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labor day regatta 2010

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Over the years, the ABYC Labor Day Regatta has been second only to Turkey Day as the largest regatta in the ABYC Holiday Series. The 2010 regatta was no exception: a total of 187 boats in 15 classes and 16 divisions took part in the two-day event, held Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5.

The regatta was filled with champions, and they mostly did well. The 2010 Alter Cup winner, Pete Melvin, won in the Formula 18 class with Bobby Kleinschmit as crew. Jack Jorgensen, who with Samantha Gebb became the first ABYC team to win the doublehanded Bemis Trophy this year, was in the top five of the Laser Radial class; Kieran Chung of Newport Harbor Yacht Club, who was runner-up for the singlehanded Smythe Trophy in 2010, won that class. 2010 J/24 North American champion Pat Toole of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club finished in the top five in the Laser class.



The regatta served as two other events: it was the Laser District 25 Championships and the first of the Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association (SCYYRA) Ullman/Frost Series for Laser and Laser Radial. Oliver Toole of Santa Barbara Yacht Club was top in Laser, taking the district title for the second consecutive year, while Chung was tops in Laser Radial, a title previously won by Toole. Both earned places on the District perpetual trophies.

Other perpetuials were awarded as well. Mark and Robin Townsend were presented the George Lounsbury Memorial Trophy—named in honor of Robin’s father and bearing a half model of their own boat—in winning the Cal 20 class. Chung added a place on the on the Art Hall Fiesta de la Playa Trophy as winner of the largest class. And ABYC Vice Commodore Jeff Merrill won the Senior Sabot Labor Day Perpetual, touching out his own father, Chas, for the win.



But the racing was only part of the story of Labor Day: the “Pirates of the Peninsula” party, organized by Lori Van Skyhock, was a rousing success. Dozens of costumed ABYC pirates, including Commodore John Massey, were joined on the patio and lawn by costumed performers and a great live band. Well over 200 attendees were entertained late into the night.

Chris Ericksen served as Regatta Chairman; Ed Spotskey was Board liaison. Paul Makielski, captain of the Alamitos Bay Lido 14 fleet—the duty fleet—served as duty-fleet captain and raised enough volunteers from the fleet and

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commodore's comments



Earlier, I had written a “last” Article for Commodore Comments, when a break was necessary to stave off a touch of melancholy. So I went over to the club to catch the Lido-14 twilights. While there, our Lady of Sou’Wester, Sharon Pearson called searching for my article. Though commenting the text was in the computer, I looked about my surroundings as we spoke, and realized I was amongst a gang of sailors that were having a grand time preparing a dinner after a fun evening of sailing. I thought “wow, John wake up here is the essence of our club”. I knew the article I had written just wouldn’t do, so I came home, woke up the computer and sent that glum three hanky article to the trash.

I am frequently asked for my thoughts, as the close of my trick at the helm approaches. I cannot help but think we “ABYC” have had a good run. Apart from the occasional glitch, just look about and you see a grand measure in activity all around. The strong fleets have built, and the prospect of reorganized fleets is strong. The membership has increased, the racing has been numerous, and the social events have experienced an amazing increase in attendance. Without coming across as smug, it has been a treat to overhear guests wish that their clubs would emulate the way ABYC does things. The years of building the Junior Program has reaped marvelous successes this year. The lease extension is signed, the fence is down, and preparations to launch the building modifications including an elevator are close upon us.

We have had a crackerjack year and are poised for another to follow. Now, just what are my thoughts about my year? I think I may have been just successful enough to stay out of everyone’s way so they could get done what needed to be done. Ok ok, without being the least bit maudlin, I celebrate the wonderful spirit and energy of all the volunteers, committees, and sailors of ABYC.

I do love this club. We are the real deal.

Thank You!

John Massey

sabot stickers

Hello sabot sailors: This notice is for both junior and senior sabot sailors.

With the junior summer sailing program now completed the yard group is taking a closer look at our storage on the sabot racks.

A lot of boats changed hands over the summer and this is a “friendly reminder” that we need **ALL SABOTS** to please check on a few things.

- 1) Does your sabot have a legible “**5000” series sticker** on the transom? If not please get a new one at the office. (It may have peeled off...?). Each member is responsible for making sure their boat(s) are stickered.
- 2) Have you confirmed with Julissa in the front office that your sabot is in the correct rack space and that your monthly billing is accurate?
- 3) If you are on a Chubby lower rack dolly, it’s that time of year again to think about flipping your sabot keel up so that it won’t collect water when the **rains** come.
- 4) While you are down at the Club, check the waiting list and make any requests to move to a different height.
- 5) Make sure your mast is in its’ rack (lock it too), your cover is on snug and any loose personal items are cleared away.

During a recent yard walk I counted **26 sabots** that did not have stickers (and I didn’t go around lifting up every cover to peak). Per our club policy and yard rules EVERY ONE of these non-stickered sabots should be impounded and locked up. I don’t want to do that...yet.

For many sailors the sailing season is over for 2010, but before you completely turn your back I encourage you to use that visit to ABYC to make sure your sabot is stickered.

The yard work crew will be going through all of the racks in October to put on new laminated tags and if we can’t match the sticker to the space or a sabot is on a rack without an ABYC identification sticker then we will have to impound the sabot (**the fee for impound is \$20 a day!**).

There are several sabots currently in impound and for most the fees to release will exceed the value of the boat, making them prime candidates for our future auction.

After the above mentioned forthcoming October “raid” we expect to have more sabots locked up in impound, loose spars considered abandoned removed from the racks, unclaimed gear put in lost in found for 30 days and then we will have an auction sale of all impounded/abandoned sabots and gear sometime in the near future.

Please, take a few minutes to make sure your sabot, sabot mast and all sabot gear is safe and sound!

And just to keep you on your toes, we are going to be doing a locker sweep very soon...

Jeff Merrill – Vice Commodore

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October is our transition month with the Board of Directors – with Jr. Staff Commodore **Merle Asper** completing his term we wish him a fond farewell. In the same breath we send a huge welcome to our newest Board member, **Pat McCormick** who was elected in September. A special thanks to **Doug McLean, George Kornhoff, John Williams** and **Latham Bell** who ran, but did not get elected...this time. I know they will all remain active at ABYC and we all owe them our respect and appreciation for running. Incumbents **Jon Robinson, Ken Reiff** and **Jim Grubbs** are back on board the Board, so we will move forward with experienced leadership. Though he's not quite done with the job yet, I'd also like to single out praise to **John Massey** for his leadership this year as our Commodore. We'll celebrate all of this and more October 16th at our Installation dinner, I hope to see you all there.

As I reflect on my year as Vice Commodore and my responsibilities for our house and grounds, there are a few accomplishments made by members and it is the names of those members I wish to highlight in this article as well as recapping some of our new actions.

Our construction team to ready us for the Lease remodel has our plans approved by the City of Long Beach and we are targeting a December 1st ground breaking now, we still need to select a contractor and bids are out now for consideration. Please join me in thanking: two wonderful Directors, **KEN REIFF** and **JENNIFER KURITZ**. They held countless meeting, helped hire an architect and have us poised to begin construction right in time for the Holidays, which will actually be about the best timing we could ask for. To help us get to this stage I would like to also acknowledge Staff Commodore **JOHN MERCHANT** (who is heading up the HOUSE COMMITTEE next year), Staff Commodore **RON WOOD, TODD SMITH, CATHY BLACK-SMITH, STACY CONN, LARRY KIDD**, and a special Thank You to **DOMINIC MEO** who has been on the Elevator Committee for several years.

Our staff, especially **ADAM PHELPS** and **RICK ROSE** has been instrumental in helping to keep our grounds and yard in order this year, thanks you guys. Naturally this also reflects well on their boss, our club manager **KELLY WHITLOW** who does countless tasks to keep our Club in tip top shape.

I dusted off the glass case by the office to provide timely information on waiting lists, yard rules and the rail rider program so if you want to see how you are doing on the waiting lists or have other yard questions you now have a convenient place to look.

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Sou'Wester DEADLINE

October 22, 2010 is the deadline for the November 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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The yard czar committee never formally met, but I would like to acknowledge **KIRSTEN WARREN** for helping with the sabot racks. I also had **JON ROBINSON** for many yard walks as we would talk about how things were working, thank you both!

Two actions regarding boat storage were approved at the Board level this year. We now charge \$10 a day to store your boat with an advance written arrangement (see the office to get paperwork and a special tag permit for your trailer). We now have established a \$20 per day fee to lock up in impound any "found" boat/trailer property that is in our yard without prior written authorization or does not have an ABYC sticker on it.

On this subject, plans are in place for a bar code scanner to do our monthly yard billing and inventory, this measure takes on added significance in the wake of the stolen laser. Spars, rudders, sails and other boat parts have also gone missing and I'd like to remind all of us to be even more vigilant in our yard walks, if you see something out of place, put it in the Lost and Found. This is also a reminder to all members that ABYC is NOT responsible for the personal property you choose to put into the yard. We provide space, but are not liable for any consequences to personal property in our yard. Please take small items home and lock up what you can, sorry, I wish it was a different world....

This year we acted upon something that had been talked about for years, we calculated a fair FLAT RATE billing for the dinghy yard so whether you have a LIDO 14 (and actually I do) or a 505 (in my dreams) you pay the same amount for the same space.

We also formalized the "RAIL RIDER" program this year to offer basin view dinghy parking at premium prices for members on the waiting list who wanted to get their boat in the yard. This success blew me away...we sold out all of the spaces and actually took in five new members along the way. In addition to the extra revenue – which was significant – we required Rail Riders to pay in advance, giving ABYC a nice cash infusion. This program will continue as part 2 for the last three months of the year (there is only one space left!) and will hopefully stay with us as long as it makes sense.

Our sail lockers got some good use this summer and there are future plans to add larger capacity for rolled sail storage, etc. Stay tuned to see what happens in the coming year.

For years we had a "Scoring Shack" at the end of BASIN 5. Race results stopped years ago, but the shack still lived up to its name based on the debris we often cleaned out. We didn't want to erase this structure for fear we could never get permission to reconstruct it so a talented team that included **MERLE ASPER, BOB BISHOP, TERRI BISHOP, RON WOOD** and **DAVE BEHR** created a viewing platform that matches the architecture of our Club upper deck and has made this outpost once again a favorite place to watch Bay races.

"Mr. Gorbachev, tear down that wall" got a sideways flash forward of sorts as we took down the fence fronting our jetty lawn. **BILL MCDANNEL** asked me to present his proposal to the Board and we approved it, about two minutes later the project was complete. EVERY time I come down I can't believe the view. Thanks to **MERLE ASPER, BILL MCDANNEL, DAVE MYER** plus **BOB AND TERRI BISHOP** for continuing to improve the project by planting colorful flowers in the rocks. I recently attended the Peninsula Garden Party at ABYC and it was great to see how peaceful our evening lawn was being enjoyed by people sitting at tables on the sidewalk with the sea shimmering light reflections and a soft breeze. It seems as if we have purchased a waterfront extension to the club, THANKS FENCERS!

Inside our club house ABYC hosts a very impressive trophy collection and **CAROL KOFHAL**, perpetual trophy queen, has requested that any members with old sailing trophies that are no longer on display and have been banished to deep storage consider donating them to ABYC especially if they have the old school metal sailboat tops that are no longer available in today's cheap plastic trophy and prize world. Please drop them off to the front office with a note that they are for Carol's use, thanks!

To wrap up the "thanking volunteers" portion I would like to especially thank my wife **PAM** and teenagers **ELLE** and **JONN** for their continued support of my time spent on ABYC business.

The last half of my year as Vice Commodore has also found me planning for next year to be your Commodore. Our 2011 calendar is mostly done and our new committee chairs have been appointed. I am prepared, ready and looking forward to continuing to serve ABYC and you.

If you would like to contact me for any reason please email me jeffcmerrell@gmail.com (Put "ABYC" in the subject line) or call me on my cell phone 949.355.4950. Thank you and see you at the club!

Jeff Merrill

**ladies day regatta
october 10th**

Need photos of Commodore John Massey for his memory book. Please send to Stacy Massey at sldmassey@me.com



Over the month of September we did not have many social events but the ones we had were huge.

Starting with Pirates of the Peninsula, Lori Van Skyhouk did a superb job of organizing the biggest party of the year. There were pirates, food, drinks, and a band. Caribbean food and drink was the order of the day. The pirates that invaded ABYC were great and even included a parrot. Over 200 people attended and partied late into the evening. A very good time was had by all.

September General Membership Meeting election night, what a fun evening. The membership heard from the Board of Directors on the state of the club. We found out not only the financial health of the club, but also the changes that are going on at the club. We are clearly financially secure. The events at the club are moving forward with the eye on fun. The POS system is working very well and

I look to expand it to help better manage the club and securing the club. The food for this event was different than past years. Kelly went beyond different; he gave us a pleasant surprise with his Mexican twist.

Attention all of you Stags: Stag Cruise is the first weekend in October. This is when the males (sorry ladies) of the club get together and enjoy some time together. It is not like we do not see each other at the club or on the race course but this time it will be in a relaxed environment. The Island is a great place to relax and have fun. Try not to miss this event.

Ladies Day ABYC's Ladies' Day is one of a long-running series of regattas organized by the Southern California Women's Sailing Association (SCWSA) in Naples Sabots at yacht clubs from San Diego to Long Beach. There is also a men's division. Come join in the fun.

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

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

The POS System is working very well. I am looking to expand it, so we can bill boats in the yard. This will do two things one it will give us an increased accuracy to billing the boats and an increased level of security in the yard. By using a barcode system we can quickly and accurately determine the boats that are in the yard on a monthly basis. We then can directly bill those boats to the appropriate member's accounts. More importantly we will know which boats are in the yard and those that are not we can alert the owners as to their absence.

I would like to take this time to thank the membership of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club for allowing me to be your Rear Commodore this year. I also would like to thank you for reelecting me to the Board of Directors. I will be serving you as your Vice Commodore next year. I look forward to the challenges of this position. Among the normal responsibilities of the house and yard, I will be overseeing the construction of the restrooms and elevator. In addition I want to further secure the club with an RFID entry system that will regulate the gates, hoist and club house.

It has been a very fulfilling experience for me as your Rear Commodore this year and I look forward to the challenges for the next year. I appreciate the support that you have given me over the years.

See you around the club

Jon Robinson

fleet captain's log



Holiday Series Regattas (*Episode IV, A New Hope*)*

For longer than many of us can remember, we have referred to the major ABYC invitationals held on holiday weekends as 'The ABYC Holiday Series', but there wasn't much series to it. I remember back in the 1990s there were t-shirts made up to commemorate your participation. There is even a lone perpetual trophy "*The Rod Ogilby Memorial*" dedicated to PHRF class. Needless to say, it's been a long time since that one was awarded. For most of us, however, the holiday regattas are great weekends to race or volunteer, to meet friends, and enjoy a few days on the water, but a series they were not.

Well fret no longer friends, because starting with the 2010 Turkey Day Regatta, we have a real holiday series! The series is fleet based. The series will reward active fleet participation, sailing prowess, and volunteer work. Perpetual trophies will be awarded for each active fleet at ABYC, so there are many ways you can participate, and win. Thanks to our perpetual trophy chair, Carol Kofahl, we have found plenty of grand old perpetual trophies that are getting rededicated to the Holiday Series.

Here are the highlights of the series.

- REGATTAS: Series of 4: Turkey Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day.
- ENTRY - Open to all ABYC members who are members in good standing of the fleet they are competing in. You can compete in more than one fleet. No entry fee!

- AWARDS. Perpetual Trophy in each fleet. Awards presented in the fall of each year (TBD date for now, either the Champions Appreciation Dinner, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, or Installation Dinner)
- WINNER - The one with the most points. Racing, volunteering for regattas, and fleet duties all award points.
- RACING POINTS: Each Holiday Series Regatta you compete in awards points in a high point, normalized format. That means the winner of a regatta gets 1.00 points, placing behind the winner gets some fraction of 1.00 points. You must compete in at least 2 Holiday Series Regattas.
- FLEET DUTY POINTS. Volunteer work in your fleet duty regatta and you get 1.00 points. That is the same as a regatta win. You will want to volunteer for your fleet duty regatta. 0.25 additional points are awarded for volunteering for general membership meeting fleet duty.
- VOLUNTEER POINTS. If you volunteer to do race committee or social committee work on a Holiday Series Regatta that is not your fleet duty, you will be awarded average competition points of the Holiday Series Regattas you competed in. If you can't race, we value your participation as a volunteer.

There are more details in the Deed of Gift. Fleet Captains will have copies available.

You may say "that's fine for Lido's and Cal 20's, but I have a Snipe Moth Open5.7 Thistle Mercury Viper Fin n114, what do I do?" Don't worry, we have something for you too. We are planning on bringing back the old Olympic Classes Fleet, updated to include all our members who have boats that constitute a less than critical mass. Let's call it "The High Performance Fleet". Not that Catamarans, 505s and others don't have high performance boats, but we had to pick a good sounding name, so there.

We all appreciate it when our fellow members can compete with us, and give us more competitive regattas, and we appreciate it when our fellow members volunteer to work the regattas we race in. This new set of series awards is just a small way to recognize everything that each of you do for the club and your fleets.

Cheers,

Mike Baumann

(* article title with respect to Dave and Carol Kofahl's Cal20, Spar Wars)



from the pages of history

The man most responsible for my interest in history was Mister Marmion. A member of an old-time Long Beach family—they owned the Marmion Spice Company down on Third Street near Long Beach Boulevard—he was my junior-year history teacher; by mentioning that the spice-company store still displayed the historic "Blue Eagle" emblematic of Depression-era National Recovery Administration—he taught me that history is everywhere, including where you are. You don't have to go to Plymouth Rock or Independence Hall or Gettysburg to see history; it is in your home town.

In last month's SOU'WESTER there was a photo of Riley Gibbs, the most recent ABYC member to win the Junior Sabot Nationals, posing with the Jerry Thompson, who first won the Junior Sabot Nationals in 1952, and the Junior Championship Trophy. It dawned on me that Riley wasn't even born when I was Commodore—and I wasn't even born when Jerry won the regatta the first time. The photo spans three generations of Sabot sailors and nearly two-thirds of ABYC's entire history.

You who read this column regularly know that history is here, in the pages of the SOU'WESTER—so let's get to it.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

The SOU'WESTER for October, 1980, was a bit thin, but maybe things were quiet around here: the cover photo showed the entire Clubhouse building tented for termites. The incoming Commodore, Langdon Parrill, announced the new leadership for the club: Sherwood Jones was to be installed as Fleet Captain, Dave Dorrans as Port Captain, Brad Clark as Judge Advocate and Ron Rosenberg as Junior Rear Commodore for the coming year.

Outgoing Commodore Gary Winterrowd reported that the Annual Meeting "was the best attended...in several years" and that the "number of votes cast was the largest in recent memory;" it must be reported that, in those days, the day of the Annual Meeting was the only time allowed for voting under the By Laws. The Commodore lamented that only four candidates were elected "as all of them are so well qualified." There was a spaghetti dinner, organized by Jim and Toni Morford and Sherwood and Marietta Jones.

There had been a United States Yacht Racing Union (USYRU)—now US SAILING—Women's Regional Regatta at ABYC in September, chaired by Don and Margie Brown. There was racing in Naples Sabots and Lido 14's; Cathy Black was tops in the Sabot "A" division while Anne Johnson was first in the "B" division. Marty Bowman with Mary Croes as crew won in the Lido's. Co-chair Margie raced with Norma Clapp as crew; they were third behind Isabelle Lounsberry with Betty Kolberg as crew.

Peter Gales took over as Sabotier Fleet Captain from Clif Mathias; the traditional officer's dress coat, emblematic of the office, was handed off at the annual meeting held at Chuck and Adra Kober's house on the Colonnade...both Andy Merrill and Latham Bell were racing Windsurfers the summer of '80; Andy had the dubious distinction of finishing every race in the Southern California circuit that year with the highest overall score and won the Iron Man Award...there were 120 boats at the Labor Day Regatta, with 62 outside and 58 inside; Commodore Winterrowd not only sailed, he won the Lido "B" trophy...

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

According to the SOU'WESTER of October, 1990, there had been 179 boats in sixteen divisions; among the classes there were Snipe (37 boats—honest!), Prindle (15), Tornado (seven) and Cal 20 "B" (five). Among familiar names in the winner's circle were Kevin Taugher (Laser), Chris Raab (Lido 14 "A"), Keith Dodson (Snipe) and Pete Melvin (Tornado). And, of historical note, there is a photo of your Club Historian—then Rear Commodore—serving food at the Luau with the same style of straw hat still worn—and with an ABYC burgee pin.

The big event on the horizon in 1990 was the 1991 International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) World Women's Sailing Championship Regatta. In a full-page article, Sue Crockett introduced the event to the membership, saying that there were volunteer opportunities both afloat and ashore. A big deal was housing, and Adra Kober was managing that; John Weiss was Race Management Coordinator and Claudia Dodson was to be Facilities Coordinator. The regatta was scheduled for September 20-29, 1991.

The Lido 14 fleet "Funny Trophy" dinner—an old tradition recently resurrected—took place in September. Among the recipients were Gabe and Cheryl Ferramola, deemed "Hot as a Pistol" for advancing into the "A" fleet "in near-record time;" Stan Church with the "Lamplighter Trophy" for keeping the race committee waiting until after dark one May evening; and Marty Bowman accepted the "Port Tack Trophy." Presenters Don Barrus and Chris Ericksen also each received awards, Chris the "Chapped Cheek" Trophy and Don the "Shark's Teeth." Lasagna was on the menu.

Judy Mathias recounted meeting the USS Berkeley, a guided-missile destroyer on the back side of Catalina; there was a Coast Guard contingent aboard the tin can that boarded Clif and Judy's Catalina 30 so as to practice inspections. The Commodore's Appreciation Party was apparently a costume event with a Sixties theme; pictured in hippie garb were Commodore Dick and Laura Caley, Bob Anderson and Dan and Norma Clapp—honest. New members introduced in September were Dan Gilboa, Nancy Grubbs and Don Hodges, the latter a returning former member; Bobbie Baker was his sponsor.

TEN YEARS AGO:

Outgoing Commodore Jim Morford started his last Commodore's Comments—printed in the October, 2000, SOU'WESTER—by saying how much he "truly enjoyed being the Commodore of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club this year." He was filled with gratitude for "all the committee chairmen, the people who served on the committees and the overwhelming number of members who volunteered for duty ranging from OD for a day to Race Committee for ten days." Newly elected directors were incumbents Kevin Ellis, Chuck Hardin, Rob Waterman and Chas Merrill.

There was an interesting tidbit in Ann Exley's "From the Pages of History" column about the 1963 Installation Dinner, held that year at the Lafayette Hotel in Downtown Long Beach; cost of the dinner, by the way—which Ann reported "included everything from soup to nuts"—was five bucks. There was a large contingent of honored guests, including the mayor and vice mayor of Long Beach and ABYC's State Assemblyman, George Deukmejian and his wife, Gloria; their granddaughter Samantha Gebb is now a member of ABYC.

There had been a few big regattas at ABYC in late summer that were reported. The Schock 35 class contested their Nationals, with 15 boats in attendance; Jorge Suarez had been regatta chairman while Stan Sorensen was PRO. They raced two days outside the breakwater and one day inside. And the Snipe Districts came to town with 37 boats; John Weiss was PRO. "Special mention must be made of newlyweds Todd Smith and Cathy Black-Smith," said the article on the regatta, "who did double duty as regatta chairs and competitors."

Three ABYC Etchells teams competed in the 2000 Etchells Worlds at San Diego Yacht Club in August; top finisher was Doug Jorgensen with Bryan Warren and Jon Bell in twelfth place...the ABYC New Year's Party would ring in the new millennium to the music of the Elm Street Band; event chair Nicole Peoples reminded everyone that the previous event had sold out and encouraged everyone it "reserve early"...

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian



election results

The results of the Board election is Jim Grubbs, Pat McCormick, Ken Reiff and Jon Robinson. Congratulations!

the bay clogger (junior sailing)

Hello ABYC members, the Junior Fall Program has now begun and we are so excited to announce we have 52 sailors signed up! Even though the summer is over, there has been non-stop sailing during the weekends with lots of regattas and clinics. We are so pleased to have such great participation and outstanding results at the regattas. Read below to find out more of what has been happening at these events!

A huge thank you is due to our Junior Advisory Board chairman, Doug Jorgensen, who will be stepping down from that role after three years of service and dedication. Doug was instrumental in our trailer updates, the laser racks design and construction, the sabot racks construction, the sabot dollies construction, helping with the setup of a 501-C3 account for ABYC through CISA, and continually encouraging growth in all of our junior fleets while working within the restraints of the club and its membership. He put in countless hours on these projects but also was a huge part of program direction helping to jump over countless hurdles and solving numerous problems along the way to keep our junior program healthy, happy, and strong. Doug will be staying on a staple member of the Junior Advisory Board and the very capable Mark Golison will be taking over as Junior Advisory Board Chairman. Thank you to both of them for their outstanding volunteerism and dedication to ABYC and the Junior Sailing Program! Please express your thanks if you see them around the club!

2010 Fall Gold Cup / Shadden Series #1 at NHYC: September 11th-12th

Riley Gibbs, Richard Bell, and Kai Jensen sweep the top three fleets at Fall Gold Cup! Record FJ numbers for ABYC!

The ABYC Junior Team had a highly successful Fall Gold Cup and Shadden #1 this year starting with the sabots. After an outstanding Sabot Nationals, we wondered if it was possible to continue this type of success. The answers started to become apparent after we counted how many sailors we were sending down there - 26 sabots and 5 FJ's for a total of 35 sailors from ABYC competing!

The wind was reasonably strong and good sailing for Newport, but that didn't change the ripping tide that became a huge factor on Saturday and somewhat so again on Sunday. Additionally because of the weekend, the moorings were full and anchored boats were everywhere. In past years, our sailors have struggled to understand and achieve great results in this tricky labyrinth of boats and landforms, but it became obvious that our sailors have finally figured it out. At each start, there would be only a handful of boats shooting off the line primarily because of the tide dragging the fleet down, and a majority of that handful was inevitably ABYC boats. Good roll tacks came in remarkably handy as they started the sabot fleets in a narrow channel wedged between the corner of Lido Isle and a pack of moored boats. The first upwind leg consisted of 10+ tacks for each sailor and what was more crucial was getting punched out at the start (the other alternative was becoming a ping pong ball in the middle of a bunch of paddles). The other major item was the quick 30 to 40 second shifts that made it easy to get a huge lead if you were in front or very difficult to catch up if you were not. Staying in phase after a good start was the theme of the weekend.

Fortunately, our kids were able to adhere to these principals and at the end of the day, ABYC took home the first place trophy for the A, B, and C1 Sabot fleets. Riley Gibbs, recent national champion, and Matt McDermaid took a very commanding 1st and 2nd place overall in the Sabot A fleet. Riley won with all 1st places and one 11th that he threw out. Matt finished with one 1st place and all 2nd's after that throwing out a 3rd place finish one race. Many times, the two of them seemed to be match racing in the front nearly 30-40 boat lengths ahead of the rest of the fleet. Our other two A sailors did very well also. Steven Hopkins finished in 6th overall with very consistent finishes in the 5th-8th range. Sawyer Gibbs popped out in the front of the fleet occasionally and showed real signs of becoming a superstar in his own right finishing in 11th overall.

In the Sabot B fleet, Richard Bell who flirted with the idea of moving up to the A fleet after a stellar nationals performance, decided to give it one more go at winning the B fleet and being forced to move up. Good thing he did as he came away with the gold medal this time winning the B fleet with three bullets and several top five finishes. Rory Gaudio, who has also been on fire sailed his first B fleet regatta and remarkably moved right to the front in 5th overall. Bradley Clinton had a similar story when he was in 5th overall after the first day but was unable to make the second day of sailing, so fell in the rankings.

Kai Jensen, another competitor who sailed a stellar nationals, showed he was tired of the C1 fleet by sailing a remarkably consistent regatta and finishing in 1st place overall. Regardless of his starts, Kai was one of the few competitors who could battle back to the top 5 each race. If he started in the front, he won the race, if he started in last, he finished in 3rd. It was great to see him fight regardless of where he was and he proved he deserved to win and move on to the B fleet. Right there with him was Alan Peoples who sailed an outstanding regatta and was probably the best starter in the C fleet. Alan led over half the races at one point or another and in fact nearly all of our C1's led at least one race. Alan ended up in 4th overall and will also be moving up to the B Fleet. Carl Olson, Adam Elsharhawy, and Noah LaBarba all led a race at one point. Many times there were four ABYC racers in the top five while rounding the windward mark!

In the C3 fleet, we were very proud of Taylor Milefchik who finished 5th out of 38 boats and is moving into the C2's and young Derek Bloemeke who finished 7th (with a bullet) at his only 2nd big regatta!

In the CFJ fleet, we had a record five FJ's compete and perform amazingly well! This was the first of the four part Shadden Series. Jack Jorgensen, who recently lost his crew Samantha Gebb to Princeton University, now had to get used

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to sailing with Savannah Brown, a crew from Santa Barbara. It didn't affect him much as his results were still great finishing in 3rd overall. Marissa Golison and Morgan Mathews have started to find their way to the top grabbing a bullet in one race and finishing 8th overall in the fleet of 60 boats. Our other competitors included Melissa Shadden / Alex Newton (31st overall), Maddie Dieffenbach / Savannah Robinson (33rd overall), and Elle Merrill / Sunny Scarbrough (49th overall). Congratulations to all our amazing sailors!

2010-2011 Junior Board

Congratulations to the 2010-2011 Junior Board. They are...

Elle Merrill – Commodore
Alex Newton – Vice Commodore
Brian MacLean – Rear Commodore
Emily Golison - Secretary
Lauren Thompson – PR Director
Rob Rice – Events Director
Jack Jorgensen – Double-Handed Director
Nick Odegard – Laser Director
Matt McDermaid – Sabot A Director
Dana Boudreau – Sabot B Director
Alan Peoples – Sabot C Director

Jennifer Golison is the Junior Board Liaison and we look forward to seeing what this talented group of youngsters are able to put together for the 2010-2011 sailing year!

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.
- Off season staff is Brad Schaupeter, Sarah Ryan, Chuck Ullman, Mark Ryan, Mark Gaudio, and Laura Newton.

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 3-4 FJ's to support the growing interest of the sailors in double-handed sailing.

Thank you again to Doug Jorgensen for his many years of service as Junior Advisory Board Chairman!

Brad Schaupeter, ABYC Junior Program Director



Alan Peoples (on far left) and Kai Jensen (on far right) take charge of the Sabot C1 fleet with 4th and 1st overall.

The Fall Gold Cup regatta was a regatta I was looking forward to because at the Labor Day regatta the week before this one I didn't move up so I was determined to move up this time. The first day put me in a really good position to move up because I was in first. I got so many good starts because of the tide. The tide was ripping out so what happened was people would go to line up and be drifting off the line. Around 40 seconds I would come in front of the start line and I would dip down to be on the line and that is what gave me my good scores. The second day I had to struggle because I wasn't getting good starts and because the tide wasn't ripping out. I couldn't do what I did the day before until later. Even though I didn't get that good of starts that day I fought to get top five every time. Despite getting bad starts, I still stayed in first but only by one point.

Kai Jensen (age 13)

all Gold cup is a regatta sailed in Newport Beach California. It is a regatta for both Sabots and CFJ's. and some times a Finn class. I sailed a Sabot in the A class with picket fence results. For me sailing in Newport can be difficult and sometimes tricky because of the weather conditions.

Sailing in Newport can be difficult because, it is a light air venue with many boats on moorings that literally block the racecourse. The wind is very fluky and shifty because of the wind blowing thru the streets and buildings of Newport. This creates a difficult course to race on but about 22 ABYC kids went down and we were successful in our results.

On the other hand NHYC is a tricky place to sail because you have to have sailed there before to win there, you have to learn the venue. You have to know that you can get a wind shift off of the Lido Island that can help you get to the weather mark. You should also know that the current is a big deal too. Last Gold cup there was a 9 foot drop of the sea level, which happens when the water is going out of the bay. If you sailed in the middle of the channel you would go faster because the outgoing tide would help push you along.

All in all Newport is a tricky place to sail but Team ABYC did well. Congratulations to Richard Bell, Kai Jensen and Alan Peoples for their performances.

Riley Gibbs (age 13)

From the realization that I was beating everyone, to Sunday afternoon when I was calculating how many places I had to beat the competition by in the last race, my experience in the Fall Gold Cup was that of excitement, pride, anxiety, and relief. Most of my races I found my self launched with another sailor and since our main goal would be to get away from everyone else, I usually had a very relaxed and friendly second lap. All of my competitors where highly respectful and respectable, and it wasn't until the end of each day where the amount of outstanding sportsmanship wavered, which is understandable. Basically all of my races where comebacks, having started last row in every one, and as cliché as it sounds, it taught me to not give up and to keep fighting to the top, it really did. Congrats to Riley Cyrus, winning A's, Matt McDermaid, getting 2nd, Allen Peoples, getting 4th in C1's, and Rorry Gaudio, 5th in B's, first time in the class, I know I'm leaving out tons of other awesome sailors, ABYC went down there, we launched our boats, once we were on the water we brought the competition to its knees, pulled our boats up, took a bunch of trophies, and drove home, great job ABYC!

Richard Bell (age 14)

HYYC Invitational Cup series

ABYC members Payson Infelise and Chris Raab, representing Newport Harbor Yacht Club and sailing with Reid Vitarelli, took third among 24 yacht-club teams from across the United States in the New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup U.S. Qualifying Series, sponsored by Sperry Top-Sider and Jaguar North America and held at the NYYC's Harbour Court station in Newport, Rhode Island.

During the first two days of racing on Narragansett Bay the competitors, seeded into fleets designated Red and Blue, sailed half of each day's races in either NYYC's Sonars or Sail Newport's J/22s. After 14 races were completed the top six teams from each fleet were combined into the Gold fleet to sail the final two days of the regatta in Sonars; the remaining 12 teams sailed a two-day consolation event in J/22s. By finishing third in the Gold fleet, Infelise, Raab and Vitarelli earned themselves and NHYC a spot on the starting line for next year's international NYYC Invitational Cup Regatta, to be sailed in Swan 42s.

NYYC held the first New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup regatta in 2009. Nineteen yacht club teams from fourteen nations competed in Swan 42s at Harbour Court. Competitors had to be members of the yacht club and nationals of the country represented; the 2009 event, won by the host NYYC team, was touted as an international yacht-club championship event.

The U.S. qualifying series was invitational: NYYC invited two dozen U.S. yacht clubs to send teams. Infelise and Raab were not the only ABYC members racing in Rhode Island this month; Keith Ives with fellow ABYC members Randy Smith and John Busch (and Long Beach Yacht Club Commodore) represented LBYC. Other California yacht clubs invited to send teams to the regatta included St. Francis Yacht Club, San Diego Yacht Club and The San Francisco Yacht Club. Complete information on the NYYC Invitational Cup U.S. Qualifying Series, including results and a photo of the NHYC team enjoying the Friday-night lobster bake, can be found on the event website, <http://nyyc.org/2010USICQualifying/>.

Chris Ericksen

pirates of the peninsula

Lori VanSkyhock photos

Yo-Ho- Ho and a Three dollar Mai-Tai! was the call that brought pirates large and small, young and old to the ABYC Pirates of the Peninsula party. They came in their very best pirate attire and with their swash-buckling attitudes to join the likes of Captain Jack Sparrow, Captain Morgan and his parrot, the wenches Samantha, Stormin Norma and Harlow.

The pirates were greeted by event chair Lori Van Skyhock who had spent the prior 3 months preparing for the special end of summer gathering. There were games and a treasure hunt for the little pirates besides a chance to mix it up with the real pirates. But before their arrival and during the Labor Day Regatta, the club was transformed by some hard and fast working ladies including Dana Bell, Bonnie Robertson, Kathy Robinson, Lynne Falconer and Anne Seapy.

A hearty and tasty meal was prepared by the club staff headed by manager Kelly Whitlow with his able assistants Adam and Rick. The registration was manned and womaned by Kathy and Jon Robinson and Sue McDannel. Service was then provided by Mike and Lynne Falconer and Jamie McGee. One of the special highlights of the dinner was the

special dessert, "Black Bart Sundaes" prepared and served by Commodore John Massey also known as "Captain Ice Cream!"

After dinner the Party Jones band started doing their thing, and big and little pirates danced their eye patches off. The beautiful view of the high tide and warm still air kept many hearty souls dancing the night away! What an evening!

Sue McDannel



more labor day

elsewhere in the club to staff race courses both on Alamitos Bay and inside the Breakwater, manage the yard, assist on the ramp, set up for the party on Saturday and clean up on Sunday. Martyn Bookwalter was PRO on the Ocean Course; Marc Schryer with Bruce Golison served on the Bay Course. Margaret Caddle organized the protest committees while ABYC Port Captain Dave Myers organized race gear. PATIENCE was ably prepared by George Caddle.

The always-helpful ABYC Staff, led by General Manager Kelly Whitlow, worked tirelessly from dawn to well after dusk all weekend; whether it was moving tables or moving trailers or launching whalers or serving cocktails, the staff helped make the regatta a huge success for the volunteers and participants alike.

Chris Ericksen



membership report

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

ABYC welcomes the following new members who have been approved for membership by the board at the September meeting.

Kai Jensen Junior Sponsor Lynda Peoples

Resignation

Thomas Grubbs Regular

Sean Maloney Junior

Anchor Waitlist

Don Wilson Lee Berlinger

Dave Ellis Richard Bell

Michael Cahan

Robin Townsend



New members receiving their burgees are Rob Coutts (tutor) and Ben Leibowitz (Laser student -19 and USC)

hails from the fleets



The Fleet to Be In!

Labor Day's two-day regatta was fun, foggy and fluky! It was definitely a regatta where you needed to be at the right place at the right time... if you got caught in a fluky air whole you were in deep for the rest of the race. It was terrific to see **Cathy and Todd Black-Smith** back out there with us on the race course!! **Steve Butler** and **Robin Durnin** were out there too. The Labor Day Champions were **Mark and Robin Townsend**, who won the **George Lounsberry** Memorial Trophy in honor of Robin's Father who founded our

Cal 20 Fleet!!!

Labor Day results were:

1 st Place	Mark Townsend/Robin Townsend	Toadstool
2 nd Place	Mike Wood/Ron Wood	Lickety Split
3 rd Place	John Merchant/Rob Fuller	Breakfast Club

Wet Wednesday have wrapped up and the trophy presentation was held at LBYC on September 22nd for sailors and families. **Rick Roberts**, LBYC Waterfront Director, did a fantastic job coordinating the races for the Cal 20 fleet.

Results for the Wet Wednesday Series Four:

Red Hot Fleet:

1 st	Keith Ives/Chuck Stevens	Rubber Dog
2 nd	Mike Wood/Ron Wood	Lickety Split
3 rd	Jeff Ives/Phil Soma	Bravura

Cool Blue Fleet:

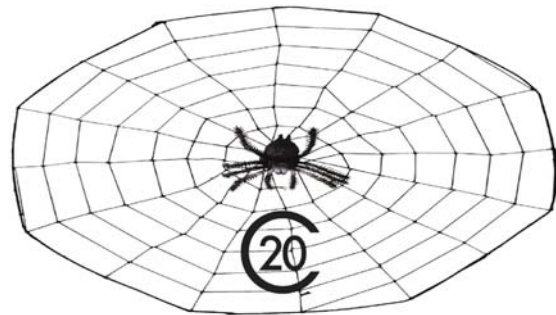
1 st	Dan Bates	Loryee
2 nd	Dave Wenger	Cal-Abunga
3 rd	Craig Stenberg	Light Weight

If you haven't sailed in awhile; it's time to dust off the spider webs and come out for the Trick or Sheet Regatta October 31st!!!

Patty Nash, Cal 20 Fleet Captain



Labor Day champs Mark and Robin Townsend



Laser District 25 Championship Regatta

In what has become tradition, the *Laser* District 25 Championship regatta for *Laser* full rigs, *Radials* and now *Laser 4.7's* was held in conjunction with the ABYC Labor Day Holiday Regatta. We were pleased to see a small group of 4.7's gearing up for the 4.7 Worlds in the Bay Area next year, as the last time we had such a fleet was the *Laser* Nationals at ABYC in 2008.

In the *Radial* fleet we saw a consistent and outstanding performance from ABYC's **Jack Jorgensen** who won the first race of the series and finished the regatta in fourth place against a tough fleet of **50 Radials**.

The large turnout of *Lasers* for Labor Day looks to be a preview of future ABYC *Laser* events as local and not so local *Laser*, *Radial* and **4.7** racers use upcoming ABYC regattas to prepare for the *Laser* Midwinters West and *Laser* National Championship at Cal YC, as well as the *Laser* Masters and *Laser 4.7* Worlds in the Bay Area, all in 2011.

In the full rig fleet, we have a report from ABYC *Laser* Fleet Co-Captain, **Jorge Suarez**. Here is his report:

Sailors came from as far away as Morro Bay to the north and San Diego to the south to compete in the The *Laser* District 25 Championships for *Laser* Standard rigs, which was held in conjunction with ABYC's Labor Day Regatta. 24 boats arrived on the line to race in good conditions on Saturday only to be challenged by drifting conditions on Sunday.

Saturday brought maximum 10 knots of breeze from Long Beach's normal southwest direction. The most senior member of the fleet, Nils Andersson of Mission Bay YC (he is over 70 years old!), kept all the younger sailors on their toes reaching the weather mark in first to start the regatta. Some agility was needed downwind as Oliver Toole of Santa Barbara, **Ben Leibowitz** of ABYC, Ryan Hoeven of King Harbor YC, and Michael Bradley of LBYC passed the leaders at the weather mark and the downwind leg, which was the story for the rest of the day. Mike Bradley almost didn't make the start! He was late to the Club since he had family commitment that same morning, stripping his tie off while rigging. With the help of a

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friendly tow and a 20 minute postponement, he made the start without his usual pre-race routine. It didn't matter since he finished 1, 4, and 1 and finished the day in 1st place!

Sunday was another matter. With the wind coming from the southeast and never building over five knots, it was a new ballgame! Light sailors were favored over the heavies (your author!) and the constant search for wind kept the pressure on the whole fleet. In a nutshell, if you were looking good one minute, you paid for it the next! Still, consistency in finishes paid off as the top three boats in the regatta all had their throw out on the last race! Oliver Toole won the regatta and the District 25 Championship two points ahead of second place **Ben Leibowitz**. Mike Bradley dropped to third four points behind Ben. Brian Cotrell of King Harbor benefited the most from the light conditions as he jumped from 15th to 7th on the last day scoring two bullets! Other ABYC racers placing in the top ten were; **Cameron Summers** and your author.

Many sailors told me this was one of the best events all year! From the assistance on the ramp, the Pirate Party, to on the water decision making keeping fair sailing to over 100 boats, thanks to **Martyn Bookwalter** – PRO, his all volunteer crew, and especially to the Lido Fleet for putting on a great event!

2010 ABYC Laser Fleet Championship Standings

Taking seven regatta and participant scores into account, the winner(s) of our 2010 ABYC *Laser* Fleet Championship will no doubt hinge on who places well in the remaining three events. With racers earning more points in regattas with a larger number of entries and noting the large turnout of *Laser* and *Radial* racers in the Labor Day Regatta, Turkey Day results will be crucial.

As of this writing, the top five *Laser* racers in order are; **Jorge Suarez, Ben Leibowitz, Cameron Summers, Steve Smith, Vann Wilson** and **Chuck Tripp**. The top *Radial* racers are; **Jack Jorgensen, Nicholas Odegard, Bruce Johnston, Andrew MacLean** and **Dugan Farrell**.

Steven Smith and Jorge Suarez, ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captains



If there is anyone who can be called the “father” of the Alamos Bay Etchells Fleet, it is Ken Frost. A long-time member of Newport Harbor Yacht Club as well as of ABYC, back in 1985, when the Etchells Worlds were held in Newport Beach, Ken—by then a member of some years in the Newport Beach Etchells fleet—arranged for three boats to be left behind and sold to ABYC members: Chas Merrill and Peter Gales bought hull 491, Chuck Kober and John Weiss bought hull 610 and Steve and Raleigh Moffett bought hull 653. Five boats are required to charter a fleet, so ABYC members Frost and Doug Jorgensen jumped ship from Newport Beach fleet to become charter members of Alamos Bay Etchells Fleet 18.

Over time, as the Newport Beach fleet withered, first Doug and then Ken and Jean Frost have moved to ABYC. The Frost's teamed up this year with Jamie Hardenbergh, a long-time friend, with the goal of qualifying for the 2011 Etchells Worlds in San Diego; they joined our fleet last year.

Well, their path seems to be on target, as they have won the 2010 Fleet Championship Series.

The last regatta of the series, held on Sunday, September 19, was a perfect day of racing, and three races were sailed. The regatta was dominated—no other word applies—by Rich Vaught, who won all three races. Everyone else in the regatta watched. Don Burdge and his team were second in the regatta, a point ahead of the Frost/Hardenbergh team; Jerry Montgomery was fourth, one point behind. John Chapman and Gordon Dudley and Jeff Powell rounded out the results. Here they are:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	TOTALS
Rich Vaught	USA821	1	1	1	3
Barber/Burdge/Newsome	USA126	2	4	2	8
Frost/Hardenbergh	USA669	4	2	3	9
Jerry Montgomery	USA792	3	3	4	10
John Chapman	USA1002	5	5	5	15
Dudley/Powell	USA531	DNF/6	DNC/6	DNC/6	18

There were a total of 27 races over seven regattas in the 2010 Fleet Championship Series; high-point scoring was used, with a twenty-per-cent discard allowance. Below are the final standings:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS	OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS
Frost/Hardenbergh	USA669	59	John Chapman	USA1002	31
Jerry Montgomery	USA792	52	Argyle Campbell	USA1229	29
Barber/Burdge/Newsome	USA126	45	Carter/Ericksen	USA491	27
Rich Vaught	USA821	34	Menezes/Sims	USA494	8
Tom Corkett	USA889	31	Dudley/Powell	USA531	4

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At the fleet meeting and celebration that followed the regatta, Don Burdge was elected Fleet Captain of the Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet for the coming year.

Rich Vaught was also the big winner of the year in the Seal Beach Yacht Club Pop Tops Regatta: he won both Series Four and Five this summer, the only two series in which the Etchells sailed as a one-design fleet.

This was not the final regatta of the year for the Etchells fleet: as of deadline, several Etchells have entered the Yacht Clubs Of Long Beach Charity Regatta To Benefit The Children's Clinic, Serving Children And Their Families. The ABYC Halloween Regatta and Turkey Day Regatta are on the calendar, as is the final one-day fleet regatta on Sunday, November 28, Thanksgiving weekend.

Chris Ericksen



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

September's meeting has to be one of a kind. The Commodore decided that the same date as the regular Keel Boat Fleet meeting, Friday, September 10, was the only possible date for his 'Volunteer Appreciation Party'. Naturally this upset the apple cart for the Keel Boaters as the September Fleet meeting is the first of the 2010/2011 Keel Boat Fleet year and people are asked to volunteer for the various committees. Joe Riddick took the upset in stride and opted for a 5 PM business meeting on the 10th and the Commodore responded with an invitation to all Keel Boat Fleet members to join his shindig including the dinner. While the Keel Boat Fleet is getting a little long in the tooth, we are not so old that we don't recognize a free meal when it is offered and promptly said yes.

The following have volunteered:

Maggie and George Caddle-1/21/11, General Membership Meeting
Mary and Joe Riddick-1/14/11, Keel Boat Fleet Meeting and pot luck
Carol Reynolds and Judy Mathias-2/?/11, Theater Party
Susan and Ron Long-1/11/11, Keel Boat Fleet Meeting and pot luck
Maggie and George Caddle-4/?/11, Vern Peterson Memorial Shoreline Yacht Club Dock Party and Dinner
Carol Reynolds and Bob Chubb-5/13/11, Keel Boat Fleet Meeting and pot luck BBQ
Norma and Dan Clapp and Family-4/9/11, Pine Block Regatta, 2nd annual perpetual Trophy awarded and BBQ
Bob Chubb-mail out blue Fleet notification cards
Maggie Caddle-Treasurer
George Caddle-Sou'Wester Fleet columnist and Fleet notices by e-mail

We still need volunteers for:

Staffing the ABYC Halloween Regatta. The Sabotier and Keel Boat fleets are responsible.
Help with November 11 Keel Boat meeting and pot luck dinner.
Help with December 9 combined Sabotier and Keel Boat fleet's Christmas Party.

Please call Joe Riddick and volunteer for the above. Speaking of Joe and his long supporting wife, Mary, they have literally held the Keel Boat Fleet together, along with Judy Mathias and a few others. With help it's a lot of work but fun however if they do ALL the work the fun's gone. And I will bet so are the Riddicks.

While I am on my volunteer soapbox my hats off to Dan and Norma Clapp who put on a low key but great New Year's Party. Anyone with a lick of sense ought to ask Dan and Norma if they can help out. This party is ABYC at its best with plenty of families and lots of games and all for a very inexpensive price.

See you at the November 11 Meeting

George



What a beautiful day at the beach! We may have only had seven boats in the water, but we had the bay to ourselves after the summer crowd thinned out leaving us to enjoy warm weather and a brisk breeze!

Trophies were presented:

Fleet Race September 12th: 1st place, Bob Ware, 2nd place Jane McNaboe, 3rd place, Mary Riddick.

August Twilights: 1st place, Fred Stevens, 2nd place John Ellis, 3rd place Mary Riddick.

Twilight Championship: Tied with five points each: Bob Ware and Fred Stevens

Dinner was served following a "taco bar" that Alex provided...thanks Alex! It was enjoyed by all.

October 10th is coming up! Join us for Ladies Day, both men and woman's divisions! Preregistration available on line @ ABYC.org. Lets make that one of the best!

Calling all Sabot sailors, friends and keelboat members to sign up to staff the Halloween Regatta, Sunday, October 31st.

Dianne Gonzales



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General Membership Meeting with a Tiki Twist
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Friday, November 12th
Cocktails: 5:00pm
Dinner: 6:30pm
Awards Program: 7:00pm

Tropical Theme



By: The Cal 20 Fleet

Commodore's Installation

October 16th

Cocktails 1830

Dinner 1930

Reservations necessary



Halloween Regatta

October 31st

Costumes Encouraged

See enclosed NOR for details

