

# Sou' Wester

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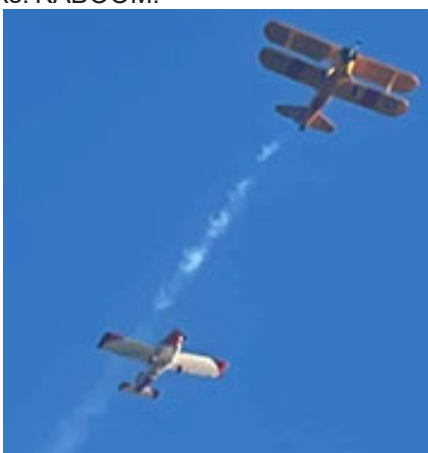
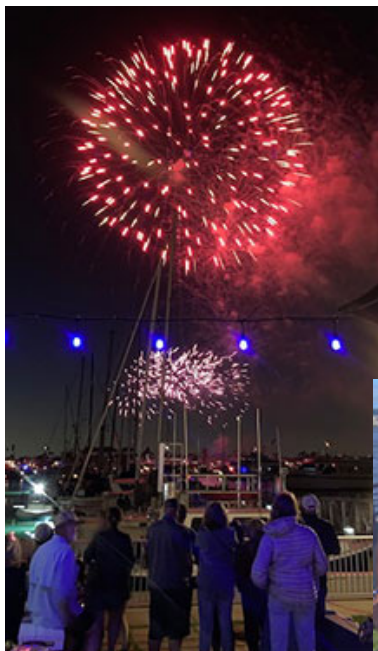
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## big bang on the bay 2022

Lori VanSkyhock, Dana Bell & Brian Smith photos

There were plenty of Stars and Stripes at "The Big Bang On The Bay" on July 3rd and the ABYC yard was turned into a sea of Red, White and Blue. A few highlights included the North American SNJ-5?AT-6 Duet Airshow, "The Tiger Squadron's Freedom Break" formation, symbolizing the freedom we enjoy as a Nation, water polo in Basin 5, a George Washington "mini me," foot stompin' music provided by The Happy Endings Band, and even a surprise engagement – congratulations to Tom Dorman and Cat Bell for making their own fireworks! KABOOM!

Lori VanSkyhock



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# manager's corner



What a month July has been for all of us. We've hosted 2 world class regattas, we've had a proposal of lifelong marriage (congrats to Cat and Tom) under the fireworks of Big Bang on the Bay and the Juniors are having a great time Monday through

Friday under the tutelage of Stephen and Cole so I'd say things are going pretty well.

I can't say thanks enough to all the volunteers who stepped up to support the staff during my bout with Covid. I appreciate all who sent a text or left a message so thank you, this is a great ABYC Family and just goes to prove, "it takes a village".

Speaking of the village, thanks to all those volunteering sweat and brain cells as we have introduced our new website and our Club Spot Point of Sale. We're working hard to work the kinks out so thank you for your patience and support.

I'm going to be sending out a survey as we look at programming in the Fall. We're considering keeping the energy going on Thursday nights with Chef Melissa and the Lido Posse and also looking at executing a plated menu on Saturday, more contemporary dinners with a protein selection such as steaks, prime rib, salmon, prawns but items we can offer in the \$15 to \$25 range. So be on the lookout for the link to the survey.

I'm in need of some assistance with some projects:

- I need someone with tile experience to repair the tile in the QD bathroom

- I need to repair or replace the wood on the grill cover



We're taking some of our Happy Hours up a notch with a wine dinner component that we're looking forward to executing on the Widow's Walk. If

there's a better view, show me! Chef Ramon, Chef Melissa and I have worked to put together some great menus paired with some really really great wines so we look forward to being of service and giving you an evening you can look forward to. I have to reschedule the Sea Smoke Winery dinner, shooting for a mid August date and I am meeting this week to arrange a tasting of a new signature rum we're

looking to introduce along with some other fun flavors from labels like Kona Brewing, Tangueray, Ciroc Vodka, Loyal Teas to name a few so stay tuned for that.

So even if you're not into wine dinners, our Happy Hours are hard to beat. We're on the patio through the summer, we'll have a little background music, maybe an Angels or Dodgers game on the tv with couches and the firepit + our dream team of bartenders making you a cool refreshing beverage or two, it's a great way to Friday.

· Aug 26: Happy Hour + **Rooftop Series Wine Dinner featuring Grgich Hills Estate Winery hosted by Michele Butler, ASM Grgich Hills Estate Winery \$95** (24 seats ONLY)

## Course 1

Appetizer: Ahi Tacos: sushi grade Ahi, fried avocado, corn nuts, coco aminos, remoulade + Grgich Sauvignon Blanc

## Course 2

Blue Cheese Wedge + Peter Luger Bacon & housemade blue cheese, heirloom cherry tomatoes

## Course 3

Amuse Bouche, Prosecco & Blood Orange Sorbet

## Course 4

Grilled Copper River Salmon with Key Lime butter, haricot verts, heirloom fingerlings + Grgich Chardonnay

## Course 5

CAB Prime Baseball Sirloin with Peter Luger Steak Sauce, mushroom bread pudding, microgreens + Grgich Zinfandel

## Course 6

Key Lime Pie with Lemon Sorbet or Chocolate Lava cake with Ice Cream with After Dinner Mixology

As you all know Dan Clapp passed away but his legend will live on. He was always pleasant but I quickly figured that he liked his fish and chips. When I saw the fish we were using when I got hired, I immediately called my old purveyors at Pacific Seafood and Sysco to get a better fish. When I brought the new fish out to Mr. Clapp for the first time, he was grinning from ear to ear and gave me an "oh boy, that's a big piece of fish!" Well, after a bite, he gave me the thumbs up and it is my mission in life to keep that fish on the menu.

In his honor, we've named our fish and chips Dan Clapp's Famous Fish & Chips...but don't tell Sheila!

Have a great August and I look forward to seeing you at the club,

*Reggie*



# commodore's compass



**W**hat a busy July we had! There are several thank-yous to deliver.

Big Bang on the Bay on July 3<sup>rd</sup> was enjoyed by all. The entire property and docks were filled to the brim with revelers. Thanks go out to Pat McCormick for managing the many boats

that came in to enjoy our front row view of the bay. Thanks you to SAC for their decorations and to Lori VanSkyhock for the fantastic band! Then there were the shuttle drivers. It is some dedication to manage that job for the evening. The daylight hours are not too challenging but once the sun goes down for the return trip, and there are some 100 plus extra boats on the water (some with proper lighting and others NOT), it is challenging. Many, many thanks go out to Martyn Bookwalter and Dave Kofahl for their excellent driving that night! You both helped our members and guests enjoy the evening without the stress of parking issues. Thanks also to Brad Liebrecht. Brad, who was in the process of becoming a member on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, took it upon himself to be the official dock shuttle greeter. He was there for unloading and loading of riders and helped receive the whalers on each trip. Thanks to all who helped make the 3<sup>rd</sup> so much fun and enjoyable for all!

We also had two major regattas on the weekends following the Big Bang. With over 136 volunteers and 288 competitors over the two events, it was incredibly busy and fun to be around. I remember as a kid walking down to the boat yard on major regatta weekends and feeling the energy and hearing the buzz and being excited to be a part of it. I still feel that way even as a volunteer and not a competitor.

July 8<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup> was the C420 Regatta – Big thanks and congratulations to Dan Milefchik and Steve Mueller for putting on a great regatta! There were 86 entries for this double handed event. Steve and Dan gathered up a very talented crew of 50 volunteers to staff the three race days, as well as registration on Thursday and competitor logistics the week leading up to the event. Thank you both for your hard work and producing a memorable regatta for youth sailors from all over the country.

July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup> was the West Marine US Open Sailing Series - Olympic Class Regatta which was headed up by Eileen Haubl and Mike VanDyke from our club and Lisa Meier from LBYC. They were the conductors of some 86 volunteers who assisted on the two different race courses, entry check-in and scoring, launching and getting competitors off the beach in the Shore as well as the club launch ramp. And don't forget coordinating food for the 116 competitors from eleven different countries every

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## Sou'Wester DEADLINE

August 24, 2022 is the deadline  
for the Septmber Sou'Wester.

## Help us to Help you!

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day. What an undertaking! The event was a great success thanks to all involved and its fearless leaders. Well done!

Race Management and all their dedicated helpers also deserve a big shout-out for the major preparation on these events too, including LBRW. They work hard during and well before the event, pulling equipment, checking lists and making sure that all is available, functioning and ready for the water volunteers to load up efficiently and without issues.

## viceverses



**B**ig shout out to all the volunteers as June and July have been big months for regattas. Thank you as the club was well represented running regional and national events while hosting top international sailors at the OCR in the short course of 2 months. Time for other

activities!

The slate for the board has been posted. I want to thank our Nominating Committee led by Dan DeLave in putting together a strong slate of candidates. Any of the candidates would serve our club well in the future. For those coming off the board, thank you for your service. Please get out and vote!

## rearview



**H**elloABYC members! It's such a pleasure to see such a busy and successful month. July was packed! We mixed all of our tried and true events like 4th of July Regatta, Big Bang on the Bay, Twilight racing, Junior Summer Sailing, and the Olympic classes Regatta, and we brought

in the new, with a very successful 420 Nationals and a fantastic MicroBrew Fest with a dozen craft brewers sharing

## fleet captain's log



**T**he year is more than half over - have you sailed yet? What are you waiting for? Do you have a boat in the ABYC yard? Take it for a sail before you hear from Mike VanDyke.

It has been a very busy

In August we have the Cal 20 Championship Regatta. I am looking forward to seeing how many boats race in the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Championship! The weekend after that is the Pine Block Regatta. If you have one at home please plan on joining us on the beach. If you don't have one, come anyway and borrow a boat! It is always fun and a great way to cool off a bit on a warm August day.

Cheers,

*Brooke Jolly*

Not sure if you noticed the posting for membership, but we have strong interest by individuals and families wanting to join the club. We are currently at over 93% fully subscribed and one more month of this past June, we'll be going to a waiting list. We offer great value to in terms of activities that are available, from jr sailing, adult sailing, racing, volunteerism, social all wrapped up into a nice geographic hot spot of activities. Please welcome our new members and let's get them involved.

Getting more serious, for those with boats in the yard, it has come to my attention things are going missing, stolen, misplaced, or just plain MIA. I think we all know the best way to combat this is to store your things properly (not on the ground), check your boat frequently, and do your best to not be an easy target. For those along the fence line, a light lock for a nice ladder might be prudent. Hate to say it, but it's the world we live in.

Have a great August!

*Mike*

their latest brews and secret ingredients . Even the the OCR had a new twist with new classes and their quirks. Check out the Kiteboarding videos on our Facebook page.

Junior Sailing is well underway and running smoothly. Now is the time to also start planning for the Fall programs. This time will be a little different, with the program formatted as a group of sessions. Adult Sailing programs are also available in the Fall. Please check our website for information and registration for all of our excellent sailing programs.

Smooth Sailing,

*Gabe Ferramola*

July between the 4th of July Regatta, the C420 Nationals and OCR. I was a volunteer for the C420s and OCR and it was great to watch. Sunday of OCR was a great day - for sun tanning - otherwise there was lots of great sailing. I am looking forward to the Latham Bell Dinghy Challenge and Dick Bell's birthday celebration on July31.

The action is slowing down as we move in to August

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whalers and the steering has been replaced on a couple of the boats.

It's the place to be!

*Dave*

**G**reetings All! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying safe. We are happy to announce the 26 candidates that have been approved for membership:

**Sponsor**

Melissa Kirby

Yon Carpenter

Michael Oliver

Jon Robinson

Mike Van Dyke

Jen Christopher

Michael Oliver

Melissa Kirby

Michael Oliver

Chris Wells

Gabe Ferramola

Yon Carpenter

James Higgins

James Higgins  
Brooke Jolly

Mike Van Dyke

Mike Van Dyke  
Chuck Hardin

Chuck Hardin  
Jen Christophe

Nick Kofski

Michael Oliver

Michael Oliver  
Terri Bishop

Terrill Bishop  
Yon Carpenter

Steve Mueller

Steve Mueller  
Ian Christopher

Jeff Christopher  
Melissa Kirby

Melissa Kirby  
Michael Oliver

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Ed Ego

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Henk Baars

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In addition we have 6 new candidates posted for this month:

Charles Stephenson (Regular), Zachary Downing (Yachting), Lillian Myers (Yachting), John Satariano (Regular), Geoff Fargo (Regular), Drew Weightman (Regular).

# us sailing membership

**J** ABYC is a US Sailing MVP Partner. When you join or renew your membership you receive a substantial discount on your US Sailing membership, and ABYC receives credits, which we can use US Sailing training programs, supplies from the store, registration for symposiums and more.





# the bay clogger

It has been a really exciting and action packed summer so far. We've had junior sailors traveling all over the world, and even some national championships hosted by ABYC.

The first weekend of July, **Nicholas Mueller** went up to Kingston, Ontario, Canada to represent ABYC at the ILCA North American Championship. The sailing and venue are phenomenal up there, for anyone looking for a family sailing vacation. Nicholas was able to finish an amazing 26th in the 118 boat ILCA6 fleet.

Later that week, ABYC hosted the C420 National Championship. A truly amazing event to be a part of, and thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this regatta such a great event. In 4th place, representing ABYC, we had **Dylan and Nathan Sih!** **Tate Christopher and Vera Allen** finished 24th, and **Samantha Hemans and Gabbi Delbello** finished 32nd in the 86 boat fleet.

Overlapping the C420 regatta was the World Sailing Youth World Championship in The Hague, Netherlands. **Katherine Doble** was the one and only USA representative in the female ILCA6 fleet. The World Sailing Youth World Championship is only open to the top qualifying female and male, per country, in their discipline. Katherine is an ABYC member and represented team USA with her 4th place finish!

The weekend following, ABYC hosted the West Marine US Sailing Series Long Beach in conjunction with the US Sailing Center Long Beach and Long Beach Yacht Club, which is the olympic classes regatta for Long Beach. **Tate Christopher** won the ILCA6 fleet, which makes this the second year in a row that Team ABYC has won in the ILCA6 class. **Scott Pearl** finished 17th in the 22 boat ILCA6 fleet, and **Chloe Pearl** finished on the podium with her 3rd place finish in the ILCA4 class.

There are a few regattas still to come for summer, so please be sure to wish our juniors luck at CFJ Nationals in Mission Bay. August should be a quiet transition as kids start to go back to school.

*Steven Long*



*Tate Christopher*



*Nicholas Mueller*

## youth match racing worlds

After being runner-up a year ago, Jeffrey Peterson (USA) and his team of Max Brennan, Scott Mais, and **Sammantha Hemans** claimed the 2022 Youth Match Racing World Championship title on July 19-23 in Pornichet, France.

"World Champion, those words sound incredible!" noted Petersen. "Looking back, we finished second last year against another American team, on home waters in California, and that was a bitter pill to swallow. So, to win here feels a bit like our redemption.

"We threw everything we had at it. We didn't get off to a very good start in our competition, but my crew has been really incredible. They've given their absolute all and all credit to them. I couldn't be prouder of them! We're really happy to have pulled this off for the United States and for our club, and to be able to keep this title in the USA! We're really stoked and grateful."

Peterson was third among the 12 teams in the qualifying round robin series, advancing to the Final after wins over Riccardo Sepe (ITA) in the Quarter Finals and Timothée Rossi (FRA) in the Semi Finals. The other finalist, Marius Westerlind (SWE), was no match as Peterson shut him out 3-0.

"We were really very happy to win the semi-final and get through to the final after finishing 8th in the round robin," noted

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## more youth match racing

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Westerlind. "We entered the final phase telling ourselves that we had everything to gain, so we gave our all in the final, but Jeffrey really sailed a blinder, so it was tough for us. Even though we were a little disappointed in the moment, we're really ecstatic to be world number two!"

**Editor's note:** Our own Samantha Hermans was on the winning team!



## F18 European champs

In the morning of the last F18 Europeans racing day, nothing was decided, and any of the top three teams in the provisional ranking could reasonably aim for final victory...

PRO invited both fleets to be early on the race course, plan being to complete two races for each, so that sailors could benefit from one discard.

Unfortunately, and as it is often the case, one never got the usual weather conditions, and the expected "Ora Wind", which is characteristic of Garda Lake, never showed up.

So, after completing one single race for Gold Fleet, sailed under light breeze, Race Committee didn't succeed to build up any other course, despite long waiting time on the water under pretty hot temperature.

In this game, **Ravi Parent** and crew limited damage by finishing 8th, Demesmaeker-Tas being 13th, and Burvill-Puttmann 14th, five teams being scored UFD.

A long waiting period started then, until it was certain no clear start could be done before 3:30pm deadline, and AP on A to be displayed.

Then US team won the event, 6 points ahead Aussies, and 7 mere points ahead first European pair Demesmaeker-Tas.

From F18 International Class **July 9, 2022 Olivier Bovyn**

**Editor's note:** Our own Ravi Parent was the winner of the regatta



Nicolaj Bjornholt & Cedric Bader (4), Brett Burvill & Max Puttmann (2), Severin Gramm & Ravi Parent (1), Patrick Demesmaeker & Gilles Tas (3), Mitch & Jordi Booth (5) – Picture by Circolo Vela Arco

## mark's racing rules quiz #93

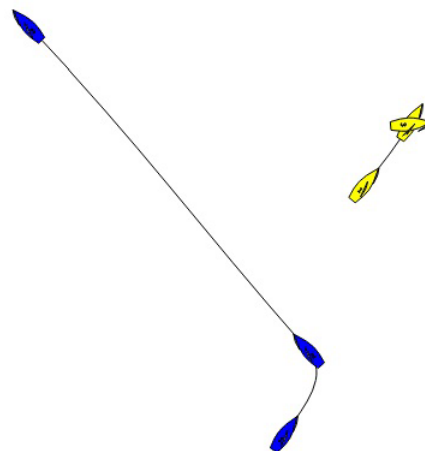
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Last-Ditch Effort and Here Comes Trouble were racing in overnight distance race. There was a light breeze with slight seas. They were sailing up the Solent in a strong outgoing tide towards the finish. Both boats were short tacking the shore to get out of the tide. At approximately 23:00 Here Comes Trouble went hard aground.

Here Comes Trouble tried for a few minutes to get clear by backing her sails and failed. Here Comes Trouble started her engine and was able to get clear by backing down. Here Comes Trouble continued racing and finished 11 minutes behind Last-Ditch Effort at about midnight. She reported her use of the engine to the race committee after she finished. The last boat in the race finished at 0650 and the finish time and overall results were posted by 0800.

The following day Last-Ditch Effort filed for redress against the race committee for scoring Here Comes Trouble after they reported to the race committee that they had grounded and used their engine to free themselves.

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





# volunteer opportunities

## **H**ALLOWEEN CHARITY REGATTA CELEBRATES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAN and NORMA CLAPP

Dan and Norma Clapp long will be remembered by ABYC for their love of sailing and major contributions to ABYC over their 5 decades of service. Norma Clapp, who served as Commodore in 1992, was the driving force behind the Charity Regatta to benefit The Children's Clinic.

In 1989, she got ABYC, LBYC, Shoreline, and Seal Beach Yacht Clubs to band together to found The Yacht Clubs of Long Beach committee for the purpose of coordinating events to raise money for TCC. The Founders' Trophy was then awarded to the volunteer who made the greatest contribution of time and talent to work on the regatta. Its first recipient was Todd Smith, of ABYC, who coordinated efforts from Prindle Fleet members. The YCLB committee was honored by TCC three years ago with our name on an exam room for its 35 years of service and over \$500,000 in contributions.

Also in 1989, Norma and Dan donated a beautiful sculpture of a mother and child as a perpetual trophy to The Charity Regatta, in honor of their first grandchild, a healthy baby boy named Kelly Daniel Ting. A little bit of history, their granddaughter Kate Bishop, won this trophy as a junior Sabot sailor in 2005. This will be the first year that neither Norma nor Dan will be on hand to watch that trophy be awarded to the winner of the largest class, with Dan's recent passing. But their spirits will continue on with this regatta.

Norma reminded us at every general membership meeting, from July to October, about the incredible medical work and services that The Children's Clinic provided (and still provide) to the underinsured and underserved children and families of our Long Beach community. "When children are healthy, they can stay in school and get a better, more consistent education, which benefits our community." WE all can be a part of the work with our contributions to its cause.

This year's Halloween Charity Regatta will be Sunday, October 29. We can honor the memories of Dan and Norma by raising contributions for The Children's Clinic Family Health and support the future of the Long Beach Community. Please go on their web site at [tcc.org](http://tcc.org) to see all the wonderful work they do to support the physical, mental, and social health of children and their families. Over 95 years, doing good.

Then please make a commitment this year to support TCC in any or all of the following ways (1) RACE in the Halloween Charity Regatta, where a portion of the proceeds will be donated to TCC. (2) accept the CREW CHALLENGE, and get your crew or racing class to make donations as a group to TCC and complete the form in the NOR (and there's a nice perpetual trophy for the winning crew). (3) SPONSOR and donate a flat sum of money to assist with the expenses of the regatta, so that more proceeds can be given (which gets your name or your company's name on a banner to be displayed on the patio during the Regatta). (4) DONATE a basket or item to the Silent Auction, which will be at the Regatta—100% of Silent Auction proceeds go to TCC. (5) GIVE OF YOUR TIME to serve on the race committee, to help with trophies, the Silent Auction, and Swag Sales.

Thank you!!!

## **ON THE HORIZON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Help the Cal 20 fleet celebrate 60 years of racing.

If you are not a Cal 20 racer, please volunteer for the Cal 20 Junior Championship on Thursday, August 11 and/or the Cal 20 National Championship from Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14

We need: safety boat skippers and assistants, scorers, timer, note taker, flags and signals officer, Protest Committee members, check in, parking lot coordinators, ramp and hoist coordinators, help with volunteer check in and lunches, registration clerks, computer scoring, and trophies on Sunday. If positions are filled, that's OK. We need to train lots of people to do these jobs. Redundancy is a blessing and a necessity in case someone can't come at the last minute. You will be valued and needed!!! You do not have to serve all four days.

Contact Carol Ginder, volunteer coordinator, at 657-657-3187 or [carol.abyc2021@gmail.com](mailto:carol.abyc2021@gmail.com), or Todd Smith, or give your name to Sheila, our office manager.

*Carol Ginder*

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## **Quarterdeck**

The key to the Quarter Deck has been changed. If you have a key please see the front office to switch it out for the new one. If you are in need of a key, there is a \$25 deposit.



# pine block regatta

**A**ugust 20, 2022  
Regatta Chair: Ron Long  
PRO: Jeff Merrill

Save the date for a fun shallow water regatta, no grinding winches, changing sails, rounding marks, only racing (a straight shot is all that is required).

Competitors should arrive at 1:30 PM at the beach just west of ABYC. There will be four championships contested - Ladies, Grand Masters, Juniors (if enough entries) and Open.

Entry is \$15 for all racers - same for all ages. Sailors & non-sailors are invited to attend - it's nearly as much fun to watch as it is to race. We can always use help with recovery of errantly directed racers (and their yachts).

The Pine Block 12 (PB12), designed by Bob Chubb, is the longest tenured, currently active, one design sailboat class under 13in long with over 50 hulls launched. Hey if you know where one is, BRING it down to Race! Be sure to bring a swim suit, sunglasses, a beach chair, sun screen, a big brim hat and don't forget the boat!

Don't have a boat? No problem. We have spare boats or shared boats, the more racers the merrier.

Hope for good wind and *Pray* your boat sails a straight course.

Details contact [magnificentronald@gmail.com](mailto:magnificentronald@gmail.com)



## olympic classes regatta

**T**he Olympic Class Regatta (OCR) was held this past month with the 120 sailors and 17 coaches representing 11 different countries. We had sailors from as far as Europe as well as Japan. Feels like the Olympic winds are starting to blow in our direction.

This year's regatta was the part of US Sailing's US Open Series and LBOCR was the fifth stop on their tour, before finishing up in August in San Francisco. The racing was handled on two race circles. The foiling kites and the IQfoils were on the inner harbor stadium one course while the Finn's, ILCA, and 29er's were on the Alpha / Bravo course off of Seal Beach. Many compliments to the RM and Shore teams. Thank you volunteers!

Sailing was excellent, with lighter air on Sunday making racing difficult for the foiling boards and kites. We had representation

in every class. The standout winner of the weekend in the most competitive fleet was Tate Christopher in the ILCA 6 class finishing a full 15 points in front of the send place finisher. Congratulations to all competitors!

Several events took place during the regatta in support of the Olympics coming to Long Beach in 2028. Friday night, the volunteers and public were treated to a great panel discussion with Olympian John Shadden and potential future Olympians. On Saturday, John Kilroy created a beach cleanup and sustainability village near the beach launching site for the sailors. For those that participated in these events, they were impressed with the direction we are headed.

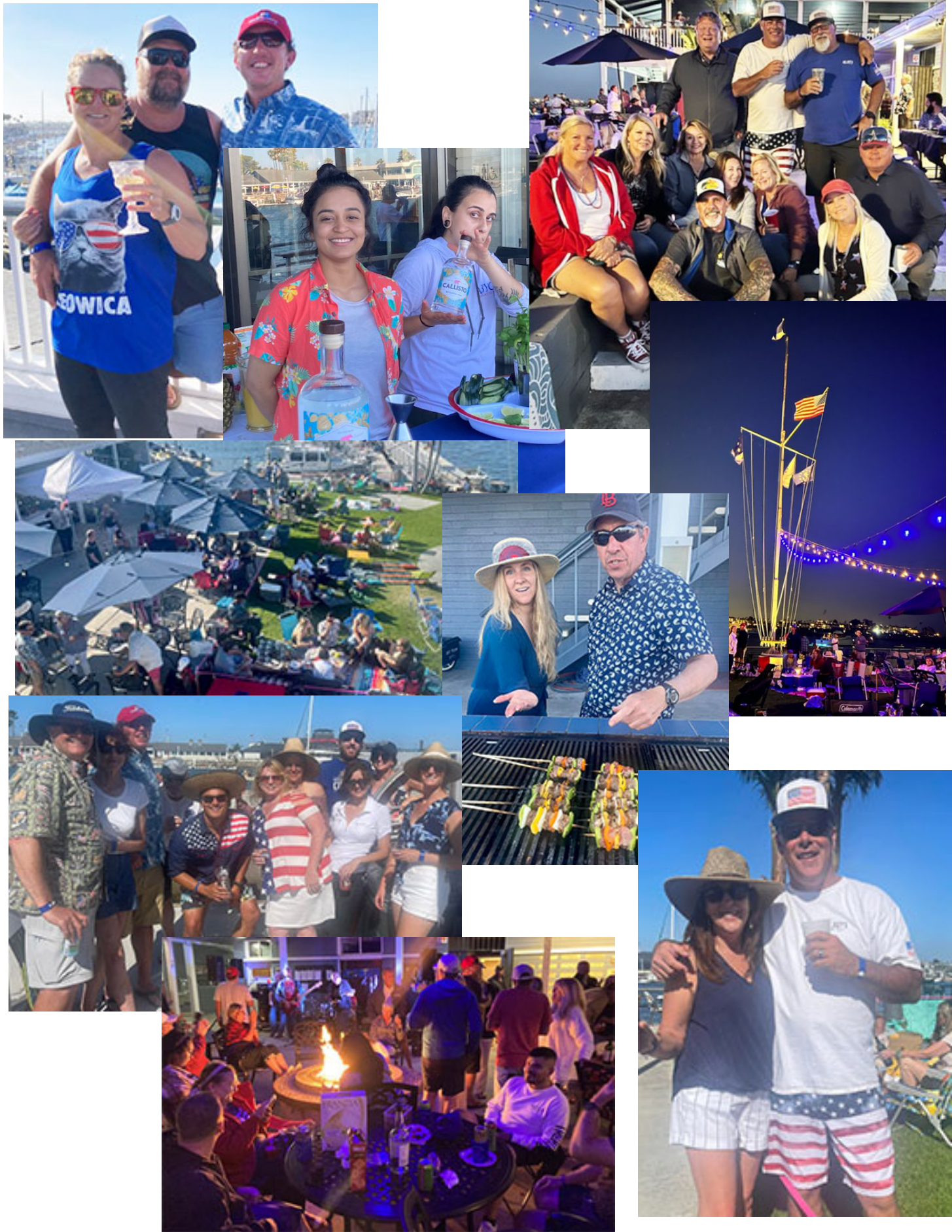
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*Mike VanDyke*

LBYC drone photos









# 4th of July Regatta

The second Holiday Regatta on the 2022 ABYC calendar was hosted by the ILCA (nee Laser) Fleet and friends. Sharing Co-Regatta Chairman duties were **Jorge Suarez** and your author. **Alex Cross** was our Board Liaison.

Volunteers, competitors and coaches were greeted and checked-in by **Alex, Barbara Hounsell, Lars Rosenblad, Susan Lanoue** and **Eileen Edwards**. **Eileen** was integral to the check-in process owing to her knowledge of the new **CLUBSPOT** <https://theclubspot.com/> platform ABYC is using for a variety of club and regatta functions. This was also a nice way for **Eileen** to gain expertise on the program in preparation for the one hundred plus C420's expected for their National Championship the following weekend <https://abyc.org/regatta/yjfr1zbeKg>.

Managing the parking lot and boat yard, **Alex, Dan Milefchick** and **Mark Barnard** kept cars and trailers moving. **Reggie, Sheila** and **Jenny** organized bag lunches to keep the volunteers fed.

On board our Race Committee (RC) boat *Patience*, **Jorge** was our Principal Race Officer (PRO) assisted by Assistant PRO **Chuck Tripp, Judy Mathias, Susan Lanoue, Gage Christopher** and **Mark Barnard** handled flags, signals and notes. **Sharon Pearson** was our Head Scorer along with **Jen Dysart, Trish Clay** and new ABYC member **Rose Oxford**.

The mark-set boats *Sydney T, Perseverance* and *Outrage* were crewed by: **Ed Feo, Bob Anderson, Michael Sentovich, Greg Smith, Jim Otis, Jack Johnson** and new ABYC member **David Vazquez**. Adding to the fleet, **Mark Williams** generously provided his 18 ft. R.I.B. with crew **Greg Naiman** as a fourth mark-set boat which was most welcome for setting a reaching leg of the course requested by the C420 fleet.

On the race course, C420's fielded a fleet of 24 boats who were testing themselves in anticipation of their National Championship the following weekend at ABYC. It was nice to see a nearly 50/50% mix of young ladies and boys racing in the C420's. One disappointment on the racecourse was the Notice of Race stated "On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500". This did not allow the RC to start a fourth race for the C420's which was a shame because of the favorable conditions. A lesser issue was in the first race for C420's, as only five boats sailed the proper course. Thanks to the weather-mark and reach-mark boat crews, **Chuck Tripp**, and **Ron Wood**, the racers were scored correctly with no protests or requests for redress.

Talk about close racing, the top three boats had identical scores necessitating application of a tie-breaker placing **Sophia Devling** and **Carmen Berg** from **Balboa Yacht Club** in first place. **Dylan** and **Nathan Sih** representing an alphabet soup of clubs, **BCYC, NHYC, BYC** and **ABYC** were second and **Tate Christopher** and **Vera Allen** from **ABYC** and **BCYC** were third. Also competing and representing **ABYC** were **Michael Sentovich** as well as "Gigi" and **Adra Ivancich**.

In the 8 boat *Finn* Fleet, practicing for the January 2023 *Finn* Gold Cup in Miami, there was enough breeze to hoist the "O" signal flag permitting unlimited kinetics. *Certain competitive classes including Finns allow competitors to ignore Rule 42 in certain conditions, typically in heavy breezes that are referred to as 'planing' conditions. There are differences across the classes, but whenever it is allowed and the RC flies the "O" Flag, Rule 42 is switched off and competitors can ooch, pump, rock, and tack their boats all around the racecourse. This allows for a much more physical style of sailing.*

**Erik Lidecis** from **ABYC** posted four straight bullets to earn first place. **Andy Kern** was second followed by **Anatoli Nosar** from **ABYC** in third. Other racers from **ABYC** finishing in order were: **Roland Fournier, Andreas Siggelkow**, and **James DeWolfe**.

Two *Hobie 16's* from **ABYC** also came out to race in preparation for the upcoming *Hobie 16@ Worlds* this September in **Costa Brava Spain**. **Jeff Newsome** and **Michelle Eatough** prevailed over **Christopher** and **Sarah Green**.

Back on shore, **Elise McCaleb** was in charge of Computer Scoring assisted by **Eileen Edwards** and **Steve Kuritz**. Our Protest Committee consisted of Chief Judge **Ron Wood, Chuck Tripp** and **Tim Hohman** from **Navy Yacht Club**. Protest Secretaries were **Ann Costello** and **Kathy Weishampel**.

Judging from the post-race crowd of youngsters on the patio eating bratwurst and hot dogs waiting for the trophy presentation and anticipating coming back to **ABYC** for the C420 National Championship the following weekend, volunteers and **ABYC** Staff hosted another safe and successful regatta.

Steven Smith



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# eightbells

Longtime ABYC member Dan Clapp, crossed over the bar on Wednesday July 7th at the age of 93. He was born in Long Beach, California on June 18, 1929. He had memories of riding his tricycle down the driveway of his family home during the Long Beach earthquake. Dan's family chose to move to Alhambra after the quake, where he attended elementary and secondary school.



Dan played on the Alhambra High Tennis Team and kept playing tennis for fitness well into his 50's. Shortly after his high school graduation, Dan and his buddies built a "Covered Wagon" on an open truck chassis and drove it to Alaska where they worked aboard a riverboat for the summer.

Upon his return from Alaska, Dan got his "Dear John" letter and was off to Korea with the US Army where he was a driver for a Brigadier General.

Upon his discharge, Dan returned home to attend Cal State Los Angeles where he received a B.A. in Business Administration. While attending college, his best friend set him up on a blind date with a gal from Pasadena named Norma Doell. They were married on June 26, 1955. Dan and Norma spent time skiing at Mammoth Mountain before there were chair lifts! They continued skiing annually at Mammoth and June Mountain and taught both of their daughters to ski as well.



As time moved on, Skiing became a bit challenging, so another new sport was added to the mix, Golf. With golf they found the opportunity to travel around the country with fellow ABYC members to play in Florida, Georgia, North, South Carolina, and Hawaii. Life was good!

Dan started in sales with the R.B. Clapp Co., Inc. a family business and rapidly took the helm from his father.

His success in business gave him the opportunity to live his dream of building his first boat and teaching himself to sail. His love of sailing led them to move to the beach where Dan and Norma joined Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Dan and his lifelong sweetheart, Staff Commodore Norma Clapp, joined ABYC in January 1977 and were racers from the start. When they joined the club they were actively sailing their Coronado 15 Sugarplum with Dan at the helm and Norma on the wire!

Later that year, Dan went to the boat show in Long Beach and fell in love with a new ultralight, a Santa Cruz 27. Norma found out about it when Bill Lee Yachts called to confirm the color of their new boat, "Sunshine Yellow!". After racing and cruising the Santa Cruz 27, Hot Flash, up and down the coast of California, Norma proclaimed that it was time to get a boat that she could stand up in below!



The search was now on for the next new boat, when Dan determined that he missed class sailing and had hoped to get a bigger boat that he might be able to sail that way. He read about the North American 40 and found that there were already six in southern California. He placed the order for the next Hot Flash which they sailed for decades.

Eventually, the 40 was too much work for "aging sailors," so Dan started looking for another boat when he found a Capri 25, Whoosh! Dan, Norma, Larry Kidd, Al Nelson, and other ABYC sailors made up their motley crew for many years.

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Again, Dan looked for a lighter boat that wouldn't hurt their arthritic hands when he found the Capri 22. He called his old friend, Frank Butler, who happened to have a boat for him in Del Rey. Dan sailed it down with fellow members John Ellis and Eric Conn. The 22 proved to be a bit too tippy for the aging crew so Dan snapped at the opportunity to buy Whoosh again! The constant in their lives was always sailing and friends from ABYC. They did several bareboat charters in the Caribbean, San Juan's, New Zealand, and Portugal.

Always with friends from ABYC, Dad's first trip to the Caribbean inspired his love of rum which didn't change for the rest of his life. So when you think of Dan, mix yourself a Myers and diet Coke and raise your glass in memory of Dan!

Dan is survived by his two daughters Stacey Ting and Terri Bishop, their husbands Larry Ting and Bob Bishop and four grandchildren; Kelley and Laura Ting, Kate and Peter Bishop. Up to the end, Dan was in good humor. If you were lucky enough to attend his 93rd Birthday Party you would agree, Dan loved his life and had no regrets. Fair winds and following seas, until we meet again.

Commodore  
Brooke Jolly



## mark's rules answer #93

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Last-Ditch Effort was aware that Here Comes Trouble grounded and used her propulsion engine to get clear. As this incident occurred in the racing area she must deliver her hearing request within the protest time limit, which is two hours after the last boat in the race finishes. The last boat finished at 0650, but she did not file her hearing request until the following day, over 24 hours after the protest time limit.

### CONCLUSION

1) Last-Ditch Effort failed to deliver the request for redress within the protest time limit or two hours after the incident, as required by RRS 62.2. There was no good reason for the protest committee to extend the time.

### DECISION

1) Request for Redress is dismissed.

Had Last-Ditch Effort's delivered her protest within the protest time limit the following might have been some of the facts and conclusions that might have been discussed.

Last-Ditch Effort's possible rule breach:

Here Comes Trouble was aground on a falling tide and could have been considered in danger. Last-Ditch Effort observed her go aground and is required to give all possible help to a vessel in danger under rule 1.1.

**CONCLUSION** – Last-Ditch Effort failed to give all possible help to Here Comes Trouble, a vessel in danger. Last-Ditch Effort broke RRS 1.1.

Here Comes Trouble's possible rule breach:

Here Comes Trouble's used her propulsion engine to get clear after grounding. RRS 42.3(h), Propulsion: Exceptions, allows a boat to use force applied by her crew and any equipment to get clear after grounding or a collision. The one exclusion is her propulsion engine.

Rule 42.3(i), Propulsion: Exceptions, allows sailing instructions to state circumstances under which a boat may use an engine, or any other method of propulsion, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race. The sailing instructions for the race contained the following: "A boat may use her propulsion engine to get clear after grounding or a collision and shall stop using the engine for propulsion as soon as she is clear."

**CONCLUSION** – Here Comes Trouble used her propulsion engine to get clear after grounding as allowed by the Sailing instructions under RRS 42.3(i).

See you on the Water  
Mark Townsend



# rooftop dinner

Lori VanSkyhock photos

The first ever Summer Rooftop Series Wine Dinner was a spectacular evening with a spectacular sunset. Mojitos were the welcome beverage to accompany a Goat Cheese Brulee with local honey, Bacon Jerkey and Cotton Candy grapes. A Twomey Sauvignon Blanc accompanied an Heirloom Mosaic with heirloom tomatoes, melon, avocado, burrata, microgreens and corn nuts with balsamic reduction & Hawaiian sea salt. The main was Macadamia Nut Crusted Mahi Mahi with Frangelico Butter, haricot verts and Coconut Risotto accompanied by a Twomey Russian River Pinot Noir. Key Lime pie with lemon sorbet cleansed the pallet with a sip of Limoncello, and the finish was a cheese plate with dates, dried apricots, candied “puh-cons” as Reggie taught us (not “pee-cans”), and Luker dark chocolate. Bravo to the trio of Reggie, Rachel and Chef Ramone for working their culinary magic to bring us this limited seating dining experience. Bon Appetit!

*Lori VanSkyhock*





# boater card and safe sport

## California BOATER CARD and SAFESPORT™

Some readers of the *Sou'Wester* may now, or in the future be required to obtain a California BOATER CARD to operate motor powered craft (I assume this means all of us using ABYC whalers). Information about obtaining the CARD can be found at: <https://californiaboatercard.com/>. The various websites regarding the CARD, courses offered, tests, etc. can be confusing; however, here is how I went about obtaining a CARD.

I went to the site, CALIFORNIA COURSE FOR SAFE BOATING: <https://cld.bz/9TOYuwu/1> which is an on-line textbook. I read the book, answered the sample quiz questions, then downloaded the CALIFORNIA BOATING FINAL EXAM B: <https://cld.bz/9TOYuwu/1>. After answering the 60 multiple-choice questions, I ordered the Answer Sheet by e-mail. I received an e-mail confirmation of my request a mere two days later, followed by the Answer Sheet by regular mail the next day. I marked and mailed the Answer Sheet (open-book) the next day. I received my *Boating Education Certificate of Completion* eleven days later. Per the instructions, I scanned my new *Certificate*, paid the \$10.00 fee with a credit card and e-mailed this information as directed. I received my *Temporary Boater Card* via e-mail the next day along with the assurance I would receive my permanent CARD within 60 days. The most time-consuming task was reading the textbook on-line. I tried to order a hard-copy but the website stated there were none available. All in all, this was not a difficult task and the responses from the website were pleasingly prompt.

Due to encouragement from ABYC *Weekly Reader* and *Sou'Wester* postings, I decided to earn my U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT™ Training certification.

It starts by logging-on to: <https://safesporttrained.org/#/public-dashboard U.S>. You need to log-in, create a password then proceed to the CATALOG. From the CATALOG, select the SAFESPORT TRAINED CORE / SafeSport Trained NGB1 90-minute course. Note: I initially selected and completed the SafeSport for Volunteers 15-minute course, however, the NGB1 Course is the required course.

I did not keep track of the time, but it does require some of your attention to read through the text and watch the videos in the course. Don't worry, you do not need to complete the course in one sitting. The site will keep track of where you left off. Some of the content is repetitious but was enlightening with information I had not considered before. When you have completed the course, e-mail your Certificate to [safesport@abyc.org](mailto:safesport@abyc.org)

Steven Smith

## seabird rescue

### Northern Fulmar Seabird Rescued During C420 National Championships

In addition to his coaching duties, John Bertrand rescued a large seabird, identified by ABYC member Sheila Eberly, as a Northern Fulmar. The bird was in serious trouble in the racing area. John carefully lifted the drifting bird into his coach boat and brought him to shore after the races ended. One of the volunteers found a large box and John brought the injured bird to the protest desk that was being manned by Anne Costello and Kathy Weishampel for the 3-day event.

Kathy, remembering that Sheila Eberly has worked and volunteered at the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center, called her for advice on the best way to aid the injured bird. Early Sunday morning she drove the injured bird to the center. Sadly we learned the following Thursday that the bird was too compromised to recover.

#### **Northern Fulmar (*Fulmarus Glacialis*)**

The Northern Fulmar nests in Alaska and Arctic. Same family as petrels and shearwaters. Range: Northern Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Oldest known bird was 42 years old. Live in flocks and gather where food is abundant. Pelagic...spend most of life in the open ocean. Strong fliers who forage day and night. Can dive about 10 feet, also feed on the surface. Diet is

shrimp, fish, squid, plankton, jellyfish, and carrion. Form long-term pair bonds and return to the same nest every year. Lay one egg. Breed at 6-12 years old.

**Interesting Facts:** they have a tubenose and a salt gland so they can drink saltwater and excrete salt from their tubenose. Their defense is to projectile vomit on their attacker contaminating them with stomach oil. They have a good sense of smell and can locate fish under the surface.

The Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center located at the corner of Newland Street and the Pacific Coast Highway, cares for over 3000 injured and orphaned Wildlife each year.

To volunteer visit their website at [www.wccoc.org](http://www.wccoc.org)



# 420 Nationals

Tom Walker photos

Editor's Note: There was no report submitted for this event but Tom Walker took great photos. The best photos are at the link posted. You can find the individual photos for sale at <https://www.tomwalker.photography/Nautical-Sailing-and-Yacht-Photographs/July-10-2022-C420-Nationals/>



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# hails from the fleets



Being the author of an article without any formal guidelines to follow, something recently happening with the fleet struck me very nicely. During the C420 Nationals held at our club earlier this month, there were a lot of 420s in the yard needing a place to stay on land between July 4<sup>th</sup> regatta and the nationals until their beach placement on the Thursday of the big regatta. The entire Viper fleet acted altruistically Wednesday night and sacrificed their weekly Wet Wednesday Sailing to help the 420s make it to their dollies and dense pack into the Viper row, thus enabling the Cal20s to enjoy the night. A unanimous decision was made to skip sailing and keep the current scoring into the following week and it allowed Wednesday night to happen for other club members. THANK YOU Viper sailors for getting the last Sabots and Optis out of the water and for later helping at least 40 420s mount the ramp. Strong team spirit and effort there!!

Having completed Long Beach Race Week (and Pacific Coast Championships) with Friday's windspeed of 16-18 knots, and 18-20 on Saturday; both days with chop and steep wave sets, I thought that it would be fun to take a poll of the fleet and ask - "How would you describe sailing a Viper 640 in 18-20 knots of wind in a healthy sea state?" The replies were not

exactly what I expected; some quite colorful. In the interest of keeping things sufficiently reader friendly, the basic response was that sailing upwind was not delightful and too long, and downwind being exhilarating and not nearly long enough! Sunday's last day of racing was quite mundane with 5-7 knots in the first race, with 12-14 knot build in the final race which was welcome to many aching legs, arms, and backs. All in all, a chamber commerce kind of weekend for Long Beach, CA!

If you take the time to click on this link from the LBRW.org website you'll get an idea of the sailing: <https://youtu.be/bw0imiY3eJA> - You will see upwind boat speed around 5-6 knots due to the wave action, and downwind 15+ knot boat speed. Boat-handling was as important as sail trim and it was impressive to see 6 mile long races end with all competitors in close proximity.

ABYC's very own Ed Feo with crew Chuck Tripp and Kevin Taugher won the regatta in strong fashion with no races worse than



Tom Walker Photography

ABYC's James Baurley with Jim Sears and Karafe Buffa.

3<sup>rd</sup> place. And some good news in the very likely addition of a new member to ABYC of Geoff Fargo, Santa Barbara Yacht Club, carding 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Graham Bell and Tucker Atterbury. Last on the podium was Dan Milechik, with Brad Thompson and Steve Bloemeke.

It was a wonderfully run regatta and everyone was grateful to have it back after the two year pandemic scare. Unfortunately Covid reared its ugly head and took Gabe Ferramola, #204, out from sailing at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour making the boat too short handed for the wind conditions.

Steve Bloemeke



Rookie sensation ABYC's Michael Oliver skippering his first Viper Regatta with Peter Christensen and Katie Alford in Tim Carter's ride



The ILCA Fleet and friends hosted the ABYC 4<sup>th</sup> of July regatta this year. Please see our regatta report elsewhere in this issue of the *Sou'Wester*.

Next on the ILCA Fleet calendar is the **Latham Bell Dinghy Challenge**

on **Sunday July 31** [https://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/3EN2ATB0N4\\_doc\\_1654900324111](https://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/3EN2ATB0N4_doc_1654900324111) followed by the **ILCA District 25 Championships** held in conjunction with the ABYC Labor Day Holiday Regatta **September 3-4** [https://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/FAET5Mx1G0\\_doc\\_1652547657339](https://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/FAET5Mx1G0_doc_1652547657339) where we hope to see a good turnout of ILCA dinghies.

ILCA Fleet member **Nick Mueller** travelled a good distance north to compete in the 2022 ILCA North American Championships in Kingston ONT where out of 118 racers, he placed 26<sup>th</sup> in the competitive Gold Fleet.



West Marine

Forty-one ILCA Dinghies competed in the West Marine US Open Sailing Series / Olympic Classes Regatta July 15-17 at ABYC, which will be the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic sailing venue. A new feature of this regatta was sailors, were eligible for prize money to be

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awarded to the top three finishers in each established Olympic discipline. Sailors were awarded \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second and \$250 for third. ABYC was the second of three stops of the West Marine US Open Sailing Series, in California which now continues to San Francisco on August 12-14, 2022.

The *ILCA* fleets raced in the ocean off Seal Beach/Sunset Beach with a Race Committee from LBYC. Racing on Friday was in fresh conditions requiring hiking through the steep chop. Conditions moderated Saturday and Sunday. The twenty-one *ILCA6*'s were aggressive throughout the weekend posting a series of General Recalls. The *ILCA6*'s also had their challenges when on Friday, all but two boats sailed the wrong course of race number two. Then, in the last race Sunday, half the fleet sailed the inside course while the other half sailed the correct outside course. On Saturday, *ILCA6* racer Cooper Smith from SFYC broke his tiller extension. Sympathetic Judges on the course noticed his plight and were able to secure a replacement extension from ABYC Finn sailor **Roland Fournier**. I guess it was a suitable replacement as Cooper finished first in the following race and second place overall. **Tate Christopher** from ABYC was first, Liam Andresen from SBYC was third, Connor Bennet was forth and Oakley Cunningham was fifth. Other ABYC racers competing were your author and **Scott Pearl**.

The top three women in the *ILCA6* fleet were eligible for prize money, as the *ILCA6* is the Olympic single-handed discipline for women. San Diego sailor Oakley Cunningham took first prize of \$1,000, Siena Nichols from BYC took second prize of \$500 and Nicole Sighiartau from BYC/LMVYC took third prize, winning \$250.

Sailors in the Olympic Development Program (ODP) dominated the twenty strong *ILCA7* fleet. Leo Boucher from SSA/AYC, winner of last month's *ILCA* North Americans was first. Leo's ODP teammates, Marshall McCann from Texas was second and Chapman Peterson from Florida was third. Ford McCann from USODP was forth, Guthrie Braun from ODP was fifth. Other racers from ABYC finishing in order were **James Baurley**, **Greg Naiman** and **Jorge Suarez**.

I was encouraged to see participation in the *ILCA4* fleet. This smaller mast and sail combination allowing smaller sailors to race is a nice stepping-stone to the *ILCA6* and *ILCA7* (three boats on one hull). Paloma Arrigo from BYC/NHYC and Landon Stahl from BYC/N/A tied for first, with Arrigo winning the tiebreaker. **Chloe Pearl** from ABYC/LBYC came in third with 25 points.

Steven Smith



Lido Love



**6**/30 - It was a clear, warm evening with plenty of breeze, and lots of fun on the water. Two races were two lap windward/leewards and the final race was W/L/W/L/offset/finish course, which gave us some fun reaching to end the evening. Chef Melissa set us up with some delicious tacos, and Aaron kept the drinks cold and plentiful! Great job!

7/3 - On the happiest of happy notes, our own Cat Bell and Tom Dorman were engaged on July 3<sup>rd</sup>! CONGRATULATIONS CAT AND TOM!!



Another married skipper and crew in the Lido fleet will be great fun to have!

7/7 - Bob Little

and Chris Rabb fought it out all night long with Chris coming out on top, two wins to one. We had a light turnout with people prepping to leave for the High Sierra Regatta the following day. Thanks to Mike Shea and Mark Ryan for setting marks from the whaler on a very pretty night. Chef Melissa prepped a wonderful chicken cobb salad and clam chowder.

7/9-7/10 - Wow! What a regatta we had at this year's High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake! We had 23 teams make the trip from as far south as San Diego to as far north as Seattle and places in between! Now that's commitment! Big congrats to all who made the journey up the mountain to Huntington Lake! We were also the largest fleet at this year's High Sierra Regatta! Way to go, Lido family!



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Out on the water, the fleet was deep with competition and the results were very close in the top end of the fleet! In fact, the top two teams tied for first place! Wow! I can't express enough how deep the field was. Every race had plenty of teams changing places at the top of the fleet!

7/14 - Thursday was a pretty night out on the water. We had a light turnout, presumably because some teams were recovering from a wonderful and tiring time at Huntington Lake.

7/16 - John Gresham taught a sailing clinic at MBYC and it was a big success with over 20 people in attendance. A chalk talk in the morning generated a lot of questions from the crews. Fleet 6's Mike Shea was there to shoot some video of skippers and crews doing practice tacks and gybes, as well as answering questions. During lunch, Mike ran the videos

of the sailors and John

critiqued them on boat handling and sail trim. After the debrief, John hopped from boat to boat to answer questions and suggest better rigging options. MBYC's Lido fleet Captain, Allan Spousta, had everything well organized and made the go smoothly. Great feedback from all participant and good timing in preparation of Lido Nationals August 5-7.

7/21 - It was the perfect summer night - warm but with a good breeze! We sailed 3 races as one fleet. Martyn gave us the usual offset on the third race, which is always a nice way to end the night.

*Jack and Deby*



## 60th Cal 20 Class Championships Preview

ABYC and Fleet 1 are proud to be hosting the 60th anniversary edition of the Cal 20 Class Championships. Regatta dates are Thursday, Aug. 11 for the Jr. Class Champs and Friday - Sunday (Aug. 12 -14) for the overall Class Champs. Even though our beloved boats have been out of production for decades, the class still thrives and Cal 20 Class Champs are proud to sport one of the largest one-design keelboat regattas on the West Coast.

Activities kick off with a one day Jr. Class Championship raced inside Alamitos Bay. Our goal is to get 6 to 10 boats out racing. Hopefully our ABYC juniors can rally and form a couple of teams. Regatta chair is Steve Flam with Gordy Palmer running the racing as our PRO. After sailing, we will enjoy burgers and awards off the Quarter Deck.

For the weekend championship, sailors can choose to sail in one of three fleets. Gold fleet is the most competitive with close to 30 boats expected on the line. Our goal is to get 8 to 10 Silver fleet boats racing and the ever popular Bronze fleet is likely to get 10 or so out racing. Note that Bronze is tailored for those new to racing or looking for a very chill experience and Bronze races only on Saturday and Sunday. We have a veteran race committee led by longtime ABYC member, USC All American, and US Sailing Center Executive Director Mike Segerblom.

We encourage our members to come down and enjoy the action at the club. It will be quite the site with over 40 boats moored inside the basin. Cal 20 sailing is as much about the social scene as the competitive one design racing on the water.

Friday evening will include a burger bash with no-host bar and live music off the Quarter Deck. On Saturday evening, Reggie will be serving his famous BBQ and we will move upstairs for a special presentation on the history of Cal 20's with first hand accounts and vintage photos. Sunday will culminate the weekend off the Quarter Deck including cocktails and awards.

ABYC and Long Beach Fleet 1 have a long and storied history with Cal 20 sailing. ABYC championship skippers include Mickey Beland, Hank Schofield, Paul Merrill, Neil Baker, Shawn Bennett, Doug McLean, Ron Wood, Mark Golison, Chris Raab, Chuck Clay, and Keith Ives. Quite an impressive group!

If you would like to help out and volunteer (either on shore or race committee), please call Regatta Chair Todd Smith at (562) 438-2940.



# hails from the fleets



## Sabot Sunday Sailors Mix it Up – Race Around Alamitos Bay, Sort Of!

Nine Senior Sabot sailors were surprised Sunday, July 25, with a totally new race plan—a race around Alamitos Bay instead of the standard windward - leeward.

Tom Newton has wanted to try a new course. He has been talking about racing around beautiful Alamitos Bay for a long time. He arrived early Sunday and spent time planning a course to include almost all of the marks shown on the latest ABYC chart. Since there was no course printed on the chart that included most of the marks, he spent quite a bit of time marking the new course on one chart so we could make copies for everyone.

We sailed out to the starting area where Mark Ryan, who always

comes down from Leeway, was patiently waiting for us to start. Tom gave Mark his course chart, only to find that most of the marks we planned to use were no longer in the water! Tom, Mark and the race committee hurriedly went back to the drawing board and decided "Course 38" would work if they dropped in a mark for "V" after everyone started!

The Senior Sabot B's started 5-minutes ahead of the A's, except a couple of the A's, who shall remain nameless, who started with the B's and had to return to the starting line to start properly, which caused some confusion!

Anyway, we were off on our tour, sailing to "C" first, then "F" and down to the turning mark at "A" near Leeway and then back down the Bay to "V", etc. The wind was moderate and it was a beautiful day for a sail! We had three great weather legs and

some interesting close and broad reaches, a point of sail that we rarely experience when racing.

Thanks to our patient race committee Ron and Carol Clanton and Pixie (photographer) and Rob Hartman who followed us around the course. Also, a big thank you to Tom Newton for taking us out of our comfort zone!

**A Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Ryan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Newton; 3<sup>rd</sup> Lee Berlinger**

**B Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> Helen Burdett; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deby St. John; 3<sup>rd</sup> John Hauck**



The July Friday Night DragonFlites Races saw Jim Sears, Larry Grant, and Keith Ives (in a close win over Jeff Ives) taking the podium and the bottles of rum for exciting racing in big breeze at the top of the A Rig. The next Friday Night

Race for the DragonFlite95's is August 12th at LBYC long dock. Also coming up is the Region 6 DragonFlite 95 Regional Championships August 13th and 14th at El Dorado Boat Pond. Almost 30 entries so far. Monthly racing continues for the DragonForce65's and the DragonFlite95's at Mason Lake in Irvine and the El Dorado Boat Pond.

See you at the pond!

*Don Shirley*





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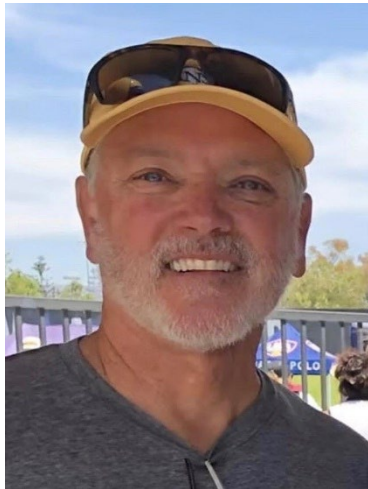
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## Candidates for the Board of Directors of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club 2022-2023



My name is **Keith Polmanteer**... My wife, Noelle, and I have been members of ABYC since 2015. We joined the club to combine our love of sailing and racing with the social aspects offered by ABYC. We have known members over the years, and one special friend, Latham Bell asked us to come and be a part of this experience.

We enjoy our time on the water on either our 17' Whaler or our Catalina 30. I also race on a couple of boats...A Cal 20 named Cheddar, and Zimmer, a Pacer 42 which we competed on Transpac in 2019.

Volunteering is nothing new to me. I am the immediate past President of the Long Beach Century Club, supporting amateur athletics in the City of Long Beach. I am also a past Board member and past President of Wilson Boys Aquatics.



My name is **Ed Feo**. Thank you for considering me for the Board of Directors.

I grew up in the ABYC junior program in sabots, Kites and FJs; crewed for my dad on his skimmer (a wooden submarine with sails); and did a lot of PHRF and offshore racing as a youth. College, career, family, and life intervened for a few years when we weren't active at the Club, but my spouse Maryann and I re-joined in 1985.

I have since enjoyed decades of racing under the ABYC burgee. We raced our Etchells for many years here and in San Diego and San Francisco, and did a lot of offshore racing (Transpac, Mexico races, Cal Coastal, every local offshore race) mostly on our Andrews 45 "Locomotion." A few years back, my wife was kind enough to buy me a Laser and I got back into dinghies— quite a change after years of keelboats. I have been an active Viper sailor from the early days of the fleet at ABYC, and even took on an F18 for a while (not the easiest jump at age 60), a Finn (I'm only

75 pounds light of optimal) and Laser Master sailing. We also campaigned a C&C 30 One Design for a couple of years including on the East Coast.

For the past few years, I have been on the board of the Alamitos Bay Sailing Foundation, which is the not-for-profit vehicle for supporting sailing at Alamitos Bay. We have adopted a five year, \$250,000 program for upgrading the fleet of FJs and adding C420s and other boats for the ABYC junior program. Fundraising in the first year of this program was successful and we will build on that.

I also volunteer for race management when I can— preferring to be bouncing around in a Whaler more than anything else.

ABYC is a great club. We are blessed to be in one of the best racing venues in the country. We have a long history of excellent sailors, superb race management, a high level of volunteerism, and a strong membership. We also can improve our programs over the next few years, especially in light of the Olympics coming to LA. We should expect that interest and participation in all sports— including sailing— will grow in anticipation of this huge event. Given that, what do I think should be priorities? A few areas come to mind— undoubtedly there are others as well.

One area is training, especially of juniors. The level of competition among junior programs has definitely increased. In my view, we can improve what we offer— but that takes better equipment, better training— time and money. To be truly successful, we need to decide where we can offer a unique experience and build a multiyear

program of improvement. Why the focus on juniors? Because that program will help drive membership now and into the next generation.

A second area of focus is continuing to grow the membership. Enthusiasm for sailing (boats, kites and boards) will spike in the run up to the Olympics, and all sailing clubs will be able to grow their membership. The questions for us are: how do we obtain our share and— more importantly— how do we keep the membership “sticky” in the post-Olympic haze?

The final area of focus— our race management equipment, we run great races— better than any other club in the area. But fresh after two weeks of being on the water, I have to say that our equipment (look at almost any support boat) is in grim shape. I’m confident that we can find the resources necessary to have equipment befitting of our first-class race management program.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my candidacy!



**Bio of Jason Mullen:**

Kerry, Jack, Rowan and I joined ABYC in 2017 hoping to develop our sailing passion and to find community in our new home, Long Beach. The folks at ABYC have given us confidence on the water and the community is second to none. Now we want to give back.

I’ve raced on and off for 20 years and started cruising 5 years ago when I bought our Newport 33, which lives in Basin 5. Kerry and I both love the freedom it represents and sailing culture on the whole.

I’m a port captain, helping to maintain the club’s fleet and I volunteer in other ways regularly. Regattas, spruce ups, assisting our treasurer with finance, I try to participate wherever I can be useful. Every volunteer experience is an opportunity to learn more about the club and the craft.

I believe my management and entrepreneurial background will be very useful to ABYC. I have started five companies in my lighting career so far, successfully exiting two while learning hard-earned lessons from the other three. I managed an army of independent contractors and interns and more than 60 full-time employees as CEO of my last company while growing the business from ground-up to a successful acquisition.

My primary goals, if elected, will be to increase member involvement in volunteer activities and to assist in the development of the youth program. To ensure that people like my family, with a sincere desire to learn but limited or developing sailing knowledge, have the confidence to participate.



My name is **Regine Smet**. I have been sailing since I was a kid just like most of you. I have sailed small boats like CFJ, lido, J22, Harbor 20, Shields etc.. Lately, I enjoy sailing on our Beneteau First 40.7.

My daughter also loves sailing. She started sailing at the Leeway Sailing Center when she was little. While searching for a local club where my teenage daughter could continue her love for sailing, I discovered ABYC. I really liked the atmosphere of the club: the patio with the beautiful view, the activity in the yard, Friday happy hour...

My daughter became a member before I did so she could enjoy all the benefits of the membership, like access to the different boats.

One important factor that determines the experience of the junior sailors is the equipment. Over the past year, I have learned that the equipment is not always in the best shape. One day, my daughter came back from high school sailing complaining that she kept capsizing on the downwind because there was a hole in the boat. That FJ is no longer being used.



Some of the junior sailors hold memberships at different clubs just so they can have access to different boats like 420 and 29ers. So, one major area of focus, if I am elected, would be to improve the equipment. Stephen is doing a great job trying to replace broken boats and acquiring new ones, but he needs help. Juniors should have access to Olympic class boats so they can be competitive and can be retained at ABYC. When the Juniors enjoy the club, the parents could follow.

This cannot happen fast enough, so, instead of sitting on the sidelines, I would like to help. I really get inspired when volunteering for the regattas on the committee boat. The talent and enthusiasm of the juniors is incredible. The race committee is extremely knowledgeable and is doing a great job organizing the regattas.

ABYC has raised Olympic sailors, and we can continue to do so.



My name is **Nick Kofski**. I joined ABYC when I moved to Los Angeles from Chicago 7 years ago in search of a dinghy club for my Viper. I actively race in several dinghy and big boat programs with the F18 as my main boat. I have represented the multihulls at the Club, as fleet captain, for the past few years.

In addition to volunteering for race management I helped rebuild the Club's website and have headed up the implementation of the new Clubspot for ABYC over the last year. I have continued to work with a great group of volunteers, Board members and staff to help all our membership learn and understand all facets of the software.

I work in the film industry for Paramount Pictures as a promotional editor in marketing and advertising. I hope to bring my expertise to help with important events at ABYC.

I would like to actively promote more ties between our ABYC Juniors and our adult sailors. By doing so we can nurture lifelong memberships and sailing teams while keeping older members actively racing.

Thank you.



**Steven C. Smith**

ABYC Member 1997-2016, 2021 to present

ABYC Vice Commodore 2015-2016

ABYC Rear Commodore 2014-2015

ABYC Fleet Captain 2013-2014

Recipient of the ABYC 2008 & 2009 Sid Exley Commodore's Trophy; Outstanding Member Award

Recipient of the 2008 Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs; Yachtsman of the Year

Recipient of a 2010 ABYC Burgee Award

**Regatta Chairman:**

- 2008, 2009, 2012 U.S. SAILING ISAF Youth Worlds Qualifier Regattas
- 2008 Laser U.S. National Championship (Co-Chairman)
- 2009 ABYC Memorial Day Holiday Regatta
- 2010 ABYC Multihull Regatta
- 2010 Laser Masters North American Championship Regatta
- 2011 ABYC Multihull Regatta
- 2014 Laser North American and U.S. SAILING Singlehanded Championship (Co-Chairman)

- 2014 ABYC Club Championship Regatta
- 2014 ABYC Halloween Regatta Chairman
- 2015 SCYRA ABYC Midwinters Regatta Chairman
- 2022 4th of July Holiday Regatta Co-Chairman

ABYC ILCA Fleet Captain and Co-Captain 2004-2016, 2021 to present

International Laser Class District 23 Secretary 1988-1994

International Fireball Class Secretary 1979-1984

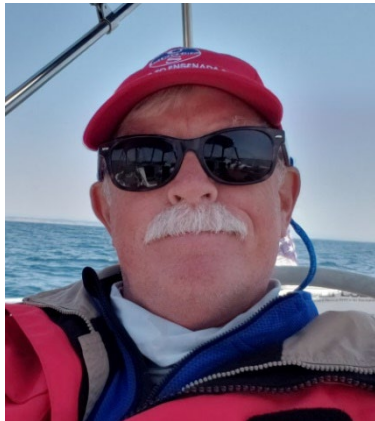
Instructor in the ABYC Adult Learn-to-Sail Program 2022

SAFESPORT™ Certified and holder of California Boater Card

Participant in Laser/ILCA, Etchells and other ABYC regattas since 1997

Having served three productive and truly enjoyable years on the ABYC Board of Directors, I have an appreciation for the dedication, imagination and skills of the membership and staff of ABYC. Should my fellow members select me to serve on the Board again, I endeavor to help grow our membership, increase attendance in regattas, encourage participation in racing and social programs and improve our equipment, grounds, and facilities within the bounds of sound fiscal management.

Thank you for consideration of my candidacy and your votes.



Hello, I am **Grant Hill**. I have been a member of ABYC, starting with my parents in the 60's, and my membership in the 80's. I'm currently active in the Lido Fleet, and you can see me crewing on C20's, keel boats and maybe even a Viper. My sailing adventures have usually included many lifelong friends here from ABYC. Since the early years, I have been volunteering on many regattas and events, and the strength of the Club are the volunteers that have been running National and International regattas for generations. The Club and the people here are known worldwide and I want to help the ABYC continue to be this welcoming destination for sailors, with a great facilities.



Hello ABYC Members. I'm **Karen Zieba**. My husband Joe and I have been members of the club since 2011 when our kids joined their first summer sailing camp. Since then, I fell in love with sailing and all things ABYC. I've learned to sail myself (sort of!), and we are proud owners of a well-loved Shock 35. I consider joining ABYC one of the best decisions I've ever made!

Although my sailing resume is limited, I hope my professional background in business development, strategic planning, organizational management, and building design will be an asset to the ABYC Board and our members. Currently, Joe and I own Zieba Builders, a national award-winning design/build construction company that we built together over the last 25 years. I also served 3 years on the BOD of both NAHB and BIASC as President of the Remodelers Council, earning the council national recognition for Outstanding Member Services. A few years back Joe and I were honored to provide the design and construction for the rebuild of our wonderful ABYC bar, and I'm currently consulting with our board with as they roll out additional improvements to our club.



Through the years I've enjoyed volunteering with many of our club's other activities including regattas, Spring Spruce-up, decorating for events, and – my personal favorite -- co-chairing & MC-ing our Men's Day Regatta. Volunteering at ABYC has given me so much: great friends, great stories, and great laughs! I love a job well-done and any excuse to come to ABYC. It really is "The Place to Be."



My name is **Giancarlo Guevara**, I joined ABYC in 2019. I primarily race Lidos (6277-Tally Man) and cruise on the venerable and staunch Jibe Turkey, a Catalina Capri 18. Since joining, the club's community has enriched my life in ways I never could have imagined. From the amazing social events, outstanding regattas, comradeship of the members, and overall awesomeness of the atmosphere at ABYC, I can't imagine a life without it! I look forward to earning the privilege of serving on the board to provide energetic leadership and commitment to continue to make ABYC the place to be.



Cheers ABYC, I'm **Gabe Ferramola**. It has been a pleasure to currently serve on the Board of Directors, and with your vote I look forward to the opportunity to continue to be of service.

I have been an ABYC member since nineteen seventy-something, as a junior, sailing with the 470 fleet. I then spent several years doing ocean racing and cruising - Seven TransPacs, two returns, a trans-Atlantic trip from Oslo to the BVI's, and numerous coastal races, most recently this year's Puerto Vallarta race in March.

Even though the ocean racing is a blast, nothing beats messing around at the club (and hanging out at the firepit). I am active with the Lido and Viper fleets, have been the Lido Fleet Captain a few times and served on the class board of directors. Volunteering for any club event when I can is a given. The past couple of years I have been proudly serving on our Board of Directors, as Social Activities

Committee Director, Fleet Captain, and currently serving as your Rear Commodore.