



## labor day regatta and pirate party

John Massey photos

**A**vast, me hearties! Now that the grub has been eaten and the grog has been drank, it is time to reflect on the mutiny of the evening of the first ever "Pirates of the Peninsula" party that accompanied the Labor Day Regatta on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Many of the scallywags in attendance came in full pirate attire which contributed to the evening's theme.

The li'l buccaneers hunted for pirate's booty on a treasure hunt, and also were treated to the loot inside the pirate piñata. Six pirates entertained us all evening, including Captain Jack Sparrow and the legendary Davy Jones. Ted Shred, who holds the world's record in fire breathing, gave a command performance of his talents. The evening continued with some serious plank stompin' thanks to the incredible music of Party Jones. Margaret Caddle commented "I'm so glad the pirates kidnapped the Hawaiians!" Kelly Asper added that it was "the best party ever."



Ed Spotsky and Lori Van Skyhock

A special thank you to Bob and Emily Sherwood for the use of their sabot, "The Black Pearl." It was fabulously decorated by Bonnie Robertson and was accompanied by the corpse of a Captain at the Bosun's wheel. Many other props were donated by Double Dog Dare Productions, including a gibbet cage, treasure chest, cannons, and other Jolly Rogers.

A big shout out to all the volunteers who helped with decorating and transforming ABYC into a magical pirate's paradise – Sue McDannel, Michelle and Ed Spotskey, Patti Acosta, Bonnie Robertson, Linda Trang, Catherine Kise, Melissa Straeter and Jessica Mehdikhani Also, a big Yo Ho Ho to all those who helped serve the delicious pirate's grub – Yvonne Lindemann, Sue McDannel, Patty and Jean Nash, and John and Lorraine Perone. The dinner tickets featured a caricature of Commodore "Merle the Pearl" thanks to the creative talents of Sharon Pearson.

The pirates also brought a complimentary photographer, Rick Horner, who surrendered several disks of photos of the evening and was so impressed with ABYC that he inquired about joining the club! A link to all the great photos has been added to the ABYC website under the events tab (thanks Merle!) *Aaarrrrrrr!*

Lori Van Skyhock



John and Kathy Robinson

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# commodore's comments



This is it, my last article as Commodore. I hope you had as good a year as I did. I really need to thank a lot of people. I am going to keep my comments brief. Shorter is sweeter. If I leave your name out, just know that I do appreciate all of your effort.

I believe we had a great year. It could have gone bad with this economy. It was grand. I am going to speak in generalities, because I am trying to keep my article short. As a yacht club we had success in many ways. I am going to name a few;

1. The Junior Program was the biggest ever. More kids, better curriculum and more profitable, meaning it actually lost less money. Thanks go to Brad Schaupter and his people, the Junior Advisory Board, and many concerned members.
2. All of our regattas were successful. Many were the biggest ever. We managed to make money or come very close on all of them. This has helped towards our bottom line and enabled us to afford the equipment we absolutely have to buy and keep the dues and mooring fees down. Thanks go to our Race Management Committee (Jim Drury and Chris Ericksen to name a few) and many concerned members.
3. Our social program grew. We managed to bring more people to ABYC and involve a larger amount of people in our events. Every party we had was bigger and better! We had fun and we gave our membership more for their money. Happy hours with food, music and movies helped make a super fun place for people to take their families and friends. We kept the prices down so it was also affordable. Many thanks to the Social Advisory Committee. Sue McDannel, Bill McDannel, and all the Ladies and Gents that made a big effort. Lori and others went all out to make the Labor Day Pirate Party unbelievably over the top! I can't tell you how well this party went.
4. We maintained an even balance with membership numbers. We did not have the problems of other yacht clubs and country clubs. We really are not very far down in numbers from when the economy was in great shape. We tried very hard to give more value to the membership by making ABYC more important. Our goal was that in bad economic times we were not the thing that people cut out of their lives.
5. We brought in new yard income. In addition to the Sabot racks, we made Laser racks and new spots on the rail. This created more space for keelboats as well. We found space where there was none! More boats equal more happy members enjoying the Club and more yard income. Many thanks to George Kornhoff, John Williams, Jorge Suarez, Jon Robinson, and Jeff Merrill and many, many other concerned members.

I am going to thank my immediate board and management team, because there is no way I can recognize everybody!

## JUNIOR STAFF COMMODORE-Glenn Selvin

Glenn did a really great job of bringing innovation to the grim task of collections, which led to new methods and successes. People paid and we kept members. Some people appreciate us more because we did go out of our way to retain them as members when times were tough.

## VICE COMMODORE-John Massey

John Massey always helps out when a person is in need. If you have a task like building something or transporting something, he is the first to jump in. Know this: John Massey will give the job of Commodore his all.

## REAR COMMODORE-Jeff Merrill

Jeff is super organized and knows how to get things done with innovation. Turkey Day, Sabot Racks, Sabot Nationals, Social Advisory Committee to name a few huge successes! Jeff will be one of our all time great Vice Commodores for next year.

## FLEET CAPTAIN-Jon Robinson

Superstar! He did a great job with the racing program. He took the yard issues to task and made them go away. Brought new income into the Club through many different methods and added flair with his management style. Laser racks, sabot racks, temporary storage on the rail. Many more things! The guy is going to be a great Rear Commodore (yes, that title does make me nervous) and Commodore in the future. We are lucky to have him.

## DIRECTOR/SECRETARY-Ken Reiff

He has been instrumental in Membership, Yearbook, and many regattas. He helped things run smoother just by being himself. He is always a nice positive person to be around. He helps others by bridging personality difficulties!

## DIRECTOR-Junior Program-Mike Baumann

He has been instrumental in Membership, Junior Program, Race Management, Yearbook and all around voice of reason. He is always good at reading financials. He does a lot of special projects that make us look good! He is going to be a fantastic Fleet Captain for next year.

## DIRECTOR-Membership & Volunteers-Bob Anderson

He has been great with Race Management, regattas, and our soon to have security cameras. Hopefully not as many accidents will happen in the yard because of Bob!

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DIRECTOR-John Williams

John did a fantastic job as Yard Czar, Membership Chairman and Board Member extraordinaire! He covered many bases and did it with flair. When there was a problem, he stepped up! I personally owe him a debt of gratitude. John made lemonade out of lemons.

Secretary-Jim Morford

Jim Morford gave a lot of good advice and took great notes. He helped keep us on an even keel by reminding the board of some of the previous Board's decisions.

Treasurers-Mary Montz and George Kornhoff

These guys provided financial information and guidance throughout the year that was second to none. They helped us set budgets and gave us information when we needed it. They give great advice!

Manager-Kelly Whitlow

He always gets the job done with flair and makes it fun for everyone. The fact that we have good food here is mostly due to Kelly. Kelly has also been running other programs to bring in extra income. Kelly works hard to keep costs down, maintain great service to the members, and keep things running on an even keel.

Ladies Restroom

I would like to thank Kelly Asper, Nicole Peoples, Chuck Stevens, Ed Spotskey and especially Wayne Noecker for basically providing us with a new ladies restroom at almost no cost to the Club.

Finally

Thanks to you for all of your support! You made it happen as always. We had a great year.

That's it! I am signing off as Commodore, but looking forward to many years ahead as a Staff Commodore. Now I will know what it is like to really have fun! I can't wait to start giving out advice! "When I was Commodore..."

Please always remember and never forget: Go ABYC!

Thanks again,

Merle

# vice commodore's **notes**



ABYC, is particularly blessed as a yacht club for it is located in Southern California. Some reflect that it is sad that we do not enjoy the beauty of the explosion of autumn colors that paint the more northern regions of the sailing community. That may be true, but I suspect we make up for it in far more ways that the practical sailor can appreciate. Though many of our boats are stored up upon the blacktop, we are not obliged to seal them with shrink wrap to protect them from the elements, much less from ten cubic yards of brown leaves that are the residue of that "explosion" of color. Ok, Ok, so we have to endure the droppings of palm trees, seagulls, and the occasional cat that invades the odd boat here and there. The poor dears are merely coming in out of the cold, but unfor-

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tunately, accompanied with their latest kill. As such, their house keeping skills and potty training leave much to be desired. So, this portion of this month's column is directed to all those members, and you know who you are, that have not visited nor checked their boat in a long time, and have forgotten or ignored Yard Rule 3.20 requiring a "yard-moored boat must be sailed at least once during each six-month period (from Jan 1 to June 30 and July 1 to Dec 31) to retain yard privileges." The prospect of relocating a boat out of the yard is quite real, as the waiting lists (30+ small boat yard, and 17+ keel boat yard) is filled with anxious members that want yard mooring assignments.

October launches our new year. The committees are already at work on calendar items and events. The social committee has concluded their first annual meeting and the annual Fleet captains meeting may have concluded by press time. Most important is the first of a series of classes will begin October 10th. The title of this first class is SCORING 101. Scoring covers quite a range of tasks. Ironically and a subject which humorously touches me, scoring can easily be divided between those who get seasick and those that do not. I sadly am in the former group. So for those who can hang on an anchor out on the course and scribe the call of the head scorer, I say "you lucky pup! That is where all the action is and the best view of the races." But, waiting ashore to receive the results, (thanks to cell phones) is a line up of jobs for the rest of us. Computer entry, publishing, and archiving are tasks that complete the regatta for trophy presentation, and provide the history for future regattas. Not only that, while awaiting results, you have some extra time for your self. (such as preparing lesson plans, knitting, or, in my case writing this article). This class coupled with future classes on and off the water will be announced and conducted to hone our trademark of ABYC regattas and event management.

Close at hand are a busy schedule Fall activities. Keep a breast of your calendar for club events as well as racing events. October ushers in Stag cruise, I-14 Nationals, Family Movie Night, Ladies Day Regatta, and Halloween Regatta. Plus hanging in the wings is our "tour d' force" Turkey Day Regatta and dinner, our biggest regatta of the year.

October 17th is the Trophy and Officer Installation Dinner. It is the important once a year ABYC occasion to award those trophies uniquely set aside to recognize member achievement. Your new board and Flag Officers will be introduced and sworn in. We anticipate good attendance, so place your reservation before the cutoff.

*John Massey*

## rearview



It seems hard to believe that we were overrun by Pirates and lived to tell the tale, what a fantastic new program for the Labor Day Saturday dinner. The food was delicious, people dressed up as buccaneers (much better than the ghost of luau coconut bras haunting us from years past) and I'd really like to give a big thanks to Lori Van Skyhock and her team of SAC helpers for an over the top job decorating, serving and organizing a great way to say good bye to summer. Kyle Peterson flew in from San Francisco just for some pirate punch and mom Bonko Peterson did a round with the swash bucklers so we were really reaching out to a broad spectrum (emphasis on the RUM in spectrum!). One if by land, too much to see! Wait 'til next year ya scurvy louts!

The Social Advisory Committee "Annual Planning Meeting" on September 23<sup>rd</sup> is right at deadline for this issue so I will have to report more next time, but we are ramping up our party patrol and whether you made the meeting or not we'd love to have you join our ranks if you would like go get involved and join in on the fun.

For all of you members who voted I would like to say a special thank you. We actually get a pretty light turn out (you'd be surprised) and all of us who participate in the ritual of casting ballots - especially those who came down to the Annual General Membership meeting deserve our appreciation for helping to steer the direction of our club. The actual meeting had a great turn out and included some very informative reports. It's also an opportunity to say thank you to all of the people who helped us during the year and I'd like to just say a couple of quick thanks... to Bill and Sue McDannel for making SAC and the Happy Hours so great. To Sharon Pearson for letting me publish unabridged treatises in the Sou'Wester practically monthly. To John Williams for running an outstanding Mid-Winters regatta and Ed Spotskey for a great job managing the Multihull regatta. To Kelly Whitlow and staff for always having us ready to roll film at family movie night (and always having everything else ready for every other event we snuck up on them).

Thanks too to all of the members who volunteered their time this year - the true life blood of our club, our back bone and our deadliest secret weapon! To the Board of Directors for some spirited debate and clutch decisions to keep ABYC on track and apparently we have weathered this recession thing with a few cuts and bruises, ("only a flesh wound" as they would say in Monty Python land) and there must be a light at the end of the tunnel...because I'm pretty sure think I see it. Please allow me to thank my wife Pam, daughter Elle and son Jonn - who sometimes get to arrive late and park in the reserved spot - heck it's the least I can do for all the time they let me spend at the club. And to Jon Robinson, my co-chair for Sabot Jr. Nationals and all of the people who made that event extraordinary - you know who you are and we are going to be seeing more of all of you as I truly feel that was a watershed event that signaled the start of the next chapter in this wonderful book of ABYC we all are writing.

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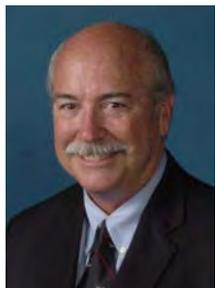
We have a new slate of directors, all of the incumbents were re-elected and we have some energetic new faces. Please let your board know if you have suggestions, ideas or complaints (be aware that's a fast track to getting asked to join a committee). I look forward to moving up to Vice Commodore and will continue to do my best to serve the membership of ABYC.

You think we are done just because August has ended? Take a look at the club calendar on our website, there is no rest for any of us, just a lot of great sailing and camaraderie – please come on down and launch your boat before our two weeks of cold weather winter hit – sabots, don't forget to tuck yourselves keel side up in case we get two days of rain between now and spring. The best meal of the year is still to come...Turkey Day Regatta Dinner!!! Everyone, please, come on down and enjoy ABYC there is a lot to do at our small little oasis at the end of the peninsula.

See you at the club!

Jeff Merrill, Mobile 949.355.4950

## fleet captain's log



**L**abor Day regatta, which over the years has become the second largest ABYC regatta, was a complete success. We had 184 participants in two circles. The racing was intense and the party was more intense. There were pirates everywhere and the fun was immense. Sailing has never been this much fun.

The following week Formula 18 North Americans took place. With only 28 boats, we hosted some of the premier multi-hull sailors in the world. Four countries were represented and the racing was the best. ABYC multi-hull sailors held their own by occupying 5 of the top 13 positions. Congratulations to each of those teams. Each night there was a dinner each night and the competitors were delighted with the racing, the social events and the friendly atmosphere at ABYC. All involved are looking forward to returning to ABYC.

The Juniors are at it again. This weekend is the Junior Fall Invitational with some 78 competitors. This is the first event of a 4 regatta series for A Naples Sabot sailors. This is one of the bigger events for Juniors sailing Naples Sabots and is only second to the Junior Naples Sabot Champs, which we just completed at ABYC.

Sunday is the Charity Regatta at ABYC. Norma Clapp has hosted this regatta for more than 20 years and she is looking forward to an even bigger event. Sign up and sail or just come to the club and bid on the silent auction. You will find that you will have a good time.

The International 14's are hosting their North Americans at the club on October 2 & 3. We already have 20 boats entered and expect more. This is a very high tech boat and they are fun to watch. They will be racing inside the breakwater and should be well worth going out to watch.

On October 10 the Lido 14 District One Champs. We have a very strong Lido 14 fleet and should be very competitive. You can see all of the racing without leaving land. The regatta will be raced off the Belmont Shore Pier.

Also in the morning of October 10 you can learn to score a regatta. Mark Townsend will be holding a 2-hour class "Scoring 101". He will teach you how to score a regatta using Sailwave. This should be a lot of fun and very informative. Afterward you can walk or drive to the Belmont Pier and watch the Lido's do their thing.

Ladies Day Regatta will be held on October 18. This regatta is also open to gentlemen. Racing will be in Naples Sabots and should be a lot of fun. This is a one-day regatta and is a very social event.

The fleet is generally in good shape. Patience has not presented any problems and is running perfectly, thanks to George and Vern. We have had few problems this summer and the fleet is generally in good shape. Whaler #7 has a major problem, the bottom end is broken and will be out of service until we make a decision to repair it or replace it with a new one. The problem is that the engine on that boat is 30 years old and parts are very hard to find. Either decision will be a major expenditure and not taken lightly. Whaler 2 is being refurbished and hopefully ready for Turkey Day.

I would like to take this chance to thank the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club membership for the opportunity to continue to be a part of the board of directors. I have had a rewarding year as your Fleet Captain and have enjoyed every day of it. I look forward to the next year as your Rear Commodore. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve ABYC. Thank You.

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

See you around the Club

Jon Robinson

**Sou'Wester DEADLINE**

October 23, 2009 is the deadline  
for the November Sou'Wester.

# from the pages of history

Janus was the most important god among the early Romans and a very ancient one; experts believe the god's origins lie with the Etruscans. He is famously portrayed with two faces, one looking forward and the other looking backward, giving him the chance to look into the future as well as the past. The month January is named for Janus.

Since October is the start of the new yacht-club year at ABYC, the SOU'WESTERs for October typically look both into the future and the past. The three reviewed here reflect that.

## **THIRTY YEARS AGO:**

Helen Potter served in the ABYC office for thirteen years before her retirement; a photo of her in a Naples Sabot graced the cover of the October, 1979 SOU'WESTER. A full page was dedicated to her thanks to the ABYC family for "a wonderful, happy time" as an employee of ABYC. She cited the enjoyment of meeting "sailors from all over the world" and her pleasure at having been "a part of the outstanding International Regattas that ABYC has sponsored." A party to celebrate her time at ABYC had been held in conjunction with the annual meeting in September, and it was announced that the Assistance League had declared Tuesday, October 30, as "Helen Potter Day;" ABYC ladies were invited to a luncheon at the Assistance League clubhouse to honor Helen.

Outgoing Commodore Dave Crockett, in his last "Commodore's Comments," said that he believed the outstanding year just past was "due entirely to the fantastic job done by all the...people who volunteered their time and services" to club activities. Incoming Commodore Gary Winterrowd reported on the makeup of the new officers and Board of ABYC, which included Vice Commodore Langdon Parrill, Rear Commodore Jim Morford, Fleet Captain Sherwood Jones and Junior Rear Commodore Carol McBride. "I feel we have an extremely strong Board of Directors and Club Officer," he said, "and with their direction and the help from the membership I anticipate a successful and fun-filled year."

While the Keel Boat Fleet was yet to elect new leadership, the Senior Sabot fleet elected Tony Fallon as Fleet Captain while the Lido Fleet announced that Don Barrus would take over as Fleet Captain...Keith Dodson reported that he and Ed Kimball had participated in the 470 PCC's at the Palo Alto YC; they took fourth place while another ABYC team of Gabe and Bill Farramola took 11th place...the family of Dr. Thomas Gates—father, mother and two sons—joined ABYC and brought into the club a Tempest named "Evil, Wicked, Mean and Nasty;" they also owned a Flying Dutchman and a Ranger 26...

## **TWENTY YEARS AGO:**

The SOU'WESTER of October, 1989, was filled with "thank you's" from the leaders of the club for the efforts of members during the just-closed year. Chief among them was outgoing Commodore Mike McMahan, who cited the "tremendous amount of unselfish assistance" he received from the Board, committee chairs, Staff Commodores and ABYC staff in his year as Commodore; he signed himself as "A proud and grateful Commodore." Both Norma Clapp and Eric Conn chimed in their thanks, Norma for the work that made "the club social events so successful this year" and Eric for the assistance he'd received in his time on the Board, cut short by "family and professional obligations" that required his leaving the Board.

There was a two-page spread on the Luau and Labor Day Regatta. Among the winners were Alan Smith in J/24, Bob Burns in J/22, Pat McCormick and Ed Feo, Jr., in Etchells 22, Dan Clapp in PHRF and Sam Bell in Lido 14 "B." There was a page of photos, including one of the infamous "Huki Lau Dancers;" among the recognizable faces were Commodore McMahan and Grant Hill. There was a lovely photo of Henry and Bernice Weiss, Chuck and Adra Kober and Ann and Sid Exley around a table; another photo included Randy Smith, Lance Seaman, Eric Conn and a luxuriantly mustachioed Chris Caswell. Even Peter Gales made it into a photo, dancing alongside Steve Flam.

There were several new members pictured in the SOU'WESTER this month. Among them were Doug Teulie, a new yachting member fresh off having won the Senior Sabot Nationals and sponsored for membership by Shorty Campbell, and Charles and Leslie Tripp, "relocated Easterners" who were Snipe sailors and sponsored by Ron Fox.

In her "From the Pages of History" column, Ann Exley reported that her husband Sid was reelected as Commodore of ABYC for the 1934-35 year; Dick Russell was chosen Vice Commodore while "Mrs. Exley"—presumably Ann herself—was elected Treasurer...a "last call" went out for submissions and corrections to the ABYC Yearbook from the three chairpersons, Sharon Pearson, Debra Leisy and Melanie Carter..."Speed" Nelms was chosen as Fleet Captain for the Keel Boat Fleet, with Pat Marr as Vice Fleet Captain...

## **TEN YEARS AGO:**

"It's hard to believe that I am writing my farewell," began outgoing Commodore Ted O. Flood in the "Commodore's Comments" in the October, 1999, SOU'WESTER. Ted thanked every officer and director by name and several committee chairs for their contributions and cited the efforts of committee chairs and the Club staff.

ABYC member Jack Haley was featured in a two-page spread upon his induction to the Surfing Hall of Fame in Huntington Beach. Jack operated both the Jack Haley Surfboard Shop in Seal Beach and The Barbary Coast in Naples before opening his restaurant, "Captain Jack's," in Sunset Beach, back in the Sixties, in the same location it still occupies. Among the featured photos was a cover shot of participants in the first-ever U.S. Surfing Championship, which Jack won in 1956 in Huntington Beach.

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In his report on the fleet, Chris Ericksen said that the ABYC Etchells fleet had just finished “arguably the most successful summer in its history.” Besides hosting the 1999 Etchells PCC’s, in which Ed Feo took fourth and Jerry Montgomery sixth, the fleet established a class in every ABYC regatta that year, “a feat never before achieved,” and also established fleets in the Seal Beach Yacht Club Pop Top Regatta. Of the even dozen Etchells at ABYC, eleven sailed in at least one regatta during the summer of 1999.

A full page was dedicated to the tragic death of Independent Junior member Willie Stroud, struck down while crossing Pacific Coast Highway; he was fourteen years old...in her Junior Column, Mara Bell reported on the success of two then-new ABYC Junior sailors: Sydney Bolger took fourth place and Akemi Leung fifth in the Family Fun Day Regatta...Ann Exley’s “From the Pages of History” column reported the classes sailing at ABYC for the 1961 SCYA Midwinter Regatta included Enterprise, Metcalfe, Lehman 10, Blue Buoy, Satellite, Penguin, Redondos, Victory, Win’ard Sabot, Seabrights, Malibu Outrigger, Dragon, P-28’s, Wildcat catamaran, Folkboat, Skimmer and Nationals; “shocking to find so many of the classes have sailed away,” she said, “never to be heard of again”...

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

## eight bells

**R**oland A. “Duke” Duquette, former long-time member of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, passed away on July 22, 2009 at his residence in Pasadena. Duke and his wife Wilma (d. 1999) were Long Beach residents for several decades, and were active members at ABYC. Duke served in several roles as officer, and wrote the club’s first membership and billing software. He was an avid sailor, and he and Wilma helped run many international sailing regattas, including the sailing events of the 1984 Olympics.

A Mass and memorial service was held September 12<sup>th</sup> at St. James Catholic Church in La Crescenta. For those who wish to make a memorial donation, Duke supported the Long Beach Symphony, the Long Beach Museum of Art, and the ALS Association, as well as St. James.



## junior funding

### Jr. Fund Contribution Billing Reminder Restored

For some period of time monthly bills have been going out without the reminder at the bottom that a member can elect to make a monthly or occasional contributions to the Jr. Fund. The Jr. Fund is an important and welcome source of revenue that allows the ABYC Jr. program to make an occasional capital purchase outside of its operating budget. While not tax deductible it helps greatly in stretching our budget. This reminder has just been restored to the bottom of the monthly bill.

On behalf of the JAB and the Jr. program I would like to thank all those that contribute and have contributed to the Jr. Fund. I would also ask members to consider this when paying their bill each month. Our Jr. program has grown greatly over the past number of years and our young members and sailors are the basis for sustaining ABYC’s future. Thank you!

*Doug Jorgensen, JAB Chair*

## computer scoring

**C**ome learn how to score sailboat races. If you have wanted to be involved but not found your niche yet, Whalers too wet, Patience rolls too much, then you need to learn how to computer score sailboat races. Mark your calendar October 10th from 9am to 11am.

*Mark Townsend*



## election results

**M**embers elected to the board are:

Jennifer Kuritz	Ed Spoksky
Jon Robinson	Jeff Merrill
Mike Baumann	

Flag officers and board assignments will be announced in our November issue.

# the bay clogger

## (junior sailing)

The Junior Fall Sailing Program is now in full swing and this past weekend brought one of the biggest Sabot events of the year to ABYC in the Junior Invitational. This year's regatta which coincided with the Charity Regatta hosted a total of 98 sabots! That's just 22 shy of the Sabot Nationals! ABYC had a total of 28 sabot juniors and 4 laser juniors compete overall.

The weekend saw similar conditions both days starting out very light and foggy but with the breeze building through the fog each day. The races started off with quick and broad oscillations in the breeze and put our sailors to the tactical task of calling the shifts and playing the favored tack as much as was possible. Considering the difficulty of these tactical decisions, we were very proud of how the sailors called the shifts. The focus was very heavily put on the starts in an effort to get our sailors to catch the first shift and then hopefully nose out in front of the fleet. One sailor who had great success with this was Rob Rice of the A fleet. He had an extremely consistent regatta with a first, two seconds, two fourths and a throw out seventh. This resulted in a second place overall in the highly competitive A fleet (he finished just four points behind this year's sabot national champion). Others who began understanding the concept of good starting included Emily and Beth Golison, both of which saw strong finishes on the races they were able to get their boat off the line with speed. Beyond that, Maddie Dieffenbach began to master her starts in the B Fleet seeing the fruits of protecting her position as opposed to playing catch up.

As the days wore on, the fog lifted and gave way to a beautiful and more typical Long Beach day with the right becoming the more favored side of the course. Our sailors enjoyed this and competed strongly in the comfort zone of standard bay conditions. Even when the wind shut off on the first day in the last race, our sailors still kept their focus caps on and pulled out some good finishes.

The big story though, came from our C2 fleet. This fleet had 23 competitors, 9 of which were from ABYC. Many of our competitors including Kai Jensen, Garret Fields and Joseph Hou were sailing only their first C2 regatta after moving up two weekends ago, while others such as Will Boudreau and Beth Golison were sailing only their second or third C2 event. It sure didn't show as they didn't just go out and compete; they cleaned up! Joseph Hou, a recent addition to our sailing program at ABYC rounded out our top group in 6<sup>th</sup> place, with Beth Golison just above him in 5<sup>th</sup> place. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, Garret Fields showed not only his skill as a sailor but his Corinthian spirit. In one race, Garret was in second and chose to notify the first place sailor that he was sailing to the incorrect mark. He then proceeded to give the first place sailor the proper directions for the rest of the course and in effect gave away his chance to seal up the lead for the sake of good sportsmanship. Way to go Garret!

Finally, in 1<sup>st</sup> place, coming off a gigantic win at the Fall Gold Cup in Newport just two weeks ago (which consisted of all 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes and a 2<sup>nd</sup>), Kai Jensen not only moved up from the C3 fleet, he catapulted into the C2's and right out of them. With two 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, three 2<sup>nd</sup> places, and a 5<sup>th</sup>, Kai spent one regatta in C2's and the catapult continued. Kai along with Garret enjoyed very short stays in the C2 fleet and are now stepping it up to the big(ger) time in the C1 fleet. Joseph Hou and Beth Golison were close to having to move up, but still have the choice to enjoy the C2 fleet for more than one regatta ☺. Will Boudreau also enjoyed several top 10 finishes in C2's but will have another shot at this fleet. Needless to say, it was fantastic to watch them do so well.

Other great performances came from Adam Elsharhawy who saw his first trophy in C3's and Patrick Dunn who won the Charity Regatta (Sunday only) portion of the event with all bullets. Go P-Diddy! Overall, it was just a fantastic event and many thanks go to Doug Jorgensen (regatta chair) and Mike Baumann (PRO) for putting it together. Congratulations to all of our competitors!

*Brad Schaupeter, ABYC Junior Sailing Director*

# turkey

## day

### TURKEY DINNER - RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Hey Kids! Yep, it's that time of year again. Time for the biggest gastronomical extravaganza of the year – Turkey Day Dinner!!!

There is some sort of regatta happening that weekend too (Turkey Day regatta of course – the biggest regatta of the year at ABYC!), and if you enter in the regatta your dinner is **free\*** (\*check regatta notice for particulars).

Advance reservations are key if you are a parent or support person who is not racing, but would still like to take part in the feast-ivities! You can make your reservations by calling the ABYC club office 562.434.9955 and pay by club charge or credit card.

The dinner is Saturday night, November 21<sup>st</sup>. The early bird special details are shown online at [www.abyc.org](http://www.abyc.org).



# junior sabot nationals volunteers

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**S**abot Nationals Volunteers make all the difference! ABYC is famous worldwide for many things. Our sailing waters are unbeatable. Our club house and facilities are ideal for running small keelboat and dinghy events. Our reputation as a world class host of local, regional, national and international events has been earned and renewed with every regatta we host. The ABYC “brand” and our image as a premier yacht club is shining even brighter now!

As co-chairpersons for the recent Naples Sabot Junior National Championships Jon Robinson and I could not be prouder of the true heroes who made this event so successful – the individual effort and over-the- top contributions of our ABYC volunteers.

We had 188 junior sabot sailors enter and we not only put on a first rate series of races on the water for them, we also charmed the families, coaches and everyone else associated with this championship.

This issue of the Sou'Wester celebrates a job well done and as the author of this report I face the risk of unintentionally leaving someone out, and for that likelihood I apologize in advance. Many volunteers – both children and adults – pitched in and most wore more than one hat. Some volunteers just started helping out and weren't on our official “payroll”. In fact, by my count we had 133 individual volunteers – many repeating their service over the 7 days of the event from Saturday setup through Friday clean up. Our team included many great friends from other yacht clubs who should also be applauded for stepping up to give us a hand. The ratio of volunteers to sailors was nearly 1:1!

We made it easy to identify our team, with volunteers able to order specially marked regatta wear. Every volunteer enjoyed a delicious free lunch for each day of work. Our dinners were outstanding, not only a great value, but great tasting and served quickly. As we prepared for the Nationals (we did have over a years' notice) every aspect of organizing this complex event was scrutinized to make it easier for competitors and insure them the best possible venue on the race course. We also paid special attention to our land based operations including parking, trailers, dollies, ramps, docking, wash down, etc. It was our goal that each visitor who entered our gates not only felt welcome, but felt like they were a part of something special. Our volunteer staff was cheerful, enthusiastic and helpful, as expected, but like everything else that happened that week they went overboard and provided a warm theme that resonated throughout the club.

One of the things that INSA does each year is a raffle and the goal is for each sailor to “win” a prize. The raffle is held during the trophy presentation and though we had a great turn out from local companies donating items, we also were able to supplement this with a lot of ABYC families donating money to help offset our costs. I don't have all of the names with me, and some prefer to remain anonymous, but a big thank you to these folks for helping make sure every sailor went home with a nice gift.

I'd like to also add my personal thanks to the ABYC staff for their hugely important role in helping with this endeavor. To the ABYC members who put off sailing for the week – namely the lidos and senior sabot twi-lighters, thanks! That was one less thing for us to worry about and as it turned out the keel boat racers on Wednesday and Thursday evening enjoyed trouble free launching and had smooth sailing. Thanks also to those members who have summer rail posts and who border the basin and had their boats moved to the east yard (and the east yard boat residents who had many new friends in our “dense pack”).

So, in alphabetical order by committee Jon and I would like to thank the incredible ABYC volunteers who produced such a fantastic regatta for the sailors (our intent is to list each person once, though as stated many performed multiple tasks):

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Clean up</b> – Nancy Merrill              | Terri Bishop                          |
| <b>Coaches</b> – chair Latham Bell           |                                       |
| <b>Cove Cup</b> – Jim Drury - PRO            |                                       |
| Lynn Drury            Mike Baumann           | Jinx Ellis                            |
| <b>Dinners /Social</b> – chair Lynda Peoples |                                       |
| Co-chair Kelli Clinton    Bob Kirstine       | Gina Stubbert                         |
| Brett Peoples                                |                                       |
| <b>Dock and Ramp</b> – chair Kirsten Warren  |                                       |
| Chris Peoples    Steve Bloemeke              | Doug Jensen            Art Carter     |
| Palmer Luckey    John Massey                 | Dave Behr                             |
| <b>Goody Bags</b> – chair Linda Olson        |                                       |
| Christina Dunn                               |                                       |
| <b>Hospitality</b> – chair Gretchen Boudreau |                                       |
| <b>INSA</b> – Jill Hallett                   |                                       |
| Pam Merrill                                  |                                       |
| <b>Judges</b> – chair Margaret Caddle        |                                       |
| Jerry Moulton            Jerry Montgomery    | Ken Frost            Holly Sutherland |
| George Caddle            Patty Cook          | Scott Barnard        Doug Campbell    |
| Ernie Bain                Ron Wood           | Lee Sutherland      Margie Brown      |



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## **Lunches** – chair Kim Blumberg

Liz Blumberg      Betty Schneider      Pam Beckham

## **Measuring** – chair Carol-Ann Rosenberg

Rowell Greene      John Ellis      Erik Bakker      Russ Boudreau  
John Williams      Ginn Hopkins      Julie Hopkins      Russ Fox  
James Labarba      Skip MacLean      Dan Milefchik      Richard Paice

## **Merchandise** – chair Stacey Gibbs

Sophie Quagebeur – graphic designer      Lina Ayale      Cathy Labarba  
Cathy Black – silk screening      Elaine Bloemeke      Rosemary Bakker  
Marie MacLean      Jennifer Golison      Julia Golison  
Cameron Bloemeke      Maureen Madigan

## **Nurse station –First Aid** – Karen Rice

Christine Rice

## **Online Registration** – Chris Ericksen

## **On water crew**

Jeff McDermaid      Bob Bishop      Stan Gibbs  
Chas Merrill      Brett Luckey      Martyn Bookwalter  
Damon Kunkle      Hilton Beckham      David Michaelis  
Dave Myers      Mel Redmond      Tom Shadden

## **Parking** – czar Jim McInerney

Steve Flam      Tarek Elsharhawy      Patrick McDaniel  
Merle Asper      Andy Ayale      Sean Curley  
Bob Curley      Brian Dunn

## **Photography** – Rob Rice

Peter Newbre      Tom Walker

## **Planning**

Marc Schryer      Steve Ranum      Pete Bellin  
Mark Gaudio      Brad Schaupter      Doug Jorgensen

## **Qualifying and Championships** – Steve Washburn - PRO

Starting boat people- Stevie Washburn      Sandy Toscan  
Bruce Golison      Mark Golison

## **Registration** – chair Lisa McInerney

Erin Fox      Elayne Curley      Cathy Fields  
Sonja Fife      Savannah Robinson      Matt McDermaid  
Caitlin Curley      Deann McDaniel      Shannon McInerney  
Trisha Olson      Isabella Olson      Gentry Bell

## **Scoring on land** – chair Mark Townsend

Jim Morford      Robin Townsend

## **Scoring on water** - chair Sharon Pearson

Diane Kent      Karen Luttrell      Terry Johnson  
Pam Merrill      Priscilla Redmond      Stacy Gibbs

## **Sponsors** – chair Kathy Robinson

## **Volunteers Desk** – chair Michelle McDermaid

Jamie Bell      Susan Bell      Marie Newton

An Ice cream social is planned at the club on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and we hope to show slides and relive some of joy we all felt this summer. Jon and I invite ALL of the volunteers and their families to attend, it is our treat and it seems like a fun way to wrap this up.

When you see the people mentioned above in this article around the club please stop and congratulate them and let them know how much you appreciate their hard work. There are many new faces who joined in and I sincerely believe we have not only raised the bar on how to run a large championship, but in the process also discovered many new talented people who will continue to contribute to ABYC's success for years to come!

Thanks everyone, we really ARE one big happy family!

*Jeff Merrill and Jon Robinson*



### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Boxing Day Regatta

#### Pursuit Race

Saturday December 26, 2009

Summer is over, so it's time to start planning for the last holiday regatta ... Boxing Day!

Mark your calendar, turn off the football game, this years Boxing Day regatta will be on Saturday December 26, and your last chance to hit the water in 2009! Once again there will be a pursuit race. In a pursuit race the slowest boats start first and the fastest last.

Don't miss a fun day on the bay at the tenth annual Boxing Day Pursuit Race, Saturday December 26, 2009 starting at 1pm.

*Mark Townsend*

# more labor day regatta & pirate party

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Rene Speak photos

If you happened to have the good fortune of being at ABYC over the Labor Day holiday you were most definitely in the right place. Let's see:

- Two great days sailing on the ocean and in the bay,
- and an unbelievable pirate themed dinner and show on Saturday night.

Labor Day is a great holiday, especially if you're not working (isn't that whole idea), and there were over 175 boats (with sailors) plus all of the ABYC volunteers putting this fabulous regatta together.

I wasn't involved with the Saturday night festivities (pirate party) so I'll just focus on the sailing portion of this regatta. We had a bit of a challenge with this regatta in that it actually occurs over the actual holiday and lots of folks are not available for both Saturday and Sunday. Therefore we had some hard work ahead of us in getting enough volunteers for both days. Luckily, as is usually the case here at ABYC the members came to the rescue. I'd like to thank all of the folks that came out to help make this regatta happen, but there were some folks that really went above and beyond the call of duty.

Two special thanks (no order intended here), first to Chris Ericksen and second to Jon Robinson. In addition to his duties on *Patience* for both days, he provided me with all sorts of help in making this regatta successful. Jon Robinson stepped up to the plate in a very big way by running the computer scoring portion of the regatta. For those of you who believe that computers make our life easier, ask Jon about his opinion when you get a chance. However, he got it working, along with help from Mark Townsend and racers raced



and scorers scored and life was good. Besides those two, the two PRO's, Stacy Jackson (ocean classes) and Mike Baumann (Bay classes) both ran great races over the weekend. Assisting Stacy on *Patience* was Doug Jorgenson, Sandy Toscan, Sharon Pearson, Don Coffin, Dave



Ellis, Judy Mathias, Betsy Croke and Norma Clapp. Whalers on the ocean courses were manned by Tim Carter, Bryan Mine, Jim Bateman, Dave Crockett, Joe Markowitz, John Chapman, Chris Ellis and Ron Dumphily. Out in the Bay, assisting Mike Baumann was Jinx Ellis, Jim and Lynn Drury, Vickie and Barbara Vaught, Mary Horn and Molly Dudley. Out in the Bay whalers were Gordon Dudley, Russ Boudreau and Jason Rodgers.

If you think that all it takes to running a regatta is having the water 'covered' then you've obviously never run a regatta. It takes a lot of folks on land to make it happen. Here are the folks who came through in a big way. John Robinson was yard czar and kept boats coming and going without any problems. Handling the entries were Carol Reynolds, Mary Riddick and Bobbie Petersen. Bill McDannel did a great job in making sure all of the volunteers knew where to go and what their jobs were. Doug McLean, Earnie Baine and Margaret Caddle were there for any judging that needed to be handled. Cliff Mathias managing the gate, Dan Clapp and Bruce Brown on the hoist rounded things out.

Oh, I almost forgot (I really didn't) Rich Vaught, Race Chairman and all of the work that he did to insure a successful regatta. Did I mention Kelly Whitlow and his staff? Once again, an outstanding effort which I hope was plainly visible for all to see.

Lastly, if you happen to be one of the people on one of those 175+ boats out there sailing over Labor Day, remember it takes a lot of volunteers to run a successful regatta. Remember to do your part and VOLUNTEER. That's the only way we'll be able to continue this tradition. Do your part and volunteer, it is your club.

Ken Reiff



## Sailing fast and smart pays off in Charity Regatta

There's more to sailboat racing than knowing how to make your boat go fast, as several of the winners among 183 boats demonstrated Sunday in the 23rd annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta to benefit The Children's Clinic.

Conner Kelter, 14, of Newport Harbor YC, dominated the Naples Sabot A competition among the youth group, while David Hansen's Blind Squirrel, a Santana 30-30 from Seal Beach YC, won PHRF-B, the largest handicap class, and Tom Agee's Long Beach YC team outsailed two all-woman teams in Catalina 37s chartered from the Long Beach Sailing Foundation.



There were one-design and handicap classes sailed on three courses inside and outside the breakwater and on Alamitos Bay, plus a Cruising Class that sailed a distance race. The boats ranged from 98 eight-foot singlehanded Sabots to David Bassett Parkins' heavily crewed Emirage, a 1D48 that won PHRF-A class.

All receipts for the event, including entry fees, went to the non-profit Children's Clinic, which was founded in 1939 and in 1987 became the fund-raising beneficiary of the Charity Regatta, which has raised about half a million dollars for the six licensed community health centers throughout Long Beach and the South Bay area that serves needy children and adults.

Host clubs were Alamitos Bay YC, Cerritos Bahia YC, Little Ships Fleet, Long Beach YC, Navy Yacht Club, Seal Beach YC, Shoreline YC, Long Beach Singles YC and Blue Gavel District 10.

Racing started at noon under a foggy marine layer in only 5 knots of wind but through the day's three races evolved into clear sunshine and 12 to 14 knots of breeze on the outside courses. Those who could adapt did best.

Kelter proved that last year's victory in the Naples Sabot A class and a subsequent success in the Junior Sabot Nationals were for real by winning two of three races among 27 boats. Sunday also doubled as the second day of the Alamitos Bay YC Junior Fall Invitational, part of the Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association (SCYYRA) North Series for Sabots, which Kelter also won with no finish worse than third.

The small inside bay, surrounded by houses fronting a beach and marina, is a tricky place to race.

"At the beginning of the day you just had to keep your head out of the boat," he said. "It was shifting from the left side of the course to the right. I just looked at flags . . . and noticed that [the race committee] shifted the starting line a few times.

"The last race was really light [wind]. You just had to keep your patience."

Hansen said, "You had to really keep tracking the conditions and working the boat. Race one was totally different than race two. But we didn't have one miscue—no mistakes. Our crew work was perfect."



Blind Squirrel's rating was about in the middle of the PHRF-B eight-boat fleet, meaning that it owed time to some boats and got time from others.

"We managed to stay on top of the ones with higher ratings," Hansen said.

On the other hand, Hansen said, his boat's name proved the old Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoon claim "that even a blind squirrel can find an acorn once in a while."

Agee had only two other boats to beat to win in Catalina 37s, but there was a special challenge: both were sailed by all-woman crews, one by runners-up co-skippers Sue Senescu and Judy Rae Carlson and the other by Kathryn Reed's crew of the Los Angeles-Long Beach Women's Sailing Association.

Although they had little time on a Catalina 37—best known as the boat used in LBYC's Congressional Cup world-class match racing event—"we

had a good learning curve," Agee said. "The girls also had good crew work."

Each of the three won a race, and Reed's team made an impressive comeback to win the second race after suffering a fatal blunder in the first race when they built a strong lead but sailed off the course at the end of the first lap, not realizing it was twice-around.

Rich Roberts

## more charity regatta



## member news

**U**S Sailing 2009 Championship of Champions Event One-design class champions will put their titles on the line this month in Lightning class sailboats at the 2009 Championship of Champions Regatta. This US SAILING event is invitation only, and will be held October 14-17 on Lake Carlyle, IL. Among the exceedingly talented fleet are three ABYC skippers, Mike Martin (505), Chris Raab (Mercury), and Stuart Robertson (Lido 14). Good luck to them all.

*submitted by Mark Townsend*



*Jon Bell blasts off at 505 Worlds*

## hails from the fleets

### KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



**S**eptember's meeting was great. Lot's of old friends telling stories about the past summer. Kelly, ABYC's Manager had the barbecue going and tables set up in the quarter deck with plates, cups, etc. He and his staff do a great job enabling our Fleet to have great and no hassle meetings and dinner. The various dishes to share, brought by the members, were outstanding as usual.

Joe Riddick, assisted by Co-Chair Judy Mathias, told about the up coming events for the new 2009/2010 Keel Boat Fleet. Our next meeting November 13, will be about the plans for the annual Christmas Party.

Bring your ideas for the fun games that make our Christmas Party special. We will also talk about our Fleet's once a year obligation to provide the speaker for ABYC's January General Meeting. Judy Mathias has come up with a real winner, Chris Ericksen's 'the history of the land which ABYC' clubhouse and facility presently occupies'. As I remember Chris starts out with the indigenous tribes or tribe of Indians and builds from there. He will also encompass quite a bit of the surrounding areas. All in all the ABYC membership is in for a great evening.

During the September meeting, Maggie our Treasurer, collected \$180 and with two prepaid memberships that bring the members count to around forty at our first meeting of the 2009/2010 Fleet year. Wow, that's definitely a record for our normally 'skin flint' Keel Boaters. If you missed the meeting and still owe the ten dollar dues send a check to Maggie made out to 'Keel Boat Fleet'.

Next Keel Boat meeting, November 13, will again be a pot luck dinner. Bring enough for eight and your serving spoon plus your anticipation for a wonderful evening.

See you there,  
*George C.*

# hails from the fleets

Mark & Sarah Ryan photos

# L<sup>14</sup>

## Junior Lido Championships



Action at the Championships



Strictly adhering to protocol and Fleet Six formal attire



Lido Juniors singing Handel's Messiah



Since the ABYC Labor Day Holiday Regatta was once again scored as the *Laser* District 25 Championship Regatta and first races of the SCYYRA Ullman/Frost Series, we expected a good turnout of both Full-Rig and *Radial* racers for our 2009 event and were not disappointed with a competitive and accomplished group of racers in 22 Full-Rigs and 46 *Radials* this year. Speaking volumes for ABYC Race Management, hospitality and our wonderful venue, we hosted 16 racers from the Santa Barbara Yacht and Sailing Clubs (SBYC & SBSC), 8 from Mission Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) as well as racers from clubs throughout Southern California. ABYC was also well represented with a dozen members competing in both fleets.

Racing got underway without delay on Saturday with *Lasers* starting after Cal 20's, followed by the *Radials*. With *Radials* the largest fleet, the start line was tight but manageable despite some close, very close, calls with the Committee boat in race one. *Laser* Master, Scott Deardorff from SBYC won the first race followed by Nevin Snow from the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC), Chris Segerblom from Newport Harbor YC, Olin Paine from MBYC and Sky Adams from SBYC rounding out the top five. This group would dominate the *Radial* fleet the rest of the day.

Conditions for both fleets were wonderful with sunshine and fresh breezes blowing from as little as 8 to as much as 19 knots throughout the day with race four on Saturday seeing the strongest wind of the event. One interesting feature of the day was our excellent view of the ongoing Southern California wildfires. Controlled burn/backfires ignited in the San Gabriel Mountains raised an impressive cloud of black smoke while pyrocumulus (a new word Southern Californians now know the meaning of) clouds were also visible farther east. An impressive but truly sad sight...

In our Full-Rig Fleet, the father & son team of Pat and Oliver Toole from SBYC were one two after four races with Oliver edging his Dad by four points on the day. Tied with Pat, was Dave Leuck from MBYC with Trey Gallagher from Cal Yacht Club four points back, a single point ahead of ABYC's **Cameron Summers** rounding out the top five.

Unlike Saturday, Sunday was plagued with delays. As we know, the ABYC traditional race area lies between two man-made islands with working oil rigs. This is normally of no consequence to our races; however, I understand the Race Committee was asked to move the racing so as to not interfere with tug and barge traffic that was traversing the area that day...no Holiday weekend for those guys. Well, once that was accomplished, a large freighter moved in and anchored on the newly planned windward leg forcing the Race Committee to move the race course further east.

Once underway, ABYC's **Jay Golison** did a horizon-job on the Full-Rig fleet to win the first race on Sunday. The lighter breeze, mixed with bothersome pleasure boat traffic and wakes, shuffled the finishing order in the *Radial* Fleet as well; with Matthew Morris from SDYC winning race one. Due to earlier delays, competition on Sunday was limited to only two races. For the second race the breeze returned to Saturday velocities and Oliver and Nevin took first place in their respective fleets.

In the Full-Rig fleet, Oliver continued his dominance, winning the regatta. It is worthy of note, Oliver won the 2008 Labor Day Regatta in a *Radial* and now has won the 2009 Labor Day Regatta in a Full-Rig *Laser*. Very impressive in these tough fleets! When I asked Oliver what contributed to his success, he recounted his seven weeks in Europe this summer as member of the US SAILING Team-U18 –one of US SAILING'S new Olympic Class development teams- racing I420's and 29er's at Kiel Week and on Italy's Lake Garda. Oliver told me his summer experiences cured him of pre-race jitters and improved his steering, sail trim and fitness. It certainly showed!

Reflecting close competition in the *Radial* Fleet, Nevin finished first (Nevin also finished second at the 2009 US SAILING Youth Sailing Championship) with 8 points, while Kevin Laube from MBYC had 18 points. Scott Deardorff, Chris Segerblom (also a member of US SAILING Team-U18) and Olin Paine tied with 21 points. Scott took third with a tie-breaker, placing Chris in 4<sup>th</sup> and Olin in 5<sup>th</sup>. Our top ABYC finisher in the *Radial* fleet was **Jack Jorgensen**, doing nicely in this competitive fleet with an 11<sup>th</sup> place. Other ABYC racers finishing in order were; **Morgan Matthews**, your author, **Nicholas Odegard**, **Jane McNaboe** and **Alex Newton**.

Following Oliver in the Full-Rig fleet; Scott Decurtis from King Harbor YC and Dave Leuck tied in points, but Scott won the tie-breaker. ABYC's **Jay Golison** and **Cameron Summers** finished in order, rounding out the top five. Other ABYC racers finishing in order were; **Sumeet Patel**, **Spencer Snook**, and **John Bergan**.

Many thanks to all the Race Volunteers and ABYC staff for another terrific event!

### 2009 Laser Masters World Championship

**Vann Wilson** from ABYC scored a 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 5<sup>th</sup> on his way to a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish in a fleet of 84 *Laser Masters* at the World Championship raced in St. Margaret's Bay near Halifax Nova Scotia CANADA last month. Congratulations Vann, we can't wait to hear about your experience!

### 2009 ABYC Laser Fleet Championship Standings

Calculating results from the Labor Day Regatta and five 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, **Cameron Summers** is now our leader. Behind Cameron is a group separated by mere points and lead by **Vann Wilson**, followed by, **Chris Raab**, **Jorge Suarez** and **Chuck Tripp**. The rest of us are further back, but with two more scored events on the calendar, the outcome is far from settled...stay tuned. Our next scored regatta is the *Charity Regatta* September 27<sup>th</sup>, then we wrap things up with the *Turkey Day Regatta* in November.

Steven Smith, ABYC *Laser Fleet* Co-Captain

 **T**he Senior Sabots combined the Charity Regatta with our September monthly race to try and increase the number of entrants since we did not form a class at that regatta last year. We had ten racers on the bay with beautiful weather for all three races.

Jane McNaboe had a commanding lead with two first place finishes and a second place finish. Fred Stevens Sr. was second place overall with a third, fifth and first place finishes. Bob Ware ended up in third place overall with a seventh, a second and a third place finish. Jane will receive the Betty Newton perpetual trophy.

Senior Sabot Twilight races are now complete. Trophies were awarded for the July and August series and the Twilight Champions. Results are as follows:

#### July Twilights:

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|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. Bob Ware         | 6 points     |
| 2. Fred Stevens Sr. | 9 points tie |
| 2. Tom Newton Jr.   | 9 points tie |
| 3. Lee Berlinger    | 13 points    |
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#### August Twilights:

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|------------------|-----------|
| 1. John Ellis    | 7 points  |
| 2. Sheila Eberly | 8 points  |
| 3. Mary Riddick  | 14 points |

#### Overall Twilight Champions for 2009

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|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Bob Ware         | 4 points  |
| 2. Lee Beringer     | 9 points  |
| 3. Fred Stevens Sr. | 10 points |

It has been an exciting year for the Senior Sabots. We are looking forward to the Ladies' Day Regatta on Sunday, October 18th and co-hosting the Halloween Regatta with the Keelboat fleet on Sunday, October 25th.

Thank you to all who helped out on race committee and other duties for the fleet this year as I hand over the fleet captain duty to two very capable new captains, Diane Gonzales and Tom Newton, Jr.

*Sheila Eberly, Fleet Captain*



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*Baby William Flam makes his "party debut" along with proud dad Steve and Chuck Babcock.*



*John Massey with visiting pirates*



## Halloween Regatta and Costume Contest October 25, 2009

*Please come and join the fun! Good racing and great fun!  
Costumes parade to be held prior to the trophy presentation – prizes  
to be awarded for best costume, best yachting costume, best racing  
team costume and more!!*

*See NOR at [abyc.org](http://abyc.org) for regatta details.*