



christmas party 2022

Lori VanSkyhock, Tom Dorman Dana Bell photos

ABYC was the place to be,
Rockin' around the Christmas Tree;
We decked the halls with boughs of holly,
And jolly old Santa appeared, by golly!
T'was a hot cocoa bar with sugar and spice,
And Reggie's kitchen made everything nice!
We ate and drank to our heart's desire,
And sang Christmas carols by the fire.
Kids played kazoos and were stars of the show,
Parading around with their hearts all aglow.
Gabe lit "The Tree" (what a great guy!),
As it lit up the bay and lit up the sky.
T'was a wonderful night of song and good cheer,
May your days be bright well into next year!
Merry Christmas from SAC and the entire ABYC Family~
We hope your smiles will be as big as your credit card bill this
Christmas!

Lori VanSkyhock



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manager's corner



Happiest of holidays to you and yours, and blessings in the New Year!

We were blessed with a full calendar for the sailing season and as we come into 2023, we're able to enjoy great sailing weather and the best sailing campus in all of SoCal. There's a benefit to our down; it allows the staff to recharge a bit, but we can also focus on housekeeping and getting our SOP's dialed in. With a year under my belt, I'm looking forward to fine tuning some of the many edges we've introduced so there are exciting days ahead of us.

We have a few events on the calendar for January and February, but we're looking to get the club dialed in and get back into the swing of things. Some projects we're

working on; painting the service line, kitchen and lobby area, repairing broken water line in the yard, and analyzing a new security system are the hot ones on the long list.

As you know, the trees are down but we're still working on the wall. Small steps!

Thanks to everyone for stopping by with candies, treats and holiday wishes. I hope your 2023 is filled with lots of kissing, laughter, strength, pretty girls and every tomorrow is full of miracles.

See you at the club,
Reggie

"I believe in pink. I believe that laughing is the best calorie burner. I believe in kissing, kissing a lot. I believe in being strong when everything seems to be going wrong. I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls. I believe that tomorrow is another day and I believe in miracles." - Audrey Hepburn

commodore's compass



Hard to imagine we are ringing in a New Year already. I know for some the year dragged on and for others it flew by. As I mentioned in the last weekly reader of the month been working on some New Year's resolutions that are achievable and measurable!

This January we have the Race Management Volunteer Party on January 27th. Even if you did not volunteer last year, you are invited to come and volunteer for this coming year! It is easy, fun and a great way to get involved and meet new friends.

This month we have the Jr Sabot Invitational on January 21-22nd. This event typically brings kids from all up and down the coast. The event is held inside the bay and if you are interested in helping, please contact Brooke Jolly (jrstaffcommodore@abyc.org) or myself. It's a fun event and show cases our club for the sailors and their parents. Thank you in advance to those that have agreed to help!

This coming year you'll be seeing information regarding our adult sailing program offerings. Many thanks go to Dominic Meo and Henk Baars for starting the ASA

certification program for adults in the tempest. This year we are expanding the offering to include a non-certification learn to sail adult program using club owned boats. Those that want to just get out on the bay in an FJ, ILCA, Sabot or even and Opti, watch for the information or contact our Sailing Director Stephen Long.

LA28 update... World Sailing met this past month and are looking at how they pair the Olympic equipment classes for their world championships. We'll be finding out the new groupings in the next month when they meet again. As you might already know, we were scheduled to be part of the organization that was to put on the Nacra 17, 49er, and FX Worlds in 2025. It appears that we might be looking at hosting a modified group of classes in 2027. Stay tuned.

On the business side of things...you'll see some physical changes happening around the club. As we move into the winter season, we'll be adjusting our hours and working on some long-needed maintenance projects. I appreciate all of you that have donated your time and expertise to our little oasis on the bay. If you would like to get more involved in the long-term planning of the club, please reach out to Gabe or myself.

See you at the club!
Mike

us sailing membership

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I'd like to wish all of you a very happy New Year. I'd also like to commend all who made it to the club to sail, volunteer, or just hang out the past year, and I wish for all of you to come on down and enjoy much more time here in 2023!

Because so many of us are going to enjoy more time at the club, it would be nice to have our clubhouse in perfect working order. That being said, there is quite a list of repairs, replacements, and improvements that have been growing on the to-do list, and it's going to take a few good people to make things happen. Several items I can pass on to Reggie and he'll just make it happen. Other tasks will have to take some thought, design, planning, and execution from a team, like the **ABYC House Committee**, which doesn't exist, yet. Our new House Committee can use some people with skills in design and/or construction. We have projects we can start on for interiors and furnishing, building repairs and replacements, and the grounds. Some projects will be easy, and we can plan to do at Spring Spruce Up, and others can happen a year from now with the proper planning. So, you

know where I'm going with this, if you would like to see some improvements with the clubhouse and have an interest in being a charter member of the ABYC House Committee please send me an email: vicecommodore@abyc.org.

Now along those same lines, I have an idea. It may have been stolen from another really cool yacht club. If you're one of our members that are fortunate to have joined the retired class of folks, would you be interested in maybe hanging out at the club on Wednesday or Thursday mornings and start off with a breakfast burrito, shoot the breeze, laugh at us working stiffs, and then tackle a team project of your choice? On the following day you can do your golf or sailing event. You'll have to come up with a name for this elite group, and your own t-shirt design. I'm just throwing ideas out there, but if you think it can happen let me know.

Wishing you a great 2023 season!

Gabe



Sou'Wester DEADLINE

January 24, 202e is the deadline
for the February Sou'Wester.

Help us to Help you!

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

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The end of the year is upon us. Hope everyone is enjoying the holidays.

Next year the junior program gets going again with the first classes starting in February. Check out the redesigned junior sailing page on the Club website for details on

the programs. There are classes from Learn to Sail to an ILCA Race Team.

You likely have heard about new boats being added to the junior program. We have two brand new CFJs and two brand new C420s. Club members have donated five recent model ILCAs for use in the junior program as well as to be available for charter. Expect the ILCA training to be one of the highlights of the program.

Stephen expects to cycle out some of the older boats— let him know if you are interested in a vintage FJ or Laser. Maybe for sailing, or maybe for a nautical planter in your front yard.

We will also be having a launch party when the new boats will be available to try out— stay tuned for the date.

Thanks for your donations to the Junior Fund. Some of the proceeds are being used to buy new covers and sails for the fleet.

fleet captain's log



Since being elected Fleet Captain, I have been impressed with the Fleet Newsletters I have received and shared with my fellow fleet captains; from Senior Sabots by **Cindy Heavrin**, Lido14's from **Jack Johnson** and the RC Fleet from **Don Shirley**. In addition to

active racing and fleet activities throughout the year, these newsletters can no doubt help to sustain and grow our fleets at ABYC. Let me know what I can do to promote your fleet.

Starting next month, our Port Captain, **Jason Mullen**, will be developing some whaler fleet maintenance & repair plans and will be looking for volunteers to lend their talents. If you have some time, on the weekends or weekdays and want to help with these projects, send Jason a text (213) 618-9987 or note jmullenla@gmail.com. We have a busy sailing season next year and we need some help.

We look forward to seeing past, current, and future race volunteers at our **Patience February 11th** and Whaler **February 18th** training sessions. Sessions will cover systems, docking and anchoring of *Patience*, while Whaler training will cover running a whaler, setting GPS waypoints,

The junior program progress 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.

We hope to grow significantly the number of adults learning to sail at the Club. The program is designed to be fun, social and to build confidence in sailing.

To that end, there will again be small group/private sessions this coming year on the Tempests. Thanks to Dominic Meo and Henk Baars for getting those organized.

Stephen and the Sabot fleet are sponsoring two dates for novice sailors to learn to sail— and appreciate!— the Naples Sabot. These lessons are for weekends in February and April.

We are still on the hunt for keelboats to hold group lessons— current thinking is that Cal 20s might be best bet for group lessons. Anyone interested in making a donation? Or have a lead on a less than perfect Cal 20 for sale?

Thanks, and hope you all sail on the lifted tack in 2023!

Ed Feo

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setting and moving race marks as well as pointers on maintaining our boats. See informational flyers elsewhere in this *Sou'Wester*.

Happy New Year

Steve Smith



So Cal "snowman" from Toni Morford

the baylogger

The junior sailing season has started to slow down, but our juniors were very much still active. December started off with the SCYYRA Clinic and the Holiday Opti regatta here locally. Then our junior sailors ventured down to San Diego for the last Perry regatta of 2022.

The SCYYRA Clinic was held next door to us, at the US Sailing Center Long Beach on December 3rd and 4th. We had many sailors attend this great clinic: **Jack McGhie, Mathilde Smith, Anielka Schuler, Thomas Kraak, Nicholas Mueller, Michael Sentovich, Noah Stapleton, Kathleen Keller, Madison Mansour, Grace Ivanchic, Tate Christopher, and Samantha Hemans.**

SCYYRA not only hosts a plethora of junior series, they also announce their "Racing Team" at the clinic. This "Racing Team" is designed to be the fastest 20ish junior sailors in Southern California. This year five of our junior sailors were selected! Congratulations to **Tate Christopher, Grace Ivanchic, Thomas Kraak, Morgan Pinckney, and Dylan Sih!**

The Optis had their last SCYYRA Carrie series regatta of 2022 at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, the same weekend as the SCYYRA clinic. Our sailors got good practice in varying conditions. The day started off light and

shifty, and ended up being windy and shifty. In Champ Fleet: **Gage Christopher** finished 6th, **Cassady Lorentzen** finished 20th, **Henry Day** finished 21st, **Theo Goodman** finished 27th, and **Beckett Christensen** finished 29th. In Green Fleet: **Harper Swezea** finished 4th, **Michio Ferri** finished 14th out of 37 boats!

The December Perry regatta was their second regatta in a series of four regattas, and the regatta was held at Coronado Yacht Club on December 10th and 11th. **Tate Christopher and Taylor Bartell** finished 9th, **Noah Stapleton and Piper Blackband** finished 10th, **Dylan Sih and Madi Anderson** finished 12th.

Our final regatta of the year will be the Orange Bowl regatta held at the end of the month in Florida. Please wish our junior sailors the best of luck as they fly out to compete in the largest youth international regatta in the United States.

Stephen Long, Sailing Director



junior perspective

The Holiday Naples Boat Parade was the bomb!! We slayed on the bay. With Christmas music provided by Stewart McCaleb, and delicious cookies spread to everyone in our decorated boat, we couldn't have had a merrier time. I have this sailor's instinct that we are going to win this year. We had Snoopy on our boat. How could we not.

As merry as it was though, we had a hard time escaping the Wilson High Drummers. They were out to get us, sounding their war cry every two minutes. There was no escaping.

When going through the canals, there were these two little kids that yelled at me. They said, "Hey!! Are you famous?!" They were like seven-years old. I said, "Yeah. I'm famous". "SHE'S FAMOUS. SHE'S FAMOUS.". I guess I'm famous now.

LBYC's boat looked as though it had a secret message on it, or so we thought. There was a QR-code on the back, so we were eager to find out what it was, pulling out our phones to scan it. It was the LBYC website. How creative.

I got a lot of "princess-waving" practice in. It was a good workout. I made sure I wore my jingly flamingo Christmas sweater—I hope you saw it because it was a sight to see. Fiona Barbeito wore her Santa hat. So did Brynn Jolly, Jessica Green, Elle Williams, and Stewart McCaleb. We played "Last Christmas" about eight times. We were a crowded boat, friends with tired eyes. It was a fine time.

I would like to say a special thanks to all the people who made this fine time possible. Special thanks to Fleet Captain Mr. Smith and his team for arranging for us to take out Guardian, and thank you very much to Mr. John McCaleb for driving. Thank you so much Mr. Long, our Sailing Director, for making sure we had all the required safety items, and special thanks to Vice Commodore Mr. Ferramola for making an awesome light up ABYC burgee. And much gratitude goes to Junior Staff Commodore Mrs. Jolly for warming us up with homemade chili.

Thank you all so very much for an epic, merry night. It was a great time and an awesome representation of ABYC, sleighing on the bay.

Happy Holidays to all, and to all a good night!!!

Audrey Stephenson

Elise McCaleb photos



membershipreport

Happy New Year! Looking forward to another year of increased membership and member participation. I hope everyone is catching their breaths from the holidays and are ready for a great year.

I would like to welcome new junior member Adam Rosales to the membership.

Finn sailor James Lawson is posting for membership this month.

Michael Oliver, Membership Director

volunteeropportunities

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

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
1/15	Bill Moore Regatta	Steve Smith (fleetcaptain@abyc.org)
1/20	General Membership Meeting	Cindy Heavrin (cmheavrin@verizon.net)
1/21 & 1/22	Junior Sabot Invitational Regatta	Brooke Jolly (jrstaffcommodore@abyc.org)
1/28 & 1/29	PCISA So Cal #4	Mike Van Dyke (commodore@abyc.org)
2/11	Patience Training	Steve Kuritz (kuritz@earthlink.net)
2/18	Whaler Training	Steve Kuritz (kuritz@earthlink.net)

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

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

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

SafeSport

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

Member Information

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

Dave Crockett

instructorsneeded

Volunteer Sailing Instructors Needed to Teach Adult Sailing

Start your new year off right by attending the second, annual boot camp for ABYC members who want to teach adult sailing. Join fellow ABYC members who graduated from this year's boot camp and are sharing their passion for sailing by teaching others how to sail in a Tempest.

The ABYC boot camp will show you how to teach a complete novice how to sail using the acclaimed American Sailing Association program called ASA-101 Basic Keelboat Sailing. Over four Saturdays, you will provide a total non-sailor with the skills they need to confidently sail a small keelboat in moderate breezes.

You will learn the teaching skills developed by ASA and have the option of becoming an ASA-certified instructor. After completing the ten-hour boot camp, your minimum commitment will be to teach one four-Saturday session each year.

If this sounds attractive to you, contact Dominic at dommeo@usitalongbeach.org. He will answer any questions you may have and provide more details on the training you will need to teach ASA-101.

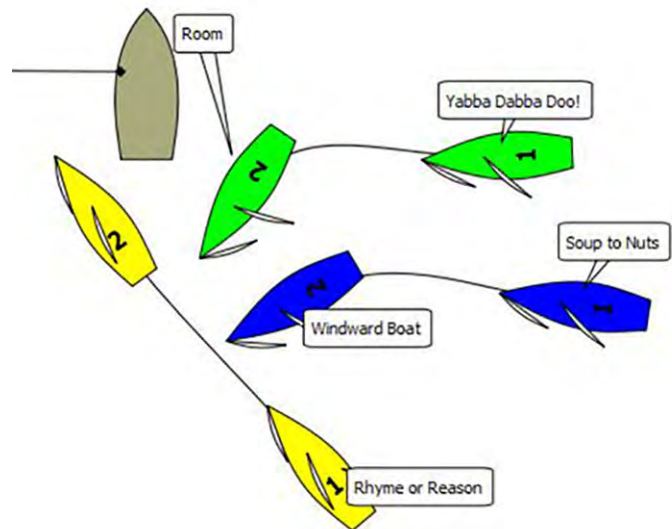
Our training program for volunteer instructors will take place over three Saturdays: January 14 and 21 and February 4. Training on January 14 and 21 is onshore. The training on February 4 is on the water in a Tempest. The total time commitment is about 10 hours. We are particularly interested in finding volunteers who can teach during July and August.

Thanks!

Dominic Meo and Henk Baars

Thirty seconds before the start, Rhyme or Reason, close-hauled on starboard tack, was sailing towards the race committee signal vessel. Yabba Dabba Doo! and Soup to Nuts were overlapped, both on a reach on starboard tack sailing towards the starting line. Yabba Dabba Doo!, to windward of Soup to Nuts, bore away to pass astern of Rhyme or Reason. Soup to Nuts bore away to avoid contact with Yabba Dabba Doo! No contact occurred. Soup to Nuts protested Yabba Dabba Doo! under rule 11, stating that rule 18 and rule 19 don't apply when boats are approaching to start.

Neither boat took a penalty. How should the protest committee rule? See if you can figure out the relevant facts, conclusions, and decision.



charity regatta

HALLOWEEN CHARITY REGATTA DONATIONS AND THANK YOUS

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club held our 37th Annual Halloween Charity Regatta to benefit The Children's Clinic Family Health on October 29, with a good turn out with 53 entries. The event raised nearly \$6000 for the Long Beach non-profit system of 11 medical clinics through the Silent Auction, donations, and in-kind gifts.

Winners of the Largest Fleet Daniel Ting Perpetual Trophy, donated by the late Norma and Dan Clapp, were Mark Ryan and Loma Bad, representing the Lido 14's 15 entries. Lido 14 Fleet 6 held its Championship in conjunction with the Halloween Regatta. All racing results are on the ABYC website.

For the Silent Auction, active racing fleets at ABYC were asked to each bring in one basket. We were surprised and delighted that they responded with as many as 5 baskets! The Silent Auction generated an estimated total of \$3,200. The OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION Perpetual Trophy went to the Viper Fleet and the Lido 14 Fleet which really came up with beautiful and highly desirable Silent Auction baskets that produced great bidding competitions.

The CREW CHALLENGE Perpetual Trophy was won by "PCH", Todd and Cathy Black Smith from ABYC with a total crew donation of \$500. Other participants included "Swoosh 4" and "Lickety Split" with a total of an additional \$350 in donations. So this year's Crew Challenge generated \$850—more than 3 times last year's amount.

Direct monetary donations totaled \$1200. Thank you, donors! In Kind Donations were from sponsors Jack's Pancake House and the Catalina Courtyard Motel; Bahia Marine; and Winners Circle Trophy Company (all items for the Silent Auction); Paul Henry Fresco Creations (trophies and Silent Auction items). If we left out anyone, please let

us know. A complete list needs to go to The Children's Clinic.

The estimated proceeds from the Regatta, which ABYC itself donates after expenses, are around \$600.

The 2022 Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Outstanding Volunteer perpetual trophy was awarded to Regatta Chair Dominic Meo.

Thank you to all the volunteers who covered registration, the ramps, the yard, the gate, distributing lunches, scoring, signals, flags, notes, protests, the Silent Auction, and getting the committee boats



ready to run. Thank you also to our PROS Mike Baumann and Martyn Bookwalter, Regatta Chair Dominic Meo, and Board Liaison Jeff Ives. Special thanks to our office staff, Sheila and Jenny, and Reggie and our wonderful staff.

This was not a Yacht Clubs of Long Beach committee event this year. Seal Beach Yacht Club could not hold its annual swap meet due to City of Long Beach restrictions, and therefore, the pancake breakfast hosted by Marina Yacht Club didn't happen either. Navy Yacht Club did not hold its annual brunch to benefit TCC. It just seems that we still are coming out of Covid restrictions. Maybe next year!

Carol Ginder Fresco
Regatta Co-Chair
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more christmas party

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billinginfo and assistance

2023 membership card stickers will not be mailed this year
In the past we used to mail membership card stickers along with your invoices to your home address. Now, with Clubspot, we email your invoices to you so this year, the 2023 membership card stickers will not be mailed. You will need to pick them up at the office. If you need a new membership card, let us know.

Who pays your ABYC statement/bill?

As we tackle the issue of outstanding payments we would appreciate your help. Please make sure your online account is active and your information is up to date.

Your monthly statement is emailed to the primary member on the account. However, that is not always the person who pays the bills. We would appreciate it if you change the email address to the person who makes the payments in order to keep the process efficient. This will help us stay on top of our finances and be able to invest in the club's maintenance.

You can change who receives the statement by editing the email in the billing *Notifications* section under *Contact* as seen in the graphic.

Did you know each member of the family listed in your account has access to the member section of the website and log in with their own password using either an email or cell phone number listed in the member account?

There are at least 100 members who have not logged into their Clubspot accounts. We encourage you to log in to your account and check the data is accurate. We are here to support you. Please call or visit us in the office if you have questions (562-434-9955).

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club will not charge you automatically. Instead, you will receive an email whenever an invoice is issued.

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happy hour

Lori VanSkyhock photos

What started out as a quiet night turned into an ugly Christmas sweater fashion show with a little Christmas karaoke! Looking for that perfect Christmas gift for next year? The “Doorbells” (Tom Dorman and Cat Bell) are taking orders for the customized “Reggie and Sheila’s Famous” shirts!

Lori VanSkyhock



Section C rules do not apply at a starting mark surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from the time boats are approaching them to start until they have passed them. However, rule 19 still applies at other obstructions. Rhyme or Reason was an obstruction to Yabba Dabba Doo!. Because Soup to Nuts chose to pass Rhyme or Reason to leeward, rule 19.2(b) required Soup to Nuts to give Yabba Dabba Doo! room to also pass to leeward between Rhyme or Reason and Soup to Nuts. Yabba Dabba Doo! broke rule 11 when she changed course to leeward and caused Soup to Nuts to immediately change course to avoid her. However, since Yabba Dabba Doo! was sailing within the room to which she was entitled under rule 19.2(b) to pass the obstruction, she was exonerated by rule 43.1(b) at the time of the incident.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Yabba Dabba Doo! to windward failed to keep clear of Soup to Nuts to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
2. Since Yabba Dabba Doo! broke RRS 11 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.

DECISION

1. The protest is dismissed.

See you on the water!
Mark Townsend

staff thank you

The ABYC staff would like to thank all the members who contributed to the Staff Christmas Fund. It is greatly appreciated and made our Christmas brighter. We would also like to thank the Officers and Directors for a great year and look forward to an even better 2023. ABYC is the place to be!

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday and the coming year filled with PROSPERITY, GOOD HEALTH & HAPPINESS!

A heartfelt THANK YOU
ABYC Staff



Blood Drive

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
7201 E Ocean Blvd Long Beach, CA 90803
Upper Deck

Friday, January 20, 2023

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Sign up online at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code ABYC.



American Red Cross



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

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

FEBRUARY

Saturday/Sunday February 25-26

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

\$120.00

APRIL

Saturday/Sunday – April 29 – 30

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

\$120.00

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

DON'T OWN A SABOT?

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

Charter Fee: \$80.00 per Weekend Class

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

SIGN UP ONLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 25 – 26 CLASS:

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



California Dreamin' -Meet Long Beach's Melges 15 fleet

The Melges 15 is continuing its record growth across the U.S. with Alamitos Bay Yacht Club among the newest fleets popping up on the West Coast.

Melges tuned in with Nick Kofski from Long Beach to get the lowdown on the budding Melges 15 scene out West. Kofski, a former Viper and Vanguard sailor, took delivery of his new Melges 15 this Fall.

"Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is one of the main venues for dinghy sailing in the Los Angeles area with solid fleets among the Lasers, Viper 640s, Lidos, and Sabots. The fleets are made up of all types from world champions and Olympians to the regular weekend cruiser types."

Originally from Chicago, Kofski knew a few friends who had purchased Melges 15s and were enjoying the Winter Series. "Speaking with my friends, the M15 looked like a fun fleet that was affordable to get into and might fill a void at our club as well. So we got a few guys together and lined up an order."

The void Kofski alluded to was the declining participation in a few of the one-design fleets at his club. "The big numbers at the Winter Series and across the country were especially encouraging for us as we were looking to start a new fleet. We had a few club members moving away from the once-dominant classes and looking for a new design that would tick all the boxes."

"Long Beach has perfect conditions for the M15 with the normal breeze around 12-16 knots and small sea state on most summer days. It's a fairly simple boat with a manageable kite that is easy for crews to deal with. It also has great speed for the size and cost of the boat - it's sorta hard to beat."

A reflection of the Melges 15 Class nationwide, the ABYC owners come from a variety of backgrounds, ages, and levels of experience. "Our owners run the gamut ranging from their 30s to their 60s, with a few families

already sailing with their kids that are in the junior fleet. There are a few couples and friends sharing boats too."

From holiday regattas to weeknight racing and premiere annual events run out of ABYC, there's no shortage of activity for the Melges 15 fleet to engage with. A few short weeks after receiving their boats, the fleet was racing in the Turkey Day Regatta. "Six of us are brand new owners and the other traveled from nearby," said Kofski. "We saw winds from 5-24kts, so it was great for all of us newbies. We had a blast with lots of lead changes and very close racing for all."

In addition to local events, Kofski hopes to do some traveling on the East Coast and is heading to the Winter Series next month. "We're stoked to see 70 boats on the line," added Kofski.

Join the Melges 15 Class out West
in 2023:

June 23-25, 2023 Long Beach Race
Week Long Beach, CA

July 29-30, 2023 Pacific Coast
Championship (CGOD) Cascade
Locks, OR



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hails from the fleets

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Lido Love



It was 21 nights before Christmas, when all through the club, many creatures were stirring, mostly gathered in the pub

The decorations were hung by SAC with great care, in hopes that festive members soon would be there

The sailors were coming all dressed to the nines, while visions of trophies danced in their minds

Jack's in the bar, how many shots did he take? Very much looking forward to January's break

The bell for dinner went off with a clatter, I sprang from my chair, first in line truly matters!

The table was laden with dishes galore, desserts at the end, I have room for 2 more

The awards made us laugh, the slide show was fun, it's far too early the night can't be done!

There are stories to be told, rules to be debated, there's a boat for sale who can be persuaded?

Now glasses are empty, crumbs litter the table, Gabe still has to share

one last fable



The tree shined

so brightly, the candles did glow, the flagpole tree may have stolen the show

Outside we snuggle into the warmth of our coats and gaze at the cheery lights on the boats

Jack did exclaim as he drove out of sight "Cheers, cheers to all, and to all a good night!"

Bill Moore Memorial Regatta

Soon, we'll be in the throes of 2023, and that means the first Lido 14 Fleet 6 regatta of the year! The Bill Moore has become a pretty big deal, with teams from all over So Cal showing up to shake the snow off their boats after the holidays. On January 15, we'll hold another edition with the traditional burger bash. Sign ups coming soon. Hold that date!

New Fleet Six Treasurer

Nathan Dalleska has graciously volunteered to help us out as the new Fleet Six Treasurer. It's usually a pretty invisible and thankless job. If it's invisible, it's probably being done well, but let's not make it thankless! Give him a big "thank you" and a handshake when you see him.



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New Fleet Six Email

We've established a new email address for fleet business and activities. Event registrations, questions and correspondence will be done at lido fleetsix@gmail.com. Of course, you can still contact Jack, Deby, and Nathan directly.

Rules Seminar February 2, 9, 16

Mark Townsend will be conducting a rules seminar organized by Lido Fleet 6. It will be held at ABYC and will eventually be opened to the whole club, but the Lido Fleet will have first dibs to register. Details to follow.



Hi ILCA sailors,
Five new ILCAs were recently donated to ABYC, and we were wondering if anyone has any extra deck covers they would like to donate. We could even possibly trade you a hull cover for your deck cover.
Thank you,
Stephen Long

@20 **T**he Christmas Fun Run in Alamitos Bay hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club took place Saturday, December 3rd. Thank you to Wendy Corzine for running the festive races. The winning boat was Shifty with Mike Corzine & Randy Smith. Randy has provided a recap of the regatta below, which included new boat owner Jeff Tighe sailing Cal 20 #628 Rambunctious! Check out his beautifully restored Cal 20 the next time you see Jeff in the yard.

In addition, the Cal 20 Christmas Party took place Saturday December 17th. Our wonderful hosts, Liza & Commodore Mike Van Dyke, opened their gorgeous Park Estates home to the Cal 20 Fleet, friends, and family. What great party! Also, attendees donated unwrapped children's books which will go to the Children's Clinic.

Next up is the Boxing Day Regatta on December 31st. This pursuit race in the bay is a blast and will be a terrific way to start your New Year's Eve celebration.

And now, here is the Christmas Fun Run report. Thank you Randy!

See everybody on December 31st!
Jeff Ives, Fleet Captain



As always, the Christmas Fun Run is exactly as it is named.... FUN. This year, Wendy Corzine and her RC team set up a perfect course on Alamitos Bay with appropriate red and green marks decorated with Christmas ornaments and decorations. A somewhat smaller than usual crowd of 8 boats showed up at the start line (where were all of you fun-hating Scrooge supporting couch potatoes????) to sail 5 great 2-lap races. On board Shifty, our crew uniforms for the day were the most God-awful ugly Christmas sweaters known to man. No photographic evidence so you only have the experience to remember if you were there.

The competition was tight in most of the races with the top 3 or 4 boats changing positions quite often. Shifty started at the pin in Race 1 and led all the way around for the win with 69 and Magic Bus in close pursuit. From the penthouse to the outhouse, Shifty was OCS in race 2 and battled back to 3rd with some snappy dance moves and the ugly sweater factor. Late arriving Mike Sentovich with Paul Ancil got their act together and took the win in Race 2. While most of the top 5 had at least one bad race, Shifty stayed on the podium every race with a convincing win in Race 5. Dave Kohfal with guest driver Bob Anderson turned quite a few heads with 3-1 finishes in Races 3 and 4.

As usual, there were no protests and awards were handed out on the water. The fleet was in and put away by 3PM and enjoyed the ABYC fire pit, some adult beverages and great story-telling and camaraderie as usual.

FIINAL RESULTS

<https://www.sailwave.com/results/2022ChristmasFunRun-12-3-22.htm>

See you all in 2023 for more great Cal 20 racing!

Randy Smith – Cal 20 #299 Shifty

hails from the fleets



The Senior Sabot Fleet and Cruising fleet had a great time mixing it up at the annual Christmas party Pot-Luck dinner held December 9th. Thank you to Kathy Weishampel and Sue Crocket for setting everything up in advance. And to Carol and Ron Clanton for creating and running the games. And I think everyone enjoyed the Ukulele Christmas sing-a-long!

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

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

Upcoming Events:

January 8th is the next ABYC Sabot Sunday.

January 20th is the General Membership meeting the Senior Sabots and Cruising Fleet are responsible for. Come on down and support the fleet.

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!




December was a slow month for DragonFlite95 and DragonForce65 sailing but a big month for parties. Alamitos Bay was well represented at the DragonFlite 95 National Championships in Hobe Sound Florida by Mark Golison, Keith Ives, Chris Raab, and Jim Sears. Gone by the time this is published is the DragonFlite 95 Alamitos Bay Year End Blow Out December 29th at gangway 24 next to the shipyard and hosted by Len Bose. January's first scheduled race for the DF95 at El Dorado Park is January 15th.

Don Shirley



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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

at ABYC

Friday, January 6th ~ 6:30-9:30 pm

Featuring the music of "The Trill Seekers"

*Bar
Opens
5:00 pm*

*Light
Bites
Made
to
Order*



All New in 2023 - Friday Night Live at ABYC! (Formerly Club ABYC)
Come enjoy an evening of upbeat, entertaining and classy music consisting of light rock, pop and smooth jazz standards with ABYC member Mike Waugh on sax, blissful Barbara Reed on piano and vocals, and Jammin' Jeff on drums. These guys are amazing!!

FIRESIDE CHAT

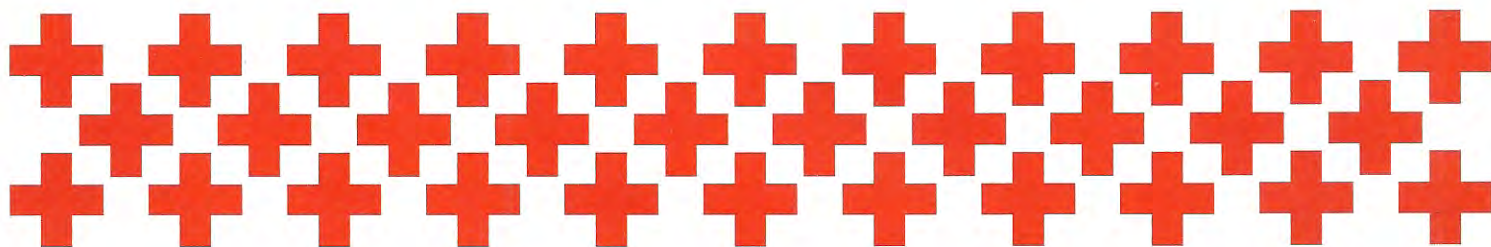


JANUARY
13
6:00pm

Please join the ABYC cruising group
for a fireside chat to discuss the
upcoming activities and future plans .
Plan on being there

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Red Cross Blood Drive
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

Upper Deck
7201 E Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90803

Friday, January 20, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please make an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org
and enter sponsor code: ABYC or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Alamitos Bay Yacht Club



SANTA CATALINA ISLAND



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 6:30 pm**

**Catalina Island Conservancy
CRUISING AND HIKING THE ISLAND
SAVE THE DATE!**

**Dinner: Meat/Veggie Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert
Reserve Online at ClubSpot @abyc.org
ABYC (562) 434-9955**

Hosted by the Senior Sabots/ABYC Cruising Club

You're Invited to the
RACE MANAGEMENT
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Friday, January 27
6:00 – 8:00 pm



- *The Race Management Committee would like to thank all the volunteers that made the 2022 racing season a success.*
- *All members—find out how you can join our crew of dedicated volunteers. Put the 2023 sailing season on your bucket list!*
- *Light refreshments from 6 to 8 pm in celebration of a job well done and the beginning of the 2023 season!*

Be a Volunteer *PATIENCE* Driver

Training Class

Saturday February 11th



LEARN:

- *Patience* Systems
- Docking & Anchoring

Register on ABYC CLUBSPOT:

<https://abyc.org/register/camp/Xp2WQaSpMI/class>

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

We encourage you obtain your California Boaters Card <https://californiaboatercard.com/>

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

Become a Volunteer Whaler Driver

Training Class

Saturday February 18th



LEARN TO:

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

Register on ABYC CLUBSPOT:

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

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