



commodore's installation 2010

Tracy Conn photos

Nearly 170 members, families and guests filled the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club dining room for the annual Installation of Officers dinner on Saturday, October 16, 2010. While all the officers and directors were installed, the evening has three areas of focus: honoring the outgoing Commodore, welcoming the incoming Commodore and honoring recipients of the club's trophies.

Outgoing Commodore John Massey opened the festivities by welcoming all to this event before relinquishing the microphone to Jonn Merrill, son of incoming commodore Jeff Merrill, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Reiman, formally invested as ABYC Chaplain during the course of the evening, offered an invocation.

Dinner was a mix of both chicken and beef, produced and served by Jay's Catering. As the dessert was served, outgoing Junior Staff Commodore Asper began the ceremonial part of the evening with introductions of officers and Staff Commodores present and with special thanks to the folks who organized the evening

Prior to the awarding of the traditional awards, incoming chairman of the Junior Advisory Board, Mark Golison, presented a commemorative award to the outgoing chairman, Doug Jorgensen. The program continued with the naming of new honorees on the Commodore's Council trophy for bringing in new members.

Junior awards were presented next, and to the acclamation not only among the sizeable number of junior parents and juniors present but also from the attendees in general. Jack Jorgensen was presented the Ann and Sid Exley Junior Travel Trophy for the second consecutive year. The Frances Dixon Nason Perpetual, a signal honor as it is for sportsmanship, went to Kevin Baumann.

The Don L. Adams Memorial Trophy is presented to the outstanding junior sailor of the year; for 2010, three ABYC Juniors will share the honor: Riley Gibbs, winner of the Naples Sabot Junior Championship, and to Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb, winners of the doublehanded division of US SAILING's Chubb U.S. Junior Championships and recipients of the F. Gregg Bemis Trophy.

Dave Myers, ABYC's long serving (and maybe longest-serving) Port Captain, was again presented the Order of the Green Propeller. Steve Smith was awarded the Neal Dundas



Jack Jorgensen - Ann and Sid Exley Junior Travel Trophy



Kevin Baumann - Frances Dixon Nason Perpetual - Sportsmanship



Dave Myers with the Green Propeller



Don L Adams Memorial Trophy - Outstanding Junior Sailor - shared by Riley Gibbs, Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gibb (away at Princeton)

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Greetings from your new Commodore! I have changed the title of this column this year as my intent is to report on the direction the club is heading.

This coming year **Pam** and I want to embrace a tropical theme, we both love the warmth of Hawaii so don't be surprised if you see Tiki torches at twilight and hear Hula music through the speakers. ABYC is paradise to all of us, our own oasis of sun, wind, sea and beach...far enough from civilization to remain unspoiled. Look for an "Aloha Friday" email blast from me at the end of most weeks to remind you of what's happening at our club during the weekend.

The Installation Dinner was an extremely fulfilling evening. A special thank you to all of you who attended and congratulations to our award winners, new officers and directors. I have decided to recap the key point from my speech in this first report.

For **Pam** and me it was the kind of special gathering that happens a handful of times in your life time and everyone in attendance celebrated the fact that ABYC is truly a FAMILY yacht club. On that note I talked during my speech about the fact that history repeats and there is definitely a circle of life that is an incredible part of ABYC's heritage. The family thing is pretty thick amongst almost all of our members and I would like to again acknowledge my departed grandparents, **Paul C. and Bonnie Merrill**, who joined ABYC in the mid 40s and had **ALL** three of their children – **Adra, Paul and Chas** - grow up to be Commodore, and can now add a grandson to that list. The **Merrill** family has been proud to serve and lead ABYC over the years and I'm thrilled to have the torch passed to me.

My life has been strongly influenced by ABYC. To steal a concept from the author **Robert Fulghum**: "**Everything I really needed to know about life I learned through sailing a sabot at ABYC**" Our "family friendly" sport is a wonderful way to enjoy competition and learn life lessons and ABYC is the perfect location and atmosphere for this way of life to flourish. Family implies children and we have an incredible Junior Sailing Program – many of the faces you see at the club are graduates of our junior institution and I can't tell you strongly enough just how important the junior program is to me. I am a product of the ABYC junior program and would like to insure that we continue making our youth a **TOP** priority, they are our future. We spend a good chunk of our budget to insure this program reaches all of our interested sailing kids and I will continue to push this as my single most important agenda item as Commodore.

Here are seven points that summarize what I want all members to think about in the coming year.

Point 1: RACING SAILBOATS IS WHAT WE LOVE TO DO.

The skills learned in small boat racing are a microcosm of life, those of you who race understand. I am ready to be commodore because I grew up racing sailboats at a very competitive level. ABYC teaches and encourages Corinthian sailing, promoting fellowship and camaraderie amongst competitors and volunteers.

Like the real game of LIFE there are things we can try to predict, but are ultimately out of our control and in sailboat racing the greatest force we try to tame is the WIND.

The best thing you can do in a sailboat race is get a good start – and your new Board of Directors has already met to recap 2010 and prepare for 2011.

Point 2: WE HAVE THE BEST FACILITY FOR STORING AND LAUNCHING SAILBOATS and LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA OFFERS THE FINEST SAILBOAT RACING CONDITIONS IN THE WORLD.

The biggest thing we do is host regattas. ABYC has a tradition of hosting prestigious World Class sailboat racing events – National, North American and World championships, including the Olympic Trials and the Olympic Games.

Each year ABYC typically hosts a National Championship event in addition to our "normal" schedule of regattas. With 2011 being our year of construction we tried to hold off fleets who wanted to sail their big events at ABYC since we didn't want to inconvenience them. That didn't quite work as planned. For 2011 we will be hosting (7) Championship regattas in addition to approximately thirty or so regularly scheduled racing and social events.

Point 3: OUR MEMBERS ARE OUR HEART AND SOUL.

We have Olympic medalists rubbing shoulders with newcomers and there is never any attitude or arrogance, in fact, it seems to me that the more talented and successful the sailor the more willing they are to help out those who want to get better. This is a special bond that is strengthened every time you visit the club.

Membership dues help us keep to and meet our budget and we are riding a great surge of new members. My goal for 2011 is to surpass 400 regular family members (we're currently at 378) and I've asked my colleagues on the Board of Directors to recruit two new members apiece. If you know someone who is familiar with ABYC and the type of person or family that you want to see get more involved please invite them to join us. If you sponsor two members in the New Year you will qualify for the prestigious Commodore's Council award.

Point 4: WE ARE A VOLUNTEER CLUB. THIS IS OUR GREATEST STRENGTH and OUR SECRET WEAPON.

Volunteers are usually very good sailboat racers in their own right who also understand the importance of giving back to our sport. We need volunteers with every level of experience to continue our high standards of running events and hosting regattas. In addition to our Board of Directors we have dozens of committees who are organized to take care of everything required to make each ABYC experience memorable. Please contact the committee chairs if you have some time to share, especially the "Big Three"- Social Advisory Committee (SAC) led by **Sue McDannel**, the Junior Advisory

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Board chaired by **Mark Golison** and Race Management Committee supervised by Staff Commodore **Mark Townsend**.

Point 5: WE HAVE A GREAT STAFF WORKING FOR US

Under the guidance of our Club Manager, **Kelly Whitlow**, we have a very dedicated and talented group of employees who are hired to keep our day to day operations rolling along.

All of our employees play a huge role in making ABYC a fantastic place for us all to enjoy the sailing lifestyle we all covet. Please let them know you appreciate their efforts and please also realize that they are always available to help you with anything you need.

Point 6: WE HAVE AN OUTSTANDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

We hope to accomplish great things in 2011. Watching our budget and insuring that every cost is considered and every activity is priced to at least break even is a task number one for your Board. We will be accountable and wise stewards of the revenue and construction war chest that we have been elected to oversee.

ABYC has embraced the internet and have a friendly and informative website that includes details on all of our calendared events and we will continue to post our Sou'Wester monthly magazine online at the first of each month. Watch the Sou'Wester and Weekly Reader email blast for news and details on all club related activities.

Our job will be more challenging until the construction is completed, but we are dedicated to keeping everything on track. Remember once you leave the dock and are out on the water you shouldn't notice anything different.

This year our November General Membership meeting will be the first annual "Champions Celebration" gathering to toast all of our sailors who have won championships during this calendar year while sailing under the ABYC burgee. It's going to be a fun evening with a low key, Hawaiian theme.

I'd like to encourage all of our members to participate in two enduring ABYC legacies – our burgee collection and our perpetual trophies. Please keep the tradition of burgee exchanging on the top of your mind as you pack up your boat and head off to a regatta and know that we will proudly display the perpetual trophies you bring home to honor your victories.

Point 7: "ABYC is the place to BE"

The helm of the good ship ABYC feels good! We are on course and heading in the right direction. With so many talented sailors in our membership I expect constant trimming of our sails and as we cross the starting line I'm pleased to report we have clear air and are on a huge lift. Let's all enjoy the race through 2011 together; we're off to a great start!

I am available by cell phone 949.355.4950 and email jeffcmerrill@gmail.com and always welcome your ideas and suggestions. Thank you!

Jeff Merrill

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Sou'Wester DEADLINE

November 20, 2010 is the deadline for the December 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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manager's corner



First, thank you *all* for the warm wishes and kind regards during my recuperation from recent hip replacement surgery. The surgery went well, and I'm feeling better everyday. I have cleared most of the major hurdles of rehabilitation, and hope to return to ABYC just prior to our Turkey Day Regatta.

The afternoon of my operation on September 30th is one I won't soon forget. Everything went well during the operation, and I was soon transferred to my hospital room. Now, not being a man of tremendous religious belief, I'd be lying if I said I didn't say a little prayer just prior to "going under". My next memory is one of me lying on my back staring up at a light, with a male figure standing over my bed looking down. It's my ole member friend Don Reiman, (who is as close to a Man of The Cloth as I know.) My initial reaction is..."well, this didn't go so well, and they sent Don to give me the news"

So here's Don, wishing me well, and handing me a toy, miniature sailboat telling me to "sail into a speedy recovery." Don, I won't soon forget that visit. Thanks so very much.

Congratulations to Commodore Jeff Merrill, his flag officers and all the new Board of Directors for the 2010/2011 year. I was able to make it to the Commodore Installation Dinner, and was very proud to be there with the staff of ABYC as we enter another year of change and challenges. Good luck to Jeff, his Board and all the volunteers who make ABYC the incredible club that it is.

Hope to see you all soon.

Kelly Whitlow

viceverses



I would like to take this time to thank you for reelecting me to the ABYC Board of Directors. Your confidence is very much appreciated. I have inherited a well-organized yard and a sound house. The construction will be starting soon with our slow season approaching.

The yard is in great shape with all of the boats in their proper places. I will be doing a yard audit within the next few weeks. If you see a new tag on the back of your boat, it will be a barcode to identify your boat. We will be reading these tags with a laser scanner monthly for billing purposes as well as security. If we do not read your barcode we will be contacting you. If you know where your boat is all is well but if you are surprised by this phone call you will know that your boat is missing. This system will also be able to identify a boat that is not in its proper place.

We are entering the rainy season, like today, and those of you who have boats in the yard need to winterize your boat. Sabots need to be flipped up side down, Lasers need to be covered or inverted, centerboard boats and keelboats need their drains open. Come down to the club and check your boats, be ready for the winter.

The rail rider program is still alive. The spaces which were a premium during the summer are now more affordable. We have several spots available so call the office and get your boat on the rail.

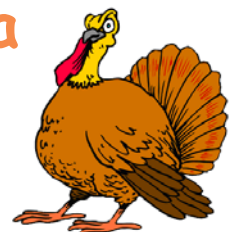
The house is in good shape. The columns have been repaired and are in good shape. The grounds look as good as they ever have with a lot of hard work by Bob & Teri Bishop. The second story deck needs to be sanded and painted and have it on the list of things to do. There is some paint touch-up inside the club but nothing major. We will repair it when we reach that part of the construction.

We are very close to breaking ground for the construction project to remodel the bathrooms and elevator installation. We should be choosing the contractor before November 1 and demolition should begin by December 1. We will not begin construction prior to Turkey Day Regatta but might begin shortly there after. All four of the bathrooms will be out of service at the beginning of the construction. We will have temporary VIP restrooms. These are **not** the usual facilities that you would see but they are more like an airline facility with flush toilets, hot and cold running water, hand soap, towels and electric lights. Stay tuned to the weekly reader for the latest developments.

Looking to the future, I will continue to monitor the yard, enforce the yard rules and make the yard and house more secure. My mission this year is to institute more security measures in the yard. These will include barcodes for boats and entry security systems for entry gates.

Jon Robinson

Turkey Day Regatta
November 20 & 21
Enter Early





Greetings everyone. One of our themes for operating the club in the last few years has been to make certain that in tougher economic times we get our money's worth out of our club membership. The Social Advisory Group has been expanding the range of activities at the club, starting Friday Movie Nights with something for the whole family, Club ABYC on the last Friday of each month when we have entertainment and great happy hour food, expanded regatta parties, including more more music, the Labor Day Pirate Party, and more. This coming year we plan to continue that trend, adding new social events to go with our regattas, including the new Bar-B-Que Series next summer. The membership meetings will be changing a bit also, starting with our club champions recognition party at the November meeting. We also plan on wine and beer tastings, magic shows, and a few other

surprises.

On a near term note, we hope you either enter, or come down and volunteer to help on the Turkey Day Regatta. After that event we will start our construction project, so the club may look a little different for the events this winter. I look forward to seeing you at some of our events,

Mike

fleet captain's log



I am very happy to be serving as Fleet Captain. But, as a Sailor, I know nothing about motor boats. In fact, I was very uncomfortable on any motor boat (didn't matter about size or shape) for many years – I just didn't trust the motors. For me, wind is much more reliable and we always get back to the dock (sometimes with my husband Steve paddling). Over the last few years, I've become more comfortable with motor boats as I've spent many happy weekends working race committee either on one of our whalers or Patience. Yes, we've broken down a few times, but somehow survived for another day.

Today, I went through the whaler fleet with Rick and Mike Baumann. We have a lot of whalers and, while they aren't the Taj Mahal of a whaler fleet, throughout the year they get an incredible amount of use between the juniors and the race program and they're all we've got! The good news is that Rick has all the motors on a regular maintenance schedule and has other major projects planned. Yet, this is a volunteer yacht club and it is up to us to provide TLC and a few afternoons to keep the fleet in service. With that thought in mind, please pay attention when you're on whaler duty, you need to keep the boats clean, clear of trash and ready for the next volunteer. I bought a couple of buckets, some Simple Green and a few scrub brushes so that we can help keep the whalers cleaner! The supplies will be kept in the dock box near Patience, so please lend a hand. I'll keep you apprised this year of on-going projects and let you know where help is needed.

First major project is to paint the deck of the bay barge. The non-skid finish on the deck has pealed off, so we'll be consulting a paint expert to recommend a strong base and top coat. Hopefully, we get a couple of weeks of warm sunny weather and are able to complete this upgrade before the end of the year. Also, we're looking for someone with good skills to build a new storage box for the bay barge gear. The existing box has fallen apart and leaks. The thought is to have a box about $\frac{3}{4}$ the size of the existing box to allow more room to handle the anchor and sturdy enough to use as a seat.

Other important Fleet Captain duties include everything to do with racing. I'd like to recognize our volunteers for 2010/2011 that will be involved in the racing program: Mark Townsend, Race Management Chair; Dave Myers, Port Captain; Chris Ericksen, Patience Chair; Dawn McKenna, Trophy Chair; Carol Kofahl and Bonnie Robertson, Perpetual Trophy Co-Chair and Jim Morford, Trophy Engraving Chair. Please let us know if you're interested in helping on any of the Committees.

On the trophy front, Carol Kofahl is restoring many of our older perpetual and has found that small silver or bronze sail boats aren't made anymore (everything is plastic). If you have old trophies sitting around the garage, please consider donating them to the club. Carol would like to recycle the parts to repair the perpetuals.

Finally, the Moths are coming for a quick visit November 12 - 15. They will be bringing a container into the yard and will be packing up the fleet for shipment to Australia for their Worlds. The Moth fleet will be running practice races that weekend. If you would like to help, please give me a call.

Jennifer Kuritz

from the pages of history

The cover art on the three editions of the SOU'WESTER reviewed this month could not have been more dissimilar—but all three were reflective of the times in which they appeared. The rest of the editions had much in common, otherwise, as you will see,

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

Cover photos were still fairly new when the SOU'WESTER for November, 1980, came out. It showed something quite unique: Sabots beating upwind toward Naples Island, with the flagpole of the Alamitos Bay Marina office in the background flying a small-craft-advisory flag.

An article inside told the story. While it had been “a foggy, smoggy week” before the regatta in October, 1980, the morning of the regatta was sunny and warm, with a clear view of the mountains to the north. At eight o'clock there was already “a dilly of a wind,” to quote PRO Sid Exley, blowing solidly from the north. One whaler had been set aside for the day; at nine o'clock a second one was launched, and by eleven o'clock there were three. “Some of the gals didn't even remove their boats from the car tops,” the article continued, “others went out to turn back before leaving the Basin.” It was evidently a dilly of a day, but ABYC gals did well: Judy Mathias was tops in the “B” fleet while Jean Frost was first in the “C's.”

Langdon Parrill's first “Commodore's Comments” were predictably short and to the point. “Our goals for 1981,” he said, “are to continue with the successful programs of our past Board and Officers, with a concentrated effort to increase participation in all sailing activities.”

The 1980 Stag Cruise went to Isthmus Cove; there were 65 men in 21 boats, and twenty of the boats raced back. Well, twenty started; evidently only eight stuck it out for the duration. It was a long, slow, close race: after 26 miles and seven hours—seven hours—the first four boats finished within one minute of each other, and the eight boats that did finish came in within twenty minutes of each other.

And in the “some things never change” department: The Club Manager was planning a new tack to solve an old problem: he reported that, “if hoses are not coiled and faucets shut off (after use), all hoses will be removed and user will be forced to bring their own or check one out from the maintenance shop”...a boxed and boldface notice reported that some of the membership-information cards had not been returned and the Yearbook was going to press, presumably with some incorrect information...Rear Commodore Dick Landes was serving as Regatta Chair for Turkey Day and expected “a large turnout” so encouraged all to “show up a little early and be patient with the congestion in the yard”.

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

The cover photo of the November, 1990, SOU'WESTER showed several of the incoming officers and directors posing with their flags of office. Among those shown was your Club Historian, then the incoming Rear Commodore, wearing the then-current ABYC burgee necktie. At first I thought, how I wish I still had that necktie; then I thought, how I wish I still had that waistline.

The winners of several of the club's special awards were listed. Long-time Club Photographer Peter Gales was presented the Ted Matson Memorial Service Award; Jonathan Greening received both the Ann and Sid Exley junior Travel Trophy and the Don L. Adams Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Junior; and Pease Glaser was recipient of the Sidney T. Exley Trophy, the Commodore's Award.

Two of the inserts in the SOU'WESTER deserve some mention. The ABYC Christmas Party flyer announced that adult admission was five bucks but that children under twelve were free; on the other hand, members attending whose names started with A through L were asked to bring a finger dessert for a dozen people while those whose names started with M through Z were asked to bring an appetizer for the same number. And a clever flyer showed a fortune teller identified as incoming roster chair Judy Mathias asking, “Are you sure THIS is the best way to get roster information from our members?” as well as a representation of a serene Mona Lisa, identified as outgoing roster chair Sharon Pearson, replied, “Yes, dear...I'm sure.”

There was late-breaking news from the United States Yacht Racing Union (USYRU) Annual General Meeting: Chuck Kober had been presented the Nathanael G. Herreshoff Trophy, the organization's “most prestigious award” given for “an outstanding contribution to the sport of sailing in this country” while Margie Brown was elected a Vice President of USYRU.

Over \$9,000 was raised and more than 200 boats participated in the fourth annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta; the proceeds went to The Children's Clinic...Reciprocal Moorings Chairman Clif Mathias reported that yachts from a dozen different clubs visited ABYC during the summer, including one each from the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and the Lafayette Yacht Club of Indiana; nine more had come in after Labor Day...Bob Anderson, Race Management Committee chairman, reported that the entry fee for Bay classes was being increased to eight bucks and to twelve dollars for Ocean classes.

TEN YEARS AGO:

The cover art for the SOU'WESTER of November, 2000, showed a balance-beam “Olympic scale;” four duffel bags marked “1984,” “1988,” “1992” and “1996” was shown being outweighed by a medal marked “2000.” The legend over all explained this: it said, “Congratulations, Pease!” The cartoon was a celebration of the fact that, after four unsuccessful attempts, ABYC's Pease Glaser had come home from Sydney, Australia with an Olympic medal.

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The 2000 Ladies' Day Regatta was held on "a beautiful October day," according to the report from Rear Commodore John Merchant. San Diego YC women took the top spots in the "A" division, but ABYC's Pinky Green, winner in the "B" fleet, was the best overall performer among ABYC women and was awarded the Christine Wagner Perpetual. Mark Townsend led the race committee. There were a total of 27 competitors, 16 women and 11 men, at Ladies' Day.

Both births and deaths were reported. Mike and Marilyn McMahon rejoiced in the birth of their first grandchild (as did great grandmother Mary Matson), Michael Allen Tannehill. And the yacht-club community noted the passing of two long-time members, Harry Hutchinson and Henry Nash.

Fleet Captain Kevin Ellis reported that it took two to replace outgoing Race Management Committee chair Mark Townsend: Glenn Cox and Steve Flam had agreed to serve as co-chairs...Steve Moffett with Greg and Mary Montz as crew represented ABYC at the Balboa Cup Regatta in San Diego; they finished third, behind current Etchells World Champion Vince Brun representing the host San Diego YC and yacht designer Alan Andrews representing Balboa YC...among sailors participating in the US SAILING Championship of Champions Regatta was ABYC's Chris Raab; he finished third overall.

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

sailor of the week

US SAILING's Championship of Champions has always been a special event to Chris Raab. This championship is recognized as one of the most unique US SAILING events of the year. A collection of the best American sailors in the country qualify for the Championship of Champions by winning a National and/or North American Championship in a one-design class. This year the fleet of 20 raced in Ideal 18s on Long Island Sound. Chris was making his sixth appearance at the Championship of Champions last week in Greenwich, Conn. and his perseverance finally paid off. Chris and his crew Robert Kinney captured first place honors.

"This event is special to me, because I've been trying to win it for so long and lost by only a couple points on many occasions," said Chris. "I was sailing with my long-time friend Robert Kinney, which made it even more special. I can't say enough about how well the Indian Harbor Yacht Club ran the regatta. Everything was first class."

Through his first five tries at the Championship of Champions, he posted four top three finishes, but never quite got over the top.

"This event means a lot to these sailors because it is so unique," added Chris. "The rock stars of one-design sailing are on hand and competing at a high level."

Chris remembers his first Championship of Champions in 1979. He sailed with Randy Smyth in Prindle 16 catamarans and they finished in third place against a very talented fleet including, Hobie Alter, Dave Chapin, Tom Lubeck, and Kelly Gough.

Chris is no stranger to winning regattas. The Sunset Beach, Calif. native has won a number of championships in classes including Catalina 37s, Cal 20s, Snipes, Lidos, C-15s, Lasers, 470s, Holder 20s, Cyclones, Lehman 12s, and four Mercury 18s in consecutive years. He is also two-time collegiate All-American. In 2007, he finished 7th at the Finn Olympic Trials.

As tactician for the Newport Harbor Yacht Club team, his team qualified for the New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup in September of 2011. He also looks forward to competing at the Etchells World Championship in San Diego and the Laser Master World Championship in San Francisco next year.

Surprisingly, Chris did not grow up in a sailing family. However, when he was young his family moved to a neighborhood in Huntington Beach, Calif. that was saturated with sailors. Chris started sailing every day with his neighborhood friends in 505s and Lasers.

"I've had the fortune to have greats like Dave Ullman give me opportunities that I would have never had, like being able to race loft boats as a child and make my own sails under his guidance," he explained. "I get great enjoyment out of giving back any way I can. I give away all my laser sails and love seeing all my old sail numbers out there being raced by the young kids."

Nice job Raab!

Via Chris E., Merle A



Kelly Whitlow, first public appearance post surgery at Commodore's Installation (aka The Prom)

the bay clogger

(junior sailing)

Hello ABYC members, we are right in the middle of the fall program and it sometimes still feels like summer as there are regattas and clinics and all types of sailing going on every weekend! It's been so hectic it seems like many of our sailors are looking forward to a break, which will come shortly, but in the meantime here's a few of the regattas we sailed in...

2010 Fall Jr. Invitational / Charity Regatta at ABYC: September 25th-26th

We had a total of 33 sabots and 3 lasers compete in this event. Nine A Sabot sailors showed up from ABYC alone out of the 30 total to start off the beginning of the North Series on the right foot. The North Series consists of four sabot events where the A's total combined scores across the series is tallied and a champion is named in the late spring. This year, hot off sabot Nationals, Riley Gibbs came out with sails blazing and was in a top position, but as the weekend went on, it became increasingly apparent a lot of luck was involved in the races as the wind would die out completely and fill in from the opposite side of the course. If you were in the right place at the right time, you could go from back of the fleet to first, as Riley did in one race narrowly catching his younger brother who was about to win the race. It worked out to his favor in race 3 but not race 6 where Riley carried a 16th on his shoulders after getting caught in a hole. Fortunately, his strong overall performance kept him in the strong position of 3rd overall and a great start to the beginning of the North Series.

Other strong performers included Kai Jensen getting 6th in his first ever B Fleet regatta. Noah LaBarba, Adam Elsharhawy, and Garret Fields got 3rd, 4th, and 5th respectively in the C1 fleet, while Beth Golison and Bryce Hatch got 3rd and 4th respectively. Beth was within striking distance of 1st with several 1st place finishes, but her last race was similar to Riley's, watching the rest of the fleet catch a puff while she got caught in a giant hole in the deathly light conditions.

Finally, up-and-comer Derek Bloemeke had a second great regatta in a row getting 5th overall. He placed 7th at Fall Gold Cup out of 35+ competitors. Great job to all of our nearly 40 sailors who competed!

2010 Shadden #2 at Cal YC: October 10th (CFJ)

One really bright side of this off season is we have an actual team of boats going to the Shadden FJ series. Because we have not really had FJ's in our program before, we have not had a coach at these events usually and truth be told, one boat was usually the most we had going. So far this off season, I'm proud to say that there's been a consistent five boats attending the event. Some of the sailors have been using our multi-trailer which is fantastic because that's what we developed in for.

The team that attended this event included Jack Jorgensen & crew from Santa Barbara, Savannah Brown, Nigel Lipps and King Harbor crew John Schuler, Maddie Dieffenbach & Savannah Robinson, Melissa Shadden & Alex Newton, and Sunny Scarbrough & Elle Merrill.

Jack was the best performer finishing 6th overall in a regatta with no throw-outs as they could only get off four races in the light and shifty conditions. Congratulations to all our competitors!

Junior Advisory Board Corner

Every now and again, the Junior Advisory Board likes to update the membership about what their plans are in the coming months and years for direction of the program. Here is a little bit about what they've been up to...

Program Report (Fall)

- We have 52 sailors signed up for the fall program. Sabot enrollment is very strong. Laser and Double-Handed enrollment is down and we are working on ways to see if we can't boost it.
- We have decided to put on a double-handed clinic with Allie Blecher (collegiate sailor of the year) and are working out a date for this one time CISA-styled clinic.
- Off season staff is Brad Schaupeter, Sarah Ryan, Chuck Ullman, Mark Ryan, Mark Gaudio, Laura Newton, Jack Jorgensen, and Marissa Golison.

Other Actions Taken:

- After three years of dedicated work and leadership, Doug Jorgensen is stepping down as the Junior Advisory Board chairman. He will be handing the reigns over to the very capable Mark Golison and will continue on as a staple Junior Advisory Board member. Steve Bloemeke will be taking on Mark's role as secretary.
- We are now in the process of beginning work on the remaining ABYC Jr. Trailers to make them 100% road worthy. Our whaler trailers: Bix trailer, Jr. McDade trailer and the Jr. Whaler will be updated to be more secure and road worthy as well made over to look more professional at travel regattas.
- We have sold the Sabot 4-pack trailer and will be replacing it with a trailer that is capable of taking more boats.
- The new Sabot A High Point Trophy will consist of the four North Series and Fall Gold Cup this year. Rob Rice won the series this past year and was presented with the trophy at the ABYC Jr. Awards banquet on August 5th.
- We will be fixing up the Jr. Rack to make sure it is 100% functional for our constituents.
- We will be buying 4 FJ's to support the growing interest of the sailors in double-handed sailing.
Brad Schaupeter, ABYC Junior Program Director

The 24th YCLB Charity Regatta was a terrific success thanks to all who participated and supported this community service event. ABYC members were awesome, racers, helpers, donors all helped to make the 24th a great one and a fun day.

The Silent Auction got a real boost from Electrolux and Friedman's Appliances with the donation of a beautiful Washer and Dryer valued at \$3,000.00. There were many outstanding items and baskets donated by individuals and participating Clubs. All had good bids and were picked up or delivered in four days. Gwen Ancil, Terri Bishop, Carol Kofahl helped make it work. Carol was also in charge of the raffle which had children's prizes where they could choose which prize bag they would put their tickets in. It worked really well. The minimum prize level for adults was \$25.00, however most were worth more than that. The fact you didn't have to be there to win made for really good sales.

Racers in the Bay had a good crew led by PRO Steve Kuritz and his group well as the finish gang led by Sharon Pearson. Sunday registration was handled by Bobbie Peterson. Evie Belisle and Carol Reynolds. Jim Morford was computer finish results person that all Clubs reported to. Latham Bell was the Protest Chairman.

Gretchen Boudreau was Sales Lady for T-Shirts, Hats and Raffle Tickets. She does a great job. Lyssa Harder sold the Burger Bash tickets and did a great job there, she gave herself a name but I think I'll let her tell what it was.

Rich Roberts took pictures of all the racing venues and was driven around by Dan Clapp. Tarek Elsharhawy took the young artist who won the Children's Art contest for the NOR and T's out into the bay so he and part of his family could see what the regatta was all about.

Needless to say the ABYC Staff was awesome as usual and the cooking, boats, trophy tables, Silent Auction tables, T-Shirt table, Raffle tables, drink ticket sales, bar and extra tables for the Burger Bash and whatever needed doing was taken care of. Kelly Whitlow's last day before his hip replacement was the 26th and as usual he saw that all that should happen did happen. THANK YOU KELLY AND STAFF.

Norma Clapp, ABYC Representative



membership report

The following report details the membership activity for the month of October:

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

Approved for membership

Kelly Moffett-Higgins	Regular	Steve Moffett
Amanda Kroeger	Yachting 2	Ed Spotskey

Resignations

Thomas Grubbs	Regular
Doug McLean	Regular

30 Day Posting

Stephen Fuccillo	Regular	Jim Grubbs
Robert Ivory	Regular	Jeff Merrill
Ryan Schack	Junior	Ed Spotskey

This concludes the membership activities for 2010. I hand over the reigns to Jim Grubbs who will continue through 2011. My thanks to Ed Spotskey for his fountain of positive energy and organization this past year. We put membership high on the radar and had a great time welcoming all of the new members; Anchor, Regular, Yachting and Junior. Many new members jumped right in to the volunteer activities and I would additionally like to thank the regatta chairpeople who emailed me for new member contacts to help get people involved. The New Members Barbeque was re-launched and is once again on the calendar for 2011. So, slip on the Topsiders, slather on the SPF and come down and meet everyone.

In *The Tipping Point*, Malcolm Gladwell explains, "Word of mouth is-even in this age of mass communications and multimillion dollar advertising campaigns-still the most important form of human communication." We agree wholeheartedly. Take time to meet the new members and pass along names of those people that you think might enjoy our organization.

Current Membership:

377 Regular

17 Yachting I and II

47 Independent Juniors

42 Anchors.

We have had an adjustment of 46 memberships, filled Anchor spots that became available and have seen a positive number fluctuation of 20 members, up 14 in Regular membership.

Robin Townsend

2010-2011 committee chairs

ABYC Committee Chairs 2010-2011

Director Responsible

20/20 Fund	Jim Bateman, Ron Wood	Merrill
Adopt-a-Beach	Todd Smith and Cathy Black-Smith	Reiff
Archives/Historian	Chris Ericksen	Spotskey
ASPBYC Representative	Jennifer Kuritz	Kuritz
Bar Czar/Happy Hour Social - SAC	Bill McDannel	Baumann
Blue Gavel order of Staff Commodores	Jim Bateman	Merrill
Boatique/Merchandise	Dawn McKenna	Grubbs
Burgee Committee	Cathy Black - Smith	Massey
By-Laws Review	John Massey	Massey
Calligraphy	Toni Morford	Robinson
Catalina Cruise	Pat McCormick	Kuritz
Christmas Float	Steve Bloemeke and Tarek Elsharhawy	McCormick
Christmas Party		Baumann
CISA Clinic Liaison	Chris Ericksen	Robinson/McCormick
City of Long Beach Liaison	Jon Robinson	Robinson
Commodore Yearbook	Pam Merrill	Merrill
Construction Coordinator	John Merchant and Larry Kidd	Robinson
Easter Brunch		Baumann
Entries Bay Finish		Kuritz
Family Movie Night	Mike Baumann	Baumann
Finance Committee	Jennifer Kuritz	Kuritz
Fleet Chaplain	Don Reiman	Merill
Fleet Surgeon	Alan Rosenberg	Merrill
Fundraising	Jim Grubbs	Grubbs
Get Well/Condolences	Jeff Merrill	Merrill
Golden Anchor - USSA Membership	Jerry Montgomery	Grubbs
Grounds/Landscaping/Gardening	Terri Bishop	Robinson
Handbooks	Jeff Merrill	Merrill
House Committee	John Merchant	Robinson
Installation Dinner	Pam Merrill	Merrill
Judge Advocate	Tom Ramsey	Reiff
Junior Sailing Program Director	Brad Schaupteter	McCormick
Junior Program Advisory Board - JAB	Mark Golison	McCormick
Junior Program - ABF Fleet Rep.	Steve Bloemeke	McCormick
Junior Program - Junior Board Advisor	Jennifer Golison	McCormick
Junior Commodore	Elle Merrill	McCormick
Kiosks/Bulletin Boards	Mike Baumann	Baumann
Lease Compliance - Buildings, Juniors	Jon Robinson, Mike Baumann	Robinson/Baumann
List Serve Email Promotion	Mike Baumann/Bill and Sue McDannel	Baumann
List Serve - Add and Delete Database	Merle Asper	Baumann
Long Beach Race Week - Racing	Jim Bateman	Massey
Long Beach Race Week - Party	Stacy Massey	Baumann
Long Range Planning	Chas Merrill	Merrill
Master Calendar	Kelly Whitlow	Spotskey
Membership		Grubbs
Moorings / Security of Basin 5	John Perone	Robinson
Moorings-Reciprocal	Dave and Sue Crockett	Robinson
Neighbor Relations	Ed Spotskey	Spotskey
Nominating Committee	John Massey	Massey
Officer of the Day		Reiff
Ombudsman - Staff Commodore	Chas Merrill	Merrill
Olympic Classes Regatta		Reiff
Opening Day	Jim Bateman	Merrill
Opening Day - Basin 5	Glenn Selvin	Merrill
Patience Committee	Chris Ericksen	Kuritz
Peninsula CERT Rep	Merle Asper	Merrill
Peninsula Representative	Merle Asper	Merrill
Photography	Tracy Conn	Baumann
Port Captain	Dave Myers	Kuritz
Procedures Book	Chris Ericksen & Mike Baumann	Merrill
Protest Committee/Chief Judge	Latham Bell & Margeret Caddle	Kuritz
Protest Clerk	Carol Selvin	Kuritz

2010-2011 committee chairs

ABYC Committee Chairs 2010-2011

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Spring Spruce Up
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Trophies - Regatta Awards
Trophies - Perpetual
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Webmaster
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YRUSC Representative

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Rich Roberts
Mark Townsend
Dave and Sue Crockett
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Sharon Pearson
Sandy Toscan
Jon Robinson
Doug Jorgensen
Sue McDannel
Sharon Pearson
John Massey

George Kornhoff and Mary Montz
Jim Morford
Dawn McKenna
Carol Kofahl & Bonnie Robertson
Jerry Montgomery
Rob Rice
Merle Asper
John Massey

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ladies' day regatta

A Big Success!

Sunday, 10-10-10, was a day of beautiful weather and good sailing for 35 Saobt sailors. Jesus prepared a lovely dinner enjoyed by 40 people or so.

Pinky Greend, ABYC and BYC, won the Christing Wagner Perpetual Trophy, while Nancy Mellon, BYC, claimed the Mrs. Richard Russell Perpetual for overall best sailor.

Sailors came from SDC, BCYC, MBYC, Dana West YC, HHYC, and BYC making for great competition.

Ed Spotsky, Regatta Chairman, and PRO Steve Kuritz did an outstanding job, with John Massey, Chris Ericksen, and Jorge Suarez rounding out the day with their fun music entertainment. This was a special day enjoyed by everyone.

Mary Riddick, SCWSA

staff christmas

Each year ABYC membership gifts money to the Staff for Christmas. Traditionally, the Junior Staff Commodore administers this pleasant duty.

I have opened a special bank checking account to marshal the funds. Please fill out the "Pay To The Order Of" line on the checks should read "ABYC Fund or John Massey". Note: the "or John Massey" is necessary because banks, being who they are with tight rules, will not allow me to counter sign the check for deposit, and it will have to be returned. Simply "John Massey" will actually be sufficient.

Please turn them into the office or mail directly to my home address - 17321 Gibson Circle, Huntington Beach CA 92647.

This year has been challenging for all of us. Please give as best you can for our ABYC Staff.

Thank you,
John Massey



Perpetual trophy for the greatest number of Daily First awards for the year; on hand to make the presentation was the late Staff Commodore's widow and son. And a trophy presented last year was awarded this year for the first time: the Donna Dardene Massey Lighthouse Award, a stained-glass representation of the Angel's Gate lighthouse set into a backlit frame and presented to the spouse of the incoming Commodore, went to Pam Merrill; outgoing Commodore Massey and his daughter, Stacy Massey participated in the presentation.

Two other family-donated trophies were presented, both commemorating and honoring couples. The Adra and Chuck Kober Service Perpetual, presented to a couple whose service to ABYC is as a couple, went to Terri and Bob Bishop, while the Elise and Stan Church Perpetual Trophy, presented to an ABYC couple who sail together, was presented to Pease and Jay Glaser.



The Donna Dardene Massey Lighthouse Award is presented to Pam

Tracy Conn, who for nearly twenty years has



Terri and Bob Bishop - Chuck and Adra Kober Service Perpetual - service as a couple

photographed and memorialized ABYC events, large and small, was the completely surprised recipient of the Ted Matson Memorial Service Award. The Ganbare Trophy, presented to a member whose actions constituted a "sea change" at ABYC, was presented to an equally surprised Jim Bateman for his multi-year efforts on securing the new lease.

Bruce Golison, whose career at ABYC stretches from childhood and whose year included both serving on the Key West Race Week race committee and winning both the Etchells North Americans and Santana 20 Nationals, found his name added to those honorees on the "Commodore's Award of Excellence," the Sidney T. Exley Trophy.

Following the presentation of service awards to outgoing chairs and officers, the outgoing Junior Staff Commodore administered the oath of office to the incoming officers and directors; all the new officers received their flags, badges of rank and a newly commissioned nametag. The entire Junior Board, eleven strong and led by

incoming Junior Rear Commodore Elle Merrill—holding a position once held by her father—was introduced as well. And the chairs of the three major ABYC committees—Sue McDannell of the Social Advisory Committee, Mark Golison of the Junior Advisory Committee and Mark Townsend of the Race Management Committee—received new name badges as well.

Incoming Commodore Jeff Merrill took some time to introduce the member of his extended family; now fewer than four of his family have served as ABYC Commodore, and two were present. He also introduced business and personal guests. He paraphrased noted author Robert Fulghum when he said, "Everything I need to know about life I learned sailing Sabots on Alamitos Bay." He continued in that vein as he said, "I'm ready to be Commodore because I race sailboats;" his point was the challenges and changing conditions seen in a sailboat race and the ability to shift gears and react are like those skills required in a Commodore. He finished by laying out seven points by which the coming year will be steered.



Pease and Jay Glaser- Stan and Elise Church Perpetual - couple who sail together

As the lectern was not set in view of the wall of photographs of past Commodores, the traditional ceremony of hanging the incoming Junior Staff Commodore's picture by the Port Captain was narrated by the D.J.—who broke into a Souza march when the deed was done. Then, outgoing Commodore Massey made his closing remarks; "Try to stop me," he said when asked by incoming Commodore Merrill.

The evening drew to a close with a fun contest to see who took home the lovely floral centerpieces and with a couples' dance, both orchestrated by the D.J. Dancing went on into the night.

Chris Ericksen



Tracy Conn - Ted Matson Memorial Service Award



Jim Bateman - The Ganbare Trophy - member whose actions constituted a "sea change"



Neal Dundas Perpetual - greatest number of daily firsts - Jorge Suarez accepts for Steve Smith



Dave Meyers "hanging" John Massey



pcisa girls invitational

PCISA Girls Invitational High School Sailing Regatta
Wilson High School takes 3rd place.

12 CFJs sailing off Shelter Island in 2 days of light breezes. Saturday was shifty and the girls found the four rotations very challenging. They finished the day in 10th place. Sunday was a new day and the wind was slightly stronger and steady. Five rotations were sailed. The girls scored 36 points in 10 races (not bad) to finish 3rd overall.

The Wilson Girls Sailing Team is made up of Marissa Golison ABYC, Maddie Golison ABYC, Savannah Robinson ABYC and Haley Kirk LBYC.

Congratulations Girls!

hails from the fleets

Patty Nash photos



The Fleet to Be In!

The Charity Regatta, September 26th, was a very warm weather regatta, which made for a wide range of conditions. The wind started out very light and then really filled in. Trophies went two deep. The champions were Mark and Robin Townsend.

Results:

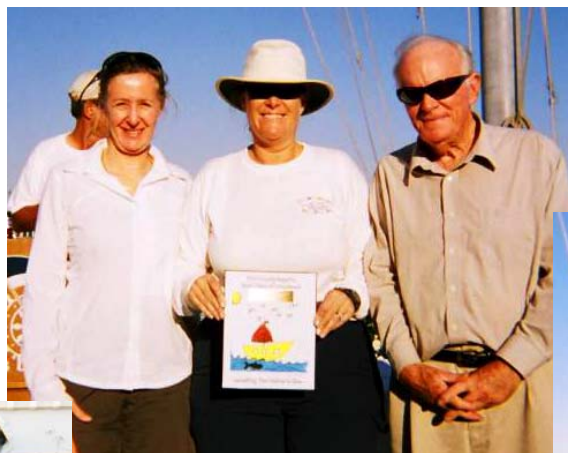
1 st Place	Mark and Robin Townsend	Toadstool
2 nd Place	Jennifer Kuritz, John Ellis, Jane McNaboe	HotPink

Mike Van Dyke did a fantastic job as PRO of this wonderful Charity Regatta!!!

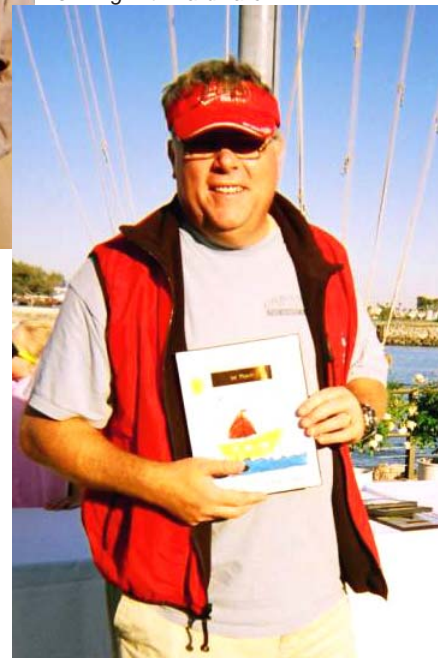
The Cal 20 Fleet will host the November 12th membership meeting. The program will be honoring our own ABYC Champions from all fleets. This will be a special evening with a tropical theme. We will be serving a catered Hawaiian style meal. Everyone is invited to attend and wear your favorite island attire!!

We are looking forward to a tremendous turnout for the Turkey Day Regatta!!!

Patty Nash, Cal 20 Fleet Captain



Charity Regatta Champ, Mark Townsend smiling with hardware!



Sailor in training...Dan Bates and Matthew Bates

Charity Regatta Daughters and Father Team, Jennifer Kuritz, John Ellis, and Jane McNaboe



hails from the fleets

Rich Roberts photos



Well, we did ask, but with a dearth of responses to our solicitation for new ABYC *Laser* Fleet Captains, Jorge and I are going to stick with it and manage the fleet for another year.

By the time you read this, we will have our 2011 regatta schedule posted on the ABYC *Laser* Fleet website:

http://www.fleetracing.net/calendar.cfm?fleet_id=15. 2011 promises to be another busy year for *Laser* racers at ABYC as many of us, as well as our guests, will use ABYC regattas to prepare for the *Laser* Midwinters West and *Laser* Nationals at Cal YC as well as the *Laser* Masters and *Laser 4.7* World Championships next summer in the Bay Area. Do not miss out on the fun, come sail with us.

2010 ABYC Charity Regatta

Wet suit not required. That was the order of the day as a small fleet of *Laser* racers prepared to race in the 2010 Charity Regatta. With temperatures in the nineties and only a gentle breeze in the Bay, bare feet, t-shirts and shorts looked to be the right outfit to race in.

Racing *Lasers* in the Bay was a nice change of pace and a welcome alternative, as we watched a fleet of high school racers paddle and drift in their *Lasers* out the channel to race in the harbor. They looked like they were in for a long, hot day on the water.

We on the other hand, got to play dodgem with 107 Sabots as the race committee sent us on a "Bay Cruise"; once to buoy **J**, once all the way to buoy **I** and last, to buoy **F**. The racing was pretty close some of the time, but the results were always the same between **Ben Leibowitz**, **Jim Kirk** and me with Ben winning every race and Jim and me haplessly chasing him. As posted on the ABYC Charity Regatta website, that nice picture by **Rich Roberts** of me trying a port tack start...that didn't work either.

The *Laser Radials* started with the full-rigs and in many races the youngsters in the smaller rigs were able to race with us and hang in nicely. **Nick Odegard** won two races to win the series. **Ian Markowitz** won one race but Claire Paice from LBYC took second by one point.

All in all it was a nice way to spend a few hours away from the sweltering heat inland and to help support a good cause, The Children's Clinic.

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain



Steve Smith port tacking the fleet

KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



We are fouled up on our November 2010 Keel Boat Fleet meeting. Our schedule, (Keel Boat Fleet), called for our regular 2nd Friday meeting for November 12th. However the ABYC General Meeting scheduled for the Turkey Day Regatta has wisely been moved to a quieter Friday and has preempted our November 12th Keel Boat Fleet meeting. Coming after our September's Keel Boat Fleet meeting was preempted by the outgoing Commodore for his farewell/thank you volunteers party, (he did offer us a free dinner for our troubles), one begins to wonder if we are a bunch of old doddering ABYC members or what? The powers to be assured the Keel Boat Fleet members that the change of dates for the November meeting was written in blood eons ago however us old doddering members missed the boat on that change. We are canceling our November meeting and looking forward to our Christmas Party.

On the bright side our great member, Judy Mathias, has secured a super program for the ABYC January 21, 2011 General Meeting. At the suggestion of Barney Flam, Judy has arranged for a GPS program for our ABYC general meeting program as the Keel Boat Fleet/Sabotiers have the duty. Judy went through many phone calls, called in all of her outstanding favors owed to her, to secure this program. Dean Stanek, Manager of our local West Marine Store, will be the guest speaker.

And on the details of the most outstanding Christmas Fleet event, December 12, there is still time to volunteer suggestions, articles and help to Joe Riddick. Please remember that the Keel Boat Fleet/Sabotier Christmas Party is also open all your friends so please invite them.

See you there,
George



1 0-10-10... Catchy date that represented Octobers Ladies Day. 36 sabots representing Ladies Sabot A, Ladies Sabot B, Men's Devison, and a novice fleet. Results are posted @ ABYC.org. Robin Townsend placed 4th in Ladies A, and Nancy Grubbs took 3rd place in Ladies B. Many thanks to the 505 Fleet for making this regatta such a huge success! Ladies Day replaced our monthly fleet race for October.

Dianne Gonzales



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Installation of Board and Flag Officers

*General Meeting, Friday, November 12th
Program: ABYC Champions Celebration*

Cocktails: 5:00pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Program: 7:00pm



\$10.00 (Reservations in advance)

\$15.00 (at the door)



Casual Tropical Wear...

Time to put on that favorite Reyn Spooner Aloha Shirt!

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