



opening day 2021

Lori VanSkyhock and Judy Bliss photos

Opening Day 2021 was truly an opening day. As we know, the club has been either closed or open on a very limited basis due to Covid restrictions. We started planning Opening Day 2021 in March without knowing if it ever would happen. Commodore DeLave was committed to having an Opening Day based on the hope that the restrictions would be relaxed. We planned for it, as if it were going to happen. We actually had no idea if we could hold Opening Day until about a week before May 1. Our planning paid off.

On Friday April 30 at 1200 hours the horn sounded and the Raft-up officially started, Opening Day was here. The brats were on the fire and beer was made available. The basin began filling up with visiting boats. I have to thank Pat McCormick for his management of the boats in the basin. We did not know how many boats to expect on the short notice, but our members rose to the occasion and we had almost as many boats as usual. Weather was accommodating and attendees and visiting members enjoyed a marvelous afternoon. We continued into the evening with the traditional Friday night Raft-up Party.



On Saturday morning the Club Championship regatta was held in Lido 14s. Sailing fleets competed for the Kim Thompson Memorial trophy and the coveted space in the parking lot. John Gresham and Brooke Jolly took top honors. After racing, the Viper Fleet honored us with the traditional brats and beer, thank you Tim Carter and the Viper fleet.



At 1530 hours the Opening Day ceremony began. There were about 150 in attendance. There was some concern that, that many people would be bad for the recently planted grass. The grass survived and looked great. We were honored by the Long Beach Poly High School Jazz Choir singing our National Anthem. The ceremony was abbreviated by the small number of visiting dignitaries to be announced but lengthened by 2 years of club happenings. For me 8 bells was particularly hard since I was close to many of our members who passed. Commodore DeLave was very informative and welcoming to all who attended. We did have some fun with the actual commissioning of the club, when I threw ice on the bay then exclaimed that Alamitos Bay was clear of ice. The ceremony did run a little long,

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save the date

Senior Sabot Nationals	June 5-6
Happy Hours	June 11,18,25
Summer Kick Off Party	June 19
Men's Day	June 20
Junior Summer Program Begins	June 21
Laser Midwinters West	June 25-27
Big Bang on the Bay	July 3
Happy Hours	July 2,9,23
Olympic Classes Regatta	July 9-11
<u>Full ABYC Calendar</u>	

manager's corner



Good day ABYC members and friends. As we will soon be emerging from the restrictions of COVID, I want to thank all our members for adapting to, and following, the social distancing and mask requirements...as best we could.

We have a very good reputation in the local community and with the City of Long Beach and, to date, have not received one advisory phone call or email from a city agency.

That being said, you may want to look at our club calendar as it continues to fill up with club and private events.

Melissa Kirby and her Social Advisory Committee (SAC) have been working on setting up social events for members for the remainder of this year and into 2022. Check out our [club calendar](#) and register online for the event of your choice.

Summer is upon us and ABYC is open and still *THE* Place to BE!

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

Rick

commodore's compass



Still in place is the **Summer Opening Party**. Takes place June 19th with a 250 limit due to space and offerings. No upfront costs, free food, live band (GOOD COP BAD COP), and a bar setup. Many will want to attend, please make reservations or you will be left out. Limited to 6 (total) in a party. For reservations call Sheila or use this link to make reservations:

<https://abyc.org/calendar/social/5201-club-abyc-summer-kick-off-2>

Big Bang on the Bay will be happening – Due to its past popularity we will have the same plan, at this point, as the Summer Opening Party. That is with a limit of 6 total in your party and reservations will be asked for. There will not be a band and free food but the BBQ will be available.

General Membership Zoom – This will remain an option. We have no meeting June but will resume in July. The Lido Fleet have offer to host and are trying to put together an Olympics informational Meeting. We are getting better with this Zoom thing. With help from Tom Dorman and Kat Bell the last meeting went well. We were able to interact with those online as well as the physically present. We had a debrief afterward and can get it a bit better. If you cannot make it to the Club, maybe you can try checking in this way.

General Membership Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 975 0242 3917 Passcode: 7201

Race Committee Volunteering – We have many events coming up. Feels as though we are trying to catch up with all the events we have lost or put off this last year. If you are interested in helping or learning more about it for future interest, contact Mark Townsend (s_mark_townsend@hotmail.com) or Carol Kofahl (carol_kofahl@yahoo.com).

Past Events

Pre-Opening Raft Up – The day before opening day, Friday April 30th. Thanks to the participants for inviting us to share your boats with a beverage and a snack. Thanks to Pat McCormick who has set this up for us. There were Brats and Beer at the top of the launch ramp in the afternoon. Then later that Friday evening we can had burgers on the grill for happy hour.

Opening Day was Saturday May 1st. Mostly just fun! It did feel as though we are finally getting over this feeling of lock down. I know there is a bit of time before we can really call that so. There was a Fleet Championship, sailed in Lidos, for the parking spot. I thought, "I know there were a lot of people here just a bit ago, where are they?" Looking out on the bay I noticed there were more boats observing the race than there were racers. How great! The ceremony started at 3:30. A bit of music before and after. As well as champagne, snacks, and a bar.

N2E – I received a call from Bob Little regarding Newport to Ensenada Race that ABYC was awarded the most trophies of any Yacht Club. They happened to all go to the trimaran of Jerry Fiat. When I congratulated Jerry on his accomplishment, he told me that all the credit went to Pete Melvin and his other crewmembers.

Mother's Day...What a delightful time. Three-piece band (keyboard, bass, and brass) playing. Due to all the news this turned into an outdoor event. Most of those I talked with were all in favor of continuing the outdoor theme. I was there for both seating's pouring Champagne and Mimosas. There was also a bar for your other choices. We had about 50 people per seating, that was all we were allowed at the time. The decorations were, as always, nice. A design your own omelet bar, prime rib, selection of potatoes, and tasty dessert items. Melissa, you did a fantastic job of getting it all together.

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Thank you for all your remarks and compliments. There is plenty to do and it is nice to know that it is appreciated by you. I will try my best to keep you as informed about the goings on at the Club. As mentioned last time if you think there is something that could be mentioned share your idea with Sharon Pearson or myself and we can make it happen.



vice
verses



Hope everybody is gearing up for summer. There are many fun things planned for summer from sailing, parties on the patio and even a couple major sailing events that could draw you in to help out, if not race yourself. Please take a look at the calendar and plan to come down and enjoy our beautiful little slice of Long Beach.

I've been fortunate to get out a couple of times now, both Wednesday and Thursday nights, to get (really) wet in a Viper and knock around on the bay, in what I call "My First Yacht", with the Lido group. Even if you don't go sailing it is always a fun time to catch up with all post races, outside on the patio. Thanks to the fantastic ABYC members who work hard each week to keep Twilights consistent and well run each week.

A quick follow-up to let you all know that the re-roofing of the club house and Quarter Deck has been concluded and with great news to report. The bid had additional in it for any rot that needed to be addressed, with wood replacement as necessary. None were found! We were fortunate to have the final cost be what the bid was for, with no additional fixes/monies needed. I would like to give a big shout out to Larry Kidd, as well as Ron Wood, for spending time down there, while the re-roofing was going on, to supervise it all. Both gentlemen have prior experience with such projects and I believe it helped to have some in-house knowledge on deck. Thanks to both!

Hope to see you all down at the club soon.

Cheers,

Brooke

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

June 24, 2021 is the deadline
for the July Sou'Wester.

Help us to Help you!

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

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Summer is officially here! It's nice to see the Lidos out on Thursdays and the various keelboats for Wet Wednesday. Feels like the world is right, ok, I'm stretching it, but I am looking forward to moving out of this phase to a less restrictive phase. That being said, please keep your guard up and follow the current protocols that are in place.

With summer we have our Jr Sailing Program starting up. Since the pandemic, the focus of youth sailing has shift somewhat from double handed sailing to single handed sailing. We've been very fortunate to have some great Laser coaches with us and have a very active laser fleet and have been holding clinics and started an ABYC Laser Race Team. Upcoming regattas, Laser MWW, LB Olympic Class Regatta, Laser North Americans. Active schedule for our single handed sailors!

You might have seen an article in the Grunion regarding our summer program. We are almost fully subscribed for both sessions and have a wonderful roster of young adults coaching our beginning, intermediate and advanced sailors. After a year off, I look forward to the activity. Parents, remember the sun screen and label your sailors gear!

See you at the club!

Mike

fleet captain's log



ABYC Club Championship Regatta
The 2021 Club Championship Regatta for the Kim Thompson Memorial trophy and highly coveted parking spot was held the morning of Opening Day. The regatta this year was being contested in Lidos generously supplied by Lido Fleet Six members. Many thanks to Fleet Captain Kevin Thomas and Lido fleet, and Steve Kuritz and crew for a well run regatta.

The Competitors:

Cal20 Mike Corzine/Deborah St. John

Multihull Daniel Segrave/Eileen Haubl

Laser Greg Naiman/Tanner Jolly

Lido 14 **John Gresham/Brooke Jolly - OUR NEW 2021 ABYC CLUB CHAMPIONS!! CONGRATULATIONS JOHN AND BROOKE!**

Viper Gabe Ferramola/Mike Shea

Sr. Sabot Kevin Thomas/Helen Burdett

Note to Fleet Captains! If you are a PRO for twilights or a fleet race, or need a whaler for any other purpose you must notify Martyn Bookwalter or myself a few days in advance. We'll have the staff ensure the whaler is ready to go at the appropriate time. Regatta PRO's should submit their whaler/equipment requests also to Martyn well before the regatta. Martyn will work with Rick Roberts and staff to have the whalers and race equipment ready to go at the dock the morning of the regatta. Subsequent to the regatta, there is a form to fill out to report on any issues the whaler may have and to report run time for our maintenance records.

Racing will be in full swing now! Memorial Day Regatta, OCR regatta, fleet races, twilights, and Men's Day all coming up soon. There are many volunteer options available too, like the Olympic Classes Regatta, and there is a US Sailing Women's Clinic in June. Please consider helping out. There will be perfect sailing weather.

Cheers,

Gabe Ferramola

eight bells

Remembrance of a dad-sportswriter and sailor.

Born and raised in Wilmington, California on March 6, 1933 into a family of newspaper men, Richard "Rich" Roberts was raised as a journalist...whether he knew that at the time or not.

His birth day was noteworthy, as four days later on March 10, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake hit the neighboring city of Long Beach. The family story is that his aunt was so afraid that he would be hurt during the earthquake, she passed baby Rich out the window to another family member standing nearby.

His father, mother, sister and brother lived in a small house on the corner of "R" Street and Marine Avenue.



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Growing up, he quickly learned how to use a camera and how to spot a story while working for the local Press Journal after school and on weekends.

Just three houses away from his home was a vacant lot, which was purchased by a family that included a beautiful young girl named Frances.

Many long hours were spent by the Harper family cleaning out their lot that had become an unofficial dump for other people's trash. Rich offered to help the family and assisted with the building of their home out of the goodness of his heart, all the while getting better acquainted with Frances.

Rich and Frances married and had two children, a son named Richard (Rick), and a daughter, Loraine (Lori).

Rich was hired by the San Pedro News Pilot and, having played sports in high school, was always glad to cover the sports beat. He had an innovative writing style that grabbed people's interest. In interviewing athletes, he wrote from their perspective.

He was given bigger and better assignments as he refined his journalistic skills, all the while carrying his camera just in case the newspaper's cameraman didn't get to the event on time. Little did he know how his unique photojournalistic skills would play out in later years.

After a few years with the News Pilot, the Long Beach Independent/Press Telegram came knocking on his door. Their job offer was discussed by Rich's family and it was decided he would accept.

Rich covered football, baseball, basketball, track and field and occasionally veered off to cover the Los Angeles Blades hockey team.

It was then that the Los Angeles Times made him an offer. This was a big deal. The family agreed he should accept their offer.

Rich's writing style was now legendary, and the Times took advantage of his impressive interviewing skills while crafting his stories that were now being read throughout the world.

Over the years, Rich took Frances, Rick and Lori on camping trips all over the western states...capping it off in 1973 with a driving trip to and from Alaska. Camping helped Rich to keep it all in perspective. No matter what

national or international issues were occurring, a few days in the Sierra's cleared his mind and kept him grounded with family.

It was at this time that Rich decided to buy a boat. To be specific, a Catalina 22 sailboat. He named it the Nana Lee. Nana was his children's nickname for Rich's mom and Lee was Frances's middle name.

Frances and Lori were happy that Rich enjoyed the sailboat, and occasionally sailed with him out of San Pedro or Long Beach harbors. However, Rick, thoroughly enjoyed sailing and, soon, Rich and Rick began competing in races.

In the beginning, they had an excellent view of all of the competitors in their races...as they did their best to finish a somewhat respectable last or nearly last place.

With his newfound love of sailing, Rich joined the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and found it the perfect fit for sharpening his sailing skills, covering local races and regattas and socializing with fellow members. It was also a great place to launch his recently purchased Lido 14 and sail around the bay.

When the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles approached, the LA Times sports editor approached Rich and said that he had heard he and his son raced sailboats. When Rich said, "Yes, that's right", the editor told Rich that he was being assigned to cover the Olympic sailing venue.

As with every other new challenge, he did an amazing job and gained world-wide notoriety.

The TransPacific Yacht Race (Transpac), the Congressional Cup, the America's Cup, the World Match Racing Tour and the Whitbread Around the World Race (now known as The Ocean Race) all came to him for his journalistic expertise in representing their sailing events to the world.

In his legacy, he leaves us now with his extended family including Frances, Lori, Rick, daughter-in-law Amy, granddaughter, grandson, four great-grandsons, two nieces, a nephew and a great-niece.

May God bless us all with the fullness of life that Rich Roberts has enjoyed.

Rick Roberts

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)

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

mark's racing rules quiz #79

Answer on page 8

Yellow crossed Blue and tacked outside the finishing line mark's zone. Blue established a leeward overlap before Yellow was on a close-hauled course. Blue and Yellow approached the finishing mark close-hauled and overlapped, both on port tack, nearly a hull-length apart. Yellow was laying the mark, while Blue could fetch it by pinching. Blue luffed quickly to shoot the mark on the required side and hit Yellow on her starboard quarter. Blue did not go beyond head to wind. Yellow protested Blue for changing course and not giving her room to keep clear. Blue protested Yellow for windward leeward.

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.

the bay logger

Well, the final touches are being done on our 2021 Summer Sailing program.

Session 1 kicks off June 21st followed up by Session 2, July 19th. We are in

for another fun summer on the

water here at ABYC with a number of exceptional coaches along for the ride. We just wrapped up our series of 3 Laser clinics this past weekend here at the Club. Word got out fast on these clinics as we saw 28 Laser

sailors throughout the series. A majority of those sailors being ABYC Junior & Master sailors gearing up for regatta season. This weekend will be their big test as they will battle it out at the 2021 Memorial Day Regatta here at the Club. Most of these sailors have yet to miss a practice since we began training in February so we are in for a rewarding weekend on the water. After Memorial Day, our Laser team is headed down to San Diego for the SDYC Olympic Classes Regatta June 12-13, which we expect to be a rather competitive event. Our Team will be well prepared going into these events by our Head Coach Paul Didham & Stephen Long, two well-experienced Laser sailors in their own right. We are very fortunate to have them both with us throughout the Summer! Space for the 2021 Summer Program is very



The ABYC Junior Board had a wonderful afternoon assisting in the Opening Day festivities



limited, head over to abycsailing.org/summersailingclasses to ensure your sailors spot for a fun summer ahead. And if you have any questions shoot me an email at sailingdirector@abyc.org or stop by my office!

See you at the Club,

Sawyer Gibbs

membership report

Welcome to summer! We are finally out of the woods and back on track to enjoying the club, friends, and sailing once again. Membership numbers are headed in the right direction with more new members and applicants than we have seen since the pandemic began.

For April and May we welcome new Regular members Mathew Green sponsored by John Houck, Eric Seitz sponsored by Dana Bell, Andrew Lamp sponsored by Keith Ives, Doug McIntosh sponsored by Bob Little and Dominic Marchal, Chris Lowe, Chris Hill, and Kim Brown sponsored by myself. New Junior members Anielka Shuler sponsored by Alex Black and Jack Bradley sponsored by Stephen Mueller are also welcomed to the family.

We look forward to seeing you all at the club soon. Please check the club website calendar for upcoming events and regattas.

Mike Shea, Membership Director

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a note from sheila

The ABYC sailing calendar is filling up fast and furious. It is time to dust those cobwebs from your sailboat and put it in the water for some fun in the sun. Whether you are a racer, a cruiser, a volunteer, or a spectator there is nothing quite like being on the water.

Are you a member of US Sailing? ABYC is a member organization of US Sailing and a part of their MVP (Member Value Partner) program. When you join or renew your annual US Sailing membership through the MVP program, you receive a discount on your membership and ABYC earns credits for each membership signing up through the MVP program.

MVP Membership Pricing:

Youth - \$25 (discounted from \$30)

Individual - \$55 (discounted from \$65)

Family - \$85 (discounted from \$115)



It is easy to sign up using the US Sailing MVP link at the bottom of the ABYC's homepage or sign up at mvpprogram.ussailing.org.

ABYC is a volunteer club. Volunteering your time is a good way to get to know members. There is something for everyone.

Race Management Committee asks for volunteers for each Regatta. Volunteer on the water; running chase boats, scoring, setting marks or hoisting signal flags. If you do not want to be on the water, you can help with entries/registration, computer scoring, help at the hoist/ramp and in the parking lot.

Social Committee ask for volunteers for each social event. Do you have organization, decorating, planning or creative skills, then this committee is for you?

Trophy Committee, Gardening, Merchandise could use a little help from time to time. If you have any special skills, let me know.

Just a reminder about some parking rules: You must have a parking sticker on your car to park inside and you must leave your keys in the car. The parking lot does get full, and cars need to be moved so someone can leave. If you do not have a sticker, let me know and I will assign one to you.

Sheila Mattox, Director of Member Services

mother's day 2021

Even though the sunshine missed the memo, we had a great turnout for our Mother's Day Patio Brunch. A round of applause to the families who were able to celebrate the special mothers in their lives by treating them to the delicious spread that Teak Catering put on for us. I hope everyone had a chance to try those strawberry churros. My apologies to those who we had to turn away; we were at Covid Capacity. Not to fear, next year, we'll have more space to celebrate ALL the moms. We're even thinking about having it outside again next year! Give me a shout if you enjoyed the outdoor ambiance and would prefer to have it outside again.



Speaking of ambiance, what a wonderful Jazz Trio we had! Classy but modern. There's nothing better than sipping the bubbly while a man in a suit is slappin' the stand-up bass. Great vibes all around. Special thanks to all those who helped make a delightful afternoon: The Commodore for his bubbly pours; Eileen Haubl for her fabulous napkin folds; Carol Senske for her green thumb and potting expertise; the Bishop ladies for their flower delivery services; Lori VanSkyhock for her musician wrangling; Kathy Weishampel for her graphic design skills; Jared Shoultz for his brute strength and table moving skills; Ruta Bandziulis for her ingenious mind and table placement skills; Dana Bell for her creativity and behind the scenes logistics; The SAC committee for their time and contributions, and finally the ABYC staff for jumping in where needed to make sure the day is special for our Mothers. Last but not least, a huge special thanks to all the Mothers out there who have to drag their kids to sailing practice or drag their other halves away from the bar. We appreciate all that you do!

Melissa Kirby

Yellow on starboard crossed ahead of Blue and then tacked, outside the finishing line mark's zone. Yellow became a port-tack boat when she passed head to wind and was clear ahead of Blue. Blue then established a leeward overlap from clear astern before Yellow reached a close-hauled course. Yellow was required to keep clear by rule 11 and then to give mark-room when they entered the zone.

Initially, Yellow kept clear and gave Blue room to sail to the mark. Blue then luffed sharply to fetch the mark, which was her proper course at the mark. A proper course is defined as one that a boat would choose in order to sail the course and finish as soon as possible in the absence of the other boats. Blue would have pinched or shot head to wind in order to finish as quickly as possible whether or not Yellow was near, and so was sailing a proper course.

Yellow was required to keep clear and give mark-room, and did neither.

Because the overlap began while Yellow was required by rule 13 to keep clear, rule 17 did not apply.

If the facts had been otherwise, and Yellow had completed her tack before Blue established her overlap within two hull lengths from clear astern, Blue's course would not have broken rule 17, since, for the reasons stated above, she never sailed above a proper course.

CONCLUSION

1. Yellow to windward failed to keep clear of Blue to leeward, and broke RRS 11..
2. Yellow outside overlapped at the zone failed to give Blue mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b).
3. When changing course, Blue the right-of-way boat failed to give Yellow room to keep clear, and broke RRS 16.1.
4. Since Blue broke RRS 16 while she was sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.

DECISION

1. Yellow is disqualified.

See you on the water

Mark Townsend

cruising club

Ron Clanton photos

ABYC Cruising to Avalon
The Cruising Club weekend was kicked off at 5 o'clock by the cacophony of boat horns that signify the start of Happy Hour. Scott Atwood graciously hosted Cruising Club participants on Summer Hawk Thursday evening. Twelve boats and 40 sailors attended the fun-filled weekend. In addition to socializing on friend's boats, Cruising Club members were perpetually active. Warm and sunny Friday morning brought out the golfers. While two groups tried miniature golf, two other groups played a round on the scenic Catalina Golf Course. The game grew even more interesting when \$1 a hole was involved! The afternoon was spent overlooking the sparkling bay and sipping creative cocktails at the Descanso Beach Club. Later, dinner was enjoyed with friends at the Dana and Sam Bell cottage or at a restaurant on the beach.

Saturday was cool and overcast. It was a perfect morning for hiking, touring the island by golf cart, and zip-lining. Yes, traversing the canyon 600 feet above Descanso at a heart-pounding 35 mph tempted only a daring few! The day culminated with a pleasant evening at the Bell's cottage overlooking the harbor and casino sampling delectable appetizers with a glass of wine. The Cruising Club is grateful to Dana and Sam for creating a festive space and providing many of the snacks. It was a pleasure to "be back" reconnecting with yacht club friends in a uniquely beautiful sailing destination.

Unexpectedly, sailing was on the agenda for Sunday morning. Conditions were cloudy, but windy. Several boats were able to brave the swells and sail home. Come join us for our next Cruising Club adventure to San Pedro in July.

Carol Clanton



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abyc travels

Dear all,
Just getting ready to depart Papeete on a very sunny Saturday morning. We were up early after a night at the Le Tahiti Pearl in Arue. Captain Bligh came ashore right here many moons ago in this pleasant bay with an easy anchorage and a view in the distance to Moorea. Plenty of swashbuckling history and memories of books read as we watched the sunset last evening. The walls of the hotel tell an exciting synopsis in huge panels which really added to the mystique of our first night in Tahiti .

We are 60 passengers onboard the Aranui V which holds 254 so plenty of room to move around. 22 English speakers and the rest local people from Papeete. Mandatory lifeboat drill and farewell entertainment completed and now waiting to depart. Tomorrow, Fakarava in the Tuamotus, a day at sea and then Nuka Hiva. We hope to look up Kevin Ellis, an old friend from ABYC who lives in the main town. All shore excursions are included in our fare which mainly consist of hiking and snorkeling and also daily lectures on the history and culture of the islands on the itinerary. This is a trip I have wanted to take for about 20 years and can't believe we are finally ready to go. Mark has agreed to go with me to the lectures but not sure about weaving a pandanus mat. Never mind at least we are off! The staff is so friendly and very excited about the first trip with passengers. The Aranui is half cargo and half passengers and it has been used as a cargo ship only during the past year. Many other ships here still firmly tied to the dock awaiting July or August start dates.

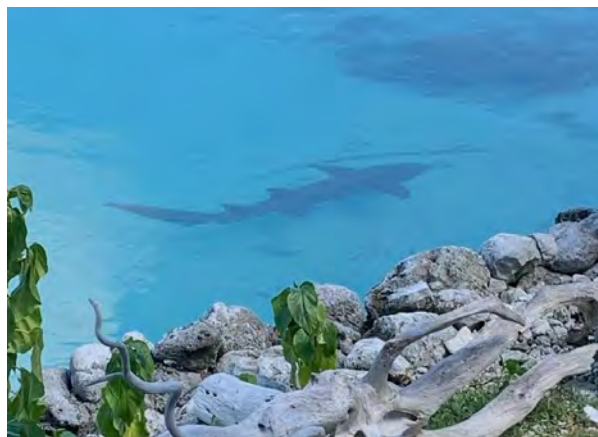
We are happily situated in cabin 7321 on the starboard side of the ship with a little balcony. I am currently looking at the market and the activity of Papeete. On first glance the town seems a little run down and difficult to negotiate, however once you get your bearings it all falls together. The main area all revolves around the water which is just my scene. We thought back over our travels and realize this is our seventh trip to Tahiti. We now happily ride the bus around and use our rudimentary french speaking skills.

Day 2

Just coming through the pass in Fakarava for a morning snorkel and a walk around the town. Known for its black pearls and lonely planet wrote a review of one of the small beaches. No cargo off for this stop but we have plenty for the Marquesas. A sunny bright day and looking forward to a swim. Fakarava is the second largest atoll in the world next to Rangiroa and the water flows through the pass at an amazing pace.

It's Sunday and everything is closed. We hear singing coming through the doors of the church as we walk down the main road. Seeing lots of sharks in the water and those wonderful yellow fish as we wander along. Mid morning getting pretty hot following our swim and we find a pleasant little bar for a Hinano. Tomorrow is a day at sea as we head toward Nuka Hiva.

Robin Townsend (Mark too)



upcoming volunteer opportunity

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

Date	Event	Contact
6/5 - 6/6	INSA Naples Sabot Sr Champs	Cindy Heavrin (cmheavrin@verizon.net)
6/19	Opening Party	Melissa Kirby (mmerryk@gmail.com)
6/20	Men's Day	Maria Milefchik (mmilefchik@hotmail.com)
6/25-27	Laser Midwinters West	Mark Townsend (s_mark_townsend@hotmail.com)
7/3	Big Bang on the Bay	Melissa Kirby (mmerryk@gmail.com)
7/9-11	Olympic Classes Regatta	Mark Townsend (s_mark_townsend@hotmail.com)

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

a letter from mara bell

Notes from Mara from Fujisawa City, Japan (Mara Bell Hoshina, born and raised in Naples, was an ABYC summer youth program sailor for 7 years, Junior Rear Commodore for 2, an ABYC summer program instructor for 3 years, and a 2013 and 2015 Transpac crew member. As a student at Marymount

safe, effective and enjoyable Games, we are faced with critical challenges posed by the continued global COVID-19 Pandemic. Enoshima Yacht

Club and Fujisawa City are proud to host the sailing portion of the 32nd Games. Here is an overview of my role at the Olympics:

Pre-Games (Officially): I have been hired by the IOC (International Olympic Committee) to represent SAILING in all meetings and correspondence leading up to the Olympics. I report to World Sailing.

During the Games (Officially): I was selected from International Race Management applicants to co-captain the BRIDGE OPERATIONS (head RM Offices) for sailing in Enoshima. During the Olympics I will be a Liaison between World Sailing's Olympic PRO (Tom Duggan), the IOC and the Japanese Olympics Committee (JOC/Tokyo2020). Since this event has so many chiefs, they requested an experienced Race Officer with excellent communication and language skills.

Both Masaaki Tanaka (Chief International Umpire) and Tom Duggan will be my mentors. I've been working with the BRIDGE TEAM for most major regattas and World Sailing Events in Japan for the last 6 years so it will be an excellent test of my skills and RO knowledge. I'm nervous but excited!

Pre-Games (Unofficially): My company, ETLO2020, manages the US Sailing Olympic Team in Japan. We are working hard to make sure our sailors have comfortable and safe lodging, accommodations, nutritious menu plans, work out/training space and compliance with COVID testing and tracing measures.

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California University and later at University of California, Irvine, Mara met Sadato Hoshina. Following graduation they married and moved to Fujisawa City where Sada works for Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation as a Global Finance Advisor. Mara works for ETLO2020 (Education to Leap Overseas) as a Global Education and Sports Manager. Their home is about 1 hour south of Tokyo and 15 minutes from Enoshima, site of the Olympic Sailing venue. Over the last 11 years, Mara has enjoyed racing in Hayama and coaching international sailors to compete in Embassy-wide Sailing Events. She is now deeply involved with official planning for the 2020/2021 Olympic Sailing program. An update on Mara's work and the Olympic Sailing is in the works, via Zoom, for the July General Membership Meeting.)

As explained by Mara:

"With less than 2 months to go, Olympic planning is at its peak, full speed ahead. As we strive to maintain a

This is the exciting part of my job! When our sailors arrive in early July, my boss Kyomi Coward Weiler and I will welcome everyone in Fujisawa (while complying with all protocol). We're also so proud of Riley Gibbs from ABYC! Such a treat to have young, local (home grown) talent here. We can't wait to see you soon!

Challenges: As is the case the world over, we are struggling to promote and maintain a sense of safety, social responsibility and accurate, ethical testing and tracing of our athletes, coaches, officials, etc. The State of Emergency will likely continue in Japan through June, so we are set to amp up already stringent testing, tracing and isolating measures. The impact on the Japanese community at each venue (and training site) also needs to be taken into consideration. There have been several widespread protests and 'official calls for cancellation' throughout Japan. As it stands, the IOC/IPC, Tokyo2020 and each International Federation have been working together to find a safe effective balance for this event to continue despite growing apprehension. As many Olympic/Paralympic athletes around the world are likely to be vaccinated prior to entering Japan, compliance with strict protocol will hopefully ensure safe training and competition.



Sadly, only a small percentile of the Japanese public will have been vaccinated by July. We have been asked to exist in a 'bubble living environment' before and during the Games (while in Japan). This involves mass resources to ensure cooperation and encouragement. We will live in the Olympic Village, and IOC/IPC mandated hotels/

lodgings etc., while commuting by approved transportation. For our athletes, this and frequent PCR testing should



guarantee the highest level of safety and health. How it all plays out is a different matter.

For me personally, I won't be able to see Nanami (4) and Emi (1.5) for 3 weeks in July/August. I'll be 'bubbled/quarantined' within the International Technical Officials housing and the club. I've hired my cousin Eloise (a professional Nanny in NYC and past ABYC Jr. Sailor) to come and care for the girls but entry to Japan is severely restricted. Hopefully it all works out! If not, plan B, I will fly the girls out to Long Beach and ask my Mom and Dad (and Eloise) to look after them for a few weeks! As the COVID-19 situation here is still worrisome, there is a possibility that I won't be allowed to re-enter Japan despite my Permanent Residence and IOC Credentials. Finding the best solution is key!

I'm happy to report that Sada is also involved in Sports Management for Sailing (as a language and technical volunteer). Currently, he is awaiting approval for on the water training and operations.

It is an honor for Japan to host the Games again after so long... Enoshima Yacht Club was largely rebuilt and expanded in preparation for the 2020 Games in 2019, so we're ready. COVID-19 really has thrown things into disarray! If the IOC/IPC, Tokyo2020 and the WHO see fit, fingers crossed, the Olympics will be a safe and enjoyable success."

Tokyo2020 <https://olympics.com/tokyo-2020/en/>
Sailing <https://tokyo2020.sailing.org>
Fujisawa, Enoshima <https://www.discover-fujisawa.jp/otherinfo/olympic/>

CMIC fundraiser

On August 7 this summer there will be a party fundraiser for the island hospital, with reception, dinner, and live band for dancing afterwards. It will be at Descanso Beach.

A person may sponsor a table for eight people, starting at \$5000, which may be "syndicated" by four couples, each paying 1/4th of this amount. If there is space left there will be individual tickets sold for \$350 a person.

Information about the event may also be found on the Catalina Island Medical Center website cimedicalcenter.org, hitting the button Support CMIC

Georges McCormick

Got Sails?

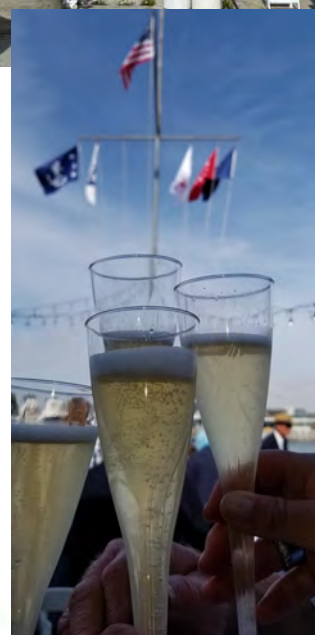


The Juniors are collecting old sails to recycle into duffel bags and other gear. Clean out your boat and garage! Simply drop off your old sails in the designated collection bin in the junior room.

so I was reminded to wrap it up with the lights dipping on the raising of the burgee. I think that this may become a tradition when a staff commodore is running over time. On commissioning of the club, the Long Beach Lifeguard Fire Boat honored us with a fountain of water. After the ceremony we enjoyed champagne and hors d'oeuvres and partied into the evening.

This was not just another Opening Day but a reemergence from Covid restrictions. Even though we were limited on visiting yacht club dignitaries many of the local yacht clubs were represented. Thank you to those who attended. A big thanks to Commodore DeLave for the confidence to have an Opening Day ceremony. Also, a big thank you to our members who attended. I think that we all had a great time and as an opening to 2021, it was a glimpse to future events. It just shows that **ABYC IS THE PLACE TO BE.**

Staff Commodore Jon Robinson





hails from the fleets

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Lido Love



Club Champs, Catalina, Lido Twilights

The Club Championship regatta was sailed in Lido 14 in near perfect conditions. Representing the Lido fleet, John Gresham and Brooke Jolly dominated the series with all bullets. Ironically John was sailing the only boat without a Gresham centerboard. Marketing tip: Next time slow down just a little. In addition to having their names etched in brass on the perpetual trophy, John and Brooke will have their names etched in plastic on the coveted club champion's parking space.

The 8th annual Lido Fleet cruise to Avalon was commandeered by the cruising fleet, which meant mostly the same people with a few new faces. While the Silent Film Festival was cancelled, the remaining activities went off as usual. Charles Smith had the golf shot of the day with a shot out of the sand trap straight into the hole. Although the real winner was Cindy Heavrin, who used his new confidence to negotiate a better handicap when betting on the rest of the holes. Saturday evening happy hour at the Bell's cottage was well attended by those who conquered the 216 stairs.

Lido Twilights continue to see strong participation with an average of 20 boats between the A and B fleet. The Lido fleet has a boat available for charter, so there is no excuse for not joining in. Kevin



Kevin Thomas photo

hails from the fleets



Wednesday, May 12th, the second **Wet Wednesday** occurred with **13 Cal 20's** out on the racecourse! Breeze was around 16 knots and the course was 30, 35, finish. All the Cal 20's started together and it was a beautiful evening. Lots of crossing, ducking, and back and forth took place, with **Keith Ives & Chuck Stevens** aboard #9 Rubber Dog taking first. Closely following was **Pete Frazier & Mike Van Dyke** on #128 Chim Chim. Third was **Mike Corzine & Randy Smith** on #299 Shifty.



Pat McCormick taking Veintiseis for a walk down Ocean Blvd

On Bravura, a tight battle for 7th place was going on with #298 Buckshot. **Daniel Gorman & Andrew Lamb** did an amazing job turning their boat from a piece of coal into a diamond in such a short period to time. Great work guys! Anyway, the Bravura/Buckshot battle continued all the way to the finish line with Buckshot getting a last second puff from the wind gods to edge Bravura by a nose! Congratulations Andrew and Daniel!

For full results: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=22187

Thirteen boats sailing was awesome and we hope to see even more next week!

Shout out goes to a few boats making it out for their first Wet Wednesday of 2021. They are **Dave Kofahl & Keith Christiansen** on #1190 Spar Wars, **Will Durant & Dave Oborn** on #441 Chubito, and **Mike Wood, Dave Pemberton, & Ron Wood** on #69 Lickety Split.

Memorial Day Regatta is May 29-30. Cal 20's are the duty fleet and have stepped up to volunteer. Thank you Cal 20 Fleet 1!

Cal 20 Nationals in Tacoma, Washington is a go. July 30, 31, August 1 are the dates. The venue is spectacular!

Cal 20 hats are still available. \$25 each. Contact Todd Smith. tssmith@raytheon.com

Cal 20's, what a fun boat!

Jeff



Bryce Hans floating the new Chedder



The Corzine boat with a new chrome paint job



Memorial Day Regatta Results

Rank	Helm Name	SailNo	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Net
1	Daniel Milefchik	212	1	1	(2)	2	2	1	1	10	8
2	James Baurley	301	2	(5)	1	1	1	2	2	14	9
3	Russ Fox	221	3	2	3	3	5	3	(7.0 DNF)	26	19
4	Gabe Ferramola	26	(5)	4	5	4	3	4	3	28	23
5	Timothy Carter	300	4	3	4	5	4	5	(7.0 DNS)	32	25
6	Neil Rietdyk	34	6	(7.0 DNC)	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	48	41

hails from the fleets



SENIOR SABOT NATIONALS AT ABYC – JUNE 5-6

We are all looking forward to good competition and a fun regatta. ABYC sailors Robin Townsend, the 2015 Masters Gold champion and Tom Newton, 2011 and 2013 Champion are competing this year with hopes of repeat wins. Paul Ancil, Cathy Black-Smith, Kathy Reed and Cindy Heavrin are also tuned up for the Masters Gold Fleet. Kathy Weishampel will be competing in the Grand Masters and Helen Burdett has hopes of a strong finish in the Master Silver Fleet. Stay tuned for complete results from all fleets or check the ABYC web page after June 6th.

Opening Day Championship

The Sabot Fleet was represented by Kevin Thomas and Helen Burdett, sailing together in a Lido 14 in the Opening Day Championship. A great showing by the Sabot Fleet, with our sailors taking 2nd place overall. A job well done and great representation of the Senior Sabot Fleet!

ABYC Sabot Sunday Recap May 23

We had a great practice day on the water with a steady breeze that performed as predicted, coming on strong as the day progressed. Everyone got on the water a little early, and race committee did a great job getting the races completed before the wind got too strong. Luckily, we had no capsizes. The only mishap occurred when the bay barge was on their way into the basin. A gust of wind flipped the score sheet (still attached to the clipboard) into the water. Proficient in object overboard procedures, Steve Kuritz promptly turned the barge around to retrieve the scores only to see the clipboard run over by a rental Duffy. Lynn Drury was confident she could recreate the score sheet from memory, but continued to look for the remains of the clipboard. Spotted in the distance, barely visible as it was floating in the vertical position, Steve moved the barge into position and Jim Drury stretched to retrieve the clipboard, score sheet intact! When the ink dried no one could tell it had blown overboard. Remarkably the inked scores were still legible! Thank you Lynn for computing all the scores! Overall winner for the day was Scott Finkboner of MBYC, closely followed by Paul Ancil and Tom Newton. The B-Fleet winner was Helen Burdett.



First Racin' in the Basin twilights were run Friday, May 21st with 8 boats braving heavy winds with about half the fleet running with B rigs. Lots of spills, thrills, and submarine tries during the fun races managed by Fleet Captain Keith Ives. All RC sailboats are welcome. Contact Keith to get on the twilights list. Fleet Club racing continues monthly at El Dorado Park Boat Pond and Mason Lake in Irvine. Email dshirley101@yahoo.com for schedules. The DF95 2021 Region 6 Championship is coming

up at the San Diego Model Boat Pond on June 11 thru 13th. Entries close midnight June 6. ABYC has 4 entries so far with 25 entries to date. This will be the qualifier for the DragonFlite 95 National Championships August 13-15 at the San Diego Model Boat Pond. The fleet is growing, and Facebook and YouTube have many pages with tips on tuning and upcoming racing.

See you at the pond!

Don Shirley



The four judges in white coats were carefully watching for infractions at the weather mark. (El Dorado Park)



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JUNE 19TH

NEW MEMBER MIXER



AUGUST 28TH

HOT AUGUST NIGHTS

Show off your classic car
and boogie with the band



AUGUST 7TH

OKTOBERFEST BEER BREWING COMPETITION

Create a team. Brew a beer. Be judged. 'Nuff said.



OCTOBER 8TH



END OF SUMMER PARTY

Say goodbye to patio parties
and hello to sweater weather.
I'm Kidding. This is Socal.



SEPTEMBER 18TH

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR DETAILED FLYERS. QUESTIONS? EMAIL
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Saturday, June 19

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SUNDAY, JUNE 20



THREE WEIGHT CLASSES

**FOG CUTTER (HEAVY), ZOMBIE (HEAVIER)
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EVERYONE SAILS TOGETHER

ENTRY FEE \$25.00

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Registration, NOR, Flyer @ ABYC.org

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Contact Maria Milefchik • mmilefchik@hotmail.com



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Saturday, July 3rd
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Bring a picnic and beverages. We'll light the BBQ so you can grill. The bar will be open from 6:00 – 10:00 pm.

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