



boxing day

Brooke Jolly photos

Asymmetric spinnakers, gaff rigs, bow sprits, code zeroes, bloopers, trapezes - the Boxing Day race had it all. Fifty-nine boats in eighteen different classes entered the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's 19th Annual Boxing Day Pursuit Race. Once again sailors arrived with an assortment of the normal and not so normal boats providing a challenge for the handicappers. Boats ranged from the easy to rate Naples Sabots and Lidos, to the foiling A Class Catamaran and the modified Soling.

A perfect winter's day greeted the sailors with blue skies and no wind. But the forecast was for the wind to fill for the 1pm start with gusts to 8 knots before the end of the day. The Race Committee was kept busy getting the fifty-nine boats underway with over twenty separate starts some only one minute apart. The Sabot, Optimists and Lidos were divided into sub-classes to provide opportunities for the less experienced sailors to win.

The pursuit race format builds the handicap into each boat's starting time. Boats are started in reverse order of their speed; the slower boats racing for over two hours, and the faster boats such as the foiling A Class catamaran for only about an

hour. As each class's assigned start time arrived, they lined up and tried to catch the slower boats that had started ahead of them while trying to avoid being caught by the faster boats behind them.

The wind was light as the Optimists crossed the downwind start line between the basin 5 platform and the nearest Christmas tree. The other boats started slowest to fastest before the final boat to start, the A Class catamaran, having given the Optimists a 50-minute head start swept across the start line in a building breeze. The wind was all of 6 knots by this time.

The Naples Sabots had built a good lead before the other faster classes started. The Mercury 18 was looking well placed

for a long time gaining rapidly on the Sabots, but they in turn were being caught by the Cal 20, Tempest, Viper 640. The A Class Catamaran, sailed by Daniel Segrave, starting last was moving through the fleet and on the leg from mark F to mark V swept past all but the Sabot, rounding mark V just ahead of the Mercury 18, Tempest and Viper 640. On what proved to be the last leg, the A Cat passed the Sabot, the Sabot held off the rest of the fleet and the Viper 640 passed the Tempest and Cal 20.

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Happy Hour	January 4, 11, 18, 25
Membership Meeting	January 18
Sunset Saturday	January 19, 26
Happy Hour	February 1, 8, 22
Super Bowl Party	February 3
Membership - Celebration of Champs	February 18
Sunset Saturday	February 9, 23
Midwinter Regatta	February 16 - 17
Full ABYC Calendar	

manager's corner



The Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's dedication to running sailing events that showcase our member-volunteers knowledge, experience and skills will be well demonstrated in 2019. A few days into the New Year we host the Junior Invitational, January 12-13. Three weeks later we will be running the Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association, SoCal Series Race #4, Feb. 2-3. Two weeks after that we will be a host club for the SCYA Midwinter Regatta, Feb. 16-17.

Our club excels at regatta management, which is why we have a long-standing record of hosting both nationals and world-class regattas each year. Well done ABYC!

Changing topics; Let's talk about our new bar. How would you like to have access to our bar on Saturday nights?

For those of you who said, "Yes!", we are bringing back Sunset Saturdays beginning Saturday, January 19. Snacks will be served (My project is getting our popcorn machine back in service) and we are working on a special food menu, similar to our Friday Night Happy Hour.

We are hoping our Saturday night bar service will be well-supported so that this becomes a regular occurrence.

Thank you all for your continued hard work and support in our club governance, our sailing programs and our regattas. Through your efforts, you have made ABYC a truly great yacht club.

Happy New Year everyone, and we'll see you at ABYC, *The Place to BE!*

Rick

commodore's compass



I hope everyone had a great holiday season. It was great seeing so many of you at the Christmas Party. Watching Santa arrive in his launch is one of my favorite things. I look forward to it each year.

Over Christmas, registration for the Viper 640 Championships, which will be held this coming August at ABYC, opened-we already have a pretty solid number of competitors registered. A significant amount of work has taken place to date and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved from the race management side as well as from the class.

We have a lot of racing coming up this year. Starting in mid-January we have our first regatta of the season and we have a regatta and/or significant on the water event every month until the end of the year. We also have some great social activities planned as well. All of these activities require countless volunteer hours to plan and execute. I am thankful for all of you who give so much of your time and effort to make ABYC the place to be. It would be great to get more and new volunteers to help support all of our activities. If you would like to volunteer and don't know where to start, please reach out to any Board Member.

Dave

dueling photos



Dave Schack 12-14



Stacey Schack 12-29

staff thank you

The ABYC staff would like to thank all the members who contributed to the Staff Christmas Fund. It is greatly appreciated and makes our Christmas brighter. We would also like to thank the Officers and Directors for a great year and look forward to an even better 2019. ABYC is the place to be!

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday and the coming year filled with PROSPERITY, GOOD HEALTH & HAPPINESS!

A heartfelt THANK YOU

ABYC Staff

weather station

A cool new tool or toy depending on viewpoint!!

You can now access real-time weather data from ABYC's weather station by clicking the following link <https://www.abyc.org/abyc-info/weather>.

viceverses



Happy New Year!! 2019 is upon us and it's going to be a busy year. Please take some time this month to check on your boat in the yard. Shelia and I noticed a few boats full of water last week on our yard walk. If you are in the yard, please take some time to review the yard rules. Thank you.

The BOD has several club improvements scheduled this year, but If you have something in mind, please let me know.

Sunset Saturdays are back. Come down to the club and enjoy the new bar and the new bar snacks. Check the club calendar for upcoming dates.

Hope to see you on the water soon.

Stephen Mueller

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

January 23, 2018 is the deadline for the February 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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Wow! What a season...Lots of places to go and things to see. Finally calming down in my neighborhood with all the gawkers of Christmas lights. Boxing Day regatta had a nice turnout of sailors, 57 in total. It was a perfect day for it as far as sun and wind. Not too much not too little. Nice chill in the air to remind everyone that it is, after all, winter. Brrr.

Hope everyone got what they wanted, needed or expected for Christmas...

I think it is time I get back to the tool room I talked about a while ago. We, as members, have our own tool room. Did you know that? It is kind of a shambles right now and not easy to use. I have thought it would be nice to have a nice organizational system in there so as to retrieve and replace tools as they are used. As options there is, a system where you pound or screw a hook in the wall and call it good (not what I want or like) OR we could consider a more effective way that would allow some modification as we are getting used to it. There is some pegboard up in there now which is my second least favorite. I am looking to add a combination of slatwall and French cleats. They are both fairly clean to look at and can hold anything we could think of hanging on the wall with complete adjustability. If you are a woodworker or a "wanna be" one I would like your recommendations and help.

Slat walls can be made, with a special bit and a nice table router or we could just buy some. As for the French cleat system, it is a DIY project where you make bracket holders with 45 degree edges that will allow a shelf or hanger with a similar cleat to hang on it. Both are completely adjustable. Look these up on the internet if you like to see them in action.

I am still recovering from shoulder replacement surgery so I will need help from you. Some may be interested in helping just to find out how to do this for your own life. Others already know, so can teach, how to assemble these.

We can bang this out in a day or two. We can buy brackets and/or make specific brackets which will be ongoing but most made at the same time we assemble the wall. If you are interested in helping please contact me... maybe we can find an open weekend soon that could accommodate this project? dandelave@gmail.com, please use a subject line of "slatwall french cleats".

On another subject: I would like to get more entertainment to our yachting populous. One thought is that we have lots of really talented people within our circle. I have asked several members if they would be interested in entertaining, maybe on a Friday evening, when nothing else is going on and they were interested. If you are interested please contact me. Eileen and I used to love the days when Steve Harder used Friday evening for his band practice.

Later,
Dan

fleet captain's log



Happy New Year to you all! We have a bunch of things on this year's calendar to keep everybody busy sailing, hanging out at the club enjoying our wonderful location and activities, as well as helping put on our fantastic sailing events. I am happy to report that closing out 2018 we have all our boats floating and accounted for! A few have been pulled from the water and stored on their trailers to maintain them better, away from salt exposure and to remove the need to have the bottoms cleaned when they are not in use. The plan is to keep all of them in tip top shape for the fun adventures that await us in 2019.

Brooke

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.

the baylogger

Happy New Year!

2019 is going to be a fantastic year of sailing here in Long Beach! Your Junior Program has a whole schedule of events they're attending, with almost every weekend spent on the water! Check out the Spring 2019 Programs on the website to see just how active your junior fleet is. I hope everyone has had a special winter break, and is ready for an action-packed spring!

Here's to more wind!

Craig Ramsay

Director of Sailing Programs



juniorboard

ABYC Junior Board has the great holiday tradition of partnering with a local children's charity or program each year to make a difference in the community. This year, the juniors decided to sponsor a toy drive for Miller's Children's Hospital at Long Beach Memorial. The juniors reached out to ABYC members, family, and friends in soliciting donations to deliver to the pediatric hospital.

Juniors wrapped a festive large box for collection in the lobby of the club and advertised the event in the weekly newsletter. ABYC members very generously donated toys by dropping off unwrapped toy donations. The box was full over the brim with stuffed animals, games, trucks, balls, play mats, and infant toys! All of the toys were delivered by juniors to the hospital on December 21, just in time for Christmas delivery to the pediatric patients! The hospital staff was very appreciative of the ABYC donations which will be handed out by child life specialists on Christmas. The ABYC Juniors would like to thank the ABYC members for joining in the toy drive and putting a smile on the children's faces this holiday season!

Julia Carpenter



Julia delivering the toys

juniorperspective

I just completed my first Boxing Day Regatta on December 29, 2018 at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. This was my second regatta and I sailed my Sabot as a C3. Although it was frightening at first with all the big boats and the gusting wind, but I soon adapted to the heel of the boat and had a lot of fun. This regatta was different from my previous regatta because all of the boats that competed were put into one class instead of being divided by the type of boat, and most of the racers were adults. In addition, I raced against much higher level people on a longer course. Even though I finished the race 47th place out of 60 boats, I learned so much and hope to compete next year.

Gabe Mee

junior programboard rep

Ho Ho Ho...oh hum...that was last month, seriously I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. A lot going on in the Junior camp in the coming months. We have our spring sailing starting and before we know it, we'll have summer upon us. Craig has been busy with staffing responsibilities and we are still looking for some quality instructors. Tips and referrals are always welcome!

We have Junior Invitational coming up on Jan 12-13 (Sabots) and we always could use a few more volunteers. We have Brett Peoples chairing the regatta and I'm helping muster some help. Give me a jingle or email if you have time to help out.

Spring sailing sign ups are out and we have, Learn to Sail, Lasers, and then our Opti's, LT and Green fleets. We'll be partnering with our friends across the bay for Sabot beginners to advanced. Look for the flyers or see Craig for more details.

Look forward to seeing you at the club!

Mike

membership report

With the New Year upon us we want to welcome new members Stephanie Buckley, Melissa Kirby, Arjun Boddu, Jeff Egan, Dante Domenico Scatena, and Kara Ivancich. Two new candidates for posting are Rebecca Langenwalter and William Lee. The later part of the year has seen a nice increase in membership numbers as well as several junior members transitioning to Yachting status. Unfortunately, though, we've had a recent run of resignations which often seems to be a step back for every couple steps forward with regards to keeping the membership numbers up.

As always I encourage all of you to keep using the club and bringing friends and family as much as you can to enjoy the wonderful facility that is always here for us.

We would also like you to let us know if you are not receiving weekly correspondence from the club. Stacy Massy does a great job with our Weekly Reader which captures all the upcoming events at the club. For many of us it's our lifeline to what going on. Send me an email if you are not.

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racing rules quiz #50

Answer on page 13

Reach Leg Rules 11 & 17

1. Both boats were 420's sailing in about 15 knots of breeze with moderate waves.
2. On the reach to the finish, in 15 knots of breeze, Yellow with spinnaker set established an overlap about one hull length to leeward of Blue two-sail reaching.
3. Yellow's spinnaker collapsed as she luffed slightly.
4. The space between the crew on the trapeze of Yellow and the boom end of Blue narrowed to 3 feet and Yellow curtailed her luff to avoid contact with Blue.
5. The course of the boats was above the course to the finish pin.
6. There was no contact.
7. Both boats finished.
8. No boat took a penalty.

Were any rules broken?

Review the following rules and see if you can figure it out. Definition, Proper Course

Rule 11, On the Same Tack, Overlapped

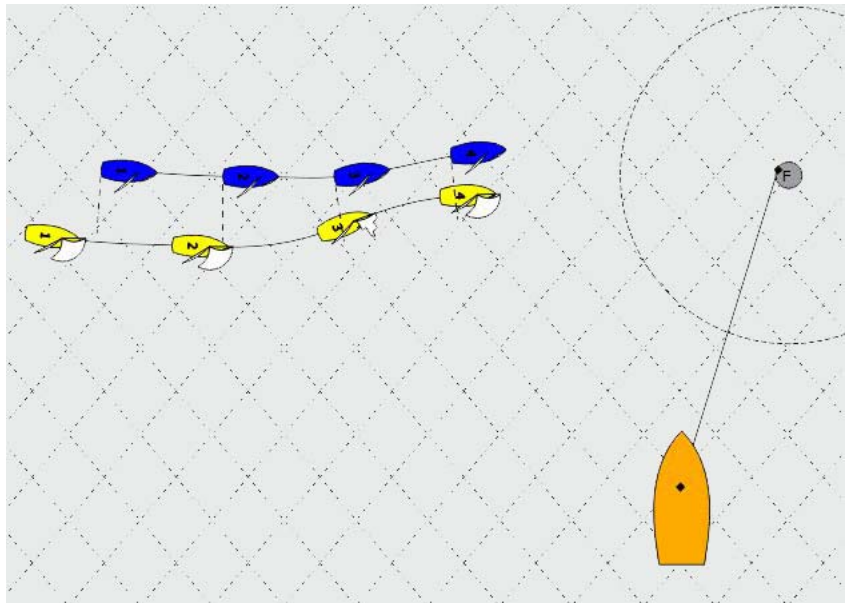
Rule 17, On the Same Tack, Proper Course

Rule 21(a), Exoneration

Rule 64.1(a), Decisions: Penalties and

Exonerations

Case 7



hot rum



Bronny Daniels (Joysailing) photo

Glad to see that our Commodore, Dave Schack, is able to get away from club responsibilities and enjoy sailing

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Brooke Jolly photos

With nine different classes in the top ten the handicaps had worked well. Chili and chips followed the races with trophies and a lot of lobbying for improvement to next year's handicaps.

2019 Boxing Day Race will be on Saturday December 28, 2019 . Results <http://www.abyc.org>

Mark Townsend

Final Results

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1 Daniel Segrave (ABYC) | A Class Cat |
| 2 Bobby Little (ABYC) | Naples Sabot |
| 3 William Flam (ABYC) | Viper 640 |
| 4 Kevin Brown (ABYC) | Tempest |
| 5 Eric Conn (ABYC) | Mercury 18 |
| 6 Freddie Stevens (ABYC) | Cal 20 |
| 7 Ed Feo (ABYC) | Finn |
| 8 Bob Bishop (ABYC) | Etchells |
| 9 Andy Horman (ABYC) | Laser Standard |
| 10 Jim Sears (ABYC) | Viper 640 |

Other Trophy Winners

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Midlife Crisis Class | Ed Feo (Finn) |
| Red Boat with Beds Class | Dave Rustigan |
| Port/Starboard Award | Eric & Stacy Conn |
| Pickle Fork Award | Nathaniel Espinoza |



Don Shirley photo

A Very Merry Christmas

The Holiday season arrived at ABYC with the annual Tree Trimming on November 30. To have a really nice fresh tree the Club's Christmas tree is not purchased until Thursday, then brought down to the Club to be hosed off, left in a big water bucket overnight, and then set up by staff on Friday. But, a funny thing happened that Thursday – it rained in California. Pam Ott-Conn and I set off to Home Depot all excited about getting to buy a Christmas tree in the rain. First indication of a possible problem was that the lot appeared closed. But, with great confidence Pam and I went straight over to the 8' to 10' Nobel trees



and started looking. It was probably only the second tree that we looked at that was perfect. So, as I held the tree Pam went searching for help. Pam found the tree lot guys but then we were told that due to the rain there was no power and the lot had to be closed. Not deterred we used our best "ABYC smiles" and talked them into selling the tree to us. The lot guys were quite concerned that they won't be able to give the tree a fresh trunk cut. But, we told them that we were taking the tree to a place where there was plenty of working power tools. On Friday busy little SAC elves pulled all the Club's Christmas decorations out of the infamous Attic so all would be ready for decorating. And what a decorating party it was with "Panjive" steel drums creating a most lively atmosphere, a yummy comfort-food dinner prepared by Teak Catering, and lots of members to help!

Saturday, December 15 the SAC elves again magically appeared to again pull decorations from the Attic, freshen up the decorations, arrange and set 23 tables (158 place settings to be exact), set up the Junior Craft Room, and create "Candy Land". On Sunday the annual ABYC Family Christmas Party began at 4:00 and things really got hopping with the arrival of Santa Claus into the Basin at 4:30. Tracy Conn set up his photo booth (as he



has for the past 28 years) so that all could have free professional photos taken with Santa. At 6:00 Commodore Schack rang the dinner Bell for a beautiful buffet decorated with 4-foot tall nutcrackers, poinsettias, and miniature Christmas trees surrounding a delicious spread prepared by Teak Catering, and served by the ABYC Junior Board. And then...and then the ABYC Christmas Ukulele Elves, led by Cindy Heavrin, took over! The now traditional closing with the "Twelve Days of Christmas" is becoming a serious competition (not surprising given the competitive nature of ABYC members). Twelve tables each assigned one of the twelve days

of Christmas got very creative in trying to outdo each other. We had possibly one broken table with "12 drummers drumming", quite a display of "9 ladies dancing", an interesting interpretation of "8 maids a-milking", and a great deal of wing flapping with "2 turtle doves". It was a grand party!

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Super thanks to Kathy Weishampel for the flyers and table cards, to Janet & Jim Lincoln, Dave, Stacy & Taylor Schack, Pam & Tracy Ott-Conn, Carol & Dave Kofahl, Elaine Wood, Steve Mueller, Diana Sanchez, Cindy Heavrin, Kathy Reed, Lori Van Skyhock, Sam Bell, ALL of our Staff, and our Junior's Julia Carpenter, Brett Peoples, Bobby Little, and Taft Buckley for all of their help in making it a very Merry ABYC Christmas!

Dana Bell

tracy conn photos

All of the following photos are from Tracy Conn. They may be viewed and downloaded by clicking on this box.



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...a look back

At loooong last, Vapor materializes at finish line

Honolulu Hawaii (July 17, 1999) - -As the trade winds gasped a sigh of relief, wayward Vapor- crippled by a broken rudder and silenced by a faulty radio - sailed out of a rainbow at dusk Saturday to complete the 40th Transpacific Yacht Race in 19 days 8 hours 16 minutes and 40 seconds - arriving 31st, overall.)

The smallest boat -a 25-foot B25 - ever to sail the race posted the longest elapsed time in 44 years. But skipper Bill Boyd, 47, and navigator Scott Atwood, 43, from the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach insisted they could have done much better without the rudder problem.

"We had an incredible sail," Boyd said amid 200 people who greeted them with a luau and draped them with leis at the Hawaii Yacht Club. "We had it going 20 knots the second night in the trades, but that's when we broke the rudder."

They patched up the split rudder with a tourniquet type of repair that held together until the last 500 miles. Then they had to switch to their smaller backup rudder, which limited their speed to 5 or 6 knots.

"If we went any faster it would start to wobble from the strain," Atwood said.

That's why they finished without their main sail up and only their working headsail - no spinnaker - for propulsion. Otherwise, the boat held up well.

"It was agony for two racers to have to slow down," Atwood said.

They also sensed the agony of friends and family ashore when they were unable to report at the daily morning roll calls until the 16th day. "We received but we couldn't transmit," Boyd said.

"It was a happy day when we finally got in touch," said Atwood, who was sailing his ninth Transpac. "We saw two freighters out there. One was a Mexican ship. We asked the skipper if he'd relay our message [to the communications vessel Alaska Eagle] and he said, 'Yeah,' but he never did."

They had an Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacon (EPIRB) they could have activated for rescue when their rudder broke. "It ran through our minds at the time," Atwood said, "but we didn't think it was a life-threatening situation."

They had a standard single side-band radio that would have been adequate - if it had worked. They learned it didn't on the way out to the starting line June 29 and had a worker aboard installing a new one minutes before the gun, "but maybe it wasn't tuned in properly," Boyd said.

After they tied up at the dock, a four-foot-long piece of California kelp floated up off the keel. Someone draped it around Boyd's neck. He was surprised and flabbergasted. "We dragged that 2,000 miles," he said. "That was slowing us down even before the rudder broke."

It wasn't the slowest elapsed time in Transpac history. That was almost 24 days (23:23:55:04) by William Merry's *Viking Child* in 1939. But it was the slowest since 1955 when Elmer Hitchcock's *Sea Mist* took more than 20 days (20:03:32:07) to sail the 2,225 nautical miles.

By comparison, Roy E. Disney's 72-foot, high-tech **Pyewacket** lowered the record to 7:11:41:27 when it finished a week earlier - after starting four days behind Vapor. As Vapor struggled the final miles Saturday, Boyd and Atwood might have seen Disney flying over enroute home in his private jet.

The 40th Transpac was sponsored by Iridium North America, the world's first global telephone and paging company. Several boats were carrying the phones and used them successfully in regular communications during the race. Through a constellation of 66 low-earth-orbit satellites circling the globe, customers can make or take calls and receive pages in the most remote regions on Earth. Additional information regarding the Iridium system is available at the [web site](http://www.iridium.com) or by calling 1-888-Iridium.

Arrival Party Photos are at <http://holoholo.org/transpac/99arrivals/>

by Rich Roberts



Editor's note: Click on the link and you'll recognize many ABYC participants with photos of all of the boats and crews. What a great trip down memory lane!

howard hamlin

My first 505 Worlds, 1978 in Denmark with Jon Andron. Now, about to start my 40th 505 Worlds in Fremantle. I had no aspirations...it all just happened. Thanks to all the great crews that inspired and taught me how to sail: Mike Martin, Jay Glaser, Rick Rattray, Don Smith, Steve Rosenberg, Cam Lewis, Peter Alarie, Paul Cayard, Fritz Lanzinger, Jon Bell, Andy Zinn and Jeff Nelson. See the legends in this photo: Sally Lindsay, Stan Honey, Jon Andron, Mark Lindsay, Bates McKee, Ethan Bixby, Dave Penfield, Larry Rosenfeld, Steve Taylor and Tom Kivney.

Howard Hamlin



In this month's story of the Club's Holiday Season there's a few references to the infamous "Attic", a large space above the second deck accessed through small doors on the stairs leading to the Widows Walk. The Attic is used to store Club documents, stuff for Long Beach Race Week, and Alamitos Bay Boat Parade things, but, it is primarily the domain of SAC (the Social Advisory Committee.) There are all sorts of treasures there used throughout the year for Club social events and regatta dinners including about 12 storage crates of Christmas decorations. "Hummm", you say, "a good place to store all that stuff." Well, that's until you've climbed into the Attic – there's less than 6' of head room, cross beams that we always bang our heads on, wobbly plywood flooring, lots of wires and holes in the flooring to trip over, it's very hot in the summer, and did I mention that it's also dark – like it has very little lighting. Now, I'm not really complaining, SAC really needs and appreciates that storage space. And, in sort of a weird way we have a fun time with the Attic. So, if you'd ever like to see the Attic just ask one of the SAC volunteers to give you a tour. Or, better yet, join our SAC team and you'll get to play in the Attic. SAC meets just once a month, on a Wednesday evening with beverages & nibbles, to plan the Club's social events like Easter, Mother's Day and the Christmas Party, and then make those events happen. There is no required time commitment, SAC members simply volunteer for those events that they are most interested in or have experience with. If you'd like to give SAC a try just send me an email (danafbell@cs.com) and I'll send you the info on our next SAC meeting...and I'll also show you the Attic.

Dana



eightbells

Dear Family and Friends,
Lee Smith passed away (11/30/2018) at 12:18PM Pacific, surrounded by his family, Ruth, Kim, Marielle and Stacey. We have lost a treasured and adored father, husband, grandfather and friend. All who knew him can attest to a life well lived and a man well loved. Lee's spirit, love and memory will be with us always. If you are so moved, please take a moment to think of your favorite memory of Lee and smile or laugh, which was one of Lee's favorite things to do.

xo Marielle Smith

Here are a few Facebook comments:

Kenneth Reiff One of my favorite recollections of Lee Smith was when I posted some pictures of a meal in SF at a wonderful bakery, Tartin. Lee let me know that he was practicing baking some of their signature breads and had me stop off at his apt to pick up a couple of loaves....He definitely got it right.

Walter Johnson Lee was an awesome man and loved boating - it was my honor to have had the opportunity to meet Lee when I was a young sailor at Leeway

Glenn Selvin I will miss Lee and his famous, yellow Bezerklee. Oh, and that laugh!

Paul Makielski He was such a nice man. Condolences!

Jane Ellis McNaboe How could any of us ever forget Lee and the yellow peril, Bezerklee!

Merle Asper Lee was always a kick. It was funny I was just thinking about him. He was a tremendous person and he enriched all of our lives.

Vann Wilson Thinking of Lee racing his Cal 20 puts a huge smile on my face . Honestly he was lovingly dangerous out on the race course . He was a good sailor and often in the thick of things where competitors are often yelling at each other ; starts and Mark roundings . The big advantage Lee had in these race course confrontations is that he either turned off his hearing aid while racing or craftily pretended to :). All yelling directed at Lee was water off a ducks back as he slipped by you on the race course. Lee was a man with many passions and lived life full tilt boggey . He made me a loaf of his artisan bread that to this day is the best bread I have ever eaten . I loved that guy .

David Carroll I don't ever think I heard Lee complain he was always smiling.



- A**nswer:
1. Yellow became overlapped to leeward from clear astern within two hull lengths of Blue and while remaining on the same tack and overlapped, sailed above her proper course. Yellow broke rule 17.
 2. Blue to windward did not keep clear of Yellow to leeward as required by rule 11. Blue broke rule 11.

Yellow and Blue are DSQ in the race.

Mark Townsend

amazon smile

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hails from the fleets



ABYC will be hosting the Viper World Championship on August 10th-17th, 2019. As we all know by now, the City has installed smart meters and hired a company to run the parking lots across the street. We will not have free use to store the trailers as we have in the past. So, we are reaching out to the membership to help come up with an idea to store 50 Viper trailers for 2 weeks during the event.

Please feel free to email your ideals to espotman@aol.com.

Put on your thinking caps and Thank You!

Ed Spotskey

PS: The City is changing the other marine parking lots to smart meters also. (LBYC, etc)



hails from the fleets

Todd Smith photo



Happy New Year Fellow ABYC Sailors!

December was an action packed month for Cal 20 Fleet 1 with the LBYC Fun Run, our annual Holiday party, and the Boxing Day regatta. On Dec. 8, we had around half a dozen Cal 20's racing collegiate style races inside the bay at the Fun Run under beautiful sunny skies. The next weekend we held the annual Holiday party at Cathy and Todd's home with a great showing of around 50 sailors, friends, and family. We collected toys for the Long

Beach Fire Dept. Spark of Love campaign and we thank the Cal 20 sailors for showing their holiday spirit. We had a last minute change of venue from the Flam family home on Treasure Island since the furnishings haven't yet arrived. But Steve has promised a makeup party for the Cal 20 fleet next Spring once the final touches are complete on their lovely home. This article was due before the Boxing Day event but I expect that the Cal 20 fleet will have come out in force.

Fleet 1 is proud to announce several new owners who have bought Cal 20's and have started campaigning their boats. This list includes Alex Cross (who purchased Keith Ives and Chuck Steven's #56), Bobby and Pete Frazier, LBYC Commodore Bill Durant, and our most recent new owner Mike Corzine from ABYC. Additionally, Rigamortis (one of the first local extensive Cal 20 restorations) was sold from Steve Flam to Keith Ives and Chuck Stevens. Rigamortis has now been re-named Rubber Dog for our three time reigning Class Champs. All this action on these boat purchases is fueling excitement and hopefully will result in more locals joining the Cal 20 action. Rumor has it that there are some really good boats in the yard available for purchase. Feel free to contact our Fleet Captain Jeff Ives for what rides are available for purchase. The Cal 20 is one of the best one design keelboat deals on the market!

And we end this month's blog with a bittersweet message. Our longtime friend and Cal 20 sailor Lee Smith passed away after a long and interesting life on Nov. 30. Lee campaigned his Cal 20 Bezerklee for many seasons in homage to his alma mater (Cal Berkeley). Lee was incredibly active in our fleet racing most regattas each season and always was a pleasant gentleman with a wonderful smile and sense of humor. Lee is survived by his wife Ruth and he will be dearly missed by our fleet and fellow club members.

Todd Smith



Racing at the LBYC Fun Run



Lido Love



December started off with a bang, with the Lido Fleet Holiday party on December 1st. If you sail Lido's and you didn't make the party? You really blew it, because it really was a great time. But, I'll get back to that in a moment.

The paltry \$15 entry fee included a drink ticket, so between the included drinks and the drinks and drinks that followed, we kept the bartenders busy, before sitting down to dinner. The Holiday party included a great dinner, set up by Dana Bell, and catered by Teak Catering, who really knocked this one out of the park. Dinner was followed up by our annual awards ceremony, featuring lots of gag gifts, such as the Wet Sponge Award that was awarded to Sam Bell for tipping over twice in one race, as well as the Dueling Pistols award, given to Rob and Pixie Hartman for the most screaming and yelling at one another within the same boat. The first annual What a Schmuck award was given to our Fleet Captain, Ken Reiff, for organizing the entire evening, but then not attending due to family plans. Seriously? Winner of the A fleet for Twilights was Mark Ryan, so he and Lorna each get a bottle of wine, or at least, they each get an EMPTY bottle of wine. Winners in the B fleet were Jennifer and Steve Kuritz. Vs. Mark, who's too young to drink anyway, the Kuritz's wine is kept under lock and key, because I know they take their wine seriously.

Other than that, the Lido fleet has been pretty quiet. We've been rocked by rumors that Fleet One, in Newport Harbor, might be disbanding due to lack of participation down there, so we may see some of them joining our own Fleet Six. Our members are going to do what we can to try to attend regattas down in Newport to help bolster their numbers.

Next up is the Boxing Day regatta, followed by the first annual New Year's Regatta and Burger Bash on January 20th. \$10 entry fee, \$5 per burger, four races, noon start. You've survived all the family over the holidays, your grass does better if its not mowed so much as its dormant, so, plan on the 20th.

Glenn Selvin

hails from the fleets



Sabot Sunday, December 9th, Had a Potpourri of Wind Conditions

Ten Senior Sabot sailors took to the water for an interesting day of racing. Winds started out light then increased to around 13 for the 3rd race. Then the wind died somewhat in the 4th. The interesting problem of the day, was the 6-foot outflowing tide that created havoc at the weather mark. Many thought that they had nailed the layline only to find out that they were going to hit or not make the mark. It was a frustrating situation every time we rounded the top mark.

Scott Finkboner drove up from Mission Bay Yacht Club to sail and Bob Reilly came from Balboa. Mark Ryan joined us again which is always fun. He can really sail a Sabot!

We sailed four windward/leeward two-lap races. The competition between Scott Finkboner, Mark Ryan, and Kathy Reed was close. Scott won the first race with Kathy Reed 2nd, and Mark Ryan 3rd. Then Mark Ryan won the second race, with Cindy Heavrin 2nd, and Kathy Reed 3rd. Race 3 finishers were Scott 1st, Mark 2nd and Paul Ancil 3rd. In Race 4 Scott won, Kathy Reed was 2nd, and Mark 3rd.

After sailing we enjoyed snacks and various beverages and relived the day's events.

Thanks to PRO Steve Kuritz and his faithful flag and scorer Lynn Drury on the barge.

Jim Drury and Bill Moore manned the Whaler and moved marks and watched out for us. It was good to have them out on the water, because when the wind really picked up in Race 3 it was very gusty near the leeward mark, which made gybing around it dicey! Kathy Reed spun out and Kathy Weishampel narrowly missed going for a swim when she almost pivoted in her port bow but both stayed dry thank goodness!

WINNERS:

A Fleet 1st Scott Finkboner (7), MDYC; 2nd Mark Ryan (9), ABYC; 3rd Cathy Reed (13), ABYC; 4th Paul Ancil (19), ABYC, Jennifer Kuritz 5th. (25), ABYC

B Fleet 1st Bob Anderson (4), ABYC

A Great Time was had by all at the Sabot/Keelboat Christmas Party December 14

It was a very festive evening at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club for more than 50 Sabot/Keelboat Christmas Party attendees. The club and tables had been decorated beautifully by Dana Bell and the ladies of the SAC Committee. We just added white tablecloths and red placemats to finish off the look.

It is tradition for the group to have a potluck supper and as always everyone brought lots of good things to eat. Sue Crockett decorated the food tables with bright Christmas table coverings and her neat lit Christmas tree. We had everything from delicious hors d'oeuvres to tasty main dishes and desserts. So much to eat, so little time!

After dinner the Caddles' brought out a fun game for all of us to try. They used emojis to illustrate Christmas song titles. The idea was for each table to work together to guess as many of the titles as possible. This was not easy, because the emojis were small and some of us are not familiar with them. I think the highest placing table had over seventeen correct. Believe me there was quite a competition for the prizes.

After that the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle was drawn. Sue Crockett won a little extra shopping money!

After that we moved on to an activity that everyone really enjoys, singing Christmas carols. Rhonda Rubio was there with her keyboard to lead the singing and this year we also had a special treat, the ABYC Ukulele Elves, including Jorge Suarez, Cindy Heavrin, Kathy Reed, and Carol and Dave Kofahl played and sang along as well. One particular favorite that everyone always likes to sing and illustrate is the Twelve Days of Christmas. Table participants were twirling and leaping to illustrate "five golden rings" and other verses of the song. Lots of laughing, fun and creativity!

Thanks to the ABYC staff, Margaret and George Caddle, Sue and Dave Crockett, and all those that worked to make the evening festive and fun.

Next year plan to attend the party. You don't have to own or sail a Sabot or Keelboat. Just bring a dish to pass and join the games and singing. We promise that you'll have a great time.

Kathy Weishampel



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

Great Christmas party! Well attended and the format superb with Rhonda playing and singing the traditional Christmas songs plus Maggie and the Riddicks providing the games. Cathy, Senor Sabot Captain, did an outstanding job of decorating and was co-chair along with Maggie. John Ellis was again collecting the money for the raffle. The volunteers are the back bone of any event and I, for one, can't thank them enough. The pot luck dinner was loaded with goodies that everyone enjoyed.

The next Keel Boat Fleet meeting is January 11. Dinner is ABYC regular Friday night. Cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 or shortly after.

See you there,
George

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– Prizes –

Potluck Judging by Jorge Saurez
Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

– Entertainment –

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Throw on Your team's colors and Come
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Potluck

