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Roy P. Disney's *Pyewacket* Wins N2E

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From the Commodore

The Magic of Cruising

I'm on vacation! Or at least I will be as soon as I hit "send" and transmit this column to our *Breeze* editor, Paula Cameron. Mike and I are off to the beautiful British Virgin Islands with 115 CYC members and friends; by the time you read this, we will have returned home. But our 2017 Commodore's Cruise is just the first of many CYC cruises this year.

The capable leadership of S/C David Collins has energized the Club's cruising program. In 2017 we have something for everyone, whether you have a boat or not.

Day cruises allow for easy planning: just get up and go cruising. We typically head north to Malibu or south to King Harbor, each just two hours away. Once on location, we progressively dinghy from boat to boat, and all get together to share laughs, meals, and libations. Don't have a boat? Let me know and we will get you aboard one for the day.

The Club's weekend cruises are always popular and allow for that "ahhhh" moment of being away, but not that far away. Popular destinations are Catalina, or other yacht clubs along the coast. This year, five cruises are planned to Catalina, allowing for a variety of experiences. We will visit Howland's, Avalon, the Isthmus, and Emerald Bay. And we have a cruise planned to Long Beach Yacht Club in June.

It's fairly easy to attend our cruises if you have a boat –



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Kellie Fennessy*

you just need to block the time on your calendar, and cut the dock lines and go. But if you don't have a boat, there are ways to join in on the fun. Consider chartering a boat from one of our local charter companies. You'll need to have some level of skill and experience. If you do, chartering is quite easy. Two upcoming cruises allow you to participate without a boat. For the land cruise to Long Beach Yacht Club (June 9-11), drive down and join us for a day of fun and dinner. You can be home to sleep in your own bed that night. Even more fun than land cruising is camp cruising. In September, back by popular demand, is the CYCWA First Mates Cruise to the Boy Scout camp in Emerald Bay. Here you

can rent a tent or cabin for the weekend and participate in all the activities planned for that cruise. With our help, hitch a ride on a boat going over, or ferry to the Isthmus, and we'll pick you up and deliver you fast and dry to Emerald Bay. There is really no reason to miss this fun.

Since postcards are so 20th Century, I didn't send any from our Commodore's Cruise to the BVIs, but the photos you see here have been posted on Facebook and Instagram (@CalYachtClub), and I'm thrilled to share them with you now.

As Jimmy Buffett sang so eloquently, "It's been a lovely cruise." Please believe in the magic of the carpet ride we call CYC cruising.

Fair winds! ⚓



Dinner ashore at Cooper Island Beach Club



Commodore and her liaison



A Caribbean magic carpet ride



Dinner on the beach at Bitter End YC



Breakfast at sea

Photos by Steve Moses

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FRONT COVER Roy P. Disney's *Pyewacket* (sail #678), winner of the eight-boat maxi class at the Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race, at the April 28 start with Brack Duker's *Holua* (sail #97656). TOM WALKER – tomwalker.photography

BACK COVER Allie Blecher and her *Moxie* crew were the only all-female team out of 73 boats at Charleston Race Week, held April 20-23. They were supported by CYC's Competition Fund and The Magenta Project, which helps to advance women in the sport of professional sailing. Charleston Race Week/Meredith Block Photo



Moxie at Charleston Race Week

By ALLIE BLECHER

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Charleston Race Week is the largest multiclass keelboat regatta in the United States and I was lucky enough to be a part of it with some great sailors. The event is held in the heart of Charleston Harbor in South Carolina, with plenty of spectating, great sailing conditions, and amazing hospitality.

For us, the event itself was a chance to be a part of a fleet none of us have spent any time in. My team consisted of four College of Charleston alumni and one undergraduate: Molly Noble (Richmond YC), Beka Schiff (College of Charleston YC), Clerc Cooper, (Southern YC), and Carolina Bracken (undergraduate at College of Charleston). We took the opportunity to help promote something that all five of us feel strongly about. We teamed up with The Magenta Project earlier this year to raise awareness of the lack of women in the sailing world and on the professional circuit. Once word got out that we would be the only all-female team to compete in the J/70 fleet, it seemed as though every female in the Charleston area came out to say hi and watch the racing. The support was absolutely incredible!

Aside from our supporters, there were some sailors who were not too excited to see us in the top 10 at mark roundings or on the start line. They made it quite clear but it pushed us to

excel just that much more in the tougher situations. It is no secret that the sailing world is male dominated, but the numbers are changing. We are very fortunate to be a part of The Magenta Project to help promote women in sailing at the higher levels, especially at events like Charleston Race Week.

The five of us have competed in numerous classes and venues across the world, but this event in particular allowed us to really hone in on our skill sets. This was our first true J/70 event where we were finally able to really sail the boat for distance, time, tune it properly, and understand how it sails versus other boats we've competed in. There was a steep learning curve right away, but we got better each race. The top five and top 10 were not out of reach which was a goal we had going into the event.

We couldn't have asked for a better event with great breeze, great food, and amazing Southern hospitality, and of course great friends. A big thank you to CYC and the Competition Fund for their continued support.

For more information regarding The Magenta Project visit themagentaproject.org or send me an email. The Magenta Project aims to advance women in the sport of professional sailing, and promote inclusion, diversity, and positive female role models in society at large. ♣

Allie Blecher and her Moxie crew got a fifth and a tenth in two races, placing 10th out of 30 in the Corinthian class, and 38th out of 73 total boats.

Sparkling Conditions at Harris Regatta

By DENISE GEORGE, Regatta Chair

The Harris Spring Regatta on April 9 reaffirmed all the reasons why we race sailboats in Southern California. Sometimes it just all comes together. Thirty participants in five separate classes came out to race, and the weather was amazing as usual. The breeze started the day at 7-8 knots and built to a very nice 12-14 knots, with many shifts in direction just to make it interesting. It really paid off if you could somehow arrange to be in the right spot at the right time. To make it even more interesting, there were three perpetual trophies at stake, awarded to the winners of the one-design classes, PHRF classes, and the Star class.

The race was run to perfection by the CYC race committee. Led by PRO Hunter Gorog, the race committee got off four great races for each class, despite the challenge of

adjusting marks to keep up with the frequently shifting breeze while also continuously cycling the five classes through starts and finishes. Thanks for another great day on the water.

Commodore's Trophy – one-design winners

Star: **Alejandro Bugacov/Eugenio Cingolani**, CYC

Martin 242: **Duncan Cameron**, *Dean*, CYC

Fred Harris Libation Cup – PHRF winners

PHRF A: Neil Fraser, *Mexican Divorce*, SBYRC

PHRF B: **Curt Johnson**, *Avet*, CYC

Patterson Cup – Star class winners

Alejandro Bugacov/Eugenio Cingolani, CYC ⚡



Steven Moses (sail #179, Wombat) and Peter Stazicker (sail #23, Trolleycar) cross tacks.



John Staff's TBD placed second in PHRF A.

Photos by Mike Gitchell



Commodore Kellie Fennessy awards the Commodore's Trophy to one-design winners Duncan Cameron (Dean, M242 class), and Alejandro Bugacov and Eugenio Cingolani (Star class).

Photo by V/C Mike Blecher



Alice Leahey's Grace O'Malley and Dan McGanty's Mistral in the start sequence for the 75 Rater class

Match Racing Clinic: If You're Not First, You're Last!

By Port Captain **TIM CLARKE**

On Sunday, April 23, California Yacht Club hosted their second annual Match Racing Clinic. This year we were lucky enough for Kevin Hawkins and Shane Young to be our coaches. Kevin Hawkins is a national judge and umpire with a background in fleet, team, and match racing. Shane Young recently won the California Dreamin' Series racing for Long Beach Yacht Club.

With 10 adults sailing the Martin 242s and eight juniors in the FJs, it was a great afternoon out on the water. The morning chalk talk was extremely insightful and the participants were keen to put the theory into practice.

We had great support from the Club's Keelboat Program, with S/C David Collins joining Kevin as our umpires and Marilyn Cassedy serving as our PRO. With short courses, just off the guest dock, and 8-10 knots of breeze, racing was very competitive and the participants were improving in every race. More than 19 races were completed, with everyone being on the receiving end of a penalty or two!

The day wrapped up with Kevin and Shane providing great feedback from our time on the water and a very interesting Q&A session.

Match racing is a very exciting discipline within our sport and as California Yacht Club members you are welcome to join us throughout the summer to experience what match racing is all about. On June 2, 16, and 30, we will be on the guest dock from 5 p.m. so please join in the fun either as skipper, crew, or spectator. ⚓



An FJ finishes as the M242s head to the playground for some pre-start fun.



M242s during pre-start



FJs coming down wind while M242s do their pre-start dance.

Photos by PIC Tim Clarke

Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON



Photo by Madoka Hamlin

Team CYC1 placed third in the Sanguinetti Regatta: Tana Deyell, Lucca Farrell, Katharine Doble, and Tessa Farrell

Optimist Harken Challenge #2, San Francisco YC, April 8-9
3 Katharine Doble

Harris Regatta, CYC, April 9

Martin 242: 9 boats

1 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

2 Brack Duker, *Velerito*

3 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*

PHRF B: 7 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Star: 6 boats

1 Alejandro Bugacov/Eugenio Cingolani, *8268*

2 Jon Pelliconi/Henry Brawner, *8163*

Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race

Newport Ocean Sailing Association, April 28-30

Maxi: 8 boats

1 Roy P. Disney, *Pyewacket*

President of Mexico trophy - best corrected maxi

Tommy Bahama trophy - best corrected overall

President of USA trophy - best corrected – all PHRF

Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta/Optimist Class Invitational Team Race, CYC, April 29-30

Optis: 6 teams

3 Team CYC1: Tana Deyell, Katherine Doble, Lucca Farrell, and Tessa Farrell

Winner's Quote of the Month

"Why is the rum always gone?"

– Captain Jack Sparrow

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Sunset Series

By PAULA CAMERON

Photo by S/C Denny Haythorn

April 19, Race 1

PHRF C: 13 boats
3 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*
4 Peter Nelson, *Spray*

Martin 242: 9 boats
1 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*
2 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*
3 P/C Tim Clarke, *WeBe*

PHRF E: 8 boats
1 Liz Hjorth, *Scooter*

Cruising A: 15 boats
1 Joe Weber, *Va Pensiero*
5 Chris Gorog, *California Dream*

April 26, Race 2

PHRF C: 10 boats
3 Lenny Shabes, *Jubilation*

PHRF D: 4 boats
1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Martin 242: 10 boats
1 Brack Duker, *Velerito*
2 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*
3 Michael Bradley/Port Capt. Tim Clarke, *WeBe*

PHRF E: 7 boats
1 Liz Hjorth, *Scooter*
2 Team Take Five, *Take Five*

Cruising A: 14 boats
3 Whitney Green, *Pacific*

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Photo by Merry Cheers

April 19, Race 1: Mary Stuyvesant (with ponytail), on Jeff Janov's chartered Farr 40, Viva la Vida, reported winds of 24 knots, puffs to 27 knots, and boat speed of 18 knots. Pic confirms it did happen!



Photo by Karen Stirling

April 26, Race 2: Line honors for Jay Steinbeck's Margaritaville 1 1/2



Photo by S/C Denny Haythorn

April 19 Race 1: Who's happy that Sunset Series has begun? Denise George and her All In crew!

Know Your Sunset Series Perpetual Trophies!

By S/C TOM LEWECK



Photo by David Piper

JACK WEBER PERPETUAL TROPHY

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2016 Winner:

Chris Niemann, *Rascal*, PSSA

So Jack Weber was a very classy man who never learned how to say “no.” And because he was also a visionary in the early days of sailing in the Santa Monica Bay, he invariably wound up as commodore of every organization he joined. That would include the King Harbor Yacht Club, California Yacht Club, the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs, the Southern California Yachting Association, and the Pacific Coast Yachting Association. But in addition to being a great leader, Jack was also a great shipmate who raced everything from Lido 14s to big offshore race boats. Charles Hathaway’s heavily campaigned Columbia 50, *Gem*, never left the dock without Jack’s expert help. Jack Weber truly left his mark on Southern California yachting - and made a lot of friends along the way. ⚓

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Pyewacket is Back!

By S/C BILL STUMP

Roy Pat Disney's Andrews 70 *Pyewacket* is making waves again. Since acquiring this latest offshore speedster in 2013, Roy and his very accomplished team have been bringing home the sailing hardware. *Pyewacket*, the magic cat, was the name of several sleds campaigned by his late father, the well-known Roy Disney, and Roy Pat is carrying on that family tradition.

Roy Pat and team's first race with the new boat was Newport to Cabo in 2013. This 800-mile sprint down the Baja Peninsula started in drifting conditions, but a few days later *Pyewacket* blasted across the finish line going 16 knots! They finished first in the nine-boat "70" class and first overall in the 30-boat fleet. Two years later, they did it again, garnering another first in class and overall in the 2015 edition.

A shorter, but often more challenging local offshore competition is the annual Islands Race, 130 miles from Newport around Catalina and San Clemente Islands to the finish in San Diego. *Pyewacket* was second in class and third overall in 2013, stepped it up to first in class and second overall in 2016, and swept this year's race, first in class and first overall, against 25 determined competitors.

Of course, there's the ever-popular Ensenada Race, a 125-mile jog from Newport to that Mexican hangout every April. Besting their second in class of the past two years, *Pyewacket* picked up all the pickle dishes this time, winning the President

of Mexico Trophy for first in the maxi class, Tommy Bahama Trophy for best corrected time in the PHRF division, and President of USA Trophy for best corrected time overall in the 186-boat fleet. Quite a haul!

But, like his father, Roy's passion is the biennial Transpac race, 2225 miles from the start off Palos Verdes to the spectacular finish line off Diamond Head. Four years ago, *Pyewacket* came close to a sweep, nabbing first in class but getting second overall to the 83-year old *Dorade*, a 52-foot classic, in a race that favored the smaller classes which started first. In 2015, Roy switched gears, chartering the 100-foot *Wild Oats XI* from Australia for a shot at the course record. They notched another first in class after a thrilling six-and-a-half day ride across the Pacific, averaging more than 14 knots all the way!

Gearing up for this 49th Transpac, *Pyewacket* certainly is riding a wave of wins, but faces stiff competition from the well-heeled 60-boat fleet. They'll start on July 6, with the other big boats, but will have to hustle to catch the smaller racers which start a few days earlier. Helping steer *Pyewacket* to a possible victory is long-time CYC member Ben Mitchell, a veteran of numerous Transpacs with Roy and with his father. Once the race starts, go to 2017.transpacyc.com to follow the action on their live tracking system. Wishing Roy Pat and all his crew aboard *Pyewacket* a great downwind ride to paradise and another first place trophy. 🚩



Ben Mitchell picks up Pyewacket's N2E hardware: President of Mexico Trophy (best corrected maxi), Tommy Bahama Trophy (best corrected overall), and President of USA Trophy (best corrected, all PHRF).



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Sanguinetti: A Team Racing Success Story

By MARILYN CASSEDY, Regatta Chair

This year's Sanguinetti Team Race Invitational featured six championship Optimist teams from across California ready to showcase their communication and boat handling skills. A team racing regatta is a bit different than your typical Saturday afternoon affair, as teams of four boats match up against each other. The racing rules are changed to allow for more exciting encounters between boats on the water, and the event is officiated by on-the-water umpires who make calls about protests in real time as the sailors make their way around the course.

The weather forecast for the weekend wasn't optimal, with the tail end of a small craft advisory anticipated to blow through on Saturday and very light winds predicted on Sunday. Luckily, it seems like the weather forecasters are never right and we had 5-7 knots of breeze each day. The event took place off the docks at Burton Chace Park, and the sunny skies encouraged a variety of spectators, including more than one proud parent.

The event consisted of three stages, the first of which was three round robins where each team raced each other team, with a total of 15 races in a single round robin. But 45 races weren't enough to satisfy this group, so the top four teams moved onto the next stage: a championship round robin of six races. The final stage was a best two-out-of-three series between the top two teams. If you're doing the math in your head, that's a total of 54 races scheduled in just two days.

Qualifying for the championship round were Cabrillo Beach YC, California Yacht Club (CYC1), San Francisco YC, and Santa Barbara YC. After a few closely fought races, Cabrillo Beach YC ended up in fourth, and CYC1 found themselves in third. In the final stage, Santa Barbara YC bested San Francisco YC in the first two races of the series, securing their place on the Sanguinetti Dinghy Perpetual Trophy. Anne Sanguinetti and her daughter Margot Ponticello joined the racers and their parents at the trophy ceremony to share stories about late Vice Commodore Bob Sanguinetti, after whom the perpetual trophy is named.

The event wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of a massive team of race committee volunteers and a fantastic group of Opti sailors who all helped to make this year's Sanguinetti a success! ⚓



CYC2 takes on Del Rey Yacht Club's team.

Photo by Nora Feddal



CYC1's Katharine Doble (21133) leads the charge against San Francisco YC.

Photo by Nora Feddal



Santa Barbara YC won the Sanguinetti Regatta.

Photo by Madoka Hamlin

Race Team Results

By GUILLAUME RASSE, Junior Program Director

SCYYRA Perry Series #4

San Diego YC, April 1-2

C420: 20 boats

Coached by Will Petersen

11 Gavin McJones/Bastien Rasse

CYC Guest Dock Match Race

April 7

Ben Brill, Grant Janov, Ryan

Janov, Bastien Rasse, Kieran

Shocklee, Alexis Westland

CISA Junior Sailing Clinic

Alamitos Bay YC, April 8-12

Coached by Julian Soto and

Bruno Mello

Laser Radial: Gavin McJones

29er: Grant Janov/Kieran Shocklee

Optimist Harken Challenge #2

San Francisco YC, April 8-9

Champs: 41 entries

Coached by Antoine Screve and

Julian Soto

3 Katharine Doble

13 Callie Davis

24 Jordan Janov

25 Tana Deyell

28 Lucca Farrell

29 Emily Doble

30 Tessa Farrell

32 Talia Hamlin

37 Matthew Commons

38 Harry Bryan

Green Fleet participant:

Graham Doble

Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta/

Optimist Class Invitational

Team Race

CYC, April 29-30

6 teams

CYC teams coached by

Bruno Mello

3 CYC1: Tana Deyell, Katharine Doble, Lucca Farrell, Tessa Farrell

5 CYC2: Harry Bryan, Matthew Commons, Emily Doble, Talia Hamlin, Carsten Zieger



Sanguinetti Regatta participants: Front row: Lucca Farrell (CYC1), Tessa Farrell (CYC1) Harry Bryan (CYC2), and Emily Doble (CYC2). Back row: Talia Hamlin (CYC2), Tana Deyell (CYC1), Katharine Doble (CYC1), Coach Bruno Mello, and Matthew Commons (CYC2). Not pictured: Carsten Zieger (CYC2).



CYC swept the White Fleet podium at the Opti Harken Challenge #2: Emily Doble (second), Lucca Farrell (first), and Talia Hamlin (third).



Photos by Madoka Hamlin

Sanguinetti Team Racing

By TANA DEYELL

The Sanguinetti Regatta was a blast! It was a team racing regatta held April 29-30 with six teams competing. CYC had two teams: CYC1 with me, Katharine Doble, Lucca Farrell, and Tessa Farrell, and CYC2 with Harry Bryan, Matthew Commons, Emily Doble, Talia Hamlin, and Carsten Zieger. Competing as well were Santa Barbara YC, San Francisco YC, Cabrillo Beach YC, and Del Rey YC. This was the first team racing event I had ever competed in, and I was definitely feeling the nerves. Despite this I was very excited, and the regatta definitely fulfilled the excitement that I felt towards it.

Previous to the regatta, I was quite curious about how the conditions were going to turn out. The week before had been very gusty, and on the Friday practice the team held, there had been some small puffs, but it had also been very shifty and unreliable. During the regatta, the conditions were actually quite nice. The wind was light, but it picked up a small bit toward the end of both days.

During the first day, our team did very well. We only lost one race in each of the two round robins, putting us tied in first with SBYC. The second day only consisted of one round robin with all six teams, of which we lost one race to SBYC. We still managed to qualify for the second round robin between the top four teams. We won our first race against CBYC, but lost to SBYC. In our final race against SFYC, we lost, unfortunately, which kept us from going into the finals against SBYC. They managed to beat SFYC by winning the first two races, granting them first place overall. We got third overall, and CYC2 got fifth.

I really enjoyed my first team racing regatta, and am definitely looking forward to our next team racing event. I would like to thank CYC and Guillaume Rasse for putting this together, and I would also like to thank my team; we all had fun! ⚓



Photos by Nora Feddal

CRUISING UPDATE

These two cruises are sponsored by LAYC

June 3 - 4, LAYC Stag Cruise

July 2 - 4, LAYC Howland's Cruise



If you wish to attend any of these events please make a cruise reservation with our Club. Do not contact LAYC.

The question of mooring allocation is a separate issue that will only be decided the week of the cruise not before, and it is included in your initial reservation made through our front desk.

However, remember we can always cross to Howland's and contact the harbor master on channel 9 when you arrive to request a mooring.

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SUNDAY

Sunday we sleep in and gather for a light breakfast on the pier before heading back



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Chairs: Peter & Connie Webster**



Passover at CYC – A New Tradition!

By NAOMI HOCHMAN

The second annual CYC Passover Seder, co-chaired by Naomi Hochman and Steve Berns, and led by Cantor Teri Sulc and her guitar, was held on Tuesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. In attendance were more than 100 people, including Commodore Kellie Fennessy, Rear Commodore Debbie Feinerman and S/C Bill Stump, Fleet Captain SEO Stephanie Weston and Alan, S/C Ann Ach and Jim, as well as CYC President Steve Hathaway and Stephanie.

The event flew by as no Passover Seder before it, with dinner served only 45 minutes after the official start time,

definitely a Passover record! Chef Christian brought his A-game with a delicious brisket, freshly ground horseradish (HOT!), and his grandmother's gefilte fish recipe, as well as decadent flourless chocolate cake and homemade coconut macaroons. Big thanks to General Manager Michele Underwood, Chelsea and Tiffani in Catering, Nancy and Andrée at the front desk, and Luis, Adrian, and the whole dining room and kitchen staff. This event was a sellout so please mark your calendars now and reserve early for Saturday, March 31, 2018. "Next year in ... Marina Del Rey!" 🚩



Jim Ach, S/C Ann Ach, Commodore Kellie Fennessy, Rear Commodore Debbie Feinerman and S/C Bill Stump



Noah Hochman, CYC President Steve Hathaway, Co-chair Steve Berns, Stephanie Hathaway, Co-chair Naomi Hochman



Friday, June 23

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Scones, Jam, and Cream ... These Are a Few of My Favorite Things

By ALIZA FARRELL



Theresa Torrance and her daughter
Adia

The Family Activities Committee's first annual afternoon tea event was enjoyed by almost 40 members in the Fireside Room with live music on Sunday, April 2. Chef Christian and his staff created a tremendous assortment of delicious finger sandwiches as well as fresh scones with lemon and strawberry jam and cream that would rival some of the best hotels in Europe!

Champagne was served to adults on arrival, and children received a fedora straw hat as a welcome gift. A delicious assortment of teas was presented to each guest as they enjoyed their afternoon tea. Members mingled, children danced, and as our event concluded, members expressed how they hope this new event becomes an annual tradition at CYC for many years to come. ♣



Yemi Durosinmi-Etti and son David

Tessa Farrell



Samantha Caldwell, Kaytlin Hall, Erin Petersen and daughter
Lily Kate



Divine high tea as created by Chef Christian

Photos by Joe Farrell



Big Bunny Hops into CYC!

By MICHELLE PARKER ONDREY

It was a wonderful Easter once again at CYC. The weather was absolutely beautiful, the food was excellent, and the bunny was hoppy. The buffet had something for everyone and also looked delicious. The Easter Bunny made his rounds, passing out goodies to all. Then it was time for the much-anticipated Easter egg hunts – starting with our littlest folks and even getting the adults out on the lawn. The hunts came to an end with the finding of the golden eggs and special prizes from the bunny. Many family pictures were taken with Big Bunny to remember the special day. The bunny asked me to invite everyone to join us next year when he is sure to return! 🐰



Power Fleet – Summer Is Here!

By RUSS and LISA CARRINGTON, Co-chairs

We are so looking forward to sharing a cocktail together on our day cruises. We will be hosting some great dock parties and cruises, so mark your calendars for the following events:

Saturday, June 17
Summer Dock Party
 Not to be missed.
 Chair Bridget Rohmer.

Monday, July 4
Firecracker Cruise
 Bring your dinghies and paddle craft and raft up for the biggest floating party of the summer.

Wednesday, July 26
Annual Junior Blind Fishing Tournament
 Hosted by Randy Sprout.

Sunday, August 13
Sip and Stretch Day Cruise
 Hosted by Shane and Denice Hutton.
 A continuation of the ever-popular theme of yoga and mimosas. Choose yoga, mimosas, or both!

Vessel Operator Certification Coming Soon!

By S/C ANNE SACKS

In accordance with a law passed last year, California will require that boat operators pass a boating education examination and obtain a vessel operator's card issued by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to operate a boat in California that is propelled by an engine.

Importantly, online education, including the free BoatUS Foundation course, will be an option. The BoatUS Foundation course is available at boatus.org/courses/ and a current list of NASBLA/state-approved courses can be found at californiaboatercard.com.



The enacted law requires DBW to issue a vessel operator card to individuals who have passed an approved examination. This will initially apply to

operators 20 years or younger with a phased-in implementation date depending on the age of the individual.

The seven-year phase-in begins in 2018 and will apply to everyone as of 2025:

January 1, 2018
 Persons 20 years of age or younger

January 1, 2019
 25 years of age or younger

January 1, 2020
 35 years of age or younger

January 1, 2021
 40 years of age or younger

January 1, 2022
 45 years of age or younger

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CYC Women WOW!

By **LISA CARRINGTON**,
Power Fleet Co-chair

The Women on Water group included Ashley Hovey (in red visor), Christy Woods, Allison Adante, Captain Ellen Hanson, Claudia Mercado, Cary Saltzman, and Lisa Carrington.

Women on Water, a new fun event and confidence builder, was launched for the women of CYC in April. The amazing Captain Ellen Hanson of MarineMax took us through the ropes, literally, of driving a twin-engine powerboat with confidence. She taught the lingo commonly used in all boating, general rules of seamanship and safety, tying secure lines, docking (with no stress), and general handling of the Azimut 38 yacht.

We spent the four hours in a casual atmosphere, asked endless questions, ate aboard, and had fun sharing experiences on the water with new people. The event was so popular a second day was added, and we still had a waiting list. Watch for the next session of WOW this summer, and sign up early. ⚓



Captain Ellen Hanson teaches the group how to captain their own ship with confidence.

Photos by Russ Carrington

CYC Burgee Travels

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!

Aloha and Mahalo

In April, **Christina Tarantola** and **Scott Meyer** hiked across a lava field on the east side of the Big Island of Hawaii to see lava from Kilauea Volcano flow into the sea.

Commodore Joe DuBose of Kona Sailing Club (KSC) prepares to exchange burgees with **Scott Meyer**. KSC, located at Honokohau Harbor on Hawaii, is the southernmost sailing club in the United States (even further south than Key West Yacht Club), and one of the commodore's many duties at this all-volunteer club is to mow the lawn. 🇺🇸



Catalina Island Conservancy Ball

CYC was well-represented at the April 1 Conservancy Ball held at the Casino Ballroom in Avalon. CYC President Steve Hathaway and Stephanie attended this black-tie event with members and friends.

On-the-Water Photography Contest Winner

Marina del Rey has no shortage of beautiful sunrises and sunsets to enjoy. This one was captured by **Vivian Huff**, the winner of this month's on-the-water photo contest.

Vivian wins a bottle of fine wine selected by Assistant General Manager Gus Marks.

Submit your entry to:
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CYCWA on the Horizon

By SHIRLEY CABEEN



Artwork by Randy Sprout

**No board meetings for June, July, and August.
Have a breezy summer!**

**Book Mates – Thursday, June 1
11:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room**

CYC member Patricia Smiley, the author of “Pacific Homicide,” will join us to discuss her fast-paced crime novel featuring female LAPD Homicide Detective Davie Richards. Smiley’s sleuth is fully fleshed out with the cunning and emotional baggage of her craft in the familiar haunts of our complex international city. While she hunts for the murderer of a teenage Russian beauty, she herself is under investigation for fatally shooting a suspect to protect another officer. At the same time, the killers of the girl have put their sights on her. She’s watching her back from all angles, including police headquarters. The mystery is well reviewed for taut plotting, emotional complexity, and an insider’s knowledge of our own urban protectors in blue. Moderated by EO Dawn Sprout. Chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservation and lunch information.

**Sunset Book Club – Summer hiatus
Meetings resume in September**



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 at 9 a.m.
Stable Tour Starts at 10 a.m.

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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 Cheryl Mahaffey 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.

Painting Aficionados Go Floral

The Painting Aficionados branched out on April 12 with guidance from CYC's florist, Kanani Hollis, who led the group in learning how to create floral displays. The group proudly shows their beautiful floral arrangements.



Front row: SEO Anne Sanguinetti, Fleet Captain Stephanie Weston, First Officer Diane Howard, SEO Norma Pratt, and Ellen Borowka. Back row: Jayne Eitel, Leslie Bene, S/C Betta Mortarotti, Nancy Fellows, Second Officer Pam Spriggs, Margie Wells, CYC florist Kanani Hollis, Joanna Brody, Dalena Hathaway, Stephanie Hathaway, Eva Durand, and SEO Jan Harris.

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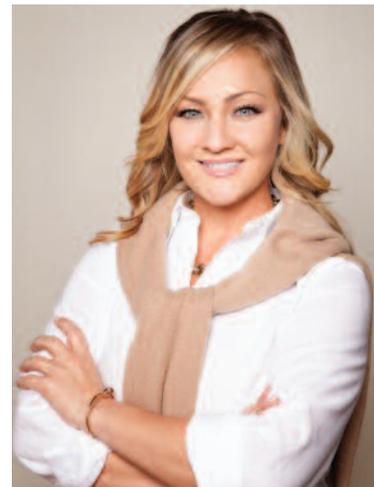
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Murder at the Mystery Dinner

By **DIANE HOWARD**
CYCWA First Officer

The mystery dinner was a great success. The event was a sell-out with a record 140 attendees. We started the evening in the Fireside Room with great anticipation. Our assignment was to talk to everyone and obtain as many signatures as possible. Suddenly a man staggers in and collapses in front of us after being shot with a gun. He is pronounced dead! **IS THERE A MURDERER AMONG US?**

Detective Eric interrogates several of the guests. He then sends us upstairs to have dinner while he continues the investigation of this mysterious murder at CYC.

Chef Christian's presentation of dinner did not disappoint us. The roasted chicken over Portobello mushroom polenta was delicious. (I heard from a lot of members, "I ate it all"). Dessert was the decadent apple galette with vanilla bean ice cream.

Suddenly, a second murder occurs, then an intended third victim who doesn't die because there wasn't enough poison in his drink. There was plenty of audience participation and laughter. Clues were given out throughout the evening but only two people were able to solve this crime: Randy Sprout and Ed McPherson's guest Julie Stevenson.

Carrying this sweet innocent baby all night as a distraction, who would have suspected Commodore Kellie Fennessy as the murderer? How was this possible?

Thank you, CYC members and their guests for supporting this wonderful event. Thank you to Chair Mary Ann Robinson with your talent in doing the flower arrangements and making this event happen, to Sharpo Entertainment, and to the wonderful CYC staff who made this all possible. ♣



Commodore Kellie Fennessy (holding the sweet, innocent baby), FO Diane Howard, and Chair Mary Ann Robinson with the crew of Sharpo Productions



The first murder victim



EO Dawn Sprout and FO Diane Howard



Commodore Kellie Fennessy, Jr. S/C Richard Hamlin, SO Pam Spriggs, Mike Priest, and Tawni Schutter



FO Diane Howard, Mary Ann Robinson, Mercedes Alonso, SEO Karen Stirling, SEO Gail Namerow, Patti Etter, and S/C Anne Sacks



Laurie McCormick, Alan Weston, FC/SEO Stephanie Weston, and Shirley Cabeen



Julie Stevenson, Commodore Kellie Fennessy, and Randy Sprout

Photos by FO Diane Howard

Tragic, True Events Told with Suspense and Surprising Revelations – “Dead Wake” an Eye-Opening Journey

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

For those who thought they knew everything there was to know about the singular event that supposedly forced the United States to become embroiled in the Great War, Erik Larson’s “Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the *Lusitania*,” quickly and dramatically altered all preconceptions at our May 4 Book Mates luncheon.

After a brief biography of the author, moderator SEO Norma Pratt got the discussion off to a spirited start with a series of questions that suddenly made the book a much more personal experience. First, she asked the larger than expected, new member-filled attendees if they would have boarded the *Lusitania* knowing that German U-Boats were in the waters to be travelled? With hindsight as our guide, almost all would have declined. Next was a response to shocking new insights surrounding the tragic disaster.

Hands flew up as many issues were addressed. British intelligence decisions were questioned, as were Winston Churchill’s actions, Woodrow Wilson’s schoolboy distraction with new love interest Edith Gait, and a lack of preparedness

“...a note, recently declassified, involving Germany and Mexico that may have been the real catalyst for bringing America into the war.”

aboard the *Lusitania*. Terrorism versus acts of war was discussed in light of the fact that Germany advertised its intentions to sink commercial liners. And, most surprising of all was a note, recently declassified, involving Germany and Mexico that may have been the real catalyst for bringing America into the war. Norma kept the discussion flying along with additional questions about various passengers, as well as the ship’s stoic captain and the U-boat’s crafty commander.

The maneuvering and manipulations in 1915 gained added impact, as they compare to similar events transpiring now. Best-selling author Larson’s passion for uncovering and piecing together a mass of information, much of which was not available until now, made it dramatically clear how withholding information can be as damning as leaking it, and how foreign governments can influence the political future of other countries.

Norma concluded the discussion with a fascinating video combining archival footage and re-enactments that brought to life all the tragic events depicted in the book. An array of forces both grand and achingly small – hubris, a chance fog, a closely guarded secret, and more – all converged to produce one of the great disasters of history.

Our June 1 fiction selection is “Pacific Homicide,” by CYC member Patricia Smiley, who will be present to co-moderate with EO Dawn Sprout. Agatha Award-winning author Hank Phillippi Ryan characterized the novel as “Terrific. The classic

cop story goes contemporary in this suspenseful, riveting thriller.” And, Paul Levine, author of “Bum Rap,” said: “Smiley knows the LAPD inside and out and writes with the authenticity of Joseph Wambaugh.”

Our July 6 fiction work is the Pulitzer Prize-winning bestseller, “The Underground Railroad,” by Colson Whitehead. The New York Times called it “A potent, almost hallucinatory novel ... Whitehead has told a story essential to our understanding of the American past and the American present.” Randy Sprout moderates.

Our August Book Mates fiction title is “The Circle,” by David Eggers. New member Judy Born will moderate.

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 “Pacific Homicide” and join us on June 1. Luncheon \$14.95++ Reservations strongly recommended. Call 310-823-4567. ♣

Thursday, July 6

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Moderator Randy Sprout

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BOOK MATES

11:45 a.m. \$14.95++
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From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD

This month we make the change to **paperless billing**. You will receive your statement this month via email unless you have made arrangements with the Membership office to get a paper statement. It is important that we have a valid email address that you want the Club to use for your billing statement. If the email address we have on file for the primary member is not where you want the billing statement to go, please contact the Membership office and give them the email address you wish to use. As a reminder, you can pay your bill in three ways: 1) pay your bill in person at the Club, 2) pay by signing up for ACH which will automatically pay your bill from your bank account, or 3) mail in your check, as in past years.

After 39 years of service in the dining room, **Francisco Rodriguez retired** on April 23. Francisco worked under nine general managers, and was able to name all nine at his surprise retirement party. Both CYC President Steve Hathaway and I thanked Francisco for his years of dedicated member service and wished him well on his next chapter in life. Employees and members gathered to cheer and wish him well. Francisco was surprised to see his



family arrive to join the celebration. When asked what his plans were, Francisco replied, "I am going to sleep for a month, then travel to Mexico to see my extended family." Best wishes on a well-deserved retirement!

After a successful work-party cruise at Howland's Landing, CYC ventures to Long Beach for our June cruise. Co-chairs Peter and Connie Webster have adventures planned for the group in and around Long Beach, Alamitos Bay, and Naples Island. In July, we have our **first attempt at catering a cruise at Howland's** for the "Surf and Turf" cruise the weekend of July 14. Members will bring their own food for the

Friday dinner, but the *Charles Hathaway* will come over on Saturday morning loaded with chilled seafood for lunch as well as "turf" for the barbeque Saturday night. Reservations must be made at the front desk no later than Sunday, July 9. Family Cruise follows two weeks later, which is always a treat for both adults and children to have fun on the island.

You may have noticed a change to the disposable ware we use for the snack bar and to-go food. Chef Christian has changed most every product we use at CYC to **fiber biodegradable**. This includes plates, flatware, and containers. Make sure that you place these products in the recycle trash receptacles when you are finished using them.

This summer we are doing a trial run of having **Adult Swim time at the pool**. Each day from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., will be an adult-only swim time, so adults can enjoy the pool in a quieter atmosphere. Families are welcome to use the pool at any other time.

Don't miss the Dock Party on June 17, Father's Day Barbeque Brunch on June 18, and the first Pool Patio Cocktail Party on June 23. Cocktail parties are great occasions to **meet new members** and this one features a complimentary bourbon tasting.

See you 'round the Club! ♡



CYC President Steve Hathaway and General Manager Michele Underwood thank Francisco Rodriguez for his 39 years of service to CYC.

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In Memoriam



Criselda (Curly) Peters
CYC member since 2001

Jack Roth
CYC member since 1999

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
JUNE HIGHLIGHTS				Women's Paddle Tennis 1 Mah Jongg Book Mates Fleet Council Mtg. Sportsman's Club Starlight Series	Match Racing 2 Epicurean Society Seafood Buffet	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 3 Cal Race Week LAYC Stag Cruise Pickleball		
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