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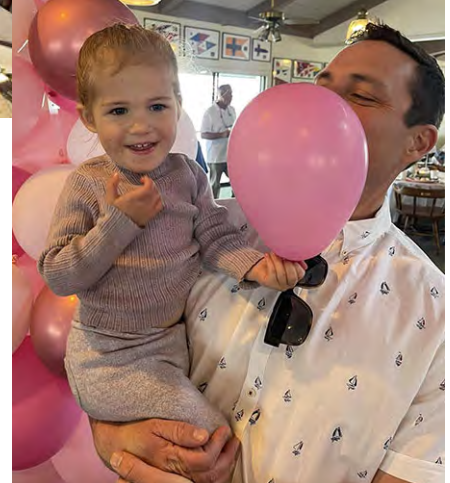


## mother's day 2023

Lori VanSkyhock photos

This year's Mother's Day Brunch was a success! Free flowing champagne and Mom-osas were served up on a beautiful, sunny day at ABYC. The delicious brunch food by Teak Catering was enjoyed while listening to the soft piano music by Barbara Reed. The décor was so lovely with soft shades of pink and farmhouse white. Thank you to all the ABYC crew and volunteers that helped put this event together and make it a special day for all!

*Danielle Hammer*



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# commodore's compass



We are approaching the end of spring and the official beginning of summer in several weeks. I think we all know it brings many activities to the club and the list goes on and on. In order of the calendar to keep my dates straight, we start with the

Cruising Club's cruise to the Isthmus is the 2-4<sup>th</sup>. They had a great trip to Avalon with many smiling faces, so I encourage you to check it out. On June 10<sup>th</sup> we have the Summer Kick-off Party on the patio which is always well attended and did I say fun? Moving on to June 17<sup>th</sup> we have the Alamitos Bay Sailing Foundation fundraiser, which supports youth sailing and has contributed meaningfully to the Jr Program. I encourage everyone to attend! The next day is Father's Day and the very most fun Men's Day Regatta! Now if you have not had enough, you can circle back for Long Beach Race Week the last weekend in June and the festivities surrounding everything there....man, I'm tired thinking about how busy I'm going to be! Many thanks for the organizers of all the committees and activities!

As I think you must know, Alia Sabry has accepted the role of Club Manager. She will begin her new position around June 9<sup>th</sup>. We have been very, very fortunate to have

Staff Commodore Nicole Peoples step in and perform the role of manager during the week. Nicole was aided by the BOD in taking manager of the day responsibilities on the weekends for member and staff support. I cannot thank Nicole enough for her assistance in this time of transition, and in moving the club forward with helping Alia transition into her new role. What Nicole and what Alia will bring to table is process and consistency in how we operate during and after the transition. I know everyone will give support to Alia and thank you Nicole!

On a serious note, we have had numerous security issues at the club with trespassers, vandalism and theft. We are planning a security review with our security firm in July to discuss what can be done to monitor the facility better and discourage these issues. Some of these incidents were directly related to the front man gate being propped open which has necessitated the need to keep it closed and for any hosts of outside events to pay the additional cost of security. Please, please, please, if you are going to have someone meet you at the club, do not prop the gate open, have them call you and come open it for them and resecure it. Please do your part and be understanding about keeping the club secure. We have our fellow members, our employees and the juniors we need to protect!

See you soon!

Mike

## vice versa



HAVE YOU SAILED YOUR SABOT/OPTI/ILCA/FINN/LIDO/ROWBOAT/MOTH/29ER/BONGO/SNIPE/CAL20/ULTIMATE 20/VIPER/TEMPEST/ETCHELLS/OLSEN/CATAMARAN/TRIMARAN RECENTLY?

As proud owners of these various sailboats, it is important to uphold the traditions set by our club forefathers

"A yard moored boat must be sailed at least once during each six month period (Jan 1 – June 20 and Jul 1 – Dec 31) to retain yard storage privileges.

To ensure that you retain your yard storage privileges and avoid the surcharge fees, I encourage you to

take your boat out for a sail. What a great opportunity to enjoy the water, share the experience with friends, and capture some memorable moments. Additionally, don't forget to provide proof of your recent sailing activities, which can be submitted in the form of race results, photographs, Instagram feed, etc.

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, promises to be an excellent day for sailing your boat. Afterward, we invite you to join us for the Summer Kick-Off-Party in the evening, where you can mingle with fellow sailors and share your day's adventures. Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> will also be a great day, especially for sabot sailing. Sign up for Men's Day, or have a contender sail your sabot for you!

That being said, I anticipate an active and vibrant club atmosphere in the upcoming weeks, and seeing so many yard moored sailboats gracing Alamitos Bay!

Wishing you fair winds and smooth sailing!

Gabe Ferramola

## us sailing membership

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JOIN TODAY → <https://www1.ussailing.org/membership/MPP/Default.aspx?ycid=102736L>







Well, the summer sailing season is upon us.

The junior program this year will feature two four-week sessions for most of the classes: June 19 to July 13, and July 17 to August 11. For the learn to sail program we are offering two- and four-week sessions, so the shorter sessions will be June 19 to June 30, July 3 to July 13, July 27 to July 28 and July 31 to August 11. We are doing that to encourage as many new sailors as we can sign up. Check out the class offerings on the Junior Sailing link on Clubspot.



Our sailing program will be adding a head coach, Carter Brock (see picture). Carter joins us from MIT where he was the assistant varsity sailing coach. He will mainly be focused on the double handed program, but I expect we will see him in other classes as well. Please welcome Carter to the Club.

In addition to the regularly scheduled classes, we are offering unique clinics. For example, in May we had a Q Foil Day where juniors could try their hand at the Q Foil boards, as well as knocking around in the C420s. We will repeat this successful program over the summer. On June 3-4, we are offering an ILCA clinic with Rosie Chapman, who is a highly regarded sailing coach, former head of Women Sailing for Yachting New Zealand and a former British sailing team member. Sign ups for this one are going fast. Finally, we will be having a Junior Olympics event prior to the Olympic Classes Regatta to offer juniors the opportunity to try out one of the Olympic classes. Should be fun and educational.

During the summer we will also be having open sailing Fridays with the fleet boats.

As always, thanks to our Director of Sailing, Stephen Long, and the junior advisory committee— Craig Farmer, Christina Kimmerling, Carrie Yu, Kathleen Melvin, John McCaleb and Regine Smet— for getting the junior programs organized and underway

You might have seen our J22 “Short Fuse” in the yard (see picture). Steve Flam is getting her ready for a junior match racing program. A second J22 will arrive in a

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## Sou'Wester DEADLINE

June 24, 2023 is the deadline  
for the July Sou'Wester.

## Help us to Help you!

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

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few weeks. These boats will also be available for adult and junior group lessons as well as open sailing for club members.

Let's not forget adult sailing! The private lessons are filling up. We will be adding more instructors so we can take on more students. Thanks to Dominic Meo, Henk Baars and Greg Naiman for teaching these classes this Spring. This summer we will get the adult group lessons under way. This is a great way to learn to sail, meet new friends, and bring new members to the Club.

Finally, you definitely don't want to miss the Alamitos Bay Sailing Foundation fund raising dinner on June 17. This will be a wonderful wine-paired dinner with some terrific auction items. Thanks to Steve Mueller, Kevin

Taughner, Kathleen Melvin, Jen Christopher and Jorge Suarez for serving on the Foundation board and getting this event organized. This is a great way to support junior sailing at Alamitos Bay.

Thank you and see you on the water.

Ed Feo

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## fleet captain's log



Lead by Port Captain **Jason Mullen, Grant Hill, Brad Liebrecht and Dave Myers** have refurbished 17ft. *Junior Whalers* 6 and 7 with new bottom paint, new paint for the inside and topsides, new rub-rails, new

cleats and fresh ABYC decals. These boats have served us well but were showing the signs of years of use. It is nice to see these boats refreshed and back in the water.

I want to express my thanks again to the *Cal20* owners who loaned their boats for the recent Club Championship. (See article elsewhere in this issue). Eight owners came forward to make this year's event a success.

### Patience Driver Training

Previously postponed **Patience Driver Training** has been rescheduled for **Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>**. In order to ensure student attendees have adequate opportunities to learn useful docking, driving and anchoring skills, attendance will be limited.

Sign-up by selecting; Event List, then Upcoming, See More Events under the Calendar tab to find the *Patience Training* Event Page of the ABYC website. (see event flyer elsewhere in this issue).

### Race Mangement VHF Radios

It seems like we are still 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

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

The next Race Management Meeting is **Tuesday evening June 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at ABYC. If you have been involved in a recent regatta or are in the planning stages for a future regatta, we hope we will see you then.

See you at ABYC

Steve



Isn't she lovely? Refurbished Junior Whaler 7 is relaunched

## safe sport

The US Sailing is requesting it's members and clubs to participate in this program.

It was developed by the US Olympic program, and we have asked our members to take this training.

You do not need to be a member of US Sailing. Find the link on the US Sailing site [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)

Grant Hill





**A**pril and May are usually the end of the school sailing season. The high school sailing championships wrap up in May, and so do the individual sailing series through SCYYRA. The Perry series in C420s, the Frost series in the ILCA 6, and the Carrie Series in the Optimist all ended this month, and we had juniors at all three events.

The Perry regatta was held at San Diego Yacht Club in mid April, and had the most junior sailing attendance from ABYC. We had six boats attend. Tate Christopher and Taylor Bartel finished 2nd, Noah Stapleton and Piper Blackband finished 3rd, Gage Christopher and Colin Kennedy finished 8th, Nick Lech and Jessica Green finished 22nd, Hanna Crompton and Fiona Barbeitos finished 24th, and William Stratton and Brady Kennedy finished 26th in the 32 boat fleet.

The Carrie regatta was held at the end of April and ABYC had one sailor in attendance. Timothy Liu did an amazing job representing us in the Optimist fleet with his 6th place finish in Champ Fleet.

The Frost regatta finished up at Santa Barbara Yacht Club in early May, and we had two sailors in attendance. Nicholas Mueller won the regatta and Michael Sentovich came in 4th, just six points out of 2nd. The Frost regatta finished up at Santa Barbara Yacht Club in early May, and we had two sailors in attendance. Nicholas Mueller won the regatta and Michael Sentovich came in 4th, just six points out of 2nd. In addition to winning the final regatta in the Frost series, Nicholas also won the entire Frost Series overall. His perpetual trophy for the series is on display at the US Sailing Center Long Beach.

ABYC also hosted a second IQ Foil clinic at the beginning of May. We had over ten sailors participate in this free clinic. Thank you to Xavier Ferlet and Max Rosenblad for their generous offer. The two instructors brought their own gear to let the kids sail on, and each sailor got about a half hour on the windsurfer. While not windsurfing, the kids were able to enjoy CFJs and C420s, and we even had a 29er out on the water.

We have a little break moving forward as our program gets ready for Summer Sailing, starting in mid June. I hope to see you out on the water for Memorial Day regatta!

*Stephen Long, Sailing Director*



*Nicholas with Coach Brad Schaupeter in Santa Barbara*



*Nicholas Mueller with his Frost trophies*

## alamitos bay sailing foundation



I hope many of you can join us for the Wine Dinner fundraiser on June 17th upstairs at ABYC. Please see event flyer and register on the ABYC website with Clubspot. We are limiting to 100 people. We have a fun night planned with a variety of wines from Dry Creek Winery and an amazing four course meal from Teak Catering plus a silent auction. Roughly half of the \$125 ticket price will go directly to supporting youth sailing. If you can't attend please consider making a donation and becoming a sponsor. Donations can be made easily on our website at <https://www.alamitosbaysailingfoundation.org/take-action>

Last year we raised \$25,000 at this event and this year we hope to do the same or better. Last year we raised \$50k over the course of the year and our 2023 goal is \$75k. With your support, we're making great strides in supporting youth sailing (and the future of ABYC) with program support, competition travel grants, scholarships and improved equipment (2 new FJs, 3 c420's plus 6 ILCA boats and a J-22 recently acquired).

Kevin Taugher [kevintaugher@yahoo.com](mailto:kevintaugher@yahoo.com)

# volunteer opportunities

Have you ever wondered, "Why should I volunteer at ABYC?"

My answer is from my experience. I became a member of ABYC before I could speak or walk in 1960, and I cannot remember a time that I, or my family, did not volunteer at or around ABYC. I'm sure this makes my perspective suspect. What I do remember is always enjoying my time volunteering. Yes, there have been moments of pain and others of near terror just like any activity on the water. But mostly, there is friendship and camaraderie. The feeling of having done a job well and being recognized for it is overwhelming - that is what brings me back time after time to do whatever is needed. I was lucky to be surrounded by supportive, willing and capable people when I was commodore in 2000-2001. They kept me and ABYC going. Without wonderful volunteers I would never have gotten through that year.

I have a lifetime worth of memories as a member of ABYC and many, if not most, of those memories come from volunteering. I look back fondly at Spring Spruce Ups of past years, weekends setting marks, preparing dinners, and much more. The best part is spending time with other volunteers.- Laughing or commiserating, working or kvetching, shucking corn or playing bridge.

Why do I volunteer at ABYC?... For the memories. That is why I hope you will volunteer.

**WHY DO YOU VOLUNTEER AT ABYC? PLEASE EMAIL ME YOUR STORY.**

## 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:

Date	Event	Contact
6/10	Summer Kick-Off Party	Karen Zieba ( <a href="mailto:bod.sac@abyc.org">bod.sac@abyc.org</a> )
6/18	Men's Day	Brooke Jolley ( <a href="mailto:jrstaffcommodore@abyc.org">jrstaffcommodore@abyc.org</a> )
6/23 thru 25	Long Beach Race Week	Jennifer Kuritz ( <a href="mailto:kuritz@earthlink.net">kuritz@earthlink.net</a> )
		or Eileen Haubl ( <a href="mailto:ehaubl@aol.com">ehaubl@aol.com</a> )
7/1	4th of July Regatta	Ed Feo ( <a href="mailto:rearcommodore@abyc.org">rearcommodore@abyc.org</a> )
		or Steve Smith ( <a href="mailto:fleetcaptain@abyc.org">fleetcaptain@abyc.org</a> )

On the Radar: ILCA North American Championship and US Open Sailing Series - OCR on July 14 to 16

**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.

**Please contact me if you have any questions about volunteering at ABYC.**

Dave Crockett at [bod.volunteers@abyc.org](mailto:bod.volunteers@abyc.org)

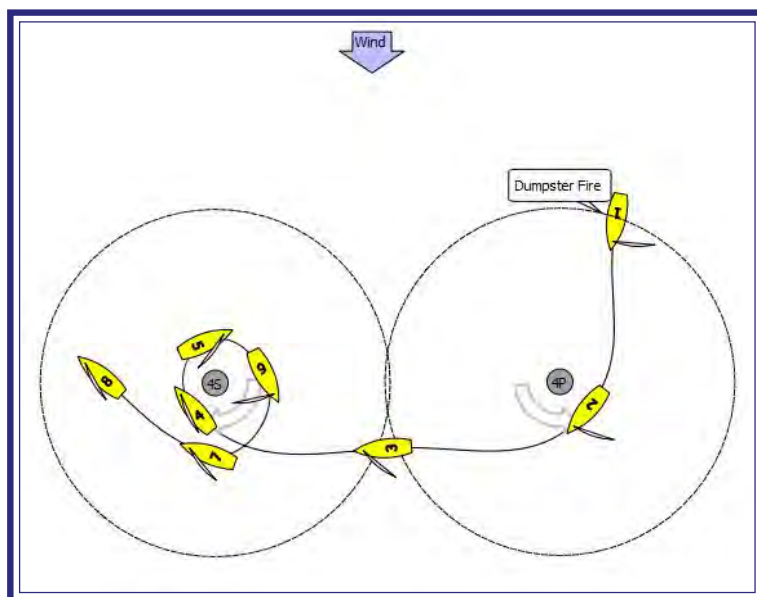
# mark's racing rules quiz #103

Answer on page 9

**D**umpster Fire approaches the gate mark and mistakenly leaves 4P to starboard. She then sails to the other gate mark, does a 360 turn around the mark and continues to sail the course.

Dumpster Fire is protested for rounding mark 4P to starboard and therefore not sailing the course.

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





# membership report



Welcome to new member Ken Meunch



**LBRW**  
LONG BEACH RACE WEEK

**June 23, 24, 25**

To volunteer: Jennifer Kuritz  
[kuritz@earthlink.net](mailto:kuritz@earthlink.net)

## eightbells

Gordon G. Brown, Jr. peacefully passed away on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Gordon had been a member of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club ("ABYC") since 1946. Gordon's early introduction to sailing (approx. 5 years old) paved the way for a lifetime of achievements on the sea, from winning the National One Design World Championship in 1948 to retiring as a Captain in the United States Navy.

He was an avid Cal 20 competitor for nearly 3 decades sailing #1120 Mar Vaca with Chas Merrill. During this time, Gordon was Commodore of ABYC (1972). Gordon was also an editor of the Cal 20 Owner's Manual, dated March 1, 1989. His grandson, Blaine Brown, will continue his legacy at ABYC by sailing his Cal 20 #1506 About a Girl.



Power 'n' sails

### ABYC Turkey Regatta draws boats galore

We are getting close to that time of year when all the Turkey Regatta boats are being towed down the coast, but down at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, committees are busy preparing for one of the biggest events of the year — the Turkey Regatta, which will be run Saturday and Sunday.

In other parts of the nation, most boat owners are putting everything to rest, but here, the racing crowd is just getting started, with little left-up except for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

ABYC officials are expecting one of the largest turnouts of the year for the two-day regatta. Two hundred and sixty boats took part in the 1972 Turkey Regatta.

SEVEN INSIDE classes and 14 outside classes will be competing for trophies on the two days. Don Wrentham, inside chairman, says that the inside classes will be Small Boat, Intermediate, and Senior. Outside classes will be One Design, Two Design, and Senior.

Ernie Mory is inside chairman. Classes running in Long Beach Ocean Race and the water beyond the breakwater will be Pacific, Atlantic, and Pacific. P-Cat, Dragon, and others.

GORDON'S first venture into sailing came when he was 14 years of age. His first boat was a 10-foot skiff, with a mast and a jib. He found that little boat to be a real challenge, usually coming in last but always finishing.

14. Skipper: Finn, Cal 20, CE, Doughty, Thiele and KIM. For spectator viewing, Alamitos Bay will be the best spot unless boats wish to cruise outside and stay all the racing course.

AMONG THE "week heroes" will be the newly elected commodore, Gordon Brown, Jr., and his wife, Linda, both natives of California and among the top sailors of the club.

Brown, now 42, has been a member of ABYC since 1946 and he not only is an excellent sailing man, but he has taught his two sons, Jeffrey, 21, and Gregory, 19, how to handle boats from Salinas to Cal-Ed, one of which he now owns in partnership with Charles Merrill, a close friend and one of the club directors.

Gordon and Linda have been married for 18 years. They went to Wilson High School together, then Long Beach City College, after which he transferred to the University of Oregon, but later finished his education at USC.

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let that comes the first big one for ABYC is April of 1973 — the Olympic Class Regatta.

OFFICERS "tacking up" Brown for 1973 will be Ernie Mory, vice commodore, Charles Merrill, race committee, Al Gabel, secretary, and Jack Davis, treasurer.

Directors, in addition to Brown, Mory and Merrill, will be Ray Olson, a staff commodore, Raleigh McLean, Jack Chisholm and Don Van.

Other sailing events are few and scattered this weekend. The Little Ships



GORDON BROWN  
First Sailing Man

# help fix our boats

**A**sking for Volunteers to help fixing up our fleet of boats  
Do you want to keep our Yacht Club affordable, help with our racing and sailing programs, and learn new skills along the way? Then you should volunteer to fix up our boats! We have a fleet of boats that need some TLC, and we have some experienced volunteers who can show you the ropes. Whether you are a novice or a seasoned sailor, you can benefit from this opportunity to work on different kinds of boats and learn from the pros. You can pick up useful skills like fiberglass work, painting, engine repair, and more. You can also get to know the features and quirks of various boats, which can help you make smarter choices for your own boat. By volunteering to fix up our boats, you are not only improving their condition and safety, but also extending their lifespan and value. You are also contributing to our Yacht Club community and having fun at the same time. So what are you waiting for? Sign up today and join us in fixing up our boats!

*Dan DeLave*



# mark's rules answer #103

...from page 7

**W**hen the course requires boats to pass between two marks at a gate, a boat complies with rule 28.1 if the string representing her track when drawn taut passes between the marks from the direction of the previous mark (see the definition Sail the Course). She complies with rule 28.1 even if the string also passes one mark of the gate on the non-required side. In this case Dumpster Fire passed the buoy serving as mark 4p of the gate on the non-required side before passing it on the required side.

## CONCLUSION

Dumpster Fire sailed the course correctly.

## DECISION

1. The protest is dismissed.

See you on the water.

*Mark Townsend*

## Quarterdeck

The key to the Quarter Deck has been changed. If you have a key please see the front office to switch it out for the new one. If you are in need of a key, there is a \$25 deposit.

# 2023 ensenada race report

**A**BYC boats and members sailed in the 75<sup>th</sup> annual Newport to Ensenada (N2E) race. It was a typical light air event, but the destination is well worth the journey. The new Coral Hotel and Marina plays host to the sailors, with a great display of hospitality, with wonderful food, music and parties. The big winner of the race was the really, super-fast trimaran Taniwha, skippered by members Jerry Fiat and Peter Sangmeister.

Not only did they win their fleet, plus so many other awards, they single handily won the most 1<sup>st</sup> place awards for the Club, hence winning the Spirit of Ensenada Trophy, which goes to the yacht club with the most cumulative awards.

This was one of last trophies presented at the N2E, and the crew from Steve George's Shadowfax, accepted the award on the Club's behalf. This Spirit of Ensenada trophy was be presented to Peter and to the Club at the May General Membership meeting.

We encourage the ABYC skippers to prepare your boats for next year's race. It is some work, but well worth the effort. The cruising fleet is just as competitive as the racing fleets. Talk with Gabe Ferramola, Steve or his crew from Shadowfax, to get you inspired.

*Grant Hill*



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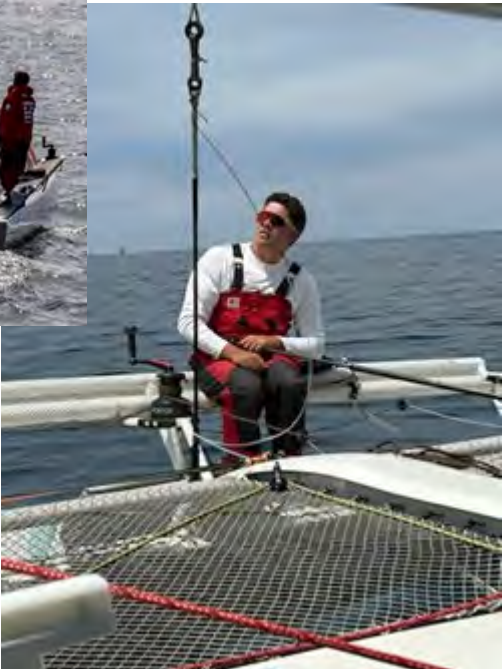




*Pics from Shadowfax Crew.*



*Pics from Taniwha Crew.*





# fleet championship

The 2023 Club Championship Regatta was made possible by ABYC Cal20 Fleet members; **Will Durant, Steve Flam, Steve George, Bryce Hans, Jeff Ives, Jeff Tighe, Mike Van Dyke, and Ron Wood** who generously provided their boats for the competition.

Conditions on the Bay were ideal for seven pairs of competitors representing the; Cal20, ILCA, Junior, Lido, Multihull, Sabot, and Viper Fleets. The competitors drew numbers from a hat to see which of the eight Cal20's they would be racing.

PRO for the day, **Steve Kuritz**, assisted by **Sharon Pearson** and **Gordon Palmer** on the Bay Barge, set a windward-leeward course with one long and one short windward mark and a leeward gate. The marks were set and moved as needed by **Martyn Bookwalter, Jack Johnson, Bob Anderson**, and your author.

Each of the two windward marks had to be rounded in each race; however, it did not matter the order in which the marks were rounded, making for interesting choices of which mark to round first.



Eight Cal20's await the competitors

The choice of Cal20's made for fair and often close racing in the conditions. Regardless of which mark they reached, the *Lido* team of **Mark Ryan** and **Nick Santos** ran off a string of bullets to win the *Kim Thompson Memorial Perpetual Trophy*, some swag from the ABYC "Boatique" and the Club Champion reserved parking space.

The ILCA team of **Nicholas Mueller** and **Chuck Tripp**, and Cal20 fleet team of **Mike Van Dyke** and **Pete Frazier** tied on points with eight



Club Champs Mark Ryan and Nick Santos

each, but **Nick** and **Chuck** took second on the tie-breaker. The Sabot team of **Jennifer Kuritz** and **Paul Anctil** were fourth, Viper team of **Mike Shea** and **Gabe Ferramola** were next, followed by Junior team of **Cameron Farmer** and **J.P. Panebianco**. The Multihull Team of **Dan DeLave** and **James Melvin** suffered from a handicap, as a rigging problem forced them to abandon the boat they initially drew and switch to the stand-by boat forcing them to miss the first race.

Full results can be found at: <https://abyc.org/regatta/xnvViAF1IL/results>

Steve Smith



Photo Boat at the Starting Line



Downwind leg: Dan DeLave & James Melvin vs. Jennifer Kuritz & Paul Anctil



Cameron Farmer & J.P. Panebianco

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Mike Shea & Gabe Ferramola



Cameron Farmer &  
J.P. Panebianco



#128 Ryan & Santos, #373 Shea & Ferramola, #441 Van Dyke & Farmer, #363 Mueller & Tripp

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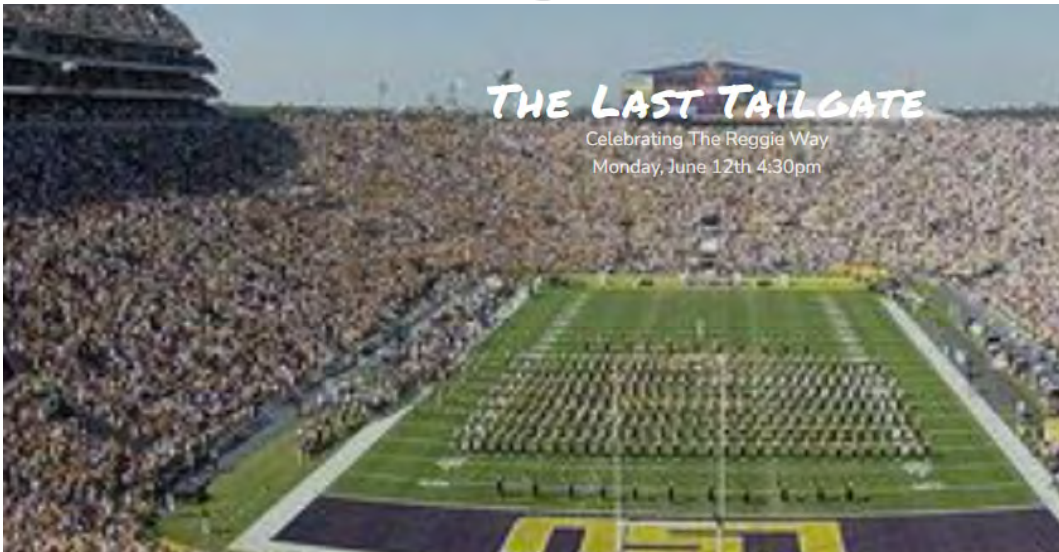
I want to thank the people who made the memorial for Joe Riddick possible: Mike VanDyke, Duane, Rosemary Ryan, Mickie Parkhouse, Kathy Weishample, and Sharon Pearson.

It was comforting to see so many ABYC members there.

Thank you all!

Mary Riddick

## reggie's last tailgate



**THE LAST TAILGATE**

Celebrating The Reggie Way  
Monday, June 12th 4:30pm



Join us on Monday, June 12  
Calling all of his biggest fans! Join us for his Last Tailgate - The Reggie Way. We will celebrate with a cool refreshing beverage, some good eats, and all of the fun. A portion of the festivities will be outdoors, please come dressed in your best tailgating or Mardi Gras wear. This will be a family affair. Your RSVP by Monday, June 5th is greatly appreciated. If you have photos to submit, please mail to [loveforreg@gmail.com](mailto:loveforreg@gmail.com)

Here is a link to RSVP to Reggie's event:

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# monday Holiday

Kathy Robinson photos

Monday was a holiday, and the club was closed. However that didn't stop many of us from having a bbq potluck. Dan DeLave was left in charge to be sure everything was turned off upon leaving.





# memorial day regatta

Dave Crockett and Deagan Willis photos

The ABYC 2023 Holiday Series tour kicked off with the Memorial Day regatta on you guess it, Memorial Day weekend. Unfortunately, May grey prevailed with some splashes of sun light seen on Saturday..But sailors were presented a nice variety of conditions. Saturday started off in moderate breeze and built to mid teens with some boats getting to practice righting drills both on the Harbor and Bay courses. Sunday remained light, but all scheduled races were completed..

Classes racing in the Harbor included Finns, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, RS Tera's, and the newest ABYC sport dinghy Melges 15..ABYC sailors faired well in the Finn class claiming the top five positions with Eric Lidecis earning bullets in six of the seven races to easily claim the first-place prize.. Our largest fleet was ILCA 6 with 17 boats on the line with ABYC sailor Thomas Kraak placing second..This was a great tune up weekend for the July ILCA North Americans being hosted by ABYC as part of our Olympic US Open Series..Our top ABYC finisher in the growing Melges 15 fleet was Kevin Thomas sailing with Helen Burdett. It is neat to see the Melges 15 fleet gaining sailors from other one design fleets such as Kevin who is a top flight Lido 14 driver..

Inside Bay classes consisted of various grades of Sabots (Senior, A, C, C2, C3) and a lone Opti Green sailor..The Seniors and lone A sailor comprised one start and the balance raced together in the second start..Bruce and Pam Gallaher were our only ABYC senior Sabots out racing preparing for the June Senior Sabot Nationals..Most of the junior Sabot sailors came up the bay from LBYC and we hope to see more ABYC juniors campaign Sabots (ABYC now has over half a dozen Sabot's available to sail!).

Special thanks to the Cal 20 fleet who staffed the Memorial Day regatta along with other ABYC volunteers.. The regatta and race management experience exhibited by Cal 20 sailors at the Memorial Day regatta was pretty impressive with Chuck Clay leading the regatta along with board liaison Dave Crockett, Harbor PRO Mark Townsend, and Bay PRO Steve Kuritz..And thanks to ramp chair Bryce Hans, a new system of launching and retrieving boats was put into practice with crisp efficiency..The ramp crew also had time between launching and retrieving boats to hang out and shoot the bull on shore..

We look forward to our next Holiday Series regatta on July 1 (Fourth of July regatta)..This time the Cal 20's will get to race having compled our volunteer fleet duty at the Memorial Day regatta.

Todd Smith





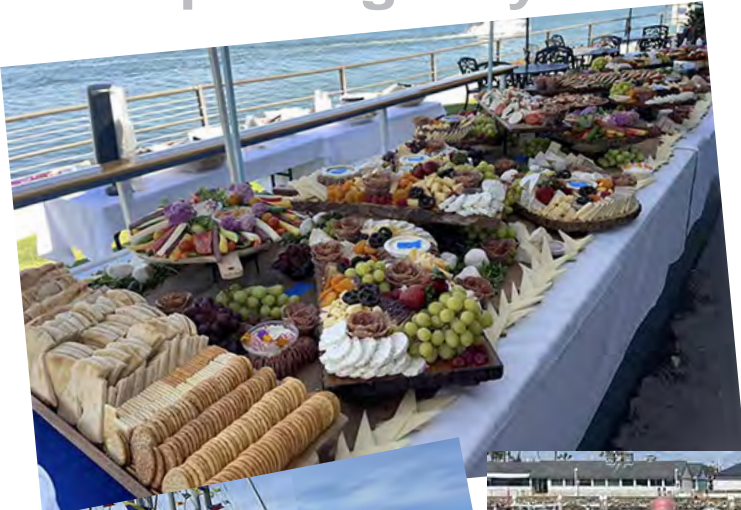
opening day

*Lori VanSkyhock, and Tracy Conn photos*



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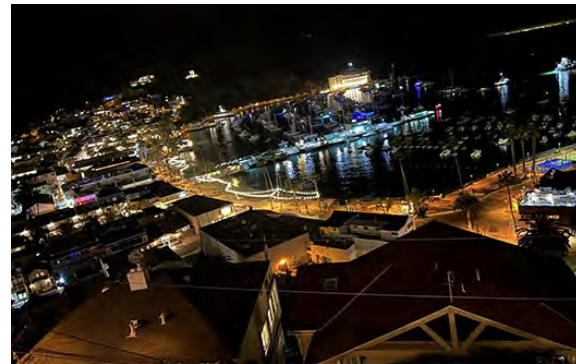






# cruising club

Lori VanSkyhock, Kathy Robinson & Carol Clanton photos



## Cruising Club Capers

ABYC Cruising Club kicked off their season with a rousing weekend to Avalon beginning on May 18. Fifty people joined in the festivities with 16 boats transiting across! Sailors were treated to a brisk sail to Avalon. The unusual southerly wind continued to increase to 17 knots at the entrance of the harbor so most boats needed assistance to their moorings. As the wind calmed in the evening, cruisers enjoyed Happy Hour and the only sunshine of the weekend on Kevin Thomas's boat. Margaritas and an array of appetizers set the stage for a lively conversational group share.

Friday morning was dominated by both nine hole and miniature golf. The oldest golf course west of the Rockies was especially lush and green this year surrounded by the equally luxuriant hillside. After a competitive round, golfers met at the Sandtrap for lunch.

Friday evening cruisers trekked up the mountain to the Bell's Kirkpatrick Cottage for a lovely evening on Dana and Sam's patio with stunning views of the Casino and harbor below. We are grateful to Dana and Sam for hosting dinner again this year! A special thank you to Dana for planning the delicious meal featuring pork loin sandwiches and Sam for cooking it to perfection. Thank you cruisers for contributing your tasty appetizers.

Saturday began with the annual walking loop past the Catalina Zip line entrance and continuing up to the Chime Tower. Eighteen hikers arrived just as the chime rang 11 times. Cruisers had a free afternoon to explore the island's many activities.



Saturday night was the highlight of the weekend. What a magical night at Jack and Nora's historical Wrigley home situated just under Mt. Ada! Jack and Nora opened their home to graciously host both cruisers and ABYC racers for a delightful evening in their beautiful terraced gardens. Italian fare catered by Antonio's Restaurant was enjoyed in all areas of the garden, but the sculpted wood fireplace area was a particularly popular place to dine. We were awed by the 360 degree views and also captivated by the interior home's modern design in perfect harmony with the couple's natural decor pieces. We are deeply grateful to Jack and Nora, as well as, Ed Spotsky and Lori VanSkyHock for arranging this memorable evening. A final thank you to Cruising Club Codirectors, Alan Cunningham and Ron Clanton, for organizing this fun-filled weekend.

The next scheduled cruise is June 2-4, 2023

to the Isthmus. There are no scheduled activities for this event. Come, relax and hang out with your ABYC Cruiser Friends!

Carol Clanton

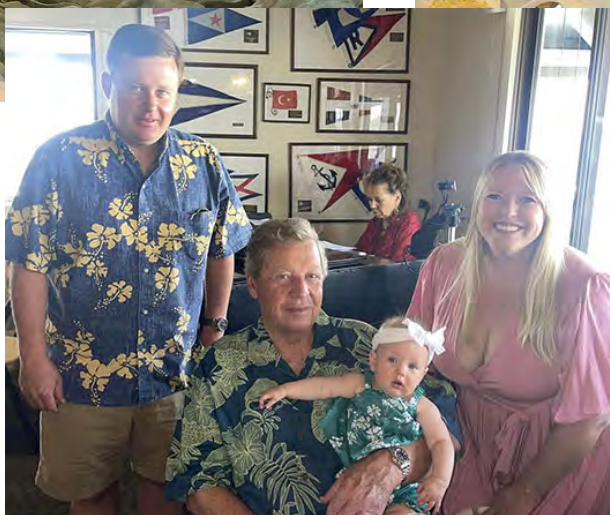


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# **Boat Owners in Long Beach City Marina's are encouraged to attend their Annual Boat Owners Meeting**

**Tuesday June 13 - 6pm**

**Long Beach Yacht Club 6201 E. Appian Way**

**Speakers from Marina Operations and Marine Patrol will update and take questions on**

Marina Security

Marina Capital Investments - Restrooms and Parking Lot Repaving

Marina Debt and Finances

City's Homeless Program impacts on Marina's

**Boat Owner Association Officers will discuss**

ABM Pumping Shut off - what it is - how you will be impacted.

1300 new apartments across from ABM Basin 3

Future BOA programs

BOA was founded by regular people like you, as a grassroots organization with the mission of addressing and pursuing the common interests, issues and concerns of all boat owners in the Long Beach marinas. We join to have boat owners voices heard. Many boat owners cannot attend city management meetings. BOA attends city board meetings, meets with city officials, and represents your interest.

**Its Your Boat Owners Association !! - Come - Learn - Join**

**Membership Desk and Cash Bar Open at 5. Join or Renew for just \$20.**



# "SURF'S UP!"

## Summer Kick-Off Party



Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

\* Build Your Own Beef, Veggie, Salmon or Chicken Burger & extensive array of all the fixin's  
(Please indicate burger choice when registering)

\* Fresh Green Salad & Summer Fruit Salad

\* Frozen Summer Treats - *Slurp!*

\* Live Music by Outerwave Surf Band

*Mai Tai and Margarita  
Drink Specials!*



RSVP  
by  
JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>

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(10 extra  
clam\$ after  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>!)

Big Waves \$20 | Small Surf \$10 (5-10)  
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# MEN'S DAY REGATTA

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ENTRY FEE:**  
**\$40**  
**AFTER JUNE 13**  
**\$50**

**INCLUDES LUNCH, BEER &  
OTHER TREATS**

**3 WEIGHT CLASSES**

**BIG KAHUNA (HEAVY-WEIGHTS)**

**HAOLE (MID-WEIGHTS)**

**KANE (LIGHT-WEIGHTS)**

**EVERYONE SAILS TOGETHER**

Check-In/Weigh-In 10:00 - 11:30 am • Sailor's Briefing 12:00 am • First Race 1:00 pm

Prizes for Best Costume! Be Creative!!

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## Pine Block Regatta

Attention all Block heads.

Save the date, the annual regatta is fast approaching on Sat. Aug 19! So get out your Pine Block Boat and dust it off & wax it (for a faster boat).

If you are coming to the regatta please reply to this email address;  
[magnificentronald@gmail.com](mailto:magnificentronald@gmail.com)

If you are not coming and no longer plan to race, please leave your boat at the ABYC office as a loaner.

We need a volunteer chase paddle board and least three finish scorers.

We also need a big turnout of Block heads with their boats, hats, swim suits, etc..

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Regatta on the beach west of ABYC.

Don't forget to sign up for the New Member Appreciation Dinner at 6:00 following the regatta, open bar at 4:30.

See you there,

Ron Long

714 846-6145 (machine)



## hails from the fleets

**20** We were saddened to hear the news of Staff Commodore Gordon Brown's passing. Gordon was an avid Cal 20 sailor and campaigned Mar Vaca for many years under the ABYC burgee. Gordon was a true gentleman and close friend of many ABYC sailors. He will be missed to say the least and we wish the Brown family our very best. In the past few years, Gordon was able to share the joy of his grandson Blaine Brown who restored #1506 (renamed About a Girl). Below is a photo that Blaine shared with us showing Gordon admiring the "in progress" restoration project of #1506 in front of the Brown home in Belmont Heights. I am sure Gordon was very proud of Blaine!

The Wet Wednesday season kicked off in May and as usual, the Cal 20's are sporting the largest fleet. Long Beach ABYC Cal 20 racing offers three general types of racing events including 1) Wet Wednesday's, 2) ABYC weekend regattas, and 3) annual Class Championships. The mid week beer can series is a great way to sharpen your skills against some of our very best Cal 20 sailors. Regulars that you can expect to see at any given Wet Wednesday include multi time Class Champion Keith Ives, Commodore Mike Van Dyke and Pete Frazier, Ron and Mike Wood, Dave Kofahl, Jeff Ives, Steve George, the Kuritz's sailing with Gordy Palmer, Neil Rietdyk, Bryce Hans and Keith Polmanteer, Alex Cross, Bill Durant, and Dan Gilboa sailing with Erik Bakker.

Special thanks to all our Cal 20 owners who loaned out their boat for the Kim Thompson Opening Day regatta. Congratulations to Mark Ryan for his big win and securing the infamous Club Champion parking spot. Hopefully we can get Mark out on a Cal 20 again.

For those who store their boat in our yard, we need to make sure you all splash and sail your boat per the yard rules. To help make sure we comply, the Cal 20 fleet will be hosting the first ever "Use It or Lose It" regatta. Here is the gameplan. Splash your boat on Friday, June 30 late afternoon. We will hold a round the bay race starting 505 style with a jack rabbit start in the turning basin using a Boxing Day type course. Plan to start around 5 pm ish and enjoy happy hour after the racing. The plan is to keep the boats in the water and the next day we will race in the ABYC 4<sup>th</sup> of July regatta (Saturday, July 1). By following this plan you will have ensured that you satisfied the yard rules of sailing your boat once every six months and you won't lose your spot in the yard!

Todd Smith





# hails from the fleets

Lido Love

Deby St John photos

# L<sup>14</sup>

On the last Thursday of April we had consistent breeze all night and the racing was great! The A and B fleets are pretty compressed these days and the finishes are close, both between boats and from first to "lantern rouge". There was a little confusion during the night as Jack is learning the ropes as PRO, but everyone was a good sport about it!

5/4 was another fun evening on the water. It threatened to rain all evening but we had 12 Lidos that didn't let that scare them away! They were rewarded with a beautiful night of sailing! With only a smattering of raindrops we were able to get 3 races in. Off the water there was a toasty fire and delicious Valentino's pizza.

On 5/11 we had good breeze that held out all night until we were getting low on light. We had 3 races with split fleets. During the second race someone decided they didn't like the mark placement, so they dragged it a while and dropped it somewhere else. Some funny comments, but otherwise, no harm, no foul. In other news, Cat and Tom won their first B fleet race! Nice job, guys!

5/18 we were able to get in 3 races with split fleets. The light breeze kept the racing tight with lots of ups and downs for everyone. After the races people were talking about the current, which much of the fleet figured out. After racing, dinner didn't disappoint with brats and salad.

We are grateful to ABYC staff Aaron and Kelly for consistently working on Thursday nights and to ABYC's chef Melissa for all of the great dinners! Also, a huge thank you to all of the volunteers that come out on Thursday nights and make racing happen!!

Jack Johnson





# hails from the fleets



**C**heyne Scoby sailed in his first Viper 640 Regatta last Wednesday night with Ed Feo and Christina Kimmerling who still need to put together their Viper following the Worlds. Cheyne recently bought #133 and with the help of Mike Shea, Tim Carter, Gabe Ferramola, Dan Milefchik and other veterans Viper peeps got him on the water and now racing. Always great to welcome a new member to the fleet and we look forward to many more races with him.

ABYC's Opening Day came and went. Tim Carter, Dan Milefchik and yours truly grilled 150+ bratwursts, hot dogs, and onions/sweet peppers for the occasion. (Tim has been doing this since his old Etchells days and the tradition continues!) Being on the grill, you hear many comments. Some good, some so-so. But for the griller, they are great entertainment. We do it for love, not Michelin reviews.

Back to Wet Wednesdays, we are having a great time and hope to see Ed on the water soon. Mike Hester from the AZ fleet was in town and hopped on Mike and Gabe's boat and had fun. He said that the weather was cold and the water tasted funny. But hey, he still had a blast. Russ Fox and his sister Kristen Warnick, and son Jake ended their sabbatical and were on the line last week. First to the weather mark and slipped to a deuce, but lots of grins and happiness being back out on the water.

Enjoy May Gray and June Gloom as best as you can. July will be here soon with warmer temps and nicer breeze. Can't wait!

Next major regatta will be LBRW...

Sail fast, and fair!

*Steve Bloemeke*



**A** few of our Senior Sabots traveled to MBYC for the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the series of SCWSA regattas. Perfect conditions made for competitive sailing. In the Ladies A Fleet. SDYC's Betty Becker finished on top, followed by ABYC sailors Kathy Reed in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cindy Heavrin in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the Men's A fleet Mike Hatch of SDYC finished 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by Scott Finkboner and Lanny Coon, both from MBYC.

The next big event is Senior Sabot Nationals to be held in San Diego at Coronado YC, June 10-11. Measuring will take place on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at CYC, which will make this a 3-day event.

Sunday June 18 is ABYC's Men's Day Regatta which is always a fun event. Sign up by June 13 to get the early entry fee. For more information contact Brooke Jolly.

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



**N**ews from England that our Mark Golison finished 6th out of 78 competitors at the DF95 Global Championships. He survived 22 races of 4 fleets over 5 days to finish in the top tier. DF65 and DF95 racing continues monthly at El Dorado Park and Irvine Mason Park. The May DF 95 races at El Dorado park hosted a big, competitive fleet of 18 boats. The fleet continues to grow! Still coming up are the Friday Night DragonFlites on the first Friday of the month at LBYC. Almost always good winds and strong racing.


*Don Shirley*





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The Long Beach Marina Boat Owners Association will host its first meeting after a hiatus during the Pandemic.

These meetings are very popular because they offer a chance for boat owners to meet with and get updates directly from the leaders of the Long Beach Marine Bureau.

BOA has continued to represent all boat owners in the increasing encroachment of Alamitos Bay Marina.

The LB Planning Commission recently approved the Congressional Place development and BOA filed an appeal. Stay tuned. We hope to have an update on this appeal to report to the membership at the meeting. BOA is not challenging the building of Congressional Place. Our primary focus is to ensure marina concerns about traffic flow are taken into consideration.

There will also be updates on actions being taken to mitigate the potential pollution of Alamitos Bay Marina by the removal of the AES power plant.

All boat owners are encouraged to attend. Tuesday June 13: 5PM Membership Desk and Cash Bar Open. 6 - 7:15 Meeting.

Thank you



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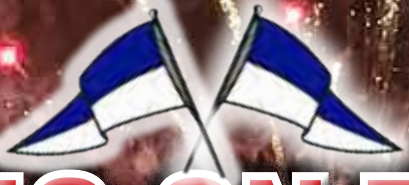


## SAIL, SUN AND FUN AT TWO HARBORS

### The Isthmus on Catalina Island

The Cruising Club is headed to the Isthmus for a no host no plans and no worries weekend. That's right. Just show up and we'll figure it out. See you there!





# **BIG BANG ON THE BAY**

## **Monday, July 3rd**

### **6:00 – 10:00 pm**



**MUSIC BY: AUDIO AVENUES**  
**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**\*\*NO BAR – BYOB\*\***

**- EVERYONE -  
(KIDS TOO) MUST  
WEAR A WRISTBAND**

**WANT TO RAFT-UP?  
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patricknmnmccormick@yahoo.com**

#### **OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC**

Bring a picnic and beverages. The bbq will be lit...grill.

#### **SEATING**

Beach chairs and blankets on the lawn; tables and chairs on the upper deck, balcony, and in the Quarter Deck.

#### **PARKING**

First come, first served. Only members' cars, with ABYC decals, allowed in our lot. Bring a credit card to use the city meters. Consider shoreboat, Uber, boat, carpool, bicycle, or walking to the Club. Peninsula traffic may be congested.

#### **WRISTBAND RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

\$5.00 per wristband (covers cost of band)

**EVERYONE (KIDS TOO) MUST WEAR A WRISTBAND.**

Member can bring up to 6 guests – 400-person limit.

Reserve online: [www.abyc.org/event/](http://www.abyc.org/event/)

**PICK-UP WRISTBANDS  
IN OFFICE BY JULY 2**



# 2023



**Alamitos Bay Yacht Club**

## **4TH OF JULY REGATTA** **JULY 1, 2023**



**REGATTA HOSTED BY THE ABYC ILCA FLEET**

### **REGATTA ENTRY FEES**

	Early Entry On or Before June 25	Standard Entry
Entry Fee Bay Classes:	\$30	\$40
Entry Fee Ocean Classes:	\$37.50	\$45
Support Person Vessels Fees:	\$37.50	\$37.50

The entry fee includes launching, recovery, and storage for visiting competing boats from the day prior to the event and the day following.

**ENTER AND RACE DOCUMENTS @**  
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**Training Class**  
**Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>**



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