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CYC Competition Fund Athletes

MARCH 2018

From the Commodore

Saturday, March 10, is Opening Day at California Yacht Club. It's a day full of flags, music, cannon shots, blue blazers, and plenty of good things to eat and drink. At our Club, it's an all-day celebration of the good times in store for the coming yachting season.

"Commodore, the harbor is free of ice!" How many times have you heard this declaration at the Club's Opening Day ceremony?

Here's a little yachting trivia for you to use at your next dinner party that you host in the Club dining room. On Opening Day, the harbor is declared "free of ice." This nautical tidbit has its roots deep in maritime history, or, really, in the history of maritime business.

In the mid-1600s (as it is today), insurance on commercial vessels was purchased, for the most part, at Lloyds of London. The Baltic Sea, where significant trading was done at that time, had ice and terrible storms during the winter months which endangered the vessels of the day. Underwriters at Lloyds would not sell insurance to vessel- and cargo-owners until the end of February, when the Baltic was declared "free of ice" and the underwriters agreed that it was then safe for navigation.

And so it is that we (and numerous other yacht clubs) use this phrase during our official opening of the yachting season. And, have no fear, the harbor may be free of ice, but the bar upstairs will have plenty!

For Barbie and me, Opening Day signals that it's time to get ready for summer. We must tend to maintenance items aboard our boat so we can enjoy a few of the Club cruises, and maybe some scuba diving at Catalina or other local spots as the water warms up. We'll probably be doing some Wednesday night race committee work, so we check our lifejackets and "go bags" for working lights, portable radios, etc. Lately, we never miss calendaring Friday night match racing. And, we always make sure to schedule in the dock parties!



Martin H. McCarthy Photography

Barbie and Commodore Mike Blecher attend Opening Day.

Competition Fund

Hey, what's that \$36 on my bill? It's the sole source of funding for California Yacht Club's Competition Fund, which ensures that well-prepared, competitive teams are able to represent our Club at prestigious and important sailing competitions around the world. Most, if not all, of the events listed in the abbreviated Club history section of our roster were, in some part, supported by this fund. Incidentally, if you have never read those pages in the roster, DO IT. It's fascinating.

On behalf of the members of the Bridge, I extend personal thanks to you for volunteering to support this annual drive.

See ya' on (or under) the water!

Interesting Boats

Mike and Debbie Zeiden own *Pozeiden*. Isn't that just the perfect name for their boat? It's a Marquis 660 Sport Yacht, 65', with two 1200-horsepower engines. Ladies and gents, this boat is FAST. When they had it built in 2014, Debbie was able to customize it with her choices in lighting fixtures, bath faucets, marble, etc. The boat is stunning, inside and out. The Zeidens and *Pozeiden* are regular cruisers to a variety of destinations, including Catalina. 🇺🇸



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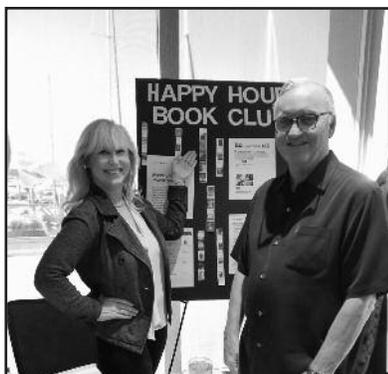
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Competition Fund



Activities Showcase



CYCWA Installation

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FRONT COVER CYC's Competition Fund provides financial support to our members as they prepare for and participate in regional, national, and international competition. Grant and Ryan Janov, Bastien Rasse, Zack Steinfeld, Marilyn Cassedy and team, and Talia Hamlin are just a few of the CYC athletes the fund supported in 2017.

Photos by Matías Capizzano and Madoka Hamlin

BACK COVER Alan Field and his *WTF* crew placed third out of 17 boats at the Melges 24 Midwinter Tune-up, held January 19-21 and hosted by Miami Shake-A-Leg.

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Presents
Its

*Twenty-Ninth Annual Dinner
Celebrating California Yacht Club Members of 25 Years or More.*

We will honor the following inductees who joined the Club in 1993:

Todd Arutunian Clarke J. De Maigret Susan Doherty
James Gamber David B. Geeting Yoshinosuke Kurita
SEO Linda G. Liles S/C Richard R. Mainland Victor Snider

And its esteemed Members of Fifty Years:

Jon Byk Stephen M. Carlson Mary Ruth Dicks
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Gloria Ward Woehler

*Club 25 Dinner
Friday, March 16
Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m.
\$60.00 ++ / \$77.17 Inclusive per person
Club Blazer Attire*

All CYC members are encouraged to attend what will be a truly memorable evening.



Join the festivities and let the flags fly!

Dress your boat by 0800 on Saturday, March 10

A prize will be awarded in a random drawing among the dressed ships on the finger having the greatest percentage of boats dressed for our Opening Day.



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

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"The Treasure is All Around Us" Opening Day, March 10

By Fleet Captain TIM CLARKE and
S/C BILL MOORE, Protocol Officer

CYC will celebrate the beginning of the yachting season on Saturday, March 10, at our traditional Opening Day ceremony. Come join your fellow members and visiting dignitaries in celebrating Commodore Mike Blecher's "The Treasure is All Around Us" theme as we officially declare our Club in commission for the 2018 season.

"The Treasure is All Around Us" evokes visions of the treasures that we share at our Club, on our beautiful Santa Monica Bay, on our weekend cruises to Catalina, and also this year on the Commodore's Cruise to the beautiful isles of the Fiji shores of golden sand, sunshine, happiness, and song.

The day commences with dressing ship and will conclude with a special evening colors and cannon salute. Enjoy a delicious luncheon and then partake in an afternoon of family fun both at the Club and on the docks.

Opening Day is rich in traditions, some formal and others informal; below are the protocols for members' attire and saluting:

Opening ceremony dress for members:

- Club blazer with white shirt or white blouse.
- Current red-colored official CYC tie for men or CYC scarf for women (available at the front desk along with the gold bullion club crest worn on the blazer breast left pocket).
- Trousers, pants or skirt, traditionally white in color.
- Dress shoes in white, black, or tan.

- 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.

Saluting and blessings: Bridge Officers and Staff Commodores wearing a service cap render a military hand salute with the wrist straight and brought to the brim of the cap. Veterans and active duty personnel not in uniform are allowed to render a military-style hand salute whether wearing an informal cover (ball cap, sailing hat, or no hat) or not. Men in attendance wearing an informal cover would remove their cover and place it over their heart. Women would not remove their informal cover (hat or headgear) but would place their right hand over their heart. Render a salute as follows: 1) When the Color Guard passes until the colors are presented; 2) during the playing of the national anthem; 3) during the Pledge of Allegiance; and 4) as the Color Guard passes retiring the colors.

During blessings or moments of silence for the departed (eight bells), rise unless directed otherwise by the speaker, remove your cap and place it under your left arm, bow your head, and bring your hands together. Note: Women would not remove covers or hats but would bow their head and bring their hands together.

With plenty of fun, laughter, and celebrations there will be many moments to treasure what promises to be a wonderful day at CYC – come early and stay all day! ☘

Competition Fund Supports Our Athletes

By S/C CRAIG LEEDS

California Yacht Club is considered by many to be among the country's best. Although there are many reasons CYC is held in such high regard, the results our members have compiled in competitions over the years is among the most important.

To help ensure CYC would always remain among the best, the Competition Fund was established in 1997 to encourage and support our members, so they may have a better chance in reaching their goals in local, national, and international regattas. Back then, it was noted the yacht clubs we wished to be our peers supported their competitors in a similar manner. While we don't lavish luxury upon the teams we support, our goal is to offset some expenses related to training and competing incurred by our members so they may do their best when they race under the CYC burgee.

Even though some of our Club members spend untold amounts of money on their particular campaigns, we've been told many times that just the fact that CYC offers a degree of encouragement and support can help take their campaign to a higher level.

The Competition Fund supports sailors and rowers, both juniors and adults. In 2017 the Competition Fund helped a wide variety of campaigns and age ranges. Here's just a small sample of CYC members and events the Competition Fund assisted in 2017:

- **Drew Freides**, winner of the Melges 20 World Championship.
- **Allie Blecher** and **Liz Hjorth** at the International Women's Keelboat Championship.
- **Marilyn Cassidy** and team at the Chicago Spring Invitational and the San Francisco Bay Women's Match Race and Clinic.
- **Denise George** and team at the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Regatta.
- Many **junior sailors** who participated in US Sailing Youth Champs, the CISA clinic, the I-14 Development Clinic, the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta, Team Trials, and 49er Junior World Championships.
- **Rowers** at the Head of the Charles Regatta and the USRowing Youth National Championships.

One of the primary methods the Competition Fund aids our competitors is by encouraging and supporting coaching for our competitors - whether for a single racer or a clinic for an entire fleet. To help provide coaching to our CYC members, the Competition Fund has a hard-bottom inflatable which may be requested for use when coaching CYC competitors.

Since its inception, the Competition Fund has been able to help our Club's competitors solely through

voluntary contributions. On an upcoming CYC statement, members will see the chance to donate \$36 to the fund. We coordinate our efforts with the Challenge Fund so we do the most good with the funds we have.

Competition Fund request forms may be found on the Club website along with the other Club documents.

For more information on the Competition Fund, please contact me, Marylyn Hoenemeyer, or S/C Bill Petersen, who, together, make up this year's Competition Fund Committee.

We thank you for your generous support over the years. ⚓



MARCH 18 KEELBOAT PROGRAM TRY A SAIL DAY

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Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

Berger Series #1: Malibu and Return

January 6, Del Rey YC

PHRF AA: 6 boats

2 Roy Disney, *Pyewacket*

PHRF B: 17 boats

3 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF C: 8 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

3 Derek Heeb, *Redline*

J/70 Winter Series Weekend 2

January 6-7, Davis Island YC

53 boats

8 Jeff Janov, *Minor Threat*

Melges 24 Midwinter Tune-Up

January 19-21, Miami Shake-A-Leg

17 boats

3 Alan Field, *WTF*

Champagne Regatta

January 20, South Bay Yacht Racing Club

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 John Staff, *TBD*

PHRF B: 4 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Mark Your Calendar: Go Sailing this Spring!

By MARILYN CASSEDY

The CYC Keelboat program is excited to start 2018 with growing participation among our membership and big plans for the coming year. More and more Club members have joined the program to use our two Club Martin 242s for day sails with friends and family or for a couple of racing options.

A key area of success for the program in the last few years has been a strong interest in the Learn to Sail program, which has helped get even more CYC members out on the water. We're planning class sessions in April, May, June, July, and August for 2018, and based on the interest we saw last year expect each session to fill up quickly. Sign up now!

In addition to learning to sail and gaining confidence on the water, members have used the boats in a few different types of racing. This year, the program will continue to run match racing every other Friday night during the summer, as well as another edition of last year's popular Match Racing Clinic on April 22. As an exciting end to our season, the match racing series will culminate in a full-day Club championship regatta this October.

In the lead up to the Martin 242 North American Championship last year, the Martins were used for fleet

racing on Wednesday nights in the Sunset Series and in both one design and PHRF capacities on the weekends. This is a great way to get into a competitive fleet without owning and maintaining a race boat, and will continue to be a popular option for program members.

A variety of additional repairs and updates took place this winter to keep the boats race ready. This included an update to *Mischief's* deck and routine maintenance on both boats. With these finishing touches, we know the boats will be ready for another exciting summer of day sails and racing on Santa Monica Bay.

In addition to a full racing program, the program will offer additional chances for CYC members to get familiar with the program and all it has to offer. We'll host another Try A Sail day on March 18, where we welcome everyone to come to the guest dock and try out the Martins for themselves, in addition to meeting some of the people already participating in the program. We'd love to get your feedback on our program and other offerings that might interest you. You can reach us at cyckeelboat@gmail.com.

See you on the water! ⚓

**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.

Miami Olympic Training

By AIDAN MOBLEY



Aidan Mobley and crew Kyle Collins lead the pack downwind during morning warm-ups.

Each year in January, top Olympic teams from all over the world contend with each other at the Olympic Class Regatta (OCR) for both the honor of qualifying as their country's top team, and for the gold at the World Cup event. Every year before the event, the US Sailing Team puts on a small, invitation-only, intense training camp for its Olympic Development Team and Team USA sailors. The camp consists of seven days of top-tier coaching by previous Olympians and current Olympic coaches, and includes start and racing practice against teams from around the world. Nationally renowned for its successful alumni such as Fred Stammer, Jimmy Spithill, Caleb Paine, and Dave Perry, the camp is intended to show the future Olympic sailors on the Olympic Development Program (ODP) what racing looks like at the top level as well as a dial up for the current Olympic teams in anticipation of the OCR.

It was day three of the 49er Olympic Training Camp at the US Sailing Center in Miami. The fleet had been grounded by heavy weather and today was the first day we could sail. My crew, Kyle Collins, and I had been eagerly awaiting a break in the storm. We had checked and rechecked the rigging and blocks on the 49er, over and over again. We knew we were up against the best and didn't want a preventable issue holding us back. The first two days had consisted of land drills and tactic talks by Team GBR head coach Mark

Asquith, nutrition tips by the U.S. Olympic nutritionist, and the famous animated rules talk by Dave Perry. At 8 a.m. on the third day, my crew and I arrived at the U.S. Sailing Center and began to rig. The meeting time was 10 a.m., but we wanted to be the first on the water to prepare for the heavy racing ahead of us that day. The forecast called for 12-15 knots but that morning had been a red dawn and as every seaman knows: "Red sky in morning, sailors take warning."

Fast forward four hours. My crew and I had been briefed about the day's races and were warming up near the starting line. Seventeen teams had shown up for the day's races, some from as far as Argentina and Sweden. Mark Asquith of Team GBR had taken the lead by appointing himself RC and "moral support in case of bad strategy." He had set up a starting line and all were eagerly awaiting the first whistle. After a few more line sights and some unintelligible British yelling, the whistle for three minutes was blown.

The first two minutes were a blur, my crew and I zigged and zagged through the chaos trying to find a spot on the line. We stayed back and laid low for a clear lane to open until the one-minute mark. "There!" Kyle looked back at me and pointed to a spot right near the pin end. "It's not the most favored, but it's fast," he said. "Got it," I said as I pushed the bow up and worked my way in. What happened next was unbelievable. Out of nowhere the wind clocked left and picked up to 20 knots. Our

spot had now become the favored end and like a band of wolves spotting a hurt deer, 16 of the top sailors in the 49er class turned their boats and headed for us. On my left was the current Team USA and on my right was Team GBR, each boat growing closer and closer to us as they walked up the line using their battens as a weapon to steer the boat. We were pinned but still had a clear lane and space to power up. All I could think about was winning this start. TEN! The seconds counter on the watch beeped. I told my crew to slam on the main, NINE!, "DON'T GO IN THERE!" I chirped at the Spanish Olympic Team. SEVEN, SIX, FIVE, "Let's go, main on!" FOUR THREE ... TWO ... ONE ... BANG. We shot out on the pin end. I had a clear lane, full speed, and a crew whose only thoughts were keeping the main trimmed and boat powered up. We pushed past the leeward boat and managed to pinch our competitors to windward. My crew and I had won the start ... but it was full-send conditions and all I could do was hold on for the ride.

"We got 'em," I said to my crew as we sent it upwind; half the fleet had tacked out, and now we had an advantage. Water sprayed into our faces as the bow pierced through the whitecaps. I knew we had this leg of the course but I was afraid of the bear-away at the top mark. It was breeze on and we were the lightest team. Seven minutes later my crew and I were on final lay line to the mark, we were in second, but the last place boat was only 20 boat lengths away. The fleet had not separated and everyone was within a boat length of the preceding boat. The cacophony of sailors calling for room, the

wind howling, sails flapping, and skippers cursing under their breath was nothing but a reason for us to push harder. We were locked in the moment, with absolute focus: "Okay, this is it. Say your prayers, we are sending in three." I slid as far back on the wings as I could. "Three, two, one, BEAR AWAY! The boat flew around the weather mark, we went from 10 knots upwind to 25 in a matter of seconds, my crew and I fully out as we desperately tried to keep the boat flat. WHAPAAAA! Suddenly, the bow dug into a wave and my crew and I went flying over the 28-foot mast. A 26-knot puff had hit and it was chaos. Half the fleet went over and rounding the mark became impossible.

I wish I could say that I righted the boat and won the race. But I didn't. I lost that race but I learned something very important. I learned that I competed, I learned that I had the skill to be with the big boys. I had the skill to be in the pack and potentially do well. The ODP clinic above all else is about learning and that's exactly what I did. For five days I did nothing but sail and sleep. When I boarded the flight from the clinic back to school, I didn't feel burned out or tired. Instead I felt a burning sensation to sail twice as hard I used to. To push myself for that extra speed during the next tack. To put 110% into my training. I wanted to sail even more than I do now, I wanted all this because I saw a future where I could be on the US Sailing Team representing CYC at the Olympics.

I want to thank CYC for providing me with the support and expertise to get me to the level I am now. Thank you for the funds and thank you for the time you have spent helping me succeed. ⚓

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Sunday, April 8



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Race Team Results

By GUILLAUME RASSE, Junior Program Director

SCYYRA Shadden Series #3

January 13, San Diego YC
Coached by Will Petersen

CFJ: 28 boats

- 3 Gavin McJones/Bastien Rasse
- 4 Sidney Gathrid (Del Rey YC)/Wynslow Wilmot
- 10 Chris Kayda (Santa Barbara YC)/Alexis Westland



Photo by Madeline McJones

Gavin McJones and Bastien Rasse placed third out of 28 boats in Shadden Series #3.



Photo by Bronny Daniels joysailing.com

Jordan Janov starts at the boat end and placed fourth out of 24 Optis at the Super Bowl Regatta.

SCYA Harold Adams Team Race

January 14-15, San Diego YC
Coached by Will Petersen

15 teams

- 7 Team Marina del Rey: Gavin McJones, Bastien Rasse, Wynslow Wilmot (1st Silver)

Super Bowl Regatta

January 27, Santa Monica
Windjammers YC
Coached by Roberto Ayala, Bruno Mello, and Guillaume Rasse

Tera: 8 boats

- 1 Lucca Farrell
- 3 Boyer Tooley
- 4 Sam Suddath
- 7 Max Jacobson
- 8 Clara Commons and Lexie Bugacov

Opti Champs: 24 boats

- 1 Katharine Doble
- 4 Jordan Janov
- 5 Talia Hamlin
- 6 Callie Davis
- 7 Tessa Farrell
- 8 Emily Doble
- 9 Mika Sternberg
- 11 Tommy Kraak

- 12 Carsten Zieger
 - 13 Matthew Commons
 - 16 Noah Corelli
 - 17 Harry Bryan
- Laser Radial: 9 boats
- 1 Bastien Rasse
 - 2 Ryan Janov
 - 3 Kieran Shocklee
 - 4 Maia Dastur
 - 6 Julia Rychlik

SCYYRA Perry Series #3

January 27-28, U.S. Sailing Center Long Beach

C420: 21 boats

- 1 Ansgar Jordan (Coronado YC)/Patrick Mulcahy
- 3 Brock Paquin (Coronado YC)/Wynslow Wilmot
- 4 Gavin McJones/Sally Wilmot (San Francisco YC)

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Junior Nautical Fair

By Junior Commodore RYAN JANOV

The 2018 Junior Bridge (Commodore Ryan Janov, Vice Commodore Alexis Westland, Rear Commodore Harrison Zeigler, and Race Team Captain Bastien Rasse) held its first-ever event on January 20, with one goal of bringing back friends from summer camp and keeping the social life alive during the winter season. It was just what the sailors needed after a great day of sailing with large wind and waves.

The CYC Nautical Fair was a fun night for all. The event hosted approximately 30 kids ranging from eight to 16 years of age. We had three experts: Commodore Mike Blecher explaining celestial navigation, S/C Tom O'Connor demonstrating marlinspike seamanship, and racing member Doug McLean presenting the life of a professional sailor (Cat 3). We had groups rotating around these speakers in a workshop style. Following the workshops, everyone enjoyed pizza and socialized with some of their sailing buddies from the summer.

Following the pizza dinner, everyone joined in an intense game of sailing Jeopardy. We separated the sailors into five teams and let the competition begin. Some of the questions were from the speakers' presentations to quiz everyone's newfound knowledge. Celestial navigation proved to be the hardest topic. Overall the night was a huge success and the Junior Bridge hopes to host more events in the future with the same goal of reuniting summertime friends. ⚓



Commodore Mike Blecher shows the juniors a circle of equal altitude during a demonstration of celestial navigation at the Nautical Fair.

Photo by Jim Anderson



Professional sailor Doug McLean explains his career.

Photo by Heather Janov

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CYC Gamer Night Fun for Kids and Parents

By JENNIFER DAKOSKE KOSLU, Gamer Night Co-chair

The Family Activities Committee hosted its fourth annual Gamer Night on a balmy night in January. Kids ages eight and up were invited to join in all sorts of play. The Fireside Room boasted a kid-friendly buffet, as well as a brand-new table tennis table and foosball table. Just outside in the parking lot sat a state-of-the-art video game bus with all the latest and greatest games.

This year, in an effort to bring something new to this event, Co-chair Andrea Hynes and I brought in an Escape Bus game. Located in a converted school bus, the kids had to work as a team to solve multiple riddles and puzzles to escape the school bus! The kids were divided into seven teams, each one competing against the other for the shortest amount of time. As it turned out, winning at an escape game is just like the game of life; the teams with the best scores were those who cooperated and worked together as a team.

The evening ended with cupcakes and a film. The parents, who had taken over the bar, ended up shutting down the party with a few games of table tennis and foosball as well. After all, Gamer Night isn't just for the kids! ♣



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Hosted by the Family Activities Committee

CYC's Activities Showcase was a Big Hit!

By Port Captain MONICA ANTOLA

CYC's members were offered a vast variety of activities and events at this year's Activities Showcase. The Fireside Room, atrium, and lawn were teeming with members enjoying the hors d'oeuvres, libations, and learning about the many exciting things the Club has on offer in 2018.

For those interested in sports and sporting events, we had activities such as the Sportsman's Club, paddle tennis, pickleball, and golf. Scuba was also on hand to show you the treasures beneath the surface, while the keelboat, junior, and rowing programs were there if you preferred enjoying the treasures above the surface.

CYCWA did a wonderful job displaying their many fun activities. Whether it be joining in with mah jongg, bridge, book clubs, knitting, or painting, they had you covered. With a visit to the Tournament House and the floral design workshop, there really is something for everyone!

Cruisers can navigate to various exciting locals this year: Howland's Landing, Avalon, 4th of July Cove, and Moonstone Cove on Catalina Island, as well as some destinations on the mainland like King Harbor, Long Beach, and Downtown Los Angeles for the First Mates Cruise. The Commodore's Cruise promises to be action-packed while exploring Fiji and all her island treasures.

Free flip flops, dock parties, Mariner's Education, fishing, and day cruises were the order of the day at the Power Fleet tables. They have many fun events are planned this year that are not to be missed.

Family Activities Committee had burgees for the kids to custom-design, and many fun events are planned throughout the year. They also took advantage of the great weather to show off some of their new games like ping pong and foosball on the lawn.

The Young Professionals were busy networking and signing up new participants while the Coast Guard AUX was educating us about the effects of plastics on the ocean we all love.

Race Committee was busy recruiting volunteers to help with the many regattas that CYC hosts throughout the year and giving away dry shirts.

The Radio Amateur Group was tuned in and happy to give great insight into the world of HAM radio.

Traditional events such as Evening Colors, Epicurean Dinners, and holiday celebrations were also present.

After careful deliberation by our judges (S/C David Collins, F/C Tim Clarke, CYCWA EO Diane Howard, and Commodore's Liaison Barbie Blecher) the following prizes were awarded:

Best Video: Scuba

Best Use of Music: Family Cruise

Best Display: Family Activities Committee

Best Decorations: Holiday

Best Libations: Power Fleet

Most Romantic: CYCWA First Mates Cruise

Safest: Coast Guard

Most Artistic with Participation: Art Aficionados

Thank you to Chef Christian and the staff for all of their work putting this event together. With so many exciting activities offered in 2018 I do hope you'll join in the fun! 🍷



Photo by V/C Debbie Feinerman

The Family Activities Committee gears up for a fun year with homemade masks and alternative burgees.



Photo by V/C Debbie Feinerman

Art Aficionados, inspired by Randy Sprout (far right), take turns at creating their group masterpiece.



Photo by P/C Monica Antola

Getting ready for CYC holidays: Naomi Hochman (Passover Seder), Kaylin Hall and Samantha Caldwell (Holiday Tree Trimming), and Tawni Schutter (Easter Egg Hunt)

2018 Cruising Season Kickoff Party

By PENNY COLLINS

Join the fun as we review details of this year's extensive cruising season! Beginning in April with the King Harbor Cruise, and proceeding to the Howland's Work Party in May, we then continue this festive season with the Summer of Love in June at Long Beach. July will bring a repeat of the extraordinary Howland's Surf 'n' Turf as well as the Family Cruise. August will take us to Avalon in mid-week, and, in September, Commodore Mike Blecher and Barbie will lead an intrepid group to Fiji. October will offer an exciting season finale: Lobster Fest at Fourth of July YC, and a fabulous weekend in downtown Los Angeles for the First Mates cruise at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Whether you are an experienced cruiser or are new to the Club and its activities beyond Marina del Rey, please plan to attend as we review the 2018 schedule and locations and discuss mooring and accommodation details. The individual cruise chairs will be on hand to answer specific questions, and as this year's cruising options are so varied, each event will offer its own set of best practices for preparation. The 2018 season offers a great opportunity to experience Commodore Blecher's theme, "The Treasure is All Around Us," as we explore and enjoy these cruising opportunities together.

2018 Cruising Season Kickoff Party

Friday, March 30, 7 p.m.
Fireside Room

**Complimentary snacks and
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All CYC members are welcome
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Passover at CYC – A New Tradition!

By NAOMI HOCHMAN, Co-chair

Whether you celebrate Passover each year and simply want to skip all the prep and clean-up, or you want to experience a Seder (Passover dinner) for the first time, you are invited to bring your friends and family to CYC's third annual Passover Seder. By popular demand, our Seder will be held at the Club on the second night of Passover, Saturday, March 31, at 6 p.m. sharp.

Besides the four cups of wine and plenty of matzo ball soup, you'll get to taste Chef Christian's delicious gefilte fish and his unforgettable beef brisket. Cantor Teri Sulc and her guitar will lead us in telling the story of the Exodus, plus there will be fun activities and prizes for the kids.

CYC's Seder was an enormous success the past two years, with more than 100 attendees in its inaugural year of

3rd Annual CYC Passover Seder

2nd Night of Pesach
Saturday, March 31
at 6pm SHARP!

Adults \$62 ++
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2016 and an early sellout in 2017, so be sure to reserve early by calling or emailing the front desk today. Smaller parties may join others at a communal table, or you may reserve a private table for your entire family.

Want to join the planning committee? Email Co-chair Naomi Hochman at ncoop@yahoo.com. ☛



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.



Drew Baldwin exchanged burgees with Ahmed Al Marzooqi, coach of Dhow Sailing Academy at the Abu Dhabi Sailing & Yacht Club in the United Arab Emirates. Dhows are traditional wooden sailing vessels with lateen sails, designed according to the traditions and secrets of the dhow sailing families. This heritage sport traces its origin to the time when dhows were used in pearl diving, fishing, and transporting goods.



Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By EVAN DAVIS, Dockmaster

Our first winner of 2018 brought in a record shore-fishing catch of 14 predatory balloons. **John Hjorth** collected these beauties barehanded while surfing in Santa Monica Bay. Nice work, Johnnie, and congratulations to you and Jeanette on the free prime rib dinner!

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. 🇺🇸



On-the-Water Photography Contest Winner



Mike Priest took this magical photo of a double rainbow on January 9, the first rainy day of the season. He was on board his boat, *Dash*, in her slip at CYC, and noted that “there’s a pot of gold in there somewhere,” or, as Commodore Mike Blecher might say, “The treasure is all around us!” Mike has won a bottle of fine wine selected by General Manager Michele Underwood.

Submit your entry to: cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com.

CYCWA Officer Installation and Awards Luncheon

By First Officer PAM SPRIGGS

Surely there are no evil spirits left within CYC, as the Chinese lion and accompanying noisemakers drove them all away with their parade around the Fireside Room during Diane Howard's installation as CYCWA Executive Officer. What a sight! If only we could include video in the *Breeze*.

Diane chose "Getting to Know You" as her theme, explaining that, though we have many friends and acquaintances at CYC, it's important and fun to get to know the many, often hidden, talents that each member brings to the Club. SEO Carol Watkins, Installing Officer, certainly demonstrated her creative talent in organizing the lion and Chinese-themed installation. Other talents on display included the musical talent of Zoran Segina, photography skills of Alan Weston, and creative genius of Michele Fisher, whose Chinese-themed table displays added pops of color throughout the room. Chef Christian Monchâtre's talents definitely shone with his creative use of foods to fit the Chinese theme. His macadamia-crusted chicken breast and deconstructed spring roll salad were delicious, and his imaginative "sweet sushi" dessert was a "wow!" conclusion to the meal.

Shirley Cabeen was named CYCWA Woman of the Year for her continued contributions to CYCWA, writing the On the Horizon column each month for the *Breeze*, chaire hospitality, and sharing her creativity at Knit or Knot. The CYCWA Fleet Service Award was presented to Randy Sprout for his many, many hours devoted to planning and running various activities for CYC, including teaching painting and chaire dances, dock parties, cruises, and fishing events at CYC.

2017 Executive Officer Dawn Sprout summarized her year, "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" (we did!), and was presented with her CYCWA SEO medallion, a framed photo of her board, and a beautiful memory book organized by Setsuko Anthony, containing pages created by all of Dawn's event and activity chairs.

The lion dance introduced the installation portion of the afternoon. In keeping with the day's theme, each officer was presented with a Chinese item related to her office as she was installed, and a Year of the Dog woven dog containing a small lucky bamboo plant. Diane agreed to carry out the duties of her office and accepted her gavel and burgee. Finally, Commodore Mike Blecher led the group in a champagne toast to Diane and her 2018 Board.

Thank you to all who were involved in organizing and producing a wonderful event to kick off the year. CYCWA is off to a great start! 🍀



Ron and Executive Officer Diane Howard with Commodore Mike Blecher



Fleet Service Award winner Randy Sprout and Jr. SEO Dawn Sprout



2018 Executive Board: Jr. SEO Dawn Sprout, Sec. Connie Webster, SO Michelle Ondrey, FO Pam Spriggs, and EO Diane Howard

Photos by Alan Weston



Woman of the Year Award recipient Shirley Cabeen with Jr. SEO Dawn Sprout



SEOs: (seated) Betta Mortarotti, Loraine Colich, Nancy Matzdorff, Mary Jane McClintock, and R/C Stephanie Weston, (standing) Carol Watkins, Norma Pratt, Jr. SEO Dawn Sprout, (not pictured: Michele Caylor)

Photo by Pam Spriggs



A Chinese lion dance with noisemakers is performed to ward away any evil spirits inside CYC and to ensure a good year for CYCWA



2018 Executive and Appointed Board: (seated) SO Michelle Ondrey, FO Pam Spriggs, EO Diane Howard, Sec. Connie Webster, Jr. SEO Dawn Sprout, (standing) SEO Norma Pratt, Sue Purcell, Laura Greenburg, Barbie Blecher, Michele Fisher, SEO Mary Jane McClintock, Carly Saltzman, SEO Nancy Matzdorff, Marylyn Hoenemeyer, Pati Etter, Penny Collins, S/C Cheryl Mahaffey, and Susan Haber

Photos by Alan Weston



Intrepid CYCWA Bowers Museum explorers

Endurance: The Antarctic Legacy at the Bowers Museum

By First Officer PAM SPRIGGS

A small group of CYC explorers set off for the Bowers Museum on January 12 to learn about fellow explorer Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated 1914-1917 voyage to Antarctica aboard *Endurance*. The voyage was illustrated and explained by a series of high-resolution prints from the original



The Endurance stuck in the Antarctic ice

150 glass plates and celluloid negatives salvaged and protected (350 others had to be discarded) by Frank Hurley, Shackleton's official photographer. Also included was film shot by Hurley showing wildlife, crew, and part of the actual break-up of *Endurance*. The story was told through the photos, reproductions of ship's logs and personal journals of Shackleton and his crew, and a few select artifacts from the ship. Docents provided additional information and details not shown in the display. Near the

end of the journey, when all seemed lost, *Endurance* captain Frank Worsley remembered thinking, "What a pity. We have made this great boat journey and nobody will ever know." An incredible story of survival.

Before lunch in the museum's restaurant, Tangata, and after our docent tour, small CYC groups explored another of the special exhibits, "Empress Dowager Cixi: Selections from The Summer Palace" (on view until March 11, 2018), as well as many of the museum's permanent exhibits and sculpture garden. Of special interest to several non-native Californians was the room showcasing Orange County history, with emphasis on the missions and rancho life. Many of the names mentioned appear as street and city names throughout Southern California. One rancho extended all the way from what is now Santa Ana to Riverside!

For about a third of our group, the Bowers Museum was a new experience, and several vowed to return to see more. It was a great day of exploration at this hidden gem of a museum. You can plan your own exploration at bowers.org. ☛



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Knit or Knot Makes Projects from the Heart

By PEGGY POWERS, Knit or Knot Chair

On the first and third Sunday of every month, knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers join together in the members lounge at 5 p.m. to work on their projects and help each other out with challenges they may be having. All levels are welcome – beginner to experienced. If you have been thinking



Knit or Knot members have made 10 red hats so far for the American Heart Association's Little Hats, Big Hearts project.

about learning one of these crafts, we have plenty of experienced people who are more than willing to teach you.

During December, we participated in the American Heart Association's Little Hats, Big Hearts project. The organization works with hospitals' mother-baby and neonatal intensive care units. Participants knit or crochet red premie or newborn hats that are distributed to thousands of babies during February, which is American Heart Month, to raise awareness about congenital heart defects. They also encourage moms to live heart-healthy lives and to help their children do the same. Donations are accepted throughout the year. So far we have sent 10 hats.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Chair Peggy Powers. ⚓



Learn how to knit adorable clothes like Gwen Gordon did for her sister's grandson.

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CYCWA on the Horizon

By PENNY COLLINS

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.

Opening Day

Sunday, March 10

Come and join in on the fun and festivities as we celebrate with Commodore Mike Blecher and Barbie, whose inspiring theme, "The Treasure Is All Around Us," will highlight the good fortune that we all share at CYC: Our beautiful facility and location in Santa Monica Bay, great events, and lasting friendships.

Sunset Book Club

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Douglas Preston's amazing chronicle of discovery, "The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story," describes a 500-year-old legend, an ancient curse, a stunning medical mystery, and a pioneering journey into the unknown heart of the world's densest jungle. Since the days of conquistador Hernán Cortés, rumors have circulated about a lost city of immense wealth hidden somewhere in the Honduran interior, called the White City or the Lost City of the Monkey God. Moderator is Marie Hedlund. Chairs are Leslie Bene and Michael Cubbin. \$10 for wine and cheese, inclusive. Reserve at front desk.

Book Mates

Thursday, April 5, 11:45 a.m., Fireside Room

The Book Mates fiction selection for April 5 is "Winesburg, Ohio," by Sherwood Anderson. First published in 1919, "Winesburg, Ohio" is a collection of short stories about life in a small town. Each of the stories portrays a specific character's struggle with communication and loneliness. With his background as a literature teacher, moderator S/C Bill Watkins is sure to extract much from this century-old text that is applicable to our contemporary life. Book Mates co-chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservation and lunch information.



Art Aficionados at work

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. If you would like to substitute, contact Chair Joan Silver at 310-858-8080.

KNIT or KNOT

First and third Sunday of the month

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. A no-host dinner in the dining room follows. 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 and want to meet with some kindred spirits, then Art Aficionados is for you. Group and individual projects are pursued with guidance and teaching from some of our most talented CYC artists. All skill levels are welcome. For details, contact SEO Norma Pratt.

Truth is More Emotional Than Fiction in "Elephant Company"

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

Biographical portrait, an odyssey into uncharted territory, war story, and rousing adventure, Vicki Croke's "Elephant Company" is all of these, and a revelation about elephants and their amazing human-like behavior. Honorary SEO Patty Hathaway's recommended nonfiction selection took everyone by surprise at our February 1 Book Mates luncheon.

Moderator Janet Davis led the discussion, providing a list of well-researched and response-inducing questions, beginning with "Did you know anything about this subject prior to reading the book?" The immediate reply was a resounding, collective NO! From that point on, the members offered spirited, positive observations about the amazing and unlikely hero, James Howard Williams, who became known as "Elephant Bill." Janet explained that Croke, a devoted wildlife writer and animal advocate, utilized excerpts from Williams' five memoirs plus new information provided by his living relatives. As a result, Croke was able to add genuine emotion, suspense, and human interest to her description of his exploits in Burma from the late 1920s through World War II. Everyone was moved and fascinated by one man's decision and determination to learn, train, and bond with elephants. Several attendees recounted their own experiences with elephants in Africa, as well as one member's recall of riding an elephant right here at the Club

when a past Commodore arrived with one for an installation. Another issue that came up in our discussion was the treatment of the Burmese people.

But the standout accomplishment of this work, which, at times, has the emotional wallop of a fiction best-seller, was to introduce us to the world of elephants; their perception of humans, their maternal instincts, their sense of loyalty, their understanding of death, and their bravery in the face of obstacles both man-made and natural. Who would have thought that the second most interesting character in the work would be the elephant, Bandoola? One section detailing a mother elephant's attempt to rescue her baby, trapped near a rushing, crushing waterfall took our breaths away. And just when we thought we couldn't be surprised any more, we were thrust headlong into the amazing true story of these elephants as weapons of war against the invading Japanese forces. The atmosphere throughout the discussion was so vivid that when Janet displayed and activated a real elephant "whistle," we almost expected one to come charging through the walls.

Our April 5 selection is the classic "Winesburg, Ohio," by Sherwood Anderson. Considered one of the 100 best books ever written, it is said that Anderson's work influenced Hemingway, Faulkner, Steinbeck, Saroyan, and Henry Miller. Our scholar in residence, S/C Bill Watkins, will moderate.

Our May 3 selection is the nonfiction "Before We Were Yours," by Lisa Wingate. SEO Norma Pratt will moderate.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month, 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., for lunch and a stimulating environment that continues to make Book Mates one of the Club's most popular activities.

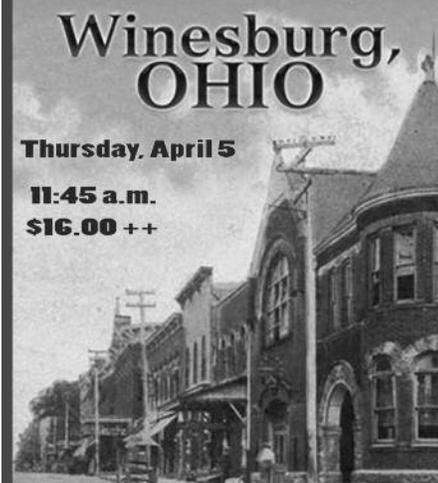
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Sherwood Anderson

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Wednesday, March 28

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Sunset Book Club

By Co-chairs MICHAEL CUBBIN and LESLIE BENE

At January's Sunset Book Club meeting we discussed a historical fiction called "The Coffee Trader," by David Liss. Sue Moore led the discussion through the complexities of this very well-written piece. The story describes the origins of commodity trading. Amsterdam in the 1500s was the beginning of the evolution of a new way of doing trading business. The risks and rewards were great and the well-developed characters battled and cooperated based on self-interest. The story had a lot of twists and turns with romance and betrayal always on the table. One man's attempt to corner the market on coffee to make a fortune is the central theme. The alliances he forms and breaks to make this happen provide the means to his end.

On March 21 we return to non-fiction with an incredible book by Douglas Preston called "The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story." Even if you can't make it to the book club this is a must-read! Marie Hedlund will moderate.

On April 19 we take a different tack to straight fiction. The story draws a very good picture of Cuban American issues, and what Cuba is currently like after 50 years of communism. Nelson DeMille's New York Times best-seller, "The Cuban Affair," takes us to the tropics where there are lots of intrigue and mystery.

On May 17, our last meeting until September, we are honored to have the author as the moderator. CYC member Patricia Smiley will join us for the evening to discuss her new book, "Outside the Wire." I haven't read this one yet, but based on past experience Patricia will not disappoint. ♣

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Sunday, March 25
10 am - 11:30 am

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Music & Yoga

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From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD



I am pleased to introduce our new Food and Beverage Director, Steve Bell, to the CYC family. Combining both an expertise in wine knowledge, and a talent for training, Steve came highly recommended both from wineries and private clubs where he has worked. Steve grew up in the Bay of Islands and Auckland in New Zealand. His mother was a Kiwi and his dad was an American from Washington state. He says he was an English literature major

planning on a career in journalism until he realized he didn't have the patience to wait for the news to happen. He grew up very active in sport, playing soccer, rugby, and tennis, and had even tried to make it professionally in soccer. These days he still plays tennis (perhaps he'll venture onto our paddle tennis courts), and enjoys other outdoor activities including hiking and cycling. I am sure sailing will be in his future as well. Most of his professional career has been in the wine business where he worked for some prestigious companies such as Seagram Chateau & Estate Wines Company and Veuve Clicquot, as well as private clubs in Northern California.



Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell

Opening Day, on March 10, is not to be missed. Though we are lucky enough to be open year-round, this day is the official start of our sailing season. Come join the fun. The ceremony starts at 11:30 a.m. followed by a complimentary luncheon. Throughout the day there is fun on the docks and special entertainment and activities for the children. The day closes with an Evening Colors ceremony.

All members are invited to attend the Club 25 dinner on March 14. Club 25 honors members who joined CYC 25 (1993) and 50 (1968) years ago. It comes as a surprise to some when they realize how quickly time passes and they have hit the 25-year mark. It's a fun evening to reminisce among friends and hear what the Club was doing during those early years. Give the front desk a call for reservations, or reserve via the website.

The Family Activities Committee will host a Bingo and Pasta night open to all members on March 18. Get your dabbers out and be prepared for a night of fun!

Our Spring Winemaker Dinner on March 23 features Beaugard Vineyards from Santa Cruz with special guest Ryan Beaugard. Chef Christian worked together with Ryan to pair several of the Beaugard wines with an exquisite dinner. Reservations are required.

In January we celebrated CYC employees at our annual awards dinner. Employees reaching service milestones were: three years, Cleo Anderson (Lifeguard), Roberto Ayala (Junior Instructor), Rigoberto Contreras (Banquet Server), Adrian Estrada (Banquet Captain), César Estrada (Dining Room Server), and Luis Estrada (Banquet Manager); five years, Alicia Gomez and Imelda Robles (Banquet Servers); 10 years, Jorge Maravilla (Boat Operations), Jose Ramirez (Housekeeping), and me (General Manager); 15 years, Nancy Kruithof (Front Desk); 25 years, Enrique Muniz (Banquet Bartender); and 40 years, Juan Ortiz (Pantry Cook). Cesar Estrada was awarded Employee of the Year for 2017. Please congratulate and thank these employees for their service.

See you 'round the Club. 🍷

CYC to Offer HAM License Class

By SCOTT JAREMA

"CQ, CQ, CQ!" CYC members, have you thought about getting your HAM license? Race committee members, would you like to add to your skills on the race course and operate the HAM radios on the market boats or the *Charles Hathaway*? The CYC Radio Amateur Group will be holding a class for the technician license on Saturday, April 7, in the Gallery Room at the Club. The class and study guide are free, but be sure to have \$15 in cash on hand for the FCC test immediately following.

The class starts promptly at 9 a.m. and runs to 4 p.m.

with a lunch break and the test immediately follows. Light refreshments will be served.

Obtaining your HAM license automatically makes you a member of the Radio Amateur Group and gives you operating privileges at the Club HAM shack.

Saturday, April 7

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CYC Gallery Room

Cost: Free!

(\$15 needed for FCC test)

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MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH HIGHLIGHTS				Women's Paddle Tennis "Welcome Day" 1	2	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 3
4 Academy Awards		18 FAC Bingo & Pasta Night		Book Mates		
7 Opening Day Rehearsal		23 Spring Winemaker Dinner		Fleet Council Mtg.		
10 Opening Day		28 Yachting Dinner		Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet 	Pickleball
16 Club 25 Dinner		30 Cruising Kickoff				
18 Keelboat Day		31 Passover Seder Dinner				
Brunch 4	Club closed 5	Club closed 6	Bridge Club 7	Women's Paddle Tennis 8	9	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 10
Knit or Knot				CYCWA Board Mtg.		
Academy Awards	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Opening Day Rehearsal	Jr. Comm. Mtg.		Opening Day
Boot Camp Class				Sail Comm. Mtg.		
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet 	Pickleball
				Flotilla 12-42 Business Mtg.		
Brunch 11	Club closed 12	Club closed 13	14	Women's Paddle Tennis 15	16	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 17
Daylight Savings Begins	Pickleball		Bridge Club	Family Activities Comm. Mtg.	Club 25 Dinner	Jr. Spring Learn to Sail
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis		Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet 	Pickleball
Brunch 18	Club closed 19	Club closed 20	Bridge Club 21	Women's Paddle Tennis 22	23	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 24
Jr. Learn to Sail			Sunset Book Club		Spring Winemaker Dinner	Jr. Spring Learn to Sail
Keelboat Day	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet 	Pickleball
Knit or Knot						
FAC Bingo & Pasta Night						
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis						
Brunch 25	Club closed 26	Club closed 27	Bridge Club 28	Bridge Mtg. 29	Passover Begins 30	Breeze Deadline 31
FAC Mommy & Me	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis	Cruising Kickoff	2nd Night Passover Seder Dinner
YP Yoga and Mimosas			Art Aficionados	New Member Mtg.	Seafood Buffet	Jr. Spring Learn to Sail
Jr. Learn to Sail			Yachting Dinner	Mah Jongg		
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis				YP Happy Hour		

APRIL 2018

Easter Sunday Brunch & Egg Hunt 1	Club closed 2	Club closed 3	Bridge Club 4	Women's Paddle Tennis 5	6	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 7
Knit or Knot	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Sunset Series Seminar-Cruising	Book Mates	Match Racing	Jr. Learn to Sail
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Fleet Council Mtg.		Adult Learn to Sail #1
				Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet 	Passover Ends
						Pickleball
Brunch 8	Club closed 9	Club closed 10	Bridge Club 11	Women's Paddle Tennis 12	13	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 14
Jr. Learn to Sail	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Art Aficionados	CYCWA Board Mtg.	FAC Drop & Dine	Jr. Learn to Sail
Harris Spring Regatta			Sunset Series Seminar	Jr. Comm. Mtg.		Adult Learn to Sail
Yoga Class			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Sail Comm. Mtg.		King Harbor Cruise
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis				Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet 	Pickleball
				1040 Dinner		

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