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mardis gras

The good times definitely rolled at ABYC on Friday February 3rd for a Mardis Gras theme Friday Night Live! Everyone enjoyed the Po'Boys, Beignets, Jambalaya, Hurricanes and mini-King Cakes on the menu. Upstairs looked like a Mardis Gras Parade Krewe came through with masks and beads galore. The highlight of the night was Rob Covacevich on the sax and flute playing all the Jazz you could handle!



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save the date

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Manning Regatta	March 4-5
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Membership Meeting	March 17
ILCA Midwinters West	March 24, 25, 26
Happy Hours	April 7, 13, 28
Easter Brunch	April 9
Spruce Up	April 15-26

[Full ABYC Calendar](#)

manager's corner



What a windy month we've enjoyed during the month of February. 30-40+ knots here at the club, reminds me of those good ol' tornado days of Louisiana.

We've got a busy March before with something going on every weekend. The Manning kicks things off as we inch closer to Opening Day and it's great to see the usual suspects getting onto the water along with all of the participants in the sailing classes we've got going on.

I've had members inquire about costs and wanted to share a few things that I hope are informative:

- Covid caught everyone by surprise and coming out of Covid, our ability to be competitive and attractive as an employer became a focus and an area of opportunity. With just our core staff as an example, we're spending over \$10-\$15 more per hour, roughly \$20-30k more a year for the same labor hours. This doesn't include the areas that we've expanded on the F & B team, just office, maintenance and sailing.
- We've all felt the pinch at the pump for gas, well, our vendors have increased their rates and some have added fuel surcharges on top of price increases for deliveries.
- Raise your hand if you haven't paid \$100 for a case of eggs because I have! 6 months ago, eggs were \$60 a case and have come down slightly from a high of \$110 a case
- Before my arrival, we were using Peninsula Supply who purchased products for us from Restaurant Depot. Now we are using Sysco for most proteins and using Costco to get some items in smaller sizes versus ordering larger cases from Sysco. Sysco has "1st pick" produce; Restaurant Depot does not. Our burger is a fresh Certified Angus Beef blend aged 28 days from Newport Meat. What you were getting from Restaurant Depot and Smart & Final is a frozen patty with no aging and made with fillers.
 - ABYC Burger + fries & drink \$12
 - Marie Callendar's + fries \$12 + tip
 - Shake Shack burger \$9.59 + fries \$3.99 + drink \$3.99
 - Five Guys burger + fries & drink \$22 + tip
 - Crooked Duck \$15.50
 - Walt's Wharf Seal Beach \$19
 - Vibes Cafe house burger \$16 + tip
 - Kincaid's burger \$17 + tip
 - Boathouse burger \$22 + tip

- Wally's Santa Monica \$35 + tip (I can neither confirm nor deny that Sheila frequents Wally's)

Not to brag, but I'm pretty sure our meat quality will stand up to everybody on this list. We're working to give you a quality food experience and with that, things cost a little more than what you've paid in the past. The \$10-\$12 burger here at ABYC would cost you upwards of \$15-\$18 more anywhere else. I hope you can taste the difference in the food and can appreciate the team trying to deliver little things to make your experience a little better.

ABYC is located at a better spot than LBYC and Newport Beach YC combined, and no amount of investment will change that. We're trying to put something on the plate that is representative of that, and hopefully, that's something we can all agree on, be proud of plus appreciate the blessings of family, friends and respite that we can only get here.

A few housekeeping reminders and updates:

- New towel dispensers have been ordered, thank you Commodore Staff Merle Asper
- Please remember we need to keep the gate secured at all times. If you're having an event, you'll need to provide someone responsible to man the pedestrian gate because we cannot leave it open and unattended. If you don't have someone, we have to get a security guard at \$42 an hour with a 6 hour minimum.
- With summer concerts coming soon, we hope to continue to have members enjoying music from the 2nd deck but want to remind you that the gate must be closed and you must escort your Guests on property
- Vice Commodore Gabe Ferramola needs your help! Spring Spruce Up is right around the corner, join the fun and enjoy a day of pitching in fixing up the club.
- We're replacing the water sprayers on the hoses, hoses and reels are also on the list.

ABYC is the place to be and we wouldn't have it any other way. Enjoy these brisk days after Mardi Gras, St. Patty's & Easter will be here before you know it.

See you at the club,
Reggie

PS. The great prophet Jimmy Buffett once said "wrinkles will only go where smiles have been"...live life accordingly





It's been a brisk February and the resiliency of our members and their passion for sailing is quite evident. The early part of the month, Jack J took three days to single hand around Santa Barbara Island, then later in the month Eric C took his Cal 20 up along with other Cal 20's to

Cabrillo for his 35th consecutive Midwinters. Then, this past weekend, when we had gusts over 30kts, we had 12 adult sabot class members down. I'm just in awe that our members go out there in the most cold and blustery weather we have had in 10 years, and they love it!

The first weekend in March is the SCYA E. E. Manning Regatta. The fleet duty responsibilities this year fall to the Vipers/Multihull/Sabot fleets which is being led by Steve Bloemeke and his army of volunteers. This is a long-standing regatta for boats under 20' with classes running in the bay and outside with solid entries as of this writing. What I always enjoyed about this regatta is there are no age breakdown in the sabot fleets. It's young against old! If you're not volunteering, you should be sailing!

The last weekend of the month is the ICLA Midwinter West regatta with entries expected to reach

into the triple digits. It is a three-day event and will bring sailors from multiple countries (we get to count Ed's flags) competing conjunction with the SCYYRA Ullman/Frost Series. Points are awarded by World Sailing and ILCA class to make it highly competitive. Later this year, in conjunction with the Olympic Class Regatta, we are hosting the ILCA North Americans, so if you are not sailing, you can volunteer for both events! Thank you, Ed Spotskey and your entire team!

Security. I guess it's the day and age of the world that we live in, but we need to be more thoughtful of our surroundings and what we can do to protect the club, for the members, and for the safety of our employees. Gates are gates for a reason unfortunately. They are meant to keep us secure. Please if you use a gate, resecure it. If you see one open, close it and secure it! Be vigilant!

Speaking of gates, gates attach to walls and next month we'll have a more comprehensive plan of the direction forward with the wall. Two scenarios are in play, a fix it and move forward or a fix it and spruce up the entrance to the club to make it more inviting as well as project the image of the great club we are. More next month!

See you at the club!

Mike

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

March 24, 2023 is the deadline
for the April 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 weather last weekend was amazing, with plenty of rain, winds to 35 knots, reports of hail everywhere and snow levels down to less than 2000 feet of elevation. The mountains were a spectacular sight! With all the wetness, the club was lightly

used and many fair weather sailors figured there are 51 other weekends of the year we can go out for a sail and not get so wet and cold. However, there was a handful of eager sailors ready to take on the elements and put the rest of us to shame. 14 souls signed up, conjured up some boats along the way through charters, borrowing, buying, whatever. and participated in the ABYC ADULT SABOT CLASS. All I saw were smiles all around, both

Saturday and Sunday. Congratulations to the group for sticking it out and looking forward to seeing you out there for the next sessions! Thanks to our Sailing Director Stephen Long, our wonderful coaches, and to the Senior Sabot Fleet for making this event happen!

Fair weather is around the corner and the sailing season will be upon us in just a few weeks. Spring Spruce Up will be here April 14th and 15th. Look around the club and see what projects or improvements we can take on with your help. Let me know your ideas and what materials we need to procure to make it happen. At least plan on joining in for the event and help clean up the club in preparation for our Opening Day celebrations.

Smooth Sailing
Gabe Ferramola

rear view



Time for an update on the adult and junior sailing programs!

As previously reported, we have two distinct adult learn to sail programs. The ASA certification program (winter session) starts the first week of March. This is the program held in Tempests and run by

Dominic Meo and Henk Baar with ABYC members as instructors.

We also have a somewhat less intensive adult learn to sail sailing program in sabots, the first session of which occurred the last weekend in February. A dozen students registered. A blustery Saturday class had much time on the hard, no time on the water due to the weather. The fleet ventured into the bay on Sunday— a relatively calm day (see photo). The next session is in April. Thanks to Stephen Long, Kathy Weishampel, Bruce and Pam Gallagher, Tom Newton, Christina Van Dyke, Jack Hanson and Ainsley O'Brien, among others, for organizing and teaching that program.

The Spring junior sailing program started in early February for the double-handed skills class (FJs), high school sailing (FJs), ILCA skills and race team and Optis. The beginning and intermediate classes start up in early April. So far we have over fifty sailors signed up for the Spring junior programs, with strong participation especially in the high school and ILCA programs. One challenge is that much of our Opti Champ fleet was lured away by BalboaYacht Club, so there is a rebuilding effort there. There are still some open slots in the beginning and intermediate courses so if you know any young sailor-to-be, get them signed up.

Registration for the summer junior program is now open, with the same mix of courses. The first session starts June 19. This summer we will look to add training in our new 420s, as well as in keelboats and match racing (dependent on acquiring J22s—see more below). We have expanded the beginning and intermediate course capacity— so we would really appreciate all efforts to get more young potential sailors in the program.

On the personnel front, we were successful in hiring Carter Brock as our new head coach. He currently is the assistant varsity sailing coach at MIT, and will join us after the conclusion of the college sailing season. He will be focused on coaching the double handed programs here at ABYC. This will include a new program using the 420s.

Equipment wise, we are looking to sell up to four of our more mature FJs. Stephen already has a potential buyer lined up. Two new FJs were acquired late last year and are being introduced to our line up. As previously reported, we also own or charter a fleet of nine excellent ILCAs, now fully equipped for the skills and race team classes. In the summer, we will roll out a 420 class. We now have two 420s and hope to acquire a third for that program.

We will be adding keelboat training and a match race program. After much discussion (including valuable input from Steve Flam who has agreed to teach the match race program), we are focused on acquiring two J22s for those programs. The J22 is used in match racing at clubs around the country. We are closing in on the acquisition of our first J22 (check to be issued this week?) with funding provided by the ABSF— most of those proceeds came from an insurance settlement on the club Tempest that unfortunately went on the rocks last year. So some good news following what had been an unhappy event.

See you on the water,
Ed Feo
Rearcommodore@abyc.org

fleet captain's



A group of experienced and new faces signed up and showed up on February 18th to learn how to safely drive our fleet of whalers, recommended techniques for setting, anchoring, moving and retrieving race marks.

Steve Kuritz, along with **Gordon Palmer** and **Mike Baumann** were the course instructors who started out with a whiteboard classroom presentation of race course set-up, use of signal flags, sound signals, adjusting the race course for wind and weather conditions, safe techniques around capsized boats, assisting sailors in the water and more. We were also reminded that the Racing Rules of Sailing now allow a sailor to accept assistance from a safety/rescue boat and continue racing.

Once out of the classroom, we gathered anchors, lines, chain, life jackets, tetrahedron race marks and more to load on our fleet of four whalers. Once loaded up and assigned to boats, we moved into the Bay where each boat and crew practiced rigging, setting, moving, and recovering race marks.

Back at the dock we were shown how to access and use the QR Codes attached to the key of each whaler. Accessing the QR code on a mobile phone allows a boat operator to note any items or systems that need attention at the end of the day. See more explanation in this report.

The session was a worthwhile exercise for us and worth repeating in the future.

A session to learn how to drive our Race Committee boat *Patience* had to be postponed; however, this training will be rescheduled.

Using the Fleet Check-Out Form

How to scan a QR code with the Camera app.



QR Codes created by **Jason Mullen**

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



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

Filling out the Form

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

After the recent rain, be sure to check your boat covers are intact and your boat is not full of water. You might check your trailer tires are inflated as well.

New Fuel Tanks for Whalers

The fuel tanks on our fleet of whalers were leaking and beginning to show their age. We found what appears to be a sturdy replacement. **Grant Hill** has numbered the new tanks, so we will know the difference between the old tanks and the replacements. Look for the new tanks on the whalers.



*New Whaler Fuel Tanks.
Photo by Grant Hill*

Seen in the East Yard

If you have ever spent time in the East Yard, you may have noticed two large boxes/containers placed against the fence in the yard. I asked **Grant** what was in the containers and he told me they hold "Containment Booms" used by emergency responders to help hold back dangerous or polluting materials found in the water. If you look at the back side of the containers you will notice the fence behind them is moveable allowing access to their contents.

Grant has now stenciled the containers with the information seen in this photo. You can also see our Bay Race Marks undergoing repair and paint by **Martyn Bookwalter**.



*East Yard Containers.
Photo by Grant Hill*

the bay clogger

February still isn't much of a regatta month, but with the break in their sailing season, the junior sailors have been out on the water practicing for their upcoming regattas. The ILCA Race Team has actually practiced all six weekend days so far this February and will be going to San Francisco for their high school regatta the last weekend of February.

Our Spring Sailing Practices have been going well so far. Our Opti and CFJ group had two practices in early February, but took a break on the third weekend for the Opti regatta in Marina Del Rey. We had three sailors represent ABYC in the Champ Fleet at the Del Rey regatta. Congratulations to **Gage Christopher** for placing second, **Timothy Liu** for finishing 11th, and **Beckett Christensen** for finishing 17th out of the 28 boats.

Registration is still open for our spring after school classes starting on April 6th. So far we have 58 sailors signed up for Spring Sailing, which is great news! If you'd like to sign up, there's still time; the deadline has been extended until March 30th.

Stephen Long, Sailing Director



junior advisory corner

Learning to be a sailing mom

My daughter Anielka has been sailing regattas with her partner Matilde since July of last year, so about 7 months. Their first regatta together was a travel regatta; CFJ Nationals down in Mission Bay. They placed 40/44, which we all felt was pretty good for their first regatta. Since July they have done a Shadden (or two?) and raced in some of the High School sailing regattas (Anteater, Rose Bowl). This last weekend we went up to the Bay Area to sail the Golden Bear Regatta. It was our second travel regatta as fairly new sailing parents, and it was something else.

The forecast in San Francisco was for highs in the low 40's with high winds and rain. We did a pretty decent job of packing and preparing for sailing in such unusual conditions. Thanks to Coach Stephen for convincing the girls that they should wear wool socks under their booties! I only wish they'd taken his tip of wearing dish gloves on top of their sailing gloves, too! I think Stephen is going to write a special Sou'Wester article about what to wear in cold weather sailing, so I won't go into that too deeply. All I'll say is that we were very happy with fleece, non-cotton long underwear, and wool layers under spray pants and jacket.

The first day there was no wind until late in the day. After waiting around for what seemed like hours, they finally managed to get a couple races in before 5.

The second day the weather was foul. It rained almost the entire day. On the dock in the howling wind and rain I overheard one sailor say to another, "Is it normally like this in Northern California?" His companion retorted, "It's not normally like this anywhere in California!" As we stood on the splintered dock of the Treasure Island Sailing Center, spiky rain punching us in the face while the wind rattled the jib sheets in an unholy racket, I had to agree. It felt more like Boston than the Bay Area.

My sailing instructor at OCC used to say, "Sailing is so relaxing, until it's not." The second day on the water was exactly that; the sailors were out on the water waiting for wind, dancing in their boats, or hooking up in impromptu

flotillas as they told each other jokes and stories. Then suddenly the wind went from 0 to 60 (or 2 to 20, to be exact). FJs were speeding through the waves, hyper powered by the wind. Many boats were overwhelmed by the gusts. At one point, as all the boats were coming in, both gold and silver fleet kids were screaming at each other trying to dock, while at least 3 boats were capsized at the same time. It was mayhem.

Sailing is a marvelous sport. Watching the kids sail this weekend I felt so much admiration for their persistence, their grit, and their courage. And it wasn't just the racing; watching them navigate the treacherous gusts and "puffs" as they sailed around for what felt like hours in the freezing rain waiting for the course to be set, watching them throw themselves back out into the waves for their second race of the day (even though they'd just been fished out from their first race) or even watching them haul their boats out of the roiling sea up the rickety ramp in the rain was awe inspiring. I feel very lucky to be a sailing mom and to get to see this side of their experience up close.

We sailed with a great group of kids from Los Al/ Sato and St John Bosco. The parents all pulled together and helped make the trip fun and as comfortable as possible for kids and parents alike. Even though Bosco has a new group of sailors, they did great out on the water (Jack and Tanner got a first in one of their races), and their parents did a wonderful job of including all the kids and parents in the team dinner etc. I definitely felt like I learned something about how to handle myself as a regatta parent. For example, the Bosco parents ordered an extra pizza at lunch on the rainy cold day for the race committee!

I should note that the girls achieved their goal of being "solidly mid-fleet" in this race, coming in 17/31. This is a big improvement from nationals only 7 months ago! But even if they had come in last, we still would have learned a lot this weekend. I'm super proud of them for what they did this weekend, and feel very lucky to be a sailing mom.

Carrie Yury

alamitos bay sailing foundation



Breaking News - the April 1 fundraiser will be postponed to a later date and will be a revised concept. We appreciate the support and will be working to schedule another date later in Spring.

2023 is off to a strong start for our junior sailors and junior sailing program. ABSF took delivery of two brand new FJs and two brand new 420s which will soon be hitting the water as well as 6 ILCA Lasers which have been getting a lot of use. ABSF also recently approved a grant to purchase a J-22 for developing a new match racing program which will be assisted by world renowned ABYC sailor Steve Flam. We hope to add a second J-22 very soon. Going forward we'll continue to focus on raising funds to upgrade the junior sailing equipment, mainly FJ and 420s.

Special shout out to Nicholas Mueller for acceptance to the 2023 ILCA Youth World Championship

this summer in Poland. He's the hardest working youth sailor around and could use support. Check out his Go Fund Me page here:

<https://gofund.me/0e09f92e>

It's great to see so many ABYC junior sailors travelling and competing at top levels. I'd like to recognize the following junior sailors putting in the effort with cross country travel to Florida in February: ILCA Midwinters East (Nicholas Mueller and Tommy Kraak) and c420 Midwinters (Tate Christopher, Noah Stapleton, Samantha Hemans, Gigi Ivancich, Dylan Sih).

Kevin Taugher

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membership report

I hope you all battened down the hatches as well as all of your boats in the yard this past month because the weather has been rough. If you came down to the club last Friday you would have seen a true victory at sea with 45 knot winds and waves breaking over the breakwater. Thank goodness it looks like this weekend will be nice, if not breezy, for the Manning Regatta. Don't forget that daylight savings and sailing season is just around the corner, so get your boats ready and let's get sailing!

We have a new approved member to welcome, Deborah McDougal (Regular). Additionally, there are three new members that are posting to membership; Matthew Camper (Junior), Robert Shraff (Regular), and Grant Wooden (Regular).

I look forward to seeing you all soon at the club!

Michael Oliver, Membership Director

mark's racing rules quiz #100

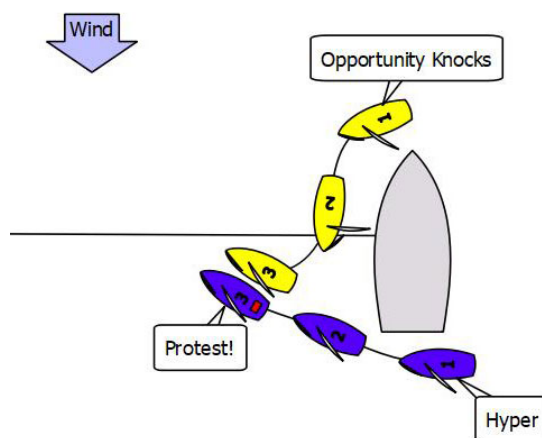
Answer on page 12

Oppportunity Knocks and Hyper are maneuvering just before the starting signal. Opportunity Knocks, to windward of the starting line, bears away to sail to the pre-start side of the line. Hyper passes astern of the race committee signal vessel and starts to luff to a close-hauled course to start. At position 2 Hyper is unable to luff to a close-hauled course without risk of contact with Opportunity Knocks. Opportunity Knocks crosses to the pre-start side of the starting line and luffs to start about 1 ft to windward of Hyper. Hyper hails protest just before the starting signal. There is no contact and neither boat takes a penalty.

Hyper says was unable to luff to a close-hauled course to start for fear of hitting Opportunity Knocks who was sailing directly towards her.

Opportunity Knocks argues that Hyper was not allowed to alter course by rule 16 and there was room for her to come in to windward. Because there was no contact, she kept clear.

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



volunteer opportunities

BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE:

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.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
3/4 & 3/5	E.E. Manning Regatta	Ed Feo (rearcommodore@abyc.org) OR Steve Bloemeke (stevebloemeke@gmail.com)
3/24 to 3/36	ILCA Midwinters West	Mike Van Dyke (commodore@abyc.org) OR Ed Spotski (ed@spot-lighting.com)
4/15 & 4/16	SPRING SPRUCE-UP	Gabe Ferramola (vicecommodore@abyc.org)
4/22	Open House	Michael Oliver (membership@abyc.org) OR Karen Zieba (bod.sac@abyc.org)

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.

Jennifer Golison and I need help with the boutique. Please contact Jennifer at jen@golison.com.

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.

Trophies

Do you know something (anything) about engraving or engravers? Please contact me, Dave Crockett, at bod.volunteers@abyc.org



animal shelter collection

Our thanks to Commodore Mike for letting us hold a blanket and towel drive to support local shelters during the cold winter months. We would like to thank the many people who donated. We received over 100 gently used towels, 35 blankets and one nice dog/cat carrier. Below are the different animal shelters, rescues and clinics that benefited from your donations. They do amazing jobs either offering inexpensive vaccines, spaying and neutering, adoption, Parvo care and providing end of life hospice care. As always, we hope that you think of adopting a rescue animal or donating your time or needed items to these worthy establishments.

Thank you from the bottom our hearts,

Trish Clay and Kathy Robinson



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.

License plate frames are now available through Sheila for \$32.00

Sign Up

Spring Spruce Up
April 15 & 16

commodore's wall

The retouch of the Commodores Wall
We did it! After a lot of hard work from devoted volunteers, the Commodore's Wall in the Clubhouse is now looking amazing. Thanks to this dedicated crew the wall looks stunning after remounting the Commodore's pictures with new matting making sure they were the same size, color and material grade with some extra frames for future Commodores. We had a great production line going, with a staging area for the pictures, frame disassembly, name plaque removal and remounting, glass cleaning station, then a final frame assembly and hanging. Everyone worked hard over two days. 2 hours one day and 1 and a half hours the next – and now we have a beautiful wall that truly honors all of our Commodores! A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this happen – couldn't have happened without you.

Staff Commodore,
Dan DeLave



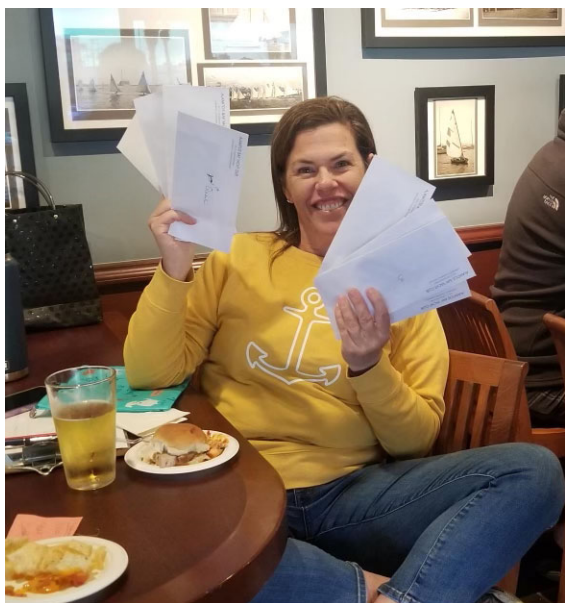
raft up

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

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

super bowl

What a game! It was a good time watching the Chiefs vs Eagles on Super Bowl Sunday. It was chilly outside but the fire was welcoming, and everyone brought great appetizers for all to enjoy! Thank you, Jorge Suarez, for organizing and thanks to Brooke Jolly for handling the Super Bowl Board.



Rule 11 required Opportunity Knocks to 'keep clear' of Hyper. 'Keep clear' means something more than 'avoid contact'; otherwise, the rule would contain those or similar words. Therefore, the fact that the boats did not collide does not necessarily establish that Opportunity Knocks kept clear. The definition Keep Clear in combination with the facts determines whether or not Opportunity Knocks complied with the rule. In this case, the key question raised by the definition is whether Hyper was able to 'sail her course with no need to take avoiding action'.

The following considerations lead to the conclusions that Opportunity Knocks failed to keep clear of Hyper and therefore broke rule 11: 1) The boats were on collision courses, which meant that at least one of them would have to change course. 2) Hyper had a reasonable apprehension of collision if she were to sail her course, which was to luff to a close-hauled course. 3) At position 3 Hyper cannot change course without immediately contacting Opportunity Knocks.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Opportunity Knocks to windward failed to keep clear of Hyper to leeward, and broke RRS 11.

DECISION

1. Opportunity Knocks is DSQ in the race.

See you on the water.

Mark Townsend

shop

sea bags

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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.



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.

@20 SCYA Midwinters Recap

Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club hosted the Cal 20's at the SCYA Midwinters. This year's event was a one day regatta and we had five ABYC skippered boats racing in the 15 boat fleet. Eric Conn proudly sailed his 65th consecutive Midwinter's sailing Project 14 with his brother Tracy. Eric has campaigned several boats over this extended time frame including Snipe's, Mercury's, and of course Cal 20's. In addition to Eric, other ABYC skippers included Chuck Clay, Chris Raab, Jeff Ives, and Steven George.

The weather forecast was for breezy conditions and the weather prediction was not fake news. Wind speed was clocked around 25 knots in a couple of races. One of the nice features of the Cal 20 is her ability to stay on her feet in a breeze. Having a third crew member on board is a must in these conditions to help provide some heft on the weather rail and to assist in boat handling duties.

Four races were conducted in Hurricane Gulch at the Midwinters. As is typical for Cal 20 sailing, there was close tactical racing and Cal 20 veterans Chuck Clay sailed a consistent series to come in second followed by fellow ABYCer Chris Raab in third. It seems like Chuck and Chris have been sailing Cal 20's forever and they certainly didn't show any rust this early in the season.

A special thanks to all the Cal 20 volunteers who assisted at the February ABYC membership meeting (Cal 20's were hosts in February). Our next volunteer assignment is staffing the Memorial Day regatta. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chuck Clay (outside harbor course) or Todd Smith (inside bay course).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our retiring Fleet Captain Jeff Ives. Jeff has done a masterful job these past several years leading the ABYC Cal 20 fleet through a period of growth with several new boat owners joining one of Southern California's hottest one design keel boat classes. We can't thank Jeff enough!

Todd Smith



Tracy Conn trimming the jib on Project 14 with brother Eric at the helm.



Cal 20's driving to the right side at Hurricane Gulch in breeze on conditions. Note several main's with a slight luff behind the mast. More and more Cal 20 sailors are getting luff stripes to assist with sail trim.



hails from the fleets

Lido Love



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We had a great turn out for our Rules Seminars on 2/2 and 2/9. Mark Townsend put on a wonderful seminar, attended by about 22 really engaged sailors who asked a lot of questions. Mark explained situations by encouraging us to think through situations and come to our own conclusions. It was a great change from the usual dull, droning explanations of the rules that these seminars can be. There was a lot of enthusiasm for more of these by the presenter and by the attendees. Stay tuned for more info. We'll try to get you more notice before the next ones.

The Lido Fleet is responsible for organizing the General Membership Meeting at ABYC on March 17. Our own Dana Bell has organized a great Irish dinner. She also asked the Baumanns to do a presentation about the trip to Ireland last year that they organized for the group from the Lido fleet and ABYC. Dana and the Baumanns have done all of the legwork for us, so the least we can do is attend and watch what's sure to be a great presentation with some entertaining video and pictures.

The Harry Wood Regatta is on March 19 at Balboa Yacht Club. This is their signature Lido 14 regatta for the year, so let's help them get a good class together! Tee shirts! What else can you want?

Twilights begin in April. We will have the traditional First Night party so please come out and join us. Entries begin next week, when we finalize entry fees and open the entry website. We will also be premiering the newly refurbished and updated fleet boat. Available for Twilights charter for \$20 nightly. The fleet boat could be chartered for weekend regattas, terms negotiable. Details for all of it in the next Lido Love.

Come have fun with us in our funny fat little boats!

Jack Johnson



Our last Sabot Sunday was on February 19th. We had 10 boats on the water and shifty light winds made for a challenging day. Jane Ellis-McNaboe got off to a great start with a 1st place finish in the first race, ahead of the ever competitive Scott Finkboner from MBYC. Pam Gallaher also had a great first race, staying ahead of Scott until the very end when he caught her at the finish line. In the 2nd of 3 races Cindy Heavrin finished ahead of Scott, and Kathy Weishampel had a strong 3rd place finish. Race committee teams Don & Chris Taugher and Ron & Carol Clanton did a great job keeping the courses sort for the light conditions. Overall, Scott finished in 1st place for the day in the A fleet, followed by Jane and then Cindy. The B Fleet Helen Burdett and Debi Johnson made a good showing. Deby continues to improve every outing, and Helen was mixing it up with the A fleet on the first and 3rd races, and Helen finished 1st overall in the B fleet.



March 12 is the next ABYC Sabot Sunday racing. Join us for casual day of racing. 12:00 noon start, 3 races.



INSA membership is open and stickers are ready to be mailed out as soon as you renew your membership. Support the Sabot class association and join INSA at

<https://naples-sabot.org/membership>

Sabot Nationals will be held in San Diego at Coronado Yacht Club, June 10-11. Measuring will take place on Friday, June 9th at CYC, which will make this a 3-day event. Start thinking about making hotel reservations now if you plan on attending.

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Sailing Director Stephen Long along with Kathy Weishampel have put together adult Sabot sailing lessons. The next class is scheduled for April 29-30. Non-members are also welcome to participate.

APRIL

Saturday/Sunday – April 29 – 30

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

\$120.00

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

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL SAILING DIRECTOR, STEPHEN LONG:

sailingdirector@abyc.org

SIGN UP ONLINE FOR THE APRIL CLASS:

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

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



The E.E. Manning Regatta is soon upon us. The Viper and Multi-Hull Fleets have been busy recruiting from their cadre and dipping into asking members of all sorts. There was an impressive list of people sent my way that completed the whaler training, and please do not be offended that I did not ask you to help with the regatta...I had already completed staffing that portion and did not want to go back on my efforts. It takes a lot of time running a regatta, and many thanks to everyone called upon. With any bit of luck, the Manning will see clear skies and nice wind. At the time of this writing, I am watching cats and dogs float by on our street.

We look forward to hearing about the Viper 640 Worlds near New Orleans. We have Ed Feo, Kevin Taugher, and Chuck Tripp in one boat and Gabe Ferramola, Mike Shea, and Brian MacLean in another boat representing ABYC. Nice to have active Fleet Officers at this level of racing!

March is prime whale watching season. Go out and enjoy the water and maybe see one or two! Oh, and an ample snow pack on our local mountains too.

Sail fast, be fair.

Steve Bloemeke



February has been busy with KHYC hosting the DF95 Tune Up Regatta on February 18th ahead of the DF95 SCYA Midwinters Regatta on February 29th. Our own Eric Conn made an excellent showing in the 15 boat fleet at King Harbor. Sunday, February 19th saw 14 DF95's at El Dorado for the monthly points racing. As of this writing, there are still openings for the SCYA Midwinters DF95 racing at El Dorado boat pond. DF95 racing continues at Irvine Mason Lake on February 25th, one day prior to Midwinters.

March racing dates include the 19th at El Dorado, and the 25th at Mason Lake. No snow in the forecast yet, so, see you at the pond.

Don Shirley



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Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

Taste of Ireland

March 3

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Menu

Bangers & Mash 🍀 Shamrock Pasta;
Irish Soda Bread 🍀 Special Dessert



Music by "Whiskey Sunday"

Watercolor by Joan Boryla

Dinner, Dessert, and 1st Drink – \$30.00 • Whiskey Tasting – \$10.00
Reserve Both Separately @ "Clubspot" or Call Sheila @ ABYC (562) 434-9955



Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, March 17



Mike and Betty Baumann

What it Took to Show 24 Friends the Wonders of Ireland in 19 Days!

What can be more difficult than herding cats? Well, try showing 16 ABYC sailors—plus 9 additional friends and family—around Ireland for 19 days, with stops at breweries, castles, pubs, and whiskey distilleries. And for good measure, add in an exchange of burgees at the Kinsale Yacht Club! For an entertaining presentation on the extraordinary planning that went in this trip, and Irish fun, don't miss this presentation by Mike and Betty Baumann.



Dinner: Irish Stew, Fresh Green Salad, Homemade Irish Soda Bread, Surprise Dessert – \$12.00

Reserve Online @ abyc.org • Questions: ABYC (562) 434-9955

Hosted by the Lido 14 Fleet



Two Seatings
10:00 am & 12 pm

Easter Family Brunch April 9th

11:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt

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

MENU

Pancake Station

Freshly-Made Pancakes with Maple and Strawberry Syrup, Butter, and Toppings Like Berries, Chocolate Chips, Banana, and Whipped Cream

Carving, Chafers, and Salad

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

Dessert and Pastries

Breakfast Pastries,
Profiteroles with Strawberry Sauce

Beverages

Orange Juice, Apple Juice, Ice Tea
Lemonade, Regular/Decaf Coffee

Reserve by Sunday, April 2: Adults \$30 • Children 5-10 \$10 • 4 & under free
After April 2: Adults \$40 • Children 5-10 \$10 • 4 & under free

Call To Reserve: (562) 434-9955 or Email: sheila@abyc.org

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Alamitos Bay Yacht Club



MOTHER'S DAY
Brunch & Bubbly

SUNDAY
MAY 14




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Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Upper Deck

Thursday, June 1, 2023

12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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