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## commodore's installation

A near-record crowd, the largest in the memories of many attendees, were on hand as Alamitos Bay Yacht Club gathered in the newly redecorated clubhouse to install ABYC's third-only woman Commodore and the rest of the 2004-2005 officers and directors of ABYC at the Installation of Officers and Commodore's Ball on Saturday, October 22.

Outgoing Junior Staff Commodore served as master of ceremonies for the event, which both recognizes and honors both the incoming officers and directors and the recipients of awards for the past year.



Sydney Bolger

Incoming Commodore Nicole Peoples-Moffett was joined by dozens of members of her families as well as colleagues and friends. In her remarks after being installed as the 66th Commodore of ABYC, she recounted the achievements of ABYC in the four years of her serving on the Board of Directors and acknowledged those who were responsible. She outlined the plans for the future and her hope that the coming year would be the best ever.



Nicole Peoples-Moffett

In particular, the Commodore cited Adra Kober and Norma Clapp, her predecessors as woman Commodores of ABYC, as particular role models and supporters. Norma presented a gift to Nicole from both of them.

In addition to the installation of the new Commodore and other officers and directors, the evening allowed the presentation of honor awards. While outgoing Junior Staff Commodore Kevin Ellis was master of ceremonies for the program, the presentation of ABYC's newest award, the Commodore's Council, was handled by director Merle Asper, a key mover in the new award. The council is made up of members who have sponsored two or more new ABYC members, and the names of the councilors will be engraved onto both the trophy and special nametags.



Jack Jorgensen

Junior awards were made to Jack Jorgensen, winner of the Ann and Sid Exley Junior Travel Trophy for "having raced the greatest number of regattas outside our area;" to Mark Ryan, winner of the Frances Dixon Nason Sportsmanship Trophy as the junior sailor who "best exemplified the principles of Corinthian sportsmanship;" and to



Merle Asper

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## save the date

General Membership Meeting .....	November 18
Turkey Day Regatta .....	November 19-20
CISA Clinic .....	November 25-27
Family Christmas Party .....	December 11
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General Membership Meeting .....	January 20

## commodore's comments



**E**ach year Alamos Bay Yacht Club goes through the changing of the guard. A new commodore is announced and new board members are elected. It is an important and meaningful event to our Board of Directors and the membership. This 79<sup>th</sup> year I am proud to serve our members as Commodore at one of the most respected yacht clubs in the country. And, I am especially honored to be following in the path of two extremely well respected figures of our Club and greater sailing community: Adra Kober our first female Commodore in 1982 and Norma Clapp our second female Commodore in 1991. These two women have supported me throughout my climb up the Flags and have encouraged me along the way to continue on the course to success - becoming the third female Commodore of the Alamos Bay Yacht Club. I especially want to thank these two women for trusting and instilling confidence in me to lead our Club over the coming year.

This year I am proud of our continuing efforts to recruit and elect strong members for the Board of Directors. The Board is a group of your fellow members that work very hard making sure that your Club is ready and available when you want to use it. We realize we can't satisfy everyone, but we know that we are making the best decisions on behalf of the membership at large. This past summer we repaired, remodeled, and painted the Clubhouse inside and out. It took a lot of time and money, but we know that the membership is happier with our facilities and enjoying greater use of them. Many more improvement projects are slated for the year ahead and the Board will continue to budget money and time to ensure our continuing efforts at keeping ABYC up to snuff!

The Board this year will also continue to focus on membership. We have a lot of new members around the Club and it is important to add more to our family. It is equally important to make sure our new members feel welcome and find their niche at ABYC. The Juniors have contributed a lot energy and momentum in this area, so let's join them and help new members get involved and ask fellow sailors without yacht club memberships to consider ABYC.

Finally as Commodore I hope to not only provide leadership to the Board and the membership, but I also have a few other goals in mind. I want our members to use our facility for more than just sailing. We provide a beautiful atmosphere inside and out that families and guests can enjoy and be proud of. I want our juniors to know that we support them, not only financially but in all of their activities and successes and that we are very proud of their accomplishments as ABYC sailors. I also want all of our members to be proud of the Alamos Bay Yacht Club-to enjoy the camaraderie and company of our fellow sailors and keep ABYC the prestigious and well-respected yacht club that is known all around the world. And lastly, through leadership, good fiscal responsibility and a sense of fun – I hope that I can continue the traditions of ABYC.

Fair winds & fast sailing!

Nicole Peoples-Moffett

## manager's corner



**W**hat an exciting year this is going to be for ABYC! We welcomed our new Commodore Nicole Peoples-Moffett into her year as "the leader of the pack", and we are all thrilled. Her leadership and help over my entire time as General Manager has been a godsend for learning the ropes. I know with her financial and business acumen we will see great things this year. If you have not done so please be sure to take a few minutes and volunteer for any upcoming races or committees that interest you.

With the new board and the newly remodeled building it will be the perfect time to renew our pledge to follow house rules and assure that our upper deck stays as beautiful as it is today by following some common sense rules that we have on the books. Children should never be on the second deck without adult supervision. This is not only for their safety, but for our bar licenses as well. Also, please be sure to pick up after your meetings and meals when you enjoy our new home. Our last carpeting and couches lasted us for years and years, it will be great to have this fresh new look with us for years to come as well.

Theresa Laird

## clear the decks boatique sale

**W**e're clearing and cleaning out, just in time for your holiday shopping. Lots of mens, womens and kids apparel, home dec items, and more. 50% off ticketed prices. Check out the sale through the Turkey Day Regatta. Look for REAL BARGAINS.

## family christmas party

**I**t will be on December 11th from 4:30 until the last carol has been sung. Free picture with Santa, gifts for the kids, singing with our very own wonderful Tres Amigos. All for the small price of \$12.00 for adults, \$5.00 for 12 years and under. 2 and under are free! If you wish to help out, please call Stephanie Munn (9510 549-02677 or the club. Everyone is welcome.

## membership

At its October 15th meeting the Board of Directors covered the following matters:  
Preston and Kari Holdner, Paul and Christine Makielski, and Stephen and Dois Reed were all approved for Regular Memberships.  
Junior Memberships will be offered to John McInerney, Shane Young, Carl Olson, Alex Cascell, Palmer Luckey and Ryan Beighlie. Kevin Leddy has been approved for Posting for a Junior Membership.  
*Membership Committee*

## speed limit

The speed limit on the Peninsula is 25 MPH. Not 30 or 50 MPH!  
An effort is being made to remind all Peninsula residents of this so we thought that we might as well notify ABYC members too! Let's be good neighbors.

## 6th annual boxing day regatta

Sunday December 31, 2005  
This year's Boxing Day regatta will be on Saturday December 31, more commonly know as New Years Eve, and absolutely your last chance to hit the water in 2005! Once again there will be a pursuit race. In a pursuit race the slowest boats start first and the fastest last. Last year saw the Sabots get away to a fast start and now one was able to catch them with Robin Townsend passing Jack Jorgenson just before the finish.  
Mark your calendars for a fun day on the bay, Saturday December 31, 2005 starting at 1pm.  
Get off the couch and work off some of that Turkey.  
*Mark Townsend*

## 19th charity regatta

The 19th Charity Regatta is in the book now and it was successful because of the sponsors, benefactors, donors, volunteers and race participants. The day was a bright and sunny one that might have had a bit more wind, however all went well and there were many friends of the event who came to ABYC just to share in the the support of this community service event.

We had a special guest and her father join us to see what a regatta was all about. That special person is the six year old who was the winner of the Children's Art Contest, Cindy Diaz. She is a charming young girl who autographed event shirts for a lot of us. I think she probably had writer's cramp and a dried out Sharpie when the day was done.

There were so many who helped make the day a success Betty Mills, Bobbie and Vern Peterson, John McNaughton, Barbara Gabriel, Jinx Ellis, Tick Weber, Shirley and Wayne Smith, Maggie and George Caddle, Jim Morford, David Myers, Dan Clapp, Sue McDannel, Terri Bishop, Carol Kofahl, Georgene Honeycutt, Stephanie Munn, Shelly Schrieber and our wonderful ABYC Staff. I hope I have not left anyone out - if so I apologize.

ABYC Venue (45 Entries): Sr. Sabot, Tom Newton 1st; Laser, Glen Styron 1st; Sabot A, Thomas Shadden, 1st; Sabot B, Samantha Gebb, 1st; Laser Radial, Jake Scarbrough, 1st; Lido 14, Scott Scarbrough, 1st; Sabot C, Kevin Baumann, 1st; Sabot C-2, Kase Wheatly, 1st; Sabot C-3, Kate Bishop, 1st.

SIBYC Venue (38 Entries): PHRF A, Defiance, Scott Taylor, 1st; PHRF B, T Rex, Steve Washburn, 1st; PHRF C, Dawn Patrol, Paul Turang, 1st; PHRF NS, Pac Wolf, N. Gib Gibling, 1st. LBYC Venue (26 Entries): CAL 25, Discovery, Warnock/Willingham, 1st; C 37, Team Whiplash, Dave Hood, 1st; CAL 20, Hot Pink, Jennifer Kuritz, 1st; Etchells, One-Eyed Spot, Bateman/Ellis, 1st; Schock 35, Whiplash, Ray Godwin, 1st.

SYCLB Venue (8 Entries): Cruiser Class, Joie, 1st; Beach Cats, Dave Kofahl, 1st.

Thank you also to PROs, John McNaughton, ABYC; Terry Hanna, SIBYC; Mike Van Dyke, LBYC and Bob Moore, SYCLB.

Congratulations to the perpetual trophy winners, Family, Whiplash, Ray Godwin; Betty Newton Memorial, Tom Newton, Jr.; Kelley Daniel Ting, Winner largest class, Kate Bishop, Sabot C-3.

Hope to see you celebrate the 20th Annual Charity Regatta next year.

*Norma Clapp, ABYC Representative*

One of the vagaries of doing a regular series like this is that we are limited by the diligence of the archivists: if there are no records, there is no record. Such is the case this month: we don't have a copy of the November 1985, *SOU'WESTER* in our files. Happily, we found one from November of 1968, thirty-seven years ago; that is the one we'll excerpt this month.

## **THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO:**

The *SOU'WESTER* of November 1968 was produced using a now-nearly-forgotten technology: mimeograph. A typewriter was used to "cut a stencil"—literally making holes in a sheet of plasticized paper—and a rotary press transferred ink through the stencil onto the page. It was inexpensive and very widely used in that time.

Neal Dundas was the new Commodore; joining him on the Board of Directors—only seven were on the Board in those days—were Chapin Burks, Don Helmer, Ray Klein, Evan McDowell, Jim Shirley and Jerry Thompson. Bob Ross was Rear Commodore and Paul Merrill, Jr., was Fleet Captain, but were not members of the Board as now. The names of other officers are really familiar to current ears: Mickey Beland was Fleet Surgeon, Pete Utecht was Judge Advocate, Bob Chubb was Port Captain and Steve Moffett was Junior Rear Commodore.

There were reports from fleets, some of which are no longer active. The Dragon fleet was focused "south of the border" all summer, as the 1968 Olympics in Acapulco had brought ABYC Dragon sailors Chuck Kober and Sid Exley and their wives to the event: Chuck was assistant manager of the U.S. team and Sid was tuning partner for the eventual gold-medal winner, Buddy Freiderichs of New Orleans. Don Hodges was simultaneously the fleet captain and champion of the Sabotier fleet; "Gentleman" George Lounsbury, "the Duke of 57th Place," was the new fleet captain for the Cal 20's. There was an Enterprise fleet—apparently not a big one, but ABYC member Jim Griswold won the Nationals at King Harbor in August—and the National One Design fleet was preparing for the "oldest established Christmas party at ABYC," it's 28th, at ABYC; Harry Holmes was the new fleet captain.

A call went out to ABYC members with burgees from other clubs: they would be "individually framed" and mounted on the clubhouse wall; the nameplate would feature a "small, painted replica of the burgee"...ABYC member Peter Barrett was a gold medalist in the Star class at Acapulco, sailing with Lowell North...new members included Charles B. Humphrey, Gordon McDermaid and Frederic M. Wise, Jr.

## **THIRTY YEARS AGO:**

Paul C. Merrill, Jr., was the new Commodore, according to the November 1975, *SOU'WESTER*. The newsletter had a new look, too: it was a 18-page booklet with 5-1/2" by 8-1/2" pages, printed in blue but still mimeographed. Toni Morford was the new editor, and the cover art was done by Cathy Black: as ABYC's fiftieth year was just beginning, the number "50" was worked into the logo along with the ABYC burgee.

New members included Michael D. Goyan, Jr., his wife MaryLee and their sons Michael and Kevin; Kenneth F. Green, his wife Carolyn and their daughters Leslie and Allison; Rowell W. Greene, his wife Mary and their daughter Emily; Richard A. Schmidt and his wife Gwen; and Jack Wills, his wife Winifred and their children Jack, Jr., Therese, Jerry and John. Steve Washburn, "who lives in Long Beach and skips and crews a variety of boats," became a Junior member.

The program at the November general membership meeting featured Stan Miller and a film about the 1975 Transpac, in which he and a largely ABYC team won the event...Earl Bowman retired from his position as Port Steward...there were 52 Lido 14's in three divisions at the Fleet Six Invitational in October; Argyle Campbell won in A's, Roscoe Butcher in B's and Jack Cook in C's..."Davy" Crockett was the new captain of the Cal 20 fleet...invited Ocean classes for the Turkey Day Regatta were PHRF A and B, Coronado 25, Cal 25, 5-0-5, International 14, 470, Snipe, Finn, Cal 20 A and B, Coronado 15 and Laser; classes racing on the Bay were Small Boat Arbitrary, National One Design, Lido, Laser, Senior Naples Sabot A and B and Junior Naples Sabot A, B and C.

## **TEN YEARS AGO:**

The cover of the November 1995, *SOU'WESTER* featured a photo of outgoing Commodore John Weiss handing a gavel to incoming Commodore Jerry Montgomery. The winners of all the service and achievement awards for 1995 were listed: they included Otis Tavlin, winner of the Sidney T. Exley Trophy (Commodore's Award); Mark Elliott and Allison Jolly, winners of the Ted Matson Memorial Service Award; Katie Flood, winner of the Frances Dixon Nason Sportsmanship Award; Curtis Spencer, winner of the Don Adams Memorial Trophy; Latham Bell, recipient of the Order of the Green Propeller; and Paul C. Merrill, Jr., winner of the Special Commodore's Award.

Both Men's Day and Ladies' Day were held on the same weekend, the ladies sailing on Saturday and the men on Sunday. Both had themes: the men working Ladies' Day dressed as sailors (as in the Navy). Jo Ann Pike was winner of the Christina S. Wagner Perpetual Trophy for lowest score by an ABYC sailor. The Men's Day theme was "Hurricane Marilyn," and saw a return of the Vice Commodore dressing in drag: this time it was Jerry Montgomery as Marilyn Monroe. Mark Townsend won the Men's Day Perpetual.

Jerry Thompson won the 1995 Snipe Masters Regatta...Stacy Dumain and Mark Capper were joint Snipe Fleet Captains, taking over for Nancy Grubbs...PATIENCE was just repainted by Chuck Clay.

*Chris Ericksen, Club Historian*

# laser master worlds 2005

## ABYC Sailors in Brazil!

ABYC Laser master sailors Kurt Miller, Mike Pentecost, Jorge Suarez, Chuck Tripp, and Vann Wilson competed in the 2005 Laser Master Worlds in Fortaleza, Brazil in October 2005. They joined 26 other Americans from the West and East coast to compete against sailors from every continent, except Antarctica! With 11 of 12 scheduled races completed, 25 to 30 knot winds and 3-5 foot waves (every day!), an ideal facility, and just being in Brazil, made for one of the most grueling and exciting Masters Worlds.



The largest class was the 53-boat Masters Standard Rig class where three ABYC sailors finished in the top ten in the premier class of the regatta. Kurt Miller and Vann Wilson reached the podium with a third and fifth, respectively. Chuck Tripp finished tenth with two third place finishes on the last day. Mike Pentecost, an accomplished sailor in much larger boats, finished 24<sup>th</sup> in his first Laser Worlds!



All four radial classes, over 80 boats, were all given the same start, which made for some spectacular starts

and finishes. Chris Raab earned three bullets in the Radial Masters class, pulling off two bullets on the last day to jump two positions and finish third in the class.



In the Apprentice Standard class, Scott Furgeson from Jamestown, RI, finished third in the "Young Gentlemen's" class and recalls ABYC very fondly. The three time All-American at Michigan met his wife Kim at ABYC back in the 80's. She finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the Apprentice Radial class. Jorge Suarez, also at his first Laser Worlds, finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the 20 boat Young Gentlemen's class.

182 sailors from 26 countries competed in 3 standard rig and 4 radial classes. The list of sailors read like a who's who of the sailing world, which included past Rolex yachtsman of the year, Finn Gold Cup winners, Soling, J-24, and Snipe world champions, Olympic class representatives, and past top 20 Open Laser World champions. With growing families, careers, and just plain growing up, many of these sailors no longer have the time to commit to programs that made them champions. However, for the love of the sport, they put their egos away to compete in the Masters and enjoy the racing that goes on at each respective level of commitment. For many who did not have the opportunity to race at such a high level before, it was their chance to race against the legends of the sport!



Finally, because of the tremendous fitness level required to race a Laser, you will never find a more fit and great looking group of men and women ages 35 to 75, nor will you find bigger bar tabs and restaurant bills!



It was an unforgettable experience!  
*Jorge Suarez*



IT'S DUCT TAPE!! HE PROBABLY WAS A SAILOR!

## scuttlebutt

Is it really possible that with over 400 members there is NO news this month? No births, no anniversaries, no trips, no graduations, no promotions, no golf tournament wins...NOTHING!! We have decided that we may as well begin making up news and spreading rumors. Sound interesting? We don't think so!

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**H**ello ABYC members! We have had a great fall so far and a huge fall program! Thanks to so many outstanding parents and supporting club members, we have found ourselves with 52 students in our fall sailing program which really expands on previous year's success. The fall program consists of many events such as the Friday nights Candy Bar Races, an event that parent Jon Robinson came up with and organized. It is a fun way for the kids to get to see each other during the off-season and for parents to socialize while their students are out sailing. Occasionally after the racing we have a "Carbo Party" which entails eating some pasta or pizza to load up on carbohydrates the day before a regatta. This is always a fun activity for all and one of my personal favorites! ☺

Additionally we have our standard fall clinics (usually once a month). There have been some new instructing faces at the fall clinics this year. We have been fortunate enough to have some outstanding guest instructors come in this fall to give our students a new point of view on old concepts. **Adam Deermount** has several honors and awards and is a nationally renowned Laser sailor currently working with our Laser Radial Junior sailors. **Mark Gaudio**, Senior and Junior Sabot Champion is a familiar name for many and has been helping out our advanced Sabot students furthering their tactical and boat speed abilities. **Mark Ryan** is a junior ABYC member who is not only a great Sabot sailor, but a wonderful person all around. He has been helping out with the Beginner class. Along side of these new instructors are some of our summer regulars including **Serena Zahler, Matt Levin, and myself**. As always, we look forward to getting more new faces rotated in to have different methods and perspectives taught to the students.

## **North Series Wrap Up**

This was an incredibly fun regatta to watch as we had intense competition on both ends of the spectrum. Probably my favorite story of the regatta was the C3 competition being duked out between Sunny Scarbrough and Joey Kazane. After two full days of these beginning racers trading off between 1st and 2nd place finishes, it finally came down to the last race - winner take all!! It was amazing to watch the intensity (while being good sports) between these two sailors. They were quite literally neck and neck, eyeing each other down on the downwind leg. In the end, Joey got the victory by very little, but a friendship has certainly developed as well.

I was very proud of our younger sailors who took home 1st-3rd in the C3 and C2 fleets as well as a stunning performance by all of our B fleet sailors - especially Samantha Gebb who won the regatta in style with almost all 1st place finishes!

Here are the students who competed and how they did. We are proud of them all!

**A Fleet:** Jack Jorgensen – Jack has represented well as our lone A Fleeter and is quickly moving up the ranks.

**B Fleet:** Samantha Gebb - Won 1st place in style and will be moving up to join Jack in the A fleet

Lauren Bussey - 3rd Once again tied with Laura Newton and won the tie breaker (these two love to do that)

Laura Newton - 4th place She's on fire lately folks. On fire I tell ya!

Derek Smith - 7th place, he just moved up to B's and is already competing strongly with some top 3 finishes!

AJ Robinson - Only could sail the first day and he still nearly finished top 10!

Jake Scarbrough - Normally a laser sailor this guy skipped all of the C's and went straight to B's for this regatta.

Kevin Baumann - This 10 year old is determined to be an A sailor as soon as humanly possible and has worked hard to make it into the B fleet for his first regatta this time. I'm giving him major props for rising to his own challenges and his sheer determination to be as good as "the older kids".

**C2 Fleet:** Riley Gibbs - 1st Place, he won every race on sheer speed. This guy is still only 8 years old!

Ginger Luckey - 2nd place, the Luckey's strike again with a phenomenal regatta

Palmer Luckey - 3rd place, The siblings are quickly moving up the ranks!

**C3 Fleet:** Joey Kazane - 1st place, somebody's moving up to C2...

Sunny Scarbrough - 2nd place, I give major props to this girl for her intense desire to win, but more so because of her great sportsmanship after the regatta was over. She is a class act.

Richard Bell - 3rd place, he has been in the trophy presentation the last three regattas! Congrats Richard!

The season is rolling along and the students are doing wonderfully! I'm sure there is more to come. I'll look forward to seeing all of you around the club!

*Brad Schaupter, ABYC JR. Sailing Director*



*L to R - Derek Smith, Jack Jorgensen, Laura Newton and Samantha Gebb wearing their North Series group hats that Mark Ryan (instructor and member) has made.*

## membership promotion



**W**ait.... Remember the membership promotion!  
**Promotion:** When ABYC receives a new member, the #1 sponsor and new member each get 250 ABYC dollars. 250 can be used for club merchandise. 200 can be used for food, beverage, or club merchandise.

Use them or give them to the new prospective member, so they can start their long career at ABYC with some great ABYC items. With \$500 ABYC dollars, they could throw a fabulous party at happy hour and buy ABYC t-shirts for all their friends. How about inviting all of their friends to Easter brunch? Maybe they will create some prospective members of their own!

*Merle Asper*

## commodore's council

**W**e just announced the formation of the Commodore's Council at the Commodore's Ball. Please note our fabulous new plaque located upstairs, on an easel. It will soon have a prominent permanent location where everyone can see it when they enter the Club. It states "Commodore's Council: Enhancing the Club through membership development". Below that, this years names are listed. You will see the plaque is large and can accommodate many years and lots of names — there's room for you to have your name on it several times!

Why membership is important: The basis of any club is its membership. With every new member comes renewed energy in the direction of the Club. When we get a new person or family, we get more people that will be promoting, preserving and working to benefit the Club. Maintenance and construction needs will be taken care of now and in the future. With each new member the load gets less and easier to handle. With a full compliment of members, we will easily be able to handle upgrades and basic maintenance to the infrastructure, as well as future goals and hurdles that are absolutely going to come up.

People should also remember, it is gratifying to sponsor a new member and see them growing within the club. How does the person feel that sponsored our Junior Staff Commodore Ron Wood? How about our Commodore Nicole Peoples-Moffett? Look at all the great things they have done and will do.

**The Purpose:** The Commodore's Council is to give more incentive to people sponsoring new members into the club and to keep it in their vision. Ultimately, to recognize the people who go above and beyond the call of duty in bringing in new members.

**Requirements:** A member must be the primary sponsor of two or more regular, yachting, or junior members within the year October through September.

2004-2005 Commodore's Council members:

Merle Asper	Chris Raab
Bob Bishop	Alan Rosenberg
Dan DeLave	Steve Rosenberg
Glenn Dobbs	Dave Rustigan
Keith Ives	Mike Segerblom
Bob Kirstine	Ron Wood
Dominic Meo	

Please thank this years Commodore's Council Members when you see them around the Club! They deserve your gratitude.

*Merle Asper, merleasper@verizon.net*

## weather classes

**I**t is a huge success! We have 43 people attending and everyone is having a great time. We are learning about high pressure, low pressure, and everything in between. What do a warm front and a cold front have in common? They are both located in the beginning stages of a low-pressure system, silly.

We will be doing the second set of weather classes! Perhaps even coastal navigation, and from there the sky is the limit. You can email with suggestions.

Stay tuned for more details!

*Merle Asper*

# stag cruise 2005 - huge success!

A roar could be heard in the distance. Bloodthirsty cries and war chants flew to the air as the natives worked themselves into a feverish delirium. As I drew closer, my eyes focused, barely. What I saw was a large group of maniacal sailors that were carrying on the fine ABYC stag cruise tradition as only a bunch of crazies could. I said to myself, "This is how it should be all year long!" Another record year!

We had the largest amount of people that anyone could remember. We had the largest amount of new members attend that anyone could remember. We had the largest amount of boats and particularly powerboats attend that anyone could remember. We even had a large amount of long time members attend that have never been before!



Stag (That Motley) Group

All are in agreement; we had a large amount of fun!

Style points to Grant Hill for pulling off a great event. Jim Bateman, Chris Ericksen, Kevin Ellis, and Rob Rice all earn points of their own for deeds above and beyond the call of duty.

Thanks to all that came and participated. See you next year!

Count on the dates to be around the last weekend in September, first weekend in October as always. Just count on it. We will let you know if there are any changes!

*Merle Willis Asper III*



The Serene Cruise Home



Stag Cruise Olympics

# halloween regatta photos

photos by Jon Robinson

Article next month...





## 2005 holland cruise

The 2005 Holland Cruise turned out to be a great trip. It went from Sept. 2, 2005 to Sept. 9, 2005 and each day was sunny, warm, and no rain at all until the 9<sup>th</sup> when we had to depart.

All the boats were steel, single screw, double or triple cabin cruisers with at least a bow thruster. The larger ones had both bow and stern thrusters. All cabins had private heads and showers, all galleys had a 4 burner propane stove and fridge. The only problem was ice and ice cubes. Fortunately we were able to buy plastic ice cube bags that go in the freezer. Nobody sells ice in Northern Europe. (A gin and tonic comes with one cube.)



We originally had 26 persons going; however, one couple was forced to cancel out. That left the "Indros" with Larry & Jane Kidd and Carol Reynolds aboard. "Aiger" had the Kaspers and Ellises, "Irene", the McMahons, Drury's and Nelsons as skippers and crew. Ron & Elaine Wood along with Elaine's sister Barbara Chapla, Barbara Marks & I were on "Adventure". Rowell & Pinky Greene plus Ed & Pat Heath (Balboa Yacht Club) were on "Indra", and Jim & Judy Dyer (Seal Beach Yacht Club) had "Iris" and her 3 staterooms all to themselves.

John Ellis (with the help of Dennis Kasper) organized everyone at Amsterdam Airport at noon on Sept 2 and the bus brought them to "De Oude Schouw Hotel" in Akkrum. They arrived around 1:30 pm and had the afternoon to sample some Dutch beer or do some jet lag catch up.

That night we had our final shore side meeting and dinner at the hotel. It was an excellent buffet featuring Chateaubriand

prepared by Brahm, the owner of the "Oude De Schouw".

The boats were ready early the next day, but on that Saturday, Akkrum, our destination, featured a big choir recital with choirs from as far away as Germany. There simply was no place to tie up. We decided to stay overnight at the Marina.

We left early Sunday for Echtenbrug. It was about a four hour run down the Princess Marguriet Canal, which is the main commercial canal through Holland from Denmark. It connects with the Rhine at Amsterdam. After crossing Tjeukemeer, a medium sized lake, we tied up in Echtenbrug, all six boats in a row. It's a small village but had a nice restaurant and was a good spot for our first night's stay.

The next day we left for Blockzijl. From here on, the routes were very scenic with all sizes of homes along the canals. A simple comparison would be driving down Main Street in a picturesque village or town at five knots. We also went through farms, next to windmills, and were off the beaten track where no commercial freighters go.

Blockzijl had slips right in the middle of town so we went through the lock and tied up there. Water was available and for a Euro, one could fill ones tank.

There was more scenic travel on day 6 to Steenwijk, which is a substantial sized town with a big shopping area. Again, there were many restaurants and being that the European holiday season was over, no problem finding a place where all 6 boats could tie up.

We next went to Heerenveen and stayed in a marina "Jachthavens De Bron-De-Welle." We ended up with a real dockside party, all the men on one boat, all the women on another. That was our one "cook on board" nite.

By Thursday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, we realized how blessed we were with day after day of sunshine. We had about a four hour run to Grou and we all tied up at the Oostergoo Hotel and Restaurant. Grou is a nice shopping village and that nite, the Oostergoo prepared us a fantastic meal. It was almost as good as De Oude Schouw. Our group was the last to leave the restaurant.

Friday we did some local cruising in a national park area, "The Princenhof" and returned to the marina. We had to be off the boats by 9 am Saturday morning.

We had one last dinner at De Oude Schouw on Friday nite.

Saturday came, time to get off, time to leave Friesland, and it was raining. We had a great time cruising Friesland and the gods smiled down on us with plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures.

Oh yes, like all trips, there's a negative. Barbara and I used up a full can of "Off". Friesian mosquitoes are very small but very aggressive. Other than that, it was simply a great week had by all.

*Bard Heavens (photos from Ron Wood)*



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## KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH

The 2006 ABYC calendar with our dates entered has been duly discussed and agreed to by the various ABYC fleet captains. The calendar contains our dates for the meetings and Pineblock Regattas and picnics. We will retain the Friday night format for cocktail hour and potluck dinner. However, if the noise from the ABYC 'happy hour' is too loud, we will have the after dinner meeting in the quarterdeck.

A copy of the club calendar for 2006 will soon be available on the ABYC website. We will also try to hand out copies of just our fleet's dates at the November meeting.

As the "On Watch" column reported in October, the November 11 meeting will cover a fair amount of subjects. The Christmas party, cruising, dinner at other yacht clubs, report by Bob Chubb and Jeanne Reid on the October 16 Pineblock Regatta and picnic, vote on the slate of Chairs for the 2005-2006 year, brochures handed out for a possible trip to Mexico's Copper Canyon, plus our fleet and the Sabotiers responsibility for the ABYC January meeting.

As the old saying goes, 'dues are due'. Send a check for ten dollars made out to 'Keel Boat Fleet' and address to Sue Brennan, 118 Glendora Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90803. The November meeting will start with a list of paid members. Hope your name is there.

The highlight of the meeting will be the report and pictures of the people who went on Bard's great trip to Holland.

*John and George*



October sees the changing of the guard, and we say goodbye to Adra Kober as our Fleet Captain who has served for two years. In a fitting tribute at this time, the Alamitos Bay Fleet has come up with the "Adra Kober ABF Service Award Perpetual." She and John Shadden will be selecting the design. In the meantime the first recipients have received beautifully engraved plaques. And who should they be but: John Ellis and daughter Jane McNaboe. Congratulations to all!

This month was filled with perpetual award winners. The Charity Regatta saw Tom Newton win his mother's (Betty Newton) Perpetual. Isabelle Lounsberry, our new Assistant Fleet Captain, proudly handed out her husband's perpetual to daughter, Robin and Mark Townsend. Pinky Greene received both the Wagner and Russell Perpetuals in the Ladies' Day Regatta. Mark Ryan, Roscoe Butcher's grandson, sailing in Tehautepecer, was awarded the best sportsmanship Perpetual in the Junior Nationals. Bob Ware won the Twilight Perpetual as well as the Fleet Championship.

Now back to the regular trophies:

September Fleet Race: 1) Lee Berlinger  
2) Mary Riddick

Labor Day Regatta	1) Sarah McNaboe 2) Jeff Merrill 3) Jane McNaboe
Charity Regatta	1) Tom Newton 2) Fred Stevens
Ladies Day A's	1) Jane Kenny 2) Betty Becker 3) Pam Lindley 4) Mary Riddick 5) Dianne Gonzales
B's	1) Pinky Greene 2) Nancy Mellon 3) Sheila Eberly
Men's	1) Mike Bartell 2) Jerry Thompson 3) John Ellis 4) Fred Stevens.

In the SCWSA Race September 21st, Our Mary Riddick took a second in the A's; Pinky Green a third in the B's, and Fred Stevens a 3rd in the Men's.

With the October Meeting, Mary Riddick begins her year as Fleet Captain. We look forward to lots of activities. Our Sunday Racing is on the calendar. Come join us on the bay or the great dinners which follow. Everyone invited!

*Barbara Gabriel*



## Breaking News

A contingent from ABYC traveled to Forteleza-Ceará Brazil for the 2005 Laser and Laser Radial Masters World Championship.

In a regatta contested offshore in breezes reported to have gusts of 30+, our guys did great!

See the article written by Jorge Suarez on page 5.

Laser Fleet hosts the ABYC General Membership Meeting in February. We'll see you there!

Steven Smith

ABYC Laser Fleet Captain



Jerry Thompson and Jeff Littell, sailing their first full year as members of the ABYC Etchells Fleet, won the 2005 Fleet Championship Series the old fashioned way: they earned it.

Jerry and Jeff just plain sailed more than anyone else this year, and did it better. They started 2005 with their boat, USA1229, back in Florida as they tuned up against some of the best sailors in the class in the Jaguar Series. They came home to finish a strong second in the Worlds Qualifier Regatta back in April, the first of the five scheduled regattas in the 2005 series. But then they sailed every one of the other regattas: theirs is the only record for which discarded races are not

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DNS or DNF. And the boat sailed much of the summer in the Seal Beach Yacht Club PopTop Regatta.

Turns out the last regatta of the series, a fleet race scheduled for Saturday, October 15, was a non-starter. Many of the usual suspects were unavailable: Dudley/Powell because of their un-repaired boat, Greg Sims because of his still-mending body, Carter/Ericksen due to travel plans. So the two boats that did launch and rig—John Chapman's UNION JACK and Jerry Montgomery's JUMPER—went out and practiced in beautiful fall weather. It was a return to action for Jerry, who sailed with Bob Anderson and Alan Johnson; they reported no broken pieces or nothing to repair or rereg, much to the skipper's surprise. And Charlie Burm, long missing from action, came out from Phoenix to sail with John and Steve Smith; while there was no racing, the two boats paced together a bit. Jim Bateman raced a Cal 20 with Chris Wells in the regatta that did happen, with four races run, for the six Cal 20's that turned out, by Gordon Dudley and Chris Ericksen.

The totals below are preliminary, but the standings are final. The issue is, what to do about scoring the October 15 race? It was scheduled, even if nobody came—so should everyone be scored DNF? And if everyone is scored DNS, then Thompson and Littell still win the series—but their point total will go up, as they'll discard DNF's instead of races with low scores. Ah, the vagaries of a high-point series! Anyway, here are the final standings and the preliminary final points:

OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS	OWNER	SAIL NO.	TOTALS
Thompson/Littell	USA1229	72	Chapman	USA1002	17
Jorgensen	USA126	51	Dudley/Powell	USA531	15
Carter/Ericksen	USA491	45	Rice/Ureño	USA90	13
Feo	USA790	44	Wells/Dooros/Hardy	USA488	12
Corkett/Palmer	USA889	28	Bateman/Ellis	USA143	9
Harvey	USA965	25	Kelly	USA89	5

October included two other events of note, both of which were pending as this article is written. On Saturday, October 29, the ABYC juniors were scheduled run the annual Halloween Regatta, in which Etchells usually compete. And on Saturday, October 22, Nicole Moffett was scheduled slated to be installed as the 66th Commodore of ABYC, the third woman to achieve that office, the second woman to have shared this distinction with her husband and the 13th ABYC Etchells owner to have held the office of Commodore of ABYC. Etchells owner Jim Bateman was to be installed as Vice Commodore the same day. Congratulations to you both and to all our officers and directors, and best wishes for the coming year.

There is no fleet race scheduled for November, so the next event is the big one for ABYC, the annual Turkey Day Regatta. It'll be as big and as weird as ever, and is set for Saturday and Sunday, November 19-20. Be there.

*Chris Ericksen*

## laser/radial/finn winter series

Low-key Fall to Spring Laser and Finn racing series out of ABYC, open to anyone and everyone, held every two to three weeks on Sundays between Turkey Day and the Midwinters West in March. This would be for fun sailing, recruiting new fleet members, bringing some new juniors up to speed and most of all getting out on the water for some exercise, fun and to sharpen the skills to have better results come next season.

We will run 3 to 5 races, rain or shine, beginning around 1:00 in the bay but possibly in the harbor depending on conditions and skill levels. The fleet members will take turns with RC duty and all pitch in for gas/whaler costs, approximately \$5 per event. Radial sailors are welcome and the more experienced guys will be expected to help out the less experienced Laser sailors.

To add your name to the e-mail distribution list, please contact Kevin Taugher -kevintaugher@yahoo.com or Fleet Captain - Steve Smith salaor@sbcglobal.net

### **Tentative Schedule**

Every 2 weeks between Turkey Day and MWW

Race 1 - Turkey Day 11/19, 11/20

Race 2 - 12/4

Race 3 - 12/18

Race 4 - 1/1

Race 5 - 1/15

Race 6 - 1/29

Race 7 - 2/12

Race 8 - 2/26

Race 9 - Midwinters West and /OCR

*Kevin Taugher*

## **Sou'Wester DEADLINE**

Friday, November 18, 2005 is the deadline  
for the December Sou'Wester.



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Sydney Bolger, winner of the Don L. Adams Memorial Trophy for the Outstanding Junior Sailor for having "shown excellence in representing ABYC both in racing and Corinthianism."



Kevin Taugher

ABYC Port Captains Dave Myers and Paul Ancil were awarded the Order of the Green Propeller for their efforts as Port Captains. The Neal Dundas Daily First Perpetual Trophy was awarded to two ABYC Sabot sailors from opposite ends of the racing spectrum, Senior Sabotier Don Hodges and junior Savannah Robinson. And Merle Asper was awarded the Ducky Woodman Award for having "performed an unusual deed (two, actually)" on the 2004 Stag Cruise.

Another new trophy, the Stan and Elise Church Perpetual, was presented for the first time. Dedicated by their children to honor these long-time members, it is intended to be awarded to the married couple with the most successful racing record or record of service to the club. Robin and Mark Townsend were the inaugural winners of this award.



Mark and Robin Townsend



For her "outstanding service" to ABYC, Sharon Pearson was awarded the Ted Matson Memorial Service Award. And Kevin Taugher, winner of the 2005 U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship for the George O'Day Trophy sailed at ABYC, was awarded the Sidney T. Exley Trophy, the Commodore's Award, for having brought "distinction to the club."

A number of outgoing officers and directors received service awards as well, including Junior Staff Commodore Kevin Ellis, Port Captain Paul Ancil, Fleet Surgeon Mick Shlens, Junior Rear Commodore Graham Bell and Director Bard Heavens.

Following the festivities, dancing to recorded music allowed the first use of the new portable dance floor on the second deck of the clubhouse.

*Chris Ericksen (Barbara Gabriel photos)*



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