



# Beside the Point



## A word from the Commodore

By Sandy Lash

It's been a busy and fun summer with the Fourth of July Raft Up, General Membership Meeting and Big Boat Regatta. See the race results for the Regatta on our website at [pointlomayc.org](http://pointlomayc.org). Please also try to join the fun at Mariner's Cove in Mission Bay for a Labor Day Raft Up.

I want to take this opportunity to advise that Chuck King has taken over the position of Rear Commodore (as well as still assuming the position of Secretary). Thanks Chuck! The Board also voted in Jim Torian as another Director and keeps our number at 9. Thanks Jim! Ann Kinner resigned the position of Rear Commodore when she was just way to busy with two jobs, one of which is out on the water and conflicting with the dates of many of our events. Ann is still a PLYC member and I want to thank her for several years of work on the Board.

Congratulations are in order for the PLYC team that won Best Overall at the Little Race for Little People.

The Board has been very busy discussing the potential to lease space for a **PLYC Clubhouse** with Marina Cortez. *That's right – our very own clubhouse!* Those members who attended the July 27 General Membership Meeting also had a lot of positive input to our proposal to the Marina. I'd say at this point that we are at 95% toward signing a lease.

The space is approximately 300 square feet and located on the corner of the marina building that borders on the pool area and Harbor Island Drive. In our proposal, we also asked for first right of refusal to expand into space that may

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come available in the future. We will also get a 10% discount on the rent if paid one year in advance. The lease will include a clause that we can opt out annually.

Once the lease is signed, many things will happen.

(1) Remodeling of the space that used to be a supply room for the restaurant upstairs. Robbie Hickethier will oversee the remodeling that will include installing a drop ceiling, fixing the walls, adding a door to face the pool area, installing a bar, etc. I'm sure Robbie could use help in the labor involved in this, as well as if anyone has materials that could be used.

(2) Applying for a sales tax license and ABC license. Some research has already been performed in this area. If someone has had experience in applying for an ABC license, please contact me by 619-723-5117.

(3) Furnishing the clubhouse. We hope to schedule an Open House with our members being able to see the space without furnishings. We may then be able to save some money by receiving donated items that will compliment this space.

(4) Manning the clubhouse. We hope to be open at least three evenings a week from approximately 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and, of course, for our events. Volunteers will be needed to open, man the bar and close. A clubhouse manager will also be needed to oversee ordering of supplies and scheduling volunteers.

The funds to remodel and pay the first year's rent will come from our two CD's. We feel very confident that we will not have to use normal operating funds. **However, we need your help!** In order to make sure we have enough funds, we need to increase the membership. We also anticipate a dues increase effective in 2003. The more new members we bring in, the less the increase.

Therefore, I am asking all our members to talk to at least one friend about joining our club. Have them check out our Website. Download an application from the website and have it ready for them to fill out. If even one-third of members are successful in this endeavor – that would definitely help us through the crucial first few months until the ABC license is received and we get on track to having the clubhouse pay for itself.

Nominations are due this Fall for the 2003 Board for PLYC. The staff commodores are in charge of putting together a ballot for the members by October. Please consider putting in your name for one of positions available. Contact Geff Fisher, Woody or Linda Wood, Jackie Collins, Ned Knight or Susan McGuire.

I want to thank Jim Torian for graciously offering to take over the task of the Newsletter. With Jim also handling the Website, I think this will be a good focal point for all our news to get both on Website and published in a Newsletter for mailing. I know I am very relieved as my workload was just getting too much!

That's all for now – hope to see you at the Labor Day Raft Up, the Fall General Membership Meeting (hoping to be scheduled for the opening of the Clubhouse) and the Jimmy Rogers Memorial Regatta in October!

# PLYC Wins Best Overall in the Little Race For Little People

By Jim Torian

The Little Race For Little People was Saturday, August 3rd. With the dedicated effort of PLYC members Rachael Collins, Bob Kearns, Ed McCoy, and Jim Torian, we were judged "Best Overall" by the race committee (thank you). Our theme this year was "We Pledge Allegiance..." with a well designed sail and coordinating t-shirts and hats. After the parade and judging, we gathered in the starting area for the traditional blessing and water fight. Shortly after the start on the first leg, the team executed the "Insta-

Bail System" suggested by Ed McCoy, by flipping the boat in shallow water, righting the boat, and continuing on. The race went counter-clockwise around Shelter Island Marina and consisted of 5 legs. Leg 2 was paddled stern first. Leg 3, paddled bow first, was the longest leg passing all of the mega yachts and was a battle of endurance, and in addition, we had to pick up a stuffed shark toy for the finish. Leg 4 was a "reach to the beach" under sail and we were allowed to use the handles of the

paddles to paddle with. Leg 5 was between the marina and shore, sailed and paddled bow first, but we had to cross the finish line stern first and toss the stuffed shark thru a balloon arch on the stern of the finish boat, which Ed did with quarter-back precision.



Bob, Ed, Rachael and Jim accept the award for Best Overall. Photo: Woody Wood

## PLYC Merchandise Inventory

A current inventory of our merchandise was completed on August 23. We have over 285 articles of clothing in stock. The items include silk-screened long and short sleeve T-shirts and tank tops, embroidered polo shirts, fleece vests, sweat

shirts and pants, pullovers, sweaters, hats, visors, neckties and lapel pins. Name brands include Oneida, Outerbanks, and Cheetah. Pictures of the regular stock will be posted on the club website. We have a number of single items, 2XL

sizes, and "historical" merchandise which will be on sale at the next general meeting. Please let us know what items and sizes you would like to see in the future by emailing us at [info@pointlomayc.org](mailto:info@pointlomayc.org).

## Ken Walter To Retire as Fleet Captain

Fleet Captain Ken Walter has announced that this will be his last year as Fleet Captain. He has provided us with outstanding service managing the club races. He has provided us with planning, scoring and has been the PLYC Race Committee Boat for The Fleet Captains Race, The Big Boat Race, and



The Jimmy Rogers Memorial Race every year. We sincerely appreciate all of the work he has done for us. PLYC is currently looking for someone to follow in his footsteps. Ken will be happy to help train the new Fleet Captain starting with the Jimmy Rogers Memorial Race on ..... October 27th.

### Wanted!

#### Contributors for the Newsletter and Website

Did you race? Did you join a raft-up? Did you go on a PLYC cruise? Did you take any pictures? Please write 75-150 words and send your

brief articles and pictures to the newsletter and website for publication. Please include a description of the picture and your name for proper credit. You can e-mail us through the website or directly at [info@pointlomayc.org](mailto:info@pointlomayc.org).

## Calendar

**August 31st-September 2nd**  
Mission Bay Raft-Up...see article  
**September 10th - 6 PM**  
Board Meeting - Marina Cortez Pool

**October 8th**  
General Membership Meeting - the date is tentative. The time and place will be arranged shortly after signing the lease on our new clubhouse

**October 27th**  
Jimmy Roger's Memorial Race - San Diego North Bay  
**November 12th - 6 PM**  
Board Meeting...place TBA  
Visit the club website for the most current information.

# The Digital Yacht Club

## By Jim Torian, PLYC Webmaster

Now, in 2002, we have a new and very useful set of tools at our disposal. These tools help us communicate instantly, keep our records current, respond to changes in a timely fashion, and express ourselves with more creativity. The difference today is how we use these to enhance our lives. When we invest a little time and effort, the rewards multiply.

Our computers and the Internet are the most common tools at our disposal. Beside The Point (our club newsletter), the PLYC Membership Roster, and the PLYC Website are created on computers. The ease and versatility of writing, cutting, and pasting streamlines the task of publishing, but they wouldn't exist or capture your interest without the input of our members. I strongly encourage everyone to submit articles and information to us, via the website and e-mail, to improve the quality of these publications for you. Thank you to all of our members who have contributed their efforts writing articles, posting race results, and compiling information for our membership roster.

The Internet is a major player in the conveyance of information. Our website is the center of the most current information available, but is limited in content by the contributions to the website. In order to stay up-to-date, we need to maintain a flow of input. As a member, you can assist us by sending us timely articles and announcements. Examples include Raft-up Wrap-ups and personal race results. I would also like to add a picture gallery to the PLYC Website and I solicit your pictures with a brief description, date, and the photographer's name. Our website and newsletter are done entirely in-house.

The Internet also provides us with e-mail. This allows us the convenience of instant written communication. We can notify members of upcoming events, changes, and a whole assortment of valuable information without the cost of printing and mailing. This supplements the "snail mail" that delivers the hard copy of the newsletter. One big advantage is the ability to keep members records up-to-date if they send a notification to the club of changes

in their records. These include changes in your address, phone, e-mail address, committee participation, boats and locations, just to name a few. The only way e-mail works effectively is if members e-mail addresses are current and they check their e-mail regularly. You can e-mail the club through the PLYC Website.

We have plans to raise the quality of the PLYC through the dedicated leadership of the Bridge and the hard work of the committees. The yacht club is for you, the members, and we need a certain effort on your part to make this happen. Besides the modest dues that fund the operation, we need membership participation and input. Please help the club and yourselves by actively enjoying the benefits of the club, sharing events by way of articles and pictures, and keeping your records up-to-date as they change. You are invited to visit the PLYC Website at

[www.PointLomaYC.org](http://www.PointLomaYC.org)

(Reprinted from the PLYC Website)

## P.L.Y.C. Big Boat Race 2002

### Benefiting The Little Race for Little People

**Wrap-up: Woody Wood**

The annual charity PLYC Big Boat Race was once again a great success, not only for the people who sailed, but for the infants at Children's Hospital who are the ultimate beneficiaries of the race and raffle. The club raised over \$800 and presented it to the Little Race for Little People committee the following week.

The day of the race some of the spinnaker class boats had problems finding enough crew because their regular crews were racing on their own boats. The race committee selected a challenging course that

took us out past Ballast Point and then near the Star of India. The wind was strong but very shifty, keeping the jib and spinnaker trimmers on their toes. The non-spinnaker fleet was given an equally challenging but shorter course that converged with the spinnaker boats toward the end. After the race, the poolside party and raffle raised the bulk of the money that was donated, and for a change no one was tossed into the pool.

With the times corrected, the finish order was:



Non-spin class on the downwind leg.  
Photo: Terry Reimer

#### Spinnaker Class

1. Nomad - Woody Wood
2. Done Deal - Marty McGee
3. Apollo V - Ned Knight

#### Non-Spinnaker Class

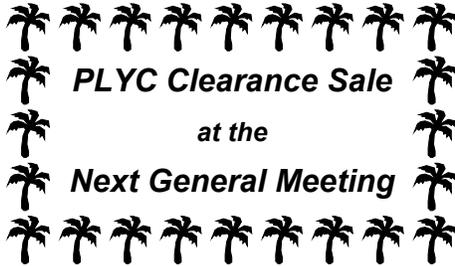
1. Brushfire - Craig Mueller
2. Providence - Allan Mateska
3. White Cat II - Peter Lawson
4. Desiarto - Bill Sheean
5. Rippin - Terry Smith
6. Rag Doll - Robbie Hickethier
7. Splash - Sandy Lash
8. Tsunami - Patti Parker
9. Aquila - Mike Rafferty

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## P.L.Y.C Raft-Up Labor Day Weekend Abalone Gulch Downwind Regatta Rescheduled for Labor Day Weekend

By Woody Wood

The final and possibly the most fun raft-up of the summer will begin Friday August 30 in Mariners Cove in Mission Bay

For reasons unknown, the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Abalone Gulch Downwind Regatta was rescheduled to Saturday August 31. The Regatta will be preceded by the Commodore's Whoop-De-Doo Ball, at the Beachcomber, Friday at 7:30.

The schedule:

### Friday August 30, 2002

**Friday afternoon**, P.L.Y.C. boats sail to Mariners Cove and raft-up.

**7:30** Commodore's Whoop-De-Doo Ball, at the Beachcomber.

### Saturday August 31, 2002

**10:30 AM** - Construction Commencement of Abalone Gulch Yachts

**2:00 PM** - Le Mans start by Sailors and Sailorettes from the sidewalk

**4:00 PM** - Awards ceremony at the Beachcomber

### Sunday September 1, 2002

**11:00 AM** - Pot-Luck brunch on the P.L.Y.C. raft-up.

### Monday September 2, 2002

**1:00 PM** - Informal P.L.Y.C. race back to San Diego Bay

## Help Wanted PLYC Fleet Captain

The Fleet Captain chairs the Race Committee, directs, and controls all club races (3) and manages the race committee volunteers. A complete description is in the PLYC Constitution.

## 2002 Board of Directors

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