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APRIL 2017

Opening Day

From the Commodore

The Magic of Planning *Vision 2017 Review*

In 2013, under then-Commodore Uta Leslie, the Bridge Officers and Fleet Council undertook the challenge of looking strategically at where California Yacht Club should be in the coming years. We developed the *Vision 2017 Strategic Planning Report and Recommendation*. Now that 2017 is here, I thought it would be useful to review that report and share with you the accomplishments we have made toward our strategic plan. The report and its strategic initiatives focused on activities and programs to enhance California Yacht Club in yacht racing, cruising, recreational water activities, social activities, and infrastructure, as well as programs to attract and retain membership.

Space constraints for this column will only allow me to provide you with a snapshot review of each area, but I think you will agree that the officers, committee chairs, and members of the Club have done an admirable job of moving these initiatives forward.

Competition

- Major sailing events hosted by the Club: CYC hosted the hugely successful Opti Nationals in 2014, we will host the M242 North Americans in 2017, and the Star Nationals in 2018, and we have made a bid for the Opti Team Trials in 2019.
- Continued excellence in race management: Under the guidance of Senior Race Officer S/C Bill Stump, CYC has developed and enrolled several members in a principal race officer training program. This should significantly increase the number of members who will be qualified to lead our racing events in the coming years.
- Sail Competition Planning Committee: Under the early leadership of S/C Alice Leahey, and now Dave Voss, the SCPC (it eventually starts to roll off the tongue correctly...) has set a process in place to systematically look at our competition opportunities long-term. The committee is looking much further into the future to secure major championship regattas and to identify up-and-coming fleets, new racing formats, and members' interests in racing.
- Club-owned keelboats: Probably our biggest accomplishment coming out of Vision 2017 is the Club's very successful keelboat program. Focusing on recreational use, competitive use, and learn-to-sail classes, this program has legs and will continue to be improved for the benefit of our entire membership.



Commodore
Kellie Fennessy

Recreational Water Activities

- Cruising Fleet: Revitalization of our cruising fleet under the leadership of S/C David Collins has led to a partnership with Los Angeles YC for use of Howland's Landing and a re-energized cruising schedule that spans April through October.
- Club-owned keelboats are available for recreational use and professional instruction.
- Seawall storage: Storage options have been expanded – kayaks, paddle boards, Optis, and dinghies now occupy the seawall storage facilities.

Social

- Increase membership to exceed 1,000 members: As we enter 2017, our membership exceeds 985 members. With our expanding membership committee, we look to achieve this goal by the end of the year.
- Increase the number of young adult and Corinthian members: We have a vibrant Young Professionals Committee that has strong leadership and energized members. This committee will be hosting a dock party this year and other events open to all CYC members.
- Expand programs for young families: The Family Activities Committee is one of the most active committees at the Club. They have planned family-focused activities in every month of 2017. From the drop-and-dine events, to the spooky Trunk or Treat, these activities are growing in popularity every year.
- Epicurean Society: Under the leadership of Susan French and with our new chef Christian Monchâtre on board, we are experiencing sold-out Epicurean dinners. The February Sweethearts Dinner was a huge success (see article on page 14), with both the food and wine exceeding expectations. We are also experiencing new members joining the Society. Seven new members joined during this last dinner alone.

This is just a brief review of some of our *Vision 2017* recommendations. We still have recommendations to work on: improvements to the junior trailer, additional fitness activities (the Young Professionals Yoga and Mimosa series is a start), more recreational water activities involving paddle boarding and kayaking, and expansion of our membership committee and responsibilities. To all members who, since 2013, have involved themselves in our *Vision 2017* plans, I thank you for your foresight and efforts in getting California Yacht Club to where it is today. ♣

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SCYA Midwinter Regatta

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Epicurean Sweethearts Dinner

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FRONT COVER CYC is officially commissioned for the 2017 yachting season. March 11 was a magical day of rich maritime tradition and family fun with more than 400 guests and members enjoying the Opening Day festivities.

Martin H. McCarthy Photography

BACK COVER The 12-boat Martin 242 class races toward the weather mark during the SCYA Midwinter Regatta, hosted by CYC on February 11-12.

Photo by S/C Denny Haythorn

Local Cruising Calendar for 2017

By S/C DAVID COLLINS, Cruise Chair

The season begins with our Commodore's Cruise to the British Virgin Islands in April. However, once the local season arrives, we have a long list of events that we have arranged for our members. The Catalina cruises all vary in character from bring-your-own to catered so be sure to check the details. Los Angeles YC is again inviting us to join them for several cruises this summer and we are most grateful to them for the offer.

Sources of cruise information will be the noticeboard, *Zephyr*, and the CYC website. Locating cruising on the website may change with the new look, but at present you go to *calyachtclub.com*, click on Club Activities, then click on Cruises. Email the cruise chair(s) for specific information about a particular cruise. All cruises require reservations with our Club.

These cruises have been organized by our Club for our members. We are inviting LAYC to join us for those that are at Howland's Landing.

June 9 - 11, CYC Long Beach Cruise: The destination is Long Beach Yacht Club. Co-chairs Peter and Connie Webster

July 14 - 16, CYC Howland's Cruise, Surf 'n Turf: CYC catered cruise. Chairs S/C David Collins and Penny

July 28 - 30, CYC Family Cruise at Howland's Landing; our juniors rule! Co-chairs Michelle Ondrey and Aliza Farrell

August 15 - 17, CYC Avalon Cruise, mid-week visit to Avalon harbor. Chair Steve Berns

September 15 - 17, CYC First Mates Cruise, Emerald Bay Boy Scouts Camp. Co-chairs Darleen Kleinert and Vivian Huff

October 13 - 15, CYC Oktoberfest Cruise, Two Harbors at the Isthmus. Chair Zoran Segina

The cruises below have been organized by LAYC for their members. However, they have kindly invited us to join them for these particular events. All of these events are chaired by LAYC with reservations through CYC.

May 27 - 29, LAYC Memorial Weekend work party cruise to Howland's Landing.

June 3 - 4, LAYC Stag Cruise at Howland's Landing; CYC members BYO.

July 2 - 4, LAYC Howland's Cruise; fireworks on Monday night.

August 5 - 6, LAYC Treasure Hunt at Howland's Landing, their club's junior event.

September 23 - 24, LAYC Howland's Fall Cruise ♣



Cruisers touring the USS Iowa in San Pedro



Juniors enjoy a campfire at Howland's Landing.



Howland's Landing



Cocktails before dinner at Balboa Yacht Club

Japan's Prime Minister Visits CYC

CYC had the distinct honor of welcoming the prime minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe, and his wife, Akie, on February 19 when they enjoyed a delicious lunch and a walk around the front lawn to view our anchorage on a beautiful Southern California day. Stephanie and CYC President Steve Hathaway, General Manager Michele Underwood, and Commodore Kellie Fennessy met with Japan's first lady and prime minister.



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CYC Burgee Travels to Tahiti

Let us know where you and your CYC burgee have been. Pack your burgee on your travels and take a picture of it with you and your fellow CYC members. Submit to the *Breeze* editor, cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com. Happy travels!



Robert M. Heller (left) exchanged burgees with the owner of the Bora Bora Yacht Club. Heller was visiting Tahiti over the holidays on a Moorings sailboat charter.



Photo by SEO Norma Pratt

CYCWA Paddle Tennis A Hit with New Players

By MARYLYN HOENEMEYER, Co-chair

All four courts were filled and players were waiting in the breezeway during the CYCWA Paddle Tennis Welcome Day on February 16. The day was designed to introduce interested new players to the group of enthusiastic veterans who play twice weekly. With two local pros on hand, participants were able to receive pointers for improving their game and to put those lessons to good use in some lively sets that followed. Tennis and pickleball players were especially quick to pick up the game.

It was encouraging to see so many new players at this

event, but the true success of the day can be measured by the fact that most have returned as regulars in the subsequent weeks. The CYCWA Paddle Tennis group meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon, with a no-host lunch following play on Thursdays. We welcome new players of all levels to give the game a try and have paddles to lend while you're learning. Just bring your court shoes and join the fun! Contact S/C Cheryl Mahaffey (cherylmahaffey@gmail.com) or Marylyn Hoenemeyer (hoenemeyer@roadrunner.com) for more information. ♣



S/C Cheryl Mahaffey and Paula Watson stay focused on their game.



A wicked return by new player Karen Simon, partnered here with Debra Fusello-Neale

Photos by Marylyn Hoenemeyer

The Perfect Match

By Port Captain **TIM CLARKE**

Building on last year's successful match racing season, we are excited to present the 2017 schedule. Our year will kick off with Friday night racing starting April 7 and will continue every other week. We will be offering racing for juniors (in FJs) from 4 p.m. and for adults (in Martin 242s) from 5 p.m. These evenings are free to all members of CYC and no experience is necessary to crew. If you are interested in skipping, a good knowledge of racing is required. With a relaxed vibe and liquid refreshments on the dock, a fun time is guaranteed, whether you are crew, skipper, or spectator!

Doug McLean has once again agreed to coach the match racing clinic on April 23; the clinic is open to both juniors and adults, but places are limited, so sign up early! This fun and

informative day is geared towards the experienced racer who is looking to learn more about the exciting world of match racing. There will be a combination of on-the-water coaching and classroom theory, and the clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Your \$20 registration will include North U's match racing book on a USB flash drive and light refreshments. Please visit the match racing page on CYC's website to sign up.

Finally, after a season of coaching and racing, what better way to finish the year than with a one-day, winner-takes-all match racing championship. This event will take place on September 17 using the Club boats in a round-robin format with on-the-water umpiring. More details to follow later in the year.

If you would like more details or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either S/C David Collins or P/C Tim Clarke at cyckeelboat@gmail.com, or check out the match racing page on CYC's website. ⚡

Do More Sailing! Learn to Sail Courses Start Soon

By **MARILYN CASSEDY**,
Keelboat Program Co-chair

Have you always wanted to get more involved in sailing at the Club but weren't sure where to start?

The season is off to a great start, so now is the time to sign up for one of the Keelboat Program's Adult Learn to Sail courses to take place this summer. Each course runs for four consecutive Saturdays, and you'll join other Club members in learning what you need to know to comfortably sail the Club's Martin 242s as well as other small keelboats. Our instructors are ready to work with students with a variety of backgrounds to make sure they walk away with the knowledge they need to get started in this sport.

Graduates of the Adult Learn to Sail course can be found day-sailing on Santa Monica Bay, getting their feet wet with crewing on race boats, and continuing to expand their skillset by spending more time sailing. Many who complete the course also sign up for the Keelboat Program as a way to use their new skills and get their families and friends out on the water, too.

Courses are \$475 and will run in April, May, June, July, and August, but I encourage you to sign up soon, as we expect the classes to be completely full again this year. For more details and to make a reservation, email cyckeelboat@gmail.com.

Sunset Series Racing Begins April 17

By Series Co-Chairs **DAVID PIPER**,
SEO KAREN STIRLING, and **CHRIS GOROG**

The 2017 Sunset Series promises to be better than ever with our traditional challenging racecourse that includes a segment on the Santa Monica Bay, the tricky transition into the Marina del Rey harbor, and then all the way down the channel to the CYC guest dock finish line. There, the *Charles Hathaway* will be on station displaying a blue flag, which indicates the signal boat is in position at the finishing line.

Twenty-one weeks of racing are on the schedule, and once the racing is done, the patio party kicks into gear. All CYC members, racers, and guests are invited to attend. Don't miss the BBQ combinations Chef Christian is designing, along with entertainment by DJ Scott. Listen for a special fanfare announcing that the scoring is finished and trophies are about to be awarded. Gather around the podium to celebrate as our new-for-2017 trophies are conferred upon the winners.

As always, your scoring team will be working diligently to produce accurate scores in a timely manner. Should a dispute arise upon the racecourse, a protest committee will be standing by each week in the Gallery Room. Remember that all protest forms and scoring inquiries should be submitted to the protest secretary stationed at the patio doors to the Gallery Room.

Begin making your checklists now, and don't delay in applying for your PHRF certificate. Two great seminars are scheduled this month to provide even more detailed racing information. Our Cruising Seminar is April 5. Mark your calendars to attend and get the latest updates on the cruising class, including presentations tailored exclusively for cruising racers.

The traditional Sunset Seminar is April 12. Don't miss this high-energy event where skippers and crew connect and the latest tips on the new racing rules are revealed. Racing begins the following week, April 19. ⚡

SCYA Midwinter Regatta Opens 2017 Racing Season

By BY TAWNI SCHUTTER and CHRIS CALINGAERT, Regatta Co-chairs

The California Yacht Club racing season kicked off with the 88th annual Southern California Yachting Association Midwinter Regatta on February 11 and 12. Twenty-six intrepid skippers and their crews participated at CYC in the Star, Martin 242, and J/109 one-design classes.

The two days of racing served up drastically different conditions resulting in five exciting races over the course of the weekend. Saturday was a wild day with six- to 10-foot swells and the wind shifting between 190 and 250 degrees. This created challenging races throughout the day for the sailors. Sunday was completely different with sunny skies and light winds, which caused a postponement until a consistent wind filled in at 165 degrees. The classes tended to stay close around the weather mark with most races not decided until the final downwind leg.



Bryce Benjamin's Persistence won the J/109 class.

The CYC Bridge was well represented. Commodore Kellie Fennessy raced in the J/109 fleet. Rear Commodore Debbie Feinerman served as principal race officer, and Port Captain Tim Clarke competed in the Martin 242 class. In addition, there was no shortage of staff commodores either racing or volunteering on race committee.

In the Star class, three second-place finishes and a first allowed Nick Madigan and David Wood (NHYC) to edge out Alejandro Bugacov and Eugenio Cingolani (CYC) for first place. As winners of the Star class, Madigan and Wood were also awarded the Frank Borzage perpetual trophy. This trophy was first awarded in 1930 and goes to the only one-design class that has sailed in every Midwinter Regatta. Doug Steele and Erick Lange (CYC) took third place in this competitive 10-boat fleet.

The 12-boat Martin 242 class was the largest fleet this year, and CYC boats led the pack. *Velerito* took first place with Brack Duker (CYC) at the helm, and *Trolleycar* (Peter Stazicker, CYC) won the tie-breaker for second place, putting Steven Moses (CYC) and his *Wombat* crew in third. Only five points separated first and fourth place. Kudos to Allan Strain and family who traveled all the way from Vancouver for the weekend to compete.

The J/109s provided the closest finish of the regatta, with *Persistence* (Bryce Benjamin, CYC) edging *Spray* (Peter Nelson, CYC) by a single point for first after trading bullets all weekend.

The racers enjoyed the competitive weekend of sailing at the end of each day by coming together for the hospitality party. Trophies were presented by Themis Glatman from SCYA and CYC Commodore Kellie Fennessy.

The popularity of the SCYA Midwinter Regatta continues to increase, with all three classes having more entrants than last year. We would like to thank all the volunteers and the staff of California Yacht Club who made this regatta a success. We appreciate all the sailors for participating and wish everyone a successful year of racing! 🇺🇸

An advertisement for Boat Yard Marina. The background is a photograph of a sailboat with the number 14 on its hull. The text is overlaid on a dark blue background. The main headline reads "GET IT RIGHT, THE FIRST TIME." Below that, it says "FULL-SERVICE BOAT YARD AND MARINA". The Boat Yard logo is featured, which consists of a stylized boat icon and the text "Boat Yard". Below the logo, it says "PROUDLY SERVING TWO LOCATIONS". The first location is "MARINA DEL REY" at "13555 Fiji Way, Marina Del Rey, CA", with phone number "310.823.8964" and website "www.tbymdr.com". The second location is "CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR" at "3615 S. Victoria Ave., Oxnard, CA", with phone number "805.985.6800" and website "www.tbyci.com". There is also a "CLEAN MARINA" logo at the bottom right of the ad.



Brack Duker (Velerito, 97228) won the Martin 242 class.



Alejandro Bugacov and Eugenio Cingolani (8268) placed second in the Star fleet.



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The event is open to both juniors and adults and will use the club's FJs and Martin 242s

The clinic is geared to the experienced racer

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April 23

10AM - 5 PM

Match Racing Clinic





Register at CYC's website on the Match Racing Page

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Sunset Series 2017

SEMINAR DATES

CRUISING SEMINAR – APRIL 5
New splits for Cruising A and Cruising B. PHRF certification requirements. Signal flags. Discover the leading tips and techniques for cruising racers.

SUNSET SEMINAR – APRIL 12
A season-opening tradition. Racing Division class splits are announced. Get the latest advice on the new 2017-2020 *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

RACING DATES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6



Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

Shallow Water Series #1, South Coast
Corinthian Yacht Club, February 4, 14 entries
1 Bastien Rasse, *McGee*
2 Ryan Janov, *Cal 5*
3 Dan McGanty, *Toy Story*

SCYA Midwinter Regatta (hosted by multiple
yacht clubs over two weekends)
CYC, February 11-12
Martin 242: 12 entries
1 Brack Duker, *Velerito*
2 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*
3 Steven Moses, *Wombat*

Star: 11 entries
2 Alejandro Bugacov/Eugenio Cingolani
3 Douglas Steele/Erick Lange

J/109: 4 entries
1 Bryce Benjamin, *Persistence*

Coronado Yacht Club, February 11-12
J/70: 15 entries
1 Jeff Janov, *Minor Threat*

San Diego Yacht Club, February 11-12
J/80: 3 entries
1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

King Harbor Yacht Club, February 18-19
PHRF B: 3 entries
1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Winner's Quote of the Month

*"I will never try to steer myself
into a situation that I know might
create a discussion after the race.*

*Any protest immediately
cuts down on my social hours
after the race is over."*

– Buddy Melges



Photo by Double Shot Studios

Drew Freides and his Pacific Yankee crew, pictured getting sprayed with champagne, were declared the overall winners of the 2016-17 Melges 20 Winter Series, hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. They placed first in the Series Opener, December 9-11; second in the Miami Winter Regatta, February 3-5; and clinched the series title with a third-place finish in the Melges Rocks Regatta, March 3-5.



Bill Sandke, Crown City Photo

Jeff Janov (*Minor Threat*, sail #490) placed first out of 15 entries in the J/70 fleet at the SCYA Midwinter Regatta, hosted by Coronado Yacht Club, February 11-12.



Madoka Hamlin Photography

Katharine Doble placed third overall out of 41 entries and was first girl at the Opti Spring Series Harken Challenge #1, hosted by CYC, February 25-26. She also placed second overall out of 31 entries and was first girl at the SCYA Midwinter/SCYRA Carries Series #4, hosted by Del Rey Yacht Club, February 11-12.

More than 65 Juniors Raced Harken Opti Spring Series #1

By MICHELLE ONDREY, Regatta Chair

On February 25 and 26, CYC was host to more than 65 Opti sailors for the Harken Opti Spring Series #1. There was a Champ Fleet for the experienced racers, and a Green Fleet for those that are developing their racing skills. The weather predictions were iffy for the weekend, calling for light wind on Saturday and rain on Sunday. But the sailors were still excited to get out on the water. Our very own Commodore Kellie Fennessy was the Champ Fleet PRO and she had a great race committee with her both days.

On Saturday, the Champ Fleet got in three races. On the

inside Green Fleet course, Jr. Sailing Director Guillaume Rasse got in six races Saturday and got lots of questions like “When’s lunch?” and “Is this the last race?” Sunday started out with rain at the docks, but off the race committee went in their foul weather gear, and the determined racers followed closely behind them. Champ Fleet got in one race before the wind became shifty and two races were abandoned. Winners received tool bags and towels while Green Fleet participants got participation medals. All in all, the racers had a great time, enjoying the social events after the racing as much as the time on the water.



Regatta Chair Michelle Ondrey, Katharine Doble (third, CYC) Ryan Satterberg (first, SBYC), Commodore Kellie Fennessy, and Oliver Stokke (second, SBYC)



Maddoka Hamlin Photography

CYC racers Katharine Doble placed third, Jordan Janov sixth, and Callie Davis eighth overall.



OVERALL	RED FLEET	BLUE FLEET	WHITE FLEET	TOP GIRL
1 Ryan Satterberg SBYC	1 Henry Boeger SFYC	1 Ryan Satterberg SBYC	1 Dieter Creitz SYC	Katharine Doble CYC
2 Oliver Stokke SBYC	2 Richard Rychlik CBYC/WLYC	2 Oliver Stokke SBYC	2 Lucca Farrell CYC	
3 Katharine Doble CYC	3 Hoel Menard SFYC	3 Katharine Doble CYC	3 Emily Doble CYC	

Race Team Results

By GUILLAUME RASSE, Junior Program Director

Shallow Water Series #1, South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club,
February 4, (Portsmouth Handicap)

- 1 Bastien Rasse/Ben Brill (CFJ)
- 2 Ryan Janov/Samantha Hutchinson (CFJ)
- 4 Julia Rychlik/Taylor Pardee (CFJ)
- 5 Bryan Jiao (Laser)
- 7 Alexis Westland/Wynslow Wilmot (CFJ)

North U SODA Youth Match Racing Clinic, San Diego Yacht Club, February 10-12, Participants: Ryan Janov, Bryan Jiao, Gavin McJones, and Bastien Rasse

Carrie #4/Opti Midwinters, Del Rey Yacht Club, February 11-12, Champs: 40 boats. Coached by Manny Resano and Julian Soto

- 2 Katharine Doble; first girl
 - 10 Callie Davis
 - 12 Tessa Farrell
 - 17 Ethan Chi
 - 21 Tana Deyell
 - 22 Emily Doble
 - 24 Lucca Farrell
 - 25 Talia Hamlin
 - 30 Harry Bryan
 - 32 Matthew Commons
 - 38 Lucas Knight
- Green Fleet coach: Roberto Ayala
Participant: Graham Doble

Optimist Spring Series Harken Challenge #1, CYC, February 25-26

Champs: 42 boats. Coached by Julian Soto and Nina Aviles

- 2 Katharine Doble; first girl
- 6 Jordan Janov
- 8 Callie Davis
- 13 Tessa Farrell
- 15 Emma Tallman
- 17 Tana Deyell
- 19 Lucca Farrell
- 20 Emily Doble
- 21 Talia Hamlin
- 33 Harry Bryan
- 35 Matthew Commons
- 39 Lucas Knight

Green Fleet coach: Roberto Ayala

Participants: Matthew Ahern, Oliver Ahern, Noah Corelli, and Graham Doble

Chalk talk with Coach Julian Soto



Epicurean Sweethearts Dinner Enchanting and Magical

By **SUSAN FRENCH,**
General Chair

The food was amazing, the company delightful, and the service excellent. What a way to enjoy a Valentine's Day dinner! Starting off in the Fireside Room with champagne, the assembled company enjoyed Kumamoto oysters on the half shell, escargots served in a puff soufflé, and pissaladière bites (small toast rounds with caramelized onion and niçoise olives).

Upstairs in the elegantly set dining room, the dinner commenced with toasts to our country, the sport of yachting, and to our Commodore, Kellie Fennessy. After recognizing CYC Flag and Fleet Officers and guests, Society General Chair Susan French welcomed new members with Epicurean sashes and bracelets: Commodore Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest, Vice Commodore Mike Blecher and Barbi, Bill and Marilyn Brath, Rick and Maria Citron, John and Laurie Gosch, Gail and Mike Guglielmino, and Susan Haber. Also welcomed back were former members Gail and Rich Namerow, and Charlie and Mary Jane McClintock.

Dinner Chair Kellie Fennessy explained that the dinner was truly French, with 14 ingredients imported from France and presented in the French style: four courses of approximately equal weight (no main course) followed by dessert. We began with oeuif royale, an eggshell filled with scrambled egg and cauliflower Meyer lemon custard topped with caviar, followed by a filet of John Dory accompanied by braised leek and morel and chanterelle mushrooms in a



Jim and S/C Ann Ach, and Sue and S/C Bill Moore



SEO Karen Stirling, CYCWA Second Officer Pam Spriggs, and Ann Turner



New and renewing Epicurean members



Jonathon and Laura Greenburg, Mike Priest and Commodore Kellie Fennessy, and JoAnn Meepos and Steve Edwards



Sous Chef Karl Viking, Commodore Kellie Fennessy, Chef Christian, General Chair Susan French, and General Manager Michele Underwood



V/C Mike Blecher and Barbie

Charlie McClintock, Rich and Gail Namerow, official photographer S/C Martin McCarthy, and Mary Jane McClintock



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Photo by Mike Priest



Commodore Kellie Fennessy with her sweetheart, Mike Priest



Bill Solberg, Patty Smiley, with CYC President Steve Hathaway and Stephanie



S/C Bill Stump, Charlie McClintock, R/C Debbie Feinerman, and SEO Mary Jane McClintock



Look at all those wine glasses!

vermouth sauce. After a champagne sorbet palate cleanser, came a quail stuffed with foie gras served with lentils and sautéed sweet grapes, and then a small salad with Brillat-Savarin and Pont l'Évêque cheeses. For the grand finale we had a chocolate and raspberry soufflé with Grand Marnier crème anglaise.

Sommelier Dick Hyman introduced and commented on the wines. Two champagnes were served: Pol Roger brut with the appetizers, and Louis Roederer rosé with the oeuf royale. A 2015 Comte Lafond Sancerre accompanied the fish course, a 2013 Delas Châteauneuf-du-Pape Haute Pierre accompanied the quail, and a 2012 Clarendelle Bordeaux Rouge was served with the salad and cheese. Coeur de Lion Calvados Select topped off the evening with the dessert course.

Many thanks to our chef, Christian Monchâtre, for a real tour de force, to Assistant General Manager

Gus Marks for the wine selections, to General Manager Michele Underwood for a beautiful evening, and to all the kitchen and serving staff who did a terrific job.

The Epicurean Society holds six events per year, three formal dinners and three informal events. The next Epicurean event will be a formal dinner celebrating spring in California, on Tuesday, May 23. The dinner will be chaired by Leslie Bene and David Piper. An informal event is scheduled for Friday, June 2. ♣



Epicurean Chair Susan French and Commodore Kellie Fennessy

The Epicurean Society presents

Celebrate the Spring A Gourmet Evening Featuring California's Seasonal Bounty

*Tuesday, May 23,
7 p.m.*

*All CYC members and their
guests are invited to join the
Epicurean Society for this
special event.*

*Dinner Co-Chairs
Leslie Bene & David Piper*

*Call Gloria Crawley,
CYC Office Administrator,
at 310-823-4567
to make your reservation.*

Photos by Martin H. McCarthy Photography

Opening Day: A Magic Carpet Ride

By Fleet Captain/SEO STEPHANIE WESTON

“Come along with me on A Magic Carpet Ride.” California Yacht Club’s Opening Day on March 11 was the perfect blend of tradition and fantasy. It was a day that made us feel like we were floating on air. The festivities started early with members dressing ship by decorating their boats with signal flags to create a colorful backdrop. As our members and guests arrived for the ceremony, they were treated to the lively music of the Bonne Musique Zydeco Band and a warm welcome from the CYCWA hostesses.

Jr. Staff Commodore Richard Hamlin began the ceremony by asking the United States Marine Corps, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines, to present the colors. Vocalist Julie Garnye performed melodic renditions of the national anthem and “America the Beautiful,” and was followed by Junior Commodore Julia Rychlik leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. S/C Bill Watkins gave an inspirational and moving invocation. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-24 then raised the national ensign.

Jr. Staff Commodore Hamlin highlighted his year as Commodore which included the Junior Olympic Festival held in July. He then asked Fleet Captain SEO Stephanie Weston to sound eight bells in honor of the Club members who passed away in 2016. It was then time to turn the podium over to Commodore Kellie Fennessy.

Commodore Fennessy shared her vision for the year and introduced her Bridge and Fleet Officers, the Junior Bridge, and other Club dignitaries. Rear Commodore Debbie Feinerman introduced the CYC Staff Commodores who were present, and CYCWA Executive Officer Dawn Sprout introduced the Women’s Association Officers, acknowledged her Appointed Board, and announced the names of Staff Executive Officers who were in attendance.

Vice Commodore Mike Blecher welcomed local dignitaries and representatives from other yacht clubs and yachting associations. Staff Commodore Uta Leslie announced California Yacht Club members who had received awards from the Club, ASMBYC (Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs), SCYA (Southern California Yachting Association), or other yachting associations. S/C Martin McCarthy was given special recognition for his 25 years of chairing the yachting luncheons and dinners.

With all the formalities completed, one question remained. “Is the harbor free of ice?”

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U.S. Marine Color Guard



Staff Commodores salute Commodore Fennessy.



CYC Junior Bridge



Commodore's Liaison, Mike Priest, receiving gifts



Thomas Hathaway, Honorary SEO Patty Hathaway, CYC President Steve Hathaway and Stephanie



Photo by Mike Priest

S/C Martin McCarthy receiving commendation for 25 years of leadership for Yachting Luncheons



SEOs Nancy Matzdorff and Jeanne Strasberg checking in dignitaries



Sprout family partaking in bountiful buffet



CYC is commissioned!

Opening Day

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Commodore Fennessy asked Fleet Captain SEO Stephanie Weston, who responded that it was. Port Captain Tim Clarke then raised the CYC burgee, and when it reached the top, Sergeant at Arms Scott Jarema fired the cannon. With that blast the California Yacht Club was officially commissioned for the 2017 yachting season.

A bountiful buffet of delicious food was waiting as members and guests entered the clubhouse. Music continued throughout lunch with Bonne Musique Zydeco playing its upbeat tunes. Then all were entertained with a magician strolling among the tables in the dining room.

The magic continued throughout the afternoon with activities for members and families. The afternoon offered up bounce houses, bocce ball, ping pong, hopscotch, corn-hole beanbag games, henna art, a photo booth, a self-guided tour of the CYC marina, and a rubber duck regatta. As an added delight, children received favor bags filled with treats and other surprises.

Kilts, bagpipes, and drums led off the evening colors ceremony which also featured a coordinated cannon shot throughout Marina del Rey. It was the perfect ending to this “Magic Carpet Ride” day!

This year’s event would not have been possible without the help of so many CYC volunteers. I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to CYCWA 2nd Officer Pam Springs, Randy Sprout, Joe Farrell, Kate Oakland, Anthony Agoglia, Zoran Seguina, Jennifer Egan, Laura Greenburg, Leslie McNelly, Samantha (Pinky) Caldwell, Emily Agnew, CYCWA Jr. SEO Carol Watkins, CYCWA Executive Officer Dawn Sprout, CYCWA Hospitality Chair Gail Spampanato, CYCWA SEO Nancy Matzdorff, CYCWA hostesses, Commodore Kellie Fennessy, Vice Commodore Mike Blecher, Rear Commodore Debbie Feinerman, Port Captain Tim Clarke, S/C Bill Watkins, S/C Rick Turner, S/C Richard Mainland, and S/C Martin McCarthy. I would also like to recognize Club General Manager Michele Underwood, Assistant General Manager Gus Marks, Executive Chef Christian Monchâtre, Catering Director Tiffani Velazquez, Catering Assistant Chelsea Pedersen, Dockmaster Evan Davis, and the CYC staff for all their efforts in putting together this magical event. It was truly “A Magic Carpet Ride.” 🍷



CYCWA Executive Board

Photo by First Officer Diane Howard



Fleet Captain/SEO Stephanie Weston sounding eight bells



Bonne Musique Zydeco



Bocce ball was just one of many fun activities.

Photo by Fleet Captain/SEO Stephanie Weston



Partying on docks



Early morning tailgate gathering



Partying on the boats

Martin H. McCarthy Photography



Rubber duck regatta

Martin H. McCarthy Photography



Evening colors as the fog rolled in

Photo by R/C Debbie Feinerman

Saturday, May 13
10am-Noon
CYC Front Lawn
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2nd Annual CYC Passover Seder

Second Night of Pesach
Tuesday, April 11
at 6pm. SHARP!



Adults \$59 ++
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PASSOVER SEDER AT EYE

Our inclusive, family-friendly Seder will be lead by Cantor Teri Sulc & her guitar - come one, come all.

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Please call for reservations 310-823-4567
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CYC Easter BRUNCH



Sunday, April 16

Seating from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt at 12:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Baskets, Goodies and Gifts for the Kids
from the Easter Bunny

Adults \$46.65 ++ / \$60.00 Inclusive
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kids 6 to 12 yrs.

Kids 5 and under eat Free



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CIDER TASTING



Thursday, April 27
6 - 8 p.m.
\$25.00 Inclusive
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Sunset Book Club



LAST LETTERS from ATTU

THE TRUE STORY OF ETTA JONES,
ALASKA PIONEER AND JAPANESE P.O.W.

Thursday, April 20

MODERATOR: Carrie Anne Blackaller

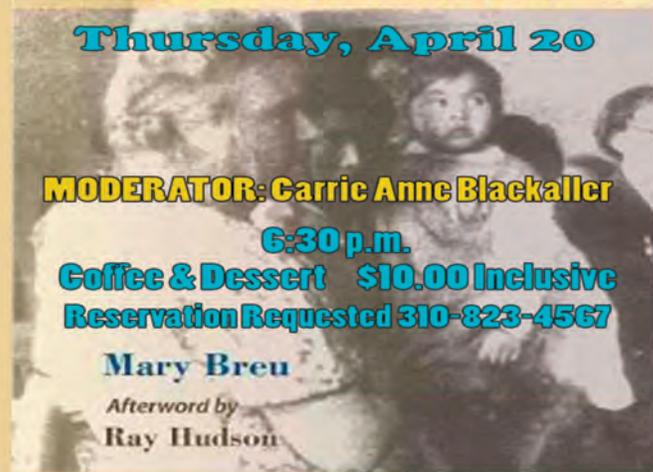
6:30 p.m.

Coffee & Dessert \$10.00 Inclusive
Reservation Requested 310-823-4567

Mary Breu

Afterword by

Ray Hudson



Power Fleet

By RUSS AND LISA CARRINGTON, Co-chairs

Hello to all power, paddle, and party people at CYC! As we pull ourselves from the uniquely intolerable L.A. cold and rainy winter, we are hopeful that the sun will shine strongly, the winds subside (except on Wednesday nights!), and it will bring our boaters and paddlers calm warm days.

There is much ahead this spring and summer to look forward to at our Club.

Opening Day has officially kicked off the season and we intend to take full advantage of our amazing Southern California weather – always with gratitude as we look at the rest of the country!

We have two NEW outstanding events that are premiering this month, coincidentally, both on April 8.

4/8 – Women on the Water

As part of our Mariners Education, we are presenting the first Women on the Water event where our professional female captain will teach the women of CYC and their friends how to handle their powerboats. This is an on-water event and space is limited, so please sign up early.

4/8 – Mystery Dinner

That same evening is the Mystery Dinner, co-hosted by the “girls who want to have fun,” otherwise known as the CYCWA. Many surprises and laughs are promised.

4/20 – Malibu Day Cruise

Led by our fun and friendly member, Scott Torrance, we will jump onboard and head to Malibu, drop anchor, and enjoy the day! Please sign up, and if you can't find a boat to board, you can always drive up to Paradise Cove and meet us on the beach!

See you on the water! ⚓



WOW
WOMEN ON WATER.

Saturday, April 8
10am-2pm

Women on the Water

- Join Captain Ellen from Marine Max for a fun skill-building day on the water!
- Enjoy lunch in the marina while you gain confidence and learn to be your own captain.

\$25/CYC members & \$50/non-members



CYCWA / POWER FLEET

Murder Mystery Dinner



6 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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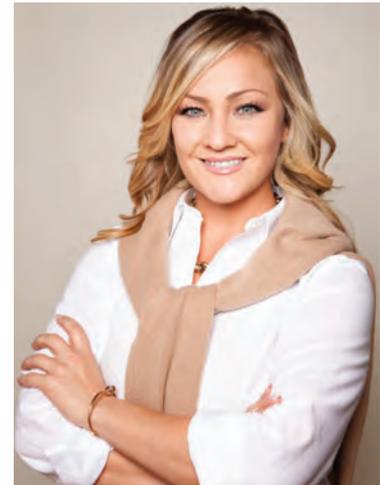
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On-the-Water Photography Contest Winner

Randy Sprout took this photo of a tranquil Santa Monica Bay from aboard Fortuna on January 8, a classic Southern California winter day: 75 degrees, sunny, and calm.

Sprout wins a bottle of fine wine from Assistant General Manager Gus Marks.

Submit your entry to:
cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com.



California Yacht Club Yachting Luncheon

Thursday, April 27

Marina del Rey: The Hard Work Toward a Cleaner Marina



Join us for updates on our Marina: looking at and beyond TMDL - where we are and where we're headed, and other issues impacting the use and enjoyment of our waterways

Michael Tripp, Chief of Planning, Department of Beaches & Harbors, Los Angeles County

*Charles E. Michaels, General Counsel, LAACO, Ltd.
S/C Anne Sacks, Director and Past President, RBOC*

California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

No-Host Happy Half-Hour - Noon Bountiful Buffet Lunch - 12:20 p.m. followed by Presentation - 12:40 p.m.

\$20 includes luncheon, tax, service, and parking. Reservations required: reservations@calyachtclub.net

Open to all who enjoy yachting and adventure, as a public service of CYC

Chen Art Gallery

By First Officer DIANE HOWARD



With great anticipation, we stood in front of the impressive red doors. The door opened and we entered, unsure of what to expect. To our amazement, we were introduced to the incredible private collection of Dr. Tei Fu Chen's Chinese art. For two hours our curator led us past rare relics, describing the history of artifacts spanning more than 5,000 years. The exhibits featured pottery, jade, sculptures, furniture, and an exclusive collection of snuff bottles. Just as we thought the tour was over, we were directed to three more



Sancai-glazed pottery of caparisoned horse, Tang dynasty (618-907)



Enameled glass snuff bottle, Qing dynasty (1736-1795)

rooms filled with Renaissance bronzes, authentic decorative eggs by Theo Fabergé, and art by Picasso and Matisse.

We then enjoyed lunch at Kuma Seafood Buffet. What a selection of seafood, sushi, BBQ, and salads. With our stomachs stuffed, we headed for Mitsuwa Market. Setsuko Anthony was our guide, explaining how to choose and cook the right Japanese products.



Gilt bronze bodhisattva, Ming dynasty (1426-1435)



SEO Stephanie Weston, Penny Collins, and Marie Hedlund



To complete the day, we then went to Daiso, which is a Japanese \$1.50 store. Treasures were found by everyone.

Even though it was raining, the weather did not dampen our spirits. Sometimes there is no need to buy that airline ticket when there is so much diversity to discover right in our back yard. ♣



Photos by Setsuko Anthony and EO Dawn Sprout

First Officer Diane Howard, Judith Wilson, Susan Hammesfahr, Connie Webster, Second Officer Pam Spriggs, SEO Norma Pratt, and Setsuko Anthony



Thursday, June 8



Place Your Bets!
Win Place or Show
A Day at Santa Anita Races
Meet at CYC Parking Lot for the Bus Ride
Dressy casual attire for ladies
Jackets for gentlemen

Please reserve 310-823-4567

CYCWA on the Horizon

By SHIRLEY CABEEN

Artwork by Junior SEO Carol Watkins

Book Mates – Thursday, April 6

11:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room

After a terrorist bombing in the Paris Marais district, the French government desperately recruits top Israeli spy and intelligence guru Gabriel Allon in the thriller, “The Black Widow.” The ISIS cell that is responsible is impenetrable and protected by clever encryption impervious to the West’s efforts. Allon knows the woman who can infiltrate, a beautiful doctor called the “black widow,” who will pose as a recruit out for blood. Author Daniel Silva is a master of high-stakes suspense and inside knowledge of Middle Eastern political intelligence. Timely, deep, and addicting, Silva’s books are worldwide bestsellers. Moderated by Sue Moore. Co-chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservation and lunch information.

Sunset Book Club – Thursday, April 20

6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

“The Last Letters from Attu,” by Mary Breu, is the remarkable story of Etta Jones, a schoolteacher in Alaska in 1942, who recounts her capture by Japanese soldiers and removal as a prisoner to Japan. In 1941, at the age of 62, Etta Jones agreed to move with her husband to a remote island, Attu, at the end of the Aleutian chain to teach native children. A nurse as well, Etta brought an incredible courage and resolve to her posting which served her well as the first American woman taken as a prisoner of war by the Japanese in World War II. Her husband suffered an even worse fate at the hands of the invaders. Letters left behind by Etta was the source enlivening this intriguing story written by her great-niece. Moderator is Carrie Ann Blackaller. \$10 inclusive for wine and cheese. Chair is Connie Webster.

Mystery Dinner Show – Saturday, April 8, 6 p.m.

Can you solve the murder? There will be live suspects, clues, twists, turns, and a lot of laughs. \$48.00 inclusive. Please call the front desk for last-minute tickets, if available, for an entertaining and surprising evening of mystery and adventure at the heart of CYC. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Robinson.

SAVE THE DATE

CYC Day at the Races: Win, Place, or Show

Thursday, June 8, Santa Anita Racetrack

Mark your calendars for the thrill of the track and placing your bets at one of the world’s most beautiful sporting venues. Join your friends to celebrate the dramatic excitement of choosing, cheering, and winning.

CYCWA ACTIVITIES

PADDLE TENNIS

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10 a.m. to noon

Bring your paddles to the courts for fun-filled, round-robin matches. No experience required – all skill levels are welcome and invited to participate. Following the play on Thursdays, there is a no-host lunch in the dining room. Please contact Co-chairs Setsuko Anthony and Paula Watson for more information.

BRIDGE CLUB

Wednesdays

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dining Room

We welcome all bridge players to come every Wednesday, however, to clarify the arrangement, it is necessary to form a foursome as each group now playing is self-contained. Thank you for your interest and if you would like to substitute, contact Chair Joan Silver at 310-858-8080.

KNIT or KNOT

Second Wednesday of the month

10:30 a.m. to noon

Last Wednesday of the month

Cocktail Knitting

5 to 7 p.m.

Members Lounge

Knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers of any sort are welcome to join us. Beginners and new members are welcome as we have many experienced craft persons who can help you with that new or abandoned project. Cocktail knitting is followed by a no-host dinner in the dining room. Chair is Suzanne Boone.

MAH JONGG

Thursdays 1 p.m. in the bar area

Join us for this fascinating and strategic tile game. All skill levels welcome. If you already play mah jongg, you can also help teach the game and strategies to members who are new to the game. Just come and have some fun! For more information, drop by or contact Chair Susan Allan.

PAINTING AFICIONADOS

Every second and fourth Wednesday

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you enjoy drawing and painting, then Painting Aficionados is for you. The group is fortunate to have some incredible guidance and teaching from some of our talented CYC artists. All skill levels encouraged. For details, contact SEO Norma Pratt.

Alaska to Rio to Los Angeles – All at California Yacht Club

By R/C DEBBIE FEINERMAN

California Yacht Club has a rich history of sharing yachting-related programs with the greater sailing community. We started the year strong with an outstanding January yachting dinner program by CYC member Marilyn Cassedy, her brother Paul Cassedy, and friend Andrew Famisaran, who shared with us their 750-mile journey from Port Townsend, Washington, to Ketchikan, Alaska, in an Etchells as they competed in the second annual Race to Alaska. The race has few rules: no engines, no support, two waypoints, and human- and wind-powered propulsion. Our speakers provided insights about their preparation and boat selection, struggles with current, hours of rowing, and exhilaration on completing the race in 12 days 1 hour and 29 minutes.

In February, we were honored to have Olympic medalist Caleb Paine and journalist/publisher Craig Leweck enlighten us with a presentation on The Olympic Experience. Craig offered the press perspective on 12 days of sailing in Rio, while Caleb shared his Olympic story – one of hard work and sacrifice in pursuit of the dream of becoming an Olympic champion. Interestingly, Caleb cited his come-from-behind win in the Finn European Championship that earned him a spot on the U.S. Olympic Sailing Team as an important factor in his Finn class bronze medal triumph. We watched the medal race on the big screen as Caleb discussed his tactics and strategy, and then had the opportunity to see his Olympic medal up close. We were fortunate to have CYC member and two-time Olympic sailing medalist in the Star class, Hal Haenel, share his observations of how the Olympics have changed since he competed in 1988 (Seoul – silver medal) and 1992 (Barcelona – gold medal).

Before this issue goes to press, we will have heard from Matt Rohmer, LA2024 director of marketing, on Los Angeles' bid to host the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic games. While some of our yachting programs have taken us to distant venues, our April program will focus on Marina del Rey: The Hard Work to a Cleaner Marina. Please plan to join us on April 27 for an informative program. ⚓



R/C Debbie Feinerman with January Race to Alaska dinner speakers, Paul Cassedy, Marilyn Cassedy, and Andrew Famisaran

Photo by Roland Pirker



Hal Haenel, Craig Leweck, Caleb Paine, and Commodore Kellie Fennessy

Photo by R/C Debbie Feinerman

Henry James' "Daisy Miller" Reveals as Much About the Author as It Does About Americans Abroad

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

"Daisy Miller," Henry James' portrait of an American woman scorned by European society, may not be as shocking today as when it was written, but it is not a book to be easily dismissed. Hidden within the pages of this short novella are clues to the personal life and beliefs of the author, as explained with fascinating detail by moderator SEO Bill Watkins at our March 2 Book Mates luncheon discussion.

With the insight Bill brought to light, the slender story took on greater significance and value. The author, though American-born, considered himself more European, and became a British citizen shortly before his death. The narrative is entirely told from the point of view of Frederick Winterbourne, making Daisy Miller a one-dimensional character. One of the story settings, the castle in Vevey, Switzerland, was inspired by a Lord Byron poem. Symbolically, daisies only come out in the spring and are considered common, the way Europeans thought of Americans. Winterbourne is stiff, aloof, and very European. Daisy's bratty brother Randolph represents the American spirit.

Synopsis: Frederick Winterbourne is bored by his life. He mostly hangs out with older ladies: visiting his elderly aunt in her European homes and possibly engaging in some kind of affair with an older woman in Geneva. In Vevey, Switzerland, he meets the vivacious young Daisy Miller, a

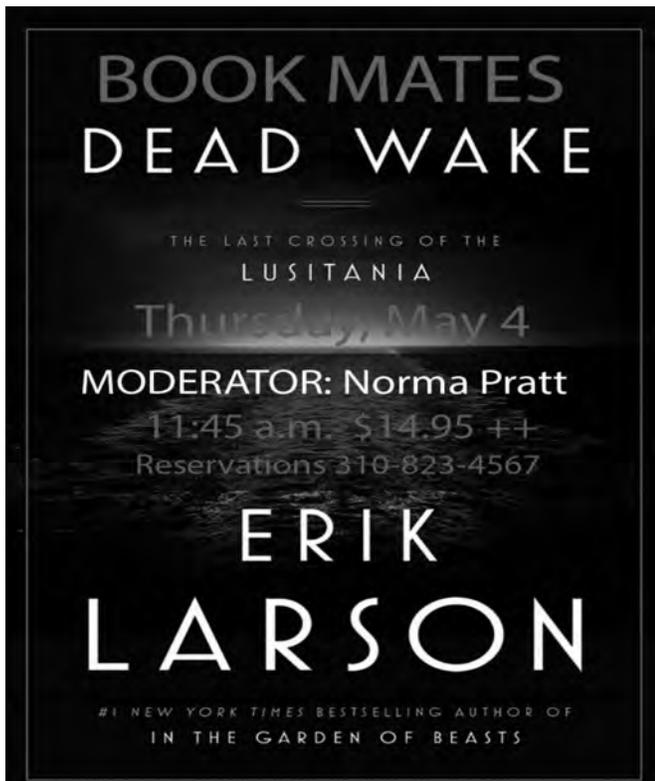
girl from Schenectady, New York, traveling through Europe with her clueless mother and badly behaved little brother, and his world is turned upside down. He likes Daisy, but her erratic, flirtatious behavior confuses and irritates him. Daisy's spell over Winterbourne and her subsequent infatuation with a passionate but impoverished Italian bring to life the great Jamesian themes of Americans abroad, innocence versus experience, and the grip of fate.

Equally illuminating was the impact authors Hawthorne, Defoe, and Melville had on James, in creating a realistic style of its day that would drastically change after World War I with writers like Hemingway and Fitzgerald.

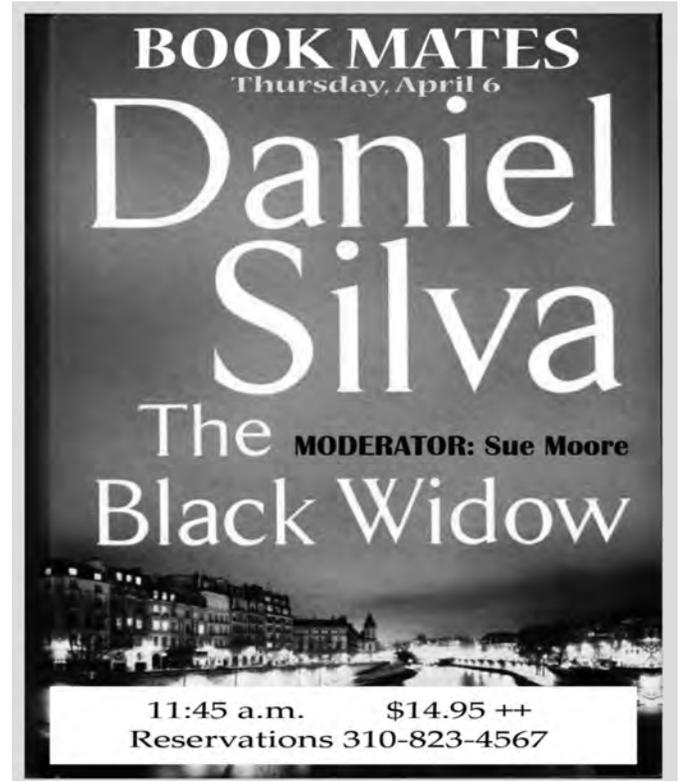
Our April 6 fiction selection is "The Black Widow." New York Times #1 bestselling author Daniel Silva delivers another spellbinding international thriller—one that finds the legendary Israeli spy/assassin/art restorer Gabriel Allon grappling with an ISIS mastermind. Sue Moore moderates.

Our June selection is the fiction novel "Pacific Homicide," by CYC member Patricia Smiley, who will be present as our guest. EO Dawn Sprout moderates.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month, 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., for lunch and a stimulating environment that continues to make Book Mates one of the Club's most popular activities. Pick up a copy of "The Black Widow" and join us on April 6. Luncheon \$14.95++; reservations strongly recommended. Call 310-823-4567. ♣



BOOK MATES
DEAD WAKE
THE LAST CROSSING OF THE
LUSITANIA
Thursday, May 4
MODERATOR: Norma Pratt
11:45 a.m. \$14.95 ++
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#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF
IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS



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From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD



Spring flowers are out and our rainy days are past us, so it's time to celebrate the season. Sunset Series will be starting and CYC committees have plenty of activities and events on the calendar this month. The CYCWA has a Mystery Dinner Dance set for April 8. Cocktails, dinner, dancing, and a murder take place that evening. Starting with cocktails at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room, murder and mayhem will be followed by dining and dancing in the main dining room upstairs. There will be no a la carte dinner in the dining room or bar after 4 p.m. that evening.

Both Passover and Easter are celebrated in April. On Tuesday, April 11, CYC's second annual Seder will be a family friendly evening led by Cantor Teri Sulc and her guitar. There will be crafts for the kids, music, and Seder fun. Please call the front desk to reserve your place by April 5. It will start at 6 p.m. sharp. Easter follows on April 16, where families can enjoy a sumptuous brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and kids can hunt for eggs on the lawn with our CYC bunny. Again, reservations are essential.

As tax day nears, we know it's time for the 1040 dinner. Dinner is a bargain on April 13, and Chef Christian is sure

to please with his home-style entrees. This will be a sold-out event, so give the front desk a call to reserve your table.

The Keelboat Committee will start Friday night match racing this month. Port Captain Tim Clarke and S/C David Collins have scheduled two Friday nights each month for racing near the guest dock in the Club-owned Martin 242s and CFJs. On April 23, a match race clinic is open to all experienced racers, both junior and adult members, who want to learn about match racing. Doug McLean will be doing on-the-water coaching, as well as classroom theory from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A \$20 registration fee will cover the class, a North U racing book on a USB flash drive, and light refreshments. Sign up on the Match Racing page of the CYC website.

The Young Professionals will host the first dock party of the season on April 22, and will be on the front lawn the following day with "Beer, Bocce Ball, and Corn Hole." Sounds like a party to me!

On April 27, the Yachting Luncheon will update us on efforts to make water cleaner in Marina del Rey. New regulations were announced earlier this year. Find out what these new regulations mean for our anchorage and what CYC and RBOC have been doing to be on the forefront of issues impacting the use and enjoyment of our waterways.

We are changing up our tasting this month to cider. Hard ciders have been available in pubs and bars in Europe for centuries, but have only recently become popular in the United States via small-batch brewers in the same manner as beers coming from microbreweries. Ciders, both sweet and dry varieties, are made primarily from apples and pears, but some are using pineapple and other more exotic fruits. Make reservations for the April 27 tasting, and enjoy a scrumpy cider (from the west of England) or two along with tasty hors d'oeuvres.

Just a reminder, make sure that the membership department has your current email address as we move forward with our paperless billing in June. If you did not receive an emailed statement this month, please email Destinee King, destinee.king@calyachtclub.net, so she can update your membership file.

See you 'round the Club! ⚓

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		EVENT "1040" Dinner	
		DATE Thursday, April 13	
Filing Status	1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make a reservation now. Don't miss the deadline!
Information	5. Two Seatings 6 p.m. OR 7:30 p.m.		
	6. Reservations call 310-823-4567		

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS							
1 Catalina Conservancy Ball 2 Family Activities Committee High Tea 5 Sunset Series Seminar 8 Power Fleet/CYCWA Mystery Dinner 9 Harris Spring Regatta	11 Seder Dinner 15 Jr. Gear Exchange Day 16 Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt 19 Sunset Series Begins 21 Match Racing	27 Yachting Luncheon 29 Cmmnd. Cruise to BVI Begins 29-30 Sanguinetti Team Race					Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 1 Catalina Conservancy Ball Adult Learn to Sail #1 Jr. Learn to Sail Pickleball Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 8 Jr. Learn to Sail Adult Learn to Sail #1 Power/CYCWA Mystery Dinner (no a la carte dining) Pickleball
Brunch 2 Jr. Spring Learn to Sail FAC High Tea Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Club closed 3 Pickleball	Club closed 4 Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 5 Knit or Knot Sunset Series Seminar Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 6 Mah Jongg Book Mates Fleet Council Mtg. Sportsman's Club Mtg.	7 Match Racing Seafood Buffet	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 8 Jr. Learn to Sail Adult Learn to Sail #1 Power/CYCWA Mystery Dinner (no a la carte dining) Pickleball	
Brunch 9 Jr. Learn to Sail Harris Spring Regatta Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Club closed 10 <i>Passover Begins</i> Pickleball	Club closed 11 Women's Paddle Tennis Seder Dinner	Bridge Club 12 Knit or Knot Painting Aficionados Sunset Series Seminar Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 13 CYCWA Board Mtg. Jr. Comm. Mtg. Sail Comm. Mtg. Mah Jongg	14 Seafood Buffet	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 15 Jr. Gear Exchange Day Jr. Learn to Sail Pickleball	
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Brunch 23 Jr. Learn to Sail Match Racing Clinic Mxd. Doubles YP Bocce & Corn Hole Brunch 30 Jr. Learn to Sail Sanguinetti Team Race Mxd. Doubles Breeze Deadline	Club closed 24 Pickleball	Club closed 25 Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 26 Knit or Knot Painting Aficionados Sunset Series Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Paddle Tennis 27 Bridge Mtg. New Member Mtg. Cider Tasting Mah Jongg Yachting Luncheon YP Happy Hour	28 Seafood Buffet	Paddle Ten. 29 Jr. Learn to Sail Adult Learn to Sail Cmmnd. Cruise to BVI Begins Sanguinetti Team Race Pickleball	

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