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Santa arrives at CYC

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From the Commodore



*Commodore
Kellie Fennessy*

Coming in for a Landing

Please fasten your seatbelts, this Magic Carpet Ride is coming to an end. But before I say good-bye, we still have a month of fun-filled events, holiday gatherings, with very few meetings (yea!). It seems like only yesterday I wrote my first column, and here I am writing my last. Time flies, but the year during which one is Commodore, time really flies.

California Yacht Club will soon be under the capable leadership of Commodore-elect Mike Blecher. Mike and Barbie will carry on the fine traditions found at all yacht clubs and exemplified here at CYC, year after year. They will certainly add to the rich history and legacy of our Club. Commodore Blecher has the support of some thoughtful and hard-working Bridge Officers, with Vice Commodore-elect Debbie Feinerman, Rear Commodore-elect Stephanie Weston, Fleet Captain-elect Tim Clarke, and Port Captain-elect Monica Antola to support his endeavors throughout 2018. I wish them all a year of amazing adventure, lots of laughs, fun, and friendship.

It has been an incredible year here at CYC. Our Sail Committee ran more than 50 days of on-the-water activities, hosting one well-run event after another. And our burgee has been flying at some of the most prestigious events this past year. Congratulations to Drew Freides for winning the 2017 Melges 20 Worlds. What an achievement! The email I received from Drew shortly after the regatta is one that I will always remember – telling me just how he and his team felt sailing off the racecourse after clinching the title, and how proud he was sailing under the CYC burgee. 2018 will be another busy year for racing.

Our junior program hit new highs. While writing this column I learned that four of our CYC Optimist team members have been selected to represent Team USA at several overseas events next year. Congratulations to Jordon Janov, who will be representing us in Italy next year; Katherine Doble will be going to the South American Championships in Uruguay; Callie Davis will be heading to Spain; and Talia Hamlin is off to the Netherlands. The race team is

also exceeding goals in other classes such as the Laser, 29er, 420s and match racing or team racing. What a pleasure it has been getting to know many of these fine young athletes. Our future is definitely bright.

Every Club cruise was a blast in 2017. What fun it was for us all to gather at various locations in Southern California and enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow members. And the 2017 Commodore's Cruise to the British Virgin Islands will be talked about for many years to come for all the adventure, beautiful locations, and many laughs we all shared.

So what is next for Mike and me? Well, I can tell you that come January, we will be sitting at home with a lot of time on our hands. But we will continue to be involved, as needed, with Club activities. You will still see us at all sorts of events. We won't be idle for long. As I write this, our sailboat has turned into a powerboat – temporarily. The mast has been pulled off of *Dash* so that we can get ready for the extended cruise we will be undertaking soon. Our plan is written at low tide in wet sand so it is constantly in flux, but we plan to leave in March for the South Pacific. Some beautiful morning we will cut our dock lines and sail as if heading to Catalina, but we will gently glide past the island. Somewhere halfway to Hawaii we will gybe and head south, with our first stop being the Marquesas Islands. I'm pretty sure that will be another Magic Carpet Ride filled with adventures.

It has been such an honor to be your Commodore this year. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this opportunity. It has enriched my life more than anyone can appreciate, and introduced me to many wonderful friends. I was extremely lucky to have my Commodore's Liaison by my side for this entire ride. I could not have done this without my love, Mike Priest, with me every step of the way.

With gratitude,
Kellie ♣

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Commodores Ball



Shadden Series

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FRONT COVER Santa kicks off the holiday season at CYC's Holiday Tree Trimming Party on December 3. The CYC calendar is packed with volunteer appreciation events and festivities in December, including Toys for Tots on the 6th, the Holiday Dock Party and Boat Parade on the 9th, Holiday Brunches on the 3rd, 10th and 17th, Kids Noon Year's Eve on the 30th, and a New Year's Eve celebration on the 31st.

Photo by Alan Weston

BACK COVER Seasons greetings from the CYCWA Executive Board: Jr. SEO Carol Watkins, First Officer Diane Howard, Executive Officer Dawn Sprout, Second Officer Pam Spriggs, and Secretary Michelle Ondrey.

Photo by Randy Sprout

Heritage Square and Watts Towers Tour

By First Officer DIANE HOWARD

The day could not have been more perfect as we enjoyed mimosas, coffee, and fresh muffins to kick-start our day. Thank goodness because the traffic to Pasadena was horrendous. Michele Fisher kept us entertained with a lively round of bingo.

We arrived at the Arroyo Seco to see the amazing historical homes preserved from the late 1800s. How did they move these houses intact to this location beginning in 1969? Two of the houses were decorated for Halloween. The Hale House was transformed into a funeral home complete with two coffins and an embalming room.

A sumptuous lunch was planned for us at Michelangelo in Silver Lake. Wow, what a feast! We started with bruschetta and two types of salads, this was followed by penne eggplant and chicken marsala. The finale was a decadently delicious tiramisu cake. Oh, and there was no shortage of wine provided.

On to Watts Towers and more games on the bus. Watts Towers was created by Simon Rodia. It took him 33 years (1921-1954), working alone, to complete the towers. The self-taught artist built it with simple hand tools, using a window washer's belt to hang from the towers as he worked. Many of the structures and design were inspired from architecture he saw in Naples as a child. The towers were built in the shape of a ship with the bow facing Italy, so that he could sail back to Italy in his dreams.

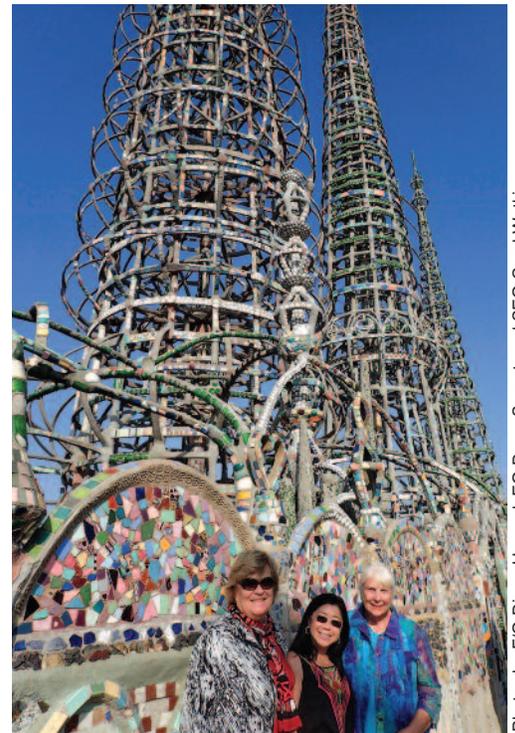
It was a fun and educational day. Then back on the bus for our trip home to CYC. There was, of course, more wine and raffles. ⚡



Built in 1887, the Palms Depot remained active until 1953.



Randy Sprout and Jack Silver



EO Dawn Sprout, First Officer Diane Howard, and Jr. SEO Carol Watkins at the Watts Towers

Photos by F/O Diane Howard, EO Dawn Sprout, and SEO Carol Watkins



Photo by Randy Sprout

Thank You for a Very Fun Year!

By EO DAWN SPROUT

This year is nearing an end and so is my term as Executive Officer of CYCWA. It has truly been a pleasure serving on the Executive Board! The support and assistance I received from the CYC members was huge and this year has been one of the highlights of my life!

There are many people to thank but I particularly want to thank Commodore Kellie Fennessy, Manager Michele Underwood, *Breeze* Editor Paula Cameron, and Randy Sprout for the beautiful artwork in *On the Horizon*.

On January 6, I will pass the gavel to Diane Howard and join the team of SEOs. I look forward to another exciting year in 2018. But always remember, 2017 was the year that "Girls Just Wanted to Have Fun," and indeed we did! ⚡

CYCWA on the Horizon

By SHIRLEY CABEEN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Toys for Tots Dinner
Wednesday, December 6
No-host cocktails 6 p.m.
Dinner and music at 7 p.m.

Please join us for our annual festive celebration of the U.S. Marines Corps' Toys for Tots program with entertainment. Bring a toy or drop one off. \$55 inclusive. Call the front desk for last-minute reservations.

Book Mates

Thursday, January 4

11:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room

We begin the new year with the January 4 discussion of "Little Fires Everywhere," by Celeste Ng. According to the New York Times, the novel's vast and complex network of moral affiliations and the nuanced omniscient voice that Ng employs to navigate it make this work even more ambitious and accomplished than her debut. EO Dawn Sprout moderates.

The February Book Mates novel is "Elephant Company," by Vicki Croke. Honorary SEO Patty Hathaway, Susan Allan, and SEO Mary Jane McClintock will moderate.

Chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservations and lunch information.

Sunset Book Club – Happy holidays!
No meeting in December

SAVE THE DATES

CYCWA Installation Luncheon
January 6, 11:30 a.m.

Come to the festive CYCWA Installation of 2018. Officers: Executive Officer Diane Howard, First Officer Pam Spriggs, Second Officer Michelle Ondrey, Secretary Connie Webster, and Jr. SEO Dawn Sprout. Always a fun and rewarding event. Everyone invited. Call the front desk for reservations now.

Bowers Museum Trip
January 12

Join us as we delve into Sir Ernest Shackleton's doomed voyage to Antarctica as seen through artifacts, diary entries, ship's log, and large-format prints from Frank Hurley's glass plate and celluloid photographs, a new major exhibition at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. Transportation, lunch, and museum entry included in \$35.00 reservation. See event flyer in this issue.



Artwork by Randy Sprout

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 Marylyn Hoenemeyer and S/C Cheryl Mahaffey for more details.

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

Third Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to noon

First and Third Sunday evening 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.

The Magic of Making Things Happen – Part Two

By Commodore KELLIE FENNESSY

In the October Commodore's column, I shared some responses from our CYC employees, telling us a few fun facts about themselves. The feedback that I received was overwhelming. Many members commented how much fun it was to learn more about our great employees. I had many more employee responses to share, so here they are:

What are your hobbies and interests?

Tiffani Velazquez – Director of Catering: Love a good slumber party with my daughter, now away at college.

Gus Marks – Assistant General Manager: I cook for my family every Monday and Tuesday, in order to have easy-ready-meals throughout the week.

Miguel Barba – Waitstaff: Playing basketball, working out, staying healthy and fit.

Roberto Gonzalez – Waitstaff: I like to play blackjack and poker.

Alejandro (Alex) Gutierrez – Waitstaff: I love baseball.

Goldofredo Morales – AM Lead Cook: I like basketball and baseball. I enjoy spending time with my family.

Keith Burrell – PM Dishwasher: Interested in starting my own business in group homes.

Karl Viking – Junior Sous Chef: Love to play Dungeons & Dragons, writing, anime, reading, wargaming, heavy metal, comic books, video games, and cats.

Grace Davis – PM Lead Cook: Food, fashion, music.

Jeremy Uprick – Sous Chef: Fishing, surfing, and hunting.

Mary Stuart Deibel – Director of Membership: I love cooking, reading, traveling, entertaining, trying new fitness classes, board games, tennis, and bike rides along the beach.

Andrée Martin – Front Desk Receptionist: To be around the beach as much as I can.



Membership Representative Kelly Coccio and Director of Membership and Marketing Mary Stuart Deibel

Anything interesting you would like our members to know about you?

Keith: I love to cook my own meals.

Mary Stuart – I speak Spanish and love to practice in case anyone wants to practice.

Brandy Vega – Bartender: I have a private event bartending service.

Adrian Vicuna – Busser: That I am an outgoing person and ready to handle anything that comes in my direction.

Goldofredo: I enjoy going for a bike ride on my days off.

What is your favorite movie, TV show, music or band?

Miguel: “The Avengers.”

Brandy: The movie “Grease.”

Rodolfo Torres – Dining Room Manager: Food Network, “The Godfather,” the Doors.

Mary Stuart: My favorite movie is “A League of Their Own,” my favorite TV show is “Friends,” and my favorite band is the Beatles.

Andrée: “Flip or Flop” and “The Flea Market.”

Nancy Kruithof – Front Desk Lead Receptionist: Favorite movie – “Wonder Woman;” favorite TV show – “Game of Thrones;” band – Evanescence.

Gus: My favorite movie is “The Godfather Trilogy,” I like crime and mystery reality TV, and Sublime is my favorite band.

Michele: “Blade Runner,” “Mad Men,” Masterpiece Theater, Barry Lyndon.

Curtis: “The Iron Giant,” “Superman,” “Stranger Things,” Beastie Boys.

Maria Castellon – Accountant: Favorite movie is “War Room.”

Miguel: Favorite movie is “The Avengers.”

Adrian: “Star Wars” (movie), “The Wonder Years” (TV), Suicide Boys (music).

Karl: “The Shawshank Redemption,” “Game of Thrones,” Sabaton (heavy metal band).

Grace: “Memoirs of a Geisha,” SNL, hip hop, Led Zeppelin.

Robert DeSanto – Bartender: “Game of Thrones,” “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind,” “Gladiator,” Mars – National Geographic.



Photos by Mike Priest

Desk Receptionist Andrée Martin, Office Administrator Gloria Crawley, General Manager Michele Underwood, Assistant General Manager Gus Marks, and Front Desk Lead Receptionist Nancy Kruithof

Evan Davis – Dockmaster: “Chinatown” (movie), John Luther Adams (music).

Kelly Coccio – Membership Representative: A few of my favorite TV shows are “Stranger Things,” “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,” and “Parks & Recreation.”

Tiffani: Movie: “Labyrinth,” “Silver Linings Playbook,” and “Dancer in the Dark.” TV show: “Stranger Things” and “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt.”

If you could have dinner with one person who would it be and why?

Roberto: Nicolas Cage, he is my favorite actor.

Alejandro: Babe Ruth.

Adrian: Kylie Jenner, would love to go to prom with her.

Goldofredo: Pedro Infante, he was an amazing singer and actor.

Keith: Muhammad Ali, I loved listening to him, and watching him box.

Karl: HP Lovecraft, to ask about his sources of inspiration.

Grace: Gabrielle Bonheur (Coco Chanel), I would love to know her inspiration and just her innermost thoughts, also where she got her strengths.

Robert: Elon Musk, his desire and advancement of our technology is amazing and he is a successful business man. I would like to learn from him.

Evan: Leonardo da Vinci, I am curious to know how he faced the mundane details of living.

Kelly: I would like to have dinner with Walt Disney, because he turned his dream into a reality, and by doing so created a world of excitement and imagination for everyone. I find him and his legacy extremely interesting, and have read countless books about him and the parks. I even taught a class at the University of Rhode Island about Walt Disney and Disney World’s organizational excellence!

Tiffani: Jim Henson. He encouraged daily silliness and imagination in the most admirable of ways.

Gus: I would love to have dinner with Nikola Tesla and hear all his theories on sound and energy.

Nancy: Leslie Jones, a comedian on Saturday Night Live. It would be a hilarious lunch.

Michele: Julia Child, I cooked for her 90th birthday party and have a picture with her. I would like to hear her stories of learning to cook and writing her cookbooks.

Brandy: Jenni Rivera.

Rodolfo: My mother.

Maria: I would have loved to have had dinner with Jesus.

Do you have a favorite dish you like to prepare?

Curtis: BBQ’d New York steak with German potato salad and sautéed garlic brussels sprouts with mushrooms.

Miguel: Chateaubriand.

Goldofredo: Preparing soups and salads.

Karl: Ernest Hemingway’s Wild West Burger.

Grace: Fried pig ears atop a corn tomatillo relish drizzled with green harissa and garnished with cilantro.

Jeremy: Hoisin BBQ wood duck.

Evan: Barbecued marinated tri-tip – but must be at Cat Harbor.

Mary Stuart: Beef tenderloin with caramelized shallots, bacon, and port reduction, wild mushroom risotto, and oven-roasted garlic asparagus. For dessert I would make s’mores pot de crème with a hazelnut chocolate sauce.

Brandy: Salmon in a lemon butter sauce.

Rodolfo: Ceviche.

Robert: Homemade chicken soup and braised short ribs.

Michele: Anything braised – I love to slow cook lamb shanks, osso buco in the cooler months.

Tiffani: Carne asada tacos with each shell fried to perfection, topped with cheddar cheese, big wedges of avocado, cilantro and lime. ♡



Dining Room Manager Rodolfo Torres, Chef Christian Monchâtre, and the kitchen and wait staff

Drew Freides Dominates Melges 20 World Championship

By BILL TAN



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CYC member Drew Freides made waves off

Newport, Rhode Island, skippering his boat, *Pacific Yankee*, to a decisive win in the 2017 Melges 20 World Championship. Taking the trophy for the very first time in one of the most highly competitive international classes was especially sweet for the team which included tactician Morgan Reeser, crew member Charlie Smythe, and coach Vince Brun, as Freides and his crew were runners up in the Worlds just last year. Hosted by New York Yacht Club, this year's event drew 38 boats, facing off against highly varied conditions over four days of racing October 4-7.

The legendary Newport sou'wester breeze accompanied by warm temperatures and sunny skies greeted racers on Day One. Fifteen-knot winds powered boats around the course for the first race, building to 23 knots by the third start, with boats running at full bore, surfing big waves downwind. *Pacific Yankee*



Crew Charlie Smythe, tactician Morgan Reeser, and skipper Drew Freides celebrate after clinching the world championship without sailing the last race of the regatta.

capitalized on the good pressure to jump into the lead with a 1-2-2 record after three races. While Day Two started with the same sou'wester, wind velocity was lighter and wind direction became much more variable as the afternoon unfolded. With boats jockeying for position on the race course under big left

shifts, *Pacific Yankee* solidified their hold on the top spot of the overall leaderboard. Freides recalls that they were passing boats all day, overtaking eight competitors on just the last leg of the second race, finishing Day Two with a 7-6-7 record.

On Day Three, however, the typical southwest Newport breeze never materialized. Instead, most of the morning was spent dockside hoping the glassy water would give way to some puffs and cat's paws. At 2 p.m., the race committee finally managed to find enough wind to run just one of the three races planned for the day. Coming in with a 9-point lead, Freides and his team were the ones to beat. And after a hard-fought start in which *Pacific Yankee* found itself over early and subsequently buried beneath several boats, including *Samba Pa Ti* skippered by two-time world champion John Kilroy, Jr., Freides battled back in the light air to finish fifth. Freides credits 18 months of practice and drills for the high level of crew work which made *Pacific Yankee* faster in all types of winds and seas, observing that "the crummier the conditions, the more we can differentiate ourselves."

The last stretch of the regatta on Day Four dawned with the same warm, becalmed conditions. For *Pacific Yankee*, who had been a constant presence atop the scoring table, waiting for the race committee to determine the schedule for the day became an exercise in mathematics: they held the points lead by a wide margin and had a one-race advantage. So at half past noon, as boats were staging in the starting area following the postponement, word came through from the race committee that just one race would be run that day. With their regatta victory assured, *Pacific Yankee* elected to forego the last race and sailed back to base. As a mark of their respect and a recognition of the effort and dedication Freides and his team had invested in making their first World Championship win a reality, the entire Melges 20 fleet showered *Pacific Yankee* with cheers and applause.

This spontaneous outpouring of appreciation from a highly experienced and talented field of sailors struck an emotional chord with Freides as this, the biggest win of his racing career, was the culmination of a journey that began three years ago when his mother was battling lung cancer. During that difficult period, Freides managed to take time to charter a Melges 20 for the very first time and race it to a better-than-mid-fleet finish. He loved the experience so much that his mother encouraged him to buy the boat and campaign it seriously. "She made me get a Melges 20 before she passed away because she knew how much it meant to me," Freides reflected recently. "This win's for her," he added. "We did it."

Freides would like to thank California Yacht Club for its support of team *Pacific Yankee*. He looks forward to the upcoming Melges 20 events in Miami, Florida, beginning in early December and, ultimately, defending his world championship title next year in Sardinia, Italy. 🇺🇸



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Drew Freides was first in a field of 38 boats from nine countries.

Winners Circle

Melges 20 World Championship

October 2-7
New York YC
38 boats
1 Drew Freides,
Pacific Yankee

Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Challenge

October 14-15
Long Beach YC
11 teams
2 CYC

Goblin Regatta

October 28-29
Santa Barbara Sailing Club
J/24: 6 boats
2 Susan Taylor,
Take Five

Lipton Cup

October 27-29
San Diego YC
12 teams
8 CYC

Winner's Quote of the Month

"I believe the key to happiness is someone to love, something to do, and something to look forward to."

- Elvis Presley

Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design

By MICHELLE ONDREY



Team CYC (Stella Artois spinnaker) in the lead

Tracy St. John Photography

Once a year, women sailors from all over the West Coast converge at Long Beach Yacht Club to participate in the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Challenge in LBYC's fleet of 11 Catalina 37s. 2017 marked the 26th running of the regatta (renamed in memory of Linda Elias in 2003). The regatta is always a competitive event – and CYC has had a number of wins over the years.

The team practiced three full days with some great coaches – Dawn McIntosh, Will Tetrick, and Dave Kurt. After a little refresher on the boat, the team began to gel. All crew members were veterans with the exception of newbie 16-year-old Alexis Westland. We are sure Alexis was inspired to return next year as a veteran. By the second day of practice, maneuvers were coming together well and the team was gaining confidence.

Finally the weekend of the regatta arrived. The team practiced Friday and felt good. At the skippers meeting on Saturday, the PRO told the group she'd try to run five of the regatta's seven races on Saturday due to light wind predictions for Sunday – so we settled in for a long day. We were in the zone (or zen, as tactician Liz Hjorth said) on Day 1, with excellent starts and well-choreographed teamwork. Even when things didn't go well – the team held it together.

Going into the fifth and last race of the day, our finishes were 2-1-1-7 and we were leading the fleet. At the final leeward mark, but with a lap still to go, the spinnaker suffered a huge rip in the douse. We continued upwind while bowman Mary Stuyvesant went below to perform surgery on the two-foot rip. It was touch and go whether the repair would be done in time for the hoist at the windward mark, but with less than one boat length to the mark we heard Mary shout “good to go” – the team never had any doubt! Up went the patched spinnaker and the team continued on to win the race, finishing the day in the lead of the regatta.

On Sunday, we were feeling good but unfortunately it wasn't our day. Light wind was not good to us and the Long Beach YC team came out strong. With all races complete, we stood second – still a great accomplishment in such a tough fleet of competitors and good enough to score Keen shoes for the crew (Keen was a regatta sponsor and contributed great swag!).

As the weekend drew to a close, we all agreed it was inspiring to race with a regatta full of great women sailors, and it was fantastic to be on the boat with such a fierce group of CYC women. The enthusiasm shown from the overwhelming response to first call months ago, until the podium at the awards ceremony, has us knowing there is great women's sailing in the future at CYC. If you are one of those women sailors – keep an eye out for future events. And we'll be back in Long Beach this time next year! 🍷



Team CYC: Alexis Westland, Sue Service, Mary Stuyvesant, Commodore Kellie Fennesy, Sue Herrschaft, Marilyn Cassedy, Tiffany Brain, Michelle Ondrey, Monica Antola, and Lara Clarke (not pictured: Liz Hjorth)

CYC Races to Regain 103rd Sir Thomas Lipton Cup Challenge

By BOB LITTLE

On Friday, October 27, the morning dawned on the 103rd Challenge for the Sir Thomas Lipton Cup in San Diego. Invited to compete this year were 12 of the most competitive teams from yacht clubs across the country to battle in a rotation of 12 J/105s in the stadium sailing of San Diego Bay. CYC had successfully won the event four years ago and this year included members returning from that team – helmsman Bob Little, Ben Mitchell, Drew Freides, and Doug McLean – along with Yumio Dornberg and Port Captain Tim Clarke. The team took to the water Thursday afternoon prior to the event to prepare for racing, in addition to racing together earlier in October at the SDYC One Design Regatta in the same J/105s.

As always, the racing was highly competitive and the sailing conditions quite challenging with big wind shifts and varied pressure across the course. CYC started the event with two solid finishes of fourth and fifth in the first two races, but suffered some tough finishes of 11th and seventh in the second two races. Day 2 of the Challenge for the Sir Thomas Lipton Cup started out with clear skies and similar conditions to Day 1. The race committee, which included our own S/C Bill Stump, worked hard managing a very busy San Diego Bay and was able to get five races off, completing Race 9 around 5 p.m. Race 9 got off to a rocky start with a postponement followed by a general recall. Once the boats were off the line, they were ready to sail fast. CYC was first to the windward mark on the first beat and held the number one spot until the finish. Newport Harbor YC landed in second and Larchmont YC improved from placing fifth in Race 8 to third in the final race of the day.

On Day 3 Commodore Kellie Fenessey and Mike Priest were on the water to watch the racing action. The sun was just breaking through the clouds at the start of Race 10. With lots of lead changes throughout the six-leg course, it was anybody's race. CYC found themselves in great pressure sailing deep on the second run. They were able to keep that momentum and secure the top seat in the first race of the last day. Larchmont YC had an impressive race as well, finishing second; their best race of the regatta. The following two races, both with six short legs, had lots of lead changes and, although CYC was in the front of the group many times, they were unable to repeat their bullets of the previous two races. In the end it was a four-point victory for host club San Diego YC, followed by Newport Harbor YC and San Francisco YC. CYC finished eighth in the final standings, just behind Coronado YC and just ahead of the Long Beach YC.

Overall, it felt like the team sailed very well together and shared some great moments of success while taking some tough breaks in what was extremely close racing. We thank the host club for the well-managed event and great hospitality, and, of course, the support of CYC and Denise George along with the Competition Fund. 🍷



CYC (bow 02) takes the lead at the start of this race on Day 3.

Cynthia Sinclair Photography



CYC (bow 02) for the bullet on Day 3.

Cynthia Sinclair Photography



Team CYC: Port Captain Tim Clarke, Doug McLean, skipper Bob Little, Commodore Kellie Fenessey, Yumio Dornberg, Ben Mitchell, and Drew Freides

Photo by Mike Priest

A Golden Autumn Day for Shadden

By CHRISTOPHER GALE, Regatta Co-chair



Photo by Melinda Meijer

CYC's Gavin McJones and Bastien Rasse (spinnaker) are first around the weather mark.

California Yacht Club hosted the second race of the CFJ class Shadden Series on October 8. Commodore Kellie Fennessy was PRO and managed to get 31 boats off for four smooth races despite a southerly wind direction. Racers and race committee volunteers enjoyed a bright sunny fall day in Southern California. On the water we averaged about seven knots with occasional rollers. Around 4 p.m., racers began returning to the dock where volunteers, parents, and dock crew waited to assist them back to the parking lot. Regatta Co-chairs Christopher Gale and Hunter Gorog thanked all involved with trophies and tacos.

Top honors for the day went to Payne Donaldson and Sara Muir from Santa Barbara Youth Foundation. The top-finishing CYC entry was Gavin McJones and Bastien Rasse, who won the last three races and finished third overall. The series continues in 2018 with races in January at San Diego YC and in March at Alamitos Bay YC. Good luck to our CYC entries! 🇺🇸



Photo by Jon Moeller

CYC's Janov brothers, Ryan and Grant, finished 13th.



Photo by Justin McJones

CYC's Bastien Rasse and Gavin McJones received their third place trophies from Regatta Co-chairs Christopher Gale and Hunter Gorog.



Photo by Melinda Meijer

A crowded pre-start, led by Gavin McJones and Bastien Rasse (sail #1470), covers the Charles Hathaway.

Race Team Results

By GUILLAUME RASSE, Junior Program Director

USODA Southeast Championships/Spring Team Qualifier

October 8-10, St. Petersburg YC

273 entries. Coached by Manny Resano

- 27 Jordan Janov
- 31 Katharine Doble
- 65 Callie Davis
- 110 Talia Hamlin
- 158 Emily Doble

CYC sailors who qualified to represent the U.S. at spring 2018 international Optimist events:

Callie Davis – XXIX International Palamos Optimist Trophy Championship in Catalonia, Spain

Katharine Doble – IODA South American Championship in Montevideo, Uruguay

Talia Hamlin – XXXIII Magic Marine Easter Regatta in Braassemmeer, Netherlands

Jordan Janov – XXXVI Lake Garda Optimist Meeting in Riva del Garda, Italy



Photo by Madoka Hamlin

Lylie Bechtel (Callie Davis' cousin from Chester YC), Katharine Doble, Callie Davis, Emily Doble, Talia Hamlin, and Jordan Janov at the Spring Team Qualifier



Shadden Series #2

October 8, CYC.

CFJs: 31 entries.

Coached by Will Petersen and Roberto Ayala

- 3 Gavin McJones/Bastien Rasse
- 4 Alexis Westland/Chris Kayda
- 7 Kieran Shocklee/Wynlow Wilmot
- 13 Ryan Janov/Grant Janov
- 23 Ethan Chi/Beau Greely
- 25 Robert Suddath/Bryan Jiao
- 26 Sierra Madruga/Sara Moeller
- 29 Lucas Knight/Hannah Stein
- 30 Matthew Ahern/Max Jacobson



Photo by Eric Andresen

Katharine Doble at the Goblin Regatta

Goblin Optimist Regatta/Carrie #1

October 21-22, Santa Barbara YC

Opti Champs: 46 entries.

Coached by Manny Resano and Guillaume Rasse

- 1 Jordan Janov – 1st in Blue Fleet
- 2 Katharine Doble – 1st in Red Fleet, 1st Girl
- 11 Lucca Farell – 1st in White Fleet
- 16 Callie Davis
- 18 Talia Hamlin
- 21 Tana Deyell
- 22 Carsten Zieger
- 24 Emily Doble
- 25 Tessa Farrell
- 28 Mika Sternberg
- 32 Thomas Kraak
- 35 Harry Bryan
- 39 Matthew Commons
- 41 Oliver Ahern

Opti Green Fleet participants coached by Julia Rychlik and Conor Dougherty. Noah Corelli, Graham Doble, Reed Knight (costume contest winner), Boyer Tooley, Andy Uznis

Halloween Charity Regatta

October 28, Alamos Bay YC

29er: 12 entries

- 6 Ryan Janov/Grant Janov
- Martin 242: 7 entries
- 4 Kieran Shocklee
- 5 Bastien Rasse 🏆



Photo by Eric Andresen

CYC Race Team at the Goblin Regatta in Santa Barbara

CYC World Series

By ANTHONY AGOGLIA,
Sportsman's Club Chair

The Sportsman's Club hosted World Series events to watch the games on each night that the Club was open. The evenings were as much fun as the record-setting World Series ... 'til game seven, but I'm just not ready to discuss that yet.

Popcornopolis flavored popcorn flowed ... the kitchen was whipping up our own version of Dodger Dogs, and garlic fries specials as fast as the Boys in Blue were hitting it out of the park, and \$3 draft beers flowed through each game as a full house of CYC Dodger fans alternately celebrated and wept at each turn of the tide.

A huge thanks to Commodore Kellie Fennessy, General Manager Michele Underwood, Assistant General Manager Gus Marks, Dining Room Manager Rodolfo Torres, and Chef Christian for pulling off the events with very little notice as the Series unfolded.

As far as the Series itself, like I said ... just not ready to talk about it yet. ...

Keep an eye out for future sports-viewing events at CYC, hosted by the Sportsman's Club! ⚓



CYC President Steve Hathaway, Doug Stewart, S/C Bill Stump, Fred Lanes, and Mike Zeiden sport Reyn Spooner Dodger shirts.



Alan Field and Monica Antola, with guests Kat Whittaker and Dennis Castaneda



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Summer-like Conditions Support Great Stimmung at Oktoberfest Cruise

By ZORAN SEGINA

An event that starts on Friday the 13th, such as this year's CYC Oktoberfest Cruise to Two Harbors, fills its chair with a sense of foreboding. What if the late season weather turns drizzly and cold? What if the small craft advisory forecasted for Sunday makes the return crossing too rough? What if the cruisers start demanding beer when the gift bags are filled with Mosel Riesling? What if they find the schedule too boring? And, worst of all – what if they all cancel at the last minute and nobody shows up?

But show up they did. Thirty intrepid sailors, some of whom arrived to the Isthmus on Thursday, were welcomed by beautiful summer-like conditions, gentle breeze and – albeit refreshing at 68 degrees – a still swimmable sea.

The Friday raft-up at *Elise*, a Hunter 340 sloop belonging to cruise chair Zoran J. Segina, put another fear to rest. To get the Oktoberfest “Stimmung” (mood) going, each participating boat received a decorative plate, and bottle of chilled Riesling. The oompah musical entertainment (it is a German-themed event after all) came through a boom box on *Elise's* aft seat. They liked the Riesling. And did not ask for beer.

When no one showed up for a 9 a.m. breakfast at the CYC Stammtisch, the anxiety came back. “Stammtisch” is a German tradition: a table in a pub reserved for the head of the household so his favored guests can join him. The CYC table was set in the new white sand area in front of Harbor Reef Restaurant and marked by a CYC burgee planted in a sand-filled “Hofbräuhaus Maß” (beer pitcher).

Joanna and Jim Dunham arrived a few minutes later. This was their first rendezvous cruise and they wanted to make sure not to miss anything. Four-year-old Neil Addante came next, with mom, dad, and his young sister in tow. Surrounded by a plastic shovel, rake, and a dump truck, Neil was expertly surveying all that available sand. So many possibilities.

Midday Saturday was free, allowing the cruisers to visit other boats, several of which moored in nearby Cherry Cove.

The evening started at the Stammtisch with a round of complimentary drinks to enhance the aforementioned Stimmung. Thereafter, the revelers moved to the Harbor Reef Restaurant private dining room. Inside, the CYC cruisers worked on the menu selection, followed the Dodgers-Cubs game (Dodgers won), and kept checking the USC football score (USC won).

During dinner, Zoran introduced several games. The speed-coiling of a sheet into a Flemish knot quickly unraveled



Photo by Zoran Segina

when the competitors started interfering with each others' efforts. A more sedate and cerebral trivia quiz covered the topics ranging from how much beer is consumed at Oktoberfest (7.7 million liters) to what was the fastest speed recorded on a German autobahn (286 mph in 1938). The finale of the evening was to be a traditional Maß-holding endurance contest which requires holding a filled pitcher in a firmly extended hand for as long as possible - an

Oktoberfest tradition. The CYC version featured Ken Huff's attempt to lighten the five-pound load by sprinkling water from his Maß on the head of Fleet Budget Officer John Luft. We do have a video.

Sunday dawned with a gentle 10-knot breeze and calm seas for the trip home. Hope to see you next year! ⚓

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Commodores Ball Takes Off!

By Co-chair BRIDGET ROHMER

Boarding passes were sent out in September inviting members to board Fennessy Air for the Commodores Ball on November 4. The 124 guests who booked First Class flights enjoyed a “Magic Carpet Ride Around the World” honoring Commodore Kellie Fennessy and all Staff Commodores.

Upon arrival, guests found the Clubhouse transformed into 15 different countries. The evening started downstairs with complimentary fine Louis Pommery Champagne as a welcome drink, accompanied by passed hors d’oeuvres and a table stacked with the finest paté and international cheeses. Everyone at the cocktail hour enjoyed an incredible jazz duet of trumpet and bass playing some well-known songs from Paris, Venice, and Munich.

First Class flight attendants escorted guests upstairs to one of the countries highlighting the night. The United States, Italy, France, Sweden, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, Australia,

Service was first class.

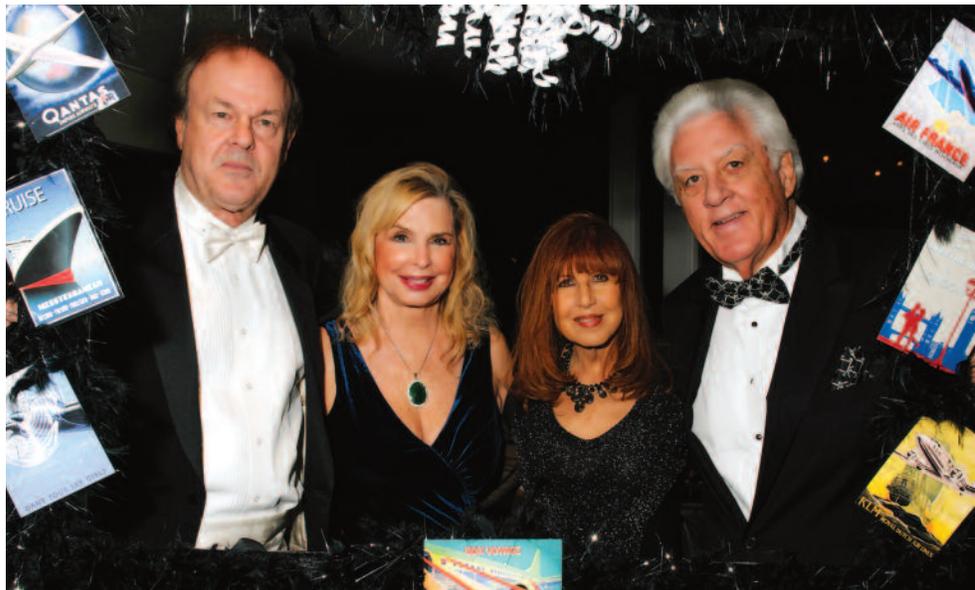
Finland, Japan, Netherlands, and United Kingdom were all represented at this magical evening. Every table was decorated with a national flag and floral arrangement along with matching napkins. The tables were filled with confetti of all kinds, including mints wrapped in the flag colors, flowers, and bits and pieces of travel maps.

A Parisian dinner of filet of sole and Maine lobster salpicon or roasted New York pavé, beautifully executed by Chef Christian Monchâtre, was paired beautifully with Duckhorn wines selected for the evening by Assistant General Manager Gus Marks. Dessert was a five-stop tasting tour of the world – all-American red velvet cupcake, Mexican cajeta-filled churros, French chocolate éclair, Italian tiramisu, and English trifle, with more Louis Pommery.

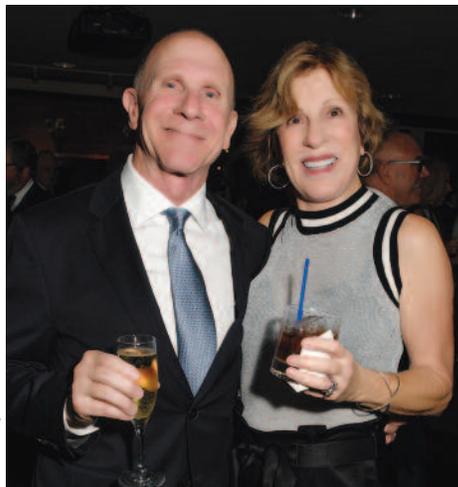
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Matt Rohmer, Co-chair Bridget Rohmer, Commodore Kellie Fennessy, Mike Priest, Scott Meyer and Co-chair Christina Tarantola

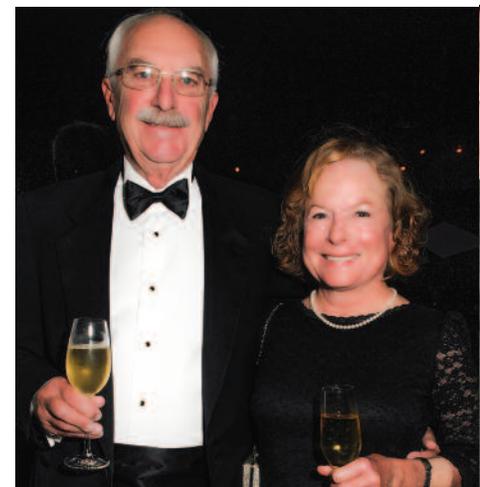


Ross and Judy Trester, and friends



Photos by Mike Shocklee

Doug and Laurie Weitz



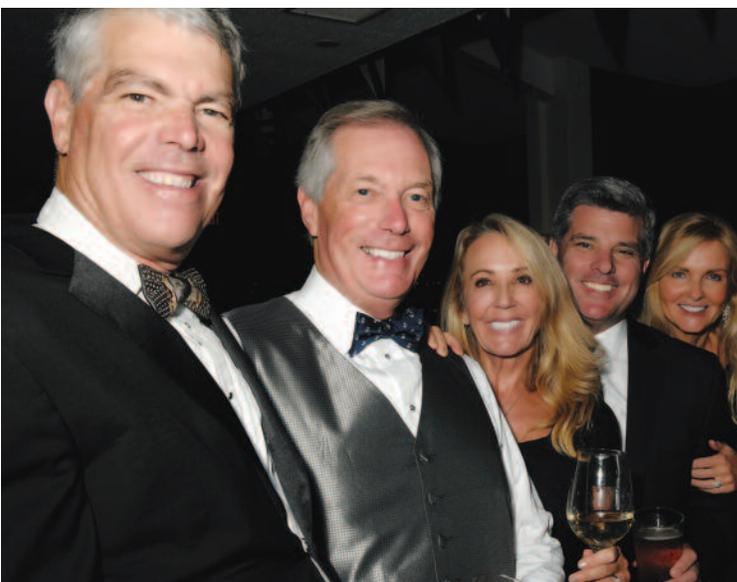
Norm and Bari Belcher



Mick Ditlevson, his mom, Renee Worke, and Bill Tan



Randy and EO Dawn Sprout and Joan and Jim Biddle



CYC President Steve Hathaway, Doug Stewart, Stephanie Hathaway, and Mike and Lisa Mortensen



CYC Bridge: Port Captain Tim Clarke, Rear Commodore Debbie Feinerman, Commodore Kellie Fennessy, Vice Commodore Mike Blecher, and Fleet Captain and SEO Stephanie Weston



A trumpet and bass accompanied the cocktail hour.



Marcy Pettitt, Madeleine McJones, and SEO Karen Stirling



Peter and Connie Webster

Commodores Ball

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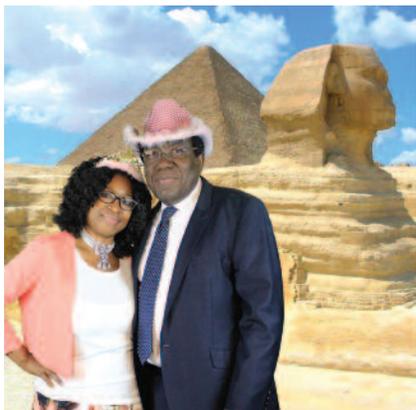
Co-chairs Bridget Rohmer and Christina Tarantola knew that some of Commodore Kellie’s biggest – and youngest – fans were not able to attend. But thanks to Joe Farrell, many of our juniors who’ve had the opportunity to experience the love and passion Kellie shares with our younger members sent their thanks and best wishes via video.

Commodore Fennessy and Mike Priest started the first dance with “Sailing” by Christopher Cross. The four-man band, Retrofit, didn’t miss a beat. During dinner, they played soft music hits from around the world, and once the dancing started, they kicked the party into high gear and never stopped.

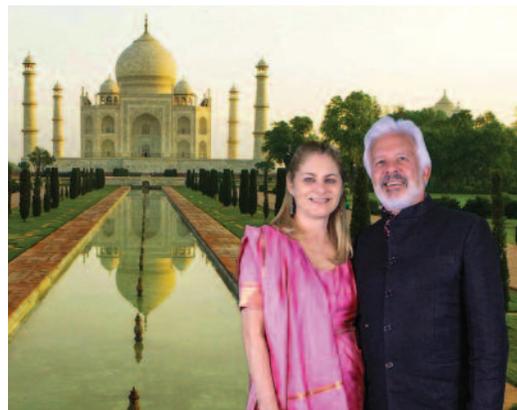
If guests needed a break from dancing they could jump into scenes from around the world in the green-screen photo booth by Lee from Smart and Cool Photobooth. With international backdrops and a table of props, guests were transported to the destination of their choice. The photos made perfect take-away gifts that could be framed and remembered forever.

In addition to those named above, huge thank-yous go out to everyone who contributed to the evening’s success: fabulously talented Michele Fisher who created all the decorations and table arrangements, CYCWA Executive Officer Dawn Sprout, all the CYCWA women who helped decorate, General Manager Michele Underwood, Catering Director Tiffani Velazquez, Dining Room Manager Rodolfo Torres, Banquet Captain Luis Estrada, your travel agents Gloria Crawley, Nancy Kruithof, and Andrée Martin, and the entire California Yacht Club staff.

It was a ride we will never forget! 🍷



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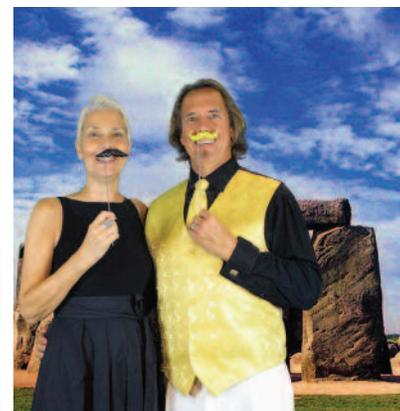
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Melinda Husman and John Abraham



Bryce Benjamin and Kathryn Atchison

Epicurean Society Blind Tasting Lots of Fun

By SUSAN FRENCH, General Chair, Epicurean Society

Epicurean Society Member Laura Greenburg led a blind tasting of three Chardonnays and three Cabernet Sauvignons for the Society's third informal event of the year on October 25, against the backdrop of the second game in the World Series showing on the big screen in the Fireside Room. The blind tasting showed how widely people's tastes vary across the spectrum of prices—some folks are the obvious winners of the drink-without-busting-the-budget category! Others are not so fortunate.

Chardonnays tasted were the 2014 True Myth Chardonnay, Edna Valley, \$14.99, which received eight votes; Flora Springs 2016 Family Select Chardonnay, Napa Valley, \$29.99, 12 votes; and Nickel & Nickel 2014 Truchard Vineyard Chardonnay, Napa Valley, \$51.99, which received 10 votes (including those of Sommelier Dick Hyman and General Chair Susan French).

Cabernet Sauvignons tasted were the 2015 J. Lohr Vineyards Seven Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, \$19.99, six votes; the 2013 Jackson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, \$37.99, six votes; and the 2012 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, \$59.99, which received 11 votes.

The wines were accompanied by a beautiful plate of charcuterie, cheese, and fruit with breadsticks and baguette slices.

A good time was had by all, even though the Dodgers ended up losing the game in the 11th inning.

This was the final Epicurean informal event of 2017. The next Epicurean event will be the formal holiday dinner, December 12, "Farm to Table Mountain: A Safari Through South African Cuisine," chaired by Anthony Agolia and Sandy Allbright. The first informal event of 2018 will be a chowder tasting chaired by Connie and Peter Webster which will show us what a real New England chowder should taste like.

Epicurean formal dinners are open to all CYC members, but Epicurean Society members enjoy priority in reservations and a price break. Informal events are restricted to Society members and their guests. ♣



Jonathan and Laura Greenburg



Commodore Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest



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Junior SEO: Dawn Sprout

Saturday, January 6

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CYC Burgee Travels

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Submit to the *Breeze* editor,
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Lo and behold, **Burt Hixson** recently returned from the fjords of Norway where he and a group of friends charted six of the best fjords. Burt and cruising pal Paul Hendrick are pictured at the Royal Danish Yacht Club in Copenhagen.



Norm and Bari Belcher attended their nephew Kyle's wedding to a beautiful young lady from Australia. One of the wedding parties was held at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, a lovely facility. CYCA is famous as the host of the annual Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, which starts on Boxing Day, December 26.

On-the-Water Photography Contest Winner



We have two winning photos this month – unprecedented! In addition to his original photo of CYC's anchorage taken from his slip, **Peter Webster** submitted a second, slightly altered version as an added bonus. Impressionistic? Slightly hallucinogenic? In any case, both photos are winners. Peter may need to negotiate with Assistant General Manager Gus Marks as to whether he deserves one bottle of wine or two! Good luck!

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

Trunk or Treat, the CYC Version of Halloween Tailgating

By BRIDGET ROHMER

On October 15, the Family Activities Committee celebrated its seventh annual Trunk or Treat Halloween-themed party. Hosted by Bridget Rohmer and Linda Vaughan, it was another family fiesta for the books. For those who haven't experienced this fabulous event, it's just like it sounds – rather than trick or treating from house to house, kids go from trunk to trunk in the CYC parking lot. "It's a lot easier, because you can get a bazillion more candy without having to walk so much," said Tanner Pardee, who was dressed in a matching skeleton outfit with his mom Tami Pardee! It's basically Halloween tailgating.

The cars came in full-dress, vying for the ultimate prize, the best trunk. This year Venice Freakshow took home the grand prize. There were many other fabulous trunks this year whose owners brought serious Halloween creativity, transforming the parking lot into a Halloween backdrop.

During the party, everyone was entertained by the amazing DJ Gabriel Lozano from Talking Picturez, who another member had found from her son's birthday party. Gabriel had the kids' attention from the minute he grabbed the microphone to the last song that played. Kids enjoyed nonstop dancing, musical chairs, freeze dance, and, of course, the annual donut-eating contest.

If the children needed a break from dancing, they had the opportunity to test their climbing skills in the extreme obstacle bounce slide. Not to be outdone, over on the pool patio, kids and parents alike were entertained by the uber-talented Magician Napoleon, who shocked all ages with his expertise in making anything one could dream of out of balloons, even a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.

It was two hours of Halloween magic for kids and adults, highlighting once again why CYC is the best community of creative and talented families who bring their A-game! If you missed it this year, it's always the Sunday two weekends before Halloween. So mark your calendars for 2018. Also, if you're interested in joining the Family Activities Committee, creating fun events for the kids, we meet the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Contact Jen Eagan at jennifer.eagan@gmail.com. 🍩



Jen Schmidt and family



Amelia Rohmer (right) and friend Emerson Riley



Green ninja Ty Ziemianski, best toddler costume winner, with brother Van



Bucky Williamson chows down in the donut-eating contest.

A Long Time Ago in a Galaxy Far, Far Away ...

By ALIZA FARRELL

Our Family Activities Committee annual outdoor movie on the lawn illuminated the original 1976 Star Wars on

October 8. This event is a lovely night on the lawn with friends and family that takes place every October.



We hope you can join us again next year. ♣



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CYC Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Hosts Oktober-Sets Mixer

By JOHN NELSON

On October 14, CYC welcomed fellow players from the Marina City Club for a fun day of mixed doubles play. Instead of a tournament format, players were encouraged to mix and match with players from both clubs, giving everyone a chance to play with and against new faces. In addition to the games, CYC did what it does best and provided a fine spread of food and drink for the participants.

Paddle tennis is a fun and exciting sport open to all Club members, experienced and inexperienced. Lessons and clinics are also available. Mixed doubles players meet on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons starting at 1 p.m. For more information contact John Nelson or Valerie Field. 📧

Dolly Bretter and instructor Leslie Howard with Marina City Club's Debi Dorsey and Linda Lockard



Alan Field watches as Brian Cody powers a shot to opponents S/C Tom O'Connor and Marina City Club's Robert Rudelius.

Power Fleet

By RUSS and LISA CARRINGTON, Co-chairs

Yes – It's really December and the holidays will be here before we know it. 2017 has been a great year on the water and here is hoping for a mild winter (sorry, skiers) and some more great boating.

Join us December 9 for the Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade and CYC Dock Party. Saturday, December 9, 5-8 p.m. on the docks by the floating head. At 5:55 p.m., a brief fireworks show kicks off the 55th annual parade, which runs until 8 p.m.

Bring the kids to the family focused Snow Wonder festival from 12 to 6 p.m. at Burton Chace Park. Children will enjoy crafts, snow play and sledding, face painting, DJ entertainment, and more.

We look forward to seeing you there. ⚓

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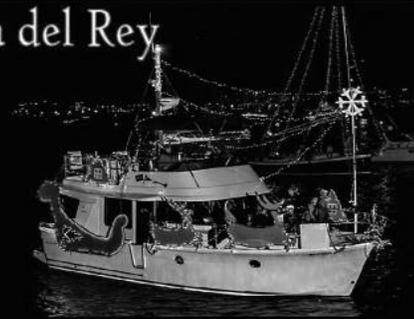
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4 P.M. AT THE GUEST DOCK



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"Red Notice" – A Riveting, Frightening, Real-Life Journey into the Darkest Heart of Russia

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

A real-life political thriller about an American financier in the wild east of Russia, the murder of his principled young tax attorney, and his dangerous mission to expose the Kremlin's corruption, Bill Browder's "Red Notice" was the featured non-fiction book at our November 2 Book Mates luncheon.

The discussion, led by Fleet Captain Stephanie Weston, revealed a politically corrupt and frightening view of Russia that almost made recent Book Mates selection, Jason Matthews' novel "Red Sparrow," appear tame.

Stephanie elicited a healthy response, giving every Book Mates member a chance to select and comment on a series of questions she had prepared. When she asked whether everyone found the book to be authentic and truthful, the consensus was 100% positive. Despite being told from one man's point of view, the fact that Browder's Russian attorney died in prison, that Browder was and still is subjected to Interpol Red Notices for extradition to Russia, and that Congress passed the Magnitsky Law Act, imposing stiff financial sanctions against Russian oligarchs as well as President Putin, clearly give credence to the story he has told. Stephanie added that Canada has recently passed a similar law.

Bill Browder may have made a fortune from his Russian hedge funds, but his motives in going up against the most

powerful Russian officials are clearly to seek justice. S/C Bill Moore pointed out that Browder's team's use of social media to lobby Congress was totally innovative at the time; this brought up the current Russian probe involving the hacking of the 2016 election and the Russians' use of Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. Everyone found the book to be an eye-opening and unsettling experience, and expressed their fear that Browder may eventually be murdered. Most amazing was how suspensefully the author presented all the events.

The December 7 selection is the charming, "The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry," which one critic described as "A wonderful, moving, endearing story about the love of books, bookish people, redemption, and transformation that will sing in your heart for a very, very long time." SEO Donna Petersen moderates.

We begin the new year with the January 4 discussion of "Little Fires Everywhere," by Celeste Ng. According to the New York Times, the novel's vast and complex network of moral affiliations and the nuanced omniscient voice that Ng employs to navigate it make this work even more ambitious and accomplished than her debut. EO Dawn Sprout moderates.

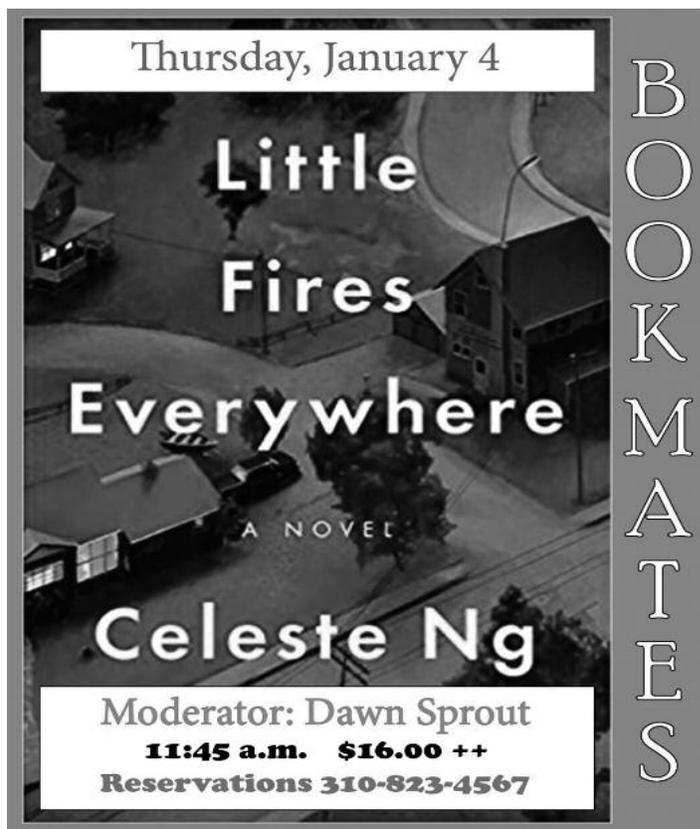
The February Book Mates novel is "Elephant Company," by Vicki Croke. Honorary SEO Patty Hathaway, Susan Allan, and SEO Mary Jane McClintock will moderate. ♣



BREAKING NEWS!

It pays to be in the new member class of 2016-2017!

Instead of the usual \$100 gift card, it is now \$250 if you refer someone in your first 12 months of membership. This gift card can be used towards anything in the CYC clubhouse.



Thursday, January 4

Little Fires Everywhere
A NOVEL
Celeste Ng

Moderator: Dawn Sprout
11:45 a.m. \$16.00 ++
Reservations 310-823-4567

BOOK MATES

From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD



Today as I looked out my office window, I saw the maintenance crew up in the coral tree hanging the twinkle lights; the holiday season must be upon us. It's a whirlwind of events leading up to Christmas and Hanukkah, so check out the calendar in the back of the *Breeze* or the website. You won't want to miss the Holiday Party on December 3, with crafts for the children, carolers, great food, mulled wine and eggnog, a visit from Santa, and the lighting of the menorah. The Holiday Boat Parade on December 9 can be watched from the docks or from inside the Clubhouse. You can either join the Power Fleet potluck outside or make a dinner reservation for the seafood buffet in the dining room.

Chef Christian has planned a special à la carte dinner for New Year's Eve. We will have music, dining, dancing, and ring in the new year at midnight. Dinner reservations are a must; dining will begin at 7 p.m. with the last seating at 9 p.m. Dancing and cocktails available until midnight.

December is also the time we celebrate the volunteers who have chaired activities throughout the year. It's the CYCWA, Power Fleet, Sail Committee, Junior Committee, Family Activities Committee, and others that make our Club events so unique. I would like to give a personal thanks to the Bridge and the members who have volunteered this year. Without the hours you contributed to planning and executing our Club events, this Club would not have reached the Platinum Status we achieved this year nor be voted the "best yacht club" by our local community.

A special thank you goes to all of the CYC employees who contributed to a successful year. Whether it's cooking, cleaning, serving in the dining room, mixing a cocktail, making a repair, washing dishes, teaching a junior, or preparing for a regatta, the employees at CYC are second to none. Employees are more than just a team; they are a family who take care of your family.

Happy Holidays! 🍷

In Memoriam



Sam Markowitz
CYC member since 1983

Robert Semmer
CYC member since 2010

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Wednesday, December 6

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS						1	2
3 Holiday Tree Trimming Party 14 Junior and Sail Comm. Party 6 Toys for Tots 16 CYCWA Appreciation Luncheon 9 MdR Boat Parade and Dock Party 17 Power Fleet Appreciation Party 12 Epicurean Dinner 30 Kids Noon Year's Eve 13 Scuba Holiday Party 13 New Year's Eve Party						Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
Holiday Brunch 3	Club closed 4	Club closed 5	Bridge Club 6 Knit or Knot	Women's Paddle Tennis 7	8	8	9
Holiday Tree Trimming Party	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Toys for Tots <i>(no á la carte dining)</i>	Book Mates			MdR Boat Parade and Dock Party
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Fleet Council Mtg.		Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis				Mah Jongg			
Sportsman's Club							
Holiday Brunch 10	Club closed 11	Club closed 12	Bridge Club 13 Knit or Knot	Women's Paddle Tennis 14	15	15	16
	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Scuba Holiday Party	New Member Mtg.			CYCWA Appreciation Luncheon
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis		Epicurean Dinner	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Junior & Sail Comm. Party		Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
		First day of Hanukkah	FAC Appreciation	Mah Jongg			
				YP Happy Hour			
Holiday Brunch 17	Club closed 18	Club closed 19	Bridge Club 20 Knit or Knot	Women's Paddle Tennis 21	22	22	23
Power Fleet Appreciation Party		Women's Paddle Tennis	Last Day of Hanukkah	Bridge Mtg.			Pickleball
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Pickleball		Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg		Seafood Buffet	
Xmas Eve 24	Club closed 25	Club closed 26	Bridge Club 27 Knit or Knot	Women's Paddle Tennis 28	29	29	30
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Christmas Day	Women's Paddle Tennis	Painting Aficionados	Mah Jongg			Kids Noon Year's Eve
New Year's Eve Party 31			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis				Pickleball
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Pickleball						Breeze Deadline

JANUARY 2018

	New Year's Day 1	Club closed 2	Bridge Club 3	Women's Paddle Tennis 4	5	5	6
	Club closed	Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Book Mates			CYCWA Installation Luncheon
				Fleet Council Mtg.		Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
				Mah Jongg			
				Sportsman's Club			
CYCWA Knot or Knot 7	Club closed 8	Club closed 9	Bridge Club 10	Women's Paddle Tennis 11	12	12	13
Planning Mtg for Activities Day	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	CYCWA Painting Aficionados	CYCWA Board Mtg.		CYCWA Bowers Museum Field Trip	Fleet Leaders Mtg.
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Epicurean Event	Jr. Comm. Mtg.			Pickleball
			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Sail Comm. Mtg.			Installation and Awards Dinner <i>(no á la carte dining)</i>
				Mah Jongg		Seafood Buffet	
				Flotilla 12-42 Business Mtg.			

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