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junior Invitational

Brooke Jolly photos

The weekend of January 21st and 22nd, the Club hosted the Junior Invitational. We had 77 entries with sailors travelling from the San Diego area and from the clubs in between here and there. The PRO that weekend was Steve Flam. He is both incredibly knowledgeable, leading his team and getting well set courses off, as well as very good with the young sailors, helping answer questions and offer guidance on and off the water. Saturday five races were done for all the classes: A, B, C1, C2 and C3. The wind wasn't too heavy but remained consistent throughout the day with modest course adjustments made. The day was split up with a lunch break for the sailors. Sunday proved



to be similar as far as knots however it had shifted more South and luckily didn't shift much throughout the day. Four races were done for the As and Bs, with four for the C classes. No lunch break that day which was welcomed by all the coaches and most sailors but there were some "boos" for no burger break. All weekend the King Tides were in force and interesting to watch. Some kids managed to work it well, while others found themselves rolling the boat to weather to try to inch around the mark without hitting it. There



were circles that had to be done. The "A" fleet was quite an aggressive bunch on the start line which prompted the use of the Black flag being enforced on several races.

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers! Our ABYC team really put on a nice regatta and there were many "thanks" and "well done" comments by our guests.

Cheers,
Brooke Jolly

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save the date

Happy Hour - Mardi Gras	Feb 3
Happy Hours	Feb 3, 10, 17, 24
JAC/SAC/RMC	Feb 9
Patience Training	Feb 11
Super Bowl Party	Feb 12
Membership Meeting	Feb 17
Whaler Training	Feb 18
Adult Sabot Class	Feb 25-26
Taste of Ireland	March 3
Manning Regatta	March 4-5
<u>Full ABYC Calendar</u>	

manager's corner



2023 has come in full of excitement! We've got some interesting personalities coming into Congress and leadership, we're blessed to have one of our own leading the Long Beach community to justice as Dawn McIntosh takes over as Long

Beach City Attorney and we've got a lot of new members bringing great energy to our already pretty awesome club.

One of the best things about my childhood, even though I didn't know it at the time, was being able to sit in a room with elders and listen to them talk about everything from food & family, to justice & civil rights or sports and church. The beauty of it all was being able to just listen; we don't do enough of "just listening" much these days, everybody is so busy talking.

We had our General Membership meeting last week and I had a chance to just listen to Dawn as she shared some things about her journey to becoming the City Attorney, and some of the challenges along the way. I don't want to fill up her calendar, but for those of you that don't know Dawn, she's got great conversation and a great story. We're blessed to have her and her family as a member of the club, but also to have her in a place of well-deserved leadership. Justice is in good hands. And ABYC is a place where women have always found a way to shine; from Adra Kober to Norma Clapp, Nicole Peoples, Jennifer Kuritz & Staff Commodore Brooke, so she's in good company.

With Spring Spruce Up right around the corner(!!!), we'll be working on some housekeeping projects focused

on beautification. We've got the lobby painted, next up is the Jr. Room and then the Quarter Deck. We're also going to try to work in painting the Scoring Room/Morford Room/Stephen & Sheila's offices as well, but small steps at a time. We were able to get a pesky leak fixed in the yard so we shouldn't see water out there. I'm ordering new sprayers, those should be in next week.

We're working with a smaller menu than the summer time in an effort to control costs and also be cognizant of how long it takes to make food. During the peak season, we have 2 people cooking; Chef Ramon & Melissa. Right now, we have Ronnie working in the kitchen usually, and he's by himself so when everyone orders all at once, it takes a minute to execute fish and chips and wings and fries with one fryer. He's working hard so thank you in advance for your patience. We'll look to have the kitchen fully staffed during peak season, but for now, we're trying to balance the increase cost of labor and cost for food. In September 2022, I paid \$60 for a 15 dozen case of eggs; today, I'm paying between \$103.00 and \$110.00. Sysco & Costco didn't have iceberg lettuce, Smart & Final only had organic at \$5 a head and Sprouts only had limited supplies at one point. Harbor Distributing can't get/keep Pacifico kegs, Southern Wine & Spirits is having issues with certain tequila, rum, gin and vodka, so there's ongoing dominoes falling with regards to goods and services and the increase in pricing.

February will present a host of new and exciting days. Hopefully we'll have the kind of weather than makes you want to come to the club. We're doing a small brunch menu every Sunday with Bloody Mary's and Mimosas available so don't be afraid to come and spend the day watching boats and enjoying the company of some of my usual brunch suspects.

See you at the club!

Reggie

commodore's compass



January was a great month to be a member of ABYC. Every time I'm down at the club, be it for a meeting, volunteering, or just hanging out, it amazes me about what a great club we are. From the quality of the events, the execution of the race management, the volunteers,

and the comradery, all of it makes it so special.

This past January we had four members recognized by various organizations for their contributions to our sport. Riley Gibbs was recognized for his Olympic efforts by SCYA (Andy Gram Trophy), Jo Murray for her contributions to the sport by SCYA (Webster Trophy) Kathy Weishampel as the Yachtswoman of the year by ASPBYC, and Ravi Parent being nominated by US Sailing as the

Rolex Yachtsman of the year. Congrats to them for their achievement and making us proud!

In January we hosted the Jr Invitational Regatta sailed in Sabots. This is part of the SCYYRA North Series with over 70 jr sabot sailors calling from Marina Del Rey to San Diego. Many thanks to our volunteers who executed the regatta flawlessly under the leadership of Jr Staff Commodore Brooke Jolly with Steve Flam handling the race committee function. I received a tremendous number of compliments about the regatta, the club, and volunteers. Thank you again to all those that volunteered.

We had the Race Management Volunteer (and sign up to be a volunteer) Party the last happy hour in January. If you missed this opportunity, it is not too late to sign up and get involved and volunteer. There are always on the water opportunities as well as ashore positions We have a lot of events we need to staff this year. Many

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thanks to Steve Kuritz, Mark Townsend, and the entire RM committee for organizing. Sign up!

If you are hesitant to sign up for being a volunteer on the water, in February, we have both whaler training and Patience training. February 11th is Patience training, where we will receive instructions on how to operate our signal boat and how the various systems work, engine, electric, windlass, etc. On February 18th; for whaler training we will receive instructions on how to operate a whaler

and what is expected if you are operating a whaler. Great refresher for those that have been before, or for first timers. Sign up on the website.

There is movement on our wall, and not the kind of movement we felt during the earthquake this past month. We'll be sharing as the plans come together.

See you at the Club.

Mike

ABYC, the place to be in '23

vice **verses**



Hello members! Not much to report this month, other than the big crane is temporarily out of commission. Hopefully we have had it repaired by the time of this publication. The wall effort is underway, with some quotes in and a couple of design considerations are in

progress.

With the recent rains I have bailed quite a few boats in the yard, only to have more rains swing by a couple of days later and more bailing. You're welcome. Come by

check on your boat, get it ready for the sailing season, and expect to go sailing and demonstrate you have a seaworthy vessel. Do you need help to get your dinghy shipshape? Don't hesitate to call your Fleet Captain for some help and recommendations, and come to the club for some time to prep your boat. We'd love to see you here!

I'm still looking for a House Committee to help plan and coordinate improvements to our clubhouse. If you have a knack for home improvements, and have some ideas for the club that you would like to see happen, let me know you would like to participate.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

Gabe Ferramola

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Sou'Wester DEADLINE

February 24, 2023 is the deadline for the March Sou'Wester.

Help us to Help you!

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

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2023 is already one month old— time to go sailing!

For those of you looking to become sailors or to improve your skills, we have both junior and adult sailing programs coming up.

The junior sailing spring program gets untracked in February with high school practice commencing on February 1 and Saturday practices for Optis, double-handed and ILCA starting on February 4. Fifty people signed up... so far. The beginning and intermediate classes start up later in the Spring. The ILCA program now has excellent boats owned by or chartered to the Club, with new equipment ranging from the ILCA 4 small rig to the full ILCA 7 rig. Word is this program will be taught by a legendary Laser sailor. For double handed, the new FJs and C420 will roll out in due course. Lots to learn and lots of fun.

Adult sailing is up and running— the 2023 programs kicks off in March. We have multiple programs this year. The Tempest ASA certification program is being run by Dominic Meo and Henk Baar with ABYC members as instructors— I believe we have ten members who have gone through the instructor course at this point. There is also an adult learn to sail sailing program in sabots on two weekends, end of February and in April. Thanks to the senior sabots for getting that organized with our Director of Sailing Stephen Long.

We are looking to add an adult group keelboat sailing program. We have our eye on a J22... or two... for that program.

And finally, speaking of J22s, we are looking to add a match race program. Member Steve Flam, one of the best match racers on the planet, is lined up to make that program succeed.

ABYC— the place for sailors to be.

See you on the water,

Ed Feo, Rear Commodore

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fleet captain's g



Be a Volunteer *Patience* and Whaler & Mark Set Boat Driver

ABYC is offering instruction in how to operate Race Committee boat *Patience* and our Race Committee whalers. Training on the operation of *Patience* is on **Saturday February 11th**.

Training on whaler operation is on the following **Saturday February 18th**.

Training will cover *Patience* systems as well as docking and anchoring, while whaler training will cover setting GPS waypoints,

whaler operation, setting and moving race marks as well as basic boat care points.

Register for both courses on the ABYC website, Calendar drop-down menu, select Events and scroll down to the listings for the courses.

Come join us on February 11th and 18th, Rain or Shine



California Boater Cards



more fleet captain

If you are planning to operate a powerboat, be aware of the requirement in California to obtain a **California Boater Card**: <https://californiaboatercard.com/>

“As of the dates shown below, these boaters will be required to carry a boater card issued by DBW, unless they meet certain exemptions.”

- January 1, 2023 Persons 50 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2024 Persons 60 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2025 All persons regardless of age

For those of you interested in offshore racing, here is a schedule that may interest you:

2023 Yacht Racing Union of Southern California (YRUSC) Ocean Racing Championship (ORC) Races and Sponsoring Clubs

- February 11-12 LAYC Around Catalina
- May 13 DRYC Point Dume and Return
- May 27-28 CBYC/DPYC Around Catalina
- May 28 OYC/SWYC Oceanside to San Diego
- July 8 SLBYC/DPYC Seal Beach to Dana Point
- July 30-31 SBYC/KHYC Santa Barbara to King Harbor
- September 2 SYC/DWYC/DPYC Long Beach to Dana Point
- October 6-7 SWYC San Diego to Ensenada International Yacht Race

kathy weishampel award

One of my duties as Fleet Captain is to be the ABYC representative to the Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs. ASPBYC is the organization that places and maintains the permanent racing buoys in the harbor. Semi-permanent I should say, as several of these marks currently reside in our East Yard awaiting repair and fresh paint, but I digress.

The best part of the most recent ASPBYC meeting was a presentation to **Kathy Weishampel** of the ASPBYC **Yachtswoman of the Year Award for 2023** at Long Beach Yacht Club January 17th. “*The Yachtswoman of the Year Trophy is a service award for which a perpetual trophy is awarded and displayed at the club of the recipient until her successor recipient is named. The trophy remains the property of the Association, who shall have sole right to determine its disposition. Each recipient of the trophy shall also receive an appropriate plaque or scroll that she may keep, commemorating the award.*” The trophy shall be awarded to yachtswomen from within San Pedro Bay who have made a great or creative contribution to the yachting community of San Pedro Bay.

Kathy's well-deserved award is thanks to Kathy's many achievements and the efforts of **Karen Zieba** and **Mark Townsend** who drafted a comprehensive nomination document sighting Kathy's many contributions to our sport which **Mike Van Dyke** highlighted at the presentation ceremony. It was also nice that **Kathy's** son Patrick, visiting from Portland OR, was able to attend. **Congratulations Kathy!**

Stephen Smith



the bay logger

The beginning of 2023 has been very relaxing for the ABYC Junior sailors. There has only been one notable junior regatta in the new year, but many of our sailors made their way over to Florida for the annual Orange Bowl regatta at the end of 2022.

The Orange Bowl regatta is the largest youth regatta in the US, and we had seven ABYC juniors attend the regatta. The regatta is hosted by Coral Reef Yacht Club each year in South Beach, FL. The regatta pulls dinghy sailors in from across the world, with over 14 nations competing in the regatta. In the Optimist Champ Fleet, we had **Gage Christopher** finish 36th and **Timothy Liu** finish 69th out of 215. In the ILCA 6 fleet, **Tommy Kraak** finished 15th and **Kathi Keller** 96th out of 113. In the C420 fleet, we had **Noah Stapleton** and **Piper Blackband** finish 6th, **Tate Christopher** and **Taylor Bartell** finish 7th, **Dylan Sih** and **Dylan Garcia** finished 10th out of 78.

For the first weekend of the new year, our sailors got to sail against over 100 high schools off Rosie's Dog Beach for the Rose Bowl regatta. Rose Bowl is the third

regatta in a series of five regattas to determine which teams qualify for the High School Coed Feet Race National Championship. Wind conditions were light and variable, but our sailors were able to push through and achieve some impressively consistent score lines. **Los Alamitos** finished 17th in Silver out of 26 teams. We had two teams in Bronze—St. John Bosco and Earnest McBride. **McBride** finished in 7th, while **Bosco** finished 22nd out of 25 teams.

The Junior Program starts back up in the beginning of February, so be sure to stop by to see what the kids are up to in the new year.

Stephen Long, Sailing Director



orange bowl

Jen Dysart photos

It was such a fun holiday in Miami being the shore crew. We delivered Starbucks, protein bars, quarters for laundry & water daily so that we felt useful but mostly we just hung around trying to look cool while they did the real work. We watched from afar as they expertly raced C420's & Opti's. Both made gold fleet and Tate + Taylor placed 7th overall. They did let us buy them a lot of Nutella stuffed french toast which we will crave until next year when we will hopefully return.

Look at them go! Love these skippers and crew!
Jen Dysart



junior advisory corner

The Rose Bowl Regatta, which took place on the 7th and 8th of January, a month christened with refreshing rains, at our Long Beach Granada launch ramp.

Three of our high school teams attended, Los Alamitos in Silver, Mc Bride and St John Bosco in Bronze. There were 78 high school teams in total.

The logistics of this event was doomed from the beginning. Our teams had to get their boats to the launch ramp on Friday. The initial idea was to sail the boats there, but there were greater than usual waves, which made it difficult to get the boats to the beach. So, the kids made up their own ways to deliver the boats on the dollies: Stewart sat in the back of his dad's SUV holding on to the mast while John drove the car slowly to the launch ramp. They made it impressively quickly. Mathilde and Anielka decided to walk the 1.5 miles, but they gave up after 20 minutes and were helped out by Stewart and John. The Mc Bride team decided to use the electric bike and wiz the boat there without the mast. All boats were delivered.

There was not a lot of wind on Saturday, so the races were postponed to about 1 pm. They had to make up the lost time on Sunday to make the race official. In the end, Los Alamitos came 17/26 in Silver, Mc Bride 7/25 and St John Bosco 22/25 on Bronze.

Then they had to take the boats back to ABYC. This time they were able to sail/tow them back, but some boats ended up in the wrong location, and 1 was left on the beach. Eventually, all was well, and parents took some very wet and tired kids home.

Regine Smet



End of Rose Bowl Regatta with Catalina and beautiful clouds in the background

membership report

Happy February everyone! We are one month closer to the sailing season. Let's hope the weather backs off a little and allows us to get out and enjoy the club more often.

We have a new approved member, James Lawson, a member of the still strong Finn class as well as a new posting to membership, Deborah McDougal.

Hope to see you all at the club soon.

Michael Oliver, Director of Membership

mark's racing rules quiz #99

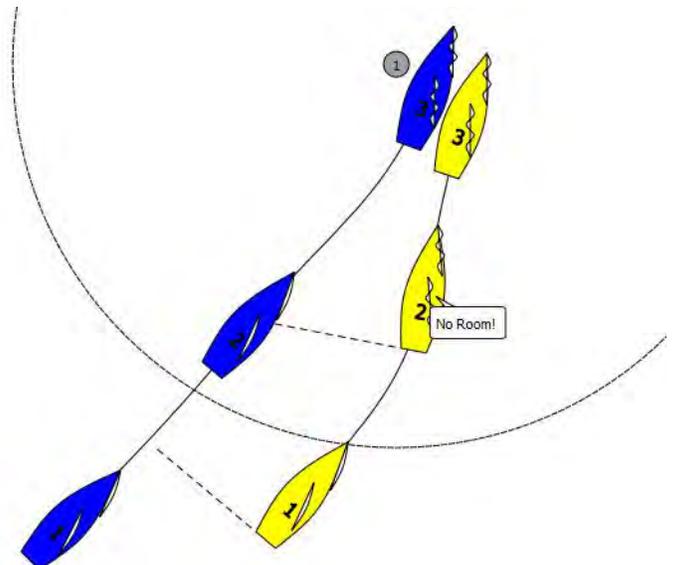
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Yellow and Blue are approaching the windward mark which they are required to leave to port. They are close-hauled on parallel courses with Yellow clear ahead. After reaching the zone Yellow luffs above close-hauled, hails "no room" and coasts towards the mark. Blue becomes overlapped inside Yellow and luffs to avoid contact. There was no contact. Neither boat took a penalty.

Yellow claimed that Blue did not have mark-room so cannot go inside her at the mark.

Blue argues because there was no contact so she kept clear. Yellow luffed to tack and Yellow's mark-room does not include room to tack. Also because Yellow changed course, she must give her time and opportunity to keep clear,

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



we are a volunteer club

Considerations of a Volunteer Club:

ABYC is primarily operated by member volunteers, so not only do we get to keep our dues reasonable, but we also get to shape the Club environment directly according to our membership. Recently, volunteer participation has been slightly lackadaisical, so we encourage all members to join the party and support the Club in any way they are comfortable.

Some things to consider:

- Serve on a committee: Whether it's race management, social committee, or the board of directors, there's always room for eager volunteers at the Yacht Club.
- Maintenance and repair of our fleet of boats: If you're a fixer-upper, this one's for you!
- Decoration: If you have an eye for design and love getting into the holiday spirit, why not help deck the halls (and flagpoles) during the Christmas season?

Committee involvement:

Race management and social committee meet once a month to plan the future events of the Club. Each of these groups are eager and prepared to have more people involved.

These are important parts of our Club, as they have primary responsibility for organizing and planning events and activities. Involvement in these committees would be a good way to help shape the direction and the focus of the Club while contributing ideas in the planning of events. This is also the best way to stay informed about what is happening at the Club.

On the water with the Race Committee:

- Being on a whaler and setting marks: Place and maintain the buoys or other markers that define the racecourse. With a little guidance from an experienced mentor, you'll be a pro in no time!
- On the Committee boat keeping the races fair: Assist the race officials in running the races and ensuring that they are fair. Whether it's setting up the start line, running flags, timing, tracking the progress of the races, or maintaining records (scoring), your help will ensure that everyone has a fair and competitive race.

Fleet maintenance:

- Keep the fleet afloat: Use your skills and knowledge to help keep our fleet of boats in good condition and ready for use - because a well-maintained boat is a happy boat!

House Committee:

- Assist the with the Club's interior and exterior décor. Give the Club a fresh new look whether it's renovating outdoor areas, a new coat of paint, or a little landscaping love by planting a variety of colorful flowers,

these updates can make a big difference in the Club's look and feel.

- Help to accentuate the seasons with decorations: • Get festive: Whether it's Christmas, Easter, or Halloween, decorating the Club for different seasons can make it feel special and welcoming.

These touches will make the Club look and feel better, making everyone's experience more pleasant.

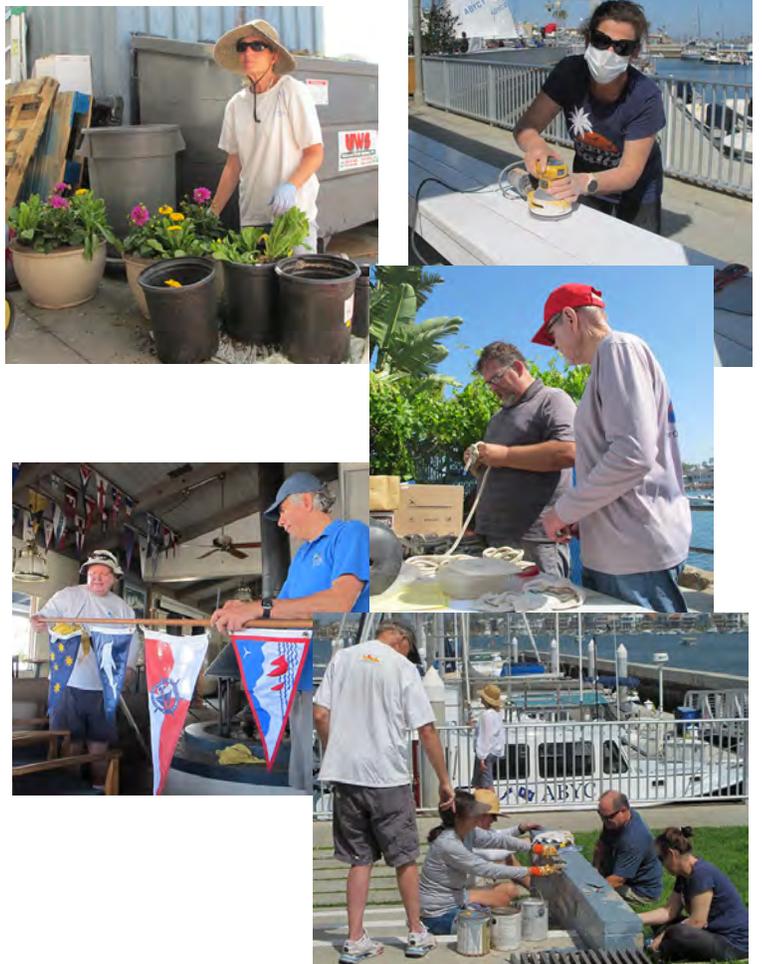
The board of directors:

These elected folks in charge, are responsible for running the show at the Club. They make important decisions, set policies, and keep things running smoothly. Serving on the board can be a big commitment, but it's also a big opportunity to shape the direction and success of the Club. If you're interested in lending a hand and joining the board, let us know and we'll fill you in on the process.

Lastly:

If you see something that needs attention at the Club, speak up! Bring it to the attention of the appropriate person or group. By doing this, you can help ensure that the issue is addressed and resolved in a timely manner. By volunteering your time and energy, you can help to ensure that the Club remains a success and a great place for all members to enjoy. Your help is always appreciated!

Dan DeLave



volunteer opportunities

Volunteering at ABYC is a great way to meet new people, hang-out with friends, learn new skills, and help run top-notch events for which ABYC is famous – all while having fun! Many of our volunteer opportunities revolve around regattas and social activities.

Here are some great opportunities to get involved at ABYC in the next couple months:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
2/4	Lido 14 Fleet Race	Jack Johnston (nofoulies@gmail.com)
2/11	Patience Training	Steve Kuritz (kuritz@earthlink.net)
2/18	Whaler Training	Steve Kuritz (kuritz@earthlink.net)
2/19	Sr. Sabot Fleet Race	Cindy Heavrin (cmHeavrin@verizon.net)
3/4 & 3/5	EE Manning Regatta	Ed Feo (rearcommadore@abyc.org)
3/24 to 3/26	ILCA Midwinters West	Mike Van Dyke (commadore@abyc.org) Or Ed Spotsky (espotman@aol.com)

Please feel free to reach out to the individuals above if you are interested in helping on any of these events.

In addition, Fleet Captain, Steve Smith (fleetcaptain@abyc.org) is looking for help taking care of boats and equipment, and Director of Social Activities, Karen Zieba (bod.sac@abyc.org) is seeking volunteers to help with social events. Dave Crockett is looking for helpers with the ABYC Boutique and Trophies.

If you have any questions about volunteering at ABYC, please contact our Director of Volunteers, Dave Crockett, at bod.volunteers@abyc.org.

SafeSport

Please take the SafeSport training if you have not already done so. Everyone who works with or around Junior Sailors should take the training. Let Sheila Mattox (sheila@abyc.org) know when you have completed the training.

Member Information

Please update your information on the ABYC Roster. There is a place for “Volunteer areas of interest” in your Member Details. It is easy to fill out and will be very helpful to us all in the future. Contact Director of Volunteers, Dave Crockett, at bod.volunteers@abyc.org if you have any questions.

Dave

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
at **ABYC**

*Mardis Gras
Madness*

**Friday
February 3rd
6 – 9 p.m.**

*Rob Covacevich
on Sax!*

Life of the Mardi! It's Time To Get Jazzy!

Beads and Bling:
**It's a
Mardi Gras
Thing!**

friday night live

Lori VanSkyhock photos

Live, from Alamitos Bay . . . it's Friday Night Live!
 Thank you Mike Waugh, Barbara Reed and Jammin' Jeff for a fabulous evening of entertainment! (Impromptu harmonica addition was a bonus!)



boxing day race

Stacey Schack photos



Mike VanDyke, winner. Trophy presented by Gordon Palmer and Jennifer Kuritz. Dan DeLave photo



ADULTS...LEARN TO SAIL IN A NAPLES SABOT!

Come down to ABYC and join your friends and learn to sail with the help of a sailing coach. Classes are scheduled for February and April. Non-members are welcome to participate.

FEBRUARY

Saturday/Sunday February 25-26

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

\$120.00

APRIL

Saturday/Sunday – April 29 – 30

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

\$120.00

Don't miss this opportunity. Get your feet and/or your bottom wet and enjoy a few sunny, springtime days on the Bay. We promise an enjoyable learning experience filled with valuable knowledge.

DON'T OWN A SABOT?

ABYC has fully-equipped, beautifully rehabbed, Naples Sabots for charter for classes. Want to practice in a Sabot on a non-class day? Ask Sailing Director, Stephen Long about chartering a Sabot.

Charter Fee: \$80.00 per Weekend Class

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL SAILING DIRECTOR,
STEPHEN LONG: sailingdirector@abyc.org**

SIGN UP ONLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 25 – 26 CLASS:

<https://abyc.org/register/camp/Ds2sJokCST/class>

ADULTS...LEARN TO SAIL IN A NAPLES SABOT!

mark's rules answer #99

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Yellow has mark-room, but that doesn't include room to tack. Tactically Yellow wants to close the door by luffing after entering the zone. Provided Yellow does not pass head to wind, Blue must keep clear under rule 11. If Yellow passes head to wind Yellow and Blue will be on opposite tacks on a beat to windward, and rule 18 will no longer apply. Yellow will also become the keep clear boat under rule 13 and Blue will not need to initially give Yellow room to keep clear under rule 15, because Blue acquired right of way because yellow passed head to wind.

Rule 11 required Blue to keep clear of Yellow. Keep clear means something more than avoiding contact. The fact that the boats did not collide does not necessarily mean that Blue complied with rule 11. The key question is whether Yellow was able to 'sail her course with no need to take avoiding action'. At position 3 Yellow cannot continue to luff without immediately making contact with Blue. Blue is therefore not keeping clear and breaks rule 11.

CONCLUSION

1. Blue to windward failed to keep clear of Yellow to leeward, and broke RRS 11.

DECISION

1. Blue is DSQ in the race.
See you on the water.
Mark Townsend

Got Sails?



The Juniors are collecting old sails to recycle into duffel 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.



hails from the fleets



New Year's Eve day in Long Beach dawned with light rain and threat of more to come for the running of the annual Boxing Day Pursuit race on Alamitos Bay.

As racers rigged their boats and ate breakfast from the Galley, in the warmer confines of the upstairs clubhouse, the rain abated and a promising breeze was evidenced by the banners on the Ballast Point restaurant across the Bay.

Several of our Bay race marks were out of commission for this regatta, resting in the east yard awaiting new ground tackle, repair and new paint. The missing marks were temporarily replaced with our smaller yellow tetrahedrons by **Martyn Bookwater**, assisted by Robert Dubrish on the Bay Barge.

Racing began with *Naples Sabots* starting at 13:16, *Cal20s* and *Lido14s* started at 13:44 with *ILCA6s* at 13:45, *ILCA7s* at 13:48 with *Finns* and a smattering of other classes in the mix. Keeping up with the *Cal20s* was a challenge as we had only brief periods when we could plane. After a couple of marks, **Mike Van Dyke** and **Chuck Clay** stretched out to unassailable leads finishing first and second. About three quarters of the way through the allotted time for the race, savvy and quick *ILCA* racer himself, **Chris Raab** in a *Finn*, passed the *ILCAs* to finish third overall. *ILCA7* racer Andy Horning from Seal Beach YC finished fifth. It was nice to see Brian Cottrell from King Harbor back on an *ILCA* at ABYC finishing sixth. Other *ILCA* racers finishing in order were; your author on an *ILCA6*, **Mark Barnard** from ABYC on an *ILCA6*, Bert Heidenreich on an *ILCA7*, Dennis Tran from Navy on an *ILCA7* and **Michael Ryan** from ABYC on an *ILCA7*.

Once again, the Boxing Day regatta turns out to be a low-key, fun event on the ABYC race calendar. Many thanks to the originator of the Boxing Day Regatta, **Mark Townsend** and to **Gordon Palmer** and his team for running this year's event.

The next regatta on the *ILCA* Fleet calendar is the **E.E. Manning Regatta March 4-5** and flowed by a major *ILCA* regatta, the **ILCA Midwinters West at ABYC March 24-26**. We hope you will join us!

Steven Smith, ABYC *ILCA* Fleet Co-Captain



hails from the fleets

Pat McCormick photos

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Lido Love



Bill Moore Memorial Regatta Recap

Ladies and Gents-

Such a great turnout for our season opener!

Thanks to all of the sailors for coming out, especially the travelers from Newport and beyond. Our new friends Nick and Kate came out from Ohio to join us in the B fleet. We're hoping to see them again soon. Thank you to Martyn, Michio, Sharon, Jim, and Alan for manning the barge, Pat and Ed for working the whaler, and Deby for working the registration desk! Thanks to Reggie, Alia, Dwayne and Ronnie for putting together a great after party.

And thanks to Glenn Selvin for this great recap...

Every year, Lido Fleet Six runs the Bill Moore Regatta and Burger Bash, a regatta held to keep Bill's legacy alive. A valuable member of Fleet Six and our long time Treasurer, we lost Bill a few years ago. We're thankful to be able to race in Bill's honor, as racing his Lido was certainly one of Bill's favorite pastimes.

Held literally between rain storms, 17 As signed up with 13 of us showing up to brave the chilly temperatures, but with champagne conditions on the water. 4 in the B fleet made for a very crowded bay, especially given what appeared to be a Sabot clinic in the bay, just below our own starting box. Martyn Bookwalter, Fleet Six's personal PRO was joined by Sharon Pearson, Alan Cunningham, and I'm sure a few others, on the barge, where they literally banged out five races in two hours, thereby bypassing our union mandated lunch break! As the last boat was finishing, off went Martyn's beep beep beep, and we're were off to the races again. A huge thanks to Martyn and all of his crew for holding this regatta for us, as it really was a blast. We all figured we'd be in for burgers by 3-3:30. Nope! We were in by 2PM! There was a keg in the yard, and a Pez dispenser with it, dispensing Advil. Subsequent to the racing was the Burger Bash part of the Bill Moore Regatta and Burger Bash, with burgers and all the fixins held upstairs, prior to the prize giving. A wonderful fire in the upstairs firepit, great camaraderie and friendships, and with the bar flowing in all its grandeur! Just a wonderful way to wind up a great day on the water.



The A fleet was won by Mark Ryan, with Kevin Thomas in 2nd, followed by Bob Little, Grant Hill, and John Papadopoulos. Bruce and Pam Gallaher won the B fleet. Next up on the agenda, barring some February Lido events that have yet to be disclosed by management, is the Harry Wood regatta down at BYC, March 19th. This has been canceled a few times due to lack of sign ups, so let's show BYC and Fleet One some love by showing up! Don't own a Lido? Buy one of these fat little boats, and j

Jack and Deby



hails from the fleets



Our last Sabot Sunday on January 8th had perfect conditions with 9 boats on the water and a lot of competitive sailing! New to join in on the fun was Gail Gallaher, who finished first in the B fleet

edging out her mother Pam on a tie breaker. Gail improved on every race and was mixing it up with the A fleet on the first leg of the last race. The A fleet was dominated again by Scott Finkboner of MBYC, with Cindy Heavrin in 2nd and Kathy Weishampel in 3rd. Thank you to race committee Ron & Carol Clanton and Will Vrooman.

February 19th is the next ABYC Sabot Sunday racing. Join us for casual day of racing. 12:00 noon start, 3 races.

INSA membership is open and stickers are ready to be mailed out as soon as you renew your membership. Support the Sabot class association and join INSA at <https://naples-sabot.org/membership>

Sabot Nationals will be held in San Diego at Coronado Yacht Club, June 10-11. Measuring will take place on Friday, June 9th at CYC, which will make this a 3-day event. Start thinking about making hotel reservations now if you plan on attending.

Sailing Director Stephen Long along with Kathy Weishampel have put together adult Sabot sailing lessons. Classes are scheduled for February and April. Non-members are also welcome to participate.

FEBRUARY

Saturday/Sunday February 25-26 –
10:00 am to 2:00 pm, \$120.00

APRIL

Saturday/Sunday – April 29 – 30
10:00 am to 2:00 pm, \$120.00

If you don't own a Sabot ABYC has fully-equipped, beautifully rehabbed, Naples Sabots for charter for classes.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL SAILING DIRECTOR, STEPHEN

L O N G
sailingdirector@abyc.org

SIGN UP ONLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 25 – 26 CLASS:

<https://abyc.org/register/camp/Ds2sJokCST/class>

Any Sabot Fleet questions or to get on the Sabot Fleet email list contact Cindy Heavrin via email at cmheavrin@verizon.net. Hope to see you on the water soon!



January is my favorite month of the year. Beautiful sunsets, sunny days and very often snow-capped mountains can be seen. Such was the case these past few weekends. Some of our Viper fleet is preparing for The Viper 640 Worlds being held near New Orleans at Lake Pontchartrain, while others are working on their boats for the upcoming year- either way we are down at the club and enjoying what we have.

The Viper and Multi-Hull fleets are the host fleets for the E.E. Manning Regatta in early March. Should we contact you to help out on shore or water duty, please help us out, or even better, please email me at stevebloemeke@gmail.com and let me know your preference of where you would be interested in helping out. We will need people for registration, scoring, buoy placement e.g. whaler duty, manning Patience and the Bay Barge, Parking, etc. This is usually a fun event to run and we normally have more fun than the competitors!

If you think that your boat is perfectly fine from sitting in the yard following the past rains, you are grossly mistaken! It seems that all boats have pooling on their covers creating botanical mysteries, and some look like petri dishes. Remember that rain water will travel down the mast and bypass the boat cover...

Enjoy the club and use your boat! It's why we live in California.

Fair sailing.

Steve Bloemeke, Viper 640 Fleet Captain



hails from the fleets



To all Cal 20 Fleet members, it is time to mail in your **fleet dues**. Go to <https://www.cal20.org/Join-The-Class>, print out the dues form, and mail in with your check. Get it out of the way now and support the Cal 20 class.

The Cal 20 fleet is hosting the **February 17 General Membership Meeting**. *Mike Segerblom of the U.S. Sailing Center of Long Beach* will be the featured speaker. If you are not familiar with the Sailing Center, check out their website at <https://www.usclub.org>. If you can volunteer to help set up, serve, bus tables, please let me know. Also, go to the ABYC website and get your reservation in now!

Please welcome **new ABYC member and Cal 20 owner Jeff Tighe**. Jeff recently joined ABYC and didn't waste any time acquiring a Cal 20. He has quickly made necessary trailer and boat repairs and has already sailed in the Christmas Fun Run and Boxing Day. Congratulation Jeff!

Midwinter Regatta this year is at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club on Saturday, February 11th. This one-day regatta will be lots of fun. Arrange for a tow up in the morning and join the Hurricane Gulch sailors for a great day on the water!

After that, the next 1-design sailing is Wet Wednesdays in May. From now until then is a great time for boat projects and improvements. Also, check your boat for rain water. A dry boat is a happy boat.

Cal 20's, what a fun boat!

Jeff Ives



January 22nd for the DF95's had a good turnout of 13 boats for the first race of the season at El Dorado Boat Pond. Winds varied from 0 to 4 knots from various directions creating unique challenges and position changes.

February Calendar has plenty of opportunities coming up:

DF 65 February 5th at El Dorado

DF 65 February 18 at Mason Lake

DF 95 February 19th at El Dorado

DF 95 February 25th at Mason Lake and

SCYA Midwinters DF95 **February 26, 2023**

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Your Blood Program *Impact*

The lifesaving chain from blood donor to a patient in need depends on the commitment of our partners to host drives regularly throughout the year. Here's a snapshot of your recent lifesaving impact:

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club



Friday, January 20, 2023



3 Donors deferred



21 Pints collected



4 Power Red donors



91% of Goal



Potentially impacting
up to 63 lives



20 Donors registered



2 First time donors

Thank you for your lifesaving impact—your support proves to be an invaluable resource to the patients whose lives depend on it.

Behind all of the numbers, there are real people, real families and real hope!



Cody Hermeling was involved in a horrific car crash. After being rescued from his crushed vehicle, Hermeling was transported to a local hospital where doctors gave him less than a 3 percent chance of survival. He sustained severe head trauma, numerous fractures and a ruptured spleen. Emergency treatments included receiving 187 pints of red blood cells, platelets and plasma. Hermeling survived his injuries—thanks in large part to medical care and volunteer blood and platelet donors. While the crash left him blind, he is otherwise healthy and well today. Since 2011, Hermeling and his mother have sponsored an annual blood drive with the Red Cross—collecting hundreds of pints of blood to benefit patients in need.

It is real peoples' stories like this that provide a true measure of the incredible impact of our combined efforts. Thank you for standing with the American Red Cross to help save lives.



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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!



MARDI
GRAS
JAZZ &
FUNK
& FOOD!



Friday, February 3rd

6-9 pm

Friday Night Live Presents

Rob Covacevich

on Sax

Upstairs on the

Second Deck Lounge

BEADS & BLING... IT'S A MARDI GRAS THING!



ABYC IS THE PLACE TO BE!





Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, February 12

Fun Starts 3:00pm  Kick-Off 3:30pm

PARTY

Join Your Friends
Upstairs on
the Second Deck



– Potluck Set-Up 3:00 pm –

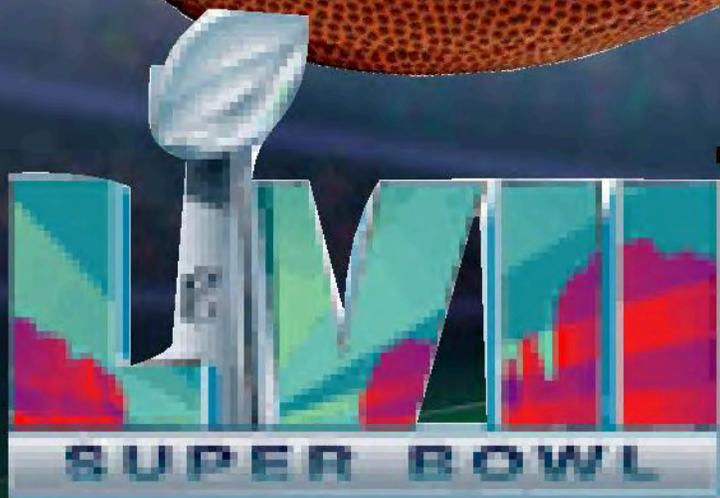
Bring Your Favorite Dish
Upstairs to Share!

– Entertainment –

Game Board Fun
with Cheerleader Brooke!

– RSVP's NOT NECESSARY –

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





ALAMITOS BAY YACHT CLUB

Become a Volunteer Whaler Driver

Training Class

Saturday February 18th



LEARN TO:

- Run a whaler
- Set GPS Waypoints
- Set, Place and Move Marks
- Communicate with Race PRO

Register on ABYC CLUBSPOT:

<https://abyc.org/register/camp/x0C91qWOuU/class>

For questions about the class contact Steve Kuritz: KURITZ@earthlink.net

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prior to attendance, *but this is not a requirement.*



ALAMITOS BAY YACHT CLUB

Be a Volunteer *PATIENCE* Driver

Training Class

Saturday February 11th



LEARN:

- *Patience* Systems
- Docking & Anchoring

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Keep Them Warm!

It's a new year. Time to clean out your closets and look for used towels and blankets. Help us provide blankets to keep dogs and cats off the cold concrete at animal shelters and give them a warm, cuddly spot to lay on. Towels will dry them off and warm them after a bath.

Please bring plastic-bagged, clean blankets and towels, labeled with your name, to the ABYC office during the month of March.

Items will be donated to animal shelters in the area like the Pitchford Animal Shelter, Live Love Animal Rescue, Inc. and the Seal Beach Animal Shelter.

Thanks! Trish Clay & Kathy Robinson

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Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

Taste of Ireland

March 3

6:00 - 9:00 pm

menu
Bangers & Mash 🍀 Shamrock Pasta;
Irish Soda Bread 🍀 Special Dessert



Music by "Whiskey Sunday"



Watercolor by Joan Boryta

Dinner, Dessert, and 1st Drink – \$30.00 • Whiskey Tasting – \$10.00
Reserve Both Separately @ "Clubspot" or Call Sheila @ ABYC (562) 434-9955



- SAVE THE DATE -

**Easter Family
Brunch**

April 9th

Seatings at 10 Am & 12 Pm

Photos With The Easter Bunny

Easter Egg Hunt

Watch For Updates

