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This was a 4 day event with 1 day of registration and 3 sailing days. There ended up being exactly 100 sailors with the Canadians / Seattle gang representing a third of the Regatta. They told us "we are ready for some sun". We actually had their sun everyday of the regatta! We had 18 ILCA 4's (4.7) , 68 ILCA 6's (Radial) and 14 ILCA 7's (Full).

Friday morning started with a strong northwest wind for the beach launch but finally ended up holding at 230 with a gusty 16-18 knots for the 3 races on the Olympic Spectator Course off the Veteran's Pier. The kids were all excited when they arrived back to the beach. Live music and pizza were provided for both the regatta and Friday night 'Happy Hour' with a nice turnout.

Saturday brought the sun out again with a big racing day on the water including Seal Beach YC Saturday Series , U S Sailing 420 Regatta and our ILCA event. Winds were a bit milder with the sailing was off of Sunset Beach but they filled in to make another 'sporty' day on the water. Nina's burger

bar was a hit with the kids who needed fuel for their bodies. It's great to see the teams eat and debrief with their coaches.

Sunday course was set in lighter wind but than it shifted and built to 23=25 knots with racing off Seal Beach. About 25% of the sailors came in early due to the strong winds and tough seas after 3 strong days of racing. It was fun to talk to the top of the Fleets who absolutely love these conditions and surfing down the waves.

A MAJOR THANK YOU to the mark set boats in deeper waters with strong winds / powerful sea state. Saturday had 3 races with 3 different courses. The bilge pumps and foul weather gear were a necessary tool. ROCK STARS !!

Results were interesting and viewable at abyc.org

West Vancouver YC took 3 out of the 4 top positions in the ILCA 4 Fleet

Lauderdale YC took 2 of the top 4 positions in the ILCA 6 Fleet with Houston YC and St Francis YC grabbing the other top 4 spots.

Canadians took the top 3 positions in the ILCA 7 Fleet from 3 different Yacht Clubs

I find it interesting as a non-sailor to see that all these outsiders come into our local Southern California waters and take all the trophies.

The Regatta went very smooth over all with lots of compliments from outsiders telling us how much they enjoy coming to ABYC. The volunteers make all this happen at every level ! Thank you to all Great team work

We are hosting the ILCA North Americans this July so most of this group will be coming back making us the ILCA headquarters this year on the West Coast.

Ed Spotskey

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save the date

Happy Hours	April 7, 14, 28
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JAB/SAC/RMC	April 12
Spruce Up	April 15-16
General Membership	April 21
Open House	April 22
Raft Up/Happy Hour	May 5
Opening Day	May 6

[Full ABYC Calendar](#)

manager's corner



Banquets

The club is available to the members and their guests for rental of the facilities. We have various areas and configurations to make any event an enjoyable and unique experience.

Member Events

Member events are priced for member's life events. A life event is a family event for your immediate family. Immediate family is children, grandchildren, parents, and siblings. Some examples of life events are birthdays, weddings, celebration of life and similar events that are family focus. This is a valuable benefit of membership and the club welcomes members to celebrate milestones with their families!

Member Sponsored Events

Member sponsored events are events that fall outside events that are for your immediate family. These include sport banquets, reunions, friends' weddings, celebrations of life work parties, other men's clubs, women's clubs, and so forth. These events help offset some of the high cost of maintenance and refurbishment of the clubhouse.

commodore's compass



Spring is here! I thought it was here and then it rained a bunch more. Hopefully we can move out of this phase and move into the nicer weather that Southern California is known for, plus what we all like to go sailing in! Sunny and seventy here we

come!

When I think of spring, several things come to mind! First is Easter and there is no better place to celebrate with your family than your club. We have Teak Catering providing the brunch as well as an egg hunt for our youngest members, sorry no adults in the egg hunt! Please sign up online early as the prices do increase on April 2nd. Special surprises await! Easter is April 9th.

The second item I think about is spring cleaning. In yacht club terms we call it Spring Spruce-Up. We have a host of items to take care of and you can help get them accomplished! As they say many hands make light work! If you have not participated before, the 'jobs' are pleasant, things you probably do around your house. We feed you and if we do a good job, Gabe will break open some cold beverages to reward our hard work! April 15th/16th.

As a sponsoring member, you are taking responsibility for your guest and are required to attend the event. Although billing might be directly to a 3rd party, as the sponsor, you are ultimately responsible!

Catering

The club will supply the space and table set up. We also offer linens, table settings, coffee / tea, and other incidentals. A bar is also available with a minimum fee and can be hosted or non-hosted. As we are only set up for galley service, food will need to be catered and the club highly recommends Teak Catering due to quality, selection, and price points. Please check availability of your caterer before requesting a date!

Process

To reserve space and start planning your event, an initial pricing quote will be provided and signed by the member or sponsoring member for the requested date. This goes to the BOD for final approval. After BOD approval, a deposit will need to be received to lock in your date.

Some things to think about in your planning process. The club is closed Monday and Tuesday. To open it, it puts the club into overtime hours later in the week which faces a big hurdle in getting your event approved! Our parking lot is for members only and is not available to rent! The process from start to finish can take 60 days, so please, plan ahead!

Your Board of Directors did approve a plan for fixing our exterior wall. We'll get some graphics of the architect drawings for all to review. It is long overdue and will make our club welcoming and attractive from the outside. As they say in the real estate world, curb appeal. We are a world class yacht club, and we should reflect it! Look for the renderings in the lobby soon!

Speaking of world class, many, many thanks, shout outs, kudo's attaboy's, to all that volunteered for the ILCA Mid-Winter West. The payback for being commodore is hearing from visitors from all over the country say what a great club and how wonderful the volunteers are. So thank you volunteers, your hard work was noticed and appreciated by many! Many thanks to ILCA ED for doing his magic.

Mark your calendars. The first weekend in May we have Opening Day and Raft Up Party. Raft up is on Friday May 5th, evening fiesta and then on May 6th in the am we our club's Championship Regatta. Moving into the afternoon, the opening day celebration begins! Always a fun weekend, and weather is guaranteed to be that Sunny and Seventy!

Reggie is out on leave and Alia is standing in for him until mid-April. Many thanks to Alia for helping as we look forward to Reggie's return. Any issues, you can reach out to Alia or myself.

See you at the club.

Mike



Don't forget, Spring Spruce Up is around the corner on April 15th. There will be all kinds of projects going on and there will be one or two that you have some experience with, or not, doesn't matter. Construction, painting, gardening, waxing, polishing, moving, or supervising, Please come on over and participate.



We all know we have one of the best sailing venues in the world and love to hang out and race in our own little space, but I have to recommend taking your sailing out of town to a new venue once in a while. Many Juniors and their parents already are veterans at this, and the Cruising fleet have been known to venture to new places. Currently, a few of us Viper sailors are trying out racing at Southern Yacht Club, Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana.

The adventure started with a road trip, with overnights at Las Cruces New Mexico, and San Antonio Texas, and a short stop visiting friends in Houston. Once here, we take in the new venue, check out the beautiful new yacht club, yet it's the second oldest yacht club in the nation, and experience some fun new foods. Grit cakes, fried oyster, alligator meatballs, boudins, and beignets for starters. The forecast for tomorrow's racing? 0-2 knots. We're recommending to the Viper fleet that they should come to ABYC next year.

Whatever you do this month, have fun and be sure to go sailing with your friends.

Cheers,

Gabe Ferramola

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

April 24, 2023 is the deadline
for the May 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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Spring is here and you need to be out on the water.

Our adult learn to sail program is going full blast. The ASA certification program, held in Tempests and run by Dominic Meo and Henk Baar, started in March with a handful of new

sailors. There will be spring, summer and fall sessions as well.

We also have a less intensive adult learn to sail sailing program currently run in sabots. The first session was held the last weekend in February. A dozen students registered. The next session is in April. Thanks to Stephen Long, Kathy Weishampel, Bruce and Pam Gallagher, Tom Newton, Christina Van Dyke, Jack Hanson and Ainsley O'Brien, among others, for organizing and teaching that program.

We will be looking to add adult classes in other boats (dinghies and keelboats) later this year.

If you are an adult (self defined), and want to learn to sail, or know someone who would like to learn to sail,

these are a couple of great options. And this is a terrific way to introduce potential new members to ABYC as well.

The Spring junior sailing program is well underway with over fifty sailors in all classes. Registration for the summer junior program is now open, with classes from beginners to ILCA and double handed race teams. The program is open to non members as well as members— once again, this is a great way to introduce people to there Club.

This year we will be adding classes in our new C420s, as well as in keelboats. We have purchased one J22 and are on the hunt for another one for the keelboat program.

We have a full complement of instructors, including our new head coach, Carter Brock, who joins us from MIT.

In addition to our in house program, junior sailing has been active at the Club this month— The Manning Series was held in early March with 125 entrants, most of them in CFJs, ILCAs, Sabots, and Optis. See my separate report on that regatta. The CISA clinic was just held. Lot of great young sailors out there— and we hope to see more over the coming months.

Ed Feo, Rearcommodore@abyc.org

fleet captain's log



Spring Spruce-Up
Our Port Captain **Jason Mullen**, assisted by

Grant Hill and our mechanic have been working diligently to keep our fleet of powerboats running and ready for us to use for coaching our Juniors and High School teams to Sunday

Senior Sabots and of course our Holiday Series Regattas as well as major national and World championship events.

These boats are used a great deal and require frequent care and maintenance. In order to get ready for Spring Spruce-Up, **Jason** and **Grant** will be working on several of our whalers during the week of **April 3rd**, preparing them for more extensive work during Spring Spruce-Up. Since there is much to be done, we are reaching out to anyone who has time that week and wants to help get the boats ready. A willingness to help is more important than any skill-set, so please contact **Jason** jmullenla@gmail.com (213) 618-9987 or **Steve** smith_c_s@sbcglobal.net (310) 849-9779.

Remember, when you have occasion to use these boats; they are **ours boats** and we need to treat them like we would our personal watercraft.

To this end, **Jason** has created a way we can quickly and easily point out any problems with a boat and pass the information to Jason and our mechanic.

Some of you are already familiar with the **QR Codes** found on the powerboat key rings, but here is a refresher for us as we head into the busy racing season.

Using the Fleet Check-Out Form

How to scan a QR code with the Camera app.



QR Codes created by **Jason Mullen**

1. Locate the QR code on the boat's key ring.



2. Open the Camera app on your phone.
3. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app. Your device will recognize the QR code and show a notification.
4. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code. That will open the form.

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Filling out the Form

1. Select your boat.
2. Enter your name. We already have an *Ahab*, so use your real name, please.
3. Do everything on the Close Checklist, check them off when complete. If you miss something do not sweat it, just let us know by not checking the box.
4. Indicate how much fuel is left.
5. Tell us anything that we need to know about your experience on the boat that day. Especially things that need to be repaired.
6. Go to the Galley and get a snack.

Race Mangement VHF Radios

It seems like we are missing a couple of our hand-held VHF radios from the Race Mangement container. If you or someone you know has borrowed one the club radios, please return it to the club office.

Thank you

Bay Barge Update:

Good news for the Race Committees and volunteers who have not had access to the Bay Barge for Bay races and for those who have had to tow the Barge out to the race course and back. We have purchased a replacement outboard motor for the Barge and hope to have it installed and operational sometime in April if all goes to plan.

Speaking of powerboat operation, do not neglect to get your **California Boater Card**. Go to this link to get started: <https://californiaboatercard.com/>

See you at ABYC

Steve

membership report

I hope you all feel the same way to look out your window and see the sun up past 7pm. It's also a key indicator of the sailing season starting! Not too much to report on the membership side. There was an event this weekend which had to be postponed called the Fleet Intro Day where we will have a representative from all our active fleets at the club for new members to talk to and go sailing with to see where they will best fit. Next big event for membership will be the open house.

Please welcome Robert Shraff (regular), Grant Wooden (regular), and Matthew Camper (junior) to membership. The pending applicants are Crystal McNaughton Glenning (regular), and Zach Dinh (regular).

Michael Oliver, Membership Director

eight bells

Stephen Myrter, known as Steve, was born in Long Beach on April 6th, 1962. He had the opportunity to live in many places as a child due to his father's work. Steve graduated from Dana Hills High School in 1980 and went on to attend Saddleback Community College and Cal State Long Beach where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in civil engineering in 1985. He was a certified Professional Engineer with further specialization in water systems and water management engineering. Steve worked as a consulting engineer and then served in the public sector including at Long Beach Water Department, City of Paramount, Town of San Anselmo, City of Signal Hill, and at the City of Seal Beach as the Public Works Director.

Steve was a member of ABYC since 1996. He started sailing at age 14 on a Hobie 12 and continued racing 16 and 20-foot catamarans in Nationals & World Championships in Fiji, Hawaii, & Daytona Beach. He didn't stop sailing catamarans until deciding to try his hand at monohulls, buying a Viper 3 years ago. At age 21 he sailed from Dana Point to Hawaii with his parents on a Catalina 36.

Steve married Jolene Houser in 1999 and has two sons, Nick (19 years old) and Jack (16 years old). He loved to be in nature, especially on the water. Along with sailing, he enjoyed surfing, skiing, windsurfing, mountain biking, road biking, hiking, and stand-up paddleboarding. His favorite mountain bike rides ended watching the sunset.

The Myrter family invites those who would like to join in the commemoration of Steve's life and passing at either or both of the following services on Wednesday, April 5th.

Funeral Service

Grace Community Church of Seal Beach
Wednesday, April 5th, 11:30am - 12:30pm
138 8th Street, Seal Beach CA 90740

Reception / Celebration of Life

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Wednesday, April 5th, 4:30pm

Hawaiian shirts are welcome for reception.

If you wish, you may tell (or write beforehand to read) a brief story, memory, or tribute during a time of sharing.

the bay clogger

This Winter has been very eventful so far. We've had so many regattas that we've had a rather large break in our practice schedule to accommodate everyone traveling to regattas—not to mention that most regattas are being hosted by ABYC. We had sailors attend the Manning regatta, Gaucho regatta and CISA Clinic.

We had a large group of sailors representing ABYC in the CFJ class of the Manning Regatta, with a sprinkle of sailors in some of the smaller classes. We had seven teams (14 sailors) in the CFJ group: **Brady/Madi** got 7th, **Gage/Colin** got 9th, **Adam/Fiona** finished 17th, **Henry/Beckett** finished 24th, **Mathilde/Aneilka** got 25th, **Jack/Joshua** finished 26th, and **Jessica/Cameron** finished 35th out of 37 having only sailed one day. **Michael** finished 3rd out of 18 in the ILCA 6 fleet, and **Stewart** finished 6th out of 8 in the ILCA 7 fleet. **Megan** just missed out on winning the regatta in the Tera Fleet, but ultimately finished 2nd out of 18. ABYC had two Green Fleet sailors, Hikari and Sarah. **Sarah** finished the regatta in second, while **Hikari** finished in fourth. This was Sarah's first regatta ever, and Hikari managed to get a first place finish in this close regatta.

At the Gaucho regatta, ABYC had two high schools, Los Alamitos/Sato and Bosco. The conditions were very light and shifty, but our sailors were able to stay patient and focused. The team of **Los Alamitos and Sato** sailors finished 2nd in Silver fleet, which is their best finish of the year! The **Bosco** boys finished 22nd in the fleet of 29 teams.

Stephen Long



sailing gear

Due to this abnormally harsh winter, parents and sailors have been asking for gear recommendations. I want to first say that no one is paying me to advertise their gear in any way, and I have not been given any free or discounted gear from any company mentioned. These recommendations are my honest opinion, but they may be different from someone else's opinion.

For tops, I strongly suggest that you wear some sort of sun protection; it's nice to get a tan while sailing, but skin cancer is no fun. I always wore a long sleeve rash guard or tech shirt if it was hot and sunny. In boats where you're close to the water, a wetsuit top may be more advantageous than a spray top, so that you don't turn into a water balloon when going under a wave, but both will work. I think that the Rooster spray tops look the most comfortable because of the fleece collar, so that would be the spray top I would buy next, especially because it's one of the most affordable spray tops on the market.

For bottoms, board shorts or sailing shorts work well. Normal leggings work well for women, and Zhik makes sailing specific leggings for men and women. If the weather is on the colder side you'll probably want some neoprene or spray pants. Sailing Equipment Australia (Sea) and Zhik make some good neoprene options, but there are other options as well. Same with the tops, neoprene is going to be better for sailors closer to the waterline and sailors on a trapeze, so ILCA sailors, 420/470 crews, and skiff crews, etc. For those comfortably above water, but still getting sprayed by rogue waves, spray pants would probably be a more comfortable option (personal preference). I really like my Helly Hanson pants, but I've heard Zhik makes a nicer set of spray gear. Anything lower quality than those two brands tends to wear out too quickly to be worth the money in my opinion.

(unless your child will outgrow the gear in a year or two anyways, then maybe get a cheaper option). For the most part, coaches seem to go with Helly Hanson because it's the cheaper option between the two, but ABYC does get a discount on Zhik gear.

Shoes: I think most corinthian big boat sailors I've seen wear normal running shoes while sailing. Most pro sailors wear sailing specific shoes. While in junior sailing I always wore sailing booties for the ankle support (in big boats and CFJs I just wouldn't lace them for comfort). I think the most easily accessible sailing booties are Zhik and Gill. Zhik offers more ankle support which is important in hiking incentive boats like the ILCA class. I've seen plenty of great sailors sail in normal tennis shoes, so footwear is really just personal preference.

If you have any questions or want more information, I have a list of brand specific gear on a google doc that I can email to you, which also includes links. If you have any suggestions, please let me know as well, so that I can add them to the list.

Stephen Long



alamitos bay sailing foundation



Save the Date: Saturday June 17th will be the annual ABSF fundraiser. This year's event will be a sit down dinner limited to 100 people supported by Dry Creek Wines with music and silent auction. Last years event was very successful and enabled ABSF to support the ABYC junior program with the purchase of four brand new junior boats, which we hope to do again this year.

Please come support ABSF, meet some of our junior sailors and have a great meal and fun evening amongst friends.

Sign ups will be coming soon on Clubspot.

Kevin Taugher, ABSF President
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mark's racing rules quiz #101

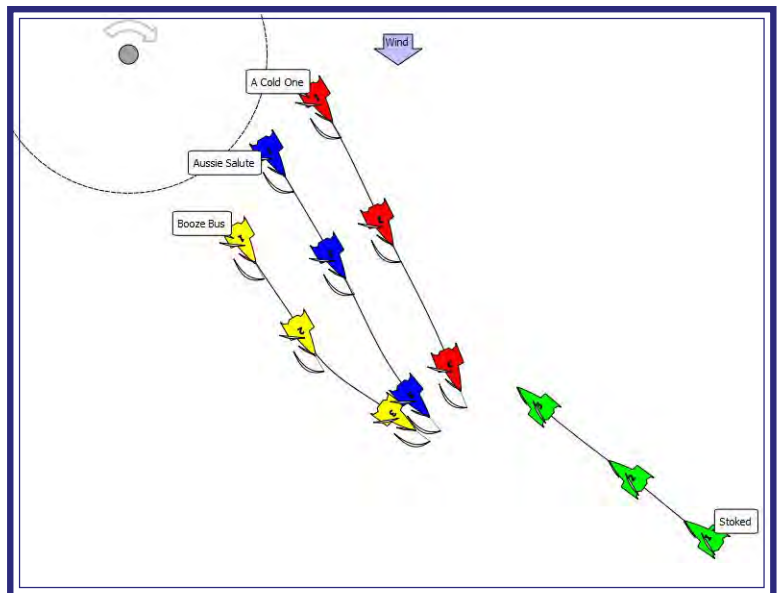
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Three 18ft Skiffs, A Cold One, Aussie Salute and Booze Bus after rounding the windward mark to starboard in moderate breeze, bore away and hoisted their spinnakers. Stoked was approaching the weather mark on starboard. After bearing away A Cold One, Aussie Salute and Booze Bus were all steering a course to pass to leeward of Stoked. At position 2, Booze Bus luffed slightly to keep her spinnaker full. Aussie Salute was unable to luff without making contact with A Cold One to windward of her. Contact occurred between the racks of Booze Bus and Aussie Salute causing damage. Both boats protested. Neither boat took a penalty.

Booze Bus said there was plenty of room for Aussie Salute and A Cold One to pass to windward of Stoked, and Aussie Salute as the windward boat was required to keep clear.

Aussie Salute says she couldn't luff without making contact with A Cold One.

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



garrett brown

Walter Cooper photos
waltercooperphoto.com

The Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series is a wrap. After three tough days of racing, including multiple boats crashing into a shoal during race 6, we came away with the win. 2023 West Coast I14 Champions. Thanks to morgan_pinckney for crewing for me, @jayglaser Glaser Sails for the fastest I14 sails in the world, and the @international.14 class for showing up and making it one of the largest classes in the regatta!



volunteer opportunities

VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer of the Month (Decades?)

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the volunteers amongst us. We at ABYC are blessed to have many volunteers who work year in and year out and we forget they are volunteers and how much they do for us. One of those unsung heroes is Sharon Pearson who edits the Sou'wester. Sharon will probably be embarrassed to have her name here because she is happy to do this job each month without recognition. She has been editing the Sou'wester for... Well, she has been doing it so long I can't remember. Thank you Sharon for all of the time spent cajoling contributors (like me), editing their typos and making our Sou'wester much better because of your work in the background. It is something to be proud of and thankful for.

Upcoming 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.

Please reach out to the individuals below if you are interested in helping on any of these events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
4/9	EASTER BRUNCH AND EGG HUNTS	Karen Zieba (bod.sac@abyc.org)
4/15 & 4/16	SPRING SPRUCE-UP	Gabe Ferramola (vicecommodore@abyc.org)
4/22	Open House	Michael Oliver (membership@abyc.org)
		OR Karen Zieba (bod.sac@abyc.org)
5/5	Opening Day Raft-up & Barbecue	Pat McCormick (patricknmnmccormick@yahoo.com)
5/6	Opening Day and Club Championship	Mike VanDyke (commodore@abyc.org)
		OR Steve Smith (fleetcaptain@abyc.org)
5/14	Mother's Day Brunch	Karen Zieba (bod.sac@abyc.org)
5/27 & 5/28	Memorial Day Regatta	Chuck Clay (cclay26@me.com)
		OR Dave Crockett (bod.volunteers@abyc.org)

adult sailing program

Tempest Adult Sailing Program

The ABYC adult-sailing program in Tempests is well into its third year of offering private sailing lessons in beautifully restored Tempests, and we are looking for two to three members or nonmembers who would like to either learn how to sail or sharpen their sailing skills by signing up for our spring session which runs from May 13 to June 10. All you have to do is click on the link: <https://abyc.org/adult-sailing>

Spring is a great time to learn how to sail. The weather is warmer, and there will be a lot more sun shine. In addition to having a great time and learning how to sail, you will be ready to take more advanced American Sailing Association courses such as Coastal Cruising and Bareboat Cruising. Plus, if you are an ABYC member, you get a substantial discount.

If you already know how to sail, and you have a friend who is bugging you to teach them how to sail, just send them our way. They will thank you for telling them about this great program.



raft up

It's not too early to start planning for this year's opening day raft up weekend starting Friday May 5. At noon on Friday May 5 there will be the ceremonial cannon firing to kick off opening day weekend and the traditional Brats and beer next to the ramp. Friday evening plans for dinner and entertainment are still in the works. Saturday will see the club championship regatta sailed this year in Cal 20's, opening day ceremonies, and open boat hospitality. If you are planning on bringing your boat to ABYC that weekend

please email Pat McCormick at patricknmnmccormick@yahoo.com and include boat name, length, and beam. Also include if you can med moor stern to the dock or if you need to side tie. The large hoist will be closed at 1100 am Friday May 5 to make space for raft up boats in that area. Come and bring your boat and enjoy what is always a great weekend at ABYC!

ABYC is the place to be!

Hope to see you there!

Pat McCormick

opening day

ABYC's 97th Opening Day is just around the corner. Mark your calendars and save the dates. Festivities begin at noon on May 5th with a raft-up in Basin 5 (assuming the ice has cleared by then) followed by evening festivities. Please let Pat McCormick know at least a week in advance if you are planning to bring your boat into the basin for the raft up. Volunteers will be on-hand to help you find the perfect spot to moor your boat.

On May 6th, Opening Day festivities start at 1100 with the prestigious ABYC Club Championship where ABYC fleet champions will dual it out in the turning basin for the Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy.

The afternoon kicks-off with open boat hospitality and fleet boat displays. Opening Day Ceremony will begin at 1530 sharp followed by a reception and more open boat hospitality.

I hope to see you there.

Staff Commodore *David Schack*

Friday, May 5th 2023

High noon-Raft up begins

Beer and brats

Evening festivities

Saturday, May 6th 2023

1300 until 1520-Open boat hospitality

1400 until 1500 Fleet boats display

1530 Opening Day Ceremony

1600 Champagne, hors d'oeuvre reception and open boat hospitality

mark's rules answer #101

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Stoked was an obstruction to A Cold One, Aussie Salute and Booze Bus because they would each have needed to change course substantially if they had been sailing directly towards Booze Bus and were one hull length from her, and because they all were required by rule 10 to keep clear of her (see the definition Obstruction).

Under rule 19.2(a), Booze Bus, as the right-of-way boat, was entitled to pass Stoked on either side. She chose to pass to leeward of Stoked. Therefore, under rule 19.2(b) A Cold One and Aussie Salute were entitled to room between Booze Bus and the leeward side of Stoked. Booze Bus did not give Aussie Salute that room, so Booze Bus broke rule 19.2(b). Booze Bus was subject to rule 14, because there was damage she is not exonerated by rule 43.1(c) for breaking that rule.

CONCLUSION

1. Aussie Salute to windward failed to keep clear of Booze Bus to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
2. Since Aussie Salute broke RRS 11 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.
3. It was not reasonably possible for Aussie Salute the boat sailing within the room to which she was entitled to avoid contact with Booze Bus when it was clear that Booze Bus was not giving room. Aussie Salute did not break RRS 14.
4. Booze Bus the outside boat at the obstruction, failed to give Aussie Salute room to pass between her and the obstruction, despite being able to do so from the time the overlap began. Booze Bus broke RRS 19.2(b).
5. Booze Bus did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

DECISION

1. Booze Bus is DSQ.

See you on the water.

Mark Townsend





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ee manning regatta

Sophia Jones photos
sophiajones

ABYC hosted another successful E.E. Manning Series on March 4-5, 2023. One hundred twenty five boats were entered in eleven fleets racing on the outside as well as the bay courses. This also served as the final race of the Shadden Series for the CFJ class.

While enthusiasm for racing was high, the weather was not as cooperative as one might have hoped. Consistent with the weather we have been enjoying courtesy of the Pacific Northwest for the past couple of months, this weekend saw gray skies, spots of rain and unfortunately

very little wind. Saturday in particular was a challenge with competitors on the outside course spending much of the



day waiting on sailable wind as well as course location changes to accommodate both the wind and visiting ships. The bay course had better luck that day, and was able to run a number of races. Sunday proved to be a better sailing day on both courses and eventually the outside course ran five total races and the bay course a total of seven races.

The Manning Series includes a handful of perpetual trophies. The E.E. Manning Perpetual is awarded to the winner of the largest class. This year that award went to Tommy Rudowicz and Preston Miller of Coronado Yacht Club in the thirty seven strong CFJ fleet. The Skimmer Perpetual, awarded to the winner of the second largest class, was shared by Nicholas Mueller of ABYC, winner of the ILCA 6 class, and by Xyler Yee of Oceanside Yacht Club, winner of the RS Terra class. The ILCA 6 fleet and the RS Terra fleet had the same number of entires and the same number of sailors on the course, so it seemed only fair that the perpetual trophy be shared. Nicholas Mueller was also awarded the Host Club Perpetual for the most outstanding performance—

winning four of the five ILCA 6 races. Otto Wehner of Long Beach Yacht Club was awarded the K o b e r Perpetual



for the top performance in Sabots.

Other noteworthy performances by sailors participating under the ABYC burgee included: Brad

Thompson and Bob Little (second place in the new Melges 15 class), Erik Lidecis (first in the Finns— continuing to use a superb boat sold to him by yours truly), Megan Farmer (second in RS Terra— M e g a n being a star in our junior program), Michael Sentovich (third in ILCA6), and Sarah Green (second in Opti Greens); and top ten finishes in the CFJ for Brady Kennedy/Madi Jones and Gage Christopher/Colin Kennedy. Full results are available on the Club website.



No regatta of this magnitude can succeed without good organization and a host of highly skilled volunteers. The Viper fleet and the Multihull fleet were the duty fleets for this regatta and contributed mightily to its success. Steve Bloemeke served as the Regatta Chair and did a masterful job of organizing the army of volunteers from the Viper and Multihull fleets— and from other fleets as well! Steve also did a great service to the Club in providing a detailed post mortem report which will be invaluable to the Race Management Committee and the Board in planning future regattas. Steve Kuritz served as the outside course PRO and Martyn Bookwalter served as the inside course PRO. Both received high praise from participants for well run

courses in less than ideal conditions. Ron Wood and Chuck Tripp served as judges, a difficult task in a regatta populated by intense junior sailors



and their even more intense parents and coaches. Eileen Edwards served as chief scorer and together with Kristen Warnick and Elaine Bloemeke sorted out the vast number of entrants. Gabe Feramola was the Chief of the Parking Lot; Yon Carpenter was the keeper of the gate— and even arrived early to clear out the sand in the driveway from recent storms. Carrie Yury jumped in to help with coach registration. Jeff Newsome and Karen Green of the Multihull fleet led a platoon of volunteers in getting boats down and up the ramp— no small undertaking given the fairly extreme tides on this weekend. Commodore Mike Van Dyke served as officer of the day and was impressive in organizing the mass

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of trailers and dollies and expediting the transition of over one hundred boats (plus dollies and trailers) in and out of the yard. And finally— the Club staff— Reggie, Dwayne, Sheila, Ronnie and crew— provided their usual brilliant effort.

We should all remember that the racing doesn't happen without volunteers. If you are racing, and haven't said "thank you" to volunteers at least fifty times during the weekend, you just aren't being grateful enough!

Ed Feo



Although the original St. Patrick's Day holiday started as a Christian feast day celebrating the life of St. Patrick and the spreading of Christianity to Ireland, today it is a day of revelry and a celebration of all things Irish. And while there were no leprechauns at the ABYC Taste of Ireland, there were plenty of revelers celebrating in pure Irish style!

Guinness, the national beer of Ireland and brewed in the heart of Dublin, was served on tap by a little green man behind the bar who was overheard saying *"There's nothing on this planet like a pint of the black stuff."* There was also an Irish Whiskey Tasting experience that was definitely worth investigating.

The band "Whiskey Sunday" performed an eclectic blend of Irish-Americana jigs and reels which included guitar, fiddle, mandolin, and drums, and they dubbed the event *"The ABYC Shamrock Jam"* (note to self: good title for next year's event!) Many thanks to Alan Cunningham and Marina Yacht Club for this *éacht den scoth* (that's Irish for "outstanding achievement!")

And remember, "Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck." -Irish Proverb

Lori VanSkyhock



yard clean up

A word from the office, We love you but...

In preparation for Spring Spruce Up and the sailing season we've all been waiting for.. we are cleaning up, de-cluttering and organizing the yard - but we need your help!

These gas tanks & tires are up for grabs! Grab one before Sunday 2nd April.



Mystery Boats & Trailers!

Please claim the following:



Beginning April 3rd, we will start charging \$15/day for storage. Please claim these boats & trailer.

All the initiative and passion that drives ABYC comes with a little bit of residue, this is the time of year to reset, and start with a blank slate, for the endless potential of next year!

Thank you for your contribution & support.

Alia

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.

APRIL

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

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SIGN UP AT ABYC.ORG FOR APRIL 29-30 CLASS

hails from the fleets



I am writing this report less than 24 hours from competing in the ILCA Midwinters West hosted by ABYC! I am glad to be sitting down since very hard hiking was required by all 97 sailors that were divided into three classes, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 (largest class with 66 competitors) and ILCA 7. Sailors came from Canada and from all over the US including the East Coast, NoCal, Texas, Colorado, and Washington (I may have missed a state or two I am sure!) I am guessing, but this regatta must have had the widest range of ages for any regatta, with the youngest competitor age 13, Daniella Cheng-Sun from Port Madison YC (Seattle), to the eldest competitor at age 76, Chris Boome from St. Francis YC. Both competed in the ILCA 6.

Mark Townsend, our PRO, and his Race Committee dealt with very breezy but unstable conditions by sailing in all of ABYC's sailing circles: Friday in "C", Saturday in "B" and Sunday in "A". After postponing for the wind to settle every single day, the wind piped in at least 17 knots to 25 knots (or it felt like 25!) on Sunday! Upwind, it was full depower mode all three days with surfable swells downwind, even behind the breakwater. The race committee did an excellent job in keeping the fleets separated on the trapezoid course until the final day when the conditions left several boats either turtled or on its ear. For the last race of the regatta, the ILCA 4's were sent home with approximately 40 boats deciding to go home early. Not surprising since it was cold! It was good to have pizza, burgers, then burritos at the end of each day to warm up, prepare for the next race and, and for a complete ABYC experience. Thanks to our regatta chair, Ed Spotskey, our ABYC Volunteers, and ABYC staff for a great event. Oh yes, and thanks to all the judges, including Rule 42 judges!

The following are the top three finishers in each class:

ILCA 4

1. *Andre Deseau - West Vancouver YC*
2. *Gustave Deseau - West Vancouver YC*
3. *Landon Stahl - Balboa YC*

ILCA 6

1. *Kai Vurno – Lauderdale YC*
2. *Tor Svendsen - SFYC/StFYC*
3. *Hamilton Barclay – Houston YC*

ILCA 6

1. *Matthew Stranaghan - West Vancouver YC*
2. *Al Clark - Jericho Sailing Center*
3. *Kelley Poole - Royal Victoria YC*



This year's ILCA Midwinters West had at stake World Sailing points, ILCA Grand Prix points, and SCYYRA Ullman/Frost regatta points, making this one of the most competitive ILCA events on the West Coast, notwithstanding ILCA North Americans this July, once again at the best place to be, ABYC! See you there!

Jorge Suarez

Photo is from Katherine Home who visits us for major ILCA regattas from Colorado. She now has a son at MIT and now her daughter is the only one sailing. She is always a pleasure to have on board Patience and we look forward to seeing her next time.



hails from the fleets

Volker Correll photo

20 Late breaking news is that Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club will be hosting the 61st Cal 20 Class Championships. Our biggest regatta of the year is scheduled the weekend after Labor Day on September 8 – 10. For the past several years, the Cal 20 Class Championships have attracted over 35 boats and last year, we had a total of close to 50 boats racing. With several new owners joining Fleet 1, we look forward to getting these sailors out racing this summer in preparation for our big event in September. And hopefully we can get a strong turn out at the ABYC Labor Day Regatta the weekend prior as a good tune up event.

Part of the fun of racing at CBYC is the sail or tow up to San Pedro the day before the regatta. CBYC provides several guest slips for Cal 20 mooring and often all the ABYC Cal 20 boats are grouped together right in front of CBYC. Boats will be moored there on Friday and Saturday evenings. And after the last race on Sunday, we enjoy the nice downwind leg sailing wing and wing back to Alamitos Bay with adult beverages in hand. Weather in September at the Gulch is typically a bit less breeze on as compared to mid summer sailing. But it is

always a good idea to have a third person on board to help keep the boats flat on the weather leg. So start recruiting your crew members now!

On another note, Cal 20 sailors are on the hook to staff the ABYC Memorial Day regatta. So please contact either Chuck Clay or Todd Smith with your availability and we will get you hooked up with a fun assignment.

Todd Smith



Shifty shown sailing to weather at the Gulch skippered by Mike Corzine with Randy Smith calling the tactics from the 2021 Class Champs.



Maybe you have noticed that there is a new kid in the yard? The Melges 15 is a new one-design sailboat that is a fast, fun boat which is relatively easy to sail. We are trying hard to get a nice fleet of them up at our Club. The boat is designed to be sailed by two people and will make a nice one-design fleet for us. The Melges 15 is a fiberglass boat and features aluminum (2 piece) mast, boom, rudder and daggerboards for easy maintenance and cleanup. The Melges 15 turned out to be a nice choice while we were looking for a new competitive fleet. If you have any questions about it, you can ask Dan DeLave, Nick Kofski, Brad Thompson, Kevin Thomas about our time in San Diego at the Helly Hansen event.



hails from the fleets

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March General Membership Meeting
The Lido Fleet was responsible for organizing the March General Membership meeting. Early this year, Dana Bell raised her hand to set it all up. She got us Mike and Betty Baumann to speak on their organization of a trip to Ireland of almost 30 people, many of whom were ABYC members and also Lido fleet stalwarts. Don and Chris Taugher also supplied some pics and a great video. Mike had some great insight into planning for a large group and how to organize travel, activities, and meals for such a large group. Thanks Mike and Betty for organizing the trip and giving a great presentation.

Dana also put together a great dinner of Irish stew, soda bread, salad and cookies. As always, Dana did a great job organizing! Thanks, Dana.

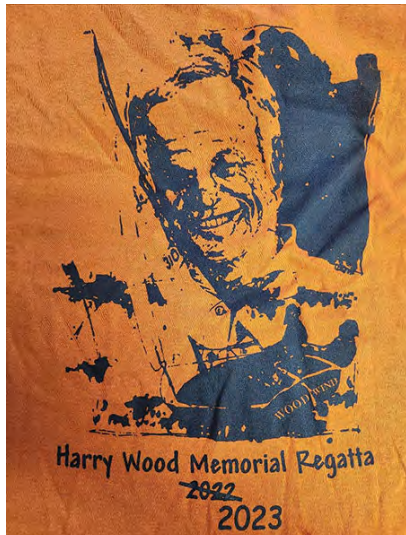
Thanks to Ed Spotsky, Lori Van Skyhock, Bob Little, Deby Johnson, Sue McDannel and Cat Bell Dorman for helping serve at the meeting.

Harry Wood Regatta Recap

The Harry Wood Regatta was held on March 19 at Balboa Yacht Club. We had cloudy skies and some sprinkles of rain. The wind showed up, giving us enough to sail in with some puffs up to about 11 knots. The current was zooming out due to the very high tide that morning and rain runoff, and the current diminished over the day. But at least it turned around during the day, resulting in sailing against the current to the racing venue, and home from the racing venue in a dying breeze. The interesting weather conditions played havoc with the results giving everyone (except the eventual winner) at least one good race and at least one bad race, compared with their average. Also of note, our fabulous purveyor of tasty drinks Alia Sabry sailed in her first regatta and did a great job.

In the B fleet, Jim Sterner and Rowan Foley from Seattle joined us on the water, whose full house beat ABYC's Will Vrooman and Joseph Barbeito's two pair with a good kicker to win.

After racing, Balboa Yacht Club provided snacks and good times before presenting the awards. Mark and Lorna Ryan took away the hardware for the Harry Wood Regatta, as well as the Lido 14 District One Championship, awarded for the first time in a while. Stu Robertson and Adela



Lido Love



Jackson took second and John Papadopoulos and Dina Corsi took third. It was great to have six ABYC boats make the short trek to Newport as well.

[Full Results here.](#)

Lido Twilights!

It's TIIIIIIIMMMMEEEEE! Lido Twilights will be upon us soon. Please start registering online here or from the ABYC Regatta Calendar or Events page. The regatta and registration is set up a bit differently from last year. You'll enter once for the summer. If you want to change your crew name, boat name, skipper name, etc., you'll manage your own registration. Please add multiple/different sail numbers with a / between them. DO NOT DELETE THEM!! And from our new esteemed Fleet Treasurer, Nathan Dalleska...

Even though your Lido is under a record-setting blanket of snow, Twilights start in less than a week! The price for the entire season is \$150 per boat, more than 40% off the single night price of \$10. And if you register and pay on or before April 1 you'll get the special price of only \$120 (more than 50% off!) for the season. Mail your check made out to Alamitos Bay Lido 14 Fleet 6 to Nathan Dalleska, 3737 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles 90065. Please write Twilights and your sail # on the memo line of the check.

Opening Night BBQ

As important as Twilights (some would say more, on this night), the Opening Night BBQ has become quite the event. Ken Reiff will be organizing dinner, with Mike Baumann providing his AWESOME tri tip. Everyone knows that it's worth sticking around for, and it'll be the same this year. Please RSVP here as soon as you can so we can get food planned. From food manager Ken Reiff-

1. \$10/person, payable that night in CASH, to whoever's standing at the front of the line with plates.
2. We'll need some volunteers for setup (about 330pm), serving and cleanup. Please signup here to help out.
3. ABYC Bar will be open.
4. Dinner will be: -Mike Baumann's signature
Tri tip
Corn on the cob.
Salad
Dessert

This is a great event to bring additional friends, family, club members and prospective Lido Fleet members to introduce them to the fun that we have in our funny, fat little boats before, during and after racing!

hails from the fleets



Our last Sabot Sunday was on March 12 and we had eight boats on the water and great competition in light wind. Mark Ryan won the day in the A fleet ahead of Scott Finkboner from MBYC and Cindy Heavrin finished 3rd. Deby Johnson came out ahead in the B fleet over Bob Anderson. A big thanks to Race Committee Ron & Carol Clanton and Jack Johnson.

April 2 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>

Mark your calendars for these upcoming SCWSA Senior Sabot regattas:

April 23 NHYC, May 13 MBYC

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. The next class is scheduled for April 29-30. Non-members are also welcome to participate.

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SIGN UP ONLINE FOR THE APRIL 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!



The 2023 E.E. Manning Regatta is in the books. The Viper and Multi-Hull Fleets staffed land and water positions, but in reality, there were many NON-Viper and Multi-Hull sailors who jumped into key Race, Protest, and Scoring Committee positions to make the usual regatta success a reality.

I would like to offer a hearty and sincere word of gratitude and thanks to all of you, and there really are too many to mention!

It is stressful being the Regatta Chair for a decent sized regatta and there were a lot of "learning moments" that I reported to the Board (two pages, single spaced). I hope that some of these can be implemented in future regattas and the next fleet captain can maybe take advantage of.

While the weather was not perfect, it did allow for many sailors and parents to get out of the house and onto the water. If I'm not mistaken, we had over 140 entries and it was wonderful to see a full house again.

The kind folks from Oceanside Yacht Club gave us a nice Thank You card during the regatta and many of us thought that this was classy. We don't often think that people appreciate the amount of effort that it takes to juggle trailers and boats in a very limited land and water space!

And last but certainly not least, thank you to Reggie and his staff for an amazing effort!

See you on the water...

Steve Bloemeke



Friday Night Dragon Flites starts May 5 at LBYC with 5 races through the summer. See the LBYC regatta calendar for the NOR's. March 19th races at El Dorado Park was moved to March 26 as the pond overflowed the walkways and left the grass areas as a swamp.

Mason Lake racing continues March 25th with results not available for this month's Sou'Wester. April races are scheduled April 16th at El Dorado Park and April 22nd at Mason Lake. Also coming up May 13th is the SCYA Midwinter's for the DF95 at Lake Gregory. Recent races have seen 12 to 16 boats racing, so good turnout and some good competition.


See you at the pond.

Don Shirley



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Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 - 11:00 am
Photos with Easter Bunny

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Pineapple-Glazed Ham; Roasted Turkey Breast with Wild/Tamed Mushroom Sauce; Scrambled Eggs, Deviled Eggs; Crispy Bacon, Chicken Sausages, Potatoes au Gratin, Chef's Vegetables; Pasta with Alfredo-Parmesan Cream Sauce; Salad of Baby Greens, Balsamic Vinagrette

Dessert and Pastries

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APRIL 21 Membership Meeting

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Join us **April 21st** for Refreshments, Dinner, our General Membership Meeting and Brad's Presentation

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

MOTHER'S DAY

Brunch & Bubbly

Sunday
May 14

10:00 ~ 1:00

Omelette & Pasta Bar

Made to order with select ingredients including ham, turkey, tomatoes, onions, bay shrimp, cheese, chili flakes, pico de gallo & more

Brunch Buffet

*Rosemary Roasted Prime Rib w/creamed horseradish, mustard & au jus
Stuffed Breast of Chicken w/Vodka Cream Sauce (on the side)
Shrimp Cocktail ~ Bagels and Lox w/Onion, Capers, Cream Cheese
Maple Bacon & Sausage ~ Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Baby Greens w/Balsamic Vinaigrette ~ Grilled Vegetables*

Breakfast Pastries and Dessert Station

*Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter ~ Breakfast Pastries
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