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Jay Steinbeck's *Margaritaville* 1½
King of the Hill

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Turkey Day Racing

Some of you who have been around Southern California sailing for a while may remember when Barbie and I raced our boats. The first race we ever won was in 1980. It was a double-handed, non-spinnaker (don't judge me, ok?) Turkey Day Regatta. We scored a bullet. It was a real horizon job. Numero uno.

After getting our first-to-finish horn, we reached back to the breakwater. I entertained thoughts of a beautiful three-foot silver trophy, with decades of previous winners of such a prestigious race engraved on the heavy base on little individual plaques. Ah, yes, to the winner go the spoils.

As we tied up our modest 28-foot boat that we had only recently acquired, I took extra care in putting such a speedster away. I thought briefly about commissioning a half-model of our thoroughbred race platform to hang in my office. I thought about those post-business evening conversations with colleagues. "Yes, she's fast, but like all good boats, she needs a solid crew. ..."

We headed over to the yacht club for what I was sure was to be a very special trophy presentation, attended by the sailing press and yachting dignitaries who would have traveled far and wide just to have a photograph taken with me, and to be first to ask me to run the next America's Cup campaign.

We arrived to a Sunday night yacht club crowd, a pleasant cocktail party of congenial competitors, and eventually to the trophy presentation. The anticipation of the first place award was almost too much for me to bear. I remained humble, and in the rear of the crowd, so I could enjoy my walk to the podium, quietly practicing the few words I would speak into the microphone ("... years of practice, hard work, endless dedication, and you too can achieve ... If I can do it, so can you ... teamwork ...").

And then, the time came.

The commodore announced, "And, first place, double-handed non-spinnaker, Mike and Barbie Blecher." We made our way through the crowd, to the trophy table. Yes, I admit, I swaggered, just a little.

I am, to this day, thankful, that there was no photo of me when I was handed a frozen turkey.

Thanksgiving

The fourth Thursday of November is my favorite day of the year (in spite of the above recollection). It's Thanksgiving. I love it. Food, family, football. No boat work. No work work. Plenty of tryptophan.

How about some turkey facts?

Did you know that Benjamin Franklin lobbied for the turkey to be the national bird, instead of the American bald eagle? He felt that since the eagle was sometimes a scavenger, it didn't have the elite status that a turkey had. And, he knew

From the Commodore



Commodore Mike Blecher enjoys the warm waters of Fiji on the Commodore's Cruise.

that turkeys were much smarter than eagles, too.

Did you know that turkey probably wasn't served at the first thanksgiving dinner with the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians? (I'll bet you didn't know they were the Wampanoag Indians, either!) There was probably deer (venison), maybe duck, and plenty of seafood, including lobster. Did you know that turkeys sleep in trees? But only the wild ones. The domesticated turkeys that we eventually cook are too fat, and can't fly at all. They don't seem to mind, though.

Did you know that male turkeys are the only ones that actually gobble, and that females just cluck and chirp?

And, as important as all this information is, in the event of a Thanksgiving crisis, the most useful information of all is the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line. The number is 1-800-BUTTERBALL. You're welcome. Tell 'em the Commodore sent ya. They'll know. ♣

Interesting Boats

Larry and Jean Tistaert have commissioned a new American Tug 435, being built at the American Tug yard in La Conner, Washington. By the time you read this, she may be close, or possibly has already been, launched. Her scantlings are huge. This boat is not a boat. It's a ship. She is fitted with a single Cummins 550 HP engine, bow and stern thrusters, and a tugboat-sounding air horn (I think I'd buy an American Tug just for that reason alone!). She has a 9 kw genset, a 600 gallon-per-day watermaker, and carries her nearly 16-foot beam all the way aft, making for a very roomy and well laid out vessel. She will cruise at 10-12 knots, for a long, long way on the 600 gallons of fuel she carries. Larry and his son Scott are pictured below, holding the CYC burgee, with the new and yet-to-be-named boat in the background. I can't wait for the christening party so we can sound her horn. Over and over. And over again. And again, oh yeah!



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FRONT COVER Jay Steinbeck's *Margaritaville 1½* bested the 21 other boats invited to compete in CYC's King of the Hill Regatta on September 15. *Margaritaville 1½* was crowned king for the fifth year in a row.

Photo by Tamie Rae loadedcanon.com

BACK COVER P/C Monica Antola took this photo while on the September 6-15 Commodore's Cruise to Beqa Island, Fiji.

Her photo of this tropical paradise makes her this month's photo contest winner. She has won a bottle of fine wine selected by General Manager Michele Underwood.

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



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. ⚓



S/C Bill Stump and V/C Debbie Feinerman traveled with their burgee to Glacier Bay, Alaska, in August and to Norman, Oklahoma, for the UCLA vs. Oklahoma University football game in September.

Randy and Jr. SEO Dawn Sprout were honored guests of Lord and Lady Carnarvon at “Heroes at Highclere,” a memorial to honor the airmen of the eight planes that crashed on the grounds of Highclere Castle in World War II. Randy's father, 1st Lt. Bob Sprout, crashed his B-17 in heavy fog on May 5, 1945. The two-day event included bagpipes, World War I displays, skydivers, a memorial service with dedication of a carved statue to Randy's father and crew, castle tours, a VIP brunch in the dining room, “Downton Abbey” actor interviews (“Downton Abbey” was filmed at Highclere Castle), and ended with a flyover salute by the last B-17 in Europe.



Erin and Paul Jurevicius visited Chicago, where they had lived for three years before moving to the LA area, and brought their burgee. They were excited to use CYC's reciprocity benefits to explore two yacht clubs on Lake Michigan's shore: Chicago YC and Columbia YC, whose clubhouse is the *Q.S.M.V. Abegweit*, a 372-foot former ice-cutting Canadian ferry. Erin and Paul had a blast! Unfortunately, it was a very windy day in the Windy City so the regattas that they were hoping to catch a glimpse of were canceled, but they had a great time anyway and look forward to returning.



On their recent trip to Croatia, **CYC President Steve Hathaway** and **Stephanie** along with **Doug and Sharon Stewart** drove to Montenegro and stopped in Porto Montenegro where they discovered a beautiful new marina. They saw several large boats tied Med-style that were well over 200 feet in length. CYC members Erin and Paul Jurevicius had recommended that

they visit Porto Montenegro YC, so they did. What a beautiful club, featuring a 60-meter pool overlooking the marina. The club has a very active sailing program and owns several J/70 sailboats. They met the yacht club manager, Jenny Puttock (pictured above), who gave them a tour and exchanged burgees with them. Steve encouraged her to put a J/70 team together and come to CYC in 2020 for the J/70 World Championship. CYC is in the process of establishing formal reciprocity with Porto Montenegro YC. If you ever have the chance to visit Porto Montenegro, plan to stop by. Be sure to get a letter of introduction from CYC and take your CYC membership card. Jenny looks forward to greeting you. Visit their website at portomontenegro.com.



Art Aficionados Raise \$1,025 for the Junior Sponsorship Fund

By SEO NORMA PRATT, Art Aficionados Chair

Art Aficionados auctioned a painting they created, which raised \$1,025 for the Junior Sponsorship Fund. At January's Activities Day, Art Aficionados Chair Norma Pratt set up a grid painting for art enthusiasts so that they could create a painting as a group. In mid-summer, the finished painting, named "Adrift," was put on display in the lobby and the silent auction began.

Kate McGuigan, a guest of CYC, placed the top bid of \$550, then donated the painting to the Club. Art Aficionados and General Manager Michele Underwood then awarded "Adrift" to the next highest bid, \$474, placed by Hayes Stuppy. Hayes said that the painting reminded him of his childhood years in Boston when he would take the family boat out to enjoy his solitude.

Our sincere thanks to Kate and Hayes for their generous donations to benefit the Junior Sponsorship Fund. And much appreciation goes to the following "Adrift" artists: Setsuko Anthony, Calliope Babu-Khan, Ellen Borowka, CYC President Steve Hathaway, S/C Cheryl Mahaffey, Deborah Fusello Neale, Chair SEO Norma Pratt, SEO Ann Sanguinetti, Susan Silver, Randy Sprout, Robin Baer Spencer, and SEO Carol Watkins. ♣



SEO Norma Pratt, Hayes Stuppy, and General Manager Michele Underwood

CYC Flashback!

Aloha! S/C **Bill Petersen** and SEO **Donna** are pictured in late 1985 at Waikiki YC for the sendoff party of *Stars & Stripes* to Perth, Australia. Both worked a year for *Stars & Stripes* in Hawaii and another year in Fremantle, Australia, to help bring the America's Cup home to the United States in 1987. Bill was the official sailmaker in Fremantle: WeBe Sails.

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-breezeeditor@cycfleet.com for a chance at the glory. ♣



Laser Master World Championship



Photos by Pam from impropercourse.com

S/C Frank Glynn (195907) braved chilly, foggy conditions at the Laser Master World Championship at Dun Laoghaire, Ireland, in September. A total of 301 Laser sailors from 25 countries competed.

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Bingo Fun for All

By KRISTY ZIPFEL

The Family Activities Committee hosted CYC's second Bingo event on September 16, and it was a ball! We filled the Fireside Room with more than 60 members and guests in a flurry of rounds of Bingo and trivia for all ages. Chef Fabio prepared a delicious buffet of sliders and fried chicken, and a delightful ice cream bar topped off the evening.

Member (actor/comedian) Kirk Zipfel and comic Dennis Gubbins tag-teamed calling the Bingo rounds and kept the crowd in stitches with their witty banter. The Bingo games ranged from the traditional to creative, and the room loved it! One of the highlights of the evening was the kids-only round that somehow adult member Bo Clancey missed the instructions and beat all the kids to the finish line, triumphantly shouting "BINGO!", only to discover this round was for kids only. Maybe next time, Bo!

The prizes for all categories did not disappoint and ranged from CYC merchandise to awesome kids craft sets. The trivia rounds were fast and furious and fun for everyone. Congrats to all our winners! We can't wait for the next Family Bingo Night! ♣



Photos by Rozlyne Grutt

Summer Splash

By THERESA TORRANCE, JONI WILLIAMSON, and JEN KANAS, CO-CHAIRS

The Family Activities Committee ended the summer with a bang on Sunday, August 26, at their '60s beach blanket bingo-themed annual Summer Splash party. Members received a complimentary tequila sunrise cocktail upon arrival, while the kids received canvas totes to decorate at the craft table. There was no shortage of fun, with lots of games around the lawn, including a giant beach ball, giant Jenga and the always enjoyable ping pong and foosball tables.

DJ Gabe got the kids out on the dance floor to show off their '60s dance moves to songs by the Beach Boys, Marvin Gaye, The Jackson 5, and James Brown, to name a few, and prizes were awarded for the best moves. The adults were not left out, and competed for prizes at their own games of Twister and Limbo. Guests were stunned to see how low some of those parents could limbo!

Dinner was a beach BBQ with tasty hamburgers, hotdogs, salad, and potatoes. While guests enjoyed dinner, they were treated to a fitting hula hoop performance, which included some daring fire tricks.

It was a perfect end to summer, and for those families who were not able to attend, you should not miss this fun-for-all family event next year! ♣



Commodore's Cruise to Fiji

By **BARBIE BLECHER**, Commodore's Liaison

My husband Mike and I have visited Fiji, and Beqa Island specifically, many times. The area holds a special place in our hearts. We have spent much memorable time there, living at the resort, diving the reefs, and visiting in the local villages.

It was two years ago that we started planning the 2018 Commodore's Cruise. We were excited about the idea of sharing this wonderful place with our fellow CYC members for a week in early September.

This particular area of Fiji is hard to reach. It's a bit over 18 hours of travel to arrive at Beqa Island. It's also a kind of adventure travel. A very long plane ride (11 hours), is followed by a four-hour bus ride along a small, winding road. The route first heads through some agricultural areas filled with sugar cane, and then along the southern coast of Fiji's main island, Viti Levu. After arriving at a small harbor, there is another hour or so in a boat to get us to Beqa Island. After the boat moors, everyone must load into a launch. There is no pier at Beqa Island — the local chief doesn't allow one. Then, shoes off, wade onto the beach, and up to the main building of Beqa Lagoon Resort. It's a very long travel day.

The resort is a very rural, rustic, and native sort of place. There are plenty of modern conveniences, like some weak but functional internet, but no television, no music channels in your room, no elevators, no phone to call the front desk — you get the idea.

During our planning, we worried just a little that this trip might be too adventurous for Commodore's Cruisers.

On the other hand, the beach is fabulous, and, well ... empty. Just shells, water, sand ... and us. The occasional villager walking to and from, and maybe a village boat drying out at low tide. There is music everywhere, and there is no need for television as the evening news programs are replaced by breathtaking sunsets, served up with delicious rum sundowners made with fresh coconut and other tropical fruit juices. The people who live in the local villages are the friendliest people in

the whole world. The reefs just in front of the hotel are some of the most pristine you can find, anywhere. They are teeming with animals. CYC snorkelers saw sharks, turtles, sea eels, and countless colorful tropical fish, all just steps from the resort. Of course, the atoll reefs, just a short boat ride away, are wild with strong currents, and full of colorful corals and large, exotic fish.

The resort hotel is simple, but it fulfills all the important needs: it has an excellent restaurant, a friendly bar, a world class spa, and it allows perfect access to the two native villages on either side. The people who live in the villages make music as often as they can. They sing, they play instruments when they have them, or they will just add percussion by clapping their hands. It's pure joy, and an amazing thing to experience.

Suffice it to say, CYC Commodore's Cruisers are definitely an adventure-loving bunch! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this trip. Even though we had worried, deep down we knew they would have a ball here. We visited and made friends in the village. We drank kava. We were taught how to make native tapas. We were entertained by the children in the village, who are very outgoing and interested in visitors from other places.

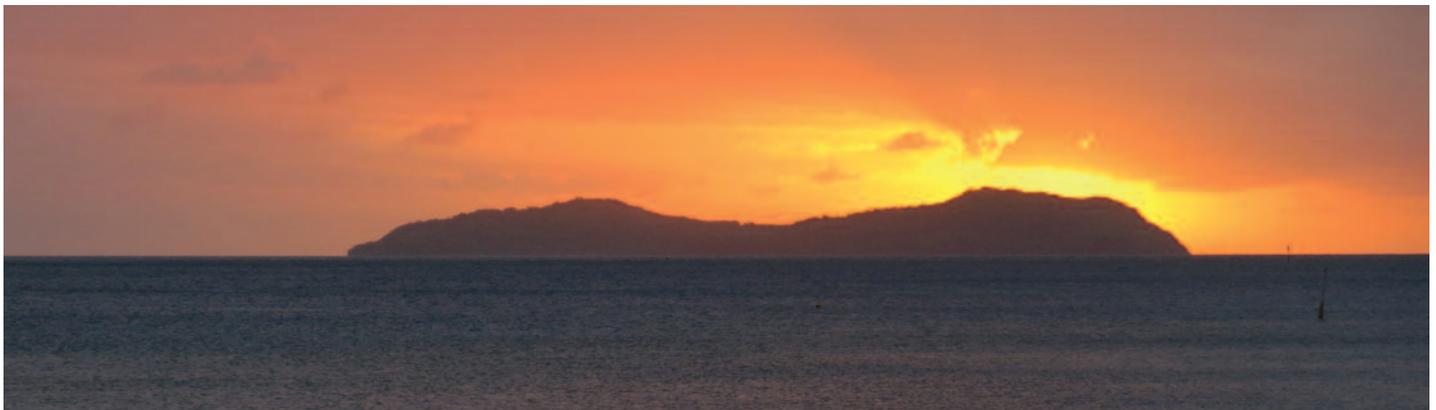
We were served delicious meals, including some native preparations cooked by traditional methods, including in-ground native ovens. We snorkeled and dived on the reefs, and a couple of our group went fishing (and caught!).

We visited a sandbar in the atoll that disappears at high tide, and we cruised and we boozed. We celebrated milestone anniversaries and birthdays, and ... well, we just had a fantastic time.

This was truly a memorable trip. Mike and I are delighted that we could share Beqa Lagoon with the best bunch of CYCers. Bula!

And for joining us on this lovely trip, a heartfelt *vinaka vaka levu* from the two of us. 🙏

Amazing
Sunsets,
Stunning
Reefs,
and
Friendly
Island
Life





Most of us made it to the group photo with this lovely tapa, a gift from the ladies in the village of Ravi Ravi.



Laurie Gosch enjoys a Fiji sunset.



No problem parking at this beach! This is the "front yard" of the resort.



Allie Blecher finds a souvenir. Can't take him home!



Commodore Mike Blecher exchanges burgees with V/C Paddy Todd of Royal Suva YC.



General silliness was in order each evening.



Jonathan Greenburg reeled in a whopping wahoo.



Anthony Agolia sings with little ones in the village.

Photos by Allie Blecher, Commodore Mike Blecher and Barbie, P/C Monica Antola, Ann Turner, SEO Norma Pratt, and Mary Stuyvesant



Barbie Blecher, Commodore's Liaison, liaising.



Sandy and Anthony Agoglia wear sulus at sunset.



Chris Calingaert, Ann Turner, Tawni Schutter, and Nicole Harnett enjoy the company of two "bula boys," local Fijians.



Bill and Carole Waller celebrate their first wedding anniversary.



Allie Blecher and Penny Collins enjoy a boat trip in the lagoon.



Carol and John Levy share a kitchie boom boom.



P/C Monica Antola celebrates her birthday.



Ann Turner, long-distance cruiser Betsy Linn, and Karen Stirling. Betsy and her husband Kenny sailed from Savusavu on Vanua Levu Island to join the group on Beqa Island.



S/C Bob Patterson and Kathy enjoy some peaceful late afternoon beach time.

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Final Evening Colors Goes Off with a BANG!

By PORT CAPTAIN
MONICA ANTOLA

On September 9, CYC finished a wonderful yachting season of Evening Colors. Many members were entertained by the Los Angeles Fifes and Drums with big drums, the bugle, and traditional dress. Great food and plenty of drinks made for a very pleasurable evening, topped off by a very loud cannon blast! The Evening Colors ceremony has been held every Sunday evening throughout the summer. This is a naval tradition that dates back many years, giving us all an opportunity to pay our respects to the national colors. A special thanks go to Master at Arms Scott Jarema and the CYC staff who ensured a seamless ceremony throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you at Evening Colors in 2019. 🇺🇸



Photos by FO Pam Spriggs



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Staying Afloat at the 49erFX North American Championship

By AIDAN MOBLEY

The 49er and 49erFX North American Championship was hosted by the Richmond YC in San Francisco Bay September 21-23. The field was comprised of 10 49er and two 49erFX teams vying for the top spots on the continent.

My crew Andrew Klotz (Richmond YC) and I had been training for the past four weeks and were ready to sail our hardest on our 49erFX. After a first day of straight bullets, solid boat handling, and perfect wind, we were in the lead and ready to tackle the next three days. On the second day we left the dock feeling refreshed and ready to race then realized something was wrong. Our gybes were slow, our boat speed was off, and the bow felt like there was someone standing on it. Someone very large. On the second race, frustrated and confused, we called it. When we got back to the dock we saw the problem: a four-inch gash that went straight through the hull. We had more than five gallons of water sloshing in the boat. It was not a pretty picture.

After calling over some kind Canadians to help us lift the boat out of the water, it was full damage control. Five exhausting hours of work later, nothing was repaired. So we pulled off the unthinkable: A total hull swap. We completely disassembled our hull and spliced a new setup onto another hull. We swapped rigs and somehow managed to tune up.

The next two days weren't what we would have liked. With a new setup, things take getting used to and we admittedly made some mistakes when rigging the new boat. But in the end we managed to still race a full regatta and placed second. ⚓



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Sunset Series Brings the Racing Community Together

By PAULA CAMERON

From April to September, the 20 scheduled races of Sunset Series bring together the racing community in Marina del Rey. It's a Wednesday night tradition of racing, rivalry, and camaraderie among those who are new to sailing and racing, seasoned veterans, and a few pros. Cruisers vie for bragging rights as well as sailors on the big boats in PHRF A. Often, boats from several classes converge in the channel where skippers call for room and assert their rights, expertly dipping and dodging their way around slower boats.

The racing cutoff to finish is 8:30 p.m., which has caused more than a case or two of heartburn among racers drifting to the finish line in dying wind. And it's a victory for those who were able to ghost to a finish.

But it's not only about who wins and who loses. Rehashing the race afterward over a frosty beverage is a necessary part of the experience. Which side of the course was favored? Who was leading at the windward mark? Who caught kelp? Did the channel shuffle the deck ... again? And who came out on top?

An integral part of this long-standing tradition is the race committee, which runs Sunset Series like a precision machine. Checking the racing marks to make sure they haven't wandered, setting the course for each class, finishing the boats at the guest dock, and scoring each boat by class and division. Appreciative racers know how much work is involved by this volunteer crew and give a shout-out at the finish line: "Thank you, race committee!"

The last Sunset Series race of the year was September 5. The series is over until next April. If you find yourself feeling nostalgic, wistful, and maybe even a little itchy to be out on the water late on a Wednesday afternoon, it's because you and hundreds of racers know that Sunset Series is one of the finest racing traditions we have.

To tide you over until next season, we've included some of the best of the more than 300 photos taken this season by the racers and race committee. What better way to capture the spirit of Sunset Series. ♡

CYC Adult Sailing Instructor Mollie Perlman was racing on Richard Benedon's Ruby d'eau when she captured the sun setting behind Jon Haney's J/105, Joyride (56223) during Race 19 on August 19.

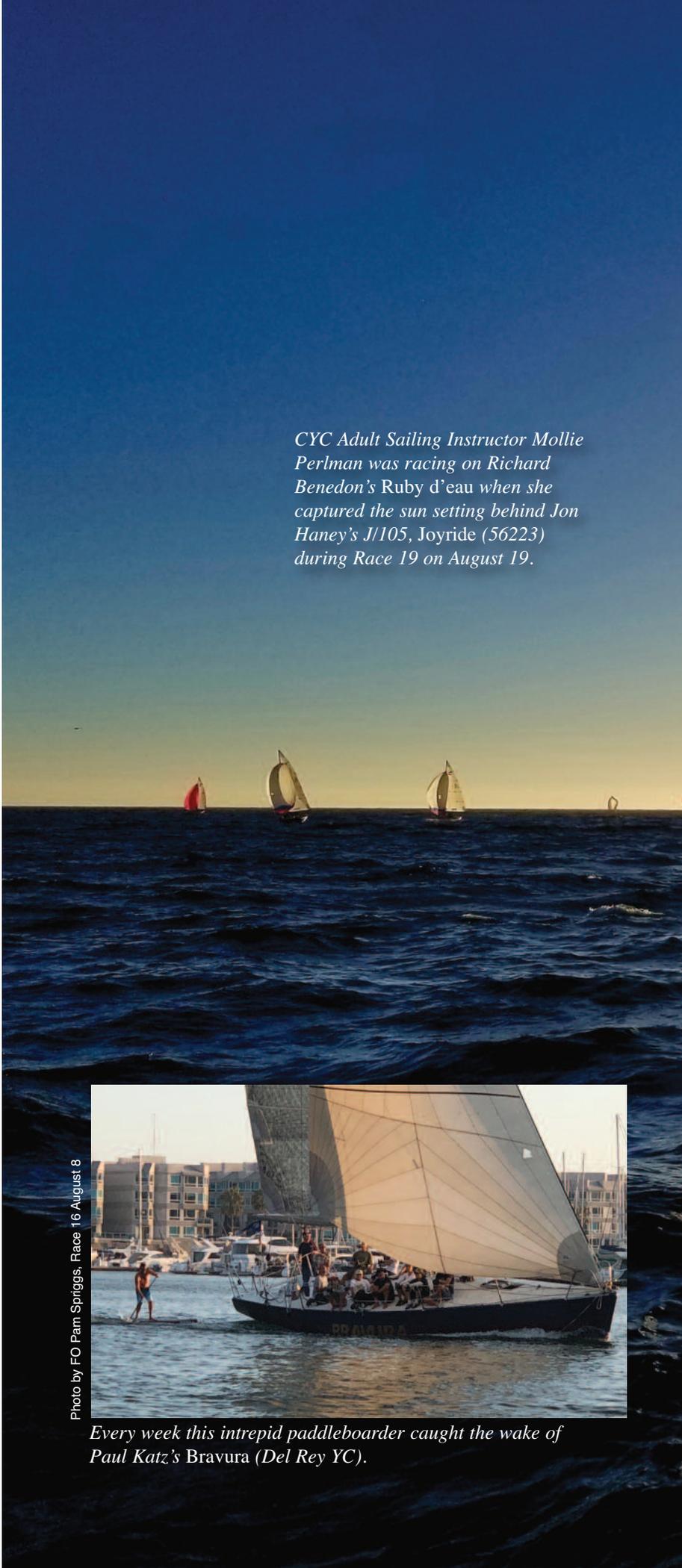


Photo by FO Pam Spriggs, Race 16 August 8

Every week this intrepid paddleboarder caught the wake of Paul Katz's Bravura (Del Rey YC).



Photo by FO Pam Spriggs, Race 16 August 8



Jeff Janov's Viva la Vida crew is on the rail, chasing Margaritaville 1 1/2 just after their class started. Viva la Vida won Race 16.



Photo by P/C Monica Antola, Race 3 May 2

John Hamilton, happy at the helm of Lizzie Borden, in light wind

Photo by Seisuko Anthony, Race 15 August 1



It's a parade to the finish at the guest dock.



Photo by FO Pam Spriggs, Race 16 August 8

Doug Steele and his Tiburon crew enjoy a warm evening of racing.

Photo by Scott Jarema, Race 18 August 22



Jay Steinbeck's Margaritaville 1½ (left) and John McEntire's Encore 2 are the first racers to enter the channel.



Photo by Marshall Mullen, Race 3 May 2

Dramatic skies set a moody backdrop for racing on May 2.

Photo by FO Pam Spriggs, Race 16 August 8



They may be pretty, but the Martin 242s are fierce competitors. Peter Stazicker's Trolleyear (aqua hull) won the M242 class.



Photo by David Doeh, R12 July 11

Woe to any racers who found themselves in the wind shadow of Invictus.

**Eye
Holiday Party**

Sunday, December 2
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Drew Freides (300) placed third out of 27 boats at the Melges 20 World League European Division Event 5 in Cagliari, Italy

Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

The Outlaw Regatta

September 1, Seal Beach YC

PHRF B: 4 boats

1 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF C: 7 boats

1 Liz Hjorth, *Scooter*

King Harbor Race Weekend

September 8-9, King Harbor YC

Martin 242: 5 boats

2 Steven Moses, *Wombat*

King of the Hill

September 12, CYC, 22 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1½*

4 Mark Sands, *Sandbox*

5 Doug Steele, *Tiburón*

Melges 20 World League European Division Event 5

September 14-16, YC Cagliari
27 boats

3 Drew Freides, *Pacific Yankee*

Sundown Series

Overall results, five races
(May 18, June 15, July 20,
August 17, and September 21)

Del Rey YC

PHRF A: 7 boats

1 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF B: 7 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet* ⚓

Sunstroke and Sundown Series Champions

CYC racers **Dan McGanty** and **Helen Brierley** raced their Coronado 15 in South Coast Corinthian YC's Sunstroke Series, and won their class. The front end of the fleet remained fiercely competitive over the 80-race season that began May 3 and finished August 30. In the final race of the season, the CYC team won the last race by a few feet, to retain their title from last year – just edging out the former national champion in this class. This win put CYC on the perpetual trophy for this series for just the second time in its history.

Dan and Helen also won their seven-boat class in Del Rey YC's five-race Sundown Series that began May 18 and finished September 21. They competed in PHRF A on their Tartan 101, *Mistral*. ⚓





PHRF C Champions – Dan McGanty, Mistral, CYC



Marylyn Ritchie Trophy winner – Curt Johson, Avet, CYC

Sunset Series Champions

PHRF A

Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1½*, CYC

PHRF B

Neil Fraser, *Mexican Divorce*, Del Rey YC/Santa Barbara Racing Club

PHRF C

Dan McGanty, *Mistral*, CYC

Racing Division: Marylyn Ritchie Trophy

PHRF D

Curt Johson, *Avet*, CYC

PHRF E

Brendan Huffman, *Pursuit*, Cabrillo Beach YC

Martin 242: Dr. Bob Crum One Design Trophy

Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*, CYC

Cruising Class: Millard Rosing Trophy

Cruising A: Allan Elliott Trophy

Kathy St. Amant/Monica Chaban, *Rascal*, South Coast Corinthian YC

Cruising B: Jack Weber Trophy

Michael McKinsey, *Maine Squeeze*, Pacific Mariners YC



Dr. Bob Crum One Design Trophy winner – Peter Stazicker, Trolleycar, CYC



PHRF A Champions – Jay Steinbeck, Margaritaville 1½, CYC

Photos by Steven Moses

Margaritaville 1 ½ Crowned King of the Hill – Again

By S/C ANN ACH, Regatta Chair

The September 12 King of the Hill Regatta assembled the top boats from each racing class of the Sunset Series to race against each other. The winner, *Margaritaville 1 ½*, was declared “King of the Hill.”

On a clear, bright evening with winds of 10-12 knots, the top 22 racing division boats from the summer Sunset Series raced against each other. This inverted start race had all the boats finishing within a little over six and one-half minutes of each other. Neil Fraser’s *Mexican Divorce* (DRYC) placed second with Paul Katz’s *Bravura* (DRYC) finishing in third place. Mark Sands’ *Sandbox* (CYC) and Doug Steele’s *Tiburón* (CYC) took home the fourth- and fifth-place trophies.

Named in honor of Joan Hill, former chair of the Sunset Series, this regatta is a one-race competition using an inverted start based on the PHRF handicap of each of the 22 entrants. This means the boats start at different times, with the slower boats starting first. All boats race the same course, starting and finishing outside the detached breakwater. If the handicaps were exactly correct and the crews equally skilled, all the boats should finish within seconds of each other; in practice, it’s not that close, but the finishers still clump, which takes a skilled race committee to separate.

Afterward, competitors gathered at CYC for a festive BBQ and trophy presentation.

S/C Ann Ach and her crack race committee team ran this successful race, ending a competitive summer of Wednesday night racing at CYC. ⚓



Jay Steinbeck’s *Margaritaville 1 ½* won the King of the Hill for the fifth year in a row.

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Steve and Drew Curran's Tinderbox (brown hull) converges at the weather mark with second place Neil Fraser's Mexican Divorce (white hull, Del Rey YC). The top 12 boats finished within three minutes of each other.



Mark Sands' Martin 242 Sandbox placed fourth.



Doug Steele's Tiburon placed fifth.

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CYCWA on the Horizon

By PENNY COLLINS

Toys for Tots Dinner

Wednesday, December 5, 6 p.m.

Bring an unwrapped toy for a child's holiday. Cash donations also accepted. \$55 inclusive. For reservations visit calyachtclub.com.

Art Aficionados

Friday, November 9, 7 p.m.

Paint Nite is an artist-led workshop and an opportunity for participants to create a memorable holiday gift. Reserve at the front desk.

Wednesday, November 28, 10 a.m.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, our regularly scheduled meeting will be devoted to artistic gift wrapping techniques, to be followed by a no-host celebrative luncheon. Chair is SEO Norma Pratt.

Book Mates

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

Fireside Room

"My Brilliant Friend: Neapolitan Novels, Book One," by Elena Ferrante, "is a rich, intense, and generous-hearted story about two friends, Elena and Lila. Ferrante's inimitable style lends itself perfectly to a meticulous portrait of these two women that is also the story of a nation and a touching meditation on the nature of friendship. The story begins in the 1950s, in a poor but vibrant neighborhood on the outskirts of Naples. Growing up on these tough streets the two girls learn to rely on each other ahead of anyone or anything else. As they grow, their paths repeatedly diverge and converge, Elena and Lila remain best friends whose respective destinies are reflected and refracted in the other. They are likewise the embodiments of a nation undergoing momentous change. Through the lives of these two women, Ferrante tells the story of a neighborhood, a city, and a country as it is transformed in ways that, in turn, also transform the relationship between her protagonists, the unforgettable Elena and Lila." - Europa Editions. Moderated by Michele Segina. Co-chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservations and lunch information.

Happy Hour Book Club

Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.

Fireside Room

The subject of "1968: The Year that Rocked the World," by Mark Kurlansky, is apparent. The Goodreads review summarizes: "To some, 1968 was the year of sex, drugs, and rock and roll. Yet it was also the year of the Martin Luther King, Jr., and Bobby Kennedy assassinations; the riots at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago; Prague Spring; the antiwar movement and the Tet Offensive; Black Power; the generation gap; avant-garde theater; the upsurge of the women's movement; and the beginning of the end for the Soviet Union. In this monumental book, Mark Kurlansky brings to teeming life the cultural and political history of that pivotal year, when television's influence on global events first became apparent, and spontaneous uprisings occurred simultaneously around the world. Encompassing the diverse realms of youth and music, politics and war, economics and the media, 1968 shows how 12 volatile months transformed who we were as a people – and led us to where we are today." Moderator is Amber Spencer. Co-chairs are Leslie Bene and Michael Cubbin. ♡

CYCWA ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

Happy Hour Book Club Third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room. Co-chairs are Leslie Bene and Michael Cubbin. Reserve at the front desk.

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

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

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

“Warlight”: Family Conflicts, Espionage, and the Ravages of War

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Co-chairs

Part spy novel, part family relationship drama, all mesmerizing, Michael Ondaatje’s “Warlight” was our Book Mates October 4 Selection. Susan Allan moderated and got everyone involved with a series of questions that brought into focus complex characters and developments in this compelling novel from the author of “The English Patient.” Susan gave a prize and one of her signature poems to SEO Norma Pratt who had the most correct answers.

Michele Segina was really impressed with the writing style, which captured everyone’s attention from the very first line: “In 1945, our parents went away and left us in the care of two men who may have been criminals.”

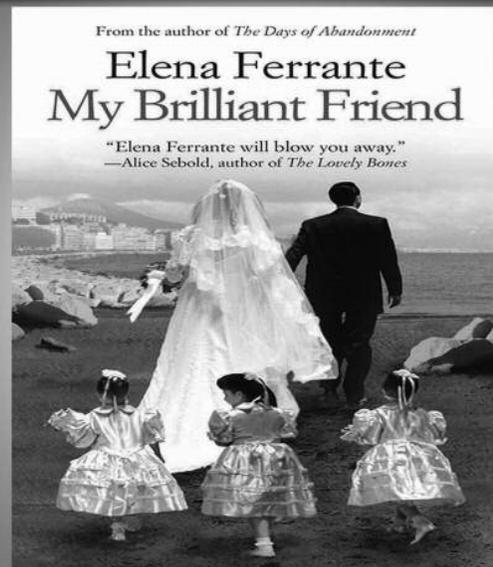
A heated discussion arose over the character Rose, mother of the primary storyteller, Nathaniel, and why she abandoned her teenage son and daughter. Some felt she truly had their welfare at heart and provided protection, while others felt she was more interested in pursuing her own love of adventure and often immoral acts as a British spy.

Among the themes discussed were espionage, wartime tragedies, family relations, memory, and the search for truth, heroism, and revenge. It was suggested that any confusion over the non-linear shifts in time might reflect Nathaniel’s ability to see reality only dimly, as through “warlight,” the muted lighting that illuminated London streets during nightly blitz air attacks.

Michele Segina advised readers of “My Brilliant Friend,” which she will moderate in December, not to be put off by the large list of characters; the author, Elena Ferrante, provides sketches of all within the novel’s fine and emotional framework.

Our January book is “America for Beginners.” First-time author Leah Franqui provides a delightfully funny, compassionate, and warm novel that delves into the complications of family, as three unlikely companions venture across a country that challenges their understanding of themselves. Sue Moore will moderate. ♣

Book Mates



Moderator: Michele Segina
Thursday, December 6
11:45 a.m. \$16.00++
Reservations: 310-823-4567

Happy Hour Book Club

Wednesday, November 14
6:30 p.m.

MARK KURLANSKY

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From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD



Good planning during the last quarter of the year makes for a productive year to come. A lot of important work by members and staff goes into selecting committee chairs, finding members who will volunteer for events, putting together the calendar, and creating the budget to fund our activities. The roster is a huge endeavor as we update member information and provide critical information that will be used throughout the year. That pull-out section of the January Breeze starts now as we gather pictures of volunteers and match them with the events they will chair. At a time of the year when we remember things we are grateful for, I want to say thanks to all

those members who have volunteered this year to make us ready for 2019.

After a thorough search, I am happy to announce that a Junior Program Director, Rebekah Schiff, will start this month. Rebekah, or as she says, "Beka," grew up in Tampa, Florida, sailing Optis, Lasers, and 420s. She went on to compete in sailing at the College of Charleston as both skipper and crew. She received a B.S. in exercise science and health, and held an internship as an assistant trainer for



*Junior Program Director
Rebekah Schiff*

multiple varsity athletic teams. After graduating in 2016, Beka moved to San Diego and began working at San Diego YC where she was the head coach for its junior sailing program. Beka recently became a racing member of CYC where she has been a part of our women's sailing program. Please give her a warm welcome to the CYC family.

The Young Professionals will gather at the Los Angeles Athletic Club for Wine & Cheese Night on Thursday, November 15. Reservations are required. It's a great occasion to celebrate with friends at the Club.

The Saturday following Thanksgiving is our annual Build Your Own Gingerbread House for CYC kids and friends. The houses will be assembled, so every age can have fun decorating with icing and candies. There is a morning and afternoon session, so please make a reservation for the time slot you want.

Right around the corner, beginning December 2, is Holiday Brunch time with mulled wine, eggnog, and carolers. Also on December 2, we have our annual holiday party with a visit from Santa and the lighting of the menorah for the first day of Hanukkah. Kids can make ornaments, decorate cookies, and get a turn to whisper in Santa's ear what they want for Christmas. The Toys for Tots dinner on December 5 gives members an opportunity to share an evening of Christmas joy by bringing an unwrapped toy to donate to the U.S. Marines who distribute them throughout the Los Angeles area.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I thank you for your friendship and support throughout the year.

See you 'round the Club. ♣

CYC Business Lunch



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Sunday, December 2
Noon - 5 p.m.

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Always check calyachtclub.com for the most current event information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS				Women's Paddle Tennis 1	2	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 3	
3 Commodores Ball		15 YP Wine & Cheese Night		Book Mates		Jr. Learn to Sail	
4 Head of the Marina Rowing		22 Thanksgiving Day Dinner		Fleet Council Mtg.	Seafood Buffet 	Commodores Ball (no á la carte dining)	
9 CYCWA Paint Nite		25 Build Your Own Gingerbread House		Mah Jongg		Pickleball	
11 Match Racing Championships		29 YP Happy Hour					
Daylight Saving Time ends 4	Club closed 5	Club closed 6	Bridge Club 7	Women's Paddle Tennis 8	9	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 10	
Jr. Learn to Sail	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Epicurean Informal Event	CYCWA Board Mtg.	CYCWA Paint Night	Jr. Learn to Sail	
MD Paddle Tennis			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Jr. Comm. Mtg.	Seafood Buffet 	Pickleball	
Head of Marina Rowing Regatta					Mah Jongg		Maine Lobster Dinner Special
Knit or Knot							
Brunch 11	Club closed 12	Club closed 13	Bridge Club 14	Women's Paddle Tennis 15	16	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 17	
Jr. Learn to Sail	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	HH Book Club	Family Activities Comm. Mtg.		Jr. Learn to Sail	
Match Racing Championships			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet 	Pickleball	
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis							Maine Lobster Dinner Special
Knit or Knot							
Brunch 18	Club closed 19	Club closed 20	Bridge Club 21	22	23	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 24	
Jr. Learn to Sail	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis		Thanksgiving Dinner		Pickleball	
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis		Seafood Buffet 	Maine Lobster Dinner Special	
Knit or Knot							
Brunch 25	Club closed 26	Club closed 27	Bridge Club 28	Women's Paddle Tennis 29	30		
Build your own Gingerbread House	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Art Aficionados	Bridge Mtg.	Breeze Deadline		
Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis			FAC Appreciation Gathering	New Member Mtg.	Seafood Buffet 		
			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	YP Happy Hour			
				Mah Jongg			
DECEMBER 2018							
DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS						Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 1	
2 Holiday Party						Pickleball	
5 Toys for Tots							
8 Marina del Rey Boat Parade & Dock Party							
Holiday Brunch 2	Club closed 3	Club closed 4	Bridge Club 5	Women's Paddle Tennis 6	7	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 8	
Holiday Party	Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Toys for Tots Dinner (no á la carte dining)	Book Mates	Bridge Dinner	MdR Boat Parade & Dock Party	
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Fleet Council Party	Seafood Buffet 	Pickleball	
Knit or Knot							
Hanukkah Begins							

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