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Day 1

The 1992 Olympic Medalist Craig Monk (NZL 237) leads a 38 boat fleet at the U.S. Nationals with 3 bullets. He is followed by Eric Lidecis (USA 505) with 6 points. The USAFA veteran and a long-standing leader of the class, Darrel Peck is tied for third place with Anatolii Nosar (UKR 7) with 18 points.

Day 2

The 1992 Olympic Finn Medalist Craig Monk (NZL 237) continues to lead a 38-boat fleet at the Finn U.S. Nationals followed by Eric Lidecis (USA 505) and Anatolii Nosar (UKR 7) third, followed by Peter Sangmeister (USA-89) in fourth (also Top U23 Sailor) and Mike Dorgan (USA-8) in fifth overall, rounding out the top five. Races were conducted on the south course off of Seal Beach in 7-11 knots with wins on day 2 going to Mike Dorgan (race 4), Eric Lidecis (Race 5 & 6) and Craig Monk (race 7), setting up a show down for the overall win on the final race day, Sunday.

Saturday evening the Finn fleet enjoyed a delicious catered dinner hosted by Gladstones with a US Finn Annual meeting held afterwards. For more information about Finn sailing in Southern California, or Finn Sailing Nationally, please contact Finn CA VP Mike Dorgan for details on how you can join the fun!

Day 3

The stage was set for final day of the 2022 Finn US National Championships in Long Beach hosted by ABYC. The



morning greeted the 37-Finn sailors with sunny, clear blue skies indicating the Long Beach wind-doctor would be making an appearance blowing early and would increase to 18-20 knots by the start of the first race on Sunday/ Race 8. Olympic Medalist and regatta leader Craig Monk (NZL236) handled the windy conditions with ease, winning the first race of the day with Darrel Peck (USA35) finishing in 2nd place and second overall and long time Finn sailor Eric Lidecis (USA 505) in third. For the final race, the wind picked up to 22 knots, w/ gust 24+ and big waves sailing outside the breakwater and to the south, just off Seal Beach, providing the Finn sailors w/ excited huge waves for the downwind surf-fest! in the last and 9th race of the series, overall results seem to be secured with Monk taking the lead from Lidecis on the downwind run, and seemingly for the regatta until Monk caught a wave the wrong way and flipped his Finn= and unfortunately for Monk, had a hard time getting his boat righted and continuing to sail on. Lidecis seized

the opportunity after seeing Monk capsize, sailed conservatively to finish third and coupled w/ sailing a very consistent regatta

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[Full ABYC Calendar](#)

manager's corner



A BYC is THE place to be!

With a great Opening Day launching us into the season, we are primed to shine. So many exciting things going on at the club and in the community, it's goose bumps everyday.

We recently hosted a candidate forum and that drew a very enthusiastic crowd of citizens. We had a "2 Wedding Weekend", congrats to Sunny & Nick from the Scarborough/Santos union and Katharine & Benjamin of the Bassett-Parkins/Ott union.

As most of you know, Sheila is a respected thespian in the local community theater scene. Word on the street is her people are talking to Netflix about the upcoming biopic on Griselda Blanco, a Miami drug Queenpin who at one time was aligned with Pablo Escobar. The lead role will

be played by Sofia Vergara as Sheila works Wed-Sun and isn't available. In the meantime, we were able to assist the production team with loading their camera crane onto their barge for a few days of filming recently here in the Bay.

Here's the latest on Food & Beverage operations

Wednesday

- o Patio Bar & Galley open from 5 to 8:30
 - Chef Ramon will be cooking Galley menu and any specials
 - Burger & Beer Special \$12 every Wednesday includes a Burger & Beer (Coors Lt/Modelo/Pacifico/Heineken/Kona Big Wave/Stella/Sculpin)
 - Wine Down Wednesday \$6 Glass of Wine + \$5 Beer
 - Eberle Cabernet
 - Talbott Chardonnay
 - Coors Lt/Modelo/Pacifico/Heineken/Kona/Stella/Sculpin

Thursday

- o Patio Bar open from 5 to 9
 - Chef Melissa will be cooking a Lido menu, served buffet style.
 - We are working on an "Early Bird Menu" where food is available from at 6 as the Lido Posse typically isn't eating until after 7:30. If you're at the club and would like to enjoy a meal, Melissa is here cooking, please just let her know and I'm sure she can whip up something quick, but please keep in mind that there may be a wait.

Friday

- o Happy Hour from 5 to 10, Happy Hour menu will be available + we are working on a "buffet style" offering in the event it's busy and the kitchen is backed up. We have two main goals in the kitchen; make fresh food from scratch as much as possible and serve it as quickly as possible. Offering a small ready to eat meal will help the kitchen with service times and give you the option of eating now or understanding there may be a wait because of the level of business.
 - For the purpose of scheduling and trying to avoid overtime and meal penalties, I schedule the bar team to be here until 9:30, but Keanu is learning to bartend and is learning to handle himself behind the bar. So you're more than welcome to stay later on Friday night and Keanu will continue service. He doesn't have very many Vesper's, Manhattan's or Long Island Iced Teas under his belt yet but he's mastering draft beer & Dark & Stormy's so he's your guy
 - *Interested in Copper River Salmon flown in fresh First Class from Alaska on Alaska Airlines? Send me an email as the season has opened and I'm being quoted \$45 a pound for Sockeye, \$60 a pound for King for wholesale pricing - this is the initial price forecast, this price will come down but I will have a Copper River menu available on 6/3 for the Friday Night Happy Hour Menu. This will be a tapas style menu paired with Grgich wine.*

Saturday

- o Galley open from 8:30 to 4 for breakfast and lunch, Saturday Happy Hour items available from 4 to 8. (Menus will be posted by 6/1)
- o Cocktails available from the Galley until 4, patio bar from 4 to 9
- o We will be serving a plated meal soon on Saturday night, stay tuned for that + we will have some wine/ beverage focused pairings coming as well.

Sunday

- o Galley open from 8:30 to 4
- o Starting 6/5, Sunday Bloody Mary & Mimosa Bar on the patio with full bar service until 2, drinks available out of the Galley until 4.
- o Sunday Galley menu will feature some of our known classic dishes and we'll incorporate some new brunch type items, 1-2 items a week. New items like Sheila's Famous Chicken & Waffles, Shrimp Louie Salad, Grilled Chicken & Brie on Croissant with Fig Compote. We're super excited to get this underway

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Between Chef Ramon, Chef Melissa and myself, we're trying to incorporate veggie and gluten free options so please don't hesitate to let us know. Again, keep in mind that we're trying to make these items from scratch. Gone are the days of frozen veggie patties, you deserve better and we want to give our vegetarian friends a culinary experience that trumps a frozen patty. Chef Melissa has a passion for Vegan offerings so if that's your thing, please stop by and talk to her, she would love to accommodate. As far as I know right now, we're more Veggie than Vegan, but don't be shy, we just need to know and anything is possible.

A big shout out to Roland Fournier and the volunteers to make the FINN Regatta a success.

Remember Sheila's Rules of Parking: (1) put a burgee on your car (2) leave your keys in your car (3) please inform your Guests that the parking lot is reserved for members (4) please do not park in the flag officers spots.

New FOBS should be coming soon!

We've got a great new website, if you haven't checked it out, please do so. It's still evolving but it already looks 100% better. And if you haven't signed up on Club Spot, please log on and get acclimated with the many new features.

Lastly, the club will be closed on Memorial Day & Labor Day as had been the custom in the past. The clubhouse and Galley will be open from 9 to 3 on July 4 for those people sailing that day + we expect to have families here for the upcoming C420 National championships that upcoming weekend. I've got to believe we'll have a great menu of fixings that day for those in the mood for Sheila's Famous Finger Licking Barbeque Ribs, country style beans, potato salad, the soon to be famous Sheila's Field of Dreams salad with grilled watermelon, feta, glazed pecans, tomato with champagne vinaigrette. And with all of that, there's gonna be some peach cobbler and or apple pie floating around.

- Memorial Day: closed
- July 3/Big Bang on the Bay: regular Galley hours from 8:30 to 4, patio bar available until 10p/end of fireworks - food after 4 is BYO - if you would like to have some food prepared and here for you to pick up, please let me know, \$15 a plate
- July 4: Galley is open 9 to 3
- Labor Day: closed

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Sou'Wester DEADLINE

June 24, 2022 is the deadline
for the July Sou'Wester.

Help us to Help you!

Please keep your e-mail address current
with members@abyc.org to receive all of
the weekly news and events. Thank you.

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This beautiful Southern California weather is amazing, it's hard not to smile and feel blessed. Thank you all for all the kind words and your continued support, you all have been very generous with your praise and your patience. The staff and myself want to be your partners in upholding & evolving the legacy of ABYC. "Servant Leadership" is a term that is thrown around conveniently at corporate meetings in the hospitality and club industry but rarely does it lend itself to how people actually experience the true culture of a club and its leadership. Sitting down with the Board of Directors monthly, there is never a conversation that doesn't have the best interest of the Club and the Staff at the heart of whatever the topic is. It's a great place to spend a few hours a day.

The great sausage king Jimmy Dean once said "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to reach my destination". Maybe we should listen to what the sausage guy has to say and get to where we need to be.

See you soon!
Reggie

commodore's compass



Hope you are all ready for summer because it's upon us! Sunday, May 15th we had a team participating in the Walt Elliot Harbor Challenge. The day started off pretty gloomy with a fog layer that spread from Long Beach all the way to Catalina. All boats left the dock on time but an AP went up just before the first race was to get going. LBYC Race Committee was waiting for the fog to burn off a bit so that the course would be more visible. After an hour's delay the races started, with five boats on the line: LBYC, ABYC, Shoreline YC, Seal Beach YC

and CBYC. The breeze was about 8 to 10 knots for the first two races and then shifted and died off a bit. Ultimately the RC called the last race due to timing and the course needing to be completely moved around. Team ABYC ended up finishing 2nd place, behind the quick LBYC team, helmed by Keith Ives. Our crew was Chuck Clay, Steve Flam, William Flam, Steve Bloemeke, Nick Kofski, Pete Frazier, Doug McLean and myself. Thanks go out to all who were on board that day!

June is going to be busy! I hope you all plan to come down for either some sailing or some time on the patio. Between Long Beach Race Week, the Summer Sailing Program beginning and the super fun Summer Kick-Off Party on the 11th there is plenty to do. See you soon!

Cheers,
Brooke



vice



Time flies! What a great opening day and festivities surrounding it. Many thanks to the SAC for organizing the party! Thanks to the lido fleet loaning their boats, the Viper fleet for grilling our brats and the boat raft up detail for providing food and beverages! Great weekend for all that participated.

As summer approaches we are entering our busy season. I've unfortunately have found boats that owners feel they can leave in the yard in someone's spot or just leave at the end of an aisle. This is not ok. Asking for forgiveness in these cases will be much more expensive, than asking for permission up front. We'll do all we can to accommodate those with a need.

Super busy June and July coming up. Thank you for those that have volunteered for the major events, LBWR, C420 Nationals, and the OCR Regatta. I'm sure all three events are looking for more help so keep an eye out for help wanted signs. For our new members, come on down and join the fun, best way to make new friends!

Mike

rear



Things are looking good for our CFJ Fleet! Stephen and Cole have been doing a great job fiberglassing and prepping our for the summer season. We also have another newer CFJ coming this week.

There are still openings available for our ABYC Summer camps! Let your friends know about summer sailing in Cubes, Sabots, Optis, Lasers, and CFJ's. Fun times for the kids for sure.

Head sailing coach Cole Baker proved that sailing is a much safer activity than electric skateboards. Best wishes to Cole for a speedy recovery and in time for summer camps.

Cheers,

Gabe Ferramola

fleet captain's



As I write, I am looking forward to Memorial Day Regatta – the traditional start to ABYC's Holiday Series. I hope you all sailed or volunteered over the Memorial Day Weekend – the weather forecast looked great! We just concluded the 2022 Finn US National Championships where four of the top seven sailors hoisted the ABYC Burgee. Congratulations to Erik Lidecis who won the regatta with 17 points and sails for ABYC and BCYC. The other top ABYC skippers were Anatolii Nosar, Peter Sangmeister and Chris Raab.

In May the Lido 14s continued their Twilight series. Tyler Webb is leading the overall series in the A fleet (he is one of the few sailors who has competed in all of the races so far), and Giancarlo Guevara with Elanious Babes as crew is leading the B Fleet. The Senior Sabots continued their racing on May 22; I am sorry to say their results are not available online.

In June, the Lido 14s will continue their Twilight series on Thursday nights. Come down and race, or watch. June is a great time to enjoy the club in the evening and the Lidos usually have a great dinner. The Senior Sabots are skipping June for the Men's Day Regatta. Come down and sail on June 19 if you are a guy and you can lay your hands on a Sabot.

June 24 to 26 is Long Beach Race Week co-hosted by ABYC and LBYC. This is a great weekend of racing. The following Saturday is the second regatta in the Holiday Series – the 4th of July regatta. Come on down and get a little racing in before the fireworks the next day!

Please check the ABYC Calendar and find a reason to come down and enjoy a day at ABYC!

It's the place to be!

Dave

us sailing

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the bay clogger

May marked the end of our junior sailors' Spring Season. June will be the start of our Summer Sailing program, and Summer regattas. ABYC sent sailors to May's only open Southern California junior sailing event, the Cinco de Mayo regatta in Santa Barbara. Additionally, Sato High School was able to qualify for the High School Pacific Coast Championship.

Tate Christopher was ABYC's sole representative, and managed to get an impressive 3rd place, at the Cinco de Mayo regatta in Santa Barbara. He narrowly missed out on the second qualifying spot for the "Smyth" US Sailing Junior Singlehanded Championship. The Cinco de Mayo regatta was also the last Ullman/Frost Series regatta for the 2021-2022 season. Tate finished 4th overall in the Frost Series without sailing one of the four regattas, which is really impressive. **Stewart McCaleb** finished 9th, **Scott Pearl** finished 14th, **Sam Hemans** finished 18th, **Tanner Jolly** finished 20th, **Chloe Pearl** finished 22nd, **Alex Lech** finished 27th, **Jack Hanson** finished 29th, and **Nick Lech** finished 30th in the Frost Series.

Sato High School sailed their final regatta of the school year at Mission Bay Yacht Club this month, and the team was able to finish 18th out of 22 teams at the Pacific Coast Championship. This put the team in 18th out of the 54 teams in California! **Earnest McBride** was able to finish 38th in the series, **Wilson** finished 40th, and our youngest team, **Los Alamitos**, was able to finish 45th!

Stephen Long



shop sea bags

So recycling really does work! Just in, a fresh batch of bags by Sea Bags of Maine, made from sails recycled right here at ABYC.

Please contact jen@golison.com if you are interested in purchasing one. Large totes are \$100.

Buckets are \$50 and have either mesh bottoms to use in shower or at beach or solid bottom. Wine and cosmetic bags are \$30 and cute wristlets are \$20. All proceeds to benefit the ABYC Junior Program.



Blood Drive

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

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The Quarter Deck

Friday, July 1, 2022

1:00 pm – 7:00 pm



American Red Cross



To schedule your appointment please sign up online at www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code **ABYC** or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Identification will be required.

mark's racing rules quiz #91

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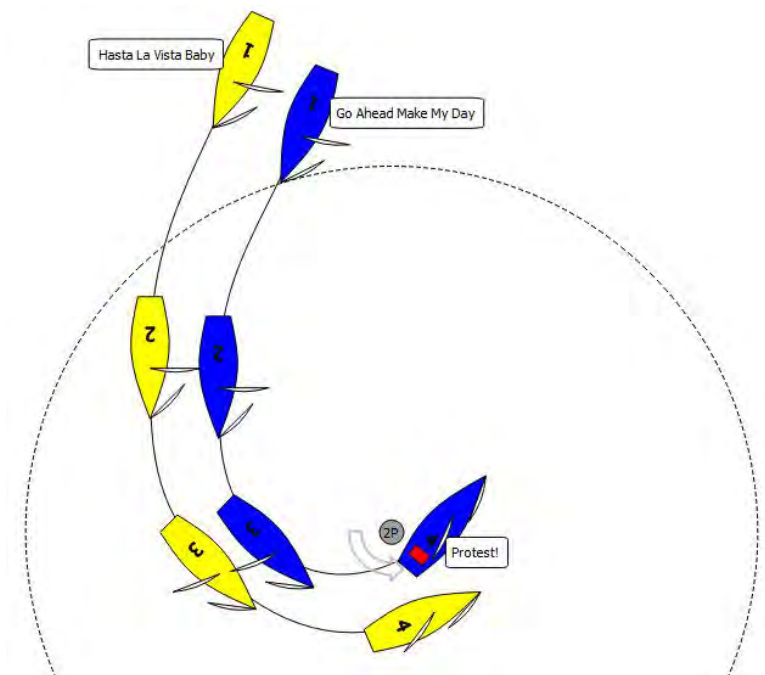
Hasta La Vista Baby and Go Ahead Make My Day overlapped on starboard with Go Ahead Make My Day inside, approached a port gate mark. The next leg was a beat to windward. There was a moderate breeze, and the sea state was slight.

At position 2 both boats gybed onto port. After their gybes, Blue then sailed her proper course to and around the mark. As Go Ahead Make My Day rounds the mark her boom hits Hasta La Vista Baby's hull leaving a scratch in the hull.

Neither boat took a penalty.

Go Ahead Make My Day protested Hasta La Vista Baby under rule 18.2(b) for not giving her room to sail to the mark and round it.

How should the protest committee rule? See if you can figure out the relevant facts, conclusions, and decision.



membership report

Calling all members! We are holding an open house Saturday June 4th, the first since Covid, and we want to make it a great success. Please bring any friends you have that show any inclination towards becoming a member. There will be music, boats to take out, food, cash bar, and fun. The Cruising Club has graciously canceled their weekend cruise to do an impromptu raft up, the Tempests, Vipers, and Lidos will have boats for guests to take for a spin, and the junior program will be represented to explain our summer program. I am looking for volunteers to help with tours, cooking, and general welcome duty, so please email me at membership@abyc.org if you would like to help out.

This month we are welcoming Xavier Ferlet (Regular) and Andrew Carter (Junior) to our ranks.

May's membership postings are Jim Moore (Regular) and Alan Vaught (Regular).

Thanks,
Michael



Randy Smith receives his burgee from Michael Oliver and sponsor Steve Bloemeke

sign up for men's day

Hey Ya'll!
Cowboys wanted to join us for this year's [Blazing Sabots Men's Day Regatta!](#) Time to get your gear together and come on down to the coral for drinks, grub and a rootin tootin fun time! All the fun begins at 10:00 on June 19th! Come decked out in your favorite duds! Prizes for each class and best dressed Cowboy as picked by the women folk. Don't have a trusty steed? Don't worry, we can rustle one up for you and you won't have worry about them bucking. Just let us know at info@abyc.org. You won't want to wait to sign up for two reasons: 1) Our steeds will be snatched up quickly or put out to pasture, so you'll want to get your pick early and 2) this year we'll have commemorative T-shirts that will be the envy of Outlaws all over the West. We have a limited quantity so you won't want to miss out. Pass the word! Can't wait to see you all at the drinking hole!

With fanfare,
Mustang Maria

new abyc website

Dear Member,

As you know, we launched our new ABYC.org website and we're excited to get you signed up and using all the features it has to offer. When you set up your account you will be able to:

- View and sign up for upcoming events
- Register for regattas
- View the membership roster
- View your account, as well as pay your bill electronically
- Learn about our sailing programs
- View the latest Sou'Wester and Weekly Readers among other things

To get started, follow the Membership set up instructions and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) found here: (abyc.org/instructions). It will be best to do the initial set-up on your home computer rather than your mobile. **On July 1st you will be receiving your bill electronically.** To make payment, you can set up via ACH or credit card. We want to encourage members to set up directly through your bank versus credit card. This method is ideal as it will save the club money versus credit card payments which are at a cost of 3+%.

If you've signed up, thank you. If you haven't please do so in the next week. We will reach out to offer you assistance in case you need it starting June 1st. Our goal is to have all our members registered and their accounts set up by mid-June at the latest. If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to drop a note to info@abyc.org.

Thank you,
Brooke

pine block regatta

Annual 2022 Pine Block Regatta returns, August 20th

This Regatta is for all new ABYC members and regular ABYC members that want to show off (???) your Pine Block racing skills. We will be racing on the beach, directly west of ABYC with registration beginning at 1:30 PM. There will be a short skippers meeting with racing starting at 2:00 PM. Race helpers are always appreciated for scoring and retrieving boats. There will be 3 or 4 classes, Junior (7-15), Regular, or Senior (>60). If there are enough Lady racers, there may be a separate (regular) class just for Ladies.

All entered Pine Block sailors need to have (or borrow) a genuine Bob Chubb Pine Block boat, and \$15 for a Racing entry fee. There are always loaner boats available for new ABYC members, or interested ABYC sailors. Prizes will be awarded after all races are finished, the overall winner will also get his name on a perpetual trophy. Bring your family or friends to watch and root for your boat. We also recommend bringing a beach chair, bathing suit, big hat, sun screen, water shoes, and don't forget your boat!

Everyone is invited to the New Member Dinner starting at 5:00 PM, Bar opens at 4:PM (see the ABYC flier for dinner reservations and cost).

For returning ABYC sailors who are not going to race your boat, we need your boat to loan it out to participating ABYC racers. If you no longer plan to race your boat, please drop off your boat at the ABYC office. If your boat needs repairs, message Ron Long at 714 846-6145 (machine) or (magnificentronald@gmail.com) so he can repair it in time to race.



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memorial day volunteers

Volumes of Volunteers at Memorial Day Regatta

It never ceases to delight me when the volunteers at ABYC come out in droves for our events, including this year's first two-day-er: the Memorial Day Regatta, held May 28-29. Special thanks goes to the Cal 20 Fleet, which was our duty fleet, and to the Cal 20 skippers who gave up racing so others could.

- Thank you to the following people who volunteered time, talents, and expertise in the Harbor and in the Bay, and ashore to make our regatta run smoothly.
- Steve Kuritz and Martyn Bookwalter—PRO's
- Mark Townsend and Steve Kuritz—NOR's
- Todd Smith—Cal20 Fleet Captain
- Gordy Palmer and Jason Mullen—Assistant PRO's
- Judy Mathias, Sharon Pearson, Michiyo Connelly, and Bill McDannel—Flags and Timing Officials
- Sharon Pearson, Trish Clay, Toni Morford, Lars Rosenblad, Sue McDannel, Janet Boller and Carl Boller—Scorers and Notes
- Dave Kofahl, Jennifer Kuritz, Russ Cole, Brooke Jolly, Todd Smith—whaler skippers
- Charles Soares, Curtis O'Brien, Cathy Black, plus 2 others, still to be recruited at the time of this writing—whaler assistants
- Dave Myers—whaler gear set-up
- Jon Robinson and Eileen Edwards—Computer Scoring on the new Club Spot program
- Ron Wood, Tim Hohmann, Chuck Tripp, and Ann Costello—Protest Judges and Secretary
- Stephen Long—Sailing Director
- Mary Riddick, Carol Reynolds, Bobbie Peterson, Jenny LaForce, and Gordy Palmer—Registration and Pre-Registration
- Sheila Mattox, Carol Ginder Fresco, and Taylor Senske—Volunteer "Care"
- Jeff Ives and Curtis O'Brien—hoist coordinators
- Bryce Hans, Curtis O'Brien, Yon Carpenter—yard and gate coordinators
- Elise McCaleb and Carol Ginder Fresco—trophies
- Reggie Thomas (Club Manager), Rachel Burgess, Dwayne Samples, Keaunu Penueta, Galley and Bar staff—set up, take down, organization, pristine club grounds, and wonderful food and libations.
- Jeff Ives—Board Liaison and Advisor to the Regatta Chair
- Brooke Jolly, Mike VanDyke, Gabe Ferramola, Dave Crockett, Jr—Flag Officers
- Alex Cross, Jeff Ives, Michael Oliver—Board of Directors
- Alan Cunningham and Russ Cole—Judge Advocates

Again, Thank you to all of you, and all of our racers, who made this first Holiday regatta in the series a superior event.

Carol Ginder

more finns

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with no scores worst than a 3rd place in any race, the overall title.. Monk wasn't able to finish so he had to score his only bad race of his 1,1,1,2,4,13,1 score card to end up 2nd overall-giving Lidecis the overall National Championship title. Eric credited



his win to all the weekends the ABYC Finn fleet had been sailing before the regatta in the same conditions that the fleet saw on Sunday-windy LB conditions. Finishing in 3rd place overall was Anatolli "AJ" Nosar, always seemingly near the noise with a solid score line, just in front of yet another ABYC Finn sailor, and Top U23 Junior sailor, Peter Sangmeister (USA86) in 4th Overall. While Peter is a junior sailor he sailed a very consistent regatta and a great example of how you can get better by sailing the Finn 2-3 days a week for months prior and with good coaching. Peter will be representing the USA U23 at next years Gold Cup in Miami and the U23 Silver Cup in Europe later the same year. Darell Peck (USA35) a veteran Finn sailor and coach w/ many Finn National and North American Championships under his belt saved his best races of the series for the last day, scoring a 2nd and 1st to overcome Mike Dorgan (USA-8) whom flipped in one race and a broken

main halyard in the last race opening the door for Peck to finish in 5th overall w/ Dorgan finishing in 6th overall. Top Master Jack Jennings, Grand Master Craig Monk, Great Grand Master Chris Raab, and Legend Henry Sprague.

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Next Southern California Finn regattas are the San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta (US Open) June 18-19th, SDYC <https://usopen.ussailing.org/california-ocrs/> and in July the OCR (US Open) Regatta ABYC July 16-17th <https://usopen.ussailing.org/california-ocrs/> and the California Championships this year will be held the weekend after at Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Baxter Bowl Regatta July 23-24th. If you're interested in getting into the Finn fleet - please contact California VP Mike Dorgan to get out sailing!

Photos by Tom Walker

Results : https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23833#_docs

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Ken Reiff photos

ABYC hosted the U.S. FINN National Championship May 19-22. The Finners, 15 to 72 years of age, were greeted with the best of ABYC's hospitality and professionalism. Vice Commodore Brooke Jolly embraced the regatta over a year ago as we presented the bid to the U.S. FINN Association, Ed Spotskey and Mark Townsend guided the protocols for the National level regatta. Long Beach produced 3 very different days of sailing conditions with sailing areas assigned the morning of by the ABYC Race management team. One of ABYC's newest members, Randy Smith accepted PRO duties with Mark Townsend at his side they were backed up by an amazing group of mark and line set professionals including a very busy rescue boat (which I was acquainted with on more than one occasion.) A regatta at a national level attracts sailors from across the nation and some amazing sponsorship with Gladstone's, Buley Investments, Allen UK, North Sails, Dorgan Yachts, Tom Walker Photography, and John Rieter Wines all wanting to promote the FINN sailing in the U.S. thank you. We had the BluFinns band rocking on Friday night and a wonderful Dinner by Gladstone's and the Sangmeister Family.



For the last day of sailing the Finners requested to sail outside, in the 18-20knt expected breeze and the R/C gave them what they wanted, gusts to 26knts made for some amazing FINN sailing...surfing, pounding, flipping, and boats breaking, OH MY. Rescue boats were busy saving one capsized sailor from drifting into the oil platform and multiple other mishaps. I was fortunate to have the Gladstone's rib and a rescue boat standing by for my 15minute wrestling match/swim, eventually following me home on a rippin' broad reach – the best part of my weekend...until at the fire pit I had some of Reggie's 'Brisket Tacos'.



Nine races completed and 38 smiling faces later, Commodore Brooke Jolly was especially proud as ABYC sailors held the first 4 places **1st Eric Lidecis** 17pts, **2nd Craig Monk** 24pts, **3rd AJ Nosar** 32pts, and **4th Peter Sangmeister** 43pts, with FINN icon Darrel Peck in 5th w/ 56pts. **Chris Raab** earned the top Great Grand Master (over 60yrs of age) award. The Finn National Championship Perpetual went to **Lidecis** and the Beverly Coutts Under 23 perpetual went to **Peter Sangmeister**, who also received a \$2,000 grant from the U.S. FINN Association to attend the FINN Youth Worlds in Europe.

This National regattas' success comes from the ABYC staff and Volunteers, a sincere thank you from myself and the U.S. FINN fleet.

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When Go Ahead Make My Day reaches the zone, she is the inside overlapped right-of-way boat entitled to mark-room under rule 18.2(b). Go Ahead Make My Day must gybe at the mark to sail her proper course, but rule 18.4, Mark-Room Gybing, does not apply as the mark is a gate.

At position 2, when both boats gybe, Hasta La Vista Baby becomes the leeward right-of-way boat. Rule 15, Acquiring Right of Way, does not apply as Hasta La Vista Baby acquired right of way when Go Ahead Make My Day gybed. Hasta La Vista Baby, the outside boat, still owes Go Ahead Make My Day mark-room.

However, mark-room is room to sail to the mark, not room to sail her proper course. When contact occurs Go Ahead Make My Day is no longer sailing within the mark room to which she is entitled and breaks rule 11. Because there is contact causing damage, which could have reasonably been avoided by both boats, they both break rule 14. The fact that the damage was to Hasta La Vista Baby, the right-of-way boat, is inconsequential when deciding if a boat broke rule 14 or can be exonerated under rule 43.1(c).

CONCLUSION

Go Ahead Make My Day to windward failed to keep clear of Hasta La Vista Baby to leeward, and broke RRS 11.

Go Ahead Make My Day did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

Hasta La Vista Baby the right-of-way boat did not act to avoid contact with Go Ahead Make My Day when it was reasonably possible. Hasta La Vista Baby broke RRS 14.

Hasta La Vista Baby the right-of-way boat did not act to avoid contact when it became clear that Go Ahead Make My Day was not keeping clear. Hasta La Vista Baby broke RRS 14.

DECISION

Go Ahead Make My Day is DSQ in the race.

Hasta La Vista Baby is DSQ in the race.

See you on the water.

Mark Townsend

cruising club

weekend

Lori VanSkyhock and Kathy Robinson photos

Twenty-six miles across the sea, Santa Catalina was a waitin' for ABYC!

Over 40 participants enjoyed the island life with the ABYC Cruising Club May 12-15. Nine hole golf, hikes to the bell chimes, and drinks at Descanso Beach were on the itinerary.

Thank you George and Patricia McCormick for inviting us to the Hamilton Cove Clubhouse on Friday for dinner, and to their son, Paul, who provided an amazing impromptu performance on the piano!

Saturday was the 35th Annual Silent Film Showcase in the beautiful historic Avalon Casino.

A huge thank you to Sam and Dana Bell for hosting



the Saturday night dinner at the famous "Kirkpatrick Cottage" up on the hill with spectacular views. And no evening would be complete without the traditional music of the ukulele elves led by Cindy Heavrin and Kathy Reed.

And a big shout out to Alan Cunningham for putting together another great weekend for the ABYC Cruising Club!

Lori VanSkyhock



ABYC Cruising club had another successful weekend in Avalon. Thursday night happy hour was on Kevin Thomas's boat. He served his famous white sangria. Friday morning there was 9 hole golfing for those who golf and lunch at the Sand trap with everyone. Patricia and George hosted dinner at Hamilton Cove club house. Patricia and I made at least 80 chicken drumsticks. George clean, forked and baked at least 50 potatoes. Every one brought their favorite appetizer, salad, potato toppings and dessert. We were treated to a quick presentation about the benefits of the Catalina Island Conservancy, it was very informative to hear all the things they take care of on the island. To top off the evening we had a private piano concert by Paul McCormick. He was amazing.

Kathy Robinson



opening day 2022

Tracy Conn and Lori VanSkyhock photos

On Friday April 29 at 1200 hours the canon sounded and the Raft-up officially started, Opening Day was here. The brats were on the fire and beer was made available. The basin began filling up with visiting boats. I must thank Pat McCormick for his management of the boats in the basin. We did not know how many boats to expect, but our members rose to the occasion, and we had almost as many boats as usual. Weather was accommodating and attendees and visiting members enjoyed a marvelous afternoon. We continued into the evening with the traditional Friday night Raft-up Party.

On Saturday morning the Club Championship regatta was held in Lido 14s.



Sailing fleets competed for the Kim Thompson Memorial trophy and the coveted space in the parking lot. Mark Ryan and Paul Anttil took top honors. After racing, the Viper Fleet honored us with the traditional brats and beer, thank you Tim Carter, Steve Bloemeke and the Viper fleet.

At 1530 hours the Opening Day ceremony began. There were about 150 in attendance. The ceremony was abbreviated by the small number of visiting dignitaries. Commodore Jolly was very informative and welcoming to all who attended. We did have some fun with the actual commissioning of the club, when ice was thrown on the bay then exclaimed that Alamitos Bay was clear of ice. The ceremony did run a little long, so

I was reminded to wrap it up. Fortunately, when the burgee was raised the lights did not come down to hit me in the head. After the ceremony we enjoyed champagne and hors d'oeuvres and partied into the evening.

A big thanks to Commodore Jolly for all the hard work putting together the 2022 Opening Day ceremony. A big thank you to Pat McCormick, the Junior Board, our Staff Commodores and all the volunteers who helped put on the Opening Day ceremony. Also, a big thank you to our members who attended. It just shows that ABYC IS THE PLACE TO BE.

Staff Commodore Jon Robinson



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mother's day brunch

Lori VanSkyhock photos

Live jazz and “MOMosas” on the water’s edge at the Mother’s Day Brunch. Happy Mother’s Day to all the amazing moms out there.





hails from the fleets



The Cal 20 sailing season has begun with the start of the Wet Wednesday series at the beginning of May. Twelve boats have signed up and it is great to see all the boats out on the water.

The first race on May 4th saw light breeze, a big cruise ship parked right in front of the starting line, and a moving weather mark. Everyone got some very close up looks at the cruise ship while navigating the course. Breakfast Club's **Neil & Hayden Rietdyk** did this very well for the first place cannon shot and bottle of Mount Gay Rum. Second was Schprichter sailed by **Will Durant & David Oborn**, and taking third was Rubber Dog's **Chuck Stevens & Mitch Hall**.

The next Wet Wednesday on May 11th saw breeze in the 25 gusting to 30 knot range. Some boats decided to not even leave the dock. A couple boats went out and turned around. A couple more went out, suffered a breakdown, and headed back in. Several Catalina 37's went out, only to be told the race was abandoned for them. That left 3 Cal 20's on one Cal 25. A few minutes later, the Cal 25 dropped out, and so the last 3 boats, all Cal 20's, started a race. It was wild, and brought the Wet in Wet Wednesday's in a big time way. Surviving to finish first was Rubber Dog sailed by **Chuck Stevens & Keith Ives**, followed by Bravura with **Phil Soma & Jeff Ives**, and next was Cheddar with **Keith Polmanteer & Bryce Hans**. We all lived to tell the tale of an epic race!

Last week's race on May 18 saw 10 knots of breeze and 11 Cal 20's back out on the starting line. An absolutely beautiful evening with Rubber Dog taking first, Magic Bus' **Steve George & Grant Hill** for second, Breakfast Club for third, and Schprichter taking fourth.

Three more races to go in Series 1. Series 2 begins June 22nd. Plenty of time to get your boat ready to join the fun. If you need help, let me know. The Cal 20 fleet is always willing to help out.

Cal 20's, what a fun boat!

Jeff Ives



Mike Corzine and Randy Smith install new rigging on



The Viper fleet is happily in recovery mode following the pandemic [pun intended]. With so many regattas cancelled in the past few years, a dedicated core group of boats continued to go out sailing and enjoyed the open portions of the yacht club without violating protocols. Which now leaves us on a very encouraging upswing! We enjoyed a fantastic time in San Diego last March at the Sailing World - Helly Hansen Regatta, current Wet Wednesdays, the upcoming Long Beach Race Week, quite possibly High Sierra Regatta (depending on the cabin situation following the fires), and later this year the North Americans in Gulfport, Mississippi.

About this core group of sailors:

We happily regained a historically active ABYC family with Russ Fox purchasing an East Coast boat with his sister Kristen Warnick as dedicated crew; Gabe Ferramola upgraded his boat from an oldie to a "lesser oldie" and picked up Mike Shea as a boat partner; our fearless leader and Viper guru Tim Carter has also weathered the Covid crisis at his place of work and is sailing more often again; James Baurley is still the guy to beat; Ed Feo and his daughter and nephew have been enjoying Wednesdays and sailing more in general, and we have Dan Milefchik and Brad Thompson who seem to put up with me, or are very good actors. Oh, and Dante Scatena has put together a nice group of younger crew and are quickly learning the boat and racing! I almost forgot ex-Chicago Viper Stud Nick Kofski who has been really great at sailing on different boats for training in addition to being crew. So that is our core group, and we also have a few other boats that are finding their gear and washing the grime off of their boats that we hope to include.



And we have recently been awarded the 2024 North Americans at ABYC again! So, that should help get the ball rolling for upsizing up the fleet.

If you would like to go for a sail and try out crewing, there are many people that would happily take you out. We are using WhatsApp to effectively communicate, so it is a very easy task. Call me on my mobile (562) 212-2037 and I will get the word out.

Steve Bloemeke, Viper Fleet Captain

hails from the fleets

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Lido Love



Deby St John photos

The long awaited April Twilights' awards were presented on Thursday 5/5 and I am pleased to announce there was no slapping involved! There may not have been any red carpet, but there was a roaring fire, great food and drink and plenty of fun and laughter! The 4th place trophy for B Fleet was awarded to Melissa Kirby and A Fleet's went to Mike Shea. Excellent work sailors! Scott and Melissa Scarbrough won the "Wet Dog" award and Jack Johnson was given the "Crane Wreck" award. These awards are reserved for stellar occasions when the skipper and crew go the extra mile to test the bounds of wind and gravity.

Thursday 5/12 was a fun night of sailing with a sporty breeze. There were three long bay courses enabling the sailors to experience all

the wind shifts! Dinner was a combination of a fantastic jambalaya and an equally great vegetarian jambalaya. Thanks to Reggie for supplying great eats each and every night.

Thursday 5/19, the breeze was initially a little light but picked up during the course of our 3 races. We raced as one fleet, and the racing was tight as usual. Due to a communication hiccup we enjoyed not just one delicious meal but two! The club, again, put together a mouth-watering chicken dinner and sailors had the added option of pizza. Thanks to Aaron and Alya for fantastic bar service every Thursday!

Thursday 5/26 was another classic almost summer night. For some crazy and equally unknown reason, we got 24 boats out! That's a really great number for any night, and the wind showed up as well, if a little farther east than usual.. Our consistent and fearless PRO Martyn ran 3 races with two starts each. We are still getting new faces out there every week in both A and B fleets. Keep bringing friends, keep telling new people about the fun we have!. YOU are doing a great job growing our fleet of funny fat little boats, and it shows.

This upcoming Thursday 6/2, we'll hold the highly anticipated and heavily attended awards ceremony (maybe a bit of an overstatement) for May Twilights.

Join us to eat whatever Reggie and Melissa concoct and to see who earned whatever zany awards that Jack and Deby can conceive of.



May saw the second Friday Night Dragon Flite racing at the LBYC long dock. Dr. Jim placed first, Keith Ives second and Chris Raab moved up to third. Each walked away with a good evening of racing and a bottle of rum. Don Shirley represented ABYC at the King Harbor DF95 Fleet "Spring Fling" and tied for 3rd after 9 races. Sunday racing continued at El Dorado Park Boat Pond with ABYC represented by Grant Hill, Fred Stevens, Eric Conn and Don Shirley. Eight OCMSC DF65 skippers raced 12 heats in the monthly series at Mason Park, Irvine with Eric Conn and Don Shirley racing for season points. Next on the calendar is Friday Night Dragon Flites, June 10 at LBYC. Racing at the end of the month includes June 25 at Mason Lake, and June 26 at El Dorado Park. Racin' in the Basin in June is still to be determined. See you at the pond!

Don Shirley

hails from the fleets



Sabot Sunday on May 22 brought gusty winds and challenging conditions. 12 sailors arrived to sail but 15 knots was a little too much for most. Gold stars to our two newest fleet sailors Deby Johnson and Stacey Schack, who both braved the conditions and set out on the water. Kevin Thomas, Jennifer Kuritz and Bruce & Pam Gallagher also ventured out to test their skills. No one capsized, but Pam did encounter a broken boom vang on the first race and had to retire. Mary Riddick, Tom Newton, and Lee Berlinger also splashed their boats but did not race on this windy day. Three races were held, and Scott Finkboner from MBYC won the day.



Thank you to Todd Smith, Robin Townsend, Tom Newton and Kathy Weishampel who worked on the club trailer again this month to paint it and get it ready for use.

Senior Sabot Nationals are scheduled for June 4 and 5, the 1st weekend of June, at Balboa Yacht Club. We currently have seven boats scheduled to use the refurbished trailer to travel and represent ABYC.

June 19 is the Men's Day Regatta at ABYC. This is going to be a fun event, with the theme "Blazing Sabots"! Maria Milefchik is putting together the regatta, and she always puts on a fun event. 10:00 registration begins, 12:00 skippers meeting, and 13:00 start of first race. Any questions contact Maria at mmilefchik@hotmail.com

Any Sabot Fleet questions or to get on the Sabot Fleet email list contact Cindy Heavrin via email at cmheavrin@verizon.net. Hope to see you on the water soon!



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