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The Alamos Bay YC-hosted Goslings 2019 Viper 640 World Championship wrapped up Saturday as 41 teams raced a total of 13 races over a four-day period.

Marcus Eagan, Andrew Eagan, and Jackson Benvenuti from Bay Waveland YC won the World Championship without having to sail the final race. In Eagan's trophy acceptance speech he said, "ABYC is much like my home club in Mississippi, where regatta success relies on the club's volunteers, and to all of you I am thankful."

ABYC proudly represented with 11 entries, and three of those teams finished in the top 10. Placing fourth — Kevin McCarthy, Greg Dair and Zak Merton; fifth — Jay Golison, Steve Flam, and Eric Doyle; sixth — Mike Pentecost, Garrett Brown, and Chuck Tripp.

On behalf of the regatta's title sponsor, Rinear Coulter, Goslings event director, said, "My dad (Clive Thatcher, '72 Olympian-Star Class) and my professional boat captain husband are both big boat racers. I have the opportunity to witness racing every week — but going on the water today in Long Beach was truly a rush of excitement."



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"The Viper 640 fleet is like no other, there is always carnage, at every mark there is plenty of action — this is a regatta I looked forward to attending. The chairman, Ed Spotskey, who I must have shipped 100 boxes to, and staff under club manager Rick Roberts's direction did not miss a single detail. This event is 100% classy. We sell 'enjoyment in a bottle' and Viper worlds were worthy."

According to organizers, this was the third Viper Worlds held, and the first in the United States. This regatta was the second largest gathering of these 21-foot high performance boats. The diverse conditions were a true test of talent.

With the exception of Newport Harbor's Baldwin Cup last April, this was Goslings first major sponsorship

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save the date

Happy Hours	Sept 6,13, 27
Sunset Saturday	Sept 7
End of Summer Raft Up	Sept 13
End of Summer Party	Sept 14
Polls Open (see times in mailing)	Sept 4 - 20
General Membership Meeting	Sept 20
Fall Patio Brunch	Sept 22
Stag Cruise	Sept 27-29
Commodore's Appreciation	Oct 5

[Full ABYC Calendar](#)

manager's corner



Hello everyone, welcome to fall. At ABYC, our annual Labor Day Regatta signals a change of seasons. This year, the first day of this regatta begins on the last day of summer, August 31, and concludes on the first day of fall, September 1.

In 2018 we had nearly 100 participants. This year, we expect the same if not more! This long-standing regatta is a regional favorite as part of ABYC's series of holiday regattas. Lasers, Optimists, Cal 20s, Sabots and potentially half a dozen F18s are expected this year.

This is also the time of year that our Social Advisory Committee volunteers, led by Dana Bell, kick into high gear for fall events such as the End of Summer Party, September 14, the Staff Commodore's Barbeque Party, September 15, the Fall Patio Brunch, September 22 and the

Scotch and Jazz Party on September 28.

A big *Thank You* goes out to Ed Spotskey, with the tireless assistance of Tim Carter, in ABYC's hosting of the 2019 Viper 640 World Championship. Congratulations goes out to Marcus Eagan, Andrew Eagan and Jackson Benvenuti from St. Louis Bay, Mississippi for winning this prestigious world-class regatta!

ABYC members were well represented and made us proud with Kevin McCarthy, Greg Dair and Zak Merton finishing in 4th, Jay Golison, Steve Flam and Eric Doyle in 5th, Mike Pentecost, Garrett Brown and Chuck Tripp in 6th and Ed Feo, Phil Toth and Keith Magnussen in 11th.

Chris Raab, Eric Lidecis and Doug McLean finished in 16th, James Baurley and Diana Bandziulis in 23rd, Dan Milefchik, Brad Thompson and Steve Bloemeke in 24th, Jim Sears, Nick Kofski, Tyler Caroe and J. Anthony Collins in 26th, Nancy Griley, Glenn Griley, Ole Eichhorn and Steve Brown in 28th, Tim Carter, Jeff Shenton and Marilyn Cassidy in 38th and Gabe Ferramola, Brian MacLean and Mike Shea finishing in 39th.

Yes, the parties at the Viper Worlds were amazing, and the racing was close and exciting. But my best memories of this regatta will be the friendly and inspiring conversations I had with sailors from around the world. Most were from the USA, but South Africa, Australia, Canada and Great Britain were all well represented. I am sure ABYC members who competed in this regatta, will carry the friendships formed over these past eight days with them throughout their racing pursuits.

On a solemn note, a reminder that Staff Commodore Jim Morford's Celebration of Life will be on Sunday, September 8, beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

I wish you a welcome to fall, and look forward to seeing you at ABYC, *The Place to BE!*

Rick

commodore's compass

Lori VanSkyhock photos



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Goslings Viper 640 World Championships a smashing success. What a fun event.

Things are starting to downshift at ABYC. September is anticipated to be a bit on the quiet side as we've made it through a very busy summer.

Elections are right around the corner and it's your time to exercise your right to vote for ABYC leadership. I wish to thank all of those who have stepped forward and volunteered to run for the Board of Directors and Leasehold Trust.

Planning for next year's regattas and events is well under way. If you are a fleet captain/fleet representative please make sure to attend the Fleet Captains Meeting in early October.

Thanks and see you at ABYC.

David Schack



Who wore it best? (Thanks Stacey Shack for the collage)



Stephen Mueller

Wow, what a great Viper event. Thank you to all of you who spent the last year and a half putting it together. The time and effort really made our club and Viper fleet shine. A special thanks to RMC and Ed Spotskey who keep everything on track.

With the end of summer and the kids back in school, it is time for a few projects around the club. Most important is repairing and coating the parking lot. We are looking to complete this by the end of the month. Please keep an eye on the Weekly Reader for the dates. By the time this goes out, we should have the new carpet in the Jr. Room. We also have a few painting projects on the list. The Commodore has asked us to get it done by the Prom. We will do our best.

Thanks for all the Help and Support.

jim morford celebration



Sunday, September 8, 2019

2:30-5:30pm

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

On the Patio

*Please join the family for drinks and desserts
as they recall their favorite memories
of their beloved Jim.*

Reyn Spooners are lovingly requested

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

September 23, 2019 is the deadline
for the October 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 are gearing up for the end of the year events and parties. The list consists of:

- Commodore Appreciation October 5
- Ladies Day Regatta October 12
- Prom (Commodores Installation Dinner) October 19
- Halloween Regatta October 26
- Turkey Regatta November 23-24
- Thanksgiving Dinner is part of the Turkey Regatta
- Fall Patio Brunch November 3

If you go to the calendar at ABYC.ORG you can click on the event to sign up. Warning the first field is number of attendees, not your name. It is a big field so a bit confusing because of it.

Oh and another thing. We will be having a Fleet Captains meeting October 1. That is when we program the next year's regattas and such. Please encourage your fleet's captain to attend.

If you are still interested in getting involved with the Club and wondering how to help out, check out the Social Advisory Committee (SAC). They could always use some help with planning and setting of events. They meet mostly the second Tuesday of each month. The exception coming up is November when it is the first Wed. It would be nice to see you there.

Dan DeLave

fleet captain's pine block regatta

Bronny Daniels (Joysailing) photos
Photos available at joysailing.com



What an action-packed day we had on August 10th for the annual Pine Block Regatta! There were competitors ranging in ages from 6 to 70+ with all being equally competitive. The regatta had a total of 7 heats consisting of three races each. Tactics included some racers trying to keep their boats closer to the shore's edge while others utilized stand-up paddle boards and some even swimming after to correct their errant vessels which sometimes would sail astray. We even had a real-life chase boat run by Pam Merrill!

Our first grouping was the Junior Heat which had very tight races throughout. The eventual winner was Tanner Jolly. The second grouping was the Grand Masters (70+). We had four sailors with Sharon Pearson taking the title this year. The Woman's Heat was our third grouping in which we had five ladies vying for the title with the final prize going to Dana Bell. With a total of sixteen participants, it took three different rounds to get down to our 4th and final group of the day who competed for the title of Overall Champion. The finalists were: Jesse Oliver, Dan DeLave, Commodore Schack, John Merrill, Steve Kuritz and Ron Long. Winning by quite a hefty margin, Steve Kuritz was crowned this year's champion. Our youngest competitor, Myla Oliver, took home the Most Improved of the day award.

Many thanks to all who came out and participated. We do have a few people interested in adopting Pine Blocks so please let me know if you've hung up your waders and are ready to pass your boat along to a new sailor. A special thanks goes to Jeff Merrill who was a fantastic PRO and an even better MC for the event.

See you soon!

Brooke





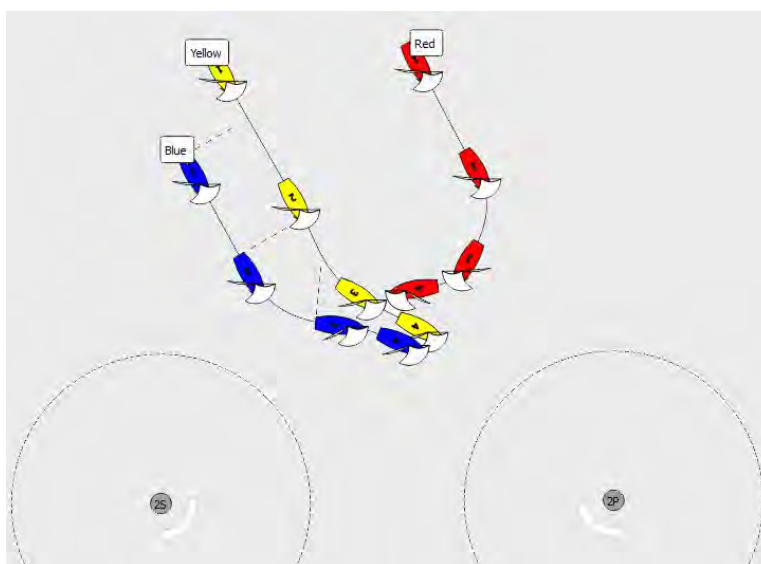
mark's racing rules quiz #58

Answer on page 13

Three 470s, Blue, Yellow, and Red were on port gybe running downwind in 18 knots of breeze on approximately parallel courses. Blue was five of her hull lengths to leeward of Red, with Yellow to weather and astern of Blue. Yellow established an overlap between Blue and Red at position 2 in the diagram. Red gybed onto starboard tack to round the starboard gate mark. Shortly thereafter, Blue luffed, forcing Yellow to luff into the path of Red. Yellow curtailed her luff, concerned about colliding with Red, and there was contact between Yellow and Blue. There was no damage or injury. Red, in order to avoid a collision, luffed sharply and passed astern of both Yellow and Blue.

Red protested Yellow for not keeping clear of a starboard boat, and Blue protested Yellow for not keeping clear of a leeward boat.

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



the bay logger

Jen Christopher photos

Awards presented at the Junior Banquet:

Coach Emilia

Beginning Sailors – Session 1

Melia Rafuse – Most outstanding and
the Paul Washburn Perpetual
Nate Hohman – Most improved

Session 2

Oliver Blurton – Most outstanding
Harper Swezea – Most improved

Coach Dylan and Roxi

Intermediate Racing

Audrey Stephenson – Most improved; Sportsmanship
Perpetual

Coach Joseph

Advanced Opti

Gage Christopher – Most outstanding
Cameron Farmer – Most improved

Coach Cameron and Charley

CFJ

Tyler Huang – Most outstanding
Chloe & Scot Pearl – Most improved



junior program board rep

Back to school in my household which means we are getting into fall and high school sailing. On that note, we are lucky that Sawyer Gibbs will be rejoining the ABYC staff as director of Sailing Programs. Sawyer will be starting his new role in Mid September and will be reporting directly to Rick. One of his first tasks will be jump starting fall and high school sailing. Please help me in welcoming Sawyer back to ABYC.

Enjoy the fall colors!

Mike Van Dyke

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.

membershipreport

Mike Shea photos

With a great summer of membership growth and activity winding down I want to welcome all the new, and returning, members to the fold. While we had impressive numbers of new members, we also had resignations that have kept our numbers below the desired max of 421. As always I urge all of you to use visit the club often and bring friends and family who have yet to discover this beautiful and fun place we call home.

August 10th was a perfect day of weather and fun for all who attended the New Member Appreciation Party. While Rick Eng entertained us all with his wonderful music, a host of volunteers greeted, barbequed, and enjoyed the evening with the large group of new and existing members. The evening went off perfectly and culminated with 14 new members/families receiving their burgees.

Mike Shea, Membership Director

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of a West Coast regatta. From the time boats starting arriving, more than a week before racing, there was no trace of “the other red hat” — you know the ones — with the yellow map of Barbados. They have been replaced with crisp red hats with Gosling’s iconic seal embroidered smack in the middle.

Ed Spotskey, whose most folks call Spot, has experience hosting youth regattas and shared his goal when selected to chair the Worlds with adult competitors, “I wanted people to talk about this regatta 20 years from now.”

Believe me they will.

Trophies extended five deep. They were unique and trophy display area was second only to Transpac. There was a clear sound system, a photo op area for the podium finishers and flying butterflies.

Wait — Flying Butterflies? Yes, a team of Cirque du Soleil-caliber performers entertaining with aerial routines was one component of the off-the-water activities that raised the bar for future regattas.

Award-winning photographer Sharon Green did an absolutely superlative job capturing the color, flavor and texture of the Goslings Viper 640 World Championship. There was state-of-the-art video and drone work by Mikey Foxtrot.

The gourmet meals each evening were created by Teak Catering culinary team led by Executive Chef Pierre Francis Barit, a James Beard Award winner whose resume includes galley duty at Princess Cruises.

Competitor Jim Sears referred to those competing as, “The Garage Band of sailors.”

They were.

These sailors compete because they love the sport. There were no late night protests. The winners’ acceptance speeches were songs of gratitude for the race committee, fellow competitors and organizers.

Jo Murray



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When we made our travel plans to go to the Goslings Viper Worlds at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, we all knew that we'd have great sailing, great fellowship and, most likely, some good shore-side activities. Little did any of us know what was in store for us.

It turns out that ABYC has a hidden asset: Ed "Spot" Spotskey. Spot is the Event Chairman—no small task when hosting an international championship. It quickly became apparent that this was not Spot's first rodeo! Here are just a few of the things that we were greeted with once we got off the water Wednesday evening:

1. Flowing Goslings Dark n' Stormies and Trademark Brewing beer...not just at the bar, but right at the head of the dock.
2. Live music
3. A great dinner of steak, salmon, chicken and, yes, lemon bars
4. Flags from all the countries and states being represented by the participants
5. Amazing photography by Sharon Green, UltimateSailing.com
6. A demonstration of the Long Beach police capabilities
7. And, oh, yes, a three-part performance by the Long Beach branch of Circ de Sole thanks to sponsor LIVETILES. Not just any entertainment, but four Dancing Butterflies performing stunning acts of agility and skill right in front of our eyes.

Buttons Padin, Class Administrator



Some events just have that special feeling and this is what I (we) have been hearing from all who participated. It takes so many moving pieces and people to put an event of this magnitude on. I truly enjoyed myself and was honored to work with all of you.

The sailors got their 'fair and square' race courses with a variety of wind. (Yea Mark) They arrived at the docks with beer and rum flowing freely, 200 meals per night being prepared, music, strong support from the sponsors with tons of quality 'give-aways' and a new sponsor for next year's event, unique and brave 1st time ever entertainment, a spectacular awards ceremony with a touching moment (thank you Buttons and Tim). Rinear worked the crowd with her magic for our title sponsor, Goslings. The media coverage was over the top. Sharon Green-Really!! Buttons working into the evening while we all played tying it all together with tons of views from all over the world!

I loved that 3 competitors (North, Doyle, Ullman) got along so well. This truly captures the spirit of sailing. Great jobs guys! Congrats to Jackson (2 World Championships in 2 years).

Our manager just stays in the background and makes sure everything flows smoothly. (Thanks Rick). ABYC's first ever event program (Go Kathy). So many special and memorable moments were created throughout the week that we and the sailors will remember and share for many years to come. So Cool !!

Finally, a special thank you to Tim Carter for your dream of this World Championship at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. We are all so happy for you.

Goslings / Rinear — You made this a spectacular Worlds for the Viper Fleet Thank You Thank You Thank You

Thank You to all of the team that made this possible, you made my job easy and a pleasure.

Spot



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abyc **excellence**

The 2019 North American 505 Championships are complete.

Congratulations to Mike Martin and Adam Lowry who have won the event after 10 races from **Howard Hamlin** and Russ Clark in second and Mike Holt and Carl Smit in third.

After a postponement ashore today's racing was abandoned as the sun beat down and the breeze faltered. The prize giving was held on the waterfront lead by event organizer Jeff Boyd with recognition given to the small army of volunteers who made this event a true success.

The 40 boat fleet was challenged by mixed conditions and tight racing on the fresh water of Lake Ontario. With 4 of the current top 5 boats in the world competing, the battle for the podium places was always destined to be tough, however the whole fleet enjoyed tight racing with plenty of opportunity for place swapping and overtaking.

"The standard is the highest we have seen at a North American's" said 2019 World Champion Mike Martin who acknowledged the younger members of the fleet in recognition of the wide appeal of the 505 to the sailors across the age range.

Based at Kingston Yacht Club the 505 fleet has been magnificently hosted by the locals with a relaxed and friendly social scene ashore and good quality race management afloat.

Russ Clark

END OF SUMMER BEACH BOYS 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 by Justin Ezzi

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)

Woody and the
Longboards
Vintage Surf Times



Port of Shona, Japan, here we come.

Long Beach sailor **Riley Gibbs** has qualified for Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 at the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.

The American team will be bringing home a total of seven medals. **Riley Gibbs** and his teammate Anna Weis clinched a gold medal in the Nacra 17 fleet.

After establishing a strong lead earlier this week, Gibbs and Weis focused on keeping their final race, in upwards of 25 knots of wind, sailing conservatively.

"We didn't need to win the race to get the gold, so we wanted to sail a good, low-risk race," Weis said.

Their strategy paid off. The pair sailed a clean race in the extreme breeze and finished second in the Medal Race, clinching the gold medal and officially earning country qualification.

Gibbs noted his gratitude for their competitors, "The Brazilians and Argentineans put up such a good fight the whole week. It was even kind of nerve-wracking heading into today, a little bit of a sleepless night, but hats off to them, because they were pushing us the whole time."

Now that the pair has won Gold, their sights are already turned to their next endeavor.

"I thought it was kind of funny, straight after the medal ceremony, we went back to de-rigging the boat, like nothing really happened," Gibbs said. "It's another stepping stone, and we're already looking ahead to trying our best at the Olympic Test Event in Japan and putting it all out there."

My personal experience with Riley has always put him in an Olympic category. A few months ago, while he was competing with SailGP in San Francisco, I was scheduled to interview him. The PR team had advised me that the base in Alameda was hard to find and they were hesitant to give me an address because others using it ended up on the wrong side of a channel. They advised me to "just get close and we will talk you in, the entrance is hard to find and not labeled."

Frustrated, I boldly texted Gibbs directly, who I knew was extremely busy, and asked for the base location. Within seconds Gibbs texted a GPS pin location that included latitude and longitude. I entered it in the Uber request, and before you could say "Gibbs is Gold," I was dropped off at the base entrance.

Gibbs is an impressive foiling kite boarder who is often practicing in local waters and known for his infectious smile as he flies past boats in Long Beach harbor.

I'm already checking out Air BnBs near Enoshima Yacht Harbor and airfare to Toyko to watch Gibbs make Long Beach proud.

Jo Murray

Long Beach's **Allie Blecher** won the 17th U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship today, Sunday, with a 2-0 victory over Giselle Camet Nyenhuis (San Diego) in Detroit.

Blecher, the 2010 Quantum Collegiate Female Sailor of the Year and a member of the US Sailing Team in 2013, won the Allegra Knapp Mertz Trophy for the first time in her second attempt. She finished runner-up in last year's championship in San Francisco.

This year she won an abbreviated final that was reduced to a best-of-three from a best-of-five due to thunderstorms in the Detroit area.

She served as Alamos Bay Yacht Club's Director of Sailing from 2013 to 2016 including the High School Sailing program that was highly successful under her leadership. Currently, she is a sustainment integration project manager for Northrup Grumman in El Segundo.

Her crew included main trimmer and tactician Beka Schiff (Los Angeles), trimmer Krysia Pohl (San Francisco) and bowperson Ali Blumenthal (Bellport, N.Y.).

She told the Grunion, "It was a great way to end the event. We worked hard leading up to this so it was bittersweet to walk away with the win."

Jo Murray

Stacey Gibbs photo



The winners — Left to right: trimmer Krysia Pohl (San Francisco), bowperson Ali Blumenthal (Bellport, N.Y.), Allie Blecher (Skipper) and Beka Schiff (Los Angeles)

Review the following rules Obstruction, 10, 11, 16.1, 17, 19.2(b), WS Case 11, WS Case 29 and WS Case 49.

At position 3, Red, on starboard tack, had right of way over both Yellow and Blue, and was therefore an obstruction to both of them. Yellow, overlapped inside Blue, was entitled, under RRS 19.2(b), to room from Blue to pass the obstruction. Blue failed to give her that room. Furthermore, when Blue luffed she was required by RRS 16.1 to give Yellow room to keep clear, which she also failed to do.

Yellow broke RRS 10, but since she was the victim of another boat's breach of the rules, namely Blue's failure to give her room, she should be exonerated under RRS 21(a). Inasmuch as Blue was a party to a hearing, she was subject to penalty under RRS 64.1 even though she had not been protested.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Yellow on port failed to keep clear of Red on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
2. Yellow to windward failed to keep clear of Blue to leeward and broke RRS 11.
3. Yellow did not avoid contact with Blue and broke RRS 14.
4. Blue, the right-of-way boat did not avoid contact with Yellow when it was reasonably possible. Blue broke RRS 14.
5. Blue's contact with yellow is exonerated under RRS 14(b) since the contact did not cause damage or injury.
6. Blue, the right-of-way boat, changed her course and failed to give Yellow room to keep clear, including the space to comply with her obligations under the rules of Part 2 and rule 31, and broke RRS 16.1.
7. Blue, outside boat at an obstruction, failed to give Yellow room to pass the obstruction, and broke RRS 19.2(a).
8. Blue, the right-of-way boat did not avoid contact with Yellow when it was reasonably possible. Blue broke RRS 14.

DECISION

1. Yellow was compelled to break rule 10 and is exonerated under RRS 21(a).
2. Yellow was compelled to break rule 11 and is exonerated under RRS 21(a).
3. Yellow was compelled to break rule 14 and is exonerated under RRS 21(a).
4. Blue is exonerated under RRS 14(b) since the contact did not cause damage or injury.
5. Blue is Disqualified for breaking RRS 19.2(b).

See you on the water.

Mark Townsend

hails from the fleets

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Lido Love



Lido Fleet Six continues to be ABYC's place to be, with 15-20 boats hitting the bay every Thursday night, under the watchful eye of our esteemed PRO, Martyn Bookwalter, joined on the barge each week by Sharon Pearson and John Ellis. Various volunteers in the whaler makes for some great mid week racing, followed by burgers on the patio. What a wonderful way to enjoy summer!

Other events coming up are the Catalina Cruise, scheduled for Sept. 6th through 8th. Organized by Kathy Reed and Cindy Heavrin, this is always an event not to be missed. Flyers have gone out in the fleet's weekly Lido Love, so if you have a bigger boat or can catch a ride, I highly recommend it!

End of the summer, the last Twilight on September 26th is featuring a guest chef, who will be making his off the chart ribs and his signature dish, cedar planked salmon. Can you guess who our Fleet Captain has signed up for his chef duties?

Don't own a Lido? Buy one, and enjoy ABYC's busiest fleet!

Glenn Selvin



hails from the fleets



Cal 20 Nationals took place at Redondo Beach's **King Harbor Yacht Club** on August 9 – 11. Twenty-four boats showed up for 3 days of beautiful, warm, sunny days of sailing off the Hermosa Beach pier. The winds were mostly light with chop, swells, and current making it a challenging but fun experience.

Most boats chose to trailer up to the venue and make use of KHYC's two hoists and ample guest docking space. Regatta chair **Burr Hope** was at the hoist to help and getting boats in the water was easy. Friday morning everybody was ready to go.

The skippers meeting was called to order by Burr and began with a moment of silence for our friend, fellow sailor, and Cal 20 owner **Jim Lincoln**. Burr then went over regatta details and the meeting was adjourned. Many lingered just to reflect on how lucky we are and take in the all around spectacular view from the upper deck of KHYC. What a beautiful facility and location!

Day 1 Friday had two races scheduled with a 1 o'clock start time. Coming out on top overall for the day was **Stu Robertson & Super Steve Rhodes**. Stu sailed really well in the light and lumpy conditions and showed superior boat speed and tactics. **Chuck Clay & Pat McCormick** were in 2nd, **Jeff Ives/Phil Soma** in 3rd, and **Mike Corzine/Randy Smith** came out for 4th. A couple times Mike and Randy approached the weather mark on port tack going really fast while everyone else was struggling with the current on starboard tack trying to lay the mark. This strategy paid off nicely.

Day 2 on Saturday was generally more of the same conditions. Light wind, heavy chop, and large swells rolling through. Again the race course was set just off the Hermosa Beach pier and we were close enough to see them setting up for the Teen Choice awards. **Taylor Swift** and the **Jonas Brothers** were rehearsing and it was rumored they took notice of the Cal 20's. Meanwhile, after 3 races, the overall standings had Chuck & Pat (**Vientesies**) in 1st, Jeff & Phil (**Bravura**) moved up to 2nd, Stu (**Mr. Hanky**) in 3rd, and Mike & Randy (**299**) holding steady at 4th. It should be noted that 299 had been purchased and was new to the fleet, so to be in 4th place for new owners is awesome. Jim no doubt was smiling from above and proud of Mike & Randy. 299 went home to ABYC after Saturday's racing so she could be displayed for Jim's memorial on Sunday.



Chuck Clay prepping Veintiseis for a road trip to King Harbor

bringing youth sailors on board to sail and crew on Cal 20's as a way to build the fleet, and shared some great stories of how he is doing just that at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club.

Also making the effort, **Keith Ives & Chuck Stevens** were on hand with the new **Rubber Dog**, and sailed a strong last race to show that boat 9, formerly owned by **Barney Flam**, is back. **Dan Gilboa** with crew **Naz Solanki** and **Eric Bakker** on the **No Stress Express** made the trip and completed all 7 races. **Edward English**, who hails from Tacoma Yacht Club, gets a shout out for the longest distance traveled to the race. Also, Edward is working already on next year's **Cal 20 Nationals** to be held in **Tacoma**.

In closing, I wish to thank my wife Julie and children Ethan (14yrs) & Chloe (10yrs) for supporting me in my Cal 20 endeavours. I also want to thank Regatta Chair Burr Hope and the King Harbor Yacht Club. Burr for all his hard work to make this event happen, and KHYC for being excellent hosts. My boat partner Phil Soma deserves thanks as he put in a ton of work to get our boat ready.

Cal 20's are an excellent one-design boat and the racing could not get any better, except to get more boats on the line. So many great stories from this year with more to follow. Contact me or any Cal 20 owner if you want to get involved.

What a great boat!

See ya on the water, *Jeff Ives*, Fleet 1, Bravura #373



Jeff Ives & Phil Soma heading out to the starting line with PV

hails from the fleets



Sabot Sunday Recap from August 11

Kathy Reed photos

We had a light turnout but lots of fun on the water on our August 11th Sabot Sunday. An early start at 11:00, with a few minuets postponement to allow Paul to catch up from a quick repair at the docks. Helen Burdett had a great day in the B fleet, still getting accustomed to her new Sabot, and light steady winds made for comfortable competition for everyone. Tom Newton took 1st place in the A fleet by 1 point over Paul Anctil. Thank you all for coming early (Sorry Lynn you missed your breakfast). Thanks again to Race Committee Jorge Suarez, Lynn Drury, and Sandra Lindsey on the barge and to whaler team Alan Cunningham and Will Vrooman.

Upcoming events: Be sure and mark your calendars for traveling to a BYC event on Saturday, September 14 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.



Nirvana and RC sailing suffered from a busy summer with the Viper Worlds and Transpac, Cal 20 Inter-galactics etc. Friday, August 16th fun racing was evenly shared with the usual suspects: Keith Ives, Jeff Ives, Phil Soma, Damon Kunkle, and Don Shirley. Nirvana Red 27 is available for someone who wants to become active.

Don Shirley

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GABE FERRAMOLA



Dear ABYC Friends and Families,

Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself and be considered for election to ABYC's Board of Directors.

A California native, I grew up in a sailing family, always cruising the California coast. Sometime in the mid-70's My brother and I became Junior members of ABYC and raced 470's, thanks to Ed Kimball's sponsorship. I spent many years big boat sailing and racing, including a transatlantic trip, 6 TransPacs, and a couple of Transpac returns. I returned to dinghy sailing with the Lido 14s with my wife Cheryl, and have been very active with the class, serving several years as fleet measurer and fleet

Captain, and also serving on the Class Board of Directors. Recently, I have become an active member of the Viper 640 fleet and looking forward to competing in the Worlds here at ABYC.

Professionally, I am an Engineering Project Manager for Sun Engineering Services in Westminster. My current projects are for the So Cal Gas Pipeline Safety Enhancement Program, working on pipeline and valve automation projects throughout the Southland.

I am proud to be an ABYC member, whole heartedly support our volunteer culture, and look forward for the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

Gabe Ferramola



JERRY DONAHOE



Hello fellow ABYC members! As a fairly new member of the club, I truly appreciate the opportunity to run for a position on the ABYC Board of Directors.

My wife Johonna and I just joined the club a few years ago after relocating from the East Coast where I was a very active member of another yacht club for over 30 years. We've thoroughly enjoyed all of the wonderful new friendships that we've made here at ABYC and all that the club has to offer our family. Together with our three children, we've embraced the volunteer culture here at ABYC at several regattas, spring cleaning days, and at holiday brunches. Our son, Finn, is an active Opti

sailor who will surely foster his passion for sailing for many years to come, and I believe that there's no better place to do so than right here at ABYC! What an awesome place to be!

If given the opportunity to serve as a member of your Board of Directors, I'll bring a lot of fresh new ideas on how we can improve what might need improving while always respecting what we already love about ABYC. My goal is to see more of our current members actively enjoying the club on a more regular basis.

I thank you all for your consideration and your votes, and I look forward to meeting each of you in the very near future! See you on the water.



BROOKE JOLLY



I have been on the ABYC Board for 2 years and am currently serving as ABYC Fleet Captain. Last year I served as Junior Director. In these positions I have chaired or helped staff and direct several regattas.

I have been around the club most of my life. While growing up here I learned about being a part of a club where its members are its heart and soul. I was brought up believing that offering your hand, whether to help put on a regatta, flipping pancakes in the kitchen for a club party or helping somebody flip their boat, was a natural and rewarding thing to do. I can't imagine my life without such positive influence nor can I imagine my own kids not

having the same experience. I believe that due to this culture at our club we have an environment where all, whether new or old members, are always welcome and feel a sense of "home" at ABYC.

The last two years I have been exposed to many new learning experiences and have spent my share of time on and off the water helping out. From running a whaler, helping put on a regatta to Junior Program activities, it's been a busy couple of years. My kids are very involved with sailing and really enjoyed the top-level coaches this summer.

I hope to continue being part of the Board of Directors. Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve the family of ABYC.



MIKE SHEA



Living in Long Beach most of my life I consider myself a proud Long Beach native despite moving here from Portland Oregon at the age of four. It is here that I immensely enjoy my life with my extraordinary wife Oriana and our 23-year-old son Evan. We truly enjoy this city and all it has to offer.

Growing up here in Long Beach allowed exposure to many outdoor opportunities. Sailing, of course, is far and away the highlight of my recreational life and has been my passion since the late 80s where I learned to sail with a friend and his father on their Catalina 27. Of course like many of us, I started as “rail meat”, which only deepened my intense interest in racing sailboats.

From there I went on to dinghy sailing where I truly began to understand and love the craft of making sailboats go. The Coronado 15 was my first boat where I progressed from a healthy dose of dead last finishes in my first couple years, to three top-5 finishes at the North American Championships culminating with a second at the 2007 event here at ABYC. The Lido 14 is now my ride of choice.

Although my time as a member here at ABYC is relatively short, I have helped chair two regattas and have volunteered at many. It was during these events the true sense of commitment and responsibility became apparent. I am excited and ready to continue this commitment. I’m a “hands-on” guy who feels the need to know how things work which seems a good fit for a Board of Directors position.

It is through my 20+ years in construction management that I have attained the skills necessary to hold a position on the ABYC Board of Directors. During my tenure as a senior manager, I have successfully managed over \$100 million of public and private electrical construction projects for clients including Kaiser, USC, Caltech, LA Live, LAUSD, as well as many local industrial and aerospace customers. These projects require a deep understanding of fiscal management, contract negotiations, labor management, scheduling, Lean Processes, as well as customer relations and sales. These skills will serve me well if elected to the ABYC Board of Directors.

Thank you for Board of Directors consideration.



CAROL GINDER KOFAHL



I am honored to be nominated for the ABYC Board of Directors. My husband Dave and I have sailed together for 43 years, with 27 years on our Cal 20 *Sparwars* under the ABYC burgee. Dave also sails in larger classes. Our two sons grew up at ABYC in the Junior Program; both still enjoy sailing as adults.

Working collaboratively toward mutual goals is energizing for me. As a Director, I would put my experiences in leadership, listening skills, collaboration, and organization to excellent use in behalf of ABYC members. I am a proponent of lifetime sports, and would like for all of our members to enjoy sailing, even if they do not race. I also believe that ABYC's rich tradition of volunteerism can provide essential opportunities for junior sailors and young adults to become invested and connected.

SERVICE TO ABYC:

- ▶ **Yacht Clubs of Long Beach (YCLB), Elected Chair, from 2016 to present; member of committee for 8 years. As Chair,** I present updates on the YCLB fund raising events for The Children's Clinic at membership meetings of ABYC, Seal Beach YC, Navy YC, Marina YC, and the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Our clubs have worked collaboratively to raise nearly \$500,000 for the 17 Children's Clinics, which serve the medical needs of 13% of the kids in Long Beach. ABYC was a founding member in 1986, establishing a tradition of community service.
- ▶ **Recipient of the YCLB Founders' Award for Voluntary Service to The Children's Clinic, 2016**
- ▶ **ABYC Perpetual Trophy Chair, 16 years:** I engrave, clean, and repair our 100+ perpetual trophies. It is inspiring to hold 90 years of ABYC Racing History in your hands...literally! If you volunteer to help with this committee, I'll teach you to engrave!
- ▶ **Various ABYC committees:** race management/scoring; registration; perpetual trophies; Ukulele Club Christmas Sing-Along; World Special Olympics Sailing; 2015. **Charity Regatta committees:** Silent Auction & Raffle; Art Contest; Golf Tournament; tee-shirts; publicity.



DAN DELAVE



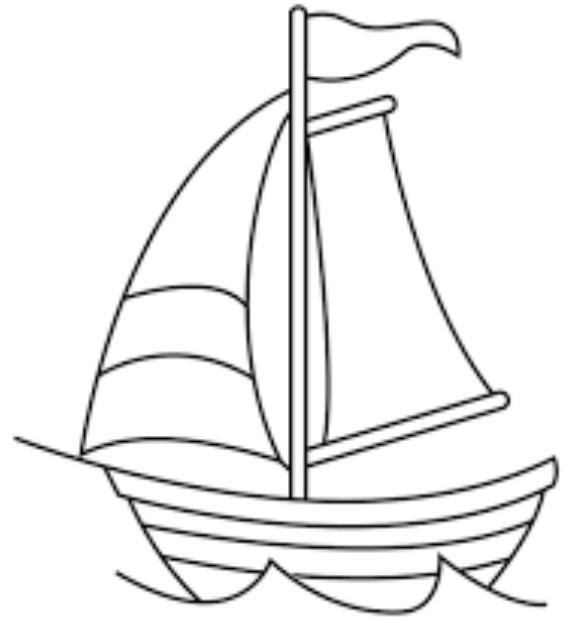
I am presently Rear Commodore and running to become Vice Commodore. I have enjoyed my time on the board and would like to continue adding my input to the Club. We have a great group on the board right now and I am keen to keep up our momentum. The board has been instrumental in getting many things upgraded and taken care of at ABYC in the past few years, with more action items on the list.

As the Rear Commodore I have been part of the Social Advisory Committee which oversees most of the social aspects we have come to enjoy, like special dinners (Thanksgiving, Easter, and the Commodores Installation) as well as parties.

If you are interested in helping out with that please feel free to contact me in regards to what it entails. It is a nice way to give back to the Club.

I am on the ballot to make the move to Vice Commodore, as it is a requirement in the by-laws (Article IV Section 2) to put this position change on the ballot. Hope I can count on your support for my future on the board. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Truly, Dan DeLave



ERIC MC CLURE -



Just landed. Resume included.

MARK WILLIAMS

Thank you for considering me for the ABYC board of Directors--I am honored by the nomination. My goal in running for the board is to help this amazing club grow and continue its leadership as one of the premiere sailing clubs in California.



As a father, I have seen how the sport, culture and ethos of sailing has provided for the development of strong character in our children as well as for rich experiences and great new friends. I value the unique and rare opportunity that our club provides and wish to see it grow to embrace new opportunities while building on our long-standing traditions as a true sailing club.

A few things about me:

I fell in love with this area when I first met my wife Tiffany, a Long Beach native, 25 years ago. Ever since then, we have made our life around Alamitos Bay. Our family joined ABYC in 2016 and we currently have both of our kids active year round in junior sailing and are supporters and volunteers with the Junior program here at ABYC.

My wife Tiffany and I have recently become avid cruisers and participate in the cruising events here at ABYC. I strongly believe in conserving and protecting our oceans. I have impactfully contributed to this cause through the consulting engineering business—Geoscience—that I currently lead.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve on your board here at ABYC, and to give back to this special place.

Again, thank you again for considering my nomination.



Eric McClure:

I have been married to Marilyn McClure since 1973 . I have been a member of ABYC since 1982. I joined because I wanted my two daughters to learn how to sail in the junior program. My youngest daughter Erica was sailing instructor during her high school years. When I was five years old my dad built a sports fishing boat designed by Ed Monk. This was in the mid 50's and I was the auto pilot. At 11 years of age I bought a Penguin sail boat which I sailed for the next 10 years. As an adult, I had sailed and raced a J24 and was the fleet captain. After 8 years I moved to a J29 and helped establish a fleet in Southern California. I sailed that boat in fleet races and PHRF races for about 18 years. I then moved to a J35, which I raced in PHRF for 12 years. We spent many summers at Catalina and harbor hopping down the coast. My sailing experience includes 6 Transpacs, 37 Newport to Ensenada races, and numerous PHRF Races. I also spent 2 1/2 months in the French Polynesia on a J46. I have also done extensive cruising on the coast and Baja Mexico. MY service on the PHRF board extended over 10 years, serving as both president and Vice President. I am currently serving as Vice Commodore of the San Pedro Bay Association which is responsible for placing marks in the harbor for racing. I would like to be of service to ABYC, as I love the people and the club.



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