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26th annual Rose Bowl Regatta

Glennon Stratton photos



BC, Point Loma win roses the hard way

Top-ranked Boston College won the Collegiate division and Point Loma dominated the high school finish line—no surprises in the 26th annual Rose Bowl Regatta, but it wasn't as easy as that. Sailing their two-person CFJ dinghies outside off Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier instead of inside Alamitos Bay for the first time, the nation's largest combined competition tested 30 of the best college teams and the class of 54 of California's high school sailors before the best came to the top Sunday afternoon.

BC's Eagles, though ranked No. 1 nationally, were winless for the weekend and trailed the Seahawks by 13 points entering the eighth and last round. Then skippers Tyler Sinks and Katy Nastro scored their first wins, but even that wouldn't have been enough if the Seahawks' B boat hadn't stumbled to 15th place—its only double-digit finish—in the weekend finale, leaving the Seahawks the winners of an 87-89 squeaker.

Defending champion Georgetown of Washington D.C. recovered from an overnight seventh place climb back to third.

The event, hosted by the University of Southern California Sailing Team, organized by the US Sailing Center of Long Beach and based at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, also left Point Loma breathing a sigh of relief.

The San Diego team's Varsity boats, sailed by skippers Jake La Dow in its A boat and Jake Reynolds in the B boat, were cruising comfortably—especially Reynolds with five firsts, two seconds and a third.

The wind was moderate and shifty.

"It was tough sailing, but I like it," Reynolds said. "You have to think out there. I like that ... it makes you feel smarter."



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save the date

Super Bowl Party	February 6
Membership Meeting	February 18
Midwinter Regatta	February 19-20
Club ABYC	February 25
Manning Regatta	March 5-6
Etchells World Qualifier	March 12-13
Membership Meeting	March 18
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The 2011 Rose Bowl regatta on January 8th and 9th sailed out of ABYC in partnership with the US Sailing Center and the USC Varsity Sailing Team was a huge success. ABYC members did a great deal of the volunteering hosting nearly 100 schools – both high schools and colleges. Due to our construction we weren't able to provide showers, and the portable restrooms needed a few pump outs, but the event was a great way to start the New Year. I'd like to give special thanks to **Mike Segerblom** (regatta organizer), **Stacy Conn** (feeding 400 for dinner on Saturday) and all of the many ABYC volunteers ashore and on the water. This year the high school Silver Fleet sailed in our end of the bay, and high school Gold and College sailing were out by the Belmont Pier with lots of great, close racing - see **Rich Roberts** wonderful report.

I attended the Coastal Commission hearing in Long Beach on January 13th along with **Kelly Whitlow**, **S/C Ron Wood** and **S/C Dick Landes** to support **Mark Sandoval's** bid for the re-build of basins and marina infrastructure in Long Beach. There was a lot of discussion and the audience was very pro **Sandoval's** proposal – which was approved. We will see some great improvements in the coming years – it's been a long wait to get to this stage and our Basin 5 is down on the time table list, but the good news is that we WILL have a renovated Basin.

Your Board of Directors met on the 19th and we reviewed a detailed business agenda. To me the highlight was approving for posting 7 new membership applications (thanks to the Fleet Membership Challenge and Construction discount promotion). If you know someone who should be a member we would like to recruit them. There are ABYC membership application packets at the office (on the ledge or ask **Sheila Mattox**). The same forms are available on our website and if you have any questions or want some help getting a new member signed up please contact membership Director **Jim Grubbs** and membership Chair, **Terri Bishop**. Our membership is our life blood and we are always looking to attract new sailors to join our club.

Other BoD business included discussion of formalizing Basin 5 policies for slip renters, Valet mooring for our dry storage to maximize the yard and create more room to get more boats "on campus", interviewing for a bookkeeper – part time position, looking into electronic billing and electronic payment of ABYC monthly bills, and we are looking into a promotional CD/DVD with photos and videos to promote many of the wonderful advantages ABYC has to offer, tentative title, "This is Alamitos Bay Yacht Club" and we welcome your ideas, photos and input – please contact me if you would like to be more involved. The Board is dedicated and working hard to help increase membership value and we are all very receptive to your suggestions.

The January 21st General membership meeting saw a pretty full room welcome two new Regular members from the "we want you back promotion" – **Russ and Avalon Hill** and the **Mike O'Toole** family received burgees. Special thanks to the Sr. Sabot and Keelboat fleet, who served a wonderful lasagna dinner. We had an energetic/short meeting (come to the February meeting it is a lot of fun) and then the local West Marine team gave an interesting presentation about GPS, EPIRBS and VHF radios – then raffled off some knives (be on the alert, many members are now armed! //:0) Remember, our goal in 2011 is to go over 400 members – we have to work hard every month if we are going to achieve this and we can only do this if EVERY member participates.

I hope you have logged on to the online membership roster and updated your contact information. There have been a few minor hiccups, but once ironed out all of the members I've talked to are thrilled with this new convenience and wonder why we didn't do it before – hey, these things take time! Please update your details so we can print out hard copies for our non-internet comfortable members and put accurate information into their hands early March.

Director **Ed Spotskey** is in the process of capturing all of our yearbook information - trophy photos, historical archives, boat lists, bylaws and other sections of the old style yearbook to our website. If you have suggestions on club information you would like to see please let **Ed** know.

Our club house construction is flying along. The house restrooms are dry walled and getting close to fixture installations. The Quarterdeck restrooms have been framed and will be dry walled by the time you read this. Our *Elevenator* "pit" is cemented in place awaiting our OTIS ride. I'd say we are on schedule and should be in great shape for spring sailing and events.

Go to our website www.abyc.org to see all of the social and racing events that are coming up. You would not know that we are under construction – in fact, the construction process has not (so far) really prevented any events from happening. We love it when a member decides to host a party at ABYC – a reunion, wedding, birthdays, etc., so please contact **Kelly Whitlow** to check on dates and pricing.

Congratulations to **Riley Gibbs** for being named the 2010 ASPBYC Junior Yachtsperson of the Year (log on to the ASPBYC website to see Riley's photo holding the trophy).

My business and sailing travels have taken me to many wonderful seaside harbors around the world. There is nothing I have found that comes close to our idyllic peninsula paradise. I'll also make a bold prediction and say the most of our "winter weather" is behind us so it's time to think about coming down to ABYC and going for a sail!

The current fiscal year race to October, 2011 finds us with a nice jibe at the reach mark during a puff – good team

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work brought the kite around and we are blasting along on a port tack towards the first Leeward mark and thinking about what headsail to fly for the next upwind leg – we are still way out in front!

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

manager's **corner**



Strange California weather...just as I'm getting ready to switch to “Winter Hours” in the Galley, the sun, blue skies and Santa Ana winds return. So, until further notice, we'll maintain our regular schedule (9:00am to 4:00pm) in the Galley.

As for myself, I've enjoyed the cooler weather, rainy days and unseasonably chilly nights. Great for roaring fires in the fireplace, homemade soups and movie nights.

Before you know it, I'll be heading to Scottsdale Arizona for baseball spring training, and summer will be upon us once again.

Construction at the club is in full swing; I'm excited about the progress and can now visualize the finish product. The elevator shaft has been dug (didn't hit water or find Jimmy Hoffa) restrooms are wired, plumbed and dry walled.

If you haven't had a chance to see the project, come on down to the club and I'll personally give you the “Chef's Tour”

As I begin my 5th year of service at ABYC I'm still amazed at how quickly our calendar fills up. So, if you have a party, reunion, reception or event in mind for 2011 check our website/calendar and book early. With our full complement of Regatta's and hosted events, open dates will fill quickly.

Hard to believe, but we'll soon be into our fourth month working with the current Board of Directors and our Captain, Commodore Jeff Merrill.

Jeff (aka the Energizer Bunny) has set a course for the club, that is aggressive, straight forward and challenging. Jeff reminds me of the entertainer on the old Ed Sullivan show, attempting to keep the plates spinning on numerous long sticks.

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Sou'Wester DEADLINE

February 20, 2011 is the deadline for the February 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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With major construction, new Point of Sales programs, on line roster, complete yard audits, new membership drives, and a overhaul of Basin 5's policy's & procedures...it's all hands on deck, full steam ahead, and steady as she goes. Nice work Commodore and now as your lovely wife Pam says "Go sell a Boat!!!"

All kidding aside, there is much to be excited about in the following months here at ABYC as Jeff and the Board (and the incredible volunteer's) march on toward another Opening Day.

Kelly Whitlow

vice



Well we are more than half way through the restroom remodel and we are on schedule. The rough plumbing, rough electrical, framing, drywall and floors are done. Tiling started the last week of January and will take about 3 weeks. The restrooms could be finished by the end of this month. The elevator, on the other hand, is a different story. The foundation has poured and the demolition is in progress. We will be ready for the elevator by the third week of this month but the elevator supplier is not cooperating. Instead of an 8 week delivery time as quoted by the company when we bid it, it is now a 12 week delivery. That means that the elevator will be about the 20th of March. We are currently trying to move it up but it does not seem to have much effect. As it stands now we will be finished with the elevator and the whole project by the 1st week of April.

The yard is in good shape but needs a little rearrangement. We are going to get the East Yard back after construction is completed. This opportunity allows us to offer the area for a vale program. The vale program is a dense pack of an area of the yard. This does not mean those boats in this area will not be available for sailing but rather with one phone call your boat will be made available for you to use. Then, when you are done with your boat, the staff will return it to the dense pack spot. This will not only a convenient way to store your boat but allows more members to enjoy the club. We are also going to start a vale program in both the keelboat and the 15' yard. We have done this in the past and it has been very successful. Again it gives us an opportunity to offer more spaces to the members and reduce the wait to get into the yard. If you would like to take advantage of the Vale Program please call Sheila at 434-9955.

Don't forget that the summer rail rider program starts the 1st of April. You need to be on the waiting list to be able to rent a place on the rail. Reserve and pay for your spot on the rail. These spots are coveted so get your name in early.

In January 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. The auditor did say that those boats would be cited next year if they did not have current registration and CF numbers. Please come down to the club and make sure that your registration and CF numbers are current. In addition your boat needs to have a current ABYC tag and you need to review the yard rules. If you have a spot in the yard please put your boat back in your spot. We will be looking for poachers or boats that are not in their proper spot.

The house is looking as good as ever. This is our slow time of year, so we will be doing several maintenance projects for the next few months. Don't be alarmed if you see these projects in progress. Some of the projects that are impacted by the construction will be delayed until the construction is completed. All seems to be good.

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

Jon Robinson

rear



As we leave the holiday season behind us we are looking forward to getting back to yachting and regattas. As usual, the next few months will see the return of Midwinters, Manning, and Olympic Classes Regattas, as well as our Super Bowl Party, fleet races, the return of Club ABYC. Our social calendar is pretty full, so in this month's column I am playing the role of barker. Read on for what's in store. We have something for everyone.

Super Bowl Party returns to ABYC on Sunday the 6th. This year Merle and Kelly Asper are hosting our traditional event. The party will include Kelly's delicious BBQ, beer specials, and football pools.

Midwinters Chili Cookoff

That's right, you don't need to be a racing sailor to compete in this event. Saturday the 19th, as the fleets come in from the Midwinter Regatta, we are hosting a chili cookoff competition. Bring your best chili to share (and get in for free) or just come hungry with \$7.50 in your pocket, and you can become an expert chili

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judge and connoisseur for an evening. Along with chili, we will be serving corn bread, salad and potatoes. There will be dancing to rock and pop favorites with the band "Another Fine Mess". The party starts at 4:30 PM, so come on by and warm up after another great day of racing at ABYC.

Laser Fleet hosts General Membership Meeting

Friday the 18th is our next GMM. The Laser fleet is hosting with a selection of Chinese delicacies, and a presentation from the US Army Corps of Engineers on the breakwater (known as the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project)

Club ABYC – Pre St. Patty’s Party

ABYC is open for happy hour (and a very hearty buffet of “appetizers”) every Friday. On the last Friday of each month we hold “Club ABYC” where we step it up a bit by bringing you a variety of music, entertainment and educational events. This month we have a St. Patty’s Day theme. I know, it’s not even March, but this is the closest Club ABYC we have to St. Pat’s, so play along.

Jesus is making delicious corned beef tacos, Kelly has Harp and Guinness beer specials, and we will be entertained by the folk and bluegrass music of ‘Trooper Thorn’. Be prepared to clap, stomp, and sing along to some sea shanties and old favorites. It promises to be a fun evening, and you can’t beat the admission price*

*and that would be FREE

Manning Regatta

Dinghies compete in SCYA’s Manning Regatta at ABYC on March 5-6. On Saturday afternoon after the racing we will have dinner and music on the patio.

Our Social Advisory Committee organizes all of our social events. If you have an idea for an ABYC event, or are interested in helping produce our parties, please contact Sue McDannel or myself. We would love to have you join in.

Cheers!

Mike Baumann

fleet captain’s



There hasn’t been much activity on the waterfront since Boxing Day Regatta, but Race Management has been very busy planning the Spring Season. Our next big event is the SCYA Midwinter’s followed by the SCYA Manning Regatta and Olympic Classes Regatta. If you’re interested in race management or just looking for a really fun weekend on the water, we’d love to have you join in. As we all know, ABYC is based on volunteerism and what better way to get involved, meet new people and have lots to talk about in the bar in the evening? Please give me a call or send me an email — we’ll get you started. No experience, no problem – we have a well qualified nucleus of members that will mentor you.

Sadly, we’ve had to say “good bye” to Sandy Toscan. She was an expert in race management and strove to help our club achieve great results. Sandy wore many hats in race management and will be missed. I was lucky enough to have learned from Sandy and owe her a debt of gratitude for her patience and thoughtfulness.

The fleet is looking good. Rick has been doing a fantastic job of preparing the boats for the racing season. Two whalers are waiting for parts and then all will be ready for prime time. Chris Ericksen has arranged for Patience to have her annual service, so no problems there. The weather has been perfect, so there will be a few “work” weekends arranged to paint the deck of the bay barge and fix the equipment box.

Jennifer Kuritz

eight bells

Joyce Toscan - Sandy to her sailing friends, passed away Friday, January 14th, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. Sandy grew up in Nahant, Massachusetts and was introduced to sailing by her parents at Eastern Yacht Club where she began her racing career in a little boat called a Turnabout. She received a Masters Degree from Purdue and moved to Southern California to pursue her career in academia at UCLA and then USC where she was responsible for seventeen libraries. She was a long time member of Alamos Bay Yacht Club; chief scorer for sailing at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, involved in ABYC’s Olympic Classes regatta for over forty years, and was the organizational administrator behind many of ABYC’s larger events. She wrote or reviewed almost every set of Sailing Instructions for Worlds, North Americans, Nationals and other major regattas held at ABYC and was an integral part of the ABYC Race Management team. She was awarded the Andy Gram trophy for outstanding contribution to the Olympic Yachting Program. She is survived by her son Eric, daughter in-law Darci and three granddaughters.

There was a celebration of her life at ABYC on Saturday, January 22nd. Donations in lieu of flowers to the ABYC 2020 Fund. She will be missed by all.

from the pages of history

The parade of names in the past that still appear in the present is the ongoing pleasure of researching past SOU'WESTER copies. This month's offerings are very much the same.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

There was a very thoughtful and timely letter on the back cover of the SOU'WESTER for February, 1981. Penned by then Junior Rear Commodore Ron Rosenberg, it implored members with "single or double handed boats that are rarely or never used and kept...at ABYC" to make them available to the "large number of Junior Members who are outgrowing their Sabots." He promised that the appreciative Juniors would "promise to return the boat in the same condition" in which it were found, or even better: Ron suggested that any boat loaned would be returned "sparkling clean and neat."

Upcoming regattas, including two SCYA regattas, was on the minds of the club this winter. The SCYA Manning Regatta, in those days referred to as "the Manning Series" even though it was a single event, had been sailed in January; a photo of a gaggle of dinghies leaving the basin graced the cover of the SOU'WESTER. And Adra Kober, the Midwinter chair for ABYC, put out a call for volunteers: as now, the Midwinters then did not have a duty fleet, so all volunteers were drawn from the general membership.

Robin Lounsberry was the chair for Men's Day in 1981, to be held in March. The regatta in those days had a theme, and the theme this year was "SMASH Unit 7201," a play on the then-very-popular television series "M*A*S*H" and the MASH Unit 4077 featured in the show. In keeping with the theme, the wearing of uniforms was encouraged and men were informed that "draft notices" would be sent. Robin—identified as Commander in Charge—closed out her article by saying, "be there or go to Canada."

The 1980 Christmas float pictured on the cover of the SOU'WESTER of January, 1981 (and mentioned in this column last month) was another in a long line of ABYC award winners: it won the Judges' Trophy in the theme category...the 1981 Rosters were done and ready, and members were encouraged to collect them from the ABYC Office as "the Club will save considerable postage by not having to mail them"...the January 15 passing of ABYC Keel Boat Fleet founder John Hand was reported, both in the "Commodore's Comments" and in the Keel Boat Fleet article...

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

The SOU'WESTER for February, 1991, carried a piece that said "The Board of Directors is proud to announce the inaugural Yacht Club Championship (will) be held in conjunction with Opening Day. The format announced at that time is the same as today: each fleet was asked to send its "Top Gun" to contest the title, and the winning team was to earn the use of a "special parking place designated with the names of the skipper and crew and the winning fleet."

There was no SOU'WESTER editor at this time, and the task was being handled by then-Commodore Norma Clapp—whose article ended with the plea, "Help!! We need a volunteer." A lot of the articles were being written by Board members, including then-Director Keith Dodson, who reported that the ABYC Christmas Float won the "Founder's Trophy" in the small-boat division; built on the Bay Barge by Eric Conn and his team of Grant Hill, Stacy Conn, Lynda Fox, Claudia Dodson and Dawn McCormick, it featured papier-mâché carolers and a sound system that blasted Christmas carols. A boatload of Juniors and their parents went out on PATIENCE for the parade as well as spectators, the boat piloted by Chris Ericksen.

Randy Smith was ABYC's Challenge Chairman in 1991 and ran an article drumming up interest in the Area J semi-finals for a series of USYRU national championships. Of interest from the article was a list of ABYC members who had won USYRU championships in past, including "Dave Crockett, Sid Exley and Kurt Nicolai (1976 Mallory)" and "Bruce Golison, Jay Golison and Ron Rosenberg (1985 Prince of Wales)." Also, John Shadden was listed as having won no fewer than five USYRU championships with various crews and as both an ABYC Junior and as an adult.

Mark Townsend, then ABYC's Rear Commodore, commented that he was continuing his cross-cultural event-planning activities in 1991: "Last year the Englishman was in charge of the American celebrations, Fourth of July and Thanksgiving, and it seems only appropriate that this year I should move on to the Irish celebration of St. Patrick's Day"...a photo showed then-Vice Commodore Chris Ericksen dealing blackjack at the ABYC New Year's Eve Party to players that included Dan Gilboa, Nancy Grubbs and Bob and Stephanie Siemer; "Chris pays!!" according to the caption...and another photo showed our current Fleet Captain, Jennifer Kuritz, dealing at another blackjack table in a remarkable black dress; "foxy" was the comment made by the photo editor...

TEN YEARS AGO:

Kevin Ellis was ABYC's Fleet Captain in 2001, and his article in the SOU'WESTER of February of that year outlined a number of projects that had been completed, undertaken or planned with ABYC's fleet of boats. A new 90-horsepower engine and hydraulic steering system had been installed in OUTRAGE, one of the club's two larger whalers, and the engine on SIDNEY, the other one, had been rebuilt—both between Labor Day and Turkey day. A survey had been done on PATIENCE in 2000 and some issues were uncovered; work was continuing on that. And it was announced that there would be "no more guns on the Race committee Signal Boat" as Bruce and Margo Golison had donated funds for an air-horn system for PATIENCE; Latham Bell was the builder of that.

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An article announced some changes in the running of the 2001 SCYA Midwinter Regatta. SCYA had scheduled a party at Long Beach Yacht Club on Saturday night of the regatta; it was an effort to get participants from all the various venues at Midwinters together for a social event. And members of the Shoreline Yacht Club of Long Beach would join ABYC volunteers to staff a combined racing venue hosting the dinghies and Cal 20's that ABYC traditionally saw along with the beach cats traditionally hosted by Shoreline. ABYC Staff Commodore Dick Landes would be co-PRO for the event with SYCLB's Bill Browning aboard PATIENCE while Marc Schreyer would lead on the Bay.

A very successful—and volunteer-organized—New Year's Eve party had rung in the new millennium, according to an article from Jim Bateman of the Social Advisory Committee. Holly MacLaren led the decoration committee; Don Serina was head chef; and Stan Sorensen was pit boss for the evening of gaming. Among the dealers for this event were Bob Anderson, Eric Conn, Ron Fox, John Merchant and Nicole Peoples.

ABYC's St. Patrick's Day Party was to be held on a Saturday, as the feast day coincided with the weekend day; it also coincided with the third regatta of the Chapped Cheek Series, and sailors were encouraged to hang around after racing for "good food, good libations and a fun party"...Cal 20 fleet correspondent Glenn Selvin reported on the activities of that fleet, including big turnouts for the Long Beach Yacht Club Cal 20 Fun Run and ABYC Boxing Day Regatta and a lovely Christmas party hosted by Steve Flam, all in December...the ABYC Happy Hour schedule for the winter of 2001 included two nights of "Jazz at the Club" on the last Friday nights of both February and March; perhaps this was the precursor of "Club ABYC?"...

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian

thanks from the juniors

Thank You!

A year ago, we started the campaign to increase the number of members contributing to the Jr. Fund. Twenty of you stepped up and checked the box on your bill to contribute \$5.00 a month to help the ABYC Juniors. There have also been several members that have bought the equipment and supplies needed to complete specific jobs. The Junior Advisory Board would like to thank all members that are now contributing to the Jr. Fund and those that purchased items for a project. This year has been a busy year. There was a tremendous amount of work to be done and with your help; we accomplished most of our goals.

2010 Accomplishments/Purchases

- One F.J. for the charter fleet
- Video Camera for instruction purposed
- Hand held radios
- Loud hailers
- Charter Sabot parts/rigging
- FJ parts, rigging and repair to existing charter boats
- Jr. Room whiteboards/lighting and photos
- Prop cages on four ABYC whalers
- Trailer refurbishment of two nine-packs
- Trailer refurbishment of Laser trailer
- Tires for two nine-pack trailers
- Lights on all Jr. whaler trailers
- Organization materials for Jr. storage container
- Computer monitor for Jr. Office

2011 Goals

- Three more FJ's for charter fleet
- Refurbish Jr. Whalers and trailers
- FJ storage
- Purchase/build another six or nine-pack sabot trailer

Our goals are ambitious for 2011 and we could use your help. If you are not currently contributing to the Jr. Fund, it is not too late! Check the box at the bottom of your bill or call the office to ask that the \$5.00 be added permanently to your monthly bill. To those that are contributing to the Jr. Fund, THANK YOU! We appreciate your monthly contributions.

Lynda Peoples, Jr. Advisory Fundraising Chair



the bay clogger (junior sailing)

ABYC announces 2011 Spring Programs!

The ABYC Junior Program is pleased to announce the 2011 Spring program sign ups. There are some relatively large changes to our standard off season programs, so here's a quick summary:

- Sabot Sundays are the same format and designed for all sabot sailors from novice to advanced racing.
- For advanced Sabot sailors (A's and B's), we will also be offering our FAST (Friday Advanced Sabot Training) Clinics. These are high end clinics coached from 4-7pm on Fridays by Brad Schaupteter from ABYC and Whit Bachelor from LBYC. A bay wide effort for great teaching.
- For novice double-handed and Laser sailors (sailors relatively new to these boats), six weekend clinics will be held primarily in the bay to help sailors get comfortable in the boats. It is open to advanced sailors as well, but primarily meant for novice laser / double-handed sailors. Racing will be a part of the instruction but boat handling is the main focus.
- For advanced double-handed and Laser sailors we will be starting our Ocean Advanced Racing (O.A.R.) Clinics. This will be open to sailors who have competency in racing in high level regattas on the ocean. These clinics will be held as a CISA-styled format and will be coached by a high level clinician. Each clinic will be announced separately and information regarding the clinics will come out shortly.

The main change is that advanced double-handed and laser sailors will be encouraged to participate in our spuratic O.A.R. (Ocean Advanced Racing) Clinics. All other items are close to or similar to previous years. Sign up forms for the sabot Sunday clinics, the novice double-handed and laser program, our FAST Clinics and the new OAR clinics can be found online at the junior website on www.fleetracing.net.

Please pass this information along to anyone you think may be interested in signing up for our off season program and email abyc.jrprogram@gmail.com with any questions. Remember the sabot Sunday clinics start Sunday, February 13th and the Novice Double-Handed/Laser clinics start Saturday, February 12th.

ABYC Juniors are on Facebook!

The ABYC Junior Program officially has a Facebook page. This is to help our sailors and parents keep up to date even more so in the information age. You can join the ABYC group or "like" the program by searching for "ABYC Juniors" on facebook.com or just enter this URL...<http://www.facebook.com/#!/ABYCJrProgram>

Jr. Invitational Regatta Wrap Up @ SDYC – Riley Gibbs & Matt McDermaid both place top five!

After two of the four part North Series, we have seen great efforts and results from our A sabot sailors. We have three sailors duking it out in the top with Riley Gibbs leading in first overall, Matt McDermaid in 4th overall, and Steven rounding out the top ten in 10th overall. This regatta would prove to be consistent with those series results as Riley and Matt finished in similar spots for the Jr. Invitational.

The wind was nonexistent both days until after 1:00pm, but when it turned on, it really turned on. The sailing became very serious and capsize worthy for the C3's. Fortunately our A's and even our two lone C3's fought it out and finished every race. Riley and Matt often found themselves dueling for the top position. Other races saw younger brother Sawyer Gibbs out in front and lots of promise from our other A sailors including first time A-fleeter, Rory Gaudio. In the end, Riley came out on top again, Matt placed fourth (narrowly missing 2nd), and Sawyer placed 11th. Congrats to all our sailors who went down to San Diego!

For complete results, visit: http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=3473

Brad Schaupteter

2020 trust report

NEW NAME-SAME PURPOSE

The 2020 Trust was formed 25 years ago for the purpose of collecting funds in order to secure a new lease. Since that goal has been achieved your Trustees (with the expert advice of Judge Advocate Thomas Ramsey) have restated the declaration of trust and have renamed it the **CAPITAL LEASEHOLD TRUST FUND**. As in the past, the Trust's primary purpose is to collect and invest funds so that the club can meet its leasehold obligations to the City of Long Beach under our lease. Our new extension takes us until 2047. The Trust will provide funds for the new lease and future leases with the City. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the new Trust at its recent meeting. Your Trustees are SC John Weiss, Scott Meyer, SC James Bateman, FC Jennifer Kuritz, Steve Washburn and SC Ron Wood.

membership challenge

Membership:

The RACE is on...

At the January membership meeting Jim Grubbs announced the **Fleet Membership Challenge**. It should be noted that we posted seven (7) people for membership and ONE (1) is from the Lido Fleet.

Lastly to strike fear into the hearts of average sailors, Jim and his family performed ***the Loser Ville Dance*** to the joy of the membership.

The monthly results will be posted in the Sou'Wester.

ABYC Fleet Membership Challenge 2011

January 1 - March 31, 2011 The first annual *FLEET Membership Challenge*

All ABYC fleets (Duty racing fleets, active fleets and social fleets as listed on our website) will compete for the FLEET MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Membership drive and though only one fleet will be the ultimate winner, all fleets can win an invitation to attend the exclusive Membership Challenge Appreciation Party hosted by the Board of Directors at the end of this promotion (a date in June or July is being explored).

To qualify to attend the Membership Challenge Appreciation Party each fleet shall have recruited three (3) new regular members by March 31, 2011.

A point schedule for the Fleet Membership Challenges as follows:

Independent Junior : 1 point (Note: a waiting list may be created if applications exceed bylaws maximum)

Yachting 1 or 2 : 2 points

Regular Family Member : 3 points

DON'T STOP THERE! The more new members your fleet brings into the ABYC family the better your fleet's chance at winning the coveted Fleet Membership Challenge Trophy. The winning fleet will be that fleet that totals the largest point total (minimum of 3 regular members must be included in that score).

The fleet that brings in the most new members (as determined by the point schedule) during January 1 - March 31st will receive:

- 1. Hosted BAR at Membership Challenge Appreciation Party.**
- 2. Fleet name on Membership Challenge perpetual trophy**
- 3. Free rail rider spot for one boat from July 1 – September 30th, 2011**

For the sorry fleet that is incapable of bringing in any new members, that fleet will be required to:

- 1) Participate in Speech and Choral Singing Lessons given by the esteemed S/C Chris Ericksen.
- 2) ***AND, the losing Fleet Captain will be asked to perform the "Loser-Ville Dance" (all meant in good fun!)*** at the

Membership Challenge Appreciation Party. Note: Any fleet gaining at least one point will not have to do this dance even if they finish last.

After the March 31 deadline the Fleet Membership challenge will be determined by which fleet secured the most membership points (minimum of 3 new regular members). Fine print rules...The applications must be received by Membership chairs with completed questionnaires ready for Board of Director approval and posting to count. Final results will be announced after the June Board of Directors meeting allowing time for all membership applicants to be posted, approved and initiation fees paid.

Please contact Jim Grubbs or Terri Bishop for more details. Good luck!

Jim Grubbs and Terri Bishop

note of thanks

To all those, members and others alike, who gave so generously to the ABYC Staff Christmas Fund. Administering this tradition is one of the more gratifying tasks assigned to the Jr. Staff Commodore.

Also, a side note of thanks for all the kind card and letters of encouragement that have been sent to me, following my open-heart surgery. Our amazing Board of Directors have stepped up to take on my responsibilities until such time as I am released from sick bay for duty.

A humorous thought that will be understood by the "League Those Who Have Had Their Chest Cracked Open," I have a whole new appreciation of the old saying to "Roll Out Of Bed".

Thank You One and All. I do so love our ABYC community.

John Massey

more rose bowl regatta

Coach Steve Hunt was away in a personal competitive commitment, so Mikee Anderson-Mitterling, a former USC all-American, took over with this smart advice for the sailors, according to La Dow: "He told us to just be conservative and don't get into trouble."

La Dow and his crew, Will Herrin, succeeded until the start of the last race when they got into a collision at the pin end of the line with Cathedral Catholic's varsity boat skippered by Nevin Snow.

"Nevin was behind, but he rolled up with the leeward boat and hit us," La Dow said.

La Dow went on to finish second. Snow protested but lost.

"We won [the event] in the protest room," La Dow said.

But ... no hard feelings.

"That's what happens out there," La Dow said. "We've sailed each other for a long time. We shook hands. We're still friends."

Loyola of Marina del Rey won the high school Silver competition sailed in Alamitos Bay, underscoring Cathedral Catholic, 87-108.

Rich Roberts



Collegiate: Boston College



High school Gold fleet romps downwind on outside course



High school Gold: Point Loma



Clare Dahl (r.) and crew Caitlyn Johnson led Corona del Mar to 3rd place in HS Silver



Chris Barnard and crew Hilary Kenyon led defending champion Georgetown's comeback to 3rd



High school Silver: Loyola

membership report

The Board of Directors voted January 19, 2010 to post the following applicants:

Laura Marie Cox	Regular	Terry Huguet	Regular
Roger Elliott	Regular	Paul O'Sullivan	Regular
Fred Cook	Regular	Sara Ryan	Regular
Henk Baars	Regular		

New Members:

Scott Merrill	Regular
Russell & Avalon Hill	Regular
Mike O'Toole	Regular



Jeff Merrill presents Mike O'Toole with his burgee



Avalon and Russ Hill with their new burgee

new year's eve

more rose bowl regatta



Spectators had front-row seats on Belmont Pier

ABYC on December 31 was a great evening. In spite of the cold night and remodeling we had a terrific group of members to celebrate 2010! The furnace was not available, but the fireplace did its job and kept us pretty warm. The hors d'oeuvres the celebrants brought were delicious and plentiful, if you went home hungry you didn't come to the table often enough.

There were 49 adults attending and seven youngsters under 14 helping celebrate the old and welcoming the New Year. Peter Bishop set up some board games and taught players how the games worked and brought his beautiful huge chess set. Thank you Peter for a job well done!

Chatting and meeting members you might not have had an opportunity to meet before is part of the ambience of the evening. We all sang and hugged and welcomed in 2011 heartily. It was a delightful evening and if I had remembered to take pictures with my camera I brought you all could enjoy our celebration too!

Reggie did his usual good job and was as charming and friendly as always, as was his helper our best guy who helps out everywhere, David Myers. Thanks guys.

Thank you to all who participated, next year its heat, elevator and restrooms!!!! See you then.

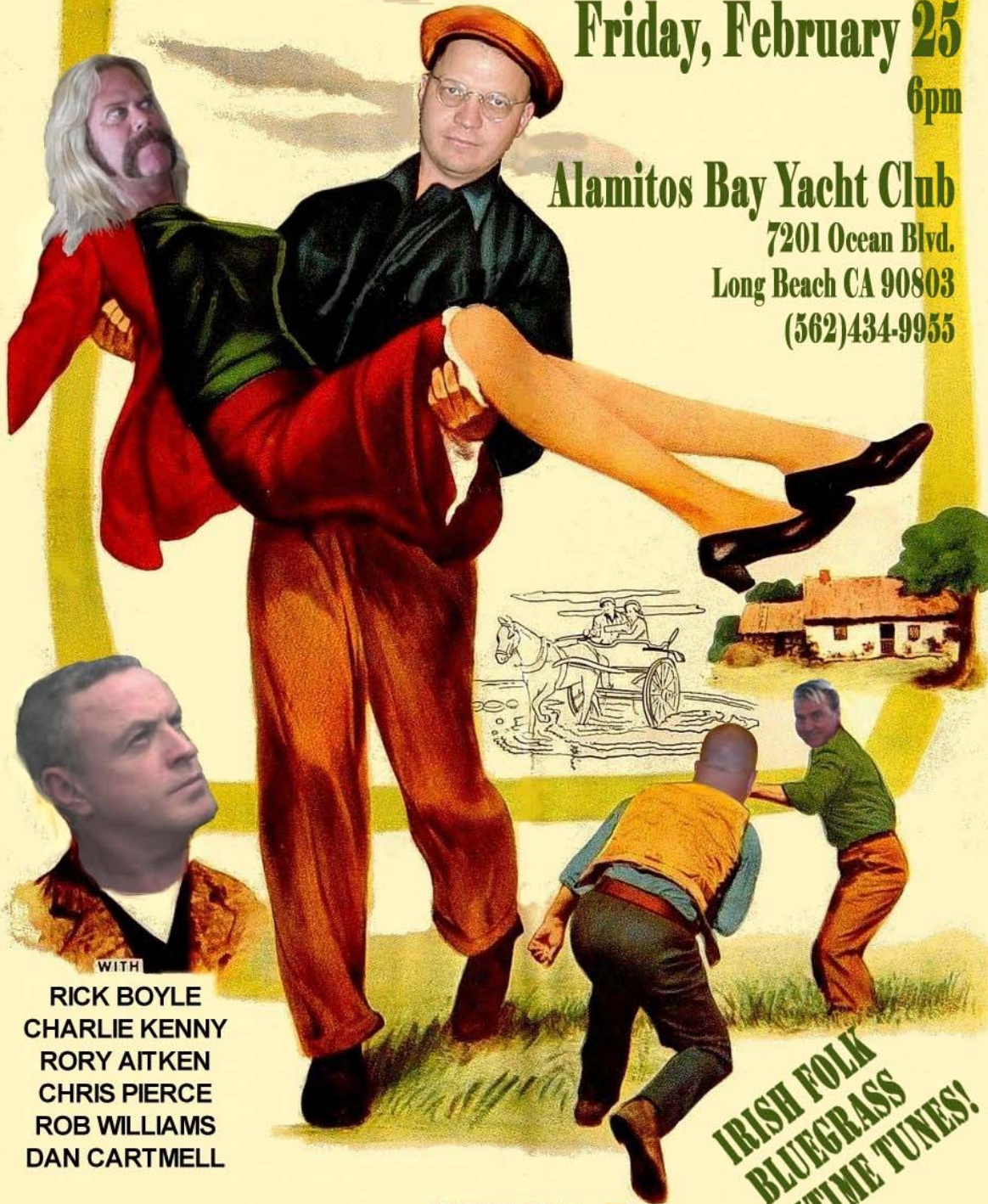
Norma and Dan Clapp

The Pre-Pre St Paddy's Party at Club ABYC

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dan clapp's eagle



Dan got his first eagle which is two under par for one hole. Not an easy thing to do. We were playing Recreation Park 18 and he got the eagle on the 9th hole. It was witnessed by John Ellis, Eric Conn and Chuck Hardin.



Reliable storm indicators!

hails from the fleets



2010 Boxing Day Regatta

I think I know why this regatta is called "Boxing Day". Now Boxing Day was/is the traditional day after Christmas in Great Britain when nobles, aristocracy, upper classes, etc. gave gifts to their staff, servants and so on. I guess since the organizer of the ABYC Boxing Day Regatta, **Mark Townsend**, is from Great Britain, we just assume it is his gift to us sailboat racers.

Even up to the competitor's briefing the race course on Alamitos Bay was still as a mill pond, so many of us feared a repeat of the 2009 Boxing Day drifter. Well, there was just enough breeze to maneuver for the start adjacent to the viewing platform in Basin 5. **Nick Odegard** from ABYC, racing the sole *Radial*, started six minutes ahead of the five full rig *Lasers* who came out to race. Mark sent us on a meandering course covering most of the Bay and spreading out the fleet. Close reaching to the first mark near Long Beach YC, the *Lasers* were closely bunched, staining to catch every zephyr. A Finn joined the group heading to the second mark, but it was looking like a repeat of 2009 as the breeze died, changed direction, then died again until a steady wind began to fill in. Well, this is what we came for, as the new breeze was allowing us to stretch our hiking muscles both upwind and on the reaching legs where it was possible to get up on a plane.

Now that the breeze was on ABYC's **Alex Newton** was leading the *Lasers* with your author and frequent visitor to ABYC, Brian Cottrell from King Harbor YC. The three of us remained close as we chased the other boats in the regatta. Brian and I eventually caught Alex and Nick with Brian passing me on the second to last leg of the course.

In this reverse handicap format regatta, the first *Lasers* placed 20th in a mixed fleet of 41 boats, but we all had a fun time challenging each other and the changeable conditions of the day. Thanks for the nice gift Mark!

ABYC To Host U.S. SAILING Area J Singlehanded Championship Qualifier Regatta

After a few years where this event was held elsewhere, the U.S. SAILING Area J (Southern California) Singlehanded Championship Qualifier Regatta returns to ABYC Saturday May 7, 2011. We are pleased to have this event return to ABYC in the inaugural year of **Kevin Taugher's** tenure as U.S. SAILING Area J Representative. As a former U.S. SAILING Singlehanded Champion, Kevin is an excellent choice as our new representative. Kevin takes over this role from **Jerry Montgomery**, now our Area J Director.

The winners of this ladder event qualify to compete in the U.S. SAILING Singlehanded Championship for the prestigious O'Day trophy. The Championship regatta will be held at the Columbia Gorge Racing Association in Portland OR July 21-24, 2011.

New (for ABYC) is the addition of a Women's championship. This means the Area J Qualifier Regatta will be conducted in *Lasers* for Men and *Laser Radials* for Women. The respective winners qualify to race at Portland and awarded half the cost of their airfare to the event. Ladies and Gents, let's bring the O'Day trophy back to ABYC again!

Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain

hails from the fleets



The Nirvana Fleet is planning to hold an informal race day at El Dorado Park on Saturday, February 13. Skippers meeting will be at 10am and then racing will start. It is tentatively planned to have a series of at least 12 races on one of the park's lakes. There are fixed buoys and plenty of room to get in a good day of sailing. Bring your lunch, no beer, it's a public park. You might want to buddy up since there is a \$7 entry charge to get in the park. Enter the park at the Spring Street entrance, north side (across from the Nature Center). Go through the gate, turn right go to Snake Road, turn left and follow it to the lake. This venue provides an environment ideally suited for model boat sailing. Please contact Eric Conn (efconn@yahoo.com or 562-439-7952) if you plan to attend or have any questions.



The 2011 racing year started out with a great event on January 23. Well, it ended up great, but it looked a little sketchy at the start.

The eight teams arrived at ABYC to find the Santa Ana winds piping up out of the northeast at close to twenty knots. By the time the race committee of Terri Bishop and Vicki Vaught left the basin, the wind had backed a little but abated hardly at all; the one-tack reach out of the channel was thrilling for the Etchells.

Terri and Vicki set up a starting line off the first oil island, intending Mark 32 as the windward mark; however, as they were preparing to start the sequence, the wind veered over ninety degrees and dropped precipitously. "If you don't like the wind direction," Terri said, "wait a minute." Everybody did, and the wind settled in a bit west of south and light to moderate.

And so there were four races in more-or-less normal Long Beach conditions. Partners Ken Frost and Jamie Hardenbergh, winners of the 2010 Fleet Championship Series, started out where they left off last year to win the first race. Same for Jerry Montgomery and his crew on JUMPER: they took second in last year's series and second in this race.

Third place went to the DESPERADO's—Tim Carter and Chris Ericksen, sailing together in the Etchells for the first time since last February. Long-absent partners Greg Sims and Doug Menezes were out for the first time in a long time, too.

The challenging conditions, however, led to a lot of mixed results. Rich Vaught, sailing with Bob Bishop and Steve Washburn, were a distant—and I mean, distant—last in Race One but rallied to win Race Two handily. DESPERADO was second in the same race but last in the next.

In the end—as usual—consistency paid as Frost/Hardenbergh took the top spot in the standings after four races. The Vaught team overcame a their first-race slip—as did the team in USA126, third in the 2010 Fleet Championship Series—to finish second overall ahead of the third-place team in SPIRIT. Carter/Ericksen won the tiebreaker over Montgomery for fourth. Menezes/Sims, John Chapman and the Gordon Dudley/Jeff Powell team rounded out the field. Here are the final results:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	TOTALS
Frost/Hardenbergh	USA669	1	3	3	1	8
Rich Vaught	USA821	7	1	2	2	12
Barber/Burdge/Newsome	USA126	6	5	1	3	15
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	3	2	7	4	16
Jerry Montgomery	USA792	2	4	4	6	16
Menezes/Sims	USA494	5	6	5	5	21
John Chapman	USA1002	4	7	6	DNC/9	26
Dudley/Powell	USA531	DNF/9	DNC/9	DNC/9	DNC/9	36

The 2011 Fleet Championship Series will start this month at the SCYA Midwinter Regatta; the 2011 Worlds Qualifying Series will start in March. Stay tuned to see who will represent the Alamitos Bay Etchells Fleet at the Etchells Worlds in San Diego this summer.

Chris Ericksen

hails from the fleets



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

Best meeting we have had in a long time! If you missed the January Fleet meeting you missed a lot of fun. The theme was 'wear an article of clothing associated with sailing from the past years and tell a story about it'. Joe Riddick wore a shirt from a racing sail-boat from 1981, Judy and Clif had a T shirt from the last Coronado 25 championships.

Maggie and I wore our shirts and jackets from the 1984 Olympics, Barney Flam wore a shirt from an ABYC Olympics and Sue Crocket had a Woman's World shirt. There were other shirts by other members that I confess I forgot but all with hilarious stories. The absolute show stopper was Dorothy Hill who wore not just one shirt but several. Dorothy not only doffed each shirt with all the aplomb of a Las Vegas stripper but, true to the theme, told a funny story about each shirt. Needless to say poor Larry Hill, who followed his wife's act, was lost in the roar for Dorothy. But for the curious, Larry's shirt depicted a race to Tahiti.

The Keel Boat Fleet's next meeting is Friday, March 11. The dinner will be our usual pot luck. Ron and Sue Long plus Bob Ware are in charge of the evening.

The 'Vern Peterson Memorial Cruise' to cocktails and dinner at Shoreline Yacht Club will be Friday, April 29. Vern and Bobbie's son, Eric Peterson, will have his trawler as the host boat. All guests of Keel Boat Fleet members plus ABYC members are welcome. More information on the Cruise as we get closer to the date.

See you there,
George



N**T**he Sabotiers started 2011 with a great turn out, 11 participants for our Senior Sabot Sunday! Two races were run with light but steady winds before our lunch break. Mary Riddick won the first race, followed closely by John "Light Air" Ellis. Bob Ware won the second race followed closely again by Mr. Light Air Ellis. During our lunch break/happy hour the wind died and the Bay looked like glass.

With two minutes left on our self imposed 'wait for wind' time, wind ripples appeared on the Bay and the intrepid Sabotiers headed out for a third race. During our third race, Kathy Reed who had purchased a new Sabot that morning joined us. Kathy is obviously going to be a chocolate bar contender in the future. Bob Ware won the third race with Light Air Ellis a close second. This month's chocolate bars were awarded to Bob Ware- 1st, John Ellis- 2nd, and Jane McNaboe- 3rd. Racing was followed by a tasty dinner prepared by Jesus.



Chocolate bar trophy winners



PRO Steve with the postponement flag, waiting for wind.

The Sabotiers owe a big 'thank you' to our great PRO, Steve "I will teach you to read the sailing instructions" Kuritz, helped by barge crew of Bob Liger, Joe Riddick and Jinx Ellis, with Jerry McNaboe in the whaler.

Our next Senior Sabot Sunday will be on February 13. Senior Sabot Midwinters will be on February 19th at Balboa Yacht Club. Dust off your Sabots and come and join us!

Jane McNaboe



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february general meeting

Friday, February 18th

The ABYC Laser Fleet is hosting the **Friday evening February 18th** General Membership Meeting. A tasty selection of Chinese delicacies is on the menu and after dinner, our speaker is; Ms. Monica Eichler, P.E., PMP, Coastal Section Project Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Ms. Eichler's topic is the **East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study**. "The purpose of the study is to evaluate opportunities for providing ecosystem restoration, water quality and recreation improvements to the near shore area off the City of Long Beach, within East San Pedro Bay."

This presentation should prove very interesting to ABYC sailors as well as local member-residents poised to be effected by the results of this study. So make plans to join us for dinner and more.

2100 midwinter regatta and chili cookoff

Saturday & Sunday, February 19th & 20th
See flyer insert for details

early st. paddy's

Pre-Pre St. Paddy's Party at Club ABYC

Friday, February 25th

6:00 pm

See flyer on page 12