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men's day 2019

Stacey Schack photos

Marvel-Less Men's Day – July 28, 2019
Were you there? Did you get the opportunity to announce not only your Super-Hero name but also your Incredible Super-Human Power and perhaps your No-So-Incredible Power? Well, if you did make it, it was tons of fun! If you missed out, you'd better plan to be around for Men's Day next year!



Super-Shero Maria Milfchik and her cast of female heroines put on a great day's event down at the club. We had seventeen Super-Hero sailors, all in sabots, with the exception of three in Optis. One of our intrepid Viper representatives even donned his cape the whole time. Well, until he death-rolled going down wind. But who's counting that???



There was a total of three races run with our Heroes being divided up into a few classes. The "heavy hitters" – also known as The Amazing Hulks Fleet – had six sailors with Mark Townsend taking first place and the "Heavy Weight Championship" perpetual for the event. Our "lighter hitters", The Ant Men Fleet,

consisted of 8 men with the fastest pace on the course being set by Paul Ancil. He ended up 1st for the first two races only to have Brad Thompson beat him into the basin and up the ramp to deposit his empty beer can in the trash bin first, to win the final race of the day. The Aqua Men Fleet were our three Optis – lots of legs stretching across and dangling off the other side of the boat.

Post races, the heroes re-fueled on everything from "Shape Shifters" (watermelon) to "Wonder Dogs" (chili cheese hotdogs) to Laser Vision (carrots) among several other treats. There was also some consumption of Shazam

Shots (don't ask 😊) and TM Tonic (Trademark - keg beer) to alleviate any thirst.

Thanks to all the guys who came out and participated. Thanks also to those who donated their sabots for the day and the super talented group of ladies running it all. It was a great day on the water and good times on the patio. Who knows what theme the Sheros will come up with next year!

Brooke Jolly



Hope to see you all at next year's event.

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save the date

Junior Board Apps Open	August 1-30
Happy Hour	August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Sunset Saturday	August 3, 10, 17
SAC/RMC Meetings	August 6
New Member Party/Pine Block Regatta	August 10
Viper Worlds	August 17-24
Catalina Cruise	August 23-25
Labor Day Regatta	Aug 31-Sept 1
End of Summer Party	September 14
Full ABYC Calendar	

manager's corner



The weather is warm, the breezes are blowing, and we are with friends and family...on and off the water. Spending time at ABYC doesn't get any better than this.

Thanks to the hard work of Membership Director Mike Shea and all of our Membership volunteers, this year's Open House brought in more than a dozen new members to our club.

In conversations I have had with new members and proposed members, many have chosen to join because of the welcome and friendly reception they enjoyed when visiting our club with friends.

Whether we know it or not, we are all ambassadors for ABYC, and not just at the club.

When at the store or the gym, we might be wearing an ABYC cap or T-shirt. People notice, and it appears we have been making a good impression with our neighbors and community. Well done!

Changing tacks, the second half of August is going to be very busy at ABYC with our hosting of the 2019 Viper 640 World Championship, August 17-24. Eight straight days beginning with pre-regatta practices and ending with the World Champion awards ceremony on Saturday the 24th.

As a club, we welcome each and every one visiting our club for this prestigious regatta and wish them all the best in their pursuit of the championship trophy.

In our Junior Sailing Program, we had a bit of a change recently with Junior Director Craig Ramsay leaving ABYC. Junior Board Director Mike Van Dyke and I met with the coaches and chose Taylor Milefchik as Interim Junior Director to lead the coaches and students through the final two weeks of this year's summer program.

We thank Taylor for taking on this responsibility and wish Craig all the best in his new job.

Finally, we thank God, Roy Disney and the crew of Pyewacket for keeping our friends and family safe during the rescue of the OEX team during this year's Transpac Race. Words will never be able to fully express our sincere gratitude.

I wish you all a happy summer, and look forward to seeing you at ABYC, *The Place to BE!*

Rick

commodore's compass



I am very saddened by the loss of Jim Lincoln and extend the support of the entire ABYC family to Janet and Jim's family and friends. Jim will be greatly missed.

Summer is slowly slipping by. We had a very busy July with Big Bang, 4th of July Regatta and the Junior Olympic Festival. Thanks to everyone who helped by volunteering for those events.

The Junior Olympic Festival was a big success-ABYC received high praise from participants and their families. One item to note though, apparently, paying fairly steep late registration fees for junior sailors (parents) is the new norm. The number of entries nearly doubled within a week of the start of the JO's which was a bit of a surprise to all of us. Even so, we were able to have

a great regatta. We had a very nice opening and closing ceremony with some great sailing in between.

Stacey and I had the pleasure of greeting several arriving boats in Honolulu at the end of Transpac. ABYC was well represented on many boats across several fleets. We are thankful that the OEX team is safe after such a harrowing experience. From talking to many of those who made the trek it sounds it was one of the most challenging Transpacs in recent memory.

Later this month ABYC will be hosting the Viper 640 Worlds, competitors will start arriving on August 14th with the last day of racing on August 24th. Once the regatta starts, all boats will be kept in the water so things will be a little tight in the basin with close to 50 boats expected. Launching and retrieval from the large hoist will be available, however, dock space will be limited. A more detailed timeline is provided for your reference in a separate article.

We continue to have challenges with homeless people using our facility. We have added a security sweep of the property each morning. I urge you all to make sure that the Quarter Deck restrooms are secured in the evening. If you encounter a homeless intruder on club premises we have been advised by LBPD to call 911. They further advise not confronting the person(s). As an added measure Platt Security will be checking the property each day in the early morning.

See you around the club-

Dave



Summer is upon us and July was a lot of fun. Thank you to all who worked on the Big Bang by the Bay. It was a fantastic night of friends and Fire Works.

The yard is looking good. Thank you for your support on following the yard rules. The waiting list for a yard spot is short, might be a good time to bring your boat down to the club.

Please keep an eye out for the new carpet in the Jr. Room. We are just waiting for the kids to finish up the summer program and we will get to work.

Go Team ABYC
Stephen Mueller



Sou'Wester DEADLINE

August 25, 2019 is the deadline
for the September 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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I have recently had an evening in Hawaii with some friends from a long time ago. We have kept in touch loosely over the years but not really friends in great capacity. As we were talking many great memories floated to the top. Hearing all the choruses of "I remember when that happened!" leads to

a great time. Thinking of my experiences in and around

the Yacht Club is very similar. Maybe even more so as we are a community with a common connection of racing sailboats, or just being on the water. When we choose to keep our connections in this shared endeavor the final result will be great memories. I love sharing stories about sailing with different skippers as well as instructing new sailors to my passion. Encourage yourself and family to find more time for coming down and getting out on the water.

We just finished with Junior Olympics. I received comments from mothers and fathers, new to regattas, telling me what a good time they were having and if they were going to be jaded from their experience with us. I told them I hope so. We do run fantastic regattas. Thank you Eileen and Brooke.

July 3rd was the Big Bang on the Bay. If you showed up for the fireworks then you know that it's rare to get better than this, a band, air show, picnicking with a great group of people just before the big show.

Take a look at the calendar, Sou'Wester and Weekly Reader for the events coming up.

If these events do not get you down to enjoy your Yacht Club, maybe you should volunteer to help out.

Dan DeLave



Catalina Cruise
August 23 - 25



fleet captain'sg



Mid-summer already! July was a busy month for us down at the club. From Big Bang on the Bay to the Junior Olympics and finishing up with our "Marvel-Less Men's Day Regatta" we've had lots of different opportunities to be down at the club.

The Jr. Olympics was a BUSY time down there. Two weeks before the regatta we had 7 entries. One week before the regatta we were up to 30 entries. Within the last three days before the event we ended up with 60 entries! It was a bit of a planning nightmare but our lovely Regatta Chair, Eileen Haubl, managed it with finesse. Our fantastic group of volunteers got a total of eleven races off during the three-day event. Our CRO, Steve Kuritz, even got to give a little

racing lesson Saturday morning about the UFD flag and what it means as multiple competitors had never seen or heard of it before. It was a hard, but fast lesson learned after the first day when many sailors were caught off guard by the UFD flag. We were pleased to have put on a great event with several participants thanking us for a job well done.

For August, we will have much more going on. At the beginning of the month, we have the Pine Block Regatta on August 10th. Got a Pine Block boat? Need a Pine Block boat? Want to come hang out on the beach for a bit with us? Please see the flyer and plan on joining us. It's always a lot of fun.

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>
8/17-24	Viper 640 World Championship	Ed Spotskey (espotman@aol.com)
8/10	New Member Barbecue	Dana Bell (danafbell@cs.com)
8/31 & 9/1	Labor Day Regatta	Steve Mueller (stephenrmueller@yahoo.com) Dan DeLave (dandelave@gmail.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 rj_stropky@msn.com or (562)252-5321.

membership report

Membership management has been busy to say the least. After the success of the Open House in June we are welcoming 19 new members to the fold! Many of these members have already been enjoying the club and participating in regattas, which is exactly what we want to see. Please join me in welcoming these new members:

Keenan Hirsch, Keith Christiansen, Douglas & Sheryl Pearl, Giancarlo Geuvara, Cheyne & Erika Scoby, Brian Smith & Leslie Keller, Joshua Acosta, Ellen Fassler, John & Laura Campbell, Lloyd & Eva Pinsky, Leslie Davis & Tim Lawrence, Curtis Christensen & Lisa Kool, Maxine Finch (Junior), Peter & Shelbyrae Black, Sandra Lindsey, David Huff & Ginny Stover, Glenn & Margo Dobbs, Jesse & Stephanie Oliver, Michael Oliver.

Coming up August 10th is the New Member Appreciation Party and Pine Block Regatta. Please reserve a spot at the event to help welcome and get to know these incoming members. And as usual, please feel free to reach out to me for any membership questions or if you know someone who may be a good candidate for ABYC and I'll take care of the rest.

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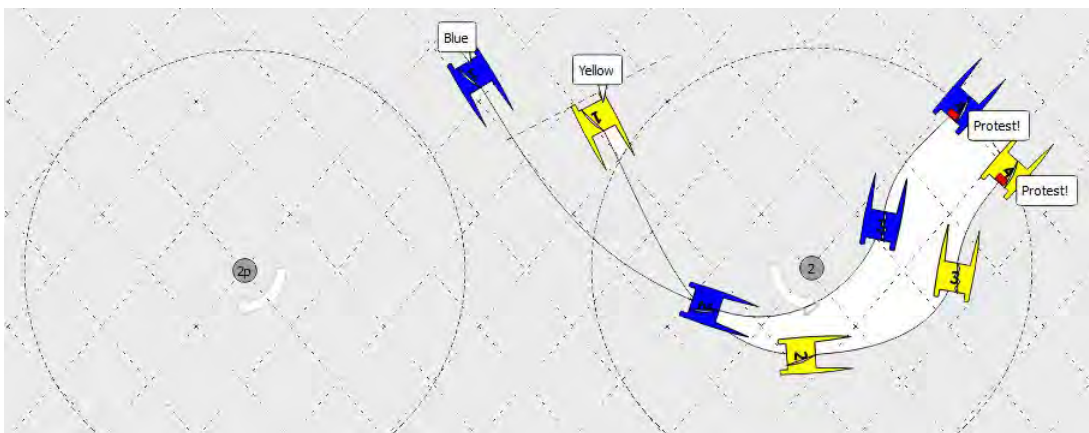
racing rules quiz #57

Answer on page 11

Two Tornado catamarans, Yellow and Blue, are both on port on a downwind leg in 15 knots of wind approaching the leeward gate. Yellow is clear ahead of Blue when she reaches the zone. Yellow sails to the mark and rounds sufficiently far from the mark that there is space for Blue to sail between Yellow and the mark. Blue sails into the space that Yellow leaves passing 3ft to leeward of the mark. Yellow seeing Blue sailing into the space luffs until she is above close-hauled. Blue responds to the luff and at no time is closer than 6ft from Yellow. As Yellow slows she bears away to a close-hauled course. Blue also bears away to a close-hauled course. No boats do penalty turns. All boats start and finish the race.

Both boats hail protest. Yellow protests claiming that Blue didn't have mark room, Blue protests claiming that Yellow luffed above her proper course.

Review the following rules 11, 12, 17, 18.2(b), 18.2(c)(2), WS Case 63, and see if you can figure out the relevant facts, conclusions and decision.



We had two major regattas recently, one of them being Beach to Bay and the other being Junior Olympics. We had ABYC sailors do very well in both!

Beach to Bay is the first regatta for many beginning sailors who sail from Seal Beach Yacht Club, Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach Yacht Club, Huntington Yacht Club, and Dana Point Yacht Club. The race consists of a short upwind, a long reach, and short downwind. It is an inverted start—a race in which the fastest boats start after the



slower boats, with the goal of giving each fleet a fair chance to be the overall first finisher. Tate Christopher and Stewart McCaleb won the overall first finisher, from Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, starting in the last start in a Club Flying Junior. This regatta is a great first dip into the world of racing for many of our younger, newer sailors. With a huge burger bash and fun pool party courtesy of LBYC, the sailors have a great incentive to finish the race strong.

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club held the US Junior Olympic Sailing Festival which presented our advanced sailors with the unique opportunity to compete against the top sailors from around the Southern California district. We had many sailors compete in the Laser Radial and Club Flying Junior

classes. Advanced Opti sailors such as Tate Christopher and Noah Stapleton had their first big boat regatta and finished an impressive 2nd place in a stacked fleet of CFJs. ABYC had their very own foreign sailor from Spain, Jorge Lettera, sailing with Michael Colley. The team finished 4th in the CFJ fleet, another astonishing finish from a team who has just started sailing CFJs. Erik Hou held down the Laser Radial fleet placing first in a majority of the races. Our other Radial sailors made amazing improvement over the course of the event.

Taylor Milefchik, Interim Junior Director



junior board

This year has been a busy one for the Junior Board. We help staff regattas, chair the Latham Bell Regatta, serve at all holiday events, and still find time to go sailing. Applications for the 2019-2020 Junior Board are now available.

The membership of ABYC supports the junior program and ensures that the juniors have the opportunity to take part in regattas with coaching throughout the year. It is time for all junior members, 8th grade or older, to step up and give back to the yacht club. Participation in the Junior Board is a way to volunteer and give back to our club. Being a part of the Junior Board can also be used for community service hours if they are required for your school. I would like to thank this year's board for their dedication and service. It has been a privilege to serve the club as Junior Commodore. Please consider applying for the 2019-2020 Junior Board.

Brett Peoples

junior advisory board

Calling all ABYC Juniors! It's time apply to the ABYC Junior Board for the next yacht club year that starts in October. The Junior Board at ABYC staffs and plans many social and community service events throughout the year, including: Installation Dinner in October; holiday party in December; Easter brunch; April General Meeting; Opening Day; Mother's Day brunch; various regattas; beach cleanups and other events. Your work on the Junior Board counts as community service for high school and college. The application deadline is August 30. The Junior Board is approved by ABYC's Board of Directors in September. Each candidate must be an ABYC member in good standing, in grades 8-12 for the upcoming school year, committed to actively work on behalf of ABYC, and be a positive role model for other juniors, at ABYC, other yacht clubs and in the community. Attendance is required at the events listed above. Application information is posted on the ABYC home page and the junior website. Please contact Jennifer Golison at jen@golison.com if you have any questions.

Also, after nine years Jennifer Golison as Junior Board Coordinator would like to handoff this position to another enthusiast parent. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested.

junior program

The dog days of summer have arrived. We are entering the last week of the jr sailing program and we have had a great summer with kids in the learn to sail program, novice, CFJ, Opti's and Laser. We had an almost sell out summer with over 100 kids sailing. I want to thank our coaches for their work with our Juniors and commitment to youth sailing.

On another note, Craig Ramsey resigned from the club and has moved on. We wish him well in his future endeavors. Stepping up to the interim position of Jr Sailing Director is our own Taylor Milefchik who oversaw the last several weeks of the program and has done a wonderful job along with the support of our coaching staff. Thank you Taylor and coaches for finishing the summer strong.

I am deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Jim Lincoln after the Transpac. I was very fortunate to get to know Jim better after sailing Cabo and some other local races with him recently. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. A tremendous loss for all of us.

See you at the club.

Mike Van Dyke

more men's day 2019

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Stacey Schack photos



eightbells

On Wednesday, July 24, 2019, Jim Lincoln, loving husband and prominent member of the Long Beach sailing community, passed away in his sleep at the age of 61. He had recently completed sailing in the 50th Transpacific Yacht Race on board Chubasco.

Lincoln was born June 3, 1958, in Detroit, Mich., and grew up in Glendora, Calif. In the late 1980s, he lived in Huntington Beach where he met the love of his life, Janet. Jim and Janet were married on July 26, 1998, and two years later left to sail their 33-foot sloop, Summer Wind, down through Baja California, the Sea of Cortez and much of mainland Mexico.

When they returned, Jim took up sailing competitively and went back to school to earn his 100-Ton Master Captain's License. Although always a painter, he would now change his career to boating. Jim started his yacht service and maintenance business, Water Works, in 2001.

He delivered boats from Florida to the U.S. Virgin Islands, from Alaska to Newport Beach, and from Newport Beach through the Panama Canal.

According to Lincoln's family and friends, sailing was Jim's passion. For someone who started sailing as an adult, there wasn't a Southern California regatta that he didn't compete in and very few seasoned sailors that he hadn't crewed with. He raced in club races, inshore races and offshore.

Jim's sailing would take him back to Annapolis, to San Diego, Santa Barbara, Hawaii, Acapulco, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta and Ensenada. Fellow sailors said he brought a calm, easy manner to any crew he was a part of and said he had a great laugh and a quick wit. He was a member of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and raced his Lido 14 and newly acquired Cal20 weekly with his boat partner Mike Corzine.

If sailing was Jim's passion, his family was his heart and soul. Jim was a family man first and always. Jim and Janet loved to get out of town. They spent many weekends enjoying wine tasting, and often attended family reunions. Although he did not have any children of his own, Jim loved being a part of his niece and nephew, Sam and Nikki's lives. They made his heart smile.

Friends say Jim was known to "not waste money," and to "require a lot of band-aids." He loved hockey, rum and fine wine. He also loved listening to or telling a good story and could captivate an audience with his adventurous tales.

Jim is survived by Janet, his wife of 21 years, his mother Gloria, brother Art, his sister-in-law Jane, and nephews Brad, Josh and Nick, their spouses and children. He was heartbroken by his father's passing a few years ago and it brings his family peace to know he is reunited with him now.

Jo Murray



Remembering Jim Lincoln Loving husband, friend, sailor

August 11, 2019

3:00-6:00

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

*Come help us celebrate Jim's life with an
afternoon of love, laughter and sharing stories.*

Hawaiian Shirts Requested

Jim Lincoln

6/3/1958 - 7/24/2019

Lost but Never Forgotten

big bang on the bay

Kathy Robinson & Dana Bell photos

There simply isn't a better place on the Bay than Alamitos Bay Yacht Club to watch the annual July 3rd Big Bang on the Bay. As the Club did last year all members were invited to bring their families, bring their friends, pack a picnic and their favorite beverages, and come on down to ABYC for a fun evening. The BBQ was lit and cooked a ton of meat. Kelly Fitzgerald filled the patio with music. Planes roared overhead and Powered Parachutes swooped back and forth over the Club and the thousands lining the Bay. Exactly at 9:00 the "Stars and Stripes" burst across the water and a spectacular display of fireworks exploded into the night sky.

Dana Bell



4th of july regatta

Brooke Jolly photos



CONCLUSIONS

1. Blue, clear astern at the time Yellow reached the zone, gave Yellow mark-room, as required by rule 18.2(b).
2. Blue, clear astern at the time Yellow reached the zone, became overlapped inside Yellow, did not prevent Yellow from sailing her proper course while they remained overlapped, as required by rule 18.2(c)(2).
3. Yellow has no proper course limitation under rule 17, as she was clear ahead before Blue became overlapped to weather of her.
4. After rounding the mark Blue, to windward kept clear of Yellow to leeward as required by rule 11.

DECISION

1. Protest Dismissed.
- Have fun and see you on the race course.
Mark Townsend

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.

viper worlds

2019 Goslings Viper 640 World Championship

This regatta will affect the Club from Wednesday August 14th (1st arrival day) until Sunday August 25th. The following is an outline of the schedule. We are expecting up to 50 boats. Once the regatta starts (August 20th), boats will remain in the water in Basin 5. It is highly recommended to plan your schedule around their departure (11 am) and their arrival (4-4:30 pm). The docks will be clear during this time.

Schedule:

Wed	Aug 14 th	Boats arriving
Thur	Aug 15 th	Boats arriving
Fri	Aug 16 th	Boats arriving
Sat	Aug 17 th	Practice Race
Sun	Aug 18 th	Practice Race
Mon	Aug 19 th	Measurement/Registration
		Parking lot closed for measurement
Tues	Aug 20 th	Worlds Race Day 1
Wed	Aug 21 st	Worlds Race Day 2
Thur	Aug 22 nd	Off Day for all
Fri	Aug 23 rd	Worlds Race Day 3
Sat	Aug 24 th	Final Worlds Race Day 4
Sun	Aug 25 th	Break down and pack up (if not done on Sat)

High drama and heroic rescue in Transpac

It was 1:51 a.m. Monday morning, almost 200 miles off the coast of Long Beach. Local restaurateur John Sangmeister's OEX boat was three days into the Transpac, the biennial sailing race from Long Beach to Honolulu that's been around for 113 years, drawing enough fame and attention to earn a reference in the movie "Jaws."

The OEX is a Long Beach boat, owned and skippered by Sangmeister. It left local waters with a giant Gladstone's logo printed across its billowing black sail and a St. Anthony High School sticker as one of its many Long Beach adornments. "We heard a loud bang and **Chuck Clay**, who was driving, said that he lost steering," said Sangmeister in a video interview posted that night by the TransPac organizers. "We realized that we were taking on water very quickly."

Sangmeister's crew is an experienced one, many of whom have been a part of his record-setting sails over the last three decades. They knew what to do. Brendan Busch radioed a Mayday that was picked up by the Coast Guard in San Diego, as well as the Pyewacket, another boat competing in the race.

Meanwhile, the rest of the crew was working to keep the boat afloat.

"We experienced catastrophic rudder system failure, tearing a large hole in the hull of the boat," Sangmeister wrote in an account of the harrowing evening. "We tried to plug the hole with no success."

Crewmember Ryan Breymaier tried to stop the water from coming in through the hole by putting a bucket on top and sitting on it.

"He was blown off as if it was a geyser," recalled Sangmeister.

Fortunately for the OEX crew, the Pyewacket was only a few miles away, and within a half an hour the OEXers saw its running lights approaching in the darkness. Skippered by Roy Disney, the grandnephew of Walt Disney, the crew of the Pyewacket didn't hesitate in making the decision to retire from the race to come to the OEX's aid.

"Rule number one in the race handbook is save lives," said Disney dockside after the rescue. "There were no other

choices for us, it was the obvious thing to do. I don't think any of us could have lived with ourselves if we'd sailed on."

"When we saw the Pyewacket's running lights, we had four or five feet of water inside the boat," said Sangmeister, who was sitting in the aft cockpit with waves breaking over the transom and onto his feet. "I said, 'Okay boys, it's time to go.'"

At 2:20 a.m., Sangmeister gave his crew the order to abandon the OEX and enter the life rafts that would take them to the Pyewacket. Because of the catastrophic damage to the OEX, it quickly went under.

"We came across the eerie sight of a mainsail up on a boat that was going under the waves," said Disney. "It's a pretty tragic thing to see, and these two lifeboats tied together with flashing lights on them."



Crew members of the OEX and Pyewacket after their safe arrival back on land.
Photo courtesy of Transpac Yacht Club.

The OEX slipped into the Pacific. According to race organizers, it marked the first time a competing vessel had sunk in the 50 Transpacs that have been run over the last 113 years. The Pyewacket crew got the OEX members on board in darkness quickly and safely.

"We were really confident that Roy and his remarkable crew would look after us once we got on," said Sangmeister. Disney's crew did just that, breaking into their food supplies for the trip back to San Diego.

"We had ribs and wine on the way in, all 19 of us," Disney said with a smile.

Sangmeister and Disney have known each other as friends and rivals for three decades in the tight-knit sailing world, and both have sailed numerous Transpacs. Once they were all back on land, the gratitude on Sangmeister's face was plain.

"I've had the privilege of sailing with the Disneys for 30 years, and I'm sincerely grateful," said Sangmeister, whose sense of responsibility to bring his crew home safely was also apparent. In his statement about the incident he wrote, "Nine men—eight husbands and seven fathers—were aboard OEX that fateful morning."

With the OEX and Pyewacket retired, the Transpac sails on. This year saw a record number of boats, with 90 crossing the start lines in three waves last week. A record-high seven boats have had to retire already, but the first multi-hull vessel has already sailed into Waikiki, as the Argo arrived late Wednesday night. The Comanche, a 100' monohull out of Australia is expected to come in late Thursday to win the Barn Door Trophy for the fastest monohull; several other divisional winners will be determined over the next few days.

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In Hawaii, interest in the race is high enough that reporter Mindy Pennybacker of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser said that locals were transfixed with the rescue story, with both of Hawaii's news stations reporting extensively on the events.

"Everyone here loves Transpac, each boat gets an Aloha party at the yacht club," said Pennybacker, who is covering the race and the rescue for the Star-Advertiser.

Meanwhile, Sangmeister and Disney won't be in contention for the trophies they wanted to collect in Waikiki, but the Pyewacket and OEX crewmembers will be recognized nonetheless. Transpacific Yacht Club commodore Bo Wheeler said that something "special" would be planned to honor the sportsmanship and sacrifice of the late-night rescue.

In addition, Sangmeister nominated Disney and the entire Pyewacket crew for the US Sailing Hanson Award, an award given for significant accomplishments in seamanship and valor.

"We hold them in the highest esteem both on and off the water," said Sangmeister.

by Mike Guardabascio & JJ Fiddler



Zimmer and her crew shortly after arriving in with ABYC members Mike Gebb, Samantha Gebb, Will Gebb and Keith Polmanteer



Ryan Schack and Chuck Clay



Ryan Schack and Hailey Thompson sailed for Cal Maritime



Commodore Dave and Stacey welcoming Ryan

hails from the fleets



Cal 20's have been busy this summer. **Wet Wednesday's** have been going strong with as many as 13 boats on the starting line. While **Rubber Dog** continues to dominate, the likes of **ODIE, Lickety Split, Dragonfly 42, CHEDDAR, No Stress Express, Swoosh 4, Green Machine, Breakfast Club, Hot Pink, 299, Racer X, Bravura, Spar Wars** and **Horton** have been giving Keith Ives and Chuck Stevens a run for their money.

Come on out and see how fun & exciting one design racing can be in the super friendly mid-week beer can race. You will not regret it!

The **Latham Bell Memorial Regatta** was held Saturday, June 29th on a beautiful, mild day with light breeze. Two Cal 20's came out for the Portsmouth rated race with staggered starts. Lido B's start 1 minute before Cal 20's, and Lido A's start 1 minute after, so there is actually some good action mixing it up with Lido's. **Hot Pink** sailed a great race to get first among Cal 20's! Congrats **Jennifer Kuritz, Steve Kuritz, & John Ellis**. **Bravura** came in 2nd for Cal 20's and beat several Lido's!



Sailing the Latham Bell Regatta (L to R) Jeff Ives, Allie Kunkle, Ethan Ives, Damon Kunkle, Chloe Ives, & Phil Soma

Cal 20 Nationals is August 9, 10, & 11 at King Harbor Yacht Club in Redondo Beach. Come on out for some great fun as Regatta Chair **Burr Hope** puts out the welcome mat.

CBYC held the **Cal 20 Hurricane Gulch Shoot-Out** on Saturday, July 13th. One ABYC boat ventured up to the gulch and took first place overall. Congratulations to **Swoosh 4** skippered by **Alex Cross** and crew. Great job!

We have a couple Cal 20's for sale in the yard. One boat is a **four time National Champion**, so you know it is fast. The other is decked out for cruising and would be excellent for Catalina. Any interest check the board by the office. Look for **Magic Bus & Seasing Double**.

Meanwhile, if you need any help getting your Cal 20 out on the water, contact Jeff Ives or talk to any Cal 20 people you see in the yard. ABYC members are always willing to help out, and Cal 20 folks are especially helpful.

See ya on the water,
Jeff Ives



Alex Cross & crew aboard Swoosh 4 at the Cal20 Hurricane Gulch Shoot-Out

hails from the fleets

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Lido Love



Again, Twilights. Sure, there's been other regattas such as the 4th of July regatta, and sure, World Sailing is considering the Lido as the new double handed dinghy for the Olympics, but at the end of the day? Twilights! Great racing, Martyn Bookwalter bangin' out the races, and burger bashes after sailing. Pretty much perfect!

But, from a niceness standpoint, if you thought that those Thursday evenings were nice, well, you should have seen Huntington Lake! Three races on Saturday in typical, Huntington Lake breeze on conditions. That venue is a place where you can set your watch by the time that the wind kicks in. I'd try to describe just how gorgeous Huntington Lake is, but, well, you also can't describe a Monet! You just have to see it.

Saturday night was the much touted Fleet Six bbq, with about twenty five hungry Lido sailors sitting around the bbq, enjoying an excellent steak dinner with cole slaw, corn on the cob, lots of desserts, and all of the yummys so graciously brought to what turned out to be a Fleet Six pot luck. A huge thanks to everyone that brought food, and a huge thanks to Joseph Barbeito for having a second bbq on hand. With that many steaks to grill, it really helped. And a huge thanks to Ken Reiff, our Fleet Captain, for putting this all together. It was so nice to have a bbq, right on the shores of Huntington Lake.

Sunday? Yup, more racin'. Not quite as windy, two races, but two long races running about an hour per race, which seems to be Fresno Yacht Club's norm, before we all packed up our boats, and started on the six hour drive home. The freeway racing was as close as the on the water racing, with Jack and Deby Johnson, Will Vrooman and Joseph Barbeito, and Ken and I all pulling in to ABYC's gate within just a few minutes of each other...at about 11PM!

A huge shout out to Kevin Thomas for winning the whole thing before he heads up to Portland for the Class Championships. Jack Jorgenson, borrowing Mark Ryan's Lido, came in second, followed by Bob Little within this twelve boat fleet.

For everyone who missed it? To quote Gomer Pyle? Fer shame, fer shame?

Glenn Selvin

Sabot SUNDAY Recap from July 21

Another fun summer day of sailing in Alamitos Bay with 9 Sabots on the water. We had an early start at 11:30am to stay ahead of the forecasted gusty afternoon winds. Everyone stayed upright this time and Tom Newton dominated the day with 3 straight first place finishes. The rest of the fleet was competitive in every race, with 2nd place finishes by Paul Ancil, Robin Townsend and John Ellis.

Everyone enjoyed appetizers and beverages on the patio to finish off the day. Thanks again to race committee and scoring.

Kathy Reed and Cindy Heavrin have been sailing at BYC on Wednesdays in their twilights and are competitive among their fleet. Overall results will be posted next month.

Upcoming events: Be sure and mark your calendars for traveling to a BYC event on Saturday, September 7 for the Little Old Ladies Regatta, and for ABYC on Sunday, September 22, Senior Sabot Sunday. In October at ABYC our Ladies Day Regatta is on Saturday, October 12.



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ABYC Junior Board Application 2019-2020

*Applications are due to the ABYC main office, ABYC Jr. Director or Jennifer Golison no later than August 30th. Decisions will be made as soon as possible and selected board members need to be available for a formal picture in mid September with a blue blazer.

Name: _____ Your mobile phone: _____

Address: _____

Your Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

Birthday: _____ Grade in School (Fall 2019): _____

School: _____

The goal of the Junior Board is to participate in community service projects in a positive social environment to assist ABYC and the community of Long Beach. These young people will be the leaders of ABYC and Long Beach juniors in many ways and should recognize the role model responsibility that accompanies these positions.

Requirements & Responsibilities:

- Must be a junior member of ABYC in good standing or part of a family membership of ABYC.
- Must be available for a majority of the events listed below.
- Should be at least 12 years old and entering 8th-12th grades.

The usual responsibilities of the Junior Board include:

- Organizing and running the assigned regatta for the year.
- Attending & working October Commodore's Installation Dinner.
- Attending & working Opening Day ceremonies.
- Helping with junior activities at the Christmas party, Easter Brunch and Mother's Day brunch.
- Organizing, staffing and building the Christmas float for Naples Christmas Parade.
- Organize a general membership meeting presentation (usually April meeting).
- Organizing a junior program fundraiser or fundraisers.
- Organizing a good will event(s) towards the club (i.e. beach clean-up, physical improvement of the club or club assets, etc.).
- Planning and staffing junior social functions.
- Attend regular meetings with the Junior Board and its parent advisors.

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Position applying for (number preference 1st-3rd):

_____ Junior Commodore: Represent the junior membership of ABYC at selected club functions; preside over all Junior Board ("Board") meetings; and coordinate junior functions at Commodore's Installation Dinner, General Membership Meeting, and Opening Day.

_____ Junior Vice-Commodore: Fill in for Jr. Commodore when needed; coordinate the regatta for which the juniors have the fleet duty (usually Halloween Regatta).

_____ Junior Rear Commodore: Fill in for Jr. Commodore or Vice-Commodore when needed; and coordinate another assigned event to be determined.

_____ Secretary: Responsible for taking minutes at each JB meeting and distributing to each member; and coordinate junior responsibilities at Club Holiday Party and Club Easter Party.

_____ Double-Handed Fleet Captain: Represent the junior double-handed (420, FJ, CFJ, 29er) sailors at JB Meetings; and present at each JB meeting results/happenings with our double-handed sailors.

_____ Single-Handed Fleet Captain: Represent the junior single-handed (Laser) sailors at Junior Board Meetings; present at each JB meeting results/happenings with our single-handed sailors and possibly coordinate another junior event to be determined later.

_____ Sabot Fleet Captain: Represent the Sabot A/B sailors at Junior Board Meetings; present at each JB meeting results/happenings with our Sabot A/B sailors; and work with the Junior Sailing Program Director ("Director") to encourage participation in Sabot A events.

_____ Opti Fleet Captain: Represent the Opti sailors at JB Meetings, present at each JB meeting results/happenings with our Opti sailors; and work with Director to encourage participation in Opti events.

_____ Events Coordinator: Coordinate JB and junior membership participation in club-related events such as Beach Cleanup (few times year), Charity Regatta (late September), and other relevant events; and help Junior Commodore coordinate program for April General Meeting with help from JB.

_____ Public Relations: Coordinate monthly junior-written article for Sou'Wester newsletter; publicize other junior related events such as April General Membership program, fleet duty regatta (4th of July or Halloween), and other JB events in the Sou'Wester, the ABYC and ABYC junior program websites, and the ABYC general membership and ABYC junior email news.

_____ Fundraising: Coordinate fundraising efforts for the year, which in the past have included sail recycling, bake sales, t-shirts sales, etc.

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Questions:

1. What are some organizations you are involved with outside of sailing?
2. What sports practices, music or other commitments do you have, and on what days, if known?
3. What are some ideas you have for a junior program fundraising event and how would you make that happen?
4. What are some ideas you have for organizing a Junior Social Event?
5. Tell us why you would be a good fit for the position you listed as number 1 on the list above.



Saturday, August 10th – 1:30 pm



2019 Annual Pine Block Championship Regatta

Plan for a fun afternoon & evening with old & new friends. We are the first event for the ABYC New Member Appreciation Party!



Come one, come all...we have boats available for newcomers!

Registration begins at **1:30 pm** ~ race instructions at **1:50 pm**

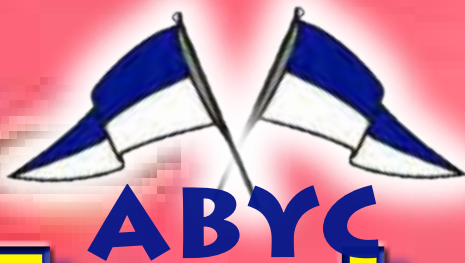
Everyone is invited to the New Member BBQ at 6:00, Bar opens at 5:00
See the flyer in the ABYC Weekly - you can reserve your dinner via ABYC website
or by calling the office @ 562 434-9955

Recommended gear: beach chair, hat, waders, sun screen, water shoes and towel

\$15. Entry fee for each sailor ~ Four Champions will be crowned!

If you are not going to use your boat, we would like to loan it to a new member for the day. If you no longer are involved with the Pine Block Fleet, please bring your boat to the ABYC club office so it can be used by the next generation of Block Heads

Regatta Chairs: Jeff Merrill & Brooke Jolly



NEW Member BBQ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019
BAR OPENS 5:00 PM – DINNER 6:00 PM
MUSIC BY RICK ENG

MENU
BARBEQUED
STEAK DINNER

PINE BLOCK
CHAMPIONSHIP
REGATTA
1:30 PM REGISTRATION
1:50 PM RACE INSTRUCTIONS
2:00 PM FIRST RACE
NEW MEMBERS INVITED
LOANER BOATS MAY
BE AVAILABLE.
CALL BROOKE JOLLY
(562) 343-8875

New Members FREE — Existing Members \$15.00 Child (5 - 10) \$7.00
After August 7 Existing Members \$20.00 Child (5 - 10) \$7.00
Email: sheila@abyc.org Tel: (562)434-9955 Online: www.abyc.org

END OF SUMMER BEACH BOY'S PARTY



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - RAFT-UP

3:00 pm Raft-up Begins
6:00 pm Bring Your Own Picnic/Beverages (BBQ will be Lit)
6:00 pm - 9:00 Music

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - FAMILY PARTY

Fun Begins at 4:00 pm - Like Cool, Dude
Treasure Hunts for Juniors (11-16) & Adults (17+);
Outrigger Canoe Paddling; Photo Ops & Lawn Games
5:00 Bar Opens

6:00 pm California BBQ by Teak Catering

— MENU —

Grilled Beef Tri-Tip • Whole Salmon Stuffed
with Cucumber Dill Sauce/Mango Salsa • Chicken Drumsticks
(Kids and Adults) • Grilled Vegetables • Baked Potato
Bar/All the Trimmings • Cornbread/Maple Butter;
Apple Pie a la Mode

— DANCE! —

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Under a Full Moon,
Dance to the Music of "Woody and the Long Boards"

— RESERVATIONS —

Early Reservations through September 8
\$20 Adults/\$10 Children (5-10)
Late Reservations - September 9 - 13
\$30 Adults/\$10 Children (5-10)





CAMP ABYC

**2019 INFORMAL
CATALINA CRUISE**

FREE

**August 23 - 25
Two Harbors**

The ABYC Catalina Cruise to Two Harbors August 23, 24, and 25 is going to be an informal event this year. The Cruise conflicts with the Viper 640 World Championships being held at ABYC the same weekend and many of the usual participants will be assisting with the regatta.

Friday evening cruisers can eat at the Harbor Reef Restaurant or on their boats.

Saturday afternoon the group can organize a dinghy raft-up on the west side of the Isthmus close to the beach.

Saturday evening there are barbeques and benches on the west side of the Isthmus. If they are full there are barbeques and benches behind the Harbor Reef Restaurant.

Your chairman is helping with the Viper Worlds and won't be able to attend his own cruise!

Pat McCormick (562) 673-8418 patricknmnmccormick@yahoo.com



Fall Patio Brunches

**SAVE THE
DATES**

**SEPTEMBER 22
"AUTUMN EQUINOX"**

**NOVEMBER 3
"TIME FALL-BACK"**

