



formula 18 americas

Beverly Simmons photos

The 2021 Formula 18 Americas Championship has seen 32 teams representing 5 different countries descend upon the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, ready for stiff competition amongst Long Beach's infamous wind and challenging conditions.

With practice racing and camaraderie commencing the day before official racing started, the yard was filled with at least 6 brand new boat designs that arrived (literally) JUST in time to be put together for some much-needed fine tuning on the practice day.

As we get ready for this 4th and final day of racing, all are feeling the effects of large swell, mixed wind conditions ranging from a mere 7 knots to 18 and gusty, broken boat parts and bruised bodies – Just another high-level catamaran event. Robbie Daniel, currently in 10th place said of the conditions: "These are the conditions I really enjoy. Nice waves,

F18



Congratulations Ravi Parent Champion F18 2021 Americas

almost always steady wind and a great place to sail." As I strolled the beach, talking to the teams as they prepare for the final day, many of the comments were the same; "Competition this year is way tougher than in 2017", "Epic conditions, excellent venue and really well run." But the remarks that stood out the most came from Steve Stroebel, currently in 8th place sailing with Steven Leuck: "Two things really stand out for me at this event. There is an extreme battle with the lead going back and forth between Cruz [Gonzales Smith] and Ravi [Parent] that is great to watch, and the fact that this is overall a true Americas battle between North and South American teams." Just a few short hours before the final start sequences begin, there is a tie for 1st place between Cruz and Ravi. But all eyes are on those top ten boats, with another tie for 4th and slim margins between all. No wiggle room for errors the final day.

Going into the last day of competition with a tie for 1st, there was a lot on the line for the top teams. The morning was clear, with early breeze, and by the time Race Committee had

set A-pin, it had built rapidly to a robust 15 -18 knots with a 6-8 foot mixed swell. The 1st race saw a re-shuffle in the starting positions from previous days, as teams abandoned the crowded boat-end of the line seeking a clear lane further toward the pin. The battle between Parent/Lovisa & Gonzalez Smith/Heuser drew the most attention from spectators and press.

The breeze continued to build for races 2 & 3 with frequent lead changes as the waves took their toll. Several boats capsized – some rounding the offset mark had stuffed the bows so hard, they snapped their spinnaker poles and were forced to retire.

In very tight racing for the top 5 positions, Parent/Lovisa prevailed over Gonzales Smith/Heuser as they finished 1st and 2nd respectively for all three races. Ricardi/Tebo, who had led the series early on, slipped to third and Froeb/Van West

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Halloween/Charity Regatta	Oct 30
Patio Brunch	Nov 7

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manager's corner



Reggie Thomas is a proud product of Southern hospitality by way of Concordia Parish in Louisiana and brings a unique aspect as the newest Club Manager of ABYC. With a background in restaurant operations, Reggie has worked with restaurant companies such as The Hard Rock Cafe, Red Robin Pelican Hill Resort and Kincaid's of Redondo Beach. He made his mark in club operations working with Arcis Golf and managing The Oaks Club of Valencia, a recently acquired TPC property featuring a private golf club with large format golfing, dining and events in the Santa Clarita Valley. Reggie oversaw the transformation of that club bringing in a new leadership, overseeing several agronomy projects preparing the course for PGA competitions, rewriting menus and training manuals and introducing a new Social Membership program for the

club.

Reggie and his family live in Redondo Beach; his wife Shannon and their two youngest kids Evelyn and Maxwell. Reggie has two older children; Dr. Samantha Diaz of Chicago and Tyler who is the Chief Expansion Officer for Coco Melody, a worldwide leader in bridal dress sales. Reggie grew up in his grandmother's kitchen and loves to spend his time cooking and passing along recipes and stories to his kids around the stove.

Welcome to ABYC Reggie!!

commodore's compass



This is the last time I will be addressing you all as capacity of Commodore in the pages of the Sou'wester. What a great time I had being your Commodore. I am **honored** as well as **saddened**. Honored because of the service I was able to give you and saddened to say farewell. I have had a truly nice time. I have gotten to know many members and always enjoy meeting new ones while at the Club. I happily received accolades as I was doing my role and thank you all for that.

I have fond memories of my time on the Board. I am proud of what we have built together, and I have enjoyed working with every one of you.

It was time for a facelift of sorts at the Club... that included requirements to the structure, like a new roof, a coat of paint, and concrete for the yard. Also, some beautifying like the sprinklers, new grass, and lights for our flags to fly at night. We are presently receiving bids for the front fence as well.

We have been careful to get the Race tenders, Patience, and equipment in shape without breaking the bank. We, the Board, had many concerns about how we were going to get through the Covid months so we tightened out belts to squeeze out what we could.

Coming out of Covid we have had some great regattas, parties and get togethers. Thank you to Race Management and the Social Advisory Committee for their sustained efforts in making ABYC a joy to be at.

Keep being kind and step up to volunteer. This is your fast track to meeting great people. You will get much more out of the Club the more you participate.

Anytime you need to talk, I'm just an email or phone call away.

Leaving you with a good Board to take the Reins:

2021- 2022 ABYC Board Positions:

Commodore:	Brooke Jolly
Vice Commodore:	Mike Van Dyke
Rear Commodore:	Gabe Ferramola
Fleet Captain:	Dave Crockett
Secretary:	Alex Cross
Membership:	Michael Oliver
Volunteers:	Carol Kofahl
Social:	Jeff Ives
Jr. Staff Commodore:	Dan DeLave

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan DeLave'.

Dan DeLave



As we move into the “new” year in terms of Yacht Club years, I want to thank Wendy Drake for being the parent advisor to the Junior Board and the JAC Committee (Chair Jen Christopher, Kathleen Melvin, and VC Brooke Jolly) for providing guidance to our youth development and sailing programs this past year. Although the year still proved to be difficult with the resurgence of the pandemic much was accomplished. Thank you for your leadership! I am confident our programs will continue to grow and thrive under RC Gabe Ferramola’s oversight with firm commitment from our entire board.

I want to thank of all those that ran in our elections. Our club needs participation from the membership and there are lots of opportunity to get involved. There is much to be done around the club and we need to continue to evolve and it’s critical for us to have broad participation with new ideas. If it something you thought about and would like to know more or what it entails, please reach out to me or someone on the board. We want your ideas; we want your involvement!

This next year, I transition to a different role, being responsible for the House, Grounds and Yard. We have several must do projects lined up, the exterior wall needs repair as well as slurry coating the yard and parking lot. You will not doubt get tired of me droning on about getting sails, equipment, boxes, or anything but wheels off the asphalt. Maybe we can start throwing those sails lying on the ground or that boom or mask on sawhorses onto your trailer so I can get a head start? More to come!

On a final note, I am deeply humbled by being elected to be your 2023 Commodore. It is not something that is to be taken for granted, it is something to be taken seriously. This year I look forward to working with the board and supporting incoming Commodore Brooke Jolly. It will be a fantastic 2022. I’m open for input and to help make your club experience more enjoyable.

Mike

Sou’Wester DEADLINE

October 24, 2021 is the deadline
for the November Sou’Wester.

Help us to Help you!

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

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At the core of ABYC values is volunteerism. It is how we were founded, how we became who we are today, and how we will thrive and succeed in the future. There are countless people over the 95 years of our history who have put their hearts and souls into what we can all call home. It is thanks to these men and women that we have not only a beautiful place to sail and socialize but also a world-renowned, first-class sailing destination.

In my last four years on the Board it has become very clear to me that we have a relatively small number of our membership who are consistent volunteers. They do everything from getting our regattas put together and staffed, inviting and planning major sailing events, throwing our fun social gatherings to managing and maintaining our club assets – whalers, Patience, Bay Barge, racing tackle and marks, hand radios and more in working condition. Our volunteers also support our Junior Program as our advisors and boat transporters allowing our Juniors to learn to sail and to experience sailing in many venues across the Southland and Western states. They are all helping to build our future.

Some volunteers work behind the scenes to make sure that the club is operating smoothly. They put the annual calendar together every year, planning and executing weekly and monthly tasks. They manage and update our electronic internal and external communications. They work with employees of the Club to be sure they are treated well and have the resources and back-up they need. We have dedicated members who help ensure that our finances are reviewed, monitored and evaluated to make sure that we are financially sound, not only for today but for many, many years to come.

All of the above, plus other activities take the time and dedication of our “stars” to make ABYC the Place to Be. Most of these people work full-time jobs, are raising families and have lives outside of our club. Although all of our volunteers strive to make our club the best it can be, things will fall through the cracks, details may be forgotten or the “right” person may not get consulted. We are not always going to agree on the best course of action. Think about the time and effort that goes into making sure that all of these things get done and please be sure to thank the people who work so hard to make things happen here. If you have a comment or suggestion on how things can be improved, please be courteous and respectful when delivering that message. Better yet, offer a way you can jump in and assist.

Presently, **we need enthusiastic members to step up and run for the ABYC Board of Directors.** We are headed into a major Olympic build-up with many requests from competitors who want to train in Long Beach waters and use ABYC as a base. Our decisions are crucial to respond to as many requests as possible and still maintain ABYC as the place to be for its loyal members. Please recognize that your commitment to Club leadership is imperative for our success in the future. Strong leadership will carry us a long way.

Brooke

fleet captain's log



Kudos to our Race Management Team and all you volunteers that pulled off two major regattas in nine days! You know who you are, and lots of happy sailors thank you for your efforts in the Labor Day and F18 Americas Regattas. Special thanks to Kevin Thomas with the Lido Fleet, and Eileen Haubl as Race Chairs. Take a short break and Ladies Day and the Halloween Charity Regatta are in our sights. Give Cindy Heavrin and Dominic Meo a call if you would like to help out with the regattas.

Patience is looking good, running great, and getting a few regattas under her belt. The whalers are all running great, but now looking a little worn sitting next to a shiny Patience. A small team of experienced fiberglassers, sanders, and bufferers are getting ready to give the whalers

some love. Let me know if you're available to help out.

Cheers,
Gabe

us sailing membership

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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.

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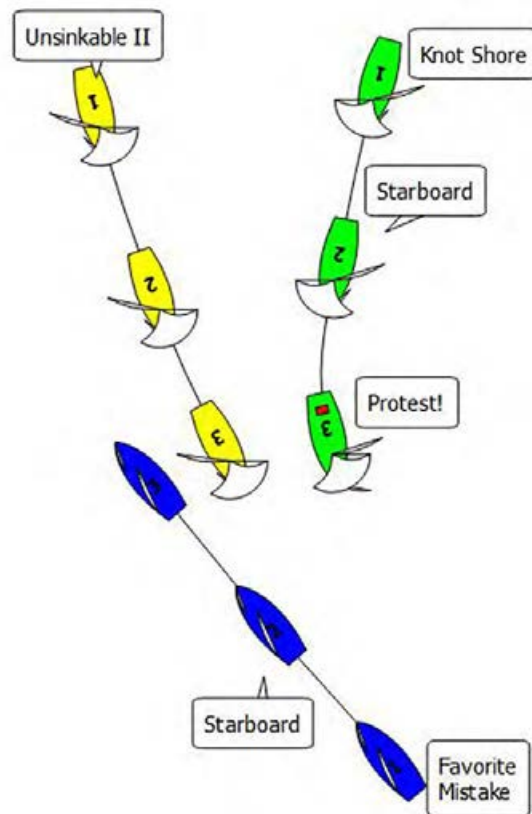
mark's racing rules quiz #82

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Favorite Mistake is on starboard tack on a beat to windward. Unsinkable II on port and Knot Shore on starboard are on a downwind leg. Favorite Mistake, Unsinkable II and Knot Shore are on converging courses. Favorite Mistake and Knot Shore both call starboard. Unsinkable II luffs to avoid Favorite Mistake, and Knot Shore bears away to avoid colliding with Unsinkable II until she is sailing by the lee.

Knot Shore protests Unsinkable II for failing to keep clear when she was on port and broke RRS 10.

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



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upcoming volunteer opportunities

Volunteering at ABYC is a great way to meet new people, hang-out with friends, learn new skills, and help run top-notch events for which ABYC is famous – all while having fun! Many of our volunteer opportunities revolve around regattas and social activities. Here are some great opportunities to get involved at ABYC in the next couple months:

Date	Event	Contact
Oct. 8	Happy Hour Oktober Fest decorating, set up, clean up	Melissa Kirby mmerryk@gmail.com
Oct. 16	Installation Dinner decorating, set up, clean up	Melissa Kirby mmerryk@gmail.com
Oct. 17	Ladies Day Regatta	Carol Ginder Kofahl carol.abyc2021@gmail.com
Oct. 30	Halloween Charity Regatta	Carol Ginder Kofahl carol.abyc2021@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed every month! Please contact us:

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Please feel free to reach out to the individuals above if you are interested in helping on any of these events. If you have any questions about volunteering at ABYC, please contact our Director of Volunteers, *Carol Kofahl* at carol.abyc2021@gmail.com or 714 274-5813. Please call Sheila, in the office, for social events 562 434-9955

the bay clogger

Fall sailing has gotten off to a great start with our first day of practice already under our belt. It's great to see so many happy kids out on the water. We currently have 30 kids signed up for our Fall Sailing Program and 15 kids currently sailing in our High School Program.

Now that kids are back in school there are less regattas, but ABYC has been making a good showing at the first few SCYYRA Series events. Our juniors have attended all SCYYRA Series regattas so far for the 2021-2022 season.

The first Perry Series regatta was held at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. **Samantha Hemans** and **Allie Shand** placed 19th, **Tate Christopher** and **Carsten Zeiger** finished 25th, **Isaac Stone** and **Isabella Clark** finished 26th, and **Nick** and **Alex Lech** finished 29th.

Our juniors did extremely well at the first Shadden Series regatta in Newport Beach. **Tate Christopher** and **Ashtyn Tierney** finished 4th, **Gage Christopher** and **Stewart McCaleb** finished 27th.

Alamitos Bay has continued our tradition of hosting the first Ullman/Frost Series regatta. For Labor Day regatta, we had almost 70 boats registered. In the 35 boat radial fleet, Team ABYC took 1st and 3rd, nearly taking every spot on the podium! **Morgan Pinckney** took 1st, **Tommy Kraak** took 3rd, **Nicholas Mueller** took 6th. One of our new members, **Carsten Zieger**, took 17th. We also had **Stewart McCaleb** finish 18th, **William Mueller** in 21st, **Scott Pearl** in 22nd, **Samantha Hemans** in 25th, **Jack Hanson** 26th, **Tanner Jolly** 28th, **Nick Sanchez** 30th, and **Chloe Pearl** 33rd.

Congratulations to all our sailors on an excellent start to the school sailing season!
Stephen Long, Sailing Director



2021 elections

Iwould like to thank everyone involved in the 2021 Election for the ABYC Board of Directors. We had an outstanding group of nominees who took the time to present themselves for election. Please join me in thanking them for their efforts.

Tiffany McIntosh, David T. Crockett, Michael Oliver, Mike Van Dyke, Gabe Ferramola, Jason Mullin, and James Baurley

If you are not current on your By-Laws, the Board of Directors term is 2 years. The Board offers many rewarding positions to support **YOUR** club. Each year the Jr. Staff Commodore forms a committee to present members for your consideration for the Board of Directors. I would like to thank David Schack, Ron Wood, Toni Morford and Glenn Selvin for their help with this year's election.

Please join me in welcoming new Board of Director members David T. Crockett and Michael Oliver as well as returning members Gabe Ferramola and Mike Van Dyke.

I would also like to mention the Leasehold Trust Candidates. John McCaleb, Ken Reiff and David Schack. They will also serve a two-year term. Thank you, gentleman, for your support.

Stephen Mueller, Commodore 2020



*Commodore Dan DeLave & Eileen Haubl
along with
Commodore-Elect Brooke Jolly*

Cordially invite you to attend the

*Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
95th Annual Installation of Officers
Saturday, October 16, 2021
Patio Gala*

*6:00 pm Cocktails and Appetizers
7:00 pm - Dinner & Ceremony
Cocktail Attire
\$60.00 per person*

**RSVP by October 2, 2021 to the ABYC Office
562-434-9955 or sheila@abyc.org*

**Please RSVP with your seating preference along with
your choice of filet mignon, grilled salmon, chicken
marsala or vegetarian pasta for dinner.*

built on their results to move into 4th. Rounding out the top five were Reiss/Lauridsen posting consistent enough results to land in 5th. The fleet's work was not done after the last finish, as they faced a very challenging twin-wire, close-reach for the 2.5 miles back to protected water.

Teams broke down their boats to go their separate ways, some to Cata Cup, some to their home clubs, and others to the next race venue, the camaraderie and Corinthian spirit was evident throughout the boat park as seen in smiles, hand shakes and the sharing of near-catastrophe scuttlebutt.

ABYC and sponsors, Jeff Newsome and Michelle Eatough treated the fleet to warm pizza and cold libations for the awards ceremony, which included the coveted Sandra Tartaglino special award for Top Female Skipper. Which was awarded to Katie Flood, who finished 13th overall. Katie gave a moving and brief thank you, encouraging the women of the fleet to continue to strive for better performance.

Eileen Haubl and Nick Kofski



Top female skipper Katie Flood



The new Patience looking sharp in the big swell

ABYC Members Pete and James Melvin



ABYC Member Chris Green with crew John Williams



Commodore Dan Delave with crew Luke Melvin

ABYC Member Jeff Newsome and crew Jean Boulogne FRA

ABYC/Lido Catalina- Isthmus Cruise- September 24-26. 2021

The joint ABYC Cruising Club/Lido cruise was a fabulous event. Hosted by Kevin Thomas and Helen Burdett, Lido fleet captains, we had a turn-out of 20 boats and over 50 participants.

Highlights included a Friday night dinghy raft-up Bingo game, which included a sumptuous Charcuterie Plate by Melissa Kirby and tasty Strawberry Sangria by Kevin Thomas. Sue McDannel was the big winner. Sue's skill was recognized by the Cruising Gods with a sudden squall featuring wind, thunder, and lightning.

Saturday included a massive BBQ at Two Harbors. We had 50 attendees and 4 dogs. A great opportunity to mix and mingle. A good time was had by all!

Throughout the weekend Helen Burdett organized hikes and kayaking for the more energetic Cruisers. The rest of us just enjoyed the quiet and a libation or 2.

This Isthmus cruise was Lido Fleets 10th annual cruise and ABYC Cruising Club's last on water cruise of the 2021 season.

Please attend the January 21st, 2022, General Meeting to learn about the Club's 2022 Cruising Schedule.

Alan Cunningham



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Favorite Mistake was an obstruction to Unsinkable II and Knot Shore because both Unsinkable II and Knot Shore would each have needed to change course substantially if they had been sailing directly towards Favorite Mistake and were one hull length from her, and because Unsinkable II was required by rule 10 and Knot Shore by rule 11 to keep clear of Favorite Mistake (see the definition Obstruction). Under rule 19.2(a), Knot Shore, as the right-of-way boat, was entitled to pass Favorite Mistake on either side. She chose to pass astern of Favorite Mistake. Therefore, under rule 19.2(b) Unsinkable II is entitled to room between Knot Shore and the stern of Favorite Mistake.

Unsinkable II could not have known that Knot Shore was not going to give sufficient room until she was committed to pass between Favorite Mistake and Knot Shore. Unsinkable II broke rule 10, when Knot Shore had to avoid a collision but, because she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled by rule 19.2(b), she is exonerated by rule 43.1(b).

See World Sailing Case 11 and World Sailing Case 49

CONCLUSION

1. Unsinkable II on port failed to keep clear of Knot Shore on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
2. Since Unsinkable II broke RRS 10 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.
3. Knot Shore the outside boat at the obstruction, gave Unsinkable II room to pass between her and the obstruction. Knot Shore did not break RRS 19.2(b).

DECISION

1. The protest is dismissed.

See you on the water
Mark Townsend

OFFICER OF THE DAY PROGRAM RE-STARTED *ABYC Is The Place to BE!*

Come down, enjoy your club, and help out members and guests as an Officer of the Day. Enjoy our club's beautiful ambiance while you contribute a few, very appreciated, volunteer hours.

The duties are fairly simple—welcome and help members with parking, hoists, and boat-launching if needed. Greet guests and answer a few questions. You don't need to give them a tour, but do take down their names and give them to Sheila, our Office Manager. She'll inform the appropriate Board Member or Flag Officer.

O.D.'s are needed on Saturdays and Sundays, starting October 1 and 2, from 9 am and end at 3 pm; pick any Saturday or Sunday...not both days. A list of all responsibilities and your official badge will be given when you check in at the office.

Please volunteer! Email Carol Ginder Kofahl, Director of Volunteer Development, at carol.abyc2021@gmail.com
Thank you!

Charity Regatta October 30th



Watch the Weekly Reader for Details

pine block regatta

Saturday, August 28th started off overcast and a bit chilly but that did not stop our intrepid Pine Block enthusiasts from appearing on the beach ready to face the unknown waters populated by small children, drifting water toys along with shifty winds and currents. By our estimated start time we had a total of eleven entries with some of those returning to seek former glory along with some new yachtsmen and yachtswomen.

In our Junior division we had Brynn Jolly, Tanner Jolly and Michael Sentovich Jr.

In our Senior division we had our two Sues, Sue Crockett and Sue McDannel, Ron Long, John Ellis and Bill McDannel.

Our Ladies division consisted of again, our two Sues, Jennifer Kuritz and Brynn Jolly.

Completing our entry list were Steve Kuritz and Jeff Merrill, who when not in full race-mode, assumed the roles of Race Committee. Mike Sentovich assisted with taking finishes, starting heats and ultimately determining the winners.

Mr. Merrill had his hands full as some of the competitors interpreted the rules in their own way. Rule adjustments were required throughout the regatta. The fleet had some rogue sailors whose actions on the course ultimately resulted in a new rule prohibiting touching one's vessel once the start had been signaled. Luckily, we had a paddle boarder out to retrieve errant vessels, one that even took off toward the ABYC basin entrance. Retrieving them proved to be a challenge at times..

Our prize winners this year were Brynn (in the Junior and Women's), our top Senior this year was Bill, who also won the main race including all competitors, followed by Michael, Jr. in second and Brynn in third.

I want to thank all who came out to play on the beach and go up against some tough competitors. I also would like to thank the ever-ready Jeff Merrill for being the day's MC and being as entertaining as he always is. Lastly, I'd like to thank/ congratulate the new Pine Block Fleet Captain, Ron Long. I know you will do a fantastic job leading the charge!

Remember to keep the Pine Block Regatta in mind for next summer. We have many Pine Block yachts that you can charter for the year so you can practice your drifting skills or maybe perfect you vessel's efficiency.

Brooke Jolly



end of summer party

Lori VanSkyhock, Kathy Robinson and
Holmes Photoworks photos

It was a blast from the past at the Psychedelic 60s Summer Lovin' Beach Bash! So many trippy hippies showed up to help make this party a huge success. The atmosphere was totally groovy with lava lamps, peace signs, flowers and smiley faces, and a giant yellow submarine hung overhead. Thanks to the decorating crew of **Dana Bell**, **Cheryl Koll** and **Trish Clay** for helping to transform the ABYC patio into a modern day American Bandstand.

Two classic VW busses created a gateway to the scene. Hipsters dined on classic sloppy joes, chicken a la king and macaroni and cheese, then topped it off with cosmic brownies (no, not that kind!) and tie-dye cupcakes made by **Kathy Robinson** and **Lori VanSkyhock**. Tunes from the 60s to the 90s were played by the band **Ask Andy** who got the entire crowd on their feet groovin' – and two amazing go-go dancers gave a command performance, complete with lighted butterfly wings!

And a huge thank you to **Gabe Ferramola** for helping my vision of the photo-op of a VW Bus become a reality, and also again to **Kathy Robinson** for her help during the three days it took us to paint it! You two are totally boss!

The night was totally righteous and outta sight...and we had fun, fun, fun 'til her daddy took the T-Bird away!

Lori VanSkyhock



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The beautiful but cloudy and overcast day had us “brunched up” by the fire at the ABYC Sunday Brunch. Mark your calendars for the next one on November 7th.



staff commodores'

Kathy Robinson photos

On Sunday September 25 Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Order of Staff Commodores held their annual Barbeque started by Commodore Asper approximately 10 years ago. 20 members were treated to Staff Commodore Baumann's infamous grilled tri-tip and chicken with sides of corn on the cob, potato salad, Caesar salad, and garlic bread. For dessert a chocolate cake and carrot cake were available. Conversation was mostly about the club and catching up on what everyone had done this summer. Many thanks to Junior Staff Commodore Mueller for tending the large barbeque since Commodore Bauman was unable to attend. Also a big thanks to Kathy Robinson, Betty Baumann and Commodore Baumann for doing the shopping and prep-work. Everyone had a good time and a great meal. The evening was topped off by a Beach Boys tribute band in the park adjacent to the club. Thanks to all and, of course, ABYC is the place to be.

Commodore Jon Robinson



zoom membership meetings

Dan DeLave - ABYC Commodore is inviting you to scheduled Zoom meetings
ABYC - General Membership Meetings - 2021
Meetings will start at 7:00PM. I will be there about 6:30

Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Fri, until Dec 17, 2021, Not June or Oct - 9 occurrence(s)

Nov 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Dec 17, 2021

7:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97502423917?pwd=OU5aMFQ5Q2xWNFlwUjF5SFdRSIZWdz09>

Meeting ID: 975 0242 3917

Passcode: 7201

kevin and the big fish

Staff Commodore, Kevin Brown, caught a 210 lb tuna and shared his bounty with many members on Labor Day. Thank you Kevin!



hails from the fleets

20 The Halloween/Charity Regatta is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th. This regatta also serves as the Fleet 1 championship, with the highest placing ABYC boat earning the right to represent the Cal

20's at the Opening Day Club Championship. And to add to the fun, we may even see some CBYC boats make the journey to Long Beach.

Register now at the ABYC website!

Class Championship gear is ready. If you ordered shirts and/or hats, contact the CBYC front desk to arrange pickup. There is extra gear if you did not order but would still like some swag. The CBYC phone number is: 310-519-1694.

Upon inspecting the latest September issue of Latitude 38, one will find the write up our Class Secretary, Todd Smith put together recapping the Class Champ regatta. Volker Corell turned it in to the editor of the periodical along with a few of his photos & sure enough they found their way into the Racing section.

We have come to learn that Steve Grillon, a former Class Champion (1981), just purchased a Cal 20 which he found in Oregon & he has brought it down to Southern California. The boat needs work but it sounds like he is up for the task and is looking forward to competing by next year. It is a bulkhead boat equipped with a tapered mast—so an early production model—it was rigged for a spinnaker too.

It's a bit of a mystery, however, as to which hull number it is. The Oregon registration shows the year built as 1962 with HIN: 221791 & the boat came with a mainsail with sail #103. That sail must have been a hand-me-down as boat #103, No Stress Express, is currently owned by Dan Gilboa.

If anybody has some suggestions on determining the hull number then please reach out and let us know. Thank you!
Cal 20's, what a fun boat!

Jeff Ives



hails from the fleets



Balboa Yacht club held their Little Old Ladies (and gent's) regatta on Saturday, September 18th.

ABYC was represented by Cynthia Heavrin, who finished 2nd out of 5 boats in the A fleet behind Senior Sabots sailed at ABYC the following day on September 19th and we had a good turnout with 8 boats on the start line. Perfect light wind conditions made for a nice day on the water. One mishap occurred when Kevin Thomas's mast came down after a jibe and structural failure on his boat. He managed to stay upright and was towed in by race committee. This month Scott Finkboner of MBYC took 1st place, followed with close racing with Tom Newton in 2nd and Paul Ancil in 3rd. In the B Fleet Helen Burdett had the best day on the water, mixing it up with the A fleet with improving scores on every race and a 4th place finish on the last race with the A fleet.

October is right around the corner, and the Ladies Day Regatta at ABYC is a super fun event. There is a Ladies A and B fleet, and gentlemen, you can sail too! There is a men's division, and also a mixed-C division (men and women together). Come have fun on the water and then enjoy the after sailing dinner that will be an October-Fest style meal.

The Sabot Fleet is growing, and we have charter boats available! Any questions contact Sr. Sabot Fleet Captain Cindy Heavrin at cmheavrin@verizon.net



Lido Love



The 10th annual Lido Fest West End was a huge success. The unofficial festivities started on Wednesday Helen and I were among the early arrivals. We made the trip from basin 5 to two harbors in just over 4 hours, a new record for us. Granted, we motored up to the LA lighthouse, but from there we sustained speeds from 7.5 to 8.3 knots close reaching across the channel in 20 kts of wind. Woohooo!

Wednesday evening kicked off the first group activity, gin tasting on Proud Mary. Is this what it's like to be retired? Sign me up. Thursday was a relatively quiet day. Don Taugher spent the day helping Sam Bell rescue his sunken dinghy from Howland's landing. Despite being under water (for a week?) Sam managed

to get the engine started and the leak patched. Is there anything mechanical he can't fix? Happy hour started at 4 PM aboard the appropriately named Five O'Clock Somewhere. It started with vodka tasting and appetizers, followed by Moscow Mules made with homemade ginger beer, plus fresh caught cerviche.

Friday saw the return of dinghy raft up bingo featuring Melissa's famous cheese board and Kevin's sangria. Bingo was announced by a thunderous roar (yup, real thunder). By now the group had grown to almost 40 people. Sue McDannel took home the big cash jackpot and title of next year's Lido Fleet Captain (ok it was worth a try, right?). Bingo wrapped up just before a squall passed over Catalina. Dan Gilboa was still enroute and dropped his sails before clocking gusts to 38 knots. The rain missed the Isthmus but hit other parts of the island.

Saturday had several activities to choose from including a morning kayak paddle, hiking, swimming, and diving. All leading up to the big event, the Saturday evening



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BBQ. Have you ever planned a BBQ, then realized something was missing. Sure you have, but usually it's just aluminum foil or utensils. Well how about the actual BBQ? Despite careful planning involving phone calls, emails, and actual reconnaissance confirming the availability of BBQs in Buffalo Park; the BBQs and picnic tables disappeared between Thursday evening and Friday afternoon! It appeared to be early preparation for Buccaneer Days. Fortunately the BBQ area in Cat Harbor was still available. Most of the group managed the trek across the island without the use of a taxi. The BBQ started early and went well into the evening. Afterwards, the adventurous and youthful treated their livers to some more exercise at the Star Wars bar. Photos withheld.

The sail home on Sunday was a power boater's delight. Well, at least the seas were flat for the rest of us.

This event continues to grow each year. Combined with the ABYC cruising fleet we had over 60 human participants and over 7 four legged crew. Who knows, some day it could be as big as Buccaneer Days. While Carol Clanton, Helen and I were hiking along the road past Cherry Cove we spotted a Lido 14 sailing by. It wasn't a boat we recognized. Has word of the Lido cruise spread outside of ABYC? Did they not get the memo that you were supposed to leave your Lido at home and bring the big boat? If you missed out this time, you have 12 months to plan for next year. If you don't have a boat, you still have time to build one of these. <https://www.sail-world.com/news/232834/Boat-in-a-box> Just ask Jack Johnson.

As of this printing Lido Twilights will sadly have come to a close. Thanks to all the volunteers on the water and in the kitchen. All is not over, mark your calendars for Lido de Luna and the Halloween regatta coming up this month.

Kevin Thomas



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2021 ABYC STAG CRUISE

OCTOBER 7-10TH

TWO HARBORS – SANTA CATALINA IS.



DETAILS:

Depart ABYC: Thursday, Oct 7th... 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.

Friday Evening: 5:30pm “muster” on “Summerhawk” for Beer & Brats

- *Thank you “Captain Scott” Atwood! 1st Mate, Rich Ferdon will be your grill-master*

Activities: beach, snorkeling, horseshoe competition, Frisbee-golf, etc.

Saturday Dinner: Provide your own provisions, BBQs on the beach, reserve as needed

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)



**FRIDAY, OKTOBER 8
TAPS OPEN AT 5PM**

OKTOBERFEST BEER BREWING COMPETITION

**Grab your team of up to 4 members and
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Members will vote on the winner!

**Enter your team by emailing Melissa
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**Pretzel with Beer Cheese
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Live Accordion Music at 6:30

Fall Patio Brunch

MENU

Greetings

Freshly-made coffee; orange juice,
seasonal fruits & berries platter,
select breakfast pastries & sweets,
bagels, lox, cream cheese,
red onion, capers

Omelette Bar

Made-to-order with fresh eggs
or egg whites, diced tomatoes,
onions, sliced mushrooms,
carrots, peas, scallions, ham,
shredded, grilled chicken, bay shrimp,
assorted cheeses

chili flakes, pico de gallo salsa

From the Chafers

Bacon, sausage,
Roast turkey breast , ham carving station
Chef's ranch potatoes

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NOVEMBER 7

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Bar Opens 9:00 am

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