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ifty-five boats in seventeen different classes entered the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's 18th Annual Boxing Day Pursuit Race. Once again sailors arrived with an assortment of the normal and not so normal boats providing a challenge for the handicappers. Boats ranged from the easy to rate Naples Sabots and Lidos, the unrated O'pen Bic and the modified Solings.

A perfect winter's day greeted the sailors with blue skies and a forecast of 3 knots gusting to 6 before the end of the day. Classes participating ranged from Optimists and Naples Sabots, to an F24 Trimaran and Formula 18 catamaran. Asymmetric spinnakers, gaff rigs, bow sprits, code zeroes, bloopers - the Boxing Day race had it all.

With the assortment of different classes, you meet people that you haven't seen since you drifted passed them last year, said Robin Townsend.

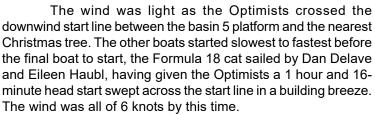
The Race Committee was kept busy getting the fifty-five boats underway with over twenty separate starts some only one minute apart. The Sabot, Optimists and Lidos were divided into sub-classes of A's and B's to provide opportunities for the less experienced sailors to win.



Tanner Jolly cooling off before his start

The pursuit race format builds the handicap into each boat's starting time. Boats are started in reverse order of their speed; the slower boats racing for over two hours, and the faster boats such as the Formula 18 catamaran for only a little over an hour. As each class's assigned start time arrived, they lined up and tried to catch the slower boats that had

started ahead of them while trying to avoid being caught by the faster boats behind them.



Tate Christopher, in his Optimist, was sailing an excellent race, leading the race for over an hour, until the Naples Sabot sailed by Robin Townsend finally closed the gap and took the lead. However, with some 40 minutes to sail and the other classes relentlessly closing, her lead was tenuous.

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John Gresham (4339) gets the pin(tree) end start

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Happy Hours	January 5, 12, 26
Sunset Saturday	January 13 & 27
Football Fiesta Brunch	January 14
Membership Meeting	January 19
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Racing Rules Seminar	January 27
Super Bowl Party	February 4
Full ABYC Calendar	Ť

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appy New Year! I hope everyone had a terrific holiday season. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members, on behalf of myself and the staff, for their generous contributions to our staff Christmas fund. It helps to make the holiday season brighter for all, and we really do appreciate your generosity and kindness. We truly have the best members here at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, and it's the kindness and warmth that you show our staff throughout the year that makes this such a special place to work. The members are truly the reason why our staff chooses to be here, and you can tell by how long each of our employees have been working here. Take a look at the numbers!

Sheila Mattox: Hired in October 1979, with a record 38 years of service.

Julissa Fernandez: Hired in May 2001, with 16 years of service. **Rick Rose**: Hired in April 2004, going on 14 years of service. **Kelly Rose**: Hired in January 2008, with 10 years of service.

Jenny LaForce: Hired in February 2011, going on 7 years of service. Eric Redmond: Hired in November 2012, with 5 years of service. Ariana Hernandez: Hired in June 2013, with 4 years of service. Cole Rajsombath: Hired in March 2014, going on 4 years of service.

I'm quite fortunate to have a staff that is so dedicated to serving our members and I cannot thank them enough for all of their help throughout the past year. So here's to you, ABYC staff and members, thank you for yet another memorable year. Let's make 2018 even better! Cheers!

Tori

commodore's mpass



snow again on Christmas day. But here in Southern California it will be dry with mild temperatures. I need to catch the Christmas spirit and I am running out of time. Maybe building a fire will do it. Nah, it is too warm. And besides it is probably a no-burn day. Christmas tamales? Nope, the family is scattered so we aren't getting together for the annual make-a-thon. Go to the barn to watch my daughter ride? Did you forget, she is in New York. Is Christmas really going to be just like every other day this year? Sounds like you have the Christmas time blues, Charlie Brown! Wah, Wha.

This is getting serious! I know, I'll go hang out at ABYC. That always makes me feel good. When I arrive, there is not much going on. The club and galley are closed. But the sun is out and there is a light breeze. I decide to rinse Sidney T and put on her covers. Hey, that was kind of nice. I look around and I see Peter Sangmeister getting ready to launch the Nacra-20. Further down the dock the Kuritz / McNaboe / Ellis clan are going sailing. According to Steve they are launching their flotilla. I see others out on the bay, fishing, paddling, drifting or just fiddling around. I notice that am starting to feel pretty good. Then it dawns on me; one of the things I enjoy most about this time of year is having some downtime. With my shopping done, and the big day still 24 hours away I have a whole day in which to accomplish NOTHING! Not that fooling around in boats should be considered nothing. But nothing that I need to do today.

I hope that all of you are enjoying the holidays. Whether it is a trip out of state to be with the family, or just hanging out. Make it your day in the sun. If you let it in, the Christmas spirit will lift your soul! "And that's what **Christmas** is **all about, Charlie Brown**."

Kevin

The donation of your old sails to the Alamitos Bay Sailing Foundation is tax deductible. If you would like a letter acknowledging your donation, please leave your name and contact information taped to your donated sails or with the front office or contact Jennifer Golison at jen@golison.com.







appy New Year. I was just looking at the calendar and its going to be another great year at ABYC. I think you will find there is something for everyone in 2018.

Please keep an eye out for the expanded Galley menu. The "Secret Menu" is going public. I hope you enjoy the new choices. We also added a few more wines at the bar. I would love to hear your feedback.

I would like to thank everyone who helped at the Christmas Party. Most of all Santa and Tracy for all the great pictures.

The CPR Class is set for January 28th. Please let me know if you would like to attend. Thank you Stephen Mueller





Sou'Wester DEADLINE

January 21, 2018 is the deadline for the February Sou'Wester.

Help us to Help you!

Please keep your e-mail address current with abyc.secretary@gmail.com to receive all of the weekly news and events. Thank you.

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the baylogger

n November the Junior Board had a bake sale at Turkey Day Regatta, where all funds will go towards helping the juniors. Special thanks to Roxy and Charley Snyder for setting up and to Emilia Anctil, Jake Zieba, Taylor Milefchik, and Hailey Thompson for volunteering. Thank you to everyone who bought baked goods and supported the Junior Board! We made a total of \$250, which will go towards more junior events in which we hope to see many juniors!

In the month of November and December the Junior Board ran a toy drive help kids without such privileges. Thank you to everyone who donated toy, and to Hailey and

Samantha Thompson who ran the drive. We collected a large box of toys which were sent to the Miller's Children Hospital. It makes the Junior Board proud to help support such organizations, and give back to other children in our community!

The December ABYC Holiday Party had many Junior Board volunteers helping with food, children, and other areas of the party. They ran a movie room for kids to get in the holiday spirit, and a craft room to decorate cookies, draw holiday pictures, and bead personalized bracelets. The Junior Board volunteers also helped to set up the dinner buffet and serve each member. Special thanks to all the Junior Board members who volunteered at the holiday party and we hope everyone had a wonderful time!

Julia Golison

juniorerspective

he Turkey Day Regatta was a really good regatta. Everybody had a good time and got lots of sailing in. During the regatta the wind went from light to windy then back to light both days. There was some good competition in all of the fleets. Kids from different clubs came out for the races. For awards, ABYC gave out frozen turkeys to the top people in all of the fleets. On the first day of the regatta we sailed on the right side of the course and on the second day we sailed on the left side. If I were to change something it would be to stay on the same side of the course each day. Over all, the races were great but the wind was a little messed. Any day on the water is great!

Will Mueller

racingules quiz #37

ellow touches the windward mark while on starboard tack. Instead of bearing away around the mark, Yellow continues on a close-hauled course for over a boat length, then luffs and tacks to port tack, gybes back onto starboard, and continues in the race, having done about a 270 degree turn. Blue protests Yellow for breaking rule 31, Touching a Mark, claiming that Blue failed to take her penalty correctly as she failed to complete a 360 degree turn.

You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?

Protest

Answer on page 9





Tony's talk will be highlights of the Catalina Island Conservancy's mission-driven work to balance conservation, education and recreation.

Bar opens at 5:00 pm Dinner at 6:00 pm (Food by Teak Catering) Meeting at 7:00 pm

MENU

BBQ Chicken
Baked Potatoe Bar
(Butter, Sour Cream,
Chives, Cheese, Bacon)
Corn on the Cob
Ranch-Style Caesar Salad
Corn Bread with Maple Butter
Dessert
Coffee & Iced Tea
Adults \$16.00 Kids \$12.00
Please reserve by January 17

ony Budrovich was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Catalina Island Conservancy in May of 2016 after serving for approximately 12 months as the organization's Chief Operating Officer. Selected by the Conservancy's Board of Directors and Benefactor Members, Tony leads the Conservancy in the accomplishment of its stated mission to be a responsible steward of its lands through a balance of conservation, education, and recreation. Tony works together with the Conservancy's professional executive staff and management team which in turn directs the approximately 70 staff members who work to implement the Conservancy's annual operating goals. In addition, Tony oversees the Imagine Catalina Strategic Plan, currently involving the construction of the Conservancy's new Trailhead Visitor Center, and the expansion of the Trans Catalina Trail system. As the chief ambassador and advocate for the organization, Tony is responsible for maintaining key relationships with the Island stakeholders, both public and private, on Catalina Island and on the mainland.

with over 35 years of professional experience in key leadership and strategic management roles, Tony has served as Deputy Director/Senior Vice President of the California Science Center and Science Center Foundation, (home of Space Shuttle Endeavour), Vice President & General Manager of Sea Recovery Corp (company specializing in seawater desalination), and Vice President Sea World & Marineland (marine theme parks).

Tony holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from California State University, Long Beach, and is a graduate of the State of California Management Training Program and the Getty Leadership Institute for Museum Management (University of California at Berkeley). Tony and his wife Noelle live on Catalina Island and in Torrance, California.

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The Lido 14s, Cal 20s and Lasers who had given the Optimists a fifty-minute head start were starting to close the gap and it was only a matter of time. With only about ten minutes left Stu Robertson followed by Dan Gilboa in their Lido 14s swept past the lead Sabot to take the lead. Keith and Tina Ives and Cole Price in Cal 20's passed the Sabot and the Lido 14 to take the lead as they started what was to be the final leg. Dan Delave passed everyone with only five minutes left.

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

2018 Boxing Day Race will be on Saturday December 29, 2018 . Results http://www.abyc.org

Final Results

1st Dan Delave & Eileen Haubl - Diamond Girl (F18)
 2nd Stu Robertson & Erin Bat - Mr Hankey (Lido 14)
 3rd Daniel Gilboa & derek Buckzynski (Lido 14)
 4th Keith Ives & Tina Ives – Rubberdog (Cal 20)

5th Rich Vaught & Alan Vaught - Chicken of Bristol (Etchells)

Other Winners

Boats with Beds Cole Price, Cheryl Beck, Allan Spousta, Kris Flaig (Hunter 28.5) - Giant Slayer

Cal 20 Keith Ives & Tina Ives - Rubberdog Lido 14 Stu Robertson & Erin Bat - Mr Hankey

Laser Standard Robert Enrico

Multihull Dan Delave & Eileen Haubl - Diamond Girl (F18)

Naples Sabot Robin Townsend - Shady Lady Optimist Tate Christopher - Take A Hike

Viper 640 Ed Feo - Loco 7

Mark Townsend







- ½ Day Seminar covers rules at starting, meeting, rounding marks, & obstructions.
- · Improve and update your understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing
- · Animated slide presentation with instruction by Peter Haynes
- Includes 35 page handout
- Please bring your own copy of current Racing Rules of Sailing Rule Book
- For questions please contact ABYC event promoter Kathy Reed via text or voice at 714-785-3163 or via email at KathyReed1@verizon.net

Cost: \$45.00 per student

Register on line: Via Regatta Network

abyc.org - see Racing Rules Seminar

When: Saturday, January 27, 2018

What Time: from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Alamitos Bay Yacht Club,

7201 E. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach (562) 434-9955

abyc christmasarty 2017

he annual ABYC Family Christmas Party, what a party to celebrate the holiday season and close out 2017! The Club was really decked out with garlands and wreaths, a miniature fire place created by Lori Van Skyhock, a 10' fir dripping with twinkle lights and shiny red and gold Christmas balls, deep red tablecloths and centerpieces of poinsettias on gold chargers. Following tradition, the fun started at 4:00 with crafts for the kids in the Junior Room. For the younger set there were bead necklaces to make and Christmas coloring pages, for all ages there were Christmas sugar cookies to decorate, and out in the Quarter Deck the showing of "Home Alone". At 4:30, but who should motor in to the Basin but Santa Claus! Accompanied by parents and kids Ol' Saint Nick, shaking his sleigh bells, strolled to the Upper Deck, settled himself before a studio set-up, and proceeded to hand out snowball goodies while checking his list to see who was naughty or nice, and posing with the children and families while Tracy Conn took hundreds of photos. (All photos are available for free just by visiting the Drop Box site at http://www.dropbox.com/sh/ph37msqq15uqdyc/ AADgSzJTplc3EvecNAMafiBma?dl=0.) To keep tummies from rumbling before dinner, platters of cheese, some very tasty

little sausage meatballs, and organic seasoned Brussels sprouts (for the health-minded) were scattered about. And, then there was dinner, catered again this year by Peta-Gaye's Kitchen. Bowls of fresh salad, glazed carrots, moist sausage-stuffed chicken breasts, rich macaroni & cheese, mashed potatoes with three-cheese gratin (to die for), and just an incredible bread pudding with rum toffee sauce made a true Christmas feast. As all sat back to digest their dinners the ABYC Ukulele Elves led by Cindy Heavrin burst into a Christmas caroling sing-a-long. Of course, what must now become a tradition, tables were each assigned one verse of the "12 Days of Christmas". While no children were flung though the air this year as "Lords a Leaping", there was still great enthusiasm as each table tried to out-do the other tables as they sang out their verse. A huge thank you is due to our Juniors; Julia Golison, Roxy Snyder, Taylor Milefchik, Hailey Thompson, Jake Zieba, Emilia Anctil, Charley Snyder, Sammy Thompson, Will Mueller, Nick Mueller, Ryan Schack, and Bobby Little for supervising the crafts and serving dinner. And, thank you to the SAC (and "Friends of SAC") volunteers; Lesley Bunting, Carol & Ron Clanton, Alan Cunningham, Rich Ferdon, Cindy Heavrin, Carla



Higbee, Janet & Jim Lincoln, Kathy Reed, Debby St. John, and Sam Bell for transforming the Club for the evening into a





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hen a boat breaks rule 31, her penalty is usually a One-Turn Penalty as described in Rule 44. Rules 44.1 and 44.2, Penalties at the Time of an Incident, require a boat taking a penalty to promptly make the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe. Rule 44.2 does not require a boat that takes a One-Turn Penalty to complete a full 360° turn, or a turn of any particular number of degrees, and it does not prohibit taking the penalty while making another maneuver, such as rounding the mark.

Yellow properly complies with rule 44.2 and therefore has taken a penalty. Rule 64.1(b) states, "if a boat has taken an applicable penalty, she shall not be further penalized..." Blue's protest should be disallowed.

Mark Townsend

hails from fleets

KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

reat Christmas party! Well attended and the format suburb with Rhonda playing and singing the traditional Christmas songs plus the Longs and the Riddicks providing the games. The pot luck dinner was loaded with goodies that everyone enjoyed.

The next Keel Boat Fleet meeting is January 12. Dinner is ABYC regular Friday night. Cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 or shortly after.

See you there, George

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Lido Love

his time of year, it's all about being seen at the right Christmas parties. Trump had his White House party, with vodka and Russian caviar flowing. I got an invitation, but I assumed it was fake news, so I tossed it. I also got invited to Celene Dion's Las Vegas bash, but it fell on the same night as the Lido fleet party at ABYC. Kind of a no brainer, huh? With great Italian food by Domenico's, drinks at the bar, and some kind of an onshore sailing regatta that I don't think anyone quite got, the Lido party was a blast. Awards were given out following a great slide show by out going Fleet Captains Kathy Reed and Cindy Heavrin. The big news of the evening? The announcement of Ken Reiff as the new Fleet Captain, along with his able assistant, Tattoo. (de plane!, de plane!) So if you want to complain or whine about the state of Lido sailing at ABYC, leave Kathy alone!

Plenty of sailing opportunities coming up. By the time you read this, a gaggle of Lido's will have torn it up at the end of the year Boxing Day regatta, and a few Lido's will have drifted around in Newport at BYC's Sunkist regatta. Santa Monica/Windjammers YC holds their annual Superbowl Charity regatta January 27th, which is always a good time and a great cause. Finally, also on the 27th, is a rules seminar at ABYC, good for all you folks who've been nick named Crash by your fellow fleet members.

Glenn Selvin







ABOT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH WAS FUN IF YOU WERE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME!

Eleven really, realy patient Sabot sailors showed up on the starting line December 10th for Sabot Sunday. Thanks to Scott Finkboner, who traveled all the way from San Diego to sail with us, Hopefully he will come again when we have a little more wind!

It was a bright, sunny Santa Ana-wind-day with extremely light breezes that varied between 5 and nothing! As a result we were only able to sail two interesting, very slow races. Many or us sat on parts of the boat that normally weren't used in order to keep one's boom out downwind!.

Race one found three boats out ahead until the last leg when the wind filled in from behind and bunched everyone up. As a result some of us who had been ahead found ourselves further back in the pack.

The weather leg was shortened for race two. If you were in the right spot and got some wind you were golden! After race two we waited for a while then reluctantly decided to quit and enjoy appetizers and wine on the patio. Of course the wind picked up on the way in so we could have sailed one or two better races...that's sailing!

Steve Kurtz and faithful helper Lynn Drury did a great job running the races on the barge and Dave Crockett and Alan Cunningham handled setting and moving marks in the Whaler. They had more than their share of work because of changing breezes and shortening courses!

The first race in As was won by Scott Finkboner, with Kathy Reed 2nd and Paul Anctil 3rd. B sailor, Jennifer Kuritz was first, with Bob Anderson 2nd, and Chuck Hardin 3rd. A Sailor Scott Finkboner took first in race two, with Kathy Weishampel 2nd, and Kathy Reed 3rd. B Sailor Jennifer Kuritz took first, with Chuck Hardin 2nd, and Bob Anderson 3rd.

After sailing we had wine and appetizers on the patio. A good way to end to a great day on the water.

SUPER SABOT SATURDAY, BALBOA YACHT CLUB, DECEMBER 16, 2017

In contrast to Sabot Sunday the week before, it was very windy for the first two races of Super Sabot Saturday. Cindy Heavrin said that Kathy Reed was surfing down waves in the bay and having a great time.

The next Super Sabot Saturday is January 20th.

Ladies B: 1st Kathryn Reed (4), Cynthia Heavrin 2nd (9), Ruth Jones 3rd (16), Jennifer Kuritz 4th (17)

Men's: 1st Scott Finkboner (4), 2nd Tom Newton (11), John Ellis 3rd (14), Dick Denzler 4th (15)

Perpetual Trophies: Betty Becker (winner of Ladies A) — Mrs. Richard Russell Jr. Perpetual; Kathryn Reed (winner of Ladies B) Christina Wagner Perpetual

WE WANT YOU TO COME OUT AND RACE WITH US

There are a lot of fast Sabots sitting on the racks that have told me that they want to go racing. We would like to extend an invitation to Sabot parents or anyone that has or can borrow a Sabot to come out and sail with us on January 14, our next Sabot Sunday. We have a fun group with plenty of good competition.

We have an "A" and "B" fleet. Sign in on the patio at 11:00 am and the first start is at 12:00 pm. Wine, munchies and trophy presentation (huge chocolate bars) after racing on the patio.

Call or email Kathy Weishampel for additional information at <u>kathywdesign@yahoo.com</u>.



Trophy Winners:

Back row: (L to R) Lynn Acosta DPYC) 4th; Scott Finkboner (MBYC) 1st;

Bottom Row: Kathy Reed (ABYC), 3rd; Molly Lynch (BYC), 2nd

Sailed: 3, Discards: 0, To count: 3, Entries: 8, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	SailNo	Club	HelmName	R1	R2	R3	Total
1st	Adult Sabot A	10278	MBYC	Scott Finkboner	1	1	2	4
2nd	Adult Sabot A	3215	BYC	Molly Lynch	2	2	1	5
3rd	Adult Sabot A	7768	ABYC	Kathy Reed	3	3	3	9
4th	Adult Sabot A	8393	DPYC	Lynn Acosta	4	4	5	13
5th	Adult Sabot A	10304	BYC	Bob Reilly	5	5	6	16
6th	Adult Sabot A	8079	ABYC	Cindy Heavrin	9 DNC	9 DNC	4	22
7th	Adult Sabot A	8990	BYC	Nancy Mellon	9 DNF	9 DNC	9 DNC	27
7th	Adult Sabot A	7998	BYC	Karen Stockman	9 DNC	9 DNC	9 DNC	27

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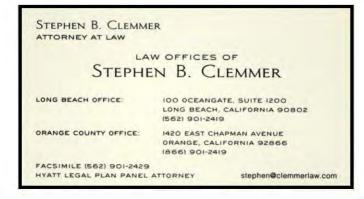


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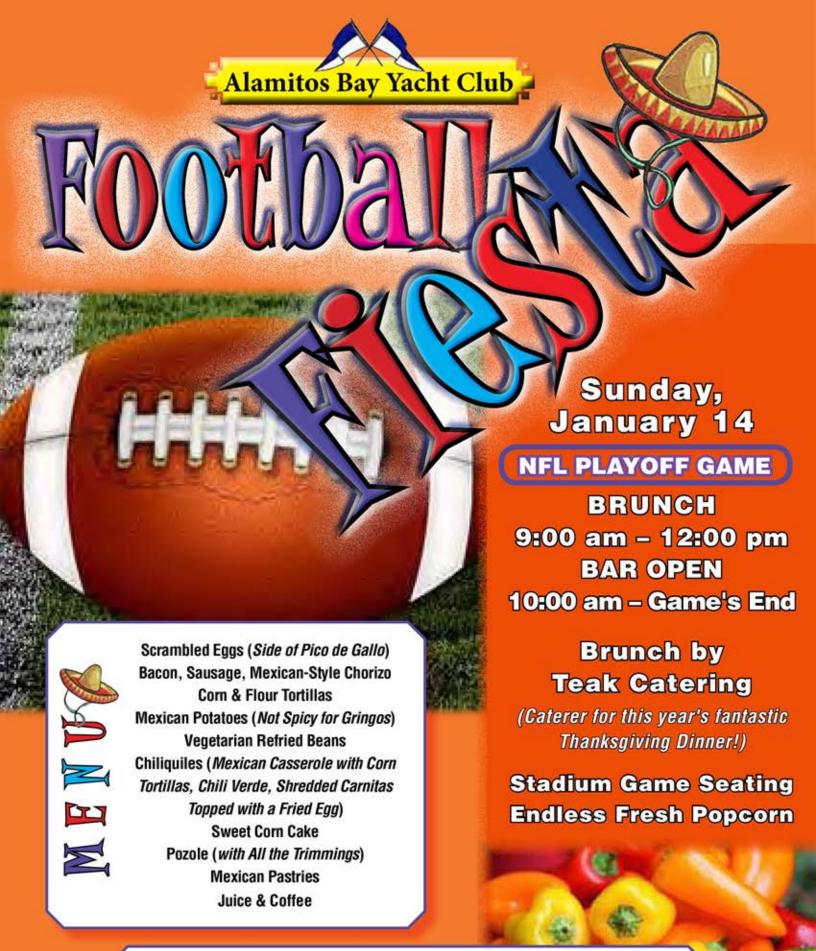
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Bring Your Favorite Recipe to Share!

- Prizes -

Enter the 3rd Annual Hors d'Oeuvre Contest, Judged by Jorge Saurez Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

- Entertainment -

Cheer Leading and Game Calls by Patty Williams!

- RSVP'S NOT NECESSARY -

Throw on Your team's colors and Come Down to the Club for a Great Afternoon!

- Saturday Night Raft-Up -

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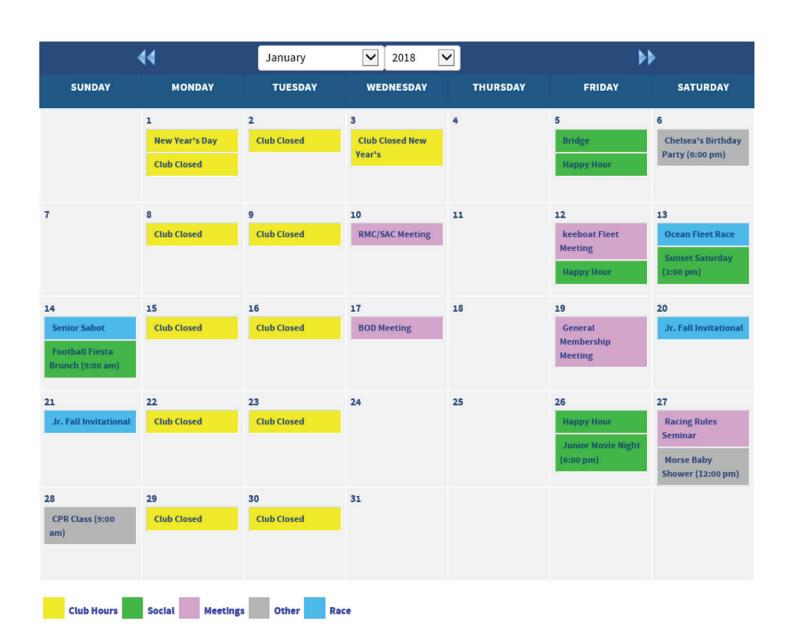


Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

St. Patricks Day Save the Date & U Saturday Evening, March 17



it that there might be real shenanigans on the upper deck come dark, not the least of these being a true lrish dinner that will tickle the tummy of any hungry leprechaun and some rollicking music for all the lads and lassies*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Bridge Happy Hour	PCISA
PCISA Superbowl Party	5 Club Closed	6 Club Closed	7 RMC/SAC Meeting	8	9 Happy Hour	Ocean Fleet Race
Senior Sabot	Club Closed	Club Closed	14 BOD Meeting	15	General Membership Meeting	17 2018 SCYA Midwinters Regatta
18 2018 SCYA Midwinters Regatta	Club Closed	Club Closed	21	22	23 Happy Hour	24 Lido Clinic
25	Club Closed	Club Closed	28			
Club Hours	Social Meeting:	Race				