



## new year's eve 2009

*Norma Clapp photos*

**F**arewell to 2009 and a big welcome to 2010 was held at ABYC with lots of good people, their good food and their great and typical ABYC attitude. There were Board Games for adults and kids, music with CD's, TV showing celebrations across the USA, Karaoke, Guitars, conversation in other words FUN for all.



*Dana and Will Boudreau, Terri and Peter Bishop*

We had a diverse group from the youngest participant (who would be six months old on January 4th) Allison Schock to the older members (80+) and a representative from nearly every decade from those in between Allison and the 80+. It was fun, and some members got to know other members better. ABYC is the place to be where great events are always happening. There was even a ten year anniversary of a marriage proposal that was made at ABYC. What a great group!

The hors d'oeuvres that all brought to share were fantastic and plentiful - four six foot tables FULL plus the side table under the Staff Commodores pictures. There was homemade salsa, spicy meatballs, deviled eggs, chicken wings, delightful chili, ham and dips and cheeses, cookies, and all were great. No one went

home hungry.

Adam and Reggie were their usual charming selves and took care of every one there with their always welcome smiles. Our ABYC Staff is another one of the terrific benefits we members appreciate. Thank you all and our good wishes for 2010 to each of you.

We counted down to midnight all together, sang and wished all a good 2010. Then back to singing with Chris and Jorge, back to Karaoke, back to games, back to sitting around the fireplace and chatting, then finally looking at a watch! Good grief, good times good friends it's two AM! We all should be heading home! What a fabulous start to 2010!

Thank you to all who made this New Years Eve special,  
*Dan and Norma Clapp*



*Steve, Allison and Ruth Schock*

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# commodore's comments



After a Holiday Season of lack luster winds ABYC hosted two large regattas. As such, Boxing Day and the Rose Bowl Regatta turned out to be well fought drifting matches. In as much as I couldn't race Boxing Day, I none the less turned to aboard the Bay Barge as stake boat in the channel across from LBYC. The center channel marker at that location served two functions, either as the weather mark or leeward mark depending on whether the Westerly or the Santa Ana was winning in the direction tussle. In either case it was cold enough to compliment myself for having selected long underwear beneath the uniform of the day. Though it could have been a lonely vigil, on station, winding a watch stem, I had a handy dandy digital camera and attempted my best impression of Rich Roberts, photographer extraordinaire. Got lots of images that looked more like model sailboats perched on a glass surface than a hotly contested sailing regatta. Now don't read between the lines

that I'm whining, because I'm not. The day held true to my favorite catchphrase "There is Nothing Like Messing Around With Boats". And the blessing is that we can do it right here at ABYC in the middle of winter. Which brings me to a pointed comment by an east coast college recruiter at the Rose Bowl Regatta that they would "rather come to ABYC and take chances with the wind, than go in the dead of winter to some cold miserable venue that guaranteed great sailing". It is nice to have a guest to remind us of our good fortune here at ABYC.

It is fitting to to share with the membership the news, that everyone knows anyway, that our lease extension has been approved. ABYC will continue to occupy our most favorite location here at the end of the peninsula into the year 2047. At the January General Membership Meeting, Staff Commodore Jim Bateman presented to an enthusiastic crowd, some elements of the lease. All the members will receive a informational letter for your records outlining specifics of the lease. I will mention here that construction will be taking place that will impact some of our activities. Just how much or when, I can neither say nor guess at this time. But I recommend that, if you are planning an event to take place here at the club, stay in close contact with club management. Two specific projects will be modification of the restrooms to become ADA Compliant, and the installation of an elevator.

All the elements of our new lease are directed to assure the continued success of ABYC as a prominent component in the world of small boat and dinghy racing. This will be an important factor as we interview prospective members. The activities this year of all our committees will be a thrill to watch unfold. If you don't get involved, you will be missing out on a lot of the enthusiasm and fun that hovers around an active sailing club such as ours. We are blessed.

*John Massey*

## viceverses



It's great to be a member of ABYC – and if you have been around lately you will know that we are much more than just a sailing club. At the January general membership meeting – hosted by the keel boat and senior sabot fleets – we enjoyed a wonderful Chinese dinner and then were enthralled by the incredible speaking talents of staff commodore Chris Ericksen who presented a very entertaining program of how Alamitos Bay evolved. We all know Chris can talk, and spin a yarn...but he's pretty darn terrific telling a truthful story too and who would have known that Cabrillo surfed a Santana breeze through our sailing playground way back when?

One of our major challenges with our new lease is to jump right into our building projects, primarily the elevator and the restrooms. I am working with a very dedicated committee to guide the restroom project. We will be ADA compliant and have a much nicer place to "rest" once this is all done. I will caution all members that the upcoming construction period is going to be unsettling.

Outside port-a-potty's, debris, and other inconveniences will be the norm once we get started. At present we are sending out for bid and I don't when we will get permits and approvals to actually start...I do know that there is no good time to tackle this project so we are going to do our best to get it done and over with as quickly as possible (keeping in mind that we will try to minimize overlapping with club activities). Regattas will be impacted as will social events. If you have a social event and have booked ABYC through club manager Kelly Whitlow please consult with him to see how our construction projects may or may not factor into your date.

We are talking about ideas to recruit more regular members – this is the time of year for people to begin thinking more about what is coming up in the summer. Please contact any of your board members if you have a suggestion for new members. We are also looking more closely at our independent junior members and I think we will be seeing some changes coming there – fees will probably go up and some privileges (like charging) may be going away. If you are an independent junior member you should talk to your folks about signing up for regular membership, it is soon likely to be a much better deal for everyone!

Last summer we experimented with "renting" out rail space along the edge of the tarmac by the hoists. We have been asked to bring this program back again and also to extend the time frame within which it is offered. These will be

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temporary rentals, will need to be pre-paid and all "rail riders" will be subject to movement out of the way when large events require it. We expect that the program will be offered to regular members who are on the waiting list first, and I have started a second list of other interested members who would like a space, but are not on the waiting list. I hope that by the time you read this report we will be close to finalizing the details of this program.

Pam and I had dinner with Brad and Sharon Bolger (along with Jon and Kathy Robinson) during the January general membership meeting and we are all very excited with the news that Sydney Bolger has been identified to become a member of the US Olympic Development Team – one of five 470 teams (two men's teams, two women's teams). This is an incredible honor and all of us ABYCers should be extremely proud of how well Sydney is sailing and how graciously she represents all of the best attributes of a talented yachtsman – traits that were honed at ABYC!

**We are one month closer to our March, 2010 auction to get rid of the boats, spars, and other equipment scattered throughout the yard, stuffed in lockers, etc., that are not in compliance and empty our Lost and Found cupboard.**

And don't forget, from my previous reports, members whose boats and/or trailers or other gear (spars and other sailing equipment) are in violation of yard rules on February 1<sup>st</sup> may be subjected to enforcement of club yard rules – which can lead to removal – please help me avoid that unpleasant and really unnecessary chore.

The yard lists are posted for all to see – regular spaces, waiting list, impound, etc. We have had great success in discouraging poachers and every trailer and every boat is now properly tagged and stickered. The east yard has been mostly cleared out and we will not be renting out new space in that area, instead reserving it for construction equipment as we redo the bathrooms and also install our elevator. We will be having an auction in March of impounded boats and loose/lost gear – including spars hanging on the fences and gear left behind in lockers that are not being paid for will certainly be worth attending – I hope you won't be bidding to get your own stuff back. Please, with all of the winter rains, come down and check on your boats and gear – we don't need damaged dinghies or monstrous mosquitoes.

If you have any questions about your boat(s), trailer(s), dollies or other gear in the yard please email me [jeff.merrill@nordhavn.com](mailto:jeff.merrill@nordhavn.com) (put "ABYC Yard" in the subject line) or call me on my cell phone 949.355.4950. I'd also be happy to discuss with you the building projects – restrooms and elevator if you wish. We have been waiting for many years for the lease to be renewed and our 2020 funds to be put to use, that time has arrived. Thank you and see you at the club!

*Jeff Merrill*

## Sou'Wester DEADLINE

February 21, 2010 is the deadline for the March Sou'Wester.

## Help us to Help you!

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

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On January 15 the Keelboat and Senior Sabot Fleets will host the General Membership meeting. The guest speaker was Chris Erichsen, our club historian. Chris always offers an entertaining and very informative presentation and this was no exception. Chris spoke to the geologic evolution of the southern California area in particular the Los Angeles Basin. In addition he talked about the history of the peoples of Southern California pre 1900. This included not only the Indian tribes in the area but also the Mexican and Spanish explorers. I thought that I knew a lot about this area from growing up here and attending school in the area but Chris added so much more.

On January 29 at 7:30 pm Club ABYC hosted John Massey, Jr. As always John, Jr. was very entertaining and a good time was had by all.

Remember these February dates:

5<sup>th</sup> Bridge

7<sup>th</sup> Etchells Super bowl Race, 1300 Kelly and Adam's Super Bowl Party

13<sup>th</sup> US Sailing Race Management 101

19<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting

20 & 21<sup>st</sup> SCYA Midwinters

26<sup>th</sup> Club ABYC

Don't miss Kelly and Adam's Super Bowl Party. There will be BBQ Beef Sandwiches, Brats and lots of muchies. Beer and wine will be available. Adam and Rick will also have a pool to enter. And oh yes there is a football game on the big screen where the advertisements are sometimes more entertaining than the game. All in all this is a perfect setting for a good time, so plan on going.

The General Membership Meeting is hosted by the Laser Fleet this month and should be a good one. Mr. Tai Tseng, Water Treatment Superintendent for the Long Beach Water Department will be speaking a rainy winter season. Read about it in this month's Sou'wester.

SCYA Midwinter Regatta will be held February 20 & 21. There will be a full galley menu for breakfast and lunch. The bar will be open after racing each day.

Club ABYC will be hosting live music on February 26. Bill McDannel has a secret band booked and he says that they really rock. If you want to have fun on this Friday night, plan to attend.

Don't forget the new Galley hours for nonevent weekends.

- Weekend Galley hours 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Deli Sandwiches, snacks, soup or chili available
- All beverages available
- Minimal staffing, may need to contact front office for service

Remember the Weekly Reader has all of the events that the club is putting on that week and it will include the latest information.

See you around the club

*Jon Robinson*

## fleet captain's log



Will Work For Outboards...

The ABYC race committee boats are in pretty good shape. We are looking to the rebuilt whaler 2 coming back on line this coming month, (and just in time it is). With the upcoming construction to the club we will be losing the eat yard to the work crews, so it will become near impossible to do heavy maintenance to our fleet on site. Thanks to Rick and Adam for doing a great job on the whaler.

With the focus on the club's capital improvements, the fleet will be a bit short of funds for it's goal of re-powering our 17ft Whaler#7. So, I'm sending out a pleas to the club, if you know of a serviceable 35 to 70 HP outboard that could be donated, please give Kelly or myself a call.

I also highly encourage you to attend the US Sailing Race Management Seminar to be held Saturday February 13th at the club. The seminar, taught by our own Mark Townsend and Bruce Greene, will cover basic race management, and can grant you a USSA Club Race Officer rating. The class is good not only for our cadre of PROs, but any sailor or race committee crew that would like an inside peek at why we run races the way we do.

*Mike Baumann*

# the bay clogger (junior sailing)

## **A**BYC Spring Jr. Program Sign Ups Now Available

The ABYC Junior Sailing Spring Program will commence on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> for our lasers, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> for our 420's and on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> for our sabot sailors. There are sign up forms now uploaded online at <http://www.fleetracing.net> (click on the ABYC Jr. Program link) or you can pick up forms in the main office of ABYC. We will be having our regular 6 clinic program with a new and revised advanced sabot clinic program on Friday afternoons starting in March. We did a test run of this program last spring and had great response and results, so we will be opening it up to A and B sabot sailors this spring. This affords us the ability to work more closely with our upper level racers in preparing them for Sabot Nationals which will be held this year in Mission Bay.

### **Junior Advisory Board Corner**

The Junior Advisory Board has been working on a lot lately and wanted to take a bit of space in the Sou'wester to keep members in tune with what we are working on. In the past month, we have talked extensively about what direction we will be taking regarding our summer coaching staff, revising and adding on to the current curriculum, creating a new HI-Point Trophy for our sailors, future fundraising efforts for team travel, and trailer improvements.

#### **Actions Taken:**

- Some of the actions that have been taken include hiring Mark Gaudio as ABYC's full-time summer Sabot A coach and rehiring Eric Nix as the head Laser coach. We are in discussions with several other coaches at present to fill the rest of the sabot coaching positions.
- Steve Bloemeke and Brad Schaupter have been working closely together in revising, improving and adding on to the curriculum for advanced classes. This includes a tentative sabot tuning session prior to the season.
- Latham Bell has developed a HI Point Trophy system that will be tested out this year. It will include five regattas (the four North Series) and one other regatta to be decided each year. It will tally points from sailors from our club and how they did and reward them for their consistency and performance at these events. More info will come out on this shortly.
- We have had one nine pack sabot trailer sandblasted and painted and are now in the process of putting on new bunks, tie down straps, and safety improvements to be ready for the Jr. Invitational Jan. 9th-10th. The other nine pack and four pack sabot trailers will begin having work done later this month followed by Bix's trailer, the Junior whaler trailer, and the two laser trailers. We plan to have all complete and updated before the start of the summer season.
- Beginning talks of fund raising efforts have begun to replenish the money it will take to refurbish our trailers and upgrade our traveling program assets.

Future Junior Advisory Board notes will contain more updates on plans and developments. One addition I wanted to throw in is that we will be having a separate Racing Program Orientation/Sign Up night in mid March to touch on more intricacies of the ABYC Racing Team and Program. The typical Summer Program Orientation Dinner will still take place on the week before the program for morning sailors and new participants. We hope this distinction will help us to more clearly define expectations and directions for the each group without adding redundant information. Additionally, there will be a "Racing Parent Handbook" and a separate general "Parent Handbook" for morning sailor parents. Again, this will hopefully clarify many expectations and guidelines for the different groups in our program and minimize the information each parent needs to read. Please be sure to read these updates in the months coming to be informed upon future JAB decisions and actions!

### **Jr. Invitational Wrap Up**

We had a small but very accomplished group of sailors go down to San Diego for the third of the four part North Series. Riley Gibbs and Rob Rice both were fighting for the top three in the A Fleet after the first day in fluky and light winds finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for day 1. The wind turned on a bit the next day but was still unusual in its patterns the second day and some of the local San Diego talent made a comeback. Still, Riley and Rob finished a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> overall for the regatta. Rob has been hovering in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place position for the North Series as a whole. The final North Regatta takes place at Newport Harbor Yacht Club at Spring Gold Cup on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Brad Schaupter, ABYC Jr. Sailing Director*



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# from the pages of history

One of the fun things about reviewing past copies of the SOU'WESTER is seeing old faces and old styles in the photographs—and how themes seen to be repeated decade after decade.

## **THIRTY YEARS AGO:**

The cover photo of the SOU'WESTER of February, 1980, was of a crowd sitting on the floor watching the Super Bowl during the Super Bowl Party that year. The only person I recognized in the photo was then-Commodore Gary Winterrowd, although there were two faces I recognized to which I could not put names. What I found interesting was the facial hair and longer haircuts worn by many of the men in the photos.

The party itself was apparently a huge success: “a Zinger,” said Winterrowd in his “Commodores’ Comments.” In the days before wide-screen televisions members brought TVs from home; there were nearly a dozen of them scattered around the upper deck of the clubhouse that day. The team of Pat McCormick, Mike McDade and Steve Moffett—the 3M’s—were joined in organizing the event by Lance Seaman.

An interesting piece announced that Lido 14’s would be given starts on both Bay and Ocean courses for the Chapped Cheek, Turnbuckle Tightener and Spring Tune-Up regattas. These regattas were sometimes called “one-day, two-day” regattas: the Bay classes would sail one day of the weekend and the Ocean course the other. Exactly why the Lido’s wanted to race outside is not recorded, but the regatta format would allow Lido skippers to choose on which course they wanted to sail or to sail on both.

Marietta Jones reported on a great New Year’s Eve party, attended by about 150 guests; Sandy Toscan and Chuck and Wynne Wardle did the dinner while Ron Fox, Sherwood Jones, Jim Morford and Dennis Raden prepared breakfast...it was reported that 36 Naples Sabots were impounded during a sweep of the Sabot racks “because of being unclaimed by their owners;” whether that means they were not identified or had been abandoned is not clear...at the annual meeting of the ABYC I-14 Fleet, outgoing Fleet Captain John Hsu was presented the “Year of the Ram” trophy “made from a portion of Jack Wills’ Opus hull;” gotta be a story there...

## **TWENTY YEARS AGO:**

I recognized a lot more face—my own included—in the photos of the New Year’s Eve Party on the cover and inside the SOU'WESTER for February, 1990. Ruth Schock and Kristen Warnick—then both single women—were there; Vicki and I evidently dined with Don and Margie Brown and , Sherwood and Marietta Jones. A company providing roulette, craps and blackjack tables and professional dealers and croupiers had been hired for the occasion; David J. Crockett is shown trying his luck at the tables.

Commodore Dick Caley reported that the Board of Directors had voted a special assessment to cover non-recurring costs expected to perform repairs to the clubhouse and replace the race-committee boat. A special mailing with the details of the planned expenditures and assessment would be included in a special mailing to the membership so that a vote could be taken among the membership present at a meeting.

ABYC’s 30th Annual Olympic Classes Regatta would include a new class in 1990: in addition to the current Olympic classes (which both Soling and Flying Dutchman) and three Pan-Am classes (Laser, Lightning and Snipe), the newly designated singlehanded women’s’ boat, the Europe dinghy, would make it’s OCR debut. The regatta would also be part of a four-regatta Can-Am Series in 1990; overall results in the four events (the other three were in Kingston, Ontario; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and Marblehead, Massachusetts) would be used in determining membership in both the US and Canadian Olympic sailing teams. Mark Townsend was chairman of the event, for which four racing circles were being considered.

Pease Herndon—now Pease Glaser—and three other ABYC women won the Bettina Bents Memorial Regatta, sailed among two-woman teams that rotated into CFJ’s at Newport Harbor Yacht Club in January; it was the third consecutive year these women won the event...among those approved for membership in January, 1990, were Don and Christine Taugher and Tracy Conn and Pamela Ott; there were five memberships immediately available, according to Membership Chairman Ray Gonzales...in her “From the Pages of History” column, Ann Exley reported a challenge to ABYC in late 1935 was the termination of the lease on the land upon which the ABYC clubhouse stood; negotiations were under way to move the clubhouse to another location on the Peninsula...

## **TEN YEARS AGO:**

Jon Lounsberry, Randy MacLaren and Chuck Harden were photographed in tuxedos at the ABYC New Year’s Eve party, which photograph appeared in the SOU'WESTER of February, 2000. The 150 attendees dined on prime rib and stuffed chicken prepared by Mary Smith and the ABYC staff; blackjack tables were managed by ABYC members as dealers. The entire ABYC staff worked until four in the morning to set up for, serve at and clean up after the party.

“I am concerned with the decline in participation at ABYC-sponsored regattas,” wrote ABYC Fleet Captain John Merchant. While John reported that “the decline is not unusual and not limited to ABYC,” he also admitted that the Board lacked “the data to understand why participation is down.” In an effort to gather data, the Board approved surveys to be sent to the membership; one would focus on regattas while another would ask about social events. John asked for the support of “EVERY MEMBER OF EACH ABYC HOUSEHOLD” (his capitalization) in completing and returning the surveys.

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Even though it was only February, Merle Asper, who was chairman of the 2000 Stag Cruise, was already touting the weekend set for early fall. He and his assistants—Paul Ancil, Kevin Ellis and Jorge Suarez—were planning to serve “the usual fare...served with gusto (and) involving high protein and cholesterol.” Their ambitious expectations of the boats that would make the voyage to Santa Catalina Island included “a Schock 40, a Cal 31, a couple of Etchells, a North American 40 a Cal 48, a couple of trimarans, a couple of Olson 30’s, a couple of catamarans, a couple of Cal 25’s, a couple of Coronado 25’s, some Cal 20’s, a Catalina 42 and a few Lidos and Snipes.”

Apparently the dreaded “Y2K bug” did not effect the Rose Bowl Regatta: under the direction of Mike Segerblom and Steve Flam it went off without a hitch, and a Wilson High School team that included Jon Bell, Payson Infelise, Clay Markle and Freddie Stevens took third in the high-school division...the ABYC Chapter of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, an organization for past commodores, would be hosting a new member reception honoring anyone who joined ABYC during 1998 and 1999 on Friday, March 10, 2000...a new member was shown receiving his burgee along with his sponsors: Dave Myers, with Ron and Kay Cook...

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

## the cameras are rolling

The next time you come down to the club smile and wave as you enter the club. Why, you say because you are on camera. A new security system has been installed and is up and running. Over the last few months there have been many goings on that needed to be observed like the great Lido 14 rudder robbery. There are some pictures available due to some very quick-witted photographers.

Seriously, we have had some problems occurring in the parking lot and around the club. We are now able to record those goings on. The system shows a panoramic view of the parking lot, a view of both the man and vehicle gates, down the alley by the large hoist and the basin. This is not to be spying on anyone but to see who is coming into our club and to make sure that they are members and guests. This is particularly useful at night and on days when the club is not open. In addition we have had cars hit in the parking lot and no note was left.

This system consists of not only the cameras, but also a DVR that records the cameras and a monitor, which are located in Kelly’s office. Bob Anderson, George Kornhoff and I installed this system over the last month. We have found that it works well and covers the areas that we think that may have problems. We do not generally monitor these cameras but Kelly can review any of the recordings if he has an approximate date and time. If anyone experiences any problems please see Kelly as soon as possible to determine if we have any information that might help solve those problems.

*Jon Robinson*

## award for jack and samantha

### ASPBYC AWARDS FOR JACK AND SAMANTHA

ABYC juniors Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb were named co-recipients of the Junior Yachtsperson of the Year Award for 2009 by the Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs (ASPBYC) at that organization’s annual meeting at Shoreline Yacht Club on January 22, 2010.

Jack and Samantha, former members of the ABYC Junior Board, have sailed together since 2008, taking a respectable 14th out of 61 boats in the 2008 CFJ Nationals. Teaming up in the Club 420, however, they won the 2009 So Cal Junior Olympic Regatta at Newport Harbor Yacht Club, earning them the right to compete in the doublehanded division of the US SAILING’s 2009 Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championship in Marblehead, Massachusetts. The team carded two firsts and two seconds in ten races, but an OCS score they could not discard relegated them to fourth place overall. They finished seventh out of 90 boats in the 2009 Orange Bowl Regatta in December.

The ASPBYC is an association of yacht clubs within the area of San Pedro Bay. One of five such organizations in the Southern California area, the ASPBYC coordinates the racing calendars of member clubs, maintains common racing marks, sponsors two interclub competitions and presents honor awards.

Jack and Samantha are the latest ABYC Juniors to receive the Junior Yachtsperson of the Year Award, which was an individual award until the Deed of Gift was amended in 2009 to recognize both skipper and crew. Previous awardees include Jonathan Greening (1989) and Sydney Bolger (2007).

In attendance for the awards ceremonies were Doug and Margaret Jorgensen, Jack’s parents, and Leslie Gebb, Samantha’s mother; Jack was present but Samantha could not attend. The annual meeting was also attended by ABYC Staff Commodores Dave Dorrans (and Bonnie), Chris Ericksen, John Merchant and Jerry Montgomery, themselves also ASPBYC Staff Commodores.

*Chris Ericksen*



Gwen & Emilia Ancil, Dana Boudreau



Dorothy Hill, Vern & Bobbie Peterson, Mary & Joe Riddick



Scott Atwood, Robert Rice, Rob Rice and Paul Ancil

## i-14 worlds

Archie Massey, who led GBR to the title of the 2006 I-14 World Team Championships and finished sixth overall at the 2006 I-14 Worlds, both held at ABYC, won his second consecutive I-14 World Championship in the recently concluded 2010 I-14 Worlds in Sydney, Australia, with Dan Wilsdon as crew. The top US finisher was ABYC's own Paul Galvez, sailing with Englishman Simon Marks, taking 12th place in the 65-boat Gold division and was the top US finisher. Former World Champion Kris Bundy, who with Jamie Hanseler won the 2009 I-14 NA's at ABYC last October, was 19th. ABYC members Art Vasenius and Yvonne Galvez were among the ten or so US teams in the 108-boat regatta, sailed in Sydney Harbour. Archie Massey is the only skipper to have won the I-14 World title consecutively.

*Chris Ericksen*

## stag cruise

Save the date! Not this weekend, not next weekend, but October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> is Stag Cruise! Countdown begins "T minus X months, X days and counting" Woo Hoo! Get pumped up, do some push-ups, do some sit-ups and then rest until Stag Cruise! You deserve it!

**When:** October 1-3, 2010

**Where:** Corsair Yacht Club, Emerald Bay, Catalina Island (yes your fondest memories include this destination)

**Who to bring:** People that you like.

**What to bring:** Water sports equipment. A floppy hat, a pair of trunks, and a great attitude! We are going to have fun!

**How to get there:** You know how. We have faith in you, but we are here to help. Start working it out with your buddies.

**How to sign up:** Talk to me about it. Do you want to be in charge of something? Do you want to start a new tradition? Let's get going with it!

**Your final Assignment:** Talk it up and plan your strategy. Try to keep your powder dry and ready for action.

*Stag Cruise Committee*



# save the date

Spring Spruce Up!

Hey everybody! Save the date, Spring Spruce Up, April 24, 2010. This is always a fun event. We are a volunteer Club. We are very inexpensive and part of that is because volunteers do a lot of the work. It is fun to volunteer for Spring Spruce Up. You get to make your Club look and work better, meet and greet some of your best friends and get a nice lunch (there may even be a keg!). How can you beat that? Come down and make a difference. I promise you will have a good time and make a difference!

Sincerely,

*Merle*

(Yes this is part of my duties! I know, I should fade away gracefully, but I keep getting pulled in. ☺)

Go ABYC!

## award for margie brown

### MARGIE BROWN RECEIVES SLATER AWARD

Margie E. Brown became the latest ABYC woman to be awarded the prestigious Peggy Slater Memorial Trophy by the Southern California Sailing Association (SCYA) at the association's annual installation dinner at California Yacht Club on January 16, 2010.

The trophy, a miniature compass binnacle, was presented to SCYA by the woman to whom it had been given by Peggy Slater, the legendary woman sailor and yacht broker, for the express purpose of creating a memorial trophy in Slater's name. It is "awarded annually to a female involved in the sport of sailing who best demonstrates outstanding contributions to the enhancement of women's participation in sailing or individual achievement in the sport of sailing."

In her presentation, SCYA Staff Commodore Mary Bacon cited Margie's decades of service to sailing as well as her racing Lido 14's on Alamitos Bay. During her service to the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), Margie chaired women's championship regattas and worked on community sailing; she served as Vice President of the organization when it was called the United States Yacht Racing Union (USYRU). She is also a US SAILING Senior Judge.

Member clubs and associations of SCYA are eligible to nominate women for this award. Margie was nominated by the Long Beach/Los Angeles Women's Sailing Association, with which organization Margie has been involved for more than ten years. Margie is the third ABYC woman to have been honored by SCYA in this way; Pease Glaser received the award in 2004 and Margaret Caddle in 2005.

Joining Margie at the installation dinner was her husband, Don, a Staff Commodore of SCYA. Other ABYC members in attendance included Jerry Montgomery, also an SCYA Staff Commodore, and Chris Ericksen, SCYA One-Design Chairman.

*Chris Ericksen*

## award for robin durnin

### ABYC MEMBER HONORED

Robin Durnin, an ABYC member who lives much of the year in Hawaii, is the recipient of an Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal presented by the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING) for his part in a rescue on Kaneohe Bay in January, 2009.

Robin was racing a Cal 20 in 15-25 knots of wind when the skipper of another Cal 20 fell overboard. One of the crew of the skipper's Cal 20 went into the water to assist him while Fuzz Foster, another Cal 20 sailor, and Durnin boarded a powerboat that responded to the incident. They helped get the Cal 20 skipper and crew aboard the powerboat. The skipper, who was not wearing a PFD, was hospitalized and survived.

Durnin shares his medal with Foster and the owners of the powerboat. Another Hanson Rescue Medal was presented to the crew of the Cal 20 for their efforts in rescuing their skipper and to the skipper of an I-14 who had informed Kaneohe Bay YC of the incident.

The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal is awarded to persons who rescue or endeavor to rescue any other person from drowning, shipwreck or other perils at sea. The medal was established in 1990 by friends of the late Mr. Hanson, an ocean-racing sailor from the Chesapeake Bay, with the purpose of recognizing significant accomplishments in seamanship and to collect information on rescues for analysis by the Safety-at-Sea Committee of US SAILING for use in educational and training programs.

ABYC member Margie E. Brown received a Hanson Rescue Medal for a rescue made off Santa Catalina Island in 1996. Long Beach YC Staff Commodore Conrad Banks and his wife Katie are also Hanson Rescue Medal recipients for the rescue of a downed airplane passenger off Santa Catalina Island in 2005.

*Chris Ericksen*

# hails from the fleets

Tracy Conn photos

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Long Beach (January 12, 2010)

Details are still incomplete, but last month's crack down on gang activity in Long Beach seems to be working. Local, state and federal law enforcement raided the Fleet Six meeting at their headquarters on Ocean Blvd. Undisclosed sources report that the law enforcement was tipped of by both ABYC board members who are not Fleet Six members and were disgruntled over their exclusion.

Fleet Six is prominent in the far-flung Lido Association. The fleet was started fifty years ago by Dale Berkihiser and a band of aqueous misfits. Surprisingly Dale Berkihiser himself, previously believed retired, and his moll, Maxine were snared in the raid. Officials were surprised to see him again active but gang insiders report that given the bad economy, Berkihiser has found an easy stream of income by beating Cal 20 sailors out of their beer money.



To many, December's crackdown may be the final blow for Lido Fleet Six. With the capo-di-tutti capo, Dale Berkihiser, safely behind the bar, and village idiots like Spotskey and Makielski trying to run the show, Fleet Six's lucrative Alamitos Bay territory is being slowly taken over by rival fleets. Mercury's membership has swollen from three to four. The Snipe may get another boat in its "fleet". And it is only a matter of time until the bay is literally overrun with Sabots.



I.B. Keelhauled, Long Beach District Attorney, used the RICO Act to charge Berkihiser with heading a criminal organization, Along with Berkihiser, several other Lido Fleet Sixers were charged and arraigned. Most notably, current class president and national champion Stuart Robertson faces multiple counts, including indecent exposure and microphone abuse.



CHAPPED CHEEKS

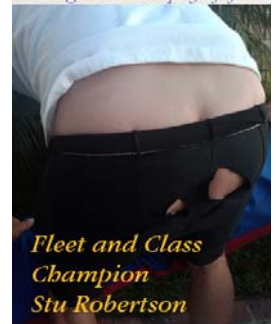
*Most gratuitous display of flesh.*

Fleet captain, Ed Spotskey, a.k.a. "Blazer Boy", acting under the color of authority, is charged with attempting to extort extra dues from non-ABYC members of Fleet Six. After immediately pleading guilty, he begged for public forgiveness.



FOOT IN THE MOUTH

*You really said that?*



Fleet and Class  
Champion  
Stu Robertson



The Potters of Marina Del Rey, Steve and Kris, even though from Fleet 2, were also swept up in the raid, Charges included mayhem within the confines of a 14 foot vessel. This arrest harkens back to 1979 Midwinter's when Barb Carroll, of Fleet 7, escaped psychological assault by swimming ashore. Dave Carroll's account varies only in minor details from Barb's, and consequently they are similar enough for the incident to be believable. Since the vessel is a mere 14 feet, the crimes are petty offenses.

In similar charges, Don and Chris Taugher were jointly charged with public affection and possibly private acts of lewd conduct, evidenced by grandchildren. Since these acts occurred well into their 20th year of marriage, all charges are felonies.

In a surprise arrest, Paul Makielski was grabbed for discharging his weapon in an unsafe manner. Makielski's psychotherapist predicts that Makielski will be found innocent by reason of permanent insanity.

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## LOVING CUP

*Excellence in sheet trimming!*



Chuck Babcock is facing 10 to 20 for malicious destruction of club property specifically, using, or being enticed to use, the committee boat's battery as an anchor. His only comment was "The evidence sleeps with the fishies."

Sam Bell was able to escape serious charges, as all of his transgressions were mere civil violations. After thorough examination of his vessel, however, the Coast Guard declared both his yacht and his coiffure unseaworthy.

Mark Ryan faces multiple charges: both operating a vehicle in an unsafe manner and Lido abuse. Appropriately it was Mr. Walter Johnson's boat on the bottom. Mr. Johnson is affiliated with Fleet One.

Four Fleet Sixers, Kathy Reed, Cindy Heavrin, Holly Davis, and Cyndi Martinich, were jointly charged with distribution of a controlled substance, to wit, portobello mushrooms burgers. Toxicology reports are pending, but the DA has promised leniency if the recipe to the secret sauce is disclosed.

Additional charges were filed against Ms Heavrin and Davis for operating a vehicle in an unsafe manner.

Ms. Patti Acosta, of a Huntington Beach, was charged with assault on the person of Ed Spotskey. Ms Lori Van Skyhock, a known associate of Mr. Spotskey, reports that Mr. Spotskey is now permanently dismayed.

Mr. Bruce Wasson, of Belmont Shores, was charged with associating with know gang members. He quietly operates behind the scenes of Fleet Six but is believed to actually get things accomplished, a high crime in most sailing circles, unless it involves opening beer bottles.

And bringing up the rear, but by no means the least of the charges, Mary Saleff and Evelyn Sanchez were repeatedly found to be operating a vehicle well after sunset without lights after the races.

Many other gang members face charges, but like the awards ceremony, this article has now reached excessive length. For additional photographs, please follow the following link.

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*The loneus P Bilgewater*



## HOLE IN THE HEAD

*The move of the year!*



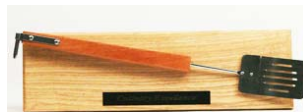
## CREATIVE RIGGING AND PATCHING

*If it moves and shouldn't, duct tape.  
 If it should, and doesn't, WD40.*



## TRAILER TRASH

*Repair on the road.*



## CULINARY EXCELLENCE

*First place at the BBQ.*

**2009 Champions**  
 Cindy, Holly, Cindy and Kathy  
 Portobello Burgers



## LAMPLIGHTER

*Lighting the way home. Find us in the bar!*

**2009 Champions**  
 Mary Saleff and Evelyn Sanchez  
 Without a rear there is no front!



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## WET SPONGE

*Best bottoms up of the year!*



2009 Champions  
Cindy Heavrin &  
Holly Davis



## MARTINI MARILYN

*Best application of lubrication during a  
fleet function!*



2009 Champion  
Patti Acosta



## FIRST MATE

*Gave the most with the least recognition.*



**S**uperbowl Sunday our 2nd Annual Nirvana Super Sunday fun race spectacular...Well, not as big as the Football Game, but, if you cannot fit your Etchells in the car, bring down your Nirvana for fun racing and pre-game warm up beers. Sailing should start around noon, and finish before kickoff. If your boat needs a tune up, come early for tips and tuning.

*In hoc.*

*Don Shirley, Fleet jester*



**B**y the time you read this the 2010 season will have started for Alamos Bay Etchells Fleet 18. The first of the Worlds Qualifier Series, a one-day fleet regatta with the Cal 20 fleet, was scheduled for Sunday, January 24. This series, which concludes with the SCYA Midwinter Regatta, will be used to determine the order of precedence for Fleet 18 sailors wishing to compete in the 2010 Etchells

Worlds.

The annual Super Bowl Regatta was (or is, depending on when the SOU'WESTER gets to you) for Sunday, February 7. This is an in-the-Bay event that has included over the years collisions, grounding, costumes, light air, sunshine, rain and a lot of fun. We'll report on the fates of the survivors next month.

The aforementioned SCYA Midwinter Regatta not only closes out the Worlds Qualifier Series but is also the first of the 2010 Fleet Championship Series. In an e-mail sent out in mid-January, Fleet Captain Jerry Montgomery reminded fleet members that both these series will be sailed under class rules without the waivers voted in years past; that means not only crew-number and crew-weight rules but also safety rules.

Jerry also announced that the Etchells Fleet was reassigned as duty fleet for the SCYA Manning Regatta in March. We'll be staffing race courses on both the Bay and the harbor courses for this non-keelboat-only event. Be ready to say "Yes!" when Jerry calls to get you to volunteer.

Finally, dues are due. Watch your mail for renewal notices. Both the Worlds Qualifier Series and Fleet Championship Series are open only to dues-paying members, so get those dues paid if you have not.

*Chris Ericksen*

# hails from the fleets

Rich Roberts and Jeff Ives photos



## The Fleet to be in!

The Boxing Day Regatta was fun and festive; a good time was had by all. Our Cal 20 Gal's Team Erin Rustigian and Lisa LeBold came in first in the Cal 20 class.

### Results were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Erin Rustigian/Lisa LeBold	Horton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Barney Flam/Steve Flam	Rigamortis
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jeff Ives/Phil Soma	Bravura
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Patty Nash/Mark Barnard	Waka-Waka
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	John McBrearty	Fenian
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Dave Kofahl/Carol Kofahl	Sparwars
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Michael Sentovich/Bob Chubb	Convicts on Tour
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	John Merchant/Greg Merchant	Breakfast Club

Fleet races have started for the year, January 24<sup>th</sup> will be the first race; Midwinters Regatta is just around the corner, February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The Cal 20 fleet is looking forward to a great turnout!!!

*Patty Nash, Cal 20 Fleet Captain*



*Chloe Ives, another Cal 20 Baby in training...this lesson I think was knot tying??? Instructors: Mom, Brother Ethan, Dave Myers, and Damon Kunkle*



*Cal 20 Fun Run, Chuck Stevens and Keith Ives looking confident!!!*



*Peter Drasnin photos  
boat captains Jorge Suarez and Kevin Brown*

### Laser Fleet Hosts the February General Membership Meeting

The ABYC Laser Fleet is hosting the General Membership Meeting on Friday evening February 19<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker for the evening is **Mr. Tai Tseng, Water Treatment Superintendent for the Long Beach Water Department**. Hopefully by then we'll be enjoying a rainy El Niño winter season and our water worries will have been calmed for the moment; however, Mr. Tseng will address our more realistic Southern California long term water issues and tell us about the **Water Desalination Project in Long Beach**. We expect this to be an enlightening evening as we learn about the opportunities and challenges of a Water Desalination Project in Long Beach and elsewhere.

This Membership Meeting is on the eve of the SCYA Midwinter Regatta, so tell all your friends and guests arriving for the regatta to join us for a tasty dinner and an interesting presentation.

Laser Fleet Races at ABYC

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Beginning in this off-season the ABYC *Laser* Fleet is conducting several Fleet Races for *Lasers* and *Laser Radials*. The objective is to have as many starts as possible, with as many boats as possible. The courses will be short and we plan on a 12:00 Noon or 1:00PM start. We expect races to be off Seal Beach pier or the Seal Beach Platform. We view this as a great chance to polish beginner or advanced racing skills with fellow *Laser* racers.

The first of these fleet races brought out ten *Lasers* and one *Laser Radial* for a series of short course and longer windward-leeward sprints off Seal Beach in light breezes under overcast threatening skies. **Jorge Suarez**, accompanied by ABYC member **Kevin Brown**, our good friend Peter Drasnin and Pam Hollander set a tight start line with a weather mark a mere two to three quick tacks away.

With such a short line the starts resembled a rugby scrum and several individual recalls resulted. Regardless, all got around the course happily and safely. After numerous short courses, the weather mark was set further upwind, but our noble Race Committee cut us no slack, keeping the rather petite start line. Nevertheless, we conducted several more starts as the breeze stayed with us but the raindrops began to fall. We were fortunate to get in such a wonderful day of racing just before the big rainstorms arrived.

We were pleased to see a turn out of regular ABYC *Laser* racers; **Vann Wilson**, **Garrett Brown**, **Chuck Tripp**, **Sanjai Kohli**, **Jim Kirk** **Kevin Taugher** and your author, as well as a new addition to our *Laser* fleet, **Ed Feo**. We also hosted three new racers for the day which bodes well for growth of *Laser* racing at ABYC.

In reaching out to fellow *Laser* sailors, we are also looking for volunteers to help run races. So if you are interested or know someone interested in spending a pleasant day on the water watching *Laser* sailors strut their stuff, please let us know.

If you are interested in racing or helping, please contact Jorge Suarez or Steve Smith

*Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain*



*The fleet in action*



*Chuck Tripp in foreground and Kevin Taugher's hat behind*



*Vann Wilson*



*Sanjai Kohli and Kevin Taugher with Vann Wilson over early, returning to re-start*



*Downwind action, Chuck Tripp's back & Sanjai Kohli*



## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

As usual Chris Ericksen was at his best when he delivered his narration on the origin of Alamitos Bay and its immediate surroundings. I don't know why his last name is not Murphy or O'Brian as he obviously has kissed the blarney stone or something, as enchanting stories roll off his tongue with an Irishman's absolute lack of effort. Well done Chris my friend and a well deserved thanks from the members of ABYC.

The January Keel Boat Fleet meeting was just fun with more and more 'old timers' starting to attend the meetings. The pot luck was its usual great mix of wonderful food. Of course the highlight of the evening was Bob Chubb's trip with Jeanne Reid to Europe and the barge trip. Bob does superb photography and a great narration which made you feel as though you were on the boat.

A fond goodbye to Evelyn Flam and Langdon Parrill both of which commanded 'standing room' only of friends and family at their respective celebrations of life. Both Evelyn and Langdon were prominent in the sailing fraternity and both listed many 'firsts' in their resumes. Son Steve Flam along with his sisters and dad, Barney, eulogized the wonderful life of Evelyn. Mark Townsend and Jim Eddy, (Los Angeles Yacht Club), along with Langdon's sons told of the many adventures and kindness of Langdon. Many others added their stories to both of the celebrations of their lives. Both Evelyn and Langdon have left a wonderful memory to our lives.

March 12<sup>th</sup> is our next Keel Boat Fleet meeting and Vern Peterson will talk about the upcoming spring cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club. For many years Vern and Bobbie Peterson have faithfully put on our spring cruise. This year as in the past, Vern and Bobbie have lined up Shoreline Yacht Club for the 24th of April. They already have long time supporters Bobbie and Don Hodges as host boat. By the way I have lost track of how many times the Hodges have offered Bobbie's 33.6 Hunter, Dixie Cat, as the host boat! However, Bobbie and Vern are 'throwing in the towel' after this year. This is a great activity with minimum hassle for the chairman of this event. Anyone in the Fleet who would like to continue this event should contact Bobbie and Vern as it would be to the detriment of the Fleet to lose this traditional event.

The March meeting will again be a potluck.

See you there,  
George



What a nice day it turned out to be....Sunday January 10th started out with a clear blue sky, and unlike December was actually WARM! 15 sabot sailors turned out which made the day's racing seem almost like National's. We had to fight for room on the starting line!

The first race was two windward leeward laps in glassy waters. It was hard to determine what was moving our boats through the water at all! But finish this race we did. After a brief lunch break it was back out into the open water for some much appreciated breeze! It was truly a gorgeous day on the water with interesting clouds, lots of birds, and even our resident seal popping up for an occasional check on our status.

The day ended with our monthly meeting in which the race committee was thanked. Thanks again to Jorge Suarez, Lisa Lebold, Shana Johnson and our ever faithful Jinx Ellis for outstanding RC work! It seems Lee Berlinger has really gotten a huge head start on Sr. Sabot National's slated for June 12th and 13th. He is still in need of volunteers for the event and would welcome any offers! Don Wilson was awarded the, "Bernice Weiss" perpetual trophy for his many hours manning the whaler to help set marks and attend to any sailor's mishaps. Then trophies were awarded for the days races as follows:

- 1st place: Bobby Ware
- 2nd place: Jane McNaboe
- 3rd place: Mary Riddick

Thank you Mark Townsend for helping with computerized scoring!

The January Membership meeting January 15th was the responsibility of both Sabot and Keelboat fleets. The Sabot Fleet manned the food line, dishing out "Jesus" style "Chinese" and so many people came for dinner that we nearly ran out of food! Topping off the evening was a special speaker, our own Chris Ericksen giving us the history of Southern California, particularly Long Beach and the Naples area. It was fabulous and very informative.

Anyone out there wanting a special Valentines Day, consider joining us on the water for our monthly fleet race February 14th followed by our cocktail hour and dinner.

Dianne Gonzales



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## more new year's eve



Jorge Suarez, Chris Ericksen and Dan Clapp



Jim and Michele Grubbs



Sue & Bill McDannel



Steve and Stephanie Gwinn (right) and friends

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## race management seminar

### US Sailing Race Management Seminar

February 13, 2010

The seminar begins with check in at 08:00 AM and finish about 5:00 PM. Continental breakfast, lunch, class, all class materials and test are included in your fee. The Basic Seminar meets the seminar and testing requirements for US Sailing Club Race Officer. Cost of the seminar will be \$45 for US Sailing members and \$75 for non members. A special introductory 6 month US Sailing membership is available at sign up for \$30. You save \$30 on the seminar with your membership.

*Mark Townsend*