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turkey day regatta

There is something special about the Turkey Day Regatta and dinner at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. When I tell other people why I volunteer to work this event year after year I struggle to put into words the joy I feel being around the club during this event. I have lost count of how many times I have sailed, organized and worked on this event and I always come away feeling happy, energized, fulfilled and exhausted. I find it wonderful. I think that the Turkey Day Regatta at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is the best regatta in Southern California. Every year I find people who agree.

I may be biased, but the event held on November 19 and 20 was terrific! Where else does great racing come together with good food, wind and sunshine in late November? There is always chaos at the club before the first race. The conditions this year made it challenging for the volunteers and race committees. Everyone struggled to get the boats in

the water and off the boat ramp

because of the wind strength and direction due to the Santa Ana conditions. Numerous boats capsized. Still, what I heard from competitors was that the competition was good and everyone had fun. And there were a lot of competitors with 123 entries in 19 classes. The ILCA 6s (with 23 entries) and Finns (with 17) had the most entries. I'm sorry to say there was only one Junior Sabot A.

I would like to name all of the winners, but you are better off going to the ABYC website online and looking them up yourself. Let me say instead that I appreciate all of the competitors coming to ABYC for this regatta - there is no reason to run this regatta without them.

I would truly like to name and thank all of the volunteers, but the seventy-plus names would fill the Sou'wester. We could never run a regatta like this without the help of our volunteers and staff. We have great volunteers and great staff. I cannot say thank you often or loudly enough.

I will say a special thank you to Lada and Evie Nosar our youngest volunteers and new members. They were helping run races (and watching their dad sail) in the harbor on the Patience. We worked hard this year to blend new members in with experienced volunteers - I think we succeeded.

Thank you to my Co-Chair Gabe Ferramola, all of our wonderful volunteers, and our very professional and dedicated ABYC Staff!

Looking forward to next year!!!

Dave Crockett

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Happy Hours	Dec 2,8,15,22,29
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Full ABYC Calendar	

manager's corner



The ABYC Family has done it again! Congrats and thanks to everyone who has contributed to making the year a tremendous success for the club, and also for another year of great regattas. With Turkey Day being the largest regatta and the "send off" event of the year, I can't help but appreciate what goes into not only the events we host and what we all contribute, but also the everyday passion for those of you working on your boats around the yard.

Looking forward to the holiday season and the end of the year, the club will be a bit quieter as we have a few more days of fall sailing before a break for Stephen and his coaches. Socially, we've got some holiday parties on the calendar so please make it if you can. The biggest event I want to point out is Boxing Day Regatta. This will be held on December 31 and we will offer a holiday brunch, I'll release that menu soon, so be on the lookout for that. You'll be able to see the menu and make reservations on Club Spot.

I'm not sure everyone is aware but we are battling the critters due to the weather change so doors may be closed on some of those cooler days, but they will be unlocked. We've had the mice making their presence known and we've added many new traps and had some success relocating some of them. We've also had a few possum and raccoons make their presence known and Sheila has a new bird friend that visits her in the office. Also, these next two weeks, things in Lost & Found will be donated as we look to clean this area up a bit.

commodore's compass



I hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving with their families and loved ones. The weather was beautiful and it was great seeing members enjoy the club during the Thanksgiving holiday.

I want to thank our Vice Commodore Gabe Ferramola

and Director Dave Crocket for spearheading a great Turkey Day regatta and the volunteers who made it all happen. It was a successful event with tremendous coordination between all the ashore and afloat volunteers. It's a good feeling to get compliments from members and guests about what a wonderful regatta it was. Leaving the club Sunday, looking around, the covers were on the boats, the equipment was put away. Great job everyone!

Looking into the Dec, I see Party, Party, Party. I want to highlight this Friday (Dec 2nd) we have the club

A big "thank you" to Teri Bishop for her patience and passion for helping us with the landscaping & beautification projects.

And lastly, my biggest thanks to Melissa Kirby. Melissa has been so instrumental in whatever success you as members feel we've had as she's been a great sounding board and confidante. Her culinary prowess is inspirational, especially for a farm boy like me. She has always been willing to help me however and wherever she could so thank you Melissa #1.

Melissa #2, aka Chef Melissa is working on some great menus and meal prep/meal planning for those of you into that sort of thing. We should have menus available to you soon. Chef Melissa has a lot of passion for Vegetarian and Vegan palates and she can help with ideas to lose weight, embrace a more healthy lifestyle or just explore the flavors of new veggies and starches. For those of you with specific allergies, we're going to incorporate one or two items with you in mind so there's always something you can enjoy at the club and all of the staff will have the knowledge to prepare it properly.

Here's to the joy of the holiday season, prayers and blessings to you all.

See you at the club,
Reggie

PS. As I write this, please know that Jon Robinson(Oregon), Dan Milechik & Bartender Ann (Ohio State) along with myself need your thoughts and prayers during this holiday football season.

happy hour where Gabe will light the outdoor tree while the members decorate the indoor tree. Saturday is the Lido Holiday Party, then on Sunday (Dec 4th) we have the club holiday party. For those with the lovely Christmas sweaters, time to show us your 'best'. Prize to the winner! The following Saturday is the Jr Family holiday party during the day (decorating the entry into the Naples Parade that evening). There are several fleet events as well scheduled. Check the calendar!

A little club business...it's that time of year we all show our appreciation to our hard working staff and contribute to the holiday fund. This year you may have seen we are automating the process and taking care of the billing for you. If you would like to do an amount different, please reach out to Jr Staff Commodore Jolly (jrstaffcommodore@abyc.org) and we will adjust the billing accordingly. On behalf of the staff, thank you for your generosity.

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A little more club business... you might have seen the front of the club is looking a little different and wonder why. The board has started the process of getting bids for the repair/replacement of the wall. The first step was the final removal of the trees and root systems which is partially to blame for some of the damage. Next step is bidding to replace sections of the wall and replace the wrought iron. Stay tuned.

Some fun club business...the club recently purchased a new (used) whaler, from Todd and Cathy Smith

that is in the process of being re-commissioned. The name currently on the boat will be reused by Todd and Cathy, so we need to come up with an appropriate name and have a renaming ceremony. Here's the fun part, send in your submission (entry) or submissions and if used we'll give out some club swag. The winning name and the non-winning names (the fun part) will be announced in Feb at the GM meeting! (commodore@abyc.org)

Enjoy the holidays and be safe.

Mike



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viceverses



What a fantastic Turkey Day Regatta to finish off a great season of sailing! A big thanks to all of you that made the commitment for the weekend to make it all happen. More than 70 strong volunteers! Special thanks to Scott Atwood for donating Summerhawk as a race committee boat on one of our outside courses, and a big shout out to Dave Crockett for putting it all together and making a lot of sailors happy, both on and off the water.

Speaking of off the water, the yard becomes my domain for the season. You know all the rules. Let's keep our boats sailing, trailers working, the spaces clean, and represent the club well. The demand for yard spaces has increased. There is a waiting list for almost every size space we offer, and most notably there are 15 active sailors waiting for a 15 foot dinghy space. Keep in mind, we are not a storage yard. Think of it as a staging space, in preparation to go sailing in the immediate future. If you don't foresee

sailing your boat in the next year or so, it is time to seriously consider moving the boat to a real storage space.

In addition to yard duties I am in the process of working with an elite group of ABYC volunteers for planning and getting bids to repair our wall. A few too many of us scaling the wall over the years has finally taken its toll. In preparation for the repairs and to prevent foundation damage, the ficus trees will be removed this week. They will be replaced with an appropriate type of tree. We should be well into the repairs in the first quarter next year. Stay tuned.

Wishing you all fair winds and happy holiday season!

Gabe Ferramola



Martina Steiner and Mike Shea repairing our flagpole tree for this weekend's lighting.

rearview



I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

We had the pleasure of joining thirty some people at our daughter's home (member Christina Kimmerling). Loads of fun!

The junior program continues to roll along. We had eighty three kids in the Fall program—from learning to sail to high school classes. Director of Sailing Stephen Long is planning courses for beginner and intermediate sailors in Cubes; Opti Green and Opti Champ classes; a double handed program featuring CFJs; a singlehanded program in ILCAs (fka Lasers), and a robust high school program. Sign ups are open now through January 17 with the first classes starting February 1—encourage family and friends to join the fun!

One of the goals of the program this year is to increase junior participation at SCYYRA regattas and also at ABYC regattas. You might have noticed two classes of Optis sailing in the Bay at the Turkey Day Regatta, as well as 29er, ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 classes in the ocean (the latter class having ABYC juniors scoring 1 and 2).

Another goal is to add newer equipment to the program. The Alamitos Bay Sailing Foundation acquired two new CFJs and two new C420s which are being chartered to the junior program. These boats will be very competitive. The program also received the benefit of donations of four recent vintage ILCAs, bringing the program total to seven.

Expect a very robust ILCA training program this spring and summer.

All of the accomplishments of the junior program would not be possible without the hard work of Stephen, the instructors and the Junior Advisory Committee. Thank you to John Ferri, Craig Farmer, Carrie Yuri, Kathleen Melvin, Suzanne Swezea, John McCaleb, Regine Smet and Mike Oliver for their service on the JAC.

And don't forget adult sailing. We will again have four sessions in 2023 using the Tempests resulting in ASA certification for participants; and a new group program intended to be a relaxed and fun introduction to sailing. We hope to grow significantly the number of adults leaning to sail at the Club.

See you out on the water.

Ed Feo, Ed@seawardroad.com

Got Sails?



The Juniors are collecting old sails to recycle into duffle 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.

fleet captain's



Our Fleets came out to race for the Turkeys and Pies again this year. The ABYC Race Organizers, Race Committee, Volunteers and ABYC staff hosted One Hundred sixteen boats in eighteen classes on three race courses both on the Bay and in the Ocean. Classes Racing included; 29er's, Finns, International 14's, ILCA4, 6 & 7 Dinghies, Lido 14's, a new to ABYC fleet of seven Melges 15's, Optimist's, Vipers and Sabots.

With the great attendance and full days of racing, the regatta was another ABYC success despite some challenges at the dinghy launch ramp with a blustery contrary breeze, making launching a challenge for many on Saturday morning. Any hunger from a day of racing was certainly satisfied with the sumptuous dinner put on by Reggie and Staff and served by a variety of ABYC Staff

Commodores. Many thanks to all for a fine event.

Next on the Race Calendar is the always popular Boxing Day Regatta on New Years Eve. It is worthwhile to read the Notice of Race: https://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/hlef30rtDt_doc_1666048311041 as it reflects the low-key, have fun attitude of this race around Bay buoys reverse handicap regatta.

Would you like to help us spiff up our powerboat fleet? We are looking for a group of volunteers to help us with fleet maintenance over the winter. Replacing rub rails, gel coat maintenance, refreshing bottom paint, light motor work, organizing the east yard and more are all on the menu. If you have some time, an interest in bringing your skill set or learning a new one and want our fleet to best represent who we are then this job is for you! Reach out to **Jason Mullen** jmullenla@gmail.com or **Grant Hill** granthill153@gmail.com to get on the list. We are going to start up in December.

Happy Holidays

Steven Smith

ABYC Fleet Captain

the bayclogger

There has been so much junior sailing since the last Sou'Wester; I'll try to keep it short.

ISSA, Interscholastic Sailing Association had their first National Championship of the year, hosting the High School Singlehanded Nationals on Halloween weekend. **Tate Christopher** finished 7th in the 18 boat ILCA 7 fleet. There were two junior sailors in the top ten of the 18 boat ILCA 6 fleet. **Nicholas Mueller** finished 4th and **Morgan Pinckney** finished 8th.

That same weekend, the ABYC Opti team traveled up to Santa Barbara for their first SCYYRA event of the year. The first Carrie series regatta is the Halloween regatta, and we had 6 sailors in Champ Fleet, and **Harper Swezea** finished 13th out of 38 in Green Fleet. **Gage Christopher** was able to represent ABYC on the podium with his 3rd place finish! **Theo Goodman** finished 19th, **Cassady Lorentzen** finished 26th, **Beckett Christensen** finished 27th, **Henry Day** finished 32nd, and **Michio Ferri** finished 42nd in the 43 boat Champ Fleet.

The first weekend of November was the Junior Commodore regatta at Mission Bay Yacht Club. This regatta was the second Ullman/Frost regatta, and ABYC had three participants in the 34 boat fleet. **Nicholas Mueller** was able to win the event with four first place finishes in seven races. **Tommy Kraak** finished 5th place and **Victoria Messano** finished 28th.

The second week of November our junior sailors had their choice of two regattas. Our high school sailors attended the second high school nationals qualification regatta at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. We had three teams

in the Silver Fleet. The Los Al team (**Stewart McCaleb/Luke Pinto** and **Mathilde Smith/Anielka Schuler**) finished 6th, Sato/McBride (**Jack McGhie/Ryan Hollmeier** and **Preston Woodworth/Jessica Green**) finished 9th, and St John Bosco (**Jack Snow/Tanner Swager/Roman Galindo** and **Samuel Mohinani/Michael Beaird**) finished 28th out of 32 teams.

Our Opti sailors attended the second Carrie series regatta in Ventura on the second week of November. **Gage Christopher** finished 2nd, **Timothy Liu** finished 12th, **Theo Goodman** finished 17th, **Cassady Lorentzen** finished 18th, and **Lin Zhou** finished 24th in the 29 boat fleet. **Michio** and **Hikari Ferri** sailed in the green fleet.

The third weekend of November was our very own Turkey Day regatta. The Opti fleet had ten participants all for ABYC-Terrific turnout! In Champ fleet, **Theo Goodman** took first place, **Eric Panebianco** came in second, **JP Panebianco** was 3rd, and **Olive Ferrara** was 4th. **Henry Day** won Green Fleet, **Beckett Christensen** came in 2nd, **Harper Swezea** finished 3rd, **Ari Glatstein** finished 4th, **Hikari Ferri** finished 5th, and **Brooke Swezea** finished 6th. ABYC had four junior sailors in the ILCA 6 fleet. **Nicholas Mueller** won the regatta and a turkey. **Tommy Kraak** was only three points behind in second, also winning a turkey. **Miachel Sentovich** finished 8th, and **Tanner Jolly** finished 14th in the 23 boat ILCA 6 fleet.

Stephen Long, Sailing Director



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membership report

Greetings from membership in this beautiful November!

Big welcome to new junior member Joshua Morissey and regular member Ken Muench. No postings this month but we currently have 394 regular members and 65 other members. Exciting to see the membership so high and looking forward to breaking 400 next year!

As you all know, the bay is a magical place during the holidays, so make sure you come down and use the club this season.

Cheers,
Michael Oliver
Membership Director

volunteer of the week

You need to meet Dana Bell if you don't already know her! It is hard for me to believe that anyone belonging to ABYC doesn't know Dana because she seems to be helping around the club every day.

It seemed like she was everywhere this last weekend. Friday afternoon she was helping the Social Advisory Committee to decorate for the Turkey Day Dinner (THANK YOU SOCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE!). She was my "All Around Good Body" most of the day on Saturday (my leg was in a boot and I had orders from my doctor to stay off it – like that happened...). She bused tables for at least two hours at the dinner Saturday night. She put away the Turkey Day decorations on Sunday morning and then returned to help set out the trophies in the afternoon (and those turkeys are heavy).

The best thing about Dana is that she does everything with joy that shines in the smile on her face. THANK YOU DANA!

I will not have a Volunteer of the Week every week, but I will be looking. Thank you to all of the volunteers for the Turkey Day Regatta and dinner. You are too numerous to mention here, but I mean it to all of you and you know who you are.

Contact me at bod.volunteers@abyc.org if you would like to be a future Volunteer of the Week. See you around the club!

Dave Crockett



upcoming regattas

Dec 31

Boxing Day Race

Anything that floats!

Event Info

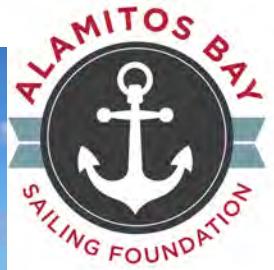
To enter online and see other upcoming regattas go to: <https://www.abyc.org/regatta-registration>

alamitos bay sailing foundation

Exiting times for the juniors with ABSF taking delivery of four brand new junior boats (2CFJs, 2 c420s). This is a result of our strong fundraising earlier in 2022 and with the help of many ABYC members and friends. These boats are absolutely beautiful and sure to inject a boost into the junior program. Our hope is to continue to help upgrade the fleet of junior boats with one or two new ones each year. ABSF has also received generous donations (from ABYC members) of a 4-boat Laser trailer and four good condition Lasers (ILCA) boats which will available for the juniors as well.

We're looking forward to a strong 2023 with more good things to come. Please keep the date of April 1 for our annual fundraiser. This year will be a new "Taste of the Shore" event with local restaurants, breweries and wine.

*Kevin Taugher
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mark's racing rules quiz #97

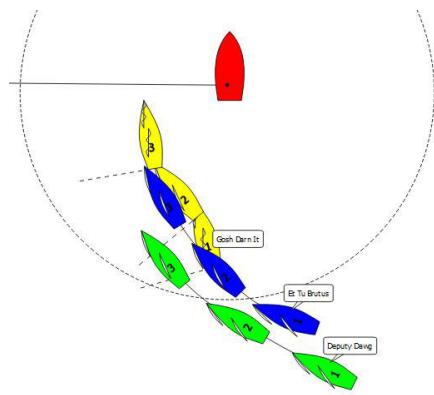
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Gosh Darn It, Et Tu Brutus and Deputy Dawg were approaching the starting line to start on starboard tack in 14-15 knotsof wind and medium chop. Gosh Darn It was to weather within a boat length of the committee boat. Et Tu Brutus and Deputy Dawg were clear astern. Gosh Darn It was early for the start and was fish tailing to kill speed. Et Tu Brutus sailing faster became overlapped to leeward of Gosh Darn It's port stern quarter. When Gosh Darn It altered course to windward there was contact with Et Tu Brutus on her port stern quarter causing damage. Both boats hailed protest, displayed a red flag and subsequently filed a hearing request.

Et Tu Brutus claimed that there was plenty of space when the overlap was established and Gosh Darn It didn't attempt to luff and keep clear for more than 10 seconds. Deputy Dawg couldn't tell exactly when the overlap occurred or the gap when they became overlapped but thought there was sufficient time and space for Gosh Darn It to keep clear. Gosh Darn It claimed that Et Tu Brutus became overlapped close to leeward and when they altered course to windward there was immediate contact.

At the start the race committee were unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line and signaled a general recall.

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



more turkey day



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turkey day dinner

Lori VanSkyhock photos

A BYC was the “Place to Be”
As the Turkey Day Regatta returned from the sea;
The line of sailors was as long as a mile,
As the yummy selections were served up with a smile;
Beaujolais was poured and the turkey was tasted,
And not a single crumb was wasted!
Thanks to Reggie, Chef Melissa and Chef Ramone,
No one left hungry as they headed for home.
The annual ABYC Turkey Day Dinner
Was a home run hit and an all-around winner!



mark's rules answer #97

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Both Gosh Darn It and Et Tu Brutus filed hearing requests. The two hearing requests should be heard together in accordance with Rule 63.2 since both hearings arose from the same incident. (See WS Case 49)

When considering conflicting testimony, the protest committee shall give the weight it considers appropriate to the evidence presented. The witness on Gosh Darn It was at the stern of the boat, well positioned to see when the boats became overlapped, the gap between the boats and the contact. The witness on Et Tu Brutus was at the stern of the boat not well positioned to see when the boats became overlapped. The witness on Deputy Dawg was behind Et Tu Brutus and further from the point of contact. When one witness is better positioned than another to determine the relative position of the boats, the committee shall give the weight it considers appropriate to the evidence presented. (See WS Case 136)

When Et Tu Brutus becomes overlapped to leeward of Gosh Darn It, she obtains right of way over Gosh Darn It under rule 11, On the Same Tack, Overlapped. When rule 11 begins to apply between Et Tu Brutus and Gosh Darn It, Et Tu Brutus is initially required by rule 15, Acquiring Right of Way, to give Gosh Darn It room to keep clear, the space and time for response, and thus a fair opportunity to maneuver to keep clear. Et Tu Brutus's obligation under rule 15 is not a continuing one; it protects Gosh Darn It only temporarily, and only if Gosh Darn It responds promptly after the overlap begins (see the definition Room). If Gosh Darn It does so but some part of her hull, crew or equipment touches any part of Et Tu Brutus's hull, crew or equipment, Gosh Darn It breaks rule 11. If contact occurs despite Gosh Darn It having luffed in a seamanlike way, Et Tu Brutus breaks rule 15 by not giving Gosh Darn It room to keep clear, and Gosh Darn It is exonerated by rule 43.1(b) for her breach of rule 11. However, if Gosh Darn It luffs higher than is necessary to keep clear of Et Tu Brutus and, as a result, causes contact with Et Tu Brutus, Gosh Darn It has been given the room required by rule 15 and is not exonerated. (See WS Case 24)

Although Et Tu Brutus caused damage, it was not serious damage (See WS Case 19 and 141), so under rule 36(b) she is not penalized because the race was recalled.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Hearing No. 1 was heard together with Hearing No. 2 in accordance with RRS 63.2 since both hearings arose from the same incident.

2. Gosh Darn It to windward failed to keep clear of Et Tu Brutus to leeward, and broke RRS 11.

3. When acquiring right of way through her own actions, Et Tu Brutus failed to initially give Gosh Darn It room to keep clear, and broke RRS 15.

4. Et Tu Brutus, the right-of-way boat, did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

5. It was not reasonably possible for Gosh Darn It, to avoid contact with Et Tu Brutus when it was clear that Et Tu Brutus was not giving room. Gosh Darn It did not break RRS 14.

6. Since Gosh Darn It broke a rule of Section A while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.

7. Since the race was restarted and Et Tu Brutus had caused neither injury nor serious damage, she shall not be penalized as per RRS 36(b).

DECISION

1. Protest upheld. Since the provision of RRS 36(b) applies, no penalty is imposed on Et Tu Brutus.

See you on the water.

Mark Townsend

Blood Drive

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

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I lost track of how many people, on and around the patio and boatyard, said, "what a beautiful day." Indeed, it was, but at least until 11:00, not great for sailboat racing. Some delay was welcome as we searched for a replacement top batten for one ILCA racer and a full set of battens for another ILCA racer. We were fortunate to race at all as *Patience* needed a jump-start to get started as well.

As I and numerous others drifted down the channel, the prospect for making the first start seemed remote. Thankfully enough breeze filled in to allow us to make the first start with time to spare.

Six ILCA6 Dinghies, nee *Laser Radials*, got off to a good start save for **Mark Barnard** who was severely on-the-course-side of the start line. Landon Stahl from Balboa YC, **Tanner Jolly** and I stayed close in a light breeze on a twice around windward-leeward course to finish in that order. Close behind, in one of ABYC's available-for-charter ILCA dinghies was Kathleen Keller from Newport Harbor YC. It was nice to meet Kathleen, a good sailor in a borrowed boat and admittedly little ILCA race experience. We shared a laugh over our sore legs following the second race of the day.

The last two races of the day were contested in more breeze allowing us to test our hiking muscles, albeit on a once-around windward-leeward course. With a second and a first, **Mark Barnard** won the regatta by a single point ahead of your author. The next four racers finished with 10 points each, with your author taking second place on a tie breaker. Landon was third, **Tanner Jolly** was fourth, Kathleen was sixth and Tucker Strasser from Del Rey YC was sixth.

Thanks to all the volunteers for giving us a very nice day of racing at ABYC.

Turkey Day Regatta

With 100 boats in several classes registered for the 2022 Turkey Day Holiday Regatta, the ABYC boatyard was a scene of happy chaos on a cool and clear Saturday morning. The weather forecast suggested a Santa Ana wind event for the day and about the time racers began launching, the wind kicked in from a northwesterly direction making launching from our boat ramp difficult, as sailors moved their boats down the launch ramp with a stiff breeze working against them. Regardless, most racers made their way to their respective race courses with a few staying on-shore choosing against racing in the blustery conditions.

The first race on Saturday was shifty and breezy in the high teens with gusts reportedly into the 20 kt range. The second race was more moderate and the third, less so. The first race Sunday required some hiking muscles while the second race turned into a drifting contest which the Race Committee shortened to a finish line between a mark-set-whaler and a repositioned race mark which caused some degree of confusion for the racers.

The Race Committee moved RC Boat *Patience* to a completely different location between two large ships, setting a course for the last race in light breeze but enough to allow us to sail back to ABYC without a tow.

Like the ILCA District 25 Championship back in September, it was great to have a fleet of ILCA4's racing. Kousei Hatter from San Diego Yacht Club won the breezy and shifty first race as three boats were flagged for individual recall Kousei continued her winning ways both days to finish with nine points in a six-race series. Siena Nichols from Balboa Yacht Club (BYC) was second and Landon Stahl from BYC was third.

Nineteen ILCA6's were entered in the regatta where ABYC racers finished first and second. **Nicholas Mueller** was first with eight points and **Thomas Kraak** was second with eleven points. Julian Soto from DRYC/SFYC was third, Qi Yan from BYC was fourth and Chris May from Eagle Lake SC was fifth. Other ABYC racers finishing in order were **Michael Sentovich**, **Mark Barnard**, **Tanner Jolly** and your author.

In the ILCA7 fleet, accomplished Masters racer Bill Symes from Oregon and NHYC/WSC decided to get in some ILCA racing at ABYC while visiting family here in So Cal. Bill posted first and second place finishes for a six-point victory over **Greg Naiman** from ABYC in second with ten points. **Stewart McCaleb** from ABYC was third and **Roger Goodman** from ABYC was fourth.

Despite some challenging conditions at the launch ramp and on the water, the Race Organizers, Race Committee and all the volunteers and ABYC put on a wonderful event once again. A fellow ILCA racer from a different yacht club remarked, "ABYC is the best yacht club in Southern California." To that sentiment, I could only agree.

Happy Holidays

Steven Smith, ABYC ILCA Fleet Co-Captain



Mark Barnard #196158 planning to start at



ILCA6 racers approaching the Halloween/

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The first regatta participation on the West Coast of the Melges 15s was the Turkey Regatta at ABYC. We now have 6 that sail out of the Club and one in Oceanside that was nice enough to let us use as a demo earlier in the fall.

There were 7 boats registered. 6 sailed on Saturday and 7 on Sunday. Eileen and I were the missing boat. We did not feel like putting the "brand new" boat in the water with offshore breezes blowing boats into the docks. We had not even had the boat in the water and were not sure everything was rigged correctly. Turns out we were wrong on many fronts but found out while sailing on Sunday. What a great day of sailing.

We only finished the last race as we were trying to fix some rigging issues in the second race. Late to get out for the first race. On the first rounding of the last race all 7 of the Melges were within about 5 boat lengths of each other.

Brad Thompson and Bob Little took the lead with several first place finishes. James was in second overall. Kevin Taucher has provided some training over the last month as teams tried to learn the boat.

The boat is an easy boat to figure out. Not too many lines and adjustments. It planes downwind in relatively light winds. The trick is to see if you can attain enough VMG sailing fast enough to reach or should you be going deep downwind. It also has a couple of gears upwind, point mode or sailing lower for a hydroplaning mode. Fun stuff.

Coming from a high-performance catamaran I asked Eileen if we can carry on with the Melges 15. Are you going to like it enough to continue? She said she liked it, and we can continue. Time to get more on the West Coast interested in the boat and start doing sit ups.

Dan DeLave

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Lido Love



Great opening to the season

What a great beginning to the sailing year! The Bill Moore Regatta was a wonderful way to start the Lido sailing season (which is pretty much all year). Thanks to everyone that showed up and all of the volunteers for making a great day.

On 2/26 we'll be having a team race event. This will be set up as sort of a clinic, with a chalk talk in the morning, another midday and one after racing to really set the "how-to" in our minds.

On 3/12 we'll hold the Fleet 6 Championships. The highest placed ABYC member will also get to race in the Club championships on 4/31 for the chance to win the coveted front row ABYC parking spot.

Bill Moore Regatta Recap

The Bill Moore Regatta was a rousing success! We had 22 boats pre registered as of Friday morning, and we had five walk-ins that registered on Sunday morning for a total of 27 boats racing. The fleets were split very evenly with 14 boats in the A fleet and 13 boats in the B fleet. The day started with light, fluky breeze that never built at all. The tidal swing was very large, starting with a high tide in the morning and resulting in an outgoing tide all day. Combined with the lingering effects of the tsunami surge from the earthquake in Tonga, conditions were inconsistent at best and positively puzzling for most. The top three boats in the A and B fleets even had their issues, with only two of the six boasting all top 5 finishes. Bob Little and Ruta Bandziulius had it going well all day to win the A fleet honors, and Erin Bachlor and Becky Lenhart from Balboa Yacht Club figured out the tricky conditions to win the B fleet. Both teams will add their names to the beautiful new Bill Moore Regatta Perpetual Trophy. After racing, Reggie and the team at ABYC provided a chili bar that everyone enjoyed.

All in all, it was a great day of racing. Thanks to the volunteers ashore, on the bay barge, and on the whaler for their good work in conducting a great regatta.

Thanks!

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Mark Ryan and sis Sarah Schaupeter winning Turkey Day



Fiona Barbiotto and her friends Megan and Cameron



Kevin Thomas, Mark Ryan and Bruce Golison



Sam Bell and his family crewing

hails from the fleets



A look ahead on the Cal 20 calendar:

- December 3rd Christmas Fun Run in the bay sponsored by LBYC
- December 17th Cal 20 Christmas Party hosted by Liza & Mike Van Dyke
- December 31st Boxing Day Regatta

The Turkey Day Regatta is now in the books and Pat McCormick, crewing with Chuck Clay on the winning boat Veintiseis, gives the following recap:

The Cal 20 fleet had a light turnout of four boats on the starting line for the ABYC Turkey Day Regatta, but what the fleet lacked in numbers was more than made up for in great competition!

Brisk Santa Ana winds greeted us as we tried to rig up in a basin better set up for the normal prevailing westerly winds. The normal beat out the jetty was replaced with a dead run to work our way out to the race course. As we were running downwind out the jetty we observed new Melges 15 crew **Brad Thompson** and **Bob Little** jibing down wind with their spinnaker. It was noted by Chuck Clay that our Cal 20 with only a main up was netting a better VMG towards the ocean than the Melges jibing back and forth. A dinosaur beating the new hot rod dingy.

The racing was tight in all three races on Saturday. The fleet voted to only sail one day as fourth place **Keith Polmanteer** and **Mike Gebb** could not make the races on Sunday.

The first race greeted us with gusty Santa Ana's and as the day progressed, the wind calmed down to champagne sailing conditions. The final race saw the lead change 5 times with **Mike Sentovich** and **Paul Anctil** nailing the start and leading to the first mark. At some point **Mike Corzine** and **Randy Smith** took over the lead with **Chuck Clay** and **Pat McCormick** passing them. On the last downwind leg a spirited jibing duel ensued with Corzine and Smith on Shifty passing Clay and McCormick on Veintiseis. On the last jibe into the gate Clay narrowly gained the overlap to complete the fifth lead change of the race.

Mike Sentovich and Paul Anctil placed third with 8 points.

Mike Corzine and Randy Smith placed second with 7 points.

Chuck Clay and Pat McCormick won the Turkey with 3 points.

The racing was actually closer than the final point totals show.

Thanks to all the volunteers on the race course and the cooks and servers for the Saturday night Turkey dinner. If you weren't there you really missed a great regatta!

Pat McCormick

Bronny Daniels (Joysailing) photos
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Fall Sailing at Alamitos Bay- there's nothing like it. The Turkey Day Regatta is like going to a Potluck Dinner at a friend's house; you never know what you are going to get until you see the food offering.

"Winner, winner, Turkey Dinner" as Kevin Taucher managed through the wind range/bearing changes to bring home the bacon in poultry form and incidentally the boat they sailed, #151, is for either sale or charter and you can speak with him regarding details. And there is another fleet boat currently for sale (#133). The Viper Fleet is very welcoming and can get any interested parties familiarized with the boat in no time.

But I digress- upstarts Jesse and Michael Oliver with their stepfather chased them around the course and it seems that a poor spinnaker douse could have made a difference in the score sheet. The Olivers are new to the boat and so glad to see them shoot up the learning curve. Ed Feo sorted out some boat issues and found a speed gear on Sunday... Dan Milefchik enticed Tim Carter to skipper #212 while he tried crewing for a change and took the author's spot due to some health issues. Dan reported that a great time was had by all and that he prefers skippering, lol.

Leading up the Regatta, the Viper Fleet hosted the general membership meeting and was honored to have Karen Zieba share her journey to Africa which had a large personal impact on her accomplishment in helping a village build a school for their children. All reports were that it was a fun evening and that is good, and your author is sad that he missed this too.

Next stop, Christmas... Wow, time flies. Enjoy the holidays, spending time with family and friends and get out on the water.

And if it wasn't for sailing there would be no Thanksgiving. Think about it...

Steve Bloemeke



hails from the fleets



November marked the end of the SCWSA Senior Sabot series with the final race held at SDYC on November 12th. Four of ABYC Seniors traveled to San Diego using the ABYC club Sabot trailer. The SDYC regatta was a challenging fleet with shifty conditions, and Kathy Reed was the top ABYC A-Fleet sailor finishing in 4th place and Susan Lanoue finished 2nd in the B-Fleet. But overall, in the 2022 SCWSA Senior Sabot Series congratulations go to Kathy Reed who finished in 1st place ahead of Betty Becker.

November 5th BYC held the CHOC regatta, which is also the beginning of their 4-month Sunkist series. ABYC's Cynthia Heavrin had a good day and finished in 1st place out of a competitive fleet of 11 Seniors and is off to a good start for the series.

ABYC's Senior fleet also made a showing in this year's Turkey Day Regatta, with Jane Ellis-McNaboe taking top honors finishing in 1st place.

Upcoming Events:

December 9th (Friday) is the Sr Sabots and Cruising Fleet potluck Christmas Party at ABYC.

January 8th is the next ABYC Sabot Sunday.

2023 Senior Sabot Nationals will be held in San Diego at Coronado Yacht Club, June 10-11. This is a week later than has been in the past due to a scheduling conflict at CYC. Mark your calendars!

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!



Kathy Reed (left) with Kathy Weishample



Bronny Daniels
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Jane Ellis-McNaboe at Turkey Day Regatta

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he results are in! Jim Sears was the summer series winner of the Friday Night DragonFlites. Keith and Jeff Ives took the podium in second and third. Chris Raab and Dennis Sharp rounded out the top five.

Thanks to LBYC for running the races. Hope for a repeat next summer! See attached for results.

Racing resumes in January for the HMYC at El Dorado Park, and with OCMSC at Mason Lake in Irvine. Results from the 2022 Point racing will be coming soon.

[Sailwave results for 2022 Friday Night DragonFlites Series OVERALL at Long Beach Yacht Club 2022](#)

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Sunday, December 4

Bar Opens
4:00 pm

Dinner
6:00 pm



- MENU -

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Macaroni & Cheese and Baked Potato Bar

Bacon, Cheese, Sour Cream, Chives, Broccoli,
Sauteed Mushrooms, Avocado, Salsa

Mediterranean Bar

Beef & Chicken Kabobs
Create Your Own Greek Salad with Crisp Romaine,
Tomatoes, Red Onion, Cucumber, Olives, Feta Cheese
Lemon-Mint Dressing
Wild Rice Pilaf

Dessert

Vanilla Bean Ice Cream/Brandied Fruit Compote
Double Chocolate Brownies

Beverages

Coffee, Hot Apple Cider, Hot Chocolate

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- Holiday Music & Caroling with
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Adults \$25.00 • Children 5-10 \$10.00

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Christmas

SENIOR SABOT/CRUISING FLEET PARTY

Friday, December 9, 2022
Fun starts at 5:30 pm



**Others
Welcome!**

**Fun &
Games**

**Potluck Supper!
Please Bring Your Favorite
Dish to Share**

**Caroling & Sing Along
with Some of the
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Prizes

**Please Bring Serving
Dishes & Utensils
Plates & Cutlery Provided**



Ukulele Jam Session at ABYC



Fall Sessions Begin Oct 4

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Quarter Deck



**(Beginners to all levels)
Learn easy songs and sing along!**

Any questions contact Cindy Heavrin via email at:
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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

at ABYC

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