

# BREEZE

CALIFORNIA  
YACHT CLUB



Drew Freides, Hal H. Haenel Yachtsman of the Year  
Pacific Yankee, Yacht of the Year

FEBRUARY 2018

# From the Commodore

## Did we have a party or what?

**W**ow, was that Installation Dinner ever a fun time! Thanks to the crew that put together a wonderful evening—from Port Captain Monica Antola and Fleet Budget Officer John Luft, each of whom expertly and entertainingly manned the microphone and emceed the evening, to SEO Norma Pratt, Allie Blecher, and Fleet Secretary Ann Turner, all of whom, assisted by Barbie Blecher, my partner in all things, put together a terrific party.

All hands turned to when about 1,000 invitations needed to be labeled and stuffed into envelopes. Thanks to First Officer Pam Spriggs, Kathy Duecker, and Nicole Harnett for lending us their morning to get them out. And a special thanks to Tawni Schutter who, against all odds, managed to maintain some semblance of order among all the Staff Commodores for their march on. Staff Commodores David Collins and Rick Turner made yeoman's work of their proper installation of 2018's Fleet Officers, Captains, and Commodores.

I would like to extend personal thanks to Chef Monchâtre and his kitchen staff, the banquet crew, and to General Manager Michele Underwood, who was on watch and made this a very special night at the Club.

I am honored and humbled by the numbers of our membership that attended.

## Award Winners

I'd like to offer one more "well done" to Drew Freides, his Melges 20, *Pacific Yankee*, Peggy Powers, Matt Humphreys, Christian Williams, and Marylyn Hoenemeyer for winning the Club's most important and prestigious awards.

## Commodore at the Microphone

On February 13, Club tradition calls the Commodore and his sweetie to host the Epicurean Society's celebration of Valentine's Day, the Sweethearts Dinner. Barbie and I are delighted to accommodate, and have chosen the dinner's theme. We have recently been advised that this particular theme has never before been entertained by the Society, ever, in its entire history: The theme is "Aphrodisiacs."

Now, I have been cautioned by Society Chair Fred Lanes and other longtime Society members that this is a formal event, and that I should take care not to "cross the line." Don't worry. I won't. Really, I'll behave. I promise. Really, I will ....



*Commodore Mike Blecher is congratulated by Anthony Agolia.*

**The Treasure is All Around Us**  
March 10 is Opening Day. Fleet Captain Tim Clarke and his team are preparing quite a show, full of music, surprises, pirates, grog, and treasure. Be there or be square!

## Interesting Boats

Here is a photo of Erik and Linda Oistad's *Angantyr*. It won the Interesting Boat Contest for February. *Angantyr*, named for an ancient Norse king, is a classic sailing yacht. Built in 1963-4 of steel by Abeking & Rasmussen in Germany, she is 55 feet overall and has a beam of 18 feet,

displacing 38 GRT. This is one big boat. Erik recently rounded up some other CYC pals, and they sailed *Angantyr* from Marina del Rey to La Paz, Mexico, where she will be slipped for the foreseeable future. She will be heading to the local islands where Erik plans to do some relaxing cruising and scuba diving.



See ya' on (or under) the water! ⚓

## Commodore's Cruise to Beqa Island, Fiji, September 6-15



*Laurie Gosch with Mano and Bobo of Beqa Island, Fiji, who visited CYC in November. The brown soup is kava, a mild (and legal) narcotic drink made from yanakuna root, which is from a type of pepper tree found in the South Pacific.*

California Yacht Club  
 4469 Admiralty Way  
 Marina del Rey, CA 90292  
 310-823-4567  
 Fax: 310-822-3658  
[www.calyachtclub.com](http://www.calyachtclub.com)

# BREEZE

CALIFORNIA  
YACHT CLUB

Volume 54 • Number 2

## General Manager

Michele Underwood

## Editor-in-Chief

Paula Cameron

## Managing Editor

Vince Mattera

## Editorial Assistants

Steve Edwards  
 Nancy Kruithof  
 Christina Tarantola

## Commodore

Mike Blecher

## Vice Commodore

Debbie Feinerman

## Rear Commodore

Stephanie Weston

## Fleet Captain

Tim Clarke

## Port Captain

Monica Antola

The *Breeze* is published to provide members with announcements of, and information about, Club activities. Deadline for articles is the first day of the month preceding the publication date.

Contact *Breeze* Editor Paula Cameron at [cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com) for information on submitting articles.

**To place an ad**, please contact Mary Stuart Deibel at 310-823-4567 x2765 or [marystuart.deibel@calyachtclub.net](mailto:marystuart.deibel@calyachtclub.net)

*Breeze* (USPS #016-319) is published monthly by California Yacht Club, Inc., d.b.a. California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Subscription price of \$12 annually is included in member dues. Periodicals postage paid at Venice, CA, and at additional mailing office.

## POSTMASTER:

Send address changes to:

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

Copyright © 2018  
 California Yacht Club, Inc.  
 All Rights Reserved



Installation Dinner



Winners Circle



Discover Scuba

© Sharon Green / Ultimate Sailing

## EVENTS

From the Commodore	2
Opening Day	4
Opening Day Schedule	5
Opening Day Dress Ship	5
Epicurean Dinner	11
CYC Flashback	13
Photo Contest Winner	13
Installation and Awards Dinner	14
A Plethora of Awards	16
Noon Year's Eve Party	18
Paddle Tennis	21
Discover Scuba	21
Book Mates	23
CYC Burgee Travels	26

## SAIL

Winners Circle	6
WIM Finals, France	7
GC32s	9

## JUNIORS

Race Team Results	10
-------------------	----

## CYCWA

Toys For Tots	12
On the Horizon	22

## MEMBERSHIP

New Members	24
From the Manager	26

## CALENDAR

February/March Events	27
-----------------------	----

**FRONT COVER** Melges 20 World Champion Drew Freides and *Pacific Yankee* are CYC's Hal H. Haenel Yachtsman of the Year and Yacht of the Year, respectively. The photo was taken at the October 2-7 World Championship in Newport, Rhode Island.

© Sharon Green / Ultimate Sailing

**BACK COVER** Gavin McJones received ASMBYC's 2017 Junior Yachtsman of the Year Award. He is shown competing in the December 27-30 Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta, where he placed 10th out of 98 Laser Radials.

© Tim Wilkes Photography



## March 10 Opening Day at CYC The Treasure is All Around Us

By S/C BILL MOORE, Protocol Officer, and Rear Commodore/SEO STEPHANIE WESTON

**O**pening Day at California Yacht Club is the day our Club is officially declared to be in commission; that is, open for the yachting season. On Saturday, March 10, we welcome dignitaries, guests, and members to enjoy the ceremony, lunch, and festivities.

Embracing Commodore Mike Blecher's "The Treasure is All Around Us" theme, CYC's Opening Day is shaping up to be a special day. Commencing with skippers dressing ship in the morning, and ending with evening colors, it will be an event-packed day.

Come early to enjoy the pre-ceremony music and to welcome guests and dignitaries. The ceremony will begin at 1130 hours. Following the ceremony, get comfortable, relax, enjoy the delicious buffet luncheon, and partake in the afternoon of activities and visit with friends on their boats. Bring your

children and grandchildren for the fun-filled activities that will appeal to all ages. The day will end with a special evening colors ceremony and cannon salute.

### Opening ceremony dress for members:

- Club blazer with white shirt or white blouse.
- Current blue-colored or other official CYC tie for men or scarf for women, available at the front desk along with the gold bullion club crest worn on the blazer left-breast pocket.
- Trousers, pants, or skirts, traditionally white in color.
- Dress shoes in white, black, or tan (may be boat shoes).
- A cap or hat is not considered a part of the CYC attire; however, you will be in the sun for an hour, so if worn with the club blazer, it should be conservative with a brim. ☩



**Commodore's Cruise**

**"BULA!"**  
September 15, 2018

**JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING JOURNEY TO FIJI**

Experience paradise among the tropical flowers and turquoise waters of this enchanting island resort. Spectacular cuisine, relaxing spa treatments, and unrivaled Fijian hospitality.

**PLEASE DO NOT DELAY** in making your deposit. Naturally, all reservations must be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to make your deposit, call Mike 213.503.7564 or Barbie 714.746.3640.



**CYC YACHTING DINNER**  
Wednesday, February 21

**Take Stunning Pictures  
on and in the Water!**




Presented by  
**Professional Photographer Scott Gietler,**  
owner of **Bluewater Photo and Travel**

Join us for a bountiful buffet dinner followed by  
photographic instruction on getting fantastic photographs.

**No-host Happy Hour – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner – 6:30 p.m.**  
**followed by presentation**

\$28 includes Dinner, Tax, Service and Parking  
Reservations required: [reservations@calyachtclub.net](mailto:reservations@calyachtclub.net)  
*Open to all who enjoy yachting and adventure, as a public service of CYC*



# Opening Day

Saturday, March 10

THE TREASURE IS  
ALL AROUND US



**0800 hours**

EYE SKIPPERS DRESS SHIP

**1030 hours**

MUSIC

**1130 hours**

OPENING DAY CEREMONY

**1245 - 1400 hours**

LUNCHEON FOR  
MEMBERS, DIGNITARIES, AND GUESTS

**1400 - 1700 hours**

FAMILY AND MEMBER ACTIVITIES

**1730 hours**

EVENING COLORS CEREMONY



# Opening Day Let's Dress Ship

By Port Captain MONICA ANTOLA



Martin H. McCarthy Photography

**S**aturday, March 10, we celebrate the official beginning of the yachting season here at CYC. There is nothing that represents Opening Day better than seeing our anchorage adorned with signal flags. We kindly request all those members with boats on the docks to dig out their signal flags or buy a new set and dress ship for Opening Day.

The day is rich in traditions, some formal and others informal. At 0800 hours, yachts dress ship (or a day or two before for those not close to the marina) by hoisting signal flags and pennants providing a colorful background for the ceremony. Flags can be in any order. The idea is to have a colorful pattern. For those with signal flag bags, the pattern beginning forward at the waterline is, in sequence: AB2, UJ1, KE3, GH6, IV5, FL4, DM7, PO, 3rd Repeater, RN 1st Repeater, ST Zero, CX9, WQ8, and ZY 2nd repeater. The sequence is then repeated until it reaches the stern. If you don't have a flag bag, West Marine is offering CYC members a set of signal flags at the discounted rate of \$14.99 + tax, so please order early.

A prize will be awarded in a random drawing among the dressed ships on the finger having the greatest percentage of boats dressed for Opening Day. Let's get those flags flying and enjoy the celebration!

# Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

## 2017-18 Miami Winter Series Opener

December 1-3, Coconut Grove Sailing Club

18 entries

1 Drew Freides, *Pacific Yankee*

## Women's International Match Racing Series – International Bédanne's Cup

December 11-16, Tourville-la-Rivière, France

9 teams

4 Allie Blecher/Team BAAM



© Patrick DEROUALLE

Allie Blecher made her WIM Series debut at the 2017 International Bédanne's Cup, placing fourth.



© Sharon Green/ultimatesailing.com

*"We had a rough day on Friday of the Miami Series Opener. As our coach put it, those days will happen. Fortunately, Saturday made up for it – we were unstoppable. We were over early in race 5, and came back to second – possibly one of our best races EVER. Sunday was anti-climactic. We had a solid first race, and therefore didn't have to race the last. I really have the best team in the world now."*

– Drew Freides

## Floor and Home Design

over 25 Years of experience!

Call Skip for free expert assistance

**310-821-9090**

Showroom & Corporate Headquarters

**5436 Washington Blvd.**

By appointment only

Email: [skip@floorandhomedesign.com](mailto:skip@floorandhomedesign.com)

# WIM Finals, France

By ALLIE BLECHER

**T**his past December, my team and I were fortunate enough to travel to France to compete in the finals for the 2017 Women's International Match Racing Series (WIM Series). The event was originally to be hosted in the British Virgin Islands but after a series of unfortunate events, the organizing authority was forced to relocate the event to Tourville-la-Rivière, France. I sailed with Beka Schiff (CYC) as our main trim and tactician, Ali Blumenthal as our trimmer, and Meg Six on the bow.

Our first day in France was tough after our redeye flights, but we managed to gather ourselves and go for a practice sail. The event was sailed in Beneteau First Class 7.5s, which we found were sporty little keelboats. To us, they were a cross between an Open 5.70 and the J/70. Fun and exciting, yet wide and luxurious to sail.

Going into the event we weren't entirely sure how we would fare against the other teams as we hadn't raced against them before. Our goal was to get the experience and take some learning points away to prepare for next year's series. This was our preseason. After day one we quickly realized we could go further. By the end of round robin two, we were in a position we were happy with, even after a few careless errors. Although we didn't finish the way we had hoped, losing out to Team CVSAE, we were still happy with the event overall. We had the speed and boat-handling to battle with sailors who have been on the circuit for years and, as a team, we are very excited for next year.

It was surreal to be a part of something as amazing and meaningful as this event. We exceeded our expectations and are pleased with our performance. A big thank you to CYC for its support over the years. Team BAAM is proud to represent such an amazing Club! ♣



Allie Blecher's Team BAAM challenges the eventual winner, Pauline Courtois' Match in Pink by Normandy Elite Team.



Team BAAM: Meg Six, Ali Blumenthal, Beka Schiff, and skipper Allie Blecher.

**SAVE  
THE  
DATES!**

## Sunset Series 2018

Racing Dates:

Wednesday, April 18 - Wednesday, September 5

### SEMINAR DATES:

#### CRUISING SEMINAR - APRIL 4

Topics include: Splits for Cruising A and Cruising B classes; PHRF certification; signal flags; tips and techniques for cruising racers.

#### SUNSET SEMINAR - APRIL 11

Our traditional season opener! Racing Division class splits announced. Series rules and strategies for a winning season presented.

**310-823-4821**

**C.C. MARINE SERVICE, INC.**

**SALES AND SERVICE**

*Authorized Dealer For 16 Engine & Generator Lines*

**Dockside Service**



**100 Ton Haul Out**

**Parts Sales**

**Maintenance Contracts**

**CATERPILLAR CUMMINS**

**VOLVO PENTA YANMAR WESTERBEKE**

**MERCUISER UNIVERSAL**

**Visit us! [www.ccmarine.biz](http://www.ccmarine.biz)**  
**13605 W. Fiji Way, M.D.R. 90292**

*Serving Marina Del Rey for Over 30 Years*

  
**89 th Annual**  
**SCYA MIDWINTER REGATTA**  
**Feb. 10 -11 & Feb. 17-18**



**California Yacht Club invites the following classes to race:**  
**Martin 242, Star, J/24, J/70,**  
**Tartan 101 and J/109**

**Saturday and Sunday**  
**February 10 and 11**

**Register online at**  
[calyachtclub.com/regattas](http://calyachtclub.com/regattas)  
**Regatta Chairs:**  
**Tawni Schutter and Chris Calingaert**  
[tschutter2@gmail.com](mailto:tschutter2@gmail.com)



**Boat Yard**

*MARINA DEL REY / CHANNEL ISLANDS*

**13555 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey • (310) 823-8964**  
**TBYMDR.COM**

**3615 S. Victoria Ave., Oxnard • (805) 985-6800**  
**TBYCI.COM**

## NEWLY RENOVATED-MDR LOCATION

## BOATER FRIENDLY HAUL-OUT WAYS




- New 100-Metric ton Marine Travelift and Ways with 28-foot Beam as well as a 60 & 35-ton Marine Travelift at MDR location and a 75 & 50-metric ton Marine Travelift at Channel Islands location
- Full service boat yard and marina with 30/50/100-amp power
- Most knowledgeable, experienced, and helpful staff in the Industry, including three USCG licensed Master Captains on staff
- Two convenient locations honoring reciprocal warranty and support
- Largest Boat Yard in MDR and Ventura County








# GC32s Bring Extreme Sailing to San Diego

By S/C DAVID COLLINS

This is the 11th year of the Extreme Sailing Series. This is the regatta that wrote the book on stadium racing. Bleachers and hospitality tents are all within a few yards of the start and finish lines. The boats are rocket ships and the professional crews keep the competition both close and exciting. The first nine years were sailed in 40-foot custom catamarans, but last year the event moved to a new, fully foiling design, the GC32. This 32-foot catamaran has cranked up the excitement to a new level as the tour travels the world to eight distinctive venues. Extreme Sailing has not visited the U.S. since 2011 and on that occasion it was in Boston. The success of the San Diego Series has locals hopeful that there may be a repeat in October, 2018. I had the good fortune to work on the signal boat, but it has to be said that this brings new meaning to “don’t hit the signal boat!” as the fleet converges on us at 35 knots. ⚓



Team San Diego, with Morgan Larson as skipper, passes the signal boat at 20 knots. Notice the guest seated forward of the main beam (and hanging on). If the boat goes down the mine, guess who gets wet first!



Busy approach to the weather mark: Seeing tight racing in this very competitive fleet is quite normal. The game is always the same, but here the paint dries very, very fast; 25 races in four days.



Photos by S/C David Collins

Team Alinghi up and foiling downwind with code 0. Unlike the AC 35 cats with their wings, these boats with their soft sails do not foil upwind, so they can't foil for an entire race, but they still sail at 35 knots in the right conditions. However, the cost of these boats wouldn't buy one foil for an AC 35 cat.

**Bob Koepple**  
YACHT SALES

**Power and Sailing Yacht Specialists**





John Luft

Serving Southern California Since 1965

**310.745.1696 Mobile**      **jluft@bkyachts.com**  
Accepting New Listings

# Race Team Results

By GUILLAUME RASSE, Junior Program Director

## SCYYRA Advanced Racing Youth Clinic

December 2-3, United States Sailing Center - Long Beach.

75 invited participants.

Laser Radial: Gavin McJones, Bastien Rasse, Kieran Shocklee, Robert Suddath

C420: Ansgar Jordan\*/Patrick Mulcahy

## SCYYRA Carrie Series #3/Holiday Regatta

December 2-3, Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club.

Opti Champs: 50 entries. Coached by Bruno Mello and Manny Resano

- 1 Katharine Doble
- 2 Jordan Janov (1st White)
- 9 Emily Doble
- 15 Callie Davis
- 18 Talia Hamlin
- 21 Tessa Farrell
- 24 Lucca Farrell
- 26 Mika Sternberg
- 27 Matthew Commons
- 28 Tommy Kraak
- 32 Carsten Zieger
- 36 Oliver Ahern
- 31 Harry Bryan

Green Fleet participants coached by Julia Rychlik: Noah Corelli, Graham Doble, and Andy Uznis

## SCYYRA Perry Regatta #2

December 9-10, Coronado YC.

C420. Coached by Will Petersen

26 entries.

- 1 Ansgar Jordan\*/Patrick Mulcahy
- 3 Brock Paquin/Wynslow Wilmot
- 22 Gavin McJones/Grant Coors

## Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta

December 27-30, Coral Reef YC

Opti Champs: 265 boats (Gold 89, Silver 88, Bronze 86).

Coached by Manny Resano

- 18 Katharine Doble (Gold)
- 45 Jordan Janov (Gold)
- 88 Talia Hamlin (Gold; 4th White)
- 115 Emily Doble (Silver)
- 203 Tommy Kraak (Bronze)

Green Fleet participants: Graham Doble and Andy Uznis

Laser Radial. 98 boats (Gold 49, Silver 49)

Coached by Bruno Mello

- 10 Gavin McJones (Gold)
- 25 Bastien Rasse (Gold)

C420. 80 boats (Gold 40, Silver 40)

- 3 Ansgar Jordan\*/Patrick Mulcahy (Gold)
- 18 Sidney Gathrid/Wynslow Wilmot (Gold)

## Open Orange Bowl Regatta

December 27-30, Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

29er: 12 entries

- 3 Ryan Janov/Grant Janov

\* Ansgar Jordan is a member of Coronado YC



Photo by Kevin Mulcahy

Ansgar Jordan\* and Patrick Mulcahy won the C420 class at SCYYRA Perry Regatta #2.



Photo by Madoka Hamlin

SCYYRA Carrie #3: Jordan Janov, second overall, first in Blue Fleet; Katharine Doble, first overall, first in Red Fleet; and Talia Hamlin, first in White Fleet



Photo by Volker Correll

Jordan Janov and Katharine Doble placed second and first, respectively, at SCYYRA Carrie #3.

# Spectacular Epicurean Holiday Dinner of South African Cuisine

By SUSAN FRENCH, Immediate Past Chair of the Epicurean Society

December's annual Epicurean Holiday Dinner, chaired by Society members Sandy Allbright and Anthony Agoglia, was a spectacular feast. Sandy planned a brilliant menu along with Chef Christian, who expertly interpreted and executed her descriptions of the foods, flavors, and textures of South African cuisine. Sommelier for the evening, Fleet Surgeon Harlan Gibbs, introduced and explained the South African wines that we drank.

Sandy began by telling us that she is often asked about what is eaten in South Africa. Her usual response is "meat, fish, vegetables like everybody else," but she then went on to explain that there are indeed many special foods and flavors in South Africa.

At the opening reception, we enjoyed Graham Beck Brut Rosé of Pinot Noir sparkling wine with peri peri chicken lollipops, duck prosciutto with honey-roasted yam and boerewors. Peri is the Swahili word for pepper and the spicy sauce originated with Portuguese colonial cooking. Boerewors, perhaps the most iconic of South African foods (boer meaning farmer and wors meaning sausage), is made with ground beef, and sometimes pork, with notes of coriander, allspice, and cloves.

A delicious Cape Malay mussel and butternut curry soup was served as the first course with a Neil Ellis 2015 Sincerely Sauvignon Blanc. The soup was followed by a beautiful whole langoustine in bobotie sauce with pap and biltong chips, and a 2014 Backsberg Pinotage. Bobotie is the unofficial comfort food of South Africa; this Dutch recipe, usually served casserole style, is made with minced meat, spices, raisins, and nuts. Pap, made from corn, is similar to polenta and is a staple food for most Africans. Biltong is a dried and cured meat made from venison or beef and flavored with salt and vinegar.

To cleanse our palettes there was a delicious and refreshing apricot and rooibos tea sorbet. Rooibos means red



*Dinner Chair Sandy Allbright with Susan French, Co-chair Anthony Agoglia, Mike Priest and Commodore Kellie Fennessy*



*New Epicureans Rob and Jaynee Eitel, and Mike Cubbins with General Chair Susan French*



*Fleet Surgeon Harlan Gibbs and S/C Rick Turner*



*Dinner Co-chairs Anthony Agoglia and Sandy Allbright with General Chair Susan French and Chef de Cuisine Christian Monchâtre*

bush. The plant is grown only in the western part of South Africa and is brewed into a tea which is caffeine-free and claimed to have many therapeutic qualities.

We were then ready to enjoy an ostrich fillet with roasted squash, and a monkey gland croquette served with 2016 Natte Vallej Cinsault. We were first intrigued and then relieved when we found out that there were no actual monkeys used in the making of this delicious sauce made of chutney, vinegar, mustard, and wine. Chef Christian ingeniously housed the sauce in a potato croquette.

The grand finale of the evening was melktert with Amarula ice cream and a glass of Amarula liqueur, again, totally delicious. Melktert is custard-like tart with vanilla and nutmeg and is to South Africans as apple pie is to Americans. Amarula is a potent liqueur made from the berries of the marula or elephant tree blended with cream and sugar.

Chef Christian went way out of his way to make this extraordinary dinner. He enlisted the kitchen of his friend Josiah Citrin (of Mélisse and Charcoal) to make the sorbet and the ice cream. He bought several books on the subject of South African food and spent hours researching, tasting, and experimenting to present us with this wonderfully creative and authentic evening. We are so lucky to have him as our Chef de Cuisine and hope he will be with us for a long time!

Many, many thanks to Sandy, Chef Christian, Anthony, and Harlan for a memorable dinner.

We also inducted three new members to the Society: Mike Cubbins, and Rob and Jaynee Eitel, all of whom were given a warm welcome.

At the end of the dinner, Susan French announced that after four enjoyable years of serving as General Chair of the Society she will step down and that Fred Lanes will replace her. CYC President Steve Hathaway thanked Susan for her service as Epicurean Chair and remarked on how the Society has flourished during her term. Fred also thanked Susan and said that he is looking forward to taking the helm of the Society going forward. ♣

# Toys For Tots

By First Officer **DIANE HOWARD**

**Y**ou know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Kelly, Comet and Dawn and Pam and Michelle, but do you recall the most fun night we have had in years? The music filled the air as the toys kept tumbling in. Our Marines were smartly dressed in uniform and, oh my, how handsome they looked!

Even with the horrific Bel Air fire that affected so many people, our CYC members and their guests did not disappoint with their generosity. Not only did we collect five huge boxes of toys, we collected \$435 to be used by the Marines to purchase gifts for the older children.

Among the highlights of the evening, the masterful singing by Pastor James Boline and Christopher Ma left us in awe. I hope they will be able to return again to entertain us with their extraordinary talent. Following their superb performance, our CYC choir lead us in a marathon of popular Christmas carols. Thank you to Ron Howard for your wonderful renditions of our favorite pieces on the keyboard.

A special thank you to Michele Fisher for helping me with the beautiful decorations and all the help of the CYC staff. ♣



*Ron Howard*



*Randy and EO Dawn Sprout, Christopher Ma, and Paster James Boline*



*SEOs with Marines: Carol Watkins, Donna Petersen, Mary Jane McClintock, Melba Orlob, Betta Mortarotti, and Norma Pratt*



*Staff Commodores with Marines: Bill Watkins, Bill Petersen, Uta Leslie, Denny Haythorn, Anne Sacks, Betta Mortarotti, Bill Stump, Rick Turner, Commodore Kellie Fennessy, and Tom O'Conor*



*Marines with FO Diane Howard and Michele Fisher*

Photos by FO Diane Howard

## CYC Flashback!

This month's flashback photos are giving us good vibrations! **Jr. SEO Dawn Sprout** and **Randy** (the couple on the right behind the surfboard) take us on a surfin' safari back to Redondo Beach in 1966. Dawn and Randy are proud Hawkeyes, originally from Iowa, but they moved permanently to sunny California in 1969.

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. 🏆



---

## On-the-Water Photography Contest Winner



The blood red sky looks as if it is on fire in this photo taken by **Setsuko Anthony** on December 10 during Southern California's wildfires. She captured this image with her iPhone X from her building overlooking Venice Beach and the Marina. Setsuko 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).

# Installation and Awards Dinner

By BARBIE BLECHER



2018 Bridge: Fleet Captain Tim Clarke, Vice Commodore Debbie Feinerman, Commodore Mike Blecher, Rear Commodore Stephanie Weston, and Port Captain Monica Antola

**W**hat a great evening! For dinner, we enjoyed wonderful earthy mushroom bisque shooters, among several other mouthwatering hors d'oeuvres, followed by roasted rack of lamb, or beautifully prepared scallops if one preferred. Dessert was an amazing dark chocolate martini mousse and an assortment of berries and cream.

The program was handled by Port Captain Monica Antola and Fleet Budget Officer John Luft, who each lent their personalities to the subject matter at hand and made the evening's business entertaining and pleasant. Awards were made to some very talented and deserving winners, and, of course, the Fleet Officers and Bridge Officers, and my hubby, Commodore Mike, were installed by S/C David Collins and S/C Rick Turner. I am sure the 2018 Officers and Bridge will take good care of CYC.

Scott Jarema, CYC's Master at Arms and resident professional DJ, put together some awesome playlists that included music from a past era that reminded Commodore Mike that he isn't getting any younger (and his turns on the dance floor seemed to prove this), but we helped him assume his new duties with style, some retro songs, and general after-dinner silliness.

Throughout the evening, we had reminders of Mike's interest in all things nautical, old school celestial navigation, and, as the opening song of the evening from Three Dog Night, we celebrated Mike's fascination with "... the fishes in the deep blue sea." We had a ball.

Thanks so very much to Fleet Secretary Ann Turner, Fleet Judge Advocate Nicole Harnett, Tawni Schutter, SEO Norma Pratt, and "first daughter" Allie Blecher for helping to make this night very special for Mike and me. 🍷



Fleet Officers John Luft, Ann Turner, and Nicole Harnett



Jr. S/C Kellie Fennessy and Commodore Mike Blecher



*V/C Debbie Feinerman and S/C Bill Stump*



*Allie, Commodore Mike Blecher and Barbie*



*S/C Cheryl Mahaffey and Ray*



*Allie Blecher leads the Commodore's toast.*



*Commodore Blecher toasts S/C Rick Turner on his birthday.*



*Jr. S/C Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest*



*Penny and S/C David Collins*



*Marylyn Hoenemere and S/C Tom O'Connor*



*Kathy and S/C Bob Patterson*



*Margie Cate and S/C Craig Leeds*



*S/C Alice Leahey and Bob Congdon*



*Lori and S/C Denny Haythorn*

# A Plethora of Awards

If CYC were a vessel, it could be overflowing with pride for the numerous awards and recognitions given to Club members in 2017. The following members were honored at the Installation and Awards Dinner.

## **Drew Friedes and *Pacific Yankee* Hal H. Haenel Yachtsman of the Year and Yacht of the Year**

It's not often that the boat skippered by the CYC Hal H. Haenel Yachtsman of the Year is named, that same year, CYC's Yacht of the Year. However, 2017 was a special year for both Drew and his *Pacific Yankee*, which closed 2016 with a second in the World Championship in Italy and a top ranking overall among 113 boats. *Pacific Yankee* began 2017 with a first at the Miami Winter Series, a second at New York YC's One-Design Regatta, and a first at the Sail Newport Regatta. At the Melges 20 U.S. National Championship at Newport, *Pacific Yankee* was severely tested by its former owner, the two-time world champion and former CYC member John Kilroy; *Pacific Yankee* prevailed by a single point for first place. And at the Melges 20 World Championship hosted by New York YC, *Pacific Yankee* held off stiff competition and captured first place, without having to sail the final race. Racing with Drew were longtime crewmates Charlie Smythe up front and Morgan Reeser calling tactics in the middle.



*Drew Friedes*



*FBO John Luft introduces Hal H. Haenel Yachtsman of the Year Drew Friedes*

## **Signal Service Award Marylyn Hoenemyer**

The Signal Service Award is presented to a CYC member or members who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of the Club through their ongoing service to CYC. Since joining in 1998 with her husband, Marylyn Hoenemyer has



*CYC President Steve Hathaway presents the Signal Service Award to Marylyn Hoenemyer.*

chaired or been active in just about every major regatta that the Club has held, including chair of the 2002-04 Club Challenge, 2005-08 Cal Race Week, 2006 J/105 North American Championship, 2007 and 2017 King of Spain, 2013 Cal Cup (the regatta's 50th anniversary), and the 2015 Laser Midwinter West Regatta. Marylyn's contributions also include acting as the 2002-09 ASMBYC delegate for CYC, heading up our sail education programs from 2002-03, serving on our Junior Committee from 2016-17, and as our Fleet Budget Officer from 2005-06. And with all this she finds time to be an active participant in paddle tennis.

## **Matt Humphreys Stephen Newmark Transpac Trophy**

CYC's Stephen Newmark Transpac Trophy recognizes the top performance by a CYC boat in the bi-annual race, 2,225 nautical miles to the Diamond Head lighthouse on Oahu, Hawaii. Matt and his crew of three raced his Sabre 386, *Alicante*, to the finish in 13 days, 22 hours, and 31 minutes, placing fourth in Division 7.



*Matt Humphreys, winner of the Stephen Newmark Transpacific Trophy, and Jr. S/C Kellie Fennessy*

### Christian Williams

#### Charles F. Hathaway Long Distance Cruising Trophy

Christian's lifetime of sailing has varied from summer cruises as a boy to sailing the stormy 1979 Fastnet aboard the winning boat, *Tenacious*. In recent years he capped his sailing resume in 2015 by single-handing *Thelonious*, a mid-1980s Erickson 32, to Hawaii – and back – producing a million-view YouTube video of the trip, plus a book, "Alone Together"; and followed that with a 2017 trip in a slightly larger Erickson 38 (also named *Thelonious*) to Hawaii, and back, including a video of the journey, and his 74th birthday. For these achievements he earned CYC's



Christian Williams

Charles F. Hathaway Long Distance Cruising Award.

### Peggy Powers

#### Michael F. Braney Sportsmanship Award ASMBYC Sportsman of the Year

For her six years of volunteer service scoring weekend regattas and the 21-race Sunset Series at CYC, Peggy received CYC's Michael F. Braney Sportsmanship Award and ASMBYC's 2017 Sportsman of the Year Award. It's a big time commitment, and a good deal of responsibility. If you raced any regatta at CYC, it's likely that Peggy has answered your question about registration, sail numbers, your race score, or where to get the trophy you missed picking up. Scoring can be stressful, but Peggy handles it with a smile and always has time to help a racer. She won't rest until scores are correct. Throughout her years scoring CYC regattas, Peggy has epitomized the qualities of sportsmanship, fairness, courtesy, and grace, making her a well-deserving winner of these awards.



Peggy Powers

### Jeff Janov

#### ASMBYC Competitive Yachting Achievement Award

Jeff earned ASMBYC's 2017 Competitive Yachting Achievement Award by campaigning his J/70, *Minor Threat*, through a scorching year: Firsts in the SCYA Midwinter Regatta, the SDYC NOOD Regatta, the San Diego Yachting Cup, and Cal Race Week, plus seconds at Long Beach Race Week (by one point) and Santa Barbara YC's Fiesta Cup, cumulating to win the J/70 High Point Championship (for a third consecutive year). Jeff also sailed his Farr 40, *Dark Star*, in CYC's Sunset Series, and chartered the Santa Cruz 70 OEX for the



Jeff Janov and his Minor Threat crew

Photo by Bronny Dainelis joysailing.com

Santa Barbara-King Harbor Race, including six juniors among his crew.

### Gavin McJones

#### ASMBYC Junior Yachtsman of the Year

Sixteen-year-old Gavin received ASMBYC's 2017 Junior Yachtsman of the Year Award for his many racing accomplishments as a skipper, competing in the Optimist, CFJ, 420, Laser Radial, and Soling classes, and his sense of community in the sailing world. He competes at the highest levels locally, as well as nationally and internationally. He served Los Angeles YC as its Junior Commodore. Gavin plans to attend the 2018 Summer Seminar at the US Naval Academy, and hopes to earn an appointment to Annapolis in the 2018-19 school year.

### Harry Bryan

#### ASMBYC Junior Sportsman of the Year

ASMBYC recognized 10-year-old Harry as Junior Sportsman of the Year. Harry has quickly moved up from the Opti Green Fleet to the Champ Fleet. His biggest achievement so far was traveling to Norfolk, Virginia, for the Opti Nationals, where he finished in the top half and qualified for the USA Team Trials. Harry has earned a reputation for enthusiasm at practice, participating in all CYC junior team racing opportunities, and for having a spirit that brightens everyone's day.



Commodore Blecher and Harry Bryan

Woods Photography

### Allie Blecher

#### SCYA Peggy Slater Memorial Award

Allie's individual achievements in sailing and her outstanding work enhancing women's participation in sailing were recognized by receiving the SCYA Peggy Slater Memorial Award. She has served through the Magenta Project to accelerate women in sailing and industry, and through the California International Sailing Association to get junior sailors traveling to top junior regattas and on board high-performance boats. Her focus for 2017 was to get the girls from always being crew for the boys, to being successful on their own.

### Denise and Mike George

#### SCYA George L. and Kay B. Fisher Memorial Trophy

The SCYA George L. and Kay B. Fisher Memorial Trophy is awarded to a couple who has rendered distinguished service to yachting in Southern California over a long period of time, and this year Mike and Denise George's cumulative service over two decades earned them that award. They have supported the concept and growth of one design fleets, particularly Cal 20s, Stars, and Martin 242s. Mike has made it his mission to keep boats on the water, through repairs, encouragement, sourcing needed pieces, coaching or crewing. Denise's service includes chairing numerous regattas at CYC and Santa Monica Windjammers YC, organizing educational seminars, and working in the Women's Sailing Association. ♣

# Rocking Noon Year's Eve Party

By LARA CLARKE

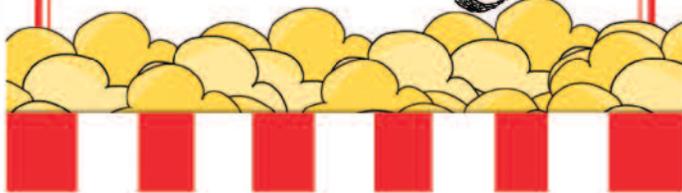
**T**his year's Noon Year's Eve party was held on December 30, and was thoroughly enjoyed by kids, families, and friends. The morning was full of music, dancing, and tattoos, and everyone enjoyed the party games of hula hoops, limbo, and musical chairs. The much-anticipated balloon drop occurred at noon. Kids of all ages put on their party attire and

celebrated the arrival of 2018. The morning was fueled with tasty food and we were fortunate to have a beautiful, sunny day to enjoy playing cornhole and running around the lawn. Thank you to Barbara Duker, Sally Bradley, Sarah Hibler, and F/C Tim Clarke who helped make the event a memorable one. Also, thank you to CYC staff and catering for supporting the day.



Drop & Dine

# Kids Movie Night



**Friday, February 9**

**Drop the kids off downstairs to watch a movie while you enjoy dinner in the dining room**

**\$15 per kid**

Parents must stay at the Club during the movie.

Bring your pillows and comfy blankets.

Light meal and refreshments are available.

**5 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

For reservations call 310-823-4567

Hosted by the Family Activities Committee

# FAMILY BINGO Night

**Sunday, March 18**

**Sunday, March 25**

## MOMMY & ME EVENT



Hey moms, bring your toddlers and enjoy a fun couple hours together and meet other CYC moms with toddlers. More details to come.

Hosted by the Family Activities Committee

## Almost **A YEAR-ROUND BOAT SHOW**

Long Beach Yacht Center  
at Shoreline Marina

**30 BOATS ON DISPLAY: SAIL | POWER | ALL PRICE LEVELS**  
**25 MINUTES FROM MARINA DEL REY**  
**360 DAYS PER YEAR**

Marina del Rey Yacht Sales  
at Fisherman's Village

*Marina del Rey Yacht Sales*  
(310) 822-9814 | at Fisherman's Village  
13763 Fiji Way, E4  
Marina del Rey, CA 90292



*Long Beach Yacht Center*  
(562) 983-6622 | at Shoreline Marina  
114 E. Shoreline Drive, Gangway P  
Long Beach, CA 90802

California Yacht Company, Steve Curran, Owner/Broker • CAYACHTCO.com

## Stay Connected



@CYCRacing  
@CalYachtClub



Your weekly e-newsletter  
Contact Ray Campbell  
[DreamHomes@raycampbell.com](mailto:DreamHomes@raycampbell.com)

## Sunset Series Newsletter

[cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com)

Sunday, February 4

# SUPER BOWL SUNDAY



2:30 p.m. Main Bar

**Tailgate Bar Menu Specials**

Come root for your favorite team

**ON THE BIG SCREEN**

Tuesday, February 13  
7 p.m.



The Epicurean Society  
ANNUAL SWEETHEARTS DINNER

*"Aphrodisiacs"*



Hosted by Commodore Mike Blecher, aka Eros, the God of Love and Lust, and his Sweetheart, Barbie.



ALL CYC MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE EPICUREAN SOCIETY FOR THIS SPECIAL SWEETHEART EVENT.

Call Gloria Crawley, CYC Office Administrator, at 310-823-4567 to make your reservation. or at [calyahtclub.com](http://calyahtclub.com)

# Wine Tasting

California Yacht Club  welcomes

## Auction of Washington Wines



Thursday, February 22 6-8 p.m.

\$30.00 inclusive

Please join us as we taste premium wines from a selection of Washington State's diverse AVAs including Walla Walla Valley and Red Mountain. Washington has the highest percentage of 90+ rated wines of any region in the world and is the 2nd largest premium wine producer in the United States. Auction of Washington Wines is ranked in the Top 5 U.S. Charity Wine Auctions by Wine Spectator Magazine.

For reservations call 310-823-4567



## Floral Design Class

Wednesday, February 28

 Casual atmosphere	 Step-by-step instruction from a professional florist
 Learn and laugh with friends	 Take home your creation
 Materials provided	

Class starts at 10 a.m.  
\$40.00 Includes materials

Attendance is limited  
Call 310-823-4567 to reserve your spot!

# Paddle Tennis



Santa joined Steve Heller, Dolly Bretter, Carly Saltzman and S/C Bill Watkins for some paddle tennis and holiday cheer in December.

**Calling all tennis players, pickleball enthusiasts, exercise seekers, and fun loving CYC members**

## CYCWA Paddle Tennis Welcome Day!



**Thursday, March 1  
10 a.m.**

**Experience the fun of paddle tennis**

**Basic instruction for beginners**

**Fast paced games for more experienced players**

**We'll provide the racquets - just bring your court shoes**

**No host lunch at Club after play**

For more information, contact

Cheryl Mahaffey [cherylmahaffey@gmail.com](mailto:cherylmahaffey@gmail.com)

or

Marylyn Hoenemeyer [hoenemeyer@roadrunner.com](mailto:hoenemeyer@roadrunner.com)

# Discover Scuba!

By **BARBIE BLECHER**,  
Scuba Divers Chair



**C**YC Scuba Divers hosted a “Discover Scuba” morning in the pool on Saturday, December 2. We were (almost, but not quite) overwhelmed by the number of people who came to the pool that morning, but even so, we had to run the scuba event in three shifts so there was enough room in the pool. Thank goodness Catering provided some delicious pastries, coffee, and hot chocolate, which provided a nice diversion while awaiting turns to jump in the water. The pool was a very comfortable 82 degrees.

In addition to members who wanted to try scuba to see if the sport is something they would like to pursue, we had some very experienced divers like Ari Requicha and Commodore Kellie Fennessy who came to try out some new and some old gear, as well as work on refreshing some of their skills.

Thanks to the Club Dive Masters John Luft, Jim Anderson, and Parker House, about 20 CYC members got to try scuba diving under very controlled conditions. Everyone had a wet and wonderful time!



# CYCWA on the Horizon

By SHIRLEY CABEEN

## Floral Design with Kanani Wednesday, February 28, 10 a.m.

Join us as CYC's creative florist returns to teach us more about floral design, with all materials included. This event was a sell-out last April, and we had many requests for a repeat. You will leave with a beautiful flower arrangement. \$40 to reserve at the front desk and confirm time of event.

## Book Mates

### Thursday, March 1, 11:45 a.m., Fireside Room

"Manhattan Beach," by Pulitzer Prize-winner Jennifer Egan, is "... a covertly profound page-turner that will transport and transform every reader, casts us all as divers in the deep, searching for answers, hope, and ascension." (Booklist Online starred review) The Atlantic book critic called it: "An intricately patterned and visionary new novel." Marjorie Drubner will moderate. Co-chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservation and lunch information.

## Sunset Book Club

### Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

How a 1967 movie became a signifier for dramatic cultural change is explored in "Seduced by Mrs. Robinson," by Beverly Gray. The author is a Hollywood insider and tells an engaging behind-the-scenes story of the making of a groundbreaking movie and its cast of characters. Moderator is Connie Webster. Chairs are Leslie Bene and Michael Cubbin. \$10 for wine and cheese, all inclusive. Reserve at front desk.

## CYCWA Paddle Tennis Welcome Day

### Thursday, March 1, 10 a.m.

Looking for a fun, new way to stay fit in 2018? Join us March 1 for the CYCWA Paddle Tennis Welcome Day! We'll offer basic instruction for beginners, and some fast-paced games for more experienced players. It'll be a great introduction to this group that meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon. For more information contact Co-chairs Marylyn Hoenemeyer and S/C Cheryl Mahaffey.



*Did you know that frogs are considered good luck charms in mah jongg? There's more to discover about this fun and intriguing game!*

## CYCWA ACTIVITIES

### PADDLE TENNIS

#### Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon

Bring your paddles to the courts for fun-filled, round-robin matches. No experience required – all skill levels are welcome and invited to participate. Following the play on Thursdays, there is a no-host lunch in the dining room. Please contact Co-chairs Marylyn Hoenemeyer and S/C Cheryl Mahaffey for more details.

### BRIDGE CLUB

#### Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Dining Room

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

### KNIT or KNOT

#### First and third Sunday of the month

#### Cocktail Knitting, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

#### Members Lounge

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

### MAH JONGG

#### Thursdays 1 p.m. in the bar area

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

### ART AFICIONADOS

#### Every second and fourth Wednesday 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you enjoy drawing and painting, then Art Aficionados is for you. This month, we will continue to work on "CYC Adrift," a large, multi-painter painting that we will auction off to benefit our junior sailors. Don't miss this fun opportunity and learn painting techniques in the process. The group is fortunate to have some incredible guidance and teaching from some of our talented CYC artists. All skill levels encouraged. For details, contact SEO Norma Pratt.

# Secrets, Class, Race, Art, and the Moral Foundation of an Entire Town Ignite in "Little Fires Everywhere"

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

"Little Fires Everywhere" explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, the ferocious pull of motherhood, and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster. As the novel for our January 4 Book Mates luncheon discussion, it was a fascinating and totally involving choice to begin the new year.

Moderator Randy Sprout, subbing for his flu-suffering wife, began with an informative video interview with the author. Celeste Ng grew up in the novel's setting, Shaker Heights, a "perfect" community. Connie Webster recalled her time living there, where the motto was, "Once you move to Shaker, you never leave." Clearly, the town becomes one of the main characters, sharing the spotlight with the two different mothers, Mia and Mrs. Richardson, and the two different daughters, Pearl and Izzy.

Randy provided insight into Mia's journey to becoming an artist with samples of his own innovative photo montages. The themes of outcasts finding common ground, challenging rules, motherhood, acceptance by society, and unfulfilled and unrealized lives were all discussed. The most heated exchange came over the conflict created by the battle between a wealthy family adopting a child and the birth mother's attempt to reclaim her own. A consensus of opinion felt that some women should never become mothers.

Randy informed us the author set her story in the early 1990s because it was a time before social media made uncovering secrets so easy; it was also a time when the famous "Jessica" adoption case was all over the news. It was clear to all that there were no heroes or villains in the novel, only people thinking they were doing the right thing, often blinded as to how their actions might affect others. Good people can do bad things.

S/C Bill Watkins summed it up best, quoting from a conversation between Mia and Izzy that inferred no matter how tragic the circumstances, we must survive ... we must all find a way.

Our March 1 selection is "Manhattan Beach," by Pulitzer Prize-winner Jennifer Egan. A mystery, crime, and coming-of-age story, set during World War II on the shoreline of Brooklyn, New York, the Atlantic book critic called it an "intricately patterned and visionary new novel." Marjorie Drubner will moderate.

The Book Mates fiction selection for April is "Winesburg, Ohio," a 1919 short story collection by Sherwood Anderson. S/C Bill Watkins will moderate.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month, 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., for lunch and a stimulating environment. Pick up a copy of "Manhattan Beach" and join us on March 1. Luncheon: \$14.95++ Reservations strongly recommended. Call 310-823-4567. ♣

**BOOK MATES**  
Thursday, March 1

**MANHATTAN  
BEACH**

A NOVEL  
Moderator: Marjorie Drubner

**JENNIFER  
EGAN**

Pulitzer Prize-winning author of  
*A Visit from the Goon Squad*

**11:45 a.m. \$16.00 ++**  
Reservations 310-823-4567

Wednesday, February 21  
6:30 p.m.

"The book celebrates the golden anniversary of the film with a spirited account of how it all came together and why its legacy endures."  
—GLENN FRANKEL, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of *High Noon*

**Sunset Book Club**  
Wine & Cheese  
\$10.00-Inclusive

**MODERATOR: Connie Webster**

**SEDUCED by**  
How THE GRADUATE  
Became the Touchstone  
of a Generation

**Mrs. ROBINSON**  
**BEVERLY GRAY**

Reservations Requested 310-823-4567

# From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD



**T**hank you for your patience while we finish remodeling our kitchen. We expect to complete the project in time for the Sweethearts Epicurean Dinner on February 13. Commodore Mike Blecher and Barbie have worked with Chef Christian to produce a menu filled with aphrodisiacs, so it's bound to be a romantic evening. Chef Christian will also launch new menus in the dining room and bar this month, now that the kitchen is up to full speed. Anyone notice the new china?

CYC is teaming up with Auction of Washington Wines for the wine tasting event February 22. We will taste premium wines from a selection of Washington state's diverse AVAs including Walla Walla Valley and Red Mountain. Washington has the highest percentage of 90-plus-rated wines in the world, and is the second largest premium wine producer in the United States. Auction of Washington Wines is ranked in the top four U.S. charity wine auctions by Wine Spectator magazine.

Are you ready for a date night? Family Activities Committee has scheduled Drop and Dine for February 9. Children will enjoy dinner and an evening of fun in the Fireside Room, while parents enjoy dinner upstairs. Make a reservation ahead of time, so we can plan meals for the children and have tables reserved for parents in the dining room.

Regattas begin this month starting with the 89th Annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta February 10-11. Chairs Tawni Schutter and Chris Calingaert will oversee the regatta made up of classes including the Martin 242, Star, J/24, Viper 640, J/70, Tartan 101, and J/109. The Junior Racing Team will compete in the Opti Spring Series Harken #1 at CYC on February 24-25. Both the Champion and Green Fleet sailors will compete for a place on the podium under the watchful eye of Regatta Chair Michelle Ondrey and our Junior Program Director Guillaume Rasse.

Opening Day is around the corner. Save March 10 in your calendar for a day filled with ceremony, cannon shots, fun on the docks, and children's activities.

See you 'round the Club. ⚓



## 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).



*Suzy Haber and Terry Barnett (holding CYC burgee) visited Barcelona and exchanged burgees at the Real Club Nautico de Barcelona.*

# ➤ FEBRUARY 2018 ➤

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS</b>				Women's Paddle Tennis <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis <b>3</b>
3 Race Committee Training		13 Epicurean Sweethearts Dinner		Book Mates		Race Committee Training
4 Super Bowl Party		21 Yachting Dinner		Fleet Council Mtg.		
7 Commodore's Cruise Mtg.		24 Mariner Education		Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
9 FAC Drop and Dine		24-25 Opti Spring Series Harken #1				
10-11 SCYA Midwinter Regatta		28 Floral Design Class				
Brunch <b>4</b>	Club closed <b>5</b>	Club closed <b>6</b>	Bridge Club <b>7</b>	Women's Paddle Tennis <b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis <b>10</b>
Knit or Knot				CYCWA Board Mtg.		
Super Bowl Tailgate Party	Pickleball		Commodore's Cruise Mtg.	Jr. Comm. Mtg.	FAC Drop & Dine	SCYA Midwinter Regatta
Zumba Class		Women's Paddle Tennis		Sail Comm. Mtg.		
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Flotilla 12-42 Business Mtg.		
Brunch <b>11</b>	Club closed <b>12</b>	Club closed <b>13</b>	Valentine's Day <b>14</b>	Women's Paddle Tennis <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis <b>17</b>
SCYA Midwinter Regatta	Pickleball	Epicurean Sweethearts Dinner	Bridge Club	Family Activities Comm. Mtg.		
			Art Aficionados			
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis		Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
Brunch <b>18</b>	Club closed <b>19</b>	Club closed <b>20</b>	Bridge Club <b>21</b>	Women's Paddle Tennis <b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis <b>24</b>
	<i>President's Day</i>					
Knit or Knot			Sunset Book Club	Bridge Mtg.		Opti Spring Series Harken #1
	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	New Member Mtg.		Mariner Ed. Safety at Sea
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Yachting Dinner	Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
				Wine Tasting		
Brunch <b>25</b>	Club closed <b>26</b>	Club closed <b>27</b>	Bridge Club <b>28</b>	YP Happy Hour		
Opti Spring Series Harken #1						
YP Yoga and Mimosas	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Floral Design Class			
			<i>Breeze</i> Deadline			

## MARCH 2018

				Women's Paddle Tennis <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis <b>3</b>
				Book Mates		
				Fleet Council Mtg.		
				Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
Brunch <b>4</b>	Club closed <b>5</b>	Club closed <b>6</b>	Bridge Club <b>7</b>	Women's Paddle Tennis <b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis <b>10</b>
Knit or Knot						
Academy Awards	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Opening Day Rehearsal	CYCWA Board Mtg.		Opening Day
Boot Camp Class				Jr. Comm. Mtg.		
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Sail Comm. Mtg.	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
				Mah Jongg		
				Flotilla 12-42 Business Mtg.		

CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB

4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292 • 310-823-4567 • Fax: 310-822-3658

*Always check [www.calyachtclub.com](http://www.calyachtclub.com) for the most current event information.*



Gavin McJones, ASMBYC Junior Yachtsman of the Year