



## new member bbq and appreciation

*Lori VanSkyhock photos*

**W**elcome to our new members **Chris and Karen Green** and their tribe, Ben, Sarah and Jessica; **Peter Christiansen** and **Katie Alfond**; **Gregory and Stephanie Brown**, **Sandy and Debris Mayuga**; **Matthew and Rebcca Green**, **Larry and Jane Fortune**, **Brian Smith**, **Eric Seitz** and daughter **Isabella**. ABYC is delighted to welcome you!

The New Member BBQ is always a fun and relaxing evening, and this year did not disappoint. Thanks to **Rich Ferdon**, **Chuck Clay**, and **Mike and Oriana Shea**, for serving up delicious burgers and brats. Musical duo Kelly Fitzgerald and Brian Pothier performed in their soulful style, which is a blend of blues, folk and rock. After the band played their last set, we didn't want the evening to end, but the beautiful sunset was proof that endings can sometimes be beautiful too.

*Lori VanSkyhock*



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Happy Hours .....	Sept 3, 10, 24
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# commodore's compass



I have just about 2 months to go with this regime. I have had a wonderful time serving you. Seems we all had a nice coming out of Covid time together. There have been numerous events that have given joy this past couple of months.

## Regattas:

Memorial Day Regatta	Naples Sabots
Men's Day	ILCA (Laser) Midwinter West Championship
OCR	Latham Bell Pursuit
Labor Day	Formula 18 Americas

## Parties:

Opening Day	Big Bang on the Bay
Club ABYC	Friday evenings
Olympics Presentation	Birthdays
Weddings	Celebrations of Life
New Member Orientation	New Member's Party

The white on the building is being painted and looking great!

There was a theft of our Chess Kings. Hoped for a couple of weeks they would return. When that did not happen, the Gaimmona's stepped in generously replacing them. Come down and challenge your friends and family to a game. It is fun.

Make sure you get out to vote.

Dan DeLave

# 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)  
Sep 17, 2021 7:00 PM 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

# vice verses



We are jumping into Fall, although really that is only in the month of November for us here in Southern California. I am looking forward to all our fun events between Labor Day and Turkey Day. Please look at the club calendar to determine when and where you'd like to enjoy our Club.

With the summer program wrapped up we are looking to get the boat yard in ship shape. We ask that everyone that has a boat out there to be mindful of keeping your space clean of trash, debris and excessive boat stuff. Please give the tires a kick too to be sure the trailer is moveable. My plan the weekend after Labor Day (Saturday morning the 11<sup>th</sup>) is to go through and pick up extra sailing parts/debris that is left around the yard. It will be placed in the lost and

found if it looks usable. Otherwise, it's going in the bin. Who wants to help? =

Cheers,  
Brooke



**A**ugust was a busy month that saw the end of the summer Jr Sailing Program. I would like to thank Sawyer and the sailing coaches who worked this past summer. I received multiple complements on the summer program and work is in progress for fall and High School sailing.

On a more somber note, Sawyer will be leaving us at the end of August. Sawyer has been with us for almost three years and the program has benefited from his leadership. We hate to see him go, but we wish him well in his future endeavors.

On a more exciting note, Stephen Long has accepted the position of Sailing Director taking Sawyer's position! Stephen worked for SBYC for 7 years, CBYC for several years, and worked for us over the summer. Stephen is highly qualified and look forward to him taking the helm!.

As fall approaches it becomes election time. I encourage everyone to vote and attend the installation dinner! See you at the club.

Mike

## us sailing membership

### JOIN US SAILING MVP PROGRAM

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.



JOIN TODAY → <https://www1.ussailing.org/membership/MPP/Default.aspx?ycid=102736L>

### Sou'Wester DEADLINE

September 24, 2021 is the deadline for the October Sou'Wester.

### Help us to Help you!

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

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# membership report

The New Member Appreciation party held August 28<sup>th</sup> saw many new and existing members in attendance who all enjoyed the evening of introductions, food, music and fun. Big thanks to Lori VanSkyHock for arranging the entertainment!

Membership numbers are again holding steady although we are in need of new members to help us get up to our 421 regular member maximum. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any ideas for membership promotion or other fun activities to attract members and friends.

In August we welcomed new Junior members Katherine Doble sponsored by Jen Christopher, Madison Mansour sponsored by Stephen Mueller and Yachting members Noah Bulhuis and Rhett Streelman both sponsored by me. Approved for 30 day posting in August was regular membership applicant Larry Fortune sponsored by Lori VanSkyHock, junior applicants Thomas Hinshaw, Nicholas Lackovic, Ari Glastein, and Henry Day all sponsored by Jen Christopher, along with junior applicants Miles and Oliver Blurton sponsored by Corey Brownnett and Alex Leach sponsored by Douglas Pearl. Wow!- that's a lot of incoming juniors. Great work to all these very active sponsors.

As always please check the ABYC website calendar for all the upcoming activities.

Lastly, I am looking for volunteers to get involved with new member promotion and ultimately someone to become a membership chairman to assist the incoming Membership director. My 4 years as director will be coming to an end and soon so the need for someone to take the reins has arisen. Please contact me if you are interested or if you know someone who may be.

Mike Shea, Membership Director

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## mark's racing rules quiz #82

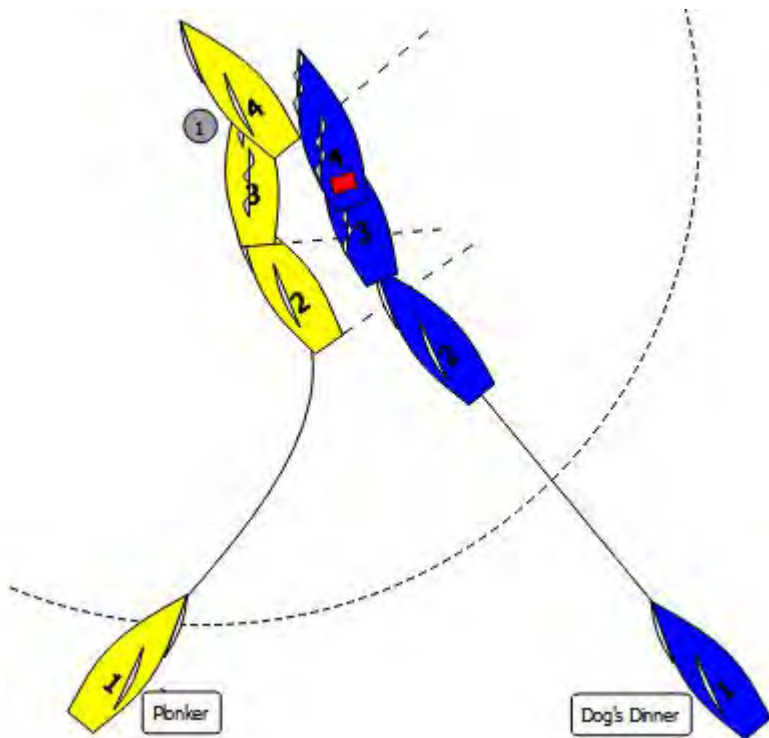
*Answer on page 10*

We just returned from Cowes Week where I was one of the protest panel chairs. Entries were down this year with only 525 boats entered due to the pandemic, they have had over 1,000 entries. However, protests remained at a brisk pace.

Plonker (Yellow) was close-hauled on port tack approaching the windward mark, which was to be left to port. Dog's Dinner (Blue) was on starboard tack fetching the mark. Plonker tacked from port to starboard in the zone ahead and a half boat length to leeward of Dog's Dinner. When Plonker completed her tack Dog's Dinner was overlapped to windward.

Plonker luffed slowly to pass the mark on the required side. At the same time Dog's Dinner luffed above close-hauled to avoid contact with Plonker and the gap closed to about 3ft. Plonker then bore away to round the mark and contact occurred between Plonker's starboard rear quarter and Dog's Dinner's port forward quarter. Dog's Dinner hailed protest and displayed a flag. There was no damage. Neither boat took a penalty.

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



# volunteering

## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

What a wonderful club we have, with outstanding volunteers who step up for our many events.

Mike VanDyke, Co-Chair of the Olympic Classes Regatta, reported over 130 volunteers assembled from ABYC, LBYC, SIBYC, and Marina Yacht Club of Long Beach to assist at the Alamitos Bay event.

We also have been blessed with sufficient volunteers for all of our regatta events so far this year. At the last General Membership meeting, nearly all of those in attendance had volunteered at least one event!

A shout out goes to Dave Kofahl who got all the mules running at once! Please honor his work by keeping the mules fueled/charged, clean, and report problems immediately to the club manager, or Vice Commodore Brooke Jolly, who is in charge of House and Yard.

Although the Cal 20 National Championships were not at ABYC this year, volunteers Chuck Hardin, Phil Soma, and Dave Kofahl helped their fellow Cal 20 fleet-mates by towing competitors to Hurricane Gulch in San Pedro on a foggy morning. Thanks to Phil who had a good compass, and all having good communications to keep each other safe from freighters in the harbor.

Social events have been staffed by set up and take down crews, decorators, flower arrangers, talent curators, and food organizers to put on our various brunches and Club ABYC evenings. Please call the ABYC office if you can help, and Sheila will give you the contact for each event.

PLEASE KEEP VOLUNTEERING!!! ABYC's culture depends on members taking ownership of our club, planning and executing events.

Although it's September, we still have many racing and social events left in the year. Please see below for events and contacts. Please volunteer to work on a committee if you don't plan to race. Many jobs can be done on land in the morning before racing begins: attaching anchors to marks, equipping chase boats; organizing the parking lot; conducting traffic on the launch ramp and at the hoists; checking in racers and volunteers; distributing lunches. After racing, there is the Protest Committee for qualified members; computer scoring; setting up the trophies for presentation, including the perpetual trophies. Of course, during the racing, there is scoring, running the Race Committee Flags; manning chase boats, setting and picking up marks via chase boats.

*Carol Kofahl*

# upcoming

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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>	
Sept. 4-5	Labor Day Regatta	Martyn Bookwalter	<a href="mailto:dmartynb@aol.com">dmartynb@aol.com</a>
		Gordon Palmer	<a href="mailto:gordonpalmer@charter.net">gordonpalmer@charter.net</a>
Sept. 8-12	Formula 18 Americas	Eileen Haubl, Chair	<a href="mailto:ehaubl@aol.com">ehaubl@aol.com</a>
Oct. 17	Ladies Day Regatta	Sheila - 562 434-9955	
Oct. 30	Halloween Charity Regatta	Carol Kofahl	<a href="mailto:carol.abyc2021@gmail.com">carol.abyc2021@gmail.com</a>

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](mailto:carol.abyc2021@gmail.com) or 714 274-5813. Please call Sheila, in the office, for social events 562 434-9955

# club

Club ABYC Party Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> – with the band Audio Avenues. We had a wonderful party on the patio with the band. At one point there were as many as 51 people dancing and talking. Great weather and brats on the Grill.





# the bay clogger

Jen Christopher photos

The Summer Sailing program was a great success. In the final few weeks of summer, our sailors put together some incredible results. Our laser team tried their luck in the windy San Francisco Bay, racing in the North American Championship, as well as the Pacific Coast Championship. In the Pacific Coast Championship we had **Nick Mueller** take 11<sup>th</sup>, **William Mueller** take 13<sup>th</sup>, and **Tanner Jolly** took 15<sup>th</sup>. At the North American Championship **Nick** got 58<sup>th</sup>, and **William** finished 66<sup>th</sup>.

The Christopher brothers had a great summer as well. The pair finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at CFJ Nationals, with **Gage** skippering and **Tate** crewing. **Tate Christopher** finished in an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> place at the Junior Single-Handed National Championship.

Our Final event of the year was the Summer sailing banquet. It was a ton of fun and a great opportunity to highlight some of the hard work all the kids put in this summer. In the first learn to sail session, our MVPs were **Ari Glatstein** and **Brooke Swezea**, with **Amelie Angelo-Newman** winning the sportsmanship award. In our second learn to sail class, we had **Jacob Churchill** and **Olivia Conner** win the MVP awards, with **Charlie Hewitt** taking sportsmanship. **Claire Williams** and **Henry Day** were our Intermediate MVPs, and **Harper Swezea** received the sportsmanship award. Our advanced Opti MVPs were **Audrey Stephenson** and **Gage Christopher**, with **Fiona Barbieto** receiving the sportsmanship award. In the Afternoon Laser class, **Chloe Pearl** and **Alex Lech** were the MVPs and **William Sangmeister** was our sportsmanship winner. **Nick Mueller** and **Tate Christopher** were the MVPs of the Laser race team and **Stewart McCaleb** received the sportsmanship award.

With Summer behind us, we're starting to focus on the Fall. We're excited to have coaches Emilia Ancil and Jack Hanson back for the fall. Paul Didham will also be returning to coach the Lasers and the High School practice.

Stephen Long



**B**rynn Jolly was awarded most outstanding sailor at the Long Beach Yacht Club Junior Program. *Congrats Brynn!*



Brooke Jolly photo



# calling all juniors

**C**alling all ABYC Juniors! It's time apply to the ABYC Junior Board for the next yacht club year that starts in October. The Junior Board at ABYC staffs and plans many social and community service events throughout the year, including: Installation Dinner in October; holiday party in December; Easter brunch; April General Meeting; Opening Day; Mother's Day brunch; various regattas; beach cleanups and other events. Your work on the Junior Board counts as community service for high school and college.

The application deadline is September 10. The Junior Board is approved by ABYC's Board of Directors in September.

Each candidate must be an ABYC member in good standing, in grades 8-12 for the upcoming school year, committed to actively work on behalf of ABYC, and be a positive role model for other juniors, at ABYC, other yacht clubs and in the community. Attendance is required at the events listed above. Application information is posted on the ABYC home page and the junior website. Please contact Jennifer Golison at [jen@golison.com](mailto:jen@golison.com) if you have any questions.

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## more new member bbq

**H**uge warm welcome to all the new members that showed up to the New Members Party and a huge high five to all the returning members who showed the new folks what ABYC is all about. Major kudos to Mike Shea for organizing the shebang! We had Mike and Rich Ferdon filling our plates up with freshly grilled burgers, brauts, and dogs. Our wonderful bartenders were filling our cups with some unique and colorful concoctions. And the lovely Kelly Fitzgerald duo was filling our souls with melodies all throughout the night. Overall it was a wonderful way for new members to dip their toes in the fun anctics that ABYC has to offer.

Speaking of dipping their toes, anyone want to guess which members went for a late night dip in the bay? I'll give you a hint, they're in the Lido Fleet... The sensible ones watched and laughed warmly by the fire pit.

Again, huge welcome to the new members and looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces around the club. And remember, a great way to meet even more people is to volunteer, hint hint wink wink

*Melissa Kirby*



# farewell from sawyer

To my ABYC Family,  
It brings mixed emotions as I announce my resignation as Sailing Director here at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. This club will always be home to me & our staff will forever and always be my family. I took over this position at twenty years old and never looked back. The accomplishments we shared in our time together will never be forgotten, not by me nor the members. I can proudly say, the future of sailing at ABYC is extremely bright. And that is a testament to the amazing support I have received from incoming Commodore Brooke Jolly as well as soon-to-be Vice Commodore Mike Van Dyke. To the man responsible for bringing me here, Rick Roberts, I can never thank you enough. For the past five years it has been a pleasure having you as a mentor. Thank you for all our conversations, your open-door policy, all of your words of wisdom and teaching me how to be a young professional. Rick and his wife have been nothing short of family to me since he brought me in to wash boats for LBYC at 17-year-old. I will be parting ways with the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club at the end of this month, and I will surely miss the Family that I have here at the Club. Before I go, I want to thank all of my Sailors, the Parents, Volunteers and Staff. After all, it's you guys that truly make ABYC *the* place to be!

Sincerely,  
*Sawyer J. Gibbs*

# spotlight on sheila mattox

She was born in Chicago and lived there until about 9 or 10 years old. Then moved to a little more "country" Clinton, Indiana. Graduated from Clinton High School. After school while she and a friend were travelling together, they visited her friend's aunt in San Diego. They liked it so much, when they got back to Indiana it was a matter of packing up and moving to California. Her first California experience was living in the aunt's house overlooking Mission Bay. She loved the view, who wouldn't? After about 5 years, left San Diego and moved to Long Beach with a different friend. Her occupation was as a nurse aide, working in nursing homes and hospitals. While she had a job in the Junior Department of the Long Beach YMCA someone suggested she look at a job opening offered by Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. She interviewed with Dave Crockett and Evan McDowell, then treasurer of ABYC and got the job.

Started Oct 1979, yes that is 42 years ago. Initially in the front office with Eleanor and Helen. Helen was retiring so Sheila took over the bookkeeping. She mentioned that someone who would know them is Steve Bloemeke.

Asked what she is looking forward to in retirement. She hesitated and said she is not quite sure. She would like to travel the United States. She has not yet been to the East Coast. When that time comes her sister, Adina, wants Sheila to move to Georgetown, Texas outside of Austin. Bugging her for about 5 years now.

In her spare time, she likes to walk, crochet, exercise with weights, and collect coins. Also enjoys reading. Stories like romance, mystery, or horror.

She had 5 siblings and 4 of them are gone. She has only the one sister in Texas left.

For the most part, she has enjoyed her job here. There have been moments of distress (her word) but overall a good experience. The changing of the Commodores and bosses bring new experiences to the table. The employees and members are like her family. She did mention that Rick is her favorite manager. Nice going Rick. She will be 66 this month on August 14th. Happy Birthday!

She met her relationship of 30 years, Dennis, while she was handing in rental paperwork for an apartment. He was a friend of the manager of the building. After she left the office, Dennis told his friend he wanted to see her and made it happen. Unfortunately, she lost him about 5 years ago.

She says the best part of this job is watching the kids grow up and have their own kids. Mentioning some of the families like, the Morfords, Bishops, Foxes as well as others.

*Dan DeLave*



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# latham bell pursuit race

Brooke Jolly photos

If you're a friend of ABYC, then you're a friend of Latham Bell, who was a fixture here at ABYC for many, many years until his tragic passing a few years ago. A huge proponent of the Junior Program's success, Latham is also a past Commodore of ABYC.

In his honor, ABYC has been holding the Latham Bell Dinghy Challenge every year since his tragic passing. Held for all boats with a Portsmouth rating of 83 or greater, as well as with a LOA of 21' or less, the Latham Bell Dinghy Challenge is a very laid back pursuit race, laid back just as Latham was. This is a race in the bay for small boats, with the Tempests and the Solings also allowed, since, well, they're kind of a big dinghy anyway, just with a keel for good keeping.

This year we were honored to have Latham's parents Richard & Susan Bell to help with race committee and trophies.

This year it turned into a Cal 20 kind of a day,

1<sup>st</sup> place Cathy Black & Todd Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> place Chris Wells & Ron Woods

3<sup>rd</sup> place Chloe & Jeff Ives

And finishing up the day in last place the honorable Tracy Conn



**B**efore Plonker (Yellow) tacked, Rule 18 did not apply, since Dog's Dinner (Blue) and Plonker were on opposite tacks and the proper course at the mark for Plonker was to tack, see rule 18.1(b). When Plonker passed through head to wind from port to starboard within the zone, rule 18.3 began to apply.

When Plonker reaches a close-hauled course at position 2, she had right of way over Dog's Dinner under rule 11. At that moment Plonker had to initially give Dog's Dinner room to keep clear under rule 15. Plonker then luffs to round the mark and then bears away as she passes the mark. Plonker, a right-of-way boat changing course, is required to give Dog's Dinner room to keep. When contact occurs at position 4, Dog's Dinner broke rule 11.

If the protest committee decides that Plonker initially gave Dog's Dinner room to keep clear as required by rule 15 and gave Dog's Dinner room to keep clear when she changed course as required by rule 16.1. Then Plonker is not exonerated for her breach of rule 11 as she was not sailing within the room to which she was entitled.

If the protest committee decides either that Plonker did not initially give Dog's Dinner room to keep clear as required by rule 15, or did not give Dog's Dinner room to keep clear when she changed course as required by rule 16.1. Then Plonker is exonerated for her breach of rule 11 as she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled.

Both boats break rule 14. It was reasonably possible for Plonker to not bear away as much, but Plonker is exonerated for her breach of 14 as she was the right-of-way boat, and the contact did not cause damage or injury. Dog's Dinner is exonerated if Plonker broke either rule 15 or rule 16.1, but she is not exonerated if Plonker did not.

If Plonker did not break either rule 15 or rule 16.1 then the following conclusions would apply.

## CONCLUSIONS

- 1) After Plonker passed head to wind from port to starboard inside the zone and was then fetching the mark she caused Dog's Dinner to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact. Plonker broke rule 18.3.
- 2) Plonker the right-of-way boat did not act to avoid contact with Dog's Dinner when it was reasonably possible. Plonker broke RRS 14.
- 3) Since Plonker was right-of way boat and the contact did not cause damage or injury, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(c) for breaking RRS 14.
- 4) Dog's Dinner to windward failed to keep clear of Plonker to leeward and broke RRS 11.
- 5) Dog's Dinner did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible to do so and broke rule 14.

## DECISION

Plonker is DSQ.

Dog's Dinner is DSQ.

See you on the water

*Mark Townsend*

Plonker - British slang; someone who is stupid.

Dog's Dinner - British slang; a situation, event, or piece of work that is chaotic, badly organized, or very untidy.

# cruising

## Howland's Landing Cruise- 2021

The ABYC Cruising Club/Lido Cruise is just about one month away! It's not too early to start planning. This is our last on water cruise of 2021 and we are looking forward to seeing many of you out there. Final details are being developed, but we want to share some of the plans we currently have.

Where: Howland's Landing, Catalina

When: Thursday, September 23 – Monday, September 27

What: Dinghy Happy Hours Thursday and Friday

Dinner on own Saturday – Let's keep it simple

Sunday a day to relax in the quiet of the Cove

Socially distanced activities Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Reminder: The onshore facility at Howland's Landing belongs to the Los Angeles Yacht Club.

We are there as guests. It is our responsibility to respect the rules and traditions regarding the cove. Always leave the venue in better condition than you found it. If you pack it in -please pack it out.

Remember: Moorings are based on a first come - first served basis. We don't anticipate any concerns with moorings, but it is best to arrive early. Last year we had almost 20 boats attending. This year we anticipate a larger turnout. Please plan accordingly.

As we get closer to the date more detailed plans will be shared.

Looking forward to a great weekend!

*Alan Cunningham*



# whiskey

## tasting

On Saturday, July 24 ABYC's cruisers, family, and friends made the intrepid journey to the locally famous Stave Whiskey Bar, located at 170 Promenade N. in downtown Long Beach. The purpose of their journey was to unlock the mysteries and vapors of the world of whiskey.

Mari Heaney, Maker's Mark Distillery Diplomat for Southern California provide insightful instruction regarding the differences and subtleties of the whiskey maker's distilling processes, the use of various grains, and heating agents.

Who knew that Irish Whiskey is distilled x times, Scotch Whiskey y times and American Bourbon z times? What impact do such processes have on the aroma, taste, and alcohol content of the product? Well, we do after Mari Heaney's skillful and comprehensive explanation.

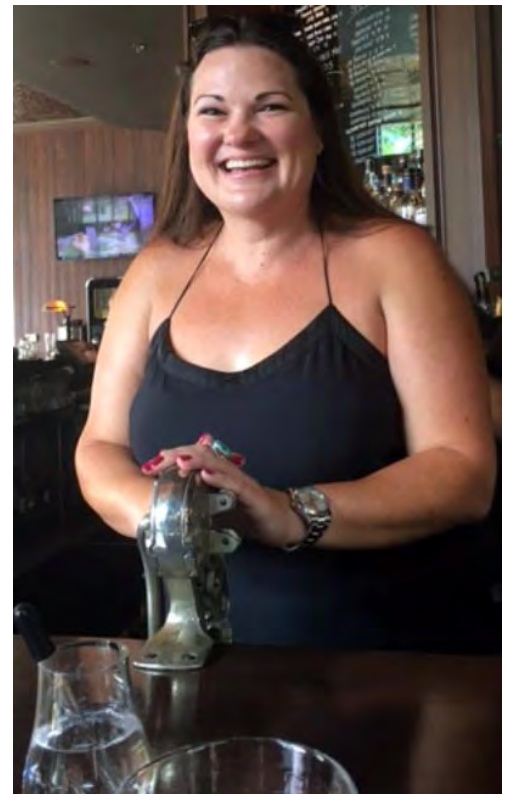
Although we are not yet certified whiskey tasters, we are more knowledgeable and more discerning consumers. If you want to know such secrets, you will just have to attend our next whiskey event!

We thank Mari Heaney and Natalie van Waardenburg, the Stave's Manager for their thoughtful and generous presentation and look forward to many more visits to The Stave to refine our skills.

*Alan Cunningham*

Attendees at the event were:

Ron & Carol Clanton, Eric Seitz and Lila Carol, Betty & Mike Baumann, Jennifer & Steve Kuritz, James Higgins & Ila Haverkorn, Katy & Alan Cunningham







## 5<sup>th</sup> Cal 20 Class Championships Wrap Up

Thank you Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club and 37 Participating Cal 20's - *one design at its' best*  
A great turnout of stoked Cal 20 sailors coupled with a great host yacht club and a variety of weather conditions resulted in a fabulous regatta. 37 Cal 20's raced (including 29 Gold fleet and 7 Bronze fleet boats) showing once again that the Cal 20 is one of the *strongest* one-design keel boat classes on the West Coast. Not too bad for a 60 year old design!

Multi time Cal 20 champions Keith Ives and crew Chuck Stevens claimed their fifth Cal 20 Class Championship in a strong fleet of 29 boats. Racing took place in the venerable Hurricane Gulch inside Los Angeles Harbor with varied conditions including light air sailing to full on Gulch conditions on Saturday. Peak winds were recorded at 25 knots on Saturday with average breeze registered in the high teens. The 1960's vintage Cal 20 design was targeted to handle windy conditions and most boats held up with three boats suffering breakdowns.

Locals Mike Burch and Kenny Dair were in a strong position to win the championship winning four of the seven races, but suffered a dis-qualification on a protest on Saturday, which knocked them down to fifth place. The Cal 20 Championship rules of conduct stipulate that no throw outs be allowed which places added emphasis on consistency. The Ives/Stevens team did not win any races, but managed to sail with single digit scores in each race.



The talk of the regatta in addition to the windy Saturday conditions was the youth team led by 14-year-old Noah Stapleton of CBYC who came in third place (missing out on a tiebreaker for second place to Steve George). Noah previously won the 2021 CFJ Nationals and out sailed many Cal 20 sailors who have decades of experience on the helm of these vintage keelboats. Cal 20 Class President Richard Welsh from CBYC has been actively recruiting junior sailors to helm Cal 20's in order to recruit future and more youthful

sailors to the class.

In the seven boat Bronze fleet, William Dimpfl earned four firsts in the four race Bronze series to capture first place. The Cal 20 has successfully hosted a Bronze fleet for intermediate and beginning level racers to provide skill and experience level diversity.

[Click here to see results scorecard](#)

### Perpetual Trophy Award Winners

**Class Champions:**

**Neal Baker 2nd Place Finisher:**

**Masters Champion:**

**Bud Gardiner (leader going into last day):**

**Top Finishing Woman Skipper:**

**Bravura (best looking boat):**

**The Hank (opposite of above):**

Keith Ives and Chuck Stevens (Rubber Dog 2)

Steven George (Magic Bus)

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Mike Burch (Bandini Mountain)

Cathy Black-Smith (PCH)

William Dimpfl (No Worries)

Mike Sentovich (Convicts on Tour)

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# hails from the fleets

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Cal 20's beating to weather with a COSTCO container ship in the background in the LA Harbor shipping lane (that we stayed out of btw)



Starting line action with 29 Cal 20's fighting for a clear lane to weather



Senior Sabots were in the bay on August 22, and we had competitive sailing with perfect conditions. Thank you race committee! This month Scott Finkboner of MBYC took 1<sup>st</sup> place, followed by Mark Ryan of Leeway Sailing Center and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Cindy Heavrin. In the B Fleet, Bob Anderson had a good day followed by John Hauck who sailed in one of the newly refurbished charter boats.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- September 18, BYC LOL (Little Old Ladies and gents) Regatta
- September 19, ABYC Sabot Sunday Sailing
- October 17, ABYC Ladies Day (and gents) Regatta
- November 13, SDYC SCWSA Regatta

October is right around the corner, and the Ladies Day Regatta at ABYC is a really 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](mailto:cmheavrin@verizon.net).





# hails from the fleets

## L<sup>14</sup>

Lido Love



If you were one of the few boats that showed up at the August 19<sup>th</sup> twilights you missed out on a great regatta 84 miles south. I've been to ten Lido Class Championships and this was the best. Our friends at MBYC went all out to make this an event to remember. From the welcome party at the Dryden residence to the custom printed Lido napkins, no detail was too big or too small to tackle. 50 boats participated in the event, with 14 from Alamitos Bay. Mission Bay and Oceanside also had strong turn outs. Several other fleets, including Newport, Marina Del Rey, Morro Bay, Sacramento, Portland and Seattle were also represented.

The conditions were challenging with winds ranging from 6 to 12 knots and 20+ degree wind shifts across the course.



The competition was tough with talent deep into the silver flight. In the end Greg Dair and Nick McCabe were crowned the new class champions, with Erik Shampain and Bobbie Sterbins a close second. The top finishers from ABYC were Chris Raab in 4<sup>th</sup> with crew Dina Corsi, Mike Shea and Brian McLean in 6<sup>th</sup>, and Grant Hill and Carolina Ternero in 7<sup>th</sup>. The Silver Flight was packed with A fleet sailors. The awards ceremony was reminiscent of an Academy Awards show with John Gresham and Chris May not winning, then winning, then finally not winning the Silver flight. After the accounting firm finished deliberations Gresham was given second place. Scott and Missy Scarbrough took 5<sup>th</sup> place in their first Lido nationals.

don't worry there is still fun to be had this coming month. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Lido Fest West End is returning to Howland's Landing Catalina on September 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Kevin Thomas*

*Sue McDannel photos*

Fleet Captain Helen has always wanted to do flags on the committee boat. She finally had her chance during a recent twilights evening.





# hails from the fleets



Our own Mark Golison and Eric Conn traveled to San Diego for the DragonFlite 95 National Championship Regatta. After 24 races, Mark Golison squeaked out a win by 3 points over Steve Landau from Georgia to become the 2021 National Champion. While Alamitos Bay Friday night twilights have lagged due to the many other summer sailing events, racing continues at El Dorado Park with the Helmsmen Model Yacht Club, and at Mason Lake with Orange County Model Sailing Club.

*Don Shirley*



*There are several members sailing in the basin or at LBYC on a Friday evening. Here is a picture of the Racin in the Basin.*



# election voting schedule

## Voting Dates and Times:

Wednesday - Friday Sept. 1st - 3rd 8:30AM to 4:00PM - **Office**

Friday, Sept. 3rd - 4:00PM to 8:00PM - **Patio**

Wednesday - Friday Sept. 8th - 10th 8:30AM to 4:00PM - **Office**

Friday, Sept. 10 - 4:00PM to 8:00PM - **Patio**

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11th - 12th 8:30AM - 12PM **Office**

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11th - 12th - 12PM to 4:00 PM - **Patio**

Wednesday-Friday Sept. 15th - 17th 9:00AM to 4:00PM **Office**

Friday, September 17th - 9:00AM to 4:00PM **Office 4:00PM - 8:00 8:00PM - 2nd Deck**

**Election Day 9/17/19 - Polls close promptly at 8:00PM.**

The results will be announced at the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 General Membership meeting.

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God has comforted us in our sorrow. 2 Corinthians 1:4*

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# candidates for the board

## Jason Mullen

**K**erry, Jack, Rowan and I joined the ABYC family 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 4 years ago when I bought Hallelujah, our Newport 33, which lives in Basin 5. Kerry and I both love the freedom it represents and sailing culture on the whole.

I volunteer on a regular basis: Regattas, spruce ups, helping to maintain the whalers, basically wherever I can be useful. Every volunteer experience is an opportunity to learn more about the club and the craft. Most recently I was responsible for the beach, yard and ramp during the Olympic Classes Regatta.

Initially I was reluctant to actively participate due to my lack of experience but I've learned that ABYC is a tremendously supportive place, a safe place to learn new skills. I want to get that message out to the membership.

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.

One of my primary goals, if elected, will be to develop member involvement in club activities. To ensure that people like my family, with a sincere desire to learn but limited or developing sailing knowledge, have the confidence to participate.

With my management background, sincere desire to see the sport flourish and *mostly* amenable demeanor, as well as Martyn Bookwalter's solid endorsement of "Yeah, he's alright", I feel confident I'm an excellent candidate for the ABYC Board.

## Gabe Ferramola:

**T**he past two seasons have been a pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors, one as Social Activities Committee Director and most recently serving as Fleet Captain working with Race Management and our Port Captain to maintain our fleet of committee boats. Yet, as we all know one season barely counted, so I look forward for the opportunity to continue to be of service to our wonderful club.

I have been a long time member, since the mid 70's, sailing in the 470 fleet and ocean racing and cruising, including seven TransPacs and a trans-Atlantic crossing. I am an active sailor with the Lido Fleet, having served as Fleet Measurer and Captain, and also active with the Viper Fleet.

When not at the club I am employed at Sun Engineering Services as Project Manager for SoCalGas pipeline and valve projects. My wife Cheryl and I live in Rossmoor, and have two grown kids.



# candidates for the board

## Tiffany McIntosh

Hi. My name is Tiffany McIntosh and I have been a member of ABYC for over a year now. However, over many years I attended many dinners, regatta's, events etc and I have several friends that are sailors and non-sailors (like myself) who I have enjoyed socializing with over the years. That is in part why I decided to be a member of ABYC and its dedication to supporting kids in the sailing culture.

I love supporting the galley, the BBQ, sitting at the tables enjoying this beautiful club and all the social activities the club has to offer and I look forward to continuing that tradition.

As a Board member, I would try to bring more non-sailors into the club to enjoy what we have and introduce them to the lifestyle. Especially during the summer time wet Wednesday type of sailing. I'm an educator and know lots of people free during the summer :)



## Michael Oliver

I started in the ABYC junior program at the age of 7 where our future Commodore, Brooke, and Latham Bell were my beginner instructors. I served on the junior board and went on to teach sailing at the club at age 15! I've been sailing for 29 years in sabots, lidos, FJs, 29ers, Lasers and various keelboats at the junior, high school and collegiate level.

I also was fleet manager at Southern California's largest sailing charter company for 4 years. I hold a USCG Captains license and yacht brokers license as well. Three years ago, I rejoined as an adult and it has been the best decision of my adult life.



The club means a lot to me because of the friendships I have made, the lessons it has taught me, and the lessons it will teach future generations of sailors.

As a board member, I would hope to nurture programs that are successful and improve ones that are not.

## James Baurley

Hi, I'm James Baurley. Nice to meet you all. Professionally I'm a data scientist at a life sciences company. I'm from Mammoth Lakes. I'm sure I've seen a few of you on the 395 while we are driving down to ABYC for a weekend. We spend most the summer around ABYC where my son sails in the junior program.

I am active in the Viper 640 and Laser fleets. My Viper team is preparing to compete in the Viper 640 North Americans in Connecticut this October. I've been a member of ABYC since 2017.



I'd hope to help bring perspectives to the board as a racer and a parent of a kid growing up at ABYC. I'd like to help develop programs to encourage parents and kids to get out on the water. Thanks for your consideration.



# candidates for the board

## Mike Van Dyke

It's an honor to be asked to run again for the Board of Directors of ABYC. Since joining ABYC in 2008 my family and I have enjoyed the many activities the club has to offer to its members. We currently co-own and race a Cal-20. My wife, Liza and I enjoy and cherish the friendships we have made.

### Club Activities

Over the years, I had the pleasure to serve the membership on the Trust Lease Hold fund and helped develop the investment guidelines to ensure consistency in investment strategy and limiting the level of risk taking that is involved in such activities. I have served on the Board of Directors for three years and was responsible for the Youth Program, Race Management and have chaired the Junior Activity Committee and oversaw the successful transition of our Junior Director to Sawyer Gibbs. This year as Rear Commodore I had the pleasure to be responsible for youth activities. I am also a past Cal 20 Class President, current Co-President of CISA and active in helping bring the Olympics to LB. Throughout the years I have volunteered and operated support boats and acted as the principal race officer for events hosted by the club.

### Relevant Experience

Professional – The Shadden Group/Graystone Consulting @ Morgan Stanley – Yachting Activities – My background, like most of our members, learning in Sabots, graduating to Lasers, Snipes, J-24s, Cal-20's and then keelboats. Over the years I have been very fortunate to participate in local, national, and international events and hold several elapsed times records as crew for offshore sailing. Liza and I are long time partners in our powerboat, Luna Azul and spend summer weekends in Catalina.

I believe my greatest skill set, is my experience and the understanding of our responsibility, as a board member, to ensure the proper process, procedures, and transparency of all board actions. We need to ensure we preserve and celebrate our rich tradition and heritage while at the same time advancing our club forward. Our sport and members expectations are evolving as well as external opportunities (LA2028) for us to be involved and there is a need for strong leadership. I hope to contribute to all aspects representing the membership.

## David T. Crockett

Except for a break during college, I have been a member of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club since 1960. I grew up sailing Guppys, Sabots, Lasers, Lido 14s, Snipes, Cal20s and many more. I currently sail a Lido 14 with no intention of racing her. I sailed in the ABYC junior sailing program in the 1960s, and have helped run regattas and social activities at ABYC since the 1970s. I previously served on the ABYC Board from 1996 until 2002, and was Commodore in 2001– our 75th year.

As a member of the ABYC Board I would bring knowledge and perspective to the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club board from my almost 60 years as an ABYC member and previous time on the ABYC Board.

I wish to continue the tradition of excellence that Alamitos Bay Yacht Club has so that it carries beyond our 100th year. ABYC is a special place with a long tradition of excellence in sailing, racing and social activities. I look forward to helping ABYC continue to be a special place.







# **Taco Bar @ the BBQ!**

**Sunday, September 5  
3:30'ish – 5:00'ish  
\$5.00/Plate –  
Sold at the Bar**

**Two Tacos (Flour or Corn)  
Shredded Pork & Chicken,  
Cheese, Sour Cream,  
Red & Green Salsas,  
Guacamole,  
Chopped Lettuce & Onion,  
&  
Sliced Watermelon  
.....Yum!**





# Psychadelic 60s



## Beach Bash!

**Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>**



**5:30 \*Bar Opens**  
**\*Lava Lamps On!**

**6:00 \*Classic 60s Supper**  
**Starters:** Ruffles & Lipton Onion  
Soup Dip, Swedish Meatball with  
Lingonberry sauce, Pigs in a Blanket

**Main:** Wedge Salad, Sloppy Joe's,  
Mac 'n Cheese Bar w/select  
toppings, Chicken a la King, Jello,  
Tie-Dye Cupcakes (Can You Dig It?)

**6:30 \*Music from the 60s-90s,**  
**Classic Rock & Blues by**  
**ASK ANDY** who wanna' get  
you out on the dance floor  
and **GROOVE** with us!



**RSVP by Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**\$20/Hippies (11 & up)**  
**\$10/Lil'Hippies (5-10)**  
**(sheila@abyc.org)**

**\*After Sept. 8\***  
**Add \$10/\$5**

**(Sorry Dude, No Exceptions)**

**\*Hey Man,**  
**be sure to**  
**dress GROOVY!**

**\*Prizes for**  
**Best Theme**  
**Attire!**

**Dress in your WOODSTOCK best**  
**And join us for a night of**

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**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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**Special Bar Food Available for  
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**Pretzel with Beer Cheese  
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**Live Accordion Music at 6:30**



# 2021 ABYC STAG CRUISE

OCTOBER 7-10<sup>TH</sup>

**TWO HARBORS – SANTA CATALINA IS.**



## DETAILS:

**Depart ABYC: Thursday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>... 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! 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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)