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From the Commodore

Cruising Adventures: Small, Medium, and Large

Ah, cruising ... lazy sailing, exploring new places, relaxed time with friends and family. To me, this is the best way to spend time on (or under) the water.

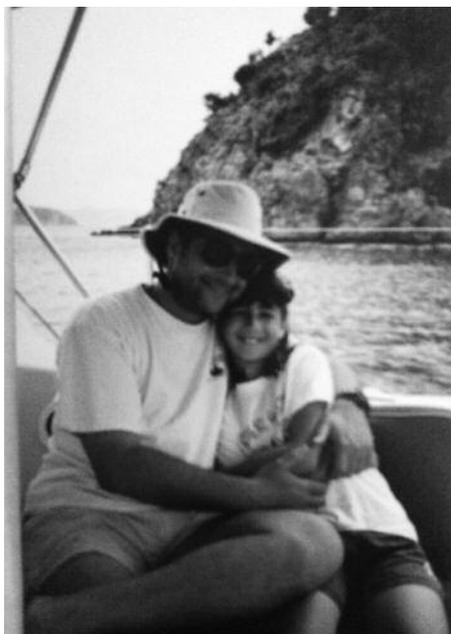
A small adventure: a cruise eight miles from our Club in Marina del Rey to King Harbor, which may include anchoring out, or using a guest dock at a reciprocal yacht club. You can even attend a CYC cruise via “land yacht” (as Barbie and I did recently). Your adventure will always generate stories of time spent with friends and family and memories that you can enjoy forever.

Or, you can have a medium-sized adventure, which may include crossing the San Pedro Channel 30-plus miles to reach Catalina Island. This may involve some serious sailing, a simple but important exercise in navigation, watching the weather, negotiating large commercial vessels while crossing the vessel traffic lanes, using your electronics, and so on. These are certainly ingredients that add adventure (and satisfaction) to your cruising.

Or how about a really big adventure? Certainly a cruise to Mexico, or north to San Francisco Bay, or across the Pacific or perhaps even a circumnavigation? Each of these is bucket list stuff for cruising sailors..

Does anyone in the Club remember Leonard Wibberley? He was a reporter for the Los Angeles Times in the early 1950s, but his mark on the world was made when he wrote “The Mouse That Roared,” which was made into a movie. It’s still, even today, a funny premise, and a fun movie. Mr. Wibberley wrote this, and many other books and screenplays. From his home in Hermosa Beach, from which he could see Santa Monica Bay, he wrote a book called “Toward a Distant Island.” If you like cruising, you will love this story of his first voyage from California to Hawaii in a 40’ sailboat, a trip he made in the 1960s. He thoroughly enjoyed his cruise, even though almost everything that could possibly go wrong, did. I first read it when I was a teenager, and I have read it several times since. It’s one of my favorites. He wrote (and I paraphrase for brevity):

“I am going to go cruising. I will load stores aboard, and sail in search of the island that I have seen in my dreams, the one with dark cliffs and vines that bloom above and also below the water. (Mr. Wibberley was a scuba



Flashback! Commodore Mike Blecher and his daughter Allie on a cruise in the Caribbean circa 1997.

diver.) The quiet of the lagoon will be disturbed only as the sea birds screech into flight when my anchor splashes. I do not know the island’s latitude or longitude, or even its name. But I will know it when I arrive, as I have dreamed of it many times before.”

It’s a wonderfully written sea story and will definitely put you in the mood to cruise this summer.

Let me pose a challenge about life’s regrets: throw off the bowlines ... you know how this goes ... so get out and have a cruising adventure this summer, even if it’s by land yacht, and only eight miles away.

Incidentally, nothing goes to windward quite like a Lexus.

See ya on (or under) the water!

Interesting Boats

OK, we’re halfway through the year. The June “Interesting Boat” is ours. (I know you were all wondering when this would happen.) *S/V Gypsy Wind* is celebrating her 43rd birthday this year. She’s an S&S design built by Tartan, with a center cockpit, and ketch rigged. She is one of those heavily built Classic Plastics — I have worn out several sets of drills working on this boat. We have owned her for 23 years. They only built 30 of the Tartan Ocean Cruising Ketch, and the owners association still has 29 registered as of 2018. According to the association’s website, quite a few are “out there” cruising. If cruising boats are all compromises of one sort or another, we think this boat is a terrific one, and built to be a very sturdy long distance cruising platform. ⚓



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FRONT COVER CYC juniors travel the world representing Team USA. (top to bottom) Callie Davis (Spain), Jordan Janov (Italy), Talia Hamlin (Holland), and Katharine Doble (shown racing in Uruguay).

Photos by Rachel Davis, Jane Walshe, Eric Bardes, and © Matías Capizzano

BACK COVER Match Racing winds down for the day as the sun sets on a Friday night. Match Racing continues June 8 and 29, July 13, August 3, 10 and 24, and September 7 and 21.

Photo by Julia Dawson



Photos by Diane Hamilton and Erin Petersen

High Tea by the Sea

By DIANE HAMILTON

Fancy outfits and impeccable manners were on display during the Family Activities Committee's High Tea by the Sea. A welcome drink of bubbly for the adults and mocktails for the kiddies opened the event while a harpist played delicate music. This now-annual event was a delight as members feasted on cucumber sandwiches, scones, delicious tea, and other goodies prepared by Chef Christian. Everyone had fun and looked great. As 21-month-old Lily Petersen exclaimed upon sipping her FIRST Shirley Temple, "Yaaahy!" See you next year. ♣



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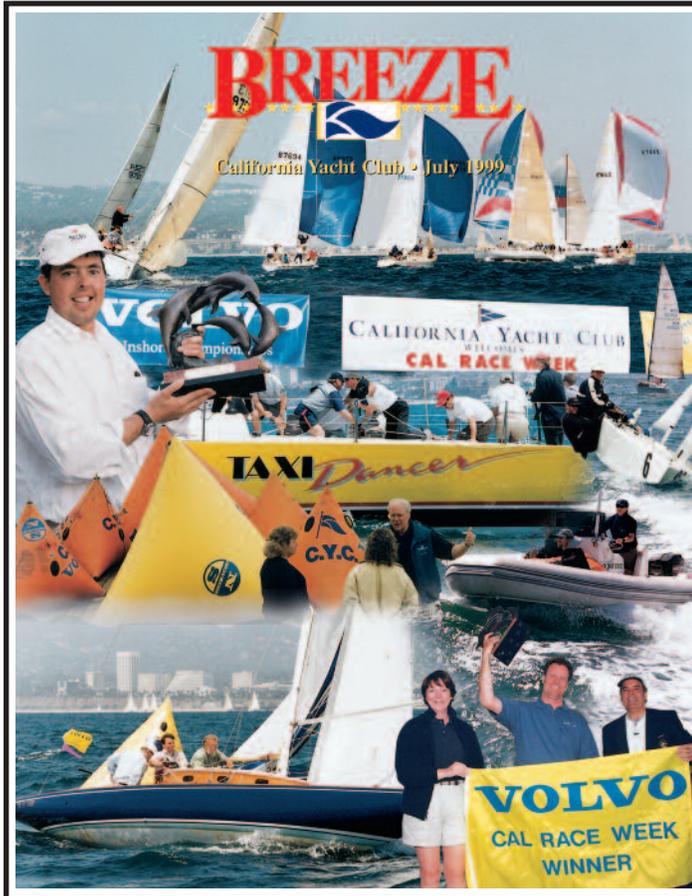
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CYC Flashback!

In honor of the 20th running of Cal Race Week on June 2-3, we've got a flashback to the July 1999 issue of the *Breeze* that featured photos from the inaugural Cal Race Week on its cover. In the accompanying article written by S/C David Collins, credit is given to S/C Alice Leahy for her remarkable work in putting together what has become CYC's signature buoy racing event and an annual highlight. If you look closely, you'll see Alice in the lower right hand corner, holding the left end of the Volvo banner.

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 for a chance at the glory. ⚓

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Join Us at the Radio Amateur Group's Annual Field Day – Saturday, June 23

By CHARLIE PASCAL, RAG Chair

CYC's Radio Amateur Group is holding our 10th annual Field Day operation. Field Day is a special day for amateur radio operators. HAMS operate off the power grid to sharpen their emergency radio skills. We do this in the event a true emergency occurs. When your cell phones fail, amateur radio will be operating to save lives.

We will be operating our HAM station from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 23. Free food with simple refreshments will be served.

During Field Day, we will be contacting amateur stations in all 50 states and Canada. For those who attend, information about amateur radio will be provided. If you are a licensed amateur, we invite you to operate our station. For members who want to learn about our hobby, we are eager to teach you.

Field day will be held on the Club grounds at the radio shack. Please RSVP to radiopascal@earthlink.net if you plan to join us. We look forward to meeting you on Field Day. ⚡

CYCWA Pickleball



Photo by Julia Tomich/CYC Membership

Nancy Fellows, Joanie Freckmann, Mike Dunham, and Susan Silver demonstrate proper pickleball etiquette at the end of the game by tapping paddles and saying, "Thanks, great game!"

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CYCers Take on King Harbor

By NAOMI HOCHMAN



Photo by Commodore Mike Blecher

CYC's cruising fleet gathered at King Harbor YC's long dock.



Photo by George Eiter

In the cockpit of Richard and Gail Namerow's Gail-Anne: S/C Anne Sacks, EO Diane Howard, SEO Gail Namerow, S/C Bill Petersen, Commodore Mike Blecher, and SEO Donna Petersen

From Friday, April 13, through Sunday, April 15, 15 CYC vessels took over the docks at King Harbor YC to kick off the cruising season. It was quite the memorable weekend – members started arriving early Friday afternoon, and continued the invasion through Saturday, with a few boats even joining for Sunday brunch!

There was glorious weather on Saturday, and CYC members had plenty of time for leisurely lunchtime walks to the Hermosa Pier and dinghy rides around the Redondo Beach harbor. In the evening, we took over the KHYC bar for drinks, enjoyed a delicious al fresco taco dinner, and were regaled with event Chair Zoran Segina's impressive piano skills, all to the setting of a perfect Southern California sunset.

On Sunday morning, thick tule fog ominously rolled in over the Palos Verdes peninsula as we enjoyed our breakfasts on the KHYC patio. This gave the group (especially the powerboaters) the perfect excuse to extend our residency until mid-afternoon, socializing on the docks and tinkering with each other's boats. When the marine layer finally burned off, the final few vessels headed for home. This quick and easy overnight cruise had at least 40-50 attendees, as many members also joined by land. It was a great opportunity to road test our vessels after the off-season. Now we know they're all Catalina ready! 🇺🇸

Bursting into Spring at Harris Spring Regatta

By S/C DAVID COLLINS

With only one day to complete the regatta, this early season event is particularly dependent on favorable conditions to produce results. We had six classes (Martin 242, Star, Cruising, and PHRF A, B, and C) in five starts with 28 entries. The combined PHRF A/B start provided an abundance of color because we were using two separate courses so there was plenty of laundry!

Overnight the wind up the coast had been blowing hard from the northwest which meant that early in the afternoon the sea state became rough. The breeze did fill in to the teens and clock further west and marks were adjusted, although during the second race it backed and faded for a few tense minutes. There were even reports of mal de mer from various boats, which illustrated just how rough conditions became in a short time. The finishes were all closely contested throughout the day with boats surfing to the line overlapped, one might say "he who surfs last wins!" However, as is often the case during spring, during the third and final race we saw the breeze fade away leaving the last boats fighting ugly swells with little wind to fuel them.

The standout performance of the day had to be Peter Stazicker's Martin 242 *Trolleycar*, scoring three bullets in three races in arguably the most competitive fleet of the day. The after-party on the patio was well attended while Regatta Chair Rory Mach and I handed out trophies to the deserving skippers. Perpetual trophies included:

The Fred Harris Libation Cup

PHRF A: **John McEntire**, *Encore*, CYC

PHRF B: Neil Fraser, *Mexican Divorce*, DRYC

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

PHRF Cruising: Joe Cowan, *Cross Fire*, Scuttlebutt SC

The Commodore's Trophy

Star: Chuck Beek/Chas Beek, Newport Harbor YC

Martin 242: **Peter Stazicker**, *Trolleycar*, CYC

The Patterson Bowl

Chuck Beek/Chas Beek, Newport Harbor YC



The combined PHRF A/B start



The Martin 242 fleet sails in a tight bunch just after the start.

Photos by Mike Gitchell



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I must thank an exceptional race committee for all that they brought to the event. The signal boat and both markset boats contributed fine work all day and we did keep everyone busy, including inside scorers. It was good to see so many new faces volunteering to come out and work with us on the race course. I hope we see all of you again soon. Thank you to the Dockmaster and his staff and Catering for your contributions. An especially energetic thank you goes to Rory, a first-time regatta chair, for pulling this day together for us.

When the original Harris Series was created in honor of his father, Fred Harris, Jr., eagerly donated the perpetual trophy, and I am sure he would have approved of the effort and the results this year. S/C Fred Harris, Sr., was one of the leaders who helped create CYC in Marina del Rey in the early 1960s after the original LA Harbor-based CYC went dormant following World War II. In 1963, he became the third commodore of the re-born CYC. ⚓



Photo by Pam Spriggs

Regatta Chair Rory Mach presents the Commodore's Trophy to M242 class winner Peter Stazicker (Trolleycar).



Photo by Paula Cameron

Dan McGanty (Mistral) placed second in PHRF C.

Match Racing

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Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

Harris Spring Regatta

April 8, CYC

Martin 242: 7 entries

1 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*

2 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

PHRF B: 5 entries

2 Douglas Steele, *Tiburon*

PHRF C: 6 entries

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

2 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF Cruising: 5 entries

2 Richard Benedon, *Ruby d'eau*



Curt Johnson (*Avet*) won the Harris Series' PHRF B class.



Richard Benedon (middle row, far right) and his *Ruby d'eau* crew won the PHRF B class at the Border Run to San Diego.

Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race

April 27-29, Newport Ocean Sailing Association

Maxi: 9 entries

3 Roy Disney, *Pyewacket*

5 John McEntire, *Encore*

Border Run to San Diego

April 27-29, Newport Ocean Sailing Association

PHRF B: 6 entries

1 Richard Benedon, *Ruby d'eau*

Racers! Send your Sunset Series photos to Breeze editor Paula Cameron at cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com.



Sunset Series

Race 1, April 18

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Jeff Janov, *Viva La Vida*

PHRF C: 8 boats

1 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

2 Peter Nelson, *Spray*

PHRF D: 7 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

PHRF E: 5 boats

1 Susan Taylor, *Take Five*

Martin 242: 7 boats

1 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*

2 Tim Clarke/Michael Bradley, *Summer Rental*

Cruising A: 12 boats

2 Joseph Weber, *Va Pensiero*

Race 2, April 25

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1½*

PHRF D: 7 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

PHRF E: 6 boats

2 Susan Taylor, *Take Five*

Martin 242: 8 boats

1 Tim Clarke /Michael Bradley, *Summer Rental*

2 Brack Duker, *Velerito*

3 Denise George, *All In*

Cruising A: 13 boats

3 Whitney Green, *Pacific*

4 Joseph Weber, *Va Pensiero* ⚓

Photo by Michael Highfield, Race 1, April 18



Kathy St. Amant's *Rascal* (56653, South Coast Corinthian YC) is followed into the channel by Mark Stratton's *Lugano* (56456, Del Rey YC) and S/C Steve Curran's *Tinderbox* (87242, CYC).

Photo by Jim Ach, Race 1, April 18



Jeff Janov's *Viva La Vida* sweeps by the signal boat at the start.

Match Racing Clinigatta Puts Racers in Control

By S/C DAVID COLLINS

Sunday, April 29 dawned bright with all indications of a good breeze for sailing in the match race Clinigatta. At 9:30 a.m. we gathered in the Fireside Room for umpire Kevin Hawkins' presentation which covered thinking about match racing rules and how best to implement the myriad choices while racing. His key word for the morning was "control," how to acquire it, how to maintain it, and how to defend against it should you lose control. We had four skippers (Allie Blecher, Fleet Captain Tim Clarke, Dan McGanty, and Kieran Shocklee) along with their crews in attendance and the discussion was a lively one.

Once out on the water we proceeded down to Burton Chace docks with a course across the harbor that proved to be 200 yards in length, or twice the length of the course available near the guest dock. With only two boats, we were running individual matches rather than flights with a crew rotation after each match. However, we still had plenty of time to complete two round robins during the day. Some of the matches were incredibly close with several lead changes during the match. All of this was greatly appreciated by the spectators who followed the action from the docks.

Umpires Kevin Hawkins and S/C David Collins kept the penalty flags flying with good work by S/C Bill Moore and Ann Turner on the signal boat. After two round robins (12 matches), we had a tie for first between Allie Blecher and F/C Tim Clarke. It was decided that we hold a sail-off match to determine the overall winner for the Clinigatta. This proved to be a curious match when Tim caught his keel on the signal boat's anchor rode, interrupting the flow of the pre-start in dramatic fashion. Once away, the two boats fought for control with the eventual win going to Allie Blecher and crew, Mary Stuyvesant and Sue Service.

Back at the clubhouse we had a de-brief session which was a busy one for Kevin as he fielded a long list of questions from our energetic but exhausted competitors. Coach Doug Mclean had spent the day in a support boat working with the teams during their bye and coaching the teams racing at the same time. He also contributed to the clubhouse presentations bringing his extensive knowledge of match racing to the group.

This event has been graded as a grade 5 Match Race Event by US Sailing, for which Marilyn Cassedy provided most of the preparatory work. The Co-chairs were F/C Tim Clarke, Marilyn Cassedy, and S/C David Collins. CYC now has a completely new level of match race involvement and this event makes excellent use of our Club-owned keelboats. Three years ago we introduced the match racing program and have been developing it from that time. We hope to continue to build on this and launch bigger and better match race regattas in the future, including inviting other yacht clubs to join us (and thus getting invited to their invitational match race events). ♣



Clinigatta winners Allie Blecher, Sue Service, and Mary Stuyvesant with second-place skipper F/C Tim Clarke



Allie Blecher (red boat) is hot on the heels of Dan McGanty.



F/C Tim Clarke (red boat) vs. Dan McGanty, with judges keeping close watch

Photos by Dan McGanty, Mary Stuyvesant, and Ann Turner

BVI Spring Regatta: A Big Win for Sailors and Islands after Hurricanes Irma and Maria

By DAN MCGANTY



Racing returns to the BVI, an important part of the islands' recovery after devastating hurricanes.

In late March, CYC racers Dan McGanty and Helen Brierley decided to compete in an away game to warm up for the SoCal racing season. The owners of *Mistral* put together a group of family and friends and chartered a Beneteau First 40 to join the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, billed as a week of “Warm Water, Hot Racing, and Cool Parties” in and around the British Virgin Islands.

After Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated the islands, it took a giant leap of faith by both organizers and sailors to pull off this event in a place still so deep in recovery mode. The scars from these powerful storms wreaking havoc on these beautiful islands were still to be seen everywhere, six months after the winds dropped and the sun shone on what must have been surreal mornings after. Piles of rubble that were once

buildings, cars with crunched sides and roofs, windows still covered with plastic and boards, tarpaulins acting as roofs – if this is what six months of recovery looked like, it was impossible to imagine the scene immediately after the storms.

*... a week of
“Warm Water,
Hot Racing,
and
Cool Parties” ...*

From a sailor’s perspective, the boats were the most gut-wrenching sights, with beaches and bays still littered with countless hulls that had smashed, sunk, or been dismantled and washed well up onto shore.

In the end, the commendable efforts of the organizers in refusing to give up and the faith of all the sailors that registered were well rewarded. A total of 63 boats signed up – a considerable drop from previous years, but a huge result given the circumstances. Fleets were somewhat compromised on account of the lower numbers, with our rather hefty *Lancelot 2* being classed with boats down to one-ninth of her displacement. As regatta chairs know all too well, such fleets are hardly ideal. In what proved to be an unusually light-air week, the lighter boats prevailed – making good value of time allowances of up to 15% on the larger boats. *Lancelot 2* battled commendably, finishing second of the five heavyweights in our 10-boat class.

The real winner for the week was the sport of sailing, with a never-say-die spirit from the organizers pulling off a well-run and hugely fun regatta. ⚓

Much has been accomplished since the hurricanes devastated the BVI last September, but gut-wrenching reminders of the hurricanes' destruction are never out of sight.



Photos by John Brierley

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36th Lake Garda Meeting Optimist Class

March 29-April 1, Riva del Garda, Italy

By JORDAN JANOV



The United States Opti fleet gives sailors opportunities to qualify for international events. This year I placed 27th out of 300 boats at the Spring Team Qualifier in St. Petersburg, Florida, which allowed me to make three teams. My options were to go to the Netherlands, Spain, or Lake Garda, Italy. I chose Italy because it fit in with my school schedule and there are more than 1,000 boats competing at this regatta. I am pretty sure my mom wanted to see Italy, too.

Getting to Lake Garda sounds a lot easier than it is. First we had to fly to Paris then connect to Milan. After that, we took a three-hour car ride north to Lake Garda. Getting to the bottom of the lake is about two hours, but the lake is 40 miles long and we had to get to the most northern tip of the lake. As we drove there we saw the huge mountain cliffs which had sheer faces down to the water.

Lake Garda is in the northern part of Italy which means it's very cold, approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Typically this is a heavy wind regatta with 30-35 knots. Unfortunately, this year was very light because of frontal weather with 2-6 knots and rain. The Lake Garda Optimist Meeting holds the Guinness World Records distinction for the largest one-design regatta in the world.

Practicing with other countries is much different than practicing with other teams in the U.S. We mostly sailed with the Swedes and the Norwegians. They were the nicest and most competitive.

Overall, I placed 135th out of 1,055 boats and was 10th out of 50 Americans. I am happy I made the top 13.5% of the fleet. Not only did I have a good regatta, I also made many new friends from the East Coast that were also on Team U.S.A. We rode our bikes around Riva del Garda and then ate amazing pizza and pasta for dinner. On the last day of the regatta, I traded my Team U.S.A. jacket with a kid from Sweden. Overall I think Lake Garda is an extraordinary place and it was a great experience for me.



Photo by Heather Janov

Twelve-year-old Jordan Janov placed 135th out of 1,055 boats at the Lake Garda Optimist Meeting, the largest one-design regatta in the world.



XXIX International Vila de Palamós Optimist Trophy

February 14-18, Catalonia, Spain

By CALLIE DAVIS



Callie Davis (white cap), 12 years old, leads a pack into the weather mark.

© Alfred Farré

In October, I competed in the Opti Spring Team Qualifiers in St. Petersburg, Florida. It was a successful regatta for me and I was excited to learn that I had been invited to join Team USA at the XXIX International Vila de Palamós Optimist Trophy Championship. This would be my second international event; I went to Flanders in July.

In early February, I traveled to Barcelona, Spain, where I spent a few days touring the city and visiting museums. I then went to Palamós, a small summer resort town on the Costa Brava, where I met my teammates and my coaches, Omari Scott and Joacim Karlsen.

We had three practice days. The first day was rainy and cold, and all three days

*“... continue to
build my
sailing skills
while learning
about different
parts of
the world.”*

were very windy. On the first day of the regatta, we had one race where I rounded the mark in fourth and finished ninth.

Unfortunately, the next two days were windless and we did not race at all. On the last day, we completed two races which did not go as well for me as my first race. So we only did three races overall.

It was frustrating not to sail more, but I learned a lot during the practice days and I enjoyed meeting my teammates and coaches, as well as meeting sailors from all over Europe and beyond. It was my first time in Spain and I really loved the country. After the regatta, I went skiing in Andorra. I hope to qualify for another international event so I can continue to build my sailing skills while learning about different parts of the world. ♣

Magic Marine Easter Regatta

March 30-April 2, Braasemermeer, Holland

By TALIA HAMLIN

My very first trip to another country was for a regatta in Holland. I sailed the Magic Marine Easter Regatta there, as a sailor for Team USA. The regatta was held at a lake called Braasemermeer, 30 minutes south of Amsterdam. The weather was very cold, around 35-45 degrees most of the days. I've never sailed in that kind of temperature before, so I couldn't really imagine it until I actually got to the venue. We all were totally covered with drysuits with multiple layers underneath. We looked like astronauts so we laughed at each other!

We were expecting very breezy conditions, but we only had up to 18 knots or so of wind, and even a few days of light wind. The wind and current at the lake were very tricky, but we had five days of practice before the regatta and that helped a lot.

I was so excited because I was sailing really well during the practice, I was competing and getting first and second spots with a great sailor from my team. Although,



Talia Hamlin placed second overall in the Benjamin fleet (less than 12 years old).

because of my age (I was nine), I had to sail in the "Benjamin" fleet which is for those less than 12 years old. When I heard about it, I got bummed but I switched my mind and I set my goal for winning a race and top three in the under-12 fleet.

On April 1, I turned 10 years old. Yes! I had my birthday during the regatta! The whole team celebrated my birthday with cupcakes, and I was super happy about it. And my birthday gift was ... winning a race on my own birthday. I earned it! I was thrilled, and I screamed! Definitely this day became the most memorable day in my life so far.

My overall result was second, but I added another winning race on the last race of the regatta, so I felt great!

I was so proud of myself, and going through the tough conditions was totally worth it! And I am so happy to bring back a trophy to the U.S. Thank you so much for all of your support! 🍀



Photos by Maddoka Hamlin

Talia Hamlin celebrated her 10th birthday by winning a race, finishing ahead of the rest of the fleet by three minutes.

IODA South American Championship

March 25-April 1, Montevideo, Uruguay

By KATHARINE DOBLE

I managed to sleep a little on the overnight flight from Miami to Montevideo, and we landed just after 9 a.m. Our bus brought us directly to Yacht Club Uruguayo and within a couple hours I found myself on the muddy waters of the Rio del Plata practicing with 15 of the top Optimist sailors from the U.S.

We had three nice practice days, each with the wind coming from an entirely different direction, but common chop and current directions. The water was thick, which made keeping momentum difficult. It quickly became apparent that I had trouble adapting to new wind directions and patterns for each day, and my wind predictions and upwind strategies were critically flawed. My goal for the regatta was simply to improve my starts.

I put the most pressure on my performance on the first and third days of racing as they were scheduled to have three races each. I sailed three excellent races on the first day, likely making it one of my best days of sailing. Winds were 8-15 knots from the southeast, the best direction in predictability and speed. I scored a 4, 3, 4 in the three races and had excellent starts. However, most of my gain was through the starts and speed, and compared to the top five sailors, my understanding of the wind was still poor, and that was from the clearest wind direction. I was in fourth overall after the first day.

The fleet raced two races on the second day to determine the gold, silver, and bronze fleets. The wind was very light from the north, a direction that for all I knew had very visible shifts and significant geographical shifts. To do well you needed to have a good start, have kept an eye out for clouds (which carried wind), and have known about the very favored left in the second upwind. I had a perfect start, played the middle to round the upwind and reach marks in second. I was not looking closely at the clouds downwind and missed a key puff on the opposite side. I was seventh at the gate, but because the right payed in the previous flight's race and paid very well for me the day prior, I rounded the right gate with a plan to tack soon after to gain a boat or two. This did not work and boats that were deeper than 20th place at the gate who went right won the race. That was very disappointing and though I do partially blame this loss on my lack of venue knowledge, proper fleet management should have led me left. The next race I started next to a boat that was almost over, so



Katharine Doble, age 13, was one of 168 sailors battling variable conditions in Uruguay.

Photo by © Maitas Capizzano

had to pinch until I got rolled, and missed two visible right shifts to finish 27th, my drop. I was in 19th place heading into Gold fleet. The fleet was very consistent which is why this regatta was very hard for a pretty inconsistent sailor like me.

The next day was Team Racing and the U.S. created three teams to participate. I was happy to make Team USA 2, including some more experienced team racers from big race teams like LISOT, Lauderdale YC,

and Coral Reef YC. We were successful, coming just one point from overcoming USA 1, but lost to USA 3 to be eliminated and finish fourth in the Nations Cup. We were overconfident and under-planned and lost right at the start.

Sailors were in postponement on the fourth day due to lack of wind and we did not leave the dock until 3 p.m. The current was so strong that should there not be at least four knots, the boats would just drift. I independently tested the left side so late that I almost missed the start. I had hope in the left and started left of the fleet. I had a great start, and took off from there. Approaching the second upwind in 10th I identified the wind clocking left, took more advantage of the shift and gained three more boats to finish seventh. There was only one race that day. I was in 11th overall going into the final day of racing.

The last day was utterly disappointing; awful races in a very consistent fleet caused me to drop significantly, and though my final result was better than I could have ever hoped for, my expectations had skyrocketed and my sailing could not keep up. The current was likely the speed of the wind, hauling down course with the wind. The left was favored and so was the pin, but it took me two races to figure that out. I spent two races in no wind on the right, tacking over 20 times trying to make the windward mark, at which point the race was basically over. The last race went better, the start was great, right at the pin, but I was looking over my shoulder for a crossing that I never got. It was actually better to be closer to the middle where it was possible to tack right away. A little righty came in then and in the second upwind and I watched my great start give way to another bad finish. I finished 27th overall out of the 168 sailors. Of the 15 sailors from Team USA, I finished sixth.

I enjoyed every aspect of this regatta, rooming with my teammates, the heated foosball games at Yacht Club Uruguayo and, most importantly, the world-class competition on the water. Many thanks to CYC, Coach Manny Resano, and my parents for preparing me and making this learning opportunity possible. 🇺🇸

Race Team Results

By GUILLAUME RASSE, Junior Program Director

CISA Clinic

April 5-8, Alamitos Bay YC
Laser Radial: Gavin McJones, Bastien Rasse
I420: Patrick Mulcahy, Wynslow Wilmot
Formula Kite: Aidan Mobley

Opti Harken #2

April 7-8, San Francisco YC
Opti Champs: 48 entries. Coach Romain Screve
8 Callie Davis
9 Mika Sternberg
22 Matthew Commons
24 Mora Moro
30 Tommy Kraak
45 Harry Bryan
Green Fleet coached by Roberto Ayala: Noah Corelli

2017-18 SCYYRA Perry Series

Overall winners: Ansgar Jordan (Coronado YC)/Patrick Mulcahy

SCYYRA Perry Series #4

April 14-15, San Diego YC
C420: 19 entries. Coach Bruno Mello
1 Ansgar Jordan (Coronado YC)/Patrick Mulcahy
3 Brock Paquin (Coronado YC)/Wynslow Wilmot
17 Gavin McJones/Bastien Rasse
19 Robbert Suddath/Bryan Jiao

Optimist Team Trials

April 26-29, Key Biscayne YC
222 entries. Coach Manny Resano
Gold Fleet: 74 boats
51 Katharine Doble
Silver Fleet: 148 boats
39 Jordan Janov
69 Talia Hamlin
78 Callie Davis
141 Harry Bryan 🏆



Photo by Anke Beyer-Jordan

Patrick Mulcahy and skipper Ansgar Jordan (Coronado YC) are all smiles after winning Perry #4 and the overall 2017-18 SCYYRA Perry Series.



Photo by Madoka Hamlin

CYC juniors at the Optimist Team Trials: (standing) Emily Doble, Katharine Doble, Talia Hamlin, Jordan Janov; (seated) Callie Davis and Harry Bryan

SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Junior
Awards Banquet

Thursday, August 9



CYC Burgee Travels

Let us know where you and your CYC burgee have been. Pack your burgee on your travels and take a picture of it with you and your fellow CYC members. Submit to the *Breeze* editor, cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com.



Rear Commodore Stephanie Weston and Alan look like they're having a great time on vacation in Jamaica.

CHOPPED COCKTAIL CONTEST

FRIDAY, JUNE 22
EVENT STARTS AT 7 P.M.
ENJOY LIVE MUSIC

TEAMS UP TO 6 PEOPLE
COCKTAILS JUDGED ON
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- APPEARANCE
- PRESENTATION
- FLAVOR

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WINNING COCKTAIL WILL BE THE SPECIALTY
DRINK OF THE SUMMER

ON THE POOL PATIO

Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

CYC Issues a Yacht Club Challenge

By EVAN DAVIS, Dockmaster

The winner of this month's Balloon Fishing Contest is **Will Petersen**, who snagged this catch well

after Valentine's Day, proving the indestructibility of these sea monsters. Great work, Will. Enjoy the prime rib!

On any given weekend you can sail Santa Monica Bay and encounter 10 or 20 collapsed Mickey Mouse heads, dancing Minions, or happy birthday greetings adrift on the bay. Every month in 2017 the Club awarded members presenting the most dead balloons a free prime rib dinner for two. The results were fabulous with the Club's members capturing more than

100 of the plasticized foil killers in 2017.

In the March 23 issue of *Lectronic Latitude*, we issued a challenge to all yacht clubs and marinas on the west coast to meet or beat our record. Let's keep snagging these beasts and stay at the head of the pack in 2018!

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



WINE EXPLORATION DINNER

Friday, June 15
7 PM

\$75++ per person

Wines from Chile paired with select items from Chef Christian's new dining room menu

(310) 823-4567 for reservations

*cancellation policy in effect

On-the-Water Photography Contest Winner

S/C Denny Haythorn's dynamic photo of the Martin 242 fleet about to round the weather mark at the 2017 SCYA Midwinter Regatta was originally used on the back cover of the April 2017 issue of the *Breeze*. The Marina del Rey Visitors Center recently selected Denny's photo to be used as a mural in their newly renovated lobby. Check out Denny's photo at the MDR Visitors Center, located at 4701 Admiralty Way (cross-street is Mindanao Way).

In honor of his photo being selected, Denny is this month's on-the-water photo contest winner. Denny has won a bottle of fine wine selected by General Manager Michele Underwood.

Submit your entry to:

cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com.



Save the Date Friday, August 10

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at the CYC flagpole

Top off the weekend with a meaningful tribute
while enjoying a beautiful sunset.

CYCWA on the Horizon

By PENNY COLLINS

Book Mates

Thursday, July 12, 11:45 a.m., Fireside Room

“Pachinko,” by Min Jin Lee, follows one Korean family through several generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea when a young woman finds herself pregnant and, betrayed by her wealthy lover, marries a minister and moves with him to Japan. As the story continues, she endures discrimination and poverty, yet rises to meet the new and complex challenges that surface there. This book is a suspenseful tale of joy, heartbreak, wisdom, and truth. Linda Oistad will moderate.

First Mates Cruise

October 19-21

Make your reservations now for this special weekend in downtown Los Angeles, Friday, October 19 through Sunday, October 21. Cruise Co-chairs S/C Anne Sacks and Pati Etter have put together a remarkable itinerary. Friday evening starts with a club crawl to the Edison, Perch, and the Biltmore Hotel to listen to jazz, plus visits to other clubs nearby. Saturday afternoon features lunch on the Los Angeles Athletic Club (LAAC) rooftop and then free time to explore downtown L.A. The Saturday evening Suite Safari provides the opportunity to socialize and view the beautiful LAAC suites, followed by a Gatsby-themed dinner and dancing at the LAAC ballroom. Sunday everyone will gather at Penelope Cornwall’s wonderful Queen Anne/Victorian home early afternoon for cocktails, appetizers, and music provided by CYC Jammers.

Rooms at the LAAC are filling fast and are limited so be sure to make your reservations now. Rooms will be held on your CYC member card. Reservations 213-625-2211 – be sure to advise the reservation desk you are with the “CYC – DTLA Cruise” to ensure you receive the cruise rate. ♣



Photo by EO Diane Howard

First Mates Cruise Co-chairs and CYCWA Board at work: Co-chair Pati Etter, SEO Gail Namerow, Peggy Powers, Co-chair S/C Anne Sacks, SEO Carol Watkins, SEO Norma Pratt; Erin Petersen and Lily Petersen inspect the trophy cabinet.

CYCWA ACTIVITIES

Art Aficionados

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

Book Mates

First Thursday of the month, (except July), 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 On hiatus until September. Co-chairs are Leslie Bene and Michael Cubbin.

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

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

Paddle Tennis

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

True-to-Life Fiction, "Before We Were Yours," Sheds Light on a Shameful Chapter in American History

By SEO NORMA PRATT

Lisa Wingate's novel, "Before We Were Yours," provided an eye-opening experience for Book Mates readers at our May 3 luncheon discussion. Christina Woods, who chose the selection, moderated and offered her insights into this fictional treatment of real-life events. This historical fiction novel is based on the Memphis Baby Adoption Scandal, which took place at Georgia Tann's orphanage, the Tennessee Children's Home Society. In this period (1924-1950), some 5,000 babies were stolen both legally and illegally and up to 500 died of neglect and abuse, both physical and sexual. It was in this period that the Tennessee legislature passed the first law to seal adoption information.

The novel revolves around a family of four beautiful blond siblings taken from their shanty home while

their mother and father are at the hospital undergoing a difficult delivery of twins. The mother dies and the father is told that the twins did not survive. The children are distraught while life at the orphanage is arduous and abusive. They are basically cared for and made to feel loved only at the time of presentation for adoption. At the end of the novel, a reunion of surviving siblings is a wonderful surprise for the reader.

Everyone felt that Wingate's story was revealing and informative as to the lifestyle of the times and cast a spotlight on a shameful true story of child exploitation. The group also shared interesting discussions of personal present-day child adoption experiences.

Our July 12 selection is "Pachinko," by Min Jin Lee; Linda Oistad will moderate. The August selection is "Paris Time Capsule," by Ella Carvey. ♣

*"... based on
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orphanage ..."*

BOOK MATES



Thursday
July 12
11:45 a.m.
\$16.00++



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PACHINKO

Min Jin Lee

"A powerful meditation on what immigrants sacrifice to achieve a home in the world. *Pachinko* confirms Lee's place among our finest novelists."

—JUNOT DÍAZ

Moderator:
Linda Oistad

Reservations:
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SURF N TURF

Howland's Cruise

This is the second catered cruise to Howland's Landing

Friday, July 13 - Sunday, July 15

Friday - On your own

Saturday - CYC staff will provide lunch (surf) and dinner (turf). After dinner The Drunken Sailors Band will rock the dock with a concert under the palapa for everyone's enjoyment.

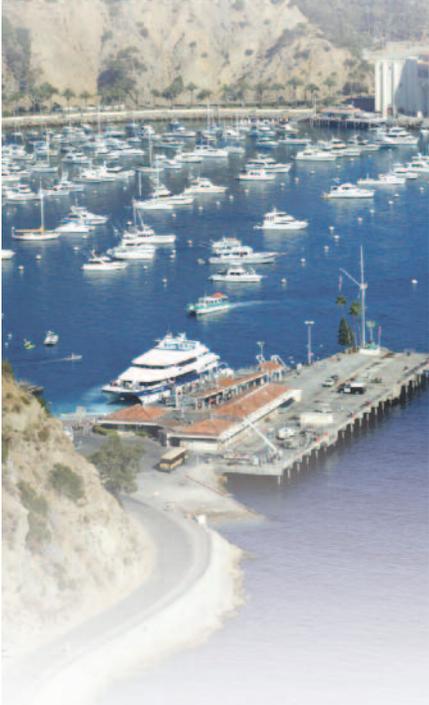
Sunday - Head back to CYC







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From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD



Summer has arrived at CYC! We

have new umbrellas at the pool, the snack bar is cranking out burgers, and we have a new crop of kids learning how to sail. So many fun things are in store for us this season.

We are introducing some new things in the dining room this month and throughout the summer season.

On June 15 we will have our first in a series of wine exploration dinners in the dining room. It will be limited to 24 people and will pair new items from our dinner menu with wines from around the world. Led by Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell, this month's dinner will explore the wines of Chile.

Later this summer we will offer special chef's table dinners and cooking classes. We will also add another bingo night or two. Watch out for special *Zephyr* announcements to come!

Our pool patio cocktail parties will serve up more fun. Our June 22 party will include a cocktail contest with the winner's drink featured at the CYC bar for the summer. We are looking for six teams (two to four people per team) who think they have what it takes to be our winning mixologists. We will provide alcohol and everything you need

to make a drink. Sign up at the front desk by June 17 and provide us

with your team name.

Our Father's Day barbeque brunch has proven to be one of our most popular brunches each year. Bring Dad down and enjoy an array of salads, seafood, freshly grilled fish, chicken, sausages, pork and beef, and delicious desserts. Reservations are encouraged as we will sell out.

You can revisit the "Summer of Love" cruising to Long Beach Marina and Shoreline Yacht Club the weekend of June 15. Chairs Steven Myles and Cecilia Samartin have put together a weekend of activities and a dinner at Shoreline Yacht Club on Saturday night. Check out the cruising bulletin board for further information and call the front desk if you intend to join the cruise.

Calling all HAM radio operators! RAG field day will be in full swing on June 23. Starting at 11 a.m., radio operators will join a field day which has participants from around the world. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. for participating members. This is an activity that both older children and adults can participate in, so all are welcome.

Don't forget to make plans to be at CYC for July 4th, featuring a barbeque and fireworks show not to be missed!

See you 'round the Club. ♣

RADIO AMATEUR GROUP'S

Field Day

Saturday, June 23

The Radio Amateur Group wants to extend a special invitation to every Cal Yacht Club member to come and join us on June 23.

Field Day will be held in the parking lot of the Club.

Operations will begin at 11 a.m. and we will be feeding our members at 1 p.m.

We will serve refreshments and there will be a no-host bar.

We have made Field Day into a combination emergency exercise and party. On Saturday, June 23, we will be using our antenna and operating off the power grid to ensure that the California Yacht Club can provide emergency communication during a local or national disaster.

Come and experience HAM radio, eat some great food, and learn to operate the station.

Please RSVP before June 21 to radiopascal@earthlink.net.



JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE HIGHLIGHTS						
1-3 Cal Cup 2-3 Cal Race Week 9 Power Fleet Dock Party 10 FAC Ice Cream Social	10 YP Yoga & Mimosas 10 Jr. Sailing Pizza Party 15-17 Cruise to Shoreline Village 17 Father's Day BBQ		22 Cocktail Contest 23 RAG Field Day 24 YP Bocce Ball 28 Jr. Muddy Feet		Cal Cup Seafood Buffet	1 Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 2 Cal Cup Cal Race Week Pickleball
Brunch 3 Cal Cup Cal Race Week Boot Camp Class Knit or Knot Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Club closed 4 Pickleball	Club closed 5 Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 6 Sunset Series Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 7 Book Mates Fleet Council Mtg. Mah Jongg Starlight Series	8 Match Racing Seafood Buffet	9 Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis PF Dock Party Adult Learn to Sail #3 Pickleball
YP Yoga & Mimosas 10 FAC Ice Cream Social Jr. Sailing Pizza Party Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Club closed 11 Junior Summer Sailing Begins Pickleball	Club closed 12 Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 13 CYCWA Art Aficionados Sunset Series Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 14 Jr. Committee Mtg. Sail Committee Mtg. Starlight Series Mah Jongg	15 Cruise to Shoreline YC Seafood Buffet	16 Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis Cruise to Shoreline YC Adult Learn to Sail Pickleball
Father's Day BBQ 17 Cruise to Shoreline YC Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot	Club closed 18 Pickleball	Club closed 19 Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 20 Sunset Series Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 21 Fam. Comm. Mtg. Mah Jongg Starlight Series	New Member Mtg. 22 Cocktail Contest with Live Jazz Seafood Buffet	23 Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis RAG Field Day Adult Learn to Sail #3 Pickleball
Brunch 24 Adult Learn to Sail #3 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis YP Bocce Ball	Club closed 25 Jr. Camp Session #1 Pickleball	Club closed 26 Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 27 Sunset Series CYCWA Art Aficionados Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 28 Jr. Muddy Feet Bridge Mtg. Starlight Series Mah Jongg YP Happy Hour	29 Match Racing Seafood Buffet	30 <i>Breeze Deadline</i>

JULY 2018

Brunch 1 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot Yoga Class	Club closed 2 Pickleball	Club closed 3 Women's Paddle Tennis	Independence 4 Day Power Fleet Firecracker Dinghy Cruise 4th of July BBQ Sunset Series no race July 4th	Women's Paddle Tennis 5 Jr. Muddy Feet Fleet Council Mtg. Starlight Series Mah Jongg	6 Seafood Buffet	7 Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis Adult Learn to Sail #4 Pickleball
Brunch 8 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Pacific Cup Deepwater Series #2	Club closed 9 Jr. Camp Session #2 Begins Pickleball	Club closed 10 Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 11 CYCWA Art Aficionados Sunset Series Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 12 Book Mates Jr. Comm. Mtg. Sail Comm. Mtg. Mah Jongg Starlight Series	13 Surf 'n' Turf Cruise Match Racing Seafood Buffet	14 Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis Surf 'n' Turf Cruise Adult Learn to Sail #4 Pickleball

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