

# Sou' Wester



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## we are opening!

The time is upon us again. Opening Day and Raft Up is just around the corner. The festivities will begin on April 30 with Basin 5 Raft Up. That evening we will continue with our usual Friday evening at the club. Saturday will be the Club Championship. Then at 3:30 pm (1530 hours) the Opening Day Ceremony will commence. Afterwards there will be open yachts in Basin 5. All in all this will be two great days of fun.

Due to the COVID-19 our weekend will be slightly abbreviated. The yachts visiting Basin 5 for the Raft Up will be limited to 12 boats and will be either med-tied or side tied. Boats that are in Basin 5 are encouraged to be open to guests for the raft up. We would like anyone wanting to be part of the Raft Up contact Pat McCormick at (562) 673-8418 or email him at [patricmccormick@yahoo.com](mailto:patricmccormick@yahoo.com). We are not going to be able to use the Long Dock for boat parking. Please do not come to the club expecting to park your boat on the Long Dock during April 30 to May 2. You will be asked to leave. The best option and the most fun is to contact Pat and get a spot. We will try to accommodate as many boats as possible.

We will start our raft up at noon (1200 hours) on Friday with a horn (no cannon). We will start the BBQ and tap the keg. Brats will be available shortly thereafter. We will continue on into the night with the Friday night fun.

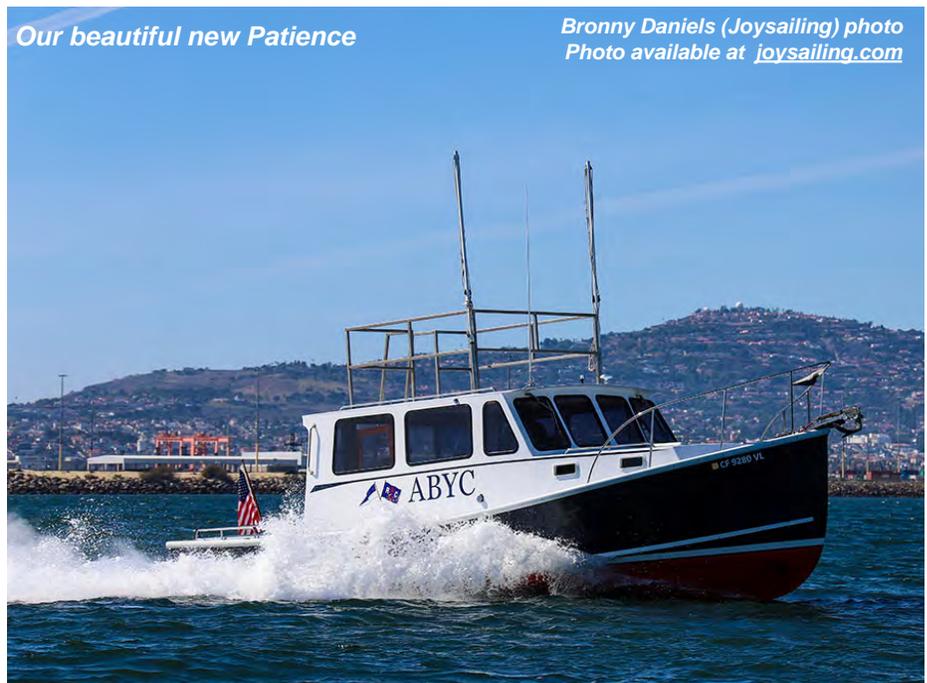
Saturday morning come down the club, have breakfast and watch the Club Championship otherwise known as the race for the space. Competitors are competing for the coveted parking spot in the parking lot for a year. It is a big deal.

Then at 3:30 pm (1530 hours) the 95<sup>th</sup> annual Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Opening Day Ceremony begins. We are limiting the guest list to our members and a few visiting yachts persons from local yacht clubs. I highly urge our members to attend. We limit the ceremony to 30 minutes and there is champagne and hors d'oeuvres available after the ceremony served by our staff commodores. The yachts in the basin will be open for guests before and after the ceremony, so come down to the club and enjoy the festivities and chat with your friends that you have not seen in some time. Remember ABYC is the Place to Be!!!!!!!

Staff Commodore  
*Jon Robinson*

*Our beautiful new Patience*

*Bronny Daniels (Joysailing) photo  
Photo available at [joysailing.com](http://joysailing.com)*



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## manager's corner



**G**ood day everyone! In just a week or so we will be celebrating Easter and ABYC will be hosting our annual Easter Brunch, April 4. Spring has sprung and as the days are slowly getting warmer and the breezes are solid enough for either dingy or keelboat sailing.

It is encouraging to see the parking lot full most weekends with familiar faces returning to go for a day sail and enjoy a breakfast or lunch through our Galley.

ABYC members are a resilient group who are dedicated to their club with, quite often, fellow club members who are their lifelong friends.

We will do our best to keep you informed on the current health requirements. But should you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at the club at 562-434-9955, Wednesdays through Sundays.

As Covid-19 restrictions are slowly moving to being less restrictive, we must continue to be aware that there are still many members out there that have yet to be vaccinated. Let's keep them in mind when enjoying our wonderful facility.

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

*Rick*

## commodore's compass



**W**e have some things to prepare for. Upcoming events are:

**Easter:** Make reservations. They will end on Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup>. Easter Sunday is April 4<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting a few people so call soon. You can call Sheila to sign up. It is an outside affair. We will be able to take reservations for as many as 6 from same household at one table. Remember that this situation is fluid. We are doing what we can to facilitate in opening the club. For Reservations call (562) 434-9955. We are closing the Galley for that day as food will be prepped and delivered through there.

**Spring Spruce Up:** Please call Brooke Jolly (Vice Commodore) to sign up so she knows how many will be there. Allowing her to figure out the tasks that can be completed. Spring Spruce Up

needs to happen so we can have a nice Opening Day. Please find it in your soul to help.

### **Mother's Day**

**Opening Day (May 1<sup>st</sup>)** – so far, we are only allowing members, but I would like to be able to invite at least our local Yacht Clubs to participate.

### **Memorial Day Regatta**

Please make yourself known for all of these if you are planning on attending.

The weekend of March 27<sup>th</sup> shows a Wine Tasting on the ABYC Calendar. Sorry, that is put on hold.

The grass is coming in great. Ready for some beautiful grass in our lawn area? A diligent group was hard at work for most of a weekend in February getting the dirt ready for planting. Thanks to the Bishop family (Teri, Bob, and Katie), Mike Van Dyke, Eileen Haubl, Jeff Newsome, Damien, Dwayne and I were there. It was all set out and pressed down, seeded and recently I have noticed a reasonable amount of green in that area.

**We are likely moving to new COVID rules soon? Long Beach should enter the 'orange tier' in a matter of weeks.** Long Beach's health officer can always impose stricter rules than what the state does under its blueprint, so it is unclear exactly what will be allowed and when, if the city qualifies for more relaxed restrictions.

General Membership meetings will continue to be on Zoom as well as in person. If you cannot get down to the Club or feel better to stay away for a bit longer, I have decided that these meetings will continue for the duration of my time in office as Commodore. You can get to them all with the same link:

General Membership Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 975 0242 3917

Passcode: 7201

We are back to using Patience for the Harbor series. I trust that all went well. She is a boat we can be proud of sending out and carrying our name. Thanks to Kevin Brown, Chuck Clay and some other members of their team.

Margaret Russell is 108 years old and still doing well. She tried to resign from the Club but I decided that she should have an lifetime honorary membership. Thank you, Margaret, for all the years you have given to the club. Hip, Hip, Hurrah!

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On another note: We have been without the gas-powered mule for a few weeks. That is our hardest working mule if you have a bigger boat. It seemed to give up the ghost one day and we have been hard pressed to find someone to look at and fix it. Enter Dave Kofahl. He was able to diagnose, turn some wrenches and get it back to working order. Thank you so much Dave!

I am not saying the Club is officially opened but we are stepping closer and closer to being able to say so. Fingers crossed.



Dan DeLave

viceverses



**H**ere comes Spring! Time to get into Spring Cleaning around the club. We are hoping to have an Opening Day this year, depending upon the Health Gods and what is allowed. In order to prepare for that we are going to spiff and shine up our clubhouse with our annual Spring Spruce Up on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. This year's Spring Spruce Up is well needed as last year's event did not happen. We would appreciate help from our membership on Saturday or Sunday, or even both days. There will be a morning snack, lunch and beverages to nourish and replenish energy spent! We are still formulating the list of projects, however I am certain we will need people to help with gardening, painting, general maintenance, whaler maintenance, hammering, nailing and sanding. There may even be a need for few polishers on Patience. So

grab the folks in your house and your favorite tools (gardening tools too!) and head down to ABYC at 9:00 am. It really is a fun day at the club so please plan on coming down.

Brooke

**Sou'Wester DEADLINE**

April 24, 2021 is the deadline for the May 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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Spring is in the air, more ways than one. I look forward to a more 'traditional' summer this year versus the 'untraditional' summer of this past year.

The Junior Board is busy with an in person meeting later this month. They are looking for activities around the club to help out and finally being able to be together as a group. I look forward to being able to see them together as a group and help plan events with them.

The Jr Sailing program is very active. They had a very busy spring program with a record 15 lasers out this past Sunday. There are three laser clinic weekends planned and we have Chris Barnard coaching the last weekend. You might know Chris from the Olympic circuit and as the winner of the Trofeo Princesa Sofia Regatta in 2019 over 189 boats including the current gold medal winner.

Lots happening on the OCR front in the planning towards 2028. As one of the host clubs for the OCR and eventually the games itself, I encourage everyone to get involved in some way. This summer event is being looked at for a Pan American Game qualifier as well as a Youth World Qualifier. Details still pending on those items, but it's starting to be very busy with all sorts of activities.

The signups for the summer program are online on our website. For more information go to [www.abyc.org](http://www.abyc.org).

Mike

## fleet captain's log



There's racing in the air! The Ides of March Pursuit and impromptu Harbor Series with Patience making its debut regatta are just the start for all of us to resume our favorite pastime. A handful of ABYC sailors made it to San Diego for the NOOD Regatta, and the Lidos are gearing up for Thursday Twilights. All good signs for a healthy season coming up. It's also time to get your fleets fired up and select your fleet champion to represent at the Club Championship Regatta on Opening Day. This year's Club Championship will be sailed in Lidos. Thank you to the Lido Fleet Six for your time and effort to make this happen. Don't forget, along with the racing opportunities comes the volunteering opportunities to help run our regattas, both on and off the water.

Cheers,  
Gabe Ferramola

## membership report

It's about time! Finally, the world is seemingly getting back to normal and there is no place I'd rather be than in Southern California, in particular ABYC, to enjoy what we have all missed for so long. Sailing, friendships, club activities and parties are all finally getting back to normal just in time for summer. We have Easter Brunch and Opening Day back on the calendar, regattas, and Friday Happy Hours too. Several modifications have been done to the club during the shut-down including new concrete and lighting at the flagpole and all new grass. It's time to check the calendar and make plans for a day at the club.

Membership numbers are also seeing an increase for the first time since the pandemic began. We have three new members this month and five new applicants approved for 30 day posting. This is great news folks!

For March we welcomed Philip Regnier as a new regular member. Philip and his partner Tiffany jumped in headfirst with the purchase of a Lido 14 and Steve Flam's Viper. He has been crewing on the Viper with Tim Carter and is having a blast. We also welcomed Greg Brown sponsored by Ken Reiff and returning member Steve and Beth Smith. Great to have you two back!

Approved for 30 day posting at the March Board of Directors meeting are Mathew Green sponsored by John Hauck, Eric Seitz sponsored by Dana Bell, Dominic Marchal, Chris Low, and Chris Hill all sponsored by me. Chris Hill was my Coronado 15 crew for a few years back in early 2000.

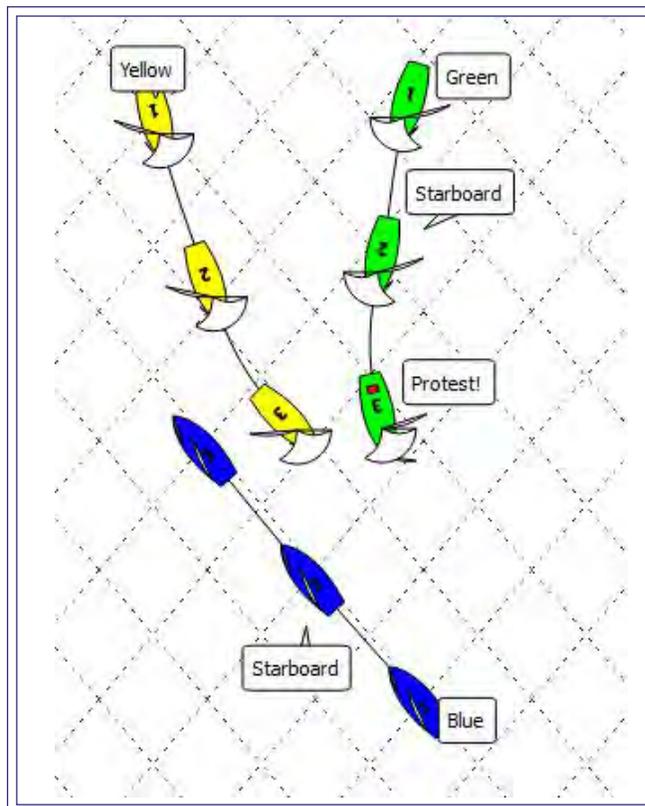
We are also very proud to add Margaret Russel and the Caddle's to the Honorary Member list. While I did not know Margaret Russel, she was member seniority #1 at 108 years old! Elsewhere in this month's Sou'Wester Sheila wrote a nice piece about several of the prominent families of ABYC. It was inspiring and really showcased the rich history and family bonds we as ABYC members are fortunate to be a part of. As a relatively new member, I am constantly amazed at the family connections and never-ending stories of the club's history. Perhaps some of you could take the time to share your stories...

Mike Shea, Membership Director

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**B**lue is on starboard tack on a beat to windward. Yellow on port and Green on starboard are on a downwind leg. Blue, Yellow and Green are on converging courses. Blue and Green both call starboard. Yellow luffs and Green alters course to avoid Yellow. Green protests Yellow for port starboard. How should the protest committee rule? See if you can figure out the relevant facts, conclusions, and decision.



## a note from sheila

**T**his note was written by Sheila and sent to the Board of Directors last month. We have been given permission by both to use here.

We received a letter from Evie Belisle's daughter informing us that Evie passed away January 22nd. She was 92 years old. I remember Evie when she was an active member. She worked on race committee going out on Patience helping with scoring, entries and working social events.

I started remembering the older generation of members who were once active but because of their age, haven't been to the club in a while. I feel this generation of members haven't been remembered for the contributions they made to the club and this makes me sad especially when we lose an older member.

Some of these members have children who are members and grew up sailing in the summer sailing program and some became jr instructors. Now they have children who may one day have their own membership. This is a generation of members.

The older members aren't active like they used to be but have contributed so much to the club. Members like Ron & Karen Fox whose 3 children are members, Jim & Toni Morford whose 2 children are members, Dan & Norma Clapp whose daughter and granddaughter are members, Dave & Sue Crockett whose had 2 children and grandson as members, the Merrill family, the Conn family, Lounsberry family, the Ellis family; all who have history at the club. All of our Anchor members were very active at one time. I can go on and on.

I write this for no other reason than my well being and to remember the older generation of members whose contributions to the club made ABYC what it is today.

Thanks for listening  
Respectfully  
Sheila

## abyc gaiters

**F**or sun protection or handy face covering ABYC gaiters made of soft 50+ UPF fabric. While the club remains closed you may purchase for \$20 by charging to your club account via email to Jenny LaForce or Jennifer Golison and pickup from the Golison's doorstep.

Alternatively, we can mail to you for \$3 additional charge. Once the club reopens they will be available for purchase at the club.

Any questions please contact **Jennifer Golison** at 562-305-6410 or [jen@golison.com](mailto:jen@golison.com)



# the bay logger

Junior sailing is off and running here at ABYC. Our laser sailors have stamped back to the club in record numbers. Our Spring Sailing Program is on its final leg as we have three dates left on the calendar, March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. But don't fret, our Summer Sailing Program kicks off June 21<sup>st</sup>! Registration is now open at [abycsailing.org/summersailingclasses](http://abycsailing.org/summersailingclasses) We look forward to hosting a full program this summer as we slowly ease back into normal life. For questions regarding programs at ABYC email me at [juniors@abyc.org](mailto:juniors@abyc.org).

Sawyer



# junior board

As schools start to resume in person learning, many of our junior board members are eager to resume in person Junior Board meetings as well. We are looking forward to our April meeting, and planning some wonderful events for late spring and summer.

Wendy Drake

# junior perspective

Over the past weekend March 19-21st many ABYC teams sailed in the 2021 NOOD regatta at Coronado Yacht Club, it was wonderful to be back on the water. Over the weekend the wind conditions varied which made for fun racing. My partner Micheal Fineman and I sailed in the 29er class and it was nice to be able to sail in two handed boats again. So happy some restrictions have lifted and allow back on the water.

Summer Drake



## more junior perspective

### Growing up in the Wind

I don't ever remember not sailing. I was only eight years-old when a coach tied a line to the bow of our newly acquired Optis and took my twin brother Scott along with me into Alamitos Bay. That rope was like training wheels; not needed after the first lesson. We sailed Optis for two years until we felt confident enough to move onto Sabots. I would always hear adults ask why little kids were allowed by their parents to be alone in a boat even with a coach nearby. There is no other sport that essentially allows a child to drive a vehicle without a license and go as fast as they can. It was exhilarating. In Alamitos Bay when I was young or in the ocean at age fifteen, sailing has given me confidence to make my own decisions. Being in a boat by myself, I had to rely on myself to make the best strategic and tactical decisions.

Two summers ago, I started sailing CFJ's with my twin brother Scott. I had always wanted to crew and he had always wanted to skipper, though we had never shared that information with each other. But, to make things fair, we did Rock, Paper, Scissors to determine the official decision. We were a successful team and came in second place at our first SoCal Regatta, representing Wilson High School as 8th graders.

When COVID hit we pivoted to sailing Lasers. The first time I sailed a Laser I could not stop smiling or laughing at how fun it was and knew it was the boat for me. Because I am only 5 feet 2 inches tall and under 100 pounds, I started off in a Laser 4.7. My confidence grew as I gradually passed the boys in my class sailing Radials, only on windy days though. I can now sail a Radial with confidence, but only on lighter days.

As I am looking ahead to college, I am hoping a medicine-related major will still allow me a little time to pursue sailing. I am grateful for the confidence and assistance that my then coach and now sailing director, Sawyer Gibbs has given to me. Together with Coach Paul Didham, they encourage me to not give up even if I turtle or capsize multiple times on exceptionally windy days. I look forward to a COVID-free future, sailing in Laser Regattas, and partnering with my twin brother Scott representing Wilson High School.

*Chloe Pearl*



*Gage was super stoked! Great sail loft tour! We talked about it the whole way home. He is so proud to rock his new sail and backpack on the Opti race course!*

*Jen Dysart photo*

## mark's rules answer #77

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

Yellow could not have known that Green was not going to give sufficient room until she was committed to pass between Blue and Green. Yellow broke rule 10, when Green 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).

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### CONCLUSION

1. Yellow on port failed to keep clear of Green on starboard, and broke RRS 10. 2. Since Yellow 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. Green the outside boat at the obstruction, gave Yellow room to pass between her and the obstruction.

Green did not break RRS 19.2(b).

### DECISION

1. The protest is dismissed.

See you on the water.

*Mark Townsend*

# eight bells

It is with great sadness that we inform you of longtime member Evie Belisle passed away January 22, 2021. She passed away peacefully in her sleep at 92 years old. Evie became a member in 1963 and raised her children sailing, with lessons and races at ABYC. She spent many years working on race committee and was actively a part of the club. Being a member of ABYC brought much joy and many friendships to her life.

Please keep the Belisle family in your prayers

# 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

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)

Apr 16, 2021	7:00 PM
May 21, 2021	7:00 PM
Jul 16, 2021	7:00 PM
Aug 20, 2021	7:00 PM
Sep 17, 2021	7:00 PM
Nov 19, 2021	7:00 PM
Dec 17, 2021	7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 975 0242 3917

Passcode: 7201

# hails from the fleets

# L<sup>14</sup>

## Lido Love



Pat McCormick & Lynn Cavallaro photos

Lido racing is back in full force, and we didn't even have to go to Texas!

A record number of entrants flocked to Orange County to lower masks and raise masts. The Harry Wood Regatta was the first event shut down by COVID last year, so it seems fitting that it should launch this year's season. With 29 entries this was one of the largest Lido turn outs in recent history, with participants from 5 fleets and 2 states. Fleet 6 was well represented with almost half the entries, followed by a strong resurgence in fleet 1 (Newport Beach), several entries from Oceanside, San Diego, and even Oregon.

The sailing conditions were great with tight competition through the entire fleet. Stu Robertson won the tie breaker with John Papadopoulos at 18 points, followed by Bruce Golison, and John Gresham to round out the top four. Konrad Mayer took top honors in the B fleet with a near perfect record of four wins and a second. Kathy Dryden took second.

As this goes to press, a new champion of fleet 6 will be crowned and team representing us in the club championships will be decided. **Late breaking news: Mark Ryan is the Fleet 6 Champ and John Gresham will be representing us in the club champs!**

The spring installment of Lido cruise to Catalina is coming up on May 14-16

Kevin Thomas



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# hails from the fleets

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Bronny Daniels (Joysailing) photos  
Photos available at [joysailing.com](http://joysailing.com)



## Lido Fleet 6 Champs - March 28, 2021

Class	Skipper	Sail #	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Net	Place	
A	Ryan	2506	1	1	1	1	2	6	1	<b>Fleet 6 Champ</b>
A	Jorgensen	5037	2	5	3	2	10	22	2	
A	Gresham	4339	3	6	6	7	3	25	3	<b>Fleet Rep</b>
A	Little	6165	6	3	4	9	6	28	4	
A	Shea	4900	7	8	9	4	1	29	5	
A	Golison	2665	4	4	<b>14 OCS</b>	5	4	31	6	
A	Thomas	3883	10	7	2	6	7	32	7	
A	Gilboa	1225	11	2	11	3	5	32	8	
A	Johnson	4550	5	12	7	8	11	43	9	
A	Mayer	4790	12	10	5	10	8	45	10	
A	Ferramola	4827	9	11	8	11	9	48	11	
A	Oliver	5030	8	9	10	12	12	51	12	
A	Dalleska	872	13	13	12	13	13	64	13	
B	Vrooman	6082	3	1	2	1	1	8	1	
B	Jolly	3734	1	3	3	2	2	11	2	
B	Jacobson	6150	2	2	1	3	3	11	3	
B	Selvin	4952	4	4	4	4	5	21	4	
B	Cole	6125	<b>6 DNS</b>	5	5	4	5	25	5	

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# hails from the fleets

Ken Weiss photos



As most top flight sailors know, good nutrition is the basis of high performance. Here is our skipper, [Glenn Selvin](#) preparing his famous 'hockey pucks' prior to Sunday's Harry Wood regatta at Balboa Yacht Club. If anyone is interested in the recipe I suggest you contact chef/skipper Selvin directly.



**A**cross the bar and into 2021, The ABYC Viper Fleet with friends in tow decided to chance this year's version of the San Diego NOOD event on Mar 19-21. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> event we have sailed since the 2019 Worlds due to the lovely C-19 pandemic. It is good to still be here.,

Ah, Viper sailing, pack the boat, drive, unpack, launch, sail, drink, sleep... rinse, return. We had a "Chamber of Commerce" weekend on the South Bay, saw breeze into high teens on Friday, 10-14 on Sat and 8-12 Sunday. The secret was to stay in pressure and the good shifts. The other secret was to survive the evening.

Geoff Fargo from Santa Barbara gave us all a clinic, ABYC's James Baurley came in second and I nipped Dan Milifchek for third. Had it not been for a broken spin halyard, Dan would have been 3<sup>rd</sup>...

Genuinely great eight boats on the water again and looking for some sense of normalcy

Timbo



				R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Total
1	USA 247	Boomslang	Geoff Fargo	2	2	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
2	USA 301	#hmb	James Baurley	4	1	4	1	3	2	2	3	2	3	25
3	USA 300	300	Timothy Carter	3	3	2	7	7	5	4	6	3	2	42
4	USA 212	Boiling Point	Dan Milefchik	6	4	9/RET	3	2	3	3	2	5	6	43
5	USA 192	Triple OG	Tom Hirsh	1	5	5	2	4	6	6	5	7	7	48
6	USA 221	Hamburg Sud	Russ Fox	7	7	3	4	5	7	7	4	4	4	52
7	USA 26	Euphio Machine	Gabe Ferramola	5	6	6	5	6	4	5	7	6	5	55
8	USA 130	Bravo One	Charles Campbell	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	79

# hails from the fleets

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#508 Breakfast Club's **John Merchant** passed away recently. John was going to sail in last December's Fun Run, but was spending the afternoon with his grandson. Otherwise, he said he would have been out on the bay sailing that day. So many great battles racing against John & his stalwart crew **Rob Fuller**. Wet Wednesday's will not be the same. Bravura was always mixing it up with Breakfast Club and no matter how far we'd separate jibing different directions on a long downwind leg, we would seem to always meet up with John and Rob at the jetty entrance for the final leg to the finish. John Merchant will be greatly missed. Not long ago, after he and Rob sailed to a cannon blast first place finish in a Wet Wednesday, we were all back at the dock and he said with a big smile, "Well, once in a while the blind squirrel gets the nut." Here's to John Merchant! There are good ships, there are wood ships, and there are ships that sail the sea, but the best ships, are friendships, and may they always be.



The **Winter One Design Regatta** took place February 20-21 hosted by **Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club** using the inside breakwater, west of the lighthouse race track.

**Cal 20's, Mercurys, & 420's** were invited with **Jib Kelly** serving as PRO. From ABYC we had Four Cal 20's, & two 420's. For the Cal 20's, day 1 started early to depart ABYC and get up to CBYC. It was a lovely morning for a cruise checking out the ports and cruise ships anchored. After rigging up at the CBYC dock, we tried to sail out to the race course but there was no wind and lots of boats could not make it to the starting area. After about 45 minutes, BAM!, out of the North

the breeze kicks in. PRO Jib Kelly quickly realigned and got the races started. Right away it was close, fast, and fun. Shifty with **Mike Corzine & Randy Smith** took first and never looked back for 1st overall. Class President **Richard Welsh** aboard #1350 Vim (**Bruce Gollison's** former boat) took 2nd. Third in race 1 was #72 **Kevin McCloskey** (**Barney Flam's** longtime boat) taking 3rd. 4th was 17 year old **Kyle Vaughn** sailing #246 Groot Roois. Kyle's crew was 2 time past National Champ **Mark Folkman**. In 5th was #960 Party Bucket skippered by **Neil Rietdyk** with son **Hayden Rietdyk & Steve Comstock**. Still in that first race for 6th place was **Stu Robertson and Scott Atwood** on #37 Mr. Hankey. **Phil Soma & Jeff Ives** on #373 Bravura for 7th, Followed by nine



other boats. #363 Magic Bus skippered by **Steve George** also sailed her first race after some extensive winter care. Great to see Magic Bus back out on the water! It should also be noted that in the 7 boat 420 class, ABYC juniors **Nicholas Mueller & Tate Christopher** grabbed first overall. We saw one 420 turtle on Saturday at the finish line (see photo below as they begin to capsized), so way to go ABYC Juniors!

Bravura suffered a breakdown when the outboard motor well cover came out and water was gushing into the cockpit. At this moment, a whale feeding along the wall surfaced right next to the boat just to add to the excitement. Bravura retired for the day, as did a couple other boats, but the rest of the fleet continued for 3 races total on Saturday, and 2 more on Sunday.

For full results: <https://cbyc.org/regatta/oyH6tebL8S/results>

Boat yard happenings have **Bryce Hans** working on his new Cal 20 #261. He is rerigging the boom after finishing the wood that goes around the hatchway. Bryce's crew **Keith Polmanteer** had recent left knee surgery, but has been giving moral support and today was actually crawling around inside the boat. Get well soon Keith! Looking forward to seeing **Nic Emmer's** former boat splash. Thank you Nic for all your years as Class Measurer. The grandson of past commodore **Gordon Brown** has completed the job of an entire overhaul of the old Sweet Bippy. The new About A Girl is named after a Nirvana song and her owner **Blaine Brown** is dedicating the rechristening to his grandfather. #441 was spotted cruising through Naples, but on a trailer, and is hanging out over at **Signal Hill Yacht Club** at the moment. Owner **Bill Durant** is doing a bottom job and some rigging fixes. **Class Champ Chuck Clay** has recently taken the mast down and is going to remove all deck hardware to repaint Veintiseis. He also discovered the main bulkhead is completely rotten and needs to be replaced. This never seemed to affect boat speed however. #09 Rubber Dog's **Chuck Stevens & Keith Ives** are finishing the cabin bunks with all regulation size Ecuadorian wood called Joubert Okume. #960 Party Bucket has a trailer worthy of a road trip to Tacoma. #385 is the past Jack B. Quick once owned by **John Satariano** and **John Fleischman**. Found in a decrepit state in an old Wilmington marina, new owner **Jason Sumpter** is bringing her back in a glorious way. Currently 385 is at **Steve Brown's** Finco Marine in Santa Ana getting a full bottom/keel treatment.

Cal 20's, What a fun boat!

Jeff Ives, Fleet 1 Fleet Captain

# hails from the fleets



## NHYC: SCWSA Regatta Recap March 21

The first SCWSA regatta of the season, NHYC put on a great regatta under COVID restrictions. Early morning conditions looked like it was going to be a windy day, but after the check-in and grabbing a "to-go" breakfast the wind settled down to perfect conditions. 3 races were scheduled, but race committee kept everything moving and extra races were sailed by all fleets. ABYC's Kathy Reed trophied in 2nd place behind the untouchable Betty Becker from SDYC. Kathy Weishampel and Cynthia Heavrin also represented ABYC. Newport bay turning basin held up to its reputation with challenging shifty conditions, a changing tide and plenty of Duffy's and power boats to complicate the course. A perfect sunny day of competitive sailing made it well worth the trip!



## ABYC Sabot Sunday Recap March 14

Great turnout for Sabot Sunday Sailing! Everyone got up early after turning clocks forward and made it to the club for an even earlier 11:00 am start! Perfect conditions and light wind, we had 11 boats partake for a fun day on the water.

Scott Finkboner from MBYC won the day and Mark Ryan from Leeway Sailing finished 2nd. Two boats from the

charter fleet were put to use by Kevin Thomas and John Hauck. Some close competition between 3rd and 8th place, with just 1 point separating each position. Robin Townsend had a challenging 2nd race working the right side of the course, only to discover she had a bag attached to her rudder!

Thank you Race committee Martyn Bookwalter and Machio on the start line and Ron & Carol Clanton as whaler team. Martyn set course #25 with W1,L1, W1 and then a downwind finish. The whaler team was busy changing marks when a wind shift came in for the 2nd race. Our fleet is deeply appreciative of our Race Committee crew. Racing wouldn't happen without you.

Mark your calendars for the next Sabot Sunday April 11th. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADULT SABOT LESSONS, contact Sawyer Gibbs at [juniors@abyc.org](mailto:juniors@abyc.org) or Kathy Weishampel at [Kathywdesign@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathywdesign@yahoo.com)

Looks like Sr. Sabot Nationals is ON and will be at ABYC, (we are planning on it), for June 5 & 6. That is right around the corner, so start getting ready! Make sure your INSA membership is up to date, and your boat is ready. More information coming soon.



DragonFlite 95 racing continued at El Dorado Park Boat Pond on March 21st with 10 boats and 5 races. Winds were shifty with some good velocity. Next racing will

be March 27 at Mason Lake, March 28 at Lake Balboa and April 18th at El Dorado. Friday, February 26th saw the first Mother's Beach YC race held at LBYC long dock with Keith Ives managing the starts and some of the usual suspects in attendance. DragonForce 65 racing is coming up with El Dorado on April 11. The fleets are growing and all are looking forward to the DF 95 regional regattas to be announced, and the Nationals at San Diego Boat Pond on August 13 to 15th. Starting dates for Friday Night Racin' in the Basin and/or Friday Night Mother's Beach Yacht Club racing are to be determined.

See you at the pond.

Don Shirley



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