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The Fourth of July Regatta was held on Sunday of the holiday weekend. The format for the racing was a single pursuit race on the inside bay course for the smaller dinghies class boats and the same for the keelboats, larger dinghies and multi-hulls on the outside course. The morning of the race was bright, cool and breezy.



Pete and James Melvin, 1st in the multihull - Ocean.

Manning Patience outside PRO Russ Boudreau and Jim Drury started the 20 outside participants according to the prescribed handicap start sequence. The breezy conditions made for quick work of the 7 mile outside course by the race participants. The speedy catamarans were able to more than make up for their late start in the starting sequence by dominating the early finishing spots. Pete and James Melvin sailing their F18 catamaran were followed by Bill Westland and then Craig Yandow both sailing A cats for the 3 multihull trophy spots. Top monohull finishers included 3 Cal 20s: Dave Crockett 1st, Lee Smith 2nd and Mike Cahan 4th. 3rd place was garnered by Steve Smith sailing a Laser Radial, 5th place by Chris Rabb, Laser full rig. Rounding out the monohull top spots were Tim Carter and Chris Eriksen, 6th, and Mark and Sarah Ryan in 7th.

The inside PRO duties were handled by Mike Baumann and son Kevin. The breezy conditions took their toll as only half of the 18 strong starters managed to still be sailing at the end of the 2hr 20 minute race cut-off. 4 of the top 5 places were Lido 14s: Bob and Emily Sherwood 1st, Don and Christine Taugher 2nd, Mary Saleff and Gary Brenner 3rd, Bruce Wasson and John Makeilski 5th. Junior Bradley Clinton took the remaining trophy spot sailing an Open Bic to 4th place.

After the racing Jesus and crew served up holiday great burger bash complete with apple pie to end a great afternoon of breeze-on racing.

The ABYC juniors and the snipe fleet had the duty for this regatta. Many thanks go to the juniors, parents of juniors, and other adults too numerous to mention here that helped both shoreside and on the racecourse with their greatly appreciated volunteer efforts. Thanks also to the ABYC staff for their tireless efforts.

Doug Jorgensen, Regatta Chair



Bradley Clinton, 4th in the Bay with Doug Jorgensen, Regatta Chair.



Dave Crockett, 1st in monohull - Ocean

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commodore's comments



August is upon us and life is good at ABYC. We are a good portion of the way through summer and it is still going strong! The weather is nice, in fact it seems like the heat has finally started. What a great time to be a member of ABYC. Lucky us! Come here to cool off and enjoy the water.

A few things need to be mentioned before I talk about last month's successes and what to look forward to this month.

Our Board election is coming up. The slate is looking strong and it is posted. You should have seen it either by email, in the Sou'Wester, and/or on the bulletin board at ABYC. Please take time to get to know the people that are running. Please look closely at their qualifications and make sure that you know that the person you vote for will do a great job for ABYC. We need you to vote and participate. We need strong leadership, especially now in the height of the recession. Everybody is feeling the heat in one way or another. Your participation is what keeps us going.

Another thing to think about is; who around you might be interested in joining our Club. We are strong; in fact we are stronger than any of the other Yacht Clubs or Country Clubs in the area. We have managed to remain strong through one of the largest economic downturns in American history. That is saying a lot. We need to continue on this route. Please look to your friends, neighbors, competitors, junior program participants, and anyone else that you believe to be a qualified candidate for membership, and get them down here to see all of the wonderful things we have to offer. You are doing them a favor and you are doing us a favor.

I should really thank these people more often, but Jim Drury and the Race Management Committee do a lot for our Club. They consistently put out a product that could rival any in the world. Truly our Race Management Committee is world class and always goes above and beyond the call of duty. Please thank them when you see them and if you would like to volunteer, give Jim, Jon Robinson or myself a call. You will have fun, meet new people and learn a lot about racing. Sounds like a perfect fit!

The Social Advisory Committee is another group that makes it happen. Sue McDannel is in charge! The group handles Easter, Christmas, Mother's Day, Happy Hour, Email updates, and anything else you can think of in this respect. Many people really enjoy putting together parties and social events. If you are one of these people, contact Sue, Jeff Merrill, or myself and get involved. You will have a great time.

July was another month where we had great successes.

I think you already know this, but Long Beach Race Week went extremely well. We had a huge showing for the Friday night party (thanks Kelly Asper and friends). All of the races went well and I think it was highly successful, thanks to our extremely competent race management team headed by Mark Townsend. Glenn Selvin also helped to manage our part of the partnership with LBYC. I had the honor of handing out trophies and I am proud to say that very many of them went to ABYC members. In fact we won the "Yacht Club Challenge" which means we were the most successful Yacht Club that participated. How can you beat that? Go ABYC!

The Fourth of July Regatta, held on the Fifth went really well and I think all present had a great time. Thanks to Doug Jorgensen and the Juniors for all of their effort in putting this event on. It is truly an "ABYC Family" event with a reverse start, where slower boats start first so you see a lot of the competitors/members racing at one time or another. A lot of camaraderie! Everybody always has a great time.

Family movie night has been going extremely well. A lot of participation! A lot of families having a great time together! A lot of friends enjoying life! Please thank Jim Grubbs, Tom Shadden and Mike Van Dyke for shelling out the money to buy a new HD projector for our use. That is how we get things done around here. Members see a need and step up! Jeff Merrill and Jon Robinson continue to make it all happen.

The summer concerts in the park have been going well. The Peninsula group puts it together and the ABYC members are invited to participate. In fact we do some non-monetary sponsorship of the event, which goes far in giving back to the community. There are usually a lot of our people present and everybody has a great time. If you don't go, you should!

We have the Multihull invitational coming up after this article is due. In other words, I don't have much info to report except that I know that Ed Spotskey and the Lido fleet has worked extremely hard to get it all organized. This is not one of our bigger regattas, but I know it will be another one run to perfection. I should mention now, just in case you do not already know Ed Spotskey, that Ed has done a lot to promote the Lido Fleet and he has helped us out with a lot of out lighting issues (Spot Lighting on PCH) In many cases he did it at no cost to our fine institution!

The Friday Happy Hours have been really great. There is a lot of participation and everybody is having a great time. If you are not going, then you should! Here's an idea; bring some of your friends down that you think should be members!

Here is August in one sentence (in random order!); Outside General membership meeting (second ever, be there for history in the making) with fabulous food by our own chef connoisseur Kelly Whitlow, Catalina Island Cruise, Sabot and

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Lido Twilights, 505/Finn Tuesdays, Wet Wednesdays, Thirsty Thursdays, Happy Happy Happy Friday (featuring good food, Family Movie Night, Club ABYC w/ Flight 6875, Keel Boat Fleet meeting, Remote Control Fleet racing, and Bridge Night), Etchells/Laser/Cal 20 Fleet racing, Senior Sabot Fleet racing and dinner, three peninsula summer concerts (9 Carat Gold, Flight 6875, and Elm Street Band) Jr Laser Challenge, Lido 14 Junior Nationals, Junior program, Junior Candy Bar Race, Junior Twilights, Junior Sea Festival Regatta at Leeway, Junior Alamitos Bay Championship, and great meals being served on our patio every Wednesday and Thursday nights. Can you beat that?

Finally, I would like to mention how much fun we are going to have at this year's Catalina Cruise. Mary Montz and Pat McCormick are going all out. See our website for more details, but Friday night Hors d'oeuvres (no, spell check would not give the right spelling, I had to use Google!) contest judged by last year's winner Norma Clapp, happy hour at the band stand, dinner both Friday and Saturday nights, bocce ball tournament, kids activities, plus a tour of the USC Wrigley Institute with a presentation by the Catalina Island Conservancy to follow. A lot of really great info for those of you that want and need cerebral stimulation! I can't wait! Everything you always wanted to know on these subjects, but were afraid to ask! I will be there with Kelly Asper (Hey, Kelly Whitlow can come too!) along with lots of great friends. You are invited!

Again, as always, thanks to everyone for making this all happen! Check your email, Sou'Wester and online calendar for what is going on. There is no reason to ever be bored as a member of ABYC! Just so you know, ABYC is strong due to you! Get here and have the time of your life. Down with the recession! Up with the sails!

Always remember; Go ABYC!
Merle

election slate

Subject: Annual Elections

Dear Members:

Your Board of Directors is very pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for the 2009-2010 Board:

Mike Baumann	Brian Brown
Jeff Merrill	Dave Morse
Jon Robinson	Steve Shaw
Ed Spotsky	Ron Clanton
Jim Grubbs	Jennifer Kuritz

The candidate's resumes, along with voting times and a sample ballot, will follow shortly.

I would like to thank those on the Nominating Committee, which included Nicole Peoples-Moffett, Ron Wood, Jim Bateman, and Mark Townsend for selecting this very qualified list of candidates.

Cordially,
Glenn H. Selvin, Jr. Staff Commodore

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manager's corner



Well I guess time really does fly when you're having fun. It's hard to believe, but August is just around the corner, the Jr. Program is weeks from completion and we'll be talking about the Holidays before you know it.

My congratulations to Brad Schaupter, the Jr. Program Instructors, parents, Jr. Advisory Board and everybody associated with our outstanding Jr. Program, on another very successful summer program. Brad makes it appear easy, but I know overseeing that many students, parents and instructors is an arduous task and nobody does it better than our Mr. Schaupter.

It was apparent (to me anyhow) that extra effort was put in by the students and parents to keep the club cleaner and more organized than in years past. This really allows for the abyc staff to prepare for Wednesday and Thursday night sailing, and insure the club is presentable to all members and guest. Thanks for the extra effort to all involved.

On the subject of keeping our club clean and presentable....a HUGE thank you to everybody for helping clean-up after our Family Movie Night. These monthly gatherings have proven to be a great way to spend a quality evening at the club with family, friends, members and guest.

Thanks to the generous donation from the Shadden, Van Dyke and Grubbs families we will be premiering our new High Definition projector and Blue Ray dvd player in August. This new set-up allows us to showcase the latest in great family entertainment with the newest technology for great picture and sound. Don't miss the "BEE MOVIE" with Jerry Seinfeld & Renee Zellweger, August 7th at the club.

While I'm on the "thank you train" thank you to all the members who have contributed to the Happy Hour donation fund. It may not seem like a lot, but the funds we collect go along way in helping defer food cost during these tough economic times.

Here's what's on board for August Happy Hour:

- August 7th Family Movie Night (Taquito Bar/Beans & Rice)
- August 14th (Chicken Wings & Chicken Spring Rolls)
- August 21st General Membership Meeting (Lasagna, Green Salad, Garlic Bread)
- August 28th Jesus's Taco Bar

Twilight Dinners:

August 5th & 6th

- Hot Roast Beef Sandwich w/ Au Jus, Potato and Green Salad
- Meatball Sandwich w/ Potato Salad & Green Salad

August 12th & 13th

- BBQ Bay Burger w/ French Fries & Potato Salad
- Jumbo Hot Dog w/ French Fries & Potato Salad

August 19th & 20th

- Chili Verde w/ Black Beans & Rice
- Chili Rojo w/Black Beans & Rice

August 26th & 27th

- Meatloaf w/ Mashed Potatoes, Green Salad & Rolls
- Chicken Tacos w/ Black Beans & Rice

See you at the club!!!

Kelly Whitlow, General Manager

vice commodore's notes



I'll begin this article in a manner as my grand children are want to do. They get my attention by starting with the phrase "Guess What?" Well, I normally haven't a clue what they want to tell me, so to be courteous and a nice old guy, I deliver myself to their question. From that point on, I am captive in a ritual of listening to a verbal description of some event of which I can hardly understand, as the text is liberally sprinkled with "like", "you know?", and the ever popular "OK?" So, here goes.

"Guess What?" We had an incident at the big hoist. Like , you know, a problem, OK?

A sling failure dropped a boat, causing damage to the boat, and structure on the hoist platform. By the grace of God, no one was injured. Yet, it appears that members have become complacent in the use of the hoists. There are in the Yard Rules, Part 5, "Use of Hoists" guide lines for safe operations of the hoists. I urge new members, and especially the the old guard, to read those guidelines. Ignorance of operating procedures can be cured through reading the rules and asking members or staff for training. Forgetfulness, can also be cured by the same means. BUT, disregard of the rules, is dangerous, and down right stupid.

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There are plenty of “Do’s” for good operation and they are in the “5.6 - Operating Instructions”. The list of “Do Nots” are specific and firm.

- DO NOT** - Stand below on the dock under a boat suspended on the crane.
- DO NOT** - Try operating the hoist while swinging (pivoting).
- DO NOT** - Use the pin to stop the hoist from swinging. Stop it first ... then pin it.
- DO NOT** - Pull or push the boat sideways ... move the trailer to fit correctly.
- DO NOT** - Ignore the safe nature of the sling on your own boat
- DO NOT** - Disregard the “Operating Instructions”

I urge each of you to check and double check the status of the lifting gear for your boat. Over build it for safety. Are the shackles bent or rusted out. Are there “fish hooks” in the lifting cable? (sure sign of potential sling failure). Are the lifting points on your boat showing their age? The failure of any one thing can spoil an otherwise great day of sailing (which is what we all prefer to do anyway)

A few calls have been received regarding ukuleles. By the time you read this we may have had a session or two. Some of us have an extra one or two that can be available during the session. We will attempt to provide some learning materials.

Once again ... A Note to our Newer Members ... All our regattas and events, are excellent affairs to get to know other club members. Also, you will become accustomed to the operation and use of club equipment. To repeat from earlier reports, “Don’t be shy. All of us were new at one time. Just hang a name tag around your neck and dig in ... it truly is fun messin’ around with boats”

John Massey

rearview



Summer is going by too fast...a common statement in every household I’m sure. If you are reading this, quick, set it down and drive to the club. Grab a place to park and rig your boat and go sailing – we may luck into an Indian Summer and have nice weather into the fall, but you only have one today – drop everything and enjoy ABYC right now! (If you pass GO, ask about that \$200).

Your Fleet Captain, Jon Robinson, and I have been spending a lot of time trying to organize the Naples Sabot Junior Championships. We are so lucky to have so many volunteers ready, willing and able to help. Too many to list right now, we’ll give you a report after the event, but I would like to highlight a couple of names of people who have already devoted a huge effort to help us succeed:

Stacey Gibbs has ordered our merchandise, Lynda Peoples and Kelli Clinton are organizing two dinners, Kim Blumberg is honchoing lunches, Kathy Robinson is recruiting sponsors, Carroll-Ann Rosenberg is chairing measurement, S/C Chris Ericksen has set us up with Regatta Network for online registration (including a regatta storefront for non-competitors to order meals and merchandise), Margaret Caddle has lined up our judges and proofed our NOR and SI’s about 15 times and Michelle McDermid is going to greet all of our volunteers and give them name tags, etc. This regatta will see two hundred competitors and their parents and coaches...it will be a mad house, but we have enough crazy people on our side that the lunatics will be truly running the asylum (and your two flag officers are certifiably nuts to have taken this on!). I’ve warned Kelly Whitlow and the office staff, and now you dear member are on official alert that ABYC will be the leeboard capital of the world once again! On the bright side we won’t have this event for another four years so we will do a fantastic job and all pitch in to make ABYC proud. And we have some pretty good junior sailors who have been training hard all year – this event is for them and we wish them all good luck!

The Isthmus Family Cruise follows right after the Sabots and is August 14 – 16. Mary Montz and Pat McCormick are going to put on a great event. Escape to the island and swim with the garibaldi. Play bocce on the sand, and enjoy bbq and cold drinks. We are so lucky to have Catalina so close, this is a fantastic event, sign up today (it’s never too late, but you may have to eat peanut butter and crackers if the meat order has already been placed).

Since we’re talking about food I want you to go back and re-read Club Manager Kelly Whitlow’s report – can you believe that there is a great dinner served every summer Wednesday, Thursday and Friday? (It’s even free on Friday nights -except for membership meetings - and it’s not really dinner it’s heavy appetizers – don’t tell anyone!). We’re talking only 8 smackeroo’s for Twilight dinners. You can’t drive through Taco Bell for under \$10, well at least I can’t, and I guarantee that there is no McDonalds in the world with a better view than the waterfront dining experience we provide at ABYC. And all you technogeeks (yes both of you) will be thrilled to learn that we are using our new point of purchase scanning machine to insure order accuracy on all galley purchases, so come down for a bite to eat, and take a bite out of the recession! Your teeth may flex a bit, but they will still be a part of your smile!

Say, remember that really cool high definition blue ray video player donated by the Grubbs, Shadden and Van

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Dyke families? Well we're going to put her to the test in August with our first ever blue ray presentation "Bee Movie" on August 7th. I'm sure in 2029 we will read in the Historians Corner of the Sou'Wester about the "Club's new blue ray technology in 2009" when by then blue ray will be old technology no longer in play like VHS cassettes and LP records (if you don't know what they are then I've just proven my point). We continue to have a great turn out for FMN and have scheduled a couple more for 2009 and several dates for 2010 so this is a new event this year that looks like it has grown legs. Thank you to Jesus for always making a great meal and thank you to all of the families for the great job cleaning up after the show the last two screenings.

The Social Advisory Committee is gearing up for a sprint to the finish in 2009 and for encore performances in 2010. We have been working with V/C John Massey (soon to be commodore) to identify various chair persons for social events. A SAC annual meeting has been scheduled for September 23rd where we will set pricing for next years events, finalize event chair persons and get ready to do even more to promote events at ABYC. This is a growing group whose main job is to throw a party...why would you not want to be a part of that? Please contact me (especially if you are a new member who wants to get involved or a long standing member who is ready to dig back in) and help us plan events. Party On!

Did someone say paRty? How about a piRate paRty? ARE you Ready for PiRates of the Peninsula on the SatuRday of LaboR Day? This is going to be gReat, no haiRy men weaRing coconut bRas and gRass skiRts like in yeaRs past when this was a Hawaiian Luau. We'll be seeing a lot of scuRvy buccaneeRs, spouting fouR letteR woRds like RRRR! Davey Jones is even shaRiNg some of his pRivate Reserve so the kids can have a tReasuRe hunt. Rum is an R word. Really good time starts with R. So R you going to come dRessed as a piRate? Be sure to make your Reservations soon, you'll have the time of your life!!!

And speaking of life, life is a reach...especially if you are an ABYC member. You know how lucky we all are, hey, let's spread the wealth! We are always looking for some new members to join and even though the club is strong and solvent, we have actually lost a few members this year (many have hit the age where they can "upgrade" to anchor member status and several who were not using their membership in this tough economy have resigned. We would like to build back our numbers! I'm especially pleased when junior members get their whole family to join – this has happened several times this year already. We are a very diverse club with sailors of all types: R/C boats, dinghies, multi-hulls, keel boats...all we need is a starting line. If you know somebody whom you would like to see join ABYC - talk to any board member and make sure membership chairman John Williams knows so that we can get the paperwork started.

Why am I writing this at home on my computer? I should be heading down to ABYC. See you there!
Jeff Merrill, Mobile 949.355.4950



The Bloemekes help clean up after Family Movie Night (Jeff Merrill photo)

fleet captain's **log**



Long Beach race week was almost as big as last year. We host the biggest Friday night party ever, which after the first day of racing seemed to be needed. The next two days were equally as much fun according to many of the participants. We were host to the Open 5.7's and the Vipers. We had nothing but great reviews from both fleets and they are looking forward to coming back to ABYC in the future. This is due mostly to our volunteers and our friendly attitude. Thanks to all of our volunteers

Fourth of July was another great regatta. This year the regatta was held on Sunday July 5th, due to July 4th falling on a Saturday. This regatta as in past couple of years was a pursuit race. Our attendance was a little off this year I think due to the Sunday date. I have also been approached to consider this regatta to be a fleet race again. If you have any opinions please contact me.

Twilights are in full swing. Junior Sabots on Tuesday night, Lidos on Wednesday night, and Senior Sabots on Thursday night. This is every week for the rest of July when the Junior Sabots end their series. The Lidos and Senior Sabots will continue through the end of August and the Lidos through September.

The Multi hull regatta which will be held on July 25 & 26 will be a real interesting event. We will be hosting 40-60 Catamarans. They are fun to watch since they are so fast. And of course fast is fun (Bill Lee).

This year is the year that we host the Junior Sabot Nationals. The regatta will take place August 9 to 13 with measurement on the 9th and racing 10 – 13. Approximately 160 sailors will be competing for about 90 spots in the Championship Regatta on Monday August 10. Those who do not qualify will be eligible for the Cove Cup Regatta. The Cove Cup is a series of 3 one-day regattas. Participants are sailors who did not qualify for the Championship Regatta.

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These are individual one-day regattas with trophies for each day. In the past this has been a fun event and the kids really like to participate in a one, two or three of the events. On Tuesday August 11 some 40 to 50 returning gold and silver fleet kids return as they are pre-qualified to race for flight selection. On Wednesday and Thursday August 12 & 13 The Championship regatta is held. This is a huge event and is host to 200+ sailors for the four days. This will have significant impact on the club for space in the yard. Parking for members will be limited the parking lots across the street. If you have not seen or participated in a regatta of this size come join us it is a real event.

The fleet is generally in good shape. We are working the whalers as they always need some TLC but this is normal for a fleet as large as ours. Whaler 5 is now in the water and is looking good. Whaler 2 is next on the addenda. Patience is just purrrrrrring along. We are in the middle of our on season for regattas and summer program and the boats are holding up well.

There is a lot going on all summer. Come down to the club and Join in the fun.

See you around the Club

Jon Robinson

from the pages of history

August editions of SOU'WESTERs of the past all seem to feature the same kinds of things: news from championship regattas that have been sailed, news of championship regattas that are to be sailed, news of new members and news about the upcoming Board elections.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

The Lido 14 fleet saluted Charlie Cummings as the repeat Fleet Champion, as reported in the SOU'WESTER of August, 1979. Gib Marshall was a very close second, while Bill Carr, then a fairly new member of ABYC, won the "B" fleet championship. Oh, and while he was at it, Lido fleet reporter Tony Fallon listed the winner of the Lido "A" fleet at the 1979 High Sierra Regatta: young Chris Raab.

"Twenty-three skippers from as far as Annapolis, Md.," sailed in the 1979 Cal-25 Nationals at ABYC in July. Local representative Tom Newton, Jr., was touched out by the sailor from the Chesapeake Bay, Steve Bandy. Among the ABYC skippers in the regatta were Don Anderson, Bob Chubb, Don Reiman and Joe Riddick.

The news from the Snipe fleet was that five boats would be going back to the Snipe Nationals in Florida, including Mike Bartell, Grant Hill, Dick Schmidt, Mike Segerblom and then-Fleet Champion John Sadden. "Florida will never be the same," warned Sherwood Jones, the fleet's reporter. And ABYC was also preparing to host the Naples Sabot Junior Nationals, part of the Sea Festival; 125 boats were expected for the late-August regatta.

The big news, and the cover art, was of the two major International 14 regattas coming to ABYC in August, the International Team Racing Championship—which to that time had been the only international championship event in this class—and the first-ever running of an I-14 World Championship Regatta, "sailing for the newly deeded World Championship Trophy."

Nominees for the Board of Directors for the 1979-1980 term were, in alphabetical order: Don Brackenbury, Gordon Brown, Marty Doyle, Dorothy Hill, Sherwood Jones, Evan McDowell, Fred Mihaylo, Steve Moffett, Langton Parrill and Henry Weiss; Bill Nicolai chaired the nominating committee. Three young men became Interim members of ABYC in the summer of 1979, moving up from being youth members; they were Andy Ayale, Bruce Belisle and Stephen Youngerman. The sixth annual "Sail-A-Thon" benefitting the Long Beach Lung Association was set for the weekend after Labor Day; there would be three divisions, with Sabots in the first one, Lidos and Lasers along with Cyclones in the second and Snipes and C-15's in the third.

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

It may not have had the same punch as a class championship, but it meant as much to the winner when Joe Riddick in the family Cal 25 won the annual John Hand Picnic Race, as reported in the SOU'WESTER for August, 1989. It was a close win, too: he touched out Bob Chubb in his Cal 28 by only seven seconds in the inverted-start "pursuit" race. Albie Reid was leading until the longer waterlines and greater sail area rolled him in the channel.

The J/24 fleet, then pretty active, was having a great summer sailing with the Seal Beach Yacht Club PHRF-B fleet in the Thursday-night Pop Tops Regatta. The J/24s usually ended up "showing the rest of the...fleet the way to the windward mark" only to be rolled on the runs by "big waterlines, bloopers and lightweights," according to fleet correspondent Christopher Reno; he himself won a daily first in one race but Rick Hinman took an overall first in another series.

Social events past and future filled the center spread of the SOU'WESTER. Three-quarters of the pages carried photos of the ABYC Couples Cruise to Isthmus Cove in July: "Fantasy Island" was the theme, and the Dorrans' and the Landes' were in charge. And the ABYC Luau, co-chaired by Lynda Fox and Jenny Dyer, promised "flying fish," "terrifying tikis," "volcanos" and "native rituals." After an "island-style show" there was to be dancing until the wee hours. And the cost? Only twelve bucks a head (fifteen if you signed up too late).

Etchells were sailing PHRF, too, including at the ABYC Fourth of July Regatta: Ed Feo and Pat McCormick were first in fleet over another Etchells team, Chuck Kober and John Weiss...There were photos of the new members that came into the club in July; among them were Andy Ayale, who moved up from having been a Yachting member for ten years, and nine-year-old Kate Campbell, sponsored by her grandparents, Mac and Syble Amos. Adra Kober chaired the committee that nominated the following for the 1989-90 term: Bob Anderson, Norma Clapp, Keith Dodson, Bud Lorbeer, Jerry Montgomery, Dick Ramseyer, Mark Townsend and John Weiss.

TEN YEARS AGO:

"In Memoriam," read the black-bordered notice on the first inside page of the SOU'WESTER for August, 1999: "Charter Member and Staff Commodore:" Sidney T. Exley, Jr., had passed away on July 10 of that year, his 92nd. "On behalf of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club membership," it continued," we wish to express our deepest sympathies to the Exley and Crockett families." A memorial was scheduled for August 27.

San Diego Yacht Club hosted the 1999 Naples Sabot senior championship, and ABYC members did particularly well in the Master's division: they took five of the top six places! "We of the 'cheering committee' had great fun trying to keep track of the boats from the shore," said fleet reported Bobbie Baker." They changed positions constantly," she continued, "except for the First Famous Two." She was referring to Tom Newton, Jr., and Robin Townsend, who were one-two in the division. Mary Riddick, Lee Berlinger and John Ellis rounded out the top ABYC winners.

Mara Bell's always breezy and fun-to-read Junior Column reported that the Junior Sabot Nationals would be at ABYC that summer, but she was really excited about an event at the end of the month. "Hey, kids," she asked, "when was the last time you saw your dad in a Sabot? Has your mom flipped in the Bay recently?" She was touting the new "Family Scramble Regatta" to be hosted by the ABYC Juniors, where family members combined for scores. "If your family can't come," she continued, "we'll adopt a family for you!" I'm hoping that turned out well—sounds like fun.

Peter Gales' grandson Fletcher won the "Kid Art Contest" to design the T-shirt graphics for the Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta; it was a "three-peat" for ABYC as Kaley Dodson won in 1998 and Megan Anctil in 1997. Terri and Bob Bishop welcomed the arrival of a son, Peter Robert Bishop, on June 22; he weighed in at just over eight pounds, and big-sister Kate was reported as "thrilled with her little brother". Among the photos of new members were ABYC's newest honorary members, Jerry and Sally Dalley; the long-time members of Seal Beach Yacht Club and their trawler "Sea Owl IV" had become fixtures on the ABYC race-management scene, helping in such events as Turkey Day and the Olympic Classes Regatta...

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

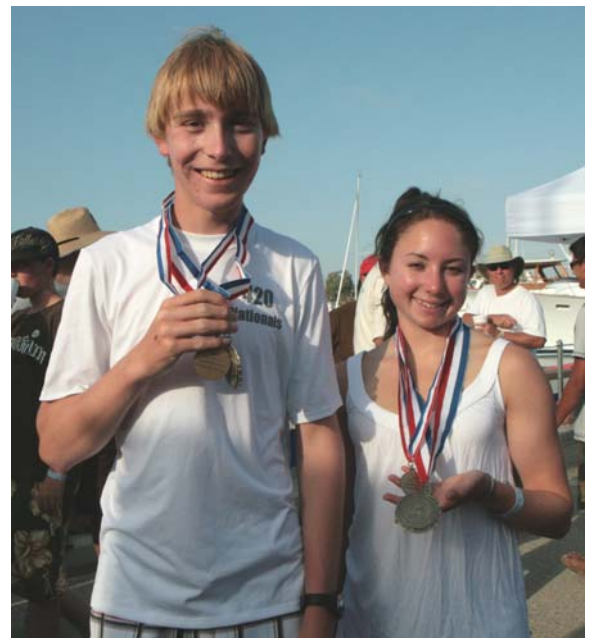
the bay clogger (junior sailing)

Brad Schaupteter photo

Hello ABYC members! We are in full swing and powering through week five of our junior program. We have seen some really great things happen this summer including a trip up to Huntington Lake for some of our Laser sailors, windsurfing days with past Olympian Carol-Ann Rosenberg, and an exciting build up to our Sabot Nationals event in early August at ABYC. Beyond that, we've had a lot of great results from our team and have been excited to see ABYC sailors break new club records each day.

Most recently, we saw Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb compete in 420's at the Junior Olympics regatta in Newport and win the event which qualifies them to represent Area J at the National Double-Handed Championship in August. Not only did they win, they had seven bullets, two seconds, and one throw away race. What a phenomenal outcome! Jack and Sam qualified last year also, but not in such astounding fashion and now look forward to training hard and hopefully beating their 8th place Nationals finish from last year.

Another event we are proud to see new ground broken on was the Dick Sweet Team Race event which has eluded past ABYC teams on how to break into the top 3. This event is sailed team race style which is "three on three". Many of the bigger yacht clubs in Southern California send a team. This year there were 7 teams sent from San Diego, Newport Harbor, Mission Bay, Lido Isle, Balboa, Bahia Corinthian and Alamitos Bay. The event runs three Mondays in a row and after the first week, it was apparent that three teams stood apart – San Diego, Newport and Alamitos Bay, but after week two it



Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb with their medals.

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became apparent that only two teams really were fighting for the top. After going undefeated the first week, San Diego found their first defeat coming from ABYC. The record for ABYC for that second week was 11-1 and we tied with SDYC who also had a record of 11-1. In the final week, ABYC and SDYC again tied with a 5-1 record (only one round robin that week). Alas, the first week ended up being the deciding factor as SDYC had gone undefeated while ABYC had gone 8-4. However with an overall record of 24 wins and 6 losses, ABYC proved they were elite team racers and finished in a commanding second place overall. The team race trophies will be presented at Sabot Junior Nationals when ABYC will receive their trophy.

The Sabot 2 North event which is for 11 year old and younger students saw ABYC having one third of the 75 boat fleet. We sent down 25 students including past year's champion Jacob Rosenberg. We also were hopeful for the young but talented Sawyer Gibbs to have a good regatta and perhaps qualify for the championship event down in Coronado the following week. While Jacob had a good regatta, he fell slightly short of winning the event, but still finished strong in 3rd place with Sawyer close behind in 4th! They will compete in the Sabot 2 Invitational (also call the Sabot 11 and Under World Championship ;-)) on July 22nd. Another exciting trophy that ABYC took home at this event was for the youngest sailor to sail the event. I was told ABYC actually had the three youngest sailors, however little Emily Patrick who turned 6 years old this past June came, sailed every race and even beat a few boats earning her the right to take home the youngest competitor trophy! Congratulations are also due to Brett Peoples (just turned 7 years old) and Axel Stordahl (7 and a half) who sailed the event and were the second and third youngest sailors!

We now are looking forward to Sabot Nationals and what we think will be record ABYC attendance as well as the new Junior Laser Challenge event at ABYC later in August. Look for another great report on those events next month!

Brad Schaupeter, ABYC Junior Sailing Director

a junior perspective

Leslie Gebb photos

Last summer, Jack Jorgensen and I were fortunate enough to qualify for the Bemis national double-handed championship in Chicago, Illinois. The competition was immense and the regatta itself was extraordinary. But after the regatta culminated with an 8th place finish overall, Jack and I decided we would commit to going again and trying to do even better. Before we got to the National Championships again though, we needed to qualify at this year's Southern California Junior Olympics event, which took place in Newport. Two Club 420s are sent from each area and the competition at the Area J Southern California qualifier is as stiff as at the National Championship. We trained hard for J.O.s, working with excellent coaches including Mikey Anderson, Mac Mace, and our very own Brad Schaupeter.



The regatta was hosted by Newport Harbor Yacht Club, July 17th to 19th. Even though Jack and I had been training in the strong summer winds of Long Beach, we were ready for the notoriously light Newport air. We went into the regatta with high expectations, but knew it would not be easy. After we barely won the first race, moving from 5th to 1st in one lap, we knew we could achieve our goal. We finished 2nd the next race but kept our focus strong for the rest of the day. Our efforts paid off with horizon job bullets the

next two races. We were delighted with our results at the end of Friday but didn't relax; we couldn't lose our lead! Saturday proved to have very similar conditions and fortunately for us, identical results. Technically, we did not even have to sail the last two races on Sunday to win the regatta, but in Corinthian spirit we went out. Sunday was painfully lacking in breeze, and our first race was less than impressive but we culminated those three fabulous days with a win in the last race. We received our gold medals, and now it's off to Marblehead, Massachusetts August 9th to 13th to compete for the Bemis trophy, while back at home ABYC will play host to the pinnacle of junior competition for the Naples Sabot, the beloved boat of our humble beginnings!

Samantha Gebb, Jr. Rear Commodore





Don & Christine Taugher - 2nd in the Bay



Steve Smith - 3rd monohull - Ocean



Mark and Sarah Ryan - 7th monohull - Ocean



Craig Yadow - 3rd multihull - Ocean

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

August 21, 2009 is the deadline for the September Sou'Wester.

nosa appreciation trophy

Shirley VonBuskirk photo

ABYC wins the NOSA Appreciation Series Trophy. Held every year since 1950 the NOSA (Newport Ocean Sailing Association) Commodore's Appreciation Series trophy was sailed Saturday July 12th at Balboa Yacht Club.

Rear Commodore Jeff Merrill was asked to participate by Jerry Montgomery, the outgoing commodore of NOSA - best known for their management of the Newport to Ensenada yacht race which many ABYC members have helped run in recent years and dozens of ABYC sailors have participated in over the years.

With Fleet Captain Jon Robinson as crew our two flag officers, who have never raced together or sailed a Harbor 20 before, won their elimination series race aboard Ted Munroe's hull #17 "Second Wind". The typical Newport breeze was light and the racing was very low key.

The final race was a "winner take all" and this time team ABYC drew "Why Not?" and were joined by NOSA Vice Commodore Jim Jackman as owners rep. Jeff took the start and used an old sabot move to jibe inside at the weather mark and held on to lead the race the rest of the way.

Previous ABYC winners of this event include Ted C. Matson in 1958 and Jerry Montgomery with Ted Flood crewing in 1996. A look at the engravings shows an interesting time capsule of Souther California yachting commodores, presidents, race chairmen and flag officers who have won this prestigious event including ABYC's own Dan Clapp who sailed for PVSA in 1966.

The trophy will be on display in the ABYC cases until next year's event.



Jeff Merrill (left) and Jon Robinson accept the NOSA trophy from Stacy Jackson, NOSA Regatta Chair (and ABYC member.)

multihull regatta

Ed Spotskey photos

The weekend of July 25-26th brought the Multi-hull fleets to our club. They showed up with 26 boats which was the most in the last 5 years. We had boats tow-in from Santa Barbara, Temecula, Vista, Poway, San Diego, Henderson, Las Vegas and Tucson. The desert people were very happy to escape their heat and get wet in the sea. The Hobie 16's used this Regatta as a 'points' event, so we had 14 of them on the water. We also had 8 F-18's and 3 A-Cats. The winds cooperated very well this weekend. On Saturday, our PRO (Mike Baumann) was able to get in 5 races with the winds filling in perfectly at 2:30 pm. The only problem all weekend was the kelp which was everywhere in rather large pods. It definitely kept things interesting for the guys who sail on 1 hull. All the sailors made their way to ABYC on Saturday for a summer evening of 'Burger Bash Madness.' Sunday was a shorter day with only 3 races but the wind was steady and strong by noon. A bit of 'clean-up', a trophy presentation and another successful weekend at the club.



The F18 group.

Craig Yandow received the one and only trophy for the A-Cats. Peter Melvin /James Melvin won the F-18 class. Ian Sammis/Bobby Kleinschmidt finished second with John Williams/Dennis Key taking third for the fleet. Our winner of the 14 boat F-16 Fleet was Jeff Newsome/ Michelle Eatough followed by Jeff Perlmutter/Susan Stockdale. Third place went to John and Linda Hauser. For complete results, please refer to abyc.org.

The Lido Fleet hosted the event. As they came off the water from their duty, I could feel their enthusiasm after watching the fast boys run in 15+ knots of wind. A special thank you to Mike Baumann and Don Taugher for dedicating their time as PRO and Asst PRO respectively. We had close to 30 Lido people make this event possible. Thank you for all of your help. On a personal note, this was my first ever time as Regatta Chair and I now understand why this club is so special. Each and every person was there for me at every turn to help guide me through this event and wanted me to succeed and have fun at the same time. It was a pleasure working with all of you. Thank you.

Ed Spotskey, Regatta Chair

All the sailors were expecting light wind for Saturday and slightly more for Sunday but not "a blow". That was what the weather reports were all saying. Gladly there was wind and plenty of it both days. With 26 boats in attendance the races went off without a hitch. Not even a single protest I heard from the Chief Judge, Latham Bell.

After 5 races on Saturday we were pretty exhausting. When asked by the committee boat whether we wanted a two or three lap last race, Eileen put up just her index finger. She was wiped.

It was nice to have all the competitors sailing out of the Yacht Club. Makes it easy to get together for debriefs (Formula 18s) and beer talk.

Mike Baumann (PRO) ran an efficient race, being able to get the number of races mentioned in the SIs (eight). The good news about this is that there is lots of sailing. The downside is that if you have a problem, or two, with your boat you are stuck for the day. There is nothing you can do but grit it out and sail what you have. Not good for us as we had issues we could not take care of on the water...oh well new boat, what can you do?



The Hobie 16 group.

Good wind, warm water, races off on time, I feel it was a good regatta. Thanks to all who helped.

Dan DeLave

cal 20 class champs

Jim Woods (Woody) photos

Cal 20 Class Championships (way to dominate ABYC!)

The event was held at King Harbor Yacht Club on July 24-26 with Chris Ericksen as PRO.

1. Venteseis
Chuck Clay (2009 Class champion)
ABYC
2. Team ABYC
Chris Rabb/ Kenny Dair
ABYC/NHYC
3. Rubber Dog
Keith Ives
ABYC



Full results at: http://www.khyc.org/racing/2009/c_20/final_results_c20_championships_c.pdf



Chuck Clay and crew Mike Burch accepting trophy.



Chuck Clay and Mike Burch on the racecourse.

transpac 2009

We had many successful participants in this year's Transpac, and OEX (Oriental Express) was super successful with most of the crew being ABYC members. First in Class and Third overall! Congrats go out to our good friends and members:

Randy Smith
Peter Frazier
Doug McLean

Bobby Frazier
Chuck Clay

Jim McLeod (once a member, always a member. Everyone that knows him needs to call and tell him to rejoin!) Here is the link for the pictures <http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=0AYtm7Rk1Zs2Llg> .

seal beach to dana point

Steve Wasburn was first in his class, sailing Pacific High his Columbia 30, in the Seal Beach to Dana Point race July 11th, he also was 1st overall out of 59 boats and sailed doublehanded. Cardinal Sin, skippered by Dave Rustigan was 3rd in Class and 5th overall.

member news

Honolulu, HI (July 17, 2009) – After the photos were taken on the bow of Medicine Man, Minister Al Bento handed his cell phone to Jared Morford. The caller on the other end of the line was his good friend, Mike Elias. Morford held his ear to the receiver and hesitated as he replied, “Well, I’m married now. How are you?”

At the crew dinner that followed Medicine Man’s Hawaiian landfall during the 45th running of the Transpacific Yacht Race, Sharon Watkins asked her sister, Laura, to announce to the crew, their spouses and guests that they were invited to Watkins’ and Morford’s wedding on the bow of Medicine Man on Friday afternoon at 1:00.

“My jaw dropped,” said Laura, who was more than happy to be the maid of honor for her sister.

The Medicine Man crew was ecstatic. They had ribbed Jared throughout the Transpac Race. “Oh yeah,” said Morford. “We had gotten engaged in Hawaii during the last Transpac, in 2007, and they wouldn’t stop asking me when I was finally going to get married. They couldn’t stop talking about it during this race.”

Naturally, once Medicine Man landed at Hawaii Yacht Club, Morford and Watkins spoke about the eventual nuptials and decided that because all of Laura’s three daughters were also in Hawaii, it was the perfect time to have a simple ceremony with family and friends already assembled.

“We got here so quickly that we needed something else to do,” joked Morford.

Laura’s husband, Keith was the best man. It was only natural since Morford was the best man at Laura and Keith’s wedding. Jared and Keith had sailed three Transpacs together on Medicine Man. Most of the men wearing the sky blue and pastel Hawaiian shirts and drinking Mai Tais after the ceremony had sailed multiple Transpacs on Medicine Man and the group of spouses and friends were very familiar with one another.

Al Bento, four-time staff commodore of Hawaii Yacht Club and a host of five Aloha welcome parties this year, starting with Medicine Man’s, was the minister. The friend that Bento had called after he had administered the vows, was Mike Elias, a long time Medicine Man crew member who had to stay home at the last minute. Elias is Bento’s fishing buddy and has introduced the Medicine Man crew to Bento over the past 25 years.

As Sharon waited for Jared to sign the wedding license for the Transpac 09 wedding, she said, “This was a great way to finish off a perfect week.”

Lynn Fitzpatrick



Sharon Watkins Morford, Minister Al Bento and Jared Morford after the wedding vows. Photo by Lynn Fitzpatrick



John Massey is surprised for his 75th birthday

Jeff Merrill photos



Friends gather around the piano for John's birthday while John Jr and John Sr entertain



Russ Boudreau celebrates his birthday...not sure which one!

hails from the fleets



Congratulations to our traveling sailors! They attended the SCWSA Senior Sabot Regatta in Newport Beach. Winds were light but our guys prevailed. Fred Stevens Sr. won the men's division, with Lee Berlinger in second, and John Ellis in third place. Pinky Green of ABYC won in the Women's B Fleet. The Women's A Fleet was won by Gail Pinckney.

Our ABYC Fleet Championship, as determined from our March through June monthly fleet races, gave us our top three champions. Numero Uno was the unstoppable Bob Ware! John Ellis was second place, and Sheila Eberly was third place.

The July monthly race was sailed in light to moderate winds, with the wind picking up in the afternoon. With eight boats competing in three races our winner was Mary Riddick with 6 points. In second was Fred Stevens Sr., with 8 points and third place was John Ellis with 10 points.

Our fleet has been having some fun trying out some new courses in the bay for a little variety. Trophies were awarded for the May and June Twilight series at our July meeting. Winners for May were Bob Ware in First place with 10 points, Lee Belinger in second place with 11 points and Tom Newton in third place with 12 points. Our June Twilight winners were Fred Stevens Jr. with 4 points and Bob Ware in second place with 5 points, followed by Lee Berlinger in third place with 7 points. You have to admit that is some pretty close racing all within a point or two.

Our thanks go out to all our faithful race committee members that keep our races and committee boats running. Thanks to Duncan Harrison, Jinx Ellis, Joe Riddick, Jan and Uncle Jimmy, Don Wilson, Carol Reynolds, Bobbie Hodges, and Steve Kuritz, also Mark and Robin Townsend and I filled in a few times when needed.

Our Twilight races continue on Thursday nights throughout August and our August monthly race is on Sunday, August 2nd. We will not be racing the night of August 13 due to the overlap of the Junior Sabot Nationals being held at ABYC August 9-13. Anyone wishing to help with the Junior Nationals is encouraged to call Jon Robinson.

Cheers!

Sheila Eberly



Summer is definitely heating up, and so is the 2009 Etchells Fleet Championship Series. We have had two fleet regattas so far this summer, one in June (well, technically it was still spring) and one in July; while the results are still being tabulated on the series itself, we can report that the sailing has been incredibly wonderful.

The June 14 event—it was Flag Day—was sailed in beautiful conditions: around ten knots of breeze and sunny skies. The day went to Jerry Montgomery, winning three of the four races. The only other winner was Al Cabito, a visitor from the San Diego Fleet sailing his daughter Andrea's boat; -he ended up second overall. The SPIRITs were third while John Chapman touched out a team of Gordon Dudley and Pat Kelly in USA531.

Joe Markowitz served on the race committee; -here are the results:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	TOT.
Montgomery	USA792	1	2	1	1	5
Al Cabito	USA1230	2	1	3	4	10
Barber/Burdge/Newsome	USA126	3	4	2	2	11
Chapman	USA1002	4	3	4	5	16
Dudley/Kelly	USA531	5	5	5	3	18

The regatta on July 18—four days after Bastille Day, if you are paying attention—saw five boats on the line, itself under the direction of Gordon Dudley. The USA126 team came out ahead, winning three of the heats;- second went to Tim Carter, skippering DESPERADO in the absence of Chris Ericksen and taking the last race outright. Fleet Captain Rich Vaught came in third overall, well ahead Chris Wells and Jim Bateman; -they tied on points with Chapman but won the tiebreaker. The results are as follows:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	TOT.
Barber/Burdge/Newsome	USA126	1	1	1	3	6
Carter	USA491	3	2	2	1	8
Vaught	USA821	2	3	3	2	10
Wells/Bateman	USA488	5	5	4	4	18
Chapman	USA1002	4	4	5	5	18

The vagaries of the Fleet Championship Series scoring is hard to fathom: it is high-point, so you get a point for each boat you beat but no points for not sailing; there is a twenty per-cent discard rate and you get average points if you run the races. And our records are not up to date: the scorekeeper had a bit of a tough winter and spring and is still catching up. But it looks like the leaders are Barber/Burdge/Newsome and Montgomery, with the Carter/Ericksen and Vaught teams in the running. We'll have this figured out by next month, we promise.

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Saturday, August 1, is the date of the next regatta, with the series ending with a gala final regatta, dinner and trophy presentation on September 20. Stay tuned!

Thursday nights has seen a couple of Etchells out for the Seal Beach Yacht Club Pop Top Regatta series, sailing in a PHRF division. The gang sailing USA531 were fourth overall in the first series while USA488 finished seventh out of ten in all; -the same two boats sailed in Series Two but did not do as well. Series Three was still running as of the SOU'WESTER deadline, and the USA531 gang was shown in second but should be shown as winning on a tiebreaker. We'll have more as the summer progresses.

Chris Ericksen



A BYC 4th of July Regatta

We doubled the number of *Laser*® full-rigs and equaled the number of *Laser Radials* participating in the 2009 vs. 2008 running of our 4th of July Regatta. Granted this means there were four *Lasers* and one *Radial*, but who's counting? Regardless, we all had a great time reveling in fresh 15-18, maybe more in the puffs, knots of breeze under sparkling skies

Remembering the stiff breezes encountered in 2008 and the recent spate of fresh breezes on our shores, your author chose to hoist his smaller *Radial* rig (vs. the larger full-rig) for the 2009 event and boy was I happy about that! Walking the yard and chatting up the other *Laser* racers, I spoke with **Spencer Snook** who was going to try a full-rig for the first time and to newcomer **Bruce Conn** who was borrowing **Jorge Suarez'** full-rig and trying a *Laser* for the first time. I also was pleased to welcome our newest addition to the ABYC *Laser* Fleet, **Sumeet Patel** who was also racing a full-rig *Laser*. The other full-rig racer was **Chris Raab**...one of our well known local hot-shots who wins in just about any boat he sails.

Since the 4th of July Regatta is a reverse handicap event, the slower boats start before faster craft based on the Portsmouth Handicap System. This meant the *Laser Radial* started with Cal 20's, five minutes ahead of the full-rig *Lasers*. The race course was set around fixed marks in the harbor; starting at Mark 38 near Island Chaffee, to Mark 36 adjacent to Angels Gate, down to Mark 33 on the beach, up around Island Chaffee and back to our finish at the ABYC club house.

I knew in this breeze, I'd need to hike hard and fast to get a jump on Chris and the rest of the full-rigs, not to mention the Tempest, Etchells, Snipe, etc. chasing us down. After being shellacked by **Jim Kirk** in 2008, I remembered Jim -unlike me- had sailed straight to the harbor break-wall from Mark 38 to avoid nasty building chop and sail in smoother waters. This time, I followed the Cal 20's who were doing the same thing. Now a typical weather leg in an ABYC regatta is usually less than a mile, but the slog to Mark 36 was a lot more than that, so it was welcome relief to round Mark 36 and head down-wind to Mark 33 on the beach. After losing ground on the up-wind leg, we started to close the gap on the Cal 20's, but as we approached Mark 33, several multihulls blew past like we were standing still.

Now it was up-wind to round Island Chaffee, leaving it on our port side. The breeze and chop was still building, so our trip around the island was bumpy and wet to say the least. Once around the island...blessed relief, a fun, planing reach back to ABYC. This leg was just like the familiar reach home from a regular ABYC regatta and a chance to catch our competition -three Cal 20's- since no other participants had past us yet. Approaching the jetty and channel back to ABYC, I was catching the Cal 20's and still holding off Chris in hot pursuit. I finally caught and passed one Cal 20 in the channel and sailing hard by-the-lee, nearly caught a second just nearing the finish line. This placed your author in third for the regatta. In the *Laser* full-rig fleet, **Chris** finished just back in fifth. The other *Lasers* finishing in order were **Spencer**, **Sumeet** and giving it a sporting try for first time in a *Laser*, in a fresh breeze, **Bruce Conn**.

Once again the 4th of July Pursuit Regatta was a fun, well run event. Put this one on your calendar to not miss in 2010!

2009 ABYC *Laser* Fleet Championship Standings

Calculating results from the 4th of July Regatta and four previous events, we still have a close race for the 2009 ABYC *Laser* Fleet Championship. By virtue of his participation and high finishes in our events to date, **Vann Wilson** is still our leader. Behind Vann is a group separated by mere points and lead by **Chris Raab**, followed by **Cameron Summers**, **Jorge Suarez** and **Chuck Tripp**. The rest of us are further back, but with three more scored events on the calendar, the outcome is far from settled...stay tuned. Our next scored regatta is the *Laser* District 25 Championship Regatta held in conjunction with the ABYC Labor Day Holiday Regatta September 5-6.

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain



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