



*January launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base  
Photo by Ryan Sanders*



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Race Management Appreciation Party .....	March 9

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## manager's corner



I'm happy to announce that Sunset Saturdays are back! The bar will once again be open upstairs from 3pm to 6pm every Saturday, and once the sun starts setting later, we'll be expanding those hours to 7pm. Please be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful sunset from what I personally believe to be the best view in Long Beach (take that Ballast Point!). We'll have light snacks available, including fresh popcorn from our new popcorn machine, and if Steve Mueller is down here, one can only guess what tasty delight he might whip up to share with the bar folk! So please spread the word, invite your friends, and don't forget to join us at the bar on Saturday! Woo-hoo Sunset Saturdays!

*Tori*

## commodore's compass



**T**he rumors are true! Last month the Board of Directors unanimously approved a budget for replacing the ABYC bar. Zieba Builders Inc. have been selected as the general contractor. Joe Zieba, the owner, is a member of ABYC. His company has already completed several small projects at the club including the office entry upgrade. The projected completion date of the project is summer of 2018.

Joe is in the process of developing a project schedule and contract. The schedule is subject to board review and approval before any work will start. We feel that summertime is the right time to complete the project. Waiting until summer will allow us to setup bars on the patio during the warmer weather. We don't anticipate having to reschedule or cancel any events while

the up-stairs bar is closed.

This is about all the definitive information I have. I am in the process of working with Junior Staff Commodore Chuck Clay to develop a more in-depth communication that will include graphic mockups of the design. We plan to publish a follow-up within a month. If you have questions in the meantime please contact Chuck (I know he is going to love this). He is spearheading the new bar project for ABYC. Please give him your support. This is going to be a big project!

Cheers,  
*Kevin*

## vice verses



**A**s part of a new initiative, the Vice Commodore has additional duties related to heading a new committee, the Major Regattas Committee. Building on recent experiences with the 29er Worlds and North Americans, as well as many other regattas, the Committee will be responsible for assessing the overall impact of major regattas to the ABYC membership while balancing the overall goals of promoting ABYC and world class sailing. The Committee will work closely with the Board of Directors, Race Management, Social Advisory and club staff. We will be looking into many details regarding budgets, sponsorship requirements, contracts, logistics, storage, race management, schedule, shore-side activities, parking, safety, public relations and many other important items.

The committee will be reviewing the Laser North Americans scheduled for this coming July where expect to have upwards of 200 competitors at this four day international regatta which will be a qualifier for the Pan American Games. We will also be looking at the Optimist Pacific Coast Championships scheduled for September of 2018. And, we will also begin looking at the Viper Worlds scheduled for the summer 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the Major Regattas Committee

*Dave Schack*

The ABYC Boatique has some new gear for you! Cathy Black has created a fabulous new compass rose t-shirt that is available in white or navy in many different styles, including basic short and long-sleeved t-shirts. And by popular demand, we have crew neck sweatshirts in navy and sky blue. Look for our sales at various club events or shop with the office gals during your next visit to the club.



## Sou'Wester DEADLINE

February 22, 2018 is the deadline for the March Sou'Wester.

## Help us to Help you!

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

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**W**hew! Your ABYC Juniors have been BUSY! Every Wednesday and Friday we've had 20 or more sailors on the water for High School sailing, representing 5 different high schools (LB Poly, LB Wilson, LB Sato, St. Anthony, Marina HS). If you come down to the club from 3:30-6:30pm you'll be able to catch them battling it out and getting ready for their next regatta. Speaking of HS Sailing, our schools had a very successful fall, with Woodrow Wilson's Silver team clinching second at both the Anteater Regatta (NHYC), and Rose Bowl Regatta (USSCLB). This spring our high schools will be travelling to San Francisco, Santa Barbara and possibly San Francisco/San Diego for Gold & Silver Pacific Coast Champs.



Come on down to the club February 3rd & 4th to see our great sailors in action and to spectate the fantastic SoCal #4!

The Junior Racing Program has been travelling or practicing every weekend during the Fall Season! Our programs offered coaching and regattas to over 30 sailors. Your ABYC Juniors have participated in regattas from San Diego all the way to San Francisco, competing against international sailors and having the time of their life experiencing racing conditions like they have never seen before.

Our racing Sabot Program sent 9 sailors to events this fall, competing in the Fall Gold Cup at Newport Harbor Yacht Club, as well as three other events in Newport Beach, San Diego, and our very own Alamitos Bay!

The Opti program has excelled at offering some of the best sailing conditions in Southern California, providing perfect conditions for practices with ABYC coaches. The ABYC Opti fleet is sending so many sailors to regattas that we have outgrown our trailer! ABYC sailors participated in 8 different events, with over 15 sailors, even getting some air time at the LA Boat Show!

We're kicking off the New Year and our Spring Programs with the Junior Invitational. Over 65 sailors registered for the event, a great turnout for a winter event! The first day the breeze was a steady 15-20 knots, with gusts seen up to 28 knots. The Sabot's racing was postponed to see if the breeze would settle down, but it never did and racing was called off for the sabot fleet. The smaller showing of less than a dozen Opti's were able to get a couple of short races off with only a few minor hiccups and problems arising. Stuart McCaleb's North Sail, R.I.P. (rests in pieces).

**In the Sabot Fleet:**

Bobby Little: 8th in A Fleet  
Tanner Jolly: 4th in C3 Fleet  
Brynn Jolly: 11th in C3 Fleet

**In the Optimist Fleet:**

Nicholas Mueller 2nd in Champ Fleet  
Stewart McCaleb 7th in Champ Fleet  
Cameron Farmer 8th in Champ Fleet  
Tate Christopher 9th in Champ Fleet  
Lucia Len 1st in Green Fleet

To check out our Spring Programs offered, please see the "Juniors" tab on the club's website under Programs, or feel free to contact me!

**Craig Ramsay**  
*Director of Sailing Programs*

*To see a Sabot sail in 20 knot winds click on the photo!!*



**Video by Duncan Ross - MBYC**

## junior perspective

The first day of rose bowl contained shifty wind conditions. The first rotation, had puffs to 8 knots. With my crew, Charley Snyder, we were one of the better teams and this was the perfect wind condition. We were able to have two consecutive firsts in the beginning of the regatta. The rotations later on in the day were not as good because the wind died drastically, and the Newport teams were a little better than us in light breeze. The second day was like the beginning of the first, a little overcast and good wind. Charley and I once again got two consecutive firsts, like the first day and then we sailed to shore to conclude the regatta. Over all we had four firsts, and two other top 10 finishes. Wilson as a whole got 2nd in silver.

*Dylan Styron*

## junior thanks

Thanks to all who helped donate toys to Miller's Children Hospital! My sister, Sam Thompson, and I were able to drop off the toys a couple of weeks ago. The staff and kids were very thankful for all the donations. The children loved all the games and furry stuffed animals that were gifted. Sam and I loved being able to give the toys to the hospital and are happy that ABYC has had another successful drive. Thanks again to those who donated!!

*Hailey and Sam Thompson, ABYC Jr Board*

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](mailto:jen@golison.com).

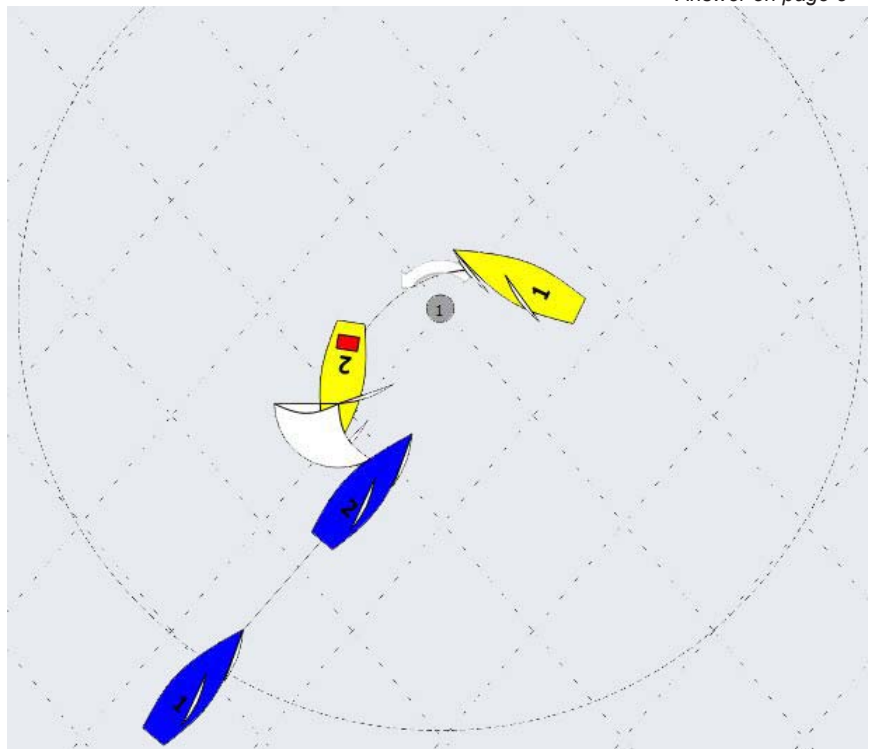


## racing rules quiz #38

Answer on page 8

Yellow is rounding the weather mark to port. Blue is approaching the weather mark on port tack. As Yellow rounds the mark and bears away contact occurs between Yellow's spinnaker and blue's port shroud. Yellow protests Blue for failing to give her mark room.

How should the protest committee decide?



# hails from the fleets

# L<sup>14</sup>

Lido Love



Lido's have been a little bit dormant as of late, with just two boats heading down to Newport for the latest version of Balboa Yacht Club's Sunkist Series. Team Gilboa with Dan Gilboa and Erik Bakker were joined by Team Old Fat Guys with Glenn Selvin and the much more svelte Ken Reiff. The January Sunkist was a bit of a bust, with absolutely no wind. 42 minutes into it, the race committee sent out the tow boats to bring us all back in. Next Sunkist is Feb. 3rd. Still a great time, so come on down and enjoy!

Next regatta on the Lido's horizon is the SCYA Midwinters, right here at our own yacht club, so sign up for that one. For many, it'll be the first regatta since Turkey Day, so time to hose off your boat, break out that sailing manual, and go rubbin' rails!

The Lido fleet is the duty fleet for the March membership meeting, and Ken is trying to think of program ideas. Have any? Shoot him an email, and let him know what brainiac idea you've come up with for the meeting. We have some good ideas, but could always use a few more.

Come on down to the Club, rinse off your boat, and go sailing! That's what these little Lidos are for, after all.

*Glenn Selvin*

# 20

Happy New Year fellow sailors from the Cal 20 fleet. We closed out 2017 on a high note with three fun events in December. We held our annual Holiday party at a private residence on the Peninsula followed the next day by the LBYC Fun Run regatta raced inside Alamitos Bay. We had ten Cal 20's racing in off shore conditions with the start and leeward mark right off the beach on the Peninsula. Chuck Clay sailing with Pat McCormick ruled the day with a first followed by Keith Ives and Jeff Ives in second and third respectively. We also came out in force for the ABYC Boxing Day regatta in late December with our normal on shore Seabreeze. Eight Cal 20's were out racing with two of our boats finishing in the top ten. Keith and Tina Ives came on strong for a fourth place finish and the veteran team of John Merchant and Rob Fuller placed 10th.

Now for 2018. The Cal 20 Class Association has staged a meeting at the ABYC Quarter Deck on Saturday, Feb. 10 starting at 4 pm. All Cal 20 sailors are invited to participate. Meeting topics will include soliciting feedback on our website (cal20.org), plans for the 2018 season, a preview of the August Class Championships hosted by Shoreline YC of Long Beach, Class building ideas, and best of all a Happy Hour social following our one hour meeting. The next weekend on Feb. 17 & 18 will kick off our sailing season with the annual SCYA Midwinters. Cal 20 sailors can sail either locally out of ABYC or at CBYC. Both the ABYC and CBYC fleets are expecting a turnout of 10 or so boats.

We welcome all you Cal 20 sailors to join the fun this season. We are also looking for crew and this is a great to check out Cal 20 sailing. For more information, please contact our Fleet Captain Steve George.

*Todd Smith*



Cal 20's beating to weather inside Alamitos Bay under an off shore breeze. L to R: John Merchant/Rob Fuller (#508 Breakfast Club), Jeff Ives/Phil Soma (#373 Bravura), Keith Ives/Chuck Stevens (#56 Rubber Dog).

*Todd Smith photos*



Team Odie with Fred Stevens (L), Mandi Smith, and Freddie Stevens (R) prepping for a day's sailing at last year's Cal 20 Class Champs. Odie was in the hunt for a top five finish but suffered a breakdown on the final day. Team Odie can look forward to redemption at this year's Class Champs.



# hails from the fleets



## WAS FUN IF YOU DIDN'T MIND LOOKING FOR WIND!

Twelve eager Senior Sabot sailors showed up on the starting line January 20th for Sabot Sunday hoping for more wind. Thanks to Scott Finkboner, who came all the way from San Diego and Bob Reilly who came from Santa Ana to sail with us. We did have a little more wind this month...we sailed two and a half races this time versus two last month!

In addition to light air there was quite a bit of kelp and other objects in the water. I caught a piece of kelp that was so low on my rudder that I couldn't see it. I should have known something was wrong when I was very slow! Mary Riddick won the big prize. She found a small, unopened bag of Fritos!

In the A Fleet, Scott Finkboner was first in Race 1 with Lee Berlinger 2nd, and Mary Riddick 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jennifer Kuritz was 1st, Bob Anderson 2nd, and Chuck Hardin 3<sup>rd</sup> in B's

The second race most everyone went right off the line except for Kathy Weishampel and Jennifer Kuritz who went left. They came into the weather mark tied! In A's Mary Riddick was first across the line, with Kathy Weishampel 2nd and Kathy Reed 3<sup>rd</sup>. In B's, Jennifer Kuritz was 1st, with Chuck Hardin 2nd, and Bob Anderson 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Race three was shortened at the weather mark (lap 2). Scott Finkboner was 1st, Kathy Weishampel 2nd, and Kathy Reed 3rd in the A Fleet. In the B Fleet, Bob Anderson was 1st, with Jennifer Kuritz 2nd, and Chuck Hardin 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

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

Next Senior Sabot Sunday is February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 February 11, our next Sabot Sunday. We have a fun group with plenty of good competition.

We have an "A" and "B" fleet. Sign up on the patio starting at 10:30 am with the first start at 12:00 pm. Wine, munchies and trophy presentation (huge chocolate bars) after racing on the patio.

Call Kathy Weishampel for information: (262) 719-8438

## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



Good get together at the January meeting.

Mary Riddick proposed that we go to the Long Beach Playhouse on February 23rd. the play is "Pack of Lies" and sounds like it would be fun. Everyone is on their own to get their tickets. As this is preview night, the tickets are half-price. To order tickets call (562) 494-1014 Wednesday-Saturday between 3:00 & 7:00 pm or at the Box Office at 5021 E Anaheim, Long Beach 90804.

The next Keel Boat Fleet meeting is March 9th on the second deck. Dinner is whatever is on the Friday Club menu. Cocktails at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm or so, with the meeting to follow.

See you there,  
George



Nirvana II sailing is on winter hiatus due to the current ice and snow conditions. First upcoming regatta is the SCYA Midwinters on May 19 at Lake Gregory. Our fleet will be joined by the V-32 and RG 65 classes (in case you want to race in multiple classes). Daylight savings time starts March 11, so Friday **Racin in the Basin** is coming up soon. Time to start tuning your boats up for the coming season.

Don Shirley



*Lori Van Skyhock photo*



## rules answer #38

*...from page 4*

**B**lue is approaching the mark and Yellow is leaving the mark, therefore, under rule 18.1(c), yellow is not entitled to mark room. Yellow is on starboard tack and is the right-of-way boat under rule 10 opposite tacks. However, as is changing course, she must give blue room to keep clear under rule 16.1. Yellow's alteration of course did not give Blue time to keep clear, so yellow breaks rule 16.1.

Yellow is disqualified under rule 16.1.

*Mark Townsend*



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4 PCISA Superbowl Party	5 Club Closed	6 Club Closed  PBPG Meeting (5:30 pm)	7 RMC/SAC Meeting	8	9 Happy Hour	10 Ocean Fleet Race  Sunset Saturday (3:00 pm) Cal-20 Meeting (3:00
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11 Senior Sabots	12 Club Closed	13 Club Closed	14 BOD Meeting	15	16 General Membership Meeting	17  2018 Laser Masters California Championship
18  2018 Laser Masters California Championship Kofahl Retirement Party (1:00 pm)	19 Club Closed	20 Club Closed	21	22	23	24 Nacra 15 Clinic Lido Clinic
25 Nacra 15 Clinic	26 Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28	29 Nacra 15 Midwinters West	30 Nacra 15 Midwinters West	31 Nacra 15 Midwinters West Easter Brunch Set Up

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Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

# St. Patrick's Day

SAVE NEW DATE

Friday Evening, March 16



In conjunction with the March 16th General Membership Meeting with a tummy tease menu for hungry leprechauns! Watch for updates.

## Menu

Corned Beef with  
Cabbage, Potatoes,  
and Carrots  
Shamrock Pasta  
Irish Soda Bread  
Dessert