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classic car show

Lori VanSkyhock photos

Last Sunday afternoon the ABYC parking lot was the PLACE TO BE! The yard was filled with a bunch of classic cars (and a boat) for all to wander and check out. Most of the 25 vehicles on display were owned by members – so thanks for coming down and showing off your cool cars! There was plenty of good food and cocktails being served up along with fun music from The Hot Rod Trio, who were great! A huge thank you to Melissa Kirby and her SAC team who have done an awesome job this year of bringing all kinds of new fun to the club!



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Labor Day Regatta	Sept 3-4
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Member Appreciation Dinner	Oct 1
Int'l Moth PC Champs	Oct 7-9
Lido De Luna	Oct 8
Stag Cruise	Oct 13-16

[Full ABYC Calendar](#)

manager's corner



Summer is winding down and there has been no shortage of great energy around the club. Welcoming new members, enjoying time on the patio + rooftop dinners and a little housekeeping and it seems like we just started this journey.

If you didn't make the New Member Party, you missed a great SoCal evening that was nothing short of spectacular. We had great weather, good food and so many great new families coming into the fold. When they say a picture is worth a thousand words, they had our New Member photo in mind.

The last week of August gave us an opportunity to raise the bar in terms of what we can do. On Wednesday, it was "Wet Wednesday" so the Viper fleet was active and enjoying themselves. Thursday brought out the Lido Fleet and that was a good night as well. Friday Night Happy Hour was still strong in spite of many members catching their last bit of vacation and some members winding down their Ireland trip. We had members in both small and large group enjoying the patio and literally every table had multiple plates on craveable food on their table; Watermelon Burrata Salad, Spicy Chicken Wings, Jerk Chicken Quesadilla and we introduced a new Double Bacon BBQ Cheeseburger that was a hit all weekend.

While Happy Hour was strong downstairs, we had the 3rd installment of our Rooftop Wine Series featuring Grgich Hills Estates Winery. The menu was highlighted by Copper River Salmon and a Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Prime Smoked Baseball Sirloin. If you've never had Copper River Salmon, do yourself a favor and splurge. And since we were hosting the annual Peninsula Street Party, this meant our culinary staff wasn't cooking so we were able to accommodate a request to host some members who couldn't make the dinner on Friday, so we went back to back! Both nights started a little windy but I think everyone who has attended our Rooftop Series will tell you the view from up there is well worth a few misplaced hairs.

On Sunday, we had our Hot Rods Car Show and the day started slowly but the energy of those who attended made it a great day. We had couches and tables in the parking lot so there was plenty of seating. We had our usual Sunday Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar set up at the front doors, a band and our brunch menu featured a Grits Combo Plate with Shrimp & Ribs, Avocado Toast Muletas and that monstrous Double Bacon BBQ Cheeseburger was popular as well. We even got a request for Nachos which Chef Ramon and Ronnie were happy to oblige. Ann and Aaron were shaking margaritas, we had Alia's Hibiscus tea, it was just a great way to end the week. Big thanks to those of you that have followed up on some of the projects I've needed help with:

* The patio cover was fixed thanks to Dave Huff with Ronnie in tow as The Apprentice

* We had the electrician come out to work on the Morford Room/Protest Room/Sailing office as pretty much all of the outlets had deteriorated and were not working properly and or were sparking. That's fixed

* We just had the exterminator out as we've seen activity in the Sailing Room which is to be expected with so many kids around. Crumbs = food supply but we're focused on that all around the campus

* Please be mindful when there are power outages as we tend to always blow fuses for equipment in the Galley specifically. Blown fuse = no fryer, no fryer, no fries. If you notice there's an outlet not working, please let me know so we can address it with the electrician.

* Because we're a small account, we don't get great service for our Coca Cola machine so I will be discussing other options with the Board in the near future.

* New fobs...any day now!

And also a big thanks to those members who took a chance on our Rooftop Wine Series. I know it was something new but I think we all have a new appreciation for how we can possibly enjoy ALL of our campus and clubhouse.

September kicks off with a bang and there's nothing to slow us down. We'll have the Labor Day Regatta and the start of football season which also means Fall Sailing. We have events and weddings every weekend so let's power through the month and get ready for some much deserved chance of pace...until Turkey Day!

I'm coming up on a year that I was given this invitation to be a part of the ABYC family and I can't thank you all for trusting and supporting me. Younger people with a different energy chase things of exuberance. Since I'm not that young whippersnapper any longer, I look for things and people that add value to my life. ABYC is the place to be.

Thanks on behalf of the staff for all you do to make this more than a job for us and more than a club for you.

See you at the club,

Reggie

"The sail, the play of it's pulse so like our own lives; so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective"
- Henry David Thoreau

Halloween/Charity Regatta October 29th



commodore's compass



We have had a fun August! A big congratulations to Todd Smith and his very capable crew for putting on a tremendously well run Cal 20' Nationals. I have heard nothing but praise from our members and guests on a well-run event, both

on the water and off.

Another big congratulations also to Tate Christopher! After placing 1st in our own Olympic Classes Regatta in the ILCA 6 class in July, a few weeks later he headed off to compete in the Smyth Trophy at the Chubb Junior Championship in Macatawa, MI, where he placed 3rd! We are all very excited and proud of his performance. Great job Tate!

We also have several other juniors who have competed this summer and have done very well! The final standings in the 2021-2022 Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association Ullman/Frost Series have Thomas Kraak winning the Series, followed by Nicholas Mueller in 2nd, Tate Christopher in 4th and Stewart McCaleb in 9th. Well done!!!

Nicholas Mueller has competed also in the West

Marine U.S. Open Sailing Series in San Francisco, finishing 5th and again in the 2022 ILCA North American Championship in Kingston, Ontario where he placed 26th out of 118 racers! Congratulations Nick!

We also saw the closing of our summer sailing program. Stephen Long, our Sailing Director, had a great team of eight instructors who worked with some 98 participants! All had a fun time and learned a bunch! Thank you to all who participated as well as helped to ensure its success.

We have our elections coming up, with results to be determined and announced on September 16th at our General Membership meeting. We have a very talented group of folks running for the board, each of whom who would bring different perspectives and talents to our Board of Directors. We would like to see folks come out and vote!

We have had a couple of burgee exchanges.

Scott Ramsey is working on a project in Cape Town, South Africa. He recently made it to The Royal Cape Yacht Club, one of South Africa's most active and oldest yacht clubs to do a burgee exchange.

I had the honor of providing a replacement burgee to the Bitter End Yacht Club in Spanish Town, British Virgin Islands. They put the call out to Yacht Clubs back in March

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Sou'Wester DEADLINE

September 24, 2022 is the deadline
for the October 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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to replenish their burgee collection, to hang in the new buildings, which were re-built after the destruction caused by the 2017 Hurricane Irma. With me is Khadija Best from the Bitter End YC.

Cheers,
Brooke Jolly



viceverses



Summer is slowly coming to an end and the kids are going back to school. Lots of sailing and volunteer activities yet to happen, so keep watching the weekly reader for ways to keep involved.

The club is hosting a BBQ on Sept 18th for those that have completed the safe sport training. It's easy to do and the right thing, providing education on how to protect and keep our athletes safe. You can google US Sailing Safe Sport and it will take you to the link. Bring a copy of the certificate with you for a free lunch and beverages!

I hope everyone reads the weekly reader. If you do, you'll see I had information regarding our yard rules and the policing of them. Please, take time to read them and if you have questions let me know. In short, if you have things on the ground, you have your mast down, you have standing water

with moss in your boat, your cover is half on half off, flat tires, have not used your boat in over 6 months, you're in violation of the yard rules. It's best to use your boat and care for it!

Look forward to seeing you at the club.

Mike

rearview



Greetings Members!

As we near the end of the sailing season, we begin to look back at all of our member's sailing accomplishments and enjoy a night of awards to celebrate with these special individuals. There are a couple of awards where we can use your help with nominations. For example, there is the Sid Exley trophy, which recognizes pretty much any form of excellence in our own sailing world. Last year, it went to Ron Clanton for his double handed man-overboard rescue in a long distance race. Another fine trophy is the highly sought after Ducky Woodman award. We need to see a lot of nominations for this special award, as it celebrates any act of non-excellence that you have been a witness to. So take a moment to ponder the past year and drop a nomination for the sailor of the year or for the blunder of the year. Video and pics are a plus.

The Junior Program completed a very successful Summer Program, with 95 happy participants! Many thanks to our coaching staff, club staff, and very helpful parents to make it happen. A questionnaire was sent out to all families, and thank you for the responses. We will take all of your comments to heart and keep striving for a first class program. The kids get a short break and the Fall Sessions are coming right up. Registration is well underway for all ages and High School teams. Also, a welcome to the CSULB Sailing Team. They will be practicing during the week with our head coach Cole Baker.

Gabe Ferramola

latham bell dinghy challenge

At the end of July, and too late to make the August SouWester deadline we had the Latham Bell Regatta, which was a wonderful event to remember a wonderful person. Latham did so much for our club and especially for the Junior Program it's an honor to have a day to represent Latham's sailing spirit. It was a great day, with 31 entries of all classes of dinghies (sorry catamarans, you're too fast), and to top it off with a great 84th birthday party for Latham's Dad, Dr. Richard Bell. Fun times for sure. Congratulations to Viper sailors Brad Thompson, his high school buddy Cordell, along with Elaine and Steve Bloemeke for the win! Second place went to Lido sailors John Hauck and Bruce Wasson, and third place to new member and Cal20 sailor John Satriano, with crews Steve and William Flam. Congrats to all that participated!

Smooth sailing,
Gabe Ferramola



Congrats to Brad Thompson and crew, Elaine and Steve Bloemeke and Cordell, aboard Viper #212!
Great day for all 31 entries, and 84th Birthday party for Dr. Bell!

mark's racing rules quiz #94

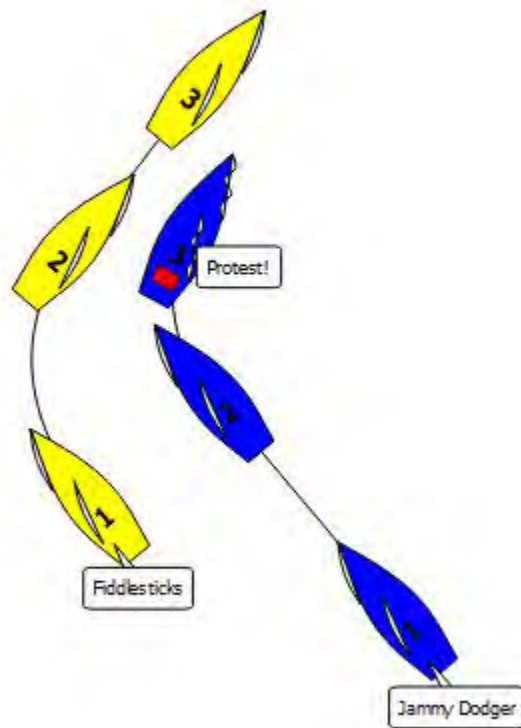
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Cowes Week is held annually in the Solent, a strait between the mainland coast of England, and the northern coast of the Isle of Wight. It is a tricky place to sail, with strong tides, complex wind patterns, lots of leisure traffic, commercial shipping, choppy water, and ever-changing conditions. The complexity makes Solent racing a rewarding challenge. With over 500 boats, the protest committee is always busy. This is one of the 50 protests we heard this year.

Jammy Dodger and Fiddlesticks are 30 ft keelboats. They are short tacking the shore in Gurnard Bay against a strong flood tide. Fiddlesticks on starboard tack is approaching the shore and will need to tack to avoid running aground. Jammy Dodger is clear astern and on a track to windward of Fiddlesticks. Fiddlesticks tacked to port. Jammy Dodger was then on collision course and tacked to avoid contact.

Fiddlesticks claimed that she was approaching an obstruction and needed to tack to avoid running aground. Jammy Dodger said she was the starboard right-of-way boat. There was no contact, neither boat took a penalty.

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



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membership report

Dan DeLave photos

Thank you all for making ABYC such an attractive place for members of all ages. We had a spectacular New Member party which will be in a separate article. Although summer is almost over, remember that September and October provide some of the best evenings at the club, so make sure you come on down and use your club! If you see an unfamiliar face, make sure to introduce yourself!

We have 6 members approved for membership this month; Charles Stephenson (Regular), John Satariano (Regular), Geoff Fargo (Regular), Drew Weightman (Regular), Zachary Downing (Yachting), and Lillian Myers (Yachting).

Additionally, we have 5 members posted this month ready for approval next month; Michael Osorio (Regular), Dani McClain (Regular), Bob Greb (Regular), Jeff Tighe (Regular), and Brady Kennedy (Junior).

All the Best,

Michael Oliver, Membership Director



John Satariano



Frank and Stephanie Zankich



Mauro, Andrea Barachetti



Loretta and Tom Verma



Harrison Gulla



Brad and Irene Liebrech

the baylogger

There were a lot of great high level regattas in August. ABYC participated in Sabot Nationals, the US Sailing Junior Championships, the Cal 20 Championships, and Opti West Coast Championships.

Sabot Nationals was hosted just across the bay by our good friends over at Long Beach Yacht Club. **Gage Christopher** represented Alamitos Bay Yacht Club with his 6th place finish.

Tate Christopher was able to take the second qualification spot for the US Sailing Junior Singlehanded National Championship. He finished 3rd at the Nationals, which is really impressive.

Four of the five boats at the Cal 20 Junior Championships were ABYC boats.

Noah Stapleton and **Justin Zmina** won the event. **Gage Christopher** also sailed in the Cal 20 Junior Championships, with **Steve Flam** and **Henry Day**, and they finished 2nd. In third we had another ABYC boat, **Sophia Corzine**, **Mike Corzine**, and **Randy Smith**. In 4th, also from ABYC, **Michael C Sentovich** and **Michael F Sentovich**.

Last but not least, we had the Opti West Coast Championship at the end of the month in Marina Del Rey. Opti West Coast Championships was the second to last west coast qualifier for the Opti Team Trials. Team Trials is a qualification regatta for the World Championship as well as the national team among other events. Our team sailed exceptionally well all around. **Gage Christopher** finished 3rd, which earned him a qualification spot. **Timothy Liu** finished 8th which should earn him a spot at the Team Trials. In 18th we had **Audrey Stephenson**, and **Henry Day** finished 22nd in the 31 boat fleet. For some of our sailors this was their first big regatta, so for all of them to be so far up the results sheet is truly impressive.

Don't forget to check out our Fall Sailing Program on our website.

Stephen Long



Podium 3rd place finish @ SMYTHE

It was such an honor for Tate to represent AREA J and ALAMITOS BAY YACHT CLUB for US Sailing SMYTHE TROPHY/CHUBB at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club in Michigan. This regatta has such a great tradition with a long history. It was great fun watching from the water. Michigan is lovely and the weather was perfect. One shifty day, one windy day (20 knots) and a final day with hardly any breeze at all.

Jen Dysart



2ND @ CFJ NATIONALS

Best of all is these two worked together. They pushed each other & supported each other to get better as a team. So fun to step aside and just see them do what they love...together.

Jen Dysart



volunteer opportunities

Thank you ABYC

As one of the outgoing Directors, I want to thank our membership for its constant faithfulness, volunteerism, and support of ABYC events and regattas. I have greatly enjoyed working with the outstanding Board. I have been privileged to work with the absolutely excellent leadership of Dan DeLave and Brooke Jolly as Commodores, and Steve Kuritz and Mark Townsend on Race Management. All are detail-oriented leaders who also are our best volunteers. I learned so much about our club from them, and why ABYC is venerated internationally for its race management excellence. *We are a great yacht club. ABYC is the Place to Be.*

Please volunteer to help at the Halloween Charity Regatta on October 29. Please contact me if you have a preferred "station." We always need certified whaler and RIB skippers and crew, help on the hoist and in the yard, parking, registration, check in, etc.

Please offer monetary and in-kind contributions to support The Halloween Charity Regatta on October 29 for The Children's Clinic, with proceeds benefiting this outstanding community organization. Please see the NOR for the event, and participate as a sponsor, or in the CREW Challenge. In-kind contributions are requested to be sold at our Silent Auction. Our goal is to make \$15,000.

I am stepping down from the Board of Directors after my term this year, and will turn over my duties as "Perpetual Trophy Queen" and will relinquish that job at the end of Mike VanDyke's term to make it a nice even 20 years in that position. So, I need to train a few people in how to engrave and restore trophies, and how to utilize and update the Digital Perpetual Trophy Manual.

On a sad note, I also want to report the passing of Dave Kofahl's and my older son, Christian on August 14 at age 42.

Carol Ginder Fresco

polling schedule

Sat – Sun: Sept 3rd – 4th: 10AM – 12PM: Patio

Wed – Thur: Sept 7th – 8th: 9AM – 5PM: ABYC Office

Friday: Sept 9th (Happy Hour): 5PM – 8PM: Upstairs

Sat – Sun: Sept 10th – 11th: 9AM – 12PM: Patio

Wed – Thur: Sept 14th – 15th: 9AM – 5PM: ABYC Office

Friday: Sept 16th (Happy Hour): 12PM – 8PM: Upstairs

Results Announced Friday Sept 16th

amazon smile

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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

Jeff Merrill photos

The annual Pine Block Regatta on the bay got off to a grand start this year. The Regatta had many veteran block heads on the starting line as well as new member Mark & Susan Williams, and some lively Juniors who came ready to race. PRO Jeff Merrill held a brief skippers meeting, and elected to run the Juniors races first.

Junior sailor Brynn Jolly ran away from the rest, with 3 bullets from boat #9, but Myla Oliver was close behind her with seconds in every race from boat #24w. The same thing happened in the ladies race, with Brynn taking 3 bullets (#9), followed by Myla taking 2 seconds and a third (#24w) for second place in the ladies.



The final open had Ron Long with 2 bullets and a second from boat #24p, while Myla got 2 seconds and a third for second place overall (#24w). Brynn got one bullet and 3 thirds (#9) for third place. All races were really close. Jeff Merrill took 4th place from boat #51 and Jesse Oliver taking 5th place from boat #10.

This race was a family event. Elaine Long was in the chase foldup kayak at the finish float calling boat sail numbers and Philip Corriveau calling from the finish shore post, to scorer Juliana Long Corriveau. Elaine would then have to pick up the finishing boats in her foldup kayak. Susan Long was in charge of signups, but of course most importantly PRO was Jeff Merrill. Dave Merrill was the photographer with Susan Long as backup.

The wind was really good this year. I hope to see more Pine Blockers next year.

Ron Long



Reggie,

Thank you for the setup supplies and for helping us get the sun shade put up. It was very hot in the sun, so the shade was wonderful. I think we got everything back to the club after the races. I hope to get some pictures in the South Wester. We had a large number of juniors this year, from 2 1/2 to 17 years old. Brynn Jolly (Brooke's daughter) won the junior race and the ladies race with her #9 boat. Jesse Oliver (Michael's brother) and Myla had a good time racing #15, too.

Thank you again,
Ron Long

welcome new members

ABYC welcomed 26 new members (and some members posing as new members!) at the new member dinner on August 20th. Street tacos were served in the cool breeze while listening to the KOOL BREEZZZ band perform a mix of Blues, Motown, R&B and Classic Rock, and we enjoyed Reggie's cool frozen treats at sunset. Welcome all new members to ABYC! We are so excited to have you join us!!

Lori VanSkyhock

For those who missed it, the New Member Party was a great event! Over 120 people were there to welcome a large group of new members coming in. Thank you to Reggie and his incredible staff for putting on an excellent taco spread and having the bar in full force. We all enjoyed eating tacos and listening to the tunes of the Kool Breezzz Band who played into the evening. It was great to see all the young families with their children and to know that future generations of ABYC are already here.

Michael Oliver



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more car show

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burgee exchange

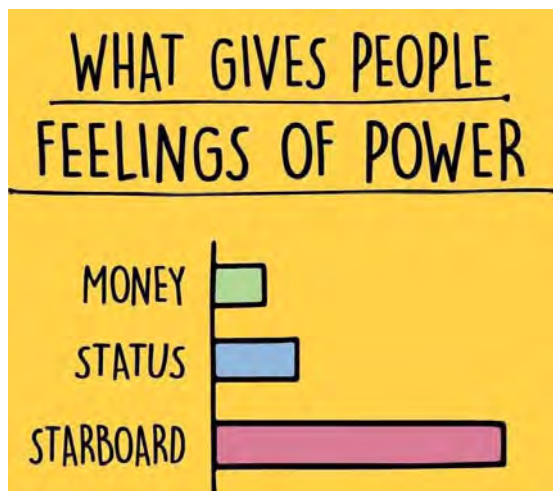
Early August a group of ABYC members visited Ireland with Mike and Betty Baumann as tour leaders. The group included Jon and Kathy Robinson, Steve and Jennifer Kuritz, Alan and Katy Cunningham, Bill and Sue McDannel, Sharon Pearson, Ron and Carol Clanton, Rob and Pixie Hartman, Toni Morford and Don and Chris Taugher. As a group, we exchanged burgees and two clubs.



Royal Cork Yacht Club



Kinsale Yacht Club



Last Long Beach Municipal Band Concert of the season - Don Shirley photo

mark's rules answer #94

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Fiddlesticks was approaching the shore and did not have room to tack and avoid Jammy Dodger. If Fiddlesticks tacks she will be on port tack and be required to keep clear of Jammy Dodger. Fiddlesticks must hail for room to tack and make a signal that clearly indicates her need for room to tack if conditions are such that a hail may not be heard, and Jammy Dodger must give her that room. Because there was neither a hail nor a signal Jammy Dodger has no obligation to give Fiddlesticks room to tack. When Fiddlesticks tacks without hailing she breaks rule 10.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Fiddlesticks did not hail for room to tack and did not make any signal to indicate her need for room to tack, and broke RRS 20.4(a).
2. Fiddlesticks on port failed to keep clear of Jammy Dodger on starboard, and broke RRS 10.

DECISION

1. Fiddlesticks is DSQ
See you on the water
Mark Townsend

ALAMITOS BAY YACHT CLUB

Ahoy me Hearties!
Join us For Some Swashbuckling Fun!

PIRATES of the PENINSULA

Saturday, Sept. 17 ~ 5:30-9:30 pm

\$35/Pirate ~ \$20 Lads & Lassies (10 & under)

(Theme Attire Encouraged!)

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PIRATE GRUB:

- † Blackbeard Brats & Beans
- † Capt'n Kid Corn Salad
- † Black Pearl Potatoes
- † Vegan "Cannon Balls"
- † Mad Mack ('n cheese)
- † Pirates Booty

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2022 ABYC STAG CRUISE

OCTOBER 13-16th

TWO HARBORS – SANTA CATALINA IS.



DETAILS:

Depart ABYC: Thursday, Oct 13th ... approximately 9:00-10:00am

This year the "ABYC Gentlemen's Cruise" will begin on Thursday for those who are able to participate the extra day.

Gather your crew and provisions and come on over! ABYC does not have mooring reservations. Please plan mooring reservations accordingly.

Planned Activities:

Friday Evening: 5:30pm "muster" on "Summerhawk" for Beer *Thank you "Captain Scott" Atwood!*
1st Mate, Rich Ferdon will be your grill-master

Saturday Dinner: Provide your own provisions, BBQs on the island,

Sunday: Return to ABYC... at your leisure.

Please RSVP at: abyc.org so we can get an idea of headcount (a list of attendees for Friday evening's Beer & Brats muster will be provided to ABYC, (to be billed to your account after the event).

Cost: \$20.00 / person (only for Beer & Brats event on **Summerhawk**, Friday evening)

Questions? Please call Rich Ferdon (805)279-4213

or

Giancarlo Guevara (520) 313-1472

License plate frames will be available soon.
Please let Sheila know if you are interested.
sheila@abyc.org or 562 434-9955



hails from the fleets



ILCA6's and ILCA7's competed in this year's **Latham Bell Dinghy Challenge July 31**

<https://abyc.org/regatta/3EN2ATBON4>. Latham was a fan of small boat racing and our Junior Program, hence the inspiration for this regatta.

This was a reverse handicap event with slower classes starting before faster boats. ILCA6 racers started two minutes after several *Lidos* and three minutes after *Cal20s*. We had a two-minute head-start on the ILCA7's. Wind velocity for the whole day never gave cause, except for occasional bouts of brief hiking, so watching the puffs and shifts was paramount for success especially sailing the channel between solid rows of multi-story houses lining the beach. Other challenges of the day included maneuvering with other class boats on the course as well as avoiding an armada of stand-up paddle boarders, peddle-boats and party boats out for enjoyment on a fine warm day.

James Baurley was the top ILCA7 finishing sixth overall in the race. **Stephen Long** sailed well to finish eighth on an ILCA6 and **Ed Feo** was ninth on an ILCA7. Finishing further down the results in order were; your author on an ILCA6. **Jack Johnson** enjoying two rounds of beverage service during the race from some helpful friends on a whaler, was next on his ILCA7. The other ILCA6 racers were; ILCA District 25 Secretary Tucker Strasser from Del Rey Yacht Club, **Mark Barnard** and **Bill Swezea**.



Three ABYC racers made their way to Texas and the Houston Yacht Club in July for the 2022 ILCA 6 Youth World Championships. Showing the growing popularity of the ILCA6 (formerly *Laser Radial*), there was a total of 50 racers in the Women's Fleet and 156 racers in the Men's Fleet. **Katherine Doble** was seventh in the Women's Fleet. **Thomas Kraak** placed eleventh and **Nicholas**

Mueller was fifteenth in the 52 member Men's Silver Fleet. Congratulations and well done to all!

The ABYC ILCA Fleet was well represented in the final standings of the 2021-2022 Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association (SCYYRA) Ullman/Frost Series results: <https://www.scyyra.org/series/18/ullman-info>. This was a four-event series held at ABYC (Labor Day & Turkey Day Regattas), Marina Del Rey (ILCA Midwinters West) and Santa Barbara (Skiff Fest). **Thomas Kraak** won the Series, followed by **Nicholas Mueller** in second, **Tate Christopher** fourth, **Stewart McCaleb** ninth. Other ABYC racers placing in order were; **Scott Pearl**, **Samantha Hemans**, **Tanner Jolly**, **Chloe Pearl**, **Alex Lech**, **Jack Hanson**, **Nick Lech**, **William Mueller** and **Nichols Sanchez**. Congratulations to all!

Of note, the well-travelled **Nicholas Mueller** finished fifth in the ILCA6 fleet at the West Marine U.S. Open Sailing Series August 12-14 in what were reported to be brisk conditions on San Francisco Bay hosted by the San Francisco Yacht Club.

Next on the ILCA Fleet calendar is 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. We hope to see a good turnout of ILCA7, ILCA6 and ILCA4 dinghies contesting for the ILCA District 25 Perpetual Trophies and ILCA Grand Prix points.

Opinion: I believe the **Latham Bell Dinghy Challenge/Boxing Day** fun race format; inviting a variety of the boats our members own, in a low-key handicap format, held in the easily accessible Bay for racers and observers, with minimal volunteer demands and a nice party afterwards is a great way to encourage racing participation of our members. The turnout for this year's Dinghy Challenge and what we experience with the Boxing Day Regatta is sufficient evidence to consider scheduling one or two more of these-style regattas on the 2023 calendar. I volunteer to be Regatta Chair for one next year.

Steven Smith

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Lido Love



7/28 - What a fun night! Martyn took us on 4 bay cruise races. The last one finished at ABYC basin, which put us much closer to the bar and another great dinner!

7/31 - Congratulations to John Hauck and Bruce Wasson who got second place in the Fifth Annual Latham Bell Dinghy Challenge last weekend. Kathy Reed and Cindy Heavrin got 10th, and Lisa and Bob Little got 11th. It was a bit of a light air day, but the many, many roundings and crossings with all of the other classes kept it exciting.

8/6 - What a great turn out for Lido Nationals down in beautiful Mission Bay, San Diego! Friday was a great day of qualification racing with more than usual breeze for Mission Bay of about 15 knots.

The race committee ran three races with four groups of sailors, each group racing all the others. After that, the fleet was split into Gold and Silver fleets, and the Class Champs began! Saturday showed even more breeze than Friday, and the competition heated up as well. Four races were run with a break after the first two for the silver fleet to race. Sunday held the same schedule with more usual Mission Bay breeze of about 10 knots.



Mark Ryan and Sarah Schaupter topped the 48 boat field to bring home their third class championship. ABYC and Fleet 6 made a great showing, bringing 15 teams to the regatta, and everyone performing well. Even Mark and Sarah had a pretty major breakdown on Saturday, but with some help and advice from Kevin Thomas, and supplies from a multitude of people and places, they were ready for Sunday racing. It clearly didn't slow them down. Congrats to all of the Fleet Sixers and ABYC members for sailing a great regatta!

8/11 – This was one of those nights that we only get a couple of times a year. The breeze started out at about 8-10, and just slowly died all night. We considered pulling the plug after the first race, but didn't. Maybe we should have. The breeze kept dying, until it was dead during the second race. The last three boats really had it hard. Finally, the RC got thirsty, called it, finished the last three in their positions, and headed in for some libations. Happy to say, it doesn't happen often where we sail. Still a fun night on the water!

8/18 – Another gorgeous summer night. There was a keg of beer at the dock so it is amazing that anyone at all left to sail! The sailing was as enthusiastic as always and word is there was a "jaunty discussion" at one particular rounding. Everyone had a wonderful evening!

We would love to have more people come out on Thursday nights, so please come down and join us! Whether it's for racing or just to socialize by the fire, we'd love to see you. Reggie and crew consistently set us up with great dinners and the bar has been a great addition to our summer evenings!

Jack and Deby





60th Cal 20 Class Championships

ABYC was proud to host the 60th anniversary of the Cal 20 Class Championships on August 11 – 14. A strong showing of 48 Cal 20's raced making this once again one of the largest one-design keelboat regattas on the West Coast. ABYC was well represented by a large contingent of racers, race committee, on-shore volunteers, and of course the ABYC staff. The best way to sum up the regatta comes from this post regatta note from one of our sailors:

I want to commend ABYC for putting together a fantastic Cal 20 Class Champs! Here some things that come to mind:

- Terrific dinners each night and Saturday was really over the top
- Steve Seal presentation on Cal 20 history was terrific
- Excellent PRO work - both running the race and the great communication (as well as humorous) skippers meetings
- Beautiful shirts at a rock bottom price
- Cal 20 bag was a really nice touch that we can all use
- Adding a junior championship
- Terrific execution at every step in the process of this regatta (registration thru trophy presentation)

This regatta is such a great fit for our club with all the active sailors in the club and all the past inactive Cal 20 sailors who still like to see what is going on. Of course the venue for racing and social can't be beat. This was one of the most enjoyable regattas that I can remember.



Cal 20's round the weather offset mark and peel off downwind. Several ABYC boats are seen here including Mike Wood (#69), Chuck Clay (#26), and Mike Corzine (#299)

Things kicked off with the Junior Class Champs raced on Thursday, August 11 inside the Bay. We had five entries with ABYC trophy winners Noah Stapleton (all bullets) in first, Gage Christopher in second, and Sophia Corzine in third. Gordy Palmer ran the races off the Bay Barge and all sailors enjoyed post race burgers served from the Galley (donated by a club member). Several boats included family teams including the father and son team of Mike Sentovich (Jr and Sr.) and Sophia sailing with her Dad Mike Corzine. We want to push this event next year to expand and expose more Junior sailors to keelboat racing.

For the weekend event, there were three racing fleets including Gold (26 entries), Silver (6 entries) and Bronze (11 entries). Gold and Silver raced on Friday through Sunday and Bronze raced on the weekend. Of these boats, a total of 19 hailed from ABYC and special credit for this turnout goes to our Fleet 1 Captain Jeff Ives who has been instrumental in promoting Cal 20 sailing at ABYC.

In Gold fleet, it came down to the final race on Sunday (7 race series, no throw outs) with three ABYC boats contending for first. Two long time Long Beach sailors duked it out amongst 26

Cal 20's in the Gold Championship class along with a young up and coming rock star. The three title contenders going into the final race were Steve Flam/Doug McClean/Alli Blecher (ABYC), Keith Ives and Chuck Stevens (ABYC/LBYC), and the youth team of Noah Stapleton/Justin Zmina/Frankie Dair (CBYC/ABYC). The Flam team won the last race with Ives/Stevens finishing a close second and the Stapleton team finished 12th after missing out on left hand shift. Ives and Flam tied on overall points, but Ives/Stevens prevailed in the tie breaker.

ABYC was also well represented in the Silver fleet (3 boats racing) including the return of long time Cal 20 sailors Eric and Stacy Conn and ABYC board member Alex Cross. The Cross team raced just on the weekend after a sabbatical from sailing and showed no rust whatsoever earning all bullets for the races they sailed coming in a strong second place. And in Bronze fleet, it was great to see one of our ABYC beautifully restored boats (About a Girl) helmed by Blaine Brown.



Racing wing and wing downwind in Long Beach Harbor

In addition to some great racing, the action on shore was also fun and exciting. We held a lovely burger bash Friday evening outside including sponsored beer from the SmithREGroup. Saturday evening moved upstairs including a sit down BBQ dinner followed by a special presentation from Steve Seal who worked at the Jensen Marine factory back the 1960's when close

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to 2000 Cal 20's were produced. Sunday's awards ceremony was held outside with appetizers and a well attended bar.

Several people commented favorably about the hospitality of ABYC and our volunteers and staff take the credit here. Special thanks to our PRO Mike Segerblom, Club Manager Reggie Thomas and of course Sheila Mattox, Commodore Brooke Jolly, and my personal favorite volunteer Cathy Black Smith (registration, shirts, misc.).

Here are the race committee volunteers who made things happen on the water: Dave Crockett Sr, Pat Bixby, Trish Clay, Judy Mathias, Stacey Gibbs, Gordy Palmer, Glenn Cox, Ed Kimball, Brad Thompson, Kenny Cowan, Jorge Suarez, Ed Feo, Lars Rosenblad, Jim Drury, Steve Bloemeke, and Dan Milefchik. On shore support volunteers included: Chuck Hardin, Eileen Rosenblad, Chris Marr, Jim Drury, Sue Crockett, Wendy Corzine, and Elaine Wood. And thank you to Roland Fournier for being our photography boat captain.



Starting action during race 2 on Friday. Third place finisher Noah Stapleton (#466) gets the pin end start with champion Keith Ives (#9) having to dip the fleet. Ives maneuvered his way to a first place finish in this race

Perpetual Trophy Award Winners

Class Champions: Keith Ives and Chuck Stevens (Rubber Dog 2)- **Neal Baker 2nd Place Finisher:** Steve Flam (Tiller Towards Trouble)- **Masters Champion:** Robin Townsend (Toadstool)- **Bud Gardiner (leader going into last day):** Steve Flam (Tiller Towards Trouble)- **Top Finishing Woman Skipper:** Robin Townsend (Toadstool)- **Bravura (best looking boat):** Chuck Clay (Veintiseis)- **The Hank (opposite of above):** David Kofahl (Spar Wars)- **Silver Fleet Champion:** Liam Haselhorst (Belmar) **Bronze Fleet Champion:** Marc Mazorow (Greyhound)- **Junior Fleet Champion:** Noah Stapleton (The Kraken)

Todd Smith



Fellow ABYC Board Members Brooke Jolly and Alex Cross celebrate Alex's Silver second place trophy.



The beautiful chrome wrapped Cal 20, Shifty, #299, reflects the colors of the ocean while making her way from the weather mark to the offset mark. Owner Mike Corzine had his daughter Sophia handling the foredeck while longtime Cal 20 sailor Randy Smith coordinated the middle.

Vice Commodore Mike Van Dyke accepts his fifth place Gold Fleet trophy from Brooke. Check out the special team racing shirt that Mike is sporting for their boat named Racer X



Gold Fleet champions Keith Ives (left) and Chuck Stevens (right) accept their trophies from Brooke Jolly.



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Happiness is sailing a Viper 640 in 15-18 knots, and LBYC's Wet Wednesdays can be ideal for that. This summer has been a lot of fun, and the improved start time for our fleet has gotten us on some longer courses as the wind is still at the end of its peak for the day come 6:00. Without much on the Regatta schedule in July and August, (The High Sierra Regatta fizzled out unfortunately), our group of about 5 "regulars" has made the most of it along with the après sailing at the fire pit.

The Latham Bell Memorial Regatta happened and two Vipers were in the mix. Being the last start and going up through the different classes of boats in the pursuit themed race and still not make any enemies along the way or violate any racing rules made for an interesting challenge. It was fun having extra crew on board and seeing many other boats mix up crewing and skippering positions; boats having their youngsters on board, what a great day that was.

A few of us helped with running and staffing some of the other summer regattas, namely the C420 and Cal20 Nationals, which were really fun and successful.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer and bum a ride on a Viper- you won't be sorry!

Steve Bloemeke, Viper 640 Fleet Captain



18 knots, 2019 Worlds hosted by ABYC, (photo credit to Sharon Green, Ultimate Sailing)



Looking at a sabot one may not think sabotos are too difficult to sail. And true, it is not hard to sail, but to race a Sabot, can be a real challenge! ABYC Senior Sabots race once a month on Sundays, and our most recent fleet race was August 21. In the A-Fleet Tom Newton finished in first place and Robin Townsend in second place and Cindy Heavrin in third place made sabot racing look easy in "A" Fleet. Senior Sabot Sundays continue to grow with six boats in "A" fleet and four boats in "B" Fleet. Winners in the "B" fleet were Susan Lanoue in first place, John Hauck in second and Bob Anderson in 3rd. New sailor, Deby Johnson, enjoyed the light air conditions and the coaching from Tom Newton. Race committee consisted of Jorge Suarez as PRO and Jim and Lynn Drury on flags and timing. A flawless performance by them kept the racers moving. Lifeguarding the Fleet was Jack Johnson single-handing in the whaler, standing by to adjust marks and rescue for any mishaps that might occur.



September 11th is the next ABYC Senior Sabot Sunday event. There are also 2 Senior Sabot events at Balboa Yacht Club in September, the Bridges Marathon Regatta on September 10th, and the Little Old Ladies (and Gent's) regatta on September 17th. Also mark your calendars for ABYC's Ladies Day Regatta (and Gent's) on October 16.

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!



Nationally ranked Mark Golison and Don Shirley represented ABYC at the Region 6 Championships held in August at the El Dorado Boat Pond. Twenty six skippers from 6 states competed in 28 heats in 14 races spread over two days.

Thank you to Jennifer Golison for sandwich delivery and scoring assistance both days.

Next opportunity to race is the LBYC Friday Night DragonFlite on September 9th. The racing at the LBYC long dock usually provides excellent breeze and the first three skippers go home with bottles of rum. El Dorado Boat Pond racing is scheduled for September 18th and Mason Lake Irvine is coming on September 24th.

Don Shirley