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men's day 2021

Karen Zeiba photos

Men's Day 2021! We missed 2020 but made up for it this year. The theme was Masks and Mai Tais with a Polynesian flair. So happy to get out of our face masks and into something more fun.

A great turnout of 20 boats. So many great volunteers to make it a great day. A big thanks to Jennifer Kuritz as PRO with Sharon, Toni and Sue on the bay barge. Thanks to Brooke and Stacey on a whaler, and Taylor and Ruta on the second whaler. Eileen, Monica and Sherry with food and Stephanie and Elaine with decorations. Not to mention Karen Zeiba with superb MC skills who masterfully tied in Polynesian history with events on the water.

First place Fog Cutters went to Mark Ryan, First place Zombies went to Bob

Little and First place of the Blue Hawaiian's and the perpetual heavy weight Men's Day trophy winner went to Michael Oliver! Everyone got "leid" with Mai Tais for participants after. A big shout out to Kathy Weishampel for magically finding Sabots for sailors to sail. We loved all the costumes and a special shout out to Gordy with his superb tiki mask.

There was rum for first place, Spam for second (highly coveted) and an awesome flavorful pineapple for best spirit which went to Joseph Barbeito (loved your coconuts!).

Great times with great friends. Thanks Cynthia for sending the message out and I hope we'll get an even bigger crowd next year!

Maria



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Big Bang on the Bay	July 3
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Membership Meeting	July 16
John Merchant Celebration	August 5
Happy Hours	August 6,13,27
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ABYC Family Cruise	August 12-15
Membership Meeting	August 20
<u>Full ABYC Calendar</u>	

commodore's compass



We Are Open! Seems as though everyone was ready for this. Since the Memorial Day Regatta there have been "all hands on-deck". I really appreciate all the members who have turned up and helped with the events going on. Also, thank you all who have come to me with praise as well as suggestions regarding this opening we have been able to enjoy. Feels nice setting this part of our life back on the track. You understand the rest of the World is not on the same track, and some do not even have much of a plan. "Sometimes it feels like you and me against the World." (laugh).

Let's go back a bit:

Laser, oops I mean ILCA MidWinters West – There was a name change. To change a boat (class?) name, a traditional ceremony is used to appease the gods of the seas. Firstly, when renaming, we must purge the old name from the Ledger of the Deep. I am sure this happened.

Kidding aside this was a great event run by none other than the man who knows how to do it Ed Spotsky. He had on board PRO extraordinaire Mark Townsend, with a host of his crew on board Patience and another talented crew running Whaler duty for the setting and changing of marks for a trapezoidal course...not easy. This was only after all the registration and measuring went on with a very capable crew.

If you would like to know what it takes to conduct a regatta like conducting an orchestra you should volunteer to help out a regatta chairman so you can one day be a maestro. This is not usually a position we request in the volunteer forms, but you can find out who is running it and offer to be their right hand. It would be cool.

What a hoot the Men's Day regatta was. 20 sailors trying to fold themselves into, what I felt were, tiny boats to race. It was a one-day affair only after a night of partying at the Summer Kick Off party. I was afraid that the attendance was going to be down, but all showed up and then some. Maria Milefchik was in charge as she has been for the last several years and continued to do a fantastic job. Thank you, Maria!

Summer Kick off – Music, Food and Conversation. This was the first time we were able to have so many on the patio. Sorry it was by reservation only, but we were able to have about 250 (?) people there all milling around telling each other all the lies (stories) which we have not been able to tell person to person in such a long time. Music was at a comfortable level, while I stood back and listened it seemed that the voices in conversation were in concert with the music...the sound was magical!

Opening Days – Attending some of the opening days at other Yacht Clubs was a pleasure being greeted with such warmth. It felt as though we were all trying to make up for lost time in pressing flesh with a smile and a "glad to see you".

Dan Clapp's birthday was put on by his daughter Teri and family. Offering musicians, an open bar and free food from Nina! There were about 50 people on that Friday evening for our start to the opening of California. Happy 92nd Birthday Dan!

Senior Sabots–Thank you Cindy Heavrin for putting on a great event using a great group of people helping with it.

Memorial Day Regatta – A nice weekend during the Memorial Day Regatta which had 127 boats in attendance. It was a bit before the Covid opening so we had to be on the cautious side. Still went off well. Thanks for that.

After hearing of all this fun, if you are felling slighted because of all the opportunities to volunteer not coming your way you are in luck, there are more. Make sure Carol Kofahl has your information.

Dan DeLave

vice verses



Happy Summer! It has been fun to see all the activity at the club over the last month. Regattas are in full swing, folks are around the fire pit mid-week and the BBQ has been fired up more in the last few weeks than in the last year and a half!

We hope you are taking advantage of the warming weather and getting your boats wet. If you are interested, we have a whole host of club boats and even paddleboards that are aching to be used. Please reach out to Sawyer Gibbs at least four days in advance to line one up. You can even work with him now to get a boat reserved for an upcoming regatta. I know that several of our sabots, lasers and Optis are chartered out for weekday junior program usage but weekends seem to be wide-open. Please come enjoy and perhaps try out something new. Just don't forget

your lifejacket!

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ABYC Charter fees

29er - \$75/day - \$100 regatta rate (2 days)
 CFJ - \$30/day - \$50 regatta rate (2 days)
 Laser - \$25/day - \$40 regatta rate (2 days)
 Sabot - \$35/day - \$60 regatta rate (2 days)
 Optimist - \$35/day - \$60 regatta rate (2 days)
 Sail Cube - \$20/day - \$30 regatta rate (2 days)
 Tempest - \$75/ day - \$100 regatta rate (2 days)
 Junior Paddleboards - \$10/ day

If you have a boat in the yard, please wander down to be sure your cover is intact and that your tires are roll-worthy. Per the Yard Rules* – you must use your boat once every six months. We have a waiting list to get in the yard for sailors who are looking to actively race and sail. If your boat hasn't been used in quite a while please get out there and sail or consider giving up the spot. Thanks!

*3.20 A yard-moored boat must be sailed at least once during each six-month period (Jan. 1 – Jun. 30 and Jul. 1 – Dec. 31) to retain yard storage privileges. Any boat found not to be in compliance with this rule is subject to immediate eviction by the Board of Directors. Any boat evicted from the yard for a second time for nonuse must wait one year from the date of the second eviction before the member may apply for another space in the yard.

Cheers,
 Brooke



Sou'Wester DEADLINE

July 24, 2021 is the deadline
 for the August 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 here and we are a rolling! The junior program is in full swing and lots of great things happening with our young sailors. All of them are doing great in their progression to enjoying the sport and we have a wonderful staff on young adults assisting them in their efforts. One notable highlight is we have 7 sabots now in our summer program up from just 2 last year. I want to thank the Sr Sabot Fleet for their support. I would be remised not to give credit to our Junior Director who has spent countless hours in recruiting, planning and in program design. Thanks Sawyer.

One of our sailors is starting to break free of the fleet and is now going places. Tate Christopher won our Memorial Day regatta which was used for a qualifier for US Sailing single handed champion, also known as the Smythe regatta held in Marblehead Mass. Not to sit around and bask in this accomplishment, Tate went down to SD and got second in the SD OCR regatta which got him round trip tickets to the US Youth Champs in North Carolina. Congrats Tate!

An exciting new development, in development, is our launching of Adult sailing. We'll be holding Friday afternoon sessions with those that just want to learn to sail. We'll be using the clubs boats, so come down, bring a friend get out on the water. For those that want to learn racing, we'll follow Fridays on Saturdays to teach beginning and intermediate racing. Tempest, lasers, FJ's, Sabots, pick your poison and go sailing! Look for dates and further announcements in the Commodore Comments.

See you at the club.

Mike

fleet captain's log



A big THANK YOU to all the Volunteers that came out to participate in the much postponed Lasers Midwinters West! This was a fantastic regatta, enjoyed by all, and truly displayed ABYC's ability to run world class events. Many opportunities are always available to come out and be a part of the fun. Ask about the OCR!

Upon returning to work after three days of whaler duty, I reported to our back to live, Monday morning meeting, which always start with a safety topic. It was pretty obvious by my swollen sun burned lips I would be able to provide a topic: Overcast weather is a cruel joke from the sun, who is still up there hiding behind the clouds and secretly roasting you. So, I provided some remedies:

Cold compresses: Avoid icing directly. It doesn't feel good anyways. Use a green tea-soaked washcloth as cool compress. The polyphenols in the tea can promote healthy cell turnover.

Aloe Vera: Break off one of the stalks from your neighbor's plant and squeeze the gel onto your lips. Aloe has healing and hydrating properties. Cucumber slices also have a hydrating/cooling effect, just not so cool looking.

Advil or Motrin. These can relieve the pain and inflammation from the inside, and relieves the other pains obtained from whaler duty. My lip is still fat, but the pain has subsided.

The best remedy: Apply lip balm with SPF! Re-apply more often than sunscreen, like once an hour.

I know you all know these facts, and many of us need reminders often. Yet, deep down I know some of you kinda get excited to peel off your dead skin.

Play safe!

Gabe

membership report

We're off and running with regattas, parties, and lots of folks back enjoying the club. Summer time is here and all we need is all of you to come down and spend some time. Check the ABYC website calendar for all the upcoming activities.

Membership numbers are up with a steady flow of new applicants all of whom are excited to be a part of the ABYC community.

For July we have the following applicants on the 30-day posting list: Regular member George Hershman sponsored by Chuck Clay, and junior members Madison Jane Ly, Jack Chen and Timothy Liu all sponsored by me.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like tours for prospective members.

Mike Shea, Membership Director

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mark's racing rules quiz #80

Answer on page 11

Blue on starboard was overstanding the weather mark. Yellow on port completed her tack inside the zone, clear ahead of Blue. Yellow bore away and established a leeward overlap. Yellow hailed 'No room' and bore away to pass the weather mark. To avoid contact, Blue was forced to bear away, pass the wrong side of the mark and circle back. Blue protested.

Yellow said that if Blue held her course there was ample room for her to round the mark without her having to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact. Also, when Blue obtained an inside overlap from clear astern, as she was unable to give mark room, she is not required to give it, see rule 18.2(f).

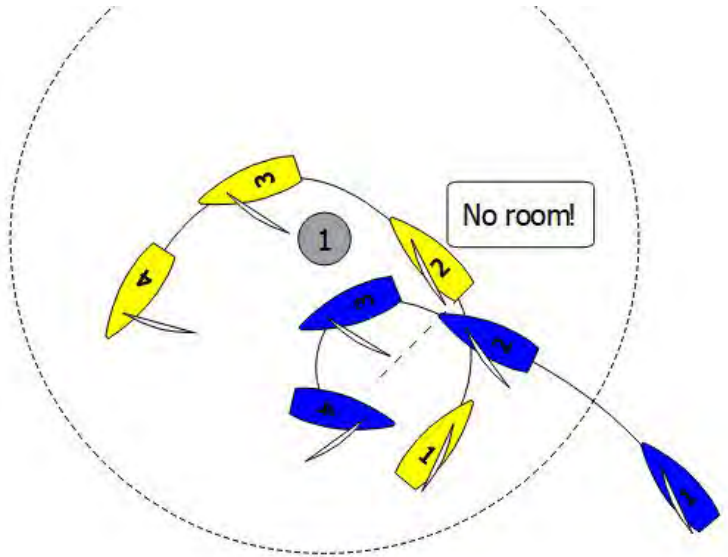
There was no damage. Neither boat took a penalty.

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

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

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	7:00PM		

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

Meeting ID: 975 0242 3917 **Passcode: 7201**

members sailing transpac

We have several members taking off for the lovely isle of Hawaii for the Transpac race. Here is the initial introduction. If you know of anyone to be added I will do so in next week's report:

Good Energy

Chuck Clay (Staff Commodore) George Hershman (Posted for membership) Pete Frazier

USA #88

John Sangmeister, Peter Sangmeister, Jack Sangmeister, Erik Berzin (honorary member)

Trouble

Gabe Ferramola (Board - Fleet Captain)

Medicine Man

Keith Ives Neil Rietdyk Andrew Lamb (new member)

Fast Exit

Garret Brown (dad is a Staff Commodore)





the baylogger

The 2021 Summer Sailing Program is off and running! We kicked off Session 1 last Monday with a fantastic turnout of Opti and Laser Sailors. Our up-and-coming Junior Sabot fleet grew from 2 last summer to 7 this year. We are very excited to see this class building momentum, hopefully soon we will have a team to take back our Sabot crown from LBYC.

In other news, our Laser team has been hard at work yet again. *Head Coach* Paul Didham has the kids dialed in with the summer regattas fast approaching. A few weekends ago we saw Tate Christopher take home 1st Place at the Memorial Day regatta. Tate was 1st out of 37 ILCA 6's (Laser Radial). And earlier in the month he placed 3rd out of 42 ILCA 6's at SDYC Olympic Classes Regatta. Nicholas Mueller also had a great performance at the SDYC OCR taking home 6th place. With Tate's top finishes he has qualified for the US Junior Championship Marblehead, Massachusetts. We are so proud of Tate and the progress he has made since joining the Laser team back in 2019.

The next big event for our Laser team will be on home waters July 9-11, when we host the ABYC Olympic Classes Regatta. Paul and I are very excited to see our team at full force here in our own backyard.

Sawyer



To my brother Riley,
It still seems so surreal. I think back to when you qualified early last year. Following the results until Mom came up to me with eyes full of tears to break the news. Watching your journey brought all of us so much joy. Naturally, the very next day we started planning our trip to Tokyo. I have never seen Mom and Dad so excited, spending hours on end looking at Airbnb's walking distance from the venue. It was all planned and ready to go.. Until the world had to shut down. We were heartbroken, but we could not begin to think about how this weighed on you. At the time there was no guarantee they would suspend the 2020 Olympic games. After some time, it was finally announced the games would be held in 2021. Since that announcement we had been holding out hope to see you at your first Olympic games. After all, Mom and Dad have been watching your journey through YouTube livestreams often at outrageous times of the day. I was so excited for Dad; he was looking forward to watching you compete against the Olympic stage. After all he endured enough of our Sabot C3 regattas, telepathically trying to get us to us to tack on shifts when we were 5 years old. He and Mom really did not like missing your big regattas from winning Orange Bowl in 29ers to your first SailGP event. Selfishly, I was looking forward to taking 2 weeks off to see you in Tokyo. It still hurts knowing that I will not be there to cheer you on and give you pointers. However, I will be cheering from afar, like always. Hopefully watching you with a gold sticker on your sail raising the American Flag.

Good Luck & Sail Fast,
Sawyer

This whole thing started with early registration in November 2109 and actually had people walking up to register on March 24th 2021. People were actually towing their boats to us when we cancelled 1 week before the March 2020 shut down. We moved the Regatta to July 2020 and eventually took over the cancelled Long beach Race Week dates of June 24-27th 2021. It has been quite a ride.

After calling Royal Vancouver Yacht Club we were under the impression that no Canadians would be showing up due to non-essential travel orders. We had a few Canadians register during the weeks leading up to the Regatta who told us the Canadian Sailing Federation made them essential. We even had 4-5 sailors travel from the Grand Caymans. We ended up with 105 sailors from 6 countries and 12 states.

Close to 200 sailors registered over that period and kept Mark Townsend very busy with cancellations, double registrations, sail changes, double cancellations, class changes, etc. over the 20 month period. The spirit of the sailors, staff, and volunteers was high with the excitement of a large post covid regatta. It was great to see all the sailors seeing their old Laser friends from all over. This event was also the only event in the USA to qualify for the Youth Worlds so the caliber of sailors was very high including our current Olympic Laser full rig representative, Charlie Buckingham.

These Regattas require lots of planning and volunteers which our crew has not lost their touch after the down time.

I would like to thank the group leaders:

Registration: Kathy Weisample

Landman : Pat McCormick

Scoring : Sharon Pearson-Jon Robinson

ABYC Staffing : Rick Roberts

Water Staffing: Robin Townsend

Judges: Ron Wood

Food : NiNa !!

Photos: Simone Staff - Tom Walker

Along with the other 35 volunteers to make this a special event.

We had 32 full, 55 radial, and 18 – 4.7 rig Lasers with the top 3 positions as follows:

Full 1. Charlie Buckingham 2. Leo Boucher 3. Ford McCann

Radial 1. Chapman Petersen 2. Bobby Meek 3. Coralie Vittecog

4.7 1. Matheo Capasso 2. Ava Anderson 3. Mika Stenberg

Jorge Suarez hit the dock after the 1st day and simply said “epic conditions”

Day 1 and 2 were spectacular Long Beach conditions which the coaches and sailors absolutely loved with 3 races on day 1 and 4 races on day 2. Day 3 was a little more challenging with lighter winds and a more tropical shifty feeling with only 2 races being possible.

All in all, it was such a good feeling to “Be Back” to what this Club enjoys doing the most, hosting big regattas and everyone getting together like old times.

Spot



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To view and purchase photos:
<https://simonestaff.smugmug.com/Laser-Midwinters-West-2021>

kick out covid summer bash

Kathy Robinson photos



halloween charity regatta

The Halloween Charity Regatta for The Children's Clinic Family Health returns to the ABYC calendar on Saturday, October 30, with classes racing on the bay and in the harbor. ABYC again is committing a portion of your racing registration to donations for TCC, and hosting the Silent Auction during the event.

The Yacht Clubs of Long Beach committee that coordinates its fund raisers for The Children's Clinic celebrates its 35th year, and has set a goal of \$30,000 for this year, in hopes of helping hundreds of lower income families in Long Beach with medical, social services, and housing needs.

"Brunch on the Bay for The Children's Clinic" has been an annual event at Navy Yacht Club Long Beach and its partner the International Order of the Blue Gavel District 10, coordinated by IOBG Commodore Rodney Coomber and his wife Joyce Jackson Coomber. In 2019, this event was well attended by Navy YC members, who were treated by a superb brunch buffet and delightful drawing for gorgeous gift baskets donated by local businesses and members. It is planned for August this year.

Seal Beach Yacht Club is planning its Sailor's Swap Meet and Hot Dog Luncheon in September, headed up by Kelly Walsh, videographer extraordinaire for SIBYC's Thursday evening summer race series. Donations of your gently used sailboat items and equipment, (or even sailboats!) are requested for this event. You also can be a vendor at \$50 per space. Vendors keep all their sales money. SIBYC will be joined by Marina Yacht Club on the same day, Long Beach with its annual Pancake

Breakfast to be coordinated by our own Alan Cunningham and MYCLB past commodore John Caldwell. In 2019, these combined events raised over \$2100 in one day. The date for these events will be negotiated with the Harbor Department, and usually takes place in front of SIBYC and West Marine.

Carol Kofahl, Silent Auction Chair, would love your commitments for donations to the Silent Auction with 100% of its proceeds going to The Children's Clinic. Great items include gift cards for merchandise and services, gift baskets, new hand made items, costume and fine jewelry (with certificates of authenticity), seats at athletic events that will occur in November, December, and 2022; antiques (limited provenance requested); art work with Certificates of Authenticity, and anything else that you believe could sell!

Volunteers will be needed for the racing events for all race related committees, for the Silent Auction, and to assist with tee-shirts and merchandise sales to benefit The Children's Clinic. Please contact Carol Kofahl to volunteer and to donate! carol.abyc2021@gmail.com. Thanks!

BYC is grateful to all of our members who volunteer their time and talents to assist with racing and social functions. Volunteers are usually needed for every regatta to assist on race preparation, parking directions, volunteer check-in, with scoring, in chaseboats, and with trophies. Our next racing events are the Olympic Class Regatta on Saturday and Sunday July 10-11 and the Lathan Bell Dinghy Challenge on Sunday August 1. Please contact the Race Chair for either event, or Carol Kofahl, Director in charge of Volunteers at carol.abyc2021@gmail.com. **ABYC is the Place to Be!!**

by Carol Anne Ginder Kofahl

Chair, Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Committee

mark's rules

...from page 5

Before Blue tacked, Rule 18 did not apply, since Blue and Yellow were on opposite tacks and the proper course at the mark for Blue was to tack, see rule 18.1(b). When Blue tacked within the zone, rule 18.3 began to apply.

Blue's assertion that there was ample room for Yellow her to round the mark without her having to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact may be true but is only part of Yellow's obligations under rule 18.3. The second part of rule 18.3 says "and she shall give mark-room if that boat becomes overlapped inside her." As rule 18.3 applies between Blue and Yellow, rule 18.2 does not, which means Yellow must give Blue mark room if she becomes overlapped inside her.

Yellow was also required by rule 11 to keep clear when Blue became overlapped inside her.

CONCLUSION

Yellow to windward failed to keep clear of Blue to leeward, and broke RRS 11..

After Yellow passed head to wind from port to starboard tack inside the zone and was then fetching the mark, she failed to give mark-room to Blue who was overlapped inside her. Yellow broke RRS 18.3.

DECISION

Yellow is disqualified.

See you on the water.

Mark Townsend

memorial day regatta 2021

Memorial Day Regatta 2021 was a blast this year with 127 entries in 14 classes. This included 12 coach boats, 63 trailers, 114 dollies, 295 cars, 51 volunteers, 97 volunteer lunches over 2 days, 17 coaches, 36 trophies, 2 race committee boats, 5 whalers, 8 inflatable marks, 5 pin marks, 17 anchors, chain, and rode, and lots of cooperation, team work, and the sharing of a common goal to host the first major regatta in 15 months.

This year Memorial Day Regatta was hosted by the Cal 20 Fleet. Everyone really stepped up to help out. The Cal 20 is a great boat and has an awesome group of sailors willing to do their part when it comes to volunteering.

Saturday morning **Jerry Montgomery & Kathy Weishampel** greeted all the volunteers as they checked in, while **Bobbie Peterson, Judy Mathias, Sue Crockett, and Mary Riddick** handled all the entries. **Jason Mullen, Phil Soma, and Paul Anctil** worked the gate greeting sailors and giving them directions for boat drop off and parking.

Russ Cole & Hayden Rietdyk worked the inside parking lot getting trailers unhooked and tow vehicles out the gate, shuffling trailers and boats, and basically making this highly choreographed dance all work out. Great job Russ & Hayden.

All the boats got in the water without a hitch thanks to **Mike Wood** and **Dave Pemberton** on the hoist, with **Bryce Hans** and **Keith Polmanteer** taking care of the ramp, and **Pat McCormick** as dock master and whaler operator. The traffic jam that sometimes happens never did thanks to these guys.

All the gear necessary for sailboat racing was organized by **Dave Myers**. Inside whaler #1 **Todd & Cathy Black-Smith**, along with inside whaler #2 **Dave Crockett Sr. & Dave Crockett Jr.** could easily get their gear. Likewise, outside whaler #1 **Mike Van Dyke, Chuck Clay, Pete Frazier** along with outside whaler #2 **Jennifer Kuritz, Blaine Brown, & Hayden Rietdyk**, and outside whaler #3 **Bob Anderson, Dan Gilboa, and Fred Stevens** could gear up with out problem. Thank you Dave!

The Bay PRO was **Martyn Bookwalter**. His crew on the bay barge was **Michiyo Connelly, Dave Kofahl, and Dave & Barbara Rustigan**. Martyn has this down to a science and his crew did a superb job.

The Harbor Race Committee was led by PRO **Steve Kuritz**, assisted by **Gordon Palmer, Judy Mathias, and John Ellis**. Scorers were **Sharon Pearson, Trish Clay, Toni Morford, Elise McCaleb, Sue McDannel, Betty Baumann, and John McCaleb**. With so many boats out on the ocean courses, it is very challenging, but they do a great job! They also used the new Patience and all reports came back positive. A few things are now known to make it better, and the working head was definitely a hit!

The protest committee consisted of **Chuck Tripp** as Chief Judge. Sitting in with Chuck were **Randy Smith, and Ron Wood**. **Sue Crockett** assisted as protest clerk. There were a few protests both days, and this group had to stay late Saturday night. Thank you Chuck, Randy, Ron, and Sue.

Saturday night saw a large crowd hanging out. Music provided by **Jorge Suarez** played in the background. Decorations making a festive atmosphere were set up by **Melissa Kirby**. **Cole** and new employee **Chris**, along with **Jenny** helping in the galley did a terrific job. Not just with breakfast, lunch, and handing out volunteer lunches, but with tons of orders all the way up to 6 pm. This was Chris' first day on the job and he passed with flying colors. Thank you Jorge, Mellisa, Cole, Chris, & Jenny!

Rick Roberts and his crew of **Sheila, Dwayne, and Damion** deserve a round of applause for all the work they did and going above and beyond! Rick handles a thousand details with the smoothness of a nicely wet sanded boat bottom, while Shelia managed the office with care, and Dwayne and Damian took care of their tasks and more with a smile. Let's not forget our wonderful bartenders, **Krystal, Andee, and Erica**.

Finally, thank you to Commodore **Dan Delave** and the Board of Directors, in particular Board Liason **Carol Kofahl**, who helped and guided through the whole process. Not only that, but Carol took care of all the wonderful trophies we handed out to competitors.

It has been so much fun and very rewarding being chairman of the Memorial Day Regatta and an honor to work with so many dedicated people in my 5 years as chairman and co-chairman. Truly an experience I will never forget. However, it is time for me to retire, but the person I worked most closely with, **Carol Kofahl**, has agreed to be the **2022 Memorial Day Regatta Chairman**! Carol will do a great job and I plan to help her every step of the way. So until next year...

See ya on the water,
Jeff Ives, Cal 20 Fleet



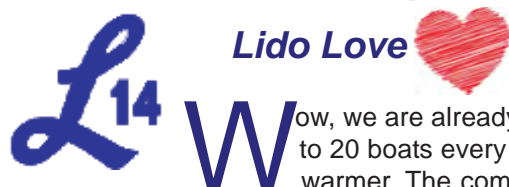
U.S. Sailing's Chubb Junior Area J Championship was sailed in conjunction with the Memorial Day Regatta. First place was ABYC sailor Tate Christopher. (third from right)

more memorial day



Mike Shea photo

hails from the fleets



Lido Love

Now, we are already halfway through the twilight series. It continues to be a great season with 15 to 20 boats every Thursday night. We expect even more boats as the evenings continue to get warmer. The competition will also ramp up with the Lido Class Championship regatta less than two months away.

Special thanks go out to Jack Johnson for holding a trailer bearing day. It's been a couple of years since most of us have trailered further than Newport. With the High Sierra Regatta just a few weeks away, followed by the championship in Mission Bay we will be racking up some miles. Thanks Jack for helping us keep the wheels on.

If you haven't sailed Lido twilights what are you waiting for? No boat, no problem. The fleet has a boat available for charter.

Kevin



hails from the fleets

Sharon Green (Ultimate Sailing) photos
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It's hard to ignore the cheerful, vibrant, billowing spinnakers on the June pages of the 2021 Ultimate Sailing Calendar! So few fleets fly colorful spinnakers anymore, it is a treat when I get to photograph an event like the Viper 640 Worlds, featured here. Color adds such a tremendous dimension to an image: it draws your eye in and helps express the mood. And this was such a lively, joyful event to shoot!

I had just come back from covering the Transpac: big boats adventuring offshore. But after the Los Angeles start, there's a long pause before I get to capture any more action, and then it's just one boat at a time as they approach the finish off Honolulu. The Viper 640 World Championship at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) was completely different! It was sporty and spiffy and non-stop, with happy, enthusiastic competitors of all ages.

Dozens of teams on supersonic 21-foot vessels blasting around the course in every direction, and the action happens so fast! I found myself wanting to be everywhere at once ...but of course I couldn't. It got really tricky as the fleet spread out, and we were constantly maneuvering to make sure I could get the shots without getting in the way!

The Viper 640 is a great high performance sport boat that accelerates on a dime, and planes readily, making it a thrill to photograph. But it looks like a thrill to race, too!

And the racing was so tight, the finishes were super exciting as well. Small boat racing is a big focus at ABYC, which has established an impressive record for hosting highly competitive sport boat events over the years.

Approaching it's 100th anniversary, ABYC was the first yacht club in the United States to win the prestigious St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy: an award presented by US Sailing for excellence in race organization and management. Since then they've won it again, twice!

The Club straddles the beach and bay where 'classic Long Beach' conditions guarantee that the sea breeze comes up in the afternoon like clockwork!

But not only is ABYC serious about racing, they're serious about fun too. We enjoyed nightly parties, dancing and entertainment, and I was impressed and grateful that so many members and competitors thanked me for being there to capture their great experience.

Lately it seems I have been up to my ears in colorful kites, as I put the final touches on the 2022 Ultimate Sailing Calendar. Celebrating my 40th edition, our 2022 calendar is a retrospective of my favorite images from the last four decades, including a lot of iconic shots from the heyday of bright and flashy spinnakers and bloopers. I trust you'll love this nostalgic and illuminating compilation of yacht racing around the world. Stand by for a sneak preview soon!

Sharon Green



Perfect windy day in Long Beach, California made it the optimal venue for the 15th Los Angeles Olympics and a historic occasion when the Games return to the City of Angels in 2028. At the Viper 640 World Championships, competitors take advantage of these trademark conditions, maximizing their powerful sail plan to get up on a plane in a snap.



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hails from the fleets



Measuring Days - Fleet 1 Chief Measurer Chuck Stevens has set up 2 days for Cal 20 weighing and sail measuring.

Boat weighing - **Saturday, July 24th from 8:00 am to 1 pm.**

Sail Measuring - **Saturday August 7th from 8:00am to 1 pm.**

Get your **Measurement Certificate** for Cal 20 Nationals at CBYC.

Cal 20 Nationals - August 13, 14, & 15. It's game on in the Gulch!

Crewman available - new member Eric Seitz is looking to buy a Cal 20. Right now, that's easier said than done. In the meantime, Eric would like to crew on a Wednesday night if anyone needs crew. Contact Eric at: eric.seitz@gmail.com or at 805-668-7295.

Yard Trailer - Jenn Golison's dad has an extra yard trailer and is looking for a good home. \$300 obo. Jenn indicated perhaps free to a Fleet 1 member. Contact Jenn Golison at: 562-305-6410

This past **Wet Wednesday** saw 13 boats out on the racecourse. Winds were out of the South, Southwest at 9-10 knots. The LBYC race committee set a weather mark out past the east end of the breakwater making for some open ocean sailing. First for the cannon blast at the LBYC clubhouse finish line was **#373 Bravura** sailed by Rob Fuller & Jeff Ives. Second was **#363 Magic Bus** with Pat McCormick & Steve George. Third was **#298 Buckshot** with Andrew Lamb & Daniel Gorman. Fourth was **#441 Chubito** sailed by Will Durant & David Oborn.

Next Wet Wednesday, let's get at *least 14 boats* out on the racecourse and beat our current high number of 13! Cal 20's, what a fun boat!

Jeff Ives

Q & A with Tate Christopher

The U.S. Sailing's D. Venner Smythe Trophy is awarded each year to the winner of the Junior Singlehanded Champion. ABYC Junior sailor Mike Sentovich won the Smythe Trophy in 1982 and, if our memory serves us well, the most recent ABYC participant was Jonathan Green in 1989. This year's Memorial Day Regatta served as the Area J Qualifier with our very own Tate Christopher winning the ICLA 6 (Radial) fleet by three points over Morgan Pinckney of NHYC. Both will compete in this year's single handed championship at Eastern YC in Marblehead, MA, in August.

After learning to sail and compete at the international level in Optimists, Tate stepped up to the ICLA 6 a couple of years ago. Having singlehanded sailing not restricted in the past year, Tate, as well as a large group of ABYC Juniors, concentrated their efforts on the ICLA 6. I wondered how Tate felt about his Smythe qualification:

Q: How do you feel about qualifying for the Smythe?

Tate: It's really cool! There is only going something like to be 22 boats at the regatta!

Q: Kevin Taugher told me the last representative from ABYC was back in the late 80's. Does that make you feel better or worse?

T: Definitely really cool! (*note: very large smile on Tate's face!*)

Q: What was it that helped you win Memorial Day?

T: Well, I have been sailing a lot of Lasers recently, having really good starts, the wind was pretty light and I am pretty fast in that wind so I was probably the fastest boat in the fleet, so with good starts, play the shifts pretty well, I was able to win.

Q: Did you like the clinics and coaching at ABYC?

T: The clinics all helped like a ton especially since it was all at ABYC and the regatta was at ABYC.

Q: How did you do at Midwinters West?

At this point, Tate explained that he did not do as well, but felt very good about where he stacked up against an interstate and international fleet. His starts were good, but needed to work on boat speed in tighter lanes up wind and work on downwind strategies in large fleets. I asked him what him if he is sailing in Olympic Classes Regatta:

T: I will definitely do that! That is a qualifier for Youth Champs, but that doesn't matter for me because I already qualified because I already qualified at the San Diego OCR a couple of weeks ago.

Q: Very cool! (*Who knew!*) Any other word you might have? This is a freebee!

T: Thank you to my coaches, like Paul (Didham), Paul has help me like a ton! All the training I have has is really good! And, my mom (Jen) has been such a huge help driving me to all the events and getting all the equipment and everything I needed, thank you a lot!

Q: Have you ever had to cry on her shoulders?

T: Definitely!

Jorge Suarez



hails from the fleets

Todd Smith photos



SENIOR SABOT NATIONALS AT ABYC – JUNE 5-6

Senior Sabot Nationals turned out to be a great event! Perfect Sabot weather, good competition, and an overall comfortable feeling of getting together with good friends and enjoying two days of sailing.

Thank you PRO Steve Kuritz and crew for keeping things running smoothly both days, and to all the volunteers who made this a successful event.

A total of 31 boats turned out and the Masters Fleet was split into Gold and Silver. The Master Gold Fleet had 13 boats with 6 boats in the Silver Fleet. The Senior fleet had 12 competitors. Only 1 boat signed up for the Grand Masters (Lanny Coon), with no challenge there he was very competitive in the Master Gold Fleet. The Heavy Weights stayed home this year as no one signed up for Clydesdale.

Dinner Saturday after sailing was fabulous gourmet hamburgers by Teak Catering, and with the bar open on the patio and beautiful sunshine both days were wonderful.

ABYC's Paul Ancil finished 2nd in the Masters Gold Fleet behind Scott Finkboner of MBYC, and ABYC's Kathy Reed also received a trophy finishing 4th. Jennifer Kurtiz took 1st place in the Masters Silver Fleet on the tiebreaker with Cathy Black-Smith, both representing ABYC.

Chuck Sinks of SDYC took top honors in the Senior Fleet, ahead of Joseph Hou of ABYC/NHYC. We had a good turnout of 12 ABYC Sabot Sailors competing in this event. Go the to ABYC web page to see complete results.

A special thanks to Artists Julie Anderson of MBYC who designed and printed the Take-Home trophies; to Kathy Weishampel of ABYC who designed the Daily first Trophies; and to Cathy Black-Smith of ABYC who designed the Regatta T-Shirts along with all the work and put the finishing touches on the Take-Home trophies.



Regatta chair Cindy Heavrin ran a great regatta and had a great time racing as well. Here she is shown rounding the leeward mark preparing to work the infamous Long Beach right side.



PRO Steve Kuritz sites the line at the finish and calls out the finishers to scorer's Jim and Lynn Drury.



Masters Gold Fleet charges off the start line working the left side towards the Marina office on Sunday.



IMPORTANT INFO FOR BIG BANG ON THE BAY AT ABYC

Saturday, July 3rd

6:00 pm – ABYC Officially Opens for the Big Party

- ***Bring your own food and beverages.*** This is an old-fashioned picnic. There will be **NO** food, **NO** bar, **NO** beer, **NO** wine, and **NO** beverages of any kind, sold at the Club.
- **Parking is first come, first served, *MEMBERS ONLY*.**
- **An ABYC *decal must show* in the vehicle window.**
- ***ALL cars must remain unlocked, with keys in vehicle, so they can be moved in an emergency.***
- ***Please consider Ubering, boating, carpooling, bicycling, walking, taking the shoreboat, or scootering to the Club.***

***** SHOREBOAT SERVICE*****

Pickup: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Return: 9:45 – 10:30 pm

******Read Shoreboat Flyer for Complete Details******

- ***Wrist bands are required for Members and Member's guests. Please pick up wrist bands at the Club Office NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 2!***
- ***Professional Security will require that all people entering the ABYC gate are wearing a Club-issued wristband. Please respect their detailed instructions to insure security within the Club grounds and to help protect the parked cars!***

BOAT SERVICE TO ABYC

BIG BANG ON THE BAY

Saturday, July 3

Pick-Up – 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Return – 9:45 to 10:30 pm

***Park at “2nd & PCH” Shopping Center
and Walk to Marina***

Pickup/Dropoff Location

Bottom of Ramp for Dock 22

Left of Marina Restrooms

A-32, 6460 Marina Drive

Third Dock to Left of Marina Shipyard

Service Fee – TBD