



## laser masters a champs

The reviews coming in from the competitors and guests offer universal praise for ABYC, its members, volunteers and staff for the 2010 *Laser Masters* North American Championship Regatta August 13-15. The germination of this event began early spring last year when the *Laser Class Association* asked if ABYC would host the regatta. When the subject was broached with the Race Management Committee, **Jon Robinson** insisted this was just the kind of regatta ABYC exists to conduct. I said I would Co-Chair with Jon, but he insisted that I compete in the event.

Leading up to the regatta, **Mark Townsend, Margaret Caddle, Latham Bell**, *Laser Class* officials and others navigated the challenge of drafting the Notice of Race to meet the requirements for a "Masters event". This was a prestigious *Laser Class Regatta* as racers placing well would win the right to register for the even more prestigious *Laser Masters World Championship* in England this fall. Normally for a regatta of this importance, the *Laser* builder would provide a number of new or nearly new *Laser* hulls and spars for entrants to charter; however, there were no builder provided charter boats available for our races. This being the case, we sent a plea to local *Laser* owners to offer their boats for charter to out of town competitors. The plea was largely successful as nearly every sailor seeking a charter had one for the regatta.

Other than the charter boat challenge, event preparations were uneventful and the race volunteers' roster filled-in with a few folks to spare. **John Bergan** came through with another great shirt for the competitors, while **Chris Raab**, though unfortunately not competing, provided unique and lovely trophies for the winners. **Pease & Jay Glaser** through their business, **Glaser Sails** graciously provided all competitors with a nicely fabricated colored band which was affixed to the mast and identified each racer by age group.

Competitors from across the U.S.A. as well as Canada, Argentina, New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain, began arriving early the week of the ninth. Greeting and early check-in Thursday was handled by **Jim Drury** and me. The pace quickened Friday morning, but with **Jim Morford** handling computer scoring, fleet and sail number changes, we were in good shape. **Jim Drury, Gretchen Boudreau, Jorge Suarez** and **Jon Robinson** handled volunteer check-in and other last minute tasks. **George Caddle** made sure *Patience* was ready and **Dave Myers** ensured the whalers were properly equipped. **Daniel Milefchik, Will & Dana Boudreau, Peter Bishop** and **Bryce Hatch** helped launch boats and store the dollies for the returning racers.

Out on the water and back for another turn as PRO for a major *Laser* Regatta, was **Mark Townsend**. Helping Mark were; **Sandy Toscan, Steve Kuritz, Jon Lounsberry** and from Mission Bay Yacht Club, Carol Andersson. Our Head Scorer was **Jennifer Kuritz** who had help from her Dad, **John Ellis** and **Jim Drury**. Having a rough, wet day in the whalers



Steve Smith, Regatta Co-Chair, Mark Townsend, PRO and Jon Robinson, Regatta Co-Chair address the skipper's meeting

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# commodore's comments



I started writing this month's notes while seated in the computer scoring room with Jim Morford and Jon Robinson. The occasion is the Laser Master's North American Championship with a fleet of over 60 boats including boats from Argentina, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand. The smooth operation of this regatta is, once again, a testimony to the wonderful ABYC members that volunteer their time and energy toward the success of our many events. So, to honor these members, we are going to celebrate the end of our "official" summer season with the Commodore's Appreciation Party to take place on Friday, September 10th.

Open to all members, and as the weather is finally cooperating, the patio is the logical place to be. The fire pit will be lighted and the BBQ will be hot. You may bring your own meat to incinerate, ABYC will provide the salad and pasta plus plates, utensils and condiments. We are booking the Ukulele and Guitar Combo that was such a sensation at the Cal-20 Wednesday night after Twilights party. And for those who missed that party or have heard the rumors, these guys play all the stuff we actually know the words and can actually dance to! This is open to ALL the membership and a lot of folks are coming, so call in that you are coming and we'll have plenty of food. The Ballot box will be available for you to cast your vote prior to the Annual September General Membership Meeting the following Friday.

August was a very busy month and much happened to bring to your attention. Tackling an enormous job, Rear Commodore Jon Robinson and Treasurer George Kornhoff have got the POS (point of sale) charging system up and running. You may have received your cards by the time you read this. This system will reduce the handling of that blizzard of charge slips associated with each month's billing. This was an outstanding effort and, to them, I offer my congratulations.

More congratulations are in order to many of our Junior sailors for this summer's racing. Particular notice Riley Gibbs for winning the the Junior Sabot Nationals for the first time in many years. And how about that amazing ABYC sweep of the Beach to Bay Race. We are very proud of Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb for winning the US Sailing Junior Double Handed Championship Bemis Trophy. I am so proud of all our Juniors, and their parents that support them and our wonderful club.

Carol Kofahl our perpetual trophy chair, attended the board meeting and presented to the board the status of our honored trophies. Carol noted two key issues. First concern is the need for restoration of our unique historical trophies many of which are silver plated, plus bases for those that have run out of landscape for nameplates. Second concern was a request to members that may have old trophies, stored away and no longer on display. Would they please consider giving them to the club, that they might be rededicated and placed back in service?

I must remark that this summer has been amazing in activity and enthusiasm. From my point of view this summer has been "Brilliant".

Now, for my traditional parting shot. Pay your outstanding account. Understand, that the new POS system can track account and cut you off if you are delinquent. The board looks to this as a means of controlling and reducing the delinquent list population.

Oh yes, and lest I forget, the answer to that burning question is: as of August 11th, "The construction plans are in the hands of the City of Long Beach review and comments"

*John Massey*

## vice verses



I had the pleasure of working with regatta chairman Doug Jorgensen during the FJ nationals in late July. We had 70 entries and it was a great event. Mark Townsend was PRO and once again ABYC did a stellar job of hosting a prestigious event. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make our club shine!

With voting for the Board of Directors underway I am preparing to be your commodore next year and excited with what will surely be an outstanding board. Thanks to all eight candidates for running, I'd especially like to express my appreciation to the four who do not make it this time...and encourage you to consider running again next year. All members are invited to come down to ABYC for our free dinner and annual membership meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> to see all of your friends and learn who will be on the team to lead ABYC in 2011.

The lease construction projects (elevator and restrooms) are making progress and as of this writing we have submitted plans to the City of Long Beach for approval. With the expected go ahead we will be then be sending out to contractors for bid and it appears demolition may occur as early as November – the timing could make for a very interesting Turkey Day regatta if demolition has commenced.

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Next time you are at ABYC I encourage you to start a new habit of checking out the glass case outside the front office. We post our calendar for the coming month as well as details on the waiting lists, rail riders, lockers, etc. Naturally our website is the most convenient way to stay in touch so please bookmark it on your computer.

There are a lot of exciting new ideas being prepared for the upcoming year. Our Holiday Series (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Turkey Day) are being made over by Fleet Captain Mike Baumann so that we will be awarding a high point perpetual trophy for each class at the end of the year (including points for volunteering during your fleets duties) – stay tuned for more details. I was approached by Steve Bloemeke about doing something to acknowledge the tremendous success of our junior sailing program this year and we have evolved this idea into what is expected to be an annual “Champions Celebration” to be held during our November General Membership meeting. The details are still being organized for November 12<sup>th</sup> and the plan is to celebrate ALL ABYC members who sailed under our burgee and won a championship during this calendar year – from Pete Melvin and Nat Shaver winning the Alter Cup, through Bruce Golison winning the Etchells North Americans and most recently Riley Gibbs taking the Sabot junior nationals and Kevin Taugher being crowned the Laser Masters North American champion. This will be an “aloha” themed casual evening that really should be a special night for all of us.

ABYC has a very impressive trophy collection and Carol Kofhal, perpetual trophy queen, has been very diligently organizing our heritage to make sure we are current on our engraving and that each trophy is properly maintained and restored. Carol gave a wonderful presentation at the August Board of Directors meeting to share with us her plans and we should all be very thankful with her meticulous care of our impressive legacy.

The 2011 committee chairs are getting organized to launch into their projects. Please offer your services if you are called to volunteer to help with all of the proceedings we undertake each calendar year.

The 2011 ABYC calendar will be posted on the [www.abyc.org](http://www.abyc.org) website October 8<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, several organizational meetings will be taking place to help get us ready. The SAC annual meeting will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, the annual Regatta Planning meeting (PRO’s and regatta chair assignments) is slated for September 28<sup>th</sup>, and the annual Fleet Captains meeting will be conducted on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The invitations for the 84<sup>th</sup> annual Installation Dinner – October 16<sup>th</sup> - will be in the mail about the time this Sou’Wester arrives in your mail box. Please call the office to RSVP and if you have a group of people whom you wish to sit with at the

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## Sou’Wester DEADLINE

September 17, 2010 is the deadline for the October Sou’Wester.

## Help us to Help you!

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

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same table please make that request. In addition to installing our new flag officers and board members we will be presenting our traditional special awards. This will be a fun evening and Pam and I would like as many members as possible to attend.

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

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

Jeff Merrill

rear view



Over the month of August we did not have very many social events that were not part of a regatta. The social events that were hooked to a regatta were great events. The Schock 35 dinner was a steak out and everyone enjoyed themselves. Dinner was great and the party after dinner was even better. The Laser Masters North Americans had an equally as good dinner and everyone was very social. A good time was had by all at both events.

**August General Membership Meeting** was hosted by the Etchells Fleet. The speaker was John Williams about the 2012 F-18 Worlds that is to be held at ABYC. Dinner was chicken piccata and it was very good.

**Catalina Cruse** started on Friday August 20 and ended on Sunday August 22. This event had many competitions and a lot of fun. Pat McCormick held a tour of the Isthmus Yacht Club and gave some of the history linked to this facility. Good times and good company prevailed.

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

**Keelboat Fleet BBQ and Commodore's Appreciation Party** will be held the same night and will probably merge. Since a lot of the Keelboaters are also volunteers it is only fitting they merge. Come join in the fun and recognize the volunteers.

**ABYC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** September 17, 2010. Do not miss this event. Dinner is at 1830 and the meeting is at 1900. Balloting will be available and the results of the elections will be announced. Dinner is free so come and join in the fun and don't forget to cast your ballot.

**Club ABYC** We will have a band and some great snacks. Come join in the fun. The Weekly Reader will have all of the details. 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.

As you have noticed the new Point of Sale (POS) system is in place. I hope that it will speed up the purchase process and give you more accurate billing. You will find that the club cards that you received in the last billing will speed up the purchase process even more. Many of you have made comments and I will act on as many of them as possible.

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. It has been a very fulfilling experience. I look forward to serving you in the future and appreciate the support that you have given me.

See you around the club.

Jon Robinson



midge Marshall

Long time ABYC past manager, Midge Marshall, passed away on August 14th. Our condolences to her family. There is no service planned.

**General Membership Meeting  
& Elections  
September 17th  
Dinner 1830  
Meeting 1900**



As you read this, we have just completed, over the course of seven weeks, six invitational and championship regattas in boats from Lasers to Schock 35's, held in the bay, in the harbor, and outside at both Seal Beach and Sunset / Huntington Beach. I had the pleasure to work on race committee at most of these races, and I can report that we 'have it' when it comes to hosting regattas. We ran races with upwards of 90 starters at a time, yet only used the 'I' flag three times over all 6 regattas combined. Visiting class representatives told us this was impossible (I guess they had not seen us in action before). The race chairs came up with events that were fun for the competitors and member volunteers alike. The club staff did wonderful work to support the events. The end result of which were very delighted guest racers, who left with just one question: *When can we come back to ABYC again?*

As the summer winds down, we have a few more great regattas in store, ranging from shorter one day regattas like Charity Regatta and Halloween, to our biggest regattas of the year, Labor Day and Turkey Day. I encourage you to sail in these events. There is competition for sailors of every skill level, and all the classes of boats at the club. If you aren't racing, I would suggest you volunteer for race committee work. It's been the best seat in the house to watch the racing.

In other news, we should be revealing a plan for series prizes in our holiday series later this month. We will be organizing the series awards by recognized ABYC fleet, so make sure you are in good standing with your respective fleet captains.

*Mike Baumann, Fleet Captain*

## from the pages of history

With the annual Summer Junior Program having ended in August, ABYC Juniors are often the focus of the SOU'WESTER in September. Those of the past are no different; but in each there is something else to make you smile and remember...

### THIRTY YEARS AGO:

The 1980 Junior Sabot Nationals were held at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club in the south bay of San Diego, according to the SOU'WESTER for September of that year, and very late, too: it was set for August 22-24. There were of course no results—the SOU'WESTER deadline predated the finals—but what was listed was the ranking of ABYC Juniors out of the Elimination Series, which appears to have been an entirely separate regatta in those days. Some of the names are very familiar: Kevin Dumain was first, Steve Bloemeke third, Lynda Fox sixth (top-ranking girl) and Kristen Fox tenth. Charlie Crockett, Paul Ancil and Russell Fox were 13th, 14th and 15th, respectively; Michael and Kevin Goyan were 15th and 17th, respectively; and Ron Rosenberg was not ranked but was petitioning for a position.

Commodore Gary Winterrowd reported on the success of ABYC Juniors through the summer, noting that John Shadden and Steven Rosenberg were first in the Snipe Junior Nationals and third in the Nationals while Mike Segerblom was second in the Juniors; both qualified to go to the Snipe Worlds that year. Steven Rosenberg also teamed up with brother Ron to win the Lido Junior Nationals. Writing late in the month, evidently, the Commodore reported that he understood "several of our Juniors are doing very well at the Junior Sabot Nationals."

Looking at the cover of this SOU'WESTER is a real time-warp moment: it features Jeff Jones, then an ABYC member, reaching along on his Windsurfer. "Windsurfing is that relatively new and exciting sport," went the invitation to the August ABYC meeting at which Jeff would discuss his activities, "that combines the thrill of snow skiing, surfing and hang gliding." The photo showed the daggerboard of the Windsurfer dangling from Jeff's arm, then the hot ticket for offwind performance.

Chris Raab defended his 1979 title by winning the 1980 Lido 14 Class Championship, held at King Harbor; the 1981 event would be held in Dallas...all woman members were invited to attend a brunch hosted by the wives of ABYC's officers and directors, intended to honor "the ladies of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club;" Patty Winterrowd, wife of the Commodore, was the hostess...the Club Manager led off with this plea: "Sailors are asked to limit washing of their sails off on the lawn area; apparently the salt is killing the grass"...

### TWENTY YEARS AGO:

There was no article about the Summer Junior Program in the SOU'WESTER for September, 1990, but there was a lot of art. The cover photo and several pictures on the two-page center spread showed a number of smiling faces behind their trophies. One picture showed Steve Moffett, the ABYC Director responsible for the Junior Program, surrounded by a bevy of lovely young women including Stacy Conn, Kristen Fox and Lynda Fox. And several pics were of the ABYC Juniors aboard what looks like a Santa Cruz 70; a photo looking down from high up the mast shows ABYC Juniors lining the rail, legs out, and stretching from bow pulpit to stern pushpit.

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There actually was a lot of coverage of activities of the first weekend of October. That is the traditional weekend of the ABYC Stag Cruise, and the 1990 edition was led by John McNaughton and slated to run to the Corsair Yacht Club facility in Emerald Bay. But what got the most ink—and used the most clever verbiage—was the Third Annual ABYC Slumber Party, slated for women only (presumably many of them the spouses of Stag Cruise attendees) the same weekend. The event flyer said it would be “Absolutely Beyond Your Comprehension” and the women attending were forecast to be “Able Bodied Young Chicks (of all ages)” and “All Babes, Yet Classy.” Attendees were asked to bring a “non-returnable wooden spoon and a package of any flavor Jello.” One wonders why...

1990 was not an Olympic Year, but the Olympics were on the minds of many local sailors, including Mike Schoettle, chairman of the Olympic Yachting Committee. Among those on the 1990 U.S. Sailing Team were 470 sailors Jay Golison, crew with helm Bill Draheim; Chris Raab, crew with helm Nick Scandone; and Jackie Golison, skipper with crew Leslie Dearnorff. Doug McLean was a Soling skipper, sailing with Jeff Thorpe and Bill Fortenberry. And two teams of note in the Tornado class included Pease and Jay Glaser, respectively helm and crew, and Pete Melvin, helm with Chris Steinfeld as crew.

The annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta would feature the first-ever presentation of the Kelly Daniel Ting Perpetual Trophy to the winner of the largest class; it was donated by the grandparents of the honoree, Dan and Norma Clapp...Pete Melvin and Steve Rosenberg were planning to race a wing-sailed catamaran in the International Catamaran Challenge Trophy, more commonly called “the Little America’s Cup,” in Australia; the two would be making make a presentation on the project with designer and project manager Gino Morelli at a future ABYC meeting...a tidbit “From The Pages of History,” then written by Ann Exley, reported 1936 as the time that the Gales family arrived at ABYC: “Mr. and Mrs. and sons Bob, Don and Dudley,” Ann explained that, while his mother preferred to call the youngest by his middle name, “we know him as Peter”...

#### TEN YEARS AGO:

“The (Summer) Junior Program is over,” announced Commodore Jim Morford in the “Commodore’s Comments” that appeared in the SOU’WESTER for September, 2000; “whom are going to blame for everything that is messed up, missing and/or broken?” A dozen ABYC Juniors had attended the Junior Sabot Nationals at Mission Bay Yacht Club; Freddie Stevens was top performer, finishing third in the Gold fleet, while others included Sarah McNaboe (24th in Gold), Christopher McNaboe (ninth in Silver), Andrew McDade (16th in Silver) and Graham Bell (third in Bronze). There were 85 kids in the program, run under the supervision of ABYC Director Steve Bloemeke.

Seal Beach Yacht Club evidently sailed their first-ever One-Design Regatta at the end of July, 2000, and the ABYC Etchells fleet took part. Steve Moffett with Greg and Mary Montz as crew won the five-race, no-discard event, one point ahead of Jerry Montgomery and Bob Anderson, who sailed with Alan Johnson one day and Bob Falk another. John Chapman finished third. Chuck Kober and John Weiss sailed on Saturday only (that day was part of the fleet’s Championship Series) with Chuck’s grandson Eric as crew.

The summer of 2000 was a good one for Lee Berlinger: not only did he chair a successful Senior Sabot Nationals and win the Fleet Championship, he and wife Jane celebrated the birth of grandson Logan Michael Blakeborough, son of their daughter Jenny and son-in-law Mike. Mary Riddick seemed to be the terror of Alamitos Bay, however, finishing first in both June Twilights and the July fleet race.

Alamitos Bay’s Lido fleet Six hosted the 2000 Lido 14 Class Championship on Huntington Lake; Fred Stevens was regatta chairman and Mars Schryer served as PRO...Chris Raab added winning the George O’Day Trophy to his list of accomplishments, taking first place at the U.S. Singlehanded Championship Regatta in Santa Barbara; Bob Falk, the other ABYC attendee, was third among the 19 competitors...It was anticipated that several Etchells would take part in the 2000 ABYC Stag Cruise; the conversation was about where would they go once they got there: alongside “mother ships” or “anchored in a nest off the beach”...

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

## board droppings



Commodore John Massey called the meeting order at 1900 hours.

Ed Spotskey said that now that the membership promotion was over there had been a drop off of new member applications. He emphasized that the members need to recruit their friends and neighbors to join the Club.

Ken Reiff announced that the remodel plans were submitted to the City of Long Beach for plan check on August 11. It should take 4 - 6 weeks for a response. After the plans are returned, any changes will be made and the plans resubmitted. After final approval bid request will be sent out for the construction.

There was discussion regarding guest privileges at the Club. Members need to understand that to have guests at the Club they also have to be present and are responsible for the conduct and decorum of their guests. There was a recent incident where a person claimed to be a guest of a member and was verbally abusive to the staff and Club Manager. This will not be tolerated.

*Jim Morford*

# membership report

Bob Chubb photo

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

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

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

The following have been approved for 30-day posting:

Kai Jensen	Junior Sponsor	Lynda Peoples
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We say farewell to the following members and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

John Aynes	Richard Garrett
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Anchor Waitlist

Don Wilson	Lee Berlinger	Dave Ellis
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Richard Bell	Michael Cahan
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Commodore John Massey presents burgee to new member Nigel Morris

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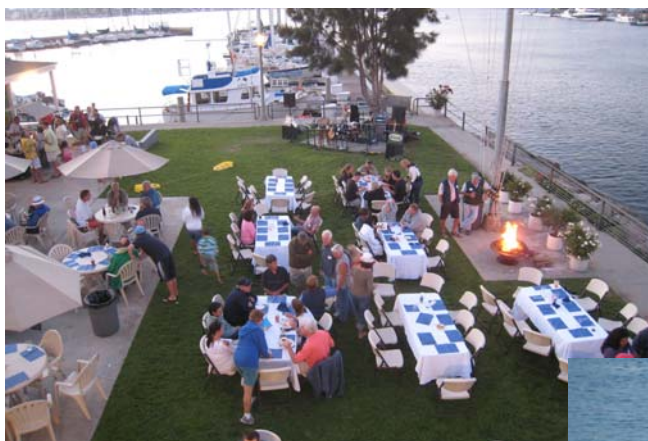
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## new member party photos

John Massey photos



Georgia Merchant greets & handles check in



The most beautiful party venue in So Cal



Charlene, Nita & Chuck Hardin and Sandy Toscal enjoy their dinner.



Sue Crockett on potato salad duty.

**4**5 intrepid ABYC sailors voyaged to Two Harbors, Catalina August 20, 21, 22 for the ABYC Catalina Cruise. Early arrivals on Thursday helped land supplies ashore from St. Somewhere. Special thanks to: Tom and Brenda McCormick, (it was Tom's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday), Greg Montz, Chris Spencer, Ashley, and Greg's six year old grandson Sam, who at six years old pulled more than his weight.

Before we get any further, a special thanks to Governor Schwarzneger, who allowed the summer season to come back to work after a lengthy unpaid furlough. (The weather was great!)

Friday afternoon Bruce and Gail Conn set up and tended bar for all the thirsty participants aided by Tom McCormick who worked hard on perfecting his blended Margarita. Special thanks to Bruce and Gail who set up, tended bar, and led the clean up both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Friday evening started out with the third annual appetizer contest judged by last years' winner, Kelly Moffett Higgins. This year saw close competition with Bill and Sue McDannel winning with Grilled Artichokes and Walt's Wharf's recipe' dipping sauce. They were challenged by the windy "Isthmus Fan" blowing out their Cal 34, California Girl's Magma Bar B Q, even though Sue was holding a cardboard box as a wind break. They brought the artichokes ashore and finished them up on the Bar B Q that was heating up for dinner. By winning they "get" to judge next years' event. Thanks to all the participants. Hamburgers and hot dogs along with a bonfire rounded out the evening.

Saturday morning, Mike and Marilyn McMahon graciously hosted 20 ABYC members for a very informative tour of the Isthmus Yacht Club. Marilyn was very proud that her family had been members since 1959. We were given a history lesson on military involvement in the building including ties to the civil war to protect gold shipments. Highlights of the tour included; seeing vintage photos, getting to see into some members rooms during our tour of the whole facility, and learning that their current kitchen used to be a military latrine! Thank you Mike and Marilyn and the other members of the Isthmus Yacht Club for sharing your special Island treasure with us.



Mike McMahon, Mary Ellen Barlow and Merle Asper enjoy the fire that Merle built

Saturday afternoon Steve Moffett and Lauri Baldi, along with Kelly and Richard Higgins aboard Tempest, rafted up with Pat McCormick and Mary Ellen Barlow, aboard St. Somewhere to host cruise participants for Rum Punch and Lauri's' Bar B Q Beef sliders. It was standing room only in the cockpits and we almost had to resort to dingy valet parking! A good time was had by all under sunny skies and a warm gentle breeze. Thanks Steve and Lauri!

Instead of attending the raft up, Boeey and Norma Kober along with sister Bonnie and husband Keith opted to go

on a west end hummer tour. They all had big smiles on their faces upon returning and highly recommend it to others.

Saturday evening we had Bar B Q chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, and cake for desert. Merle Asper built an admirable bon fire to cap off the evening. The weather was getting even better on Sunday as most cruise participants had to head for home. There were a few lucky ones that were getting to stay a few extra days.

Thanks to all those who helped make this years' cruise as successful as it was. Chris Ericksen and I tried to have online sign ups this year. It did not work out quite as well as we expected. Thanks for your efforts Chris. If you did not attend this years' cruise you missed out on some of the best weather of the year. Hope to see you there next year!

Pat McCormick

**Dates for next year: August 19, 20, 21, 2011**



Mike McMahon begins the tour of the Isthmus Yacht Club



A Catalina traffic jam!



Hello ABYC members! The ABYC Junior Program has wrapped up what can only be described as an astounding and inspiring summer. In last month's Sou'wester, the amazing results the sailors had achieved so far were relayed to the membership. It was uncertain whether the students could continue that type of success, but as the final weeks of the program ensued, it became apparent that our sailors came with their game face on this year.

Not just one or two, but three championship trophies that were without our burgee for two and a half plus decades will now carry the ABYC name on it. Congratulations to Riley Gibbs on winning Sabot Nationals and to our Dick Sweet Team Racing Team of Rob Rice, Matt McDermaid, and Jacob Rosenberg who won the Team Race Championship, both for the first time in 25 years! Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb just recently claimed the F. Gregg Bemis US Double-Handed Championship becoming the only ABYC team to ever receive the trophy in its 35 year history! Read on to find out how these astounding sailors did it!

## **2010 Sabot Jr. Nationals at MBYC: August 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Riley Gibbs wins Sabot Nationals! ABYC Places in Every Fleet!!**

Team ABYC just came back from an incredibly successful Sabot Nationals at Mission Bay. We are so excited to announce that after a 25 year drought from having an ABYC sailor bring home the national championship, Riley Gibbs has won the 2010 Sabot Nationals with 11 points defeating the defending champion Connor Kelter! Rob Rice was 3rd overall and Matt McDermaid was 6th which made ABYC the only club to boast numerous finishers in the top 6! Additionally, Brian MacLean finished 2nd in the Silver fleet and Rory Gaudio followed him in 5th place overall. Rory was also the recipient of the Peggy Lenhart most improved sailor award moving up from 21st in Iron (127th overall) last year to 5th in Silver (40th overall) this year. Mila Bakker finished 5th in Bronze followed closely by Bradley Clinton in 6th and Emily Golison finished in 2nd place in Iron just two points out of first.

Other notable accolades:

Of the 24 sailors we sent down, 23 qualified.

- ABYC fielded 8 sailors in Gold, 4 in Silver, 7 in Bronze, 4 in Iron, and Matthew Fairbanks represented ABYC at every day of the Cove Cup
- Riley Gibbs also won a perpetual trophy for having the overall best score for Flight Selections and the Championship series
- Sawyer Gibbs got a brand new skateboard at the raffle and Johnny Blumberg got a brand new Ullman Sail :-)
- The SCYYRA Dick Sweet Perpetual Trophy winner was officially announced as ABYC (another trophy lacking our name for the past two plus decades until this year)
- Rob Rice was just 3 points out of 2nd in Gold, and Matt was just 4 points out of 5<sup>th</sup>.



Two Jr. Sabot Nationals winners from ABYC, Jerry Thompson (1952, 1953) and Riley Gibbs (2010)



Riley gets tossed into the water after winning the Sabot National Championship.

- Long Beach Yacht Club's winners were greeted with extremely loud cheers from their friends on the bay when Kyle Blair got 1st in Bronze and Jack Berg got 4th. Congrats to our ABF teammates!

Our team fought as hard as can be imagined and we are extremely proud of them for their hard work. We are also very thankful to the parents for being an amazing support team and the coaching staff which worked so hard to help the kids achieve what they were capable of. Complete results can be viewed at [http://www.sdyc.org/raceinfo/results10/sabotNats\\_res.htm](http://www.sdyc.org/raceinfo/results10/sabotNats_res.htm). Again, congratulations to all!

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**Bemis Double-Handed National Championship: August 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**

***Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb are Named Youth National Double-Handed Champions!***

Just one week after Sabot Nationals, two of our most accomplished sailors headed down to San Diego as well to compete in the Bemis National Double-Handed Championship. This is a US Sailing sanctioned event that allows the competitors no contact with coaches or with parents during the day. Each competitor is told to turn in their cell phones at the beginning of the event and all boats are provided by US Sailing to provide as even a playing field as possible. The event truly measures the talent of the sailors by themselves with no outside aid. To qualify for this event, a sailor must be in the top of their area. For Southern California (Area J), the Junior Olympics at Santa Barbara Yacht Club was the measuring point and Jack and Samantha received 2<sup>nd</sup> at this event which qualified them for the National Championship.

But this national title was not a one-time effort. Jack and Sam have qualified for nationals twice before and after receiving 8<sup>th</sup> the first year when the championship was held in the midwest, they set their sights on getting back to the event and winning it. Last year, it was held on the east coast and Jack and Sam's valiant effort fell short giving them 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. While still an excellent finish, both sailors decided they had one more push in them. This year was particularly important because Samantha has graduated and is off to Princeton in the fall, meaning it would be their last year as a team to try to win the Bemis National Championship.

This year's championship was on the wire right up until the last day of the event when the top three boats were separated by just one point. Jack and Samantha had their game faces on but started the day with a 6<sup>th</sup> which put them in a compromising situation; they had to have two good races to finish up or the championship could slip away. Jack and Samantha had been there before though in numerous regattas where it came down to the wire. It paid off as they grabbed a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the second race of the final day putting them one point ahead of the Mission Bay Yacht Club team of Kate Rakelly & Colleen Hackett, and two points ahead of Alex Curtiss and Katie Hall of Chicago Yacht Club. With one race to go, the tension was malleable; it all came down to the last race. Jack and Sam's last start left them coming off on the second row and made for some nerve-racking watching, but as the race progressed, Jack and Sam's consistent boat speed allowed them to work their way towards the front of the fleet and in a twist of fate, a large left wind shift forced the race committee to move the windward mark for the second upwind. Samantha relayed to me later that there was discussion of which mark to go to; the old windward that was still left in the water for the lasers or the new mark that had been set due to the wind shift. She felt strongly it was the new one despite some of the fleet apparently having similar questions and heading towards the old one (did I mention Samantha is going to Princeton in the fall). Jack smartly listened to her and they rounded the correct mark in first and on their way to a national championship.



*Jack and Samantha with the F. Gregg Bemis Trophy*

I am particularly proud of this accomplishment because it displays something that we try to teach our sailors, but only an individual can decide to take the road of true persistence. In this case, the accomplishment and all its glory goes to these sailors who displayed the persistence, patience and hard work it takes to be a national champion. The ABYC burgee will now be carried on the F. Gregg Bemis Trophy for the first time in its 35 year history (it is the only US Sailing national championship trophy that had previously not been won by a team representing ABYC).

Congratulations to Jack and Samantha – US Double-Handed National Champions!

Complete results and press release can be found online at: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships.htm>

There are videos of Jack and Sam sailing with comment online at: [http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/US\\_Youth\\_Champs.htm](http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/US_Youth_Champs.htm) (They are featured in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> video)

**Dick Sweet Team Race Series**

***Team ABYC brings home the trophy for the first time in the event's 25 year history!!!***

This year's team composed of Rob Rice, Matt McDermaid, Jacob Rosenberg and alternate Johnny Blumberg did what no other team from anywhere in the Long Beach area has ever done in the 25 year history of the Dick Sweet Team Race Series; they won the whole thing.

The team which stood alone at the top of the standings after the first two regattas was poised to pull it off, but the championship was on the line as the last regatta of the series was held at Newport, the home bay of the second place team. But none of our sailors were strangers to the bay and all of them had prepared for events like this over the course of numerous regattas in the past.

There was a quiet and cool confidence about the team; they knew they were going to win it before they went in. Still, it's easy to get superstitious about these things and nobody was ready to assume anything. They carried a strong record of 17 wins and 1 loss into the final event, maintaining a reasonable lead on the 13 and 5 second place Newport team, but with

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the home bay advantage, it could have all been up for grabs. Also, San Diego had not fielded the previous year's top sailors all at once and the rumor was that they would all be at the last event to try and do some catch up in the standings.

None of it made a difference. The ABYC team was so fast it was only necessary for them to team race occasionally even in the lighter Newport breeze, boasting several 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> combinations to dominantly win. It became apparent reasonably quickly that all the wins that occurred in the first two events were no fluke. In fact if there was a fluke, it was the one loss that they had at the first regatta – a narrow loss partly due to some rough starts. They would never again lose a race and finished the Dick Sweet Team Race Series with a 26 win, 1 loss record. They beat the previous year's champions (SDYC) every time they raced them as well as this year's second place team (NHYC) who finished with 21 wins and 7 losses.

Congratulations to our team race champions on their stellar victory and for bringing home the trophy to ABYC for the first time ever!

To view complete results, visit: <http://www.fleetracing.net>

**CFJ Nationals at ABYC: July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>**

***ABYC fields eight teams at Nationals in first year of CFJ program***

In March of this year, there was nothing but a seedling of talk about how to keep our older sailors involved and sailing when they had sized out of sabots, but were not big enough for Lasers. The obvious answer became a double-handed boat of some kind, but there was little chance any family could go out and buy a boat that close to the program start date.

The ABYC Jr. Program made some bold moves to keep the kids sailing and rented two CFJ's from Long Beach Yacht Club and two more from the US Sailing Center and chartered them out to our sailors. Within a few weeks, all the rented boats were filled and a dozen plus sailors who would not have sailed jumped in to return to our program.

At that stage of program development, there was not an inkling of getting the kids to compete in the bigger regattas, we didn't even know if we would have boats. However not only did we send four FJ's up to Junior Olympics in Santa Barbara, we fielded eight teams at CFJ Nationals which was held at ABYC this year! Considering pretty much all of these sailors had never flown a spinnaker before, it was an astounding achievement and not only did several teams sail, they did very well.

After the first two days nearly our entire group was in the top half and two standouts became apparent. The team of Marissa Golison / Morgan Mathews and Nick Odegard / Caitlin Zellars were trading positions from day one to day two in the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> range overall. In the end, Marissa and Morgan ended up 8<sup>th</sup> overall and Nick and Caitlin ended up 12<sup>th</sup> which was astounding given the lack of time in a spinnaker rigged FJ previously. We are proud of our entire FJ team and look forward to seeing them compete in the off season's Shadden Series representing ABYC for years to come!

To view complete results, visit <http://www.abyc.org/upload/CFJ15.htm>

**Youth Championships at CBYC: August 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**

***Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb come away with 4<sup>th</sup> at their first Youth Championship effort!***

In years past, ABYC has sent several laser and radial sailors to Youth Champs, an application only event that boasts the country's best and brightest youth talent. But this year was a first for us sending the familiar all-ABYC team of Jack Jorgensen and Samantha Gebb in the double-handed C420.

This year's Youth Champs was conveniently located just up the road at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. This event is very tightly monitored also and is another US Sailing sanctioned event. Coaching is allowed minimally and from a distance and the competition is the best in the country.

Jack and Sam were so serious about this event that they chose to not do CFJ Nationals so they could focus on being ready for it and it seemed to pay off as they beat all those competitors that chose to do both events. Boasting two first place finishes among a flurry of top 10 finishes, Jack and Sam pulled off 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the most competitive youth competition in the country. Congratulations to the both of them once again!

To view results, please visit [http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/US\\_Youth\\_Champs.htm](http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/US_Youth_Champs.htm)

**Alamitos Bay Fleet Championships: August 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**

***Robert Rice is Alamitos Bay Fleet Champion for second year in a row***

For the second year in a row, the competition was tight in the top of the fleet, but this year it was tight among more than just a couple of competitors. Rob Rice, Riley Gibbs, Matt McDermaid, and Jacob Rosenberg all boasted tremendous finishes winning every race between the four of them.

On the first day, while Riley and Rob had their sights set on each other as the primary competition, Matt McDermaid sailed a very consistent and quality regatta pulling off first overall for the day.

After getting off less races than were desired on the first day, the race committee aggressively pushed to get off as many as possible on the second day adding five more on to the tally of eight total. The wind was incredibly shifty and relatively light for Alamitos Bay forcing the sailors to really think and fight to get off the line and catch the first shift. It stayed unclear who would win the regatta all the way up to the last race and it was truly a three way race for the lead. Riley boasted the most wins with four 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes and Matt McDermaid boasted extremely consistent finishes in the top 5. Jacob Rosenberg also boasted some outstanding finishes but was caught on the wrong side of the course in two of the races causing him to keep an 11<sup>th</sup>, but at the end of the day, Rob Rice's consistency finishing in the top 3 every race is what brought home the championship for him again.

At the end of the summer, our sabot sailors won every event except for two (in which they were 2<sup>nd</sup> place) and our double-handed sailors performed above our wildest expectations. It was an astounding summer and I would like to genuinely thank the coaching staff and the volunteers that helped make it what it was and finally congratulate our sailors for the great job they did!

*Brad Schaupeter, ABYC Jr. Program Director*

For those who missed some of the amazing feats our kids pulled off earlier in the summer, here is a quick summary...

• **Sabots**

○ **Summer Gold Cup at NHYC July 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>**

- Riley Gibbs – 2<sup>nd</sup> in A's, Jacob Rosenberg – 3<sup>rd</sup> in A's, Matt McDermaid – 6<sup>th</sup> in A's
- Bradley Clinton – 4<sup>th</sup> in C1's
- Alex Dunn – 1<sup>st</sup> in C2's out of 49 boats, Adam Elsharhawy – 3<sup>rd</sup> in C2's out of 49 boats
- Nora Elsharhawy – 4<sup>th</sup> in C3's out of 40 boats
- ABYC sent down 33 competitors to Summer Gold Cup at NHYC
- Results can be viewed at <http://www.fleetracing.net/upload/2010SummerGoldCupResults.pdf>

○ **Sabot 2 North (11 and under championship qualifier) at ABYC July 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Sawyer Gibbs – 1<sup>st</sup>, Bradley Clinton – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rory Gaudio – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Alex Dunn – 4<sup>th</sup>, Jacob Warren – 9<sup>th</sup>
- ABYC fielded the most sailors with 29 of the 82 competitors and had five qualify (again the most) for the Championship Invitational.
- Results can be viewed at <http://www.fleetracing.net/upload/2010Sabot2NorthResults1.htm>

○ **Sabot 2 Invitational (11 and under championship) at BCYC July 28<sup>th</sup>**

- Bradley Clinton – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rory Gaudio – 5<sup>th</sup>, Sawyer Gibbs – 6<sup>th</sup>
- ABYC qualified the most from any club and had the most in the top 10 and top 5.

○ **C Fleet Championship at ABYC July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Adam Elsharhawy – 1<sup>st</sup>, Jacob Warren – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Alex Dunn – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kai Jensen – 4<sup>th</sup>, Cameron Bloemeke – 5<sup>th</sup>
- ABYC fielded 60 of the 93 competitors and swept the top 15.
- Results can be viewed at [http://www.fleetracing.net/event.cfm?id=356&fleet\\_id=5](http://www.fleetracing.net/event.cfm?id=356&fleet_id=5)

○ **Dutch Shoe at SDYC/CYC July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Rory Gaudio wins overall – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Rob Rice – 1<sup>st</sup> in A's
- Steven Hopkins 3<sup>rd</sup> in A's
- Richard Bell – 2<sup>nd</sup> in B's
- Full results at [http://www.sdyc.org/juniors/10results/dutchshoe\\_res.htm](http://www.sdyc.org/juniors/10results/dutchshoe_res.htm)

○ **Beach to Bay July 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Shannon Hughes wins overall – 1<sup>st</sup> in C3's out of 135 boats
- Brett Peoples – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Will Shadden – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Max Rosenblad – 4<sup>th</sup>; Cody Ela – 5<sup>th</sup> in C3's
- Alex Dunn – 1<sup>st</sup> in C1's, Bradley Clinton – 1<sup>st</sup> in B's, Riley Gibbs – 1<sup>st</sup> in A's, Rob Rice – 1<sup>st</sup> in Lasers
- ABYC fielded 85 sailors of the 197 present. 20 ABYC sailors brought home trophies.
- Complete results at [www.lbyc.org](http://www.lbyc.org)

○ **ABF Champs**

- Rob Rice wins overall for 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row
- Riley Gibbs – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Matt McDermaid – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jacob Rosenberg – 4<sup>th</sup>, Steven Hopkins – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Marissa Golison – top girl (7<sup>th</sup>)
- ABYC fielded 34 of the 38 competitors
- Complete results at [www.fleetracing.net](http://www.fleetracing.net)

• **Lasers / C420 / CFJ**

○ **Junior Olympics**

- Jack Jorgensen / Samantha Gebb – 2<sup>nd</sup> in C420's
- Marissa Golison / Morgan Mathews – 8<sup>th</sup> in C420's
- Nick Odegard – 8<sup>th</sup> in Laser Radials
- Maddie Dieffenbach / Savannah Robinson – 9<sup>th</sup> in CFJ's
- Melissa Shadden / Hilton Beckham – 10<sup>th</sup> in CFJ's
- ABYC sent 18 sailors: 2 C420's, 4 CFJ's, and 4 Laser Radials
- Results can be viewed at [http://socialjosf.com/?page\\_id=8](http://socialjosf.com/?page_id=8)

○ **C420 Nationals**

- ABYC sent 4 boats. Jack Jorgensen got 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

*Brad Schaupeter, Junior Sailing Program Director*

# cfj national champs

**A**BYC hosted this year's CFJ National Championship Regatta July 29 thru August 1<sup>st</sup>. The CFJ (Club Flying Junior) is a youth boat and the Nationals is open to kids who have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday and have not yet started college. Typically this event sees a wide variety of sailing talent spread thru a range of ages from about 12 years old thru 18 year old high school graduates bound for college.

Although designated a 'Nationals', nearly all the participants are from the various ports-of-call in the Southern California area. The event was held in San Diego last year and in Santa Barbara the year before. Next year's event is scheduled for Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club.

With a week to go before the close of registration 30 teams were signed up. The last week saw a flurry of additional entries as kids from the various sailing programs jockeyed to hook up with that right skipper or crew. At the close of measurement and entry registration on Thursday afternoon a full 70 boats/140 kids had signed up for the event.

Racing was scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the outer harbor. On Friday the normally reliable westerly failed to appear and the excellent Race Committee headed by PRO Mark Townsend fought hard to get 3 races in the books in light, shifty and generally difficult conditions. Saturday and Sunday thankfully saw a more normal wind pattern with winds up to 14 knots providing excellent Long Beach racing conditions that allowed the full compliment 12 races to be sailed. To the race committee's credit there were no general recalls and individual recalls were limited to just a few boats. Did Mark get such good cooperation from a 70 boat fleet by politely requesting that boats please not cross the line until after the starting signal? You will have to ask Mark.

The race participants were treated to ice cream sundaes on Friday after racing and a Burger Bash dinner on Saturday. There was lots of fun socializing for this big crowd of teenagers.

Carding 5 race wins in their race totals the regatta winners and 2010 CFJ National Champions were Kieran Chung and Nicole Grice from Newport Harbor Yacht Club. ABYC's Marissa Golison and Morgan Mathews trophied with an excellent 8<sup>th</sup> place finish. Other participants from ABYC's fledgling CFJ Summer Program included Nick Odegard narrowly missing a trophy with his 12<sup>th</sup> place finish, Maddie Dieffenbach, Alex Newton, Elle Merrill, Sunny Scarbrough, Nigel Lipps, Savannah Robinson, Melissa Shadden, Hilton Beckham, Ginger Lucky, Lilly Flam, Thomas Shadden and Bridget Lucky.

Thank you to all the "supporting cast" of volunteers both on and off the water and to the volunteers of the CFJ class. All worked hard to made this event a huge success. Also, thank you to the club membership for their understanding and cooperation in allowing the club to be pretty much taken over for a few days for this event. Many, many sincere compliments and thank-yous to the club and to the volunteers for hosting an excellent regatta were passed along by both the racers and their parents.

*Doug Jorgensen, Event Chair*



*Marissa Golison & Morgan Mathews ABYC*

## more laser masters

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were; **Jerry Montgomery, Mike & Kevin Baumann, Philip Soloman, Robin Townsend** and a sailing instructor from UCLA, Lynn Dixon who asked to help and observe how we conduct our races at ABYC.

Keeping an eye out for Rule 42 infractions and also getting wet, were; ABYC's **Latham Bell, Ron Wood & Ken Frost**, Kirk Brown from LBYC and Lee Sutherland from NHYC.

On Saturday **Jennifer** was assisted by some personnel friends of mine; Bill & Patt Anderson and John & Marianne Malloy. All four enjoyed a new experience and have volunteered to come help us again. In the whalers, we got additional help from **Mike & Lynn Falconer** and **Hank Thayer**.

Chasing the action and capturing pictures of just about everyone on the race course and on shore was our Official Regatta Photographer, **Rob Rice** with **Jon Robinson** and **Ken Reiff** acting as his boat driver. You can find literally hundreds of pictures of this as well as numerous other ABYC regattas at Rob's website, **Captain Rob's Home**: <http://captainrob.smugmug.com/>

Back on shore Saturday and Sunday, **Jim Grubbs** and **Bruce Wasson**, assisted by **Jon Robinson, John Massey** and a nice lady I cannot recall, helped the racers quickly recover their boats so we could proceed with dinner Saturday evening and trophies on Sunday.

No one could have asked for better wind and racing conditions. The Race Committee was graced with consistent winds resulting in few postponements and in spite of an aggressive group of racers, got off ten races over three days with only two general recalls.

The overall winner in the full-rig fleet, ABYC's **Kevin Taugher** finished off the event with a nice talk acknowledging the excellent work of the Race Committee, volunteers and ABYC staff. To this I can only add my thanks to our Co-Regatta Chairman, **Jon Robinson** our Board Liaison, **Ken Reiff** and everyone else who helped run a memorable regatta. It must have been a good regatta, because after the trophy presentation, some members of the Race Committee spoke to me of how much they enjoyed hosting the *Laser Masters*, and that ABYC should consider running the *Laser Masters World Championship* sometime in the future...we'll see.

*Steven Smith, 2010 Laser Masters North American Championship Regatta Co-Chairman*

# Schock 35 Nationals

Jennifer Russell photo

**A** twenty-year veteran of the Schock 35 class reached the pinnacle of his two-decade quest in winning the 2010 Schock 35 Nationals held at ABYC August 6-8.

Steve Arkle and his team in "Power Play" from South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club completely dominated the nine-boat fleet to take the win. His overall score of 12 points included no finish lower than third place and was over a third fewer points below the second-place boat, ABYC's own Bob Marcus in "Code Blue." Past Class President and Regatta Chairman Dave Michaelis of ABYC in "Mako" was third, just ahead of Seal Beach Yacht Club's Richard Fish in "Outlier."



The regatta was sailed off Sunset Beach, well down coast from the usual Long Beach ABYC venues (although it was the location of the ABYC circle during the 1984 Olympics). The sailors saw winds from five to 12 knots over the three-day, seven-race series but very even conditions across the course and little of the right-side-favored conditions for which Long Beach is known.

ABYC sailors fared well overall, as nearly half the boats had ABYC sailors aboard. Past Class President and 2010 regatta chairman Dave Michaelis of ABYC in "Mako" was third, just ahead of Seal Beach Yacht Club's Richard Fish in "Outlier." ABYC members Roland Duphily, Scott Kramer and Mike Benjamin in "Impulse" were fourth.

The visiting sailors and their families and friends enjoyed lovely summer weather and typical ABYC hospitality: nightly gatherings in the clubhouse included a Saturday-night steak dinner prepared by Kelly Whitlow and the ABYC staff.

Jon Robinson, ABYC'S Rear Commodore, served as Board liaison. Chris Ericksen led a race committee that had "fewer people than it takes to race a Schock 35:" no more than nine RC volunteers were on the water on any given day. Chris was assisted on PATIENCE by Jim Drury, John Ellis, Jennifer Kuritz, Marc Schryer and Jennifer Russell, a Schock 35 sailor from Oceanside. Martyn Bookwalter and daughter Tessa staffed the windward whaler while Tom Mendenhall and Mike Bauman handled the leeward end. Margaret Caddle organized a protest committee which was not called to service but included Don Becker, Ken Frost, Kim Kymlicka and Lee Sutherland. George Caddle organized PATIENCE and Dave Myers organized race-committee gear. Clif Mathias served as gatekeeper the first day of the regatta.

Chris Ericksen

## Andrew McDade

**A**ndrew McDade and Amy Welch tied the knot on August 9th at the Vista Hills Vineyard in Dayton, Oregon. Andrew was a Junior Program instructor and long time family member, son of Mike and Sandi McDade. A few ABYC members made the trip to help them celebrate.



Back row: Amy and Andrew McDade, Lauri Baldi and Steve Moffett  
Front row: Sandi McDade, Jim and Toni Morford and Sharon Pearson

## Hails from the fleets

**L<sub>14</sub>** Too long absent from the international Lido scene, Tracey Kenney of Marina Del Rey burst back into sailing headlines with a stunning victory on Alamitos Bay last Saturday, winning the Lido 14 Women's Class Championship. Kenney, sailing with Jennifer Kitchen, also of Marina Del Rey, won the five race series hosted by world renowned Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Seven teams participated in this year's event, hoping to capture the jewel encrusted tiara and forever flying the pink "L"



"We thought all we needed were matchie sunglasses. Do we have a lot to learn about women's Lido sailing and coordinating our wardrobe!" Mackey/Wilson found themselves fashion challenged on every offwind legs

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on their mainsail. Even Seattle Yacht Club flew in a team to vie for the title, represented by 15 year-olds Sarah Mackey and Mackenzie Wilson. They sailed beautifully, scoring a spectacular victory in race four but eventually finished fourth against the more experienced women teams.

The intensity of this hair pulling, eye-scratching melee was foreshadowed as the boats were leaving the dock, competitors blowing feigned air kisses to each other. Knowing what was about to happen, Primary Race Officer and eligible bachelor Mark Ryan selected windward-leeward courses. He wanted the action up close and personal, not at some far off reach mark. As is typical of an Alamos August, the skies were clear and bright, a gentle southwest 8-12 knot breeze caressed the competitors and Lido Love was seemingly in the air. But the shriek of the starter's horn changed all that, and a massive cat fight broke out among the top three teams: Kenney/Kitchen, Kelley Cantley of Santa Monica (north of Wilshire), sailing with Sarah Ryan of Norwalk, and Terry Johnson and Jamie Litton of Long



Over-accessorizing may have cost Cantley/Ryan the regatta but Sarah's low lites are natural, ladies!



Gigi Barbes and Michelle Shank scoffed at accusations of being overly dressed; instead insisting on the description "well-dressed." Note the matching pedi

Beach. As if it were the sale rack at Nordie's, they scratched and clawed past each other for the rest of the day.

Victory was decided in the final race when Cantley/Ryan needed to shove two boats in between themselves and Kenney/Kitchen. Action was fast and furious, so wild in fact that Sarah Ryan had to forgo her stylish new bob, and resort to high windage pig tails instead. In the end, Cantley/Ryan could only managed to put one boat between them, so with chipped nails, dripping mascara and smudged gloss, Cantley/Ryan yielded the day to a perfectly coiffed and composed Kenney/Kitchen. Apres sailing, Chicken Chinese salad was served in darling take-out containers. Pink tote bags were awarded to all contestants.

Who is this standard bearer for Women Lido sailors worldwide? Unfortunately for the association, Tracey Kenney has recently forsaken her Lido and instead has been cavorting about with an Open 5.70. Some think it is just a passing fling, others contend it's only to hone her Lido skills, but those close to Tracey believe her flirtation with the Open 5.70 may be more than a passing fancy. She has recently been spotted on area docks, with a faraway stare, slowly sliding a strain gauge up and down her Open's overly taught rig, something she obviously can't do to her flaccid Lido shrouds. When she is not crushing competitors on the race course, Tracey is oft seen cruising West Los Angeles

in her black Porsche SUV (with blue puddle lights and pink anodized hubcaps). Tracey makes obscene amounts of money in the financial sector.

All comportment, however, was not lost in the Lido Class. Rebecca of Sunnybrook

Farm did make an appearance in the form of Tracey's crew, Jennifer Kitchen. Jennifer and her husband Chris began sailing only two years ago and religiously race every Thursday at South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club. They call this "Date Night", using the Sunkist Series to escape the kids. Being new to sailing, and the complexities of rigging a high performance sailing machine, Jennifer Kitchen didn't know until Saturday what a hiking strap

was. She can now return home and show Chris the joys of a good strapping.

*Thelonius P Bilgewater*



Mike Anctil, still a minor, has to look away during the prestart action, but the race committee kept a sharp eye out for illegal choke holds.



At the awards ceremony, Mark Ryan tries one of his illegal holds on Tracey Kenney as Jennifer Kitchen struggles to get free.



First Row: Mark "Boy Toy" Ryan - Second Row: Gigi Barbes, Michelle Shanks, Sarah Ryan, Kelley Cantley, Sarah Mackey, Mackenzie Wilson, Tracey Kenney, Jennifer Kitchen - Third Row: Patty Cocoran, Patricia Sayer-Handler, Terry Johnson, Jamie Litton, Kathy Reed, Cindi Martinich



## **A**BYC Laser Racers Kevin Taugher & Vann Wilson Head the Leader Board at 2010 Laser Masters North American Championship Regatta

I do not believe a single *Laser* racer who competed would say the 2010 *Laser* Masters North American Championship Regatta hosted by ABYC August 13-15 was anything less than near perfection for sailing conditions, race management and ABYC hospitality.

For readers who may not know, *Laser* Masters are sailors 35 years of age and older. There are numerous Regional, National as well as World Championship Masters events on the International *Laser* Class Association (ILCA) calendar of which the North American Championship is one. *Laser* Masters compete in separate age groups; Apprentice (35-44 yrs.), Master (45-54 yrs.), Grand Master (55-64 yrs.) and Great Grand Master (65+ yrs.) as well as against each other with final results being determined by actual finishing position and age handicap points. Additionally, Masters can choose to race with the *Laser* full-rig or the smaller *Radial* rig. For this regatta full-rig and *Radial* fleets were split with separate starts and scores.

Friday, the first day of racing, dawned with typical Long Beach marine layer overcast that cleared as boats headed out to the race course in the ocean adjacent to the oil rig, south of Seal Beach. The breeze quickly increased to Force Four on the Beaufort Wind Scale and both fleets were off on a windward leeward course. The racers encountered a



Vann Wilson

building sea with steep sometimes breaking waves. I understand this condition is the result of a convergence of wind driven waves against the shallow sea floor and the shoreline geography. Regardless, this made upwind legs a tough slog but provided nice waves to catch and surf on reaching and downwind legs. As the day progressed, so did the breeze which was blowing Force Five for the last race. This made for exciting downwind and reaching legs and not just a few capsizes.

Right out of the blocks, ABYC's **Kevin Taugher** notched two first places and a second in the first three races. He was bested by Tracy Usher from St. Francis YC (St. FYC) in the third race, but never let that happen again. Adding Masters Handicap points after the first day, Kevin was tied with Peter Vessella from St. FYC. They were followed in order by ABYC's, **Vann Wilson & Chuck Tripp** and Tracy Usher.

In the *Radial* fleet Doug Dubois from Park City Utah scored the first bullet, but Dave Leuck from Mission Bay YC (MBYC) finished first in race two and three. Factoring in the handicap, Jay Winberg from Seattle YC stood first followed in order by; Dave and Nils Andersson also from MBYC, David Hector from Argentina and David Wylie from Port Melbourne YC in Australia. When the tired and wet racers returned to the dock a cold keg of *Sam Adams*, chips and salsa were waiting to take an edge off the appetite and whet the thirst.



Jorge Juarez

Day two dawned much the same as Friday with sailors hoping for maybe just a bit less breeze. As a matter of fact, following the punishment of day one, several full-rig racers decided to move over to the *Radial* fleet. This meant they were scored as not having sailed the first day, but they felt the penalty worth the cost.

The first of four races scheduled was a comparatively light air affair three times around a windward leeward course. This suited *Radial* racer Bruce Braly from Humboldt YC who finished first and ABYC's **Jay Golison** in the full-rig fleet who finished third in race four. The

breeze picked up for the remaining three races with the Race Committee setting a triangle windward leeward course for the last two races. Interesting for this event, all races finished downwind save for the last race on Sunday.

At the end of day two, **Kevin** was still in the lead scoring four first finishes on Saturday. After adding handicaps, following in order were; **Vann**, Andy Roy from Sugarloaf Sailing Club in Canada, moving up nicely after discarding a DNF on day one, **Chuck Tripp** and Greg Tawaststjerna from Virginia. **Chuck** seemed to be doing fine despite a little problem he related to me; "Every time I looked in my cockpit, it was full of water. For some reason, no matter how many times I tried to empty it, the cockpit remained full...even downwind. I was able to kick the water out periodically, but when I got in and was able to flush it, the cause was evident. Somehow some bubble kelp was inside the bailer acting like a stopper. Never had that happen before needed a screwdriver and all my plumbing skills to fix it."

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# hails from the fleets

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In the *Radial* fleet handicap points hampered Dave Leuck as he gave up his overall first place standing to Jay Winberg. Nils Andersson was in third, David Wylie fourth and David Hector fifth.

During dinner Saturday, we held a raffle courtesy of **Art Vasenius' Sailing Pro Shop, Zhik** and **Bottleport**. Through **Art's** Long Beach shop, **Zhik** provided several of their really trick *Laser* hiking straps and **Bottleport** provided several of their unique water bottle holders designed to screw into an inspection port...clever idea. Another sponsor of our regatta was **David Dellenbaugh** who provided us with copies of his popular **Speed and Smarts** newsletter which we provided to each competitor in their welcome pack.

I guess anticipating another day of Force Four to Five winds Sunday, us old guys wiped out the food Saturday night, but just like washing your car predicts a rain storm, the winds moderated Sunday giving every racer a chance to excel in their favored conditions.

For two days our Principal Race Officer, **Mark Townsend** had his team running smoothly setting perfect courses and encountering only two general recalls in the entire regatta. The wind cooperated varying only a few degrees each day. On the last day three races were run in quick succession with the final race being a triangle windward leeward with an upwind finish in a freshening Force Four breeze and that nasty chop.

I suppose the only real drama in the regatta was this wonderful example of sportsmanship exhibited before the penultimate race on the final day. I believe **Vann Wilson's** words are best to tell the tale. Here is what he wrote:

"The rig sheared off at the deck inside the 5 minute gun of race nine. **Jorge (Suarez)** immediately offered up his boat to me and sailed over to a whaler to get a ruling on if it would be allowed. The Judge's ruling came back that yes, I could switch boats but not for the race in progress. So **Jorge** stayed in his boat but was a little late in starting because of the time he took to get a ruling. At the end of race nine, Jorge came by [I was on a race management whaler with **Robin (Townsend)** and **Mike (Baumann)**] and gave me his boat. Soon after **Kevin (Taucher)** sailed over in his boat and said, "Hey take my boat". He had secured the regatta with a race to spare and with his offer both **Jorge** and I could finish the regatta. So I jumped into Kevin's boat. Kevin sailed over to the whaler in Jorge's boat and gave it back to him. Kevin watched race 10 from the whaler with Robin and Mike. The immediate response to my broken mast gives me goose bumps thinking about it. Scott Young from (Austin YC) Texas who had a good regatta going of his own and Nick Madigan from Newport Harbor YC also offered their boat immediately. I think they felt the pain of my having a good regatta going that was quickly turning into a nightmare. I won race ten in Kevin's boat to secure second overall in what was certainly a fairy tale story of sportsmanship by my competitors."

I certainly concur with Vann's sentiment and believe this incident illustrates the spirit of *Laser* Masters racing and why we see men and women continuing to race well past the age they qualify for Medicare and can collect Social Security.

**Jorge Suarez** related another anecdote that illustrates the spirit of Masters racing, "I remember I was going into the right mark of the gate on starboard. There was an inside boat reaching up to the mark below me. At about four boat lengths I said "Go ahead, you have room", as the overlap was close. He shouted back, "No! you go ahead!" I looked at him a little stunned and repeated, "go ahead, you got it!" He reached up behind me and followed me around the mark!"

**Kevin Taucher** was overall winner in the *Laser* Fleet followed by **Vann Wilson** in Second and **Chuck Tripp** sixth. Top ABYC finisher in the *Radial* fleet was your author in fifth overall.

To see pictures of just about everyone who was on the water and on shore for the regatta, go to **Rob Rice's** website:

<http://captainrob.smugmug.com/>

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain



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# hails from the fleets



The heat of summer finally came in during August and the 2010 Etchells Fleet Championship Series heated up, too.

Seven Etchells—the largest turnout since February—were out for the fleet regatta on Sunday, August 22. And what a day! Sunshine from dawn to dusk and whitecaps from start to finish; the final race was sailed in a cracking-good breeze. Martyn Bookwalter, who is rapidly becoming the “go-to guy” for these regattas, ran the races.

While Ken Frost came out of the chute with a first in the first race, past Fleet Champion Tom Corkett bounced back with wins in the last two of the three races of the series. Frost hung in, taking second in one race and third in another to tie the score (Corkett carded a fourth in Race One), but the two wins put Corkett ahead on the tiebreaker. Jerry Montgomery came in third.

Returning to the Fleet Championship Series after some time away was Rich Vaught, who finished in fourth overall. And long-time Etchells owners Greg Sims and Doug Menezes got on the Fleet Championship scoreboard for the first time this season, coming in fifth (they took second in last month’s fleet regatta but were sailing doublehanded and did not qualify to score in the Series). John Chapman and Jeff Powell/Gordon Dudley rounded out the fleet. Here are the results:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	TOTALS
Tom Corkett	USA889	4	1	1	6
Frost/Hardenbergh	USA669	1	3	2	6
Jerry Montgomery	USA792	2	2	4	8
Rich Vaught	USA821	3	4	3	10
Menezes/Sims	USA494	5	6	5	16
John Chapman	USA1002	7	5	6	18
Dudley/Powell	USA531	7	7	DNF/8	22

Corkett may have won the regatta but Frost is leading in the standings; he and Jerry stand well above the rest going into the last event of the Series. Here are the overall standings:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS
Frost/Hardenbergh	USA669	49
Jerry Montgomery	USA792	43
Barber/Burdge/Newsome	USA126	34
Tom Corkett	USA889	31
Argyle Campbell	USA1229	29
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	27
John Chapman	USA1002	27
Rich Vaught	USA821	18
Menezes/Sims	USA494	8
Dudley/Powell	USA531	4

The final event of the 2010 Fleet Championship Series is a one-day fleet regatta on September 19. Tune in next month to see how it all comes out.

Tom Corkett, with Rich Vaught and Bob Bishop, represented ABYC during the Balboa Cup Regatta last month; sadly, they came in at the tail end of the standings. Hosted by Newport Harbor Yacht Club, the event was a challenge regatta for the historic Balboa Cup; this year it was sailed in Etchells and seven Southern California yacht clubs competed. In the end it was Chris Busch of San Diego Yacht Club that dominated the field: their discard in the six-race series was a second. Scott Mason, representing the host NHYC and sailing Fleet 18 member Argyle Campbell’s boat, came in second while Doug McLean represented California Yacht Club and came in third. The field was rounded out by Alan Andrews (Balboa Yacht Club) and Phil Thompson (Lido Isle Yacht Club).

Etchells have been active during the most recent series of the Seal Beach Yacht Club Pop Top Regatta; on some nights there have been five or six, but on others only one or two. The racing is pretty tight; after three races in the fourth series three of the boats were tied on points. We’ll see how that series turns out and report later. Also, September brings both the Labor Day Regatta and the Charity Regatta, so watch for results in the Etchells fleet of those two events.

*Chris Ericksen*

**Commodore’s Appreciation Party**  
**Friday, September 10th**  
**Bring your own meat to BBQ...Club to provide salad,**  
**pasta, plates and utensils**

# hails from the fleets



## The Fleet to Be In!

The ABYC patio was the happening spot on the bay after sailing, Wednesday, August 11th. The Cal 20 Fleet hosted a Cheeseburgers in Paradise/Margaritaville Party for the entire club. It was a warm evening; tiki torches and a glowing fire pit made for the perfect backdrop for Bobby John and band who played guitar, drums and ukulele with sounds quite similar to Jimmy Buffett! (Jimmy was tied up with other commitments and was not able to make it to our party this year). Kelly, Adam and Reggie put it all together with fantastic cheeseburgers, fruit salad and margaritas. Next year, we are planning to have more Wednesday night parties after sailing!!! The final results for Wet Wednesdays Series Three are:

### Red Hot Fleet:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith Ives/Chuck Stevens	Rubber Dog
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barney Flam/Steve Flam	Rigo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robin Townsend/Jennifer Kuritz, Chuck Hardin	Toad Stool

### Cool Blue Fleet:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Wenger	Cal-Abunga
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Robertson/Steve Shaw	Green Machine
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lee Smith	Berzerklee

Wet Wednesdays will finish September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will resume our Saturday fleet races in October.

*Patty Nash, Cal 20 Fleet Captain*



## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

Friday, September 10, is our next scheduled meeting of the Keel Boat Fleet as reported in the August Sou'Wester. However the Commodore's appreciation party has just been announced as being held on the same day and the same time and will take precedence over the Keel Boat Fleet meeting. A compromise for the Keel Boat Fleet will be the business meeting at 5 PM held in the Quarter Deck during which Joe Riddick will tell the plans for the Fleet year and discuss which direction the members would like to see the Keel Boat Fleet go. Please come and voice your opinion. Bring your own libation to the Quarter Deck, there will be salsa and chips, but ABYC rules prevail at the Commodore's appreciation party.

There will not be the picnic or barbecue that was originally scheduled as John Massey, our Commodore, has invited all Keel Boat Fleet members to the upper deck to join the ABYC volunteers for dinner at 6 PM.

Please check the October Sou'Wester for a recap of the September party and notification of the November's Keel Boat Fleet meeting. The November's meeting is always a great meeting as we are into the planning of the Christmas party.

As always the highlight of this article is dues are due. Please send or give \$10 to Maggie.

See you there,  
*George Caddle*



Sunday, August 8th, rewarded Sr. Sabot Sailors with a moderate winds and warm sun. Three races were completed with finishes as follows:

First Place	Bob Ware
Second Place	John Ellis
Third Place	Shelia Eberly

Trophies were awarded for our July Series:

First Place	Bob Ware
Second Place	John Ellis
Third Place	Mary Riddick



The Fleet Championship Perpetual was awarded to Mary Riddick.

Thank you to Ray Gonzales for coming out and acting as our PRO. Ray gave us some long races to places we have not been to in a while, "F to B" mark for example.

Thanks also to Brian Gonzales, Joe Riddick, and Jinx Ellis for their help on the barge and whaler.

Alex served up some tasty chicken accompanied by a tossed green salad and absolutely awesome miniature eclaires. September 12th will be our next fleet race. Come on out and enjoy summer sailing!

*Dianne Gonzales*



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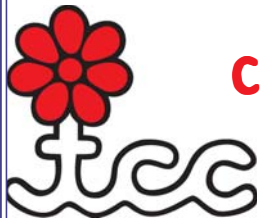
**Friday September 3<sup>th</sup> Happy Hour 1730 – 2000**

**Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> Labor Day Regatta 0900 – 1100**

**Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Appreciation Party 1730 – 2000**

**Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> Elections and Annual meeting 1200 – 2000**

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**Charity Regatta**

**Sept 26th**

**ladies day regatta**  
**october 10th**

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