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## turkey day regatta - 2005

### it's all about the volunteers!

**T**his years running of the Turkey Day regatta came off as an event that was absolutely enjoyed by everyone. From the regatta side of Turkey Day, to the social side in the evenings, I heard nothing but rave reviews from our members and guests that enjoyed what was just a beautiful day on the water and off.

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Working with Bard Heavens as co-regatta chairs, and as the individual responsible for doing the staffing on the regatta side of the event, I was awestruck not only by the amount of volunteers needed, but by the can-do attitude of our members while in the heat of battle. Yet, I also saw nothing but smiles from our members while pitching in.

Evie Belisle, Betty Mills, Bobbie Peterson and Carol Selvin worked hard in the registration room as nearly 200 people descended on them Saturday morning to register and pay for their entry.

Cliff Mathias manned the gate, while John Massey handed out Ramp Boss badges to his list of volunteers that manned hoists, ramp, and yard duty. With Steve Shaw, Richard Whitely, and a whole cast of others, the flow went well as boats rigged and splashed.

On Patience, PRO Bob Anderson, helped by Al Rosenberg, ran their circle with the help of Judy Mathias, Dave Ellis, Michael Cahan, Georg Honeycutt, Bobbie and Don Hodges, Yvonne Lindemann, Adra Kober, Barbara Hare, and Debbie and Phil Green. Oscar Krinsky, Dave Rustigan, Nick Rustigan, Dave and Carol Kofhal, and Kathleen Houseman came onto the committee boat on Sunday to help out. On the water, Bob was supported by George Kornhoff, Jon Robinson, Hans Dose, Dave Myers, Jeff Case, Rob Fuller, Bryan Warren, John McNaughton, and Bernie Schwegler.

Sea Owl, with Chris Ericksen as the PRO, was fully staffed as well. With their ongoing generosity, Jerry and Sally Dalley donated the services of Sea Owl, and along with Carol Selvin, Don Serina, Stephanie Munn, Shirley Smith, Peter Baine, Larry Kidd, Scott Atwood, Bill Horner, Fred Heyer, Frank Gastoni, Erin Johnson, and Bryan Warren, ran some very good races. On the water, Chris was aptly supported by Paul and Yvonne Galvez, Bill McDannel, Santiago Reyer, Peter Troin, John McNaughton, and Brent Carey.

The inside classes were no less a successful under the watchful eyes of Jerry Montgomery and Jim Drury. Helped by Evie Belisle, Betty Mills, Bobbie Peterson, Jinx Ellis, Joe O'Reilly, and Richard Whitely, the racers sailed a wonderful regatta. Whaler duty was staffed by Mike Baumann, Jim Loeffler, John Perone, Scott Meyer, and Joe Riddick.



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## save the date

Family Christmas Party .....	December 11
Boxing Day Regatta .....	December 31
<b>2006</b>	
Rose Bowl Regatta .....	January 7 -8
Membership Meeting .....	January 20
Super Bowl Regatta & Party .....	February 5
Membership Meeting .....	February 17

## commodore's comments



**A**re you ready? The holidays are here and so is the time for good cheer! Put up the decorations and break out the eggnog. Make your wish list, and be sure to add the extra boat parts and new sails. The ABYC Holiday Tree is trimmed and the bay is lit up with bright lights. Stephanie Munn and the Social Committee are putting on a great welcoming party for Santa Claus on December 11 and our resident musical group the Tres Amigos are tuning up their vocal cords and guitar strings ready to play our favorite holiday carols. The Juniors are also busing decking out the ABYC Float for the Naples Boat Parade on December 17. So you better be good and join us during this holiday season...you never know who is watching!

Looking back, Turkey Day Regatta was another great success. And there was even a live turkey on-hand to greet the sailors! Bard Heavens and Glenn Selvin did a bang up job organizing volunteers, racers, staff and more. Turkeys were handed out to the winners and everyone enjoyed our traditional and always fabulous Turkey Day Dinner. Stacy Conn provided her outstanding organizational tools and decorating expertise to make it a fun and tasty event that we all enjoyed being a part of. Thank you to everyone that made this year's Turkey Day Regatta a huge success.

On another note, at our November membership meeting I was honored to present Chris Ericksen with a special sailing award he received at the 2005 Etchells Worlds hosted by Richmond Yacht Club in September. Chris was honored with the International Etchells Class Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy. The trophy was awarded to him by the race committee following a week of racing and "character building" for his Corinthian values and dedication to our sport. This recognition of Chris by our sailing community in San Francisco Bay further confirms what we already know about him...he is one of ABYC's greatest cheerleaders and we are proud to have him represent our Club anywhere he goes. Congratulations Chris!

In other business, we sent out notices in November regarding a small increase in the yard fees. But just in case you missed it, starting in January 2006 we will be increasing the fees to store boats in the ABYC yard by 3%. This is less than the CPI change and still makes ABYC yard storage a great deal. Please be sure to review your yard rules for compliance and let the ABYC Office know of any changes to your space.

As we move into the New Year, I'm looking forward to all of the great sailing events and parties we have planned. The ABYC Holiday Series, Junior Olympics, I-14 Worlds and the Pre-Olympic Trials are just some of the many events on the calendar for 2006. If you're looking for a New Year's Resolution, check out the Club calendar and find a few events that you want to participate in. It's a good way to use your membership and meet many of our new club members.

Enjoy the holidays, spend time with family and friends and remember that ABYC has a place in the New Year for everyone. Warmest wishes, fair winds and fast sailing from our home to yours!

*Nicole Peoples-Moffett*

## manager's corner



**A**nother year has passed and we have seen great changes in our club. We have a beautiful new clubhouse and our first "mega-event" Turkey Day to break in the second deck, complete with a live turkey!

There are other changes as well in our parking procedures here at the club. The city has designated the small square lot as our overflow lot for events. The long metered lot that they call the 72<sup>nd</sup> street lot is off limits to us without prior permission. As always, when you use either lot, please be sure to have your permit on the dash at all times. There is also a change in our status in terms of use of the 72<sup>nd</sup> street lot for private functions and non-sailing events. We will need to charge a \$9.00 fee for all cars per day for those events. The changes have been made to our banquet policy.

Last but certainly not least are the rules that have not changed. Please remember that you must have an ABYC sticker on your windshield to park our main lot. Your keys **MUST** be in the car and the car is to remain unlocked for the time you use the lot. Also, please remember that reserved spaces should never have cars or boats placed in them.

From the staff here at the club we want to say thank you for a great year and the best place to work anywhere in Long Beach. We hope your New Year is safe and happy.

*Theresa Laird*

## 6th annual boxing day regatta

**Saturday, December 31st  
1:00 PM**

## house and yard report



**T**he club looks better than ever with its new paint, carpet, flooring and furniture but we still have a number of very important projects for this coming year. Here are a few highlights:

The widows walk railing and cap is being completely rebuilt and sealed against the elements. As you may know, the poor condition of the railing and it's leaky base required us to close off the third deck. Once the refurbishment is complete we can open this up again so we can all enjoy the great views from atop the clubhouse. Larry Kidd continues to be instrumental in guiding us through these structural issues.

Inside, the big project is getting the burgees refurbished and remounted on the wall and in the bar. The house committee led by Cathy and Todd Smith along with Stacy and Barbara Conn, Lynda Peoples and Marilyn McMahon are bringing some new approaches to displaying the burgees that will complement the wonderful job they've done so far.

Behind the scenes Club Manager Theresa Laird is working on quote to get our very old and horrible energy inefficient freezers and refrigerator replaced. This involves some much-needed upgrades to our electrical service and plumbing that will serve us well for many years to come.

Cole Price has agreed to continue on as the Yard Ogre and we're revisiting many ideas to get the maximum use and benefit of our precious boat yard and limited parking. This can be a thankless job but is always easier when we are all courteous and conscientious when using our yard, lot and equipment. We have long waiting lines for getting boats into the yard. If you are not actively using your boat, please remove it and room for active sailors.

Beyond the above there are countless other projects and maintenance to be addressed. Many need to be done by professionals but others can get done with qualified volunteers. Look for my requests for help in the Sou' Wester and emails.

We'll be very busy around the club this year getting and keeping the house and yard in good order for our members' and guests' enjoyment. I'll keep you updated on our progress and planning.

If you see anything amiss in the yard or clubhouse, please report it to the office.

Enjoy your club!

*Jim Bateman, Vice Commodore*

## fleet captain's report



**W**e have a new motor for the "Sidney T" and it is running flawlessly. We decided on an Evinrude E-TEC 90 due to its price, quality, and service that we get from our local vendor Tom Smith Marine. If you get a chance, thank John Massey for all of his hard work.

Here is some information from the Evinrude website you might find interesting:

The technology of Evinrude E-TEC is far more than an update of today's direct injection technology (this is not a four-stroke, rather a direct injected 2 stroke). It pulls from some of the best marine, automotive, and aerospace technologies, and applies them in ways that change the face of the outboard engine. In addition, some key structural components are borrowed from much larger engines, providing an amazing margin of durability, while holding down costs.

The "brain" of every E-TEC engine is its Engine Management Module (EMM), which can perform more than 8 million calculations every second. In fact, an E-TEC has been described as a very simple engine controlled by an extremely powerful computer. It automatically sets timing. It measures temperatures throughout the engine, as well as ambient air temperature and barometric pressure.

The spark plugs feature double platinum tips, and provide a short spark at high RPM or a long spark start-up and idle - both intensities controlled by the EMM.

How does the E-TEC manage no break-in period? First, the cylinder bores are boron nitride-honed which exposes porosity in the cylinder alloy, which actually retains a microscopic layer of oil to decrease initial wear. The EMM monitors the initial run time, adjusting oil delivery as required.

BRP (Bombardier) also precision machines all parts to ensure perfect "mating." And during the life of the E-TEC, the exclusive E-Start system provides instantaneous starting, as direct light combustion eliminates the fuel wet-down period. The engine fires so quickly (within a single revolution), that it startles some! For more specific info, go to the website: <http://www.evinrude.com/en-US/Engines/2005/E-Tec/Saltwater.90/Features.htm>

We are also looking to buy another Whaler to better serve our growing junior and racing program. Stay tuned for more exciting things to come!

*Merle Asper*

# from the pages of history

**A**gain this month, the archives are spotty and we don't have SOU'WESTER's for December of 1975 or 1985. We found some older ones, though, even older than last month—and so we'll delve even deeper into the past.

## **FORTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO:**

We found the SOU'WESTER of December 1959, in the files, a mimeographed piece then edited by Mary Matson. A full listing of officers, directors and chairs includes names that are recognizable today. Eric Conn was Junior Rear Commodore, Raleigh Moffett was Secretary and Mickey Beland chaired the Protest Committee.

Bob Hoffman, then chairman of the race committee, ran a page of facts on racing at ABYC. He reports that eight major regattas were sailed in 1959 with a total of 74 classes, 684 boats and 233 trophies. He further reports that the first time Lido 14s sailed at ABYC was at Turkey Day, 1958: six boats but none from ABYC. And that Turkey Day was the largest in history to that date: 190 boats in 19 classes.

Turkey Day of 1959 was a bit smaller—188 boats in 18 classes—and featured racing both in the Bay and in the Ocean. Dragons, Thistles, Wildcats and Malibu Outriggers raced one-design outside, with both ocean-racing and arbitrary handicap classes also established. In the Bay, however, there were 12 divisions: Snipe, National, Skimmer, Metcalf dinghy, Lido 14, Penguin, Satellite, Redondo R-1, Senior Naples Sabot, Win'ard Sabot and two divisions of Junior Naples Sabot. Trophy winners included Gordon Brown, Jr. (third in National), Paul Merrill (second in Senior Naples Sabot) and Robin Durnin (third in Junior Sabot I).

The back page of the SOU'WESTER was a sheet to be added to the roster with the names of new members. Included on the list were George Lounsberry with his wife, Isabelle, and children Jon and Robin...the Commodore reports "our newest member, Ken Hodges, Jr.," is in charge of the Christmas float...members were issued stickers to put inside their windshields to help "control the parking situation" at the old clubhouse.

## **THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO:**

The cover of the SOU'WESTER for December 1974, was a pen-and-ink drawing of a substantial, tattooed and long-haired woman standing on a spar to which she is chained and hauling a line; it'd probably not be considered appropriate today. There was no news about Turkey Day, but lots of fleet news. The National fleet touted itself as the "largest on the West Coast," which may have been a dubious achievement; nevertheless, it held the Annual Fun Day in November. The event included a Sunken Treasure and Hidden Chest Race, but nothing was found, and a race using the "Reid Rating Rationale" handicap system, doubtless worked out by Albie Reid but that also led to "a dispute as to who crossed first."

The Sabotiers also had a day of fun races in October. It also featured a treasure hunt race (no report on the outcome) and sailing for a race for the "Hubert Hummerdinger Perpetual." Winners included Don Hodges, Bernice Weiss, Charley Humphrey, Lynn Brant, Marty Bowman, Betsy Ogilby and Bob Ware. But serious racing took place on Newport Bay as an ABYC team of Alex Kimball with Becky Black, Ross Butcher with Nancy Perry, Mark Wilson with Laurie Adams and John Weiss with Jubie Walsh competed in the Jean Schenck Memorial Team Race Regatta in Lehman 12's; the California Yacht Club team won while ABYC's team finished out of the money.

An announcement was made that the City of Long Beach received a permit to install six holding-tank pump-out stations in the Marina; to the best of my knowledge, this is still not done...an active 5-0-5 fleet sailed the Fall Gold Cup in Newport Beach, causing unhappiness when they were started after the Stars and in front of the Etchells; the lead 5-0-5 finished ahead of the Starboats...the New Year's Eve party, hosted by Jan and Tom O'Toole, featured a buffet with ham, turkey and roast beef and dancing to the Orange County Rhythm Machine, "a class band," all for \$18.00 per couple.

## **TEN YEARS AGO:**

Changes were in the air in 1995 for many fleets and classes. The Keel Boat Fleet had a big discussion about the Picnic Race, an inverted-start event; apparently it'd been years since a cruising boat won, and there was some thought about changing things so that the racers did not dominate in the future. Commodore Jerry Montgomery won and Steve Moffett was second. The Lido fleet news, written by Gabe Ferramola, reported on the brand-new 6000-series Lido's that premiered at Turkey Day; it seems, among other things, that the old cast-aluminum fittings on the Lido had been replaced with modern, stainless steel fittings, and there was a sheave at the masthead for the main halyard.

Most of the fleets had new captains. Chuck Hardin, a new member, was the new Cal 20 Fleet Captain, while Tom Newton, Senior, was the new chief Sabotier.

Christmas parties abounded. The Cal 20 party was set for December 1, the Lido Christmas Brunch for December 3 and the Sabotier party for December 9. The club party was set for December 10. And, in keeping with long-standing tradition, the Coronado 15 Christmas party would be held in January.

A lengthy review of the newly revised Yard Rules filled two pages; apparently the rules had been changed to clarify that a boat had to be used at least once on each of two six-month periods, one from January 1 to June 30 and the other from July 1 to December 31, or face expulsion from the yard...a new "C" fleet was racing in the Senior Sabot fleet, which included Nancy Cole, Jo Beth Cohen and Chris Richau, all women...a special Christmas breakfast was to be held upstairs, prepared by the ABYC staff.

This column marks the last in our first year of reviewing SOU'WESTER's of the past. Based on comments from readers, it is our plan to continue this into the new year. Thank you for your support and attention to this feature; as long as readers continue to enjoy it, we'll continue to write it. Happy holidays to you all!

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

Jim Morford as always, did his often frustrating, hair pulling job of keeping the scoring correct and accurate, under sometimes very trying conditions. I'm personally grateful to Jim for handling what may be the most important task. Margaret Caddle lent her judging skills, as well as being my sometimes advisor. George and Vern do their job of keeping Patience alive, and John Massey pulls just absolute miracles with keeping our whalers, running. With a whaler down on Saturday, and two others that were giving us fits, it just never ceases to amaze me how John, with George's help, can quickly swap parts and get a dead whaler back out for service. Thanks these two...they're incredible. Dave Myers, our Port Captain, has the job of getting all the whalers equipped., supported by Merle Asper, our Fleet Captain. A huge thanks to Dave for working so hard at the equipment side of this regatta. And, finally, a thanks to our Commodore, Nicole Peoples-Moffett, for keeping me sane.

The Turkey Day regatta is also a lot about the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner served Saturday night. While on the food line, I was told by so many people how this regatta, and the dinner, is the one event that they never miss. With John McNaughton and our own beloved Jesus running the food out to the buffet line, Sue McDannel, Elaine Wood, Glenn Selvin, and Stephanie Munn kept serving people within a line that just never seemed to end. The carving tables, manned by Nicole and Steve Moffet, Ron Wood, and Bill McDannel, kept the birds flying off the table, while Diane Bateman and Carol Selvin kept everyone fattened up with pies!



Barbara Gabriel Photo



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Our club staff, lead by Club Manager Theresa Laird, kept everything running smoothly on the Club and facility side, putting out the box lunches, and cooking what was a huge Turkey Dinner, with nearly 500 people fed over a two hour span. And finally, a huge thanks to Stephanie Munn's live turkey, seen walking around the backyard during the Saturday morning Skipper's Meeting. While the Saturday night dinner was being promoted as a fresh turkey dinner, he was looking awfully nervous!



It was a great regatta, with the help of a lot of volunteers that ask for little more than a free lunch!

Glenn Selvin, Rear Commodore, Co-Regatta Chair

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# turkey day regatta - 2005

fifty years later, barney flam still has the turkey day touch

**B**arney Flam described the weather conditions for Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's annual Turkey Day Regatta as "light and fluky and at times quite tricky." But if anyone could handle it, he showed that he could by winning the competitive Cal 20 class with his son Steve as crew.

Flam, 80, has seen it all after sailing in Long Beach for more than half a century. Fifty years ago, before even the classic Cal 20s were around, Flam placed second in the first Turkey Day Regatta that featured an ocean course after the bridge across the Alamitos Bay jetty was removed, allowing larger sailboats to escape the inner bay.



Even so, Flam handed the credit off to his son. "Steve just calls really good tactics and I just point the boat to get there," he said. And for November, Barney Flam said, the 5 to 6 knots of wind "was pretty good."

The Flams won three of the first five races among 15 Cal 20s to clinch the title and cruised to eighth in the sixth and last race, "just trying to be conservative and stay out of everybody's way," Steve Flam said.

The regatta, a long-standing holiday tradition pre-dating even Barney Flam, attracted more than 300 sailors from San Diego to San Francisco on 225 boats in 18 classes, from little Lido 14s and eight-foot Sabots for kids and grownups in the bay to larger Olson 30s and A-Catamarans in the outer harbor inside the breakwater.

It's a venue that Ron Boehm and crew Pete Mohler of Santa Barbara will come to know well over the next year. Their one-point victory in the International 14 class was a prelude to next summer's class nationals and world championship in

Long Beach, scheduled for August and September, respectively.

"We plan to sail here a lot over the next few months," Boehm said, but he can expect better breeze than what prevailed Saturday and Sunday. The lively 14-foot skiffs need 12 to 15 knots of wind to truly stretch their legs, and they can almost count on that through the Long Beach summer.

"Most of the time we were able to get one person [Mohler] on the wire," Boehm said. "We never sail [at home in Santa Barbara]. It's too light."

The most dominant winner was Jay Glaser of Long Beach, a former North American champion who won all six A-Cat races in a fleet of 10. His strongest competition was lined up to be old pal Pete Melvin, the current world champion in the class, but Melvin's centerboard case broke in the first race, putting him out of the regatta.

Another tough rival, Glaser's wife Pease, was competing in France. Both are Olympic silver medalists, Jay winning his with Randy Smyth in the 1984 Olympics at Long Beach.

Glaser had no complaints with the lack of breeze, even though the A-Cats weren't flying their windward hulls very much.

"Five to 20 knots, it's always fun," he said. "We got on the trapeze at some points in puffs. Everybody had a good time."

Class winners:

LASER (28 boats)—Bob Falk, ABYC, 1-1-(4)-1-2-1-2-1, 9.

LASER RADIAL (42)—Charlie Buckingham, Newport Harbor YC, 8-3-5-2-3-2-(16), 23.

PORTSMOUTH (6)—Doug Jorgensen (Etchells), ABYC, 2-2-2-1-(4)-1, 8.

INTERNATIONAL 14 (10)—Ron Boehm/Pete Mohler, Santa Barbara YC, 2-(3)-2-2-1-3, 10.

CORONADO 15 (8)—Vincent Paternoster/Wayne Lewis, Marina Sailing, 3-4-(8)-3-2-2-1-1, 16.

OLSON 30 (8)—Larry Spencer/Todd Downey, Pacific Corinthian YC, 1-1-3-2-1-(4), 11.

MERCURY (8)—Pax Davis/Chuck Clay, St. Francis YC, 3-3-1-2-(6)-3-1, 13.

LIDO A (12)—Thomas Jenkins/Christina Campolmi, Morro Bay, 1-(4)-1-3-2-4, 11.

LIDO B (12)—Nancy Davidson/Missy York, Balboa YC, (2)-1-2-2-1-1, 7.

A-CAT (10)—Jay Glaser, ABYC, (1)-1-1-1-1-1, 5.

SENIOR SABOT (8)—Mark Gaudio, Bahia Corinthian YC, 2-1-1-1-2-(DNC), 7.

SABOTA (22)—Judge Ryan, San Diego YC, 1-(13)-5-1-4-2, 13.

SABOT B (13)—Kaitlin Driscoll, SDYC, 4-1-2-7-(10)-3, 17.

SABOT C (9)—Marissa Golison, Long Beach YC, 1-1-2-(8)-7-1, 17.

SABOT C-2 (6)—Joseph Kazane, ABYC, 1-2-1-1-(4)-3, 8.

SABOT C-3 (8)—Andrew Cates, SDYC, 1-1-1-(4)-3-3, 9.

CAL 20 (15)—Barney Flam/Steve Flam, ABYC, 4-1-3-1-1-(10), 10.

29ER (9)—Paul Hefferran/Ty Reed, Santa Barbara YC, 2-2-4-(DNC)-1-1-2, 12.

*Rich Roberts*

*Complete results at [www.abyc.org](http://www.abyc.org)*

*Full gallery of photos is posted at [UnderTheSunPhotos.com](http://UnderTheSunPhotos.com)*



# turkey day photos

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## weather classes

**T**he first weather class was a success! Forty-four was the final number and all found it informative and enjoyable. We are doing the second set of classes starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in January and continuing for the next five Tuesdays. These dates would be Jan 17,24,31 and Feb 7,14,21. Please sign up with Lori in the office.

If you missed the first classes, don't worry, you will still find the second set interesting and there will be a short catch-up the beginning of each class.

People have stated that they were disappointed that they could not make Marine Weather I. If there is enough interest (20 people?), we will reschedule. Please let Lori in the office know if you are so inclined, but I would still sign up for Marine Weather II. You won't be sorry.

The class outline is included in the Sou'wester as an insert.

*Merle Asper*

## scuttlebutt

**M**ark Townsend was awarded an honorary membership to Long Beach Yacht Club for his work on Long Beach Race Week. Randy Smith said "Mark made it happen." He built the website and contacted all of the feets to ensure a success while also running the competition. Way to go Mark!

Our warm thoughts and sincere condolences to Jamie Bell on the passing of her father after a long illness.

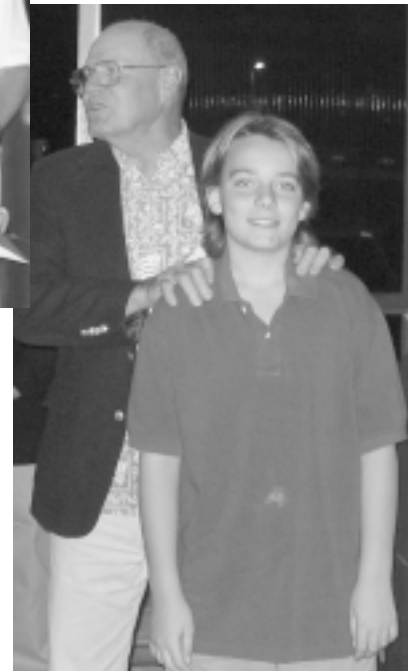
Ask Mark and Robin Townsend, Isabelle Lounsberry and Sandy Toscan about their latest adventure...to Libya!

Jim and Toni Morford will be spending the holidays in South Carolina with daughter, Brooke, husband Tom and baby Tanner to visit Tom's parents.

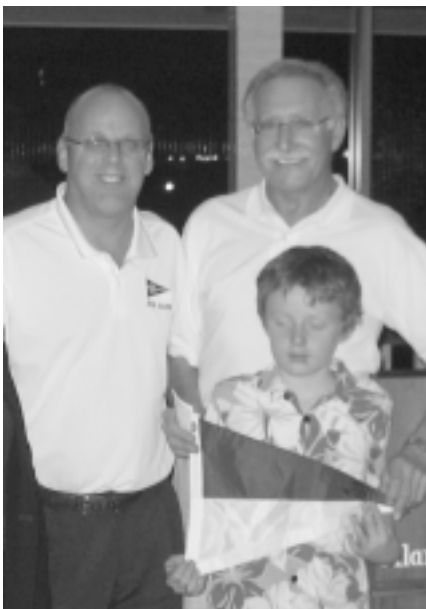
# membership



*Captions/details next month. Save your Sou'wester...we'll do a page layout/template.*



New member burgees presented at the membership meeting on November 18th. Welcome!  
*(S & N Moffett photos)*



# membership promotion

Only 28 more members required for full membership! We can do it! Remember these incentives:

New member receives 250 ABYC dollars.

First sponsor receives 250 ABYC dollars.

Sponsor two new members and have your name placed on the fabulous Commodores Counsel plaque.

Applications available via e-mail. Send one to a friend or loved one today.

Can't think of a holiday gift? Give a membership – Perfect!

*Bill McDannel*



# 2005-2006 committee chairs

20/20 Fund President	Jennifer Kuritz
ABYC Whaler Committee	John Massey
Archives/Historian	Chris Ericksen
ASPBYC Representative	Merle Asper
Blue Gavel President	Chuck Hardin
Boatique	Donna Massey
Burgee	Marilyn McMahon
By-Laws Review	Ron Wood
Catalina Cruise	Bobby & Kathy Frazier
Challenge Coordinator	Jorge Suarez
Christmas Float	Jon Robinson
Christmas Party	Stephanie Munn
CISA Clinic Liason	Chris Ericksen
Commodore's Yearbook	Jennifer & Kelly Moffett
Decorations	Diane Bateman & Elaine Wood
Easter Brunch	Stacy Conn
Entries/Bay Finish	Evelyn Belisle/Bobbie Peterson/Carol Reynolds
Finance Committee	Norma Clapp
Friendship	Jeanne Nelson/Sharon Pearson
Grounds/Landscaping	Tick Weber
House Committee	Todd & Cathy Black-Smith
I-14 World Championship Regatta	Chris Ericksen/Yvonne Galvez
Junior Olympics	Jim Bateman/Mike Segerblom
Junior Program Advisory Board	Bob Kirstine
Long Range Planning	Chas Merrill
Master Calendar	Grant Hill
Meeting Programs	George Honeycutt
Membership	Brian Brown
Moorings	Cole Price
Moorings-Reciprocal	Pat McCormick
Olympic Classes Regatta	Merle Asper/Dan DeLave
Opening Day	Chuck Hardin
Patience Committee	George Caddle/Dan DeLave
Peninsula CERT Rep	Preston Smith
Peninsula Representative	Merle Asper
Photography	Tracy Conn/Barbara Gabriel
Protest Clerk	Barbara Gabriel/Marilyn Hutchinson
Protest Committee/Chief Judge	Margaret Caddle
Protocol	Ted Flood
Race Management	Chris Ericksen
Regatta Computer Scoring	Jim Morford
Regatta Scoring	Sharon Pearson
Saint Patrick's Day	Sharon Pearson
SCYA Representative	Jim Bateman
SCYYRA Representative	Brad Bolger
Security/Officer of the Day	Steve Moffett
Social Advisory Committee	Sue McDannel
Sou'Wester Editor	Sharon Pearson
Stag Cruise	Jorge Suarez
Trophies	Cathy Black-Smith
Trophies-Perpetual	Carol Kofahl
Webmaster...	Rob Rice
YRUSC Representative	Ron Wood



## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

It always seems that the holidays bring a pleasant sense of urgency, never enough time for everything, yet lots of fun. And so it was at the November Keel Boat meeting. Great pot luck dinner – don't know how the pot luck works out so well. Maybe that's where the luck comes into play. In a change of agenda, we enjoyed a wonderful presentation of Bard Heavens's Holland charter boat trip by Judy Dyer from Seal Beach Yacht Club.

The meeting afterwards covered many topics. Election of the 2005-2006 chairs, mostly the same as last year. Joe Riddick said he would like pictures from members from childhood, teens or as far back as possible for a game at the upcoming December 9 Christmas party. Judy Mathias has our pianist already and primed with noel music. Judy also proposed a TV party at ABYC to watch the UCLA-USC December 3 football game. Further, Judy made a pitch for Barbara Gabriel's Choral Bells December 1 performance. I am beginning to think Judy loves a party.

I made one of my many blunders by failing to recognize Bob Chubb and Jeanne Reid's report on October's Pine Block Regatta and picnic. Both Jeanne and Bob do such a great job organizing the races, prizes and always make it a fun event. Mickey and Eleanor Beland bring their custom made starting marks plus are the retrievers of errant Pine Block sailboats of which there is always quite a few. However to be honest, it rained on our regatta. Most skippers enjoyed the fireplace in the quarter deck; however two or three diehards managed a short race in the basin. Needless to say, the picnic was still a great success.

The idea of a trip to Mexico's Copper Canyon was not greeted with much enthusiasm and will be dropped. Vern Peterson is pursuing the possibility of a spring cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club. The January 13 meeting will be highlighted by Paul and Mary Zack who have recently returned from a several year trip to the South Pacific including Vietnam, New Zealand and too many other places to name. Pot luck will again be the dinner. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the holiday functions.

*George*



ld Racing News:

October Sunday Races:

The winners were Mary Riddick with seven points ahead of Bob Ware with eight. Mark Vredenburg and John Ellis were close behind.

The Halloween Races were won by:

- (1) Jane McNaboe
- (2) Dianne Gonzales
- (3) Mary Riddick (in disguise)
- (4) Mark Vredenburg
- (5) John Ellis

The October Fleet Meeting was filled with Ceremony (?) as Mary Riddick received the "seat of authority" from Adra Kober who somehow seemed happy to give it up. Adra came from a more formal happening at her Stanford Reunion in time to

receive the fleet's thanks in the form of a Sabot charm necklace and copies of all the "Sabotiers" over her two-year reign.

Other burisness at the meeting:

(1) The Nick Scandone Fundraiser: The fleet voted to send \$100.00. All were urged to attend the "Australian Christmas Party" on Monday December 12th at 6 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 a person. There will be "heavy" hors d'oeuvres, a band, and dancing, and a boat parade. The Club parking is free.

Nick recently won trophies in Italy as World Champion where he was first in a fleet of 88. Money donated will send him to Australia to compete in another Championship. If you wish to donate or attend, please send a check to Balboa Yacht Club, Attn. Claude Jones, 1801 Bayside Drive, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625.

(2) Mary has discovered that Mark Gaudio would be available to tutor Senior Sabots in a 4 hour course (\$20.00) or a 6 hour course (\$30.00). This is one of those rare opportunities, so if you have a Sabot and would like to unlock its mysteries, this is the time to pick up the phone and dial Mary Riddick and get on the list Membership in the Senior Sabot Fleet is not required. (It's only \$7.00 anyway.)

Our December meeting is so early (December 4th), it probably will have passed by the time you get this message. Anyway, hope to see you at our Christmas Party or Membership Meeting in January when Wendy Siegal and Scott Atwood will give you details about the Trans-Pac.

Please call Mary Riddick for more events and races that you are invited to. So as not to end on a preposition: Happy Holidays!

*Barbara Gabriel*

## more sr sabots

On Nov. 13 there were 14 Sabot sailors on the water for the monthly fleet race. The winds went from moderate to light, but Tick was able to get 3 races in. Adra Kober and Barbara Gabriel were honored with flowers for their fleet work. Also, it's nice to have Mike Gass back with us. The results were: Lee Berlinger, 7 points, 1st; Jerry Thompson, 8 points, 2nd; Candy Bar Bob, 10 points, 3rd. A delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed by 28 people.

Lee Berlinger, John Ellis, Fred Stevens, and Mary Riddick sailed at SDYC in the final SCWSA Regatta Series on Nov. 16. Lee B. was 2nd and Fred S. was 3rd. Overall in the series Fred Stevens took first. Congratulations to Fred!!!

Please pay your dues now to Marilyn McMahan..\$7.00.

*Mary Riddick*

## **Sou'Wester DEADLINE**

Friday, December 16, 2005 is the deadline for the Januuary Sou'Wester.

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Let's catch up on some Lido news since we haven't been in the Sou'wester for a few months. Fleet captain Tracy Conn decided to bring back the time honored Luna de Lido in lieu of the October fleet race. For those who don't know,

Luna de Lido takes place on the evening of a full moon. The Lidos sail to a restaurant across the bay for dinner and drinks. This year Joe's Crab Shack was the chosen destination, and although there was a good turn out of Lido sailors that appeared at Joe's only two intrepid Lidos actually braved the moonlight sail. Everyone left after the long wait for our table had a great time enjoying the scrumptious seafood, cold beer, and lively conversation. The best part was when Tracy Conn donned a balloon hat, flippers, and grass skirt to dance around several tables while we sang Happy Birthday to him. He was a very good sport.

Next up was the Halloween regatta. Another good turnout of Lidos sailed with clear blue skies and a nice steady breeze of 8 to 10 knots on the bay. Three "A" boats and seven "B" boats sailed the three races that made up this one day regatta. Chuck Tripp with Paige Tripp as crew took home first place, and Bob Sherwood with wife Emily came in second in the "A" fleet. Mark Ryan (alias Peter Pan) with crew person "The Turtle" finished first and Ron Clanton with wife Carol took second in the "B" fleet.

The end of the year is just around the corner and this means the membership for 2006 will be due. Since Fleet 6 will be hosting the class championship in 2006, your dues will help us put on a great regatta. We will be sending out membership letters to all Lido owners in the ABYC membership book with an invitation to join the fleet. We will be also collecting dues at the annual Lido Christmas Brunch. If you own a Lido, we urge you to join the fleet and sail with us.

Up coming events on the Lido calendar for the month of November is the Turkey Day Regatta. Because this is such a great regatta there will not be a fleet race for the month. We will end the year in December with the Lido Christmas Brunch on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Ron Clanton*



Kevin Taugher proposed a Winter Racing Series for Lasers at ABYC starting in December and running through February.

As the idea was discussed through e-mail with our Fleet Captains, the idea of including Laser **Radials** and **Finns** came up and was enthusiastically endorsed.

Here is the plan:

Lasers, **Radials** and Finns will have the opportunity to practice their racing skills in a number of races on selected weekend days beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kevin was thinking of organizing this series to keep us active. The idea is an off-season series sailed out of ABYC every second or third Sunday afternoon with a 12:00 noon start with 3 to 5 short-course races.

We will race in the Bay or outside depending on conditions. We will take turns with RC duties and all competitors will pitch-in for gas (we think \$5.00 per racer will cover the cost of renting a whaler).

We will include anyone who wants to race, especially anyone new to Lasers /**Radials**, and the local high school talent. This will be fun and also keep our skills fresh so we can race the spring regattas well prepared.

Here is our tentative schedule:

December 4th  
December 18th  
January 15th  
January 29th  
February 12th  
February 26th

This schedule takes us up to the ABYC *E.E. Manning Series* March 4-5, ABYC *Chapped Cheek* March 18<sup>th</sup> and the Laser *Midwinters West* March 24-26 in San Diego.

We will need volunteers to handle Race Committee duties, so if there is a date you can volunteer your services, please send me an e-mail.

Please contact me anytime via E-Mail, [salaor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salaor@sbcglobal.net), phone at (626) 403-9533 or find me in the boatyard if you have any questions or are interested in getting your Laser back in the water. We can help you with rigging, pointers and lots of source material to help you get the most from your Laser.

*Steven Smith, ABYC Laser Fleet Captain*





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At the 2005 Etchells Worlds, hosted by Richmond Yacht Club in September, Chris Ericksen was honored with the International Etchells Class Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy. The trophy was awarded to him by the race committee following a week of racing and "character building" for his Corinthian values and dedication to our sport. This recognition of Chris by our sailing community in San Francisco Bay further confirms what we already know about him...he is one of ABYC's greatest cheerleaders and we are proud to have him represent our Club anywhere he goes. Congratulations Chris!

*Nicole Peoples-Moffett*

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