

# Sou' Wester



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raft up

**G**ads, how does one figure out a way to spend a Saturday evening when we're not supposed to travel or get within six feet of anyone other than who you live with and when there are no bars or restaurants or the Club open? Simple, just email or text a few of your ABYC friends (little advance warning is needed) and suggest a sunset rafting. The Taughers, Heavrin/Reeds, Clantons, Bells and Ott-Conns had a perfectly delightful time one January evening...wish you all were there!

*Dana Bell*



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## save the date

Friday Night Patio ..... Feb 5, 12, 19, 26  
Super Bowl ..... February 7  
Zoom Membership Meeting ..... February 19

[Full ABYC Calendar](#)

## manager's corner



**A**t a recent General Membership meeting, members asked about how the ABYC employees are doing and how they are getting along through this pandemic. The short answer is that our regular staff is doing just fine. But rather than have me write about it, I have asked them to express their thoughts to you in their own words.

**Sheila Mattox** - "I am doing well. I feel very lucky that I haven't had any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus and haven't felt the need to be tested. I can say I survived 2020 and even survived the toilet paper shortage!"

"This has been a time I will not soon forget. After having stay-at-home orders for seven months, it is great being back at the club and seeing familiar faces, even though they are covered with face masks. I am looking forward to getting back to some kind of normal. I think most of us are doing our due diligence."

"I wish everyone good health. Stay safe."

**Jenny LaForce** - "I am fine. I put one foot in front of the other, and just keep going. There is nothing that we can do, other than stay safe. I do miss seeing everyone here at the club."

"When Sheila came back along with Damian, Dwayne and Sawyer it felt like we were beginning to get back to something normal. Before that, it was just Rick, Cole and me."

"I am looking forward to getting back to regattas, our bar and seeing boats going by my window."

**Cole Rajsombath** - "I'm getting along just fine. Working on the lawn, the bathrooms and the race committee room door [Morford Room]."

Regarding the COVID-19 health pandemic, Cole said, "It's unfortunate that our members don't get to fully enjoy the club as much as they usually do. I'm working hard on the lawn so our members will have something to look forward to when this is over."

**Sawyer Gibbs** - "Crazy to think we are coming up on one year since the club had to be closed. Not having the members around has been tough since we are such a family-based club. But soon enough, we'll all be back on the water, hopefully in time for a fun summer of sailing at ABYC."

**Damian Teofilo** - "I'm getting by," Damian said. "Being with my family makes it a lot easier."

When asked about his work around the club, he said, "I try to keep the place nice and tidy. I missed a couple of months in the beginning. but we caught up quickly."

In talking about the coronavirus shutdown, Damian said, "I miss seeing many of our members and the events we usually hold. I am looking forward to seeing everybody again when we get through this."

**Dwayne Samples** - "I'm getting along well," Dwayne said. "Working here is kinda like family... outside of your family. It is like being at home. Of course, it's a job. But rarely do you find people and management that are like family."

When asked about the health crisis and shutdowns, Dwayne said, "I am looking forward to getting back to some type of 'new' normal."

May God bless you and your families and keep you safe.

Rick

## commodore's compass



**R**ainbow for us? Things are looking up.

Things are getting more positive. Just this week we have gone back to the previous "lock down" protocols. We will be able to loosely hang out with some tables on the patio as well as opening the galley. We still cannot go in the building and use the bar, but we will try to have some fun outside with the galley acting as a bar for Friday evenings. Welcome back!

I have spent some time evaluating and studying the Harbor changes proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers. We are about to have kelp, eelgrass, and reefs to deal with. I feel that the most important issue is the safety problems. Other concerns are that the sailing and boating venue we have used historically and reasonably for the passed 60 years will be change significantly. It will also limit fair access from the beach due to "shallow" reefs. There is a group put together calling themselves the Long Beach Safe Boating and Fair Access Alliance who will be able to keep the public more informed.

Soft Opening this Friday: We have an opportunity now to start getting acquainted again. With the December restrictions being rolled back to the November restrictions we can start with a Friday evening get together. It will be an

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outdoor affair served from the Galley. We will have just the beer that is on tap down there and one each of a red and white wine. Not much to choose but at least we have a beginning. I have also asked that there be a small amount of food prepared. Do not yet know what it is but...

**From now the Galley will be opened Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 to 3:30.**

Superbowl: We are planning on having a Superbowl **event** (not party) at the club. It will be outside. We will bring the TV from upstairs and put it under the eaves for some shade to watch it.

**Remember we are still under the restrictions of space and masks. If you are not drinking or eating, you are required to wear a mask. Please be considerate for all our sakes. We cannot abuse this privilege, or we may be shut down.**

*Dan DeLave*



## Sou'Wester DEADLINE

February 23, 2021 is the deadline for the March Sou'Wester.

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Sounds like we will have closed out January with some well-needed, wet weather. If you have a boat in the yard please be sure to mosey on down to the boat yard to make sure your yacht is not holding a bunch of water. And, while you are at it, please give your trailer tires a good kick. We are seeing lots of flat tires in the yard. Not a pretty sight.

I am in the midst still of collecting and sorting roofing and solar bids. We have preliminary bids in hand and have asked for some tweaks on the solar bids to be sure we are getting the most accurate information based upon the club's needs. I would like to thank Ed Feo for helping the board go through them. It has been a great help. A shout-out to Maria Milefchik as well for her highly skilled material management advice!

I hope all are staying healthy!

*Brooke Jolly*

## rear



Gosh. Just when I thought we were reaching a point of a break in the sky, the dark clouds of the plague of 2020 still linger over us. Hopefully we'll get some relief from vaccinations when they arrive. It all seems to be moving in slow motion...unlike the America's Cup boats! At least we now have some sailing to watch which is spectacular while we wait for our vaccinations.

The junior program is still in pause mode while we wait for a more safe and appropriate time to have our juniors back. We are planning a modified, spring sailing "opportunity" for our members kids dependent on the status of the city and county with regards to the virus. We'll start small with limited number of singlehanded boats both inside and outside the bay and then assess

where we are and our ability to keep everyone safe. Look for information from our Jr Director, Sawyer in the coming month.

Some of you might have seen US Sailing has started a US Open Sailing Series. There is an East Coast and West Coast Series of three events each. Our Olympic Class Regatta will be the second stop on the West Coast leg between San Diego and San Francisco. Our regatta will run July 9-11<sup>th</sup> and will feature the Olympic Class boats as well as the youth development boats. This regatta each year will become the precursor event leading up the LA28 Olympics. Look for request for volunteers in the coming months as we get a better gauge of what a summertime regatta will look like based on the pandemic.

Hope to see you soon!

*Mike VanDyke*

## fleet captain's



Our busy race season should have been upon us by now. Midwinters and Manning regattas cancelled, Laser Midwinters are marginal if not cancelled, yet there's a glimmer of hope for the Club Championships in May! Now there's a reason to get out sailing with your fleet, and determine who will represent. This year the Lido Fleet will generously provide several of their boats for the event. While the club has been relatively quiet of regattas, our members are still actively planning for quite a few events in the near future, including the Olympic Classes Regatta and planning for the Olympics. Martyn has brought the whalers into top shape, and I believe Chuck Clay and Kevin Brown have set up bunks in Patience so they can keep preening her into immaculate condition.

The Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs are also not sitting quietly have rescued a couple the outside racing buoys that washed ashore and replaced them with new ones. They are all back in, anchored and ready for action. This group will also be playing an active role regarding the proposed Corps of Engineers Reef Project and defend our sailing playground, and keep it from becoming a serious hazard to all boaters.

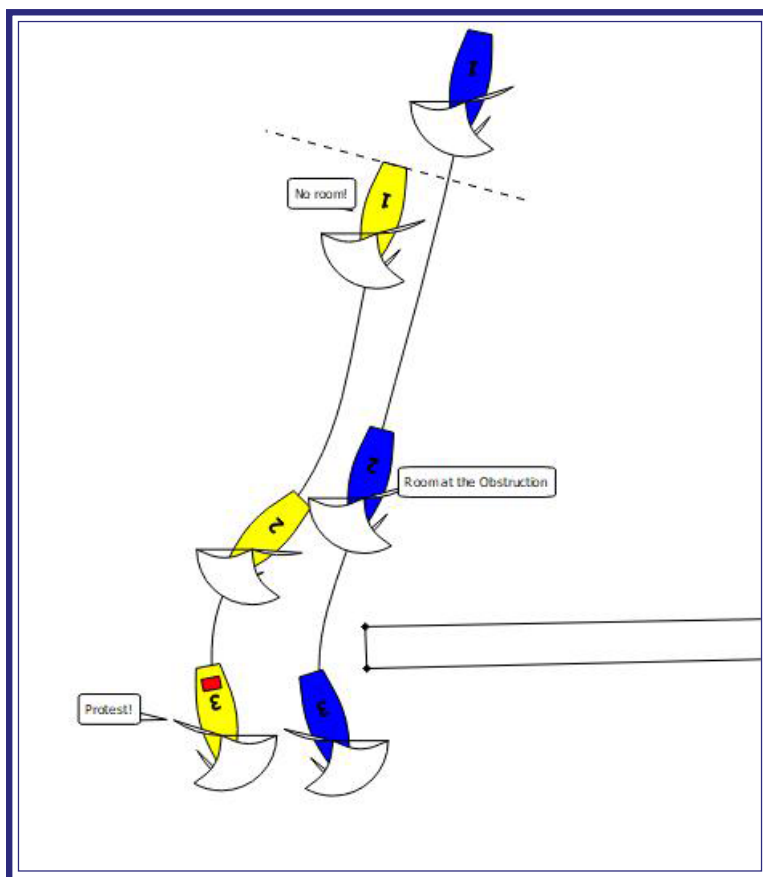
See you all out at the club!

*Gabe Ferramola*

**Y**ellow and Blue are running downwind towards the end of a breakwater, which is a mark of the course. At three boat lengths from the breakwater, Yellow is clear ahead and calls "no room." Blue obtains an inside overlap between 1 and 2 boat lengths from the end of the breakwater and asks for room at the obstruction. Yellow luffs and gives Blue room and hails protest. There was no contact. Neither boat took a penalty.

Yellow says she wasn't entitled to mark-room. Blue agrees but claims she was entitled to room to pass the obstruction under rule 19.

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



## membership report

**W**e are all very excited to learn the city will now allow outdoor gatherings at the club. It's been far too long since we have been able to do what we do best- enjoy the friendships and comradery of our fellow members. There will likely be some restrictions for the time being but it's time to come back down and enjoy the club.

Despite the previous social restrictions there continues to be plenty of sailing and boat work throughout the club. Chuck Clay and Kevin Brown have been working tirelessly on the new Patience. The results of the woodwork, new finishes, and structural reinforcing is impressive to say the least.

For January/February we have posted Yachting Member candidate Peter Christiansen. Peter recently moved to Southern California from the east coast and is eager get back into dinghy sailing. He's looking for a Lido...just saying.

Hope to see all of you at the club very soon. The light at the end of the COVID tunnel is as bright as ever.

Mike Shea, Membership Director

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# the bay clogger

Junior sailing remains quiet in Long Beach as we (hopefully) approach the end of regional shutdowns. Soon enough we will all be back doing what we love, spending time on the water. Our juniors are chomping at the bit for any opportunity to get on the water & when that opportunity presents itself, they will arrive like a wild stampede. As we get closer to the spring season, more information will be announced regarding possible group sailing. Until then, I wish you all good health & look forward to seeing you at the club!

Sawyer



*This stud (Brynn Jolly) went out to practice in cold, rainy weather. Not often you have to bail your boat out before it hits the water!*

## eight bells

It is with great sadness that I inform you of ABYC member Terry Huguet passed away suddenly on January 19th. Terry bought his first boat in 1964 and taught himself to sail and then race. He became an ABYC member in 2011 and is partners in Cal 20 #628 Rambunctious that is in the ABYC boat yard.

Please keep the Huguet family in your prayers.

Dan DeLave

It is with great sadness that I inform you Charlie Crockett former ABYC member, Laser sailor and middle son of members David J. and Susan Crockett, passed away peacefully today, January 24, 2021, surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Please keep the Crockett family in your prayers.

Dan DeLave

**NEW GALLEY HOURS  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
8:00 TO 3:30**

**R**ule 19 applies between two boats at an obstruction except when the obstruction is a mark the boats are required to leave on the same side. See rule 19.1(a). As Blue was clear astern at the time Yellow reached the zone, she must give Yellow room to sail to mark.

## CONCLUSION

1. Blue clear astern at the time Yellow reached the zone failed to give Yellow mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b).

## DECISION

Blue is DSQ in the race.

See you on the water.

*Mark Townsend*

## Got Sails?

The Juniors are collecting old sails to recycle into duffle bags and other gear. Clean out your boat and garage! Simply drop off your old sails in the designated collection bin in the junior room.

## zoom membership meetings

**D**an 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

First: Feb 19, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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

Feb 19, 2021	7:00 PM
Mar 19, 2021	7:00 PM
Apr 16, 2021	7:00 PM
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Jul 16, 2021	7:00 PM
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Join Zoom Meeting

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Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

# SUPER BOWL

Sunday, February 7

Bar Opens at 2:00 pm • Kick-Off 3:30 pm

Join Your  
Friends  
at ABYC

Viewing



Pizza \$1.00/Slice  
Beer/Wine/Mixed  
Drinks for Sale

# **CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE!**



***Please Donate a Sabot and/or  
Parts for the ABYC Junior Program!***

**Used Sabot Sails**

**Masts & Booms (Wood/Metal)**

**Leeboards & Rudders**

**Leeboard Handles**

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***(262) 719-8438***

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# hails from the fleets



**A** Gift of Love to the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Junior and Senior Sabot Fleet Bruce and Pam Gallaher, avid sailors, were active Cal 20 and Senior Sabot sailors at ABYC in the early 90s. They left Alamitos Bay Yacht Club over 25 years ago, following their growing family first to the Jersey Shore, then San Francisco Bay, and finally to the lakes of the Pacific Northwest where Bruce grew up.

Bruce and Pam took great care of their two Phoenix Sabots, but were unhappy that they were not using them. Happily they stayed in touch with ABYC via the Sou'Wester and happened to see the flyer asking for Sabots and parts to rebuild the junior and senior fleets. They decided to consider donating their much-loved boats to the ABYC senior and junior Sabot fleets where they could be chartered, sailed, maintained, and could help to regrow the junior and senior fleets.

The decision to donate the boats worked out well because Bruce and Pam decided to spend the holiday season on the Peninsula near ABYC, so they brought the boats with them with the idea of donation in mind. They spent lots of time sailing on the Bay (every day except one, when it rained!), and visiting their daughter Gail who lives nearby.

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, Gail, Pam and I had fun sailing the Bay in a light, pleasant breeze, ending up at ABYC where we carefully derigged their two boats and settled them into their new home at ABYC. Bruce said that it was difficult to say goodbye to the boats because of all the happy memories that they had given to he and Pam.

Fortunately, his daughter Gail lives in Lakewood, so we are looking forward to seeing them again soon and to get the whole family out on the water in Sabots. We are very grateful to have two good Sabots to add to our fleets, thanks to Bruce and Pam.

*Kathy Weishampel*



**W**e were unable to sail in January due to the COVID restrictions, but we are hopeful to get on the water for the next Sabot Sunday scheduled for February 21. Sabot Fleet look for an email to confirm. If you would like to join the Sr. Sabot Fleet, for our friendly fun Sabot Sunday sailing (as soon as COVID restrictions are lifted) contact Fleet Captain Cindy Heavrin at [cmheavrin@verizon.net](mailto:cmheavrin@verizon.net) to get on the email list. Sailing a Sabot is the best boat to have for social distancing, no worries with crew and fun to sail.

If you don't have a Sabot but would like to sail, Kathy Weishampel and Tom Newton rebuilt donated Sabots and they will soon be available to charter for Seniors and Juniors at ABYC. Kathy recently received 2 good donation boats and is excited to get things lined up for charter and future lessons for new Senior Sailors. As soon as things start opening up from the COVID restrictions, we will try to get something on the calendar for lessons.

Speaking of the calendar, mark your calendar for the 1st weekend of June for Senior Sabot Nationals at ABYC. This is a 2-day event June 5-6, 2021.

Hope everyone is staying healthy and hope to see you on the water soon!



# hails from the fleets



**D**espite the cold weather, Cal 20's are hot! While we haven't been sailing much since the Fun Run in Demember, lots has been going on. Todd & Cathy Black-Smith have completed their mast spreader repair, the rig is back up, and #101 PCH is ready to rock.

Steve George did a major refurbish on #363 Magic Bus, including painting, gelcoat, varnish, removing and installing new cabin bunks, re-rigging, and a whole lot more. Magic Bus is done and when Steve has the cover off, check her out. Beautiful!

The former Sweet Bippy, now About A Girl #1506, owned by Blaine Brown, recently had her mast stepped and is in the final stages of rigging and completing a whole boat makeover. Blaine passed the bar exam not long ago and is working full time as a lawyer. Somehow, he has found time to nearly complete this project. Can't wait to see About A Girl out on the water.

Keith Ives & Chuck Stevens removed the plywood bunks on #09 Rubber Dog and have glassed in brand new ones like Magic Bus. Out with the soft, spongy, in with the new and stiff. Keith & Chuck likely have some other new additions for the upcoming season as well.



Bryce Hans & Keith Polmanteer purchased Cal 20 hull #261 from the Emmer family. After hosing her down, they found a diamond under all that dirt. Consequently, their old boat Chedder #1102 was about to officially go up for sale, but before that could even happen, Larry Braslow from CBYC pulled the trigger and already closed the deal. Sorry to see Chedder go, but we will see her again when the two fleets mix it up.

Racer X saw one of her two owners move to Hawaii, so Mike Van Dyke has joined forces with Pete Frazier as co owner. Mike is a former Cal 20 owner and along with Pete will be formidable on the racecourse. Also, Pete has been working on the mainsheet system and other control lines to improve ease of sail trim. Looking forward to seeing Mike & Pete aboard Racer X soon!

Neil Rietdyk and Wally Gordon have borrowed a trailer from the US Sailing Center's Mike Segerblom to facilitate bottom repairs where the pads of their current trailer sit. While their at it, they've decided this is a good opportunity to cut out the entire rusted H section that the keel rests on and rebuild it. This would not be possible with out Mike and his willingness to help out the sailing community. Thank you Mike!

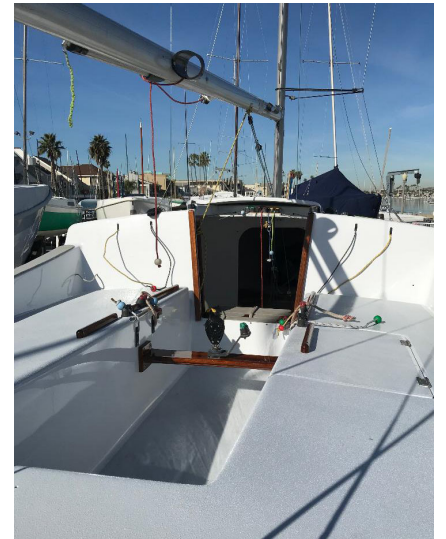
A good boat cover is important to help preserve a boat and its equipment. Robin Townsend and Jennifer Kuritz have brand new full covers on #400 Toad Stool and #238 Hot Pink. Obtaining covers at a reasonable price has been somewhat problematic since Carol Miller retired. However, Robin has found someone and if you need a cover, contact her.

At this time, decent Cal 20's are hard to come by, but not impossible to find. It is great that this fun, one-design, affordable boat is seeing a resurgence! Another cool trend is some of our friends from CBYC with boats like No Worries, Belmar, & Whisper are having yards like Jib Kelly Marine completely refurbish a boat. Upon closer inspection, the attention to detail is amazing!

As Covid restrictiions ease, the Cal 20 fleet looks forward to more time on the water.

Cal 20's, what a fun boat!

*Jeff Ives, Fleet 1 fleet captain*



**T**he DragonFlite 95 Fleet is growing fast. Cal Yacht Club just received their order of 50 boats and is preparing for racing soon. Chris Collins has put the Region 6 Fleet on Facebook. Here is the link: [DF95 USA Region 6](#)  
*Don Shirley*

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