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## DREW FREIDES REPEATS AS MELGES 20 WORLD CHAMPION

DECEMBER 2018

*"The Treasure Is All Around Us"*

**I**t was one of those weekends at Catalina. The weather was a little unstable because of a disturbance somewhere west and south of us. Our anchorage was affected by a nasty swell. We were aboard *Gypsy Wind* and with the flopper stopper down about 15 feet, we were riding reasonably comfortably on a mooring in the Two Harbors area. I can't be more specific about the location, for reasons you will learn shortly.

It was lunchtime, and while waiting for the grill to heat up, I had to swat a seagull away from the food tray. With the boat rolling a bit, I managed to lose my balance and knock overboard a special stacking type of dish that was already aboard our then-20-year-old boat when we bought her. It was, at that time, 20 years later, more or less, which made the dish more than 40 years old at the time of its swim. Certainly not to be available in one's local Target store to be replaced.

It would have made no difference, anyway. My normally patient, always loving, and generally sweet-spoken dive instructor wife, who likes this set of dishes for their stacking and storage and general good "boat traits," said to me, "you're gonna go get that" in a tone that left no doubt that I was suiting up right after lunch to go a for a little scuba dive ... "search and rescue," as it were.

Sixty-five feet down, and pretty much where I expected to find it, the plate turned up. It was made of 1970s plastic, and a kind of Day-Glo orange, so on the tan-colored sand, it was easy to find. Now, with the hard work done, I looked off to the south and west and saw a large garden of kelp, just at the edge of the visibility - maybe 50 or 75 feet. With the water having been fairly warm for the couple years prior to this incident, kelp was an unusual sight, so I coasted over to investigate.

Inside the kelp garden, I found what turned out to be the deck of an old, wooden sailboat, about 40-45 feet in length, in the sand, with the hull buried so just the deck stuck out, sort of level with the bottom.

To a scuba diver, finding a wreck that wasn't supposed to be there, that's not on the charts or in dive guides, and generally out of a diver's general local scuba knowledge, is a unique thrill.

I let my imagination run. I felt myself starring in a black-and-white documentary of the early 1960s. Jacques Cousteau, with his wonderful French accent, was commenting on how, "in zees cleep you will see ze Commodore Mike swimming after ze stacking sandwich tray of hees wife ... when he deescovers to heez surprise, ze wreck of ze unfortunate sheep, wheech foundered while working eetz way off ze cost, een ze sturm ..."

As I swam over the top of the wreck, I thought about who

## From the Commodore



*Barbie and Commodore Mike Blecher*

might nominate me for membership in the International Explorers Club, so I could dine side-by-side and swap stories with astronauts and arctic expedition leaders. I found a deck hatch ... I looked down, inside, and saw ... hundreds and hundreds of lobsters in the space there. Now, see why I can't be more precise about where this is?

So, you see? The treasure really is all around us. You just have to keep your eyes open, and be ready for the unexpected, since you never know when it will turn up. And then you can always gloat to your scuba-loving wife that you found a secret shipwreck that no one knows about and it is filled with lobsters ... and she didn't get to see it.

(Now, some would argue that this fact alone, not the lobsters, was the real treasure in this story ... but not me, nope, no sir. I do not gloat. Never. Especially

where my best dive buddy is concerned. Just lobsters. Zat ees all, just ze lobsters.)

In just a few weeks, the Club will be under the very capable leadership of Commodore Debbie Feinerman. She will be supported by a very talented and enthusiastic Bridge, made up of Vice Commodore Stephanie Weston, Rear Commodore Tim Clarke, Fleet Captain Monica Antola, and Port Captain Christina Tarantola. California Yacht Club will have an excellent team in place for 2019.

As for Barbie and me, we will ease into my Jr. Staff Commodore year by getting some maintenance done on *Gypsy Wind* so she will be ready for the 2019 cruising season. We intend to spend a significant portion of the coming summer at Catalina and at other local cruising destinations. We will continue to plan our longer cruise to Pacific Mexico and perhaps points beyond, to take place in due course.

This past year has been a ball for both Barbie and me. We are truly grateful to all of you who helped make 2018 so special for us, and California Yacht Club so special a place to be.

We will always remember 2018 as a year that the treasure was, indeed, all around us.

See ya around (or under) the water! ⚓

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**FRONT COVER** Drew Freides and his *Pacific Yankee* team came from behind in the final race to win their consecutive Melges 20 world championship. They bested 35 other teams from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Monaco, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, and Sweden. The Melges 20 World Championship was hosted by YC Cagliari in Sardinia, Italy, October 10-13.

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**BACK COVER** Matt Schaeffer approaches the Eliot Bridge at the Head of the Charles Regatta, held October 20-21 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He won the men's club singles event out of a field of 32 rowers.

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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](mailto:cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com).



S/C **Ann Ach** and **Jim** are pictured at the Kilauea Volcano at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Since the beginning of the year, the Halema'uma'u Crater behind them has doubled in size and the lava lake in the crater has fallen 1,500 feet.



On a recent trip to France and Monaco, **Leslie** and **Michael Cubbin** had lunch at Monte Carlo YC.



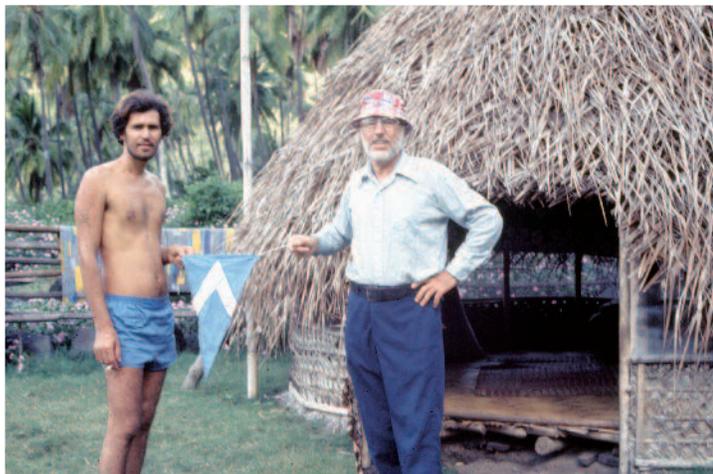
**Dick** and **Darleen Kleinert** took a hotel barge cruise on the *Grand Victoria* through the canals and small rivers of southern Burgundy in France. They are pictured in Losne, Burgundy.



S/C **Bill Moore** and **Sue** visited Zermatt, Switzerland, in late September and had this photo taken with the Matterhorn in the background after traveling up to the Gornergrat aboard Europe's highest cog-rack railroad.

# CYC Flashback!

**S**taff Commodore **Terry Greene** raced his Cal 40 *Windhover* in the summer of 1968 with a crew that included three future CYC Commodores. The names of the two racers on the left are lost to the winds of time, but Terry (center) became Commodore in 1975, **S/C Doug Levi**, on the spinnaker sheet, in 1979, and **S/C Steve Deskey** in 1977.



**S/C Terry Greene** and his wife Nancy sailed to the South Pacific on their Newport 41 *Yellow Jacket* with their four children in 1977. Nancy sewed together some fabric they had on board to make the CYC burgee as they didn't want to part with their only true CYC burgee. Terry is shown on the left handing a CYC burgee to Osaan at Hana Manu, an inlet on Hiva Oa Island in the Marquesas Islands. Osaan kept a log of visitors and collected a number of burgees and displayed them on the walls of his gazebo, unofficially known as the Hana Manu YC. Terry says that Hana Manu is an "absolutely perfect example of an idyllic tropical paradise. Go there if you can!"

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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-breezeditor@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-breezeditor@cycfleet.com) for a chance at the glory. ⚓

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## On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner



Rowing is top-of-mind at *Breeze* HQ, what with the success CYC rowers have had competing at October's Head of the Charles in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and in November at our own Head of the Marina Regatta. **S/C Frank Glynn** captured this dramatic sky and waterscape at last year's Head of the Marina. 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). ⚓

# 3 Weekends Yacht Club Challenges Podium Finishes

By SUE SERVICE, Challenge Chair

**I**n Southern California, October is championship sailing season and racers from CYC competed against some of the best sailors in the U.S. in three consecutive weekends of yacht club challenges.

The trilogy started with the women's team, who raced in the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge at Long Beach YC on Catalina 37s, October 13-14. This marked the 27th year of this regatta, which was renamed in 2003 to honor local sailor Linda Elias. This event is considered the premier all-women yacht race on the west coast. CYC last won this regatta in 2013 with Allie Blecher at the helm.

The second and third events were hosted by San Diego YC and raced in J/105s. The International Masters regatta was established in 1975, and SDYC began hosting the event in 2012. Participation in the regatta is by invitation only, and to be eligible the skipper must have reached his or her 60th birthday by the end of the year, and all crew must be 45 years old by that same date. This was CYC's first appearance in this prestigious event, held October 19-21.

Following the Masters Regatta, SDYC hosted the 104th Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup, October 26-28. CYC was one of 12 teams from the U.S. and Canada invited to compete for the coveted Cup. CYC last won this regatta in 2012, with Bob Little as skipper.

CYC is proud of the accomplishments of all three challenge teams - all teams brought home hardware, achieving third-place podium finishes in every event.

## Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge

By MARILYN CASSEDY

After taking a heartbreaking second place in the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge in 2017, the team was excited to once again bring a competitive combination of women to the event, this time led by Denise George as tactician and Marilyn Cassedy at the helm.

In addition to championship sailing, October can also be the start of the rainy season in SoCal, and Friday night into Saturday delivered thunder, lightning, what seemed to the often fair-weather sailors like inches of rain, and just a few knots of shifty, westerly breeze. The conditions would be a test, and the field of competitors was also stacked up to be a force all its own. This year's challengers included Olympians, world champions, America's Cup contenders, as well as countless national champions across a wide variety of one-design classes. But the CYC women went in undaunted and ready to push themselves and boat #6 as hard as they could.



Photos by Tracy St. John

*CYC's Linda Elias Memorial team: Lara Clarke (jib), Julia Rychlik (mast), Denise George (tactics), Sue Herrschaft (main), Sue Service (spinnaker), Susie Taylor (afterguy), Mary Stuyvesant (bow), PIC Monica Antola (pit), Michelle Parker Ondrey (mid-bow), Marilyn Cassedy (helm) and Christina Tarantola (jib)*

All the best-laid plans and intentions, though, were not enough to start the event on a high note. The team struggled in their first two starts, but with hard work managed to battle back to the middle of the fleet. The team's practice days had been most notable for the new things they tried for sail trim or crew maneuvers, so going into the third race they tried a couple of new settings and a new approach to the start. Their results improved, the team continued to adapt, and, by the end of the day, they had improved all the way to getting first in Saturday's last race.

Sunday brought better weather, but also concerns that with continued cloud cover the breeze would not fill in. The team's most junior member, Julia Rychlik, commented that, "The light air we saw over the course of the weekend was

challenging, but helped me to learn a lot.” The CYC women had built confidence through their growth over the course of the first day of the event and started the second day with another bullet. This put them into a tie for second place with Liz Baylis, a women’s match racing world champion, and just a few points in front of Annie Gardner, former Olympian and America’s Cup contender. As you might expect from a match racing champion, Baylis came after CYC’s team in the next start, and in spite of a bit of chaos on the line, the team still managed a mid-fleet result, holding onto third place. They finished second in their final race, cementing their third place podium spot.

Back at the dock, long-time Catalina 37 competitor Randy Smith was among the first to come by to congratulate the team, saying that, “Of all the teams out there, you had the key to speed in the light air conditions, and sailed the boat very well.” Smith was among the few teams to best the CYC women at last June’s Long Beach Race Week, and his congratulations were appreciated.

Congratulations to Newport Harbor Yacht Club for winning the event this year, and to all our competitors for another year of exciting women’s racing in Long Beach.



*The CYC women (6) set the spinnaker.*

The women’s team was fortunate to have two days of coaching, one from Bill Herrschaft, and one from Bob Greb, and we thank them both. Many thanks to the Challenge and Competition funds for support!

## International Masters Regatta

By DAVE KURT

This was CYC’s inaugural outing to the Masters regatta and leading our team was S/C Bill Petersen. Bill was a sailmaker for 21 years and has competed at the highest levels nationally and internationally, including a crew position in the 1987 America’s Cup entry, *Stars and Stripes*.



*CYC’s International Masters team: Dave Kurt (mast), Doug McLean (bow), Alan Field (tactics), S/C Bill Petersen (helm), Yumio Dornberg (trim), and Ben Mitchell (main)*

All of Bill’s crew are veterans of multiple CYC regatta campaigns, many representing our Club since the ‘60s.

Racing took place in San Diego Bay and most legs of the course were eight-tenths of a mile or less, in current and shifty breeze of 6-12 knots. Competition was fierce, and quick lanes and exit strategies were a large part of the tactical game. Teams from Canada, New York, Alabama, and marinas up and down the California coast traded positions with every race.

After day one registered some regatta hopefuls, Saturday became moving day; many boats were eager and aggressive at the start, setting quite a few teams back with on course side (OCS) penalties. After day two, the regatta had a clear leader and ultimately the 2018 International Masters champion: five-time match racing champion Dave Perry (Pequot YC). Ben Mitchell commented, “That’s most of my Wednesday night team over there crewing for Perry”; a reference to the fact that the top boat was crewed by all San Diego sailors. The CYC team hovered just above the fold on day one and two, finishing with a bullet in the last race of day two.

The final day of racing saw the PRO hold the boats at the dock, due to dense fog at the yacht club, and racers anxiously wondered if there would be enough time to get four races on Sunday. The boats were set free as the fog broke down and SDYC’s proficient race committee started the fleet on time. The final race of the regatta began with only six minutes to spare before the published cut-off, and CYC was very happy to have had one more race: Petersen and team led at all of the rounding marks and crossed the finish line first, for its second bullet of the regatta. That first in the last race earned CYC a regatta third place podium finish, just five points behind the second place team, Andy Roy of the Royal Canadian YC, Toronto.

Competitors at the Masters regatta say that a recurring theme

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Photos by Alex Pupko and Tom Walker

*CYC's International Masters Regatta team was skippered by S/C Bill Petersen (PAU spinnaker in left photo, bow 04 in right photo).*

is camaraderie. In a SDYC Sailcast episode with Dave Perry a few weeks prior to the Masters, he touched on the event saying, "It's all about people who have played the sport intensely in their youth. We all have families and businesses now, and this Masters event helps us all come back together. It's like we're all 20 again. We go out there, bash heads and sail hard. We're all kids again, but we have a lot more stories to tell."

Going into the regatta, S/C Petersen was excited to sail at the Masters with a crew full of old friends. Coming out of the weekend's comments were: "I could not have asked for a better

team out of California Yacht Club." The team steadily improved throughout the event as they got used to the boats and the venue. "I think we won from race 6 to the end of the regatta," said Ben Mitchell. The crew's consensus was that their podium finish should get them an invitation in 2019 and the team is anxious to race again next year.

The Masters team received great coaching from Dave Ullman. Many thanks to the Challenge and Competition funds for support, and to Jon Haney for use of his boat for practice.

## 104<sup>th</sup> Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup

By MARY STUYVESANT

Each year San Diego YC issues invitations to a select list of elite yacht clubs from around the country to participate in the Lipton Cup. Competitors in this event are the best of the best, including many North American champions, Olympic medalists, and America's Cup veterans.

The competitive background makes it crucial for CYC to develop and field a strong team of racers. This year's team included one 10-time veteran and past winning skipper, three two-time veterans and three first-time Lipton Cup racers. Allie Blecher is a two-time veteran of the regatta and the first woman to helm CYC's Lipton Cup team. Our team was atypical; there were more women on the boat than men. "We have the most girls on the boat in the fleet. It's amazing and I am proud of Cal for supporting this!" said Blecher. "We prepped this year by spending as much time on the water sailing together as we could and you could see it in the teamwork."

Lipton Cup is really like no other racing we do during the year – the closest event is the Masters regatta, which has many of the same elements of racing and is also held at SDYC. Racers participate in a round robin of 12 boats across 12 races. Switching of boats is no joke: The J/105s pull up to a floating dock – which by the way, is moving up and down and sideways – in the middle of San Diego Bay. Odd numbered boats dock on one side and even numbers on the other. Volunteers take the



Photo by Bronny Daniels /joysailing.com

*CYC's Lipton Cup team (bow 01) was skippered by Allie Blecher.*

boats while teams are simultaneously jumping off of and on to boats, carrying water, spinnaker, and gear; booms are sweeping across the dock, racers ducking as they hurry from boat to boat. It's chaotic. There is usually less than 15 minutes to find your boat, get on it, off the dock, go upwind, set and douse the kite, all before the next warning signal. That's the race to get ready to race – every race.

Then we have the actual races – 12 of them! Obstacles in the bay include commercial ship traffic, U.S. Navy patrol boats,

U.S. Coast Guard helicopters, cruisers, jet skiers, and this year, another PHRF regatta sailing through the course. All of this creates a great deal of chop, and in San Diego's light air conditions it's difficult to keep the boat moving. You really have to be disciplined to keep the boat in pressure, sails full, bow down, and accelerating while executing on your race strategy. These are heavy boats – you can't let them stop.

In many regattas you can tell by how boats come off the line what you might see at the top of the course, and with some small changes, the rest of the race. Not Lipton Cup. Each leg of the race had different results at each mark rounding. Shifting winds and changing pressure, as well as aggressive tidal currents, make the course different each race and even on each leg.

Veteran Lipton Cup racer and past winner Bob Little counseled the team that, "Every point counts – you gotta fight for every point you can. Consistency will yield winning results." He was right. There were no teams in the regatta without double-digit finishes. Blecher's ability to start strong, keep the boat moving, and finish well enabled us to hold a third place podium finish and fight off previous winners such as Chris Raab (St. Francis YC) and Jon Pinckney (Newport Harbor YC).

S/C Bill Stump served as Deputy Race Officer of this year's Lipton Cup and saw all the action up close and had the following to say about the regatta: "Observing the Lipton Cup competition from SDYC's race committee boat the past few years, I'm impressed by the level of competition attracted to this 104-year-old challenge: 12 yacht club teams from around the country, sporting former Cup winners, world champions in other classes, and even a few Olympians. Cal YC's team this year was special - four of our seven crew are women, twice as many as any other team, and almost half our team is under 30, a statistic few other teams could match. More importantly, we sailed a very consistent series. While almost every team had at least two double-digit finishes in this 12-race series, CYC managed to always be in the top half of the fleet in their other races. Saving their best race for last, that second-place finish propelled them to a well-deserved spot on the podium. All of CYC should be proud of this year's Lipton Cup team's accomplishments. Well done!"

The Lipton Cup team received great coaching by Sam Heck, Doug McLean, and Dave Ullman. Many thanks to the Challenge and Competition funds for support, and to Jon Haney and Peter Nelson for use of their boats for practice. ⚓



CYC's Lipton Cup team: Will Petersen (main), Simone Staff (spinnaker), Beka Schiff (mid-bow), Allie Blecher (helm), Mary Stuyvesant (pit), Will Tetrick (bow), Bob Little (jib and tactics)



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# Sparkling Conditions for the CFJs at Shadden

By JUSTIN McJONES, Regatta Co-chair



**T**his year's SCYYRA Shadden Series Regatta #2 was held on October 7. The fleet of double-handed CFJs had 24 boats competing, and five races were completed. Sailing conditions were very comfortable with a breeze from 5 knots to around 9 knots max, and generally smooth water. It was interesting to see how the fleet had changed compared to previous years. There are many new sailors now, which is a good thing for the long run. But quite a few of the previous CFJ regulars have decided to move on in their sailing careers, so it was a little different not seeing them in the action.

Our own CYC team of Bastien Rasse and Wynslow Wilmot won the first race with a comfortable lead. They went on to finish the regatta in second place, four points behind Reade Decker and Kenneth Sherb (Balboa YC).

Racing in the top three spots was consistent and the highest scores were sevens. Finishing third was the San Diego YC team of Schuyler Capita and Lila Chitayat, nine points behind second place.

There were lots of OCS penalties, but no black flag starts were needed to tame the fleet. No protests were filed and, all in all, the sailing conditions and competition were a success for everyone involved. Our PRO was S/C Tom O'Connor, who was assisted by an excellent team of volunteers. Besides many regulars to the *Charles Hathaway* crew, Miriam Moses brought in a few new hands that she met during the



*Regatta Co-chairs Hunter Gorog and Justin McJones flank second-place winners Bastien Rasse and Wynslow Wilmot.*

Photos by Noah Benton

summer and recent Club racing activities. Thank you to all the volunteers who ran a great series of races from the signal boat, and to Peggy Powers for working through the challenges of the scoring program mandated by SCYYRA.

We had a first-time photographer, Noah Benton, who shot the action at the weather mark. Noah is a high school senior and would love to be invited again to photograph more of our on-the-water action. Thanks to Rory Mach and Mike Gitchell for their great work on the weather markset boat, and for including Noah in the action there. Our line boat had me, and an all-women crew of Marcy Pettit, her daughter Kendall, and

Tawni Schutter. We had a blast working together and moving everything around during the day. Thanks to you all for such a fun day on the water!

Even a smaller one-day regatta like this requires so much help from many different sources. Dockmaster Evan Davis and his team had the parking lot open at 7 a.m., the race committee boats and gear all ready to go, and provided a superior level of support as usual. Our Catering Department had an excellent spread of Mexican food and beverages ready for the racers after returning from the course. Thank you to our entire Catering and Dockmaster teams. 🍷

# CYC Team Takes Third Place at Sanguinetti

By ALLIE BLECHER

**F**or the past couple years, the format for the Sanguinetti Regatta has had a team racing focus. It has been a great addition to the Opti circuit of Southern California, gearing young sailors up for their future.

Team racing is a fun format for sailors where two teams of four boats compete against each other each race. There are certain combinations of finishers for each team which lend a winning total number. Each team has a goal of getting their four boats across the finish line in one of those winning combinations. Instead of the typical fleet race mentality of getting your own boat across the finish line first, team racing encourages racers to work together, creating opportunities for teammates to pass each other by setting mark traps or pass backs to achieve the overall team score in one of the set winning combinations. For these sailors, they will be team racing for the rest of their sailing careers whether it be in high school, college, or beyond.

This year's event, held September 29-30, was held off of Burton Chace Park in the middle of the main channel which made for great spectating for parents and passersby. Race committee was challenged with keeping kayakers and passing boats off the race course to not interfere with the racing. Nine teams from across Southern California came to showcase their team racing skills for this year's event. Of those nine, CYC had three teams competing, one of which, CYC Port, ended up on the podium in third place.

Saturday greeted us with shifty and puffy conditions making each race challenging and often times a change in the leaders at each mark. Sunday presented very similar conditions with the breeze filing in a little later than the previous day. Nevertheless, 72 races were sailed over the two days which completed two full round robins with little time to spare. With coaches as judges under the supervision of our chief judge, teams saw plenty of penalties and green flags keeping them honest and on their toes.

After the first day, the scores were close with Santa Barbara YC, Ventura YC, and CYC Port battling for the top three positions. CYC Port found themselves in a tough battle with Ventura YC for second place. The CYC team looked as though they might win the tiebreaker going into their last race against Ventura. Leading off the start they made it to the top mark where work needed to be done to secure the win. After battling through each mark rounding, Ventura squeezed over the finish line ahead, landing them the second place overall finish. A big congratulations goes to Santa Barbara YC for being undefeated this year and for winning the event for the second time in a row!

Huge thanks to the CYC staff and volunteers who came out to help for both days. The regatta would not have been run so flawlessly without your help! ⚓



Harry Bryan (20592), Thomas Kraak (14782), and Mika Sternberg (21164)



CYC Coach Bruno Mello with the third-place CYC Port team – Mika Sternberg, Emily Doble, Callie Davis, and Jordan Janov – Commodore Mike Blecher, and Regatta Chair Allie Blecher.



Lucca Farrell (17137) and Tessa Farrell (14308)

Photos by Mary Stuyvesant

# Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON



**Gavin McJones** won the Laser Radial class at the San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta.



**Grant and Jordan Janov** placed second in the 29er class at the San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta.



**Matt Schaeffer** holds the Louis Hawes Cup for winning the men's club singles event at the Head of the Charles rowing regatta.

Photos by Cynthia Sinclair

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## San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta

October 6-7, San Diego YC

Laser Radial: 13 boats

1 Gavin McJones

29er: 10 boats

2 Jordan and Grant Janov

I420: 6 boats

1 Justin Lim/Patrick Mulcahy

## Oktoberfest Regatta

October 7, Santa Monica Windjammers YC

Martin 242: 4 boats

1 Garrett Woodworth, *Trolleycar*

PHRF: 4 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Cruiser Spin & Nonspin: 9 boats

1 Joe Weber, *Va Pensiero*

## Melges 20 World Championship

October 10-13, YC Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy

36 boats

1 Drew Freides, *Pacific Yankee*

## Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge

October 12-14, Long Beach YC

Catalina 37: 11 boats

3 Marilyn Cassedy/Cal YC Women's Racing Team

## International Masters Regatta

October 19-21, San Diego YC

12 boats

3 Bill Petersen/CYC

## Halloween Regatta

October 20, Del Rey YC

PHRF: 9 boats

1 John McEntire, *Encore*

2 John Staff, *TBD*

3 Scott Torrance, *Forgiveness*

Cruisers: 7 boats

1 Joe Weber, *Va Pensiero*

## 54th Head of the Charles

October 20-21, Cambridge, Mass.

Men's Club Singles: 32 entries

1 Matt Schaeffer

Women's Youth Doubles: 43 entries

3 Domi Brattesani/Alexandra Lange

Men's Youth Doubles: 43 entries

8 Theory Millar/Everett Graves

Men's Youth Coxed Quads: 40 entries

14 Peter Albrecht/Avery Ocko-Michalak, Will Kendall,  
David Tofer, Grace Bracken (cox)

## His 'N Hers Race #2

October 21, King Harbor YC

PHRF A: 6 boats

1 Liz Hjorth, *Scooter*

## 104th Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup Regatta

October 26-28, San Diego YC

12 boats

3 Allie Blecher/CYC ♣

# Winning is Easy Compared to Defending

By DREW FREIDES, 2017 and 2018 Melges 20 World Champion

**W**e somehow pulled it off again and defended our Melges 20 world champion title in Cagliari, Italy, located on the southern tip of Sardinia, October 10-13. This year was very different from last year's win. Now I understand why people say it is far more difficult to defend a title than win it initially. Last year we had a distinct speed advantage and frankly we expected to win. Knowing we had this advantage, our objective was simply to stay clear of the competition and let our boatspeed bail us out. We had worked really hard to develop sails and setup, and achieved a clear advantage across the wind ranges. We didn't care if it was windy or light, we were the best across the wind ranges.

This year was totally different. We had spent the entire year trying to develop faster sails, but despite our best efforts, we were unable to uncover anything appreciably faster than what we had from last year's Worlds. Thank goodness, we had purchased two additional sets of sails at the conclusion of the 2017 Worlds, and stored those in our container as our "insurance policy." Unfortunately, while we were not getting significantly faster, the competition was photographing and videoing us, getting a greater understanding of our setup across the wind ranges, thereby all but eliminating our advantage. Right before the Worlds, we were able to develop a mainsail that was slightly better, but we ended up using the same jibe and downwind sail designs from last year's Worlds.

We made four trips to Italy this summer to race against the European fleet in preparation for the 2018 World Championship – included in that was a four-day testing/tuning session to fine tune our sail shapes/designs. This was the most hard-fought event for our team since we began racing together 2 ½ years ago. The Italians and the Russians were both going to be tough competitors. We thought going in it would come down to us, Brontolo and the Russian Bogatyr – this turned out to be 100% accurate. We knew it was going to be an all-out brawl to the end.

The first day of the event was canceled due to severe thunderstorms in the area. What we learned about Cagliari from prior events was that the venue required patience. It was rare that we started racing before mid-afternoon due to instability in the wind, until the sea breeze filled in. The added dimension of thunderstorms tested our patience even further. Staying race ready from 9 a.m. dock time until leaving the dock at 2 p.m. tested our mental fortitude.

When the weather finally cleared on Thursday late morning and the breeze filled in from the correct direction, it was time to go racing. We left the dock and flipped on our instruments only to find them receiving power, but no data. After messing around with them for about 30 minutes on the way out to the starting line, it became apparent that we were going to be "flying blind" for the day. We learned later that evening that our boat, along with two others, had



*Drew Freides' Pacific Yankee (far right) heads for the finish while the rest of the fleet is a jibe behind in the first race of the 12-race World Championship. Pacific Yankee also won the last two races of the regatta.*

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been hit by lightning the prior night, thereby frying the processor for the instruments. We therefore sailed the first day without boatspeed or a compass. We, of course, thought, “of all days, why on the first day of the Worlds?” Rather than stress about something we had no control over, we focused on the basics and sailing by feel.

The good news is that we had sailed the boat for so long that we had a good feel for how to go fast and how to “mode” the boat. We got off to a great start by winning the first race by a good margin. The second race we were fourth, while the third race we finished a disappointing 13 after missing a big shift on the left side of the course. Unfortunately, as we thought going

in, the Italians (Brontolo) and the Russians (Russian Bogatyr) were right at the top of the leaderboard with us.

Again, after a delayed start awaiting the wind to settle in, we began the third day of the regatta (second race day). With newly refurbished instruments we were ready for battle. We began the day by missing the first shift. We were in the 20s at the first weather mark. Showing the blazing downwind speed we have shown all summer (as one of the lightest teams racing with three people rather than four), we passed approximately 15 boats to round the first leeward mark in seventh place. We were then flagged by the judges for excessive pumping right at the leeward mark, forcing us to do a 360, and dropping to about

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14th or 15th. Refusing to give up, we ground back to 11th on the ensuing beat and final run. The next race we had a solid finish of fourth, keeping us in the hunt. The last race of the day was ours. We had a great start off the leeward end of the line, led out to the left which had better pressure, tacked and crossed the fleet. We were gone from there extending on every leg to win by over a minute.

It would all come down to the last day. We were in third place, four points out of the lead (Brontolo), and one point behind the second-place Russians. This year felt different than years past, when we were nervous coming into the last day. Having finished second two years ago and winning last year taught us what it takes to win. We had a positive frame of mind and just went out and did our jobs on the last day. It is really easy to let the pressure get to you. I knew it all too well two years ago when we blew it in the last race.

Again, we waited hours for the wind to fill. We were praying we had the chance to race, because without sailing we would finish a disappointing third. At about 3 p.m., the wind finally filled in the usual 8-12 knots. We would have the opportunity we so badly wanted.

We got off to a clean start down the line, while the Russians and Italians ahead of us battled to our right. We thought there was better pressure right, but due to our pre-race briefing with our coach, Ed Adams, we felt the breeze would twist left towards the weather mark. We therefore favored the left as the beat progressed and found ourselves directly behind the Russians we needed to beat, in fourth, while Brontolo was deep in the 20s at the first weather mark. We just looked at each other and said we

know what needs to be done ... pass the Russians one more time. We passed them on the next leg (first downwind) and then proceeded to pass the second-place Polish boat to put the needed boat in between us and the Russians on the next leg. To seal the deal we then passed RUS 137 on the last jibe to the finish, only 100 yards from the line to win the race and the World Championship. It's a good thing we did so because Brontolo passed many boats on the last two legs and finished sixth in the race.

You only see two of us in all of the celebratory pictures because in the last jibe our front guy, Charlie Smythe, hit Morgan Reeser, our tactician, in the nose with his elbow and broke his nose (he was taken directly to the hospital when we crossed the line). There was blood everywhere as we crossed the finish line.

It has been great racing with the same team for the past 2 ½ years. The only change this year for the Worlds was that we didn't have our trusted coach, recent Sailing Hall of Fame inductee Vince Brun. Vince had back surgery in early August and has been out since then. We had Ed Adams fill in, providing his insights and knowledge where he could. We wanted to win this one for Vince, who was in California rooting us on from home. He was the first call we made after crossing the finish line at 7:30 a.m. PDT. He, of course, picked up, and we could hear the elation in his voice. Another successful year for *Pacific Yankee*. I can't thank CYC enough for the support over the past three-plus years as we trained and prepared for the Worlds each year. We never thought we would win one World Championship, let alone two back-to-back. ♣





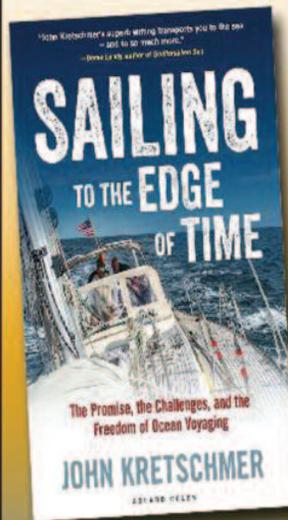
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**Drew Freides**  
**CYC Yachting Program**  
 Wednesday, January 30

*Drew will give us insight into what it takes  
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Wednesday, December 19  
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Lisa Mortenson updates the CYCWA bulletin board.

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# CYCWA on the Horizon

By PENNY COLLINS



## USMC Toys for Tots Wednesday, December 5

No-host cocktails 6 p.m.

Dinner and entertainment 7 p.m.

Brighten a child's holiday! Join CYC members and guests for CYCWA's annual event in support of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Bring your holiday spirit and a new, unwrapped toy for any age. We will also accept cash donations to help the Marines fill out their gift needs. Please RSVP to the front desk or online. \$55 inclusive.

## Art Aficionados

Art Aficionados and the *Breeze* would like to correct an error in the November issue. The article described the selling of the painting "Adrift" for the benefit of the Junior Sponsorship Program. CYC member Kathryn McGuigan placed the top bid of \$550, and immediately donated the painting back so it could be sold to the second highest bidder, almost doubling the proceeds. The article incorrectly described Kathryn as a guest, but she has been a Club member for almost 10 years.

## Book Mates

Thursday, December 6, 11:45 a.m.

Fireside Room

"My Brilliant Friend: The Neapolitan Novels, Book One," by Elena Ferrante; moderated by Michelle Segina.

Thursday, January 3, 11:45 a.m.

Fireside Room

"America for Beginners," by Leah Franqui, is the author's debut novel and tells the story of three strangers who meet on a sightseeing trip across the United States. Recently widowed Pival Sengupta has left Kolkata for the first time in an effort to find out what happened to her son, who had come out to his traditional parents as gay and had then disappeared to Los Angeles. Satya Roy is an inexperienced travel guide who leads the "First Class India USA Destination Vacation Tour" under the guise of being Bengali, although he's actually Bangladeshi. For the sake of propriety, he hires a woman to accompany them, Rebecca Elliot, a struggling actress who is just happy to have a paying gig. These unlikely traveling companions embark on a journey that spans both geographical and emotional territory. Moderated by Sue Moore. Co-chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservations and lunch information.

## CYCWA Annual Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 5, 11 a.m.

Reception, lunch, and installation



California Yacht Club Women's Association

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## CYCWA ACTIVITIES

**Art Aficionados** No meetings in December

**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

No meeting in December; next meeting in January

**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.

# First Mates Cruise Goes Gatsby

By PATI ETTER

**C**YCWA took their First Mates Cruise ashore October 19-21 to downtown Los Angeles to enjoy the remarkable renaissance the city is experiencing. The beautiful Los Angeles Athletic Club (LAAC) served as our core rendezvous location, with members branching out to explore the Athletic Club facilities. The new spa was a big hit. The fun officially began on Friday night with a club crawl to The Edison, a very impressive site, on to Perch overlooking Pershing Square, and then to the elegant Millennium Biltmore.

The excitement built on Saturday, with members enjoying museums, wonderful restaurants, historical architecture, and

relaxing at the spa. The party continued on Saturday evening with the "Suite Safari," a roving cocktail party, where members visited the themed suites at LAAC for appetizers and libations, followed by taking a special speakeasy entrance to the Blue Room for a champagne toast to Executive Officer Diane Howard. CYC President Steve Hathaway shared some poignant history of the Blue Room and guests then proceeded to the beautiful Victory Ballroom which was themed "Party Like Gatsby," adorned with beautiful white ostrich plumes, candles, and wonderful music for a whimsical evening of dining and dancing, with all wearing attire of the era. ♣





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# New Direction for CYC Dining

By STEVE BELL, Food and Beverage Director

It's been nine months since I came on board here at CYC back in February. I must admit, I really questioned what I had got myself into during the trailer days. But we got through that and as I like to say, "better days ahead."

Having Chef Fabio join us as we relaunched the kitchen has been very helpful. He has started to incorporate his style of cooking along with his recipes, which has met with great reviews. The kitchen team has jelled and is getting more efficient and consistent under Fabio's lead.



*Vegetable salad with a Mediterranean flair*

We have implemented a rigorous training program for the servers and bartenders in order to have them know both the beverage and food menus better, along with establishing higher service standards. We are a long way away from where I want us

to be, but I hope you have seen some improvements. You can help me with this by requesting a comment/questionnaire card from me when you come into the bar or dining room. It only takes a few minutes and would really help with our staff's training.

We've incorporated some new, fun, and more efficient ideas for the Club. Having a premium and varied buffet on Sunset Series nights allowed us to serve all the hungry racers in a timely fashion. The Thursday night pasta and pinot menu has been a big hit; if you haven't tried it, come on in. Monthly wine specials have sold well and helped me in selecting or rejecting new wines for the list.

Chef has updated all the menus for the fall so please come in and try the new additions. We also have a business lunch special in place. If you make a reservation, you get a soup or salad with an entrée for just \$21.95++. We also guarantee having you seated, served, and on your way within an hour of your reservation time.

Chef and I will start a Friday night Chef's table prix fixe menu with wine pairings twice a month in the new year. Look for this new menu January 11 and 18. The prix fixe menu will be limited to 12 people per night so you can book the whole table or join and meet new friends.

The holidays are here, have you made plans to have your holiday parties here at the Club? Plan to ring in New Year's with dinner and dancing at CYC. Make your reservations by December 23.

You have all made me feel very welcome here at CYC and I want to thank you.

I look forward to seeing you in the bar and dining room. ♣



*Honey chipotle steak sandwich with herbed fries*



*Alaskan cod with a duo of cauliflower and roasted new potatoes*



*New Zealand imported rack of lamb with roasted butternut squash and grilled Brussels sprouts*

# Fabulous Fabio

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER

**W**ithout question, the dining room at CYC offers amazing views, no wait time for your table, and service that is attentive and totally professional. It's also one of the few dining spots where, even on a Saturday night, you can actually carry on a conversation and not be drowned out by the people at tables right on top of you.

That being said, the dinner menu is as pricey as some of the top restaurants in Los Angeles, which might cause you, as it did us, to refrain from having an evening-out meal here. Our thinking was that we would rather suffer the reservation seating delays, waiter attitude, and high decibel noise and pay the price for what promised to be an outstanding culinary experience. But that kind of reasoning changed when we met CYC's new chef, Fabio.

Fabio impressed us with his passion for making every dish on the menu one which he would be proud to serve. If there were any complaints, he took them to heart and made adjustments. He was so convincing, we decided to have dinner at the Club on a Saturday evening in October. It was without exception one of the best meals we have had in any restaurant in Los Angeles.

Fabio came to our table three times during the evening. First, he explained the menu, later he wanted to know how we were enjoying the meal, and finally, he thanked us for coming. Well actually, we thanked him urging us to try one of his meals. He recommended Virginia try the bouillabaisse – she thought it was absolutely amazing, filled to the brim with seafood. For me, who cannot eat shellfish, he suggested the New York steak and I found every bite to be just fantastic, without an ounce of fat and not overly salted the way so many restaurants do to give it flavor.

We are looking forward to our next meal at the Club, where there will be no wait, no attitude, and no hidden charges. There will only be fabulous food, and fabulous service in a fabulous setting, all thanks to our Club membership and one fabulous Fabio!

Note to readers: Virginia and Ira Teller submitted this unsolicited review to the *Breeze* on October 21.

## CYC Business Lunch



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# Making History with the World's Best Rowers

By HARRISON ZEIGLER

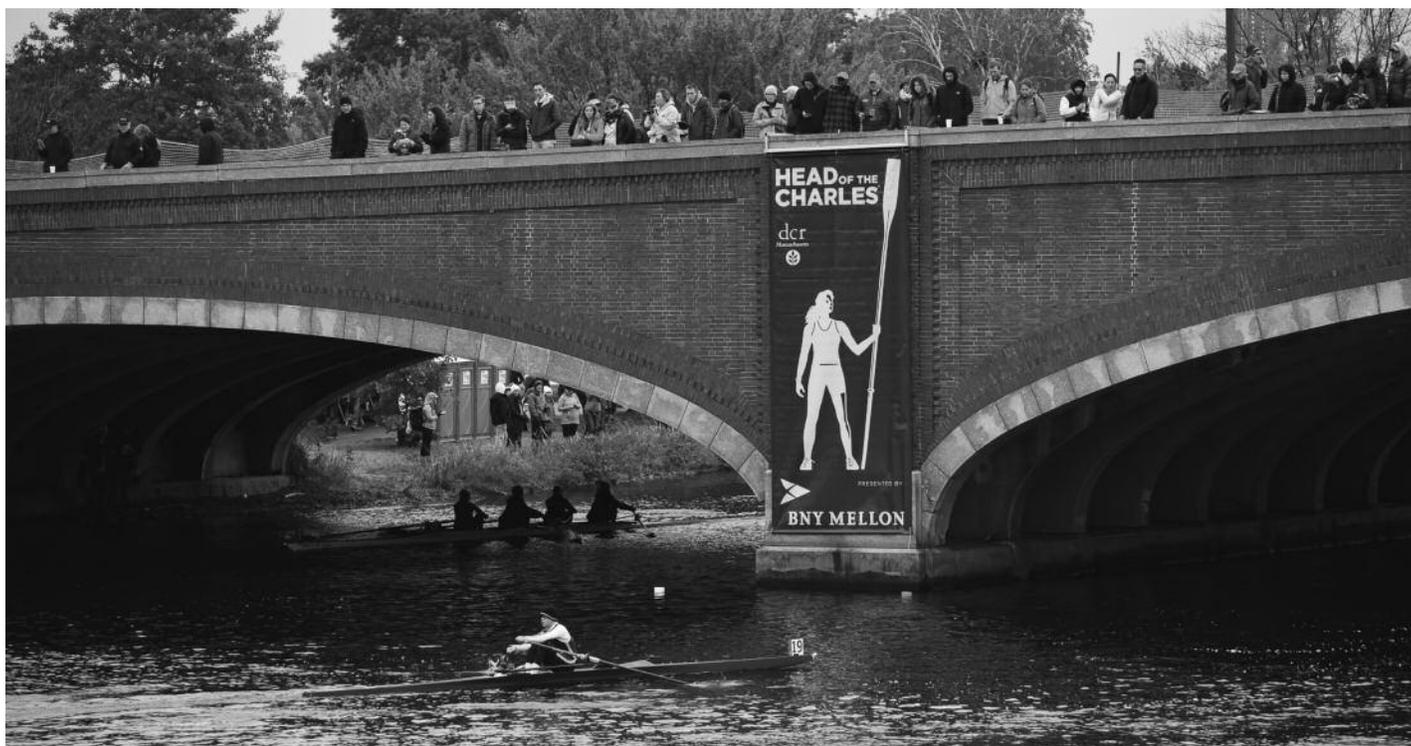
**B**oats, boats, and more boats. The Head of The Charles Regatta (HOCR) was an amazing spectacle, bringing together an awe-inspiring number of rowers from all over the world. It was incredible to compete in the same space as Olympic and college rowers.

I had the privilege to race in the 54-year-old regatta, competing in the men's youth singles. Racing alongside medalists from Worlds, Youth Nationals, and Club Nationals made for an exciting race. To compound the excitement, we braved cold temperatures, heavy winds, and rain. With merely seconds differentiating the results among us, I earned a 12th-

place finish. My CYC teammates secured significant milestones as well. CYC member Matt Schaeffer blew past the competition, winning first place in the adult men's singles event and securing a spot to race in the coveted men's championship class event for 2019.

This regatta was a significant milestone for me as I realized the limitless possibilities for competing in the youth men's single in the future.

Overall, the HOCR was a regatta to remember and the race of a lifetime for me as well as others and we look forward to an even stronger performance in 2019. ⚓



Harrison Zeigler placed 12th out of 36 entries at the Head of the Charles, held October 20-21 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## Golfers Swing for Monthly Honors

**L**os Verdes Golf Course in Palos Verdes was the site of CYC's monthly golf tournament in October. Two perpetual trophies are awarded at each tournament. On October 11, **Scott Meyer** was awarded the CYC Cup for lowest net score, which is determined by subtracting the player's handicap from the gross score (total number of strokes taken). **Dale Lewis** took home the BABC Jug for most Stableford points, a scoring system which awards points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole. Tournaments are open to both men and women and new golfers are welcome. For details, contact Peter Stazicker. ⚓



# "Circe" Conjures up a Witch's Brew of Love and Family Conflicts

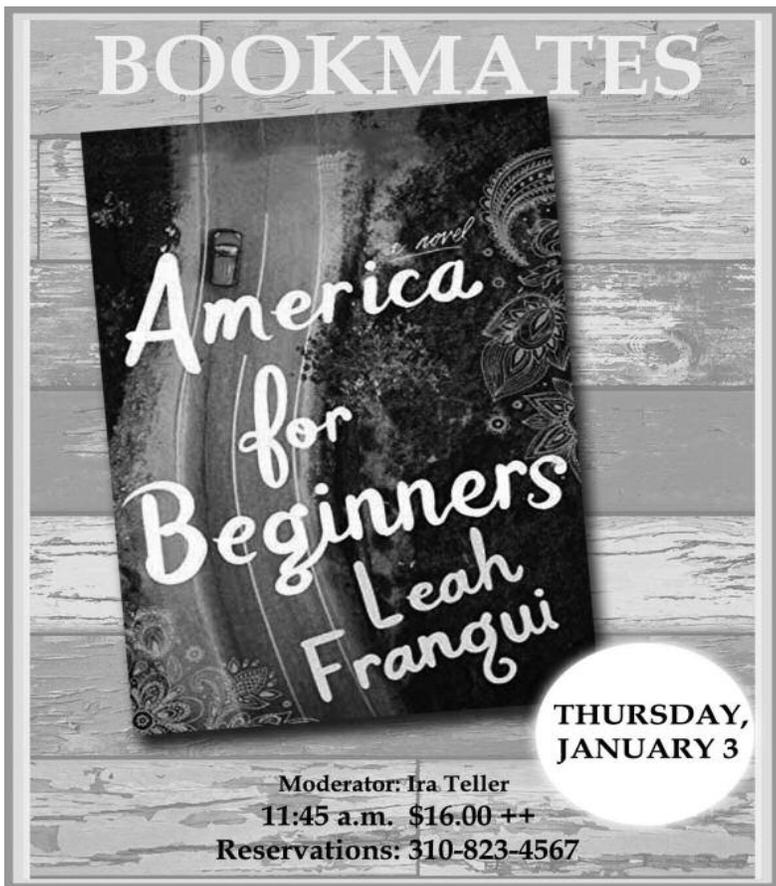
By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Co-chairs

"When I was born, the name for what I was did not exist." With that opening line to Madeline Miller's "Circe," the majority of the readers at our November 1 fiction discussion were not only drawn into her world, they found the novel to be totally accessible, vivid in its characters, mesmerizing in its language, and filled with page-turning suspense. SEO Dawn Sprout and her husband, Randy recommended and moderated this triumph of storytelling.

Dawn and Randy began with background on the author, who took 10 years to write this novel. A short video of Madeline Miller reading from her work followed. Randy's pointed question: "Why create a fictional version of the Greek goddess/witch that differs so dramatically from Homer's version?" Hands flew up and Circe's struggle to find a place for herself as a woman in a man's world became part of a spirited discussion that brought her plight into the modern world of feminism. S/C Bill Watkins questioned the first-person narrative, which only gives us Circe's point of view. The distinction between gods and mortals was given a very human face, as was the physical toll of childbirth. Parenting and family relationships, we discover, are just as troublesome for Circe as they are for any modern woman. Based on this portrayal, our perception of Circe as all evil was completely altered; she is shown to be a compassionate, almost human figure, who, as a mother, goes to the physical depths of the earth to save her son. Clearly her acts of violence now appear justified. Everyone, even those unfamiliar with Greek mythological figures, praised the author's language and storytelling gifts.

Our January 3 book is "America for Beginners," by Leah Franqui, who provides a delightfully funny, compassionate story of three unlikely companions on a cross-country adventure that challenges their understanding of themselves. Ira Teller will moderate.

Our February 7 fiction choice is "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine," by Gail Honeyman, an endearing debut that is part comic novel, part emotional thriller, and part love story; SEO Donna Petersen will moderate. ♣



**BOOKMATES**

**America for Beginners**  
Leah Franqui

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3**

Moderator: Ira Teller  
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## Yankee Clipper Ships and Another Super Fun Wine and Cheese Party

By MIKE CUBBIN, Happy Hour Book Club Co-chair

October 17 saw the Happy Hour Book Club return to Wednesday night. Over wine and cheese, we had a great discussion of "Barons of the Sea," by Steven Ujjifusa, led by moderator Peter Webster. The book describes the development of the Yankee clipper ship in America, which dramatically changed America's naval and merchant fleet position in the world.

Originally developed to shorten the time to deliver opium from India to China, Yankee clipper ship production exploded after the Chinese were crushed in the opium war of 1840. The ships reduced the time to get materials from the East Coast to California during the Gold Rush. This was a highly profitable operation and many Yankee clippers were developed specifically for that route, in addition to other parts of the world.

The major designer of the Yankee clipper, Captain Nathaniel Palmer, continued to develop many different clipper ships over a period of years, ultimately resulting in the largest Yankee clipper ever built, which actually wasn't used very much because by then they were replaced by steam power. In spite of the success of the Yankee clipper ships that were built, the major producer ended up losing a lot of money and became bankrupt, providing an interesting background to this whole period. ♣

# Fishing Challenge Trophy Back at CYC

By RANDY SPROUT

**T**wenty-seven anglers aboard six boats left the anchorage in the pre-dawn twilight on Sunday, October 7, for the 20th annual CYC Fishing Challenge. Numbers and pre-game strategies paid off as CYC won the top four spots at the awards podium! There were also three boys and two girls fishing this year for CYC, and special prizes for those under the age of 13.

1st	James Forsythe	Sheepshead	4 lb, 10 oz
2nd	Jake Hibler	Salmon Grouper	4 lb, 4 oz
3rd	Randy Sprout	Calico Bass	3 lb, 9 oz
4th	Elliot Fernald	Sand Bass	1 lb, 1 oz

Our Fishing Challenge Trophy is back where it belongs in our bar and we now have at least four boats at CYC that know how to fish the Santa Monica Bay! ⚓



All the bigtime winners for 2018 Fishing Challenge: Jake Grossman, Jacob Hibler (second place), Ethen Fernald, Sofia Forbes, Jocelyn Forsythe, Elliot Fernald (fourth place), James Forsythe (first place), Randy Sprout (third place), and Brandon Fernald (big net winner).



Daydreamer crew: Gary Forbes, Charles Yoou, James Forsythe, Jocelyn Forsythe, Sofia Forbes, Elliot Fernald, Ethan Fernald, Jake Grossman, Geoff Grossman, Brandon Fernald, and Jacob Hibler fish for CYC.



Git-R-Done! crew: Stuart Mackler, Al Barlas, Randy Sprout, Derek Ing, and Jorge Yamzon fish for CYC.

# "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" Delights CYC Families and Friends

By ALIZA FARRELL and THERESA TORRANCE

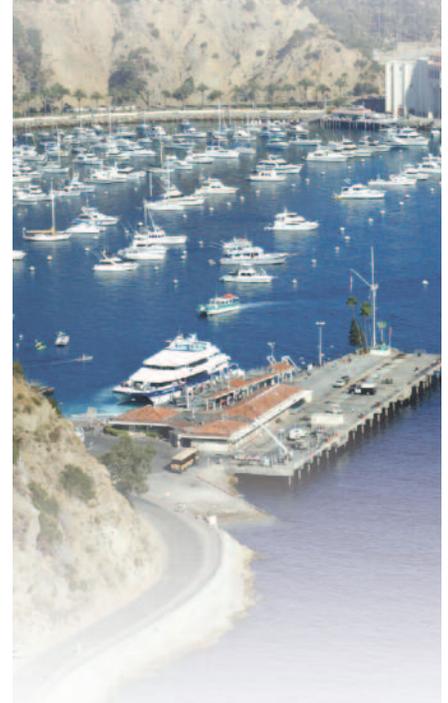


Photo by Joe Farrell

**T**he Family Activities Committee's eighth annual Splendor on the Grass was a lovely night watching the classic, "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids," while we enjoyed an amazing sunset as well as a rocket launch! The Club's moonlit movie night is one not to be missed; the kids brought their favorite blankets to stretch out on with their friends and our wonderful catering staff passed out lady bug and leaf cookies as a surprise treat. We hope to see you next year! ♣

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# From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD



We've been doing some exciting things in our Food and Beverage Department. We have continued to offer half-price wine nights, free corkage night on Sunday, Thursday night pasta and pinot in the dining room, and Chef Fabio has brought in many new items to try on our lunch, dinner, brunch, and bar menus. The Saturday night specials have been a real treat. This month we are offering osso buco, which will be warm and satisfying during the cooler weather. Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell has spent many hours with the staff so they are able to answer questions about the foods and beverages we

serve, and also give members recognition along with prompt service. Catering Director Heidi Lilly has met with many of the committee chairs to oversee the details of their holiday events and upcoming Club installations. She is also ready to help you with your private events, celebrations, or business needs. CYC would like to be the place you consider first when entertaining.

The holidays can become a blur of activity, but here's what we have happening this month at CYC that you want to put on your calendar. Our annual holiday party will include a visit from Santa, and the lighting of the Hanukkah menorah on December 2. There will be delicious hors d'oeuvres and sweets, eggnog, mulled wine, crafts, and our favorite carolers. Bring a camera to catch your child's moment with Santa. The holiday buffet brunch will be offered on December 2, 9, and 16. These are very popular, so please make a reservation. The carolers will be at

each of our brunches ready to sing your favorite holiday tunes. Don't miss the Boat Parade on December 8. We will have the seafood buffet available for two seatings, 5 and 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. For those who want a closer view, join the Power Fleet party on the guest dock.

The Toys for Tots dinner has become a member favorite; a time to celebrate the holiday season by sharing

with those less fortunate. We collect toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, and each year several Marines join us for the dinner. Make a reservation for December 5, bring an unwrapped gift, and share in a delightful evening of food, singing, and celebration.

The New Year's balloons will drop at noon on December 29 at the annual Kids Noon Year's Eve party for all CYC children. Come join in a fun family event with crafts, games, music, and lots of balloon popping. Call the front desk for reservations.

We end the year with a New Year's Eve celebration on December 31. Come ready to party and ring in the new year with your friends and family at CYC. This will be a banquet-type event, since we are not open for regular dinner service that evening. We will start with appetizers and no-host cocktails at 7:30 p.m., followed by a three-course dinner at 8:30 p.m. After dinner, DJ Scott Jarema will get the party started with music and dancing, with a countdown to midnight and fireworks in the marina. We need a big turnout to make this successful, so put a table together and make a reservation by December 23.

Wishing you happy holidays, and the start of a great new year! ❖

## In Memoriam



**Don W. Clark**  
*CYC member since 1987*

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Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<b>DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS</b>						
2 Holiday Party 5 Toys for Tots 8 Marina del Rey Boat Parade & Dock Party 11 Epicurean Dinner						Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 1  Pickleball
15 CYCWA Appreciation Luncheon 16 Power Fleet Appreciation Party 29 Kids Noon Year's Eve 31 New Year's Eve Party						
Holiday Brunch 2 Holiday Party Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot Hanukkah Begins	Club closed 3  Pickleball	Club closed 4  Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 5 Toys for Tots Dinner ( <i>no à la carte dining</i> ) Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 6 Book Mates Fleet Council Party Mah Jongg	7  Seafood Buffet	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 8  Mdr Boat Parade & Dock Party Pickleball
Holiday Brunch 9  Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Club closed 10  Pickleball  <i>Last Day of Hanukkah</i>	Club closed 11  Epicurean Dinner  Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 12 Scuba Holiday Party Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 13 New Member Mtg. Mah Jongg Jr. and Sail Comm. Party	14  Seafood Buffet	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 15  CYCWA Appreciation Luncheon Pickleball
Holiday Brunch 16 Power Fleet Appreciation Party Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot	Club closed 17  Pickleball	Club closed 18  Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 19 Yachting Presentation John Kretschmer Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 20  Bridge Mtg.  Mah Jongg	21  Seafood Buffet	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 22  Pickleball
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## JANUARY 2019

	Club closed 1 New Year's Day	Bridge Club 2  Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 3 Book Mates Fleet Council Mtg. Mah Jongg	4  Seafood Buffet	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 5  CYCWA Installation Luncheon Pickleball	
Brunch 6  Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot	Club closed 7  Evening Pickleball	Club closed 8  Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 9 Art Aficionados Epicurean Informal Event Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 10 CYCWA Board Mtg. Mah Jongg Jr. Comm. Mtg. Sail Comm. Mtg.	11  Seafood Buffet	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 12  Bridge Installation Dinner ( <i>no à la carte dining</i> ) Pickleball



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