, Laser Pacific Coast Champs, Chubb National Championship Regatta, Dutch Shoe, Dick Sweet Team Race and so many other local and travel regattas, we now look forward to Sabot Nationals down in Mission Bay and Laser Nationals next weekend at ABYC. We will have over 30 sailors competing in Sabot Nationals and nearly 20 juniors competing in Laser Nationals. Thank you to all the parents, staff, and coaches at ABYC for making this summer fantastic and good luck to all our juniors at Nationals!

*Brad Schaupter, ABYC Junior Director*

## junior program

a junior perspective

*Each month Marc Schryer invites a Junior sailor to write something for the So'wester...this month he selected Bradley Clinton, an 8 year old C3 sailor.*

This is my second summer in the ABYC junior program. I am sailing with the Morning Racers. Chuck is my instructor. Chuck teaches me a lot. He is working with Nigel, Brian, Allen, Alex, Carl, Peter, Sawyer, Jacob and me on starts and mark roundings.

This summer I have gotten to sail many regattas and Beach to Bay. The boats I have sailed are a Bic, a Lido, my Sabot, a Laser, a Cal 20 and my dad's tall ship.

I sometimes sail in the afternoon in the C3 racing class with Alex, Carl, Allen, Peter and Nigel. I have swamped three times and capsized once.

I sometimes crew on a Lido on Wednesday nights. My first Lido Twilights I was in the middle of the fleet. My second Lido Twilights I was in the front of the fleet. My first Lido Twilights I crewed for Bradley Schoch. My second Lido Twilights I crewed for Ross Nemeross and Rob Rice.

The instructors are all great.

I am looking forward to all of the clinics because the summer program is almost over.

*Bradley Clinton*

# all girls regatta

## ABYC girls invade Lido Isle and have fun!

Girls just want to have fun...and we sent 20 of ABYC's young ladies down to Lido Isle Yacht Club to participate in the "All Girls Regatta". This is a one-day event that I look forward to every year...you launch at the boat garden, then park near LIYC...and relax in a chair on the sand where you can see most of the racing without ever moving.

We borrowed Seal Beach Yacht Club's trailer so we had three sabot rigs and a whaler to tow down. There were three races with a brief pause to allow the "Flight of the Lasers" to charge through the bay and Lido did a wonderful job of hosting the event. 43 boats total participated, so our "team pink" comprised nearly half of the entries!

ABYC took home some trophies too:

Sabot A –

Ginger Luckey 1<sup>st</sup> and winner of the Mary Wagner perpetual for low point in Sabot A.

Sabot B –

Elle Merrill 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sabot C3 –

Mila Bakker 1<sup>st</sup>, Emily Golison 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gentry Bell 3<sup>rd</sup>

Congratulations to all the girls who traveled to this regatta, you did a great job of representing ABYC with your great sportsmanship and the whole group (parents and kids) all had a real fun day, can't wait 'til next year!

Jeff Merrill



Elle Merrill



Gentry Bell, Emily Golison and Mila Bakker (l to r)



Ginger Luckey

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## sydney and caitlin win ida lewis

As you may have heard, Sydney (representing ABYC) and her crew Caitlin Beavers (NHYC) won the US JR. Women's Double Handed National Championships a couple of weekends ago. (*Editor's note: Sydney and Caitlin finished 30 points ahead of the 2nd place winners.*) With this win, Sydney and Caitlin have become official members of the US Sailing Youth Team. This will be Sydney's last C-420 regatta (her boat is now for sale), as she is moving on to the International 420 (100 lbs lighter), I-470's, and college team sailing at Georgetown University this coming fall.

Earlier this year Sydney and Caitlin qualified for and were selected to represent the USA at the I-420 Open World Championships in Athens, Greece and at the I-420 Jr. European Championships in Zadar, Croatia. Sydney and Caitlin left for Europe last Friday with other USA Team members and are currently in Athens preparing for the events. My wife, Sharon and I have volunteered to support the team as chaperones/gofers and will be leaving for Athens on the 26<sup>th</sup> with I-420 replacement parts, tools, and hopefully there will also be some room for clothes. We return the middle of August.

Brad Bolger



Caitlin Beavers and Sydney Bolger accept their Ida Lewis Championship award.

# more Cal 20 champs

ons, one of them crewing. Defending champion Gaudio came out of the chute in a hurry, taking the first race and leading after the four races on Day One. But Mark and Steve, sailing with Mark's wife Jennifer, were close behind, as was Class President Chuck Clay. Keith Ives and Chuck Stevens was fourth, just ahead of the fifth-place Doug McLean—no mean feat, as Doug was also the Regatta Chairman. Robin and Shawn Durnin led the Consolation Series with a perfect score of four bullets.

The final day was sailed in almost perfect conditions: a light start building to a strong afternoon. Chris Raab, one of the former Champions, struggled on Day One but came out of the box in a hurry: his score on Sunday was the best. But it was not enough to hold off Gaudio, who ended the series in first place. And, boy, was he: his 18 points was almost half as many as the second-place Raab. The Golison/Golison/Flam team ended up third, only one point behind, and four points ahead of Doug McLean; Chuck Clay, who'd won the last two races on Saturday, slipped to fifth in the finals. The Durnins continued undefeated for the Consolation Series title; they didn't even need to be in the final race, which was won by Lee Smith, who finished in second place for the series.

The sailors were treated to a taco-bar dinner on Friday night, prepared by our own Jesús Carmona and the rest of the ABYC Staff. A barbecue dinner on Saturday night was well attended, as was the trophy presentation on Sunday; all events were held outdoors on the patio and lawn in gorgeous summer weather. Raffles of great gifts donated by the regatta sponsors were features of all the events; included were rigging items from Kelly Marine, protective clothing from Sun Solutions, hull-cleaning services by D-Ives Plus and assorted goodies from Sailing Anarchy. Presenting sponsors Kaenon Polarized and Ullman Sails donated goods and certificates, and the big award of the weekend was a brand-new Cal 20 jib donated by Ullman.

Doug McLean led the regatta as chairman, aided greatly by Cal 20 Fleet One Fleet Captain Steve Kuritz. Chris Ericksen was PRO, in charge of a race committee that included no fewer than five race officers; among them was Janice Hugener of King Harbor Yacht Club, which club will host the 2009 Cal 20 Class Championship and for which Janice will serve as PRO. Margaret Caddle organized the protest committee; while ready they were lightly used. Stacy Conn supervised the administrative side of things while ABYC General Manager Kelly Whitlow and his staff made sure things ran smoothly afloat and ashore.

*Chris Ericksen*



*Steve Flam works the pit for daughter Lily (l) and Ginger Luckey*

# sabot auction

*Jeff Merrill photos*

Sabot auction a success!

About two dozen bargain hunters woke up early on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> to attend our yard make over sabot auction. 7 Hulls and 24 Spars were unclaimed after sitting in the east yard impound for over two months. The Board of Directors approved the sale with proceeds to benefit the Junior Program.

I was assisted in the set up by Jon Robinson and during the silent auction the official timer was John Williams. Marc Schryer, Merle Asper and John Massey also pitched in and the real stars of the show were our bidders!

Russ Boudreaux was high bid on the coveted Schock hull and his boys will be rigging up this abandoned beauty and competing with her on the race course. Barney Flam added to his fleet by purchasing two of the "beater" sabots for his grandchildren when they come to visit. A couple of spirited bidding wars saw ink flying in the closing seconds for some of the LeFiell aluminum spars. This was a fun way to start off a Sunday and the good news is that just about everything that was available was purchased and removed.

Thank you to all who attended and who made bids. This summer clearance sale netted the Junior Program just over \$1600 and recycled a lot of old tired hardware back into circulation.

*Jeff Merrill – Junior Advisory Board*





# nominees for the board

The nominees for the ABYC Board are:

- Bob Anderson\*
- Yvonne Galvez
- Jim Grubbs
- John Massey\*
- Jeff Merrill\*
- Ken Reiff
- Ruth Schock
- John Williams
- \* indicates incumbent

The nominees for the 20/20 Trust Fund are Scott Meyer and Jennifer Kuritz.

The dates for voting are:

- August 30 12:00 – 3:00
- September 5 12:00 – 3:00
- September 19 12:00 – 8:00

The nominating committee was Jim Bateman, Dave Crockett, Steve Flam and Grant Hill.

*Jim Morford, Nominating Committee Chair*

# hails from the fleets



Sorry we missed last month, but the deadline came right at the same time as the fleet race. But we have plenty of racing to report this month, and it all has to do with the Fleet Championship Series.

The two preceding events of the Series were small affairs and didn't change the standings much, especially at the top: they were the first day of the ABYC Memorial Day Regatta and a fleet regatta on June 22. Don Burdge took the helm of USA126 and with Doug Jorgensen among the crew carded two firsts and two seconds to win the day for his team; -Tom Corkett led son Tom Jr. and Wayne Rodgers to a second-place finish ahead of Jerry Montgomery, who sailed with Alan Johnson and Ron Dougherty. Team CHAOS—Jeff Powell and Gordon Dudley—in fourth and the co-Fleet Captains Rich and Alan Vaught in fifth place rounded out the slate.

The fog-shrouded, light-air regatta on June 22 saw different winners. Tom Senior and Wayne doublehanded to a win ahead of Jerry Montgomery; third place went to the Barber/Burdge/Newsome team, three points ahead of John Chapman. Carter and Ericksen sailed two races before heading out for a sea cruise and rounded out the fleet.

The fleet regatta held on Sunday, July 20, was hugely attended—hugely. Nine boats were on hand, including a number of folks we hadn't seen in awhile. Chief among them were two past Fleet Captains, Doug Sims with partner Doug Menezes and Joe Markowitz with his son Ian among the crew. Rich Vaught and Gordon Dudley, who'd been running races lately, were back, too. And the usual suspects were on hand.

The conditions were far from usual, and so were the results. The race committee, seeking smoother waters and better winds, took the fleet off the Seal Beach Pier; neither were to be found. The wind was light and fluky until the last race, but the waves were remarkable. One sailor said, "It was like sailing in your own private washing machine."

The results were a bit topsy-turvy, too. Seventh-place finishes were carded by Montgomery, Corkett and Carter/Ericksen, not their usual performances. The scores posted by the Barber/Burdge/Newsome team and by Rich Vaught- and his crew were more like usual.

The surprise of the day was the performance turned in by John Chapman. He was, to put it mildly, on fire: he scored two wins, a second and a fourth, by far his best performance of the season. He credited it to his crew of Bob Burns and Gordon Miller; they attributed it to John's sailing. Whatever the reason, "Union Jack" flew victorious and touched out the Barber/Burdge/Newsome team by a point.

Before the race, two sailors agreed that this day could effect the Fleet Championship Series standings as those who did well would score proportionately better than in a four-boat regatta—and vice versa. Well, that came true: Series leader Montgomery slipped to third as the Corkett/Palmer team and the Barber/Burdge/Newsome team moved into first and second places, respectively. It remains close, however, as only one point separates the two at the top of the leader board. A combination of good scores on July 20 and previous races and having served on race committee—which earns the skipper average points—on June 22 moved the Vaught's into fourth place ahead of Carter/Ericksen. Here are the standings as of July 20.

OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS	OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS
Corkett/Palmer	USA889	87	Dudley/Powell	USA531	28
Barber/Burdge/Newsome	USA126	86	Frost	USA669	21
Montgomery	USA792	82	Sims/Menezes	USA494	16
Vaught/Vaught	USA821	76	Rice/Ureño	USA90	11
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	58	Wells/Hardy/Dooros	USA488	5
Chapman	USA1002	49	Markowitz	USA662	5
Bateman	USA143	29			

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# hails from the fleets

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We got her a step at a time. The first day of the ABYC Memorial Day Regatta was designated as a Fleet Championship event when our May fleet regatta fell through. Don Burdge took the helm of USA126 and with Doug Jorgensen among the crew carded two firsts and two seconds to win the day. Tom Corkett led son Tom Jr. and Wayne Rodgers to a second-place finish ahead of Jerry Montgomery, who sailed with Alan Johnson and Ron Dougherty. Team CHAOS in fourth and the co-Fleet Captains Vaught and Vaught rounded out the slate.

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The Fleet Championship Series continues this month by shoe-horning a one-day fleet regatta in between the Laser and Mercury Nationals. It'll be the usual format: mid-morning skippers' meeting, three to five races, a moderately early finish and home. The series will finish up with a race on September 21, the weekend after ABYC's Olympic Classes Regatta, and feature a fleet dinner and gala awards presentation.

The summer has been a bit of a bust on weeknights, apparently, as the fleet has been relegated into the PHRF division. Not much more to be said about that.

Finally, our fleet's representatives at the 2008 Etchells Worlds in Chicago were pretty beaten up by the conditions and the competition, although members of the San Diego Fleet took the top spot and three more of the top ten. Former ABYC member Argyle Campbell, sailing a boat formerly owned by Jerry Thompson and Jeff Littell, ended up in 20th place with three top-ten finishes while Bruce Golison and Steve Flam ended up five places behind and carded two top-ten finishes. But the story for both of the—for most of the fleet, actually—is that both teams discarded finishes in the seventies. Catch up with Steve and Bruce for the gory details of lake sailing.

*Chris Ericksen*

## cal 20 champs



Mark Gaudio (2nd l) with (l to r) ABYC Commodore Glenn Selvin, usual crew Latham Bell, and event's crew Erik Heim and Brial Bissel



"Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink the wild air"

*Emerson*

The great American poet would have loved some time in a Sabot...and why not, there is so much to enjoy sailing in the bay. Meet the heavy hitters who have lead the way to stardom over the past few weeks.

### June Twilights

Bobby Ware 1<sup>st</sup>

Mary Riddick 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lee Berlinger 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Monthly Sunday Sabot Races.

Seven boats competed and Mary won one race by a whopping 1minute and 47 seconds...Jennifer, the PRO, nearly had to readjust her watch!!! An enjoyable evening followed the races to discuss the day and receive trophies.

Bobby Ware 1<sup>st</sup>

Mary Riddick 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Fleet Champion

The results are in.....Who set the stage over the four selected Sundays for a victory? That would be Bobbie Ware with yet another spin around the bay ahead of the crowd. Congratulations are in order from all his fellow Sabotiers.

*Fleet Captain Calling...*we are looking for volunteers to help on Twilights and Sunday sailing and welcome anyone with a smile to help out on race committee and easy whaler duty. On the calendar ahead is Sunday Sabot sailing on August 17<sup>th</sup> and Ladies Day on October 21<sup>st</sup>. (men are also invited to Ladies Day). Please call Jennifer Kuritz to lend a hand.

*Robin Townsend*



This has been an exciting month for the Lido 14 Fleet. We reached

a record number of 19 boat for our Wednesday night Twilights!! And on July 7, 2008 was our first ever Junior Lido 14 Twilight Night. With the amazing support from Fleet six and enthusiasm from the ABYC Junior Program the night couldn't have been a bigger hit. We had fourteen, yes FOURTEEN Lido teams take part in the racing. Each boat had one adult with one to two juniors on board. The plan was to have the juniors skipper the boats while the adults crewed. As the night grew in popularity we had to double up a few juniors creating some lido teams consisting of two juniors and one adult. Sarah and Mark Ryan were the nights Race Committee setting a very generous starting line and sending the fleet on

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# hails from the fleets

windward, leeward courses. The evening began with both hoist out of commission for launching so fleet six pulled together and lifted all fourteen lido's into the water by way of the launching ramp, a perfect example of the dedication and support the members of fleet six displays. In the first race of the night team Will Boudreau/Sam Bell held their lead and took the first place finish; in the second race, team Matt McDermaid/Stu Robertson battled back from mid fleet to finish first, and in the last race of the night team Zack/Will/Patrick McDaniel fought all the way to a first place finish. The night concluded with cookies and punch in the quarter-deck and trophies for the top five teams. A list of participants and results are below. A huge thank you goes out to the Lido 14 Fleet Six for their support and patience, the night would not have been a possibility with out them. Lastly I would like to thank Jeff McDermaid and Tracy Conn for their help with the finish line and photography for the night.

Also in the month of July we held our first Lido 14 clinic with Mark and Sarah Ryan as the clinicians. The fleet produced a strong turn out of twelve teams looking to improve their skills. By the end of the day the fleet had their boats tuned and teams were roll tacking all over the bay. Special recognition goes out to Kathy and Cindy for their impressive roll tack resulting in a capsized/turtled boat. The clinic was a success and we look forward to planning more in the future.

On July 11-12 the Lido 14 fleet sent six teams up to the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake. The weather was perfect and the breeze was breezy.

We couldn't have asked for better sailing conditions. Fleet Six had a good showing as Sarah/Mark Ryan won the B fleet with three bullets and Paul/John Makielski finished fourth. We all had a great time and can't wait for next year. Mark your calendars, the High Sierra Regatta will

be July 12-13, 2009.

Thank you to all and happy Lido sailing.

*Sarah Ryan*



I should have rigged the **Radial**...is what I told myself upon reaching the first weather mark of the ABYC 4<sup>th</sup> of July Regatta race course. To those who may not know, the **Radial** Rig of the **Laser** consists of a smaller radial-cut sail hoisted on a shorter mast. It was designed to accommodate sailors of, shall we say, smaller, lighter stature. For some of us, the **Radial** allows us to "enjoy" stronger breezes.

Well, this sailor left the **Radial** rig home and set out to race with the **Laser** full-rig. Things looked fine as we milled around for the staggered, "pursuit" start. Unfortunately, turnout was dismal, as **Jim Kirk** and I were the only **Laser** racers and newcomer, **Kevin Baumann** was the only **Radial** competitor. Poor **Kevin** got mixed

up on his start time as he was quite a ways course-side when he and the Cal 20's were to start. Nevertheless, **Kevin** was game and got going at last. **Jim** and I split tacks and headed upwind, some two miles at least, to a set mark near the breakwater at Angles Gate.

Normally we have 1/2 to one mile at the most for weather legs, but hey, the breeze was getting fresh and this pursuit race was set at ten miles. **Jim** did the right thing sailing straight for the breakwater where he could tack and sail on port to the mark in smoother water while I ignorantly slugged it out going the other direction and trailed **Jim** badly at the first mark.

Finally, a downwind leg from Angles Gate all the way to the yellow pole mark at the beach, closest to the club, a chance to rest the hiking muscles and maybe make up some ground on **Jim**. No such luck and now it's upwind again from the beach back to the breakwater. As I jump into the hiking straps again, I notice my legs are shaking uncontrollably, but I'm not cold. Maybe I should pack it in; the A-Cats have blown by like I'm standing still and the Etchells and the Tempest are coming on strong. But wait, you haven't been on the water for weeks and you'd better do some sailing before the Nationals besides, **Kevin** is still out here with you and he's showing no signs of quit.

So, I try with some success to find a comfortable hiking position where the shaking isn't so noticeable and I try some techniques to keep the boat flat, working through the waves, playing the main for all I'm worth just competing with myself by this time. Now I just hope I can catch one of the Cal 20's.

I didn't catch the Cal 20 but did finish the race. Next time...rig the **Radial!**

By the way, kudos to **Kevin Baumann** for a gutsy performance...I believe that was a challenging day for a youngster.

2008 U.S. **Laser** National Championship Regatta

By the time you read these words, the 2008 U.S. **Laser** National Championship Regatta, hosted by ABYC, will have concluded. Watch these pages next month for a report on all the action when one hundred plus **Laser** racers descend on ABYC.

*Steven Smith, ABYC **Laser** Fleet Captain*



The fleet welcomes back the Medicine Man crew from a successful Tahiti Race. Nirvana racin in the basin continues every Friday night.

Bring your boats down, working or not. The fleet is there to fix boats and race around the marks. Kelly has been great with setting up the venue and the pitchers are chilled. After racing, happy hour with Jesus's snacks have been great. It is summer sailing at it's best.

*Don Shirley*



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## beach to bay photo

Jeff McDermaid photo

