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Jay Glaser: like old times with a different crew
Was it really more than a quarter-century ago that a local kid crewing on a catamaran won an Olympic silver medal in the waters off Long Beach?

Twenty-six years later Jay Glaser still has the touch and the passion for the sport, as he showed this weekend while crewing—not for Randy Smyth but for his wife Pease as they won the 11-boat Formula 18 class in Alamitos Bay Yacht Club’s annual Multihull Regatta.

The way he described it, it could have been 1984.

“The competition is really good,” Glaser said, “so that’s fun. There were a bunch of good people out there.”

Sunday wasn’t as windy as Saturday, causing a 45-minute delay for the first of three races on the course inside the federal breakwater that guards the Long Beach outer harbor. But the tricky 7-knot breeze shifting from southwest to south and back again early on brought the Glasers’ cunning to the forefront.

Dennis Kay and crew John Williams—like most of the class representing the host club—won the last of seven races overall to finish five points behind, but going into the day everyone was more concerned about Iam Sammis and crew Bobby Kleinschmit. They had two firsts and a second on Day 1 but also failed to finish a race, costing themselves a 12-point DNF (did not finish).

That left their rivals waiting overnight for the other shoe to fall when Sammis and Kleinschmit would discard the 12 points after the fifth race, as noted in the event rules. They managed a third behind the Glasers and James Melvin, sailing with world-class dad Pete as crew, to draw within one point of the Glasers, but then stumbled to ninth in the next-to-last race—game over.

Pease Glaser, also an Olympic silver medalist in 2000, noted that the conditions Sunday were more challenging for everybody, including Olympic veterans, because “it’s much harder to sail in light air.”

Notably, the Melvins’ second place in the difficult Race 5 was their best finish of the weekend, which was the debut as skipper for James, 15.

The regatta served as a tuneup for several of the F18 teams that will now pack up their boats for their North American championships at Racine, Wis., next month.

“That’ll be fun, too,” Jay Glaser said. “If we finish in the top six we’ll be happy.”

Jeff Newsome and crew Michelle Eatough dominated the six-boat Hobie 16 class ... for awhile. They won all four races in the stronger winds Saturday and another one Sunday to save a final three-points edge over Jeff Perlmutter and crew Susan Stockdale, who were 1-2-1 Sunday.

“Jeff is better in stronger wind,” Stockdale said.

Complete results and photos @ abyc.org

Rich Roberts



Jay and Pease Glaser fly high as they lead way to a windward mark

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commodore's comments



The fun of summer at ABYC is the constant activity. If they are not sailing a boat they are working on a boat, if they are not working on a boat they are talking about a boat. Right now the action is at a summer high. This particular week, as I am writing, has been amazing with respect to the Junior sailing. On top of the regular scheduled classes, there has been a steady schedule of race events. Tuesday evening - Alamitos Bay series that draws together junior sailors from ABYC, Leeway, LBYC, AND SLBYC.

Wednesday was the Sabot II North series for sailors eleven and younger. This drew in additional clubs from Newport waters. Today, Thursday, is "C" Championships and there are some ninety Sabots out in the bay at this moment. Tomorrow, Friday, ABYC is sending a large fleet of Sabots to San Diego for the "Dutch Shoe" Regatta, while those that remain will don Pirate gear for a water bound treasure

hunt...aarrgggg.

This weekend, the 2010 Multihull Regatta sails, which is befitting the recent news that ABYC will host the "F-18" Worlds in 2012. Once again ABYC will be casting about to populate committees on: Language Interpreters and Translators, Container Shipping Specialists, Housing and Hospitality, City of Long Beach and Marine Bureau Coordinators, and Sponsor Coordinators to name a few.

A very pleasant event occurred at this month's board meeting. Dale Berkihiser gifted to the club, and into the custody Perpetual Trophy Chairperson Carol Kofahl, the "Dale Berkihiser Perpetual Trophy" commemorating the next 50 years of Lido-14 Sailing. It will carry the name of each year's fleet captain. The Lido Fleet is stronger than ever and now has new champions Mark and Sarah Ryan.

Another fun event recently, was the annual "Pine Block" regatta, under the watchful eye of the boat designer Bob Chubb. Catch the article by George Caddle in this issue. On a sad note, the Staff Commodore flag is flying at half hoist to signal the passing of Al Smith, Commodore ABYC in 1998. That year, on Al's watch, ABYC hosted the I-14 North American Championships and the NACRA State Championships. A memorial gathering is planned.

Shifting gears now, to another subject. Administration of ABYC club operations and financial business is being run very close to the vest. Staff is functioning at a bare minimum. There exist many projects of which the board is aware, and as such have been prioritized to balance with our cash flow. I state this point to remind members that we are a frugal sailing club which, historically, is held together by dedicated volunteers who accomplish many tasks that, in larger clubs, are handled by paid staff. For what it's worth, on occasion we (the board) catch an earful on why doesn't the club do this or do that, followed by "all you have to do is....." We do offer a willing ear to many suggestions, and for that matter are leagues ahead on some subjects. Though there is so much we would like to do but we must prioritize while keeping an eye on the founding purpose for the club, sailing. That alone causes us to be cautious as we set priorities in order to have sufficient capital for emergencies. Recent example, no crane no sailing. It is indeed a question of cash flow and allocation.

Which, leads me to my next point. ABYC is putting in place a billing system to that should help us to continue to operate with minimum staff. Rear Commodore Jon Robinson and Treasurer George Kornhoff are giving many hours of time to setting up what is described as a "Point Of Sale" (POS) system to reduce and streamline the handling of the paperwork for our personal accounts here at the club. You will be receiving cards to "swipe" your charges. The card will identify your credit status with the club, and prevent further charges if you are not current on your account. The board has found it necessary to do this, as the club is carrying far too much debt on member accounts. This action is thought to cost less discomfort to members than the older policy of publishing a list of members with over due accounts. That is still an option per the bylaws. Main point "Pay Your Bill" within the month it is due.

The brightest subject is the marvelous success of Robin Townsend and board member Ed Spotskey in their new member recruitment. The "New Member" Party will be Friday July 30, and it is expected to be quite a gathering.

Reminder, **September 17th is our annual election General Membership meeting.** Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting.

Keep sailing ...in case you have forgotten, It is still lots of fun, and the best manner to escape the day to day pressures.

John Massey

manager's corner



May gray, June gloom, July...well, I'm not sure what to say about July, I feel like I'm living in Seattle. The abyc Jr Program is in full swing, most every weekend is filled with an event; we have everything we need for an outstanding summer *but* the sun.

I guess I shouldn't be complaining, while most of the U.S is sweltering in record breaking heat, we are experiencing an unusually cool summer thus far. The weather hasn't seemed to effect the enthusiasm of the sailing faithful, as the club see's a seemingly endless stream of cars, kids, trailers and boats from Wednesday through Sunday.

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One of the challenges we have as a staff here at abyc, is insuring the club is clean and presentable for Wednesday and Thursday evening sailors immediately after the Jr. Program is finished in the afternoon. I must commend the Jr. Program participants, its instructors and all the parents this year for helping pick-up the water/Gatorade bottles, French fries, napkins and various trash items each day before they leave. It really does make a difference.

Now it's true some members tend to just stay clear of the club during the Jr. Program hours, but this past week I met a visiting couple that soaked in like an afternoon matinee. They were here visiting from Newport Beach, using the finger-dock for an overnight stay. As they were preparing to leave the next day, I made a point of going over to their boat to get there impression of our club. They went on and on about the joy and sheer simple entertainment they had while sitting on their boat, having a glass of wine and watching our Jr. Sailors traverse in and out of the basin like the tide itself. He thanked me for the hospitality, and as I was walking away the gentleman said "Oh, would you please tell Shelia to take the \$100 deposit on the gate card, and donate to these great little sailors" Now that's good stuff !!

A note on the yard...Vice Commodore Jeff Merrill has done a Yeoman's job this year on helping the staff (Adam) and I keep the yard audited and all open spaces filled. One ongoing challenge is poaching. Primarily non-members finding cubby holes to park their boats without paying fee's are a real problem. You as a member in good standing pay your membership and boat storage fees, can help us identify the poachers, and report to either myself, Adam or Jeff. The fines are hefty, and the posting of your boat name and type on the outside bulletin board is NOT the kind of press you want. Your assistance in this on-going challenge is greatly appreciated.

Hey, if cooler weather has kept you away from the club for breakfast or lunch recently, why not purchase an ABYC sweatshirt and come on down and sample some of our new and exciting Galley food items. A few of the new offerings are....fresh brewed Iced Tea and Italian Coffee. Taco Salad, Fish & Chips, Sloppy Joes, fresh daily made salads and much more.

While our friend and colleague Jesus is recuperating from recent surgery, our Friday night "mixologist" Reggie is helping out in the Galley. See you at the Club!

Kelly Whitlow

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

August 20, 2010 is the deadline for the September Sou'Wester.

Help us to Help you!

Please keep your e-mail address current with merle@aspermail.com to receive all of the weekly news and events. Thank you.

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Every time I'm down at the club I wonder why I ever left...

This has been a very active summer so far and we're now starting to see the calendar peeling back so make a concerted effort to attend another twilight and come on down and go for a sail this weekend. The galley is open on Wednesday and Thursday nights, we are pouring draft beer and you can dine with the best view in the world. Many families have been enjoying the beach next to ABYC this summer and why not? We are so fortunate to be positioned at the end of the peninsula, we really do have an incredible isolated land base and this also provides convenient instant access to the best sailing waters in the world. All of this you already know about, but sometimes staring at the obvious gets lost in the routines we rut around in and I trust this reminder will prompt you to come up with an excuse to check on your boat and then stay and enjoy the bay.

Jon and I had a marvelous July summer vacation taking a Nordhavn 62 from Japan to Taiwan. I've written a series of stories about this adventure for the Nordhavn website and S/C Ericksen came across a video link and asked me via email, "Is that Jon on the bow of the 62 wearing the ABYC Jr. Program T-shirt?" Yep, it's a wonderful world out there kids and you never know where sabot racing in the bay will lead you...many club members have sailed in waters all over the world using the skills they acquired right here at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

Our annual elections for the Board of Directors is approaching and voting will start about the time this issue arrives in your mailbox. The nominating committee has done an outstanding job of finding eight great candidates who are running for election. Please take the time to review your choices and then, most importantly, come down to the club when the polls are open and cast your vote. Out of respect for those eight candidates who have agreed to help guide out club if elected, let's have a large turn out of voters this year and continue the vibrant momentum swing our very active yacht club is surfing!

Our construction – elevator and restrooms – is slowly inching along. The summer is safe as it looks like demolition will not begin until the fall...could be a wild Turkey Day if the axe falls when it looks like it might. As I have said before we could get a sudden response and jump in sooner so any events planned from now until we officially claim to have the work complete should be organized under the yellow caution flag.

Our sail lockers are now organized. We have the members last names posted in the glass case and each locker has a name tag. We did have to cut the locks of a few people who were poaching...your gear can be reclaimed by contacting the club manager and paying back the club for the time you occupied that locker. Your cut lock will not be reimbursed. On the positive side we only have a handful of lockers left to rent out. People are realizing the benefit of a club locker versus lugging gear back and forth from home. In the near future we have plans to rework the lockers so that they are larger and will hold rolled sails and be more functional for all of the boats in the club – stay tuned.

The fee rates for visiting boats are now posted (\$10.00 prepaid, devastatingly higher if you think you can park here undetected). If you or a friend - from a reciprocal privileges yacht club - wants to temporarily stow your boat at ABYC there is a form to fill out including an agreement for short-term visitation storage. The visiting boat or trailer will be tagged and the owners' information posted in the glass case. We are more vigilantly monitoring this aspect and are more aggressively locking up boats in the yard that do not have an ABYC sticker or visitor tag. If you have a boat in the yard and are renting a space please confirm that you have your sticker on your transom – we impounded two boats last month because the ABYC members did not remember to affix an ABYC sticker. Our revenue from impounding boats who are "poaching" spaces this year, coupled with the number of visiting boats who have properly paid for staying on our premises is going to provide a nice little bag of loot to bolster the clubs revenues.

Parking on the grounds has been much better this summer, thank you for not locking your car and for leaving your keys in plain view - and for making sure you have an ABYC sticker on your windshield. I am aware of only a few isolated cases of visitors parking in our lot who were unaware of our members only parking policy. Next year I hope to bring back the Officer of the Day program where on the weekends we have a person at the gate to welcome members and tell visitors they have to park off campus. Don't be surprised this fall if you get a call to be asked to help out on a Saturday or Sunday in 2011 as the OD.

Remember, we are a volunteer yacht club. It is expected that you will want to sail and race in as many regattas a year as possible. Keep in mind that the fleet you belong to will have at least one event each year where you put on the races for everyone else. Please be ready to step up when your fleet captain calls you. There are many members who volunteer all of the time (can you think of a regatta where Jim Morford did not do the computer scoring or where Cliff Mathias was not at the front gate with parking passes?). Our volunteer spirit is part of what makes ABYC such a great place to sail, so keep this in mind and get more involved on the helping out side of things when you can, thanks!

On the "youthful" side of competitive sailing I am very pleased to congratulate in this column Mark and Sarah Ryan as the newly crowned Lido 14 national champions and Sawyer Gibbs as the Sabot II North champion (besting over 80 entries in this under 12 years old competition). Winning isn't everything, but it's the only way to get your name engraved on a championship perpetual trophy. Way to go you guys!

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On the “crafty veteran” side of things or “What are the staff commodores doing now?” world I am pleased to report that S/C Paul Merrill got a hole in one golfing earlier this week, I learned about it via a tweet from his grandson.

I have two thirds of my committee chairpersons signed on for next year when I will be commodore, if you would like to become more involved please let me know.

Go to our website and see the archived results of what has been happening and also to get a sense of what is coming up. Also if you are not on the “weekly reader” email list serve this is a great source of information about what is happening at YOUR yacht club.

We are always looking for new members, if you know someone who might be interested let’s get the application process started – we are opening up spaces in the yard and reducing the waiting lists and would love to welcome some more people to our wonderful facility at the end of the peninsula.

If you would like to contact me for any reason please email me jeff.merrill@nordhavn.com (put “ABYC” in the subject line) or call me on my cell phone 949.355.4950. Thank you and see you at the club!

Jeff Merrill

rearview



Fourth of July Barbeque was held on July 3rd. The Juniors were in charge of the event. Saturday afternoon after racing there was barbeque with hamburgers and hot dogs. A steel drum entertainer provided music. This event was a very casual and fun event.

Keelboat Fleet Pineblock Regatta was held on Saturday July 10. Many Pine Block boats were present and competitively raced. Fun was the order of the day.

Adult Movie Night was back by demand and a real hit again. Captain Ron was the movie of the evening. Everyone enjoyed the movie and the \$5.00 dinner was a hit as usual. We look to do more of these in the future.

New Member Dinner and Party Friday July 30. Squeeze Box was the band for the event and it was held on the patio. This was a great outside event and fun was the order of the night.

Schock 35 Nationals and Laser Masters North American Championships will be held the first and second weekends of August. Each will have its own social events and the bar will be open for these events. Come join the competitors and have a cocktail.

General Membership Meeting will be held on Friday August 20. The Etchels Fleet will host the meeting and will have an interesting speaker. Look for more information in the Weekly Reader.

Catalina Cruse will begin on Friday August 20 and end on Sunday August 22. You should go over early to get a good mooring. This event has many competitions and a lot of fun. Pat McCormick will hold a tour of the Isthmus Yacht Club and some history linked to this facility. Good times and good company are the order of this trip. Don’t miss it.

Labor Day Regatta will be held September 4 and 5. For the second year we will have a Pirate Party on Saturday night. If last year is any indication, this event will be a real blow out party. music, pirates and food how can it not be a great party? Lori has secured the same Pirates of the Caribbean and band as last year. Plan on staying late after racing and have some real fun.

Remember the Weekly Reader has all of the current events that are happening at the Club and it will include the latest information.

Don’t forget Friday Night Happy Hour, the sunsets are incredible.

See you around the club

Jon Robinson

ladies day regatta save the date

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Whether you are a “10” or not, you are invited to sail in the Ladies Day Regatta, October 10, 1010.

All levels for Ladies: A, B, & C plus a Men’s Division.

There will be music by our own ABYC musicians, awards & dinner.

So save this date on your calendar and participate.



fleet captain's log



Why do we have so many whalers in the yard? With over 165 event days a year, we have a big need for support boats to run races, provide safety for our sailors, and provide coaching for our instructional classes. You may ask yourself if the club needs all the boats we have. As you can tell from the well worn condition of our fleet, yes we do need them, and we use them. We regularly have event days with one ocean, and one bay race area. Add coach, safety and press boats, and we use all the club resources. On every summer sailing program day, we use all boats for instruction and safety, with the number of boats determined by the types and locations of classes, and US Sailing safety guidelines on ratio of students per coach. We also run some events with three racing areas (CISA, Turkey Day, Labor Day) and when we run these few events per year, we have to go to our members and friends to fully staff the courses.

The use of loaner boats helps keep our costs down by not owning any "extra" boats that may only be needed 8 to 10 days a year.

Our fleet consists of the following vessels:

Race Committee (start / finish): Patience (32 ft) and 2 bay barges (1 unpowered, for finish boat use only).

Outside Whalers: 8 total (2x 21 ft, 6x 17 ft) of these, one 17 ft is dedicated to coaching per it's deed of gift to us. One racing circle needs 3 to 5 mark setting whalers, one coach boat, and one press & reserve safety boat. That's 5 to 7 boats on the water out of our 8. When we run a second circle, we supplement with 3 to 4 loaner boats.

Inside Whalers: 4 total (4x 13) of which 2 are coach boats per their deed of gift to the club, leaving 2 boats for mark setting. In the bay, all coach and mark set boats are used for competitor safety and rescue.

We also have to consider that with high usage, these boats need regular maintenance twice a year, and adding the occasional breakdowns means we usually loose 10 to 20% of our fleet to needed downtime. The net effect is that we usually have 6 outside, and 3 inside whalers available on any one day. Overall, we are very efficient with your fleet assets, maximizing days in service on each one of them.

Although we use outside vendors for major engine work, most of the fleet maintenance, and refurbishment non-mechanical items is performed by the Rick and Adam on the club staff, and a host of volunteer members. Our thanks to them for keeping the support fleet up and running, allowing us to run world class events.

Cheers,
Mike

from the pages of history

The old adage that, "A picture is worth a thousand words" was evidently on the minds of the SOU'WESTER editors of the past as photos appeared in all the pages of history reviewed for August.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

ABYC's Juniors were the cover story for the SOU'WESTER of August, 1980. They were pictured with their instructor, Mary Ann Denzler from San Diego, standing on the Sabot ramp. I wish the quality of the photograph was better, as I'd love to be able to pick out the faces of folks now in their forties that are still sailing at ABYC.

In those days, the ABYC Outstanding Service Award—now named in honor of Ted Matson—was presented on the basis of points earned by fleets for the completion of projects around the club (there was no Spring Spruce Up then). The Lido fleet had collected 625 points painting the cupola and rails around the widow's walk; the Cal 20's and Sabotiers each earned 350 points for painting the two hoists and refurbishing the finishing tower, respectively; and Snipes and Keel Boat Fleet each earned 200 points for re-carpeting the deck of the Bay Barge and building new locker seats and painting the trim on the Quarterdeck, respectively. Remaining projects included refurbishing the sail lockers, refinishing the lectern and painting all the roof structures and vents on the Clubhouse.

Burgees were mentioned twice in the SOU'WESTER. Thanks went out to the House Committee for a project to display from small jackstuffs burgees from member clubs of the Yacht Racing Union of Southern California (YRUSC) in the Ward Room bar; each burgee was identified by an engraved plaque. And a call went out to donors of burgees displayed in frames in the dining room to help identify the burgees that were not identified and the time and place they were collected.

Among the nominees for the ABYC Board of Directors were Dick Landes, Jim Morford and Allan Rosenberg; the election would be held at the Annual Meeting in September...among the trophy winners at the Fourth of July Regatta were Kevin Dumain and Mike Sentovich (Junior Sabot A), Tom Newton, Jr. (Senior Sabot), Chris Raab (Snipe), Dave Crockett (Cal 20) and Mack Mills (PHRF)...the ABYC Windsurfer fleet was celebrating a report in the Los Angeles TIMES that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had added the Windsurfer to the list of Olympic classes for the 1984 Games.

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

As someone who sat on the ABYC Board of Directors in 1990, a note in the "Commodore's Comments" that appeared in the SOU'WESTER of August of that year makes me wonder, "What were we thinking?" The note listed the Tornado

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Nationals, Olympic Festival, Etchells Invitational, Cal 20 Class Championship, Junior Sabot Nationals and the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) World Women's Championship as regattas scheduled for 1991; the USYRU Youth Worlds, Snipe Nationals and another Etchells Invitational (which became the North Americans) in 1992; and the Tornado Worlds in 1993. The goal, said Commodore Dick Caley, was to "make our Club the One-Design racing center on the west coast." We sure did wear out our volunteers, I remember...

There were a lot of pictures. A two-page photo spread showed summer at ABYC: there were Lasers, 470's and Naples Sabots, with both juniors and seniors shown. There were photos (mug shots?) of the eight nominees for the ABYC Board as well; among them were Sue Crockett, Chris Ericksen (with no straw hat), John Merchant, Steve Moffett (WITH a straw hat) and Jerry Montgomery. There were photos, too, of new members and their sponsors, including Stacy Dumain with her grandfather, Eldon "Shorty" Campbell, and Jennifer Ellis and her father, John.

Another note in the SOU'WESTER reported that, since the monthly rate for keelboats in the yard was set at forty per cent of the comparable slip rate in the Alamitos Bay Marina, and Marina fees were set to increase by fifteen per cent, the ABYC yard fees would be increased accordingly...it was reported that Chuck Kober celebrated the 42nd anniversary of his wedding to Adra by racing his Etchells—then an "Etchells 22"—in the ABYC Fourth of July Regatta; he was in good company, as a total of 94 boats entered. Jim MacLeod became a member of ABYC in July and then had a near-fatal accident. He was struck by lightning at the top of Mount McKinley; he was badly burned but was reported as recovering at home.

TEN YEARS AGO:

Jorge Suarez showed perfect Men's Day form in the photo on the cover of the SOU'WESTER for August, 2000: his shoulders were on the windward gunwale, his feet over the leeward gunwale, he was barefoot and wearing brightly colored shorts and an improbable hat and sponging water out of the boat. He did not place, but did win the Best Hat award; Don Shirley's miter-cut Baxter and Cicero was chosen Oldest Sail, Duncan Harrison's 1083 was Oldest Boat and Kevin Ellis was judged as having the Least Amount of Freeboard. A total of 35 men competed in three divisions; winners included Jeff Lenhart from Mission Bay Yacht Club, Jerry Thompson and Tom Newton, Jr.

Latham Bell and partner Mark Gaudio won the 2000 Cal 20 Class Championship, held at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club; Ron Wood was third and Doug McLean was fourth. Glenn Selvin was unable to race in the Elimination Series and was seeded into the Consolation division, which he won. Four of the seven ABYC teams that participated took home hardware.

ABYC's Adopt-A-Beach program was a group of members who gathered monthly to police the beach on the ocean side of the Peninsula. It was an eclectic group drawn from several fleets and across generations. Among the team that went out in July of 2000—and were included in a group photo—were "Virginia and Roscoe Butcher and their grandchildren." Hey! I recognize those kids! They are none other than current ABYC Junior Instructor Sara Ryan and her brother Mark.

At the General Membership meeting in July, the ABYC Bylaws were amended to clarify the time and method of selecting officers of ABYC; however, at the same meeting, a proposed amendment to change the number of sponsors required for new memberships was defeated (it earned a simple majority but not the two-thirds majority required). A total of 79 boats in ten divisions sailed the ABYC Fourth of July Regatta in nearly perfect weather; among the trophy winners were Pete Melvin (A Cat), Ben Schwegler (C-15), Ron Wood (Cal 20), Doug Jorgensen (Etchells) and Christopher McNaboe (Junior Sabot B)...the calendar showed that ABYC would be hosting the Schock 35 Nationals in August and the Snipe PCC's in September...

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

lido class champs crowned

Sometimes it's what you don't do that wins you a championship. Brother and sister Mark and Sarah Ryan were the second fastest boat at this year's Lido 14 Class Championship, sailing a consistent 1-5-3-2-2. But in the 42 boat fleet on the long 9 mile Huntington Lake courses, they had enough speed to stay within shouting distance of the fastest boat, six-time champion ABYC's Stu Robertson and Mike Antil. But what Mark and Sarah didn't do was jump the gun early in the first race. Robertson/Antil were third overall with OCS/22,1,1,1,1. Kurt Weise and John Papadopolous of Newport Beach squeezed in at second with finishes of 2-3-8-5-4.

The Ryans are third generation Lido sailors. Mark, 21, is a history major at Cerritos College and the Racing Director at Leeway Sailing Center. Sarah, 23 is a 4.0 senior in education at Biola and the Assistant Director for ABYC's successful Junior Program. They won the regatta in a boat they recently acquired after a long search, Lido 2506, the Orin B, which originally belonged to their grandfather Ross Orin Butcher.

Congratulations!

the bay clogger (junior sailing)

Jeff Merrill photos

Hello ABYC members and parents of the Junior Program. The ABYC Junior Program has had a truly amazing summer so far. Much of this is due to an outstanding staff and a great parent base pouring their time and passion into helping the kids. But I also feel credit is due a lot to our Junior Advisory Board and particularly Doug Jorgensen who put countless hours in with myself coming up with ways to make our program better than it had been and making the necessary changes to make that happen. Beyond that, the students have just performed and sailed their boats well. I always say, there is no magic coaching dust, and I will stick to that even if our sailors are doing great. So, let me tell me you just how well they are doing...

420 Nationals: July 9th-11th

ABYC sends first ever 420 team to Nationals...Jack Jorgensen and Savannah Brown come away with 6th

We sent eight sailors up to 420 Nationals at Cal Yacht Club taking one private trailer and our new multi trailer. This trailer was an improvement made with the use of our junior fund money. We are very grateful for the donations that made this trailer possible as we would not have been able to get the double handed boats to the regatta without it.

The regatta itself had fairly light breeze with lots of chop, which is not usually our ABYC junior sailors' forte. However, we saw relatively strong performances out of our sailors in these tough conditions. The first day of the regatta was the best for our sailors as Jack Jorgensen/Savannah Brown and Marissa Golison/Morgan Mathews were both in the top 10. Newer 420 sailors Nick Odegard/Alex Newton and Rob Rice/Kevin Leddy also performed fairly well the first day with finishes in the 20's and 30's out of 50 boats.

As the weekend progressed, Jack and Savannah started pulling away and pushing to the front with several top 10 finishes. The consistency of results for most competitors was very lacking and this paid off for Jack/Savannah and found them finishing the regatta in 6th overall and just 3 points out of 4th overall. This is a huge accomplishment for this extremely competitive fleet. Marissa Golison and Morgan Mathews had a breakthrough performance finishing mid-fleet with several low 20's finishes and a highest 11th.

To view results, please visit http://www.fleetracing.net/event.cfm?id=341&fleet_id=5

Summer Gold Cup: July 10th-11th

Riley Gibbs narrowly misses winning Gold Cup, Alex Dunn wins big!

At the same time that 420 Nationals was going on, we also sent a huge group of sabots down to Summer Gold Cup in Newport Beach – 33 in total. The conditions were tough in Marina Del Rey and worse in Newport. Some claimed it was 5 knots or less and occasionally that was only on one side of the course while the other side simply had nothing. Often times, seasoned sailors will call this a craps shoot, but regardless of what it was, you could feel the summer warming up with how our sailors performed.

In the C3 fleet, we saw one of our star up and comer female sailors, Nora Elsharhaw, walk away with a 4th place overall in a fleet of 40. Nora's brother Adam performed similarly in the C2's with a 3rd place overall while fellow ABYC competitor, Alex Dunn dominated the fleet of 49 boats with four 1st place finishes and two 2nd's finishing 1st overall – welcome to the C1's guys!

Bradley Clinton was another top finisher in the C1 sabot fleet where he got 4th overall. As you'll read below, he and several other students in this article have caught serious fire!

In the A fleet which boasts some serious SoCal talent, we saw Matt McDermaid narrowly miss 5th place by one point while young superstar, Jacob Rosenberg got 3rd overall. Riley Gibbs led the ABYC pack with a 2nd place finish overall in the A fleet, just one point out of 1st. It was a strong regatta for us, but truly just the beginning of what is becoming an amazing summer.

Results can be viewed at <http://www.fleetracing.net/upload/2010SummerGoldCupResults.pdf>

Junior Olympics

ABYC sends 18 sailors...Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb qualify for Bemis

The 420 Nationals was a sort of practice for the Junior Olympics which is a qualifier for the Bemis National Double-Handed Championship. Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb have qualified the past two years by getting 1st or 2nd overall in Junior Olympics; would they be able to do it again this year?

The event which was held at Santa Barbara Yacht Club had mainly light breeze, but that didn't stop ABYC from sending up 18 sailors in the C420, CFJ, Laser Radial, and 29er fleets. Those who competed were Jack Jorgensen, Samantha Gebb, Marissa Golison, Morgan Mathews, Ginger Luckey, Lilly Flam, Maddie Dieffenbach, Savannah Robinson, Melissa Shadden, Hilton Beckham, Thomas Shadden, Bridget Luckey, Nick Odegard, Claire Paice, Alex Newton, John McInerney, Nigel Lipps, and Riley Gibbs. The large majority of these students are 14 to 18 years old and spending their weekends sailing – awesome!

This is the first year we have had a true double-handed program with six FJ's and four 420's, so our expectations were not extremely high for many of them at their first regatta using spinnakers, but we were so pleased to see two of our FJ's finish in the top 10 and the other two not far behind. Maddie Dieffenbach had a last minute crew change and sailed with Savannah Robinson and finished in 9th overall out of 26 with a couple of top five finishes mixed in. Ginger Luckey and Lilly Flam had a 1st and a 3rd on the practice day and finished in 17th overall. Thomas Shadden and Bridget Luckey finished just

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ahead in 16th and Melissa Shadden and Hilton Beckham rounded out the group in 10th overall after overcoming an OCS in their score tally.

Our Laser Radial sailors nearly all had at least one top 10 finish in a fleet of 42, though Nick Odegard shined the brightest. This is a huge break through for this extremely light weight but tall sailor who had started laser sailing at ABYC two years ago. He struggled at first to get to the front of the fleet, but officially got there at Junior Olympics with an 8th place finish overall.

Finally, our four 420 sailors had lots of eyes on them. Would Jack and Sam get back to the Bemis finals again? Would Marissa and Morgan work through their on-the-water disputes ☺ and break into the top 10? The answer to both questions was a resounding yes! Marissa and Morgan sailed like veteran champs and ended up in 8th overall while Jack and Sam overcame an OCS to finish in 2nd place and qualify for the Bemis National Double-handed Championship for the third year in a row. They will compete in August in San Diego to try to be the Youth Double-Handed National Champion.

One other very important and prestigious award that was taken home was the sportsmanship award for Riley Gibbs, for being a gracious competitor in addition to his already outstanding sailing performances. Congrats to all our sailors for the outstanding job they did at this year's Junior Olympics!

Results can be viewed at http://socaljosf.com/?page_id=8

Dick Sweet Team Race Series

ABYC stands alone at the top...has the chance to bring home the trophy for the first time in 25 years!

The Dick Sweet Team Race Series is a three regatta event where each Southern California Yacht Club that has Naples Sabots is allowed to send one team. This means that every club sends their three best sailors to represent their program in a team race format that consists of three full round robins. Teams compete individually against each other and hope to achieve the best win verse loss record.

In the past 25 years since the event began, no Long Beach team including ABYC has won the Dick Sweet Perpetual trophy. Last year, ABYC was battling against San Diego for the top spot and narrowly lost the win overall falling to a 2nd place finish. This year, our sailors prepared rigorously with coach Chuck Ullman for the event and immediately took the lead going 8 and 1 at the first of three regattas. The second event which was held at San Diego Yacht Club, ABYC went undefeated and at the time this article was written stands at the top alone as the clear leader with a 17 win – 1 loss record. Second place belongs to NHYC and BCYC both tied with a 14 and 4 record overall. There is one more event at NHYC on Monday, August 2nd to find out the overall winner of the event. The ABYC team consists of Rob Rice, Matt McDermaid, and Jacob Rosenberg. Keep your fingers crossed for them to bring home the Dick Sweet Perpetual Trophy for the first time in its 25 year history.

Leeway Sailing Center also fielded a team of sailors who are part of our summer sailing program. This team consists of Steven Hopkins, Dana Boudreau, Will Boudreau, and Kai Jensen. They stunned the world when they won their first race against SDYC. They currently stand midfleet in the overall standings with a 9 win – 9 loss record.

Thank you to Gretchen Boudreau, Carol-Ann Rosenberg, Kevin Baumann, and Jeff McDermaid for helping on race committee for the first team race regatta at ABYC.

Results can be viewed at http://www.fleetracing.net/event.cfm?id=346&fleet_id=5

Sabot 2 North (July 21st)

ABYC takes 1st through 4th and five of the top 10!!!

There are a few events in a sailing program director's career that will make them glow with a childlike giddiness. It usually is a combination of it being a well run event where the kids perform well and the parents are happy. The Sabot 2 North was one of those events. Tasked with the responsibility of running this regatta while also coaching the 29 competitors from ABYC and having regular class go on as normal, the pressure was on to make it come together properly. With the help of an amazing coaching staff and fantastic volunteers, we pulled off one for the books. The only way to prove it is to relay some of the comments I got from NHYC's race coordinator who called just to let us know that the parents from Newport were raving about the regatta efficiency and coordination for Sabot 2 North and Dick Sweet. Beyond that, I had parents stop me from other clubs to tell me what a wonderful event it was. And they were right! It boasted 82 competitors sailed in flights and nearly a dozen volunteers, all while regular class was going on unnoticed in the Leeway portion of Alamitos Bay.

So the event was well run and the parents seemed happy, but how did the kids do? Sabot 2 North is a qualifier event for the 11 and under Championship and only the top 10 from the North and the top 10 from the South qualify. This year, we



420 Nationals...from left to right: Rob Rice, Kevin Leddy, Nick Odegard, Alex Newton, Savannah Brown, Marissa Golison, Jack Jorgensen, Morgan Mathews, and coach Lauren Sinclair

not only are sending five competitors down to the championship, we took 1st through 4th place overall at the qualifier.

1st place – Sawyer Gibbs 2nd place – Bradley Clinton 3rd place – Rory Gaudio
4th place – Alex Dunn 9th place – Jacob Warren out of 82 competitors

This was a huge accomplishment for our sailors and a giant undertaking for our program. I would like to strongly thank our volunteers for their tremendous help: Lynda Peoples (yard/ramp/lunch boss), Kirsten Warren (scoring and yard/ramp/lunch duty), Stacey Gibbs (finish boat #1), Kevin Baumann (finish boat #1), Elaine Bloemeke (finish boat #2), Eileen Edwards (finish boat #2), Graham Bell (PRO), Dan Milefchik (RC), Eric Stordahl (RC), Mark Golison (Pin end boat), Latham Bell (judge)

Results can be viewed at <http://www.fleetracing.net/upload/2010Sabot2NorthResults1.htm>

C Fleet Champs: July 22nd

ABYC sweeps top 15 in 93 boat fleet!

This event was also run by ABYC (the third in four days) and boasted an incredible 93 competitors. The event was created for the very first time racer and is essentially a morning class regatta, but as our program and the entire bay has grown, what used to be 30-40 competitors on one line is now nearly a hundred boat fleet that C2's and C1's also compete in. Because flights is far beyond the understanding of many of these sailors, they sail it all on one line together and it is probably the biggest sabot start line you will ever see. But it worked for at least one more year and the 93 sailors (60 of which were from ABYC), sailed three races and ended with ABYC taking the top 15 positions.

The top five went to some familiar names including, Cameron Bloemeke in 5th, Kai Jensen in 4th, Alex Dunn in 3rd, Jacob Warren in 2nd and winning it overall was Adam Elsharhawy. Thank you again to Mark and Jennifer Golison for working the pin end and a special thank you to up and coming Principal Race Officer, Kevin Baumann, and his crew of teenage volunteers including Kevin Leddy, Dugan Farrell and Dana Boudreau. Thank you also to the lone adult on the bay barge, Gretchen Boudreau, who confirmed that Kevin ran a tight ship and was a highly competent PRO.

Results can be viewed at http://www.fleetracing.net/event.cfm?id=356&fleet_id=5

Dutch Shoe Marathon: July 23rd

Rory Gaudio wins overall...Four ABYC sailors in top 10!

ABYC was on a winning streak and Dutch Shoe was our fourth regatta in five days. Would it continue? Could it continue??? The answer came in an unusual way. After the start of the C fleet in the annual Dutch Shoe, a giant tanker came and held up the race but not before two competitors escaped and were able to sail away while the rest of the fleet waited for the tanker to pass. One competitor was our coach Mark Gaudio's son, Rory Gaudio who at the time held the lead. The question was, could he maintain it and hold it over the A and Senior Fleeters? As the time went on, despite an oftentimes, too tight boom vang, the answer became apparent. Rory was in it to win it and so he did receiving first in C's and first overall to keep the family tradition going! Rob Rice was determined to catch the two escapees, but in the end could not overcome their lead. He still won the A fleet handily however and received a trophy for 3rd overall. Steven Hopkins finished in the top ten and got 3rd in A's while Richard Bell finished 8th overall and 2nd in B's. It was yet another great regatta in what has become a string of them!

Full results at http://www.sdyc.org/juniors/10results/dutchshoe_res.htm

Sabot 2 Invitational (11 and under championship)

ABYC takes 3 of top 6 spots!

This regatta was the championship event for 11 and under sabot sailors. It took the ten best from the North and 10 best from the South qualifiers and combined them for an event of the very best young sabot sailors in the galaxy. ABYC was fortunate enough to have five sailors qualify for the event by placing in the top 10 at the Sabot 2 North Regatta – Sawyer Gibbs, Bradley Clinton, Alex Dunn, Rory Gaudio, and Jacob Warren.

The regatta was held out of BCYC in the bigger turning basin of Balboa Bay. Our sailors were used to this venue, but Newport has typically presented difficulties as it is much lighter wind and tricky sailing through the moorings. Fortunately, our sailors were still tuned in and ready for the event. Bradley Clinton presented a very consistent effort never straying far from the top five and eventually reeling in a 2nd place overall finish. Bradley has been on an absolute tear and continues to impress his coaches with his quick improvement. Another similar story was Rory Gaudio who recently has been lighting up the race course after placing in Sabot 2 North, C Fleet Champs, and winning Dutch Shoe overall. This regatta was no exception for him as he pulled out a 5th place overall finish. Sawyer Gibbs, tied Rory for 5th place but lost the tie breaker to be right behind in 6th place. Congratulations to them and our other competitors Alex Dunn, and Jacob Warren who competed nobly while representing Alamitos Bay. ABYC was tied for having the most competitors qualify for the regatta and was the only club to have multiple competitors in the top 6. This regatta is usually a glimpse at the Sabot Nationals Gold Fleet two years in advance and if that hold true, ABYC has a bright future to look forward to! Congratulations to our sailors who competed in this event!

Beach to Bay

ABYC nearly sweeps Beach to Bay

With 135 Sabot C3 sailors and 197 sailors total, ABYC was very proud to represent a majority of the Beach to Bay racers with over 85 of the competitors in the race. Of those 85 competitors, 20 brought home trophies including the Jessica

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Uniack perpetual trophy for winner of the biggest fleet. Congratulations to this year's winner, Shannon Hughes, who triumphed greatly as first finisher overall and winner of the 135 boat C3 fleet. Following close behind was 8 year old Brett Peoples. Will Shadden, Max Rosenblad, and Cody Ela rounded out the top 5 overall and for the C3 fleet. Other fleet winners included Alex Dunn (C1 fleet), Bradley Clinton (B fleet), Riley Gibbs (A Fleet), and Rob Rice (Full Rig Laser). Thank you to the tremendous parent and safety boat support from across Long Beach, you helped us keep the event safe and fun!

It has been a phenomenal summer so far and whether our sailors can continue this streak of amazing sailing or not, I congratulate them all with the greatest pride and thank our volunteers with the greatest sincerity. Stay tuned to find out how it all ends...

Brad Schaupeter, Junior Sailing Program Director

eight bells

Staff Commodore Al Smith lost his 12 year battle with Parkinson's disease on July 17, 2010. He passed away quietly at home with family.

"Big Al" began sailing and became a member of ABYC when he was a young boy. He crewed for his brother in the Snipe. They won the 1953 PCC's and several other regattas in their boat "Eager Beaver". While at Cal Berkeley studying architecture, Al and his brother continued their sailing prowess. Shortly after college he met Mary. Sailing was put on hold to raise his family.

In the early 70's he decided it was time to get back on the water. He campaigned and competed in the 1976 Olympic Trials in 470's. Mary crewed for him during that campaign (which made it real fun at home after a bad regatta. Mary knew just enough to be dangerous). As in many sailing families, you either learn how to sail and compete or you got dragged to the regattas anyway. I was honored to campaign and compete along side of him in the 470 class. I was even able to beat him from time to time.

In 1977 he was supposed to remodel Mary's kitchen, but decided he needed a 505 instead. To ease my mother's pain he named the boat "Mary's Kitchen".

His real love came when Mary surprised him with a J24 for his 50th birthday. This became a real family affair. With two skippers on board the rest of the crew decided it was safer to separate the two of us. I went to the bow with Dad at the helm. We filled in the middle with Peter, Capri, Jori, Ron, Nick and Dan (son, daughters, son-in-law and grandsons) and Mary contributing with gourmet lunches.

Alan became commodore of ABYC in 1998.

Later, Alan and Mary began cruising with family and friends. They found a real love for the Caribbean. The British Virgin Islands became their favorite destination.

The family would like to thank all of the club members who stopped by to say "hello" to Big Al on Father's day weekend. That meant so much to him. He was able to spend one last afternoon on his J24 with family.

A formal memorial service will be held Friday, August 20th at 2:00 PM. The service will be at St. James Anglican Church, 3209 Via Lido, Newport Beach CA.

We will be celebrating his life August 29, 2010 at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club beginning at 2:00 PM. Mary and Stacy will be together in the kitchen. Please be sure to join us.

In lieu of flowers please make your donations to Parkinson's disease research at: donations@michaeljfox.org

Thank you for the love and support.

Mandi and the Smith Family

stag cruise

As the economy falters, the environment decays and society regresses into chaos, at least we have our great institutions to fall back upon.

Like baseball in the fall, there are those rare institutions that weather the onslaughts of our times to make a real difference, confirming all that is right, proper and sacred in our lives.

Here, in Southern California, despite the crime, crud and corruption, we have our ABYC Stag Cruise. Stag Cruise at Emerald Bay, this beacon of tranquility and tradition calls upon our men to go to the sea in ships, hit the beach in dinghies, eat burgers with bacon and quaff cocktails in big red cups.

This is Stag Cruise! This is life! This is who we are and what we stand for!

Stand up. Be someone. Make a difference in your life.

2010 STAG CRUISE - THE YEAR WE MAKE CONTACT (Again!?!?!?)

Jim Bateman, Stag Cruise Official

2010 Stag Cruise - October 1, 2 & 3 - Be there!!

membership report

The following report details the membership activity for the month of July.

ABYC welcomes the following new members who have been approved for membership by the board at the July meeting. Please look around for new faces and extend a warm welcome to them.

Nigel Morris	Regular	Sponsor	Vann Wilson
Bob Caustin	Regular	Sponsor	Steve Moffett
Spencer Snyder	Regular	Sponsor	Jerry Thompson
Kevin Brown	Regular	Sponsor	Jim Bateman
John Shadden	Regular	Sponsor	Jim Grubbs

30 Day Posting

The following members have been approved by the board of directors for 30 day posting

Andrew Fernandez	Regular	Sponsor	Jeff Merrill
Matthew Kalin	Junior	Sponsor	Jeff Merrill

Resignation

Sandi McDade

Anchor Waitlist

Don Wilson	Lee Berlinger	Dave Ellis
Richard Bell	Michael Cahan	

Robin Townsend, Membership Chair

Ullman sails Long beach race week

I had the honor of being Co-Chair with Bobby Frazier for Long Beach Race Week. In case you do not know, it is a very large keel boat regatta hosted by both ABYC and LBYC. It went spectacularly. Very large in scope and our biggest problems were in handling the crowds.

Don't quote me on the numbers but this year's entry turnout was outstanding, with 147 boats entered in 20 classes representing 35+ yacht clubs from 3 countries. I think we had more than 160 volunteers! We were probably 20% bigger than last year in a down economy.

I need to thank our executive team and key players;

Sandy Toscan, Race Office

John Busch, Commodore LBYC, member ABYC, Trophies

Jim Bateman, Staff Commodore ABYC and organized Catalina 37s

Randy Beers, Trophy Presentation, PRO, All around good guy and honorary member ABYC

David Stotler, Kattack and all around good guy also honorary member ABYC

Mark Townsend, Competition Chair, Mark truly has made and makes it happen.

Jennifer Kuritz, Treasurer

Ken Reiff, Race office and provisioning

Dawn McKenna, Sponsorship

Bruce Cooper, from Ullman Sails, he invested a lot of time representing sailors everywhere

Cheri Busch, Trophies and LBYC Parties

Kelly Asper, ABYC party

Robin Townsend, Race equipment and personnel (huge!)

Kelly Whitlow and staff

Luis Izurieta and staff at LBYC

Each has invested a year of planning the event and their efforts are much appreciated. I would like to point out that each member of our team is a member at ABYC and LBYC.

A big thanks goes out to all the volunteers, I can't begin to name everyone here, but without your support it would not have happened.

I would like to thank our primary sponsors;

Ullman Sails – Title sponsor

West Marine

DISC, Sports and spine center

LB Marine Department, dockage charge eliminated and support

Mt Gay Rum – daily first trophies

Open Sailing

Ayres Hotel

Gladstone's, Long Beach

Macson Printing

Finally Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

Jim Bateman is the Co-chair for next year on the ABYC side and he is already looking for volunteers.

Go ABYC!

Merle Asper



4th of July volunteer thank you

Merle Asper photos

69 entries enjoyed a fun day of sailing on July 3rd for ABYC's annual 4th of July Regatta. It appears that the return to fleet racing was a popular move as this was one of the best-attended 4th of July regattas in recent years. We had a good mix of bay fleets and harbor fleets and it all wound up with a fantastic outdoor summer burger bash.

The Jr. Board had the job of hosting this event and our weeks of planning and cajoling help and support seemed to pay off as we had a smooth running event and a great group of volunteers. As the organizers of the regatta we are extremely pleased to hear competitors had a great time, which is really a tribute and could only have been made possible due to our hard-working volunteers.

Here is a list of some of the key people who really helped to make this year's 4th of July regatta skyrocket: Board liaison-Merle Asper, Junior board advisor- Jennifer Golison, Ocean PRO- Chris Ericksen, Bay PRO-Jim Drury, Computer Scoring-Jim Morford, plus Kelly Whitlow and the ABYC staff. Special thanks to Jr. Commodore Marissa Golison, and all of the junior members and their parents who volunteered.

Elle Merrill



Elle Merrill and Marissa Golison, Regatta Co-Chairs



election slate

On behalf of the ABYC Board and ABYC Nominating Committee, I have the honor of presenting you with our 2010 Election Slate. This is a very strong slate. In choosing who we would ask to run for the board, the Nominating Committee (Ron Wood, Chuck Hardin, Jim Bateman, John Merchant, and myself) decided to only ask people we could see as Commodores.

Please take enough time to get to know and understand the following people that are running for Election:

Latham Bell	Jim Grubbs (incumbent)
George Kornhoff	Pat McCormick
Doug McLean	Ken Reiff (incumbent)
Jon Robinson (incumbent)	John Williams

You will also be giving a yes/ no vote for the new trustees coming in on the 20/20 Trust Fund. This is an interesting time because now that we have the new lease we need to set up a new fund to take care of the next lease we need to sign in the not too distant future.

They are: Jim Bateman Ron Wood

Both groups deserve our respect. They have taken the time to step up for something they believe is important. Please thank them when you see them. These are people that care about our Club and are present to make sure the Club remains strong.

Go ABYC!

Merle Asper, Chairman Nominating Committee

"c"ourse boat "c"huckle

Lots of "Cs" at sea during the CFJ Nationals day one. Staff Commodores Chas Merrill and Chuck Hardin aboard Chamois doing weather mark duty had four Charlie flags to change "W". Chas and Chuck did not Complain or get a Charley horse.

new member barbecue by the bay

Jeff Merrill photos

The very name evokes a balmy summer evening, barbecuing with new friends, and looking out over a glassy bay. Commodore John Massey says it is his favorite place and so it is to many of us. A big thanks to everyone who stepped up to volunteer and welcome the new members, serve up dinner, put out the decorations and flip the burgers. Special thanks to Jim and Toni Morford for 2 days preparation, Dave and Sue Crockett, John and Georgia Merchant, Sharon Pearson, Sheila Eberle, Sue and Bill McDannel and Mike and Lynn Falconer, Jeff Merrill and Ed Spotsky and the SAC (Social Advisory Committee) for all their help. Welcome aboard new members!

Robin Townsend



Dan and Susan Bates receive their burgee from Commodore John Massey and Director Ed Spotskey

richard whiteley

in huntington lake rescue

For 56 years the Mercury Class sailboats have been racing on Huntington Lake in the Sierras of California. On Friday July 23, 2010 skipper Don Whelan of Bonita, CA and San Diego Yacht Club and crew Alan Johnson of Seal Beach, CA launched the 18 foot sailboat to practice for the upcoming racing on Saturday and Sunday. They had sailed up and down the 5 mile long lake once and were on their way up a second time. As Whelan and Johnson had not sailed together for a year and a half they joined up with another boat owned by Richard Whiteley of Long Beach and Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and crew Kate Wall to test their speed when they heard shouts for help. There is a small rock island about 100 yards off shore, but the direction of the shouts were confusing as they also were coming from the shore. From a quarter mile away they could see one person on the rocks shouting and waving and soon also spotted three people in the water close to the island. The swimmers were obviously in trouble as the heads were bobbing and disappearing out of sight underwater.

Whelan and Johnson were the closest of the two boats and prepared to rescue the swimmers. On the boat were two flotation cushions and the sailors were wearing personal flotation devices (PFD). On the first rescue pass the boat was going too fast to stop at the swimmers but the cushions and PFD were dropped as the boat went by. Whelan quickly circled to make a second pass and the three swimmers were grabbed and held close to the leeward side of the boat. When the three were securely holding onto the boat, Johnson retrieved one of the cushions, laid it on the deck and lifted the first swimmer's body onto the cushion. Being slippery nylon fabric on the cushion the swimmer was easily slid across and into the bottom of the boat. The remaining swimmers were more fatigued so Whelan and Johnson would tip the boat as much as possible to get the rail closer to the water then together lift each swimmer onto the cushion and into the boat.

Whiteley and Wall stood by to render additional assistance if necessary. As the swimmers were secure, they sailed up to the island to retrieve the one man on the island. They stopped the boat a few feet from the island; he grabbed hold and was assisted aboard. After establishing that the person was in good condition, they sailed back to the shore and dropped him off with the fifth member of the group.

Whelan and Johnson were immediately assessing their condition and talking to the swimmers. They were conscious and breathing but probably in need of medical attention. Even though the wooded shore was only a hundred yards away, there was no appropriate place to land the men where rescue personnel would have easy access. During the one mile sail back to the launch ramp their breathing was shallow, and they would slowly respond to questions such as names and where they were staying.

Once at the dock a cell phone from another boat was used to call 911. Paramedics and Fresno County Sheriff Office responded immediately. One swimmer had enough strength and was able to get on to the dock, but the other two remained until the paramedics arrived and administered oxygen. After they were all evaluated at the paramedic vehicles, two were released, but one was evacuated by helicopter to a hospital in Fresno, CA for observation.

Later in the weekend there was a tearful reunion of swimmers and rescuers at their campsite. The five young men had gone camping to celebrate a birthday. While walking along the shore close to their campsite they saw the island just off shore. When they decided to swim to the island, they did not consider that it is more exhausting to exercise at 7000 feet elevation and in cold water. Realizing that it was beyond his ability, one turned back early while the others continued. Whelan and Johnson and Whiteley and Wall happened to be in the right place at the right time with the skills learned from US

attention jimmy buffett

A n Invitation to a Party

Dear Jimmy,

You're invited to a party in your honor.

Wednesday, August 11, 2010,

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

On the patio after racing (approx. 7 pm).

We hope that you can take time out of your busy concert schedule to join us for an evening of margaritas and cheese burgers.

We're huge fans and want to throw a better party than the Lido 14 martini party. The Lido fleet hired a jazz band, but the Cal 20 fleet is broke (great Christmas party), so if you could bring your band we'd be thrilled. If not, we have a homeless steel drum player that can accompany you.

If you're pressed for time, you could land your sea plane on Alamitos Bay. But, be sure to land before the 6 pm starting gun.

Your Greatest Fans,

JK and PN

hails from the fleets

Photos by Steve Jost



The Fleet to Be In!

CAL 20 CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cabrillo Beach, the site of this year's Cal 20 Class Championships lived up to its expectation, for being one of extremes, July 16th-18th. Friday's qualifications with wind gusts up to twenty-five knots and strong current contrasted with Sunday's light air chop, which made for even more difficult sailing, Sunday.

The weather extremes were appropriately designed for the ultimate competition. The best of the best was on the water. Sailing celebrities **Dave Ullman**, **Dave Perry**, twelve Cal 20 Class Champs and multiple big boat champs, and many sail makers came out for the event. It was definitely the who's who of the One Design Sailing World!

The 1998 Dream Team struck again...Congratulations to Jib Kelly, Doug McLean, Randy Smith the 2010 Class Champions!!! (It was on Jib's boat, Colleen, this time)

Cal 20 Class Championships Results:

- 1st Place Jib Kelly, Doug McLean, Randy Smith
- 2nd Place Mark Gaudio, Latham Bell, Richard Bell
- 3rd Place Keith Ives, Chuck Stevens
- 4th Place Chuck Clay, Geordy Hersman, Kate Wall
- 5th Place Chris Rab, Steve Kuritz, Vann Wilson

- Colleen CBYC, ABYC
- Magic Bus ABYC
- Rubber Dog ABYC
- Veintiseis ABYC
- Hot Pink ABYC

Masters Series Trophy: LB Slater Trophy - Dave Crockett, ABYC

WAY TO GO ABYC, WAY TO GO!!!!

Thank you to our fantastic PRO **Chris Ericksen**, **Chuck Clay** and **CBYC** who did a fantastic job of putting on a great Class Championship!!!

Patty Nash, Cal 20 Fleet Captain



Barnard, Nash and Bates heading down wind



Chuck Clay rounding the leeward mark



A happy Dave Crockett along with animated Dave Perry receiving the Master Series Trophy



A focused Keith Ives and Chuck Stevens heading towards the windward mark



Chris Ericksen PRO, on the lookout

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hails from the fleets

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Then... First Place Champs Jib Kelly, Doug McLean, Randy Smith, San Francisco, 1998



Now... First Place Champs, Kelly, McLean and Smith, Cabrillo Beach, 2010

A BYC Laser Fleet and Friends Host 2010 ABYC Multihull Regatta

The ABYC Laser Fleet was chosen to host the 2010 ABYC Multihull Regatta and host we did over the weekend of July 24-25. Though attendance was down a bit from prior years...one of the *Hobie* fleet competitors chose the weekend to get married and *A Cats* were a no show as that fleet has been cannibalized somewhat by regular *A Cat* racers jumping into *F-18's* in anticipation of their World Championship at ABYC in 2012. Nevertheless, the intention of growing a multihull fleet at ABYC is coming to fruition as we note eight of the eleven –and the top seven finishers- in the *F-18* fleet are ABYC members as was the top finisher in the *Hobie* fleet.

From enthusiastic comments of the competitors, I guess we'll judge this regatta a success. For that, I wish to especially thank my ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain, **Jorge Suarez** for his assistance in organizing the event and for a great job as regatta PRO (his first in a major ABYC regatta by the way). **Jennifer Kuritz** was our Board Liaison and Head Scorer who was always available to assist with the event. We had very nice trophies to give out for which we thank **Dawn McKenna**. We can't very well give out trophies if we don't know the score, so as he has for many ABYC regattas, **Jim Morford** did his magic behind the scenes to perfection.

On shore Saturday morning, **Todd Smith** posted himself at the Claremont launch ramp to direct the racers to the club and then joined new ABYC Laser fleet member, **Bruce Johnston** on a whaler for the day. **Vann Wilson** handed out name badges, assignments and doughnuts to arriving volunteers while **Lisa Lebold** assisted by **Jennifer K.** handled entries. Monitoring the boatyard and helping at the launch ramp, new member **Nigel Morris** was assisted by **Sumeet Patel** and **Eric Chadwick**. **Cliff Mathias** was our Gate Host while **Dave Myers** made sure the whalers were ready to go.

On the water, **Jorge** was assisted up-top on *Patience* by **Chuck Tripp**, **Lisa L. Judy Mathias** and good friend of the Laser fleet, Peter Drasnin. Helping **Jennifer** with scoring was; Wayne & Shirley Smith and Amy Puliafito. On the whalers we had; **Kevin Brown**, Ms. **Gerry Lampert** and **Mike Baumann**. We had new hands helping on the water Sunday with **Chris Ericksen**, new members, **Mike & Lynn Falconer** as well as Yvonne Galvez and visiting from Minnesota, Reb Blanchard. We also cannot forget to thank our intrepid Regatta Press Officer and Photographer, **Rich Roberts** and his driver, **Vann Wilson**. See **Rich's** regatta report, links to photos and results, elsewhere in this issue.

Not mentioned in Rich's report, but interesting nonetheless was an incident following racing Saturday afternoon. As we were recovering *F-18's*, whalers and *Patience*, we could not help but notice a Harbor Patrol boat approaching the ABYC launch ramp, hot on the heels of one of the multihulls that had sailed back into the Bay for a quick joy ride. At first we thought oh-oh, maybe the kids on board did not have life jackets -no not that. Turns out the skipper was "warned" for excessive speed and flying a hull which we heard said counts as reckless handling of a watercraft. One of the gang hanging around the patio bar watching this unfold, told of a similar encounter and said the potential fine for such infractions can be \$1,500. You've been warned. Anyway, the Saturday evening Burger Bash was a success with nearly the entire fleet coming through the chow line.

Speaking for myself and the Laser fleet, I wish to thank again all our volunteers as well as **Kelly, Sheila, Adam, Rick, Reggie, Julissa, Roberto, Jesus** and **Jeffery** who are always willing to help me find or fix something we need.

Steven Smith, 2010 ABYC Multihull Regatta Chairman

4th of July Regatta

A small fleet of seven *Laser Radials* turned out for the 2010 4th of July Regatta. Your author was up against a trio coached by the Race Administrator from Newport Harbor YC as well as racers from, Del Rey, Dana Point and Westlake Yacht Clubs. Things started well for your author as a SSE breeze called for full hiking conditions upwind and a win in the first race. As the breeze abated to marginal or no hiking conditions, first place in the second race was won by a frequent guest of ABYC,

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Tucker Strasser from DRYC, earning the first whistle, while Derek Thomas from WYC won the final race and ultimately the regatta. Four full-rig *Lasers* signed-up to race; however, new ABYC member, **Nigel Morris** raced nearly solo for two races before calling it a day.

Many thanks to the Junior fleet and their parents for a well run event!

ABYC to Host 2010 Laser Masters North American Championship Regatta

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club will host the **2010 Laser Masters North American Championship Regatta** the weekend of **August 13-15**. ABYC has become a favored venue for *Laser* racers as our club hosted the 2003 *Laser* Masters National Championship and the 2008 *Laser* National Championship.

A Masters Regatta is open to *Laser* racers who have reached their 35th birthday. Racers are further classified in age groups; Apprentice 35-44, Master 45-54, Grand Master 55-64 and Great Grand Master 65 years and older. Masters typically race as one fleet but score in their age divisions. An overall winner is also determined using a handicap system where Apprentices add 3 points to their finish position in each race, Masters 2 points and Grand Masters 1 point.

Masters race together with the full-rig *Laser* or smaller-rig, *Laser Radial*. Additionally, racers can swap rigs to meet expectations of conditions, i.e. a way to reef for strong winds. If 15 or more *Radials* sign-up, there will be a separate start and awards for *Radials*.

We expect anywhere from 50-65 *Laser* racers for this regatta and look forward to enjoying a wonderful sailing venue and the hospitality of ABYC. If you or someone you know is interested in helping run this event, please contact Regatta Co-Chairmen; **Jon Robinson** sanilex@verizon.net or **Steven Smith** smith_c_s@sbcglobal.net

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

It was a great time on the beach and bay for the Pinewood Model Boat Regatta Saturday, July 10. Dan and Norma Clapp always put on an outstanding event in any activity they do and the Pinewood Regatta was no exception. Following in the footsteps of Bob Chubb, and the late Jeanne Reid, the regatta went off without a problem. As usual the chase boat, staffed by Kate Bishop, Terri Bishop and Carol Reynolds, did a great job chasing down all the errant racing boats.

WINNERS	Gold	Silver	All Combined
	1. John Massey	1. Eric Conn	1. Judy Mathias
	2. Stephanie Gwinn	2. Bob Chubb	
	3. George Caddle	3. John Ellis	

The next meeting of the Keel Boat Fleet is Friday, September 10. Cocktails start at 5 PM, the barbecue will be hot at 6 PM and the meeting at 7 PM. We will meet on the patio and have a picnic dinner. Please bring your libation, entrée and something to share for eight. This meeting starts our 2010/2011 Keel Boat Year. It's always important as we will be talking about the various events and volunteers to be on the various committees. Also the Keel Boat and the Sabotier Fleets are responsible for staffing of the ABYC Halloween Regatta on Sunday, October 31, so again we will be asking for sign ups. And of course DUES are due and still at the bargain price of \$10. Maggie, our Treasurer, will be on hand to collect cash or check.

Hope everyone had a great summer
George



The 2010 Fleet Championship Series continued in July for the Alamitos Bay Etchells fleet. There were a lot of boats but not a lot of people out for the one-day fleet regatta held on July 10. The Cal 20's, prepping for their Class Championship up at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club the following weekend, took the day off, but Cal 20 members Steve and Jennifer Kuritz graciously volunteered to run the four races.

A total of six boats left the dock but only five started; only two of those had full crews and one of them did not race the last race. Rich Vaught and his team suffered a failure of their traveler and returned to the dock, but the remaining quintet managed to get in four races. The top team was that of Ken Frost and Jamie Hardenbergh; they managed to win three of the four and took second in the remaining one. The duo of Greg Sims and Doug Menezes, together again in old USA494,

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had an up-and-down day—they were last in one race—but they managed a one-point advantage over Jerry Montgomery and his full squad (Jerry won one race but did not sail the last one). John Chapman, skippering a duo, and Gordon Dudley with Jeff Powell, rounded out the fleet and in that order. Here are the results:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	TOTALS
Hardenbergh/Frost	USA669	1	1	2	1	5
Sims/Menezes	USA494	3	2	5	2	12
Jerry Montgomery	USA792	2	4	1	DNC/6	13
John Chapman	USA1002	5	3	3	3	14
Dudley/Powell	USA531	4	5	4	DNF/6	19

For all that, only the two full teams—Montgomery and Hardenbergh/Frost—carried points into the Fleet Championship Series: series rules require class-legal crews to be scored. So their points were not great. But it was enough to move USA669 into second place in the standings, three points out of first and winning a tiebreaker with the third-place Corkett team. Jerry Montgomery moved into fifth on a tiebreaker win over Carter/Ericksen. Here are the standings:


OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS
Barber/Burdge/Newsome	USA126	34
Hardenbergh/Frost	USA669	31
Tom Corkett	USA889	31
Argyle Campbell	USA1229	29
Jerry Montgomery	USA792	27
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	27
John Chapman	USA1002	20
Rich Vaught	USA821	4
Dudley/Powell	USA531	2



The series continues this month with a one-day fleet regatta on Sunday, August 22.

There is growing interest in finishing out the Seal Beach Yacht Club Pop Top Regatta among the Etchells: Gordon Dudley has been racing in PHRF and Rich Vaught is planning to. Any Etchells also interested should get going. See next month if this worked out.

Chris Ericksen

 Sunday, July 18th was a beautiful day for Sabot Sunday Regatta. We saw 7 sailors competing on the bay.

First Place: Jane McNaboe
 Second Place: Bob Ware
 Third Place: John Ellis

The club was a bit short on cooks this day, but Kelly our Manager came through with a brilliant plan to cook our own burgers, along with pre-made salads out on the patio!

Reminders: October 31 (I know, it's still a ways off) is the joint Sabot and Keel Boat duty. Please mark your calendars! July 31st will be the second adult sabot lesson (out of three total) Call Sarah or Mark Ryan for information.

SAVE THIS DATE! Ladies Day October 10th. Its 10/10/10, (catchy eh?)

The Next Fleet Race is scheduled on August 8th, followed by races on September 12, November 7th, and December 19th.

May Twilight Results:

1. Fred Stevens Sr.
2. John Ellis
3. Bob Ware

13 sailors competed

June Twilight Results:

1. Bob Ware
2. Mary Reddick
3. Fred Stevens. Sr.
4. John Ellis

13 sailors competed

Summer is half over.....don't waste another precious minute! Come out and experience sabot sailing on our own local bay!

Dianne Gonzales





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The younger Juniors celebrate 4th of July

an apology

I would like to apologize to the members and guests who were not able to purchase dinners after sailing on Wednesday July 28th.

We were caught off guard by the number of Lido sailors, the surprise band, and all the guests who showed up for patio dining and live music. Nearly twice as many meals were served that evening, leaving many of our regular Wednesday night sailors without a hot meal.

In the future, we will provide our regular "two specials" (in larger quantities) and always have Bay Burgers or a comparable dish we can prepare quickly as an alternative.

Once again, sorry for the inconvenience.

Kelly Whitlow, Club Manager

charity regatta

The 24th Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta benefitting The Children's Clinic and their families will be held on the last Sunday in September, the 26th. Prior to the regatta each of the participating clubs sponsors an event to increase awareness of our community service event and raise funds.

On the 10th of July Seal Beach Yacht Club and Navy Yacht Club Long Beach held their annual Swap Meet and Pancake Breakfast, August 7th Little Ships Fleet will again host their Cruise/Cruise, a cruise on the bay and harbor then a cruise in a classic car down Main Street in Seal Beach then back to NYCLB for lunch. Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club's Golf Tournament and Burger Bash and Raffle is on Saturday, August 21st.

Champagne Brunch at Navy Yacht Club Long Beach along with IOBG on September 12th.

The Charity Regatta on September 26th sees racing in the Bay ABYC, One Design Keel Boats, Long Beach Yacht Club, Handicap Boats, Seal Beach Yacht Club, and Cruising Classes, Shoreline Yacht Club Long Beach. Following these races there is the Trophy Presentation, Burger Bash, Silent Auction and Raffle at ABYC. It's a fun filled day and the funds raised through all of these events along with Sponsors, Hats and Tee Shirt sales benefit our community by supporting The Children's Clinic who's last fiscal year ending June 30th saw 70,000 patient visits.

Your support of this community service event is greatly appreciated by the staff of TCC and all of those patients they help.

Norma Clapp, ABYC Rrepresentative

