



e e manning regatta

Bronny Daniels (Joysailing) photos

March came roaring in like a Lion with unsettled weather on day 1 of the Manning regatta held March 1 and 2. Racing was delayed due to wind gusts up to 25 knots early on Saturday. Finally, by 12:30 the wind had calmed down enough that the onshore postponement was dropped and everybody headed onto the water. The wind was still in a Northerly direction however, and it took a couple of tries to get Patience off the dock. The expert onshore boat handlers were summoned and helped get the stern pointed in the right direction for launch.

Two classes sailed outside, Laser Radials and CFJ's. One class, Lido's, sailed inside. The race committees did a great job of getting races going Saturday afternoon and ultimately, managed to complete a 6 race series over the weekend on the outside. The inside Lido's had a 9 race series.



Outside, the 22 boat CFJ fleet had a tight battle for the top spot with ABYC junior member Morgan Pickney winning a tie-breaker for 1st (Morgan is also out of NHYC). Second place went to Reade Decker from LIYC. Third place went to Mickey Munns from KHYC and fourth to Daren Sathasivam from CBYC.

There were 6 Laser Radials that competed outside. Gavin McJones from CYC missed Saturday's two races but won all four races on Sunday to take 1st place. Andrew Ingham, an ABYC Junior member took 2nd, and Will Mueller out of ABYC also, took 3rd.

The Lido class was won by Brian McClean with new ABYC member Melissa Kirby as crew. Nathan Dalleska with Carol Hrnack took 2nd place and Will Vrooman with Joseph Barbeito took 3rd.

SCYYRCA (Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association) Shadden Series. The Shadden series is held in CFJ's. The trophies for that series were presented at the Manning awards presentation and Reade Decker, LIYC, took 1st place for the series, with Morgan Pickney, ABYC/NHYC following in second place, and Daren Sathasivam from CBYC in 3rd.

The multihull, Laser, and Viper 640 fleets had fleet duty for this regatta and Nick Kofski, representing the Viper fleet was the chariman. Fun was had by all, including the volunteer crew who helped support strong Saturday bar revenue.

Brooke Jolly

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CISA Clinic	April 3 - 6
Happy Hour	April 5, 12, 26
Spring Spruce Up	April 13 - 14
Membership Meeting	April 19
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Raft Up BBQ	May 3
Club Championship/Opening Day	May 4
Mother's Day Brunch	May 12
Full ABYC Calendar	

manager's corner



April may be known for rain showers that bring the flowers of May, but at ABYC we have CISA, which kicks off our spring sailing season.

This year's California International Sailing Foundation Clinic runs Thursday, April 4, through Sunday, April 7, with about 90 attendees including coaches, sailors and boats all arriving on Wednesday, April 3.

If you are planning on visiting our club that week, be advised that the parking lot may be very full, and the clubhouse could be quite busy.

For those of you going through Lido sailing withdrawals... good news! Lido Twilight's racing returns on Thursday, April 11, with the first-of-season kickoff Lido Unofficial/Official BBQ in the ABYC Patio. Ken Reiff is organizing this event, so check with him if you would like to join in the fun.

I am sure many of you have been looking for an opportunity to volunteer and help spruce up your club's buildings and grounds. Well, Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14, is your chance to do just that. It's Spring Spruce Up! I can't think of a better way to celebrate getting your tax returns turned in on time, and to show your pride in ABYC... all in the same weekend.

This year's Easter Day is on Sunday, April 21. I have it on good authority the esteemed Peter Cottentail is due to make an appearance at ABYC that day. There is also a rumor he may be hiding a few eggs around our club for eager children to find. Don't forget to thank Dana Bell and all the SAC committee members for their hard work on this year's Easter Brunch. It will be fabulous!

I wish you all the best, and am looking forward to seeing you at ABYC, *The Place to BE!*

Rick

commodore's compass



There are lots of good things coming up around ABYC.

CISA-ABYC will be hosting close to 100 youth sailors invited to a four-day intensive high-performance sailing clinic including the following youth development classes: Nacra 15s, Laser Radials, 29ers, I420s, and Kites. The young sailors will be coached by some heavy hitters including Dave Ulman, Briana Provancha Udi Gal Amanda Clark Richard Feeny, Mimi El-Khazindar, Fred Strammer, Duncan Williford, Brett Davis, Giselle Nyenhuis, Rulo Borojovich, Allie Blecher, Robbie Dean, Mike Scott, Jay Glaser, Katie Pettibone, and Grant "Fuzz" Spanhake.

On April 3-kids, boats, and coaches arrive. The clinic begins April 4 and concludes on April 7. Clinic hours will generally be 8AM to 5PM. For those of you who haven't been around during a CISA Clinic, there will be kids all over the Club, a lot of activity and all sorts of good things going on. Come on down and check it out.

The following weekend will be Spring Spruce Up where we all get to pitch in and put a little extra shine on the Club. Please make sure to connect with Steve Mueller to get signed up and help out with one of the projects.

Be sure not to miss Opening Day on May 4th. Opening Day will actually kick-off on May 3rd with the Raft Up-organized by Jon Robinson. The Bash in the Basin is always a lot of fun and is worth playing hooking for. The following morning will be the Race for the Space (Club Championship Regatta) which will be contested this year in Viper 640s. We will then have Open Boat Hospitality and help keep things fun there will be a fun game of bingo. Our Opening Day ceremony will kick-off promptly at 1530 and end promptly at 1600 followed by more Open Boat Hospitality.

Don't forget Sunset Saturdays-bring a friend and enjoy the comradery and the view.

See you around the Club.

Dave

amazon smile

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YARD RULES. Please read the yard rules if you keep a boat at ABYC. We have had a lot of “cheating” lately and it is not fair to Shelia and the staff to spend time trying to figure out what is going on. Your boat needs to have a sticker and your trailer needs to have a tag. Please do not put us in the position of impounding boats. For the rest of you who follow the rules, thank you.

Spring Spruce up is just around the corner. Please let me know if you can help. We have several projects scheduled for the weekend. Of course, lunch and beer will be served.

Thank you.

Stephen Mueller



Sou'Wester DEADLINE

April 21, 2019 is the deadline
for the May 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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We still have Mother's Day and Easter coming up so make plans to join us at the Club for these events. Easter will be two sittings with an Easter egg hunt in between (and a bunny).

You will be getting most of the board of directors pouring Champagne for you so it would be a nice time to say hi.

We just finished a new event for the Club in the form of a new member power party. This was something that many of the new members were thinking they may not be too comfortable with, like being put in a room full of strangers and making one talk to each. The veteran members wore blue nametags along with information about them other than the obvious... sailing. The latest members wore yellow nametags with a comment on why they joined the Club. It allowed the power (in the form of an opportunity ticket) to be put in their hands to meet older members. When there a connection was appreciated and the new member deemed those they meet worth it, then there was an offer of a space on a drink ticket allowing the experienced member to join them in a drawing for a free drink. As the evening was winding down, I asked the new members how they thought it went, each had a positive response. By the end of the evening there were not too many strangers. The new members were more comfortable feeling included...not just as outsiders looking in. I am sure this will continue into our future as it has been such a success. Hopefully we can get more of our new members involved by giving them a good reason to come by more often.

I have just put a Bluetooth Amplifier into the bar. It will be more permanent in the future. The idea is to allow a member to be DJ and share their music with us. You can use your phone or any Bluetooth device to connect.

Dan DeLave

fleet captain's log



The sunshine is back and it's great to hang out down on the patio. We are about to start our busy season(s) with lots of regattas and club activities in the next six months. Please come down to all the fun events going on and enjoy your club!

By the time you read this all the whalers will be donning new Alamitos Bay Yacht Club adhesives along the sides with burgees on the stern. The goal for Spring Spuce-Up is to scrub the whalers up so that they glisten in the sun too.

We have the ball rolling to have a fun, new event on June 8th. We will be hosting a Dock Swap of sorts. Bring your old boat parts, sailing gear, boots, lifejackets, whatever you've got that could have a new life and purpose with a new owner. Please plan on digging out your used, but loved, items and come down to sell your wares. The plan is to have fun, see old friends, meet new ones and free-up some space in your garage. If you don't have anything to sell but are in need of a few items, you never know what you may find. Keep your eyes open for the flyer.

Brooke Jolly

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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
4/13-14	Spring Spruce Up	Stephen Mueller (teamabyc@yahoo.com)
4/20-21	Easter Brunch and Setup	Dana Bell (danafbell@cs.com)
4/20-21	Mothers' Day Brunch and Setup	Dana Bell (danafbell@cs.com)
5/25-26	Memorial Day Regatta	Jeff Ives (ivesjeff@Yahoo.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, Rob Stropky, at rq_stropky@msn.com or (562)252-5321.

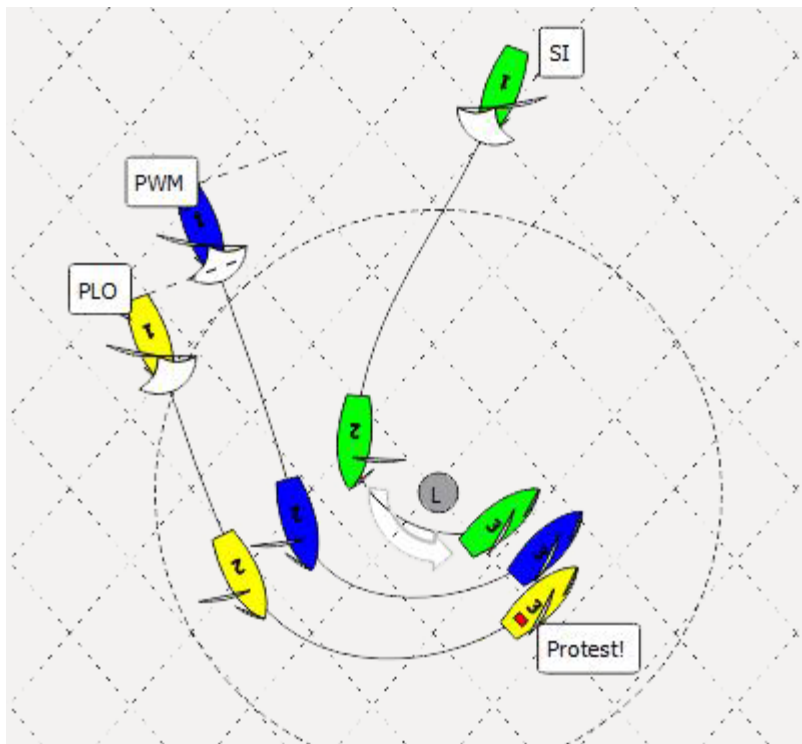
racing rules quiz #53

Answer on page 12

Three boats are on a downwind leg to a leeward mark with PLO (Yellow) and PWM (Blue) on port and SI (Green) on starboard. PLO (Yellow) and PWM (Blue) are overlapped when PLO (Yellow) reaches the zone. SI (Green) is inside and overlapped with PWM (Blue) but not overlapped with PLO (Yellow). SI (Green) hails starboard as she converges with PWM (Blue) and then gybes to round the mark with about a boat width between SI (Green) and the mark and SI (Green) and PWM (Blue) to leeward. As PLO (Yellow) rounds the mark and coming to a close-hauled course contact occurs between PLO (Yellow) and PWM (Blue).

PLO (Yellow) protests PWM (Blue) for taking too much room and SI (Green) for not having mark-room.

Review the following rules and see if you can figure it out. Definition, Clear Astern and Clear Ahead, Obstruction, Mark-Room Rules 11, 14, 18.2(b), 18.4, 21(a), WS Case 75 and WS Case 114.



st pat's + membership meeting

Ken Reiff photos

At the March 15th General Membership Meeting (hosted by the Lido Fleet) members and their guests were able to partake in some wonderful Irish inspired cuisine both cooked and coordinated by Dana Bell. Besides the usual (nothing unusual about the great taste) corned beef and cabbage along with an assortment of vegetables and even a pasta with a St. Patrick's inspired pesto sauce was Dana's own, home baked 'soda' bread. I can personally attest to the quality of the food. I know that there were lots of folks looking for 'to go' boxes after dinner. Speaking of 'after dinner'. Special thanks to Sam Bell for rescuing the Lido Fleet due to a last minute cancelation from the Stars and Stripes, America's Cup syndicate that had to pull out due to unforeseen circumstances. In comes Sam Bell and boy did he hit it out of the park by getting Staff Commodore Dave Cort from the Transpac Yacht Club to present a program on.....you guessed it TRANSPAC. Having a room full of sailors, many of whom have sailed TRANSPAC or have it on their 'bucket list' proved to be a really engaging presentation. Special thanks to Sam Bell for saving the day.

All in all, a wonderful evening of drink, food and sailing what else could you ask for? Oh and Happy St. Patrick's Day to all those that weren't able to attend.

Ken Reiff



the bay logger

From heater weather, straight to A/C weather! If you're looking for a way to beat the heat as we get into some warmer weather, come on down and join the Junior Program's practices! We have a ton of events coming up this month and plenty of time out on the water! This month is the training month for all of our Laser sailors getting ready for Ullman & Frost Series #4 so make sure you get down here outside of practice time! The first Junior to come up to me and yell "PORT ACCESS" gets a special prize, so let's see who gets it!

Can't wait for opening day next month, we're going to have a killer club championships!!!

Craig Ramsay, Director of Sailing Programs



big rock regatta



Big Rock Regatta. 1st in WHITE for Gage 2nd in BLUE for Tate Thanks to our awesome coach Joe Hou!

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ABYC Mommy Mafia 2019

junior perspective

Long Beach High Schools had an amazing time the Saturday and Sunday of March 9th and 10th in Santa Barbara sailing in one of the last regattas of the year, Gaucho, after the University of California at Santa Barbara. A regatta is for lack of a better term, a race on the water. The weekend of the 9th, students got the amazing chance of traveling along the coast of California to compete against other high schools along the Pacific coast. The three high schools that participated in this regatta were, Eunice Sato, Ernest McBride, and Woodrow Wilson High School. Sato tied in Silver division for 7th place overall out of 24 schools. Their A skipper, Diego Lockyer on the first day received scores of 12th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 15th, 17th, 15th, and 14th place, overall Diego placed 17th in Silver A division. Their B skipper Nikhil Stewart who was dealing with a shoulder injury had scores of two 5th places but then the wind picked up and Troy Davidson had to sub in and received scores of 11th and 15th place. The second day Nikhil Stewart sailed and received scores of one 5th and three 1st places overall placing in 3rd in Silver B division. McBride placed 6th in Silver division, Their A skipper was Kayla who placed 13th in Silver A division overall. Wilson who sailed in Gold Division placed 22nd overall. Tara Anderson and Roxanne Snyder were in A division and placed 22nd. Christina VanDyke and Charley Snyder participated in Gold B division and received a 22nd place as well. Everyone who participated in the regatta had a blast, for instance as a Long Beach team, on Saturday the three schools went out for pizza and ice cream after a long day of racing. All in all, Gaucho was a wonderful time for all. Everyone who participated in it learned something new, had fun and sailed their hardest!

Nikhil Stewart

junior program board rep

Spring is upon us and the sailing season has begun. This month brings a lot of action to the west coast from the premier match racing event, the premier team racing event, as well as the premier Jr Sailing Clinic, that is ground zero for ABYC, CISA. Ironically, it all happens in the first week of April!

CISA, or the California International Sailing Association is putting on their 41st clinic this year, April 4th thru 7th. The clinic is in it's 41st year and for all but one year, it has been held at ABYC. Every year, the top youth talent around the US are admitted on an application basis with focus on the youth development boats. In review of the acceptance list, you can see many of our own youth sailors participating. Good luck!

Our Youth Director has been busy hiring our summer staff and it is coming together nicely with a great group of coaches that will be role models to those with children participating this summer. Check in our facebook page and weekly reader to see the staff profiles. For those with young kids, please see the web page and sign your kids up. There is something for every age group, including an intro to Kite Boarding...

In closing, I was very fortunate to be able to sail with fellow member Bill Durant on his lovely yacht Chubasco on the NYHC to Cabo race. Although a little slow on speed and action, it was a marvelous trip in warm weather and great competition that was in sight the entire race. We missed first to finish in our class by 2 minutes, but a little old age allowance (80 years of it), had us correcting out in front of our fleet.

Hope you find the golden egg!

Mike VanDyke

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is very happy to announce our **Adult Sailing Program!** For the 2019 year, ABYC is running four, four-week programs to help educate the next generation of sailors here in Long Beach! These classes provide the best structure for learning and becoming a confident sailor. 1-on-1 programming combined with a fun but intensive schedule keeps students excited about their growth! For more information on these classes, check out the [Adult Sailing Page HERE](#)

See everyone out on the water!

Craig Ramsay, Director of Sailing Programs

membershipreport

With summer just around the corner it's time to start gearing up for another fun year of activities at the club. There are several member oriented events coming up including Spring Spruce Up April 13-14, Opening Day House May 4th, the annual Club Open House June 8th, and the New Member Party and Pine Block Race August 10th (this event has been moved from 8/3). Along with the popular weekly Friday Happy Hour in the new bar and a calendar full of racing it promises to be an exceptional year.

Membership numbers are holding steady but slightly on the low side so we always encourage everyone to think of friends and fellow sailors who may be a good fit for ABYC and help get them involved. As always, I am available for club tours and information.

As mentioned in the January membership report, we are initiating a new member introduction (thank you Sharon) with brief bios and photos here in the Sou'Wester and in the lobby bulletin board to get the names and faces out to the membership. Below are a few of those recently new members who were kind enough to jump right in.

For March we welcome new members Richard Didham (yachting) sponsored by Chuck Tripp, Martina Steiner sponsored by Gabe Ferramola, James Higgins sponsored by Yon Carpenter, James Bailey sponsored by Rich Vaught, and Chris Hemans sponsored by Dan Milefchik.

Posted for 30day review is Greg Naiman sponsored by Brooke Jolly.

Mike Shea, Membership Director

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Martina Steiner is a Long Beach native, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and novice sailor. She has enjoyed the ABYC Lido fleet for the past year as crew for Gabe Ferramola, and looks forward to contributing to the ABYC organization as a member.



Jeff Egan is from Long Beach and currently works in feature film production for Warner Bros. **Jenny** has been a nurse at LB Memorial for over 30 years in the surgical recovery unit.

She is a third generation Seal Beach child. Additional activities for them include spending time at their Big Bear cabin, skiing during the winter or golfing during

the summer. They look forward to the introduction and social interaction with the ABYC members.



Richard Didham

Growing up as a competitive Laser sailor from San Diego, I always loved coming to ABYC to race in Long Beach's amazing sailing conditions. Therefore, I am really excited to start sailing out of ABYC on a regular basis when I move to Long Beach in July! ABYC is the place to be!



Melissa Kirby recently caught the sailing fever and joined ABYC in January. Born and raised in Riverside, educated in Santa Barbara, and currently residing in downtown Long Beach.

She's eager to crew and could use some recommendations on what kind of boat to buy. When she's not sailing, you'll find her dancing, roller skating, or taking advantage of ABYC's Sunset Saturdays on the upper deck.

Rebecca Langenwalter.

I have been sailing for the past seven years and I am very glad to join the club as we have already been out sailing multiple times over the winter. I enjoy spending my time in the outdoors backpacking and taking trips to our surrounding national parks. I'm born and raised Southern California, and generally do trade and metal work.



2019 member mixer

Dana Bell photos

Club ABYC “Are You Ticket Worthy” Member Mixer
First there was sign-in. Established members filled out a BIG, blue, burgee-shaped name tag with their first name and what was their favorite thing to do when not sailing. The name tag was safety-pinned on and they were then free to mingle and enjoy several tables of hors d'oeuvres.

New members (those who had joined within the last 18 months) filled out BIG yellow name tags with their first names, and specifically why they had joined ABYC over any other yacht club. In addition to their name tags, each of the new members received 10 raffle tickets. They were free to give a ticket to any established member that they chatted with during the evening and whom they believed were “ticket worthy.” Each person giving and receiving put their names on the back of the tickets and the tickets (as soon as received) were placed in a large fish bowl on the bar.

Mike Shea, ABYC Director of Membership, was the most popular man of the evening as every half hour he withdrew a ticket from the bowl and the new and established members written on the back each received a free drink from the bar. In addition to the ticket game and complimentary hors d'oeuvres, music was provided by Kelly Fitzgerald. Kelly, who has played a number of times at the Club, has a beautiful voice and wide selection of songs that were perfect background music for the evening.

About 9:00'ish the evening appeared ready to wind-down, but then, someone decided to dance. Kelly quickly picked up the beat; extended her time and quite a large group enjoyed a last hour of some really fun dancing. As a first attempt at a planned member mixer (with M&M's as our centerpieces) there was certainly a lot of conversation going on and everyone seemed to have an awfully good time.

Thank you to Trish Clay, Janet Lincoln, Deby Johnson and Johonna Donahoe for helping to buy and prepare ALL of the hors d'oeuvres, and man the sign-in table!!!

Dana Bell



opening day 2019

event invitation

Greetings ABYC member!
It's that time of the year to officially open up the club and welcome the yachting community to visit ABYC for the 93rd Opening Day Ceremonies.

I am sure you are planning on attending our Opening Day Raft-up Party and 93rd Opening Day of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. It is one of the great things that we do at ABYC and it is my pleasure to invite you!

Here are the details so that there is no confusion and you will get the importance of this "not to be missed event"!

Friday May 3rd is the Raft-up Party. All members are invited to raft up! At noon our esteemed Commodore (or justifiably appointed dignitary), will ignite a signal and the day will begin. Boats will start to arrive. If you have a bigger boat, you are encouraged to raft up in Basin 5 and add to the excitement. If you have a dingy or other craft you have the option to display on the hard. We celebrate the diversity of our sailing vehicles! If you want to bring your boat to the raft up, please email Jon Robinson @ sanilex@verizon.net. We will have refreshments, brats, sponsored beer (until the keg sputters!), and music available all day for everyone who shows up! The boats will be open for fun as well. That night we will have a burger bash and live band "The Moon Jellies" to liven things up and bring the groove. We will end relatively early so that the next day everyone will have enough energy! (Yes, you may want to hydrate!)

May 4th is Opening Day. The Club Championship Regatta will be held at 1100. Come to cheer your fleet champion in our sail-off. The winner gets bragging rights and the always coveted parking spot. Open Boat Hospitality will begin at 1300, and the ceremony begins at 1530. The ceremony makes it official! We will introduce your Flags, Board of Directors, some truly magnificent Dignitaries, senior and junior members. This event is to the point! The 30-minute rule will be in effect and promoted!

It is encouraged, but definitely not mandatory (in fact, many get away with just being comfortable), to wear our dress attire consisting of a blue blazer with ABYC patch, light blue shirt, ABYC tie, white pants, and appropriate shoes. Please join us for the 93rd Opening Day Celebration and come prepared to have an amazing time!

Very truly yours,

Chuck Clay, Opening Day Chairman

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

Order of Staff Commodores

raft up details

Well it is about that time of year again. Opening Day Ceremony is on May 4 which means our infamous Opening Day Raft-Up begins at noon on Friday May 3. Pat McCormick is the Raft Master and will be making a float plan, so get your reservations in early. Please contact Pat directly at patricknmnmccormick@yahoo.com or call him at (562) 673-8418. Early arrivals will also need contact Pat for time and your location in the basin. We will begin at 1200 hours with cannon fire. Beer and Brats will be available immediately follow under the push-up until they are gone. Friday evening will be Opening Day Raft-Up/dinner. We will be receiving boats all afternoon and into the evening. The Raft-Up is open to all members and if you have a boat, we highly encourage you to participate. It has been a lot of fun in the past and this year will be no exception.

There is an Opening Day Notice of Party posted on the web site along with a sign-up sheet. Go to the calendar for May and click on Raft-Up on Friday May 3. The highly popular Passport will be back again with new adventures. Kathy Robinson will be administering the Passport program. We are looking forward to seeing you there for this event either with your boat or as strolling member. This is a fun event so come and make it more fun.

Remember ABYC is the place to be!

Jon Robinson, Staff Commodore

club championship

So, Saturday May 4th is our own little Club Championship regatta. Now I know that there are more glamorous regattas out there. Sure, LBYC has the Congressional Cup, with all their fancy blue blazers, and that goofy crimson blazer for the guy who wins. And now, LBYC is hosting an America's Cup team, using turbo charged, foiling Hobie 16's. I mean seriously, how cool is that?!

And sure, there's the Olympics in 2020 in Japan. Now, with the 2020 Games being the last of the Olympic Games for the Finn, this really is the last of the Games before it goes down into the abyss of two man offshore keel boats and a bunch of skiffs for light weights. But still, hey, it's the Olympics!

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And there's our own Long Beach Race Week, with all those fancy schmancy big boats like the TP 52's, with all their crews in uniform, and all those shiny boat parts that just gleam in the sun.

Real racing? That's the Race for the Space, aka the ABYC Club Championship regatta, because the winner of THAT regatta gets a very nice parking space in the ABYC parking lot, and trust me, that's way better than a couple of million bucks for grinding a bunch of winches. And unlike those other regattas? These sailors are the best of ABYC's best...the best Senior Sabot sailor, the best Lido sailor, the best Laser sailor, the best Cal 20 sailor, the best Viper sailor, the best Tempest sailor, the best Multi-Hull sailor, the best Junior sailor. See the pattern here? Yup, the Club Championship regatta pits the winner of each fleet's championship against one another, until just one crew comes out on top, winning that elusive parking spot.

And for better viewing? Well, there's two weather marks, and each boat has to round 'em both at some point, before a long reach leg right along the beach, making for great viewing either on the beach, or on the Love Shack. (wasn't there a disco song about the love shack back in the day)?

Once again, the Club Championship is being held in those sporty little Viper 640's, and this regatta will be a great tune up regatta for the Viper Worlds that our Club is hosting later in the year. A Viper usually races on an ocean course often times a mile in distance. But for this special event? We're using them in the bay on a very tiny race course with large marks. It's the only time you'll see Vipers on the bay in a hard-core racing format.

So come on down and enjoy the regatta that Norma Clapp began in her Commodore year, 1991. If you feel now as Norma did then, that a small boat club that is so active in one-design racing should have a Championship regatta, then you owe it to yourself to come down, and watch these gladiators duke it out until one crew rises above it all. The fun starts at 10:30 am, and Oh, while you're at it, stick around for Opening Day, because, well, its fun, its festive, and by golly, its just the right thing to do!

And best part of all? I'll be the PRO!!!

Signed,

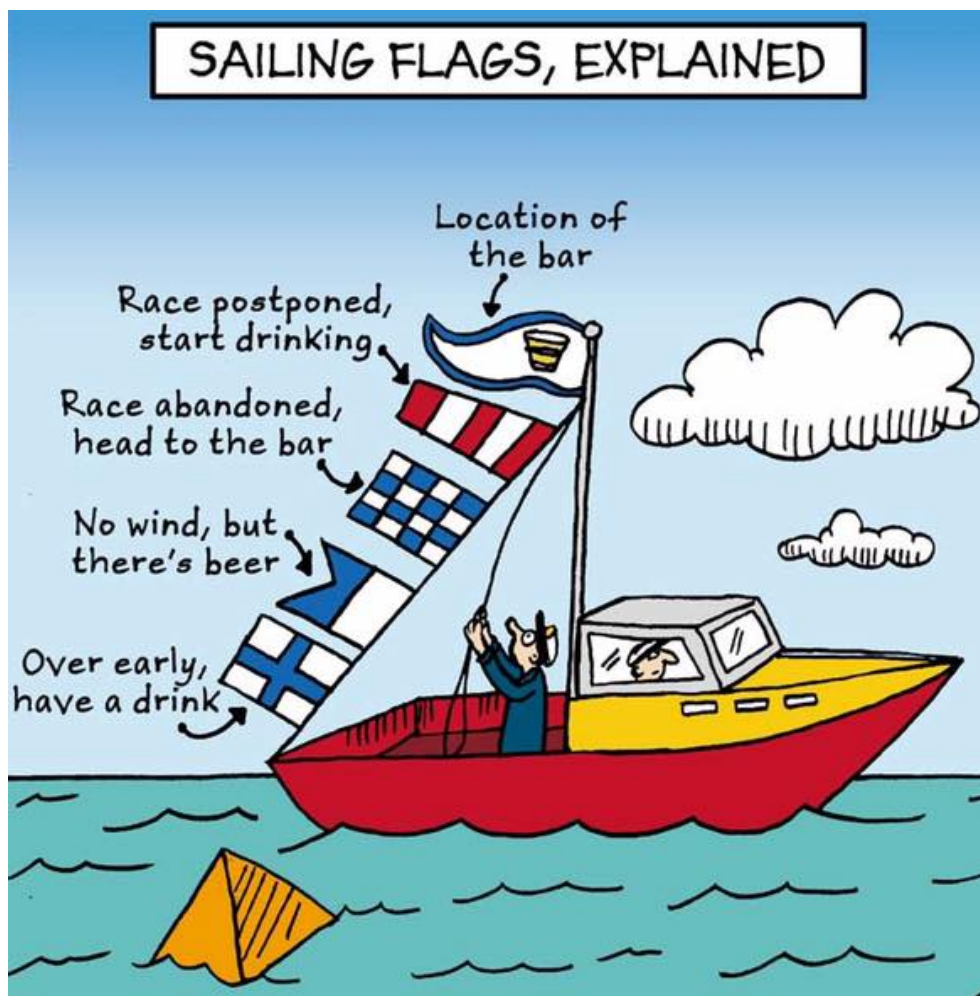
Martyn (I'm the PRO) Bookwalter

(Glenn Selvin, Ghost Writer)



**Save the Date -
June 21, 22, 23**

**Volunteers Needed
Contact Jennifer:
kuritz@earthlink.net**





rules answer #53

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FACTS

1. When PLO (Yellow) on port reaches the leeward mark zone, PWM (Blue) on port has an inside overlap and SI (Green) on starboard tack is inside and overlapped with PWM (Blue).
2. SI (Green) gybes to port to round the mark and luffs to a close-hauled course.
3. PWM (Blue) rounds the mark and luffs to a close-hauled course approximately one meter to leeward of SI (Green).
4. PLO (Yellow) luffs in a seamanlike manner as she rounds the mark and contact occurs between PWM's (Blue) boom and PLO's (Yellow) shroud.
5. The contact between PLO (Yellow) and PWM (Blue) does not cause damage or injury.

CONCLUSIONS

1. PWO (Yellow) is outside and owes mark-room to PWM (Blue) and SI (Green). PWM (Blue) and SI (Green) sailed within the mark-room they were entitled.
2. PWM (Blue) to windward failed to keep clear of PLO (Yellow) leeward as required by rule 11, while sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled.
3. It was not reasonably possible for PWM (Blue), a boat entitled to mark-room to avoid contact with PLO (Yellow).
4. Although it was reasonably possible for her to do it, PLO (Yellow), the right-of-way boat did not avoid contact with PWM (Blue), when it was clear that PWM (Blue) was unable to keeping-clear.
5. PLO (Yellow), outside overlapped at the zone, failed to give PWM (Blue) mark-room as required by rule 18.2(b)

DECISION

1. PWM (Blue) was compelled to break rule 11 as well as rule 14 and is exonerated under rule 21.
2. PLO (Yellow) broke rule 14 and is exonerated under rule 14(b).
4. PLO (Yellow) is disqualified under rule 18.2(b)
Have fun and good luck on the race course.
Mark Townsend

eightbells

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of long time member Virginia Feo. She passed away peacefully the morning of March 21st. She was 97 years young.

Virginia and husband Ed joined ABYC in 1961. They both grew up around boats, her father having a 24' sailboat moored by the Santa Monica Pier in the 1930's.

At ABYC, they started out racing Skimmers and moved onto larger boats over the years. She and Ed raced and cruised up and down the coast. She was completely at home on the water.

Virginia was also a dedicated bridge player and you could find her every Tuesday, on the Quarterdeck, playing the game with her closest friends.

On behalf of the club membership, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the entire Feo family.

David Schack



hails from the fleets



Nice Asp Looks Good in the NOOD, San Diego

Viper sailors spent more time emptying rainwater from boat covers than sailing these past few months.

That all changed the weekend of the National Offshore One-Design (NOOD) regatta in San Diego March 15 through 17. The sun came out, the temperatures climbed into the 70's and a fantastic three-day weekend of sailing ensued.

Our sailing venue was inside San Diego bay, south of the Coronado bridge. Conditions were challenging with very shifty breeze especially Friday and Sunday. Our hosts, the Coronado Yacht Club, did a great job of getting four races in on both Friday and Saturday. That left only two races to be completed on Sunday to hit their goal of 10 races for the series.

Thirteen Viper teams competed. The top 4 teams sailed very consistently with no finish below 8th place among them. Mike Pentecost's ABYC/CBYC team "Nice ASP", including Chuck Tripp and Garrett Brown, dominated with 8 bullets for the win. Jay Golison, out of ABYC, was 2nd and Mark Folkman from KHYC placed 3rd. The Jim Sears/Nick Kofski ABCY team FNG had a very solid regatta finishing 4th.

ABYC teams dominated the fleet taking 6 of the top seven spots. Tim Carter took 5th, Dan Milefchik, 6th and James Baurley 7th. Rounding out ABYC entries, Gabe Farramola sailed in his first major Viper regatta.

Yes, there were parties too. Coronado Yacht club on Friday, San Diego Yacht Club on Saturday and several places in-between invaded by the large roving snake pit that we are!

Results can be found at; https://yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=6035



Winners – Mike Pentecost, Garrett Brown, Chuck Tripp

Viper 640															
1.	223	Nice ASP	Viper 640	Mike Pentecost	1	1	1	8	5	1	2	1	1	1	22.0
2.	204		Viper 640	Jay Golison	4	2	4	5	4	5	1	2	2	3	32.0
3.	130	Amateurs	Viper 640	Mark Folkman	5	4	5	6	1	2	4	3	4	2	36.0
4.	148	F.N.G.	Viper 640	James Sears	6	3	2	7	6	3	3	5	3	5	43.0
5.	300	The 300	Viper 640	Tim Carter	2	6	3	10	2	4	5	4	6	4	46.0
6.	212	Bellina Point	Viper 640	Dan Milefchik	3	8	12	4	3	6	6	7	5	6	60.0
7.	201	#hmb	Viper 640	James Baurley	7	5	7	12	9	11	9	6	7	9	82.0
8.	64	Crown School	Viper 640	Todd Downey	8	7	11	1	10	12	7	8	10	10	84.0
9.	102	Nectar Nod	Viper 640	Mike Hester	11	10	8	2	8	10	10	10	9	8	86.0
10.	191	Mastered Boat	Viper 640	John Leyland	9	11	9	11	13	8	11	9	8	7	96.0
11.	267	Nutbush	Viper 640	Eduardo Saenz	10	13	10	9	7	9	8	11	11	13	101.6
12.	187	ESPN & The Ocho	Viper 640	Geoff McFarland	12	9	6	3	11	13	13	13	15/DNF	11	106.0
13.	26	Eustis	Viper 640	Gabe Ferramola	13	12	13	13	12	7	12	12	12	12	118.0

hails from the fleets

Ken Reiff photos



For many, many years over many, many decades, Balboa Yacht Club has been holding the Harry Wood Memorial Regatta, and with twenty one boats descending on BYC from clubs as far away as Mission Bay Yacht Club and Oceanside Yacht Club, today's regatta was a smashing success, great news for Lido Fleet One, the class' original fleet, who's been suffering in numbers lately. Twenty one boats did a lot to bolster up that fleet, and of the twenty one boats on the line, all honoring Harry Wood, ten of them were from our own Fleet Six, right here in Alamitos Bay.

Our Fleet Treasurer, Bill Moore sailed, as did our Fleet Captain, Ken Reiff.

Suzy and Bill Swezea, new fleet members, made the trek, as did Will Vrooman, Mark Ryan, John Gresham, Kevin Thomas, Dan Gilboa, Gabe Ferramola, and ABYC Board member Mike Shea.

BYC rolled out the red carpet, with excellent race committee work run by Walter Johnson as the PRO. Hospitality was top notch, with three races run before bringing us ashore for a break, and then two more races, followed by great food on the back lawn. All of the hospitality was only made better by the sunny skies and 10 knots of breeze, ordered up special, I'm told, specifically for this regatta.

Next up are Lido Twilights, starting April 11th, with our 2nd annual Unofficial Opening Day that Thursday evening. Two races to start off the summer, followed by our 2nd annual, unbelievable tri tip bbq, held once again by Mike Baumann, our Fleet Chef. Tri tip, corn on the cob, all the salads, and desert, held by Fleet Six, and all for just \$5 a head. Last year, we had nearly 90 people coming for dinner, so if you don't own a Lido, buy one! Open to all of our fleet members, plus friends of the fleet, this year's bbq will be another show stopper.

Glenn Selvin



hails from the fleets

Jennifer Kuritz photos



Hello Sabot Sailors! Check the ABYC calendar for Sabot Sunday dates and come join us! Lots of fun sailing and we get together for snacks and drinks and enjoy the patio after sailing.

See recaps below of recent Sabot Sailing events.

NHYC SCWSA Senior Sabot Regatta Recap-Mar24

Perfect conditions brought competitive sailing at Newport Harbor's annual regatta. The day started with our wonderful hosts NHYC providing a complimentary breakfast buffet with their famous Eggs Benedict. With a noon start and the westerly filling in, the race committee did a good job and got 4 races in for the day. ABYC was represented by Cindy Heavrin and Kathy Reed. After a great day of sailing they went 4 deep with trophies in the A fleet, and the girls didn't quite make it to the podium, Cindy finished in 5th (tied with 4th place Betty Becker) and Kathy had moments of glory (first to the windward mark on the first race of the day), but had challenges and finished 7th overall. NHYC Gale Pickney won the Women's A fleet on a tie breaker over Jerelyn Biehl, and SDYC Julie McPherson finished in 3rd.



BYC Super Sabot Saturday/Midwinters Recap-Mar16

Light winds and incoming tide made for a tough day of sailing at BYC. Only 1 race completed with a southerly wind direction we sailed course 1 out the channel to mark 6 and back to the finish. Boat traffic is one of the challenges sailing in Newport Harbor, and a big Catamaran passed through the start line of the first race with just 10 seconds to go and caused a big disruption for the sailors. The 2nd race started with light wind still out of the south, but became so light that after about 40 min and only 4 boats had rounded the windward mark and no wind on the horizon the race committee signaled abandon race. Midwinters now completed with just 1 race scored and Scott Finkboner from MBYC finished in 1st, Kathy Reed 2nd, Cindy Heavrin 3rd (representing ABYC), Kurt Weise of NHYC 4th and Lanny Coon of MBYC 5th for the Sabot Saturday.



Trophies were 3 deep for Midwinters, and Scott Finkboner took home all the perpetual trophies for 1st place.

ABYC Sr. Sabot Sunday Recap-Feb24

February 24 brought lots of challenges with changing conditions and wind shifts to the 12 sailors on the water. Bob Riley had a tough day when the wind came up on the first race and his mast pin gave way before the start. A quick tow to the dock and he was back on the water for the rest of the day. Up to 10+ knots of wind made a challenging day on the water and a 3 way tie for first place at the end of the day and Mark Ryan taking home the honors (and the super size candy bar trophy)! Thank you Jennifer Kuritz and race committee for running the barge and taking pictures!



KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

Our next keel boat fleet meeting will be **Friday, May 10**. This will be our last meeting before the summer break. We will be outside in the patio and the quarter deck and everyone should bring their own entree to barbeque plus something to drink, something to share and an hors d'oeuvre. The fleet will supply paper plates, cups, forks and spoons, etc. Cocktails will be at 5:30, barbeque ready to go at 6:00 and very important business meeting to follow.

See you there,
George

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