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# From the Commodore



*Commodore  
Debbie Feinerman*

## Let's Reach for the Stars

**T**he sun is shining, it's a beautiful day in Southern California, and let me start by wishing each of you a happy and healthy new year. I'm excited to share with you some of our plans for 2019, California Yacht Club's 97th year, and to introduce my theme: Reach for the Stars.

What is Reach for the Stars? It is many things. First and foremost, it is striving for excellence -- going beyond what is expected or ordinary, every day and in every way. It is also journeying to distant places (in a boat, of course), gazing at constellations in the night sky, seeking out the everyday stars all around us, recognizing the deep connection of our Club to Star boats and Star sailors, and acknowledging the impact of Hollywood on Southern California. You may think of other meanings, which is great, for it is your theme, too. For me, Reach for the Stars is a tip of the hat to Paramount Pictures, my professional home for the past 18 years, and to its iconic mountain and stars logo.

We'll weave this theme through our many activities this year. And we have much planned, thanks to the scores of committee chairs and volunteers. (See the center pullout in this issue.) Join me at Activities Day on Sunday, January 27, to learn about the fun that awaits. Whether you're a cruiser, sailor, or landlubber; junior or not-so-junior; new or longtime member, there's something at the Club for you. Come, explore, ask questions, meet new friends, and fill your calendar.

Our Club is steeped in tradition, and has enjoyed many successes thanks to its members. One of our special traditions is the Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 12. It is a time to come together to formally welcome the incoming Bridge, hear from our outgoing Commodore, Junior Staff Commodore Mike Blecher, and recognize the

outstanding achievement of our members in racing, long distance cruising, and service to the Club. It's not just pomp and circumstance, but a fun-filled evening of celebration, camaraderie and dancing. I hope to see you there and one week earlier, on Saturday, January 5, when the

CYC Women's Association installs its Executive Board.

On the lighter side (pun intended) will be the Summer Solstice Celebration on Saturday, June 22, with friendly competition among our various committees and celebration of the longest day of the year. More time to celebrate is certainly cause for celebration. CYC enjoys a well-deserved reputation for excellent race management. In addition to the regattas we regularly host, the more notable of which are the Sunset Series and Cal Race Week, we are privileged to have Laser Midwinters West return to the Club in March and to host the Opti Team Trials in early May. Watch for opportunities to lend a hand as those regattas draw near. For those of you who'd like to learn to race, consider joining the Intro to Fleet Racing program in April and monthly throughout the summer. For those looking for an adventure farther from home, please join me on the Commodore's Cruise along the Danube River beginning in late August. Our seven-night cruise from Budapest, Hungary, to Prague, Czech Republic, touches five countries along the way, and offers optional pre- and post-cruise extensions.

Whatever your passion, the Club is here for your enjoyment. Those who get involved get more out of the Club. Those who Reach for the Stars enjoy even more.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your 2019 Commodore.

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

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*Commodores Ball*



*Match Racing Championship*



*CYCWA Paint Night*

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**BACK COVER** 2019 CYCWA officers: Secretary Laura Greenburg, Second Officer Connie Webster, Executive Officer Pam Spriggs, First Officer Michelle Parker Ondrey, and Jr. SEO Diane Howard

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# CYC Burgee Travels

**L**et 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](mailto:cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com).



Ron Werby, SEO Melba Orlob, Ron and SEO Diane Howard, George and Pati Etter, Jackie Clarke, and Harry Kilpatrick had a fabulous lunch at the Royal Malta YC.



Tred Avon YC Commodore Tom Alspach exchanges similar-looking burgees with S/C **Bill Stump** at Tom and his wife Catherine's home near Oxford, Maryland, at the conclusion of the 2018 Star World Championship held in October.

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**Andy and Rose Marie Layman** used their reciprocal membership when they visited the Reial Club Maritim de Barcelona. Next time you travel, remember to buy a CYC burgee at the front desk and pack it with you on your travels!



## CYC Flashback!

**T**his is not your standard trophy picture, what with King Neptune making an appearance and an octopus thrown into the mix. Then-Commodore **S/C Betta Mortarotti**, **S/C Dick Hampikian**, **Mike George**, **Mike Priest**, **Mike Braney** (King Neptune), **Kathy Patterson**, and **S/C Bob Patterson** are pictured at the 1989 King of the Hill trophy presentation. Let's bring back King Neptune and the octopus in future trophy presentations. Could we get a mermaid, too?

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](mailto:cyc-breezeeditor@cycfleet.com) for a chance at the glory. ⚓



## On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner



**I**n a bit of a departure, this month's photo contest winner is actually a painting by **Julia Dawson**. It's a photo of an on-the-water painting so we've bent the rules to allow "Spinnaker Party" to qualify for the contest.

"This painting has been a dream in my head since I first saw the Wet Wednesday regattas from atop TV hill in Santa Barbara. I worked for the local ABC television affiliate and the closest I got to sailing at the time was chauffeuring my son to the yacht club and getting *him* on boats to race. Wednesday nights were my

favorite time to drive down the hill. I was mesmerized by the view driving towards the ocean. When the spinnakers are launched, the ocean looks fun and playful. The vibrant colors reflect on the ocean and it appears to be a raucous party.

Half of the sails in 'Spinnaker Party' I have seen on the water while racing or from the race committee boat; others I have invented. The yellow starburst spinnaker on the left panel of this triptic is my dream sail. I race on the 55' Beneteau *Ruby d'eau* that is in the center of the middle panel - winning of course!

Can you see the 24th mystery boat? It can be any boat you want it to be. CYC members' boats in the painting include Whitney Green's *Pacific*, David Bell's *Glory B*, Anthony Agolia's *Sojourner II*, and John Staff's *TBD*. The red cross with the blue field represents my Icelandic heritage. The scale of this painting fits my big dream: it is 12 feet across and four feet tall."

To see more of Julia's art, visit [JuliaMichelleDawson.com](http://JuliaMichelleDawson.com).

Submit your entry to: [cyc-breezeeditor@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-breezeeditor@cycfleet.com). ⚓



# CYC Wins Inaugural Award at 2018 WOW/WAH

By SUE SERVICE

**T**he annual Women on Water/Woman at the Helm regatta (WOW/WAH) was held November 3-4, and hosted by ASMBYC and Del Rey YC. This regatta is unique among offerings in Santa Monica Bay, in that all skippers are women: the WOW division has an all-female crew, while WAH divisions can have a coed crew. WOW/WAH has a long history in Marina del Rey and came to its current format in 1980, when S/C Robert S. Wilson donated an antique silver loving cup to be used as the perpetual trophy for the WOW division.

Over 70 women were on the water participating in this regatta, and WAH entries definitely dominated this year, with 16 boats signed up with a coed crew, vying for the WSA perpetual trophy, and three boats with an all-female crew, competing for the Wilson trophy for the WOW. In addition to these prestigious perpetuals, this year a new trophy was on the line – for the yacht club with greatest participation in the regatta. CYC had four women skippering WAH boats, and handily won this new trophy! CYC women skippers were Alicia Minana on her boat, *Dark & Stormy*, Jennifer Schmidt on Scott Torrance's *Forgiveness*, Krista Harris finished third in WAH PHRF A on Doug Steele's *Tiburon*, and Hallie Petersen finished second in WAH PHRF B on *Cuchulainn*, owned by Dan Murphy from Pacific Singlehanded Sailing Association. This was Krista Harris' second time on the helm of *Tiburon* and she commented that "I wish there were other opportunities like this for women to learn more about racing and to get time on the helm."

In addition to these four CYC skippers, several CYC boats were out with women from other yacht clubs at the helm: John Staff's *TBD*, Jay Steinbeck's *Margaritaville 1½*, and Richard Benedon's *Ruby d'eau*. John Staff has been lending his boat to women to compete in this regatta since the early '90s, but it was Jay Steinbeck's first appearance in WOW. "I really enjoyed having the women crewing and skippering for this regatta," he said. "They really listen and are so eager to learn more." Big thanks to these boat owners for their support of women's sailing!

As is typical of November conditions, the regatta had relatively light winds, but the very flat seas and nice warm weather made for enjoyable sailing. Thick fog rolled in on Sunday, limiting visibility at times to 200 feet or so, making navigation as big a challenge as racing.

Next year this regatta will take place in August; start planning now to take part. And join me in giving kudos to these women sailors for taking the initiative to grab the helm and go racing! ⚓



Hallie Petersen (checkered shirt) accepts her trophy for second place in the WAH PHRF B class.

Photo by Sue Service



Krista Harris and Doug Steele on Tiburon

Photo by Mike Gitchell



# If You're Not First You're Last!

By Rear Commodore TIM CLARKE, Event Co-chair

**C**YC's second annual Match Racing Intra-Club Championship was held on November 11, with teams competing to be crowned match racing champion after a summer of Friday night matches.

Our five skippers were Marilyn Cassedy, F/C Tim Clarke, Alan Field, Grant Janov, and Will Petersen. The race course was situated just off Burton Chace Park and the teams completed a full round robin of 10 matches. The weather was light and fickle but PRO Chris Calingaert did a great job of getting the races off.

S/C David Collins was our on-the-water umpire and was called into action a few times as boats jostled for position during the pre-start and around the course.

After an afternoon of competitive racing we gathered on the pool patio for an informal debrief and food provided by CYC. At the prize-giving, Will Petersen was crowned champion with three wins. Alan Field, Marilyn Cassedy, and Tim Clarke were all tied with two wins each and, after consulting the rule book, the tie was broken with Alan taking second place and Marilyn finishing third.

A big thank you to Marilyn Cassedy for co-chairing the event, David Collins for umpiring, and Chris Calingaert as PRO. We also appreciate the support of the Keelboat Program for the use of the Club's Martin 242s. ⚓



*Alan Field (red boat) and Will Petersen (100) try to gain an advantage in the pre-start.*



*Match racing champions: Beka Schiff, F/C Tim Clarke presenting trophies, skipper Will Petersen, and Mary Stuyvesant*

Photos by S/C Denny Haythorn





## Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

### Butler Cup

November 3-4, Long Beach YC (8 entries)  
3 Liz Hjorth

### Match Racing Intra-Club Championship

November 11, CYC (12 entries)  
1 Will Petersen  
2 Alan Field

### Optimist Midwinter Championship

(Spring Team Qualifier)  
November 22-24, Southern YC, New Orleans  
(234 entries)  
Gold Fleet: 78 boats  
7 Katharine Doble; Top Girl  
25 Callie Davis  
Silver Fleet: 156 boats  
6 Gigi Ivancich  
10 Jordan Janov  
26 Emily Doble

### International Youth Match Racing Championship

November 26-30, Cruising YC of Australia, Sydney  
(12 entries - by invitation)  
1 Frankie Dair



**Frankie Dair** (far right) was the winning skipper at the International Youth Match Racing Championship, an invitational event hosted by Cruising Yacht Club of Australia in Sydney. He and his crew bested 11 other teams from Australia, France, New Zealand, and the United States to win the Joyride Trophy.

**Katharine Doble**, with Coach Manny Resano, finished seventh overall and won the Bremen Trophy as the top female sailor at the Optimist Midwinter Championship (Spring Team Qualifier). Callie Davis was 25th overall and earned a spot on the USODA National Team, alongside Katharine. Five other CYC juniors competed in the 234-boat fleet.



Photos by Hamish Hardy - CYCA Media



# Racing Season is Right Around the Corner!

## Find Out How to be Part of the Fun

### Saturday, February 2

By LORI HAYTHORN

**F**ebruary marks the beginning of the 2019 racing season at CYC and we are always looking for new race committee volunteers who would like to share in the excitement of the regattas. Each regatta is staffed with volunteers out on the water in Santa Monica Bay setting marks and signaling starts, as well as the critical volunteers who help with registration and get the results out to the racers at the end of the day from the comfort of our clubhouse. It definitely takes a team to put on a successful regatta.

The CYC Race Committee Orientation Seminar is scheduled on Saturday, February 2, from 9 a.m. to noon for anyone who would like to know more about how a race committee functions. No prior experience is necessary. Meeting in the hoist area, we will walk through the process of setting up a race course and actually running the races, followed by hands-on opportunities with the actual equipment.

CYC is known for putting on great races. Race committee participation is a way to be part of that tradition. It is also a way to meet new people on the water and at the post-race social hour. For more information or to sign up for the seminar, contact me at [lori.haythorn@haythorn.org](mailto:lori.haythorn@haythorn.org). ⚓



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*Learn more about crewing on the markset boats.*



*Join the race committee crew on the Charles Hathaway.*



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# 2019 Regatta Calendar



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## February

SCYA Midwinters 9-10

Opti Spring Series

Harken #1 23-24

## March

Laser Midwinters West 21-24

## April

Harris Spring Regatta 7

Sunset Series Begins 17

## May

Opti Team Trials

Apr 30-May 5

Starlight Series Begins 9

Pacific Cup Deepwater #1 19

## June

Cal Race Week 1-2

Pacific Cup Deepwater #2 30

## July

King of Spain 13-14

## August

Pacific Cup Deepwater #3 4

Summer Regatta 17

## September

King of the Hill 18

Match Racing Invitational

Intra-Club Challenge 22

Sanguinetti Team Race 28-29

## October

Shadden Series #2 6

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*Celebrating their tournament win are Marylyn Hoenemeyer (third), Anto DeVargas (first), and Lori Haythorn (second).*

## Playoff Match Decides Winner of CYCWA Fall Paddle Tennis Tournament

By MARYLYN HOENEMEYER

**T**he CYCWA Paddle Tennis group held their Fall Tournament on November 15. The players completed five sets using a round robin format that kept the games moving and the partners changing. Competition was tight, with a playoff match needed at the end of the round robin to break ties for first and for third places. Congratulations to new member Antoinette DeVargas who finished first overall.

The CYCWA Paddle Tennis group plays every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10 a.m. until noon. We host occasional clinics and tournaments in addition to our weekly games that are followed by a no-host lunch on Thursdays. Contact Lori Haythorn ([lori.haythorn@haythorn.org](mailto:lori.haythorn@haythorn.org)) or Marylyn Hoenemeyer ([hoenemeyer@roadrunner.com](mailto:hoenemeyer@roadrunner.com)) if you'd like more information on how you can join the fun. ♣

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## Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By EVAN DAVIS,  
Dockmaster



**W**hen he wasn't hauling in lobster traps in October, **Dana Keith** was snagging these beautiful beasties off the bay. Congratulations on another record season and 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.

## Radio Amateur Group's Weekly 2-Meter Net Kicks Off January 8

By SCOTT JAREMA, KI6UPG, RAG Vice Chair

**W**ith the recent California wildfires and the ever present danger of "The Big One" looming and in the news lately, many folks are asking themselves, "What can I do to be better prepared for the next disaster?" Well, members of CYC's Radio Amateur Group have been thinking the same thing and have begun formulating a disaster protocol in the event of another disaster. One facet of this new plan is to start a weekly 2-meter net in which CYC hams and the local community can check in using their 2-meter radios. In addition to checking the operational status of your radio gear, we will also be discussing topics related to disaster preparation, communications, and yachting-related subjects as well.

What is the point of a net, you may ask? Good question. The purpose of a net is to practice using your radio as part of a larger communications network that would be in place in the event of a disaster. During the Malibu fires, the cellular network was affected and communications were nearly nonexistent in many of the affected areas. In one instance, civilian-led relief efforts were being coordinated by an individual on a hill with a cheap Family Radio Service walkie-talkie that you would get at Best Buy!

The Radio Amateur Group has secured the use of the W6LMU repeater located on the campus of Loyola Marymount University for our net. The repeater is an open repeater which means any ham can use it. The frequency for the repeater is as follows:

Receive: 147.855

Transmit: 147.255

PL tone: 127.3


The net is set to start on Tuesday, January 8, at 1900 hours (7 p.m.). All CYC hams are welcome to check in. We will have the CYC Communications Center open and manned during the net so feel free to stop by!

For further information on the net, email Scott Jarema at [catalina38@aol.com](mailto:catalina38@aol.com).

Any CYC member who is interested in obtaining their ham license should contact Charlie Pascal, WB6CIY, CYC RAG Chair at [radiopascal@earthlink.net](mailto:radiopascal@earthlink.net) or inquire at the front desk. ⚡



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# 2018 Commodores Ball Finds Treasure Under The Sea

By SUE PURCELL, Event Chair

**O**ur clubhouse was transformed into an elegant ocean grotto for the 2018 Commodores Ball to honor Commodore Mike Blecher and Barbie, and all CYC Staff Commodores. As guests arrived, the front entrance was awash in shimmering blue waves and tiny bubbles, giving a hint of what awaited inside. The evening was full of merriment, feasting, and dancing.

The night began with an elegant cocktail hour during which guests enjoyed delicious passed hors d'oeuvres and music by Rich Cohen. Attendees were greeted by a very special surprise guest - an enchanting mermaid. All were mesmerized by this lovely treasure of the sea and everyone enjoyed having their picture taken with her.

Following the cocktail reception, guests were led to the dining room, decorated in colors and treasures of the sea. Everyone received a seashell necklace, a nod to the Commodore's Cruise in Fiji. Once everyone was comfortable, Chef Fabio and team served a sumptuous three-course feast, paired with wines specially selected by Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell. The decadent chocolate dessert was a unique treat specially created by Chef Fabio for Barbie.

Dancing carried on until the wee hours to the sounds and disco lights, provided by the band Retrofit.

A very special thanks to CYC staff whose help made the evening a success, especially Chef Fabio, Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell, Banquet Manager Luis Estrada, and Director of Catering Heidi Lilly.



*Commodore Mike Blecher  
and Barbie*

Photos by David Alli and Kevin Roznowski







*Alan and R/C Stephanie Weston*



*S/C Bob Patterson and Kathy*



*S/C Denny Haythorn and Lori*



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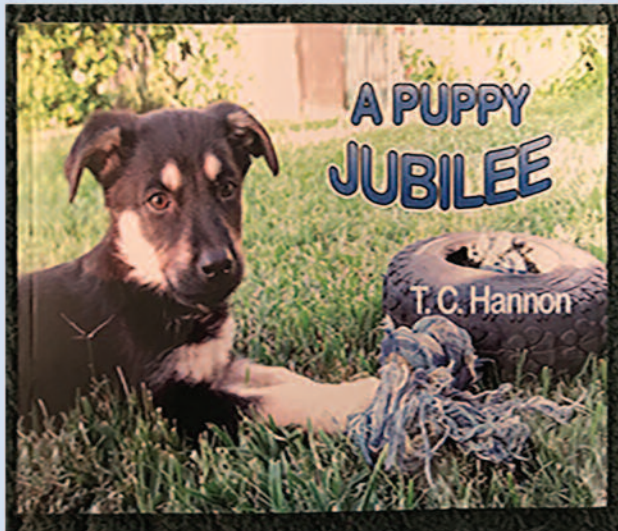
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I'm a CYC member and my book is under this pen name.



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!

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# Kids' GAMER NIGHT

Saturday, February 2

5-8 p.m.

Ages 9 and up



**\$25 Includes**

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# Dash - A Polynesian Adventure

By S/C KELLIE FENNESSY and MIKE PRIEST

**W**oo-hoo ... a 200-mile (made good) day ... that's enough to put a smile on our faces! It was day 15 and we had come far already but still had a way to go. Mike and I, along with our friend, Justin Connolly, left Marina del Rey on March 28 to head south. After the obligatory stop in Avalon so we could call friends from a "noisy bar in Avalon" (thank you Crosby, Stills & Nash and "Southern Cross"), we headed *Dash*, our Taswell 56, southbound. How far south? Well, our first stop would be Hiva Oa', Marquesas, French Polynesia.

In just under 20 days it was anchor down in Hiva Oa' after completing a 3,000 nm passage from Marina del Rey to the Marquesas. We sailed all but 12 hours of the trip and used only 30 gallons of fuel. What broke on the boat - nothing! Did we have enough provisions - absolutely (and still have some items in the freezer from what I cooked before we left). Did we have enough beer - absolutely not (and I'm not a beer drinker and still wish we had brought more). Did we have enough wine and rum - absolutely! (Thank you, friends!) Were we ready for the cruising lifestyle - still getting there!

It has been a dream of ours to do exactly what we are doing and we know how fortunate we are to be experiencing all of this. We spent three weeks in the Marquesas and would have loved to spend more time there. These are lush green islands; similar to Hawaii with jagged peaks poking out of the clouds. Then we moved on to the Tuamotus ... all atolls with fringing reefs with the highest point being a palm tree. We loved riding our bikes on the various atolls as going up in elevation meant pedaling about three feet up. The snorkeling and diving are amazing (once you get used to the sharks). One day we saw synchronized bottlenose dolphins jumping six feet up in the air playing in the standing waves at the

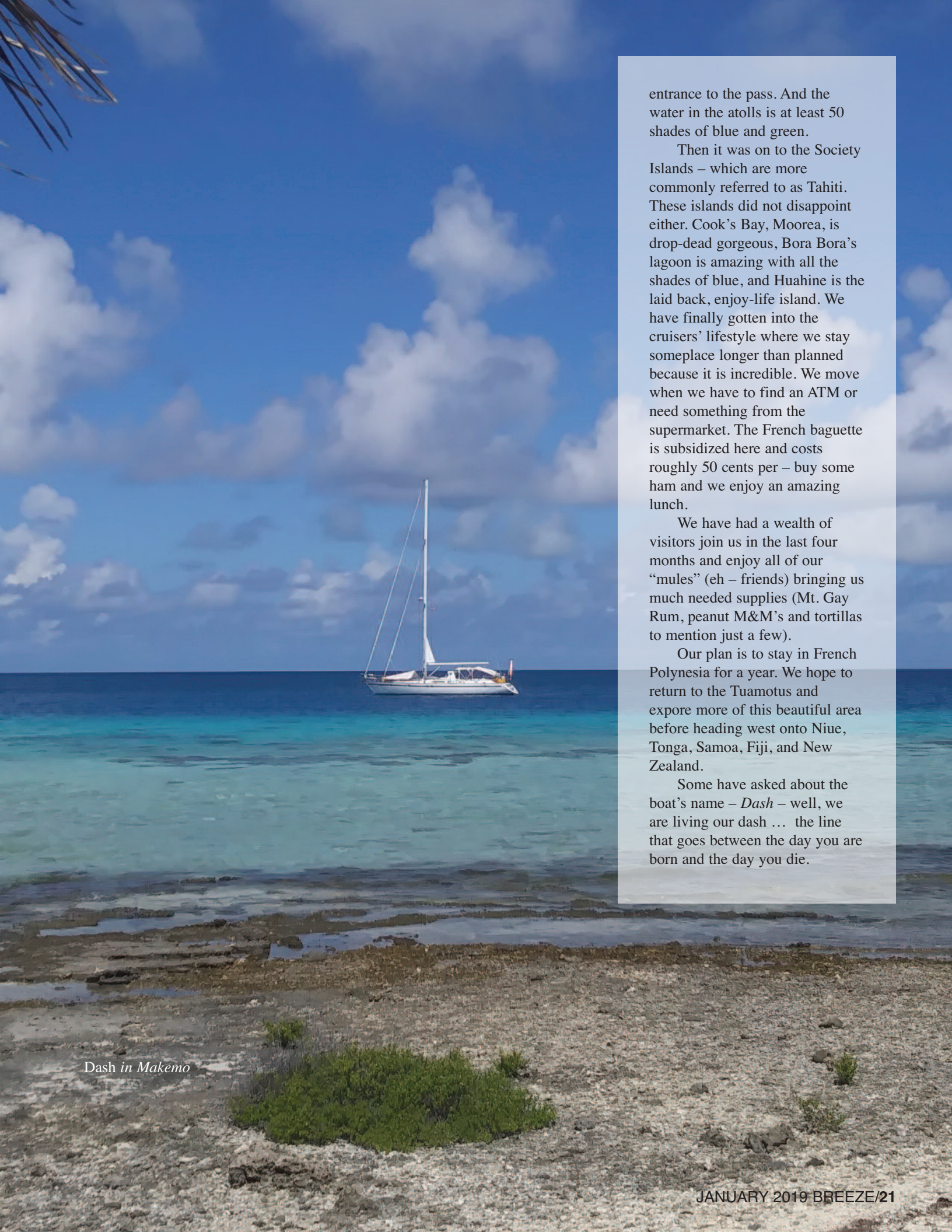


*Kellie Fennessy, Mike Priest, and Justin Connolly on Nuka Hiva, Marquesas*



*Mike Priest hoists the French Polynesian and quarantine flags.*



A photograph of a sailboat named 'Dash' on a tropical beach. The boat is white with a single mast and is positioned in the middle of the frame. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, and the sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The foreground shows a rocky, pebbly beach with some green vegetation. The overall scene is serene and picturesque.

entrance to the pass. And the water in the atolls is at least 50 shades of blue and green.

Then it was on to the Society Islands – which are more commonly referred to as Tahiti. These islands did not disappoint either. Cook's Bay, Moorea, is drop-dead gorgeous, Bora Bora's lagoon is amazing with all the shades of blue, and Huahine is the laid back, enjoy-life island. We have finally gotten into the cruisers' lifestyle where we stay someplace longer than planned because it is incredible. We move when we have to find an ATM or need something from the supermarket. The French baguette is subsidized here and costs roughly 50 cents per – buy some ham and we enjoy an amazing lunch.

We have had a wealth of visitors join us in the last four months and enjoy all of our “mules” (eh – friends) bringing us much needed supplies (Mt. Gay Rum, peanut M&M's and tortillas to mention just a few).

Our plan is to stay in French Polynesia for a year. We hope to return to the Tuamotus and explore more of this beautiful area before heading west onto Niue, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, and New Zealand.

Some have asked about the boat's name – *Dash* – well, we are living our dash ... the line that goes between the day you are born and the day you die.

*Dash in Makemo*



# CYCWA on the Horizon

By CARLY SALTZMAN

*Santa Monica Bay from Palos Verdes*

## Book Mates

**Thursday, February 7, 11:45 a.m.**

### Fireside Room

The February fiction selection for Book Mates is "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine," by Gail Honeyman. Most of us have probably encountered an Eleanor Oliphant somewhere along the way, a profoundly lonely, socially awkward person who never quite fits in and has habits that verge on fetish. Gail Honeyman's portrayal of Eleanor is truthful yet very charitable, so when events conspire to challenge her solitary and quirky life, readers are drawn in with sympathy and compassion as we realize that there may be a bit of Eleanor in all of us. The moderator is V/C Stephanie Weston. Chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservations and lunch information.

## Happy Hour Books

**Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.**

### Fireside Room

January's selection is "Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire: A Story of Wealth, Ambition, and Survival," by Peter Stark. This promises to be a great read about the founding of the first colony in Oregon, a true-adventure tale of the 1810 Astor Expedition, a now forgotten three-year journey to forge an empire on the Pacific Coast. Peter Stark offers a harrowing saga in which a band of explorers battled nature, starvation, and madness to establish the first American settlement in the Pacific Northwest and opened up what would become the Oregon Trail. (Summarized from Book Browse.) Marie Hedlund will moderate.

**Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.**

### Fireside Room

The February selection is "The Innocent Man: Murder and Justice in a Small Town," by John Grisham. Like most of Grisham's work, it is about legal issues, but this is nonfiction. The book tells the story of Ron Williamson of Ada, Oklahoma, a former minor league baseball player who was convicted in 1988 of rape and murder and sentenced to death. After serving 11 years on death row, he was exonerated and released in 1999. This gripping tale of police work and the justice system will be released as a Netflix documentary series in 2019. Anna White will moderate. Happy Hour Book Club chairs are Leslie and Michael Cubbin.



*Art Aficionados first Paint Nite at CYC was a wonderful success. The painting, "Happy Place," was painted under the direction of Paint Nite artist Ray Weisz.*

## 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. Co-chairs are Joan Silver and Susan Allan.

**Happy Hour Books** 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 Susan Allan.

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



# "By the Beautiful Sea"

By EO PAM SPRIGGS

*"By the sea, by the sea, by the beautiful sea!  
You and me, you and me, oh how happy we'll be!  
... I love to be beside your side, beside the sea,  
Beside the seaside, the by the beautiful sea!"*

- Lyrics by Harold R. Atteridge, 1914

**W**elcome to 2019! We are lucky, indeed, to live "by the beautiful sea!" CYCWA has a fun year planned, and we hope we will "be beside your side" as you join us in our adventures "beside the sea." Our activities are open to all Club members and their guests. In addition to our ongoing activities (see page 20), we have planned several special events and excursions, so be sure to mark your calendar to save the dates:

- February 8 Trip to NASA's Orbit Pavillion at The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens
- April 18 Flower arranging workshop at CYC
- June 7 Day at the Races, Santa Anita Park
- September 13 California Science Center and Space Shuttle Endeavour
- October 11-13 First Mates Cruise
- December 4 Toys for Tots annual charity dinner

As each event draws near, watch the *Breeze* and *Zephyr* or check the CYCWA web pages for more details. The web pages are also full of information on activities for all Club members, as well as whom to contact for more information. Photos of past activities can also be found there. Log on! Oh – and be sure to check the CYCWA bulletin board in the clubhouse hallway outside the Fleet Room. Here you will find activity information and contacts, flyers, and fun photos of our adventures.

Questions? You can contact the individual event chairs, or contact me directly at [pspriggs1@verizon.net](mailto:pspriggs1@verizon.net) or 310-717-8782.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you this year "beside the seaside" in our adventures "by the beautiful sea." 🍷



California Yacht Club Women's Association

## Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 5, 2019

Reception 1100 hours  
Followed by Lunch and Installation

Executive Officer, Pamelyn Spriggs  
First Officer, Michelle Parker Ondrey  
Second Officer, Connie Webster  
Secretary, Laura Greenburg

All members and guests welcome  
Club Blazer  
\$50 Inclusive

Please RSVP by January 2: [calyachtclub.net](http://calyachtclub.net) or 310-823-4567



CYCWA's first trip of 2019

Come experience  
**NASA's Orbit Pavilion**  
*a soundscape representation of satellites passing overhead*

At The Huntington

February 8  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (depart from and return to CYC)  
\$35 includes bus trip, entry, lunch

RSVP at front desk/310-823-4567



# "1968:" Rock 'n' Roll and Revolution

By LESLIE and MIKE CUBBIN, Happy Hour Books Co-chairs

**H**appy Hour Books convened November 14 to discuss our book, "1968: The Year That Rocked the World," by Mark Kurlansky, and enjoy our wine and cheese. After some initial discussion guided by moderator Amber Spence, everyone got into the specific things that affected them in 1968. Some people, who hadn't yet been born in 1968, talked about how their parents were affected. Others talked about their own personal experiences and what a tumultuous year 1968 was. We briefly discussed some of the big events like Robert Kennedy's and Martin Luther King's assassinations, as well as the Democratic National Convention which was disturbed by riots and police brutality. Everyone carried some pretty strong opinions about the impact of 1968 on their lives and also how it reflected a changing, revolutionary feeling in the whole country. Society was moving from the generation who experienced World War II to the next generation, one of rebellion and interesting changes in life, including sex, drugs, and social mores. Thank you to moderator Amber Spence for guiding a very lively discussion with a great deal of interesting back-and-forth feedback.

Our January 16 book is "Astoria," by Peter Stark. This should be a great read about Thomas Jefferson and John Astoria founding the first colony in Oregon. It will be moderated by Marie Hedlund.

The February 20 book is "The Innocent Man," by John Grisham, who normally writes fiction, but wrote this nonfiction book about a murder in Oklahoma. The moderator will be Anna White. ⚡

**HAPPY HOUR**

**PETER STARK**

**ASTORIA**

JOHN JACOB ASTOR  
AND THOMAS JEFFERSON'S  
**LOST PACIFIC EMPIRE**  
— A Story of —  
WEALTH, AMBITION, AND SURVIVAL

**BOOK CLUB**

Wednesday, January 16  
6:30 p.m.  
Moderator: Marie Hedlund  
Wine & Cheese \$10 Inclusive  
Reservations: 310-823-4567

## In Case of Emergency

If you see something criminal or suspicious, call the Marina del Rey Sheriff Department at 1-310-482-6000 and then report it to management.

## For any emergency, call 911

From 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day, we have a security guard making rounds and checking the docks, restrooms, locker rooms, and parking lots for trespassers. Security can be reached on VHF68 and ask for "California Yacht Club Security". You can also phone Security at 1-310-745-0178

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# Friendship, Rivalry, and Class Struggle in "My Brilliant Friend"

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

**"M**y Brilliant Friend," the first of four Neapolitan novels by Elena Ferrante, resonated with most of the Book Mates readers at our December 6 luncheon. After a holiday toast and recognition of the year's moderators, Michelle Segina took charge of the discussion. Michelle advised us that regardless of any articles that have appeared in newspapers and online, the true identity of the author, Elena Ferrante, who has achieved international best-selling fame, remains a mystery. What is no mystery is the elegant writing style and ability to involve us in the lives of two very different and complex young women, Elena and Lila, whose intense friendship and rivalry is at the core of the novel.


There were many varied opinions on the complex temperaments and talents of Elena and Lila. Is one good and the other bad? Could one exist without the other? Who is the more adventurous, the more frozen in time and place? And, which one might be the "brilliant friend" of the title? According to a Michelle, one book reviewer described Elena and Lila as "brilliant enemies."

Clearly the author succeeded in creating a self-contained, claustrophobic, poverty-stricken, 1950s Naples setting. We witness family feuds, domestic battles, and the lingering effects of World War II as they impact the lives, loves, fortunes, and misfortunes of all the characters. Despite the large cast, the author provided vivid portraits of each and we were never overwhelmed. Although the males are all subsidiary characters, they serve an important purpose, some raging against their circumstances, some protectors of Lila and Lena, and some simply manipulated by both young women. The casual display of daily violence as an accepted way of life surprised many of us.

Other themes discussed were the parent-child relationships, women struggling in a male-dominated society, loyalty, and ambition. Michelle insisted that Lena was envious, not jealous of Lila's innate talents. Finally, the current HBO series was compared with the novel and received a wide variety of comments.

Our February 7 fiction choice is "Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine," by Gail Honeyman, an endearing debut that is part comic novel, part emotional thriller, and part love story, V/C Stephanie Weston will moderate.

Our March 7 selection is the fact-based fiction "The Rent Collector," by Camron Wright. SEO Donna Petersen will moderate. ♡



**BOOKMATES**

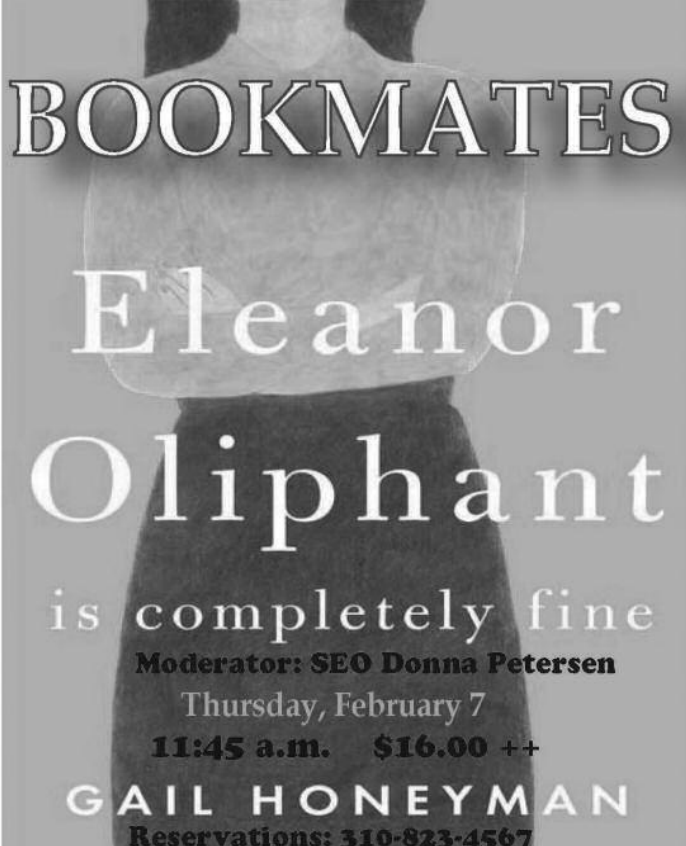
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**America  
for  
Beginners**

**Leah  
Frangui**

**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 3**

Moderator: Ira Teller  
11:45 a.m. \$16.00 ++  
Reservations: 310-823-4567



**BOOKMATES**

**Eleanor  
Oliphant**

**is completely fine**

**Moderator: SEO Donna Petersen**

**Thursday, February 7**

**11:45 a.m. \$16.00 ++**

**GAIL HONEYMAN**

**Reservations: 310-823-4567**



# From the Manager

By MICHELE  
UNDERWOOD

**W**ith the calendar set, committee chairs selected, and the budget completed, it's time to kick off 2019 at CYC. Congratulations to Commodore Debbie Feinerman and her Bridge, and Executive Officer Pam Spriggs and the CYCWA Board.

If you are serving as a Fleet Committee chair, please plan to attend the Fleet Leaders meeting on January 26. You will learn how to plan your event, how to use your Fleet budget, deadline dates for publicity, and other important tools. This is particularly important for first-time committee chairs who need to know which staff person can best help you with preparations, and when information is needed for advertisements and flyers.

One of the most useful events we have each year is Activities Day. It is an afternoon of meeting members and finding out what is planned for 2019. Do you want to know where we will be cruising to? Do you want to know what new children's events are planned for this year? Do you want to learn how to be a part of the race committee? Want to learn how to sail or how to match race? Do you want to be SCUBA certified? How do you join the CYCWA Book Mates? This is the event to attend. Every group and event will have information available so you can plan what you'd like to be a part of this year. Check out the pull-out section of this *Breeze*. You can see who is in charge of the various activities and have a complete calendar for the year's activities. This information is also found in the 2019 roster.

Please welcome our new CYC accountant, Josh Cruz. His office hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Besides having



extensive accounting experience, he also has great customer service skills. When I learned that he had once worked in customer service at LAX, I knew he had that extra gift of hospitality we look for in all our employees.

In the November *Breeze*, you would have read about a trip made to Croatia by CYC President Steve Hathaway and Stephanie as well as Doug and Sharon Stewart. During their trip they stopped in Porto Montenegro where they discovered a

new marina and the Porto Montenegro Yacht Club. Since that visit, we have established a reciprocal relationship, and Porto Montenegro YC is ready to welcome any CYC member who wishes to visit. For more information about this yacht club visit their web site at [portomontenegro.com](http://portomontenegro.com).

Once again, CYC has been awarded Platinum Club status for 2019-20. We are in the top 5% of all yacht clubs in the United States and improved our ranking overall. This award recognizes the excellence of services to membership, the quality of club facilities, and enlightened leadership from management and the board (Bridge). Congratulations and thank you to all CYC members who have contributed their leadership and have volunteered many hours of service to make this Club so great!

You may have noticed with your December statement that a form was included if you want to prepay your dues for 2019. This option is open until January 31. If your dues for the year are prepaid in January, you will not pay for any dues increases during 2019. Copies of this form will also be available at the front desk or can be emailed to you if you contact Josh Cruz at x2774.

See you 'round the Club! ⚓

## In Memoriam



**Kirsten Gaskill**  
*CYC member since 1998*





**Hennessey Myre**  
*CYC member since 2018*

**David Shaby**  
*CYC member since 2012*



# **JANUARY 2019**

Always check [calyachtclub.com](http://calyachtclub.com) for the most current event information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS</b> 5 CYCWA Installation Luncheon 9 Epicurean Informal Event 12 Bridge Installation Dinner 13 J/70 West Coast Winter Series 20 Frostbite Match Racing		Club closed 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	Bridge Club 2  Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 3  Book Mates  Fleet Council Mtg.  Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet 	Mxd. Doubles 4 Paddle Tennis 5  CYCWA Installation Luncheon  Pickleball
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 6  Knit or Knot	Club closed 7  Evening Pickleball	Club closed 8  Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 9 Art Aficionados Epicurean Informal Event Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 10 CYCWA Board Mtg. Mah Jongg Jr. Comm. Mtg. Sail Comm. Mtg.		Mxd. Doubles 11 Paddle Tennis 12  Bridge Installation Dinner (no à la carte dining)  Pickleball
J/70 West Coast Winter Series 13  Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Club closed 14  Evening Pickleball	Club closed 15  Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 16  Happy Hour Book Club  Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 17  Family Activities Committee Mtg.  Mah Jongg SCPC Mtg.	Seafood Buffet 	Mxd. Doubles 18 Paddle Tennis 19  Advanced Race Management Seminar  Pickleball
Advanced Race Management Sem. 20 Frostbite Match Racing Mixed Doubles PT Knit or Knot	Club closed 21 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>  Evening Pickleball	Club closed 22  Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 23  Art Aficionados  Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 24   Mah Jongg		Seafood Buffet 
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<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b>						
<b>FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS</b> 2 Race Committee Orientation 2 Gamer Night 9-10 SCYA Midwinters					Seafood Buffet	Mxd. Doubles 1 Paddle Tennis 2  Race Committee Orientation  Gamer Night  Pickleball
Super Bowl Celebration 3  Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot	Club closed 4  Evening Pickleball	Club closed 5  Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 6  Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 7 Fleet Council Mtg. Mah Jongg Book Mates		Huntington Library Trip 8  Seafood Buffet 





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