



st pat's & membership meeting

Ken Reiff photos

March's General Membership was just top 'o the day for all ye wee lads and lassies! In fact, I'd say that it was as clear as an Irish spring! Well, those adult beverages were as clear as an Irish spring, anyway. And for all those wearing green for such a St. Pattie's Day? Top o' the day to ya!

But an Irish event it was, with all of us rubbing the blarney stone before getting on line for dinner, dinner that was absolutely delicious! Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, pasta, salad, and some really good soda bread, home made by Dana Bell herself!



But the dinner wouldn't have been such a hit if it was for those folks in the Lido fleet, and after all, doesn't ABYC really revolve around the Lido fleet? A huge thanks to Ken Reiff, the Lido fleet captain, being helped in the kitchen by Deby St. John, Dana Bell, Janet Lincoln, Alan Cunningham, Alex Cross, and Jack Johnson too for doing all of the food prep, cooking, and for maintaining ABYC's level of food service!

And then there was the service to those in line to dine on such great food. With Jon Robinson running out the food as we were constantly running out, to Pixie and Rob Hartman, to Glenn and Carol Selvin, everyone commented on what great service we were providing!

And then there was the clean up afterwards. A big round of applause to Jorge Suarez who donned his apron

and stepped up!

And then there was the program. A very long program regarding the CIA's raising of a Russian submarine, with all of the engineering, folklore, and good times that went along with it, all paid for by us tax payers. A great slide show, narrated in detail, and a treat for all of the deep sea diver types. (I'm pretty sure I even saw Lloyd Bridges in the audience, along with the entire cast of *Sea Hunt*). If you weren't there, well, you missed it! If you were there, well, was that a program or what?!?

Glenn Selvin

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save the date

Ukelele Lessons	April 3, 17
CISA Clinic	April 5 - 8
Swing Dance Lessons	April 13 & 27
Junior Fundraiser	April 14
Membership Meeting	April 20
Spring Spruce Up	April 21-22
New Member Orientation	April 28
Opening Day Events	May 4-5
Full ABYC Calendar	

manager's corner



Welcome Spring! The club is sleepily coming out of its hibernation season, and we are now gearing up for our busy season. This month the club will be bustling with all kinds of activities, starting with Easter Brunch, then moving on to the 40th Annual CISA clinic, followed by our Junior Fundraiser Carnival (April 14th- you don't want to miss this one!), and finally rounding out the month with the annual Spring Spruce-Up weekend, which falls on April 21st & 22nd this year. If you've never had the opportunity to be a part of this important club tradition, this is definitely something that you don't want to miss. Not only will it leave you beaming with a sense of pride and accomplishment, basking in the warm comradery that ABYC is all about, but there's also a free lunch and free-flowing beer in the afternoon as an added bonus. Plus, it's just a great excuse to spend your weekend down here at the club, YOUR club, our little slice of paradise here in Long Beach. If you haven't signed up to volunteer yet, or if you'd like more information, please contact the office and we can get you in touch with the organizing crew for this fun, family-friendly two-day event. Hope to see you there!

Tori

vice verses



Don't forget about Spring Spruce Up. See the attached flier for details. There's plenty of things for everyone to do.

Major Regattas-Part of the Vice Commodore's responsibilities is to work with regatta chairs and board liaisons with the planning of major regattas. We have two of those this year which included the Laser North Americans in July (July 12-15) and the Optimist Pacific Coast Championships in September (September 8-9). We also have the Viper 640 Worlds slated for August 2019 (August 19-24)

The Laser North Americans group (Ed Spotskey, Mark Townsend, Ann Costello, Jorge Suarez) has met a few times and have had some good feedback from the Class. We've been informed that the event will be used a Pan American Games qualifier which adds a bit more work for us and we've got it handled. We may need housing for judges-if so we will be reaching out in a few months. Ann Costello is working with the team handling shore-side food/snacks and hospitality. Ann would really like help from our new members-it is a great way to get to know what makes ABYC the Place to Be.

We held our first meeting for the Opti PCCs and it went well. The team, Stephen Mueller and John McCaleb are working on making this a successful event.

We've also starting preliminary planning and discussions for the Viper 640 Worlds which ABYC will be hosting in 2019.

If you have a boat in the yard please visit it and make sure you are not in violation of the Yard Rules. Remember that your boat is meant to be used and not merely stored in the yard; we have many members wishing to bring their boats into the yard.

Dave Schack

fleet captain's log



So what has been happening at the club? Whaler training went without a hitch unless you could call a hitch, that it was even better than I could have expected. Participants were engaged and we all have a really nice time.

ODP Clinic with a Nacra 15 Midwinters West. Pete and Kathy Melvin are in charge of the ODP Clinic and the Regatta. I just helped out with the ODP, regatta to come yet, and wished I was younger and could participate in this incredible event. I think I counted 5 Olympic sailors and a Worlds winner that were helping out the kids.

Got paint for Marks I am planning on painting the big marks used for racing with ABYC on them. Nice photo ops for the club, eh? I would like some handy people, those artsy/craftsy types for help. The plan is to make some stencils then hand paint between the lines. Sounds easy but not as easy as I thought.

Safety Committee is really on with great suggestions for posting information around the Yacht Club for information and instructions.

Dan DeLave



For this month's article I thought I would share a "Blast from the Past" from the April 2005 Sou'Wester. Many of you will recognize names in the column. Please enjoy some of ABYC history:

After casting about for a suitable title for this feature, we really found nothing suitable. But we got a call from Ann Exley, graciously giving us permission to use the title of the series that she so wonderfully wrote for more than a decade. It is a particularly apt title, too, as what we have to report in this column is truly out of the pages of history: SOU'WESTER's of 1975, 1985 and 1995.

THIRTY YEARS AGO:

The headline in the April, 1975, SOU'WESTER, said, "Only Sanctioned Regional Selection Olympic Regatta to be Hosted by ABYC." According to an article by the three co-chairs—Paul Merrill, Jr., Sandy Toscan and Tick Weber—as a sanctioned event and a money qualifier, "what was usually a pretty straightforward regatta has mushroomed beyond all expectations. This year's regatta will be three days and the Olympic rules require three separate race courses." Invited classes included Soling, Flying Dutchman, Finn, Tornado, 470 and Tempest. While the event had three duty fleets (Lido's, Cal 20's and C-15's) more help was needed. But everyone could come to the burger bash Saturday night—it'd cost \$2.00.

The summer Junior program was on track. Eight weeks of instruction would cost \$20.00 per kid, but the fee would be billed in two installments. In addition to this, 1975 apparently was a year that the Naples Sabot Junior Nationals would come to Alamitos Bay; plans were in hand to "eliminate the problems of sabotage and cheating as well as coaching boats on the course which have been apparent in recent Nationals."

Doctor Michael Cahan and his wife Marjorie became new members, as did James and Kay Hetherington. The Cahan's owned a Cal 20 and the Hetherington's a Coronado 25; the Hetherington's were members of CBYC. Dennis and Dara Capp, Sabotiers both, also joined ABYC; both were previously junior members, and Dara's parents are Dale Berkiheiser and Marty Bowman.

The yacht club will be open seven days a week from early May through late October, reverting to a five-day schedule (closed Monday and Tuesday) thereafter...a number of suggestions from members of the Race Committee to

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Sou'Wester DEADLINE

April 23, 2018 is the deadline
for the May Sou'Wester.

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revise ABYC's sailing instructions were discussed by the board; chief among them was "the increased use of the 720 Rule to eliminate protests"...silver-tongued Chuck Babcock, the poor man's Tom Conerly," was to host the annual Lido Fleet "Funny Trophy" Presentation...Alicia Dose made new, easier-to-read course and lap signs for the Inside Race Committee boat.

TWENTY YEARS AGO:

Since 1985 was the year after the Sailing Olympics in Long Beach, the 1985 Olympic Classes Regatta was re-scheduled to June and was barely mentioned in the April, 1985, *SOU'WESTER*.

There was a lot of news from the fleets. The Lido's sailed at the Turnbuckle Tightener Regatta March 9, and Paul Aumann won the B fleet with three firsts. In second place, however, was "a guest skipper, a young fellow named Sid Exley. Apparently Sid was intrigued, as he is now looking for a boat to buy." Russell Fox was top ABYC finisher at the Tournament of Champions Regatta at Huntington Harbour, finishing third in Naples Sabots; other ABYC juniors sailing included Kevin Goyan, Scott Ramsey and Dana Riddick.

The Snipe fleet reported that Jerry Thompson was on the Southern Circuit and that Keith Dodson was selling his North American-champion boat, having just gotten his new vessel, the "Old Gray Mare." Winners in the Senior Sabot fleet included Bernice Weiss, Mac Mills, Bob Ware, Marilyn McMahon and Judy Mathias; Marty Bowman wants to organize a group to practice for the Senior Nationals.

The biggest thing this month seems to have been a presentation at the March membership meeting wherein a representative of the Port of Long Beach presented their "2020 Plan" to increase the cargo-handling area of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles by 2,600 acres by filling in much of the area inside the Middle Breakwater. Commodore Dave Dorrans commented that he was "personally worried about the future of our sailing area" and encouraged anyone else concerned to write to their representatives.

Social events in the first three months of 1985 netted profits of \$1,981 as compared to losses of \$4,387 for a comparable period the year before...Tom Irvin became a new member; this Lido sailor was sponsored by Wayne and Shirley Smith...silk-screened logo Tee-shirts were on sale at the ABYC Boatique: \$5.00 each or two for \$8.00...Adra Kober and Fran Nason reported that there will be Yoga classes at the club on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am...Mel Hebert was selling his nine-foot Boston Whaler inflatable complete with oars, pump, outboard bracket, carrying bag and an almost-new, four-horse Evinrude motor for \$900.00.

TEN YEARS AGO:

Allison Jolly was editor of the April, 1995, *SOU'WESTER*, and her own Olympic gold medal and a quote from Malory's "Idylls of the King" about the quest for the Grail graced the cover. While the Olympic Classes Regatta was over, it was fresh in everyone's minds.

Commodore John Weiss touched on a lot of issues in his Comments, including joining US SAILING through the yacht club, reminding folks to use their boats in the yard or lose the space and a change in the facility-use rules to permit members to hold business meetings at ABYC. Special mention was made of the great work done by Ted Flood, Paul Merrill and Merle Asper in getting 40 new memberships processed, and a new member's reception was held in March to welcome them all in.

Barbara Beland O'Connor, daughter of Mickey and Eleanor Beland, was named principal of Oak Middle School in Los Alamitos...New members included Bill and Pamela Durant and their children, Dustin, Tyler and Danica; Bill and Nancy Low and their children, Robbie and Betsy; and Dr. Jean Pierre Dufour and his wife Marie and their children James, Phillippe, Simon and Arnaud...Also, Merle and Kelly Asper converted to Regular members from Yachting.

Chris Ericksen, Club Historian



Spring Spruce Up - April 21 & 22

In consideration of last year's raceless Gaucho regatta, due to the lack of wind and heavy fog, this year's regatta was an improvement. While there were enough races for the regatta to be complete, conditions were not perfect. On Saturday there was little wind in the morning but it filled in towards the afternoon, and throughout the day there was fairly constant rain on the course. For a short time there was a postponement due to minimal wind, and racers waited under the tents in coverage from the rain. Afterwards, there was enough wind to carry out more races. On Sunday there was no rain, and fairly clear skies. As far as wind, there was high potential in the morning but it did not last as long as hoped for. The majority of the day was spent waiting for wind to pick up, and a final race was pushed through at the edge of time limit. All in all, conditions were not ideal but this regatta did get enough races off which is more than the previous year. Point Loma took first place for Gold Division and Tamalpais for Silver. The UCSB team did an excellent job of organizing and running the event, including former ABYC Junior Director Brad Schaupter who did an outstanding job. There were three different high schools competing under ABYC. Wilson, Poly, and SATO High School teams each raced in the event representing their schools. This was the final event of the technical season, with the only regatta remaining as the Pacific Coast Championships, commonly known as PCCs. The Gold teams will race out of the US Sailing Center in Long Beach and the Silver teams will race out of Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. For many of the Seniors these last few regattas have been quite nostalgic, as their season is coming to a close. We hope that this last event runs smoothly with good sailing conditions, providing a sweet end for the graduating high schoolers.

Julia Golison



Scenic pic from Gaucho Regatta in Saturday before rain moved in



Poly and Wilson teams at Gaucho Regatta in Santa Barbara w Coaches Allie and Nick

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.



nacra 15 clinic & midwinters

Kathy Melvin and Bronny Daniels photos

Nacra 15 Development Clinic and Midwinters West Fourteen Nacra 15 teams from across the continent descended upon ABYC the week of March 24th-31st for a US Sailing Development Clinic, followed by the Nacra 15 Midwinters West Regatta. The clinic, held from March 25-27, was coached by Olympians Helena Scutt, Jay Glaser and Pete Melvin, with support from Leandro Spina, director of US Sailing's Olympic Development Program. The clinic saw great conditions, with winds up to 20 kts and notable improvement was seen throughout the fleet.

The regatta, held from March 29th-31st, covered three days of intense competition, with breeze ranging from 6-17 knots. Eleven races were run on the ocean course off of Seal Beach. The team at ABYC pulled together to run an excellent event, and was appreciated by all competitors. Nico Martin and AnaClare Sole from Seabrook Sailing Club in Houston finished the event at the top of the podium, followed by Jack Sutter and Charlotte Versavel from San Francisco, and Matthew Monts and Carlyn Blauvelt from South Carolina and Georgia in 3rd. Our own ABYC members Max Mayol and brother Jake finished 4th, with Luke Melvin and Gray Hemans finishing in 7th.

Thank you to all who assisted - from our wonderful volunteers to our dedicated ABYC staff. Together we provided fantastic support for the growing Nacra 15 fleet, and it is much appreciated.

Kathy Melvin



Mark Townsend photo

**NACRA
15**

March 24th 10:00AM to 1:00PM

We had a really nice day with the Whaler training class. There were two instructors Dan/Dan. There were others that have spent some time on the Whalers and were very helpful in suggesting very useful things to add to the program.

Started the class at 10:00 and ended just before 1:00. As we sat around eating at the end for an informal debrief everyone thought they learned enough to be happy they attended. I asked each of them whether they now felt prepared to be able to handle a day on the water during a regatta and it was a unanimous yes.

That is a success to me. I would like to thank all who attended. I will try to have another in a few months time.

The program entailed all of the following:

How to run a boat

How to inflate the marks

Attaching anchor rode and anchor

Shrouding if it is not a mark in use

Things you should bring on the boat with you

Practical use of hand held wind vane

How to use a Compass Puck

How to set a GPS for waypoints needed

How to set up and place marks as well as moving them

What the PRO expects of you with your newfound proficiencies

There are overall rules on when a mark can be moved

Use of flags and placards for mark changes

Radio etiquette

Where to be, on the course, and where not to be

Safety procedures

Ask competitors if they would like assistance or instructing them that they are required assistance

End of the Regatta cleanup of the boat.

Instructors:

Dan DeLave

Dan Milefchik

Brent Ward

Alan Cunningham

Chris Marr

Eileen Edwards

Maria Milefchik

Karen Zieba

Lars Rosenblad



CONCLUSIONS:

1. As the incident is before the start Red, Green and Yellow have no proper course restriction.
2. Red collides with Green just before passing head to wind. Red on port failed to keep clear of Green on starboard, as required by rule 10.
3. The collision causes serious damage to both Red and Green. It was not reasonably possible for Green, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with Red when it was clear that Red was not keeping clear.
4. When green luffs as a result of the collision with Red, which is immediately after becoming overlapped to leeward of Yellow, there is a collision between Green and Yellow, which causes serious damage to both boats.
5. After the collision with Red, there is no seamanlike action that would enable Green to give room to Yellow. Green was compelled to break rule 15 and rule 16.1, and is exonerated under rule 21.
6. It was not reasonably possible for Yellow, a boat entitled to room to avoid contact with Green when it was clear that Green was not giving room. Yellow breaks rule 11, but is exonerated under rule 21.

DECISION

1. Red breaks rule 10 and 14.
2. Green was compelled to break rule 14, rule 15 and rule 16.1 and is exonerated under rule 21.
3. Yellow was compelled to break rule 11 and rule 14 and is exonerated under rule 21.

Mark Townsend

opening day

Well it is about that time of year again. Opening Day Ceremony is on May 5 which means our infamous Opening Day Raft-Up begins at noon on Friday May 4. Pat McCormick is the Raft Master and will be making a float plan, so get your reservations in early. You can use the sign-up sheet on the web site and send it to Pat at patricknmnmccormick@yahoo.com or call him at (562) 673-8418. Early arrivals will also need contact Pat for time and your location in the basin. We will begin at 1200 hours with cannon fire. Beer and Brats will be available immediately follow under the push-up until they are gone. Friday evening will be Opening Day Raft-Up/dinner. We will be receiving boats all afternoon and into the evening. The Raft-Up is open to all members and if you have a boat, we highly encourage you to participate. It has been a lot of fun in the past and this year will be no exception.

There is an Opening Day Notice of Party posted on the web site along with a sign-up sheet. Go to the calendar for May and click on Raft-Up on Friday May 4. The highly popular Passport will be back again with new adventures. Kathy Robinson will be administering the Passport program. We are looking forward to seeing you there for this event either with your boat or as strolling member. This will be a fun event.

Remember ABYC is the place to be!

Staff Commodore, Jon Robinson

opening day 2018

Come join us for the 92nd Opening Day at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Festivities include all the traditional things we look forward to, Friday raft up with food, drinks and music, Saturday club championship regatta, and open boat hospitality including a return of the raft-up passport.

We will start off the celebration at noon on Friday, May 4 with the firing of the canon to signify the beginning of the Raft-up of member's boats for the Opening Day celebration. Come say hello to our weekend harbor master, Pat McCormick on Friday afternoon, help raft-up the boats and have fun with your fellow members. Friday evening there will be food and beer with live music and a general party atmosphere. The bar will be open.

Saturday May 5th at 1100 we will have our club championship regatta. The coveted parking space is there for the taking. Spectating is available from the basin, clubhouse, and the beach. At 13:00 the fleet boats will be opening up for display and cocktails. We take a short break at 15:30 for the ceremony, then the fun continues with the staff commodore sponsored champagne and hour d'oeuvres on the docks. By popular demand, the ABYC passport is returning this year. Visit the raft-up boats, get your passport stamped, make some new friends, visit some old friends, and maybe take home a prize for being one of the most travelled raft-up visitors. Don't miss this one, it will be a great party. Save the weekend because ABYC is the place to be.

Jennifer Kuritz & Jon Robinson

hails from the fleets



SABOT SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH WAS MORE FUN BECAUSE WE HAD WIND. Eight eager Senior Sabot sailors showed up on the starting line March 11th for Sabot Sunday. We were not sure we were going to sail because the weather report didn't look promising. We made the decision to sail first thing in the morning so Scott Finkboner, who comes all the way from San Diego, could make it to ABYC in time to rig and race. Bob Reilly, who comes from Balboa, showed up because he knew we were going to sail! The weather and wind were really great so we sailed four races and still had time to enjoy beverages and appetizers on the patio.

In the A Fleet, Paul Ancil was 1st in Race 1, with Scott Finkboner 2nd, and Cindy Heavrin 3rd. It was great to have Chuck Hardin back on the water with a new mast partner. Chuck Hardin was 1st and Bob Anderson 2nd in B's.

The second race was sailed in approximately 11 knots. Scott Finkboner was 1st, with Cindy Heavrin 2nd, and John Ellis 3rd in the A Fleet. In B's Chuck Hardin was 1st.

Happily the wind continued for race three with John Ellis 1st, Scott Finkboner 2nd, and Cindy Heavrin 3rd in the A Fleet. In B's Bob Anderson was 1st.

We had plenty of time so we sailed a fourth race in lighter, but adequate wind. In the A Fleet Scott was 1st with Kathy Weishampel 2nd, and Bob Reilly 3rd. In B's Bob Anderson was 1st.

Overall Results: A – 1st Scott Finkboner, 2nd (6), 2nd Cindy Heavrin (12), and John Ellis 3rd (14); B 1st Bob Anderson

Jennifer Kurtz and faithful helper Lynn Drury did a great job running the races on the barge. Jim Drury and Tom Newton handled setting and moving marks in the Whaler.

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

UPCOMING SENIOR SABOT EVENTS

Senior Sabot Sunday, ABYC, April 15.

SCWSA Senior Sabot Regatta, NHYC, April 21. Let's get enough ABYC seniors to fill a Sabot trailer!

Senior Sabot Nationals, NHYC, June 9 - 10!

COME 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



From left A - 1st Scott Finkboner, 2nd Cindy Heavrin, 3rd John Ellis: B - 1st Bob Anderson



Nirvana II twilight sailing is coming soon. First upcoming regional regatta is the SCYA Midwinters on May 19 at Lake Gregory. Our Nirvana II fleet will be joined by the V-32 and RG 65 classes (in case you want to race in multiple classes). Entries are at scyamidwinterregatta.org. Daylight savings time has come, so Friday Racin' in the Basin is coming up as soon as it warms up. Racin' in the Basin is open to all RC sailboats, so time to start tuning your boats up for the coming season and enjoy fun racing and Happy Hour with us.. Anyone wanting to donate their Nirvana to the class, please call or email me.

Don Shirley

hails from the fleets



Snake Pit Report

Hi All,

The 2018 Viper 640 Southwest Circuit kicked off at the 30th annual Helly Hansen NOOD Regatta in San Diego over Saint Patrick's Day Weekend. We had 16 Vipers on the line from as far away as Vancouver, Canada. It was a cool weekend but no rain drowned our enthusiasm for the great boats, however, some of us drowned at the rum tent. :)

Mike Pentecost, along with Chuck Tripp and Garrett Brown, won the very competitive event. Our fleet was even judged the "MOST COMPETITIVE"; and, along with winning the weekend, Mike and company won the free charter invite to participate in the annual NOOD Championship Regatta in the British Virgin Islands this October. Good job boys!!

USA 223	Nice ASP	Mike Pentecost	3	3	1	4	1	1	2	5	5	25.0
USA 204	It's All Good	Jay Golison	1	4	2	1	4	6	4	2	4	28.0
USA 149	Venom	Jeff Grange	2	1	3	17/DNS2	2	2	1	1	2	31.0
USA 130	Amateurs	Mark Folkman	5	8	5	6	3	4	3	4	3	41.0
USA 267	Serpentine	Timothy Carter	8	2	6	3	7	3	7	7	7	50.0

The next stop on our circuit is the Santa Barbara Skiff Fest on May 19-20; but before that, be sure to come down to the Opening Day ceremonies on May 5 to watch the hot Vipers being used by the top sailors at the club racing in the Club Championship Regatta for a chance to win the "SPOT":

All of this is part of the ground swell in interest in the Viper 640 Class and the boat leading into the 2019 Viper Worlds being held at ABYC in August. Want to join in the fun?

Timbo



Lido Love



Well, in spite of some politicians' thoughts to the contrary, global warming exists. Now, sure, I know it's been a bit chilly, and I for one am hunkering down for Storm Watch. But I also see those little Lido's the yard, shivering and moldy, shirking off those nasty covers that have been their home for so many months. In fact, many of these poor, pitiful Lido's have been neglected since the end of Twilights last summer!

But indeed, summer, and global warming, is coming to Long Beach, kicking off on April 5th as the Official Opening Day hits ABYC. Also known as Lido Twilights, plan on coming down to peel back that disgusting cover, give the boat a good spritz, and make Lido Twilights your standard Thursday evening.

And to kick off summer's beginning on April 5th? As you've heard by now, your Fleet Captain has decided to go all in, and is having a free tri tip bbq that evening to kick off the summer! Mike Bauman is doing the cooking, and I can tell you that his tri tip is some of the best I've ever had. Throw in all the fixin's, and trust me, its going to be good. Your Fleet Captain has also decided that with the amount of money in the fleet bank account, lets make this beginning of summer bbq free to all dues paying members! So if you've paid your dues, enjoy. If you haven't paid your dues, come on down, pay your dues, and then enjoy a fleet bbq. And if you're more of a "friend" of the Lido fleet, ie. PRO, race committee, or you just don't sail any more, come down anyway, spend the fifteen bucks, and enjoy some great bbq. Please RSVP to kenreiff@gmail.com, and let Ken know how many are coming in your group, so that he knows how much tri tip, corn on the cob, and fixin's to buy.

In other news? ABYC's Lido fleet was well represented at Balboa for their Harry Wood regatta, with results to follow. Dates have also been set for Huntington Lake's High Sierra regatta, and dates have been set for Nationals at Encinal Yacht Club, in Oakland, right after High Sierra.

Glenn Selvin

KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



The last Keel Boat Fleet meeting, before our summer break, will be May 11. This is always a good one as we have it in the Quarter Deck. Everyone should bring there own entrée to cook on the bar be cue plus some thing for the pot luck table. As always the Fleet will provide paper plates, plastic cutlery, cups, napkins, serving spoons, barbecue utensils, etc.

Cocktails at 5:30 PM and the barbecue ready at 6:00PM with a short meeting to follow.

See you there,

George

more st pat's

Ken Reiff photos



cpr training



burgee presentation

Chuck Clay photo



Judge Rose presents a burgee from Bunbury Yacht Club, Australia at the March General Membership Meeting. Also pictured are Commodore Kevin Brown and Director Rob Stropky

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Instructions for Member Ads page

Submit your business card, 3.5" x 2" .jpg, .tif, .png or .jpg file to the club secretary at abyc.secretary@gmail.com or the Sou'wester editor at sharonpea@aol.com

Rates:

\$50/3 months

\$125/year

Billed directly to your club account

Contact the club secretary at abyc.secretary@gmail.com for non-member rates



Alamitos Bay Yacht Club



SPRING SPRUCE-UP

*Have Fun and Get the Club Ready
for a Fun Summer*

**Saturday - Sunday,
April 21 - 22, 2018
9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

*Morning Snacks, Lunch,
and Beverages will be
Served*



ABYC OPENING DAY HOST BOAT Raft-Up Party

NOTICE OF PARTY

Friday May 4, 2018

The Organizing Authority for the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Opening Day Host Boat Raft-Up Party will be the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, 7201 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90803.

1. RULES

1.1 The Party will be governed by the “rules” as defined in The Partying Rules of Sailing (PRS).

1.2 Partiers are reminded that under the preamble to Part 2 of the PRS, boats partying must comply with rule (37.2.1) of the Inland Party Rules (72 COLREGS) when they meet other partiers.

1.3 For PHPF (Party Hearty Partiers Federation) partiers, the Party will be a Category 4 event as defined by PHPF of Southern California.

2. ADVERTISING this party to your fellow members and guests is highly encouraged.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 All ABYC Members and their guests.

3.2 All classes of members are welcome.

3.3 Members and guests without class are eligible but encouraged to get some (classes are offered at LBCC).

4. FEES

This is Opening Day Weekend. We don't need no stinking fees.

5. SCHEDULE

Friday May 4, 2018 1st Beer Warning at 1155, Start cannon at 1200 Hours.

6. REGISTRATION

BOAT Registration is REQUIRED! – No kidding, we really need to know if you are coming, when you are coming, your dimensions and any special mooring requirements. You can use the sign up form on the web site or contact Pat McCormick at (562) 673-8418 or patricknmnmccormick@yahoo.com with your intentions and information.

We need to know you boat's dimensions so that we can develop an appropriate float plan.

7. PARTY INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Organizing Authority suggests that you chill out and have fun. How's that for PI's?

7.2 All participating boats will receive a 2018 Host Boat Pennant.

7.3 There will be beer and food (see Courses below).

8. VENUE

Basin 5 adjacent to ABYC.

9. COURSES

Cocktails with appetizers followed by brats and beers and probably a few more cocktails.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Suitable penalties will be administered by the Party Protest Committee for violations of the PRS.

11. SCORING

With discretion please. This is a family club.

12. BERTHING

We offer free storage and berthing for all REGISTERED boats from Friday May 4th through Sunday May 6st at noon.

13. PRIZES

The passport will be back and there will be some sort of prize.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

It's not our fault if you don't come and have fun.

15. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

Stay tuned for further announcements. Check the web site frequently and the Weekly Reader



Join us for a Special

Mother's Day Champagne Brunch

Menu

Teak Catering

Pasta & Omelette Bar

Made-to-Order with These Ingredients:

Diced Ham, Turkey, Tomatoes, Onions,
Olives, Bay Shrimp, Matchstick Vegetables,
and Marinara or Alfredo Sauce,
Topped with Parmesan Cheese, Chili Flakes,
Pico de Gallo and Much More...

Carving, Chafers and Salad

Rosemary-Roasted Beef Prime Rib with
All the Trimmings, Roasted Turkey Breast
with Honey Mustard, Maple Bacon, Chicken
Sausage, Potatoes Lyonnaise with Parmesan
Cream Sauce, Salad of Baby Greens with
Balsamic Vinaigrette

Breakfast Pastries Dessert Station

Bagels with Lox, Onion, Capers, and Cream
Cheese; Breakfast Pastries; Seasonal Fresh Fruit;
Assorted Mini-Cupcakes; and Lemon bars

Includes

Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Juices
and Champagne

Sunday

May 13, 2018

Serving from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Reservations by May 5th

Adults \$25 Kids (5 - 10) \$12.50
(4 and under eat free!)

After May 5th

Adults – \$30 Kids (5 - 10) \$12.50
(4 and under eat free!)

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Please Let Office Know:

- **Total Number in Your party**
- **Total Number of Mothers in Your party**

MEN'S DAY 2018

Sabot Skivvies Worlds

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Alamitos Bay Yacht club



Classes Divided by Weight – Everyone Sails Together

Check-In/Weigh-In: 9:30 am

Skippers Meeting 10:30 am

First Start: 11:30 am

Entry Fee \$25.00 Includes Lunch and Beer

NOR and Online Entry @ abyc.org