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*Joel Weis photos
 (Joel is a new friend of
 ABYC and joined us on
 Patience...thanks Joel!)*



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With daylight savings time finally back as the order of the day I hope you have reset your sailing clock and are getting ready for a summer filled with sailing. Our junior sailing Summer Program announcement has been distributed and our junior director, **Brad Schaupter**, has a great staff lined up to instruct our youth. The sabot sailors are on a tear, ripping up the North series over the fall and winter – way to go **Riley Gibbs** and **Matt McDermaid** who finished 1 – 2 in Sabot A's. Summer to me means no school and long days of sailing on the water for our juniors – hang in there kids, finish up the school year and then enjoy the long sailing vacation that happens at ABYC.

The Board of Directors met in March and we had a spirited meeting with a lot of business to attend to. We are now printing a Welcome New Members list and a Members Approved for Posting list, and displaying both in the Lobby. We are also publishing the names of members who are delinquent in their payments to the club, including the dollar amount. This is an ABYC By-Law that has not been enforced and we want to encourage members who have fallen behind to settle their accounts. No one wants to see their name on this list.

We approved two new Regular members: welcome **Charlie and Kathleen Crockett** as well as **John and Laura Gresham**. We also posted seven new Regular applicants and two new Yachting applicants. Our *Fleet Membership Challenge* has been a huge success, and if I understand correctly every single one of our official Racing Fleets has proposed at least one new member so we are all winners! Thank you to all of the fleets and our hard working team of membership Director **Jim Grubbs** and membership Chair, **Terri Bishop**.

The March General Membership meeting was highlighted by **Pete Melvin** presenting a very interesting talk about the new multi-hull development rule for the upcoming America's Cup in San Francisco. Pete helped create this rule and has also been hired by Team New Zealand to design their entry. We had a wonderful dinner prepared by ABYC's latest culinary discovery, chef **Jamie**, and I counted over 120 members and guests in attendance for this special night hosted by the 505 and Multihull fleets. The Directors all gave reports and ABYC is not only financially solvent, but we have shifted back to indoor plumbing with the completion of the Club house restrooms – opened just in time for the meeting. Our staff under the leadership of **Kelly Whitlow** is doing a great job of keeping ABYC rolling.

Special thanks to 505 Fleet captain **Rob Waterman** and Multihull Fleet captain **Jeff Newsome** for the great turn out from their respective fleets to support, host and participate in this event.

By my unofficial count we have approved **20** new Regular members so far in 2011, against a background of a confused economy and with many private clubs seeing reductions in their ranks. We have worked hard to recruit new members and to develop creative promotions to get the word out. The funny thing is ABYC shouldn't need any hype to show off how amazing we are. Your Club is very healthy (financially strong plus brand new indoor facilities and continuing yard improvements) and it is very gratifying to see ABYC through the fresh eyes of new members joining who can't believe what an incredible facility, wonderful people and great sailing venue we have to offer at our outpost on the end of the peninsula in Long Beach. I hope this reflection will entice you to come down to the Club for an event and to take your boat out for a sail, and maybe bring a friend/potential new member with you...sometimes we all need a reminder what an amazing place we have to call our home away from home.

You never know how deeply ABYC will affect you, especially as time marches on. One particularly long term ABYC Anchor member couple, who have called ABYC home literally for decades, have just presented a wonderful "silent gift". I was approached by these Anchor members who are still active (and wish to remain anonymous) at ABYC and are at a point in their lives where they want to give something back to the Club that has given so much to them. So to help bolster our coffers they have paid back the amount of dues they saved since converting to Anchor membership many many years ago and are returning to the ranks of Regular membership. What a marvelous gesture to help support ABYC, I don't know if this will start a trend, but sincerely thank these members for their devotion to ABYC!

The online roster continues to delight our members and much of what we used to print in the annual yearbook is also being added to the Members section of the website. ABYC.org is your go to resource for information about the Club please book mark it (you will notice that we now have our burgee as the web book mark icon) and visit it often.

Our reconstructed Club House restrooms are finished. We have beautiful new facilities with showers and toilets in both the Club House and Quarterdeck. Added features include outside showers by the patio and a cement sidewalk corner

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to increase our area by the barbeque. We have also poured concrete on the Basin side of the Quarterdeck to make watching Bay races a little bit easier. There are still a few things to complete as we attend to painting and other minor projects. I invite all members to come down to ABYC and see what all of your 2020 City of Long Beach lease payments have helped us purchase. Don't forget that Spring Spruce Up is Saturday April 9th.

Our *Elevenator* has arrived as we go to press and before this issue of the Sou'Wester comes into your home we should be up and running! There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 3:00pm on April 30th Opening Day so come down early before the festivities begin and check out our new lift. Don't forget that Opening Day also means the "race for the space" and our twentieth annual Club Championships (started when **S/C Norma Clapp** was our commodore!). We have a new "Commodore's Course" that will involve more spectators and some interesting race options. Please contact **Jorge Suarez** or **S/C Chris Ericksen** if you would like to be a volunteer for the races which begin at 11:00

We are also planning to bring back a "new" old tradition of an ABYC Open House on Saturday May 14th. **S/C Chuck Hardin** told us that back in his day they had some really good turn outs with lots of fun sailing, games and activities, barbeques and a wonderful opportunity to bring family, friends and potential new members down to ABYC for the day. Led by **Jr. S/C John Massey** please look to our website, email list serve and Sou'Wester for details promoting this festive day.

The current fiscal year race to October, 2011 finds us on starboard tack layline as we approach the second windward mark and not only has the wind picked up, but we have increased our lead on the rest of the fleet.

I am available by cell phone 949.355.4950 and email jeffcmerrill@gmail.com and always welcome your ideas and suggestions. Thank you! "ABYC is the place to BE"

Jeff Merrill



Sou'Wester DEADLINE

April 23, 2011 is the deadline for the May 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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Welcome to the first month of spring. The port-a-potties are gone. Although they were nice they were nothing when you compare them to our new restrooms. Not only do we have the best location on the west coast but our clubhouse is also one of the best on the coast. The tile, the stainless steel and the touch of wood, offers us the best look around. Not only are these restrooms beautiful but they also are functional. Showers for both men and women are found in both the clubhouse and the quarterdeck.

Continuing the same design on to the elevator, you will find the same touch of wood and stainless steel. Again, the elevator is nice to look at but also it is functional. We can now offer our members an easy and elegant way to enjoy our club. Don't forget about the ribbon cutting ceremony

on Opening Day. We will hold the ceremony at 3:00 pm, 30 minutes prior to the Opening Day Ceremony.

SPRING SPRUCE UP

Spring Spruce Up will be **APRIL 9TH**. Plan to come to the club on Saturday April 9th. We have many projects to do before Opening Day. Check in around 8:30 am and work will begin around 9:00 am and finish up around 12:30 pm. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch after we finish and there might even be drinks available. This year Spring Spruce Up is early since Opening Day is early, April 30th, and I hope the weather holds. At any rate I think that it will be fun getting together with friends and putting a little work into the club.

The yard is in good shape but needs a little rearrangement. We are coming up on a new season for sailing and a summer of fun. The Rail Rider is in full swing and the participants are enjoying the convenience.

Did you notice the asphalt repair? Yes, we found and inexpensive patch for the holes in the asphalt. While we were putting asphalt around the handicapped path our contractor was able to get us a good price on asphalt and we took it. I think it will hold us until Basin 5 rework schedule is determined. This will also give us time to raise the funds to pay for the repaving of the yard.

Once the construction is completed I will be rearranging the East Yard. This will give us room for dense packing keelboats and small boats. This will be called the Valet Program, which allows you to call up in advance and have your boat made available to sail. See Sheila in the office and sign up for this program.

As I stated in my reports, we had our annual audit by the County of Los Angeles. There seems to be a new sheriff in town. The auditor did not cite boat owners but warned that they needed to have CF numbers and current registrations. We will be sending our reminders of those in the yard who do not have registration, CF #'s, or ABYC stickers. Please be aware that the state is looking for any way to bring in more money and they will be checking for these deficiencies either in the yard or on the water.

Since it is the summer season, we will be more diligent about boats that are in the yard that do not have spaces or have not registered with the office for short-term stays. Please see the yard rules posted in the glass case.

If you have any questions about any of the programs please call Sheila at 434-9955. She and I speak several times per week and I will be available to help.

Looking to the future, I will continue make regular yard walks. Work toward better yard and house security. Make more boat storage available to members. Upgrade facilities to better serve the membership.

See you around the club.

Jon Robinson

rear



Last month I talked about warm weather sailing, and for my efforts, we got an OCR that looked a bit of *Fastnet Force 10*. So, this month, I won't jinx us with any weather discussion. I will say that the jazz trio sounded great indoors, using our superb sounding grand piano.

Springtime brings some events that you can share with the family. We have Easter and Mother's Day brunches, as well as Opening Day, and the start of family movie nights. As we get the club back in shape after construction, this would be a great time to show off the club to your family and friends.

The parties start up again with Opening Day, as the social group is helping with the raft up "B4" Opening Day. Stephanie Gwinn has arranged not 1, not 2, but 3 different bands to perform that evening. Do plan on stopping by for a bratwurst, a look at the boats, and maybe even a little dancing.

Mike Baumann

fleet captain's log



As always, we've had a lot of sailing events at the club. In March, we hosted the SCYA Manning Regatta, Etchells Fleet 18 World Qualifier (part 1) and Olympic Classes Regatta!

SCYA Manning Regatta

Many thanks to Rich Vaught, Ken Frost, Jeff Newsome, the Etchells and Multihull fleets for their expert staffing of the Manning! Rich took the lead role as Regatta Chair and ran a really fun event. Manning was the fourth, and final, part of the Shadden Series, so there were 39 CFJs on the starting line and 99 boats in five classes. Inside PRO Marc Schryer ran a new course configuration for the inside fleets, with two weather and two leeward marks, in an effort to keep the Lido's and Sabot's from rounding marks together. After initial concerns that the Lido leeward mark was in the middle of the channel, all worked out well. Outside, there were only two classes and plenty of breeze, so on Sunday PRO Martyn Bookwalter sent the fleets on a triangle course. The reach was quite hot, but looked like a lot of fun.

Tsunami Surge during Etchells Event

Since the 2011 Etchells Worlds is in nearby San Diego, our local Fleet 18 World Qualifier had a dozen participants. Part 1 was sailed on Alpha Course using Ron Wood's boat, Driftwood, as the signal boat. The unfortunate earthquake and tsunami in Japan occurred on Friday prior to the event, so Alamitos Bay was experiencing a strong surge on that Friday and Saturday. Bob Bishop rescued "X" mark on Friday as it was headed out the channel. Thank you, Bob! On Saturday morning, we watched most of the 5 mile-an-hour cans being re-arranged through-out the bay in the surges. It seemed as if they were playing tag as they raced down the channel. The same surge caused some issues going out the channel as one Etchells got beached on the shoal. A little help from a whaler pulled it free without damage.

On the race course, everything appeared normal until the middle of race 3. Boats that had picked the right side of the course to the weather mark got caught in a surge and were passed by those choosing the middle or left side of the course. Shortly after that, we noticed that the Bait Barge had broken free and was rapidly drifting toward us. Fortunately, we weren't the only people that noticed the Bait Barge movement (probably the oil platform staff) as the Captain Te Lee, four Harbor Patrol boats and two Coast Guard boats were soon on scene to capture the wayward barge. Sunday's racing was without incident under sunny skies and good wind conditions.

Part 2 of the Etchells Qualifier will be April 2 – 3.

OCR Storm Warning



OCR was the weekend of March 19 – 20. We had a light turn out of only Finns and Lasers. Saturday, under the expert guidance of Jim Drury and Martyn Bookwalter, there were four races. Conditions were variable with winds ranging from 3 to 18 knots with directions from 150 to 240. The Charlie flag was utilized in several races and the race committee used the time elapse rules on the final race. However, it was a beautiful day and we were treated to a big school of dolphins feeding in and around our race course.

Sunday, a late winter storm blew through with a vengeance. The harbor master flew the "Storm Warning" flag (rarely seen in Alamitos Bay), so racing was cancelled for the day. After equipment was put away, we had a rather pleasant afternoon sipping wine and enjoying soup upstairs by the fire as that rain fell sideways outside.

Equipment

On the equipment front, we had a leaking head on PATIENCE. Dave Kofhal came to the rescue and repaired a failed valve so all is well. Thank you Dave! Also, many thanks to Bob Chubb for his quick repair of the placard box upstairs on PATIENCE. Bob indicated that the box is suffering from wood rot, so arrangements are being made for a replacement. Martyn Bookwalter repaired the horn mechanism with a new line and button. Thank you, Martyn! Dave Meyers and George Caddle have been doing some spring cleaning in the Race Management container. They have inventoried all the whaler boxes, replaced some missing flags and made a few more whips. Thank you Dave and George! Rick and I are working a list of repair/maintenance work that is needed on our fleet for Spring Spruce-Up. If you see anything that needs attention, please let us know so that we can add it to the list of projects.

Jennifer Kuritz

CLUB ABYC - Friday April 29th

B4* Opening Day Raft Up Party

- * Bands
- * Bratwurst
- * Boats
- * Beverages



(Arrival by raft not required)

from the pages of history

Often the most interesting question that arises in the study of history is “why:” why an event happened where and when it did. Studying the history of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club—especially the last three decades’ worth of history—is for me more a study of “who,” for many of the names of people we know today (as well as those who are now gone but still remembered) pop up. Such is the case in the pages of history reviewed this month.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

Men’s Day was evidently the hit of the early spring of 1981, as recounted in the SOU’WESTER of April of that year: not only did Commodore Langdon Parrill rave about the event—not so much about having to get into and out of a Sabot, which he evidently did, or about the appearance of Chuck Kober as Hot Lips (the regatta had a “M*A*S*H” theme that year), but about the job done by Robin Lounsberry and her co-chair, Cathy Black. Robin herself lauded Cathy as well, who “spent a great deal of time in brainstorming and the development” of the regatta as well as having “made all the great signs. Thanks, Pal!” was Robin’s closing comment.

Sidney T. Exley, Jr.—who, by my calculation, was then well into his seventies—won not only the Ancient Mariner award in his weight division but also the division title and the regatta perpetual trophy; he beat out a field that included both Dave Dorrans and Dan Clapp, much younger men. Peter Gales was winner in the lightweight division, topping Chas Merrill, among others; Jay Golison topped Shorty Campbell, the Ancient Mariner, in their division. Ross Butcher was tops in the light-heavyweight division, topping a field that included Jon Lounsberry.

The corps of volunteers was as large, it seems, as the participant pool. Margie Brown was “Sgt. of Sea Maneuvers,” which I think meant she was race-committee chair; Jean Frost supervised the whaler crews. Dorothy Hill, also referred to as “Hot Lips,” was involved, while Isabelle Lounsberry and Jinx Ellis evidently marshaled the dinner tables. And Norma Clapp took charge of trophies; “weren’t they great?” was the comment made.

April was to be a month where the Clubhouse was being worked on: painting by a professional crew had been scheduled for weekdays starting April 2 and running through the 24th. Easter Brunch was also on the calendar in April; the charge was three bucks for adults and two for kids 12 and under. Opening Day was set for May 2, with the open-boat hospitality raft-up to be anchored by the Clapp’s in their NA 40 and the Gebb’s in their Tartan 41; Robin Lounsberry was in charge of the brunch which was forecast to be “fantastic”.

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

Business filled the first few pages of the SOU’WESTER of April, 1991. On both her “Commodore’s Comments” and in a separate notice, Norma Clapp announced that our old race-committee signal boat—“*Patience Old*” as she was called in these notices—was for sale; an ad would be run in H2O magazine, which later became Santana, and members were asked to help sell the old girl. Vice Commodore Chris Ericksen reported on water restrictions passed on to the club by the water department in light of the fifth year of a drought: “Conserve Water” signs were everywhere, and members were asked to be careful about using water (“wash the boat,” was one admonition, “not the boatyard.”).

But the big news was penned by Sue Crockett, then the Director responsible for the boatyard. She reported on a change in our Yard Policy that declared every boat stored in the yard “must be sailed at least once during each six-month period (January-June and July-December).” The once-every-six-months rule had existed for some time; this change defined that it must be in each of these two periods. She also reiterated a long-standing requirement that each boat must have “a valid CF number and current registration sticker affixed” in order to maintain a spot in the yard.

Spring Spruce-Up was on tap for Saturday, April 13. Under the direction of house-projects chairman Ted Stoker, grounds chairman Fred Hegenberger, landscaping chair Jeanne Reid and Port Captain Ron Kluwe, projects included painting the interior walls on the second deck, replacing burgees removed from the Wardroom Bar, work on ABYC’s whalers and the annual work done on the Sabot Ramp. After dinner was planned a reenactment of the previous year’s “Nautical Pictionary,” created and managed by Junior Staff Commodore Dick Caley.

The SOU’WESTER finally had an editor—well, editors—to relieve Norma and Port Captain Bruce Bennett who had co-edited the newsletter: they were Barbara Clark, a new member, and Chris Caswell, a “well-respected journalist and long-time ABYC member.” Alan Johnson reported that PATRIOT, owned and skippered by Jerry Montgomery and crewed in part by Alan and Ron Kluwe, won their division and was sixth overall in the Newport Harbor Yacht Club Cabo San Lucas Race; it was a tune-up for their planned Transpac race that summer...In her “From the Pages of History” column, Ann Exley recalled the birth of “an Exley heiress,” “a.k.a. Sue Crockett;” Ann revealed the year of the birth, but I won’t...

TEN YEARS AGO:

The center spread of the SOU’WESTER for April, 2001, was submitted by ABYC Historian Ann Exley—who is, by the way, a widow, a mother-in-law and a grandmother of three generations of ABYC Commodores; it was a brief review of the first 75 years of ABYC’s history. May 30, 2001, marked ABYC’s Diamond Jubilee, the 75th anniversary of the date Alamitos Bay Yacht Club was incorporated; while a dozen sailors—“many of them high-school age,” as Ann pointed out—had gathered

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some nineteen months before to start organizing handicap racing on Alamitos Bay, March 30, 1926, is recognized as the date of the foundation of ABYC.

Another two pages were dedicated to the unveiling of ABYC's new starting system for races. Based on changes made in the new US SAILING rule book—and also based on the old System One regularly used in Europe—the still-used three-minute sequence with a one-minute pause between the start of one race and the warning for the next was laid out in graphic form by Fleet Captain Kevin Ellis and Race Management Committee Chairman Mark Townsend. "Having sailed and run races in Britain and the US for over 35 years," said Mark, "I probably have as good an understanding" of the old systems. He explained System One, the Rule 26 system and how ABYC would implement the new system to run the races in the most expeditious and least confusing way. "The new system...is designed to be the best of both," Mark said. "Did they achieve that? We'll see," he concluded.

There was another page reporting on the SCYA Manning Regatta. Co-hosted by the Etchells and Melges 24 fleets, the regatta saw a "clean sweep of the heavy hardware" by ABYC members as Payson Infelise, sailing with Allie Witten, won the CFJ class and the Manning Trophy while Freddie Stevens took the Naples Sabot class and the Skimmer Trophy. SCYA Commodore Mike Kane was on hand for the trophy presentation.

There was a full-page reproduction of the announcement of ABYC's Opening Day, celebrating the club's 75th season; as it would fall on Cinco de Mayo, there would be a mariachi band and a carne asada feast...there was a full-page ad for the contest to design the logo for the 15th annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta; the winning design would be featured both on the Notice of Race and on the regatta T-shirt. Alli Bell of San Diego had been signed up to be chief instructor or ABYC's summer junior-sailing program; she announced that application packets would be available in the yacht-club office and included in next month's *SOU'WESTER*.

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

board droppings



Commodore Jeff Merrill called the meeting to order at 1905 hours. Directors in attendance were Mike Baumann, Jim Grubbs, Jennifer Kuritz, John Massey, Pat McCormick, Jon Robinson and Ed Spotskey. Also in attendance were Staff Commodores Jim Bateman, Pat Bixby, Norma Clapp, Chas Merrill, Jim Morford and Ron Wood. Treasurers George Kornhoff and Mary Montz were at the meeting.

Jim Bateman and Ron Wood gave a presentation on the Capital Lease Trust Fund.

Jim Grubbs presented the membership report and the Board approved the posting of Rob Hartman, Chris Crosley, Steve Myrter, Peter Fyfe, Nathan Dalleska, Donald Michaelis and Frank Balle as Regular members. Jared Gargano and Jake Muhleman were approved for posting as Yachting members.

The delinquent list was discussed and a motion was approved to begin posting on the Club bulletin board the names of Regular Members who are more than 60 days in delinquency.

The Treasurer's discussed the Club's financial performance year to date and were positive in their remarks.

The Club calendar was reviewed and there was discussion regarding the possibility of hosting the 2012 Special Olympic Worlds Sailing and the Santana 20 National Championships.

Jeff Merrill asked for and received approval to give Honorary membership to John Busch, David Stotler and Randy Beers, members of Long Beach Yacht Club, for their involvement in Long Beach Race Week.

The meeting was adjourned at 2225 hours.

Jim Morford

racing rules

Whether you are a judge, interested in becoming a judge, or a sailor who would like to improve your rules knowledge, this is for you. U.S. Sailing will present a Racing Rules workshop and test July 16 and 17 at Del Rey Yacht Club. The workshop will be held Saturday and the test, for those who want to take it, will be Sunday. You may enter on line at www.ussailing.org.



Pam Merrill hangin' out in the bay!

the bay clogger (junior sailing)

2011 Summer Junior Program

We are pleased to announce the 2011 Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program! After an incredibly successful program last summer, we are excited for what is to come for the 2011 summer season. With Sabot and Laser Nationals just down the road from us, we have some great regattas and we are putting together a fantastic staff that will surely make this summer one of the best. The summer program sign up form is included in this edition of the Sou'wester and will be available in the main office of ABYC. Fill them out and turn them in to the main office at ABYC. Word of mouth has always been our best advertiser, so please help us spread the news about our program and keep the ball rolling on our continual growth spurt!

Remember our parent meeting dates...

April 3rd @ 5:30pm - Racing Parent Meeting (for sailors/parents planning on participating in afternoon racing classes)

June 9th @ 6:00pm - Parent Orientation Meeting (for new sailors and parents)

We can't wait to see you all again this summer!

ABYC Takes home 1st and 2nd in A's at Spring Gold Cup!

Riley Gibbs and Matt McDermaid did it again. They've been on a tear lately and ended up in 1st and 2nd in A's once again. They were not the only top finishers as ABYC sailors picked up awards in the Sabot B's and C3's as well. Ethan Michaelis carrying a DNF still finished in 5th overall in the B's with a 1st, 3rd and 8th as his other finishes. Ryan Schack had an amazing regatta and finished in 3rd overall in the Sabot C3's followed close behind by Erik Hou in 5th place overall. Sawyer Gibbs had a tremendous day and was just outside of the trophies finishing in 6th overall in the A fleet. The trick with this regatta was the weather. From gusty conditions to completely dead, the sailor's skills were tested on the first day. It was a cold spring day and the next day would be no exception. In fact there was a small craft advisory on Sunday and the starts were moved up to 9:00am from 12:00pm just to avoid the bigger breeze! But it was to no avail as sailors showed up at 7:45 to tipped over trash cans and gusts in the 20mph range. The race committee considered sending out the Sabot A's and B's but eventually came to the conclusion the breeze was too great. There were great performances from these sailors and many others...you can see complete results at http://www.nhyc.org/files/2011_SpGC_Results.htm

Final North, Perry, and Shadden Series Results

With the 1st and 2nd place finishes at the final leg of the North Series, Riley Gibbs and Matt McDermaid grasped the top two spots overall. Riley won and Matt McDermaid was 2nd. Other past ABYC winners of the North Series included Kevin Dumain, Mike Sentovich, Jim Otis (2 time winner) and Kevin Goyan in the early to mid 80's. Freddie Stevens is another ABYC sailor who won the trophy in 2000. Other sailors from ABYC who competed in nearly all of the North Series this year included Sawyer Gibbs (10th), Steven Hopkins (11th), Richard Bell (18th), and RJ Ivory (20th).

Jack Jorgensen finished in 2nd in the Perry Series (C420) and 3rd in the Shadden Series (CFJ). The Frost Series for Laser Radials still has one day to go but Nick Odegard currently sits in 9th place and first year laser sailor Steven Hopkins sits in 14th.

Brad Schaupteter, ABYC Sailing Director



a junior perspective

Local high schools Wilson, Poly, and Los Al traveled up to Redwood City this March to compete in the Cardinal Regatta held by the Stanford Sailing Team at the Stanford Boat House. There were forecasts of harsh weather including rain and possibly snow, but all the sailors were ready no matter what the conditions had in store.

The first day was cold, but signs of snow were long gone. I am apart of the Wilson team, and I know this regatta was a crucial to do well in along with the other members of the team Marissa Golison, Haley Kirk, Korbin Kirk, Steven Hopkins, and Mike Anctil. Wilson started off well, and was finishing in the top ten for the rest of the regatta. On the second day, the wind was shifty and during one of the gold fleet races, the wind shifted so drastically that the sailors were reaching to the windward mark. After the weekend Wilson finished 3rd overall in the gold fleet, Poly finish 6th in the silver fleet, along with Los Al who finished 10th in silver. Also, the Wilson B team won their rotation, making it a successful weekend. All the teams did very well, and I know as a senior at Wilson I am going to miss traveling with my friends going to these regattas and having fun sailing with my team. Its truly an experience that I will never forget.

Savannah Robinson

csulb sailing team

The CSULB Sailing Team has finally returned! Spring 2011 is the first semester that California State University, Long Beach has had an active sailing team in over twenty years! Our team currently has nine active members: Shane Young, Dustin Durant, Laura Newton, Chase Young, Francesca Baldi, Jessica Kephart, Kristen Barca, Kara Roberts, and Juancarlos Pereyra. This semester we have already raced in four regattas hosted by UCSD, UCI, UCSB, and St. Francis Yacht Club and will be traveling to UC Davis later this month.

Many of our members have roots in the Long Beach sailing community. Team founders Shane Young, Dustin Durant, Laura Newton, and Chase Young all grew up sailing in Alamitos Bay and competed on their local high school sailing teams. Shane and Laura were also ABYC Junior Sailing Program coaches. We are also proud to follow in the footsteps of former 49'ers such as Mark and Jay Golison, Kevin Taugher, Latham Bell, and Keith Dodson. According to Chris Ericksen's records, CSULB originally founded the Rose Bowl Regatta, which was later taken over by the USC Sailing Team. Next January, we have plans to participate in hosting this annual regatta as we did many years ago.

The CSULB Sailing Team is very grateful for all those who have assisted us in getting started. A very special thanks to ABYC Jr. Sailing Director Brad Schaupteter for coaching us and to Whit Batchelor at Long Beach Yacht Club for providing us with CFJs and a coach boat for practice. Also, thank you to Art Vasenius from Sailing Pro Shop for his assistance at some of our practices and to the USC Sailing Team for agreeing to practice with us pro-bono (if our own coach is present).

One of my initial qualms when enrolling at CSULB two years ago was the lack of a sailing team, and I am very grateful that this isn't no longer a concern. I highly encourage high school students to consider CSULB when selecting a college and would like to extend the invitation to come practice with us any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. If you have any questions about the CSULB Sailing Team or our activities, contact me at (562) 252-6361. Please stay tuned for more information about our upcoming El Torito Fundraiser Night. We appreciate all your support!

Laura Newton, Vice President

opening day

Join us

SATURDAY APRIL 30th is our 85th Opening Day at ABYC

If you have never been to our Opening Day you've missed out on one of the most enjoyable days you can have at ABYC.

The excitement of our club championship, great food and drink on open hospitality boats, the best (i.e. brief and enjoyable) ceremony in the SCYA, a champagne reception hosted by your staff commodores, live music and great camaraderie are all part of what makes this an enjoyable day.

Help us celebrate the official ribbon cutting for our new elevator!

If you have yet to RSVP for the Opening Day Basin 5 raft up on April 29th - May 1, please return it now so our dock masters can come up with a mooring plan. If you want to bring your boat to the raft up but did not get an invitation, contact Glenn Selvin at glenn@commercialrelocationcompany.com

AND DON'T FORGET that all members are also welcome to come to the Club on Friday night, April 29 to party with the host boats in Basin 5. The host boats will have beverages and appetizers and a burger bash will be underway. If the drinks and hors d'oeuvres on the boats don't fill you up, the bar will be open for our normal Friday night happy hour.

junior raffle

There will be a Junior raffle at the April membership meeting.

No we are not going to raffle off a junior, although some parents might want to donate their junior to be raffled.

We are going to have a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Junior Fund. Juniors will be circulating during the dinner and meeting to sell raffle tickets. A drawing will be held at the end of the meeting with the junior fund getting one half of the proceeds and the winner getting the other half.

Come to the meeting, have a nice dinner, visit with friends, spend a little money to benefit the Junior Fund, and who knows you might win!

Pat McCormick

welcome new members



Proposer Jon Robinson and Fred Cook



Terry Hueguet and Proposer: Ron Loraine



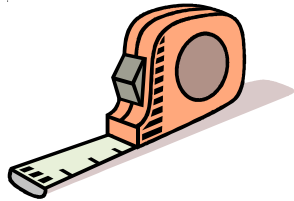
Roger Elliot and Proposer: Ed Spotsky

open house

ABYC OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY MAY 14, 2011 - NOON

Bring your friends, neighbors and potential members down for a free hotdog and boat ride around the bay. Come and show off our remodeled restrooms and take a ride in the Elevator. We will have ABYC looking great and ready for summer, even the beach gate will be open for those who want to go for a swim. This will be a fun afternoon and good "practice" for summer. Come one, come all!

If you are interested in helping by being a host, or rigging your boat to take people out sailing please contact S/C Chuck Hardin or Jr. S/C John Massey for details.



Info we didn't have last month - Michelle Eatough was the 3rd place winner in our chili cookoff. Congrats Michelle!!

Spring Spruce Up!!
April 9th
Be here!!



**25th Annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach
Charity Regatta
Children's Art Contest**



- Open to All Children 12 Years and Younger
- 8-1/2" x 11" White Paper
- No more than 3 Brightly Colored Marking pens plus Black & White
- Outline objects with Black Marking Pen
- Entries must include Artist's Name, Age & Contact Information
- Deadline for submitting is May 1, 2011

The winner's artwork will be used on the Notice of Race and T-Shirts for this year's Charity Regatta. The winner will be invited to participate in events during The Charity Regatta on September 25, 2011.

Submit Entries To: Penelope M. Leon
c/o The Children's Clinic
2790 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90806

or Jeanne Stafford
(Navy Yacht Club)
223 Marina Drive
Long Beach, CA 90803

You May Also Submit Entries Directly To Any Yacht Club Representative.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2011

membership report

ABYC Fleet Challenge

As of the writing of this article the Etchells and Senior Sabot fleets are tied for last place... 0 new members.

This could come down to the wire:

Which FLEET and FLEET CAPTAIN will show us their best Loser-Ville Dance Moves? The best way to avoid showing us your best moves is to rally your fleet and GET SOME NEW MEMBERS so you too can be on a winning team! There are only 11 days left in the Fleet Membership Challenge.

WE CANNOT WAIT!!!!

At the March membership meeting Terri Bishop read out the Fleet Membership Challenge Score: Lido's – 6 regular — 1 Yachting, Keel Boats – 3 regular, Cal 20's – 2 regular, Jr. Sabots – 2 regular, Laser — 1 regular, Finn's — 1 regular, Catamarans – 1 regular, Laser's — 1 regular, 505 – 1 Yachting

Loser-Ville Dance Contenders: Etchells & Senior Sabots

Membership:

New Regular Members:

John Gresham

Charles Crockett

Posted members:

Rob Hartman

Chris Crosley

Steve Myrter

Peter Fyfe

Nathan Dalleska

Jared Gargano—Yachting 1

Jake Muhleman – Yachting 1

Donald Michaelis

Frank Balle

The ABYC Regular membership count is: 358 Our bylaws allow 421 regular members.

Jim Grubbs and Terri Bishop



eight bells

I am very sorry to report that Anchor member, Francis (Pete) Utecht, passed away on Wednesday the 9th of March, 3 days after his 88th birthday.

Pete served as Judge Advocate for ABYC for a number of years.

A mass will be held on April 11th at 11am at St. Bartholomew's Church, and a celebration of life will follow at Long Beach Yacht Club.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to: Alpenglow Hospice, 3200 E. 19th. St., Long Beach, CA. 90755.

Jeff Merrill

I am very sorry to inform you that late last week long time ABYC member, Mr. E. M. "Mac" Amos passed away. Mac and his wife Syble have been members of ABYC since 1964.

A service was held on March 31, 2010 at 2PM at the Bayshore Community Church

There was a reception held at the church after the service.

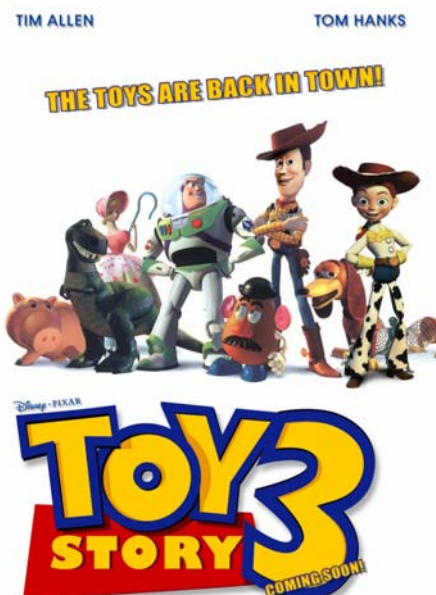
Jeff Merrill

family movie night

Family Movie Night - Friday May 6th, 1830

Toy Story 3

Arguably the best of the Toy Story Movies. The whole family will cheer for Buzz and Woody and their friends.



hails from the fleets



The Fleet to Be In!

Cal 20's have been somewhat dormant these winter months, however, a handful of boats were out for the MidWinter Regatta. John Merchant with crew Rob Fuller came out and took First Place. Congratulations John and Rob!

Results:

1st - John Merchant/Rob Fuller - ABYC

2nd- David Johnson- ABYC

3rd - Steven George - KHYC

4th - Michael Schoettle - ABYC

The Cal 20 Nationals Organizing Committee has had several meetings at ABYC and LBYC to get ready for the 50th anniversary of the Cal 20 and the Nationals to be held this August at Long Beach Yacht Club. Chuck Clay is spearheading the effort with the help of Ron Wood, Mike Wood, Barney Flam, Dan Bates, Patty Nash, Dave Kofahl, Jeff Ives, Mike Van Dyke, Bobby Frazier, and Craig Stenberg.

Since it is the 50th anniversary of this very fun, affordable, easy to sail one-design boat, many great ideas are coming out of these meetings. One idea is a Tune-Up Day. Owners can bring their boats out, get tuning help at the dock, then go out on the bay and sail, further tune, and get boat speed tips from expert Cal 20 sailors like Chris Raab, Ron Wood, Keith Ives, Chuck Clay, Steve Flam and others. In addition, some sail makers should be in attendance to offer sail trim advice. Keep an eye out for the date and take advantage of this Boat Speed opportunity. Respond to the upcoming email if you want to attend for pizza and beer buying planning.

Even though we haven't been sailing too much lately, I've seen and heard about several boats getting some go fast TLC. Many boats are taking advantage of the winter down time and gearing up. We're talking about bottoms, bow stiffeners, complete deck jobs, keels, rudders, etc. The fun begins in May when Wet Wednesdays start up! So, bail out, clean up, put some air in the tires, and start getting ready. One great thing about ABYC is there is always someone around to help out and give advice.

Come May at around 6 o'clock on Wednesday, it's probably going to be breeze on, and like the name implies, wet. It's a blast, so come join the fun! Check out the new Cal 20 Facebook page too!

Dan Bates/Jeff Ives



2011 Olympic Classes Regatta

Seems *Laser* and other racers haven't caught a weather break since Turkey Day 2010. Our last major regattas have seen unseasonable –for Southern California that is- rain and more. Olympic Classes was no exception.

Participation this year was diluted by a scheduling conflict that saw our younger racers participating in a high school regatta in Santa Barbara –which I'm sure suffered the same, if not worse, weather conditions than we here in Long Beach. So, though no *Laser Radials* participated, a game fleet of fifteen *Lasers* showed up Saturday morning. We, along with a fleet of Finns, sailed out to race in the ocean waters south of the Seal Beach pier near the oil rig. Our Race Committee (RC) was able to set a windward –leeward course and got racing underway in short order. Though the breeze was light, we were sent on a twice around course. With the light winds, we did not think it possible to complete the planned four races if we were going around twice, but we were wrong.

Midway through the first race the breeze increased to the point where all racers were hiking upwind and catching nice waves downwind. Our RC set a snug start line which made for some interesting pre-start maneuvers and more than one individual recall. The fresh breeze we enjoyed for three races, abandoned us in the last race of the day making for long slow downwind legs. Dave Leuck from Mission Bay Y.C. won the first race, **Chuck Tripp**, **Kevin Taugher** and **Vann Wilson** all from ABYC each won one of the remaining races of the day.

I'm sure most of us heard rain on our rooftops overnight and drove through rain showers on the way to the club Sunday morning. Once at the club, small clusters of racers were sipping coffee, bundled against a cool breeze and discussing whether anyone was going to venture out in winds that were reading 25-30 knots on the ABYC clubhouse anemometer. Such conditions did not bode well for running races as we watched waves break over the harbor jetties and noted the *Storm/ Full Gale Warning* flag flying from the Coast Guard station. The RC prudently cancelled racing for the day and proceeded with the trophy presentation. The top five finishing in order were: **Vann**, **Chuck**, Dave Leuck, Michael Bradley from Long Beach Y.C. and **Jorge Suarez** from ABYC. Other ABYC racers participating in order were: **Kevin Taugher**, **Sumeet Patel**, and your author.

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain

hails from the fleets



The 2011 Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet 18 Worlds Qualifier Series started off the way the 2010 series ended: with Argyle Campbell on top.

Argyle, a long-time Newport Harbor Yacht Club member (and former ABYC member) who joined the Alamitos Bay Etchells fleet a few years ago, jumped to a resounding lead in the first of two weekends of racing that will make up the 2011 Worlds Qualifier Series. With the 2011 Worlds being sailed in San Diego in the late spring, there was lots of interest in this series, and plenty of turnout for the first days of racing.

The results speak for themselves, and are shown below. Among Argyle's crew was ABYC member and Finn sailor Robert Kinney; Charlie Underwood was their third. The three Hardenbergh brothers—Jamie, Mark and Ted—raced together; Rich Vaught had Bob Bishop and Roy Cundiff along with him while Jerry Montgomery had regulars Bob Anderson and Alan Johnson aboard.

The team on USA126 were John Barber, John Bergan and Jim Barber while John Chapman had Robert Burns and Brad (no last name given). Chris Wells and Dan Dooros sailed with Kevin Mars; Gordon Dudley and Jeff Powell had Jason Rodgers with them.

Here are the results. Under the SI's for this regatta, there is no discard until after six races are completed, so the totals are of all races sailed to date:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	TOTALS
Argyle Campbell	USA1375	1	1	3	1	1	7
Hardenbergh	USA669	2	2	4	5	2	15
Rich Vaught	USA821	3	3	2	3	4	15
Tom Corkett	USA889	5	4	1	6	3	19
Jerry Montgomery	USA792	7	5	5	2	5	24
Barber/Bergan/Burdge	USA126	4	OCS/11	7	4	6	32
John Chapman	USA1002	6	6	6	7	7	32
Wells/Dooros	USA488	8	7	DNC/11	9	8	43
Dudley/Powell	USA531	DNC/11	DNC/11	DNC/11	8	DNF/11	52
Sims	USA643	DNC/11	DNC/11	DNC/11	DNC/11	DNC/11	55

There are few requirements laid on a fleet under the Etchells class rules, but running a Worlds Qualifier Series is one of them: it establishes the order of precedence in which boats may attend the Worlds. As in most other years, there is an allocation for each fleet; this year it is twenty-five per cent, rounded up. That means either three or four boats may go from the Alamitos Bay fleet; the final standings will determine who can go, who may decline and who will be first in line to accept a bid.

The Worlds Qualifier Series is scheduled to conclude with two more days of racing the first weekend in April. You would ordinarily need to wait until next month's SOU'WESTER to see how that turned out, but the Worlds Qualifier Series is an event on the ABYC website: click on the Events tab to find the standings

This regatta was also the second in the 2011 Fleet Championship Series, along with Midwinters. This is a high-point series where a boat earns a point for finishing and one for beating each other starter; those not starting, finishing or disqualified earn no points for that race, and there is a twenty per cent discard in the series, rounded up. Here are those standings:

OWNER	TOTALS
Argyle Campbell	39
Rich Vaught	34
Frost/Hardenbergh	33
Tom Corkett	27
Jerry Montgomery	22
Barber/Bergan/Burdge	19
John Chapman	14
Wells/Dooros	6
Dudley/Powell	2



And thanks to all members of the Etchells Fleet who joined with the Multihull Fleet to staff the SCYA Manning Regatta. Well done.

One last thing. Last month I reported that Steve Moffett sailed the Super Bowl Regatta with Pat McCormick and Kristy Parr. This was incorrect; their third was Lauri Baldi. I have already apologized to Steve, Kristy and Lauri for this error; please, dear readers, accept my apology as well.

Chris Ericksen

hails from the fleets



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

The Keel Boat Fleet meetings are pure fun, more like an extended family getting together for dinner and the March 11 meeting was no exception. The cocktail hour consisted of finding out what's been happening since we last met and what's going on in the coming weeks. Certainly having our long time member and ABYC's Junior Staff Commodore, John Massey, back from serious time in the hospital, was a great addition to the festivities. However John didn't come all by himself but brought his ukulele to participate in the program Susan and Ron Long arranged which was Sea Chanteys as sung by a great entertainer named Jim from Canada. Jim played the guitar and was supported by his family singing and also another guitarist. Jim ask everyone to join in however most everyone was listening to Jim sing the lyrics from up Canada way as the Chanteys were great but different from State side. Ah you say, but how about the potluck dinner. It was as usual excellent BUT also on the table was Bob Ware's famous clam chowder. Fabulous! However it reminds me of way back in club history when Bob and I went off Treasure Island for clams. Bob stayed in the boat and I went over the side in the gooey mud and passed up a zillion clams from depths of mud you can't imagine. His alibi was that he was measuring the clams. I think this was my welcome to Alamitos Bay.

SPRING CRUISE: Vern Peterson Memorial Cruise', Bobbie Peterson, Matron of Honor

WHERE: Shoreline Yacht Club

DATE: Friday, April 29

TIME: Boat side cocktails 4:30-6:00. Erik and Chris Peterson, Vern and Bobbie's son and daughter in law will have their trawler as host boat. Their trawler is located on 'Y' dock which is, as you are coming out of SYC facing the docks, just to the left. Dinner at SYC at 6:00 or soon after.

DETAILS: BYOB and a small hors d'oeuvre to the dock side cocktail party. On the way to dinner please leave your libation in your car as SYC has the same liquor and wine rules as we do. Cocktails are available at SYC and are very reasonable. Parking Passes are available at the SYC office if coming by car. If you are coming by boat please call me, 562 439-3484, two weeks ahead of the cruise and I will arrange for a slip. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING GUESTS

Next and last meeting of the Keel Boat Fleet before the summer break is Friday, May 13. This meeting is traditionally a barbecue using the patio or 1/4 deck where the members bring their own entree to barbecue, a small hors d'oeuvre and your own booze. The Keel Boat Fleet will provide a green salad, potato salad and desert. The Fleet will also provide plates, cups, napkins, plastic cutlery, barbecue utensils etc. As this will be FRIDAY THE 13th WITCHES HATS OR LUCKY CHARMS, (no garlic please), TO BRING GOOD LUCK AND WARD OFF EVIL WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

Wow! Sounds like some fun events, see you there,
George

Jane McNaboe photos



ABYC Sabot sailors placed first in both the Junior and Senior Sabot fleets in the Mid-winter Regatta. Terese Ivory, new to

ABYC, placed first in Senior Sabot's, sharing the honor with ABYC's Matt McDermaid who placed first in the Junior Sabot As!

Midwinters was followed by the Manning with four Senior Sabot sailors participating, Jeff McDermaid, Kathleen Weishampel, Terese Ivory, and Mary Riddick. The junior sailors were tough to beat.

Our monthly Sabot Sunday had 8 participants in a good steadily increasing breeze. X-mark was missing due to the Tsunami surge that affected Alamitos Bay the day before our races. Bob Liger was our guest PRO, thank you Bob. The competition was tough with three different sailors Bobby Ware, Tom Newton and Lee Berlinger each taking a first. Darren DeSilva joined us from Dana Point Yacht Club, he and Mary Riddick were both mixing it up with the leaders of the pack. The chocolate bar winner for the month was Bobby Ware with 6 points, followed by Lee Berlinger (8 points) and Tom Newton (9 points).

Our next Sabot Sunday will be on April 10th. Senior Sabot twilights will start on Thursday, May 5 with the first start at 6 pm. May twilights will be a good time to get some extra practice in before the Senior Sabot Nationals on June 4th and 5th at Balboa Yacht Club. We look forward to welcoming some new Sabotiers.

Jane McNaboe



Terese Ivory and Matt McDermaid with their Perpetuals from Midwinter Regatta.



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Thanks to Stacy Massey we now have a Facebook page. Check this out:

<http://www.facebook.com/AlamitosBayYachtClub>

april meeting

The junior board is hosting April's general membership meeting, and the guest speaker will be a representative from The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. The popular show "Whale Wars" documents their campaign against Japanese whaling under the leadership of Paul Watson. They were recently successful in sending the Japanese whaling ships home by using aggressive tactics and fast boats. This should be a very interesting presentation on their current campaigns and marine ecology in general.

Champagne Easter Brunch
Sunday, April 24
Adults \$19 ~ Kids \$10
(Age 5 & under eat free!)



ABYC's Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday May 8th

10:00am - 1:00pm

A gift for all Mothers

Great Food including Kelly's Omelet Bar

Champagne Mimosas and much more

Early bird Prices* Adults \$14, Kids 3-10, \$9

Please RSVP to the office by May 1st

562 434-9955 or email abyc.julissa@gmail.com

After May 1st- Adults \$19 - Kids \$14.00

To ensure seating together,
groups larger than four should make reservations

