



## easterbrunch

*John Williams photo*

### Easter Brunch ABYC Style

I was talking to one of my friends the other day and she was bragging about her wonderful Easter bargain. It seems that she and her family had had a marvelous brunch at a local restaurant and ...“it only cost \$35.00 a person for a champagne brunch!” she gloated. “Did they have a strolling Easter bunny?” I innocently inquired. “Well, no,” she muttered. “How about an Easter egg hunt with prizes for all the children?” I asked. “Of course not,” she respond, “no place has all that!”

I didn't have the heart to tell her that ABYC had all that, great food, and a beautiful setting too for less than half the price!

This can only happen because of dedicated, hard working volunteers. Beginning months before the event the SAC group started to work planning and laying the groundwork. Then they went into action. Patty Nash made flyers and handled the publicity. Ann Seapy ordered and assembled plastic eggs, prizes and gift bags for the kids. Stephanie Munn Gwinn took a day off from teaching and created the gorgeous centerpieces. Yvonne Lindeman recruited the bunny and rented his suit. Volunteers were enlisted to make the event run smoothly.

Now it was time for the staging to begin. So the Saturday morning before the brunch the club was set up and transformed by a willing and wonderful crew comprised of Diane Bateman, Elaine Wood, and board liaison John Massey was joined by all of his children and grandchildren. These folks rolled silverware, set up chairs and tables, cleaned chairs, tables and saltshakers and finally set the tables and helped decorate the club.

Then Sunday morning the volunteers recruited for the main event went into action. Stu Robinson gave an award winning performance as the Easter bunny. The flag officers poured champagne, Chris Erickson, Maitre d' extraordinaire worked his magic seating the huge crowd (all of whom decided to arrive simultaneously between 10:00 and 10:30.) Serving food to the hungry masses were Glen and Carol Selvin, Vicki and Rich Vaught, Kathy Robinson, Diane Bateman, Lori VanSkyhock, Gwen Ancil and quickly snatched up available juniors. The Easter egg hunt was competently laid out, organized and run by ABYC juniors under the leadership of Marissa Golison. She and her crew also assisted Chris with the seating process. After the wined, dined and entertained brunch participants left the premises, the magnificent Massy family stayed to take apart what they had so recently put together.

But, even with all of the gallant efforts of the volunteers, the brunch would never have happened without the amazing work of the ABYC staff. The action in the kitchen is a loosely coordinated but highly choreographed blur as Kelly and his crew produce one of the most plentiful and tastiest brunches in town. Talk about multi-tasking, they are incredible!

Thanks to unbelievable teamwork by all, the Easter Brunch was declared a success!

*Sue McDannel*



*Sara Williams with the Easter Bunny*

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# commodore's comments



This just in: May flowers and blooms beautifully at ABYC!

Look at what we have going this month: Opening Day (one of my favorite holidays!), Sabot and Lido Twilights, Wet Wednesdays (LBYC organized), Thirsty Thursdays (SBYC organized), Walt Elliot Regatta (Where we defend our Club's title to the ASPBYC Harbor Championships, go ABYC!), Mother's Day Brunch, Memorial Day Regatta (complete with big party on Saturday, everyone invited!), great Happy Hours every Friday (featuring good food, Family Movie Night, Club ABYC, Keel Boat Fleet meeting, and Remote Control Fleet racing) and great meals being served on our patio every Wednesday and Thursday night. I hope you did not try to read that last sentence while holding your breath! We have a lot going on and you should be here to enjoy it. If I can facilitate any of the above for you, please

contact me with questions (or answers!).

April was another successful month.

The CISA (California International Sailing Association) seminar, where the best and brightest young sailors come here to learn advanced racing techniques and tactics was nothing less than a tremendous success. Events like this bring national and international attention and appreciation to our fine institution. I received more than a few letters from astute and influential people within the sailing world thanking us for our participation. Thanks go out again to our favorites Chris Ericksen, Kelly Whitlow, our staff and volunteers for presenting us in the best light possible, as always.

Easter was an absolute blast. I can't believe how well it turned out. Big kudos goes out to our super staff, volunteers, and Social Advisory Committee. They went all out to make our Easter Sunday one of the best ever. The food, Easter Bunny, champagne, and egg hunt were over the top. Thank you everyone for doing such a great job. This is a one of our grand traditions and this year was another one to emulate. Is it just me or do they seem to get better every year?

Friday nights are going very well. There is a packed house most of the time, whether or not there is a band, movie, General Membership Meeting, remote control regatta or Keel Boat Fleet meeting.

Keep in mind that as a member of ABYC you have a ticket to ride at a very inexpensive rate. We are the recession busting Yacht Club. Sails; yes, recession; no! We have it and you are a part of it. Enjoy!

Thanks again to all of you that make ABYC the place to be!

Go ABYC!

*Merle*

## rearview



The month of MAY is going to be a-MAY-zing at ABYC. We have a lot of events on tap starting with Opening Day, closely followed by Mothers Day and then culminating in our summer kick off spectacular, the Memorial Day regatta – all Day's you MAY wish to write in to your calendar, come on down to enjoy your yacht club.

The juniors gave a great presentation at the April General Membership meeting. Samantha Gebb got up in front of the crowd and whizzed through a very nicely prepared PowerPoint presentation on what our junior sailors MAY do after sabots. Sometime around 8<sup>th</sup> grade they graduate in to Lasers, FJ's, 420's, etc., and use all of the great bay knowledge they have learned scooting around with leeboards to go on to great success in larger boats. Jack Jorgensen also addressed the crowd with a brief review on junior lasers and most of the Junior Directors were on hand to help with serving and hosting our General Membership meeting – thanks to Samantha, Jack, Laura and Alex Newton, Palmer Luckey and Elle Merrill.

Speaking of General Membership meetings, don't get dis-MAY-ed, but we don't have one this month. No cause to send out the MAY day MAY day alarm!

You MAY also want to take advantage of a rare calendar malfunction perpetuated ages ago involving planet alignment, eclipses and other natural phenomena which really doesn't matter. What you need to know is that our Peninsula Palace will be hosting something almost as rare as a blue moon - a triple F promotion! In simplest terms dear reader what this means to you is that we are able to offer free heavy appetizers on (5) Five Friday nights in May.

This promotion is known as **FFF (Five Free Fridays)**.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Veggie Ravioli & Meat Ravioli  
Pesto sauce & Marinara sauce  
(Opening Day Eve!)

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Kelly's Deli! Cold Cuts - Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef  
Veggie tray with Carrots, Celery & Broccoli  
Cheese & Crackers

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- May 15<sup>th</sup>** – (Family Movie Night – Toy Story)  
Pizza
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Baked potato & salad bar with all of the fixings  
(Get ready for Memorial Day regatta)
- May 29<sup>th</sup>** – BBQ Beef sliders with Onion Rings  
Chips & Salsa  
(Club ABYC – Flight 6875 is back – Rock’N’Roll Baby!)

Opening Day on May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be great.

Mother’s Day Brunch is May 10<sup>th</sup> please RSVP by May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the price break, reservations are required. Our website has the event posted and a flyer was sent out in our monthly billing. This MAY be one of our finest family events. Special thanks to the McDannel’s, Robinson’s and Merrill’s, our dedicated office staff plus the entire Social Advisory Committee for their help (and to S/C Chris Ericksen for online registration).

“Family Movie Night” is a fixture now with the next movie date scheduled for May 15th. Heavy kid oriented appetizers are available (can you say “pizza?”) great drinks at the bar and G rated camaraderie for all. Got flicks? By the way – parents, we want to keep this fun, but we can’t have kids running around like wild banshees – please bring your kids to attend for viewing, if they want to climb the walls ABYC is not a good venue for that (I should know I used to do it here when I was their age until my parents caught me!). Volunteer meeting for the August, 2009 Junior Sabot Nationals will commence in the Junior Room shortly after the movie starts to spin.

Twilights are here – check your fleet and you MAY want to come down for sail and ale.

Check out the abyc.org website and go to the 2009 calendar for all of the latest information on what is up and what MAY be going down at ABYC.

You MAY wish to subscribe to the ABYC weekly reader list serve email if you aren’t already “in the know”.

The other Saturday I was down at our club to check out our new re-vamped WI-FI scene. It took me a bit to configure my laptop (fortunately Rob Rice was in the patio) and I got online and it works great. Remember, the office has the password and you MAY need to do a bit of settings adjustments depending upon your computer set up so come on down and try it out. And although I still like to close with ABYC is THE place to BE, I overheard Kelly Asper talking about our Wi-fi status and our new slogan MAY just have to be...**ABYC is the HOT spot!**

See you around the club.

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## Sou’Wester DEADLINE

May 23, 2009 is the deadline  
for the June Sou’Wester.

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# fleet captain's



Opening Day regatta is near, May 2. The regatta is for the Club Championship and the coveted parking spot. This year the regatta will be held in Lido 14's and we are looking for a great regatta. This is a fun regatta but egos are on the line. There will be Opening Day festivities after the regatta so come and enjoy the fun.

Walt Elliott Challenge will be held on May 9 th this year. ABYC is the defending yacht club. We will be defending in Cal 20's. We are expecting between 6 and 9 boats and races will be sailed in the waters of San Pedro Bay, either in the Long Beach Outer Harbor off the Peninsula or off the Seal Beach Pier. This will be a fun event and spectators are welcome. Come and join us and cheer on our club defenders.

Looking ahead, we have Memorial Day Regatta coming up on May 23 & 24. The laser fleet is in charge of this regatta and it should be a dandy. There will be entertainment on Saturday and two days of fun racing. Come and join in the fun. The NOR is posted on the web sight.

The fleet is generally in good shape. The whalers need some TLC but this is normal for a fleet as large as ours. We will be attending to some of the TLC during Spring Spruce-up. We need our boats looking good for Opening Day. Patience is just purrrrrrring along. We will be doing some boat cleanup for spring spruce up and could use your help. We are entering our on season for regattas and summer program where we need our boats. All of the boats will be checked for problems prior to Memorial Day Regatta which is our kick-off for the summer.

In talking with our Junior Staff Commodore Glenn Selvin I realized that there was a need for summer boat parking. I approached the John Massey and the Board of Directors for some summer boat storage. It was approved. We will have between 12 and 15 spaces available for members through the summer. For more information see the article in this month's Sou' Wester.

See you around the Club  
*Jon Robinson*

# membership

Hello Members! I'm pleased to announce the thirty-day posting of John Aynes, Nick Odegard, Richard Davies and Sumeet Patel – when you see these folks at the club, please take a minute to introduce yourself. As you know, this period allows the membership to advise the Board on the character of the candidates and how they will add to our family.

Our Junior-to-Regular membership promotion has ended and our summer season is upon us. Watch this space for our next membership promotion package and if you know any Laser sailors, let them know there is space available in the new Laser rack – No Waiting! Thanks to Jon Robinson and his crew, the new rack has wiped out the waiting list. Great incentive for prospective Laser members.

Welcome new(ish) members David and Lisa Michaelis and son Ethan, pictured here with Jon Robinson for the general membership meeting. Don't forget to drop me a note if you haven't been presented to the membership and given your ABYC Burgee – we'll get you on the program for the next meeting.

*John Williams*



*David and Linda Michaelis, son Ethan with Jon Robinson*

# mark

During US Sailing's semi annual meeting in March Mark Townsend was certified as a National Race Officer (NRO). There are 33 NROs in the United States, 8 in California including Mark (3 in the Bay area, 3 in San Diego, 1 at Cal YC and Mark at ABYC). A National Race Officer is expected to be able to go anywhere in the country and serve as the principal race officer or race management consultant with any race committee to properly run any race or regatta, including national championship events. This includes organizing the event and the race committee, writing correct notices of race and sailing instructions, and doing the scoring.

Congratulations Mark!

# the bay clogger (junior sailing)

## 2009 ABYC Summer Junior Program

ABYC is proud to announce the 2009 Summer Junior Sailing Program! The award winning ABYC Junior Program will commence this year on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and run through August 7<sup>th</sup> culminating with the Sabot Nationals the week following the program held right here on Alamitos Bay. The Junior Program has classes designed for sailors ages 5 to 18 and all skill levels in boats including the Naples Sabot, Laser Radial, 420 and Lido 14's.

Sign up by June 8<sup>th</sup> to avoid a late penalty and assure space in the program. Members will have first priority before May 1st for program space while non-members who sign up early will be put in line to be first in once May 1st passes. After that date, it is first come - first serve.

Medical consent and code of conduct forms should also be turned in when submitting your application. All of which can be found online at [www.fleetracing.net](http://www.fleetracing.net) (click on the ABYC junior program link) or in the main office of ABYC.

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

### **ABYC Junior Fund**

Recently, we have made some great purchases with the ABYC Junior Fund (an account that is dedicated to capital improvements of the junior program). Latham Bell and Doug Jorgensen have helped us put together coaching safety boxes that include tool kits, fire extinguishers, first aid kits and more. Additionally, we will be purchasing magnetic white boards for the junior room and more bay marks and anchors for this summer. All of this is thanks to the donations to our Junior Fund. Your donations are so important and greatly appreciated! If you would like to make a donation to the junior fund, checks can be made out to "ABYC Junior Fund". Cash or credit cards are also accepted.

### **501-C3 Non-Profit**

As mentioned in a previous Sou'wester, the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Junior Advisory Board has established a sub-committee called the Youth Sailing Support Committee. The Committee has an arrangement with the California International Sailing Association, CISA, to accept donations in support of youth sailing. CISA is a 501.c.3 corporation; thereby the donations are tax deductible. The funds are for the development of young sailors and extend outside the reach of the existing ABYC junior budget. Donation checks must be made out to CISA and given to the Committee. The Committee will send the monies to CISA. Sailors interested in accessing money will be provided a "Request for Funds" document to complete. The Committee will review the request and forward to CISA. Considerations for the use of funds will be for regatta support, including travel, registration, housing, etc. The Committee will keep independent accounting of the funds and reconcile with CISA.

If you would like to make a donation, please send a check or drop off the donation to:

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Thank you to Chas and Bob for chairing this committee that will be able to grant scholarships to sailors looking to do far reaching travel regattas as well as offer scholarships to those in need and interested in participated our program.

### **ABYC Juniors Compete for their High Schools – Wilson takes home top 10 finish!**

Congratulations to the ABYC students who participated in the High School Programs. Long Beach Wilson High School most recently was ranked 8th overall in the entire Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association and finished 9th at the Gold Fleet Pacific Coast Championships while Long Beach Poly was ranked 13th and finished 12th at the PCC's Gold. There are several sailors from ABYC on these teams including AJ Robinson, Samantha Gebb, Savannah Robinson, Korbin and Hailey Kirk who sailed for Wilson at PCC's. Ian Paice, Claire Paice, Alex Newton and Laura Newton sailed for Poly. Their finishes as teams were out of 66 teams. Congratulations guys!

*Brad Schaupeter, ABYC Junior Sailing Director*

# long beach race week

## **WANT TO SEE RACE WEEK ACTION CLOSE UP: VOLUNTEER**

Interested in participating in the West Coast's largest regatta? Consider becoming a LBRW volunteer. Join over 100 dedicated volunteers from ABYC and LBYC who staff various committees that make race week such a success.

Contact anyone on the organizing committee; Glenn Selvin, Bobby Frazier, Ken Reiff, Mark or Robin Townsend, Sandy Toscan, Jennifer Kuritz.



# from the pages of history

**V**olunteers: the very heart of ABYC. And in three decades' worth of SOU'WESTER's, the names of volunteers leap off the pages of history.

## **THIRTY YEARS AGO:**

Only 64 boats turned out for the 1979 Alamitos Bay Olympic Classes Regatta, according to the reports in the SOU'WESTER for May of that year. There were five classes, and ABYC member Alex Kimball won the Star class; Dave Ullman was tops in the 470 class and young Carl Buchan won in Finns. The reported winner of the Tornado class was "Ray Glaser" of CBYC; I wonder if the editor got that name spelled correctly. There had been a Friday-night burger bash, which was well attended, and a Saturday-night dinner that was not; in those days the entry fee did not include dinner.

The planned three circles were reduced to two, but the regatta went all three days. The RC chairs were Sid Exley, Langdon Parrill and Chuck Kober; Dorothy Hill and Sandy Toscan were among the scorers. Whalers were staffed by such volunteers as Bob Chubb, Dave Crockett, Dick George and Tick Weber, and "a new concept in scoring" with "results being posted immediately after each race"—nowadays common in the days of cell phones and computer scoring—was handled by Bob Senske and Cathy Black. Gordon Brown and Chas Merrill were event chairs.

A total of 267 folks were served the volunteer-prepared and -served Easter Brunch. Don and Margie Brown chaired the event, with cooking done by ABYC volunteers Gordon Brown, Lee Carter, Tony Fallon, Flip Johnson, Erik Johnson and Sherwood Jones; Margie Brown, Ann Johnson and Marietta Jones served behind the steam-table line. The simple menu included five kinds of hotcakes (sourdough, buttermilk, chocolate-chip, blueberry and old-fashioned), sausage and fruit cocktail.

In the "old days" fleets took on individual service projects around the clubhouse—there was no Spring Spruce Up until the late Eighties—and a busy crew from the Keel Boat Fleet had repainted the lobby of the ABYC clubhouse. "All the old paint, drips and leaks were sanded and beautifully covered with a soft, gray stain," according to ABYC Fleet Captain Adra Kober's report. Clif Mathias was in charge, and workers included Jim Davidson, John and Audrey Hand, Jim Hetherington, Bob and Maxine Jones, Don Roberts, Don Thompson and Keel Boat Fleet Captain Clay Todd.

The Lido fleet announced "Louisiana Dinner" was to be served after the fleet race on May 12; included on the menu was "boiled crawfish from Southern Louisiana to be flown in" that very day, as well as red beans and rice, pecan pie and Creole coffee, all for \$3.75 per person... among new members of ABYC were Joanne and Drew Gram and family, then owners of an Australian 18-foot skiff, and Jack and Jan Hall and their children, who owned a Ghost 13.

## **TWENTY YEARS AGO:**

"DON BROWN DOES IT AGAIN," was the headline of the article on the Easter Brunch in the SOU'WESTER of May, 1989. This was identified as the "11th year" for this team, which means the 1979 event was the first. The menu still included hotcakes—buttermilk, chocolate-chip and blueberry were joined by peanut-butter pancakes and the "Commodore's Special" topped with applesauce—but there were scrambled eggs, ham, bacon, sausage and fresh fruit. There were 320 on hand to eat, and an almost-as-large team behind the scenes: the kitchen and serving crew included Dave Crockett, Chris and Vicki Ericksen, Don and Linda Groenwald, Sherwood and Marietta Jones, Bruce and Carol Miller, Jim and Toni Morford, Dan Ryan, Mark and Robin Townsend and Gary and Pat Winterrowd.

The Pan-Am classes—Lightning, Snipe and Laser—were added to the list of invitees to the 1989 Olympic Classes Regatta; there ended up being 112 boats in eight divisions on three circles. ABYC called on Long Beach Yacht Club and Seal Beach Yacht Club to help out, and both clubs sent RC boats and PRO's; mixed teams of whalers staffed those courses. Among the winners were Pease Herndon and Jay Glaser in Tornado, Doug McLean with Steve Grillon and Bill Fortenberry in Soling, Jayne Fenner in women's sailboard and Jeff Lenhart with Jennifer Draheim in Snipe. John Weiss was general chairman, with Mark Townsend serving as competition chair and Melanie Carter as administrative chair; Mike McDade was PRO on the ABYC course, with Pete Ives doing the duty on the LBYC course and Al Navarro on the SIBYC course.

St. Patrick's Day was featured in two articles. One reported on the 1989 event, chaired by Mike and Sandi McDade and their son Andrew; the menu was Irish stew, prepared to a recipe handed down by Earl Bowman, ABYC's long-time resident port captain and manager. The other article sadly reported on Earl's passing and his life, which included flying C-47's over the Himalayas during World War II. And he passed on St. Patrick's Day...

Junior Staff Commodore Al Nelson published a proposed change in the ABYC By-Laws which would, if accepted, would allow voting for directors to occur on several days in the two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting; at that time votes were only taken the day of the meeting. Commodore Mike McMahon reported the installation of "the largest rolling blind on the Peninsula" above the doors on the northernmost corner of the Clubhouse that could be pulled down to darken the room for daytime slide shows and presentations...

## **TEN YEARS AGO:**

There were four—yes, four—circles run for the 1999 Olympic Classes Regatta, according to the May SOU'WESTER of that year. There were 128 boats in eight classes, including for the first time the 49er skiff. PRO's were Mark Townsend and Mike Segerblom of ABYC and Barney Flam and Chip Evaul representing Long Beach Yacht Club; gear was supplied by LBYC and Los Angeles Yacht Club, and private boats with crews were loaned to the effort by Rich Richards of LAYC,

Jerry and Sally Dalley of Seal Beach Yacht Club and Bard Heavens, Chas Merrill and Rich Kempster of ABYC. David Crockett was regatta chair and Steve Flam was competition chair; the OCR committee included Latham Bell, Pat Bixby, Margaret Caddle, Jim Morford, Sandy Toscan and Mark Townsend.

“Cheeseburgers in Paradise—and a car wash, too!” That was the theme of a carwash and hamburger lunch to be held by the ABYC Juniors. For five bucks—six if you have a “big car”—your car will be sparkly clean and you will be well fed with a delicious cheeseburger!!! The “Junior Supersharks” were the workers, led by Junior Rear Commodore Mara Bell and the “Junior Board of Directors—better known as Freddie Stevens, Jon Bell, Michael Oliver and Rob Low.”

Commodore Ted O. Flood’s “Commodore’s Comments” were mixed. The good news was that the club was meeting its budget and replenishing the capital fund. Thanks went to club Treasurer Jorge Suarez, Club Manager Gary Marshall, the various event and regatta chairs and the ABYC Board “who have worked diligently to stay within their budgets.” But membership was still below full subscription, so Commodore Flood asked everyone to work with Membership Chair Kelly Asper to “work on growing our club membership.”

Just over three hundred were served at the Easter Brunch, chaired by ABYC Fleet Captain Chuck Hardin and Nita; Stacy Conn was in charge of table decorations and Jan Waggoner arranged for two pianists to play during the Brunch...an open house for “all Alamitos Bay and Shore area residents” was scheduled for Sunday, June 13; visitors were to be hosted to soft drinks and hot dogs, shown around the grounds and even offered rides on boats from the club fleets.

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

## a junior perspective

*Each month Marc Schryer invites a Junior sailor to write something for the So'wester...this month he selected Jack Jorgensen a 15 year old Sabot/Laser/C420 sailor.*

The 2009 CISA clinic took place April 4-7 at ABYC. 113 sailors from the east coast all the way to Hawaii participated in 29ers, International 420's, Club 420's, Laser, Laser Radial, and CFJ classes. This clinic offered some of the best coaching in the world. Many of the coaches have been to the Olympics and almost all of them have competed at an international level with great success.

I sailed Club 420's with my crew Samantha Gebb. We were the only ABYC participants. Our coaches were Zach Maxam (2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 Olympic Trials), Isabelle Kinsolving (5<sup>th</sup> 2004 Olympics), and Rich Feeny (Brown University Grad). These coaches were top notch talent and I learned so much from them.

CISA clinic is broken down into 4 days. Day one, Boat handling, Day 2 Boat Speed, Day 3 Tactics, Day 4 CISA regatta. Day one brought winds in the afternoon to 15 knots. Days 2 and 3 were lighter with wind in the 6-8 knot range. During the first race of the championship regatta the breeze was about 15 knots, the windiest race, with some fun waves, since we were sailing outside the breakwater. The wind ranged between 8-14 knots for the rest of the day, constantly building, and then dying. Overall we placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 17 boats in the no throw out series carrying an OCS. I am very pleased with our results considering this was only the 4<sup>th</sup> time my crew, Samantha has ever trapezed.

I highly recommend anyone with a decent sailing resume to apply next year. I learned more from this clinic than I would have sailing by myself for a year! It's that good!

I want to thank ABYC for allowing CISA to use the club. I would also like to thank the ABYC staff, host families and all the volunteers, this clinic could not happen without them!!!

*Jack Jorgensen*



*Jack and crew Samantha Gebb*



# more easter brunch

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Steve and Jennifer Kuritz



Carol and Glenn Selvin



Merle Asper and Jon Robinson serve champagne



John Massey

John Massey and McDannel photos



# spring spruce up

Merle Asper photos

By all accounts, and with my gratitude towards all of our ABYC volunteers, Spring Spruce Up was a success. Though I've gone to countless Spruce Ups myself, this was my year to organize it, and I'm just in awe of the amount of work that we can all accomplish in a short amount of time with so many of ABYC's finest members showing up to help out and lend a hand. We got a LOT done!

Vern Peterson, with the help of Don Wilson, Bobbie Peterson, Mary Riddick, and John Ellis cleaned up Patience, gave her a good coat of varnish, and just in general got the ol' gal ready for what will be a fine Opening Day and a busy sailing season ahead.

Mike Baumann, helped by his son Kevin, Latham Bell, Mary Buchwalter, and Chris Peoples cleaned up the Junior Room. They emptied the room, painted it, hung new, large white boards, and made the room the instructional room for which it was intended. This spruced up room will see a lot of use during the junior program, and I'm proud of how well this room turned out!



Mike Baumann works on the Junior Room

John Williams and his catamaran friends scrubbed down the patio tables and chairs, and even took up a collection and went and replaced some of the broken chairs! How's that for the ABYC spirit? Bruce Brown, John and Sara Williams, Dan DeLave, and Jeremy Laundergan all cleaned up our patio furniture, and it looks great!

Bill McDannel, helped by Roger Seapy, Andrew Bish, Susan Long, and Eleanor Beland scrubbed up the folding tables and chairs upstairs, and boy, did it need it! While Bill and his crew were upstairs, they were joined by John Perone, Greg and Sam Montz, and John's wife Loraine, who sanded down and repainted the cap railing all the way around the building, as well as the banisters on both outside staircases. It really, really looks great!

Jeff Merrill, Dick Landes, and Don Hodges gave our Sabot dollies a good going over, replacing parts as needed, and fixing the dollies overall, making them ready for the summer. Joining the Sabot dolly crew out in the boat yard was John Massey, John Merchant, Gordon Dudley, and Bob Wright, who went around sweeping the yard and pulling all those



Bob Chubb works on hoist markers

pesky weeds that just seem to grow in all the cracks!

Teri Bishop's gardening crew was huge, but they got a LOT done! Teri worked all day along side Steve Washburn, Bob Wright, Mike and Ron Wood, Mary Montz, Palmer Luckey, Lynda Peoples, Carol

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Selvin, Jim Loeffler, Derek Landeau, and Bridget Luckey. The gardening really, really looks nice, and goes a long way towards dressing up the front of our building. Lots of new plants were planted, including some very nice palm trees! And the kids that helped her? Made for great hole diggers!

We had other people painting out in the yard, and you'll notice new yellow stripes around the hoists, new numbers and letters stenciled, well, hand painted, in front of all the yard spaces. We're also going to be selling summer boat storage along the railing, and thus those spaces got numbered and striped as well. Tim Carter, helped by Dave Ellis, John Wagner, Michael and Cole Price worked out in the boat yard, while Ken Reiff, Jim Kirk, Tom Mendenhall and Sheila Eberly worked along the hoists and the railing getting that all striped and numbered. All of this just seems to make the yard seem brighter and better kept!

Carol and Dave Kofahl, always the trophy people, worked with John McNaughton, Lee Smith, Jinx Ellis, Georgia Merchant, and Joe Riddick. Trophy cases were emptied out and cleaned, trophies were polished and scrubbed, and then all were put back in an orderly fashion to display.

Jon Robinson, our Fleet Captain, is in charge of whalers. With the help of Jonn Merrill, Merle Asper, Steve Kuritz, Jennifer Kuritz, and Dan Bates, our two 21' whalers got a complete new bottom job! If we hadn't have run out of bottom paint, we could have gotten two more done!

Spring Spruce Up is our Club's way of keeping down our staff costs by all of us getting together to spend half a day working to, well, spruce things up! But, it's also a good way to get to know other members, and to better appreciate all that ABYC means to us. But, we don't do this for free. For all of our hard work, we're treated to one of ABYC's famous burger bashes! I mean, really, where can you work so hard, but get fed so well with a good burger and a cold beer!

To all those who came down? All I can say is thank you, we got a lot done, and in a very short time. And to those who didn't come down? If you can send in a donation to help offset materials, we'd appreciate it. And then, come on down next year! It really is a fun time.

*Glenn Selvin, Junior Staff Commodore*

## summer yard space for members

This summer ABYC is offering to members who want a summer spot in the yard for their boat that is 15' and under an opportunity to keep their boat along the rail. The duration is from Memorial Day Regatta until Labor Day Regatta. The boats will be stored along the rail (a front row seat at ABYC) between the small hoist and the big hoist. Spots will be numbered and boats are expected to be in their spots if they are not on the water. The price for these spots is \$400 for the entire period and for the entire time, no refunds. The rules are simple.

1. Spots are on a first come first serve basis.
2. \$400 will be paid when you sign up for your spot.
3. No boat will be allowed in the yard until the \$400 is paid.
4. A spot is assigned to you. When your boat enters the yard, your boat will be tagged with your spot number, sail number and your name. It is your responsibility to make sure your boat is in its proper place. Boats found in other than their spot will be impounded. Poachers will be prosecuted!
5. Spots will be available one day prior to Memorial Day Regatta and are to be removed no later than 2 days after Labor Day Regatta. No Exceptions.

This is a great opportunity for those club members who are either on the wait list for a spot and want to sail this summer or those who just want to sail in the summers. This gives our members another opportunity to enjoy the great sailing at ABYC and the club.

*Jon Robinson*

## hails from the fleets



By moving the Olympic Classes Regatta (OCR) back to its traditional early spring date and scheduled the weekend prior to the Laser Midwinters West in Marina del Rey, we hoped for a good turnout. Indeed seventeen Lasers hailing from the San Francisco Bay Area to San Diego arrived to take part, as well as three ABYC Radial racers.

From results of the light breeze first day ABYC's **Chris Raab** was certainly in charge; however, the next five places were up for grabs. With Peter Jesberg from San Francisco & St. Francis YC, **Cameron Summers** from ABYC, Drake Jensen from Richmond YC, Julian Soto from Del Rey YC, and Pete Sutherland from Mission Bay YC all within two points of each other. Sunday's final results didn't change much, but the race conditions certainly did as you will read in this report from the official Regatta Press Officer, **Rich Roberts**.

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"Day one (Saturday) of a sailing event for little single-handed boats this weekend was cold, gray and short on wind. Day two, Sunday, was everything Saturday was not: sunny, windy and, as **Chris Raab** described it, "Scary." It blew so hard - anemometers showed 25 to 27 knots, gusting to 35- that several boats were blown over...off their trailers in the parking lot.

So it was at ABYC's annual Olympic Crashes...er, Classes Regatta Saturday for Finns, Lasers and Laser Radials...all single-handed classes for daring people. Two red flags signaling a gale warning flew from the harbor master's headquarters as the boats headed out to the course, and conditions became so rough during the first scheduled race that principal race officer (PRO) **Mark Townsend** decided before it was over that there would be no more. There were no complaints. Observers had lost count of capsizes, most of them Lasers but also some Finns.

**Vann Wilson** is an ABYC member who prefers sailing his Laser in robust breeze, so he was keen for racing Sunday after finishing 7-8-8 and 10 the first day. But after winning the only Laser race in a runaway he noted, "you've gotta' be careful what you wish for. I think I was 10 knots over my limit."

**Chris Raab**, another (ABYC) local, hung onto his first-day lead achieved with a 3-1-2-1 afternoon by finishing fourth despite capsizing four times. But, like the others, each time he muscled his boat upright from the cold water and kept on sailing. "I haven't flipped four times in the last five years," he said. "Every time you flip it takes a lot out of you."

Actually, he would have won without sailing at all because after five races he was allowed to discard his worst finish, and that was the only one sailed Sunday. Several others considered the conditions and took the bailout. Of the 43 boats entered in three classes, only 21 ventured out into the elements Sunday. Wise move. Even after (PRO) Townsend noticed the breeze building from the west and moved the race course inside the breakwater from its previous location in the open ocean off Seal Beach, the competitors found seas building to short series of waves with troughs 10 feet deep."

In the Radial fleet, **Jack Jorgensen**, **Garrett Brown** and **Kevin Baumann**, all from ABYC, finished the regatta in that order. The Radials faced the same conditions as the full-rigs as described in this I received from **Margaret Jorgensen** reporting on her son Jack sailing on Sunday: "Jack reports: He was reaching around the starting area when he flipped. When he was righting his boat he noticed his boom had detached from the mast. He was able to right the boat but due to the heavy wind and seas could not put the boom back together. He was towed in by Coach Brad (Schaupeter). Neither Jack nor Kevin (Baumann) was able to race Sunday. Jack said he was bummed because it would have been really fun to sail in that breeze."

*Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain*



# L<sup>14</sup>

## Lido Time!

May has arrived in southern California and that can only mean one thing: Lido Twilights have finally arrived! So come on down, dust off the old racing machine {or borrow one if you have to} and come out and play every Wednesday evening. We race three kick back, beer-can races in the turning basin of Alamos Bay. The first race starts around 6:30PM. Tired of getting beat around in the harbor in big boats? Tired of the long sail out and back with only one racing being raced?



Then you should try the Lido out, my friend! You won't regret it! It's only a five-minute sail from the yacht club to the starting line! The boat is easy to rig and de-rig. Plus it's fast to put in the water. Using the

hoist, too {so no long hoist waits!} Plus, we're doing something new this year. We'll have an entire Wednesday night {3 races} thrown out for the monthly Twilight series. So if you miss a week, it won't hurt you in the standings! So come on out and play! You won't regret it!

## "On the Road Again"

Members of the Lido fleet have been traveling around, too. Case in point was the Harry Wood Memorial Regatta held down in Newport on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We had seven ABYC and/or fleet 6 members travel down



Mark Townsend

# hails from the fleets

the coast for some action pack Lido racing. We didn't finish too bad either. Stu/Erin Robertson won the regatta while Mark Ryan/Rich Greenwood finished 5<sup>th</sup>, Bob Sherwood/Tony 7<sup>th</sup>, Dave/Jeanne Smith 11<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Reed/Lyndi 13<sup>th</sup> and Ross Nemeroff/Rob Rice 14<sup>th</sup>! In the B's Jim Drury/Bruce Wasson finished 4<sup>th</sup>, too!

## Junior Lido 14 Nationals

Save the date! ABYC and Lido fleet 6 are hosting the Junior Lido 14 Nationals on **Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**. We're looking for a large turnout, too. We'll have a junior/junior Championships in which both skipper and crew are junior's by age. We'll also have a junior/senior Championships in which a junior skippers and a senior crews. You're considered a junior in the Lido Class if you don't turn 19 by the end of the year! So come on out and join the fun! We'll have the NOR and entry forms out very shortly. Contact Sarah and Mark Ryan for more info.

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## Website

Can't get enough Lido news? Then check out our website! Our fleet website is up and running again thanks to Bruce Wasson! Thanks Bruce! So check it out for results, pictures, articles and much more! There's a link to it from ABYC.org.

*Mark Ryan, Lido #4790*



**A**nother beautiful day on the Bay! We had our monthly Sabot race on Sunday, April 19. There was a good turn out of nine racers and we completed

three races. It looked like the wind was picking up, only to die down as we got on the race course. If you were good at reading the wind steaks and with a little luck, you could make it around the course with out a problem. We had a few tangles at the start which involved doing some 360's for some of us. Our second race had to be shortened for lack of wind leaving a few racers unaware of the new course and they missed crossing the finish line on the first lap.

After our lunch break we returned to the water with a good, steady wind for our third race. Jane McNaboe won handily with two first places and a fifth. Mary Riddick was second place with a third place, sixth place and a second. John Ellis was third overall with a second place, a third place and a seventh. Racing was followed by a short meeting and a delectable dinner of chicken Alfredo prepared by Jesus.

The Sabot fleet is invited to join the Keel boat fleet for dinner at Shoreline Yacht Club on April 24 starting at 5 P.M.

The Sabot fleet was so sorry to hear about the passing of our good friend and great sailor, Peter Gales. We will try to have his well known, wooden Sabot on display at Opening Day.

The Sabot fleet will be hosting refreshments with the Keel boat fleet on Patience for Opening Day. Be sure to stop by!

May is the beginning of Sabot Twilights, come out and sail with us at 6:00 P. M. on Thursday evenings. Stay and have dinner after sailing. Jesus always has a delicious menu. Our May fleet race will be Sunday, May 3. Hope to see you all on the Bay!

Cheers!

*Sheila Eberly*



## *KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH*

**T**he month of May brings the last of the Keel Boat Fleet's meetings for the '08-'09 year. However the Fleet's activities don't end until Bob Chubb and Jeanne Reid put on their great Pinewood Model Boat Regatta Saturday, June 13. This is always just fun although some of the erratic courses taken by Maggie and my model boat has led to a few unprintable words. The races start mid afternoon and are followed by the cocktail hour, (bring your own libation), then dinner, (again bring your own entrée). The Fleet will have the barbecue going and provide chips, salsa, potato salad, plates, cups, etc. Bob and Jeanne will give more details at the May Keel Boat Fleet meeting.

Maggie and I will miss Vern and Bobbie's Spring Cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club as we will be working the 'Newport to Ensenada Race' but we have no doubt the Spring Cruise will be terrific as it has been in the past years. The Petersons have the agenda down to a science and it's always a great time for all.

Once again Joe Riddick and Judy Mathias have guided the Keel Boat Fleet to another super year. The Christmas Party, Armchair Cruise, Model Boat Regatta, Spring Cruise plus the many bi-monthly meetings add up to a lot of work and the Fleet owe a big well done to all the members who contributed their time and effort for this past successful year.

The Keel Boat Fleet's '09-'10 year will start with the Fleet meeting Friday, September 11, and traditionally is a picnic meeting. More details about the meeting will be in the August Sou'Wester. Oh, one more happy thought, dues will be due in September!

The last Keel Boat Fleet meeting for the '08-'09 year is Friday, May 8. It sounds like a good time as the theme is games. The cocktail hour starts at 6 PM, games at 6:45 PM and our regular pot luck dinner at 7:30.

Have a great summer,  
*George C.*



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abyc.org for details*

## peter gales

**P**eter Gales first began sailing Skimmers in Long Beach in the 1930's with his brothers Don and Bob. Pete's love for sailing was a life long passion that included many years sailing the International 14, teaching himself to windsurf in his 60's, and Sabot sailing until his mid 80's.

Pete was also gifted photographer educated at Art Center in Pasadena, and eventually went to work for Eastman Kodak. Enlisting in the Navy in 1942 his photographs of the Pacific during WWII are rare treasures, along with a lifetime of sailing photographs and awards for his work at Kodak.

A Peninsula resident since 1968, Pete enjoyed riding his bike to ABYC, and throughout Belmont Shore until last year when a bike crash ended his bike adventures at 90 years old. Pete passed away Sunday April 19th, just shy of his 91st birthday.



Pete passes on his love for photography, water sports and the outdoors to his three boys, and his 6 grandchildren who will always enjoy "Pop's Beach" on 63rd Place. Pete will be remembered at ABYC Monday May 11th at 10:00am.

*Rick Gales*

## 2009 memorial day regatta

**T**he ABYC *Laser* and **505** Fleets are pleased to host the 2009 ABYC Memorial Day Holiday Regatta May 23-24, 2009. This regatta attracted 227 sailors competing in 19 separate class starts last year and we expect a similar turn out in 2009. All competitors and guests can expect the traditional excellent race management and social activities ABYC is known for.

In addition to racing both inside the Bay and in the Harbor, there will be a cook your own steak dinner, baked potato bar, salad and desert after racing, Saturday evening followed by live entertainment for all.

The Notice of Race and access to On-line registration can be found at: <http://www.abyc.org/event.cfm?id=333>

Your Hosts:

Steven Smith & Jorge Suarez  
ABYC *Laser* Fleet Co-Captains

Kevin Taugher  
ABYC **505** Fleet Captain