



## spring spruce up

Tracy Conn photos

### Thank You for Making it Happen!

I love a good project. Especially one that includes lots of friends and a barbecue lunch. I'm very pleased to report that our two months of planning and hard work has paid off in spades. The Club looked fantastic. I am very impressed by the number of members who offered to help, especially the new members. Thank you to the 80+ people who came out to help.

The Project Team Leaders were the heroes of the day. The day went smoothly due, in no small part, to the Project Team Leaders. Thank you, Terri Bishop, for leading the charge with the grounds work. This was the day's largest undertaking and it shows.

Thank you to Mike Shea for upgrading the attic space. This long overdue upgrade is complete and we now have new LED lighting and an expanded floor space. Great job guys! I know that everyone on SAC will appreciate the work. Dana Bell and company spent



the day organizing all of the odds and ends stored in the attic. It looked like at least 30+ boxes' worth of stuff.

Thank you, Brooke Jolly, for taking on the whaler clean-up and race management container project. Everything looks great and the new lettering on the whalers really stands out.

Thank you, Joe Hudak, for the terrific new planter boxes. Just and FYI, he made the planters based on a couple of pictures I sent him. Please take a look next time you are at the club. We also had two



engineers, Dominic Mao and John McCalab, working on the Opti Rudder and Blade box. (I know there must be a joke in there somewhere). Thank you so much, guys, for all of your effort.

Dan DeLave has been talking about the tool room at BOD meetings for months now and, I have to say, it really turned out great. Thank you Dan!

The barbecue upgrade turned into more of a group project. We upgraded the grills with new heat diffusers, replaced



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## save the date

Opening Day .....	May 4
Mother's Day Brunch .....	May 12
Happy Hour .....	May 10, 24, 31
Membership Meeting .....	May 17
Sunset Saturday .....	May 11, 18
Memorial Day Regatta .....	May 25, 26
Summer Kick Off Party .....	June 7
Dock Sale .....	June 8
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## manager's corner



This will be my first Opening Day weekend at ABYC and I am eagerly looking forward to the Friday Raft-Up and Barbeque as well as the Saturday official ceremonies and the Club Championship Regatta.

I am honored to participate in the celebration of the 93rd anniversary of the formal organization of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. I have no doubt that our 12 founding fathers would be proud of our growth and respected distinction among world-class yacht clubs and the international sailing community.

Below are a couple of housekeeping items I would like your help with.

To those of us who use our new hoist, it would be greatly appreciated if—when finished and no-one is waiting after you—the hoist hook be raised just below the chain bucket, the night light be turned off, the hoist arm be parallel to the dock and the “Off” button pressed. These steps save electricity and also help to avoid accidental contact with the hoist arm when moving boats.

In walking the yard most mornings, I notice bits of trash from time-to-time and sometimes a hose or two left on and dripping. Please continue to use one of our many trash receptacles and remember to turn off the water at the valve when done cleaning off your boat. These may sound like little things, but it makes a big impression on visiting guests.

As always, my door is open should you have an observation or suggestion...or just want to say, “Hi”.

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

*Rick*

## commodore's compass



Spring Spruce Up was a great success. A huge thanks to those of you who helped out. We accomplished a lot of good things including: Lighting the attic space, re-doing the Tool Room, a lot of landscaping, cleaning the exterior of the club house, painting the burgee on the ramp, relocating some burgees and much more. Once again, thanks for your help.

Yesterday, Team ABYC defended our title in the Walt Elliott Harbor Challenge. Unfortunately, it was not our day. Racing was held in accordance to a challenge by CBYC on Catalina 37s. Competition included Long Beach Yacht Club, Los Angeles Yacht Club, Buccaneer Yacht Club, and ABYC. Long Beach Yacht Club came away with the win, scoring three bullets. The first race was promising for Team ABYC as we finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. In race two, we were setup for a perfect start

and with about twenty seconds left to the gun we couldn't hold our position and we were pretty late off the line. We ended up scratching back and finding the rest of the fleet—unfortunately we were not able to make enough gains and finished in fourth.

The third race found us scrambling to secure an overall second. Things were looking good for us and we had a tight rounding at the last weather mark—we came in on port, tacked and well...let's just say there was a little bit of contact—we went to the room, and it didn't quite work out for us. This might just end up as one of Mark Townsend Rules Quiz. Congratulations to Long Beach Yacht Club for a well-earned victory.

Thanks to SAC for a great Easter Brunch and to the Junior Board for their help with the Easter egg hunt. We had over 200 guests come enjoy the day.

*Dave*

## vice verses



As Vice Commodore the house and yard falls under my responsibility. So, I am the one to bring up the rules. Two important issues have come up at the last Board of Directors meeting. First, Yard Rule 1.1 **Dogs are not permitted the freedom of the Club property, either loose or leashed unless the animal is considered an aid to its handicapped owner.** This means No Dogs, unless it is a Service Animal, which needs to be on a leash while on the grounds. Liveaboards in marina fall under the Marina Department while on the docks, but the dogs do need to be leashed while crossing the club grounds.

Second, House rule #21. **Personal alcoholic beverages may not be consumed on Club grounds when the Club is serving or selling alcoholic beverages.** Please purchase your drinks from the club or pay the corkage fee. No one wants to be bad guy here. Thanks for your support.

*Stephen Mueller*



**E**aster was a huge success. If you tried to get in the seating and it was already full...sorry. Easter was two sittings with an Easter egg hunt in between (and a bunny?). There were board members pouring Champagne for you saying hi. You should think about calling for an earlier reservation if you plan on coming next year. It did fill up fast. We still have Mother's Day coming up so make plans to join us at the Club for this event.

What a great Spring Spruce up we had. There was flooring and lighting put in the attic for event storage, the Members tool room was updated with hanging tools racks, the BBQ was overhauled, polishing of brass, varnishing of the flagpole, straightening out of the Race container, organizing and cleaning of the Race Committee whalers, boat covers repaired, and of course the gardening committee. Making a place we can be proud of when we invite guests for Opening Day.

I have had many comments about the Bluetooth Amplifier into the bar. Still need to figure out how to make more permanent. During the Easter Brunch we had a nice Jazz theme going.

*Dan DeLave*



## Sou'Wester DEADLINE

May 23, 2019 is the deadline  
for the June Sou'Wester.

## Help us to Help you!

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

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# fleet captain's log



I hope you have all seen the new event we have coming up on June 8<sup>th</sup>: The Dock Swap. Please plan to clean out your sailing gear and come down to join in the selling and buying fun. If you are not looking to sell but rather are in need of a few boat parts or perhaps a gently loved life-jacket or the likes, then please come down and see what's up for sale. This should be a fun time down along the rail rider with a patio BBQ lunch scheduled, too. Please look for the informational flyer on the web site or from the Weekly Reader.

Again, I would like to thank the whaler clean-up crew that pitched in on Spring Spruce up. The whalers were all hosed down, scrubbed and even polished. We had a crew consisting of all ages and everybody did a fantastic job. Our head seamster, Jon Robinson, did some repair work

on the canvas covers of Patience and Dave Myers did a knock-out job getting the race management container tidied up. Thank you all for a job well done!

Cheers,

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>
5/11-12	Mothers' Day Brunch and Setup	Dana Bell ( <a href="mailto:danafbell@cs.com">danafbell@cs.com</a> )
5/25-26	Memorial Day Regatta	Jeff Ives ( <a href="mailto:ivesjeff@yahoo.com">ivesjeff@yahoo.com</a> )
6/21-23	Long Beach Race Week (on the water)	Jennifer Kuritz ( <a href="mailto:Kuritz@earthlink.net">Kuritz@earthlink.net</a> )
6/21-23	Long Beach Race Week (on the shore)	Kevin Brown ( <a href="mailto:kbrown460@outlook.com">kbrown460@outlook.com</a> )
6/29	Latham Bell Regatta	Mike Van Dyke ( <a href="mailto:mike.van.dyke@verizon.net">mike.van.dyke@verizon.net</a> )

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 [rj\\_stropky@msn.com](mailto:rj_stropky@msn.com) or (562)252-5321.

## eight bells

I am saddened to let you know that ABYC member Marc Schryer passed away on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Marc actively supported the junior program throughout his time at ABYC. Marc continued to enthusiastically support the Junior Program well after his son Marc Jr. was grown and had left the program. As a long-time member of the Junior Advisory Committee Marc was always keen to find ways to help grow and improve the junior program.

Marc actively volunteered for race management duties as a PRO for many regattas. Marc especially enjoyed being PRO for junior regattas where he was always full of encouraging words for the younger sailors.

Marc was an accomplished sailor who had experience in many boats including Sabots, Lido 14s, I14s, Penguins, Thistles, Cal 20s, 505s, Stars and many others. Marc was also a past commodore of University of California Irvine Sailing Association.

Marc's enthusiasm, dedication, happy and positive outlook will certainly be missed.

Plans for services are currently being made by his family.

Respectfully,

Dave Schack

### 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.

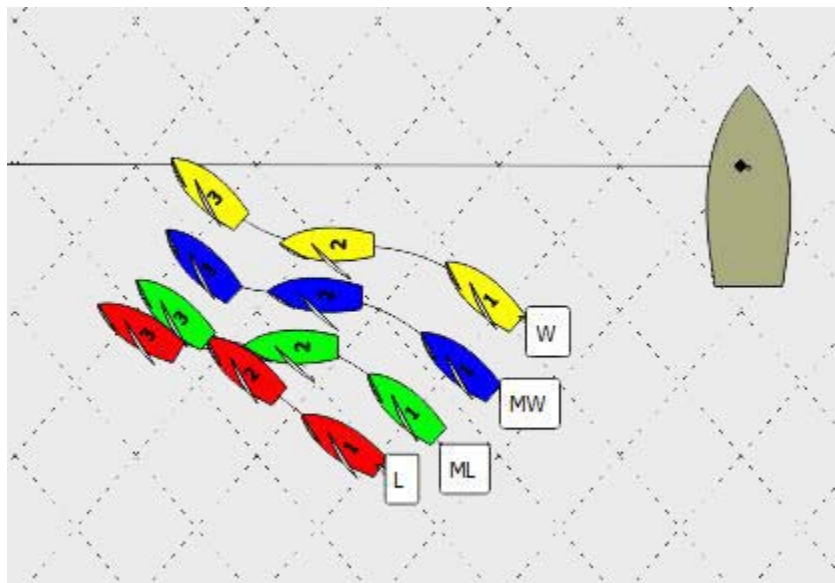
## DESCRIPTION

About 15 seconds before the start four boats are approaching the starting line on starboard in a large fleet. The black flag has been displayed and rule 30.4 is in effect. With 10 seconds to the start W (Yellow), now less than one boat length from the line, bears away and sails parallel to and just below the starting line. MW (Blue) bears away to avoid a collision, causing ML (Green) to also bear away to avoid a collision, which results in minor contact between ML (Green) and L (Red). L (Red) hails protest. When the class flag is removed W (Yellow) heads up, starts. All boats start and finish the race, no boats do penalty turns.

Review rules 2, 11, 14, 64.1(a) and see if you can sort out the relevant facts, conclusions and decision.

## FACTS

1. Four boats approach a starting line on starboard in a large fleet. Black flag has been displayed and rule 30.4 is in effect.
2. With 10 seconds to the start W (Yellow) bears away to avoid being over the line, sails parallel and to leeward of the starting line and then heads up as the class flag is removed.
3. MW (Blue) bears away to avoid a collision with W (Yellow), ML (Green) bears away to avoid a collision with MW (Blue), and L (Red) collides with ML (Green) as she bears away.
4. L (Red) immediately hailed protest after colliding with ML (Green).
5. No boats do penalty turns. All boats start and finish the race.



## club abyc

### Robby Covacevish on the Sax

The Friday night April 26 Club ABYC was planned to be a relaxing evening with a fun, inexpensive dinner and quiet music. As April had been a very busy month with CISA, Spring Spruce-Up, the Adult Sailing Program, Walt Elliot Harbor Series, Thursday night Lido sailing, Easter, and the Ensenada Race, we expected a light turnout. But, just to be on the safe side we prepared 40 potatoes for the baked potato bar. Surprise, surprise, all but five potatoes were eaten, and we had a really nice crowd that got to enjoy three hours of some great saxophone music. Only down side of the evening was that we had to push people out of the Club so that staff could go home...what a Friday night! The next Club ABYC, "Summer Kick-off", is scheduled for June 7, with good music and a fun menu.

Dana Bell

Dana Bell photos





# the bay logger

It's almost here! Can you sea it? The ABYC Summer Camp preparations have been in full swing and it is almost time for my favorite part of the year! The Juniors have some events this month, including a Laser regatta in Santa Barbara, Opti regatta in Cabrillo beach, and the annual Memorial Day Regatta on our home waters!

Soon after, we go full swing for summer. Registration is filling up quickly, so if you have not signed up your junior sailor, make sure they have the opportunity to have a blast this summer! Check out the Summer Camp tab on the website to see where your sailor should be!

ALL ABYC JUNIORS FAMILIES: Let's show everyone how many active sailors we have! Come on down to opening day on **May 4<sup>th</sup>** to cheer on your championship representatives!!! ABYC Juniors are looking to come in strong for Opening Day's Club Championship event, same as last year!

*Craig Ramsay*



## junior easter

Another fabulous Easter Sunday Brunch at ABYC was celebrated by many. Thank you, Dana Bell, and SAC for organizing, decorating, and helping the club put on an event that everyone can enjoy. One responsibility of the Jr. Board is to support and volunteer at ABYC social events. Thank you: Taft Buckley, Bobby Little, Julia Carpenter, and Samantha Thompson, for helping the Easter Bunny by hiding eggs and serving the brunch. It is always fun to see new members and longtime members continue the tradition of celebrating Easter Brunch at the club with their families.

*Brett Peoples*

## junior perspective

### Nation's Best Junior Sailors Attend 2019 CISA Clinic At ABYC

The best junior sailors from around the country recently gathered at ABYC for the 2019 CISA (California International Sailing Association) Clinic, from April 4 - 7, for several days of coaching and sailing in ideal training spring conditions. With a long tradition of great coaches and legendary sailing, The CISA Clinic, in its 41st year, aims to groom the next generation of American Olympic sailors, and fleets included Laser Radial, 29er, I420, Kite, and Nacra 15. The venue at ABYC, according to the coaches, presented a perfect classroom setting with easy ocean access to a variety of conditions. When it was over, the junior athletes praised the challenging setting, the excellent coaching, and the "amazing" atmosphere of competition and support generated at the 2019 CISA Clinic.

*Summer Drake*



# junior program

Ok, I'm not Tom Petty's lyricist but I am traveling in the Northeast looking at schools and see the kids starting to wear shorts and talking about moving from dry suits to more moderate sailing gear. It is interesting in how they schedule, or they are required to schedule their fall and spring sailing to avoid the worst of it. I've been seeing army's of FJ and C420 that the schools maintain for their sailing program. Being focused on development boats it was an eye opener Sailing Disneyland.

Opening day is upon us this following weekend, and I think it's safe to say the report will be the harbor is clear of ice and the sailing season will officially open. Like New Years day for the Rose Parade, Race day for the Grand Prix, Open Day for ABYC is almost guaranteed to be a sunny day, but no matter rain or shine, it will be a day of friendship and fun starting with the Club Championship fighting for the perpetual parking spot! There is only two ways to get a parking a parking spot (ok 3 but Rick is not giving his up) and this is only a one day commitment!

The Jrs have started spring sailing and signups for summer sailing has begun. We have a great coaching staff lined up and you can preview them on the ABYC face book page as we will be highlighting each one. It is a very impressive group of young adults who will serve not only as coaches, but as mentors and role models. Growing up, the summer sailing was something to look forward to and my closest friends today date back to those days. I'm very happy to be able to share that with my children as they have made enduring friendships as well.

In June we have the Latham Bell Memorial which is a fund raiser for the Jr Program that is a reverse start pursuit race similar to the Boxing Day regatta. I hope we can honor Latham's legacy by have a record turn out and be able to raise record funds for the Jr Program which was dear to Latham's heart. We are looking for a few volunteers to help out if you're available.

*Mike Van Dyke*

## riva del garda

*Jen Christopher photos*

Tate and Cash Christopher traveled to Italy to represent the ABYC and the US in Optis. Tate was also a US representative at the World Opti Meeting.



Our last night.

What an amazing experience for all of us. The chance to sail on the US Team will be unforgettable.

...until next time

Tate got an 8th on the last race in a fleet of 180. He learned so much and improved on almost every race. What an experience to sail in a 1000 person regatta with kids from all over the world.

His perspective is forever changed.





# membershipreport

With Opening Day on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the Raft Up the day prior as our next big events, there is no shortage of new and existing member oriented fun things to do at the club which also include the annual Club Open House June 8<sup>th</sup>, and the New Member Party and Pine Block Race August 10<sup>th</sup>. These events, along with the weekly Friday Happy Hour and other calendar events will make yet another great summer at ABYC.

Overall membership numbers are down so we encourage you all to share the club and all the social events we hold with friends, family, and neighbors. Membership dues are our primary source of revenue, which makes keeping the membership numbers up of paramount importance. As always, I am available for club tours and information. Let all do our part to get people involved.

Below are the bios for recent new members Greg Naiman and James Bailey. Let's all welcome them aboard when you see them around the club or out on the racecourse.

For April we welcome new regular member Greg Naiman sponsored by Brooke Jolly and Yachting member Alex Black sponsored by Keith Ives. Alex purchase Lee Smith's Cal 20 and has been sailing it somewhat regularly to Catalina!

Please plan on attending the Open House June 8<sup>th</sup> to welcome our Long Beach neighbors and others interested in what we have to offer. Please see the flyer in the back of this issue.

Mike Shea, Membership Director

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## Greg Naiman

I am a Santa Barbara native, former ABYC member, and alumnus of UC Santa Barbara and USC. I started sailing Sea Shells in Santa Barbara and started racing Lasers at Santa Barbara Youth Foundation. I have raced in both one-designs and long distance ocean races. When my kids were little, I sold my Olson 30 and focused on soccer, lacrosse, equestrian events, football, you get it - I kept racing though. I recently bought a Laser so I can continue racing one-designs, and it feels like coming home to be back at ABYC again. I am so looking forward to renewing friendships and being a part of the club.



## James Bailey

I have been sailing for most of my life. My wife Madelyn and I own a TP 52 named Destroyer that my three sons and I have been sailing for over a year now. I also have three daughters a son-in-law and a 3 year old granddaughter.

Destroyer just finished the Newport to Cabo Race finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in ORR-1. Our plans moving forward are the Ensenada Race and then Transpac in July. Recently I purchased and Etchells and have had the opportunity to race her in a couple of races here at ABYC with my boys and boat partner Don Burdge. We look forward to our association with ABYC and all that the Club has to offer.



# waltelliott challenge

*Brooke Jolly photos*

On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, ABYC hosted the Walt Elliott Challenge. We had four clubs join in the competition with teams from ABYC, LBYC, LAYC and Buccaneer Yacht Club hopping in the Catalina 37s for a fun day on the water. Team ABYC was skippered by Kevin Brown with crewmates of Dave Schack, Chuck Clay, Bob Little, Jim Lincoln, Mike Shea, Pat McCormick and a friend of Kevin's, Kristy Lenehan, working the bow. The day started off cloudy but we had a pretty solid 6 to 8 knots throughout with the sun making an appearance late in the afternoon. Unfortunately, the racing Gods did not smile upon our team ABYC. LBYC took home the perpetual trophy along with the additional prize of hosting next year's regatta. Many thanks to our race committee volunteers for a day that ended with many compliments about it being well run!

*Brooke Jolly*







**Alamitos Bay Yacht Club**


# **Memorial Day Regatta Burger Bash**

**Saturday, May 25**

*Bar opens at 3:00 pm • Dinner 4:00 - 6:30 pm*



**Burgers with Fixings  
Potato Salad  
Sliced Watermelon**



**Classic Rock by Rio Bravo  
4:00 - 6:00; 6:30 - ? pm  
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**\*\* Reservations by Thursday, May 23 Please \*\***

**Adults \$10.00 • Children (4 - 11 years) \$8**

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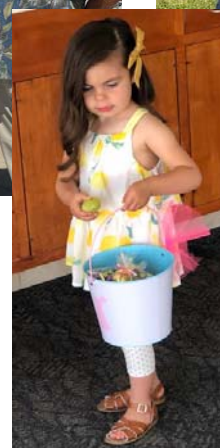


# easterbrunch 2019

Dana Bell photos

And, the winners...finders of the Golden eggs, were Oscar (son of Matthieu and Oceane Marfaing) in the 0 to 2 year-old hunt, Reed Samari (grandson of Rod Shelley) and Lennox Limon (granddaughter of Patty McKinnon) in the 3 to 6 year-old hunt, and after an exhausting but enthusiastic Boat Yard Hunt Colin Ballow and Chloe Ives found the Golden eggs in the 7 to 12 year-old hunt. Thanks to Cole's careful planning the Lawn hunt was a bit more challenging and fun with thick patches of clover and grass. A very lively Easter Bunny joined in the Lawn and Quarter Deck hunts after greeting guests as they arrived at the Club, and hopping about a bit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deck. A delicious brunch prepared by Teak Catering included the ever popular Pancake Bar. Serving and table clearing was ably handled by Julia Carpenter, Samantha Thompson, Brett Peoples, Taft Buckley and Bobby Little from the ABYC Junior Board. And, then there was the complimentary champagne mimosas...poured so well by our Commodore Schack with the assistance of Officers Dan DeLave and Brooke Jolly. A huge thank you to Melissa Kirby, Dave Crockett, Marilyn Spencer, Janet Lincoln, Dante, Sam Bell, Dani McClain (this year's Easter Bunny extraordinaire), Kathy Reed, Cindy Heavrin, Johonna, Jerry, Libby, Fin and Kate Donahoe, Bill & Sue McDannel, and of course our wonderful staff for producing a very Hoppy Easter Brunch!

Dana Bell



## adult sailing review

My name is Martha Barhouse. I am a member of this beautiful sailing club, ABYC. Through the kindness of Dominic Meo III and Chris Cunningham, I have had the privilege of becoming a certified Basic Keelboat Sailor. Dominic was my lecture instructor and Chris was my sailing buddy instructor.

Along with learning seamanship and safety, sailing terminology, basic sail trim, and points of sail, I walked away with much more. Last weekend I was able to take my husband and my daughter to Catalina Island. I did it without my son Patrick who is our sailor! I was able to experience this entirely because of my wonderful instructors!

They helped me obtain my ASA 101 certification but they gave me so much more; a membership to the Tempest fleet, wonderful friends, and the CONFIDENCE to sail on my own!! Thank you!

Thoughts from Anne Walker on ABYC Adult Sailing Program

Anne was one of the very first ABYC members to take part in the adult-sailing program. She took the first session offered last year between July and August.

Here's what Anne has to say:

I enjoyed the program very much! It was the most detailed course I think available out there. I had prior experience with ASA 101, taking lessons from a place in Redondo Beach that shall remain nameless.

Needless to say, I learned more in one day of the Adult Sailing Program than I learned in five private lessons at the place in Redondo Beach.

I think this is definitely an exciting new program that AYBC should be proud of and promote as its own unique asset. What better way to get someone interested in sailing than to take them out on a Tempest!



a few of the damaged burners and installed new guides for the gas valves. I hope you like the upgrades.

Thank you, Martyn Bookwalter, for the fresh coat of paint on the ramp burgee. If you see Chuck Clay please thank him for the great job he did on the entryway letters. They really stand out. Thanks Chuck!

Finally, a special thanks to manager Rick. He made sure everything was ordered, delivered and ready for the day in true logistics genius fashion. Rick, sorry for the 50+ phone calls. You are a real trouper.

I truly appreciate the support and help from all of you. I cannot thank you enough.

*Stephen Mueller*



***Dan Clapp is turning 90!***

***You are invited to join him to celebrate on***

***June 16th from 2 to 6 pm***

***There will be food and libations***

***Please RSVP to Sheila 562 434-9955***



## CONCLUSIONS

1. It was not reasonably possible for L (Red), the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with ML (Green) when it was clear that ML (Green) was not keeping clear, as required by rule 14.
2. ML (Green) to windward failed to keep clear of L (Red) to leeward as required by rule 11.
3. ML (Green), the keep clear boat, did not avoid contact with L (Red), as required by rule 14.
4. MW (Blue) to windward failed to keep clear of ML (Green) to leeward as required by rule 11.
5. W (Yellow) to windward failed to keep clear of MW (Blue) to leeward as required by rule 11.
6. By knowingly breaking a rule and not taking the appropriate penalty, W (Yellow) failed to compete in compliance with the principals of sportsmanship and fair play.

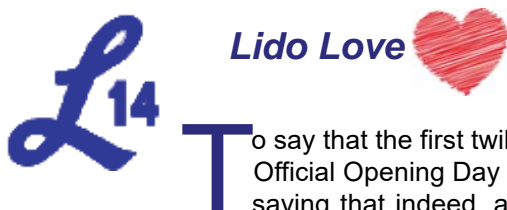
## DECISION

1. L (Red) broke rule 14 and is exonerated under rule 14(b).
2. ML (Green) was compelled to break rule 11 and is exonerated under rule 64.1(a).
3. ML (Green) was compelled to break rule 14 and is exonerated under rule 64.1(a).
4. MW (Blue) was compelled to break rule 11 and is exonerated under rule 64.1(a).
5. W (Yellow) is DSQ under rule 11.
6. W (Yellow) is DNE under rule 2.

Have fun and see you on the race course.

*Mark Townsend*

## hails from the fleets



To say that the first twilight race, and to say that the Unofficial/ Official Opening Day was a raging success, would be like saying that indeed, a bear does poop in the woods. Its like saying that George Washington's axe was really, really sharp when it hit that cherry tree. Its like saying that indeed, Trump did have the largest inaugural turn out in the history of turn outs! Some things are just true! Well, ok, maybe not that last one, but yes, the first Twilight, and the Unofficial/Official Opening Day was a raging success!

With our own Fleet Maestro, Martyn Bookwalter running the races, two races were held in near perfect conditions. A little bit chilly to start out with, but it warmed up as the winds died off, making some perfect sailing. Mark Ryan won in the A fleet,

I know, I know, big shocker there. Bob Little and Mike Shea rounded out the A fleet. In the always hotly contested B fleet? Pat McCormick was the one to beat, with Jack Johnson and Ken Reiff hot on his heels, with plenty of close crosses, mark roundings, and starts.

And then, oh the party afterwards! Nearly 80 people showed up for some fantastic tri tip, cooked by our own Fleet Chef, Mike Bauman. I mean seriously, how many ABYC fleets can boast having a chef on board? Mike was ably helped out by Angela Albright, Carol Selvin, Sue McDannel, and I know there were others. Between the tri tip, the corn on the cob, the potato salad, and the desert, it was pretty spectacular. And for \$5/head, which is a steal of a deal! Just really a great time on a very special evening with good food, the bar always ready, and a wonderful time with friends, hanging out by the fire pit.

A huge shout out, and a huge thanks, to Mike for doing the cooking, and to our own Fleet Captain for taking Mike shopping for all the grub, and for just in general putting all this together. To next year's fleet captain? You have some huge shoes to fill!

*Ken Reiff photos*



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Ken Reiff photos

Next out of town regatta is Mission Bay Yacht Club's Lido Invitational, held May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Now, I know it's the same weekend as ABYC's Opening Day, but really what better way to celebrate the start of the sailing season than by, well, going sailing!!! MBYC always does a great job, and really holds a lot of racing, and camaraderie afterwards, for the money.

With Martyn running another set of perfect races last night, Twilights are officially in full swing, with three races each Thursday evening, followed by what promises to be a lot of burger bashes all summer! Let's hope the bbq gets fixed quickly, as we're ready to start grillin'.

*Glenn Selvin*





# hails from the fleets



Cal 20's are gearing up for **Wet Wednesday's** starting **May 1st**. Go to the Long Beach Yacht Club website to enter now.

May 4th Keith Ives with crew Jeff Ives will represent the Cal 20 fleet in the *Opening Day Club Championship*. Go Cal 20 Fleet!

**Memorial Day Regatta is May 25-26**. Contact Fleet Captain Jeff Ives to volunteer as Cal 20's are the duty fleet and will not sail. Do your part to help out. It is fun and rewarding.

After that is **4th of July Regatta** on July 6, followed by **Cal 20 Junior Nationals July 20 or 27**. Stay tuned for more details.

**Cal 20 National Championship is at King Harbor Yacht Club on August 9, 10, & 11**. Book it and plan to attend. Local contact Burr Hope will help with boat parking when you trailer your boat there. Some boats might even tow up in the water!

**Labor Day Regatta is August 31/September 1.**

Our National President Richard Welsh tells us what a great boat the Cal 20 is for a number of reasons, fun being number 1. Cal 20's are being snapped up, so don't wait and get yours today!

See ya on the water,  
Jeff Ives



John Merchant & Rob Fuller sailing #508 on starboard tack crossing Steve George & Bryan Dair #1150

Cal 20's have had a pretty quiet winter and spring season. But the action is about to ramp up big time including the kick off of Wet Wednesday's, Memorial Day Regatta fleet duty, Fourth of July Regatta, and the Cal 20 Class Championships in early August.

Cal 20 spring spruce up includes annual maintenance projects on our 50 plus year old vessels. Key things for Cal 20 sailors to check out before the racing season include their internal lift rings and harnesses (see photos below of a recent drop incident at KHYC), checking running rigging (good idea is to replace once every 3 – 4 years), check for keel rust, test your halyards, check your trailer tires, dry out the cabin after a long rainy season, and lay out your sails on the lawn for inspection. The beauty of Cal 20 sailing is that our equipment is not expensive and maintenance costs are pretty minimal, so when you have to spend a few hundred bucks on new rigging or a couple of grand for new rags, you are still way ahead of the money game compared to other 20' racing keel boats.

We are proud to have three time running Cal 20 Class Champion Keith Ives representing our fleet at the ABYC opening day and gunning for the Kim Thompson Memorial. And speaking of Keith, we all look forward to competing with Keith at the LBYC Wet Wednesday races starting in May. Keith and longtime crew Chuck Stevens are now campaigning the old Rigormortis (now renamed as Rubber Dog) and it will be fun to see how quickly they dial up their new boat (they have traditionally been the team to beat at Wet Wednesday). Wet Wednesday's have typically attracted 10 – 15 local Cal 20's and offers good sailing and fun post race social activities at the LBYC Burger Bash.

Cal 20's have fleet duty for the ABYC Memorial Day regatta. Please contact our fleet captain Jeff Ives to volunteer as we need race committee crew both in the harbor and inside the bay.

Happy Opening Day to all our fellow ABYC sailors!  
Regards,  
Todd



# hails from the fleets

Jennifer Kuritz photos



**H**ello 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.



## ABYC Sabot Sunday Recap-Mar31

Beautiful summer conditions this on the last Sunday in March brought light winds and lots of activity on the water for the ABYC Sabot fleet. Thank you PRO's Don & Chris Taugher and assistants for getting 4 races in for us and taking fabulous photos. A good turnout with 12 boats on the line Paul Ancil started out strong with 3 first place finishes in a row, but Tom Newton, Mark Ryan and Scott Finkboner were all within reach, but Paul won the day by 1 point over Tom. Great racing by everyone, and it was just nice to be on the water. There was even a turtle spotted by race committee in the bay! Thank you head scorer Lynn Drury and whaler team Jim Drury and Bill Moore.

*Kathy Reed*



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

**Volunteers Needed**

**Contact Jennifer: [kuritz@earthlink.net](mailto:kuritz@earthlink.net)**

## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



**O**ur 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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