



## 2008 olympic classes regatta

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**O**lympic medals carry some weight in the OCR. A fresh breeze of inspiration straight from China aroused the fleets in Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's Olympic Classes Regatta Saturday and Sunday.

Although the annual event was somewhat anti-climactic coming only a month after the Games and attracted only 26 boats in three classes, two of the classes were those that produced the United States' only medals at Qingdao: Anna Tunnicliffe's gold in women's Laser Radial and Zach Railey's silver in Finn.

Those two weren't sailing, but they were on some of the sailors' minds. Adams has a new idol: Tunnicliffe.

"I've never met her, but I saw her at the sendoff," said Sky Adams, a 16-year-old girl from Santa Barbara who won the Laser Radial class after sailing the boat for two years.

Can she see herself following Tunnicliffe's lead to an Olympic podium someday?

"Yes, I can," Adams said. "But I haven't told my parents."

Following some drawn-out protest hearings, after all the sailing was done, Andrew Kern won the Finn class when longtime rival Henry Sprague was disqualified from first place on a protest by John Harrop of San Diego. Harrop's protest that Sprague used an illegal sail—i.e., one without the class's logo—was upheld by the jury.

Philip Toth of Long Beach moved up to second after surviving Sprague's protest against him on a right-of-way issue, and Toth went away with new hope for Americans in the class based on Railey's success in the Olympics—this country's best Finn finish since 1984.

"With Zach, it shows that the guy that has the best funding has the best shot," Toth said. "Hopefully, US Sailing will see that. Other countries' [sailors] get everything they need . . . equipment, travel costs. Our guys get three grand to go to the Olympics."

It cost far less to go to Long Beach where, once the morning marine layer lifted, the competitors enjoyed southwest winds of 8 knots building to as high as 18 through four races Saturday and three Sunday. And nobody enjoyed it more than the guy who placed 12th in the 14-boat Finn class.

A month ago Tom Rossano, 45, from Ft. Myers, Fla., was on his fourth tour of the Iraq war commanding a 34-foot U.S. Navy patrol boat in the Gulf of Oman. He hasn't been under fire but the tours were interesting.

"We saw the Iranians a lot," Rossano said, "us looking at them, them looking at us."

He didn't see any sailboats, noting that "there isn't much sailing in the Gulf of Oman."

The weekend in Long Beach was more fun. "It's good to get away from that other stuff," Rossano said. "Now I have to get used to a Finn again."

*Rich Roberts*

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*Kevin Taugher leads Charlie Buckingham in Lasers*

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# commodore's comments



Well, summer is over, the Annual Meeting has come and gone, and the Installation Dinner, where we install the new Commodore and all the new Flag and Board members, is right around the corner! I am absolutely thrilled to have served as your Commodore for this past year, and sincerely hope that you, our members, approve of the job I've done!

But what a year it's been. We've held championship regattas for the Lasers, the Cal 20's, the Mercury's, and the Finns. Long Beach Race Week was a success, and we've also held our usual cadre of regattas, social events, and banquets. It seems that we've been operating at full throttle for months, and I'm glad to see that we're finally slowing down!

We've tackled some other issues as well. We've designed and built all new Sabot racks, and the new Laser racks are in their developmental stage. All of this created some angst along the way, but have proved to be a solid investment in terms of moving more boats into the yard for the benefit of our members. We've moved our General Manager to a shiny new office up front, and have moved our accounting functions to it's own office, while at the same time retaining the integrity of the junior room. And, along the way, we've bought whalers, cut up whalers, and worked hard to keep up with the demands of an active membership and an aging infrastructure.

When I became the Commodore of ABYC, I was told that my biggest job function would be that of managing the manager. But, I must say that that job could not have been easier. Kelly Whitlow, our General Manager, has been just a joy to work with, and through this year we've built what I think will be a very long lasting relationship. I trust Kelly's judgment, as he takes such pride in Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and always keeps our Club's interest at heart. Kelly has brought our entire staff to new levels, and they've been just a joy to work with.

But most of all, I must thank our Board of Directors for their support, and for working hard to tackle the issues. Running a Club as busy as ABYC is not an easy task, but our Board has not been afraid to discuss the issues and to keep working towards a solution that works for all the various parties involved, and I thank our Board for their hard work.

Along the way, I've had issues that I, myself, had to resolve, and it was the counsel of people like outgoing Jr. Staff Commodore Jim Bateman, of Staff Commodore Nicole Peoples-Moffett, and Staff Commodore and Recording Secretary Jim Morford that have helped me and advised me along the way, and I'm grateful for their guidance.

So, a big, big welcome to Merle Asper, as he takes over the reigns of being your new Commodore. He will have issues come up that, as of now, don't even exist! But with his new Board behind him, I know that Merle will always keep the interests of the Club at heart, and that he will always do the right thing to make sure that ABYC remains the viable, financially sound, yet active Club that it is.

So again, thank you. I'm honored to join the ranks of the Staff Commodores of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. This little slice of real estate will always be an extremely important part of my life, and I thank you for placing your trust in me and supporting me in my year as Commodore.

*Glenn Selvin*

# manager's corner



As hard as it is to believe, October, cooler weather, the holidays and a new Commodore are just around the corner.

I've been extremely fortunate to have worked for three dedicated, professional and ethical Commodore's, each with their own unique managerial style.

Nicole, thanks once again for taking a chance on an ole tradeshow guy, and giving me an opportunity to work at this amazing club.

Jim Bateman, you have been the voice of calm and reason these past two years. Always the consummate professional, yet we were able to share a few laughs along the way. Thank you for the guidance Jim, I know we'll continue to work on various projects together down the road.

Glenn Selvin, sometimes it was as simple as the daily phone call...."Hey, it's Glenn, what's goin on? Any issues? Problems? Everybody happy? Great, see you Wednesday at the Board meeting.

We had a productive year Glenn, not without a few bumps in the road and a bit of controversy here and there, but your compassion and sincere devotion to this club has been evident since the day you took office. Thanks for the support this year Glenn, looking forward to working with you as Jr. Staff Commodore.

Merle Asper takes the reigns in October. Merle's the cheerleader and evangelist for ABYC, his exuberance is contagious, and I'm sure this upcoming year will be one of high energy and enthusiasm. Coupled with Merle's sales and marketing prowess I suspect grand social events as well as sustained financial growth for our club this upcoming year.

Congratulations also to all the new and incumbent Board of Directors. We certainly have our work cut out this next year.

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I know this Board will effectively develop individual, departmental and organizational goals and objectives that will continue our positive growth and prepare the club for several major projects that loom ahead. God Speed!

If you haven't been to the club in awhile, or haven't seen the office changes underway, stop by the office and have a look.

I've moved from the back of the club to the front, adjacent to the administration office. After much deliberation, spirited conversation, brainstorming and even some mudslinging...it was decided, and I certainly agreed, the club manager should be in an office with higher visibility and easier accessibility to members and guests. It's amazing what a gallon of paint and a bit of carpet can do to room. Come on by and have a visit on your next trip to the club.

ABYC staff Jesus, Julissa and Lisa recently attended Sysco's giant Food Show at the Anaheim Convention Center. They came back starry eyed and ready to add some great new food items to our Galley and Kitchen offerings. Jesus is heading to his hometown in Mexico next week, and will be looking for a few new Mexican treats for us as well.

Here are a few items we'll be showcasing in the Galley in upcoming months:

- Sam Adams beer battered Fish & Chips
- Pull Pork and BBQ Beef Sandwiches
- Pasta Primavera
- Teriyaki Rice Bowls
- Italian Sausage and Pepper Sandwiches
- SMOOTHIES

See you all around the club.

*Kelly Whitlow*

**Sou'Wester DEADLINE**  
 October 24, 2008 is the deadline  
 for the November Sou'Wester.

## going green?

Many of you have suggested that we can save a tree (or two) by not sending hard copies of the Sou'wester. In addition to the saving of our resources it would also save printing and postage costs. The Sou'wester is always posted on our website. If you would like to have your name removed from our mailing list please call Lisa at the club and she will see that your name is removed. (562 434-9955)

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# vice commodore's view



## Upcoming Year

October is marked as the start of ABYC's New Year. I will be the new Commodore and we have a new board with fresh, exciting plans ready to spring into action. I am super excited about the upcoming year and I can't say enough about how great it is going to be. Please feel free to contact me if you have an area of interest in which you would like to volunteer. I really hope you are planning to go to the installation. We have a great musician and the food promises to be out of this world (in a good way! ☺).

Just look at the names that are going to be on my board of directors. I can honestly say that I respect and admire each of these people in their own way. When you read their names I know you will see and understand how outstanding they are (listed alphabetically!):

Bob Anderson

Mike Baumann

Yvonne Galvez

John Massey - Vice Commodore

Jeff Merrill - Rear Commodore

Ken Reiff

Jon Robinson - Fleet Captain

Glenn Selvin - Junior Staff Commodore

Jim Morford, Mary Montz, George Kornhoff and John Williams (membership) round out the team nicely! We also

have a fresh group of volunteers that are going to amaze all of us, but more on that later!

## Current year

Thanks to everybody for making this a great year! Special Thanks go to my committee chair people and the people in charge of my volunteer areas. I can honestly say each of my responsibilities went off with a bang.

### House Committee

Todd & Cathy Black-Smith

### Landscaping and Grounds

Terry Bishop

### Reciprocal Moorings

Pat McCormick

### Yard Czars (these people care a lot!)

Jorge Suarez

Lisa Lebold

Don Taugher

Jennifer Kuritz

Rich Vaught

Jim Kirk

Jeff Merrill

John Williams

### Member-Finance Committee

Norma Clapp

### Member-Long Range Planning

Chas Merrill

Finally, thanks to Kelly Asper for her support. She really does put up with a lot! If I left anybody out, please let me know because you are very important.

Let's make next year even better!

Go ABYC!

*Merle*

### Easter Brunch

Lori Van Skyhock

### 4th of July Regatta

Jeff Merrill and the Juniors

### Christmas Party 2008

Ann Seapy

### Boxing Day 2008

Mark Townsend

### Laser US Nationals

Vann Wilson

Chuck Tripp

Steve Smith

Mark Townsend

# fleet captain's log



If you attended the annual meeting this will sound familiar as I thought it appropriate to share all of the "thanks" and jobs well done in the Sou'Wester. One person I neglected to thank is Sharon Pearson, this document you are reading online or holding in your hands is an incredible monthly effort and she does a great job of providing us all with a monthly update of the ABYC doings, goings on and happenings – thanks Sharon!

2008 saw us carve up one whaler and put it in the bin and add a very nice 17' Montauk – thank you John Massey and Jerry Thompson for coordinating this purchase. Speaking of whalers – Kelly Whitlow, Adam and Rick have been phenomenal –they repair, refurbish and respond like real shipwrights! Please thank all these guys and let them know how much you appreciate them.

Patience – in for service, oil issues, really should just be used to go out to the race course and back, not in play for stag cruise – thank you Vern Peterson and George Caddle our stalwart stewards.

My good friend John Massey had our fleet so well under control that by the sheer luck of following in his footsteps my job was a heck of a lot easier – thank you John!

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And it's nice having boats, but we also need marks and anchors and all the other stuff like air horns, life jackets, tool kits...our tireless Port Captain Dave Myers is a huge reason why all of our on the water racing always appears so seamless (pay no attention to the man behind the curtain, or his truck for that matter! :)

The Regattas are under the direction of the Race Management Committee – co-chairs Jim Drury and Mike Baumann hosted monthly meeting to plan our next events and get a recap of the ones just concluded. This is a huge undertaking that involves 15 – 20 people sitting around and the feedback is extraordinary, thanks guys, job well done!

On game day you mingle with a handful of “usual suspects” who are so much a part of our club that they could easily go unnoticed, but they insure our events run smoothly. Our “gate keeper” is Cliff Mathias and entries have been coordinated by Bobbie Peterson and Evie Belisle. Scoring of events done by Jim Morford (with Sandy Toscan and Sharon Pearson pitching in). There are too many regulars on Patience and driving whalers to list but your efforts are appreciated. Our judges are organized by Latham Bell and Margaret Caddle with Barbara Gabriel serving as protest clerk. Thank you all for your diligence, you all do your jobs so well that we unfortunately take you for granted, but we'd be in dire straits without your consistent and unwavering dependability!

Two objectives or goals for me as fleet captain this year were:

a) To successfully implement online registration. The committee headed by staff commodore Chris Ericksen, Jon Robinson, Steve Smith, Mike Baumann has been detailed and thorough, the big test will be on Halloween and Turkey day – I'm confident that we will all be very pleased with the results (please give me your feedback).

b) To create a web site driven regatta form depository – Mike Baumann is mostly done with this and has a beta version ready...it will be an incredible resource once in place – if you have documents please email me or Mike – we aren't quite there yet, but close, thanks Mike!

Sailing is fun; it's also nice to get a trophy if you do well. This year the awards were ordered by Jim Loeffler (including a big purchase of re-loading our Daily first glasses inventory). And Carol Kofahl – who is in charge of our perpetual trophies, has been very busy keeping things current (without an engraver stylus it makes her job more difficult). She has updated the trophy books and I've learned a great deal about the hows and whys, I encourage you to look at our display cases and enjoy our history and legacy – thanks Carol and Jim!

I had the good fortune to draw some great director assignments for the year.

The ASPBYC Walt Elliot Challenge, held in May, was won by Eric McClure and a castaway ensemble of club members (thanks Chris Ericksen for being regatta chair!). Our annual Memorial Day regatta was a sure fire success – the Laser fleet as always was superb – Jorge Suarez and Steve Smith shared regatta chairman duties. The Catalina Cruise with Mary Montz – fabulous August event, family, perfect – also thanks Merle and Kelly Asper for your help and support and the Mercury Nationals hosted by the Eric Conn Family in August was just about as perfect an event as we could ever hope to put on. Thanks to all for your volunteering and dedication.

My proudest accomplishment, which could not have been done without about 100 volunteers, was the completion of the new sabot racks. There are too many people to thank (open up the roster and you can read all of the names), but a handful that I really should mention. Bob Chubb – our in-house genius. Jennifer Kuritz for helping match names and spaces. And 5 of my hard working colleagues from the Junior Advisory Board who are always ready with a tool (and a funny comment) Jon Robinson, Doug Jorgensen, John Massey, Tom Newton and Latham Bell.

OK, it has been a fun year and yet as much as we got done there are a couple of left over's projects/decisions to be made. What do we do with the old bay barge – I think she did her job as a finish barge quite nicely, other want to turn her into a Viking funeral pyre. And the scoring shack on the edge of the basin sea wall has been made less accessible for “scorers”, and we think that if we remove it we will never be able to re-build it, so if you need any guano for your plants at home feel free to come down and harvest until we decide what to do.

Turkey Day – our biggest event of the year is coming up and we need volunteers – thanks for your calls, we've got plenty of room for everybody.

I'd like to thank my fellow board of directors, fun, spirited meetings. I'm sad to see Jr. Staff Commodore Jim Bateman move on; he has been a huge presence and will be missed. Please allow me to salute Glenn Selvin for a great job as commodore. Thanks Glenn, you were Finntastic!

It's been a great year. The club is in good shape and I'm excited for the future and would like to thank all of the active members for your dedication and support (and if this was a year that you didn't get to the club as often as you wanted, please make a resolution to change that in 2009!). We have over 400 members – come down and get to know as many as possible – these are lifelong friends who share your love of sailing.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my wife Pam, and children Elle and Jonn. Many members already know how satisfying and deeply moved you can feel to be part of providing the ABYC life lessons to the next generation of your family, add me to that list – we are all so lucky to have such a wonderful place to sail and grow up around.

See you around the waterfront!

Jeff Merrill Cell 949.355.4950

# from the pages of history

The Luau and the Board elections, along with the final comments from the outgoing Commodore, are common themes in the SOU'WESTER's for October—but, as always, history grabs me.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO:

The SOU'WESTER for October, 1978, was a bit thin, even for the standards of the day—only 12 pages, including the cover, a centerspread calendar and a full-page ad for Ladies' Day. Among the fleet reports was the news that Jeff Merrill was the 1978 Senior Sabot Fleet Champion, based on the outcome of the Fleet Champion Races held in August. He was awarded a perpetual trophy donated by Bill Nicholson and did so by touching out Ed Kimball in second place. Fred Schenck, Junior, was third, ahead of a tie for fourth place between Greg Lowe and Cathy Black. Keith Dodson reported in his C-15 fleet article that there were numerous breakdowns at the 1978 Labor Day Regatta but that Peter Drasnin of Westlake Yacht Club won the event.

In his final "Commodore's Comments," Bill Nicolai was able to report that, owing to the "fantastic support" and "efforts" of the entire membership of ABYC, the Board had been able to "achieve most of the goals we set...last October." Many projects to improve the clubhouse and grounds had either been completed or kicked off, and the club was in "a sound financial position." He concluded by saying, "it has been a pleasure to serve such fine people."

The Stag Cruise seems to have been planned as a pretty gentle event. It was to be held over only two days late in October at Emerald Bay "with moorings courtesy of Los Angeles Yacht Club;" I'm not sure if that means they were moored at Howland's Landing but partying ashore or if they really ended up in one place or the other. The only activities planned were a "do-it-yourself Bar-B-Q on the beach preceded by FREE MAI TAIS and BEER." There was to be a big race back to ABYC on Sunday, too. The cost: about ten bucks a head.

The annual Installation Dinner and "Presentation of perpetual trophies and service awards" was set for mid-October; a "sit down" prime-rib dinner would be served and dancing would go on until midnight, all for the price of \$12.00 per person...The International 14 fleet met in September to talk about the 1979 I-14 World Team Races and US Nationals, both of which would be hosted at ABYC that summer...and, for reasons lost in the mists of time, the ABYC calendar showed that, every Thursday night in both October and November—except for Thanksgiving—there would be a disco dance class held in the clubhouse...

## TWENTY YEARS AGO:

The 1988 Labor Day Regatta was evidently memorable, but not in a good way; in fact, the reporter for the event in the October, 1988, SOU'WESTER, said there was "something for nearly no one." "There was one thing to say," the reporter continued: "it didn't snow. But we had rain, heat, sun, heat, a little wind and heat." The Luau, however, was apparently a big hit: nearly 300 dinners were served, and Rear Commodore Ed Feo reported the bar take was the highest it had ever been at any event. The volcano created by Ben Schwegler and Randy Smith was an opportunity to appease the wind gods who had presumably taken the weekend off: sacrifices made were "not successful—except to rid us of a couple of Staff Commodores."

A couple of firsts at ABYC were reported in Ann Exley's "From the Pages of History" column. She told that Bennett Shutt was building a 12-foot-long, cat-rigged boat made of "beaverboard"—a "thin, pressed board with one shiny side and a...scored pattern on the other." The boat was "built along the lines of a Skimmer with a small cockpit and all the rest of the boat decked over." While boating purists predicted calamity for a vessel built of this material, the boat was a big success. Mister Shutt called the boat a Rainbow.

Perhaps of greater impact on the history of ABYC, however, was when Mister Shutt told the members of ABYC assembled for a meeting that youngsters sailing the Rainbow were "desirous of coming into the club as a Junior Membership." In response, the membership voted to create just such a membership for sailors under the age of 18 and set the dues at half those of regular member. And so, in the same year—1982—were born a new one-design class and ABYC's first Junior members.

A dozen Schock 35's had come to ABYC for their Class Championship Regatta in August; in his closing speech, John Cazier, then class president and a former Commodore of Balboa Yacht Club, praised ABYC for its performance both on and off the water and declared ABYC "THE home of one-design yacht racing in Southern California"...the Lido 14 fleet were glad to hear of the improving conditions of both Don Brackenbury and Gib Marshall: "Brack" had recently had triple-bypass surgery while "Gibbie" was recovering from myocarditis...elected to the ABYC Board of Directors were incumbent Richard Caley and incoming Directors Chris Ericksen, Pat Marr and Steve Moffett; they joined Norma Clapp, Eric Conn, Cliff Mathias, Mike McMahon and soon-to-be Junior Staff Commodore Al Nelson on the 1988-89 Board...

## TEN YEARS AGO:

"In the true spirit of politics," the editors of the October, 1998, SOU'WESTER decided to "create a controversy where one doesn't exist" and displayed two different mastheads on the cover: one was the masthead then in use which was said to be "expedient and functional" while the other was said to be more "appropriate, attractive and traditional." It may be that both comments were made by the same person—the artist who created the new one—but ABYC members were invited to vote via e-mail on which one they preferred.

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Maggie Waterman was the Lido Fleet Captain in those days, and her columns were always entertaining as well as informative. She reported that Fred and Freddie Stevens won August twilights and that the father-and-daughter team of Jeff and Becky Lenhart of Mission Bay Yacht Club beat out the father-and-son team of Pat and Ryan McCormick of ABYC in the Lido "A" fleet at the ABYC Labor Day Regatta. But the fun part was her touting the upcoming Octoberfest. "Rumor has it there may be a 'chick versus dudes slug-fest' on the water," she reported; "it could get ugly." She concluded that there might be "stiff competition" among "serious contenders" for the "best chicken dance" at the dinner. Talk about ugly...

The Etchells fleet sent a three-boat flotilla to race in the San Diego Etchells Fleet August fleet race. Jerry Montgomery, sailing with Bob Anderson and Jim MacLeod, won the first race but ended the regatta in 11th place; Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen, sailing with Linda Adkins, had a great start and an eight-place finish in one race but ended up 13th overall. Steve Moffett sailed with Greg and Mary Montz; they were tripped up by what was reported as "an odd arrangement of marks used to shorten the course (that) confused him and plenty of others" but ended up seventh overall, the best showing among the ABYC sailors. Jerry, Bob and Jim were off to race in the Etchells Worlds in Marblehead in September while Tim and Chris were planning to race the Etchells NA's at The San Francisco Yacht Club in October, with Jim MacLeod as crew.

Jim Morford and Dave Crockett were re-elected to the ABYC Board of Directors in September, 1998, and were joined by incoming Directors Chuck Hardin and Rob Waterman; Chas Merrill and Bill Nicolai were elected as 2020 Fund trustees in the same election...Jack Wolfe had been tapped as new Keel Boat Fleet captain while Brian Brown earned the same position in the Senior Sabot fleet; Jennifer Kuritz was slated to take over the Cal 20 fleet...photos of new members of ABYC included those of Mike and Betty Baumann, proposed by Stan and Elise Church, and Bing and Susan Leung with their daughter, Akemi.

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

## the bay clogger (junior sailing)

**F**all Sailing for the Junior Program has commenced with a surprising amount of participation at regattas and a packed calendar to come. Sailors recently competed in the Fall Gold Cup down at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Typically, we see a group of as many as 16 to 18 go to these events and call it impressive. This year, we took down 30 students who competed in all five fleets!

The wind was moderate and never really picked up enough to get kids on the rail until the end of the second day. Still, despite light to moderate conditions, the race committee ran an iron man regatta getting in 9 plus races for nearly every fleet. Long days and short breaks resulted in tired kids, but they powered through to accomplish great things.

Highlights included Riley Gibbs finishing 7<sup>th</sup> overall after being in 3<sup>rd</sup> after the first day while Ginger Luckey made her debut in the top 10 finishing 10<sup>th</sup> overall out of the nearly 30 A's.

Our biggest representation was in the B fleet, which had 32 sailors, 9 of which were ABYC. Matt McDermaid sailed extremely well but had a little inconsistency in the end that hurt him falling from the top five into 7<sup>th</sup> at the end of the regatta. Steven Hopkins maintained position trophying in 5<sup>th</sup> place while the younger Gibbs brother, Sawyer, nabbed a 9<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Our C1 group is the smallest and youngest group from our club as so many have jumped up into B, however we still had some awesome highlights in this class including a sailor who has been around a while but seems to be catching some fire recently. Richard Bell, who found himself qualifying for the Silver Fleet at Nationals and nearly winning a couple races there showed that he was the real deal by leading/winning a few more races at Fall Gold Cup. He ended up breaking into the top 10 of the 30 boat fleet finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> overall with a heck of a performance. Newcomer, Emily Golison has spent all of one or two regattas in each of the previous fleets as she has graduated up the ranks extremely fast. The way she stared the C1 fleet looks as though she may have limited time to enjoy this fleet as well. Her first day results showed she was new and figuring things out in a fleet where the competition really starts to ramp up. Her second day results (7, 4, 8) showed that she started feeling comfortable and figuring things out. There is definitely a bright outlook for our C1 sailors.

In the C2 fleet, ABYC saw a little bit of domination fielding four sailors and getting 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> while an ABYC fall program participant from Dana Point YC got 4<sup>th</sup> overall. The students who sailed remarkably consistently were new members Ethan Michaelis (1<sup>st</sup>), Noah LaBarba (2<sup>nd</sup>), John Erlinger (4<sup>th</sup>), Dana Boudreau (5<sup>th</sup>), and Jonn Merrill (9<sup>th</sup>). Welcome to the C1's to Ethan and Noah!

We had one more student graduating a fleet from C3 to C2 in another recent new member, Nigel Lipps. He caught extreme fire the second day with all bullets while close behind, Peter Bishop finished 5<sup>th</sup>. Other top 10 finishers included Beth Golison (7<sup>th</sup>), Alan Peoples (9<sup>th</sup>), and Gentry Bell (10<sup>th</sup>).

Overall, the participation was remarkable and we are so very proud of them all!

*Brad Schaupter, Junior Director*

# fall gold cup a junior perspective

Each month Marc Schryer invites a Junior sailor to write something for the So'wester...this month he selected Ginger Luckey, a 14 year-old Junior Sabot sailor.

This year's Fall Gold Cup at NHYC, otherwise know as 'the obstacle course,' was definitely a bunch of fun. We had 27 sabot sailors go down, with a big thanks to Mr. Curley, Mr. MacLean, Dr. McDermid, and of course, Mr. Bell, for towing our boats. The C2s and C3s sail over by Lido Isle while the rest of us are in the bay with all the moorings and tourist boats.

This was Elle Merrill's first A regatta, and although she wasn't exactly ecstatic about being toward the back of the fleet, she had some good races including a 13th and 17th.

It was Maddie's birthday on Sunday, and some of her most unusual gifts were: a donut from Elle, cup of hot cocoa from Sunny, and a leeboard handle that was stolen from her the day before (no names will be revealed).

Throughout the regatta there were many seals that you would occasionally see swimming through the water or lying on the back of boats, but one seal stayed on one particular dock the whole day. We decided to name it Squishy.

I especially want to recognize Lilly and Emily because last year they didn't even race in this regatta because they were such beginner C3s, and now they are C1s, great racers, and really have the competitive spirit. Overall everyone had a great time and I can't wait for the next regatta.

*Ginger Luckey*

## membership report

For those of you that didn't attend the September General Membership Meeting you really missed a great meeting. I'm not going to review what occurred, except in the area of membership.

As I have indicated previously, membership is really moving in the right direction, we are approaching our maximum and we have to thank all of those members who have sponsored a new member this year. At the September meeting we had an opportunity to not only present burgees to our brand new members but even existing member, Dave Morse who had never received a burgee we were able to rectify that error. All in all it was a great evening.

Now, I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't let you know how important it is to keep our focus on both growing and maintaining our membership. Do your part, make the new members at home and keep looking for those folks who would really enjoy ABYC.

### Board Approved for 30 Day Posting:

Member Name	Membership Type	Sponsor
• Michael Kramer	Regular	Dan Delave
• Roland Duphily	Regular	Don Reiman
• Claire Paice	Junior	Teri Bishop

### Board Approved for Membership:

Member Name	Membership Type	Sponsor
• David Michaels	Regular	Jon Robinson
• Mark Juranek	Regular	Vann Wilson
• Robert Wright	Regular	Ken Reiff
• Nicholas Trainotti	Junior	Teri Bishop

*Ken Reiff, Membership Chairman*

### New members installed at the September meeting:



*New Member  
Michael Benjamin  
with sponsor Dave  
Morse*



*New Member Craig  
Yandow along with  
Dan Delave and Ken  
Reiff*



# more membership

September new members continued:

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The Clinton family along with sponsor Sharon Pearson



The Kunkle's along with sponsor Merle Asper and Ken Reiff



Longtime member Dave Morse (who had never been presented with a burgee) along with Ken Reiff and Glenn Selvin



New Member Karl Wittnebel with sponsor Ken Reiff



Sponsor Lynda Peoples and the Peacock family



New Junior Member Clover Stubbert  
uncle George Kornhoff and Ken Reiff



New Member Patty Nash with Sponsor Merle Asper

## thank you from patience

For the past racing season and many years before, Roberto, one of ABYC's hard working staff, has scrubbed, vacuumed and cleaned windows prior to every ocean/harbor regatta. Roberto has provided a great clean working area for the RC staff and ABYC can be truly proud of our RC boat. Rick and Greg, also ABYC staff members, have been extremely helpful in various projects all season long. Kelly, ABYC manager, has been with us every step of the way contributing and finding ways to keep all the projects moving along. Jeff Merrill, our ABYC Board liaison, has listened to all our woes and made suggestions.

To all of the above and for the many others who contributed their time and effort this past season, THANK YOU.  
*Vern and George*

## abyc not necessarily blue and white

Date line Mission Bay Yacht Club ABYC goes Green. When we were in the final stages of the design and getting ready to erect the sabot racks, we found ourselves with a problem. What to do with the wooden sabot racks? We thought about sending them to a landfill. We laughingly thought it would be cruel to the termites (there were no termites in the racks). During this time I was walking through the parking lot at a regatta and ran into a good friend Doug Paine. I stopped and talked with him and asked if he had seen our design for the sabot racks? He said no. So I recommended that he take a look if he were interested. He was and declared that Mission Bay Yacht Club was in need of sabot storage. I said that he could copy ours but he might be interested in our wooden racks. They are free. This interested him and he took a look. He got back with me and said the wooden ones would be fine, and the price was right.

Around the end of May, 2008 we were scheduling the assembly of our sabot racks. We contacted Doug to let him know that we would need the wooden racks removed the same weekend that we were assembling the new sabot racks. As some of us remember the weekend we assembled the sabot racks was a real work weekend with most of us extremely tired by late Sunday afternoon. Doug and a good friend (he had to be to work as hard as they did) showed up about 1:00 pm with a large truck. They began to disassemble the racks.

This was no easy task and was time consuming. He asked if any of us could help but by 5:00 pm we were all beat and would not have been much help. The Mission Bay boys worked into the night and finished loading the last rack around midnight. They got home about 2:00 am. Wow what a day. I talked with Doug later and he and Mission Bay Yacht Club were ecstatic and very thankful. On September 15, 2008 I received this e-mail:

*Please excuse the informality of this thank you, it is no less genuine for its informality. But we at MBYC want to thank you again for your kindness, generosity, and helpfulness with respect to giving us your 'gently used' Sabot racks. They are assembled, cleaned, painted, re-carpeted and ready for the next 20 years of service. We had two work parties totaling 50 people, and have one more day remaining to complete the project. While they do not have the flash or efficiency of yours, they suit us perfectly*

*Thank you again,  
Doug Paine*

You can see Mission Bay Yacht Club is very grateful and by recycling the wooden sabot racks, we have become a Green yacht club.

*Jon Robinson*



*A new life for our old Sabot racks*

## email updates

We currently have members volunteering to send you email. The goal is to keep you updated on the latest happenings and news going on around the Club.

If you would like to receive email and weekly updates from ABYC and you are currently not receiving them, please send an email to [abycnews@pavenet.net](mailto:abycnews@pavenet.net)

-you can always unsubscribe by sending an email to the same address.

*Merle Asper*

Once again ABYC held the ABYC Olympic Classes regatta. This year the regatta was held September 13 and 14. The local Finn class turned out 14 strong and had a fun regatta and the Lasers turned out 8 full rigs but not enough Radial rigs to form a class. The Race committee went the extra mile and set an Olympic style trapezoid course which works great for a multi-class regatta because it nicely separates the fleets and keeps the sailors from passing through the start line

Even though we delayed ashore for an hour on Saturday, the wind cooperated both days for spirited conditions and close racing. Henry Sprague would have won the Finn Class but he was disqualified from the four Saturday because of equipment violations. Andrew Kern earned the gold by one point over Phil Toth of ABYC. The Finn sailor awarded the bronze was Newport Harbor Yacht Club's Phil Ramming.

Chuck Tripp of ABYC took the Gold Medal in the Laser fleet by a three point margin over the Buckingham brothers from Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Interestingly, Kevin Taugher sailed Sunday only but earned all bullets. I haven't seen Kevin in the Laser lately but clearly he still has the gift.

I have to thank the whaler crews and the Patience crew that made the entire on the water program go smoothly. We had to adjust the course once each day but the whaler crews moved all the marks quickly and accurately. Special thanks go to Don Reiman on the weather marks and Mike Baumann on the gate.

Judy Mathias did her usual outstanding job timing the regatta and my lovely wife Georgene handled the signals. Jim Morford did his usual accurate and timely job on scoring and a special thanks to Margaret Caddle and her committee for handling some sticky protests.

*Bob Anderson*



*Sky Adams, 16, ran away in Radials*



*Iraq war vet Tom Rossano kicks back with some Finn racing*



*Brisk breeze sends Lasers away*

*Veterans Henry Sprague (c.) and Andrew Kern lead Finns downwind. Kern won class on Sprague's DSQ*



# hails from the fleets



The Alamitos Bay Etchells 2008 Fleet Championship Series consisted of 27 races in seven regattas over five months. And, for the third time since they have been members of the fleet, the NO X CUSES team led by Tom Corkett came away the winners.

Between Tom and partner Gordon Palmer, the team managed to race—and finish—every race in every regatta. But just showing up is not as much an advantage as it seems, thanks to the vagaries of high-point scoring.

Under rules of the series, a boat earns one point for finishing and one point for each starting boat it beats; boats not starting, not finishing, retiring from or disqualified in a race get no points. And twenty per cent of the scores, rounded up, are discarded. Two of the top three teams sailed every race—or otherwise got scored—so it came down to who threw out scoring races. And, since Corkett's team had more high-scoring races, they ended up discarding nearly twice as many points as their closest competitor.

The last regatta of the series, held on Sunday, September 21, was an odd affair: the breeze was so far around to the east that practically the entire fleet sailed out of the jetties on one long port tack. It eventually veered to the south but never really built, so the premium was on good starts and good speed. Short courses and tight starting lines set by the race committee of Vicki Vaught and Terri and Kate Bishop made for some close crosses, tight roundings and a couple of bumps.

The Barber/Burdge/Newsome team took first place with seven points. But second went to the DESPERADO's on the strength of their last-race, wire-to-wire win. Tim Carter, Chris Ericksen and Dave Morse were lucky, however, as John Chapman, sailing with Bob Burns and Gordon Miller, ended up tied on points with Co-Fleet Captains Rich and Alan Vaught. Here are the results:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	TOTALS
Barber/Burdge/Newsome	USA126	1	1	5	7
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	3	6	1	10
Chapman	USA1002	7	2	3	12
A. Vaught/R. Vaught	USA821	2	3	7	12
Corkett	USA889	4	7	2	13
A. Vaught/A. Vaught	USA669	6	4	6	16
Montgomery	USA792	5	8	4	17
Moffett	USA653	8	5	DNC/9	22

The finish by the threesome in SPIRIT made for nervous times for those atop the Fleet Championship Series leader board: going into the last regatta, Corkett and Montgomery were first and second in the series, ten points and almost eight points, respectively, ahead of Barber, Burdge and Newsome. As it was, Montgomery was moved to third place in the final standings, and the margin between Corkett and the SPIRIT's was halved. Here, then, are the final—and corrected, after an initial scoring error had the margin of victory as only one point—standings of the 2008 Fleet Championship Series:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS	OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS
Corkett/Palmer	USA889	121	Sims/Menezes	USA494	29
Barber/Burdge/Newsome	USA126	116	Dudley/Powell	USA531	24.6
Montgomery	USA792	111.4	Frost	USA669	21
Vaught/Vaught	USA821	100.2	Rice/Ureño	USA90	11
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	89	Moffett	USA653	5
Chapman	USA1002	70	Wells/Hardy/Dooros	USA488	5
Bateman	USA143	29	Markowitz	USA662	5

By the way, fractional points were awarded by a rule that awards any skipper the average of their series points for the races they missed working on race committee the scores were rounded up to the closest tenth.

The day—and the Series—ended with a trophy presentation on the lawn and a burger bash in the patio at ABYC after racing. Rich Vaught organized half-models as trophies for the top three places, and photos taken by Cameron Summers during several of the races were printed and distributed to the skippers and crews. Finally, a fleet election returned Rich and Alan Vaught as Etchells Fleet Co-Captains for 2009.

Note must be made of some names that appeared in the standings. The September fleet regatta marked the return to Etchells sailing of PARROT HEAD, skippered by Steve Moffett and crewed by Greg and Mary Montz; they showed flashes of speed, including an amazing beat that left the rest of the fleet in the dust. And that's not a typo on the results: there were two Vaught-and-Vaught teams on the water. Brothers Rich and Alan sailed CHICKEN OF BRISTOL

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while brothers Alex and Andrew—sons of Rich and Vicki—sailed USA669, formerly owned by Ken and Jean Frost. Finally, hoping to be on the water after a long hiatus had been Jim Bateman; sadly, a main-halyard failure led to the team of Jim, Chris Wells and Commodore-designate Merle Asper having to pull the mast and to their missing the races (although they came out to watch the action in the Asper family boat).

While the Fleet Championship Series is over, the year of racing for the Etchells Fleet is far from it. The Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta was scheduled for late September and one-day fleet regattas are scheduled for October, November and December. Add to that the ABYC Halloween Regatta and the ABYC Turkey Day Regatta and it looks like the action on the water continues!

Chris Ericksen



## 2008 Laser District 25 Championship Regatta

The 2008 *Laser* District 25 (Santa Barbara to Mexico) Championship was held in conjunction with the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Labor Day Holiday Regatta, August 30-31, 2008. Almost duplicating the turn out of 2007, we saw a fleet of 48 *Radials* and 23 full-rig *Lasers* registered for the 2008 event.

Saturday was muggy and warm (for Southern California) as competitors sailed in a light breeze out to the traditional ABYC racecourse area, inside the Long Beach breakwater. The light breeze refused to increase or settle down enough for the Race Committee to set a course, so we waited through about a half hour postponement.

All competing fleets started on time until the full-rigs, who needed one General Recall to get underway. The *Radials* by this time, were rarrin' to go and needed two General Recalls before everyone behaved and started racing. Wind conditions on the truncated trapezoid course remained light throughout the day, which meant *Radials* sailed one upwind leg, a very close reach, a downwind leg, followed by a very short reach to a reaching finish. The *Radials* repeated this twice more, while *Lasers* sailed one additional upwind leg of the trapezoid.

At the end of day one in *Radials*, **Oliver Toole** of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club was in control with three bullets and a third. Oliver was followed by **Nevin Snow** of the San Diego Yacht Club and **Evan Hoffman** from Mission Bay Yacht Club. In the full-rig fleet, **Cole Hatton** from Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC) stood in first, with **Mac Mace** also from NHYC and **Cameron Summers** from ABYC close behind.

Saturday evening found sailors and guests enjoying a lovely night on the ABYC patio and the traditional ABYC Labor Day Luau.

Sunday found sailors looking toward the water and hoping for more breeze in their last three races. The stronger breeze did not materialize; however, the Race Committee was able to start the fleets on time at noon. *Lasers* and *Radials* sailed the same modified trapezoid that kept *Lasers* and *Radials* largely separate from the *A-Cats*, *I-14's*, *Thistles*, *Hobie 16's*, *F-18's* and *Finn's* also competing in the regatta. The light breeze, large fleet (48 *Radials*) and sometimes choppy conditions challenged everyone at one time or another, as most dropped at least one race finish well off their regular pace.

In *Radials*, **Oliver Toole** continued to dominate the fleet and finish eleven points ahead of the second place finisher. **Nevin Snow** remained in second, followed in order by; **Ben Spector** from California Yacht Club, **Sally Mace** from NHYC and **Evan Hoffman**.

Of note, **Oliver** was recipient of the inaugural Perpetual District 25 *Radial* Championship Trophy, a beautifully decorated *Laser* rudder mounted upright on a wood base to which we will attach a plaque bearing his name and year. The trophy will remain at ABYC to recognize future D25 *Radial* Champions. Also, as winner of the largest fleet competing at the Labor Day Regatta, Oliver won the *Art Hall Fiesta de la Playa Perpetual Trophy*, an impressive silver and wood award that will now bear his name.

Other ABYC members competing in *Radials* were in order of finish; **Chris Barnard**, **Tyler Macdonald**, **Ryan McNaboe**, **Jack Jorgensen**, your author, **Dugan Farrell** and **Andrew McLean**.

In the *Laser* fleet on day two, **Mac Mace** put together an impressive string of three firsts to win the regatta and D25 *Laser* Championship perpetual trophy. This too is a *Laser* rudder, but one of the original wood rudders. It has also now found a permanent home at ABYC.

Cole Hatton made it a one-two sweep for NHYC. Following in order were; **Cameron Summers**, **Phillip Lozier** from Coronado Yacht Club and **Jim Kirk** from ABYC.

Other ABYC members competing in *Lasers* were in order of finish; **Chuck Tripp**, **Ian Paice**, **Mark Juranek**, and **Bob Anderson**.

### Two New Perpetual Laser Trophies at ABYC

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) is now our repository for the *Laser* and *Laser Radial* District 25 (D25) Championship Perpetual Trophies. The *Laser* D25 trophy is made of an original *Laser* wood rudder assembly and now nearly covered with name plaques and years won. The plaques read like a who's who of competitive sailboat racers, well known to ABYC members including; **Kevin Taugher**, **Jim Otis**, **Chris Raab**, **Kurt Miller**, **Bob Falk** and **Chuck Tripp**.

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In bright contrast is the new D25 *Laser Radial* Championship trophy. This award is also made from a *Laser* rudder, albeit a more contemporary vintage, and beautifully painted with a marine inspired design by ABYC's **Ellen Kirk**. Ellen's husband and ABYC *Laser* Fleet stalwart, **Jim Kirk**, skillfully mounted Ellen's handiwork on a handsome wood base which will make this a welcome addition to the ABYC trophy case. The first name on this trophy will be 2008 D25 *Laser Radial* Champion, **Oliver Toole** from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

## Olympic Classes Regatta

ABYC was ready for us with nice regatta shirts, free coffee and experienced race management; we just failed to provide the competitors. On the patio over breakfast and coffee we kicked around the reasons for the light turn-out. Speculation ranged from *Laser* burn-out, back-to-school activities, like soccer and football, the USC-Ohio State game or a calendar conflict with the Shadden Series in Newport. Regardless, we could only field a fleet of eight *Laser* and four *Radials* for the regatta.

The Race Committee held us on-shore for wind Saturday morning which pushed back start of the first race of the day to around one in the afternoon. The combined *Laser* and *Radial* fleet set off in light conditions around a trapezoid course. Light wind conditions continued for the second race, but it seemed like the chop and waves were increasing in the race area south of Seal Beach, beyond the oil platform. The wind picked up for the third race giving everyone a chance to exercise their hiking muscles. This nice 15-18 knot breeze continued for the fourth race, but the race was shortened at the second weather mark as the hour was getting late and the grill was hot for the cook-your-own-steak dinner.

In the *Laser* fleet, **Charlie Buckingham** from Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC) lead the fleet with **Chuck Tripp** from ABYC two points back. Charlie's brother **Jim** from NHYC was tied with **Brian Cottrell** from King Harbor Yacht Club in fourth. In *Radials*, **Sky Adams** from Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC) dominated with all but one first place finish, followed by your author and **Annie Rossi** also from SBYC.

On day two, **Kevin Taugher** from ABYC showed up in the *Laser* Fleet to show all the way, by posting three bullets. This performance could not; however, overcome the DNC scores from Saturday putting **Chuck Tripp** atop the leader board in first place. Following Chuck in order were the Buckingham brothers, Charlie and Jim, with Brian coming in fourth. In *Radials*, Sky continued her near sweep with three more bullets, followed by **Shaun Prestridge** from Dana Point Yacht Club.

## New ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain Named

**Jorge Suarez** has graciously offered his services as ABYC *Laser* Fleet Co-Captain. Having benefited from Jorge's efforts on many ABYC activities, his energy, enthusiasm and continued participation in the ABYC *Laser* Fleet is welcome.

*Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain*



## Got Lido?

Even though it's October, the Lido fleet is continuing to sail its buns off. We finally wrapped up our Twilight's at the end of September. We averaged around twelve boats every night! A big congrats goes out to Walter Johnson/Mike Ancil for winning the September twilight's with a large number of bullets. After a night of racing we had several BBQ's and we partied into the night! It was a great way to spend a September evening.

We have several events coming up in October. The first is the return of Lido De Luna on Sunday, October 11th. We're sailing down to Alcapulco in the even to drink some "refreshments" and dine. Afterwards, we'll attempt to sail back to ABYC. Dana Bell is the head of what will be a great night out on the bay, but she'd like you to RSVP. Her number is 562-438-4435. Come join the fun, you won't regret it!

The Halloween Regatta will be our next racing event at the club. This is always a great low-price regatta to sail in. Only three races are schedule, so it'll be an easy day. You can also dress up in your Halloween costumes, too! It'll be on Sunday, October 26th.

A bigger regatta to sail in would be the Lido District One Championships. It'll be on October 25th and 26th down in Mission Bay. Several fleet members are planning on attending. A large turnout of the top lido sailors in the world is expected, so come join the fun! This will be good practice for next years class championships which will be in Mission Bay, too.

The lido fleet at our little club is bigger then it has been in a long time. Now is the time to come join in on the fun. Sell your \_\_\_\_\_ and get a Lido!

*Mark Ryan, Fleet Secretary*

# hails from the fleets



## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

**G**reat meeting on September 12 conducted by Joe Riddick and just the right tone to get the Keel Boat Fleet off to the new 2008-2009 year. The dinner was barbecue your own entrée, baked potatoes and salad provided by the Fleet and fantastic brownies courtesy of Sue Brennan. Joe went over the coming events and the list seems to include all the favorites such as Vern and Bobbie Peterson's Shoreline Yacht Club cruise, Bob Chubb and Jeannie Reid's Pinewood model boat regatta and of course the Christmas Party with the Sabotiers.

The next item on Joe's agenda was the ABYC Halloween Regatta Sunday, October 26, which is a one day regatta staffed by the Keel Boat Fleet and the Sabotier Fleet. Please call Joe and volunteer to help out. Dues are due for the new, 2008-2009, Keel Boat Fleet year. Please send \$10 to Sue Brennan or Mary Riddick.

The next Keel Boat Fleet meeting will be Friday, November 14. We will be discussing the Christmas Party and other up coming events. Joe would like anyone with ideas for a program to contact him.

See you at the Halloween regatta.

*George C.*



## **A**n Inspiration to Us All

Hello Nick!. Your friends from the ABYC Sabotier fleet would like to pass along special recognition to Nick Scandone and crew Maureen McKinnon-Tucker for their fabulous performance to win the gold in Beijing at the Paralympics. Nick, a first class Sabot sailor among achievements in many other classes endured four years of intense training under odds many of us can barely comprehend coupled with an ironclad will to bring home US gold with Lou Gehrig's disease. Two thumbs up to Nick and Maureen of Balboa Yacht Club.

Another tip of our collective hats must go to Jerry Thompson of ABYC (and our very own Sabot fleet) who helped to coach Nick, encouraged his significant talent and drove countless miles around the country to help him train. But that is only part of the story of his assistance and you must speak to Jerry for more details. The results are in, Nick prevailed and Jerry was truly instrumental in helping to help bring home Nick and Maureen winners. THANK YOU JERRY!!!

What else has been happening with those Sabots?

Mary Riddick and Lee Berlinger headed to Balboa Yacht Club for the Little Old Ladies Regatta on September 17<sup>th</sup>. With both a men's and ladies division, Lee lead 10 men to finish 1<sup>st</sup>. There were 8-A's and 8-B's in the ladies division. Mary Riddick tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> and lost the tie breaker to finish 4<sup>th</sup>. Lots of maneuvering through moored boats and a significant tide kept the competition interesting. Always fun to visit our friends at Balboa. They welcomed everyone as they always do with warm friendship and keen competition.

Our September fleet race was sailed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month. Light shifty winds have seemed to be the battle cry of the summer with the lead changing often each race. You tack up the boats along Naples and you should be out in the middle, you sail up the middle and should be working the edges! A dinner and final meeting for Jennifer our fearless leader brought back many memories. We thought at the beginning of the year that it would be fun to introduce some different ideas to the fleet to encourage participation. After all, how much fun is it to grind out boilerplate regattas when, with a little more elbow grease, we could create something positively wonderful? From Mark Ryan teaching beginning sailing to radio controlled boats at Men's Day, interest increased and we hope these innovations will be continued and refined over the next year. Bring your brilliance to the table as new ideas always welcome.

Results: Lee Berlinger 1<sup>st</sup> Robin Townsend 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mary Riddick 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The frost is on the pumpkin...It won't be long now until Ladies Day. Mark your calendar for October 19<sup>th</sup>. This is always a fun regatta and the competition stiff. Please encourage our out of towners to come down and enjoy the fun. The NOR is enclosed in the Sou'Wester.

*Robin Townsend*

I owe so many people so much thanks for their assistance with the Sabotier fleet! Its been a great year and I hope you all had fun. So many events during the year, but somehow we all survived moving into the new Sabot racks. And, although we're still adjusting, I'm glad we have more space and hopefully can get some of the junior parents to join our fleet. I won't bore you all with a long list that would include everyone in the fleet for helping this year, but want to thank Mary Riddick for her guidance on what to do, Joe Riddick for always being there to run the whaler, John McNaughton for an entire summer of Thursday nights (and many Sunday's too), Barbara Gabriel and my mother Jinx Ellis for their constant help and support running the barge, Robin Townsend for writing our Sou'Wester articles, Bobby Ware for keeping us well supplied with wine, Mark Townsend for some super Sunday races (although I'm not sure I needed to know how much slower I am than the rest of the fleet), Don Wilson our fleet historian and lastly to my husband Steve for always being there to pitch-in when needed (XXX).

Don't forget upcoming events:

Ladies Day - October 19

Halloween Regatta (fleet duty) - October 26

*Jennifer Kuritz, Fleet Captain*



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## charity regatta



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**C**linic's kids are real winners in 22nd Charity Regatta. It's not just another sailing event when several hundred competitors on 151 boats go away knowing that a lot of kids will feel better for their efforts, whoever the winners were in the 22nd annual Long Beach Yacht Clubs Charity Regatta Sunday.

Entry fees and donations were dedicated to The Children's Clinic, which received a net of \$56,000 from last year's event. Figures for this year were not yet available.

For almost 70 years, The Children's Clinic, serving children and their families, has been dedicated to providing comprehensive health care in a culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate manner to medically underserved, low-income and high-risk populations in Long Beach and the South Bay.

The regatta was started in 1987 when local sailor and longtime racing official Pete Ives of the Long Beach Yacht Club called together a group of representatives from area clubs to organize an event that would benefit a local area charity. The host yacht clubs are Long Beach, Alamitos Bay, Seal Beach, Shoreline, Cerritos Bahia, Navy YC Long Beach, Long Beach Singles and Little Ships Fleet.

Ray Godwin has sailed in the last eight Charity Regattas and won his class in the last five. This time the Long Beach sailor, with eight members of his family representing three generations on board, drove his Farr 40, *Temptress*, to first place in PHRF A.

"We have to do it," Godwin said afterward. "We were in Dana Point [for another event] Saturday and gave up the second day of the regatta to come up here."

The Godwins were rewarded by winning the 10-boat fleet on a tiebreaker with *Emirage II*, a 1D48, and *Voodoo*, a Tripp 40, by virtue of one first place in the two races that the others couldn't match.

They also won the Family Trophy for the most kinfolk on board.

The regatta was sailed on a wide range of venues—an ocean course off Seal Beach, two courses inside the breakwater and one inside for dinghies, including 77 Naples Sabots—all of which lay under heavy fog through the morning as boats left the harbor groping for their venues.

But around noon the fog—no doubt sensing the soul of the event—suddenly lifted into sunshine in the 70s, with brisk breezes up to 14 knots.

The regatta was run in concert with ABYC's Fall Junior Invitational for Naples Sabots, Lido 14s and Lasers and the J-Fest competition for J Boats.

*Rich Roberts*



*ABYC hosted 77 Sabots*



*Steven Hopkins racing in Sabot Bs*

## election results

On Friday, the 19th of September, the following members were elected to the Board of Directors: Bob Anderson, John Massey, Jeff Merrill, Yvonne Galvez and Ken Reiff. Congratulations on your new positions.