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## spring spruce up

Tracy Conn and Lori VanSkyhock photos

Almost going on 100 years, nestled in our little corner of Long Beach, ABYC has been a fixture of the sailing community. Our club has grown to become a hub of sailing and community spirit, attracting sailors from all over Southern California and everywhere else.



Of course, none of this would be possible without all of you dedicated volunteers. From the race committees to the Fleet Captains to the Junior Sailing instructors and the Social Activities committee, the Club relies on its members and staff to keep things running smoothly. It's a testament to the spirit

of community that exists here, where everyone pitches in to make our Club a welcoming and supportive place for all, and Spring Spruce Up did not fail! What an awesome crew showed up to work!

Terry Bishop wrangled the biggest crew for all the gardening projects. If she saw you standing there wondering what to tackle, you were nabbed. At 8 am Kat Dorman was on her knees cleaning rocks in the garden bed. Also gardening all day were Giancarlo Guevara, Jesse Oliver, Deby Johnson, Ed Feo, Anne Costello Kimball, Ed Kimball, Chuck Tripp, Michael Oliver, Elise McCaleb, Greg Naiman, Pam Ott, Susan Long, Stacey Scheck, Christina Hall, Ruta Bandziulis, Joseph Barbiato and family along with many others carried on through Sunday.

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Port Captain Jason Mullen started Spring Spruce Up several days ahead of schedule and worked some people all week! Jason, Grant Hill, Brad Liebrecht, and others prepped the whalers for the weekend crew of Dan DeLave, Don Taugher, Sam Bell, Steve Smith, Jorge Suarez, Melissa Kirby and others to finish with the painting. Also in the East Yard Todd Smith was found painting the sabot trailer. Dan DeLave completed the finishing touches on Sunday, applying our name and burgees to the whalers



Carol Fresco had her Trophies Polishing crew - Trish Clay, Carol Clanton, Sue Crockett, Dave Crockett, Fionna Barbeito, Loretta Verma, Bob Bishop and Janet Boller. Beautiful work!



Also polishing up a storm was Chuck Clay and assistant Chris Wells. The memorial plaques are well taken care of!

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## save the date

Raft Up/Happy Hour .....	May 5
Opening Day .....	May 6
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[Full ABYC Calendar](#)

## manager's corner

I'mmm backkkkk.....

So, I'm either a glutton for punishment or just foolish, but my love for all things ABYC, including our hard-working staff, our amazing location and facilities and how we continue to march forward during the good times and the not so good times, overcomes the setbacks. I'm happy and honored to be of service to our club and the members one more time. Please be patient as we go through this next manager transition. Alia will be returning soon, and I look forward to working with her.

Congratulations, we survived the unusual winter and spring storms! And now there's a lot more action happening around the club. We literally Spruced Up in April, cleaned up the yards, touched up the paint, polished the trophies, prepped the whalers for the season, dug up the front yard, planted the flowers and loaded up the dumpsters all to get us ready for May's Opening Day festivities. It's our club and we need to take care of it and our members showed up, cleaned up, ate up and drank up with gusto! To all those who helped, a round of applause! And to our ABYC staff – thank you for your assistance and patience with us members. I don't think we left the maintenance team with too much extra clean up on Sunday.

Now that summer season is upon us and hopefully warmer weather too, we have 505s sailing on Tuesdays, Lidos sailing with dinner on Thursdays, Juniors sailing on Friday nights, and Wednesday and Thursday night harbor racing is soon underway. That also means the parking lot will be in demand and crowded. I want to remind everyone that the ABYC parking lot is for members only. Please ask your guests to park on or across the street. If your guests are bringing in boats on trailers, please have them drive in, drop the trailer towards the boat yard area and immediately

drive out of the lot. Also please remember that we don't rig boats in the parking lot. Parking spaces are a premium during the summer months and reserved for ABYC members. And one more reminder, please leave your keys in your car in the event it needs to be moved. We all know how frustrating it is when a car cannot be moved to get your car out of the lot.

We're also going to see more ABYC guests and guest boats on trailers. Please, please, please if your guest is coming separately, greet them at the front gate or tell them to check-in at the ABYC office with Sheila. She's kind of nosy like that, but it helps her to know who is a guest of a member, a vendor, or someone who should not be on the grounds. If your guest is bringing a trailered boat, they need to check in at the front desk. If the trailer and boat are staying overnight there is per night fee that needs to be paid in advance.

One last item regarding security, we've had more traffic and people at the end of the Peninsula lately and we've had more than usual "uninvited guests" enter the club grounds through open pedestrian and drive-in gates. These uninvited guests come in at all times, day or night. Please take a moment to make sure the gates, are closed completely to help us keep the uninvited traffic off the Club grounds. This includes the Quarterdeck bathroom gate too. Thanks!

Lastly, my advice is to sail your boat, enjoy a cocktail on the patio, join a committee, have a beer on Friday night with friends or just hang out. But most importantly, enjoy your club, be kind to the staff and each other and most importantly be proud of the club we built and have maintained through the ages.

We are ABYC!

Nicole Peoples

## commodore's compass



What a difficult month it has been for the membership and our staff. I'm still in a state of shock with the loss of Reggie. I have written several communications to the membership regarding this, but it does not seem to be enough and probably will never be enough. Calm seas my

friend. Never forgotten.

I want to thank those who came out for Spring Spruce Up. Multiple teams, many volunteers, lots of projects completed. As we are a volunteer club, some things would not get done if members did not roll up their sleeves and take charge! I cannot begin to thank each and every one for helping. Huge shout out to V/C Gabe Ferramola for taking the lead on this project. Look for more inside or should I say on the cover!

I also want to thank all of you that made our Open House a success. We took in twelve applications with a few more expected. Thank you to the boat owners who lent

us their boats and took prospective members on a 'hot' lap around the bay! Thanks to our BBQ kings for tending to the food and out tour guides to show people around. Special thanks to Membership Chair Michael Oliver. Nice to see the club so busy!

Opening Day is upon us. The raft up is this Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. During the day we have brats and beers (siesta too if needed) and in the evening, we rotate to the Raft Up Party!. What does this all mean? Tacos and Beer! Sign up online as we will limit the number of risk bands to 125 for tacos and free beer! Band too!

Once we decide there is no ice in the harbor, we start looking at the sailing calendar. We have the Moth Pacific Coast Championship as well as Memorial Day regatta coming up. If you are not sailing, it's easy to volunteer, help out and get out on the water.

Most importantly, everyone should not forget our mothers on Mother's Day. Call her, send her flowers, or best yet, take her to the club for Mother's Day. We have Nina catering and we have as they say bottomless mimosas (or just champaign) include!

See you at the club!

Mike



As usual, I'm behind schedule in submitting my article to Sharon Pearson for the SouWester, and I don't want to remind you again it's time to show me your boat is seaworthy. So, I thought I'd check out what the kids are doing online to scramble for a report. I discovered CHAT GTP.

Me: Write a song about ABYC, to the tune of Gilligan's Island

Chat GTP:

Verse 1:

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale,  
A tale of a yacht club that never fails,  
That started from a humble bay,  
And grew to be a great display,  
Of racing boats and sailing pride,  
With volunteers that never hide.

Chorus:

So this is the tale of Alamitos Bay,  
Where volunteers help us sail away,  
They work so hard with every race,  
And make our club a special place

Verse 2:

Our Commodore is at the helm,  
The wind in our sails and we're feeling well,  
With volunteers on race committee,  
The competition is always gritty,  
From mark to mark they lead the way,  
Our volunteers make sure we don't stray

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

The dockmasters keep our boats in line,  
The maintenance crew helps them shine,  
From the bar to the galley too,  
Our volunteers keep our club so true,  
From the Juniors to the Masters fleet,  
Our volunteers can't be beat.

(Chorus)

Outro:

With the sun setting on the bay,  
We thank our volunteers for all they've done today,  
For keeping our club afloat and running,  
And for the fun that never stops coming

Cheers!

Gabe

## Sou'Wester DEADLINE

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

## Help us to Help you!

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

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**G**abe Ferramola, Mike Shea, Brian McLean, Chuck Tripp, Kevin Taugher and I sailed in the Viper 640 World Championships at Southern Yacht Club last month. The racing was on Lake Pontchartrain and offered a wide variety of conditions— from no wind to a day when racing was

called because of too much wind.

But what impressed me most was not the sailing. Instead, what stayed with me was the way that Southern Yacht Club (said to be the oldest yacht club in the United States) really touted the sailing of their members. Pictures and plaques throughout the building honoring the successes of their sailors— Olympic medals, US Sailing Championships, international and national championships in a variety of classes. And their sailing education programs are in turn built on that reputation.

ABYC is a great sailing club with a record of many successful sailors on the national and international scene. And, let's be honest— we offer sailing conditions which are way better than New Orleans and just about anywhere else in the US. But how much do we promote and maintain a culture of excellence in our sport?

I think we can do better:

- We should have a wall of fame highlighting our Olympic, national and international champions— something to impress right when you walk through the front door.
- We should make participation and success in the US Sailing championships a priority, and help fund that participation.
- We should encourage and fund participation in the world and national championships of our classes.
- And we should continue to build our sailing education programs to nurture sailing excellence from the first level.

Now, we aren't the biggest club and we certainly aren't the best funded club around. We can't necessarily do what Southern Yacht Club or San Diego Yacht Club or even Long Beach Yacht Club can do, at least based on financial resources. But we do have a strong culture of volunteers willing to work on just about any project, and with time and effort we do some pretty amazing things. Witness the race management committee— we have one of the best race management programs in the country due to the commitment of a group of members. Not because we are rich, but because we are committed.

As rear commodore I get to work on our sailing education programs. We do a pretty good job in introducing young people and adults to sailing. I think that the objective should be to introduce **a lot** of people to the sport of sailing; to have a large percentage of those people become avid and lifelong sailors; and ultimately to have a fair number become frequent and successful national and international competitors.

The success we have had thus far is attributable to the time and talent of our sailing staff and volunteers.

The effort starts with our Director of Sailing, Stephen Long, and the junior advisory committee— Craig Farmer, Christina Kimmerling, Carrie Yu, Kathleen Melvin, John McCaleb and Regine Smet. Thanks to all of you for your contributions to the program.

The summer junior sailing program is open for enrollment, with classes from beginners to ILCA and double handed race teams. For the first time we will have a C420 class for juniors wanting to learn to sail with a spinnaker.

Thanks to our team of coaches and instructors for the summer program— Stephen Long, Carter Brock, Eric McClure, Brandon Salgado, Ainsley O'Brien, Emily Ward, Deagan Willis, and Franchie Capellini, among others.

We will be adding a junior match racing program in J22s to be run by our member and world class match racer, Steve Flam.

Our adult sailing program is almost exclusively here because of the fine work of members Dominic Meo and Henk Baars and the instructors they have trained— including Jared Schoultz, Greg Naiman, Nathan Dalleska, Steve Smith, and Eric Seitz. That program will be expanded over the summer to include group lessons in the J22s.

We also have the Sabot adult learn to sail program thanks to Kathy Weishampel, Bruce and Pam Gallagher, Tom Newton, Christina Van Dyke, Jack Hanson and Ainsley O'Brien, among others.

Now while I think we are making good progress, I also think we can do better, and I ask each of you for help.

One easy way is to attend the Alamitos Bay Sailing Foundation fundraiser in June (thanks to Steve Mueller, Kevin Taugher, Kathleen Melvin, Jen Christopher and Jorge Suarez for serving on the Foundation board). That event will raise money to fund coaching, travel and race expenses of young Alamitos Bay sailors, as well as for buying new equipment. Every dollar helps.

I also look for more participation by members interested in sailing education. One idea is to expand the JAC into a sailing education advisory committee to cover all of our sailing education programs. I would love to see folks with a background in education join the team— we need experts in designing and implementing education programs. And finally we need all of the instructors we can get— of any age. So if this sounds interesting PLEASE get in touch!

Thank you and see you at Opening Day.

Ed Feo, Rear Commodore  
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**S**pring Spruce-Up  
Port Captain **Jason Mullen**, assisted by **Grant Hill, Brad Liebrecht, Mike Ryan, Steve Cole, Paul Anctil,** and **Jack Mullen** worked Saturday and Sunday to patch and prime Junior Whalers 7 & 6 for paint, new decals, and new

rub-rails. Over the following several days further progress was made with Whaler 7 nearing completion of its hull overhaul:



Junior Whaler Seven

Whaler 6 will be getting the same treatment, so we will have these boats ready for our summer season.

Remember, when you have occasion to use these boats; they are **our boats** and we need to treat them like we would our personal watercraft.

## General Membership Meeting

The April membership meeting was hosted by the ILCA fleet, but two days before the meeting our caterer informed us, due to miscommunication, they could not deliver. Not to worry, as ILCA Co-Fleet Captain **Jorge Suarez** contacted acting Club Manger **Nicole Peoples**, who in concert with **Melissa** and staff, put together a tasty pasta, salad and chicken dinner that truly hit-the-spot. Many thanks again, **Melissa** and **Nicole**.

Another treat at the meeting was the video and audio presentation by **Brad Liebrecht** about the design, manufacture, history and mission of the U.S. and other world Air Forces, C-17 Globemaster. **Brad** gave a presentation packed with great video, anecdotes about the plane and its customers and often humorous personal recollections of his experiences with the aircraft. Thanks **Brad**, well done.

## Club Championship Regatta

The Club Championship contesting for the **Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy** will be raced in Cal 20's Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. Sailors from the; Cal 20, Lido, Sabot, Juniors, Vipers, ILCA and Multihull fleets will race Cal 20's generously provided by; **Mike Van Dyke, Ron Wood, Jeff Ives, Bryce Hans, Steve George, Bill Durant, Jeff Tighe** and **Steve Flam**.

Racing will be easy to watch from the clubhouse and viewing platform. I understand there may be some boats available for spectators as well. Come out and cheer on your favorite team for the *Trophy* and the Club Champion's Parking Space.

## Race Mangement VHF Radios

It seems like we are still missing a couple of our hand-held VHF radios from the Race Mangement container. If you or someone you know has borrowed one the club radios, please return it to the club office. Thank you

## Bay Barge Update:

Good news for the Race Committees and volunteers who have not had access to the Bay Barge for Bay races and for those who have had to tow the Barge out to the race course and back. The Bay Barge is now ready for general use by our fleets.

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

See you at ABYC  
Steve

# alamitos bay sailing foundation



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

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

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

# the bay logger

**A**pril has been a pretty quiet month for the junior program. We've had two practices, and our only notable regatta was ILCA Midwinters West, which was actually at the end of March. We did, however, host an IQ Foil clinic on April 7th.

The IQ Foil clinic was free of charge and open to any junior sailors at ABYC. We had one-on-one instruction for sailors on the windsurfer. For those not on the windsurfer, we took out one of the brand new C420s to let the kids practice their trapezing. I want to thank Xavier Ferlet and Max Rosenblad for their help organizing and coaching the clinic.



ILCA Midwinters West was held at ABYC this year, so ABYC sailors made up a large chunk of the fleet. ABYC had ten sailors in the 97 boat regatta, with most of our sailors in the ICLA 6 fleet. Some of our sailors even opted to change from the ILCA 7 fleet to the ILCA 6 fleet. I don't blame them because the wind was truly incredible this weekend. We had moderate temperatures, but full on sea breeze, with each day being well over 15 knts. On Sunday we had reports of windspeeds averaging over 20 knts. Multiple times this weekend, we had windspeeds jump from 5knts to 15knts in less than an hour. This chaotic wind made it an extremely physically demanding weekend for sailors, completing three races on Friday and Saturday, leaving just two races on Sunday. The wind allowed for a fair racecourse on

Friday and Saturday, but Sunday was a fight for the right hand side of the course. Our junior sailors finished well, with Tommy Kraak finishing in 7th in the ILCA 6 fleet as our highest finisher. Tate Christopher wasn't far behind in 8th place. Brady Kennedy finished 23rd, and Michael Sentovich finished 26th out of the 66 boat ILCA 6 fleet. Stewart McCaleb was our only junior sailor in the ILCA 7 fleet. He finished 11th out of the 13 brave ILCA 7 sailors for this weekend.

*Stephen Long, Sailing Director*



## junior perspective

**M**y name is Brynn Jolly and I am a Jr. sailor from ABYC. I am also the Jr. Commodore at the same time my mom, Brooke Jolly, is the Jr. Staff Commodore! On the weekend of March 31st to April 2nd I participated in the 2023 North U SODA Match Racing Clinic led by Dave Perry and Mike Pinckney. It was hosted at LBYC with sailors from all over the US and of all different ages attending. We sailed on LBYC's eight Solings and for many this was the first time sailing on a keelboat. Dave walked us through all the different strategies used in a match race including the "dial-up," "circling," and "Houdini."

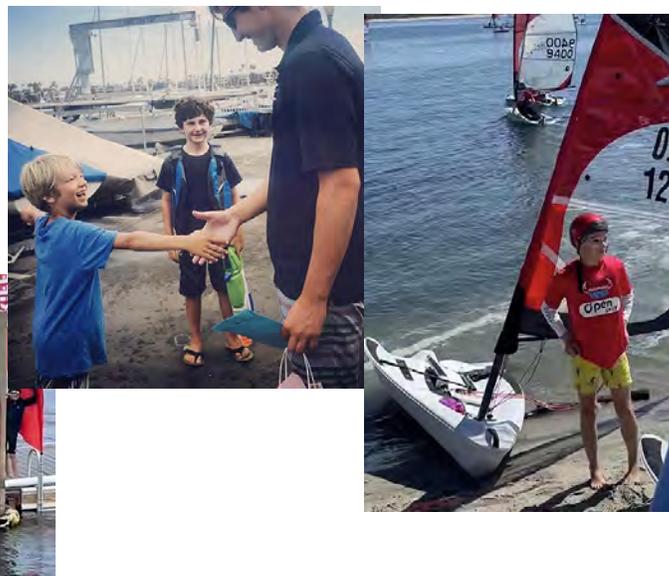
All sailors switched roles in the boat to give everyone an understanding and appreciation of the different roles. By the third day, we were racing very well, with a new understanding of the match racing rulebook. Not to mention, the Long Beach wind was blowing hard per usual adding an extra challenge. I really enjoyed this experience and I have started looking for more match racing in my area. I can't wait to sail on the Solings soon!



### **2**ND PLACE OVERALL

O'pen Skiff North American Championships  
Thanks Bradley Clinton for letting Gage buy your boat (BIC) back in 2017! It was a close and exciting regatta and he almost grabbed the 1st place spot. 85 boats sailed from across the country and as far away as New Zealand and Thailand.

*Jenn Dysart*



# membership report

We had fantastic weather for Saturday's Open House at the club. There was a great turnout of both guests and members, which made for a really good atmosphere on the patio. The band was rocking, the bar was working, the brats were grilling, and our guests got a taste of what the club can bring to their lives. Thank you to all my volunteers which made this day possible, from all my tour guides, to the boat demo skippers, to the grill team, and to all the people welcoming our guests on the patio. Besides being a great party and event, the day was a success with 15 new members signing up on the day and some still coming in. Thanks again for all the support ABYC!

There are two new members for us to welcome this month; Zack Dinh and Crystal Mcnaughton Glenning.

We also are posting three prospective members; Carlos Amiel (Regular), Karen Rodgers (Regular), and Chad Reynolds Regular.

It has been a busy month and I look forward to seeing you all at opening day.

Cheers,  
Michael Oliver, Membership Director



Zack Dinh



Mike Park



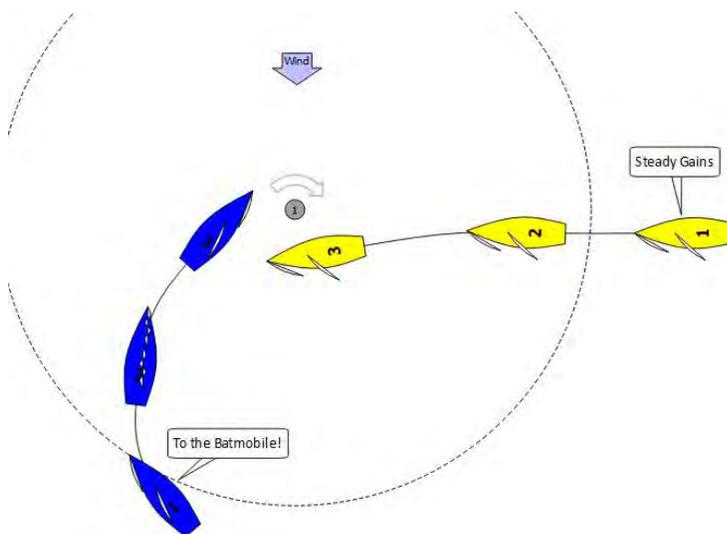
Dani and Mike McLain and family

# mark's racing rules quiz #102

Answer on page 9

Two boats, To The Batmobile and Steady Gains, on starboard tack, approached a mark to be left to starboard. When To The Batmobile reached the zone, she was clear ahead of Steady Gains. To The Batmobile tacked onto port tack to fetch the mark, and on a collision course with Steady Gains. Both boats changed course to avoid a collision, and hailed protest.

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



# volunteer opportunities

## VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS

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

Please reach out to the individuals below if you are interested in helping on any of these events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
5/5	Opening Day Raft-up & Barbecue	Pat McCormick ( <a href="mailto:patricknmmnccormick@yahoo.com">patricknmmnccormick@yahoo.com</a> )
5/6	Opening Day and Club Championship	Mike VanDyke ( <a href="mailto:commodore@abyc.org">commodore@abyc.org</a> )
	OR	Steve Smith ( <a href="mailto:fleetcaptain@abyc.org">fleetcaptain@abyc.org</a> )
5/14	Mother's Day Brunch	Karen Zieba ( <a href="mailto:bod.sac@abyc.org">bod.sac@abyc.org</a> )
5/27 & 5/28	Memorial Day Regatta	Chuck Clay ( <a href="mailto:cclay26@me.com">cclay26@me.com</a> )
	OR	Dave Crockett ( <a href="mailto:bod.volunteers@abyc.org">bod.volunteers@abyc.org</a> )
6/10	Summer Kick-Off Party	Karen Zieba ( <a href="mailto:bod.sac@abyc.org">bod.sac@abyc.org</a> )

On the Radar: Men's Day is on June 18 and Long Beach Race Week is June 23 to 25.

### By The Way

The Social Advisory Committee is always looking for volunteers. Please contact Karen Zieba ([bod.sac@abyc.org](mailto:bod.sac@abyc.org)). Fleet Captain, Steve Smith ([fleetcaptain@abyc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@abyc.org)) and Port Captain, Jason Mullen ([jmullenla@gmail.com](mailto:jmullenla@gmail.com)) are looking for help taking care of boats and equipment. Jennifer Golison and I need help with the boutique. Please contact Jennifer ([jen@golison.com](mailto:jen@golison.com)) or me ([bod.volunteers@abyc.org](mailto:bod.volunteers@abyc.org)). Do you know something (anything) about engraving or engravers? Please contact me, Dave Crockett, at [bod.volunteers@abyc.org](mailto:bod.volunteers@abyc.org). We have perpetual trophies that need new plaques.

### 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](mailto:sheila@abyc.org)) know when you have completed the training. **Also**, it is time to refresh your training if you took it a year ago. It takes about 30 minutes online if you have no distractions. Go to <https://safesporttrained.org/#/dashboard>

**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](mailto:bod.volunteers@abyc.org) if you have any questions.

**If you have any questions about volunteering at ABYC, please contact our Director of Volunteers, Dave Crockett, at [bod.volunteers@abyc.org](mailto:bod.volunteers@abyc.org)**

## eight bells

We are sad to announce the passing of Joe Riddick, long time member since the 50's. He passed on April 3, 2023, at age 91.

He graduated from Poly High School in 1949. Attended Long Beach City College where he sailed Snipes. He then transferred to U.C. Santa Barbara because he could surf at Rincon.

As a teenager, he came to the peninsula and learned to sail at Leeway.

He surfed at 72nd Place as a teen with Jack Chubb, Don Reiman, and many others. He then went to the navy from 1954-1956, where he organized a basketball league on the aircraft Carrier, the Philippine Sea.

In 1956-57, he received his teaching credential and Master's Degree, while playing on the 1st volleyball team at Long Beach State. His career as a P.E. teacher, counselor, and track coach was at Jordan and Wilson High Schools.

He raced Pacific Catamarans, Cal 20's and Cal 25's. He was active in the Keel Boat Fleet, Pine Block Fleet and Sr. Sabots as the rescue boat.

He is survived by his wife Mary and sons Dana and Jamie, daughter in law Adi, and two grandchildren Isla and Will. A small family private service will be planned and a Celebration of Life was held on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at the club.

*Mike Van Dyke, Commodore*



To The Batmobile entered the zone clear ahead of Steady Gains and retains the right to mark-room under the second sentence of rule 18.2(b) only if she remains on the same tack or gybes. When she tacked, rule 18.2(d) says that rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply, and, in any case, none of rule 18 now applied, since the boats were on opposite tacks, and Steady Gain's proper course at the mark was to tack, as referred to in rule 18.1(b). Rule 10 applied, and To the Batmobile, on port tack, did not keep clear.

## CONCLUSION

To The Batmobile on port failed to keep clear of Steady Gains on starboard, and broke RRS 10.

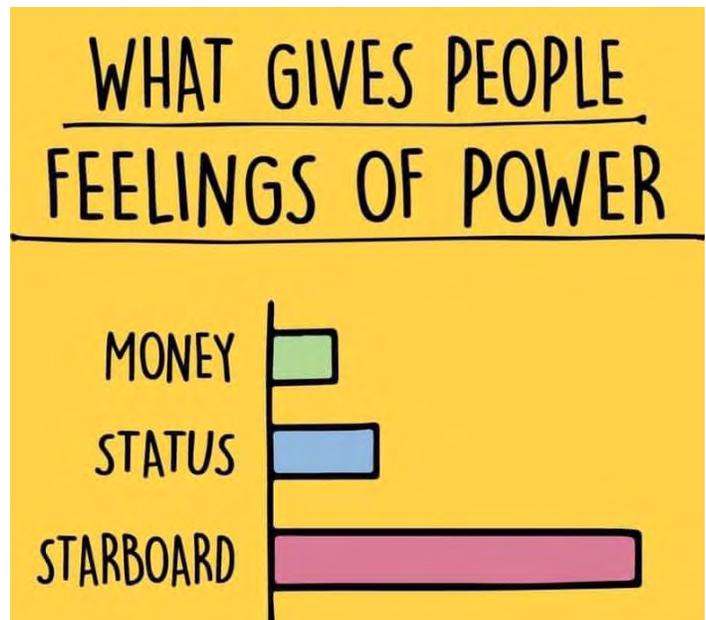
## DECISION

1. To The Batmobile is DSQ.

See you on the water.

Mark Townsend

# odds and ends



# safe sport

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

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

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

Grant Hill



ABYC representing at LBYC Opening Day

Most of the Social Activities crew were not to be seen, as they were cleaning out and organizing the attic under Dana Bell's supervision and extensive knowledge of where every decoration is precisely located. Karen Zeiba, Lori VanSkyhock, Lynda Peoples, Lynn, and Stephanie moved **dozens** of boxes of old paperwork to the Juniors Room for Eileen Haubl to spend the day sorting out said dozens of boxes for shredding or archiving.

The Race Management team was prepping all of our racing gear for the season, thank you Jennifer and Steve Kuritz, Gordy, Cindy, and Robin!



S o m e b o d y cleaned up the Morford Room! The scorers send a heartfelt thank you!

Out in the yard - Joe Zieba's construction crew repaired our Observation Deck with Ron Clanton, Rob Hartman, Yon Carpenter, Alan

Cunningham and Dave Huff. Randy Smith and his plumber apprentice Steve Bloemeke updated and fixed all of our hose reels. Did you know there are 24 stations in the yard? Martyn Bookwalter tidied up the dinghy ramp with Marc Gordon and Frank Zankich. Looks good, and all the screws secured!

John Gresham's crew of Jack Johnson, Tanner Jolly, and Stuart McCaleb updated the Sabot mast racks. Attention Sabot sailors! Please locate your mast and put your name on it. Also there are a couple of masts in a pile in the East Yard that need owners to claim.

Finally, many, many, many thanks to all of the staff! Even though we spruced up the club, we left a lot cleaning up for the crew, relocating tools and putting everything back in its place.

Whew! In the end, Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is more than just a sailing club. It's a community of volunteers who share a love for the sea and a passion for sailing, a place where lifelong friendships are formed and memories are made, polishing, gardening, sanding, painting...

See you out on the water!  
Gabe







Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

# MOTHER'S DAY Brunch & Bubbly

Sunday  
May 14

10:00 ~ 1:00

## Omelette & Pasta Bar

Made to order with select ingredients including ham, turkey, tomatoes, onions, bay shrimp, cheese, chili flakes, pico de gallo & more

## Brunch Buffet

Rosemary Roasted Prime Rib w/creamed horseradish, mustard & au jus  
Stuffed Breast of Chicken w/Vodka Cream Sauce (on the side)  
Shrimp Cocktail ~ Bagels and Lox w/Onion, Capers, Cream Cheese  
Maple Bacon & Sausage ~ Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Baby Greens w/Balsamic Vinaigrette ~ Grilled Vegetables

## Breakfast Pastries and Dessert Station

Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter ~ Breakfast Pastries  
Lemon & Cranberry Scones w/Marmalade  
Brownies ~ Lemon Bars

And of course . . . MOMosas!

Adults \$45 • Littles 5-10 \$12 • 4 & Under Free  
Limited Seating • Reservations Close on May 7<sup>th</sup>  
(Late RSVP's add'l \$10)  
RSVP: Clubspot at [abyc.org](http://abyc.org)

Live Music & Free Gift to Moms

The ABYC family celebrated our late manager and friend, Reginald Thomas, last Friday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>. After hearing of Reggie's passing on Easter Sunday, our board, staff, and members started piecing together this event knowing that we had to do something to recognize Reggie's short time with us. Our Commodore, Mike Van Dyke, became the central node for this by connecting Reggie's family to ours, collecting the resources and volunteers, and setting the tone for what was, to me, a beautiful evening.

I was honored when Mike asked me to "MC" this event. I was very fortunate because this gave me a unique position to "see" these connections and how they unfolded. As I walked up the stairs, it was the colors to hit me. The second deck was transformed into a Purple and Gold tribute to Reggie and his beloved Louisiana State University Tigers; it could have been mistaken for an LSU alumni dinner hall! (Thank you Duane) The second thing I noticed were the



volunteers; members where there to serve the awesome Jambalaya (thank you Melissa and Kelly) and to help serve drinks at the bar. This allowed our staff to join

the celebration! Jazz was playing, the crowd was in a good mood, Aaron behind the bar filled the room with spirit! As the dinner line dwindled and the bar line relieved, I saw it was time to start.

I do not have a head count, but as I looked on from the dais, every chair was taken, every couch was full, and the people standing moved to the prime spots. It was a full house! Allison King, Reggie's cousin, was first to speak. She told us about Reggie's commitment and desire to please everyone at ABYC and the gratitude she felt for our Club for his recognition. More people spoke including Sheila Mattox, Duane Samples, Mike Van Dyke, Karen Zieba, and James Higgins. The most poignant moment for me was when Terri Bishop spoke. She thanked Reggie for everything, and



especially for the care and attention he gave to her late father, Dan Clapp. Dan was a regular on Friday nights for decades, even if it took his caregiver and his wheel chair to get him there in later years. As Dan sat by the fireplace, Reggie would deliver Dan's favorite fish and chips, kept his glass full, and chatted Dan about anything that would make him smile. Terri said how lucky she was to have Reggie here at this time of Dan's life. She imagined how at this very moment both Reggie and Dan were together, looking down at all of us, smiling!

As for me, I felt the loss of someone I expected to know better as the years went by. But no, now is the time! Now is the time to



reflect on the brief moment we all had with Reggie. I couldn't write the words myself, but I was lucky to find some words by Ralph Waldo Emerson that I feel hits the mark about who Reggie is and what my memories will be of him:

What is Success?

- To laugh often and much;
- To win respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;
- To earn the approbation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;
- To appreciate the beauty;
- To find the best in others;
- To give of oneself;
- To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;
- To have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation;
- To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived -
- This is to have succeeded.

Reggie, Farewell and until we meet again!

Jorge Suarez





**A**BYC was an egg-cellent place to be on Easter Sunday. Everybunny was dressed in their Easter best and the Easter Bunny hopped by for some fun photos and to initiate the Easter egg hunt, which got off to a jackrabbit start. It was a basketful of egg-citement! Congratulations to Skimmer Ling who found the Golden Egg in the 3-5 age group, and to Cassidy Robinson in the 6-12 age group (it's not easy finding golden eggs hidden by Dana Bell!) The Second Deck was a kaleidoscope of color, and the centerpieces were actually edible! Thanks to the junior board for serving it up with a smile.

Ears hoping that everyone's Easter was egg-tra special. And remember, Easter egg hunts are proof your child can find things when they really want to (this "cracked" me up!)

Lori Van Skyhock



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HUNT ZONE  
 BETWEEN <sup>Row</sup> 7 & 11

1. Put your Name on a bag	<u>PRIZE</u> FOR <u>GOLDEN</u> <u>EGG</u>
2. Tie bag to RAIL	
3. WAIT for START	
4. PICK UP A TOKEN	
5. GET EGG	
6. RETURN TOKEN	
7. PLACE EGG IN YOUR BAG	
8. GET ANOTHER TOKEN	
9. 1 EGG PER TOKEN	



# hails from the fleets



Things have been pretty quiet in our local Cal 20 fleet the past couple of months. Key activities include various boats going through maintenance updates and preparation for the upcoming Summer season. Blaine Brown has taken out his fore cabin wood flooring (several years of accumulated rot) and will be milling some new plywood to replace the flooring. If you haven't checked your boat out after this rainy season, you should do so and get any water that leaked into your cabin removed. Investing in a nice cover is a wise investment and will help prevent any rot damage. Another wise tip is to replace your rigging (forestay/backstay, shrouds, etc.) at least once every three years. Ron Wood's hot tip is to remove your rigging and take it to your local rig shop where they can produce replacement rigging of the same length. It is also smart to drop your mast once per year and do a thorough check of halyards, spreader fittings, etc. to make sure all is in good order.

Now that our slow season is about to end, we can look forward to the start of the LBYC Wet Wednesday series. The first series starts on May 10. Cal 20's have traditionally been the largest Wet Wednesday fleet with 12 – 15 boats usually out racing. Please check the Wet Wednesday schedule as there are some new changes in place.

And last but not least, we need as many Cal 20 sailors on hand to staff the ABYC Memorial Day regatta on May 27 & 28. Please contact Chuck Clay for outside and on shore duties and contact Todd Smith for inside (bay) RC duties. This is a great way to give back to our sport and ABYC.

*Todd Smith*



Two Viper 640 teams made it to Lake Pontchartrain, outside of New Orleans for the 2023 Viper 640 World Championship last month. Some of the stories from the two crews have been coming in, but we are sure that there is much more to be told...

Testament to the spirit of ABYC leadership, both boats had current Flag Officers and some ex-Board of Directors representing our club. Rear Commodore Ed Feo sailing boat #287 with Kevin Taugher and Chuck Tripp, and Vice Commodore Gabe Ferramola with Mike Shea and Brian MacLean on #301. Consistent accounts of the regatta spoke of either not enough wind to race to too much wind to sail. Myself, having sailed several years on the boat can comfortably write that Vipers are not designed to sail below 3 knots and any breeze over 25 knots is a challenge in both sailing ability and fortitude. We like to say "Sure, I'll sail in 30 knots. If we can use your boat!"

Ed's team landed in the top ten and Gabe was somewhere mid-fleet. Lake sailing in the south of the U.S. during tornado season is suited for the locals, and we applaud our brothers for their effort and strong showing.

Next up will be the Memorial Day Regatta and Long Beach Race Week, and Wet Wednesdays all summer. Days are longer and breezes starting to fill in now. While we needed the rain, we are most grateful that it seems to have gone.

*Steve Bloemeke, Viper 640 Fleet Captain*



*Ed, Chuck, and Kevin*



*Gabe, Mike and Brian*



First, the ILCA fleet would like to thank Nicole Peoples and staff members Melissa Barry, Kelly Did, and Aaron Dwinell for the ILCA Fleet general membership dinner on April 21<sup>st</sup>! They came together in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and provided a very delicious dinner and event!

It is no accident that you are seeing more ILCA's going sailing, from the Junior teams to Master sailors as there are upcoming ILCA regatta's in our area, which include:

- ABYC Memorial Day Regatta 5/27/23 – 5/28/23
- ILCA Pacific Coast Championship at Del Rey YC 6/24/23 – 6/25/23
- ILCA North American Championship at ABYC 7/14/23 – 7/16/23
- ILCA U.S. Masters Championship at Del Rey YC 10/13/23 – 10/15/23

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for Memorial Day or the North American's, please don't hesitate calling Steve Smith or Jorge Suarez, we are in the "Book"!

*Jorge Suarez*

# hails from the fleets

Lido Love

Deby St John and Mike Shea photos

# L<sup>14</sup>

Lido Fleet Six had a wonderful Opening Twilights and BBQ! Martyn Bookwater held his patented Box race, complete with cannon accompanied Le Mans start. We had plenty of breeze, so the usual paddling out of Basin 5 wasn't necessary. Will Vrooman led the fleet out of Basin 5 and around the first mark. The first leg and mark rounding was pretty chaotic, until the fleet spread out a bit and became a bit more manageable. Bob Little, Jack Jorgensen and Tyler Webb made up the podium for the night. Mike Baumann and Ken Reiff did all of their usual fantastic culinary work to make a great Opening Night BBQ special. The tri tip was fantastic as always, and the sides were great and plentiful.

Congratulations to Cat Bell and Tom Dorman on their recent marriage, and to Mark and Lorna Ryan on their even more recent marriage! Great to see new families forming in the Lido Fleet.

From Ken Reiff:

I would like to thank everyone (hope I got everyone captured here) who helped make the BBQ on April 6th such a great success. I don't have a count from Deby or Jack on the actual numbers but I'm sure that it was over 64 (the number of RSVP's). (That would be 65 eaters- ed.)

Based on the lack of meat at cleanup time, I'd say Mike's math was PERFECT.

Once again SPECIAL THANKS TO MIKE BAUMANN and his TRI TIP recipe.

Lastly, thanks to the ABYC staff who made sure that the tables were set, BBQ's ready to go and assisted us with every detail.

Thanks for all of the help from the people who signed up to run the barge for Twilights. We're always looking for new talent for race committee, whether new blood or old hands. It's great practice because we love great races, but we run so many that if one or two get a little "interesting," no harm and no foul. Just another night on the water for the Lido fleet. We're set through mid June for barge people (could use a couple more though) but we do need mark set people. Please volunteer early and often here.

The second night of Twilights was a super fun night! PRO Mike Shea rolled starts like a collegiate regatta. Except that we're not collegiate sailors. Some of us looked a little winded.. Great, consistent breeze with small oscillating shifts allowed for quick one lap races with minimal course shifting, lots of close racing and many passing lanes and opportunities for "Chutes and Ladders". Many thanks to Mike, Sharon Pearson, George McCormick, Jim Drury, Deby Johnson and to Gabe Ferramola and Ruta Bandziulis for running out marks.

April 20 was a beautiful night for Twilights, even if the wind was a bit sedate. About seven knots from closer to the usual direction, and we only managed three one lappers. The wind shifted late and died a bit, so the last start was a less than perfect performance by PRO Jack Johnson. Oh well. I'll be doing the races for a bunch more weeks, so I'll ask for forgiveness early and often. Many thanks to Sharon Pearson, Sue McDannel, Deby Johnson and to Giancarlo Guevara and Ruta Bandziulis for their yeomanlike work on the whaler..



# hails from the fleets



April 23 was the first SCWSA Senior Sabot regatta held at Newport Harbor YC. A great turnout with over 20 boats. Challenging conditions with 10 knots of southerly wind, current and Sunday boat traffic, which included avoiding Duffy's and cruising boats anchoring in the turning basin. We completed 5 races and congratulations to ABYC's Kathy Reed who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Ladies A fleet.

May 13<sup>th</sup> is the next SCWSA regatta at Mission Bay YC. Mark your calendars, and let's plan on taking the club trailer. Mission Bay is a great place to sail, and MBYC always puts on a good regatta.

A note of thanks to Bruce and Pam Gallaher for all the work they have done on organizing the ABYC fleet boats and gear for the Adult Sabot sailing class. And thank you to Todd Smith for all his dedicated work on refurbishing the Sabot trailer.

May 21 is the next ABYC Sabot Sunday racing. Join us for a casual day of racing. We start at 12:00 noon, 3 races.

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

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>

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



ABYC RC sailors scored well in the April series at Irvine Mason Park with DF95 results placing Keith Ives in 1st, Jeff Ives in 6th, Don Shirley in 10th, Fred Stevens in 15th and Damon Kunkle in 17th. Great day of 12 races and good breeze. Earlier in the Month, Don Shirley placed 1st by one point in the DragonForce65 fleet at Mason Park. At El Dorado Boat pond, Eric Conn and Don Shirley represented ABYC in the April series with 18 boats racing. In the DF65 fleet, Fred Stevens and Freddie Stevens came on strong with 3rd and 4th place, and Eric Conn and Don Shirley also racing in the 10 boat fleet. Next up is the Friday Night DragonFlites at LBYC on May 5th and first Fridays of the months all summer. See the LBYC regatta calendar for details. First warning signal is 500 pm on the long dock. Coming up May 13 is the SCYA Midwinter's regatta for DF95 at Lake Gregory. Entries are on the SCYA website with a 10:30 skippers meeting.

Plenty of racing this summer including Keith Ives' Racin in the Basin on Fridays TBD.

Don Shirley, Fleet Scribe



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May 19-21, 2023

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- Thursday dinghy raft up- details to follow
- Friday Miniature Golf - 10:30 am
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- Saturday Morning Bell Tower walk- meet at Tuna Club  
dock at 10 am
- No film festival this year
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Bring a chip dip (chips provided), beer or wine to share,  
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**Alamitos Bay Yacht Club**

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**Location: Upper Deck**

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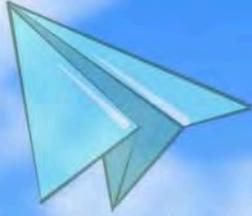
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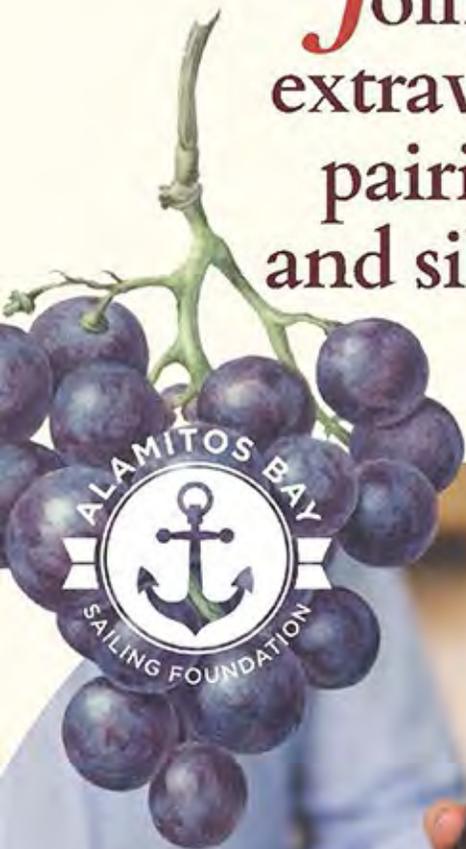
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