



opening day 2018

Jenn Golison and Mike Shey photos

The 92nd Opening Day and Raft-Up Party were a huge success! The two-day event started with the traditional cannon blast a noon on Friday, May 4. If you missed that, you can relive it on Facebook. Chuck Clay interviewed Kevin Brown as he pulled the cannon cord. Under beautiful clear skies, boats rafted up and put up their formal celebratory flags while beer and brats were serviced compliments of the Order of Staff Commodores. Thank you Pat McCormick and Jon Robinson for organizing the raft-up and publishing the NOP (Notice of Party). Later that evening, SAC hosted the party which included a taco dinner by Steve and Dana with music by Irish-band Trooper Thorn.

Saturday morning the club was bustling with competitors readying for the Club Championship. Champions from each fleet competed for the coveted parking space in Vipers. Thank you to the Viper fleet for use of their boats. The boats were sailed non-spinnaker, in the bay, on the Commodore's course. Regatta chair Dan DeLave and PRO Martyn Bookwalter slightly altered the course this year. (Commodore's course has two weather marks. The racers

have a choice of what order they round the weather marks. The final beat was to the far

mark with a reach down the beach to finish at the platform (Love Shack) and the corner of Basin 5. Congratulations to Bruce Golison and Bob Little our 2018 Club Champions representing the Lido 14 Fleet. (Bob said the parking space is for his wife Lisa as she frequently brings Bobby and Saylor to the club).

Open Boat hospitality began after the Club Championship. Many thanks to Kathy Robinson for the Passport game. Everyone was given a "passport" game card and encouraged to visit as many boats as possible. Each boat stamped the "passports" and the first 24 participants that spelled ABYC on the passport won a bottle of champagne! Many of the visitors to

the club said it was the most fun they'd had at an Opening Day celebration. Thank you Viper fleet for the BBQ and beer.

The club commissioning ceremony began with the pledge of allegiance and raising of the colors led by our Junior Co-Commodore's Julia Golison and Roxanne Snyder. We were treated to a beautiful acapella version of the national anthem by the Poly Jazz Choir. Don Reiman gave the invocation. We had the traditional introductions of the Staff

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save the date

Open House for Membership	June 9
Ukelele Lessons	June 5 & 19
Membership Meeting	June 15
Long Beach Race Week	June 22, 23, 24
Latham Bell Dinghy Challenge	June 30
Big Bang on the Bay	July 3
4th of July Regatta	July 7
Laser North Americans	July 12 - 15
Membership Meeting	July 20

[Full ABYC Calendar](#)

manager's corner



Did you notice that we have some friendly new faces around the club? In the past few months, we've brought on a few new employees and I'd like to take this opportunity to officially introduce them to the members!

First, we have Jessie, our new maintenance worker, who is originally from Indiana.

Then we have Devin, a CSULB student, and our new Galley worker.

Finally, we have Samir, our bartender who has been here for a while, but is still new to many.

Please join me in welcoming our newest staff members to the team! Cheers!

Tori



Devin



Samir

commodore's compass



I have exciting news! The new ABYC bar is finally entering the construction phase. Last week the Bar Committee (headed up by Chuck Clay), and your Board of Directors made decisions on a couple of key design elements. That allowed ABYC to sign the contract with Zieba Construction, and officially moved us from the design to construction phase. It is anticipated that the bar will be done 2-3 months from now. Chuck and Joe will be sharing more bar highlights over the coming weeks.

If you missed Opening Day you should be kicking yourself. We had perfect weather again, which further highlighted the spectacular location. A gathering in warm weather on the lawn of ABYC is hard to beat! Staff Commodore Kuritz masterly herded the cats which allowed the ceremony to go off without a hitch. Dan Delave and Martyn Bookwalter ran a great Club Championship Regatta. Teak Catering and the Viper Fleet kept us extremely well feed. And our staff did a great job of making the club look festive. Hum, I feel like I am forgetting something. Oh yeah, major thanks goes out to Jon and Kathy Robinson for organizing another awesome raft up party! Also, to Pat McCormick for making sure the boats didn't drift around Basin 5. Please see the accompanying pictures for more highlights!

Kevin



I certainly enjoyed Opening Day, it went by so fast! There are so many moving parts and pieces involved including hours upon hours of planning and preparation required. I would like to thank everyone who helped make it so enjoyable.

Things are getting busy(er) around ABYC. The Club looks great and we are ready for an exciting season (as if we really have seasons) of sailing and hosting some great regattas. In June and July, we have LBRW, the Latham Bell Memorial Dinghy Challenge, the 4th of July Regatta and the Laser North Americans.

The Laser North Americans will see many international and national sailors descend on ABYC towards the end of June and first week of July, some of whom will be competing for spots on their national teams for the Pan American Games. We will do our best to accommodate sailors arriving early and will minimize the impact on the Club and members.

Along with all of these great regattas the Junior Sailing Program begins at the end of the month!

Looking further into the future, as mentioned in my article last month, planning for the Viper 640 Worlds is underway. We had a meeting in May with several class members and race management. We are looking forward to a great event. Many more details to come later.

On a personal note, I wanted to share a great experience that Stacey and I had in May. We, along with several other ABYC members, and members of other local clubs and the US Sailing Center, took dozens of kids from the Sea Panthers (a group of high school aged kids from Long Beach's Jordan High School) out for a day of sailing. The kids on our boat took turns driving, trimming the sails and flaking sails. Most importantly we all enjoyed a great day on the water which included seeing sea lions and porpoise. It was a great experience to take these kids out on the water and provide them the opportunity to do something that most of us take for granted. Many of the kids had never been on a boat, or for that matter, been to the marina or to the beach. I highly recommend volunteering for this next year if you can.

Dave Schack

Sou'Wester DEADLINE

June 21, 2018 is the deadline
for the June Sou'Wester.

Help us to Help you!

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

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WOW, it has been a busy spring. I hope you all enjoyed the Mother's Day Brunch. One of my favorite things about being on the Board is pouring the Champagne. Thank you, Dana and SAC for all your great work. SAC is looking for a few more volunteers if you want to more involved at the club

Looking forward we have a busy summer planned. The Junior Summer Program starts on June 25th and we are looking forward to seeing the kids on the bay. The club may be closed on Tuesday nights, but we have a good group of parents who come down and BBQ. Please join us.

Please keep an eye out for the Big Bang on the Bay details. It should be great night at

ABYC.

Stephen Mueller

fleet captain's log



Latham Bell Memorial Dingy Challenge:

Remember that we are having a new regatta at the end of June. This will be similar to the Boxing Day Regatta, as it will be a reverse start pursuit race. The proceeds are to benefit the Junior Program.

We had the Club Championship regatta. There were 8 fleets involved. The winner gets a parking space for the year. I thought that was what the race was other than for fun. Turns out that the sailors and some others have contacted me regarding the places so here you go:

Place	Skipper	Crew	Representing
1	Bruce Golison	Bob Little	Lido 14s
2	Jorge Suarez	Kevin Taugher	Lasers
3	Eric Chadwick	Steve Bloemeke	Vipers
4	Chuck Clay	Pat McCormick	C20
5	Jake Zieba	Taylor Milefchik/Hailey Thompson	Juniors
6	Dan DeLave	Mike Lukas	Multihulls
7	Kathy Reed	Cindy Heavrin	Sr Sabots
8	Chris Cunningham	Henk Baars	Tempests

Dan DeLave

membership report

It all about the OPEN HOUSE! Just around the corner on the 9th will be our annual Open House. This is the opportunity for those who may not know who or what we are to come see what our wonderful club is all about. It's also a great opportunity for us to bring friends to the club who may want to join. There will be free food and drink and possibly boat rides available for those interested in getting involved with the sailing programs. We currently have a half price membership incentive in place that will expire soon so please make your way to the club June 9th and bring friends - it will be a great day at the club!

Membership numbers are holding steady with a slight increase in applications and inquiries. For May we welcome new regular member Lynn Williams and approved for 30 day posting Tom Corcoran, Mattieu Marfaing, Reef Settlemire, and Pete Frazier.

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The donation of your old sails to the Alamitos Bay Sailing Foundation is tax deductible. If you would like a letter acknowledging your donation, please leave your name and contact information taped to your donated sails or with the front office or contact Jennifer Golison at jen@golison.com.



I have had a great time watching our Junior Sailors grow and learn this year so far. We had an exceptional group of coaches to teach and mentor them. Most importantly, all of our coaches showed the sailors how to have fun on the water.

As we move into our summer session here at the end of the month, we continue passing on the tradition of excellence for the younger generations! June brings with it many things! Our juniors start to finish up school for the summer and become anxious to see all of their friends down at the club in the coming weeks. This summer, ABYC is offering some of the best programs yet with a fantastic group of summer coaches. Six action-packed weeks await! This year we are starting after the weekend of Ullman Sail's Long Beach Race Week to get uninterrupted weeks with some fantastic opportunities sprinkled throughout.

Make sure to pop by the club on Tuesday nights to watch the juniors racing inside the bay. If you can make it, Wednesday afternoons are where the real competition picks up! Long Beach Yacht Club and Alamitos Bay Yacht Club have teamed up once again to offer a fantastic racing schedule to prepare sailors for their biggest regattas of the year! We are all looking forward to Laser North Americans, CFJ Nationals, Junior Sabot Nationals, Laser Pacific Coast Champs, Optimist Pacific Coast Champs, and much more!!!

Keep a watchful eye this month, and you may just see some of the most fun ever to be had in Southern California!!!
Craig Ramsay, Director of Sailing Programs



juniorperspective

I had a ton of fun sailing in vipers for the Club Champion regatta with Taylor and Hailey, and am glad we were given the opportunity to represent the junior fleet. Sailing in Vipers was a great, and without spinnakers the board were very manageable. The conditions were nice, with moderate breeze and beautiful weather, and we started off strong, finishing second in the first race. However, we sailed a majority of the second race with a couple pounds of kelp on our keel, and struggled to keep up with other boats as a result. During the third start, we got shut out at the boat end of the line, and had to tack out and circle back around. We were able to pick off a number of boats in the following legs, gaining back a large chunk of the time we lost during the start. Overall, I think we all had a blast in the boat, and are looking forward to possibly sailing more Viper events in the future!

Jake Zieba

Sailing with Jake Zieba and Taylor Milefchick at ABYC Opening Day in Vipers and representing the Junior fleet was a blast! It was our first time sailing the Viper, but after talking to Craig and Mr. Milefchick, we all felt more confident with the boat. We learned how much fun the Viper could be, with or without a spinnaker. We also were able to sail in heavy and light wind so we were ready to race! Starting out the day on the water, I think we were all a little nervous, but excited to give it our all and compete against some great competitors from other fleets. In the first race, our skipper Jake did an amazing job and we were able to get second! With high hopes we cheered and got ready to charge onto the next race. Unfortunately, only one leg into the second race, we felt very sluggish and Taylor and I looked down at our keel and noticed we had a very large piece of kelp stuck on it. Realizing there was nothing we could do until the end of the race, we did the best we could and of course had fun with it. The third and final race, Taylor, Jake, and I had a great time cruising around and sailing next to the other boats. In the end, we thought we might be able to have done a little better but I couldn't have had a better time with better people!

Hailey Thompson

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Save the Date - June 22, 23, 24



Volunteers Needed
Contact Jennifer:
kuritz@earthlink.net

Yellow and Blue are on a beat to windward. Yellow is on starboard tack and Blue is on port tack. Blue bears away to pass astern of Yellow. Yellow seeing Blue bear away decides to tack. Blue luffs back to a close-hauled course about one boat length to leeward of her original course. Blue protests Yellow for not keeping clear while tacking. Blue claims had she not altered course at position 3 there would have been a collision..

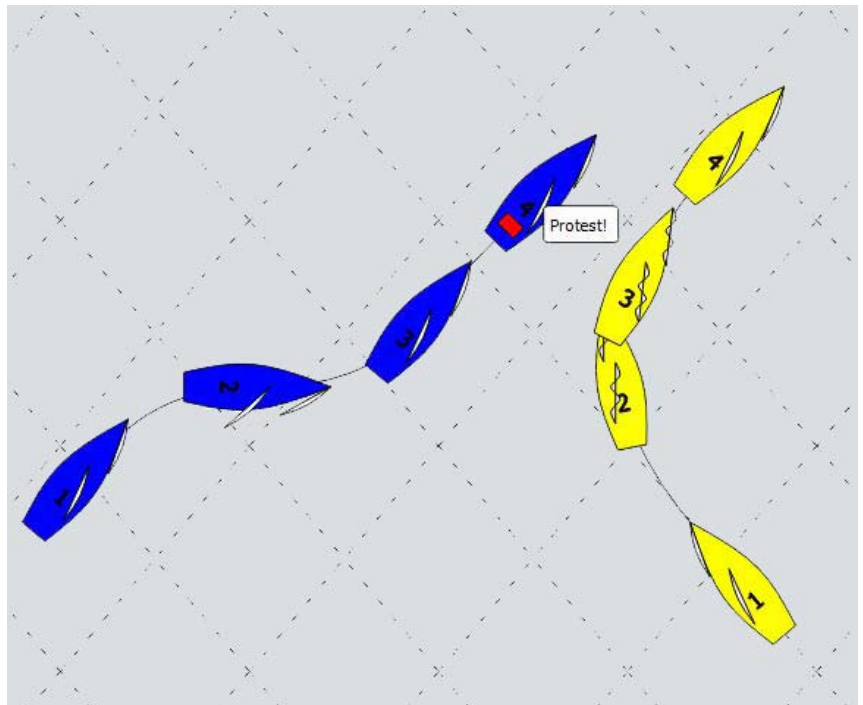
Read the following rules and see if you can see what rules might have been broken.

Rule 10 Opposite Tacks

Rule 13 While Tacking

Rule 16.1 Changing Course

Rule 16.2 Changing Course



sabot skivvies

Brooke Jolly photos

We had thirteen "International" sailors Sunday, May 20th for Men's Day. Just after the skipper's meeting we had the presentation of the Colors - namely their countries and "Skivvies". Our skippers were presented with custom, hand-painted boxers representing their countries of choice all the way from Colombia to Sweden, Japan to Jamaica and a bunch of others in-between! The men later affixed their "flags" to their sabots for the day's races. We even had a few competitors in costume representing their countries.

Our competitors ranged from guys that had grown up in sabots to a few that had only been in the boat a couple times. The morning was overcast but with enough wind to get two good races in before a break. They hit the dock for a lunch of brats, meatballs and some cerveza Mexicana. Under sunny skies the final race was the Beer run. At the weather mark they were each provided a beverage at the rounding and to finish the race had to deposit the empty beer can into a container on the dingy ramp. Lots of fun scrambling occurred trying to quickly dock, get out of their boats and beat the other competitors to the trash can.

In the end our top trophy winners in the three classes were

Chiquito – Jay Golison

Mediano – Bob Little

Grande – Mark Townsend

Thanks to the many volunteers who made this a fun day for all involved.

Brooke Jolly





Commodore's, current Board of Directors and Junior Board of Directors. Mark Townsend was recognized for his 25th anniversary as Commodore and presented a silver staff commodore burgee. Senior Members were recognized with the traditional giving of a rose. Dave Schack had the unenviable job of introducing visiting clubs. He did a commendable job.

There were two special presentations. The first, to award the club champions the Kim Thompson Memorial Perpetual Trophy. Kim's mother, Nancy Merrill, presented Bob Little with the trophy. The second special presentation was awarding Maggie Caddle with the SCYA Mort Bloom Perpetual Trophy. Maggie was given this special award from SCYA for her 25 years of service as a judge and umpire.

Commodore Kevin Brown delivered his remarks about the club activities for 2018. He also challenged us all to think about the future of our club. How will we change as our sport changes and with the Olympics coming to Los Angeles in 2028?

Finally, the club burgee was raised with a cannon blast and the club was commissioned for another year. Many thanks to Bob Bishop for the well timed blast. Festivities continued with snacks and champagne by the boat ramp and with more open boat hospitality.

Jennifer Kuritz





mother's day brunch

Lori VanSkyhock and Dana Bell photos

What could be any nicer than Sunday breakfast with your family, about 135 good friends, soft background music by the EPC Jazz Group duo, and an incredible feast including roasted prime rib, an omelet bar and platters of fresh fruit and yummy desserts all created by Teak Catering. And, then of course there were the mimosas for those desiring a little bubbly, expertly served by Officers Steve Mueller, Nigel Brownnett, Dan DeLave, and Chuck Clay.

The Social Advisory Committee's theme for this year's Mother's Day Brunch was "simple elegance." Pink lily napkins with flower centers were created by Carol Clanton. Centerpieces and bouquets throughout the Club were of pink, purple, and lavender carnations, mums, stock and ferns. One lucky person at each table was given the centerpiece to take home, while all could help themselves to the silver candy Kisses sprinkled about. An individual See's Candy dark or milk chocolate Bordeaux was labeled and wrapped in a traditional black and white box for each of the attending mothers. A special thank you goes to Kathy Weishampel for her beautiful event flyer, all of the table signs, and the little gift labels.

So that none of the SAC team members and mothers would have to work on Mother's Day, all of the napkin folding, table setting and decorating were taken care of on Friday night and Saturday morning by Carol and Ron Clanton, Janet and Jim Lincoln, Kathy Reed and Cindy Heavrin, Candace Fisher, Lori Van Sky Hock, Sam Bell, and Deby St. John. On Sunday morning ABYC Juniors Taylor Milefchik, Amelia Anctil, and Jake Zieba stepped in with the Teak Catering staff to serve and clear tables...a very thoughtful gift of time!

Dana Bell



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more mother's day



eight bells

In Memoriam - Gregory Montz

It is with great sadness that I announce we have lost member, Gregory Montz.

On May 9th, long time member Gregory J Montz passed away suddenly.

Greg grew up sailing out of the Leeway Sailing Center and continued to sail out of ABYC.

Mary would like you to join her and the family for a **Celebration of Life**. It will be at **ABYC on June 3rd at 11:00 AM**.

On behalf of the club membership, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the entire Montz family.

Commodore Kevin Brown

rules answer #42

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Yellow was subject to rule 16 only while luffing from starboard close-hauled course to head to wind. Yellow does not break rule 16.2 as Blue was able to continue to sail her course without requiring her to immediately change course. After that Yellow passes through head to wind she is the give-way boat under rule 13, and rule 16.1 and 16.2 no longer applied. Yellow kept clear of Blue as required by rule 13. No rule was broken.

Mark Townsend

hails from the fleets



TWENTY-TWO SAILORS ENJOYED THE MISSION BAY SCWSA REGATTA ON MAY 12, 2018
Sailors at the SCWSA regatta experienced all conditions. First, it was windy and cold with gray skies, then moderate wind with warming temperatures, and finally they finished in warmer temperatures with lots of sun and light air. It was challenging racing in all these changing conditions!

Women's A Fleet

Another challenge was lots of kelp in the Bay. Kathy Reed had one start right behind Julie McPherson and all of a sudden felt brakes come on! Reed finally checked her leeboard to find a huge clump of kelp wrapped on it. Luckily it came off with one quick tug, but it cost her a few boat lengths.

The A fleet competition was close with the lead changing within races. Betty Becker dominated with her incredible boat speed and pointing ability to finish in first place. In the first race Jerilyn Biehl came flying in from the right to edge Kathy Reed out at the finish. Reed led the entire first race, but Biehl had unstoppable speed! Biehl finished 2nd overall.

Also a force to be reckoned with was Julie McPherson. McPherson rallied after a disappointing first race to mix it up with Becker and Biehl. Reed got lucky in the last race because the three leaders stayed together on the right and Reed saw a chance to go left and then got a lift from Heaven to pass the leaders and win with a nice margin. Reed was also lucky that the final race was one lap because the others were gaining on the entire last leg to the finish. Reed was sweating it out to the line. Reed finished in 3rd place out of 6 boats and only beat McPherson on a tie breaker.

Women's B Fleet

The Women's B fleet had its challenges figuring out the courses. In the first race both Susan Jennings and Nancy Mellon sailed an extra lap. In Race 2 Cindy Heavrin was in tight competition with Ruth Jones and was in the lead but rounded the windward mark for another lap instead of going to finish which cost her the race.

UPCOMING SENIOR SABOT EVENTS

Senior Sabot Nationals, NHYC, June 9 –10

Senior Sabot Sunday, ABYC, July 22

COME RACE WITH US

There are a lot of fast Sabots sitting on the racks that have told me that they want to go racing. We would like to extend an invitation to Sabot parents or anyone that has or can borrow a Sabot to come out and sail with us on July 22, our next Sabot Sunday. We have a fun group with plenty of good competition.

We have an "A" and "B" fleet. Sign up on the patio starting at 10:30 am with the first start at 12:00 pm. Wine, munchies and trophy presentation (huge chocolate bars) after racing on the patio.

Call Kathy Weishampel for information: (262) 719-8438

MEN'S A								
Place	#	Boat Name	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	7630	Danny North	SDYC	1	1	2	1	5
2	8877	Mike Hatch	SDYC	2	4	5	2	13
3	10278	Scott Finkboner	MBYC	9 dnf	2	1	3	15
4	9472	Ken Wild	MBYC	3	3	4	6	16
5	7848	Mike O'Connell	SDYC	4	6	3	4	17
6	10296	Christopher Kyburg	SDYC	6	5	8	5	24
7	9273	Lanny Coon	MBYC	5	8	6	7	26
8	10263	Jason Brooks	MBYC	7	7	7	8	29
WOMEN'S A								
Place	#	Boat Name	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	7613	Betty Becker	SDYC	3	1	1	2	7
2	9899	Jerelyn Biehl	SDYC	1	3	4	3	11
3	7768	Kathryn Reed	ABYC	2	5	5	1	13
4	7988	Julie McPherson	SDYC	5	2	2	4	13
5	10204	Serena Hanb	MBYC	4	4	3	6	17
6	10076	Susan Dykman	CRA	6	6	6	5	23
WOMEN'S B								
Place	#	Boat Name	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	9070	Ruth Jones	MBYC	1	1	1	3	6
2	9609	Susan Jennings	NHYC	5	3	2	1	11
3	8344	Chris Fuller	MBYC	3	2	3	4	12
4	8079	Cynthia Harrin	ABYC	2	5	4	2	13
5	8990	Nancy Mellon	BYC	4	4	6 dnc	6 dnc	20
MIXED C								
Place	#	Boat Name	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	10225	Paul Culkin	MBYC	1	1	2	1	5
2	9698	Wes Westlake	MBYC	3	3	1	2	9
3	7674	Lachy McLean	MBYC	2	2	3	3	10

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Women's B



Women's A



Men's A



Tom Walker photo

The Laser North American Championship is just a couple of months away! Sailors, race committee, and organizing authorities have ramped up their efforts to make this one of the best championships in memory! If you are not sailing in the event, I urge all of you to volunteer either on shore or on the water! The best way to do so is to contact Robin Townsend (her contact info is on website!) If you are sailing, then you probably have been practicing on your own or in one of ABYC Laser clinics! The Coachless Sundays were a success as the interest in "just going sailing and working on my tacks (E. Anctil)" has been instilled in most of our juniors. In addition, our Junior Director, Craig Ramsey, has set up formal clinics coached by Paul Didham, Laser Worlds participant and Laser Midwinters West Champion. As a participant, I can see exactly how these clinics are just making everyone faster!

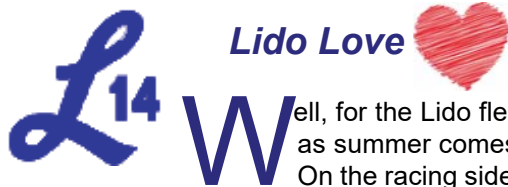
ABYC Laser Masters and Juniors participated in this year's Laser Midwinters West Championship at Santa Barbara YC in March. As most of you racers know, Santa Barbara can wither be a drifter or breeze-on this time of year. As the rain fronts came through, it was Breeze-on! You must see the photos taken at www.sbyc.org and hit the 2018 Laser Midwinters West link. Joseph Hou, NHYC/ABYC finished one point behind the champion Paul Didham. Third and fourth were won by Ian Elliot and John Owen of Royal Victoria YC (CAN), and fifth place was won by our very own Kevin Taugher, the sole Master to trophy! Please note that the Master scoring handicap system is NOT used at open events! Kevin showed tons of speed and good form as evidenced by the number of photographs taken of him! Well done!



Finally, I am pleased to see that the Lasers will continue to be the one person dinghy for men and women for the 2024 Olympics. This only means that there is more practice to be had, more speed to be learned, and more regattas to volunteer for. This will keep ABYC at the forefront of sailing, racing, and having fun!

Jorge Suarez

hails from the fleets



Well, for the Lido fleet, it's all about boats, burgers, barbecues, and beer, with Twilights in full swing as summer comes upon us!

On the racing side? Good Thursday night turn outs in both the A and the B fleets, with often 15-18 boats hitting the water on any given Thursday. Expert PRO work by Martyn Bookwalter, ably assisted by his race committee, including Don and Chris Taugher, Ed Spotsky and Pat McCormick, Alan Cunningham and Jim Drury. Windwind/leewards for the A fleet, and a nice combination of windward/leeward and harbor tours for the B fleet. A big thanks to Martyn, and a big thanks to Jorge Suarez, who's also been seen manning the barge, assisted by Angela Albright and Carol Selvin.

On the barbecue side of Thursday evenings? Well, burgers abound on the barbecue. One night, we had four Italian sausages cooking on the outdoor grill, and man, they were sssssssizzling! Burgers provided one night by our fleet's den mother, Dana Bell, another night was lasagna supplied by Alan Cunningham, cooked by those fine chefs over at Restuarante de la Costco, so you know its good. And with the galley now open for the summer? Hopefully, more burgers and beer!

And also, a big Lido congratulations to Bruce Golison and Bobby Little, winning the Club Championship and the race for the space as part of Opening Day, representing the Lido fleet.

Don't own a Lido, but want to join us on a Thursday evening? Buy yourself a beater boat, fix it up, and come out for an evening of rubbin' rails!

Glenn Selvin



The Fleet Six and friends cruise to Avalon this year included a vintage dress up contest while attending Art Deco Ball held in the Casino. Sixers introduced new dance moves that had never been seen before by the other ballroom and swing dancers. Some of the mob included Baby Face McCormick, Liplocker Lynn, Rockin' Ron and Cryin' Carol, Bobin' Rob, Perky Pixie, Tuxedo Smitty and Hanna Joanna, Silversmith Sam and Dasher Dana, Speedy Spot and Lightfoot Lori, Charlie the Teach, and Stephanie the Peach, Sneaky Cindy and Crafty Kathy, Mai Tai White Tie Don and Christine the Feather Queen!



Opening Day the Viper Fleet provided the boats and huge smiles to all the competitors. Afterwards they fed and provided libations to all the visitors and dignitaries.. ;)

Join fellow yachting and adventure enthusiasts, Friday, June 15, 6:30 p.m., at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club to hear about the second annual "Race to Alaska" from the Etchells' crew that successfully completed the 750 mile no engine, no support regatta up the inside passage from Port Townsend, Washington to Ketchikan Alaska.

Viper Fleet member Marilyn Cassedy, will reveal her motivation for doing the race, their preparation for racing in an engineless 30-foot daysailer, and what it was like to sail where tidal currents can run more than 15 knots and wildlife encounters can range from orcas to grizzlies.

She'll also share her thoughts on the race and what the ideal boat, crew and weather conditions might you find, should this adventure appeal to you.

Tim

hails from the fleets

Todd Smith photos



Cal 20's have started their traditional beer can racing series with the famous Wet Wednesday series hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club. The first series kicked off in the beginning of May and we are happy to report around 10 Cal 20's have been out sailing each Wednesday evening. We expect the numbers to grow as we move into the Summer months and folks start gearing up for the August Cal 20 Class Championships hosted by nearby Shoreline Yacht Club Long Beach.

Somehow, someway the dynamic duo of Keith Ives and longtime bud Chuck Stevens keep winning the Wet Wednesday Mt. Gay trophy on board Rubber Dog. Thru the first three races, they have dialed in three straight bullets. Right behind Rubber Dog is Keith's brother Jeff Ives teamed with his longtime bud Phil Soma in second. Other ABYC Cal 20 sailors including Ron/Mike Wood (Lickety Split), John Merchant/Rob Fuller (Breakfast Club), and Steve George (DragonFly 42) have had some great races as well. We are also happy to see our number one comic Dave Kofahl and his wife Carol (SparWars) out racing. Also looking good have been Bryce Hans (Cheddar) and Blaine Brown (Sweet Bippy). Blaine's Dad Gordy Brown was a long time Cal 20 sailor and his new boat Sweet Bippy was previously campaigned by Cathy Black followed by Paul and Chas Merrill. The great thing about Cal 20's are their longevity and it is great to see these precious boats passed on from sailor to sailor here at ABYC.

If you are interested in Cal 20 sailing, feel free to contact our Fleet Captain Steve George. We can always hook you up on a ride on Wet Wednesday or a demo sail on a weekend.

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John "Windy" Merchant enjoying a little Cal 20 "tiller time"



Keith Ives (left) and Chuck Stevens (right) are the team to beat on Wet Wednesdays



The ABYC Nirvana fleet was well represented at Lake Gregory for the SCYA Midwinter's on May 19th with Keith Ives taking 1st Place and Damon Kunkle with 2nd Place after 8 races. Congratulations to all who made the trip. Racin in the Basin is set to start soon on Friday nights at 6:00 pm. followed by Happy Hour at the Club. All RC sailboats are welcome. Give your RC thumbs a workout! Call Damon Kunkle or Jeff Ives for dates.

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ALAMITOS BAY  YACHT CLUB

TUESDAY, JULY 3RD

5:00 PM:

CLUB OPENS FOR THE CELEBRATION

6:00-9:00 PM:

“LISTEN” BAND WILL PLAY

9:00 PM:

FIREWORKS

OPEN PARTY:

Bring your own picnic AND beverages. The BBQ will be available. There will be NO bar or galley service. Our ABYC Staff get the day off!

SEATING:

Patio lawn is reserved for beach chairs and blankets. Upper Deck, Balcony and Quarter Deck are reserved for tables and chairs.

PARKING:

First come, first serve. Only cars of members, with the ABYC decal, will be allowed into the ABYC parking lot.

Just in case, bring lots of quarters for the City parking meters.

Please consider using: Uber, shore boats, carpools, bicycles or walking. The Peninsula road-way has been reduced to single lanes and traffic may be very congested.

GUESTS:

We expect that many of our members and their families will be at the Club to enjoy the picnic and spectacular fireworks. Please remember that the Club House Rules limit the number of guests per member to SIX! If you are inviting guests, you will need to provide their names to the ABYC Club Office NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH. There will be security personnel at the Club entry gates.

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