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spring spruce up

Tracy Conn photos

What a tremendous turn out for Spring Spruce up! Many thanks to all that came down, lent some time and elbow grease all the while having fun with friends and making your club look great for opening day and the summer season.

One of the larger projects were the rebuilding, planking, painting, and overall health check of the finish platform. Many thanks go to Joe Zieba and crew. Joe and Karen have been consistent volunteers providing not only their time, but their professional know how. Thank you, Team Finish Platform



Terry led the grounds team with weeding, planting, trimming, tearing out and bark spreading. This encompassed not only the interior but our exterior gardening needs as well. I helped bag up the clean-up items and I counted some 20 hefty bags. Things are looking green! Thanks Ground Keepers!

We had a group of volunteers working on the FJ's and had them flipped over and compounded and clean the hulls. I counted some 4 or 5 buffers running getting the scuffs, the scratches, the goop off the bottoms and cleaning the topsides! Thank you, Team Jrs, the FJ's look great!

Melissa and the social committee did a wonderful job cleaning the attic space out. We found stuff we didn't even know we had dated back. They pulled out like 8 paddle boards and more, lots of stuff up there. On the sign-up sheet for helping they had, please sign up we have mimosas! Awesome! Thank you!

Trophies, whose name is on the trophies? Carol Ginder worked tirelessly with her team in clean out the trophy cases, the trophies themselves and putting them back together so our lobby looks presentable and clean! Thank you all!

Spring Spruce up would not be complete for me, if we did not tackle more east yard clean up. Peter Frazier was there, sawing, cutting, tossing, throwing away and tiding up and disposing of rotted boats and more. One went to the curb and was taken within 10 minutes. Never underestimate the word free! Thanks Pete!



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There is a Japanese proverb that literally goes 'Raise the sail with your stronger hand', meaning you must go after the opportunities that arise in life that you are best equipped to do.

Soichiro Honda

Some much excitement is happening daily; Spring has sprung, we've spruced the place up, our staff is growing, we've got a few new members and "Sheila's Famous" is trending all over the internet!

A big "thank you" to everyone who came to support "Spring Spruce Up". With this being my first one, I didn't know what to expect but it was a great weekend for fellowshiping with members and staff. Easter Brunch was pretty awesome too, it's never a bad thing when the Easter Bunny shows up! The SAC Posse and Sheriff Melissa made the day go pretty smooth and made it look easy. SAC has been extremely supportive of our Happy Hours and between the Salsa dancing and the piano man, Trivia Night will be a hoot.

It's finally happened, Chef Ramon is here. Most of you have met Chef Melissa, she's a tiny little thing but her food has been amazing. I've gotten great comments from some of the Lido peeps about the Chicken Marsala from this past week and that was her making the magic happen. Chef Ramon is jumping right into the deep end and we're updating and finalizing the Happy Hour Menu and also the Galley Menu. Additionally, we are working on a lunch menu as well, complete with fresh salads and sandwiches. We're playing with things like Ahi Poke Bowls, Black Bean & Quinoa Burger, Prime Rib and Key Lime Pie. All made fresh, in this lovely kitchen that is ABYC. I am going to make everything fresh that we can and we'll make sure it's priced favorably for the members. For our brunches, we'll use fresh baked pastries. We're working on recipes for margaritas and bloody mary mix, house made sauces and dressings and fresh ingredients across the board. I think we're going to have to bring the International French Fry Coalition of Long Beach together and have a fry tasting night. We have the ability to make fresh french fries thanks to some benevolent member but we buy frozen fries. So we'll have to do some tasting of fries, of different salts and different dipping sauces so be on the lookout for that announcement.

I am working on updating our hours of operation for food and bar service. As it stands:

- Wednesday: presently no food (I'm at the 1 yard line, stay tuned), bar service on the patio from 4 to 7
- Thursday: We provide food for the Lido sailors, right now this is about 40-50 ppl. If you're looking to come down to eat, it would be helpful to let Sheila know on Wed so I can prepare additional food. Eventually I'll have the galley open but for now, we just make food for the Lido fan club. We want people to come and enjoy the club, we just want to have enough food for everyone. - Also, Aaron is behind the bar

from 4 to 9. And we just hired Alia to help with the bar as well so we'll be staffed.

- Friday: Happy Hour, bar & kitchen open at 4. Last call for food will be 8:30, this gives the team an hour to properly clean the kitchen, label & store the food and organize anything they need for the next day. Last call at the bar will be 9:30 and we'll close at 10. If we get to a point where you want us to stay open later, we can do that, I just need to adjust the schedules so as to avoid unplanned overtime. Extended hours can result in overtime and or meal penalties and this is an area of focus for me and The Board.
- Saturday: Galley from 8:30 to 4. Right now I do not have Happy Hour available but I am working on that. We will have cocktails, beer, Bloody Mary's etc. available out of the Galley as Ann will be in their mixing her heart out. Aaron and Alia will have Happy Hour on the patio from 3 to 8. We can extend these hours as business grows
- Sunday: Galley from 8:30 to 4, bar service out of the Galley.

Please keep in mind, the more you come to the club, the more I am able to improve & evolve your experience. People riding by in boats, folks walking by our campus, the more they see you engaging with family and friends, they more they'll want to join. That's how clubs work!. Also, this added food service and improved beverage pricing and selection will help up maximize revenue for outside events. Membership to ABYC is exclusive, we need to have a wait list of people wanting to join. I know Michael Oliver is working tirelessly on that and we want to carry our load to make membership a no brainer for anyone interested.

I am working on photos of the staff and name tags. I'm looking for another maintenance person and a lunch cook so if you know anyone, let me know.

I need to reconfigure the closets in the junior room, we need to be able to clean and hang our blue linens. I want to get them professionally dry cleaned twice a year but we should be able to handle washing and storing at the club. So if anyone has any closet/woodworking skills, please let me know.

I am working on the blue cushions by the chess board. The interiors are in bad shape so I expect to have a bid for commercial cushions this week. We want to have those couches available on the patio. A big thanks to Mr & Mrs. Taugher, between him giving the high top chairs a paint job and the Mrs. making table covers, the table tops that Bob Bishop made will last a good 10+ years.

Thanks to Gabe Ferramola for bringing in a college regatta from UCI this weekend. It was brisk, the Galley was popping for Chef Ramon and Melissa and it was a good amount of business for Ann to train Alia. We had just under \$1k in sales each day and that's just with about 50 kids here. Let's refer more events like this please!

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Easter was always a big holiday for me, and it always involved a new suit. I think the last suit I got was an olive suit for JC Penney in Natchez, MS. I was a fashion icon before being a fashion icon was a thing! My last great Easter ensemble was a 3 piece suit with a hideous striped olive tie and I taught myself a Windsor knot and wore a collar bar so I pretty much looked like 150 lb version of Billy Dee Williams, Kojak & Ricardo Montalban all rolled into one. A tip of the hat to those of you that grew up getting a new suit or a new dress on Easter. You know who you are...and those were the good ol days.

Thank you all for taking time out to share how much you appreciate what we're trying to add to the club. The

fact that so many of you share how we're doing, how you've seen a difference, how you're talking about it amongst yourselves and your support says so much about the ABYC village. I don't have all the answers, I just want to be around people that add value to my life and that makes the work easy. I am grateful for this blessing.

Our season at ABYC is only just beginning, The wind is giving us a push into the deep waters and we raise our sails, with our strong hand!

See you on Opening Day

Reggie

Blood Drive

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

7201 E Ocean Blvd Long Beach, CA 90803

The Quarter Deck

Friday, July 1, 2022

1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

To schedule your appointment please sign up online at www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code **ABYC** or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Identification will be required.



Sou'Wester DEADLINE

May 24, 2022 is the deadline
for the June Sou'Wester.

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commodore's compass



It's May! How time flies when you're having fun! We are already into the full swing of things with Easter behind us as well as our fun Opening Day(s) activities by the time you receive May's Sou'Wester. Coming up before we know it will be the Finn Nationals in mid-May, the Memorial Day Regatta, Long Beach Race Week in June along with the start of the Junior Program and then watch-out for July! There is something going on nearly every weekend that month. August will bring the Cal 20 Nationals which should be a fun event! I am looking forward to some busy months of Yacht Club fun.

Aside from regattas, we have some other interesting things too. Want to get better at driving and handling a whaler? Sign up for the whaler training class on May 7th. June 4th is our Open House. I know Michael Oliver would love to see you all down there, either talking to potential members

or going sailing, showing the fun that can be had at our "Place to Be". In July, we have Big Bang on the Bay. That is always a great time. Please check out the calendar if you need more ideas.

It is also the season of Opening Days. I have now been to Shoreline Yacht Club, Long Beach Yacht Club, Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, Navy Yacht Club and soon Seal Beach Yacht Club's celebrations. It has been fun to see how each club commemorates their days differently. None, so far, have come close to our "30-minute rule" =.

Please come down and enjoy your club.

Cheers,

Brooke Jolly

vice verses



Spring is here and we are all spruced up for opening day and the summer season! Thank you again for those that came out and lent a hand or two in getting things ship shape!

Rolling into May we have a lot going on. We have the Finn US nationals and then to follow up in June LBRW, July the C420 Championship and OCR. Lots of fun events going on to participate in.

I have asked a small group (committee) to review the yard rules and usage of our mooring space. We have several new boats in the yard and more on the waiting list to come in. If you have constructive ideas, please let me know.

Happy Mother's Day to everyone. Sign up for brunch!

Mike

rear view



Registrations for Summer sailing are open! Sign up your juniors, and your friend's juniors. Details and registrations are done through our club website. Many thanks to all of you that came in for Spring Spruce Up armed with cleaners, wax, and buffers to polish up our CFJ fleet!

This past weekend I had the opportunity of hanging out at the club and helping out the UC Irvine Sailing Team run their Anteater Open Regatta. Former UCI sailing team captain and current ABYC member Brian MacLean ran off 16 races in the bay for 22 college teams in CFJ's. Congrats to USC for the win. What a great group of sailors, It was a pleasure to host them and I look forward to seeing them all back here for more events.

Cheers,

Gabe Ferramola



fleet captain's log



April showers bring May flowers! And, hard work around the ABYC allows us to enjoy the sailing season. There will be more about Spring Spruce up in this newsletter, but I want to say thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out. The Club looks great.

I hope you are reading this before April 30 which is Opening Day. We have the ABYC Club Championship that morning, Open Host Boats and our annual ceremony. I hope to see you there.

In April the Lido 14s began their Twilight series which continues through September. I highly suggest you go race on Thursday nights if you have a Lido 14, or can borrow, beg or rent one. The Sabots continued their racing in April and have another Sunday of racing on May 22.

In May we kick off our summer of major events with the 2022 Finn US National Championships from the 19th to the 22nd. Please come out and watch or volunteer if you have some free time.

On May 28 and 29 we have our Annual Memorial Day Regatta. Come out and race – the weather should be good and the sailing should be great.

Please check the ABYC Calendar and find a reason to come down and enjoy a day on, or near, the water!

See you on Opening Day!

Dave

odds & ends



June 24, 25, 26

Got Sails?



The Juniors are collecting old sails to recycle into duffel bags and other gear. Clean out your boat and garage! Simply drop off your old sails in the designated collection bin in the junior room.

amazon smile

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<http://smile.amazon.com>, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. You do not need to set up a new account or login. Please see <http://smile.amazon.com/about> for program details and how to always start with a smile.

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.

We would like to order these license plate signs but want to get an idea of who might be interested. I have one on my car and I'm very happy with the quality. The price reduces with larger quantities. The price point will be about \$30.

Please email me at sharonpea@outlook.com, let me know when you see me or call Sheila or Rachel in the office.

Sharon Pearson



the bay clogger

Spring regattas are coming to a close for the junior sailors. Two of the SCYYRA Series have already ended, and two more end in April. The only series that extends past April is the Ullman/Frost Series, which is the ILCA6 and ILCA7 series. Our Junior sailors had a lot of fun competing in the last Perry regatta, and last Carrie regatta.

The last Perry Series regatta was held at San Diego Yacht Club on April 2nd and 3rd. The top finishing ABYC junior sailor was **Noah Stapleton**, sailing with **Piper Blackband**, in 7th place. **Tate Christopher** and **Vera Allen** finished 17th, **Nicholas Mueller** finished 21st, and **Dylan Sih and Richard Rychlik Jr.** finished 23rd in the 40 boat fleet. The C420 fleet is one of the most competitive junior sailing fleets in Southern California, so to have all our sailors finishing mid fleet and above is very impressive.

The Opti sailors only went a short distance up the coast to King Harbor Yacht Club for their last regatta of the season. The Ken Hoover Memorial Regatta was held on April 23rd and 24th. Our sailors did very well; our top Champion Fleet finisher was **Gage Christopher** in 6th place.

Timothy Liu finished 15th, and Team ABYC also had **Julian Yao** join us for the regatta, and he finished 19th in the 25 boat Championship Fleet.

Stephen Long, Sailing Director

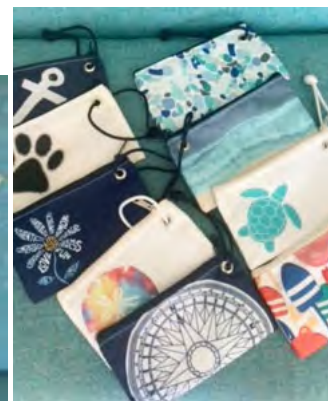


shop sea bags

So recycling really does work! Just in, a fresh batch of bags by Sea Bags of Maine, made from sails recycled right here at ABYC.

Please contact jen@golison.com if you are interested in purchasing one. Large totes are \$100.

Buckets are \$50 and have either mesh bottoms to use in shower or at beach or solid bottom. Wine and cosmetic bags are \$30 and cute wristlets are \$20. All proceeds to benefit the ABYC Junior Program.



HELP KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN!

Join the ABYC Juniors



Hello Fellow Jr members. The Jr board is hosting a beach clean up at 10 am on Sunday May 15th at 71st place on the ocean side. Free parking will be provided in the public lot, as well as trash bags and gloves. Jrs. and their parents are encouraged to join us for a fun morning.

Sincerely,
Ulises Kuijken Lewis

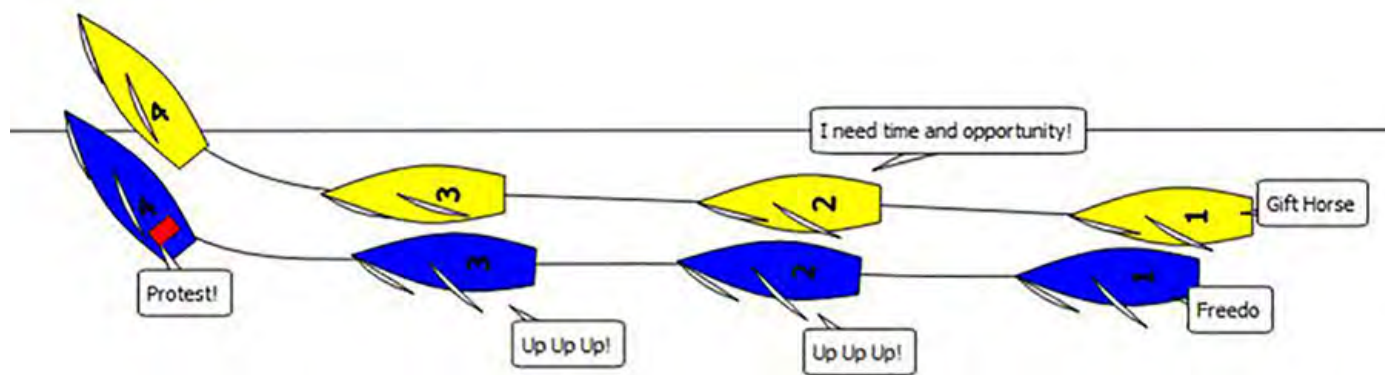
Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 10 am
71st Pl on the ocean side

The trash on our beaches won't pick itself up!

Freedo and Gift Horse, two Lido 14's, are reaching along the line about 30 seconds before the start. Freedo is less than 1 foot to leeward of Gift Horse. Freedo yells "Up! Up! Up!" Gift Horse responds "I need time and opportunity!" and holds her course. They continue sailing down the line with Freedo yelling "Up! Up! Up!" and Gift Horse holding her course. At the starting signal Gift Horse and Freedo luff to a close-hauled course. There was no contact.

Freedo protests Gift Horse for windward leeward. Gift Horse says there was no contact so no foul.

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



volunteer opportunities

ARE YOU READY FOR RACING SEASON? RACE OR VOLUNTEER—ABYC is the Place to Be

Now that Opening Day has kicked off the ABYC Racing season, we see a full calendar for the first time in two years. WOW!!! Come to the Club and enjoy your boat. Race. Volunteer. Eat from the new galley menu on our beautiful patio. Enjoy your beautiful ABYC—The Place to Be! Please check our calendar for all the racing, event hosting, and social events that ABYC offers. It takes a lot of volunteers to make our events pure perfection. and your help takes a huge load off of the event chairs.

Racing? Our first two-day holiday regatta happens May 28-29 on Memorial Day Weekend. Check the NOR to see if your class is racing in the Harbor or the Bay. The Cal 20's are the Duty Fleet, and Cal 20 skippers can race in the PHRF class. You can still volunteer for a pre-race on-shore position like helping with check-ins, directing traffic in the parking lot, on the Ramp, or at the Hoists. Not racing? We still need 4 scorers, 2 whaler crews, a Protest Committee, assistance with Computer Scoring, and a crew to take new same-day entries. Please contact me, Carol Ginder, Regatta Chair, at carol.abyc2021@gmail.com or 714 274-5813. Thank you to Steve Kuritz and Martyn Bookwalter, our PRO's for volunteering to lead the Race Committees.

Race Management would like to increase the number of trained and ready whaler skippers. Pre-register for the class which will be on Saturday May 7. The class will start in the Quarter Deck, and is open to a total of 14 students. PLEASE consider this. We need more whaler skippers!!!

The 4-day Finn National Championships start Thursday May 19, and go through Sunday, May 22. It would

be outstanding to have a large pool of whaler operators so that each can volunteer 1-2 days. Volunteer positions are being filled by Mark Townsend (s_mark_townsend@hotmail.com); Brooke Jolly (brookejolly562@gmail.com); and Roland Fournier (rfournierdesign@me.com).

The Social Advisory Committee has many activities coming up—Club ABYC and the Mothers' Day Brunch kick off May. If decorating, food, and socializing are your super talents, please join Melissa Kirby and her crew. The next SAC meeting is Tuesday, May 10 to get ready for our late May and Summer events.

I want to thank all of our Volunteers who helped at Spring Spruce Up. Mike VanDyke did a superior job of recruiting you all, and I know it's enriching to meet so many of our members as we work together to make our Club beautiful and more functional. I want to thank my special crew of Trophy Cleaning volunteers: **Carol Clanton** and **Trish Clay**, assisted by our stellar ABYC staff member **Duane**. We cleaned, polished, and took off the tarnish on about 80 trophies. And, I want to thank **Ed Spotsky** and **Pat McCormick** who are in the process of updating our Burgee Directory—identifying, cleaning, and displaying the burgees that have been stacking up. Thanks to them, we have about 20 more displayed.

If you are interested in becoming trained on our club's engraving machine, I would be delighted to meet with you and give you a lesson or two. It is relaxing to sit at the engraver and peek out the door to see the boats cruising down the channel, and chat with members who stop by to say hi.

membership report

Dan DeLave photos

We presented 6 burgees to new members at the April General Membership meeting. It was great to see; Taylor Senske & Michael Darlington, Andres Valles, Keri Forsberg, Tyler Webb, Nick Santos & Sunny Scarborough, and Tom Dorman & Cat Bell.

Please welcome the following new members: Kevin Nichols (Regular), Randy Smith (Regular), David Peyton (Regular), Craig Monk (Regular), and Meredith Lackey (Regular).

There are two people posting this month: Xavier Ferlet (Regular) and Andrew Carter (Junior)

Looking forward to new website, please check the new member page and let us know what you think membership@abyc.org.

Michael Oliver, Membership Director



Andres Valles



Tom Dorman & Cat Bell



Tyler Webb



Keri Forsberg



Taylor Senske & Michael Darlington



Nick Santos & Sunny Scarborough

ensenada shadowfax

Well, what an epic 2022 Newport to Ensenada Race. Angry seas, wind up in the mid-20's, ripped sails, broken hardware, record pace down the coast, Great Food, then a drifter across the finish line.

Congrats to Steve George, who skippered his Shadowfax to a PHRF Class C win and led us through this challenging race. Met some fun people to sail with. And who would have known we had a pinata killer amongst the crew...RESPECT....

Grant Hill



Lisa Bronitt photo



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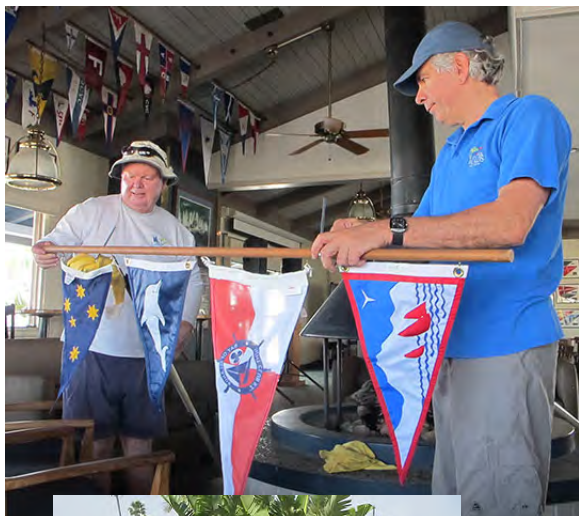
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Painting Crew lead by our wonderful Commodore Brooke, tackled the benches, the window trimmings and some of the cinder block wall. It's amazing what a fresh coat of white paint will do! Almost like a HGTV show, maybe I should watch for pointers for next year! Thank you, Painting Team!

Finally, thank you to Reggie and Staff for keeping us feed and hydrated thru out the day. On Sunday, we had a bit of a need for volunteer clean-up crew for the patio. See what you missed! Thank you again!

Mike VanDyke



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During the Spring Spruce Up I was working on one of the 17-foot Whalers. Some might say polishing a pig, but with the help of some others we were able to get the hulls looking presentable. There was also a dosing of fiberglass rust remover applied to the interior, that really worked.

I was trying to clean around the letter (Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and CF numbers) when Jason Mullen came over and offered that if I wanted to take them completely off he would pony up the money to replace them.

I decided to take him up on the offer. I then asked Kathy Weishampel if she would do the graphics. She was on board. Then phoned around to a couple of shops that do this to understand what I was doing. I got a quote send the bill to Jason who generously paid and we are about to install them so see how it all works out.

Nice teamwork, eh?

Dan DeLave



mark's rules answer #90

...from page 7

With less than 1 foot separating the two boats, Freedo, the leeward boat, could not luff without immediately making contact with Gift Horse, the windward boat. The definition of keep clear says; "A boat keeps clear of a right-of-way boat (a) if the right-of-way boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action (b) when the boats are overlapped, if the right-of-way boat can also change course in both directions without immediately making contact." If Freedo luffs she would immediately make contact with Gift Horse. Therefore, Gift Horse is not keeping clear at position 1 and continues not to keep clear throughout the incident.

If the protest committee clearly establishes that Gift Horse deliberately held her course to avoid being OCS, then Gift Horse has also broken rule 2 and her penalty shall be a disqualification that is not excludable (DNE).

CONCLUSION

Gift Horse to windward failed to keep clear of Freedo to leeward, and broke RRS 11..

By knowingly breaking rule 11 and not taking the appropriate penalty, Gift Horse failed to compete in compliance with the principles of sportsmanship and fair play. Gift Horse broke RRS 2.

DECISION

Protest upheld. Gift Horse is DNE.

See you on the water
Mark Townsend

cruising club weekend

Lori VanSkyhock photos

The ABYC Cruising Club cruised down to Newport Beach on April 22-24 for a fun, fluid and friendly weekend at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club on Balboa Island. Bahia means “bay” and was also the name of the boat belonging to BCYC’s first commodore. Hats off to Alan Cunningham for orchestrating the reciprocals between BCYC and ABYC. The next destination is the Avalon Silent Film Showcase from May 13-15. Contact Alan for further details.

Lori VanSkyhock



alamitos bay sailing foundation wine tasting fundraiser

Kathy Robinson & Lori VanSkyhock photos



Thank you to all who supported our recent Wine Tasting Dinner Fundraiser and silent auction featuring Fess Parker Wines - as well as those who couldn't attend but have sent in donations. It was great to see so many familiar faces again and to reconnect with some that haven't been around the club for many years as well. All told, we had 70 attendees and raised an impressive \$25,000!!! The evening was a lot of fun and the food and wine was superb. Special thanks to Reggie, Chef Ramon, Chef Melissa, Sous Chef Luke and Steve Mueller for putting on such a wonderful - five course dinner made on-site. Also special thanks to Dana Bell and Lori VanSkyhock for the decorations and table settings and our Junior Board for helping out. Let's do it again next year!

With the success of the current fundraising campaign and with carryover funds, we are ready to pull the trigger on purchasing a couple new CFJs and c420s to enhance the double-handed sailing program and after school high school program. We have also recently started supporting the junior program by subsidizing coaching (when needed) to ensure coaches are present at local SCYYRA events. Having coaches at events has shown to really boost participation measurably. These are a couple high priority gaps identified by our Junior Sailing Director and Head Coach to enhance the entire program and aligns with the ABSF mission of promoting youth sailing.

We're well on our way of meeting our 2022 fundraising goals. If anyone would still like to donate, we've made it super easy. Checks are always welcome (mail to ABYC c/o ABSF) and we also have set up on-line donations at <http://www.alamitosbaysf.org>

Kevin Taugher kevintaugher@yahoo.com



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easter2022

Jo Murray, Dana Bell and Dan DeLave photos

Mega big shout out to the Easter Bunny making time in her busy egg hiding schedule to make a spectacular appearance at our Easter Brunch. Her presence was a reminder that life after Covid is nearing norm. Also big thanks to Sam and Dana Bell for hosting the multiple egg hunts for the kiddos. Our half sincere apologies to anyone who finds an unfound egg on their boat in the yard over the next few months.

Of course we have to thank the SAC Team for their wonderful napkin folding skills and other execution. Lori VanSkyHock, Kathy Robinson, Jeff and Chloe Ives, Keri Forsberg, y'all wonderful. Special thanks to Kate Bishop and Board Dude Crockett for helping flip tables during the brunches. Every bit of help truly helps pull off these events.

Hope everyone enjoyed the great food and never ending flow of bubbles. If you feel like you missed out on a great, it's because you did. But don't worry, we have another wonderfully colorful brunch coming up for Mother's Day! Don't forget to RSVP. In fact, you should do it right now. Email reservations@abyc.org and tell Sheila and Rachel that you'll be joining us!

Cheers,
Melissa Kirby



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hails from the fleets



The **60th anniversary of the Cal 20 sailboat** is being celebrated this summer at **Alamitos Bay Yacht Club** in conjunction with the **Championship Regatta on August 12-14**. This

includes a Junior Regatta on the 11th.

Registration & NOR is now available. Go to: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/QmayHZcEC6/#notice-board>

Sailors can choose between Gold, Silver, & Bronze divisions. Besides excellent conditions inside the breakwater of Long Beach, there will be food, drink, swag, fun, and friends. Please enter early. PCH's **Todd Smith & Cathy Black Smith** were the first to enter! Todd is also Regatta Chairman. Thank you Todd!

Up next on the calendar is **Long Beach Yacht Club's Wet Wednesday's**. I have been sailing in these evening beer can races since my dad owned his Cal 2-24 "Alka-Selzer". Our spinnaker had a giant symbol of the plop-plop-fiz-fiz. Anyway, these races are a great way to break up the work week and get out on the water. Who knows, you might even take home a bottle of rum.

Enter & info here: <https://www.lbyc.org/default.aspx?p=v35EvtView&type=0&ID=205353>

We have a new owner with **Randy Pennington** of Long Beach Yacht Club purchasing **Ron Waleki's** Cal 20. Randy's new boat is hull number 2, which makes this the earliest boat known to exist. Currently, Randy has his new boat over at **Dencho Marine** getting painted and a few other items taken care of. We look forward to seeing Randy out on the water soon!



Keith Ives and Chuck Stevens on Rubber Dog crossing a freighter



Blaine Brown and Robbie working on About A Girl

Speaking of Dencho Marine, **Keith Ives** and **Chuck Stevens'** Rubber Dog just spent the last couple of weeks at the Dencho shop getting new bottom paint. She came out looking great! **Daniel Gorman** and **Andrew Lamb's** Cal 20 is also at Dencho for a bit of bottom work, making three Cal 20's there at once. Dencho owner **Dennis Choate** must be wondering what is going on with the Cal 20's.

The latest news from **Pat McCormick** regarding **Chuck Clay's** Veintiseis #26 is that she has been transported to **Kelly Marine in San Pedro** for painting. Kelly Marine is a full yacht service that specializes in Cal 20's. Owner **Jib Kelly** has been in business for three decades. When we first purchased Bravura, she was in the water with no bottom paint and a rusted keel. We took her to Jib, who removed the keel and flipped the boat over so he could lean into it and sand out the blisters. When asked how much all this was going to cost, Jib replied, "It depends on how much you want me to lean into it". Nevertheless, Jib was able to work within our budget and we have been satisfied customers ever since. Anyhow, with all the prep work on Veintiseis, the boat will no doubt look beautiful.

In other yard news, boat #1096, owned by **Rob Fuller**, just ordered a new set of Ullman Sails from **Bryan Dair** at the Marina Shipyard loft. This to go along with his new standing rigging. **Michael Sentovich** recently rebuilt his rusty trailer to a very nice and stout looking road trailer. His boat can now be transported to a shop for bulkhead work. **Neil & Hayden Rietdyk**, along with helper **Andrew Lamb**, were recently spotted doing some glass repair to Breakfast Club's rudder. **Bryce Hans & Keith Polmanteer** upgraded the

jib trim leads on Chedder by adding an up/down. Keith reports they are ahead of schedule in getting ready for Wet Wednesdays.

A great opportunity to buy a **new mast section** is upon us. If interested, act fast and here is the info from Richard Welsh:

If you intend to buy a Zephyr # 3 mast section then you need to send a check payable to the Cal 20 Class Association

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for \$626.88. Mail the check to our Class Secretary (Dave Kofahl) at 15892 Standish Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. Our transportation link may have an opening to pick up the masts from Cape Cod in approximately 2 weeks. A separate check will need to be made in the future for that transportation invoice (~\$200).

it out and mail it in with your check for \$35. If you are a friend of the fleet like my mom, **Mary Beth Ives**, you can still support the class as a Sustaining Member for \$20.

<https://www.cal20.org/Join-The-Class>

Cal 20's, what a fun boat!

Jeff Ives, Fleet 1



The ILCA Fleet hosted the April General Membership Meeting with **Chuck Tripp**, **Lars Rosenblad**, **Chris Marr** and your author doing dinner service duties and **Jorge Suarez** doing the introduction duties of our guest speaker for the after-dinner presentation by ABYC member **Ben Schwegler** who regaled us with fascinating tales of his years in China working for *Disney*. Also of interest was the description of organizing, along with other expatriates, a sailing club on a large lake in Shanghai. **Ben** and wife, **Jan Schwegler** offered interesting insights into Chinese culture and development of the city of Shanghai. **Ben** provided multiple projected images of China, the sailing club and his mechanical work for the *Disney* "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies.

We are grateful to **Ben** and **Jan** for taking time to share their adventures with us. I suspect they have had enough adventures to fill another evening.

The Laser/ILCA fleet is very pleased to announce that four fleet members have qualified for the ILCA6 Youth Worlds in July! The event will be held at Houston YC in Texas and currently has 110 entries from 24 countries for the men's division and 42 entries from 13 countries for the women's division. Our qualifying sailors are **Katharine Doble**, **Nicholas Mueller**, **Tate Christopher**, and **Thomas Kraak**. Congratulations to all!

We're looking for a good turnout of ILCA7, ILCA6 and ILCA4 for the Memorial Day Regatta May 28-29.

Steve Smith



April 3rd was our last Sabot Sunday, and a fun time was had by all. Joining us on the water for the first time in a quite a while was Mary Riddick! Mary dusted off her sails and joined in the fun and was just as competitive as always. Robin Townsend won the day, with close sailing including a 3-way tie for first place going into the last race.

Thank you Kathy Weishampel for organizing the team to work on the Sabot dollies on Spring Spruce up. Much needed work was completed on 17 dollies! A heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped!

Thank you to Todd Smith who continues to work on the club Sabot Trailer.

Our next Sabot Sunday at ABYC is scheduled for May 22. That is the same weekend as Finn US Nationals, we may be rescheduling our racing so check the ABYC calendar. Come sail with us! We keep it casual, 3 races, 12:00 start, and all skill levels are welcome! Charter boats are available.

Senior Sabot Nationals are scheduled for June 4 and 5, the 1st weekend of June, at Balboa Yacht Club. BYC Senior Sabot Fleet is excited to be hosting this event! We hope to have a good representation from ABYC, mark your calendars and if you plan on attending, let Cindy Heavrin or Kathy Weishampel know so we can reserve you a spot on the Sabot Trailer.

Any 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!



hails from the fleets

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Lido Love



I think it's safe to say that everyone that attended Lido Fleet 6's unofficial/official opening night on 4/7 had a great time! The weather was perfect, like a warm summer evening. There were 25 boats on the water.

Martyn kept the course short, fast and fun. There may have been a few bumps at the roundings, but everyone managed to stay upright! Mike Bauman and crew presented a wonderful dinner of mouthwatering tri tip and sides. The bar was open, the patio was full and everyone enjoyed the evening.

On 4/14 we had another great night of sailing! Breeze was up a



bit and made things more competitive. There was a good number of boats in both fleets. With 2 short one lap races, one final two lap race and mark movement during the course of things Martyn made sure everyone was paying attention! Reggie prepared a delicious meal of lasagna, salad and bread for us and what a treat to have the bar open!

Two long bay courses set us up for an unusual sail on 4/21. Add to that a pretty stiff breeze and you have a night of challenging sailing! There was a broken jib halyard, a broken boom and a capsized boat! The whaler team was kept busy! Fortunately, outside of Short Bus's boom, there were no serious casualties (and Kevin already had new one on hand??) The fleet returned to a delicious meal, a roaring fire and an open bar. The club is doing a great job of making Thursday night's a fantastic night to hang out!



The last Thursday of the month brought our first night of "normalcy" of the Lido Twilights year. Normal wind direction, 12-14 knots of breeze and pretty straightforward courses. PRO Martin sent the fleet on three, two lap windward leeward races. Club Manager Reggie and our bartenders Aaron and Aliya (sp?) and Keanu set us up with meatballs and mac and cheese and cold drinks after a great night of racing. The fire pit was pretty active in anticipation of the club's Opening Day (weekend) celebrations Friday and Saturday. All in all, a great night. We're still getting many new faces, and would love to have more, so please come down and join us, whether for racing or just to socialize by the fire.

Jack Johnson



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April was a busy month for the DragonFlite95 fleet. Long Beach

Yacht Club hosted the first Friday Night Dragon Flites with 15 boats competing for bragging rights and bottles of rum.

ABYC's Keith Ives placed first with seven of the fifteen boats racing for ABYC. This was followed by the LBYC Congressional Cup Exhibition with the Con cup competitors cheering on the fleet racing from the Long Dock at LBYC.

Our own Mark Golison placed first and Keith Ives second out of 15 boats again. April 23 saw racing at Mason Lake with good breeze followed by April 24th at El Dorado Boat pond with breeze from several directions. Coming up on May 21st is the SCYA Midwinters Regatta at Lake Gregory YC. Racing is open to RC Lasers, Solings, Nirvana II, DragonForce65, and V32. ABYC has always done well at Lake Gregory, and the forest location is refreshing. See SCYA website for the NOR and entries.

Don Shirley



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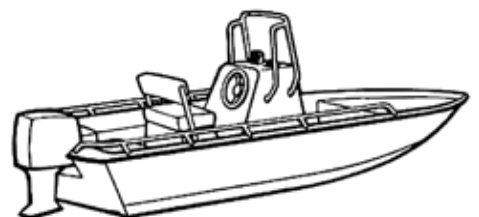
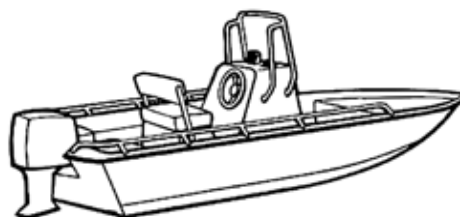
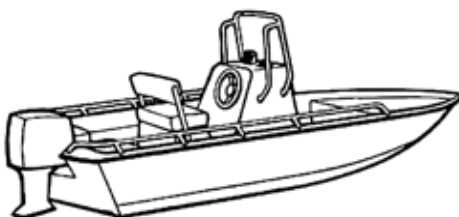
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Made-to-Order

*with Diced Ham, Turkey, Tomatoes, Onions, Olives,
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Parmesan Cheese, Chili Flakes,
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Brunch Buffet

- Rosemary-Roasted Beef Prime Rib •
*All the Trimmings Including
Creamed Horseradish, Mustard, & Au Jus*
- Pan-Roasted Turkey Breast with Mushroom Gravy •
- Filet of Sole with Lemon & Capers •
 - Fettuccini Alfredo •
- Maple Bacon & Chicken Sausages •
 - Garlic Mashed Potatoes •
- Salad of Baby Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette •
 - Grilled Vegetables •

Breakfast Pastries/Desserts

- Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter •
- Lemon & Cranberry Scones with Marmalade •
- Bagels, Lox with Onion, Capers & Cream Cheese •
 - Mini Dessert Bites •

Beverages

Decaf & Regular Coffee
Orange Juice
Champagne

Sunday, May 8

One Patio Seating

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

• Reservations by May 1 •

Adults \$25 Kids (5 - 10) \$10.00
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ABYC Cruising Club Avalon May 12th-15th



Thursday

Dinghy Happy Hour 4:30 pm

Location TBD - channel 68 at 4:00 pm

Friday

Miniature Golf 11:00 am

9 hole golf- Call Catalina Golf Course to make a tee time

Dinner- Hamilton Cove Clubhouse- Building 7

5-8:30 pm- All guests *must* RSVP to be admitted by Security

McCormick's will provide Chicken Drumsticks & Potatoes

**Attendees bring Hors d'oeuvres, Potato Bar Fixings, Salad, Dessert,
Beverage of Choice + glassware**

Saturday

Clock tower loop hike- Meet at Tuna Club dock at 9:00 am

Catalina Silent Film- 12:30-3 pm

Happy Hour- Descanso Beach Club- 3 pm

Dinner- Dana & Sam's Kirkpatrick Cottage at 6 pm

**Bell's will provide: Meat and Vegetarian Lasagna, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Paper goods, Dessert- Suggested Cost \$5 per person
Attendees bring beverage of choice + glassware**

Sunday

Pancake Cottage- 7:30 am

**RSVP for both Dinners (*Space Limited*) by Monday May 9th to:
Alan Cunningham -alanesq@hotmail.com**



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Friday
May 13

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