



J/70 FLEET
CAL RACE WEEK

From the Commodore

Fortunate are We, Near the Sun and the Sea!

t's officially summer! It's funny how we Californians who generally experience fantastic weather year-round complain when it's less than perfect. Our cold days would be considered warm in other parts of the country, and our hot days are downright pleasant compared to areas where heat and humidity are the norm. We had a mite of May gray, a jot of June gloom, and a pinch of precipitation.

There were days when the wind was too strong, and a few where it was too light, but to paraphrase Goldilocks – it was just right.

We're especially fortunate that our CYC Stars shine brightly regardless of weather or wind. This month I'm spotlighting four who went above and beyond to make the Opti Team Trials a resounding success. As you read in last month's Breeze, the Opti Team Trials was the culmination of two years of planning on and off the water. It had many moving parts: race committee, judges, Club boats, charter boats, housing, hospitality, coaches and spectators, and lots of young sailors with Optis and trailers (and parents, too!). Congratulations and thank you to this month's Stars: CYCWA FO Michelle Parker Ondrey for her outstanding work as regatta chair, S/C Uta Leslie for handling the yard layout and offsite parking logistics, P/C Christina Tarantola for coordinating race committee staffing, and Dockmaster Evan Davis for miraculously arranging space for all the extra boats on land and in our anchorage.

We can all take pride in the regattas that our Club runs, and I'm happy to report that the 21st Cal Race Week was an outstanding weekend for racers and volunteers. Though the sky was gray, and the wind a bit light, we offered great racing and hospitality for more than 70 boats and their enthusiastic crews. We were delighted to welcome cruisers to Cal Race Week for the first time, and look forward to their continued participation. The largest class on the race course was the J/70s, which the Club will proudly host in the J/70 World Championship in just over a year. A huge, well-deserved thank you to Sue Service for her spectacular work as the Cal Race Week regatta chair, and to all the volunteers who helped make the regatta a success. It's always a privilege to welcome racers and volunteers from other clubs to CYC.



Commodore Debbie Feinerman

There are many ways to enjoy days on the water, and our first cruise of the season was a sensational weekend at Newport Harbor YC organized by Debbie and Mike Zeiden. Next up is the popular Surf and Turf Cruise at Howland's Landing, our Catalina Island facility shared with Los Angeles YC. Chaired by Naomi and Noah Hochman, this cruise features catered lunch and dinner ashore on Saturday. Check out the cruising page on our website or reach out to Cruise

Chair Anthony Agoglia for more information about the Club's enticing cruises.

If you're looking for a festive afternoon on the water closer to our CYC home, consider the Firecracker Dinghy July 4th Cruise, a lazy float down the channel on dinghies decorated for Independence Day. Later this month is a perennial favorite, the Junior Blind Fishing Trip, organized by George and Pati Etter, which is a great opportunity for members to share the joy of fishing with visually impaired youth. Consult the power fleet page on our website or contact Power Fleet Chair Brandon Fernald for details about upcoming activities planned by the Power Fleet.

I hope you enjoyed our Summer Solstice Celebration and the opportunity to spend time at the Club with family and friends. For me, the essence of the Club is being with wonderful people on and around the water. There is something happening at the Club nearly every day of the year, on land, on the water, and even underwater. Make this month one in which you make new friends by trying something new. You don't need to Reach for the Stars in one giant leap – start by taking the first step. And as you do, think of Neil Armstrong who walked on the moon 50 years ago.

On a side note: Over the past several months, I've had the privilege of visiting other yacht clubs as an opening day guest and as a race committee volunteer. There are a lot of cool yacht clubs, not all on our local radar, and I'll share some of my experiences in future columns. If you're traveling this summer, before you go, be sure to check out yacht and other clubs which have reciprocal privileges with CYC. You can find instructions on sending letters of introduction on the My Club page of our website.

Our Club is special – let's make the most of its 97th year!

See you at the Club, on and around the water. **\$**

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Cal Race Week



Art Aficionados



Scuba Divers and Snorkelers Club

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FRONT COVER The 14-boat J/70 fleet was the largest to compete among the 72 boats in one-design, PHRF, and cruising classes that gathered at CYC for racing and celebration at the 21st Cal Race Week June 1-2.

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BACK COVER CYC's Scuba Divers and Snorkelers Club took a group of 17 to Roatán, Isla de Bahia, Honduras, to enjoy a memorable week of scuba, snorkeling, sun, sand, and sunsets.

Photo by Fleet Captain Monica Antola

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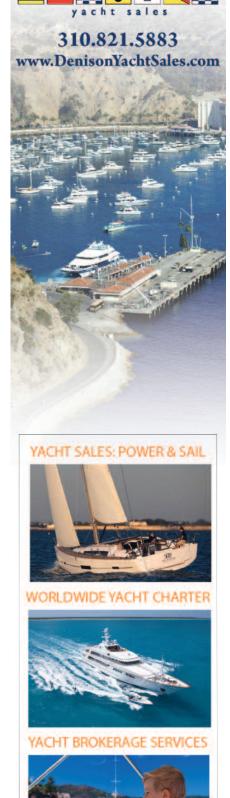
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2020 J/70 World Championship Coming to CYC



Be Part of a World-Class Event

By MARYLYN HOENEMEYER, Regatta Chair

omething big is coming to CYC in 2020. Signs of it were unmistakable at Cal Race Week last month. Did you notice that the J/70 was the largest fleet competing? And that several teams were at the Club practicing in the week leading up to the regatta? It all makes sense when you realize that CYC will host the J/70 World Championship next summer, from July 26 to August 3.

Measuring in at just under 23 feet, the J/70 is deemed the fastest growing one-design class in sailing, with active fleets in 25 countries that attract some of the most talented sailors from around the world. We're expecting an elite group of participants to compete in the World Championship, as only teams that finish at the top of the leaderboard in designated regattas receive invitations to the event. It will be an international roster, with teams from Europe, Japan, South America, Mexico, Canada, and the United States expected to qualify.

Two of our own members, Jeff Janov on *Minor Threat*, and Jim Murrell on *Huckleberry*, have already secured their berths. Two others are working hard toward that end: Doug Weitz, a past J/24 world champion, and Curt Johnson, a perennial top

performer in the Sunset Series and a dominant skipper in the J/80 class, have both recently joined the fleet in the hopes of competing in a world championship at their home club.

While it is quite an honor to have been selected to host this prestigious championship, it is also a huge undertaking, requiring many volunteers, both on and off the water, to make the regatta a success. And that's where you, as a CYC member, can get involved. Though the event is still a year away, we're hard at work building a team with the unique skills and expertise needed to put on a regatta of this scale. If your area is graphic design, you might help us craft the regatta logo. If you're familiar with WordPress or another CMS, you can assist in the design of the website that will be the communications hub for an event with an international reach. If public relations, event marketing, or sponsorship is your specialty, be part of the effort that will build the funding and the following that will make this a truly first class championship. As regatta chair, I welcome your ideas and interests, so please contact me with your thoughts (hoenemeyer@roadrunner.com). I look forward to working with you to make this one of the most memorable regattas in our Club's history.

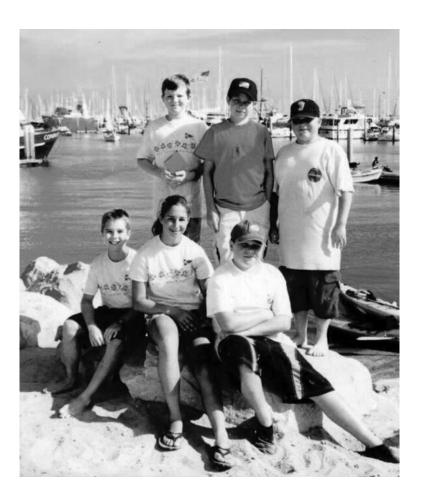
CYC Flashback!

s often happens in reviewing the past, memories can be fuzzy and sometimes bittersweet. This is a photo of a group of CYC juniors from a Sabot regatta in Santa Barbara in 2000 or so, when the kids were around 10 to 12 years old. Pictured in the front row are Charlie Kelly, Allie Blecher, and P.J. Wenner. In the back row are Sean Crane (holding a trophy), Will Petersen, and Matt (Keebler) Wenner.

Currently, Matt works in software sales, Sean is a lifeguard at Zuma Beach, Will is CYC's Junior Committee Chair and works in yacht sales with his dad, S/C Bill Petersen, while Allie represents CYC in match races around the world.

Tragically, in 2008 P.J. died at age 19 as a result of a sailing accident in Hawaii. To honor his memory, the P.J. Wenner Memorial Award is awarded to the CYC racing team member or coach under the age of 21 who has exemplified remarkable team spirt throughout the year. Nominations and selection are made by the race team members. In 2009, P.J.'s brother Matt was the inaugural recipient of the award.

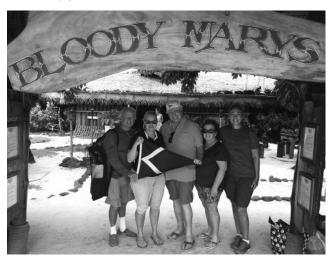
Submit your flashback photo of a CYC member sailing, cruising, fishing, rowing, surfing, water skiing, canoeing, kayaking, as a junior sailor, or at the beach, to





CYC BurgeeTravels

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-breezeeditor@cycfleet.com. \$\psi\$



Mike Priest, S/C Kellie Fennessy, S/C Rick Turner and Ann, and Liz Hjorth rendezvous at Bloody Mary's in Bora Bora, Tahiti.



Balloon Fishing Contest Winner



By EVAN DAVIS, Dockmaster

eff Coffman (left, with crew) took time off piloting jets and swooped in to catch these mongrels. Congrats, Jeff, enjoy the prime rib!

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.





Scuba Divers and Snorkelers Club: Our Latest Tropical Adventure!

By Jr. S/C MIKE BLECHER and BARBIE

n early May, 17 of us headed to Roatán, one of the Bay Islands of Honduras, for a week of scuba, snorkeling, sun, sand, sunsets, and—well, silliness (truly the best part of these trips!). Roatán is located on the Caribbean side of Central America, where the water is warm and clear.

This particular trip was an especially good one for our snorkel members as there were several shallow reefs nearby teeming with colorful reef fish, turtles, and other interesting critters. About half the group were snorkelers (in Spanish, "esnorkeleros," we think ...) which included a couple of scuba divers who happened to be on the "injured list" that week. Tawni Schutter and John Levy both managed to hobble their way down to Central America, and in spite of their injuries and their varied stages of recovery (both were on canes and crutches), they still managed to get wet anyway. We are convinced there is a healing power in salt water. They are also pretty intrepid travelers, regardless, to have braved the airports in spite of their encumbrances.

The scuba divers had fantastic dives. They even enjoyed a night dive, a couple of drift dives, fantastic visibility, great underwater photo conditions, some advanced dive training for a few. The dives were loaded with large animals, including countless turtles, spotted eagle rays, morays, grouper, angel fish, spade fish—really too many species to list properly. Each dive was, well, gorgeous.

And who best to get creative at the evening bar than a bunch of CYCers? I'll just leave this here, but if you are interested in a special drink designed just for us while we were in Honduras, it has been recreated by Brandy at our Club bar. Ask her for a "Willie C." You will taste just a bit of the beach, the sun, and if you have more than one, the wonders beneath the sea, without even having to get wet!

The Scuba Divers and Snorkelers Club is committed to organizing two warm-water, tropical trips each year, with summer diving at Catalina and the Channel Islands, and other local spots. All year long, and especially in the winter and early spring, we have snorkel and dive training in the pool. And, don't forget our famous Scuba Divers and Snorkelers Club Epic Holiday Party and Photo Contest Smackdown open to all CYCers, held annually, in December.

Glub, glub! 💠









Photo by EO Pam Spriggs

"By the Sea" on Lanikai Beach, near Kailua (meaning "two seas" or "two currents" in the Hawaiian language) on Oahu in 2011. Gorgeous turquoise, clear water, powder-fine sand, and a bright blue sky full of fairweather clouds. What's not to like about Hawaii?

Boats Just the Thing for Art Aficionados

By SEO NORMA PRATT

rt Aficionados held another inspiring painting class on May 23, presented by our favorite CYC artist, Randy Sprout. This class focused on drawing and painting boats in the watercolor medium. Randy demonstrated live painting techniques via onsite video camera projections onto a large screen. The wine probably helped loosen the hand as the room was buzzing with focused painting enthusiasts. All walked away with a unique sailboat design on paper they can call their own. Many thanks to Randy and SEO Dawn Sprout for this outstanding art session. •



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. Due to the 4th of July holiday, Book Mates will meet July 11.

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. Cochairs 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.

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



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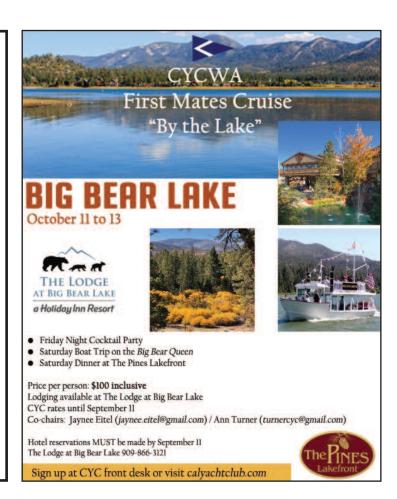


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n early morning drizzle couldn't dampen the spirits of the women's paddle tennis group during our Spring Fling Tournament on May 9. The tournament used a "top gun" format: winning teams advanced to a new court, switched partners to face a different pair of opponents, and aimed to play in the last set on center court when time ran out. Congratulations to Joanie Freckmann and S/C Cheryl Mahaffey, who edged out the runner-up team of Jillian Jensen and Brenda Kyser, in a very competitive final match. The group enjoyed a brown-bag lunch on the court patio after the morning's play, finishing off with cookies iced to resemble tennis balls baked by Lori Haythorn.

The CYCWA paddle tennis group plays every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon, and welcomes new players of all levels to join the fun. Just let us know that you're coming and we'll have a paddle to lend you while you're learning. For more information, contact Co-chairs Lori Haythorn (lori.haythorn@haythorn.org) or Marylyn Hoenemeyer (hoenemeyer@roadrunner.com). See you on the courts! \$\displaystar{\phi}\$

Spring Fling Tournament Fills Paddle Tennis Courts

By MARYLYN HOENEMEYER, Paddle Tennis Co-chair



Top guns proudly display their trophies: runners up Jillian Jensen and Brenda Kyser with winners S/C Cheryl Mahaffey and Joanie Freckmann.



Great Turnout and Lots of Fun at 21st Cal Race Week



his year's Cal Race week was held June 1-2. CYC hosted 72 boats competing on three race courses in two full days of racing. On Saturday, winds were on the lighter side, and shifty, and really tested the fleets. Sunday saw the breeze freshen and have a more consistent direction. Despite sometimes trying conditions, the intense competition, coupled with great race management and an epic party to celebrate the regatta's 21st running, resulted in big smiles on all the racers' faces.

This year CYC partnered with PHRF SoCal to host their annual championship as part of Cal Race Week, and for the first time in the history of this regatta we included a cruising class. As a result, we had a big boost in PHRF participation -

This year's Cal Race Week was Anthony Agoglia's first, and he had this to say about competing in Cruising B: "It was the first time I ever raced Sojourner II, and to be able to do it in Cal Race Week was an amazing experience! How did it feel? There was joy, frustration, thrills, and defeats, but I'll absolutely race her again. Opening the race to a Cruising Class gave me a completely different perspective on sailing and another way to enjoy being on the water. A huge thanks to CYC for making cruising racing an option and most importantly to Fleet Captain Monica Antola who nudged me to try it and showed me the ropes all weekend!"

Cal Race Week was a qualifier for next year's J/70 World Championship, to be held at CYC, and the J/70s were the





Trolley Car (23), helmed by Will Petersen, ran away with the Martin 242 class, placing first in every race but one.



With a podium finish, Jeff Janov (Minor Threat) punched his ticket to the 2020 J/70 World Championship.



Alejandro Bugacov and crew Eugenio Cingolani won the Star class.



Cal Race Week was the first time Anthony Agoglia raced his Hunter 41, Sojourner II, one of 10 boats in the inaugural Cruising Division.



Many thanks to NAOS Yachts, Mount Gay Rum, and North Sails for their sponsorship.



Thomas K. Armstrong California Challenge Trophy winners from CYC: Dan McGanty, Jeff Janov, and Will Petersen (with his daughter, Lily)



CYC's Lucca Farrell, flanked by skipper Neil Fraser (Del Rey YC/SBYRC, Mexican Divorce) and Commodore Debbie Feinerman, won the Junior Crew Trophy.

Trophy Winners

Thomas K. Armstrong
California Challenge Trophy
California Yacht Club
Dan McGanty, *Mistral*, PHRF C
Jeff Janov, *Minor Threat*, J/70
Team Trolleycar, *Trolley Car*,
Martin 242

Martin 242 Pacific Coast Championship Trophy Team Trolleycar, CYC, *Trolley Car*

Jimmy Morris Trophy
Ted Thompson, Long Beach YC,
Whiplash

Fred F. Harris Trophy

Farr 40: Michael Shlens, Cabrillo
Beach YC, *Blade II*J/109: Heinz Butner, Long Beach YC, *Raptor*J/24: Deke Klatt, Ventura YC, *Jaded*J/70: Bruce Golison, San Diego YC, *Midlife Crisis*Martin 242: Team Trolleycar, CYC, *Trolley Car*

Schock 35: Ted Thompson, Long Beach YC, Whiplash Star: Alejandro Bugacov, CYC, Boludo mas vale

Charles Tanner Trophy PHRF A: Jay Steinbeck, CYC,

Margaritaville1½
PHRF B: Neil Fraser, Del Rey YC/
South Bay Yacht Racing Club,
Mexican Divorce
PHRF C: David Boatner, Ventura YC,

Rival
PHRF D: Lenny Gordon, South Coast
Corinthian YC, Sunshine

PHRF SoCal Championship

Charles Tanner Trophy winners and
Cruising Division winners
Cruising A: Joseph Weber, CYC,
Va Pensiero
Cruising B: John Rushing,
Del Rey YC, Leilani

Junior Crew Trophy

Lucca Farrell, skipper Neil Fraser, Del Rey YC/South Bay Yacht Racing Club, *Mexican Divorce*

Cal Race Week

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San Francisco to San Diego raced three races each day. San Diego YC's Bruce Golison, who sailed *Midlife Crisis* to four bullets in six races, dominated the field. His only two losses were to CYC's Jeff Janov, who finished in third place sailing *Minor Threat*.

The Martin 242 fleet has been part of every Cal Race Week, and this year, at 10 boats strong, was the second-largest one-design fleet in the regatta. Class winner *Trolley Car*, skippered by Will Petersen, was first in every race but one. Will raced with an all-CYC team, including his father, S/C Bill Petersen, Alan Field, and new racing member Garrett Woodworth. Behind *Trolley Car*, boats were tightly clustered, with only four points separating Duncan Cameron (*Dean*) in second, Brack Duker (*Velerito*) in third, and Steve Moses (*Wombat*) in fourth.

After racing, competitors and guests enjoyed great hospitality back at CYC, where regatta sponsors North Sails, NAOS Yachts, and Mount Gay Rum helped us celebrate turning twenty-FUN with premium beer and rum tasting. In addition, Tillamook ice cream was on-site to provide free samples – it was a chilly night for ice cream but that didn't stop competitors from lining up for a taste. Everyone got warmed back up by dancing to the sounds of AbSOULute, an eight-piece band including a horn section. Their covers of favorites from the '60s, '70s, and '80s got many up and on the dance floor, where Kathy Patterson and Drew Baldwin were both winners of the dance contest.

Commodore Debbie Feinerman was on the water both days of the regatta and had a bird's eye view of the action: "As a race committee volunteer on Course 1, I particularly enjoyed the starts from the bridge of the *Charles Hathaway*. It's always interesting to watch the racers jockeying for position on the line. We had boats from more than a dozen yacht clubs this year, and I was delighted to welcome everyone to California Yacht Club."

The chair of the inaugural Cal Race Week was S/C Alice Leahey. When asked about her view of the evolution of the regatta she said, "When we hosted the first Cal Race Week in 1999, we hoped it would continue for many years, but regattas can come and go, so it was never certain. One of the changes I was most pleased to see this year was the increased involvement of local MdR PHRF boats. The cruising classes with their random leg courses were a very nice addition, and I applaud the race committee for providing something for everyone. Happy 21st birthday, Cal Race Week! You are now officially an adult!"

I'd like to give a big thanks to sponsors NAOS Yachts, North Sails, and Mount Gay Rum for support, and a hats off to General Manager Michele Underwood and the CYC staff for excellent hospitality, and to Dockmaster Evan Davis and crew for logistical support. I can't wait to do it all again in 2020! ♥



Joseph Weber (Va Pensiero) won the Cruising A class.



hen the Websters went to the "dark side" and sold their Catalina 42, they decided to live aboard and went grand with a Selene 53 Ocean Trawler.

Next Chapter proudly flies the Trojan flag. Peter is a scholar in residence teaching music at USC. Connie and Peter met at music camp. She played the French horn and he, the trumpet.

The interior is sprinkled with details that reflect their New England heritage.

Luxuries abound such as burl wood and granite counters. Next Chapter has all the conveniences that will make Connie and Peter very comfortable when they motor her down to Mexico this fall including a full-size refrigerator, washer and dryer, and extralarge freezer.

Next Chapter's dinghy is aptly named Footnote.





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Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

William Berger/William Stein

Race 3, Pt. Dume Race May 4, Del Rey YC

PHRF B: 9 boats

1 Duncan Cameron, Trust Me

PHRF C: 6 boats

2 Curt Johnson, Avet

Cruising A: 15 boats

1 Joseph Weber, Va Pensiero

Yachting Cup

May 4-5, San Diego YC J/70: 8 boats

1 Jeff Janov, Minor Threat

Eli Reuben Memorial Regatta – Harken #3

May 18-19, Cabrillo Beach YC

Opti: 58 boats

2 Callie Davis; 1st girl

3 Katharine Doble

Santa Barbara Skiff Festival

May 18-19, Santa Barbara YC

29er: 6 boats

1 Jordan and Grant Janov



Grant and Jordan Janov won the six-boat 29er class at the SB Skiff Festival.

Cal Race Week

June 1-2, CYC

J/70: 14 boats

3 Jeff Janov, Minor Threat

Martin 242: 10 boats

1 Team Trolleycar, $Trolley\ Car$

2 Duncan Cameron, Dean

3 Brack Duker, Velerito

Star: 4 boats

1 Alejandro Bugacov/Eugenio Cingolani

PHRF A: 2 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, Margaritaville 11/2

Cruising A: 3 boats

1 Joseph Weber, Va Pensiero



Bowman Jeff Faeber signals that all is well on Jon Haney's Joyride.

SUNSET SERIES

Race 3, May 1

PHRF A: 2 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, Margaritaville 11/2

PHRF C: 9 boats

1 Jon Haney, Joyride

PHRF D: 4 boats

1 Curt Johnson, Avet

Martin 242: 10 boats

1 Team TC, Trolley Car

2 Barbara Duker/Yumio Dornberg,

3 zero 5

Cruising A: 10 boats

3 Whitney Green, Pacific

Race 4, May 8

PHRF A: 2 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, Margaritaville 11/2

PHRF B: 11 boats

2 Alicia Minana, Dark & Stormy

3 John Staff, TBD

PHRF C: 8 boats

1 Steve/Drew Curran, Tinder Box

2 Dan McGanty, Mistral

3 Jon Haney, Joyride

PHRF D: 9 boats

2 Jeff Janov, Minor Threat

3 Curt Johnson, Avet

PHRF E: 6 boats

2 Susan Taylor, Take Five

Martin 242: 9 boats

1 Team TC, Trolley Car

3 Richard Mainland, Off the Wagon

Cruising A: 12 boats

1 Joseph Weber, Va Pensiero

Race 5, May 15

PHRF A: 2 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, Margaritaville 11/2

PHRF B: 11 boats

2 Jim Murrell, *Huckleberry*2

4 Doug Steele, Tiburon

PHRF C: 10 boats

2 Peter Nelson, Spray

3 Steve/Drew Curran, *Tinder Box*

PHRF D: 8 boats

2 Curt Johnson, Avet

3 Derek Heeb. *Redline*

Martin 242: 9 boats

1 Brack Duker, Velerito

2 Steven Moses, Wombat

3 Barbara Duker/Yumio Dornberg,

3 zero 5

Cruising A: 10 boats

1 Joseph Weber, Va Pensiero

Race 6, May 22

Canceled due to weather conditions

Race 7, May 29

PHRF A: 2 boats

1 John McEntire, Encore

PHRF C: 10 boats

1 Peter Nelson, Spray

PHRF D: 9 boats

1 Curt Johnson, Avet

2 Jeff Janov, Minor Threat

Martin 242: 11 boats

1 Team TC, Trolley Car

2 Duncan Cameron, Dean

Cruising A: 13 boats

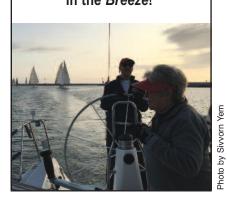
1 Joseph Weber, Va Pensiero

3 Whitney Green, Pacific **\$**



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Adults Learn to Sail - Better

By STEVE EDWARDS

learned to sail in 1965, as a Sea Scout, in small boats on the Mississippi River just north of St. Louis. When I moved to Los Angeles in 2011 and married into CYC, I had no big boat experience, and no formal training. I had a nagging feeling that I didn't know some things, and I didn't know what I didn't know.

My first solution was to crew for Mike Priest on several boat deliveries. Each trip was a tutorial. But mundane things remained unfamiliar. What's a "lazy sheet," and how do you arrange sails to keep a boat still in the water?

My answer was to enroll in CYC's Adult Learn to Sail course, four Saturday afternoons using the Club's Martin 242 keelboats.

Happily, my classmates were not novices. George had previous instruction, but "never mastered how to tie a bowline." Christine had raced in college, but never at the helm. We each hoped that the course would identify and cure our deficiencies.

The four classes followed the basic keelboat sailing course developed by the American Sailing Association. We used ASA's textbook "Sailing Made Easy." I recommend it to anyone wanting a textbook preparation for classes or an overall refresher.

Class 1 began with our instructor Mollie Perlman reading an equipment checklist, while we confirmed that everything was aboard and working. The seven-step procedure for starting the motor was demonstrated by Mollie and repeated by each of us, which proved important later when the prop wrapped up a yard or two of kelp.

We rigged the lines (bow to mast, clew to tack to halyard), raised the mainsail, discussed how to leave the dock gracefully, and we were off and sailing.

The repetition proved helpful. When one of us was least confident, we let the other two students go first, and their performance prepared the hesitant student. Mollie treated us as a crew, and we became a team.

Classes 2, 3, and 4 were taught by Jen Huszcza. I expected a mundane review of Class 1; instead, Jen just said, "Show me what you've learned." We were quickly away from the dock, and spent the entire class on the water. Our docking lessons went well enough, with only one of us managing to scrape a concrete piling with the bow pulpit.

The highlight of Class 3 was man-overboard procedures. Jen made it important by describing her experience aboard a racing boat on which the helmsman was injured and thrown overboard. Further discussion of the 2019 SCYA Midwinter Regatta at CYC (six sailors in the water) added more realism.

By the beginning of Class 4, we had covered the curriculum, so we just sailed the boat, with Jen giving suggestions and answering our questions. Two mylar balloons were retrieved using our MOB skills. Our final docking was near-perfect, prompting a discussion of whether "Team Learn-to-Sail" might register for a Sunset Series race to show off our improved sailing abilities.

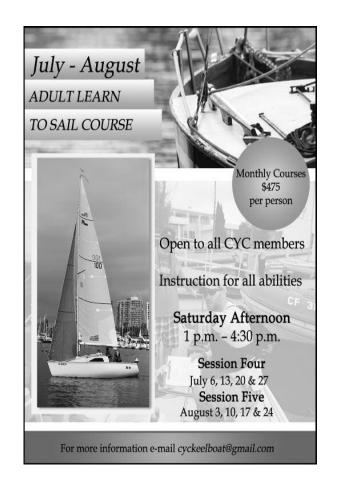
The Adult Learn to Sail class is offered by CYC each month May through October. Completion of the course makes one eligible to join the CYC Club Keelboat Program and use the Club's three Martin 242s. For George, Christine, and me, it was a fine use of four Saturday afternoons. ♥

Friday Night Beginner Fleet Racing

- . Fun, relaxed racing with experienced coaches
- No experience necessary
- Racing off the guest dock in the Club's Martin 242s
- . Short, 10-minute races
- . 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- . July 26 and August 23



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Materialism vs. the Meaning of Life: A Journey to "The Razor's Edge"

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

n overflow crowd enjoyed an especially insightful presentation by moderator S/C Bill Watkins at our June 6 Book Mates luncheon. "The Razor's Edge," by W. Somerset Maugham, was a book that inspired discussion at its heightened and enlightened best.

Bill brought everyone's attention to a quote from Gertrude Stein: "That is what you are. All of you young people who served in the war. You are a lost generation." The significance became clearer as Bill explained that the quote applied equally to Maugham as it did to writers born two decades later, such as Ernest Hemingway. Both served during World War I as ambulance drivers, and that experience influenced all their work.

"Lost Generation" certainly applies to Larry Darrell, the main character of "The Razor's Edge," who has returned from wartime service, utterly rejecting his prewar materialistic values. He is concerned chiefly with discovering the meaning of human existence and eliminating evil in the world. To that end, he spends years traveling the globe seeking answers.

Maugham, who was 70 when he wrote the novel in 1944, puts himself in the book as the first-person narrator, which creates the illusion that this might be a true story. He is also one of the key characters and seems to be on a personal quest himself.

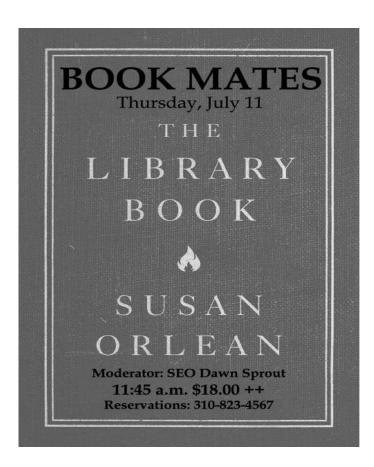
The author chose his title from a Hindu text, the Katha Upanishad, written in 1000 B.C., that reads: "The sharp edge of a razor is difficult to pass over; thus the wise say the path to Salvation is hard." A long discussion followed concerning the meaning of the title. Perhaps the best explanation is that we are all living on the edge, but don't often realize it.

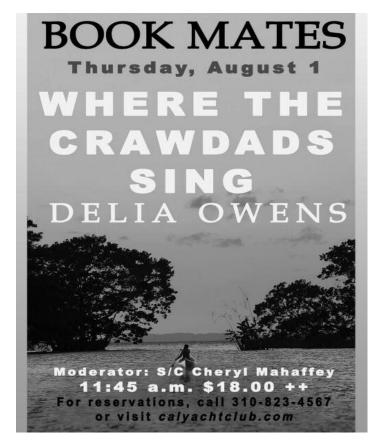
Bill was especially enamored of the author's device to stop the story and tell readers they could skip a specific chapter, when in fact that chapter, a discussion about God, Evil and "The Dark Night of the Soul," was at the heart of Maugham's writing the novel. Many quotes were discussed for their literary quality and their insight into the human condition. One that drew many responses was, "You're the most religious person who doesn't believe in God."

Upcoming Meetings

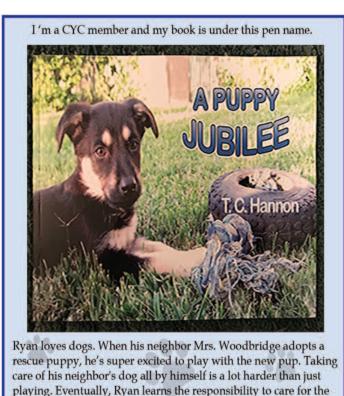
Our August 1 selection is the current bestseller "Where the Crawdads Sing," by Delia Owens. S/C Cheryl Mahaffey will moderate.

For September 5, the selection is "The Island of Sea Women," by best-selling author Lisa See. Sue Moore will moderate. **‡**







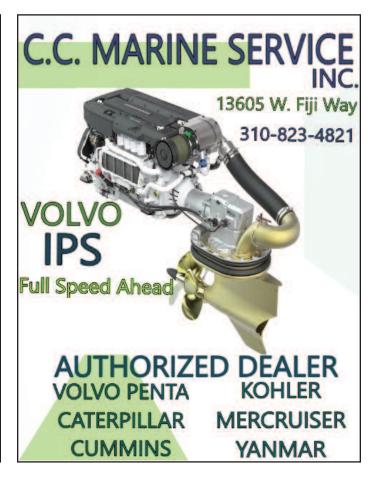


puppy, even if he faces lots of challenges along the way. Based on the author's experience interning with a veterinarian and taking care of her own dog, "A Puppy Jubilee" also contains great tips for

Please purchase my book online at apuppyjubilee.com

dog care and safety!





Yee-ha! CYC's Maytopia Rodeo

By JONI WILLIAMSON

n Saturday, May 18, CYC had its first-ever rodeo! Cowgirl Christine showed all of her lasso tricks and gave lessons on how to rope a steer. The mechanical

bull was a crowd favorite with a record-breaking ride (80 seconds) by Adia Torrance. Maggie and Joe Williamson had a blast too, lasting a lengthy 13 seconds. ♦



Cowgirl Christine gives a lesson in lasso tricks.



Adia Torrance



Joe Williamson



Budgie and Bucky Williamson

From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD

few years ago, CYC members George and Jennifer Hess donated books to our children's library in the Members Lounge. The donated books were intended for use while children were at the



Club. Unfortunately, many books have gone missing. We ask that parents look around the house to see if there are books labeled CYC and return them for others to enjoy. If you have children's books in good shape, feel free to drop them off at the front desk and we will add them to our library.

A reminder to dog owners: Dogs are not allowed in the clubhouse with the exception of trained service animals assisting the disabled as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act. We are finding that dogs are being washed in the men's locker room and our housekeeping staff are cleaning up waste left in the men's showers. No one wants to take a shower and find the gift your dog has left behind. Show your fellow members some courtesy and keep your dog on a leash outside the clubhouse.

There has been an update to our House & Grounds Rules regarding smoking. The new policy, which was approved by the Fleet Council and Management in June, is: "Smoking is allowed outdoors except within 20 feet of building entrances or where food is served, in the maintenance area, on Club vessels, and near any fuels or flammable chemicals." This expands the no smoking area to include the bar balcony as this is a place where food is served.

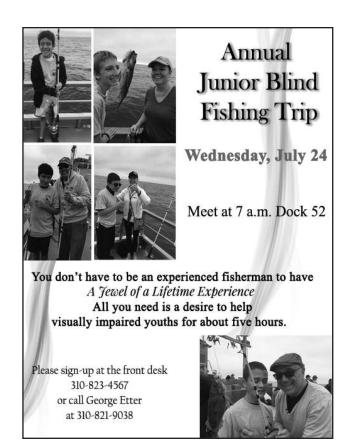
Please save the date for our Member Appreciation Party on August 2. We will have a live salsa band and specially paired Latin tapas and beverages. We will have movies for the kids in the Fireside Room. This is a free event and all members are invited. Please make reservations at the front desk by July 28 so we can have enough food prepared.

July is our big cruising month. The Surf and Turf Cruise heads to Howland's Landing July 19-21. Bring your own food to barbeque on Friday night. The staff will head over on Saturday morning with bloody marys and a chilled seafood feast for lunch. Cruisers can enjoy the water, go hiking, or relax on their boats while the staff prepare a sumptuous barbeque dinner. Cruise chair Naomi Hochman has arranged for a band on Saturday night, so pack your dancing shoes. July 25-28 is our Family Cruise chaired by R/C Tim Clarke and Lara, and Scott and Theresa Torrance, also at Howland's Landing. This is a BYO cruise, but the charcoal will be delivered for barbequing. Call the front desk for a reservation for either cruise. The list of boats will be sent to LAYC the Wednesday prior to the cruise and they will have assignments made by Thursday.

Star racers have the King of Spain July 13-14, and the rescheduled Pacific Cup Deepwater Series #1 will be July 14. Originally scheduled for May 19, Pacific Cup #1 had to be postponed due to weather. Pacific Cup #3 will be August 4.

Don't forget our annual Junior Blind Fishing Trip on July 24. It's a morning on a commercial boat helping visually impaired children learn how to fish. Ask any member who has volunteered before about their experience and they will tell you it's the best day ever. If you have any questions, ask chairs George and Pati Etter.

See you 'round the Club. \$\Psi\$





► JULY 2019 **►**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Club closed 1	Club closed 2	Bridge Club 3	Independence 4 Day	5	Mxd. Doubles 6 Paddle Tennis
	Evening Pickleball		Paddle Tennis	Firecracker Dinghy Cruise	Scarood Buildings	Adult Learn to
		Women's Paddle Tennis		4th of July BBQ		Sail #4 begins
			Sunset Series	Starlight Series canceled		Pickleball
Mixed Doubles 7 Paddle Tennis	Club closed 8	Club closed 9	Bridge Club 10	Women's Paddle Tennis	12	Mxd. Doubles 13 Paddle Tennis
			Art Aficionados	Fleet Council Mtg.		King of Spain
	Evening	Women's	Sunset Series	Book Mates		Adult Learn to
Knit or Knot	Pickleball	Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles	Mah Jongg		Sail #4
			Paddle Tennis	Starlight Series		Pickleball
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Pacific Cup			Sunset Series	Jr. Committee Mtg.	Surf & Turf Cruise	Surf & Turf Cruise
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Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Pickleball	Paddle Tennis		Match Racing Playoffs		Pickleball
Mixed Doubles	Club closed 22	Club closed 23	Bridge Club 24 Jr. Blind Fishing	Women's Paddle Tennis 25	Intro to 26 Fleet Racing	Mxd. Doubles 27 Paddle Tennis
Paddle Tennis			Trip	Mah Jongg	Family Cruise	Family Cruise
Surf & Turf Cruise			Sunset Series	Family Cruise Bridge Mtg.		Adult Learn to
YP Yoga	Evening	Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	New Member Mtg		Sail #4
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2 Member Appreciation Party 8 Junior Awards Banquet				Book Mates	Movie Night	Adult Learn to Sail #5
				Fleet Council Mtg.		
				Starlight Series	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
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Pacific Cup Deepwater #3			Sunset Series	Junior Awards Banquet		Adult Learn to Sail #5 Ving Herber Day
	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg		King Harbor Day Cruise
Knit or Knot				Starlight Series		Pickleball Maria Nicht
				Starright Series		Movie Night

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