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**ALLIE BLECHER AND TEAM CYC
LINDA ELIAS MEMORIAL WOMEN'S
ONE-DESIGN CHALLENGE**

DECEMBER 2019

From the Commodore

Together We Reached For the Stars – Let's Keep Reaching

What a year we shared! We Reached for the Stars, honored CYC Stars, sailed Stars, star-gazed, and recently danced Under the Stars. 2019 has flown by, and it's nearly time to welcome the new year and our incoming Bridge. I've enjoyed my year as Commodore, and am looking forward to continuing to serve our Club even after I give up my prime parking space.

Before reminiscing and pondering what's next, I will salute a trio of CYC Stars for their significant multi-year contributions to our Club. *Breeze* Editor-in-Chief Paula Cameron knocks it out of the park each month with our fantastic CYC magazine. She's been at the helm of the *Breeze* for more than five years, and I am thrilled that she will continue in that role. *Zephyr* Editor Ray Campbell has been producing our weekly newsletter since mid-2016 and brings news of upcoming events to our email inboxes every Tuesday. Thankfully, he will continue cranking out *Zephyr* and providing you current information about our many Club activities. Head scorer Peggy Powers is an essential ingredient in our year-round regatta program, and has trained a capable scoring team that we count on for our many racing days each year. Peggy keeps her cool, and pumps out timely race results even when the computer scoring program gets glitchy. We are so fortunate to have such bright lights in our CYC constellation! There will be a few more Stars to recognize for 2019 achievements, and I'll do that early in the coming year.

Speaking of stars, our "Under the Stars"-themed Commodores Ball was delightful; indeed, it was full of lights, twinkling stars, a glittering moon, delicious food, loads of dancing, and most importantly, graced with the camaraderie of many yacht club friends and close family. Stay tuned for a recap in the January *Breeze*.

Although I prefer to look at the bright side, it's undeniable that the ocean can be chaotic, life is messy, and our yacht club isn't perfect. Examples of misfortune, loss, and tumult abound, and that's part of being alive. This year has been filled with joy and sadness, for me personally as well for our Club family. Together we've shared the excitement of Installation, a sunny Opening Day, another fantastic Sunset Series, our 21st Cal Race Week, the Opti Team Trials, a sun-drenched summer solstice celebration, fun-filled cruises to Howland's and other Catalina anchorages, a magical Commodore's Cruise up the Danube River, a festive Commodores Ball Under the Stars, and so much more. We also suffered the loss of our longtime



*Commodore
Debbie Feinerman*

general manager, Michele Underwood, in August, and my beloved mother earlier in the year. We all felt the harrowing sinking of John Sangmeister's *OEX* in this year's Transpacific Yacht Race, and celebrated the rescue of her crew by CYC member Roy P. Disney and his *Pyewacket* team. As I write this, firefighters are heroically fighting horrific fires close to home, in neighboring communities, and up and down California. Beyond our local environs, there is chaos aplenty – you know what I mean no matter where or how you receive national or international news.

The best way I know to deal with adversity or any challenge, large or small, is to do something. If the issue is too substantial to tackle at once, I break it into bite-size tasks.

Doing something small is far better than doing nothing. My philosophy applies to the world at large, as well as to our fine yacht club. With so many activities to choose from at California Yacht Club every day, imagine how wonderful it would be if everyone extended a hand to a new member, or introduced themselves to someone they'd seen at the Club but not formally met. For 2020, resolve to say hello to someone new in the dining room, try a new activity, learn a new skill, and make the most of the community that is our Club. With one month left this year, you can get a jump on your resolutions by enjoying our December Toys for Tots dinner or participating in the Marina del Rey Boat Parade.

To all the volunteers who lent a hand this year, thank you! Hats off to my Bridge and our Fleet Officers; I appreciate your dedication and contributions all year long. Special gratitude to my Commodore's Liaison, Kathy Patterson, and to my wonderful partner/cheerleader S/C Bill Stump.

Join me in congratulating our 2020 Bridge and supporting them as we enter our 98th year: Commodore Stephanie Weston, Vice Commodore Tim Clarke, Rear Commodore Monica Antola, Fleet Captain Christina Tarantola, and Port Captain Anthony Agoglia.

As beautifully sung by Josh Groban and aptly titled "Thankful,"

*"It's up to us, to be the change
And even though we all can still do more
There's so much to be thankful for"*

As we bid farewell to our Club's 97th year, let's raise a glass to each other and to California Yacht Club.

See you at the Club, on and around the water. ⚓

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Head of the Charles

Photo by Kelly Holscher



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FRONT COVER Skipper Allie Blecher and her CYC team (bow 9) won the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge, hosted by Long Beach YC. Eleven teams participated in the regatta, held October 12-13.

Photo © TRACY ST. JOHN

BACK COVER Gigi Ivancich (third from left) and Callie Davis (second from right) visited the desert, one of the hospitality events they participated in during the Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship, hosted by Sail Oman at Mussanah Sports City in the Sultanate of Oman. More than 140 racers participated in this invitation-only event, held October 2-6.

Photo courtesy of Rachel Davis



**Eye
Holiday Party**

**Sunday, December 1
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

Bring the family and enjoy complimentary
hors d'oeuvres, egg nog, hot mulled wine,
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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.

Joe Moschella and daughter **Reagan** visited the Japan Coast Guard Museum in Yokohama, Japan, on October 9, just a day before the arrival of Typhoon Hagibis. The museum houses a number of naval artifacts, including an entire North Korean spy ship that the Coast Guard captured in 2001.



Photo by Lily Moschella



S/C Ann Ach and **Jim** had dinner at Le Train Bleu, located in the Gare de Lyon in Paris. The restaurant was created in 1900 and has been designated a historic monument by the government of France. Each ornate dining room is themed to represent one French city and region.



S/C Anne Sacks (above right) exchanged burgees at CYC with Robert P. Bisanz, International 1st Vice President of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, The Association of Past Commodores. She also exchanged burgees with Joseph A. Tringali (below left), Palm Beach Sailing Club.



CYC Flashback!

Elliott Olson dug deep into his files and found this article about his win at the Lake Havasu Regatta from a 1974 issue of the *Breeze*. Elliott describes how CYC began hosting more one design racing and the thrill of racing Pacific Catamarans:

"I became One Design Invitational Chairman after complaining that CYC was mostly a big boat racing club (an excellent one), to the exclusion of small boat one-design racing. At the time, the Pacific Catamaran fleet was the largest one-design fleet racing in Southern California. We were hosted consistently by clubs from Santa Barbara to Coronado, and most clubs in between, including Malibu, King Harbor, Cabrillo Beach, Alamitos Bay, Bahia Corinthian, Mission Bay, Southwestern, and others. My concern was taken seriously, and CYC began hosting more one-design racing, including the 1971 Pacific Catamaran National Championship.

The win at Lake Havasu was toward the end of my small boat racing as family and my law career became priorities and the fleet started transitioning to Tornado class racing. But I will never forget the thrill of surfing on a broad reach with the spinnaker flying and both of us hanging out on the trapeze." ⚓

Elliott Olson Wins P Cat Race At Havasu



Above, Elliott Olson, CYC One Design Invitational Chairman, and his sister Mary, are shown comfortably cruising the desert waters as they won the P Cat competition at the recent Lake Havasu Regatta.

Submit your flashback photo of a CYC member sailing, cruising, fishing, rowing, surfing, water skiing, canoeing, kayaking, as a junior sailor, or at the beach, to cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com for a chance at the glory.



Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By CURTIS WAGNER,
Dockmaster



This festive photo was sent to me in a text via email with no identifying information. In other words, it's a mystery. The happy group successfully caught five balloons and has won this month's prize. But first they must come to the dockmaster's office to identify themselves.

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. ⚓


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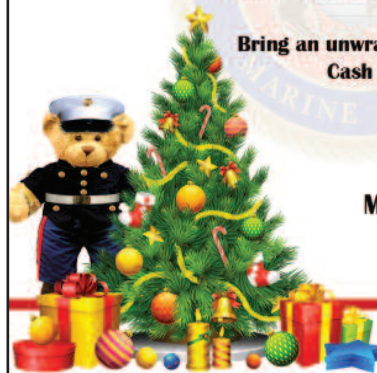
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On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

Tawni Schutter took this moody photo of the sky, the clouds, the water, and a sailboat during an October daysail.

Congratulations to Tawni on winning a bottle of fine wine selected by Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell. 🍷



Interesting Boats

By KIERAN SHOCKLEE

When I wanted to get a new boat, I asked myself, what do I want from this? These goals came to mind: speed and high performance. Then came the idea of foiling, and with that, the Waszp. The Waszp is a foiling one-design, one-person boat that is about 10 feet long and can exceed 20 knots of speed. The first time I got up on the foils my jaw just dropped; for one, the acceleration was insane and I instantly fell in love with it. The Waszp is the type of boat where anyone with a solid fundamental idea of sailing can hop on one and start foiling. Foiling is new technology, enhancing speed and performance. The fleet is growing on the west coast and around the world. Can't wait to see you on the water! 🍷



Kieran sailing his Waszp on Grand Lake, Colorado.



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CYC Competes Against the Best in the World at the Head of the Charles

By S/C CRAIG LEEDS

The Head of the Charles Regatta is billed as the largest two-day rowing regatta in the world. This year's edition, held October 19-20, saw 762 clubs enter a total of 2,263 boats in the iconic three-mile race which winds under seven bridges and through many turns on the Charles River in Boston. The prestige of this regatta brings in the best competition from around the world.

Seventeen CYC junior rowers and a handful of adult rowers arrived on Wednesday prior to the regatta, just in time for sustained 35 mph winds which blew all day Thursday. The two men's youth quads were our only boats able to get on the water Thursday because of the high winds. Friday was a bit better and, fortunately, Saturday and Sunday, which were the regatta days, turned out to be ideal New England fall days with very light winds and mild temperatures.

Our rowers posted some impressive results against the best competition in the world. Our women's youth double of Alexandria Lange and Talia Koch placed third, while our men's youth quad and men's youth single each placed fourth. The CYC adults who raced were Barbara Jones, Samantha Karasik, Wendy O'Brien, Jan Palchikoff, and Matt Schaeffer.

Besides rowing, eating (and drinking for the adults) is the primary group activity for the CYC contingent and every meal was at one great Boston eatery or another. It's definitely a regatta which should be on every rower's and even non-rower's bucket list. ⚓



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Luke Holscher, Peter Albrecht, Keaton Lynch, and Harrison Zeigler placed fourth out of 48 boats in the men's youth quad.



Men's youth coxed quad (red boat): Totman Davis, Zachary Bort, Noah Jones, John Cahill, and Charlotte Cox (red hat)

Alexandria Lange and Talia Koch placed third out of 46 competitors in the women's youth doubles.



Riley Young (bow) and Will Kendall (stern), competing in the men's youth doubles, approach the dreaded Week's Bridge turn.



Photo by Lisa Bort

Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

Farr 40 World Championship

October 2-5, Long Beach YC

14 boats

1 Drew Freides, *Far Niente*

Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship

October 2-6, Mussanah Sports City, Oman

141 boats

80 Gigi Ivancich

88 Callie Davis

Oktoberfest Regatta

October 5, Santa Monica Windjammers YC

Martin 242: 7 boats

1 Brack Duker, *Velerito*

2 Tom O'Connor, *Blarney*

PHRF: 4 boats

1 John Staff, *TBD*

Santana 30/30: 3 boats

1 William Wells, *Whazoo*

Cruising: 8 boats

2 Joe Weber, *Va Pensiero*

SCYYRA Shadden Series #2

October 6, CYC

34 boats

23 Ted Sherman/Tessa Farrell

24 Ethan Chi/Max Jacobson

28 Robert Suddath/Osian Bellinger

34 Lauren Fernandez/Sam Suddath

Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge

October 12-13, Long Beach YC

11 teams

1 Allie Blecher/CYC

International Masters Regatta

October 18-20, San Diego YC

11 teams

6 Bill Petersen/CYC

Head of the Charles

October 19-20, Cambridge, Mass.

Women's Youth Doubles: 47 boats

3 Talia Koch/Alexandria Lange

Men's Youth Singles: 40 boats

4 Theory Millar

Men's Youth Quad: 48 boats

4 Luke Holscher, Peter Albrecht, Keaton Lynch, Harrison Zeigler

Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup Regatta

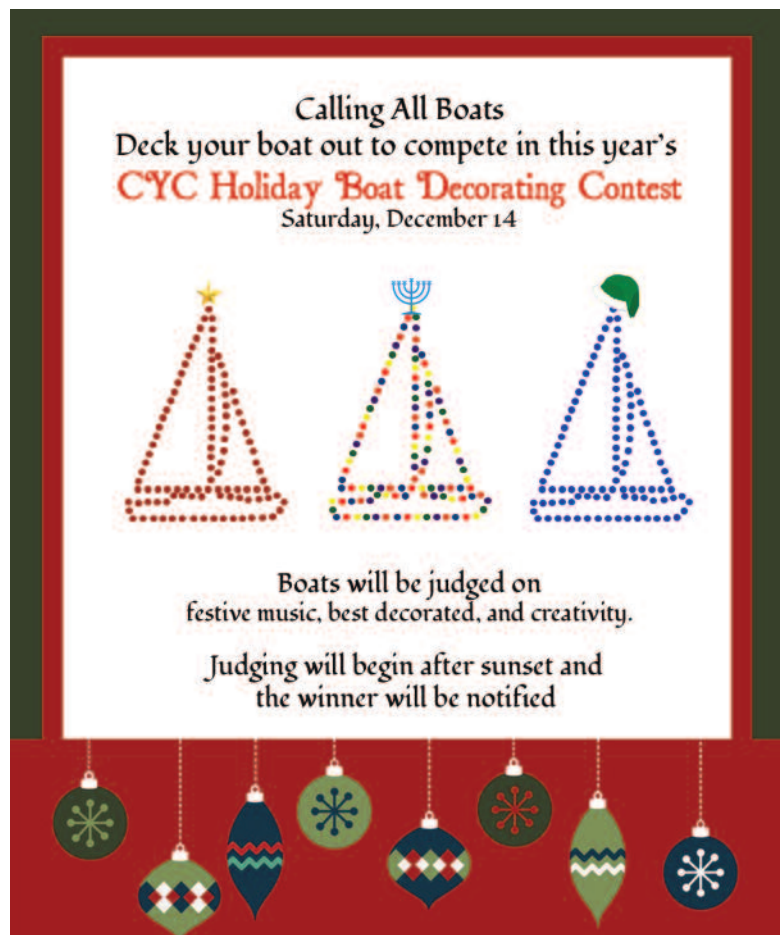
October 25-27, San Diego YC

11 teams

9 Allie Blecher/CYC



Harrison Zeigler, Peter Albrecht, Luke Holscher, and Keaton Lynch placed fourth out of 48 boats in the men's youth quad event at the Head of the Charles, held October 19-20.



Legends Race in International Masters Regatta

By MARY STUYVESANT

CYC was once again invited to compete in the International Masters Regatta in the J/105s at San Diego YC, October 18-20. On the team were skipper S/C Bill Petersen, Yumio Dornberg (trimmer), Alan Field (main and tactics), John Francisco (mast), Mary Stuyvesant (pit), and Will Tetrick (bow).

“Masters” is not just a euphemism for age – participating skippers from the U.S. and abroad are all sailing masters and experts with a storied history of world championships, national championships, and America’s Cup racing.

Skippers must be invited to race, and

must be at least 60 years of age, with the crew members no younger than 45. Boats are assigned in a round robin format, with teams switching boats on the water between each race.

As you can image, with so many experts on the course, racing was competitive, with team standings changing day to day and race to race. CYC went into day three of racing tied with San Diego YC for third place. Ultimately CYC finished sixth behind America’s Cup icon Gary Jobson sailing for Annapolis YC. “It was not the outcome we worked for,” said Petersen. “We had great crew work and excellent boat speed. What the results don’t show

is how close the finishes were – two, three, and four boats across – so close that we had to wait for results to be posted to see who finished in what place.”

It was really a weekend of fantastic racing, camaraderie, competition, and legends. Every sailing master has a story ... well, really many stories. They’re all great stories, which made the celebrations at the dock and in the bar almost as competitive and fun as the on-the-water racing!

The team would like to thank Challenge Chair Dave Kurt for all of his support as well as the Competition Fund and the CYC membership at large. ⚓



Photo by Mark Abertazzi

Shake-Ups at the 105th Lipton Cup

By MARY STUYVESANT



Team CYC: Skipper Allie Blecher, Will Petersen (main), Mary Stuyvesant (pit), Doug McLean (trim), R/C Tim Clarke (trim), Will Tetrick (bow), and Beka Schiff (mast)

Anthing can happen at Lipton Cup, and this year did not disappoint! CYC was one of 11 yacht clubs to receive an invitation to compete at the 105th Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup Regatta, held October 25-27 at San Diego YC. The regatta is run in chartered J/105s in a round robin boat rotation format. The boat changes on the water between races are crazy. It's really the race within the race at this regatta!

The regatta kicked off with a starting conflict in the first race between Southwestern YC and San Francisco YC, resulting in three boats with holes, including the committee boat. This is something you don't want to see as a competitor, but it does remind you quickly that the racers are there to aggressively compete. CYC was able to avoid collisions, but had two races with on-the-water calls for penalties. Everyone was racing aggressively across the course.

There was a lot of change in the regatta this year, both in standings and

venue. The top five boats changed across all three days of racing. The skippers and crews from each club are the best of the best and that results in close racing across the fleet. Many of the clubs are now working to keep teams and crews in

*Anything is
possible in Lipton –
that's why it is such
a fun event.*

place year to year resulting in a smaller learning curve and tighter racing. "Anything is possible in Lipton – that's why it is such a fun event. You can go from being in the top three to the bottom three in a matter of seconds,"

commented skipper Allie Blecher.

This year the racing venue was moved further south, east of the Coronado Bridge. While this resulted in smoother waters and less traffic, the combination of the south bay and Santa Ana winds resulted in drastic wind shifts and heavier air this year with winds up to 18 knots. "It was a hard fought battle in tough conditions – but good sailing and good crew work. The change in venue was nice," said Allie.

This year's win went to Newport Harbor YC, followed by Chicago YC, and the winner of the past three years, San Diego YC, in third. CYC finished in ninth place, a frustrating finish for the team. The team would like to thank the membership, Challenge Chair Dave Kurt, and member Dan Murphy, who, not knowing any of us on the team, graciously lent us his J/105, *Cuchulaimn*, for practice. ⚓



CYC (bow 07, far left) and the fleet on a downwind leg with the Coronado Bridge in the background



CYC (bow 11) in one of the tight finishes in the regatta

Photos by Mark Albertazzi

CYC Women's Team Wins LEMWOD Challenge

By KATIE MORAN



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Aggressive positioning on the start line was one of the key factors to team CYC's (boat 9) success in the regatta.

Allie Blecher and the CYC women's racing team took first place at the 28th annual Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge (LEMWOD). Eleven Catalina 37s raced October 12-13 in what is billed as the premier women-only yacht race on the Pacific Coast. Attracting some of the country's most notable and experienced sailors, this regatta consistently delivers fierce competition. This year was no exception. Each race was marked with aggressive positioning on the start line, crowded mark roundings, and photo finishes, making it clear that all 11 teams came to win. CYC's Liz Hjorth, sailing for WSA-SMB, came in second place just two points behind Allie.

To qualify for the women's team, racers must be actively racing throughout the year. This year we had a great mix of LEMWOD veterans and racers new to the regatta. "The caliber of racing has

really grown in this regatta. Teams practice, the crew work and sophistication in tactics and boat handling is key. Everyone on the crew really showed up to race and win," said trimmer and Women's Racing Chair, Mary Stuyvesant. The team practiced in the Catalina 37s, which are notoriously difficult boats to race. Prior to the regatta weekend, the team worked hard on choreography, kinetics, and trim on the cumbersome and heavy Catalina 37s. The team benefited from excellent coaching from R/C Tim Clarke, as well as Tony Festa and Doug McLean.

Port Captain Christina Tarantola, who has participated in this regatta many times, reflected that "even on such a tank, weight management is really important." Christina noted that "starting the regatta with three bullets gave us a ton of confidence and a bit

of room to breathe, but the competition was fierce as always. We had a great group of gals. They were a fun group to sail with and it was great to see our teamwork and coordination improve as the weekend went on. Winning the event was a great reward for our hard work."

This is the second time skipper Allie Blecher has won the LEMWOD regatta and the sixth win for CYC. "I was so excited to race LEMWOD this year! This has been a great year for women's racing and women racers at CYC. We had a great team this year – everyone brought their best game and kept at it from the first race to the last race! All of the teams get better over the regatta as they get used to the boats. CYC practiced and it paid off!" enthused Allie.

The team would like to thank the membership, coaches, and Challenge Chair Dave Kurt for supporting women's racing and the LEMWOD team. ⚓



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Team CYC: Beka Schiff (main trim), F/C Monica Antola (pit), Denise George (tactician), skipper Allie Blecher, Celena Staff (mid bow), Julia Rychlik (mast), Phoebe Staff (bow), P/C Christina Tarantola (jib trim), Barbara Duker (jib trim), Mary Stuyvesant (spin trim), Sue Service (guy trim), and Katie Moran (floaters).



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CYC (boat 9) crosses in front of the Long Beach Sailing Foundation boat.



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Tactician Denise George throws a penalty flag at the San Francisco YC team.



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Allie Blecher helms Team CYC's winning entry in the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge.

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34 CFJs Battle at Shadden #2

By S/C RICK TURNER



What a perfect fall day on Santa Monica Bay for junior sailing! This year's SCYYRA October 6 event had 34 entries from Santa Barbara to San Diego. The Shadden Series encourages youth racing in Southern California at the major bays in the Club Flying Junior double-handed dinghy.

The four teams of CYC juniors competing were Ted Sherman with crew Tessa Farrell, Ethan Chi with crew Max Jacobson, Robert Suddath with crew Osian Bellinger, and Lauren Fernandez with crew Sam Suddath.

For the first three races, the breeze was at 4-5 knots from 245 degrees. The velocity picked up to 8-10 knots for the last two races. First place winners with 1-6-1-1-3 for 12 points total were Morgan Pinckney and Nolan Schupak from Newport Harbor YC/Alamitos Bay YC.

Thanks to all the race committee volunteers on and off the water who made sure that everyone had a fun day. ⚓



CYC race committee volunteers celebrate another successful regatta.

Photos by Ann Turner



Hawaiian Holidays Boat Parade Dock Party

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"Pan's Labyrinth" Our Very First and Very Successful Movie Mates Night!

By SARAH WHITE, Club Chair

Thought-provoking and curious questions arose during our very first Movie Mates night. Moderator Ira Teller began with his synopsis of "Pan's Labyrinth," and noteworthy facts about writer/director Guillermo del Toro, a Mexican director, screenwriter, and producer known for imbuing horror and fantasy films with emotional and thematic complexity. One of the interesting questions posed was: How does "Pan's Labyrinth" portray the Spanish Civil War? Think not only about the literal war in the movie but the characters on either side and the similarities or differences between the war and Ofelia's fantasy journey.

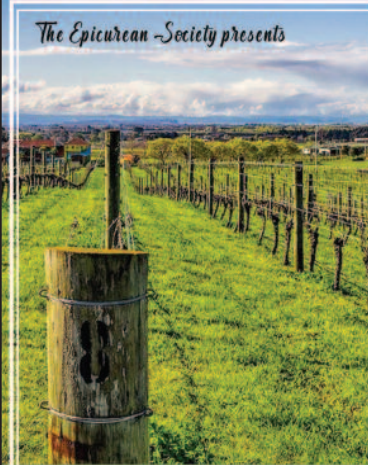



Themes included choices, immortality, gender, rules, and order. Much was discussed about the symbolism, especially the multiple ways del Toro inserted the key into different parts of the movie and if that could be related to the theme of gender.

The first Movie Mates night was a spirited match-up to any book club with intriguing analysis and stimulating inquiries of the night's movie.

December's movie will be "Marriage Story," by Noah Baumbach, available on Netflix. This Movie Mates meeting will be held on December 13 (one week earlier than normal due to the holidays). Sarah White will be the moderator, with wine and cheese provided to our movie-loving mates! ♡

The Epicurean Society presents

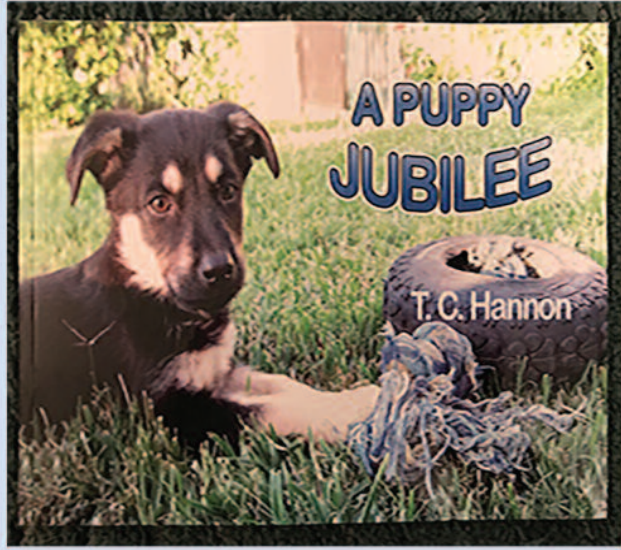
**SUMMER BREEZE
FOR THE HOLIDAYS
KIWI STYLE**

A FORMAL DINNER CHAIRED BY
S/C KELLIE FENNESSY AND MIKE PRIEST

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 6:30 P.M.

*For reservations call Gloria Crawley
at 310 823 4567*

I'm a CYC member and my book is under this pen name.



Ryan loves dogs. When his neighbor Mrs. Woodbridge adopts a rescue puppy, he's super excited to play with the new pup. Taking care of his neighbor's dog all by himself is a lot harder than just playing. Eventually, Ryan learns the responsibility to care for the puppy, even if he faces lots of challenges along the way. Based on the author's experience interning with a veterinarian and taking care of her own dog, "A Puppy Jubilee" also contains great tips for dog care and safety!

Please purchase my book online at apuppyjubilee.com

Sailing and Friendships in Spectacular Oman

By KARA IVANCICH

CYC junior sailors Callie Davis and Gigi Ivancich had the honor of representing the United States and California Yacht Club at the 2019 IODA Asian & Oceanian Championship held in the Sultanate of Oman October 2-6. More than 140 top sailors from 22 countries qualified to compete in this invitation-only regatta. Callie and Gigi qualified for the U.S. team of seven sailors, two girls and five boys, following their finishes at the 2019 USODA Optimist Team Trials that were held at CYC in April.

The regatta took place in the Sultanate of Oman, a country that borders the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia to the west, Yemen to the south, the Gulf of Oman to the north, and the Arabian Sea to the east. The venue was in the town of Mussanah, one hour north of the capital of Muscat, in a complex called Sports City. The complex included a hotel and a marina which allowed the sailors to be housed as a team in the hotel and have their boats on property. The IODA system keeps the teams together throughout the regatta in a style similar to an Olympic village. This enables the teams to focus on the racing, as well as spend time with other sailors from all over the world and form the friendships sailing is known to foster.

Sail Oman, which hosted the event, treated the sailors and their families to an amazing opening ceremony complete with a traditional Bedouin-style tent, traditional music, Omani desserts, and camel rides. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime moment for all sailors who eagerly made new friends and enjoyed the Omani culture. The U.S., New Zealand, and Australian teams became good buddies by the end of the first day. The closing ceremony was equally spectacular and well-attended by Omani and IODA officials.

"It was an amazing event! The Middle East was a place that I always wanted to see and it was so interesting. Oman was beautiful and I loved going to the desert and seeing the camels roaming around," said Gigi. "I had a lot of fun with my team and made friends with some sailors from other teams, which was great!"

The sailing conditions started out strong, but the winds slowly declined throughout the week. The first day of racing began with winds of approximately 15-18 knots and gave the sailors a chance to test their mettle in the Gulf of Oman. Unfortunately, the next few days grew lighter with the final days providing the minimum amount of wind to launch a race. In addition to fleet racing, the U.S. team also put forth a team of five sailors to compete in the team racing portion of the event. In the end, the U.S. team had three West Coast sailors comprising the small team racing team which was led by Coach Robbi Bisi.

Callie summarized her experience: "It was really exciting to meet so many kids from so many different countries. I also loved getting to know the other Americans on our team. It was a great experience. Thank you so much, CYC!" 🍀



Gigi Ivancich (second from left) and Callie Davis (far right) with their U.S. teammates in Oman



The California contingent: Aston Smith, from Santa Barbara, Callie Davis, and Gigi Ivancich



SEO Michele Caylor, SEO Nancy Matzdorff, and Lola and John Haag



S/C Tom O'Connor, Jonathan Greenburg, and S/C Bill Stump



Nicole Harnett, and SEO Gail Namerow and Rich by the firepit



Craig Hobson and EO Pam Spriggs

"By the Sea" of Big Bear Lake

By Cruise Co-chair ANN TURNER
and EO PAM SPRIGGS

CYCWA took the First Mates Cruise to the inland "freshwater sea" of Big Bear Lake for the weekend of October 11-13. Sixty people, including multiple staff executive officers and staff commodores, journeyed to the mountains with their First Mates and guests to experience the lake atmosphere. In nautical terms, the first mate is customarily a watchstander and is in charge of the ship's cargo and deck crew. This cruise honors the contributions of the captain's first mate.

The first stop was a sundowner cocktail party at the breathtaking home of Rob and Cruise Co-chair Jaynee Eitel. This stunning indoor/outdoor setting was a magnificent way to welcome the land cruisers to the mountains.

Saturday morning the group gathered aboard the *Big Bear Queen* for a boat tour of the lake. Skipper Chris narrated the history of the region and pointed out unique features along the shores. Mirror-like water and perfect fall weather made for spectacular photo opportunities.

Saturday afternoon many cruisers explored Snow Summit Resort, riding the Sky Chair to the top, and hiking around the area amid the mountain bike riders. Others perused the shops in town or enjoyed the town's Oktoberfest activities.

Sundown was enjoyed from The Pines Tavern on the Lake, and guests were treated to live music as they enjoyed their favorite beverage. Excitement built for the Saturday evening dinner at The Pines Lakefront. The dining room was filled to capacity, and all enjoyed lively camaraderie and delicious food and wine. A souvenir gift bag containing a mug with pictures taken by EO Pam Spriggs, chocolates from North Pole Fudge and Ice Cream Co., and a CYCWA bandana provided a remembrance of the cruise by the lake. It was a wonderful weekend of fun and friendship in Big Bear. 📌



Cruise Co-chair Ann Turner, EO Pam Spriggs, and Cruise Co-chair Jaynee Eitel



Jaynee and Rob Eitel, S/C Bob Patterson, and S/C Bill Watkins



Fred Ryan and Marilyn Foster



SWAG: Stuff we all get



Cruisers aboard the Big Bear Queen



Cruisers with Commodore Debbie Feinerman (front row second from left)



Friday night lakefront cocktail hour



Stephanie Hathaway, Leslie Cubbin, Jaynee Eitel, and Fred Ryan



Fall colors around Big Bear Lake

Photos by SEO Norma Pratt, EO Pam Spriggs, and Ann Turner

CYCWA on the Horizon

By CARLY SALTZMAN

Photo by EO Pam Spriggs

Around the World "By the Sea"

By EO PAM SPRIGGS

We have traveled "By the Sea" around the world, via the monthly photo headers on this page, from our own Santa Monica Bay to Africa, along the northern California and Oregon coasts, the beautiful cruising grounds of the Canadian west coast, and the glorious blue waters of the mid and South Pacific islands. And now, back home again to Santa Monica Bay, with its amazing December sunsets. Along the way, we've enjoyed a multitude of activities close by the sea – spring flower arranging, horse racing at Santa Anita Park, listening to the sounds of satellites at The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens (along with a yummy tea!), learning about the Space Shuttle *Endeavour* at the California Science Center, and enjoying the inland freshwater "sea" of Big Bear Lake. And, still to come – our annual Toys for Tots charity dinner on December 4. I hope you've enjoyed 2019 as much as I have. I look forward to seeing you "By the Sea" and around the Club in the future! ♡



Happy holidays from the CYCWA Executive Board: Jr. SEO Diane Howard, Second Officer Connie Webster, EO Pam Spriggs, First Officer Michelle Parker Ondrey, and Secretary Laura Greenburg



Mah jongg players celebrate Halloween: (seated) SEO Donna Petersen and Nancy Pola; (standing) Virginia Teller, Gail Guglielmino, Nicole Harnett, Laura Greenburg, and Laurie Craig.



California Yacht Club Women's Association

**Installation of Officers
and
Awards Luncheon**

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Reception 1100 hours
Followed by lunch and Installation

Executive Officer, Michelle Parker Ondrey
First Officer, Connie Webster
Second Officer, Laura Greenburg
Secretary, Berry Wilkinson

All members and guests welcome
Club Blazer

\$50 Inclusive

Please RSVP by January 11:
calyachtclub.com or 310-823-4567

JOIN US!

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 Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room. Co-chairs are Leslie 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 Dalena Hathaway.

Mah Jongg

Thursdays, 1 p.m., dining room. Chair is SEO Donna Petersen.

Movie Mates

Third Friday of the month, 6:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room. Chair is Sarah White. December meeting to be held the 13th.

Paddle Tennis

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Co-chairs are Marylyn Hoenemeyer and Lori Haythorn.

Pickleball

Mondays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m. Novices welcome. Co-chairs are Jim Ach and Susan Silver.

Sportsman's Club Races in Fontana

By ZORAN SEGINA,
Club Chair

The Sportsman's Club went to CalSpeed Karting in October. Unlike the K1 indoor karting facility we visited in the spring, the Fontana venue is a competition-grade outdoor track, $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile long, and capable of hosting serious racing events. The attendees – Sandra and Gerard Hammond, Robert Heller, Joe Boystak, and Zoran Segina – donned their racing gear and lined up for the first of the three races in the package. CalSpeed provides all the safety equipment.

The go-karts are powered by 275 cc Honda four-stroke engines and develop nine horsepower that will propel them to 55 mph. With a full throttle, one needs all his or her concentration and strength to keep the machine from spinning once it enters tight corners. There is no power steering and no suspension. You sit three inches off the ground making sure not to bump into a translucent gas tank mounted on the chassis right between your knees. The engine exhaust warms your kidneys while at every excursion off the racing line the tires throw bits and pieces of rubber into your face. In a word – heaven.

Ten laps and roughly 15 minutes later, you roll into the pit lane searching for any remaining bit of muscle power to help you get out of the low bucket seat. Right next to us, another group of drivers was getting ready to get on the track. Their machines develop 45 horsepower, have four-wheel disc brakes, and look intimidating. The track manager tells us that next time we can rent some of those karts. After it took me several minutes to extricate myself from the nine-horsepower bolide, I think I will stay in the lower-power division. 🏁



Photos by Gerard Hammond

Disturbing and Dark World of "The White Masai"

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

Author Corinne Hofmann swears that every detail of her memoir "The White Masai" is true. But, every Book Mates member who attended the November 7 luncheon found her four-year ordeal married to a Kenyan tribal warrior stretching the boundaries of reason, bordering on delusional fantasy. And yet, as moderator Robin Spencer pointed out, the book, a four-million-copy international bestseller, is a page-turner, revealing new and ever-mounting natural dangers and domestic trials for two culturally divided lovers.

Everyone wanted to know why an educated, successful, European businesswoman endured this life and relationship. And, was her husband-to-be, the warrior Lketinga, really so gorgeous and so sexually attractive that Corinne was not put off by his constant jealousy and demand to have additional wives?

The things we do for adventure and love were discussed as key themes. The writing style was described as more a diary and running chronicle of events than a memoir. Readers questioned the reliability of the narrator and lack of insight from any other character.

Robin orchestrated the very vocal responses; she also provided details about Corinne Hofmann from her two follow-up books. Photos of the world to which Corinne attempts to adapt and tame were offered by Susan French, who recently returned from a trip to Kenya. Susan's observations of Masai life today were similar to those depicted in the book. The overall reaction to "The White Masai" may have been mixed, but Robin moderated with so much energy and information, that the 90-minute session flew by. ✦

BOOK MATES
Thursday, January 2

BLUEBIRD, BLUEBIRD
Aticca Locke

Moderator: SEO Norma Pratt
11:45 a.m. \$18.00 ++

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

Movie Mates

Friday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.



"Marriage Story"

Moderator: Sarah White

\$12 ++ includes food and wine

MOVIE AVAILABLE ON NETFLIX

Call 310-823-4567 or visit calyachtclub.com for reservations

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Party

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
BEGINS WITH A 6 P.M. RECEPTION / FOLLOWED BY A 7 P.M. DINNER
DANCING TO FOLLOW

EARLY BIRD RESERVATIONS \$120.20 ++ PER PERSON
\$175 ++ AFTER DECEMBER 15
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CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE EVENT TO AVOID BEING CHARGED

Halloween Fun at Trunk or Treat

By JENNIFER KANAS, Event Co-chair



The Family Activities Committee's 10th annual Trunk or Treat was a blast with both kids and adults dressed up to celebrate Halloween. Over 25 trunks were decorated for the kids to "trunk or treat," along with two bouncy houses that accommodated all ages from littles through teens, a magician, and DJ Gabe back to entertain with music, games, and dancing, and even a photo booth. The annual donut eating contest did not disappoint either.

Prizes, awarded for best costumes and best trunk decorations, included items such as free seafood buffet dinners, free admission to the Build Your Own Gingerbread House event on November 20, and prizes for the kids.

The event was co-chaired by FAC's Bridget Rohmer, Linda Giambrone, Jana Cicchetti, and Jen Kanas. For those who were not able to attend, we highly recommend you come next year and decorate your trunk – it's free, open to all members and their friends, and always a fun event! ⚡



**Kids
Noon Year's Eve
Party**

COUNTDOWN TO 2020



**Sunday, December 29
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

*We're celebrating the end of 2019!
We'll have dancing, crafts, games, food,
and a special kids toast with a balloon drop at noon.*

Reservations 310-823-4567 or online at calyachtclub.com

Kids Get Artsea

By THERESA TORRANCE, Family Activities Committee Co-chair



The Art Aficionados and Family Activities Committee joined forces to host a fun-filled creative Artsea event on a Sunday in October for CYC kids. SEO Norma Pratt and a few other dedicated Art Aficionados members planned and instructed a wonderful assortment of paint


activities. With plastic-covered carpet and tables, the kids did flip cup acrylic paint dirty pours, paint blowing, and string pull painting, giving our CYC kids the opportunity to discover their inner Picasso! It was a special co-operated event that was enjoyed by all. ⚡



ART AFICIONADOS

presents a day workshop with
award-winning artist Tim Gagnon
from New England.





Thursday, January 9
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In acrylic or oil medium. Cost \$150.00 per person
Find more information and make space reservation with a \$50 deposit at the following web link.
<https://www.timgagnon.com/shop/in-person-workshops/california-yacht-club/jan9/>
For reservations at CYC call 310-823-4567 or visit the front desk



From the Manager



LINDSAY PIZARRO, CCM

Gratitude, love, family, community, and traditions are in the *Breeze* and at CYC

The CYC family has given me a warm welcome, thank you. Further, the onboarding I received by the downtown LAACO team was top-notch, and the most thorough I have experienced in my 20 years in the club industry. It was so nice to walk into my office on my first day and the professional tone was already set. Gloria graciously had my name tag and business cards staged on my desk, my phone and computer were already personalized, and I had a parking spot with my name on it to boot! I am grateful to be here, and honored to lead the CYC team and be part of LAACO.

Our Employee Mission Statement

Commit to exceptional service to our members;

Respect the integrity and work of fellow employees;

Expect excellence as a group and personal standards of accomplishment;

Work together in a responsible, safe, and consistent fashion.

To uphold our mission, we recently revisited our mission statement at our manager meetings. Our management team is committed to focusing on our mission daily, and it is echoed throughout our operations plan for each department in 2020. Over the next several months, our hope is that our membership experiences our mission statement at every outlet of the Club and at every level of service we offer.

I consider myself the gracious host at CYC. What you can expect to be my focus and commitment over this next year are:

- Raise the bar on our safety practices;
- Enhance the member experience;
- Identify financial growth opportunities and stability within CYC through our various revenue departments;
- Grow and develop my management team;
- Retain great staff;
- Connect to the Marina del Rey community.

If I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you, I welcome your feedback, and please let me know how I can enhance your experience at the Club. I look forward to seeing you this wonderful holiday season. The calendar is full of festivities, the halls and docks are decked, so I can't imagine a more splendid time at CYC. ♣



General Manager Lindsay Pizarro with daughters Penelope (3) and Sophia (1)

DECEMBER 2019

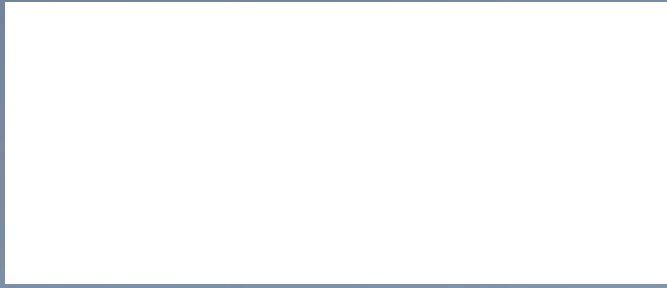
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holiday Brunch 1	Club Closed 2	Club closed 3	4	Women's Paddle Tennis 5	6	7
Holiday Party			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg		J/70 West Coast Winter Series
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club	Book Mates		Pickleball
Knit or Knot			Toys for Tots Dinner (no à la carte dining)	Fleet Council Party		Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis
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Power Fleet Appreciation Party	Evening Pickleball	Epicurean Dinner	Bridge Club		Movie Mates	CYCWA Appreciation Luncheon
			Scuba Holiday Party			MdR Boat Parade & Dock Party
			Family Activities Appreciation Party			
15	Club Closed 16	Club closed 17	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 18	Women's Paddle Tennis 19	20	Pickleball 21
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Knit or Knot				Bridge Meeting		
				New Member Mtg.		
				Jr. Comm. and Sail Comm. Party		
Hanukkah begins at sundown 22	First Day of Hanukkah 23	Christmas Eve 24	Christmas Day 25	Women's Paddle Tennis 26	27	Pickleball 28
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29	Last Day of Hanukkah 30	New Year's Eve 31	DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS			
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Club closed	New Year's Eve Party	1 Holiday Party	11 Scuba Holiday Party		
			4 Toys for Tots Dinner	11 Family Activities Comm. Party		
			7 J/70 West Coast Winter Series	14 CYCWA Appreciation Luncheon		
Kids Noon Year's Eve	Evening Pickleball	Club closed	8 Power Fleet Appreciation Party	14 MdR Boat Parade and Dock Party		
		Breeze Deadline	10 Epicurean Dinner	29 Kids Noon Year's Eve		
JANUARY 2020						
JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS			New Year's Day 1	Women's Paddle Tennis 2	3	4
11 Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner				Mah Jongg		Pickleball
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				Book Mates		
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				Jr. Comm. Mtg.		
				Sail Comm. Mtg.		

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