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charity regatta 2013

Charity Regatta takes a feminine flair

The Notice of Race didn't mention that the annual Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Regatta for The Children's Clinic would also celebrate Ladies Day.

The gentle gender, competing on equal terms with male egos, won three of nine classes presented by the Alamitos Bay and Long Beach yacht clubs, featured by the four Catalina 37s all skippered by women.

Among 42 boats in 10 classes, Lysie Gibbons of Southwestern YC in San Diego led the four-boat C37 class, normally raced by some of the blokes currently grinding out the days in the America's Cup up north, with two firsts and a second, while ABYC's Jane McNaboe won Senior Sabots and Julia Golison won Junior Sabots.

Go, girls!

In moderate southwest breeze of 6 to 9 knots, Gibbons won the virtually all-female Catalina 37 class on the ocean course while ABYC's Jane McNaboe won Senior Sabots and Julia Golison, 12, won Junior Sabots against mostly guys inside on the bay.

Gibbons said it was planned that way. The other C37 skippers were, in order of finish, Jane Hoffner of Bahia Corinthian YC, Judy Rae Karlsen of LBYC and Kathy St. Amant of the Long Beach Women's Sailing Association. For many, including Gibbons, it was her on-water introduction to the less-than-sleek racers featured in LBYC's annual Congressional Cup match racing classic.

"We're all practicing for the Linda Elias Memorial Regatta [Oct. 18-19] here," Gibbons, 31, said, referring to the late leading lady of Long Beach sailing who died of cancer in her prime. "Today was my first time on a Catalina 37. We'd heard they were aircraft carriers."

She and St. Amant had mostly women in their crews of nine, while Hoffner and Karlsen's teams were all women.

"I definitely surprised myself," Gibbons said. "I had a lot of good people on board."

Gibbons won by three points, but McNaboe had a tighter struggle with veteran Fred Stevens, Paul Ancil and John Ellis—her father—each only one point apart in first through fourth. No big deal, McNaboe said.

"I grew up with it, sailing with my dad. I didn't think about it, really."

Julia Golison, with a familiar surname in local sailboat racing, won the 12-boat Junior Sabot fleet by two points over Peter Sangmeister, the son of John, who led the Leading Edge catamaran campaign in this summer's Transpacific Yacht Race to Hawaii.

Meanwhile, LBYC's Ray Godwin won the event's Family Trophy for the third consecutive year with 17 members of his extended breed on board.

The event was hosted by the Alamitos Bay, Long Beach, Seal Beach and Shoreline yacht clubs. Other participating clubs were Little Ships Fleet, Marina YC, Navy YC, Long Beach Singles YC and Blue Gavel District 10.

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John Ellis was 4th in Sr. Sabots – but his daughter Jane McNaboe won

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I started off my Vice Commodore year with four goals:

1. Get more Lidos in the yard
2. Paint the Upper Deck
3. Refinish Dining Room Arm Chairs
4. Clean-Up the Yard

Well, a year later, I think we accomplished the goals. The waiting list for the dinghy yard was at 35 last November and now stands at 20 so we made considerable movement on turning boats. We did explore building double-decker storage for the Lido fleet, but the idea died due to lack of interest. Still, I'm very happy that there has been movement and hope that the turn-over will continue so that active members can enjoy keeping their boat in the yard.

Goal two evolved into a huge project. Over three weekends with 25 volunteers we completely refurbished the upper deck. We replaced many boards, recycled as many old boards as possible, stripped the paint down to bare wood and got four layers of paint down. Many thanks to my husband, Steve, for putting up with hours and hours of conversation about the deck (and everything else yacht club related) and the many volunteers that gave their time for this giant project.

Goal three was to refinish the upper deck chairs. We had an "Adopt-a-Chair" campaign that far exceeded expectations. Our goal was to raise \$8,000, but with so many members wanting to participate we raised \$9,200. THANK YOU to everyone who participated. The chairs are now about 50% complete. Carol Kohfal and I are working on getting the name plates for each chair, but we don't plan to install them until all the chairs are refinished. The extra funds raised will go toward the purchase of some new tables for the dining room.

Finally, goal four was to clean-up the yard. We'd gotten a little lax with yard rules over the years and there was a big mess in the yard. Slowly, over the year, with the help of the Yard Ogres Paul Bishop and Peter Malone, we made considerable progress. Thank you to Paul and Peter for your hard work and to everyone for listening to my soap box all year! We all need to stay the course due to the potential yard repaving next year!

Jennifer Kuritz

rearview



As I have said many times in my monthly Sou'wester articles is how fast time has gone by over the years and this one has been no exception. This will be my last article as Rear Commodore, and we have been really busy this year with the Social Advisory Committee (SAC). I have had a great time working with the team to plan special events such as Ladies Night, Rat Pack, Club ABYC, Friday Night Happy Hour, New Member Appreciation, and all the other events that have gone on at the club this past year.

It takes a lot to put together these events although I am sure that from the outside it looks easy, I am here to tell you it is not. The backbone of SAC is the leadership from Kathy Robinson, Sue McDannel and Lori Vanskyhock, they put in so much effort to make events for our members as enjoyable as possible and it has been a pleasure working with the "Fab 3" along with all of the other volunteers that helped along the way.

SAC is always looking for volunteers to help with set up, flyers, centerpieces or chairing an event, so if you want to get involved reach out to the SAC committee and get involved, you will not regret doing it! We have many new and exciting events planned that will be fun to be part of and they can always use the extra help.

I want to thank each and every one of you who voted for me for Vice Commodore, I will do my best to keep the tradition and integrity of ABYC going strong this next year. I also want to thank the current board and Commodore Mike Bauman for everything that he accomplished on his watch this year. I look forward to working closely with Jennifer Kuritz as we have many challenges ahead of us to work through this next year.

As you know, Basin 5 is going to start construction November 1st. We will be replacing the launch ramp and the hoist wings during this time. We are also putting together a solid plan to have the yard and parking lot resurfaced. It will be an adjustment for everyone as the construction is happening, but it will all be worth it in the end. Just imagine how nice the club is going to look with a new basin, ramp and hoist wings, and a clean yard and parking lot- all in time for Opening Day!!

As summer is now in our stern wake, it is time to focus on the upcoming fall and winter months as the rainy season is quickly approaching. Get on down to the club and check your boat and make sure it is ready for the rain, wind and whatever Mother Nature brings us. This approach is two fold; as we will need to move boats around the yard for the resurfacing project, to get an early start preparing your boat to move.

Every member that is reading this article knows that ABYC is THE place to BE.... But we need your help exposing the great qualities that ABYC has to offer, so let's see if we can get more potential members to join. Membership is the nuts and bolts to the club and it is very important in making the club even better than it already is. It takes all of us to show off

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our great club and what we have to offer; have you noticed all of the new members and smiling faces on the patio enjoying the great view and events? It is very cool, that is what we like to see!

This next year is going to go down in the history books for ABYC with all the improvements that are taking place. So come down, get involved, enjoy your club, and remember ABYC is the PLACE to BE...

Cheers,
Chuck Clay

membership report

This is our last report for the current club year. We proposed 26 new members with 23 sponsors, which is a new record for individual sponsorship. In years past we have seen a few members sponsoring numerous new members. 2013 shows a new trend, with many first time ever sponsors. Thanks for all your hard work and introducing the club to new members.

Unfortunately on the negative side, we lost 26 regular members. There were a number of reasons, but the largest reason was relocation out of the area. Long Beach has a large transient population and ABYC is no different. Approximately 20 to 25 percent of Long Beach's population moves every year. It is all our jobs to make sure new sailors moving to this area are introduced to ABYC and the wonderful benefits that membership brings.

The following new members were approved for membership at the September board meeting:

New Members

Brett Allred
David Sall
Rick Ware

Sponsors

Dan DeLave
Dominic Meo
Jon Robinson

Please extend a warm welcome to Brett, David, and Rick.

Thanks again for all your support.

Chuck Tripp, Dan Milefchik, and Ed Spotskey

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

October 20, 2013 is the deadline for the November Sou'Wester.

Help us to Help you!

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

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the bay clogger

(junior sailing)

I am happy to be serving as interim Junior Director while ABYC interviews potential candidates for the permanent position. For those who don't know me, I am a lifelong sailor and racer who worked her way through high school and college teaching sailing and making sails. In what seems like a former life, I was (and still am) an attorney, but now am mostly a very busy mom of three sailing girls.

Fall is by FAR the busiest sailing season for junior racers in Southern California. Between Labor Day and Thanksgiving there are six 2-day sabot regattas, two big high school regattas, many SCYYRA regattas for the CFJs, C420's, Lasers & Radials and the 29ers, along with high school sailing practices and sabot clinics.

ABYC Fall Junior Program started on Sunday, September 15. We had 10 beginner and intermediate sailors in the morning clinic with Coaches Ginger Luckey and Kevin Baumann. In the afternoon our C3 racers went out with Kevin, and our more experienced racers had an opportunity of a life time with guest coach and sabot guru Mark Gaudio. Our other clinic dates are on Sundays October 6, October 20 and November 17. It's not too late to sign up for the fall program, which includes free regatta coaching at six fall regattas. If your family plate is already full, but you find yourself with a free Sunday, then have your sailor join us for the day for \$50. We scheduled our clinics on Sundays because so many kids have conflicts with soccer and football, but we have interest in Saturday racing clinics as well. And we'd love to get our junior Laser & Radial sailors out too! Please let us know if you would be interested in either Saturday sabot race clinics or Laser/Radial clinics and we'll get them going!

High school sailing for the local schools continues at ABYC for the second year in a row. Practices started on September 11 and are held every Wednesday and Friday from 3:30pm until darkness. We welcome high school and 8th grade sailors who wish to compete on their high school team or who simply wish to keep up with their double-handed sailing with sailing friends. Shane Young, captain of the nationally ranked CSULB sailing team, is our head coach, and is assisted by another great college sailor John Hill. Afternoon week day practices will continue through mid-November. Our first regatta is in mid-October, the Sea Otter Regatta in Monterey hosted by CSU Monterey. In November, we will compete at the Anteater Regatta hosted by UC Irvine in Newport Beach. Once the time changes, we will switch to weekend practices to keep up for the Rose Bowl Regatta at the beginning of January.

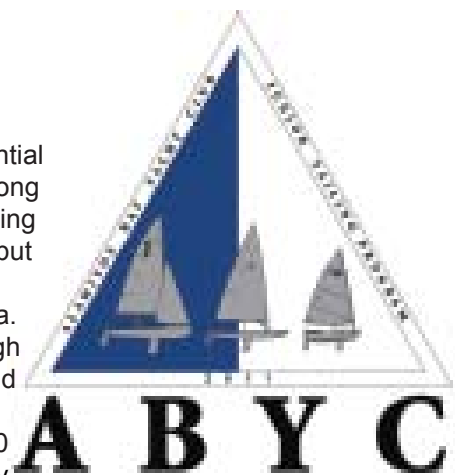
The Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association (SCYYRA) hosts several regatta series during the school year as well. The Shadden Series consists of four regattas in CFJs. Our own Riley Gibbs won Shadden #1 at Fall Gold Cup hosted by NHYC in September in a very competitive field of 49 boats. The next weekend, Riley, with his brother Sawyer as crew, also won the C420 Pacific Coast Championships at CBYC, which was also the first SCYYRA Perry Series. Way to go Riley! Other SCYYRA series include the North Series for our A sabot sailors, the Hamlin Series for 29ers, the first of which is at ABYC during Halloween Regatta on the 27th, and the Ullman/Frost Series for Lasers and Radials.

Jennifer Golison

junior perspective

This past Summer I've been training hard and really focusing on the 29er class skiff. Although I've been cross training with the club 420 and international 420 for the past two years I've always been looking at the 29er class as my priority. I had teamed up with a sailor named Quinn Wilson who's been the top 29er skipper in North America for the past two years, he's gone to the Youth worlds twice already with his older brother dane. We have set our goal to hopefully metaling at the Youth Worlds in Portugal this coming summer. To get to the Youth Worlds, US sailing has set up a qualifying series of regattas to nominate the best performing team over an average of two regatta scores. The first qualifier was the US youth Championship the second is our nationals in Biscayne Bay Miami Florida. Youth Champs held by Chorpus Christi Yacht Club In Chorpus Christi Texas which was a very heavy air venue which on average of the five days we were there it didn't blow less than 22 knots except the last day of racing when it was glassy and about 103' in temperature. Hottest day of the year was the 3rd day of racing it peaked at a miserable 110 which was actually one of our best scoring days of the regatta where we scored a 1-2-4-DNF- 1. The DNF was a tough race because we rounded the first leeward mark in 2nd and our trapeze wire that I clip into broke which we had to repair by the next race, as we were trying to repair it Quinn and I told each other that we were not going to let this ruin our regatta for us and that we were gonna go out an win the next race, which is exactly what we did! Coming back from a disappointment like that was a true confidence booster and I hope to creat many more experiences like my trip to Texas, with the support of ABYC and the JAB.

Riley Gibbs



juniorboard

October is the transition month for ABYC, with a new commodore and a new board. Thank you to last year's joint Junior Commodores Kevin Leddy and Kevin Baumann. The Kevins worked fabulously together to lead our board. We will miss Leddy, who now attends UCSB and sails on the team with coach Brad Schaupeter. Baumann is a senior at Marina High School and continues his work with our new board. Congratulations to our new Junior Board:

Commodore	Emily Golison
Vice Comm	Beth Golison
Rear Comm	RJ Ivory
Secretary	Gentry Bell
Publicity	Alan Peoples
29er Captain	Riley Gibbs
CFJ Captain	Cameron Thompson
Laser Captain	Ryan Schack
Sabot Captain	Ryan Ayale
Staff Commodores	Kevin Leddy & Kevin Baumann



Members of the junior board assist at club functions such as Opening Day, the April General Meeting, the Christmas Party and Easter Brunch, among others.; perform community service, including beach clean ups, community outreach; fundraise for the Junior Fund to support ABYC sailors in their racing; and represent ABYC in the community and at other yacht clubs. The Junior Board always needs the help of all ABYC juniors so if you are interested, please contact jen@golison.com.

where are they now?

ABYC's juniors do grown up, but they are still sailing and competing around the country and the world. Sydney Bolger, who was College Woman Sailor of the Year in 2012, graduated from Georgetown University last year, and splits her time between working for the Special Olympics in Washington, D.C. and sailing and training in Florida for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janiero. Mark Ryan is a senior attending CSULB, where he has helped the sailing team achieve Top 20 status. They recently blew the competition away at a regatta in China! Samantha Gebb is a senior at Princeton University where she has sailed for four years and was captain one year. Savannah Robinson is a junior who sails at the University of Oregon. Sophomore Nick Odegard races for the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. Jack Jorgenson is a sophomore at University of Charleston, currently ranked 8th in the nation. Sophomore Alex Newton stayed closer to home, and sails for CSULB. Sophomore Marissa Golison sails for St. Mary's College of Maryland, currently ranked 7th. She competes against freshman Matt McDermaid sailing at Washington College in Maryland. Sophomore Ginger Luckey sails for UCSB, with coach Brad Schaupeter, as does freshman Kevin Leddy.



Attached is a pic of Riley & Sawyer winning SCYYRA Perry #1 at CBYC

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Congratulations Newly Elected Board Members!!

Chuck Clay

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labor day regatta

The ABYC Labor Day Regatta is second only to the Turkey Day Regatta as the largest sailing event of the year. This year consisted of 119 boats in 13 different classes over a period of two days - Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1, 2013.

This year the regatta served as a “first ever” for the Open Bic class, which has already returned to ABYC for a second time in September for the Charity Regatta. Speaking of returning, the Kiteboarders are in their second year of regattas at ABYC.

The regatta also served as two other events: it was the Laser District 25 Championships and the first of the Southern California Youth Yachting Racing Association (SCYYRA) Ullman/Frost Series for the Laser and Laser Radial. **Stephen Long** was on top in the Laser Full, while **Cooper Weitz** was tops in the Laser Radial. Both earned a place on the District 25 perpetual trophies.

Other perpetual trophies were awarded as well. **Robin Townsend** as skipper with **Chuck Clay** as crew were presented with the George Lounsberry Memorial Trophy in winning the Cal 20 Class. This was marked the third time that Robin has won her father’s Memorial Trophy. This always makes for a special moment during the trophy presentation. **Cooper Weitz** added a place on the Fiesta de la Playa perpetual Trophy as the winner in the largest class, the Laser Radials.

The following are the winners by class: **Kite Board Fleet**; Gabor Vagi, ; **F-18 Fleet**: Pease and Jay Glaser ; **Finn Fleet**: Phil Toth; **Cal 20 Fleet**; Robin Townsend with Chuck Clay as crew; **Sabot C3 Fleet**: Ryan Elsharhaw; **Sabot C1 Fleet**: Matt Hilliard; **Sabot B Fleet**: Brad Hilliard; **Laser Full Fleet** : Stephen Long; **Laser Radial Fleet**; Cooper Weitz; **Lido B**; Konrad Mayer with Nealie Hook as crew; **Bic Open**: Max Rosenblad; **Viper 640**: Chuck Tripp with Mike Pentecost and Kevin Taugher as crew

Amanda Wayne and **Ed Spotskey** served as Regatta Co-Chairs while **John Gresham** of the Lido 14 Fleet 6 served as duty-fleet captain and mustered enough volunteers from both the fleet and embers in the club to staff the race courses. **Martyn Bookwalter** served as PRO on the Ocean Course; **John Gresham** served on the Bay Course, and **Bob Anderson** ran the Kites near the pier. **Margaret Caddle** organized the protest committees while ABYC Port Captain **Dave Meyers** organized race gear along with **George Caddle**. The always helpful ABYC Staff, led by General Manager **Kelly Whitlow**, worked tirelessly from dawn to well after dusk all weekend. Whether it was moving tables, moving trailers, launching whalers or serving cocktails, the staff of ABYC helped make the regatta a huge success for volunteers and participants alike!

As always, “ABYC was the place to be”
Ed Spotsky

endless summer

Lori VanSkyhock photos

Palm Trees, Ocean Breeze, Salty Air, Sun Kissed Hair . . . that *Endless Summer, Take Me There.*” ABYC was the perfect backdrop for this year’s “Endless Summer” themed Labor Day party. And when you’re lucky enough to enjoy the scenery that ABYC provides, it can truly feel like summer never ends!

Classic tunes were provided by **Surf’s Up**, an amazing Beach Boys tribute band (it is rumored that some thought they sounded better than the Beach Boys!) When we weren’t dancin’,



we were hoopin’ it up with **The Girls of The Dancing Fire** who performed with LED hoops, double hoops, and an amazing finale with a fire hoop! After dinner, guests got to enjoy a special treat by roasting giant marshmallows and making homemade S’mores.

The “Endless Summer” post-regatta party was a success thanks to the endless efforts of all the great ABYC volunteers. Endless thanks go to **Dana Bell**, **Pam Ott**, **Shelly Chilman-Elsharhaw** and daughter **Nora**, **Sue McDannel**, **Bonnie Robertson** and **Deana Whalen** for helping to set up and decorate, **Jon and Kathy Robinson** for stringing the beautiful white lights, and **Quena Stropky** and **Trish Clay** for serving dinner. It’s a “labor of love” (no pun intended!) but it’s always worth the effort when you see everyone having endless fun at the end of the day!

-Lori VanSkyhock



If you did not come to Two Harbors August 23, 24, and 25 with the ABYC Catalina Cruise you missed out on a lot of good things! GOOD: weather, friends, food, drink, music...it was all good!

The weekend started off with just short of 30 intrepid ABYC members and guests descending on Doug's harbor reef restaurant Friday evening. Everyone was conscripted to get up and introduce themselves and their boat. As dinner wound down Norma and Dan Clapp of Hot Flash noticed a procedural issue with the checks that assured our efficient servers got their tips. Thanks Dan and Norma. Good food, drinks and friends. Dancing on the patio rounded out the evening.

Saturday morning Yon Carpenter of Pretty Penny, organized the Frisbee golf tournament on the Two Harbors Frisbee Golf course. Rob Hartman and Yon were the winners of their groups. Yon has gotten in more rounds of Frisbee golf this summer than the rest of the entrants combined. Scott Attwood's daughter Kimee enjoyed the outing trying to beat her dad. Thanks Yon.



Saturday afternoon Tom Ramsey and Ellen graciously hosted all of the cruise participants on his Grand Banks Encore. We were treated to outstanding warm and not too windy Isthmus weather. Tom's famous ramus gin fiz was a big hit. The board of directors were out in force as Jon and Kathy Robinson and Chuck and Trish Clay were aboard to assure we behaved ourselves... or were we keeping an eye on them? We were also treated to great views of the Long Point race week boats rounding ship rock and setting spinnakers. Good weather, friends, food, and drink. Are you beginning to think you missed out? But wait there's more!

Saturday evening ABYC members stormed the west band stand at Two Harbors for an appetizer contest and cook your own bar b q. Pixie and Rob Hartman came up with a very democratic way for everyone to vote for their top three choices. There were no less than 20 appetizers that were in contention. Heavy lobbying was observed by the respective



chefs and although I never witnessed it rumors of bribes were being whispered about. When the votes were tallied Lynn Cavallaro's Jallepeno' popper dip won. The fact that she was on St. Somewhere with the cruise director had no impact on the final outcome. Second and coincidentally third place went to Lori Vanskyhock from Ocean Boulevard with mango salsa and prosciutto bon bons. Honorable mention goes to Pixie Hartman for her fresh caught ceviche'. (yes she caught the fish herself!) Thanks to everyone who participated. All of us who got to sample were the real winners. Thanks Rob and Pixie. Thanks to Stephanie Gwinn for bringing supplies to make the award tags.

Kathy Reed brought her ukulele (yes I had to look up the spelling) and her song book and soon a chorus of angelic sounds was drifting across the Isthmus provided by some of the ladies; Kathy Reed, Stephanie Gwinn, Kathy

Robinson, Sue Mcdannel, Pixie Hartman and Lynn Cavellero and

Norma Kober as the camp fire crackled. Good food, good friends, good music, good drinks! Thanks Kathy for bringing the ukulele. Quite a few members were observed dancing the night away on the dance floor.

Thanks to all who attended and helped make the cruise a great success! Next year Yon Carpenter will be the chairman and he is already concocting some great plans. As we go to press the date for next years cruise has not been determined but stay tuned.

Pat McCormick



olympic classes regatta

2013 Olympic Classes Regatta – One for the History Books!

For the first time in a very, very long time, the 2013 OCR regatta was not held in the spring! In order to coincide with other Olympic classes events on the West Coast, this year's OCR regatta was moved to September 14th and 15th. 22 sailors in Finns, Lasers and Radials made up a relatively small fleet compared to other OCR's. But just like OCR's of yore, this fleet included its share of fast, high caliber sailors which included a Finn Gold Cup Champion, College Sailor of the Year, US Sailing Development Team members, and a US Sailing National Champion! The Race Committee, members of our Multihull Fleet, included its own Olympic Medalists, National, and North American champions too! Everyone was ready to go sailing!

Saturday morning rolled in, and so did the fog!!! The locals knew that the fog would burn off by noon, as it did all week long. But by 10:30AM, you could not see the harbor from the second deck. Nevertheless, Craig Yandow, PRO and A-Cat man, gave the call to go sailing! It was simple enough to follow the rocks to starboard and the channel buoys to port, but once the fleet reached the channel entrance, visibility reduced to four or five boat lengths! That's Laser boat lengths! So, the AP flew on Patience holding everyone at the entrance. After 20 minutes and reduced visibility, the AP over H flew on Patience. Everyone back to the dock! More signals (and adventures) ashore!

Like Sabots during lunch break, the docks were filled with tied off Lasers and Finns. The sailors took advantage to catch up on the college football scores or relax on the couches on the second deck. The RC took periodic reconnaissance trips up the channel to check on conditions. By 11:30, you could not see across the channel or the water off the beach. Luckily, the fog was lifting in the basin, which was very fortunate because we were able to see two derelict Lasers floating away in basin five; the sailors took their eyes off the big screen and asked "who's Lasers are those?" With sail numbers identified as 194180 (Barnard) and 192874 (Wilson), they ran down the gangway thinking: "I am sure no one sees me! Really, nobody is looking!" Well, everyone did! At first, the Finn class was suspected of a practical joke, but they are gentlemen and would never think untying painters. Decorum prevailed and Messrs. Barnard and Wilson admitted that they need to go back to Knot School!

Time goes by....It is now 12:45, still foggy and no let-up in sight! But the sailors' enthusiasm for the sport did not wane as the America's Cup was scheduled to start at 1:15 on the big screen! Did we really want to try sailing in the Bay now? The Cup race starts, not a bad crowd to watch with! Oracle won the first race, more football! By 2:00, our PRO made an announcement: At 2:30, a decision will be made to either race or call it a day. The day was called and the Burger Bash started early!

Now Sunday, more fog! AP flag flew ashore. After a half an hour or so, Mr. Yandow presented our options, sail in the bay, sail off Seal Beach, or call it day. We decided to give it a try and go sailing off the Seal Beach Pier. The fleet sailed in five or so knots of breeze, but the skies kept clearing; now we can actually see the oil islands! The course was set and the RC signaled a WL course, the sailors lined up, and racing started! The breeze building to 12 knots by the end of the first race! Unfortunately, the building breeze brought in more fog! The oil island disappeared, then the weather mark, then the course! (I figured as long as I could see Patience I was safe!) Now the W flag is up! *We are going to race in the fog!*

The Finns started and disappeared into the fog! "How do you race in the fog" I asked myself. Do you bang a corner? Go up the middle? Or stay with the fleet and sail off the end of the world together? I picked the middle, barely seeing port Lasers on the right side of the course. A ghostly figure appeared to my left, it was the gate RC boat checking on the fleet! "I must be in the middle" I thought. The boats to my right tacked on to Starboard a good fifty yards away, and I follow suit. No sight of the weather mark or the weather RC boat! Just as I thought the next thing I would see was the Casino on Catalina, I saw the mark! I was on the layline and everyone else over stood! I guess that is the way to sail in fog! Fortunately (or unfortunately), the PRO decided not to send the Radials on this race. By the start of the third race, the fog began to lift and the wind increased to 18 knots or so, out of the southwest! We could see the weather mark as well as Palos Verdes! This is what we have been waiting all weekend for: good breeze, the sun, and a square course! All sailors made it back safely and quickly in the strong breeze!

With only three races completed (two for the radials), a series was established; perpetual trophies and medals were ready to be awarded!

Finns:

1. Erik Lidecis – ABYC (4 pts.)
2. Henry Sprague (10)
3. Andre Skarka – YKP (11)

Lasers:

1. Chris Barnard – NHYC (3)
2. Vann Wilson – ABYC (7)
3. Richard Didam – SDYC (8)

Radials:

1. Cole Baker – MBYC (5)
2. Paul Didham – SDYC (8)
3. Jesse McKnight – SDYC (6)

Erik Lidecis also won the Olympic Classes Perpetual Trophy for the largest class and the Roger W. Lindemann Perpetual Trophy as winner of the Finn class. Radial sailor Cole Baker won the Bixby Family Olympic Class Torch for winning the most competitive class.

Many thanks to Craig Yandow PRO and his assistant Steve Kuritz for keeping us informed on land and racing when we could. A very special thanks to the Multihull Fleet who were ready to go at any moment all weekend long and for keeping track of all the sailors in the fog! Finally, a hardy handshake to John Williams as the regatta chairman, executive, and MC, who melded all the elements at hand to make the 2013 OCR Regatta "one for the history books"!

Jorge Suarez



2014 Laser District 25 Championship and ABYC Labor Day Regatta

The ABYC Labor Day Holiday Regatta was also our venue for the 2014 Laser District 25 (Southern California and Las Vegas) Championship for *Lasers* and *Laser Radials*. Also contested that weekend was the first event of the Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association, Ullman /Frost Series for *Laser* and *Radial* sailors 19 years and younger. Combining the three events attracted sixty three racers from as far away as Oregon, Arizona, San Francisco Bay Area, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Diego. All these sailors must have known something, as ABYC hosted another successful regatta and Long Beach served up perfect racing conditions.

If you lived away from the Southern California coast you were roasting in unseasonably hot temperatures the day leading up to the regatta. The warm weather greeted everyone at ABYC as well Saturday morning and the drooping signal flags did not presage much relief as the numerous fleets drifted or were towed to the traditional ABYC race area in San Pedro Bay. Thankfully a breeze filled in, allowing the Race Committee (RC) to start on time, the first of six separate fleets that would share the race course.

Lasers started before *Radials* on a twice around windward-leeward course in marginal hiking conditions. The RC shortened the course to once around in second race, but several of the eventual top *Radial* racers did not notice the change and had to return to finish after sailing nearly the entire windward leg in error. Keeping things interesting the RC even threw in a reaching leg for race three in Force Three to Four breezes.

Back at the clubhouse; *Laser* racer **Michael Bradley** from ABYC/Long Beach YC was first followed by; Stephen Long from Santa Barbara YC (SBYC)/Cabrillo Beach YC and Pat Toole from SBYC. Despite high scores in race two; *Radial* racer Lola Bushnell



Laser Fleet winners: Oliver Toole, Richard Didham, Mathew Long, Stephen Long

from San Francisco (SFYC)/St. Francis YC (StFYC) was in first, followed by **Cooper Weitz** from ABYC & Cal YC tied with Wills Johnson from Newport Harbor YC (NHYC)

Conditions greeting us Sunday morning left no doubt we would not be reft of breeze as we sailed out to enjoy full hiking conditions in solid Force Four winds all day. **Martyn Bookwalter** and his RC team ran races for all six fleets in quick succession all weekend with no General Recalls, all the while adjusting the length of the starting line to accommodate the large *Laser* and *Radial* fleets vs. the smaller fleets. Also on Sunday, ABYC ran races for Kiteboards which are becoming increasingly popular along the Long Beach shoreline. Despite the Kiteboard course being close to the Gate Mark of our course, they were not a distraction; however, one would occasionally blast through our fleets on our downwind legs.

Once ashore we were treated to a generous and welcome buffet of snacks upstairs in the clubhouse as we awaited trophy presentations. In the *Laser* Fleet; Stephen Long nipped **Michael Bradley** by a mere two points to win the ABYC Labor Day Regatta and the *Laser* District 25 Perpetual Trophy. **Michael** was followed by Stephen's brother, Matthew Long, Oliver Toole from SBYC and Richard Didham from San Diego YC. Other ABYC racers finishing in order were; **Rodion Mazin, Sanjai Kohli, Ed Feo, Chris Raab and Sumeet Patel.**

In the *Radial* Fleet, racers from the San Francisco Bay Area demonstrated their abilities in fresh breezes capturing three of the top five places. However, ABYC was nicely represented by **Cooper Weitz** who won the regatta by one point over Lola Bushnell. **Cooper** was awarded the ABYC Labor Day Regatta Trophy, the *Laser Radial* District 25 Jim Kirk Memorial Trophy as well as the *Fiesta de la Playa* Perpetual Trophy for the largest class participating (38 *Radials*) in the Labor Day Regatta. Other ABYC racers finishing in order were: your author, **Robert Enrico, Alex Newton and Ryan Schack.**

A big Thank You goes out to our Labor Day Regatta Co-Chairpersons, **Ed Spotskey** and **Amanda Wayne** as well as *Lido 14* Fleet Captain **John Gresham**, *Lido* fleet volunteers, Judges, ABYC staff and other volunteers for conducting a fun and successful regatta. We also thank **Jim Morford** for continuing to process and promptly post race results both at the club and on-line.



Laser Radial Fleet Winners. Left to Right: Cooper Weitz (holding the Fiesta de la Playa Perpetual Trophy), Christopher Weis,

2013 ABYC Laser Fleet Championship Standings

The ABYC 2013 *Laser* Fleet Championship is determined by the combined scores of performance and or participation in select ABYC events and regattas. With Labor Day and Olympic Classes Regatta results tabulated, **Rodion Mazin** is currently leading; however with a mere eight points separating the next six top scores, it will come down to who shows up and how they place in the last two scored events on the calendar. Ranking in order are; **Jorge Suarez, Kevin Taugher, Chuck Tripp, Chris Raab, Vann Wilson** and **Sanjai Kohli**. In the *Radial* fleet **Cooper Weitz** is five points ahead of your author.

With two events, Charity Regatta and Turkey Day still to be contested; it is anyone's guess as to who will prevail in the Championship chase and the chance to represent the *Laser* Fleet in the 2014 ABYC Club Championship Regatta next summer.

Busy Laser Racing Schedule Ahead in 2014

In addition to our traditional ABYC Holiday Regatta schedule, 2014 offers *Laser* and *Laser Radial* racers a chance to compete with the best, with the *Laser* North American Championship at ABYC June 12-15, *Laser* Pacific Coast Championship at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club June 27-29, the U.S. *Laser* National Championship at the St. Francis Yacht Club July 31-August 3 and *Laser* District 25 Championship at ABYC August 30-31. Don't miss out on the action!

Steve Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Co-Captain

L₁₄ 2 013 Twilights for Fleet 6 are winding down. The month of September was enjoyed by all Fleet 6 sailors who never want the season to end. Light wind conditions prevailed, and it was just a lovely end to the season with balmy weather, friendly competition and good times.

The 2013 Roy Worsley regatta was hosted by the Lido Isle Yacht Club in Newport Beach on September 14th. 5 races were held with one throw out and the fleet was exposed to slight breeze, no breeze, and finished up with the last race in puffy breeze and fog. The fleets were represented by Newport fleet 1, Marina del Rey fleet 2, and Long Beach fleet 6 totaling 13 Lidos. Tight competition in the A fleet between the 5 boats, with Kathy Reed and Cindy Heavrin winning by 1 point, and John Gresham and Melody Wong tied for second, but the tie breaker went to Pat and Sara Kincaid from fleet 1.

Lido Bs were well represented with 8 boats from three fleets: first place Tony Lange and Kelly Poly, second place Jeffrey Petersen and Chris Killian, and third place from Fleet the brothers Dale and Scott Gronewold.

Regatta chair Bob Yates explained that the Roy Woolsey regatta wasn't originally a memorial because it started while Roy was still enjoying Lido racing. Yates explained that Roy Woolsey exemplified great sportsmanship on and off the water. Yates reminded the racers that Roy believed the friendships were the most important part of racing. Thank you to Bob Yates and race committee and hospitality volunteers at LIYC. It was especially nice to have Roy Woolsey's wife in attendance for the award presentation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

October 26, Lido de Luna. Always a fun afternoon and evening of sailing, and riddles. This year the event coincides with the ABYC Halloween party, and these two events will be combined. Look for more information via emails.

October 27 Halloween Regatta at ABYC. Compete racing and compete in the costume contest. Last year competitors opted to do "Flip Flops" which means crew drives and skippers crew. Each boat has the option, but most found it very fun with very competitive crew!

Fleet 6 Lido-14 Charter Boats. For any Lido sailing at ABYC, Fleet 6 has 3 Lido 14's available for charter. These boats are available on first come basis for a fee of \$25.00, (free for Juniors). If interested in a boat for a day, or sailing an ABYC race/regatta, make your request with Fleet 6 via e-mail at signals@fleetsix.org
By various contributors.



Our Fleet 6 with Mrs Woolsey



September Twilights

hails from the fleets



Mercury Memories

On August 23 & 24 the Mercury Class held its 66th Championship at ABYC. Sixteen boats participated and enjoyed the hospitality and sailing that ABYC is famous for. Over the two days the winds ranged from 12 to 18 knots, some chop. Ideal conditions for this traditional class of great sailing keep boats.

To the club's credit the volunteer base that made the regatta so successful were eager to help and made our guests feel at home.

Special thanks go to Jorge Suarez who served as PRO and was assisted by Judy Mathias and John Ellis on the RC boat. Mark boats were skillfully manned by Jerry Montgomery, Alan Johnson, Cathy Black-Smith, Paul Anctil, Sawyer Gibbs and Bob Anderson. George Caddle made sure the Whalers had all the required equipment and were ready to go. Margaret Caddle had a panel of judges ready to hear protests, perhaps to their dismay but to the credit of the Mercury fleet they only heard one.

Stacy Conn provided two great meals and appreciated assistance in preparation and serving from Dave Myers, Stacy Gibbs, Pam and Caitlin Ott-Conn, Steve and Jennifer Kurita. After dinner Jennifer put on her YC blazer and did a great job of presenting the trophies.

When the regatta was over ABYC's Chris Raab and Kenny Dair won with a very impressive 7 points proving that not only can ABYC host great regattas, we can also win them.

Eric Conn, VP Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

As always the September meeting of the Keel Boat Fleet is great fun. First of all we hold the meeting on the Quarter Deck because the weather is still just right. Kelly, our ABYC manager, provides the salads etc. The barbecue is ready to go and all we have to do is throw a brat, chicken, hamburger or, in the case of our deep pocket members, a steak on the barbecue and you have it made. Oh, one other thought, it's not too out of place to also arrive with a bottle of vino tuck under one's arm. As you have no doubt gathered the rules of polite dining are not always observed.

It used to be that the various members of the Keel Boat Fleet would tell where their summer boat cruise had gone and the different activities that they enjoyed on their cruise. However at this last end of the summer meeting it was more "the traffic on the 405 was terrible when we went to see the Grandkids. As this meeting was held on Friday the 13th we quizzed all the gals on how they avoided bad luck. Shirley Kline won the bottle of wine with the explanation that not only she but her daughter also were born on Friday, 13th, and enjoy natural immunity from any and all evils on this day.

Oh well, tradition will out and Joe Riddick reminded us that volunteers are needed for the Christmas Party that we share with the Senior Sabot Fleet. Gosh, by the time you get this we will be well into Fall. Our next meeting will be Friday, November 8th. This meeting will feature our usual pot luck dinner so bring something to share for eight. Cocktails at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM with the meeting to follow. Our Treasurer, Maggie, said we did very well in the members paying their dues at the September meeting. However if you missed paying dues, \$10 will be gratefully accepted at our next meeting.

*See you there,
George*



The Charity Regatta was the venue for the Senior Sabot September fleet race. We had five participants sailing with great wind and well run races. Thank you very much Charity Regatta organizers and PRO Steve Kuritz. With Lidos, Bics, Lasers, Junior and Senior Sabots all on the

Bay the race committee did a great job and the fleets rounded the marks without getting tangled together.

The Senior Sabots sailed three races, with three different winners; Jane McNaboe, Fred Stevens and Mary Riddick each won a race. Fred Stevens was really fast, a bit too fast on the starting line where he was OCS twice; although he came back from one OCS to win the race! Paul Anctil was out in his newly refurbished Sabot which looks beautiful, and goes fast too. Sabotiers watch out while Paul gets this 'new' boat dialed in. The finishing scores were Jane McNaboe – 1st, Fred Stevens – 2nd, and Paul Anctil – 3rd.

October 6th is Ladies Day – a Senior Sabot invitational event for Ladies and Gentlemen. Our November Senior Sabot Sunday will be on November 10th. Please join us.

Jane McNaboe



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