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Trick or Treat!

Yep, it's October. And, because it's October, I have to mention Christopher Columbus. I am from the East Coast. Columbus Day is a big deal for us. I don't have any idea why the West Coast always keeps regular working hours, while back east folks shut everything down and hold a parade.

Yes, I know ... he wasn't the best governor the New World ever saw. And, he was lost for 20 years. And, his voyages introduced disease and destruction of entire populations of indigenous peoples. Yea, yea, I know. I get it.

But, did you know that Italy wouldn't have tomatoes to make sauce with were it not for old Chris? Think about this ... pizza without tomato sauce? That's right, folks, tomatoes were here, not in Europe. Dave Barry once wrote that the most important invention in the entire history of the world was beer. He observed that the invention of the wheel was pretty good, too, but the wheel doesn't go nearly as well with pizza. So there you go.

Actually, people forget that for all that went wrong for poor Chris, he pioneered a method of navigation that ships, and especially yachts, used almost exclusively right up to the 1990s, until modern electronics of the last 25 years or so changed the nautical world. This type of navigation, today, is known as running down the latitudes.

Columbus would sail north or south to the latitude of his destination by taking angular measurements of the sun, and certain planets in the night sky (in Chris' time, they were pretty good at determining latitude this way, but could not calculate longitude with any degree of accuracy). Then, when they got to that specific latitude, they would make a right or left turn, and sail west or east, checking on latitudes and correcting, each day, to stay exactly on that latitude, until they arrived at their destination.

So, even though Columbus thought he was in India for four voyages and two decades of explorations, and really screwed up managing the New World when they gave him the authority to govern it, he gave us sailors two really cool things: a neat and surprisingly precise way to get around this blue marble of ours, and more importantly, sauce for pizza.

We had four planets to view for most of August and into early September. I sincerely hope you went outside to see this. Mars glowed serenely in red off to the south, and west of Mars was Saturn, which is usually too dim to see with your naked eye, but not this past month. Then there was Jupiter, further west and much brighter, and then the brightest of all, Venus, to the west. If you raced on Wednesday nights, or did some race committee work, you had the opportunity to enjoy the view. Of course, if you cruised to Catalina, or did any sailing or any of the longer races which kept you out after sunset, you would have been treated to this special view. Actually, viewing all four planets from the deck just outside the CYC bar was pretty fine, too. The navigational quad, I call them. Yea, it's old school, but they're very beautiful to look at, especially if you dim your

From the Commodore

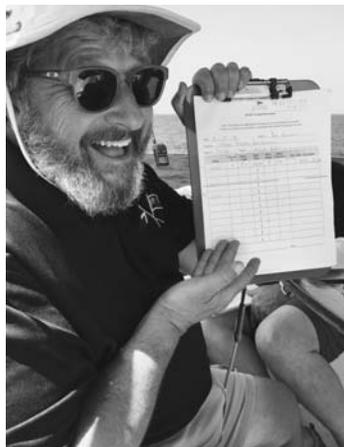


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Commodore Mike Blecher on race committee at the Star North American Championship

cockpit instruments and let your eyes adjust to the dark. In case you are wondering, Columbus saw them, too.

If you got into the water this past summer, you experienced very warm water. Whatever the reasons for this (all politics aside), this warm water brought up dorado, a fish usually found in the latitudes associated with Cabo San Lucas and other hot fishing spots. A bunch of these guys were caught in our area during the last few weeks of August. Meanwhile, swimming, at least for me, was really comfortable these past few weeks. We dedicated cruisers are extending this summer by trying something new. We are headed to Catalina for a couple of days after opening day of lobster season. We will homebase out of Fourth of July YC, and hunt a few lobsters out on Isthmus Reef. Thanks to the great support of Michele Underwood, Steve Bell, and Chef Fabio, and the *Charles Hathaway* (loaded with a full lobster boil for

all of us, courtesy of lots of U.S. greenbacks and Santa Monica Seafood), even if we get skunked, we will all eat lobsters on the evening of October 15.

See ya' on (or under) the water! ⚓

Interesting Boats

Byron and Lynn Nelson own *Voyager*, a 70-foot, long-range cruiser. She was built in 1995 in Thailand, originally for Pekka Koskenkyla, who founded Nautor Swan, the Finnish builder of the Swan line of luxury sailing yachts. *Voyager* has a single Lugger engine that burns a stingy 4.6 gallons per hour. With capacity for 4,400 gallons of diesel, the math supports this boat's mission, and Byron and Lynn's use of her, as a long distance cruiser. Since acquiring her on the East Coast where she came via the Med and Atlantic, they spent five seasons cruising the East Coast and the Caribbean, then transited the Panama Canal in 2011. They spent three seasons on the Pacific side of Mexico, and joined the Commodore's Cruise in 2014 that went to the Pacific Northwest. They lately have been spending summers in Southern California, and winters in Mexico. Byron reckons they have traveled 40,000 nautical miles in her. This photo was taken earlier this summer when *Voyager* and *Gypsy Wind* shared an anchorage near Two Harbors.



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FRONT COVER: CYC's Ben Mitchell (8082) leads former Star world champions Mark Reynolds (8129, San Diego YC) and Paul Cayard (8466, St. Francis YC) at the offset mark at the Star North American Championship, hosted by CYC August 14-19. World champion Eric Doyle (San Diego YC) won the regatta with Cayard placing second out of 36 competitors.

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BACK COVER: Allie Blecher's team placed second out of eight teams in the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship, hosted by St. Francis YC August 23-26. They were awarded the Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Memorial Perpetual Trophy.

Photo by St. Francis Yacht Club/Amanda Witherell

Celebrating the Spirit of Ohana

By SAMANTHA CALDWELL

Ohana is a Hawaiian word referring to family and friends. The luau at the Club on August 10 was a great evening full of ohana! As Club members, we have a strong feeling of community, and are so close that we feel like we are a family.

The front lawn was the perfect venue to host an evening luau. The decorations and atmosphere were transportive. With a pig roasted on a spit, hula dancers, fire dancers, and humidity, it felt as if we were in Hawaii. The evening started with a proper lei greeting from our amazingly talented hula dancers, and then all were given a welcome mai tai to really



dance moves.

The evening was a huge success and we are looking forward to our next CYC luau. 🍹

get the party started. For dinner we had kahlua pork, a pig roasted whole in a box, lomi lomi salmon, tuna poke, teriyaki chicken, and pineapple upside-down cake. The food alone made it well worth attending!

The entertainment was provided by "The Dancing Fire." All were invited to watch the group hula and fire dance. Those who wanted to participate even got the chance to learn some moves of their own. Following the performance, DJ Scott Jarema continued the party allowing all of us to show off our new



New Age of Mah Jongg

By SEO DONNA PETERSEN

While mah jongg has its roots far back in history, it is experiencing a resurgence in a younger generation. For many people, young and old, it is a blend of competitiveness, strategy, luck, and history. It is a way of turning off our devices and focusing in on uncomplicated times. The camaraderie within the game is also a part of its history.

The rummy-style game was started in China and came to New York in the early 1900s. The game was changed (American mah jongg) to include jokers and a yearly changing card to match your tiles to. Watching mah jongg for the first time can be bewildering. The terms are many and at first incomprehensible, but the game is actually quite easy.

CYCWA has games at the Club every Thursday starting at 1 p.m. If you are interested in joining our group and learning to play, please contact Chair Susan Allan or SEO Donna Petersen. You can also go online to Yellow Mountain Imports (ymimports.com) and find a tutorial for American mah jongg to get started. 🍹



Photo by EO Diane Howard

Join Virginia Teller, Lynn Nelson, SEO Donna Petersen, Nancy Pola, and Chair Susan Allan for a fun game of mah jongg.

Photo by Paula Cameron



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Saturday, October 6



Join fellow fishing members for "How and Where to Catch Large Fish Locally"



Presented by Randy Sprout



10 a.m. in the bar area

For reservations call 310-823-4567

Sunday, October 7 MDR Fishing Challenge



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Sunday, October 14

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To sign up and for more information, contact Charlie Pascal at radiopascal@earthlink.net by October 8



Wine Tasting Thursday, October 25

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CYC - MDR Annual Fishing Challenge

Sunday, October 7

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weigh-in at 4 p.m.

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This is a fish only
tournament and does not
include sharks or rays or
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How and where to catch
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10 a.m. in the bar.



Please register by October 6

Questions? Contact Chair Randy Sprout
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Fourth of July
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Sunday, October 14 - Tuesday, October 16

This is a CYC rendezvous cruise,
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You must have a dinghy, as shoreboat service will be limited

Cabins are available at Fourth of July Yacht Club
To reserve, contact General Manager
Michele Underwood by **October 1**

We must pre-order lobsters, so hard reservations
and payment (no refunds) are required by October 1
The cost for Monday night is \$85.00++

For itinerary details visit the CYC website

For reservations, call 310-823-4567 or visit calyachtclub.com



Ice Cream Social

BY IBIYEMI DUROSINMI-ETTI

The summer ice cream social took place on June 10. It was a fun-filled event for both kids and their parents. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream sundaes and were thrilled by the music of Rhythm DNA and the Willis McNeils Band. Playhouse Art was on hand to keep kids busy with fun activities. ♣



CYC's Aidan Mobley in the Hunt for Redbull Foiling Generation



Photo courtesy of Aidan Mobley

CYC's **Aidan Mobley** and crew Andrew Klotz and Aidan Doyle are training on their 18-foot skiff in the San Francisco Bay. Team USA's David Liebenberg is coaching them in their quest to compete in the Red Bull Foiling Generation events in November. To view dynamic videos and track their progress, visit aidanmobeysailing.com.

CYC Women Score Success at U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship

By MARY STUYVESANT

CYC fielded three of eight invited skippers who competed at the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship held August 23-26 at St. Francis YC – and they certainly did not disappoint. Allie Blecher placed second, Marilyn Cassedy placed fourth, and Liz Hjorth, sixth.

Match racing can be some of the fiercest racing and most interesting spectator viewing that one can catch on

the water and this year's event was no exception. The format is unusual in that teams begin with a round robin and advance up the leaderboard in a series of matched races. There is no second place in a match; only win or lose.

Racers often find the challenge of leveraging the rules to cause your opponent to make an error part of the excitement. "It's fun to push the rules in a way to beat out your opponent. Just a

different style of sailing that keeps us on our toes," says Blecher with a smile. "It's always interesting to see the difference between the way Americans are trained in match racing versus Europeans. We had moments where maneuvers that we had picked up in Europe would work that the fleet hadn't seen, which was cool."

Blecher needed to defeat number one ranked Nicole Breault of St. Francis YC in the finals to win. Breault had the



Photos by St. Francis YC/Amanda Witherell



Above: CYC's Allie Blecher (bow 3) leads in the final round against winner Nicole Breault (bow 6, St. Francis YC).

Left: Marilyn Cassedy, skipper of one of CYC's three teams, placed fourth out of eight teams.

advantage of home waters, home boats, and her local team. Blecher was still able to go in and win most of her starts, but felt that small errors up the course and two broken vang's cost her boat speed. "There is no relief in the match race rules for broken gear after foxtrot goes up - so whatever happens happens, and you have to deal with it." Cassedy also went up against Breault in the semifinals, commenting, "Her ranking is well deserved, and although we put up a good fight, she bested us in three straight races."

Hjorth also commented on her starting game as well as challenges sailing in the notorious San Francisco Bay. "We had great prestart boat handling with good starts and were able to put penalties on our opponents, but our unfamiliarity with the San Francisco Bay current kept us from staying ahead in a number of races."

CYC was the only club to have multiple skippers apply and be accepted to compete. It says a lot about our Club, support for racing, and women's racing in particular. All of the teams commented on what a great event it was and on the camaraderie among the women. "It was great to see so many friendly faces on the water and to race against both Cal teams in the lead up to this regatta," said Cassedy. Hjorth added, "Also, meeting all the new young women doing match racing! As well as seeing old friends, both sailors and umpires!"

As the second-place finisher, Blecher received the Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Memorial Trophy and, as the top finisher in the event who hadn't previously qualified for the 2019 Nations Cup Grand Final, she will be nominated by US Sailing to participate in that regatta to be hosted by St. Francis YC in April of 2019.

St. Francis YC put on a fantastic event where teams were

both entertained by exciting racing on the water and a full social calendar in the evenings. All are grateful to the CYC membership and the Competition Fund for

supporting three teams. Recent college graduate and member of Cassedy's team Simone Staff summed up the weekend best, "It was so much fun! Now I don't want to do anything else." ♣



CYC's Liz Hjorth (bow 4) and team challenge Stephanie Wondolleck (San Francisco YC).



Ali Blumenthal, skipper Allie Blecher (CYC), Molly Noble, and Beka Schiff (CYC) with the Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Memorial Trophy they won for finishing in second place.

Photos By St. Francis YC/Amanda Witherell

Pacific Cup Deepwater Series Delivers Fun Competition

BY DAN MCGANTY, Regatta Co-chair

August saw the third and final race of the Pacific Cup. A well-chosen course and the inverted start had whales chasing down minnows – with all boats looking ahead to those they hoped to catch and back at those for whom they might be prey. The convergence of boats at the finish worked as it should, with virtually the whole fleet crossing the line within a few minutes of each other. In the end, Peter Stazicker and his crew on *Flash Packet* just managed to overtake Dan McGanty and Helen Brierley and their crew on *Mistral*, for a two boat-length win. Other class

winners for this race were *Ruby d'eau*, *Squall*, and *MisQue*.

Series wins over all three races went to *Ruby d'eau* (Cruising A), *Crossfire* (Cruising B), *TBD* (PHRF A), *Mistral* (PHRF B), and *Avet* (PHRF C) – adding their names to one of the oldest perpetual trophies displayed at CYC. With its challenging courses, varied start formats, and fun after-race competitions (haiku, a spelling bee, and trivia contest), this series continues to grow, with great support from both cruising and racing boats – and is a must-do when one is planning the 2019 racing calendar. ⚓



Pacific Cup Deepwater Series overall winners: Joe Cowan (Cruising B, Cross Fire, Scuttlebutt Sailing Club), Richard Benedon (Cruising A, Ruby d'eau, CYC), John Staff (PHRF A, TBD, CYC), Curt Johnson (PHRF C, Avet, CYC), and Dan McGanty (PHRF B, Mistral, CYC)



John Staff's TBD won PHRF A.



Dan McGanty's Mistral won PHRF B.



Curt Johnson and his Avet crew, PHRF C winners, stay focused.

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King of Spain Regatta Kicks Off a Week of Star Championship Racing

By MARYLYN HOENEMEYER, Regatta Chair

Since the late 1970s, Star sailors have traveled to CYC for the chance to have their names engraved on the Spanish galleon trophy that was presented to the Club by the King of Spain in 1928. Past winners are a virtual who's who in sailing, with world champions and Olympic medalists noted among the ranks.

While prestigious in its own right, this year's King of Spain Regatta had the added benefit of being held on August 11-12, the weekend immediately prior to the Star North American Championship. Twenty-four teams, including three world champions, took advantage of this timing to gain valuable insight into the local sailing conditions while competing in the event.

Competitors enjoyed near-perfect Santa Monica Bay conditions on Saturday, with a southwest breeze that peaked at a solid 12 knots and a broad westerly swell that offered excellent downwind surfing opportunities. Conditions were lighter on Sunday, a welcome relief to many of the teams, with the breeze barely touching double digits by the last race. A crack team of volunteers, most of whom were on the water both days, allowed PRO Bill Stump to keep the lines square and the courses true for all six races sailed over the weekend.

Eric Doyle and Payson Infelise, sailing for San Diego YC, finished atop the leaderboard for the third year in a row, with all single-digit finishes. CYC's Alejandro Bugacov and crew Fernando Mugerle distinguished themselves as the only team to win two races, finishing fourth overall. Also sailing for CYC, Ben Mitchell with Parker Mitchell as crew was the best of the three father/son teams competing, losing the tie-breaker for fifth overall to world champion Paul Cayard.

At Sunday's trophy presentation, it was interesting to note that many past winners of the King of Spain continue to compete in the regatta. Competitors expressed their appreciation for the quality race management and warm hospitality provided by CYC again this year. We thank the many volunteers and staff that made this year's King of Spain such a success. 🏆



Two Star world champions, flying gold stars on their mainsails, John MacCausland (left) and Eric Doyle (right), sandwich CYC member Ben Mitchell.



An all-clear start for the 24-boat fleet

Photo by S/C Denny Haythorn

Photo by Nora Feddal



CYC's Alejandro Bugacov (8268) leads the pack to the finish and was the only competitor to win two races, finishing fourth overall.



First to the racing area both days, winners Eric Doyle (San Diego YC) and crew Payson Infelise check the conditions.



It's a hat trick! Eric Doyle (San Diego YC) and crew Payson Infelise, pictured with Regatta Chair Marylyn Hoenemeyer and S/C Tom O'Connor, win the King of Spain for the third year in a row.

Photos by Nora Feddal

Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

Pacific Cup Deepwater Series Race 3

August 5, CYC

PHRF A: 8 boats

1 Peter Stazicker, *Flash Packet*

PHRF B: 3 boats

1 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

Cruising A: 3 boats

1 Richard Benedon, *Ruby d'eau*

Pacific Cup Deepwater Series Overall Results

PHRF A: 9 boats

1 John Staff, *TBD*

2 John McEntire, *Encore*

3 Doug Steele, *Tiburon*

PHRF B: 5 boats

1 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

2 Duncan Cameron, *Trust Me*

PHRF C: 6 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Cruising A: 6 boats

1 Richard Benedon, *Ruby d'eau*

2 Whitney Green, *Pacific*

King of Spain Regatta

August 11-12, CYC

4 Alejandro Bugacov/Fernando Mugerle

U.S. Women's Match Race Championship

August 23-26, St. Francis YC, 8 teams

2 Allie Blecher and team



Photo by Bronny Daniels / joy/sailing.com

CYC's Rick Peters with skipper Rick Merriman (San Diego YC) finished third of all Masters at the Star North American Championship.



Race 15, August 1

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Jeff Janov, *Viva la Vida*

PHRF B : 9 boats

2 Doug Steele, *Tiburon*

PHRF C: 10 boats

2 Steve and Drew Curran,
Tinderbox

3 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF D: 6 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Martin 242: 11 boats

1 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

2 Brack Duker, *Velerito*

3 Steven Moses, *Wombat*

4 Tim Clarke/Michael Bradley,
Summer Rental

Cruising A: 12 boats

4 Whitney Green, *Pacific*



Photo by S/C Denny Haythorn, Race 18, August 22

Four members of the Martin 242 class line up as they enter the channel.

Race 16, August 8

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Jeff Janov, *Viva la Vida*

PHRF C: 9 boats

1 Peter Nelson, *Spray*

2 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

3 Jon Haney, *Joyride*

Martin 242: 12 boats

1 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*

2 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

3 Brack Duker, *Velerito*

4 Steven Moses, *Wombat*

PHRF E: 5 boats

2 Susan Taylor, *Take Five*

Race 17, August 15

PHRF A: 2 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck,

Margaritaville 1 1/2

PHRF B: 7 boats

2 Mahaffey family,

Cuvee Caliente

PHRF C: 10 boats

1 Steve and Drew Curran,

Tinderbox

2 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF D: 6 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

PHRF E: 5 boats

2 Susan Taylor, *Take Five*

Martin 242: 7 boats

1 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*

2 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

Cruising A: 15 boats

4 Richard Benedon,

Ruby d'eau

Race 18, August 22

PHRF A: 2 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck,

Margaritaville 1 1/2

PHRF B: 9 boats

3 Doug Steele, *Tiburón*

PHRF C: 10 boats

1 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF D: 6 boats

2 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

PHRF E: 6 boats

2 Susan Taylor, *Take Five*

Martin 242: 8 boats

1 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*

2 Mark Sands, *Sandbox*

3 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

Cruising A: 12 boats

4 Chris Gorog,

California Dream



Photo by Seisuko Anthony, Race 17, August 15

Boats navigate the turning mark in the channel as the sun sets behind them.



Photo by David Doeh, Race 17, August 15

The sun breaks through the clouds during race 17.

Race 19, August 29

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1 1/2*

PHRF C: 10 boats

2 Peter Nelson, *Spray*

PHRF D: 7 boats

2 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Martin 242: 9 boats

1 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

2 Mark Sands, *Sandbox*

3 Tim Clarke/Michael Bradley,

Summer Rental

Race 20, September 5

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 John McEntire, *Encore*

PHRF C: 11 boats

2 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

4 Steve and Drew Curran, *Tinderbox*

PHRF D: 7 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

2 Derek Heeb, *Redline*

PHRF E: 5 boats

2 Susan Taylor, *Take Five*

Martin 242: 9 boats

1 Mark Sands, *Sandbox*

2 Peter Stazicker, *Trolleycar*

3 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*

Cruising A: 16 boats

4 Whitney Green, *Pacific* ⚓

Stars Align for North American Championship Regatta

By MARY STUYVESANT, Regatta Co-chair

Congratulations to Eric Doyle of San Diego YC and Payson Infelise of Newport Harbor YC for winning the prestigious Star North American Championship, hosted by CYC August 16-19. The competition was stiff with some of the best sailors in North America, as well as Argentina and Brazil, and included Olympic medalists, world champions, and past North American champions coming to line up and compete in what many see as one of the best one-design classes in the world.

CYC has a long history with the Star boat and Star class and is proud to have been selected to host this championship regatta, as well as having previously hosted the 1983 and 2002 Star World Championships, 2005 and 2010 North American Championships, and 2008 Olympic Sailing Trials. “Cal goes way back with the Stars,” said PRO S/C Bill Stump. “The first Star class fleet on the Pacific Coast was established in the 1920s by the founders of California Yacht Club, and venerable CYC Olympian Owen Churchill purchased one of the first boats for the new Southern California fleet. It’s a classic yacht racing design, competitive, elegant, and ageless. The Star class has generated Olympic and America’s Cup champions for decades.”

Thirty-six teams, eight races, four days – to say the racing was competitive would be an understatement. Racers were so aggressive at the starts that PRO Stump had to resort to black flag starts for several of the races. Winners Doyle/Infelise and four other teams were disqualified from race four for being over early during a black flag start. At every mark rounding it seemed that there was a shakeup in the standings, but when it came down to it, Doyle and Infelise seemed to fly down wind.

Neck and neck in the hunt for the win was the team of Paul Cayard (St. Francis YC) and Arthur Lopes from Brazil. Cayard commented in his blog about Doyle and Infelise and their speed. “They were fast and smart, which is deadly. While Arthur and I had great starts and were up front ... we could not match the speed of Eric Doyle. We got a 2, 4 to his 1, 3. There was a lot of up and down and back and forth with other



Skipper Eric Doyle (San Diego YC) and crew Payson Infelise (Newport Harbor YC) celebrate clinching the win.



Star world champion Paul Cayard (St. Francis YC) placed second in the regatta.



Star world champion Mark Reynolds (San Diego YC) placed fourth overall and was top Grand Master.

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players but the championship boiled down to just that.”

Doyle previously won the Star North Americans and the Worlds nearly 20 years ago, in 1999. He compared this win to his victory 19 years ago, saying, “It hurts a little more to hike out, but the competition is still great, and [PRO] Bill Stump is still out here running great races.” With a podium placement in every race but one (when he was OCS), Doyle added, “The big key to the regatta is to be consistent. You’ve just got to be conservative and chip away at it. Try to stay fresh and focused, always looking out the boat.” He credited good teamwork and gave a nod to his crew Payson Infelise. Doyle continued, “You’d better be on your toes and on your game every second, or there are people passing you from every angle. Because everybody’s fast and everybody’s tough.”

The Star competitors certainly take the “work hard, play hard” adage to heart. In preparation for the regatta, CYC hosted a Facebook Live chat with Doyle. Racers from a packed Gallery Room and all over the world asked Doyle questions. Saturday night of the regatta, the usual festivities were enhanced with a tight “Giant Jenga for a Jib” competition, sponsored by North Sails, a celebration of CYC Star sailor Doug Steele’s 80th birthday (congratulations to Doug on sailing a good regatta!), and some dancing with friends and families.

A big thank you also goes out to the many sponsors, race committee members, and CYC staff that made one day of practice and four days of racing possible. Thank you also for the generous support from our sponsors Denison Yachting, North Sails, Helly Hansen, Quantum Sails, MAP Strategic, and *starboatguy.com*. A big thank you to Mike George who did too many things to name. Congratulations to my Co-chairs Denise George and P/C Monica Antola – it truly took a village. ♣

CYC’s Doug Steele (red cap) celebrated his 80th birthday during the regatta. He’s a Star Exalted Grand Master or, as he called himself during the regatta, an “Exhausted” Grand Master.



Commodore Mike Blecher with Star North American Champions Payson Infelise (Newport Harbor YC) and skipper Eric Doyle (San Diego YC)



CYC’s Alejandro Bugacov (bow 28) shown in one of many tight finishes in the regatta.



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Skipper Rick Merriman (8250) with crew Rick Peters (CYC) lead world champions Mark Reynolds (8129) and regatta winner Eric Doyle (8423) at the weather mark. Merriman, Reynolds, and Doyle are all from San Diego YC.



CYC's Myles Pritchard (bow 14) at the leeward gate.



Thirty-six boats competed in the regatta, among them Olympic medalists, North American champions, and world champions.

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The Magenta Project *California Yacht Club Yachting Program*
 Wednesday, October 3

"EXCELLERATING WOMEN'S SAILING"
 Presented by Allie Blecher




Allie Blecher of CYC is a highly decorated racer, as well as mentor and coach. She serves on the board of the California International Sailing Association and is involved in The Magenta Project, whose main focus is to accelerate women in sailing. She is the 2017 winner of the prestigious SCYA Peggy Slater Memorial Trophy recognizing female sailors demonstrating outstanding contributions to the enhancement of women's participation in sailing.

What started out as an ambition to be competitive at the highest level, resulted in providing inspiration to an enormous base of fans and female sailors across the globe. To continue the legacy, The Magenta Project was formed, a collective of passionate, committed female athletes showcasing sailing as one of the few sports where women can compete directly against men on a level playing field.

California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292
 Presentation Starts at 7:30 p.m. Free - Open to the Public

Awards Banquet Celebrates Our Juniors

By WILL PETERSEN, Junior Committee Chair

The CYC summer junior sailing program concluded with the annual awards banquet held on August 9. Juniors, parents, and friends gathered on the front lawn on a wonderful cool evening to celebrate and share all the achievements of a great summer.

S/C Bill Stump led the evening as the MC. The new Junior Bridge officers were installed and stood proudly with their flags: Race Team Captain Grant Janov, Port Captain Bastien Rasse, Vice Commodore Harrison Zeigler, and Commodore Alexis Westland.

Over 100 sailors were honored with a certificate of completion, though not all were in attendance. Sailors at each class level were also awarded a most improved and a most outstanding sailor award by their respective coaches. As usual, the CYC perpetual awards were the highlight of the evening. These awards honor and recognize both sailors and supporters for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding

achievements throughout the year.

This year the Junior Wall of Fame Award was resurrected. Started in 2005 by then Junior Committee Chair Peter Wenner, the award honors past participants of the junior sailing or rowing program who have shown that the lessons learned and the experiences gained from the program were used positively throughout their adult life. This year's recipient is Forrest Gay. Forrest grew up in the summer sailing program and later, after a couple summers as a coach, came back to be the junior director. While director, he made a lasting impact on the program and the juniors, many of whom are still members of the yacht club and active sailors. He is currently the race director at San Francisco YC.

Big thanks to Heather Janov and the CYC staff for helping to coordinate and organize the banquet. Also, thank you to Mollie Perlman and Roberto Ayala for running another fantastic summer sailing program. We all look forward to next year! ⚓



Photo by Madoka Hamlin

Junior Bridge: Commodore Alexis Westland, Vice Commodore Harrison Zeigler, Rear Commodore Bastien Rasse, and Race Team Captain Grant Janov



William A. Degroot Junior Sailing High Point Trophy winner Gavin McJones



S/C Uta Leslie, Jordan Janov, winner of the Commodore Samuel K. Rindge Racing Achievement Trophy, Jr. Committe Chair Will Petersen, and P/C Monica Antola



S/C Bill Stump with Jordan Janov, winner of the Commodore Richard Zimbert Perpetual Trophy



P.J. Wenner Memorial Award winner Matthew Gravett



Kaitlyn DeCurtis and Shipmates Trophy winner Peter Wenner

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Junior Wall of Fame winner Forrest Gay

Not pictured: Diane Armstrong Trophy winner Callie Davis and George E. Roosevelt Junior Seamanship Award winner Patrick Mulcahy



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Laser Radial Youth World Championships



Gavin McJones placed sixth in the 67-boat silver fleet at the Laser Radial Youth World Championships, held August 20-25 in Kiel, Germany. Out of 400 racers, he was the fifth-ranked U.S. boy. Gavin (200358) is shown leading in the seventh of eleven races, which he won.

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Expiration of cruise rate will be Sept. 19

CYC Flashback!

Gone fishing! Who else has warm childhood memories of fishing with a dad, an uncle, or other family member?

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.



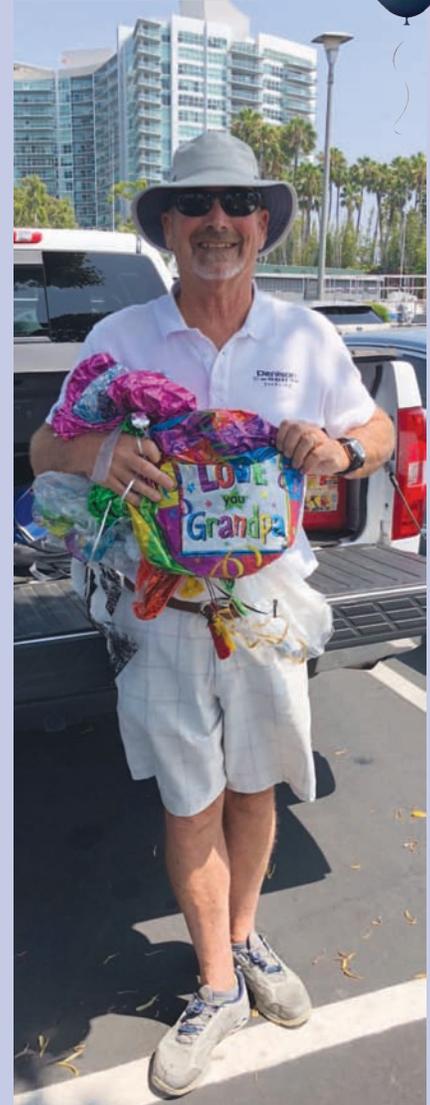
Nasreen Babu-Khan was about seven years old when she went fishing with her uncle, the late Peter Caloyeras, a long-time member of CYC. They were fishing in the Mediterranean near his father's birthplace, the island of Spetses, Greece.



Bob Congdon was three or four years old in this photo taken with his dad. He explains that they "lived on Lake Howell in Florida at the time, so I suspect this was an everyday event and not a special trip. My dad liked to fish and, like any kid, I liked to hang out with my dad."

Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By **EVAN DAVIS**,
Dockmaster



Our latest balloon killer wrestled these monsters from the deep blue sea.

Congratulations to S/C Bill Petersen who bagged 11 nasties. Enjoy the 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

The on-the-water photo contest takes a dive under the water, courtesy of prize-winning photographer **Helen Brierley**. Her photo of the pelagic octopus was taken during a blackwater dive off Hawaii. She explains that “this kind of diving involves heading out late at night over very deep water (8,000 to 10,000 feet) and drifting in the current with just your camera lights to see what comes along. Everything is black, all you can see is the beam from your focus light as you hang in the inky water column, but it’s the only way to witness what they say is the biggest migration on Earth – the nightly journey up from the depths of all the planktonic and pelagic creatures. They travel up toward the surface to feed (and breed), heading back down before first light. It’s one of the most exciting dives because you never know what will appear. Many of the creatures are minute and diaphanous, so I use two strobe arms with powerful flash and a macro lens to capture them. Sometimes squid and dolphin arrive to hunt in the light-beams, but we generally get out of the water when the sharks arrive in hunting mode!”

Helen’s second photo features her daughter Amelia, floating dreamily with a bunch of flowers. The photo was actually taken in their pool in front of a black sheet, and many who’ve seen the photo say that they can’t tell that Amelia is underwater!

To see more of Helen’s photos of sea creatures, monsters, and goddesses, visit helenbrierley.com.

Helen is this month’s on-the-water 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. 🍷





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.

S/C Rick Turner and Ann used CYC's reciprocal privileges at Boston YC in Marblehead, Massachusetts. They enjoyed the accommodations overlooking the harbor.

As a CYC member, you, too, can enjoy reciprocal privileges at other yacht clubs within the United States and many foreign countries. In addition, our affiliation with Los Angeles Athletic Club gives CYC members access to many business, social, and athletic clubs. Members must request a letter of introduction and present their membership card during the time of the visit. For the list of reciprocal privileges at other yacht clubs and information on how to get a letter of introduction, log into the "Members" section of calyachtclub.com, and click on the "Reciprocal Privileges" tab in the "My Club" pull-down menu.



The Ondreys visited **Jr. S/C Kellie Fennessy** and **Mike Priest** and sailed the waters of French Polynesia on *Dash*. Pictured are Mike Priest, Kellie Fennessy, Michael and Michelle Ondrey with their children, Luke and Kate.

CYCWA on the Horizon

By PENNY COLLINS

CYCWA First Mates Cruise to Downtown LA

“Party Like Gatsby”

Friday, October 19 to Sunday, October 21

Co-chairs are S/C Anne Sacks and Pati Etter

Art Aficionados

October 10 and 24

Fluid painting techniques, also known as acrylic pouring art. These classes are for everyone who says “I can’t paint!” Chair is SEO Norma Pratt.

Happy Hour Book Club

Thursday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.

Fireside Room

“Barons of the Sea - And Their Race to Build the World’s Fastest Clipper Ship,” by Steven Ujifusa. Near the end of the 18th century, after the newly formed United States was free from British restrictions, mostly family run and New England-based shipping companies rushed to dominate the lucrative trade with China. The author delivers lively portraits of half a dozen young American entrepreneurs – cutthroat competitors – who, by the 1830s, had established themselves in China and grown rich. After 1840, American shipyards began building sleek, tall-sparred vessels with huge sail area. Sacrificing cargo capacity for speed, these clipper ships cut the six-month voyage to China in half, but they were less reliable than the larger, slower ships, and their dominance was also impacted by the opening of the Suez Canal and the development of steam power. (Kirkus Reviews) “Barons of the Sea” combines mercantile and nautical history in a riveting tale of adventure. Co-chairs are Leslie Bene and Michael Cubbin. ♣



Art Aficionados visited the Sawdust Art Festival in Laguna Beach in August: Laura Greenburg, Lynn Nelson, Marie Hedlund, SEO Norma Pratt, EO Diane Howard, SEO Anne Sanguinetti, Ellen Borowka, Anne’s assistant Alex, Nicole Harnett, Barry Wilkinson, and Moira Michiels.

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.

"Pachinko" Raises Historical Fiction to New Emotional Levels

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Co-chairs

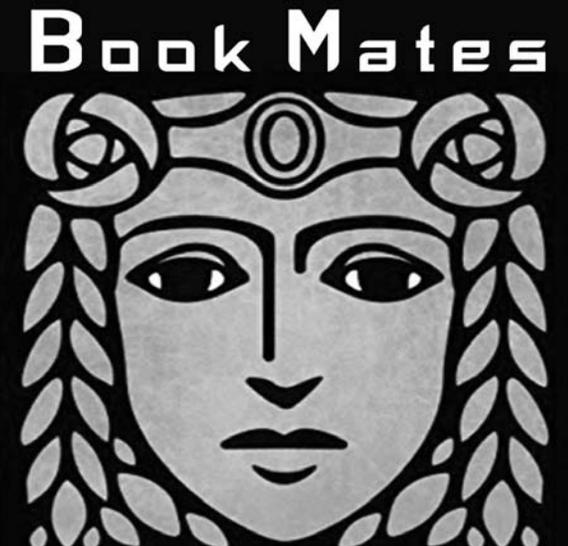
"Pachinko" details the story of four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family suffering Japanese occupation, two wars, cultural strife, and personal displacement. Author Min Jin Lee's complex and passionate characters survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history. Linda Oistad moderated her choice for fiction at our September 6 Book Mates luncheon.

After some background information about Korea, a country and people who always wanted to be left alone but were constantly invaded, Linda got the discussion underway asking the group to comment on the title. The consensus was that the author was comparing the future of the Korean immigrants in the story with the way the game pachinko is played; the first move of the flipper determines how the game will turn out, just as being born Korean, under Japanese rule, determined their fate.

S/C Bill Watkins felt that the author's preface, which quoted

Charles Dickens, made the concept of home and identity, and acceptance or denial of both, a key theme of the novel. Opinions varied on the "goodness" of the character Hansu, as well as the meaning of "a good Korean" and "a good Japanese." Family plays a prominent role in the novel, and the desire for any parent to encourage their children to have a better life made the story universal and relatable to all. The opening line, "History failed us, but no matter," is a testament to the determination of characters such as Sunja to overcome their plight. Linda explained that the author wanted to give voice to people whose stories are never told.

Our November 1 selection is "Circe," by Madeline Miller, moderated by Randy and Jr. SEO Dawn Sprout. Our December 6 fiction selection is "My Brilliant Friend: Neapolitan Novels, Book One," by Elena Ferrante. Moderator is Michele Segina. ♣



Book Mates

Moderators Randy & Dawn Sprout

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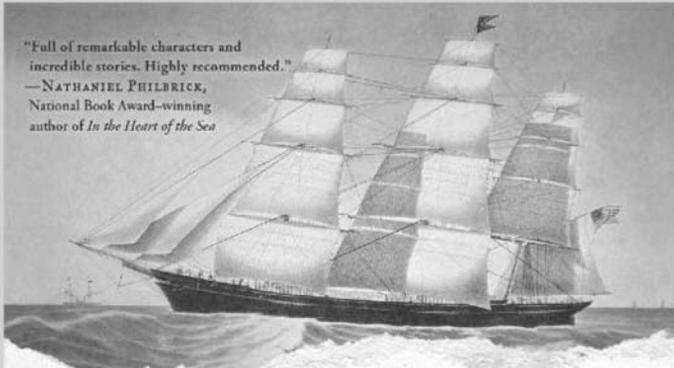
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From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD



After very successful lobster nights and chop nights the last two months, we continue our series of Saturday night specials with **bouillabaisse**. For those not familiar with this classic French dish, it is a delicious Provençal fish stew with mounds of fresh seafood in a fragrant seafood broth served with grilled French bread and a saffron rouille, which is somewhat like mayonnaise. Chef Fabio will need to order a number of fresh ingredients, so it is important to reserve your entrée by 5 p.m. the preceding Thursday.

This month is your last chance to update your information for the **2019 roster**. Please send changes to

brittany.potter@calyachtclub.net, or fill out the sheet at the front desk so we can have the correct contact information for you. If you have changed boats or boat names, let us know that as well.

The last two cruises of the year head out this month. Sunday, October 14, through Tuesday, October 16, we are cruising to Fourth of July Yacht Club for the **Commodore's Lobster Hunt**. Members will be on their own for Sunday dinner and Monday breakfast and lunch. No doubt many will head up to Harbor Reef Restaurant for Sunday dinner. For those hardy souls who want to hunt for lobster after midnight, that option is open. For those who want to stay aboard, the *Charles Hathaway* crew will bring a traditional lobster boil for Monday night dinner. Reservations are required by Thursday, October 11 at 5 p.m. For those wanting cabins, please call Michele Underwood directly.

CYC Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 21

Come join us for trunk or treating at the CYC parking lot. Fun activities and moon bounce. Bring your carved pumpkin for judging.

No-host bar for adults
Hot cocoa station for kids
Car decorating starting 2 p.m.

3 - 5 p.m.

Don't forget your costume
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Hosted by CYC Family Committee

The **First Mates Cruise**, "Party Like Gatsby," heads downtown to the L.A. Athletic Club for a weekend of fun on October 19. You must sign up at the front desk regardless of whether you have reserved a room, so we can indicate how many members are going to the reception and dinner Saturday night. Dress in your roaring '20s best for a night of dining and dancing. Reservations are required by October 12.

The ghosts and goblins come to CYC on October 21 for the Family Activities Committee annual **Trunk or Treat** party. The parking lot will have a designated area taped off where members who plan to decorate their trunks can park. There will be a bounce house, music, carved pumpkin contest, costume contest, and lots of games. Party starts at 3 p.m., so decorated cars need to be ready ahead of time. Everyone dresses up, so bring the kids down and have an afternoon of fun.

The holidays are around the corner, so it's time to stock up on wines suitable for your holiday table. Our October 25 **wine tasting** will give you that opportunity with wines at various price points that will pair well with foods offered during the holiday season. You will be able to purchase wines you taste that evening and they will be delivered to the Club by the first week in November.

It's not too early to sign up for the **Commodores Ball** on November 3. Chair Sue Purcell has a "Treasure under the Sea" waiting for you.

Please welcome our new Lead Receptionist, Jeanine Steward. Jeanine comes to us with experience in graphic arts, retail sales, websites, and administrative services. Stop by the front desk and say hello.



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