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**AUGUST 2018**

It's August. It's the height of summer. There is so much to do this time of year in Southern California – there's Disneyland, or taking in a concert at the Hollywood Bowl, maybe golfing at fantastic courses overlooking the Pacific Ocean, or taking a top-down driving tour of our beautiful Pacific Coast Highway. Of course, for us, there's also sailing, racing, and cruising. There are so many wonderful and exciting things to do that we may forget some of the simpler things that offer so much pleasure.

Have you ever gone fishing? Sailboat racing, zooming around in a fast powerboat, and cocktail cruising in the harbor all seem to be favorites of our membership, but there are some serious fisherpersons among us. You know who they are. They are usually prowling around the Club very early in the mornings, and they get out on the water before the marina really wakes up. Any conversation you may overhear as they leave our anchorage sounds vaguely like a prison break, as they discuss which marine protection zone they must avoid. You can tell who they are because when they come back, they are either really happy and full of fish scales, or deeply depressed and seem to be searching for the boat broker listing agreement. There is no middle ground.

I own several rods, reels, and a box full of “sure fire” lures. I have trolled thousands of miles while cruising our sailboat, and never even had a nibble. Then one day while anchored at Cat Harbor, after having eaten a delicious ham sandwich for lunch, I put a leftover piece of ham on my hook and sent it to the bottom. Did you know that halibut like ham? Just sayin’.

When your doctor says to you, “You should really eat more fish,” no one usually jumps up and down in the excitement of it all and thanks the doc for that great healthy eating advice.

Usually, you'll think of all the terrible grocery store fish you've eaten and decide that your doc knows nothing about proper diets.

I actually hate fishing. What I love is catching, although catching does put a damper on anything else going on in the cockpit when it occurs (like napping, or beer drinking). But,

## From the Commodore



*Commodore Mike Blecher fishes with daughter Allie, circa 1996.*

what I do love about fishing is eating fish. There is nothing at all like the taste of really fresh, right-out-of-the-ocean fish. It's true. (Trust me on this - I'm the Commodore.)

How about taking a kid and trying some fishing before the summer ends? Take a kid, because they will have a good time, no matter what. Kids love to fish. And it will improve your fishing luck, because you will try hard to see that the kid has a good time and maybe help them to catch one. And, it's good to bring a kid fishing, because if you don't catch anything, and you return to the dock depressed, you may want to sell your tackle box on eBay and the kid can show you how to do that.

At our Club, thanks to the tireless efforts of George Etter, we get to host a day of fishing for the junior blind. If you have never come out and helped these sight-impaired kids catch a fish, you should try it. It's loads of fun, the kids have a blast, and, if it's a lucky day, they take the catch back to camp where they enjoy a fish fry.

See ya on (or under) the water!

### Interesting Boats

Elliott and Elisa Olson have been members of the Club for 48 years. They have had other boats of different sorts, but in 2007 acquired this beautiful Lobsteryacht, named *Elisa*. She is 50 feet and powered by a single Caterpillar diesel. She cruises at 9.5 knots and will top out at 16. Elliott and Elisa and their calico cat, Maybe Baby, cruised Mexico for six months in this boat, traveling more than 3000 miles. In this tough downeast hull they never even noticed what we West Coast softies call the “Baja Bash.” *Elisa* was slipped in front of the Club for nearly 10 years. Elliott and Elisa have recently purchased a home on Naples Island, and so *Elisa's* new slip (the boat, not Mrs. Olson) is in Alamitos Bay. You may see her over the summer on her mooring (again, the boat, not Mrs. Olson) in 4th of July Cove. ⚓



*Server Rudy Saldiva and Banquet Captain Adrián Estrada sort out the bocce ball court.*



*Elisa*

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Photo by Jill Fitz Hirschbold

*Melges 24 World Championship*



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*Kitchen Re-opening*



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*CYC Women at LBRW*

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**FRONT COVER** Alan Field and his *WTF* crew (bow 829) placed second in the 42-boat Melges 24 Canadian Championship, held June 2-3, and also placed second in the 41-boat Melges 24 World Championship, held June 5-9 in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Both regattas were hosted by the Royal Victoria YC and included racers from Canada, the U.S., Australia, Italy, and Great Britain.

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**BACK COVER** Katharine Doble (21133) placed first and Jordan Janov (13043) placed second out of 64 entries in the Opti Heavy Weather Regatta, hosted by St. Francis YC and held June 15-17 in San Francisco.

Photo by Chris Ray [crayivp.com](http://crayivp.com)

# CYC Junior Rowers Complete Their Best Season

By S/C CRAIG LEEDS, Rowing Coach



*Girls quad: Sydney Pino, Alexandria Lange, Nicole Viviani, and Domi Brattesani*

Our junior rowers begin each season with the primary athletic goal of competing at USRowing's Youth National Championship, which is the highest level youth (under 19 years old) regatta in the U.S. Getting there isn't so easy. There are months of day-in/day-out, hard training between the start of their season in September and the National Championship, which is held in June.

A trip to the National Championship is not guaranteed. Invitations only go to the top three finishers in each event at our Southwest Regional Championship, which happens to be one of the toughest regions in the country. This year's Regional Championship was held at Lake Natoma, California, and saw 37 clubs from five states with a total of 660 boats entered.

Our team, which is about 30 strong, is tiny in comparison to many which have as many as 400 rowers. Even so, we qualified more boats – six – to the Youth National Championship than all but a few other clubs, almost all of which are significantly larger in number than we are. We won four events, placed second in two, and third in another. CYC qualified in girls single, double, and quad, and boys single, double and lightweight double. Our boys novice quad won their event and our girls novice quad finished sixth.

We focused on four events for the National Championship: the girls double, the girls quad, the boys double, and the boys lightweight double. There were 380



*Boys lightweight double: Luke Holscher and Harrison Zeigler*



*Boys double: Zach Steinfeld and Steve Cox*

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*Bridget O'Callahan and Sophie Hart finish first at the regional championship.*

entries from 149 clubs entered from across the country. All four CYC boats finished in the top seven in the country, with the top finish coming from our girls double which finished fifth. Of our varsity team of 16, 10 of our rowers finished in the top seven in the country.

We're sad to see a large number leaving us because of graduation, but we're happy to know they'll be going to great colleges and continuing to row. Our summer program has seen a huge influx of new rowers with a lot of potential to fill the shoes of those off to college in the fall.

Our end-of-the-season banquet saw the Darling Scholarship awarded to Bridget O'Callahan. The scholarship was established by Erma Darling and is now carried on by her son Dave. Each year a deserving junior rower is awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. Bridget has been a member of the CYC junior rowing team for six years. Bridget's tremendous academic and athletic achievements make her a great choice for the award. It is also very fitting that Bridget competes in a double rowing shell named in honor of Erma Darling.

Bridget will be off to study engineering and row at Brown University in the fall. Besides accomplishing the rare trifecta of winning the single, double, and quad events at our regional championship, she was honored to be invited to the junior national team selection camp in Connecticut. After weeks of brutal seat racing and erg testing, Bridget was named to the United States Junior National Team in the quad and will be competing at the World Rowing Junior Championships August 8-12 in Racice in the Czech Republic. 🇨🇪



*Girls single regional champion Bridget O'Callahan was awarded CYC's Darling Scholarship.*

# Groovy Love in Long Beach!

By ANTHONY AGOGLIA

June's cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club for a '60s Summer of Love weekend was a rousing success!

Chaired by Ceci Samartin and Steve Myles, the Summer of Love '60s-themed cruise held June 15-17 at Shoreline YC was well attended by 18 CYC boats and about another 10 guests who drove down to join the festivities.

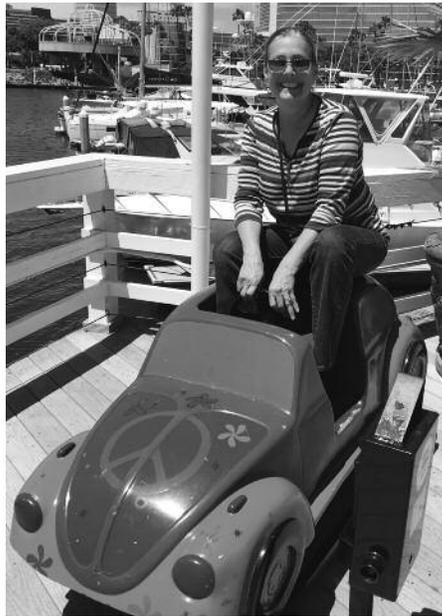
On Friday night our members enjoyed a great BBQ hosted by SYC that included burgers, dogs, BBQ chicken, and all the fixings one could want. While we navigated our way past the "BBQ police," (you had to be there, but trust me, 50 people are laughing right now) we were treated to the incredible sounds of Fritz & Frack, a local Long Beach band who played unbelievable instrumental versions of '60s classics and more, keeping our merry group happy well into the night!

Saturday was a free day that saw CYC members exploring all that Long Beach had to offer. Hunter Gorog and crew manned the *USS Iowa*, Susan French and Tom Rowe viewed a collection of Matisse drawings at the Long Beach Museum of Art, and, for the adventurous, Steve Myles took out *S/V Cariñosa* to watch a group of Catalina 37s race in Long Beach YC's 2018 Walt Elliott Harbor Challenge.

Day wore into evening and that had us gathered aboard the beautiful *Next Chapter* where Connie and Pete Webster hosted a terrific cocktail party that allowed attendees to share stories of the day's exploits. Then we were off again to SYC's clubhouse for a great dinner and a *la paloma*-fueled karaoke night. Those of us in attendance were witness to a feast of sights and sounds that ... well ... we'll never un-hear. Suffice to say, the mystery of why CYC doesn't have a choir has been solved! From Dean Martin to Steppenwolf, all the hits were covered and if we had to pick a winner it would be "Girls Just Want to Have Fun," performed by all the ladies in attendance. It was glorious. Karaoke was spectacular fun for all!

The next morning saw leisurely breakfasts and very civilized departure times by a very happy group! Two things were learned by all in attendance: 1. Palos Verdes is way bigger than it looks on a chart, and 2. Myles in tie-dye ... yup, just ... Myles in tie-dye.

Thanks for the fun weekend Ceci and Myles! ♣



*Joan Biddle apparently drove down to join the fun!*



*Sandy Albright, Steve Myles, and Jody Cougias*



*S/C Alice Leahey sings her heart out, accompanied by Steve Myles on air guitar, with rock 'n' roll photographer Bob Congdon.*



*Peter and CYCWA Secretary Connie Webster, Co-chairs Steve Myles and Ceci Samartin, Fleet Surgeon Harlan Gibbs, CYC President Steve Hathaway, and Dorian Cougias*



*Hunter Gorog, Azadeh Williamson, Uri Kotlyar (aka "the 14th Man"), and Bill Tan lounge on deck at Shoreline YC.*

# Art Aficionados Express Creativity in New Ways

By SEO NORMA PRATT, Chair

**A**rt Aficionados produced a lovely group-effort painting, “CYC Adrift,” which was auctioned on July 22 with proceeds benefitting the Junior Sponsorship Fund. Earlier this year we visited the 26th Street Art Center in Santa Monica, had two painting sessions with artist Randy Sprout, created lovely floral designs, and had two fabric painting sessions.

We look forward to new artistic ventures filled with fun and artistic expression. Here is our calendar of upcoming events:

August 8, Wednesday  
Painting on birch wood bark

August 21, Tuesday  
Day trip to the Laguna Beach Sawdust Art Festival

September 12, Wednesday  
Pen and ink sketching

September 26, Wednesday  
Paint Nite with wine

October 10, Wednesday  
Pen and ink sketching part two

October 24, Wednesday  
Gold leaf collage design with artist Deborah Fusello-Neale

November 14, Wednesday  
Creating box designs for holiday gifting

Check *Zephyr* for updates. We regularly meet every second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Epicurean Room. If you would like to be on the Art Aficionados email list, please inform the staff at the front desk. ♣



Lynn Nelson and S/C Cheryl Mahaffey



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# Summer Splash

Come enjoy fun in the sun...  
dancing, games, and contests!

4-7pm  
Sunday, August 26



Family Activities Committee presents  
**BEACH PARTY**  
Front lawn of CYC

Adults \$20.00+++  
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Friday, August 10

6:30 pm Happy Half Hour  
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## FAMILY



## NIGHT



**Sunday, September 16**

- Starts at 4 pm
- Bingo caller
- prizes
- buffet dinner

**RSVP by September 9**

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## AUGUST SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIAL

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*\*available every Saturday night in August only*



## CYC Flashback!

**S**ue Service takes us back to 1978, when she was 16 years old. It was her first day on a windsurfer off Grande Island, at the Navy Base in Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. She reports that “the base had a fleet of Lidos and Flying Scots we used regularly, but this was our first exposure to a windsurfer. Despite the appearance in this photo, I eventually got going, and made it about a half-mile off the beachfront before I realized I didn’t know how to tack. I had to drop the sail, swim it around, and eventually got going back to shore.”

Submit your flashback photo of a CYC member sailing, cruising, fishing, rowing, surfing, water skiing, canoeing, kayaking, as a junior sailor, or at the beach, to [cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com) for a chance at the glory. ⚓

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# Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

## Melges 24 Canadian Championship

June 2-3, Royal Victoria YC

42 boats

2 Alan Field, *WTF*

## Melges 24 World Championship

June 5-9, Royal Victoria YC

41 boats

2 Alan Field, *WTF*

## Berger/Stein Race #4: Cat Harbor Layover

June 9, Del Rey YC

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Doug Steele, *Tiburón*

PHRF B: 3 boats

1 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

Cruiser A: 18 boats

3 Whitney Green, *Pacific*

## Berger/Stein Race #5: Cat Harbor Return

June 10, Del Rey YC

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Doug Steele, *Tiburón*

PHRF B: 7 boats

1 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

Cruiser A: 15 boats

2 Joseph Weber, *Va Pensiero*

5 Whitney Green, *Pacific*

## June Cup

June 12, 19, and 26, Redondo Beach YC

WAH-A: 6 boats (overall results)

1 Liz Hjorth, *Scouter*

2 Mary Stuyvesant, *Huckleberry II*

## Long Beach Race Week

June 22-24, Alamitos Bay YC/Long Beach YC

PHRF A: 4 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1½*

J/70: 27 boats

3 Jeff Janov, *Minor Threat*



Photo by Tom Walker

*Adios, competition!* Jay Steinbeck's *Margaritaville 1½* won PHRF A at Long Beach Race Week.

Racers!

Send your

Sunset Series

photos to

*Breeze* editor

Paula Cameron at

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@*cycfleet.com*.

## Race 8, June 6

PHRF C: 10 boats

1 Peter Nelson, *Spray*

2 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF D: 7 boats

2 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

PHRF E: 7 boats

1 Susan Taylor, *Take Five*

Martin 242: 12 boats

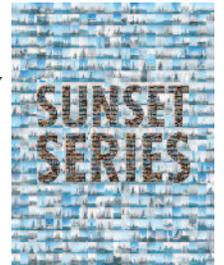
1 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*

2 Duncan Cameron, *Trust Me*

Cruising A: 12 boats

1 Christopher Gorog, *California Dream*

4 Joseph Weber, *Va Pensiero*



## Race 9, June 13

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Jeff Janov, *Viva la Vida*

PHRF C: 9 boats

2 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF D: 7 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

PHRF E: 6 boats

1 Susan Taylor, *Take Five*

Martin 242: 10 boats

1 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*

2 Mark Sands, *Sandbox*

3 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

Cruising A: 13 boats

2 Joseph Weber, *Va Pensiero*

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**Race 10, June 20**

PHRF A : 2 boats

1 John McEntire, *Encore*

PHRF C : 11 boats

3 Steve Curran, *Tinderbox*

4 Peter Nelson, *Spray*

PHRF D: 7 boats

2 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Martin 242: 12 boats

1 Denise George, *All In*

3 Mark Sands, *Sandbox*

4 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

Cruising A: 14 boats

2 Joseph Weber, *Va Pensiero*

4 Richard Benedon, *Ruby d'eau*

**Race 11, June 27**

Cruising A: 14 boats

3 Christopher Gorog, *California Dream*

Martin 242: 10 boats

1 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*

2 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

3 Tim Clarke/Michael Bradley, *Summer Rental*

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Jeff Janov, *Viva la Vida*

PHRF B : 8 boats

1 Douglas Steele, *Tiburon*

PHRF C: 10 boats

1 Jon Haney, *Joyride*

PHRF D: 7 boats

2 Curt Johnson, *Avet*



Marilyn Cassedy

Line honors and first place in the Martin 242 class for All In with Marilyn Cassedy at the helm on a WOW/WAH Wednesday.

Photo by Paula Cameron, Race 10, June 20



Sunset Series racers on final approach to the finish line at the guest dock

Photo by FO Pam Spriggs, Race 11, June 27



Photo by Tom Walker

*CYC women (bow 4) placed fifth in the Catalina 37 National Championship held during Long Beach Race Week.*

## CYC Women Race Long Beach Race Week

By MARY STUYVESANT, Women's Racing Chair

**C**YC women took fifth place in the Catalina 37 Nationals held during Long Beach Race Week (LBRW), June 22-24. Long Beach Race Week is a three-day regatta, on three race courses, with 130 boats and 51 yacht clubs participating this year. The competition is world-class.

The CYC women's team was the only all-woman team, not only in the Catalina 37 class, but at LBRW, and is part of a new initiative by the Bridge and CYC leadership to foster and develop a world-class women's racing program and racers.

The women's racing program is really a collaborative vision between Junior S/C Kellie Fennessy and Commodore Mike Blecher. Kellie attended a meeting of CYC women racers last year to discuss opportunities for CYC to participate in various regattas held both locally and internationally. "There was such energy



*CYC Women's Team: Christine Perakis, Christina Tarantola, Sue Service, Allie Blecher, Marylyn Hoenemeyer, Marilyn Cassedy, Liz Hjorth, Mary Stuyvesant, Julia Rychlik, Susie Taylor, and P/C Monica Antola; not pictured: Sue Herrschaft and Lara Clarke*

and enthusiasm in the room that I thought there is something here - let's harvest this and support this interest."

Commodore Blecher took the handoff from Kellie and ran with it, creating a program to focus on women's racing at CYC. "I think the traditional position is that it's exclusively men who are the only sailing 'rock stars.' The fact is, there are plenty of very talented female sailors out there, and CYC needs to be the place where these women want to race. After all, what could possibly be healthier for a yacht club's membership than to have an exciting group of highly competitive sailors racing under the Club burgee, having fun, winning important regattas, and contributing to making our Club the best in the west?" says Blecher.

The LBRW team came together very quickly: we were able to put a strong boat together of CYC women racers who had all raced on the Catalina 37 at some point, either in match racing or in the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge, held annually in October. Back to front the team was Liz Hjorth - tactics, Marilyn Cassedy - helm, Sue Herrschaft - main, Marylyn Hoenemeyer - guy, Sue Service - spin, Lara Clarke - jib, Chris Tarantola - jib, Allie Blecher - jib, Susie Taylor - floater, Christine Perakis - pit, junior Julia Rychlik - mast, P/C Monica Antola - midbow, and Mary Stuyvesant - bow.

Conditions varied throughout the weekend, the seas were lumpy and washing machine-like, and the wind varied from very light air to breeze on! The team shifted gears seamlessly through the changing conditions.

The racing was tight, with three teams, Alamitos Bay YC, Long Beach YC, and Southwestern YC, tied for first going into the final race. Marilyn and team took third in the last race of the weekend, securing the tie for fourth and ultimately placing fifth in the regatta. CYC's fifth place is the result of a tie-breaker against Bruce Ayers, fresh off his third place (behind CYC's Alan Field) at the Melges 24 World Championship earlier in the month. The team is racing in good company!

Marilyn was pleased with the team and the hard work on the race course. "Is there room for improvement? Sure. But I think this is the best boat CYC has put up for something like this in years, and everyone who was a part of it should be proud!"

She was quick to add, "Our entire team is grateful for the support of the Challenge and Competition Funds, without which our participation would not have been possible. Thank you for making women's racing a priority!"

Women's racing is seeing good early traction in the racing membership. Cal Race Week had two all-woman teams in the Martin 242 fleet, led by Denise George and Allie Blecher.

Allie is a fixture on the U.S. and international match racing circuit. She recently returned from a Women's International Match Racing Series event in Finland where she and her team made a strong showing, but lost their spot in the finals to the current world champion. Allie and Marilyn are currently ranked fourth and fifth, respectively, among U.S. women match racers based on their World Sailing ranking.

Up next will be the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship in San Francisco, Butler Cup in Long Beach, and the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge, also in Long Beach. ⚓

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# Melges 24 World Championship

By ALAN FIELD



**B**ridesmaid ... Yep, that's the end result of my efforts trying to win the penultimate competition known as the 2018 Melges 24 World Championship. The Italian team beat me. They sailed a great regatta in what was arguably the most difficult venue I have ever raced, Victoria, BC.

The wind blew from a different direction every day and often significantly changed direction and intensity during the day. Additionally, there were four to five unique current lines crossing the course. It was not uncommon for the pin and boat ends of the start line to experience different current directions of up to 40 degrees along with three-tenths difference in their intensity. I'm from Southern California so I'm no stranger to kelp, but the Canadian kelp that liked to stack up along all those current lines seemed to constantly reach out and grab our keel and rudder. Trying to find a path through was nearly impossible, as was avoiding the Pacific Northwest's gigantic logs. One of those giant logs turned out to be a killer whale. (Guess that's as good an excuse as any to postpone a start for 15 minutes.)

Did I mention how cold and rainy it was? What a unique venue! The racecourse itself provided big rewards if you called it correctly, but it also delivered a lot of pain if not. The Italians and I were the only ones out of the 41 teams competing to have posted a single-digit score line over the 10-race regatta. I had a chance of claiming the coveted trophy on the final day. In fact, it came down to the final race!

We started the regatta off on the right foot when we won the first

*(continued on page 16)*



*Alan Field's WTF (bow 829) leads at the weather mark.*

Photo by Jill Fitz Hirschbold



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race of the series (a birthday bullet for my tactician, Steve Hunt) after being over at the pin end of the line by three meters at the gun. My teammates, Steve Hunt, Erik Shampain, Willem Van Waay, and Lucas Calabrese, did a great job of not giving up. They simply worked the problem. First, they got us back to the starting line without fouling anyone. Second, they found a lane to get us back to the left as that was our pre-race strategy. Third, they made sure we passed as many boats as possible since every point counted. After restarting, Steve found us a very sweet lane going back left. Later he said, "I think if we ignore layline and cross the next current line before we tack we may be in good shape at the top mark." Boy, he was not kidding as we rounded first and never looked back. (Happy birthday, Steve.)

The second race of the day looked like it was going to be a keeper as well as we nailed the start and led around the top and bottom marks only to have the race committee pull the plug when the wind crapped out halfway up the final beat. (Sorry Steve, no second birthday bullet.)

Day one results confirmed that I just might have the tools and crew to win my

first world championship. I have attempted to do so three times in the past with my best result being an eighth. I hoped that this fourth attempt would be the one. My campaign was short. I bought the boat (USA 829) in January after being out of the class since the 2013 San Francisco World

Championship. Steve and Erik were part of my previous attempts but Willem and Lucas were new additions to my team.

With the 2018 World Championship scheduled for mid-June, I knew I'd have to maximize every day of our limited training schedule. As a team I knew we'd only sail together for 10 days prior to the start of the



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*Skipper Alan Field congratulates his WTF team: Steve Hunt, Willem Van Waay, Lucas Calabrese, and Erik Shampain.*

event. With that in mind, I elected to also engage the help of two coaches, Vince Brun and Steve Erickson. Vince, being a past Melges 24 world champion himself, with, I think, at least five other world titles under his belt, was brought on to help with our boat speed. He helped us apply laser focus to our sail shapes, rig tune, and setup. Steve Erickson, 1984 Star gold medalist, two-time Star world champion and five-time America's Cup veteran, was charged with helping us keep our heads on straight, providing data on the ever-changing currents, and to spy on the setups of the fastest boats during the regatta.

We came out swinging on the final day. Like day one, we took a bullet in the first race, only it was now Willem's birthday. So that birthday bullet went to him. We took a third in race number two so it was game on for the final race! We needed the Italians to have their worst race and for us to finish second or better to win. They elected to match race us at the start. However, we got the better of them and had an okay first leg, rounding the top mark in fourth or fifth. The same could not be said for the second upwind leg as they passed us on the first run and seemed to be among three other teams taking turns tacking on us. Picture us as the shiny ball in a pinball game. Evidently the third-place team, *Monsoon*, who bested us by one point at the Canadian National Championship held the previous week (can you say bridesmaid again?), along with 2013's world champion, *Full Throttle*, also wanted a piece of us. Unfortunately we ended up out of the money ... that's yacht racing.

In hindsight, second overall was a great accomplishment. Yet it wasn't the bullet I was after. Maybe they need to hold the next world championship on my birthday.

Regardless, I could not have accomplished anything without the help of my outstanding team! I was certainly the weak link! Additionally, I could not have done it without the support of all my CYC well-wishers! I can't thank you all enough for your numerous texts and emails along the way. You have no idea of the positive effects they produced. Lastly, I would like to thank CYC's Competition Fund, whose participation in my campaign allowed me to get the best out of my coaching! 🍀

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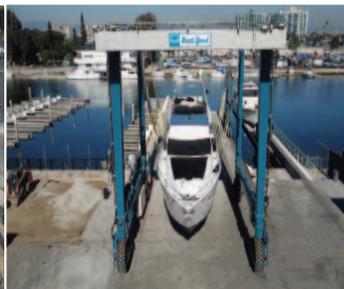
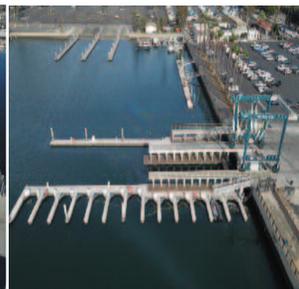
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# WeBe Ready

By MICHAEL and MITZIE PARKER

**O**n May 26, Robert Davis, Mitzie Parker, Marcy Pettitt, and Elizabeth Priester completed the Keelboat Program's May Adult Learn to Sail Class. What fun it was to learn the secrets of the wind and experience learning to sail with others who share the same goal – sailing. Our instructor, Mollie Perlman, made sailing fun and informative, and, with practice, each student learned to sail the Club's Martin 242 *WeBe*.

Thank you, CYC, for offering this course, and to F/C Tim Clarke for making the arrangements for this fabulous sailing program. CYC's keelboat *WeBe* also made this course extremely memorable, just another example of why we have such a great Club! ♣



*Helmsman Mitzie Parker, instructor Mollie Perlman, Robert Davis, Marcy Pettitt, and Elizabeth Priester on WeBe.*



*Mitzie Parker, Robert Davis, Marcy Pettitt, Elizabeth Priester, and instructor Mollie Perlman.*

## Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By EVAN DAVIS, Dockmaster

**L**uke and **Kate Ondrey** scooped up five balloons from the water – three different sightings and pickups on a return sail from Catalina. Luke steered the boat and Kate worked the boat hook. Great man overboard practice as well as ocean cleanup!

Bounty for the member bringing in the most disabled balloons off our bay is a prime rib dinner for two at the Club. Send a photo of your catch to the dock office for consideration. One prize will be awarded each month. ♣



# CYC Burgee Travels



**L**et 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](mailto:cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com). ⚓



*The captain of Wind Surf shakes hands with S/C Chuck Wright. They're holding the CYC burgee that flew over the ship in the Caribbean.*



*Doug and Sharon Stewart joined Betsy and Kenny Linn on Uoleva Island, Tonga. They sailed around the Tongan Islands on the Linns' S/V Alcyone.*



## On-the-Water Photography Contest Winner

**Bob Congdon** submitted this prize-winning photo of Eagle Rock and the West End of Catalina Island. He and S/C Alice Leahey were returning from their first weekend trip to Catalina on their new powerboat, *Dark Side*.

Bob is this month's on-the-water photo contest winner. He has won a bottle of fine wine selected by General Manager Michele Underwood.

Submit your entry to: [cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com). ⚓

# Junior Racing Team

## Ken Hoover Memorial Regatta/ Carrie #6

May 5-6, King Harbor YC  
40 boats

- 1 Katharine Doble
- 4 Callie Davis
- 11 Emily Doble
- 16 Tommy Kraak
- 17 Carsten Zieger
- 28 Mika Sternberg
- 30 Noah Corelli
- 33 Andy Uznis
- 35 Graham Doble

## RS Tera Pacific Coast Regatta

May 12, CYC  
30 boats

- 2 Tessa Farrell
- 3 Talia Hamlin
- 4 Lucca Farrell
- 6 Harry Bryan
- 7 Noah Corelli
- 8 Andy Uznis
- 9 Mora Moro
- 10 Boyer Tooley
- 22 Sam Suddath

## International Optimist Regatta

June 10-17, St. Thomas YC  
79 boats

- 46 Callie Davis
- 48 Carsten Zieger

## Opti Heavy Weather Regatta

June 15-17, St. Francis YC  
64 boats

- 1 Katharine Doble
- 2 Jordan Janov
- 23 Emily Doble
- 34 Tommy Kraak
- 36 Talia Hamlin
- 39 Mika Sternberg
- 41 Mara Moro

## U.S. Youth Sailing Championship

June 23-27, Carolina YC

Laser Radial: 46 boats

- 9 Gavin McJones
- 30 Bastien Rasse

I420: 19 boats

- 19 Sidney Gathrid (Del Rey YC)/Wynslow Wilmot

29er: 15 boats

- 6 Ryan and Grant Janov



Photo by Kristin Doble

*St. Francis YC Commodore Theresa Brandner (far right) with Jordan Janov, first boy and second overall, and Katharine Doble, first girl and first overall, at the Opti Heavy Weather Regatta.*



*Thanks to all of our junior parents for their support!*



Photo by Macoka Hamlin

Lucca Farrell placed fourth in the RS Tera Pacific Coast Regatta.

## CYC - MDR

# Annual Fishing Challenge

**Sunday, October 7**

First light until weigh-in at 4 p.m.

This is a fish only tournament and does not include sharks or rays or anything other than fin fish.

Where and how to catch local fish seminar Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. in the bar.

**Please register by October 6**

Questions? Contact Chair Randy Sprout  
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# CYCWA on the Horizon

By PENNY COLLINS

## Art Aficionados

**Wednesday, August 8**

Painting on birch wood bark

**Tuesday, August 21**

Field trip to Laguna Beach Sawdust Art Festival  
Chair is SEO Norma Pratt

## Book Mates

**Thursday, August 2, 11:45 a.m.**

**Fireside Room**

Written by Oscar Andrew "Andy" Hammerstein (Oscar II's grandson), "The Hammersteins: A Musical Theatre Family" presents a multi-layered portrait of the Hammerstein legacy, complete with personal and professional highlights, as well as scandals and tragedies. The book also draws heavily upon the family archives, presenting a rich collection of photographs, theater blueprints, letters, programs, patents, and more, much of which has never been seen before. (Review from Google Books.) Ira Teller will moderate.

**Thursday, September 6, 11:45 a.m.**

**Fireside Room**

Originally scheduled for July, "Pachinko," by Min Jin Lee, follows one Korean family through several generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea. When a young woman finds herself pregnant and betrayed by her wealthy lover, she marries a minister and moves with him to Japan. As the story continues, she endures discrimination and poverty, yet rises to meet the new and complex challenges in her new home. This book is a suspenseful tale of joy,

heartbreak, wisdom, and truth. Linda Oistad will moderate.

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

## Happy Hour Book Club

**Returns after summer hiatus**

**Thursday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.**

**Fireside Room**

The book for September is "Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood," by Trevor Noah, who is probably best known since 2015 as host of The Daily Show on Comedy Central. Leslie Bene will moderate.

Trevor Noah was born in South Africa to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, he was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. After the end of South Africa's white rule, Trevor and his mother embarked on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle. The book is a collection of short stories that illuminate their curious world. ♣

## CYCWA ACTIVITIES

### Art Aficionados

Second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fireside Room. Chair is SEO Norma Pratt.

**Book Mates** First Thursday of the month, 11:45 a.m., Fireside Room. Co-chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservation and lunch information.

**Bridge** Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., dining room. Chair is Joan Silver.

**Happy Hour Book Club** Next meeting is Thursday, September 20. Co-chairs are Leslie Bene and Michael Cubbin.

**Knit or Knot** First and third Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., members lounge. Chair is Peggy Powers.

**Mah Jongg** Thursdays, 1 p.m., dining room. Chair is Susan Allan.

**Paddle Tennis** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Co-chairs are Marylyn Hoenemeyer and S/C Cheryl Mahaffey.



Roni Heller, Dolly Bretter, Valerie Field, and Brenda Kyser celebrated the 4th of July with paddle tennis games.

## EVENING COLORS CLOSING CEREMONY & CELEBRATION



*Sunday, September 9  
on the front lawn*

6 p.m. - Fife and Drum Corps.  
6:30 p.m. - Lowering of the Flag and Cannon Salute followed by Refreshments



# Paris, Present and Past, is the Star of "Paris Time Capsule"

By VIRGINIA AND IRA TELLER, Co-chairs

**A**merican photographer Cat Jordan has inherited an estate in Paris from a complete stranger. What she finds sends her life into a whirl. Such is the fascinating premise and reason moderator Robin Spencer recommended "Paris Time Capsule," by Ella Carey, for our July 12 Book Mates luncheon.

Robin informed us that the source of the novel was a true story reported online and in hundreds of online blogs. According to the author, "The main consideration for me as a writer was to ensure that I respected the original story, and that even though my novel is a work of fiction, I still wrote with a sense of truthfulness in mind. A woman died in the south of France in 2010, but it wasn't until after her death that the heir to her estate discovered that she owned an apartment in Paris that had been abandoned for 70 years. The woman, who was only known as Madame de Florian, fled from Paris on the eve of the Nazi invasion in 1940 but never returned. Now, this abandoned apartment was not your usual flat. It was

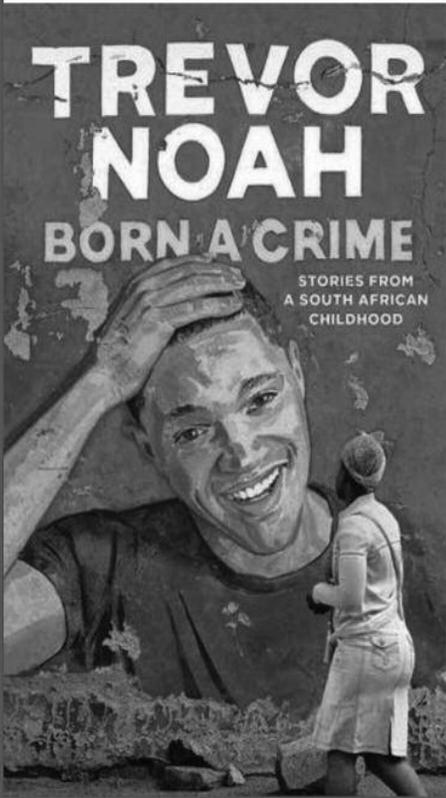
filled with the sorts of exotic treasures from the Belle Époque as well as a rare portrait painted by Giovanni Boldini. The woman in the painting was identified as Marthe de Florian, a famous courtesan, or demimondaine. Marthe was the owner's grandmother and the previous owner of the apartment."

Readers loved the journey Cat takes through Paris and France, trying to uncover the 70-year-old secret, while jockeying relationships with a rich American financial expert and a French vineyard owner, who also claims the inheritance. The author saves the biggest surprises for the final chapters, offering in detail what life was like in Paris under the Nazi Occupation in 1940 ... especially if you were a part of the Resistance.

Our August 2 book is "The Hammersteins: A Musical Theater Family," by Oscar Andrew Hammerstein. According to one critic, "The impact of three generations of Hammersteins on musical theater has no equal." Ira Teller will moderate.

For our September 6 meeting, we will discuss the highly praised "Pachinko," by Min Jin Lee. Linda Oistad will moderate. ♣

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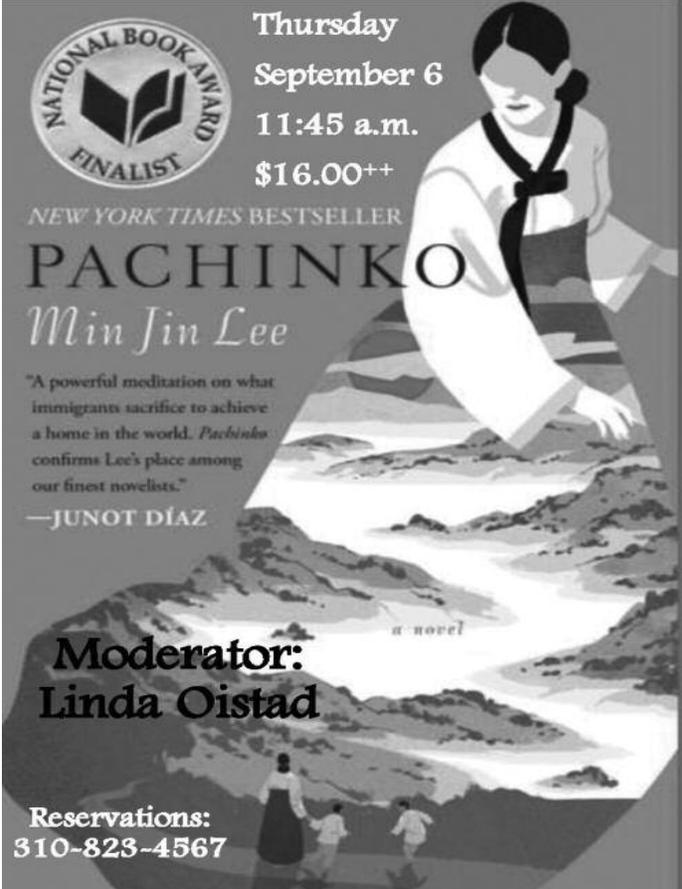
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## BOOK MATES



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Thursday  
September 6  
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Min Jin Lee

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Moderator:  
Linda Oistad

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# From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD

**H**ooray, hooray, the kitchen has reopened. Chef Fabio has taken the helm and is introducing some new seasonal entrées. Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell

has created a new menu look, with each entrée getting a suggested wine pairing. Check out the *Breeze* calendar and you'll see a monthly Saturday special that will change each month. This month we kick off with a Maine lobster dinner. Please make a reservation for your lobster by 5 p.m. Thursday so we can ensure that we order enough for everyone. Chef Fabio is also making some fun changes to the kids menu including a kids Bento box with lots of great nibbles every young sailor will enjoy, as well as other new healthy selections.

This month the Power Fleet is having a Hawaiian-themed pig roast dinner on August 10. The whole family can enjoy a traditional luau with live entertainment.

You will notice a change in our bar service. In order to avoid polluting our oceans with plastic, we will no longer be using plastic straws. All straws and picks are now biodegradable.

We have a lot of activity on the water this month. The King of Spain Regatta will be August 11-12, and is followed by the Star North American Regatta August 14-19. Volunteers are always welcome both on land and on the water. There is a mid-week cruise to Avalon August 21-24. The Power Fleet welcomes everyone to join them at the hoist for the dock party on August 25.

The Junior Program has its awards dinner August 9. This event is open to those who love and support our junior sailors. Big thank yous go to Interim Junior Program Director Mollie Perlman and Head Sailing Coach Roberto Ayala for all their hard work and dedication this summer in making our Junior Sailing Program so successful.

A special welcome back goes to Nancy (Lepe) Kruthof at the front desk and Michael Briggs in Maintenance.

See you 'round the Club. 🍷



*Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell serves champagne and displays new menus at the June 29 kitchen re-opening celebration.*



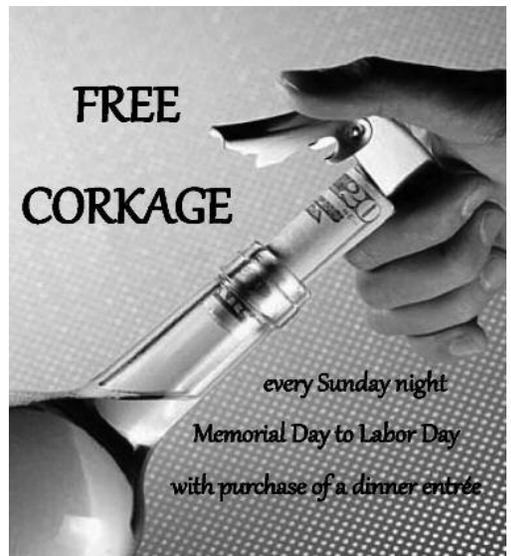
*Chef Fabio, CYCWA Secretary Connie Webster, and Commodore Mike Blecher tour the walk-in freezer.*

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## In Memoriam



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS</b>			Bridge Club 1	Women's Paddle Tennis 2	Match Racing 3	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 4
5 Pacific Cup Deepwater Series #3			Sunset Series	Book Mates		Adult Learn to Sail #5
9 Junior Awards Banquet				Jr. Muddy Feet		
11-12 King of Spain Regatta			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Fleet Council Mtg.		Pickleball
14-19 Star North American Regatta				Starlight Series	Seafood Buffet	
15 Junior Blind Fishing Trip						
Brunch 5	Club closed 6	Club closed 7	Bridge Club 8	Women's Paddle Tennis 9	Jr. Camp #3 Ends 10	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 11
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			CYCWA Art Aficionados	Book Mates	Pig Roast with Live Music and Dancing	King of Spain Regatta
Pacific Cup Deepwater Series #3	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Sunset Series	Jr. Awards Night	Match Racing	Adult Learn to Sail #5
Knit or Knot			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Sail Comm. Mtg.	Seafood Buffet	PF Day Cruise
Pilates Class				Mah Jongg		Pickleball
				Starlight Series		
Brunch 12	Club closed 13	Club closed 14	Bridge Club 15	Women's Paddle Tennis 16	17	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 18
King of Spain Regatta	Jr. STEM Week #2	Women's Paddle Tennis	Sunset Series	Fam. Act. Comm.	Star North American Regatta	Adult Learn to Sail
			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Pickleball	Star North American Regatta	Jr. Blind Fishing			Star N.A. Regatta
			Star North American Regatta	Star North American Regatta		Dinner Special
Brunch 19	Club closed 20	Club closed 21	Bridge Club 22	Women's Paddle Tennis 23	Match Racing 24	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 25
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis		Women's Paddle Tennis	CYCWA Art Aficionados		YP Movie Night	PF Dock Party
Knit or Knot	Pickleball		Sunset Series	Mah Jongg		Adult Learn to Sail #5
Star North American Regatta		Avalon Mid-Week Cruise	Mixed Doubles		Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
			Avalon Mid-Week Cruise	Avalon Mid-Week Cruise		Dinner Special
Brunch 26	Club closed 27	Club closed 28	Bridge Club 29	Women's Paddle Tennis 30	31	
Family Summer Splash Dinner Dance			Sunset Series	Bridge Mtg.	Breeze Deadline	
Jr. Sail Pizza Night		Women's Paddle Tennis		New Member Mtg		
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Pickleball		Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet	
				YP Happy Hour		

## SEPTEMBER 2018

<b>SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS</b>						Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 1
2 Labor Day Weekend BBQ						
5 Sunset Series Final Race						Pickleball
6-15 Commodore's Cruise						
Brunch 2	Club closed 3	Club closed 4	Bridge Club 5	Women's Paddle Tennis 6	7	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 8
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Labor Day		Sunset Series Final Race	Book Mates	Commodore's Cruise	Commodore's Cruise
Labor Day Weekend BBQ	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Fleet Council Mtg.	Match Racing	PF Day Cruise
Knit or Knot				Commodore's Cruise	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
				Mah Jongg		

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