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JUNE 2019

From the Commodore



**Spring has Sprung –
Here Comes the Sun!**

Wow – our Club knows how to roll out the welcome mat and run a great regatta! Thanks to the tireless efforts of regatta chair CYCWA F/O Michelle Parker Ondrey and dozens of generous volunteers and dedicated employees on the water and on land, CYC welcomed nearly 200 of the finest young Opti sailors in the country for four glorious days of racing in the Optimist Team Trials.

Four days of racing doesn't begin to tell the story of what it takes to host a regatta of this size and type. Our application to host the regatta, submitted over two years ago, assuredly stated: "I am confident that the California Yacht Club, in Marina del Rey, California, will be an outstanding venue for the US Optimist Dinghy Association's 2019 Team Trials. We have predictably great weather, offer outstanding race management on the water, and provide comprehensive regatta organization and warm hospitality on shore." Those calm understated words were followed by lots and lots of planning, some of which required reduced member parking, changes to normal boat slips, or other inconveniences. Thank you one and all for your contribution to the success of the Opti Team Trials. The Club and its members delivered, and I couldn't be more proud of what we accomplished together. You can read more about the regatta on page 16.

With all the excitement at the Club during the Opti Team Trials, I decided not to reveal Star Gazing selections this month. My July column will highlight several more who have gone above and beyond, so stay tuned. As shared in January, my 2019 theme of Reach for the Stars can be your theme too. One way each of us can bring this mantra to life is by recognizing our dedicated CYC staff when they do an outstanding job. We are fortunate to have professional help as we transform our many ideas from glimmers to reality. The simple things matter – please, thank you, and a friendly smile go a long way in strengthening the partnership that we enjoy.

Our Summer Solstice Celebration on Saturday, June 22, commemorating the longest day of the year, presents

an opportunity for our members to share "Fun in the Sun for Everyone." No need for a blue blazer that day, as it's all about having fun and being together. P/C Christina Tarantola and I have planned enthusiastic competition on the water, friendly games on

the lawn, and an affable boat parade, followed by a refreshing cocktail hour, tasty barbeque, convivial awards, and joyful dancing. The timeline is on page 22, and additional details are posted in the lobby and in *Zephyr*. And there's more for you to enjoy at the Club that day: the Radio Amateur Group (RAG) is hosting in its annual Field Day, a combination emergency exercise and party beginning at 11 a.m. So come, stay, and play!

By now, we're well into the racing season: roughly one-third of our Sunset Series races are in the books, the Starlight Series is underway, and Cal Race Week has turned 21! The year is flying by (as several Staff Commodores assured me it would), and I'd like it to slow a bit. Summer is my favorite time of year, it's a special year, and I want to savor it.

Speaking of savoring, our Epicurean Society Chair Fred Lanes and the Epicurean Steering Committee dreamt up a delectable theme for the spring dinner that recently was brought to life by Chef Fabio: New France – French Cuisine from the New World. Fred promised that the menu would be sumptuous and amazing, and we were not disappointed. You'll be able to relive the evening in next month's *Breeze*. If you haven't spent time in the dining room lately, you'll want to come by to taste its many new and special offerings.

As Commodore, I've continued a practice that I began a few years ago and one that I highly recommend. I've expanded my horizons at the Club. By participating in new activities, I've met fabulous people and made new friends. Your enjoyment of the Club directly correlates to what you do, so do more and reap the benefits. If you're wondering what to do, take one look at the upcoming CYC calendar for plenty of suggestions.

Enjoy your CYC family – it's more than just a Club. Thanks for sharing the journey in our 97th year!

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

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Harris Spring Regatta

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FRONT COVER CYC welcomed 193 sailors from across the country to compete in the Opti Team Trials, held May 2-5. Top finishers received an invitation to join the U.S. National and Regional Development Teams as well as to compete in the Worlds and on summer international teams. CYC's Katharine Doble (21133) finished ninth overall and was the second place girl.

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BACK COVER Steve Moses' *Wombat* rounds the windward mark first and won the Martin 242 class at CYC's Harris Spring Regatta, held April 7.

Photo by Bob Congdon

Team BAAM Joins International Field at Nations Cup

By ALLIE BLECHER

Team BAAM qualified for the World Sailing Nations Cup by placing second at the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship last August. Nations Cup is composed of 10 open and 10 women's division skippers invited to the Grand Final which happened to be in San Francisco this year. The event is typically held every couple of years and the best match racers from around the world qualify to compete.

The event was held April 10-14 out of the St. Francis YC where viewers were able to watch the racing up close. There were two race courses set up to have the ability to run through as many races as they did. The final stages of the regatta were sailed on the course just off the deck at the St. Francis YC. Each match short-tacked the shore, making it so you could hear the cheers on shore as you sailed by.

We started the regatta off strong with some intense battles around the course which ultimately led us to a few wins on the scorecard to finish out the stage 1 round robin in a solid position. Because of our successes in stage 1, we qualified for the quarterfinals without having to sail stage two, the repechage.

The winner of the repechage qualified for the quarterfinals which was somewhat of a redemption round for that team. One unique thing happened, though, as three teams ended up in a three-way tie for the win and the sole repechage spot in the

quarterfinals. The judges turned to the sailing instructions to settle the tie. Definitely not something you see every day. This just goes to show how close the racing was all week long. It was spectacular!

The first round of the quarterfinals was good for us. Although we did not qualify for the semifinals, we saw ourselves making really important moves in certain parts of the racing and learning a lot from the experience. We were able to walk away from the event knowing we stressed out our competitors and made them nervous to race us. We made big strides in our match racing execution, landing plenty of wins to the scorecard and throughout each match. Sailing against previous world champions and Olympians makes for an exponential learning curve, and to execute a maneuver better than they did in a few areas throughout each race makes the match loss to them seem like an overall win.

Team BAAM consisted of Allie Blecher (CYC) as skipper, Beka Schiff (CYC) as main/tactics, Molly Noble (Richmond YC) as trimmer, and Ali Blumenthal (Belport YC) as bow.

None of this is possible without the continued support from our friends, families, coaches, the California Yacht Club, and the CYC Competition Fund. Thank you! ⚓



Photo by Louis Bemainous

Allie Blecher's Team BAAM (4) challenges the eventual winner, France's Pauline Courtois (3). Ten teams representing Australia, Brazil, Finland, France, Great Britain, South Africa, Sweden, and the United States competed in the women's division at Nations Cup April 10-14, on the San Francisco Bay.

Fleet Racing the Fun Way

By R/C TIM CLARKE

Racing sail boats is fun, exciting, and very rewarding, but, like all things, to improve you must practice. So, an idea was formed to offer members the opportunity to fleet race in a relaxed, fun environment using the three Martin 242 keelboats.

This exciting new program kicked off with a Beginner Fleet Racing Clinic on April 14 and will continue with Friday Night Fleet Racing happening the fourth Friday of each month during the summer.

Let me bring you up to speed with the why, how, when and where!

Why

To provide members the opportunity to learn to race or improve their racing skills, enabling them to go on to compete in the Sunset Series and weekend regattas. They can rent the Club's Martin 242s or use the coaching as a stepping stone to find a ride on other race boats.

How

We are providing experienced sailors on the three Club boats to coach on starting procedure, sailing the course, sail trim, and racing rules of the road. Races are short, allowing participants to try different positions (helmsperson, main trimmer, or jib trimmer) and compete in multiple races within an evening.

Where

Racing is held off the guest dock on a short windward/leeward course. The location allows flexibility for members to compete in as few or as many races as they want, while also providing a great location to spectate the racing.

When

Racing is 5:30-7:30 p.m. on June 28, July 26, and August 23.

As a bonus, we are working with Sail Committee to use these events as a training ground for those members who want to gain more experience in race committee work.

The clinic on April 14 and the first Friday Night Fleet Racing on April 26 were very well received by our members and we are looking forward to a fun summer of racing. Thank you to the following coaches: Michael Bradley, Mary Stuyvesant, Steve Moses, and Randy Sprout, for their expertise, and to our PRO Rory Mach.

If you want to join in the fun or have questions, please email cyckeelboat@gmail.com. ⚓



One of Friday night's crowded mark roundings



Post-racing drinks and debrief



Katie Moran, Steve Marks, and Scott Burns take the helm for their first-ever races as skipper.

Post from Polynesia

By S/C KELLIE FENNESSY

S/C Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest are traveling in the South Pacific aboard their sailing vessel, Dash. Kellie periodically reports on their adventure.

We all have to eat ... right? So I wasn't too concerned about provisioning as we explored French Polynesia during our first year of cruising. But I did ALWAYS have a full freezer – just in case. We didn't always find what we were looking for, but the saying “you get what you get and you don't throw a fit” worked well as we perused the shelves in some of the more remote atolls and islands.

It was four months into our cruising that I first found frozen boneless and skinless chicken breast (from the U.S. even). I went crazy and wanted to purchase every package. Mike, the voice of reason, said that maybe six packages would be enough. Chicken thighs and legs – no problem – one can find those anywhere.

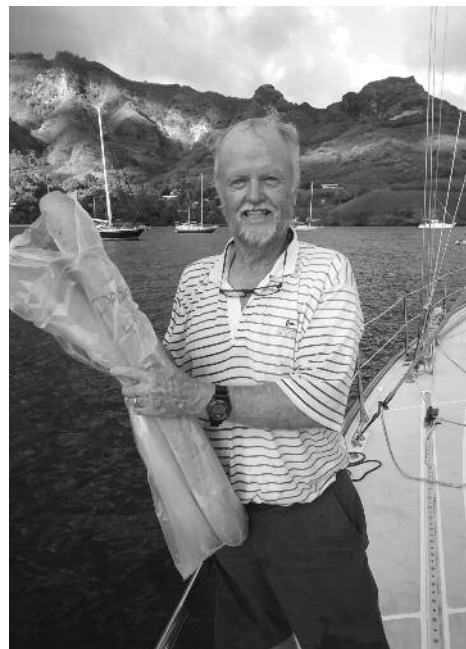
While in the Tuamotus (where we are as I write this) we learned to ask when the supply ship would be in, as we knew that would be our only opportunity for fresh veggies and fruit. We plan our movement around the timing of said supply ship and we go in within an hour or two of arrival as all the fresh produce will be gone in a matter of hours. And it took me a few times to learn that when you find something fresh you get it

right then. Don't even think about “I'll pick it up on the way back to the boat.” It will be gone!

We have also been willing to try much of the local goods. The baguettes are to die for and not a problem at all to easily schedule a run to shore for. We fell in love with pamplemousse – a sweet version of a grapefruit. But I've learned to be picky and only get Marquesan

pamplemousse as it is the sweetest of all. Other fruits and vegetables that are grown here have all been delicious – cantaloupe, watermelon, avocado, banana, mango, etc. But they are all seasonal so can only be found during the season ... no bringing in from Chile in the off season. I've learned to cook with breadfruit – a bit like a very starchy potato. And I've been able to make fish and chips on board with freshly caught parrot fish.

We won't go hungry onboard *Dash*. We are eating healthier. And it makes that craving for In-N-Out burgers all the sweeter when we are back in the States.✚



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Series Comes Down to the Wire at Harris Spring Regatta

By RORY MACH, Sail Committee Chair

Racers who signed up for this year's Harris Spring Regatta hoping for a solid season warm-up definitely got what they came for – a day of close, tactical fleet racing over a 2- to 3- mile, windward/leeward course – and it didn't take long before the competition grew hot enough to feel like mid-summer.

So hot in fact, that at day's end, two classes needed a decisive final race – and one, a series tie-breaker – to determine winners of the Fred Harris Libation Cup and Commodore's Trophy, awarded to top boats in the PHRF and one-design classes, respectively.

The day's tightest competition, as usual, was to be found in the Martin 242 fleet, where, after a pair of closely contested races, two boats stood tied for the series lead, with another pair locked together in second place, leaving all four boats in clear striking distance of the others as they maneuvered for the final start of the day.

With the afternoon wind backing and diminishing, each strategic choice would carry more weight and consequence for the skippers, as they watched the sun drift lower in the sky. In the end, it was CYC's Steven Moses, at the helm of *Wombat*, who made the right choice, pressed his advantage, and tenaciously defended his lead to notch an emphatic bullet in race three, vaulting his team into a tie on points with fellow CYC member Mike George on *All In*.

With no further races to settle the matter, the race committee turned to the scoring sheets, matching the boats' individual race finishes against each other to break the tie, leaving Moses and *Wombat* in first place, alone atop the podium.



Photo by S/C Bill Stump

Skipper Chris Gorog (white cap) and his California Dream team with the Fred Harris Libation Cup

Just as closely-contested, the PHRF cruising class found Chris Gorog's *California Dream* and Richard Benedon's *Ruby d'eau* approaching the final race in a tie for the series lead. The two skippers coaxed their boats around the final mark, spinnakers backlit by the setting sun as they dove for the finish, but it was *California Dream* grabbing the day's last dying drafts as they ghosted by the committee boat in sole possession of first place.

Once ashore, the sailors convened on the Club's front lawn to debate the day's racing, followed by presentation of the trophies, with Commodore Debbie Feinerman on hand to present the awards and announce the final winners of this year's perpetual trophies:

Fred Harris Libation Cup

PHRF A: Neil Fraser, *Mexican Divorce*, Del Rey YC
PHRF B: Marty Burke, *Bella Vita*, King Harbor YC
PHRF Cruising: Chris Gorog, *California Dream*, CYC

Commodore's Trophy

Steven Moses, *Wombat*, CYC

Thanks go to Dockmaster Evan Davis and his staff, along with the hardworking crew in Catering for feeding and watering the sailors once they came ashore. Special thanks go to Regatta Chair Nicole Harnett, who left no stone unturned to assemble an all-star team of race committee volunteers and who made it a terrific event for the sailors. This is a great tribute to S/C Fred Harris Sr., a founding member of CYC in Marina del Rey, for whom the regatta is named, and whose commitment to the sport we continue to this day. ⚓



Photo by Bob Congdon

The fleets head downwind while Tom McQuade measures wind velocity, Chris Calingaert drives, and Eric Tolkien checks the wind direction on the weather boat. Thank you race committee!



Doug Steele's Tiburon (38042, second place) crosses just behind Mexican Divorce, winner of PHRF A.

Photos by Bob Congdon



Duncan Cameron's Dean (306) placed third, while Steve Moses' Wombat (179) and Mike George's All In (307) tied for first, with Wombat winning the tie-breaker in the Martin 242 class.

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My First Newport to Ensenada

By KIERAN SCHOCKLEE

The 125-nautical-mile Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race was my first international race. I had the pleasure to race on John Staff's *TBD*, a Synergy 1000. The race started on Friday, April 26, at noon. We got to the boat early and started to work on it and get it ready for the race. The start was amazing, especially considering there was an AC 50F and a few Maxi 72s starting behind us.

The race started off really well – the wind was 9 to 14 knots of breeze – then it just completely shut off during the night right when we were going by the

... the wind picked up to about 20 knots of breeze and we were flying down the coast of Mexico ...

Coronado Islands just south of the Mexican-American border. That was a very long, slow, but entertaining night, with the best stew I have ever had!

I took my first sleep at two in the morning and woke up an hour later right after we did a jibe. I was up for another hour and went to bed again. I woke up at seven in the morning and there was just a breath of wind on the water and some haze. Then the haze burned off and the sun came out and the wind picked up to about 20 knots of breeze and we were flying down the coast of Mexico going about 14 knots. We did a lot of jibes which was so much fun. We came into the finish line flying into Ensenada, finishing in just over 25 hours! That race was just completely spectacular, the food was delicious, and the crew was great to be a part of! Thanks again, Mr. Staff! 🍷



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John Staff's TBD finishes the Newport to Ensenada Race.


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Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

Optimist Harken Series #2

April 6-7, San Francisco YC, 52 boats

- 1 Katharine Doble
- 3 Mora Moro
- 7 Mika Sternberg
- 10 Jordan Janov

Harris Spring Regatta

April 7, CYC

Martin 242: 6 boats

- 1 Steve Moses, *Wombat*
- 2 Mike George, *All In*

PHRF A: 4 boats

- 2 Doug Steele, *Tiburon*

PHRF Cruising: 3 boats

- 1 Chris Gorog, *California Dream*

USODA Optimist Team Trials

May 2-5, CYC

193 boats

- 9 Katharine Doble; 2nd girl
- 12 Callie Davis, 3rd girl
- 27 Mora Moro

SUNSET SERIES

Race 1, April 17

PHRF A: 2 boats

- 1 Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1½*

PHRF B: 8 boats

- 3 John Staff, *TBD*

PHRF C: 8 boats

- 2 Peter Nelson, *Spray*
- 3 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF D: 6 boats

- Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Martin 242: 8 boats

- 1 Team TC, *Trolley Car*
- 2 Brack Duker, *Velerito*

Cruising A: 11 boats

- 3 Joseph Weber, *Va Pensiero*

Race 2, April 24

PHRF A: 2 boats

- 1 Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1½*

PHRF B: 6 boats

- 2 Jim Murrell, *Huckleberry 2*

PHRF C: 8 boats

- 2 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*
- 3 Peter Nelson, *Spray*

PHRF D: 7 boats

- 1 Jeff Janov, *Minor Threat*

M242: 8 boats

- 1 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*
- 2 Brack Duker, *Velerito*
- 3 Michael Bradley/Tim Clarke, *Summer Rental*

Cruising A: 12 boats

- 1 Joseph Weber, *Va Pensiero*
- 2 Whitney Green, *Pacific* ⚓



Richard Benedon (holding trophy) and his Ruby d'eau crew won Best Beneteau Finish – Racing Division in April's Newport to Ensenada Race.



Mora Moro, second from left, placed third and **Katharine Doble**, second from right, placed first out of 52 boats at Optimist Harken Series #2.



Mike George (All In, 307) kicks off Sunset Series for the Martin 242 fleet by taking the pin on port tack.

Photo by Bob Congdon, Race 1, April 17



Photo by F/C Monica Antola, Race 2, April 24

F/C Monica Antola takes a selfie with Dan Shine and Hallie Peterson aboard skipper Jim Murrell's Huckleberry 2.

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Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By EVAN DAVIS, Dockmaster

Gail Namerow and friends recently scooped up this “bait ball” of predatory balloons for the win. Great work, gang! Enjoy the dinner!

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Optimist Team Trials Sails into CYC

By First Officer
MICHELLE PARKER ONDREY,
Regatta Chair



Katharine Doble finished ninth overall and was second place girl.

If you happened to stop by the Club between April 27 and May 5 you probably are well aware that California Yacht Club was host to nearly 200 Optimist sailors, 15 and younger, all vying to be named to the U.S. National Team. CYC was a swarm of activity, with dolly slots painted in dry storage, partner vendors set up in the parking lot, many member volunteers putting in lots of effort, and, of course, 193 of the best Opti sailors from across the country preparing for these important races. We had competitors from the East Coast, Midwest, South and West Coast – a true national regatta. The United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) oversees this event and we also had many visiting dignitaries, judges, and race officials.

The importance of this event is that the top finishers are invited to be on the U.S. National and Regional Development Teams as well as to compete in the Worlds and on summer international teams. As you can see, there was a lot on the line in this regatta and we are very honored that USODA chose CYC to be the host.

CYC's application to host this event was submitted two

years ago, but the event truly kicked off months ago with the start of planning, and got into full swing on April 27 as boats started to arrive. Sunday through Wednesday were taken up with registration and boat measurement, with many teams also taking the opportunity to get out on the water and learn a bit more about Marina del Rey sailing conditions. Wednesday night was the opening dinner with special guest speaker Hal Haenel, who spoke about his Olympic sailing experience and brought his silver and gold Olympic medals for some show and tell.

Racing kicked off on Thursday – if you've never seen 200 boats launch from our dock, it is truly a sight to behold. We call it "organized chaos" – orchestrated by S/C Uta Leslie. For each of the four days, sailors were split into three flights and the wind held well enough to get three races off on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On Sunday, the fleet was split into Gold Fleet and Silver A and Silver B. This made for some very exciting racing with the Silver Fleets completing two races and the Gold getting three full races in. Many commented that they could never remember getting 12 full races in a USODA event – kudos to PRO S/C Bill Stump and his excellent race committee.



On the final day of racing, the 193 competitors were divided into two fleets based on their order of finish. Here the Gold Fleet, comprised of the top 65 boats, lines up at the start.

As the final race finished and the scores were tallied, the overall winner was Lauderdale YC's Tommy Sitzmann. CYC was well represented by our girls with Katharine Doble finishing ninth overall as well as second place girl and Callie Davis capturing 12th overall and third place girl – way to go girls!

As the saying goes, it takes a village. There is no way an event of this magnitude can be held without immense amounts of time from a ton of people. Each racing day took nearly 50 volunteers on the water to handle the signal boat, finish boat, markset boats, safety boats, judge boats, medical boat, photo boat ... you get the idea. And to accompany that was all the on-shore support that started the weekend previous to racing as competitors began to arrive, get their sails measured, and check in for the regatta. Race days also saw significant on-shore support as we launched and retrieved 193 race boats each day. I am immensely thankful to all those who gave their time or offered their homes and boats to officials so that these talented junior sailors could



It's organized chaos when 193 racers prepare to launch their boats from our dock.



compete. I would especially like to thank PRO S/C Bill Stump, Parking Lot Empress S/C Uta Leslie, Safety Specialist SEO Norma Pratt, Accommodations Coordinator Extraordinaire EO Pam Spriggs, Hospitality Chair Laurie Petersen, Flag Coordinator Aliza Farrell, Trophy and Apparel Expert Rachel Davis, all of whom planned for months leading up to the event. And last but not least, I'd like to have a special call out to the CYC staff who were so helpful and welcoming – including everything from Catering (special thanks to Adrian and team!), dock and boatyard coordination, launching and retrieval of boats (special thanks to Dockmaster Evan Davis and crew!), and dining service. The compliments we received all week from visitors are a testament to the staff's hard work.

Our 193 visiting sailors have now departed, and the yard is much quieter. We are all left with a great admiration for these young competitors who sailed fast and sailed fair and made our yacht club their home for a short while. We wish them all the best!





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Team CYC is ready!



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CYC's Hal Haenel spoke to the racers about his Olympic experience and brought his gold and silver medals.



Photo by Bob Congdon

Callie Davis (21869) is first to finish in race 10. She captured 12th overall and was third place girl.



Photo by Mary Stuyvesant

Saturday race committee volunteers, led by Regatta Chair FO Michelle Parker Ondrey (fifth from right) and PRO S/C Bill Stump (second from right)



Photo by Bob Congdon

Richard Benedon's Ruby d'eau dwarfs the Optis in the foreground.



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Tommy Sitzmann (Lauderdale YC), overall winner, holds the Gary Sprague Cup.



Photo by Bob Congdon

Close finishes kept finish judges and recorders on their toes.

CYCWA on the Horizon

By CARLY SALTZMAN

Photo by EO Pam Spriggs

Dash (S/C Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest's boat) made a stop at the home of Susan French and family, where we learned to gather oysters and helped with the harvest. The area has huge tidal changes, exposing the extensive oyster beds. You simply pick them up – hundreds of them. The sunset colors were amazing that night, and had changed from a traditional gradually graded color palette to all shades of orange and red, and in what seemed like an instant, to all purples and pinks. An incredible sunset!

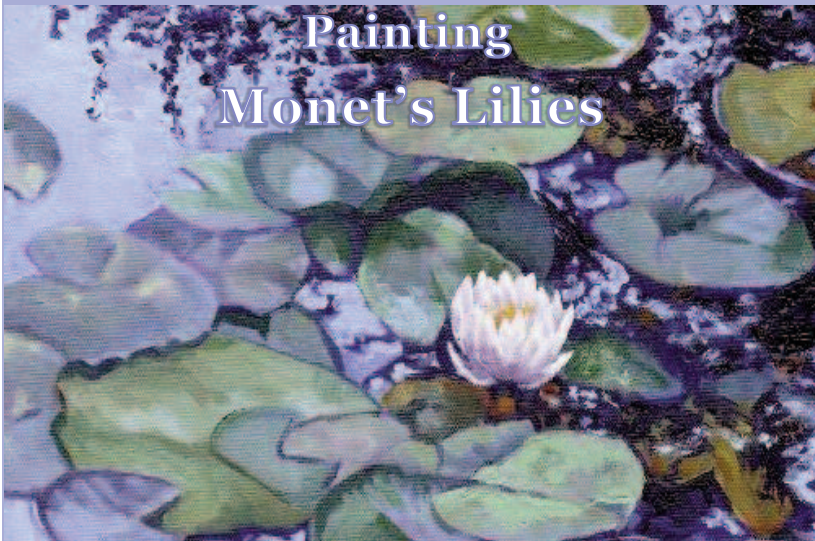
CYCWA ART AFICIONADOS

Wednesday, June 12

10 a.m. to noon

Painting

Monet's Lilies



with artist Ray Weisz

Please bring your art paper and brushes. Painting can be done in acrylics provided or your own watercolors.

Email norma@rlpratt.com if you wish to order canvas.



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

Bridge Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., dining room. Co-chairs are Joan Silver and Susan Allan.

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 Susan Allan.

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

CYCWA Springs into Flower Design

By First Officer MICHELLE PARKER ONDREY

CYCWA Art Aficionados were lucky enough to once again have Kanani come and introduce us to her wonderfully creative flower design. This year's theme was "Spring" and the timing was perfect to create a beautiful centerpiece for Easter or Passover. We gathered on April 18, and had great participation including an especially young attendee, Marie Hedlund's 10-year-old granddaughter, Cherie, and our sole male representative, S/C Bill Stump (who, by the way, made a beautiful arrangement!). We learned fun flower facts – for example, tulips will continue to grow even after being cut. And we learned about repeating color and making an arrangement look balanced. The evening inspired many of us to look forward to using our new-found skills on additional arrangements and we thank Kanani for her inspiring evening of flowers! ♣



S/C Bill Stump and Commodore Debbie Feinerman



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WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, July 19

- BYO with welcome drink and potluck appetizers

Saturday, July 20

- Chef Fabio's seafood brunch buffet with bloody mary bar
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We invite all CYC members to come out and celebrate the longest day of the year

Summer Solstice

SATURDAY, JUNE 22



2 p.m.	On the Water Competition
3 p.m.	Fun on the Lawn
4-5:30 p.m.	Boat Parade
6 p.m.	Cocktail Hour
7 p.m.	Barbeque
8 p.m.	Awards / Music / Dancing

FUN IN THE SUN FOR EVERYONE!



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Art Aficionados Visit the Getty Center

By SEO NORMA PRATT

Art Aficionados had an extraordinary day at the Getty Center, taking in the collection, exhibition, and garden tours. The highlight was Jacopo Carucci Pontormo's "Visitation," a Renaissance masterpiece dating from 1528 that had never before traveled out of Italy. We were most privileged to view this life-size painting (based on a story in the Bible Gospel of Luke), with its vivid colors, and to discuss aspects of the painting's setting and representations.

We also viewed Vincent van Gogh's "Irises," which is part of the Getty's permanent collection. In 1987, it became the most expensive painting ever sold when Australian businessman Alan Bond bought it for \$54 million. He subsequently had financial problems and the Getty Center acquired the painting in 1990 for an undisclosed sum. The CYC group was so enthralled with "Irises" that they decided to attempt to reproduce it for themselves at their May art class.

Several topped off the day at the Getty by viewing artist Robert Irwin's central garden, a reprieve and delight to all senses for those who strolled through on this beautiful spring day. The Getty is a true treasure in our backyard! ♡

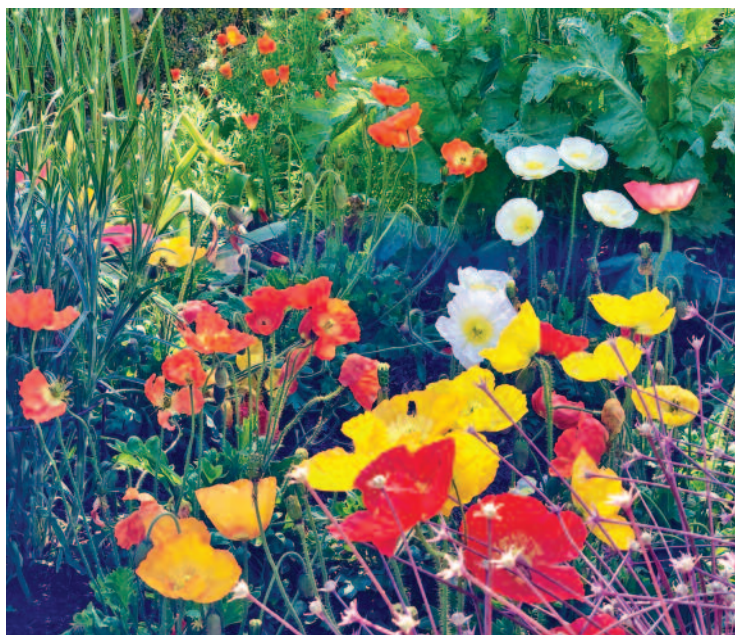


Photo by EO Pam Spriggs

Eye-catching Iceland poppies at the Getty garden



EO Pam Spriggs, Edward and Joanna Brody, SEO Norma Pratt, Randy Sprout, SEO Dawn Sprout, Secretary Laura Greenburg, Ellen Borowka, Commodore Debbie Feinerman, Marie Hedlund, S/C Alice Leahey, and (seated) SEO Anne Sanguinetti



CYC BurgeeTravels

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. 🚩



The highest CYC burgee yet? **Michael Laine** took his burgee to 17,598 feet at Mt. Everest's South Base Camp.



Tom Rowe and **Susan French** traveled to Tasmania, Australia, last December and visited the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park.



On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

Jim Biddle took this photo of the shimmering moon and its reflection in CYC's E Basin.

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

CYC Flashback!

Gail Namerow reports that about 15 or so years ago a group of CYC members who lived within a few blocks of each other in the Playa del Rey area would host progressive dinners. Silliness abounded after dinner one night at the Namerows' when they decided to



Bill Cabeen, Bob Festa, Norm Harris, Rich Namerow, and Ray Mahaffey.

don pareos and dance the hula.

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. ⚓



Karen Festa, Joyce Harwood, Jan Harris, Shirley Cabeen, S/C Cheryl Mahaffey, and Gail Namerow



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Brilliant but Betrayed, "The Other Einstein" Finally Gains Recognition and Compassion

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

Is it possible that one of the most revered physicists of all time, Albert Einstein, was not singularly responsible for his groundbreaking theories? Could his first wife, Mileva, have been an equal partner and contributor whom he refused to acknowledge? "The Other Einstein," by Marie Benedict, illuminates this possibility by mixing fact and fiction in a compelling portrait of one amazing woman fighting the conventions of her time.

Moderator SEO Norma Pratt began the May 2 Book Mates discussion with a series of videos, the most outstanding of which related, in both researched and emotional terms, the relationship between Albert and Mileva in an era of scientific advancement as well as gender inequality. Norma's first question was a knock out! She asked members to recall incidents in their lives when they suffered prejudice because of their gender. Susan French spoke about the trials of being one of the few women among many men studying for a law degree in the late 1960s. Tom Rowe commented that "superior" senior executives early in his career often dismissed his ideas.

Comparisons were drawn between Mileva and Madame

Curie, who gained recognition because of the support of her husband.

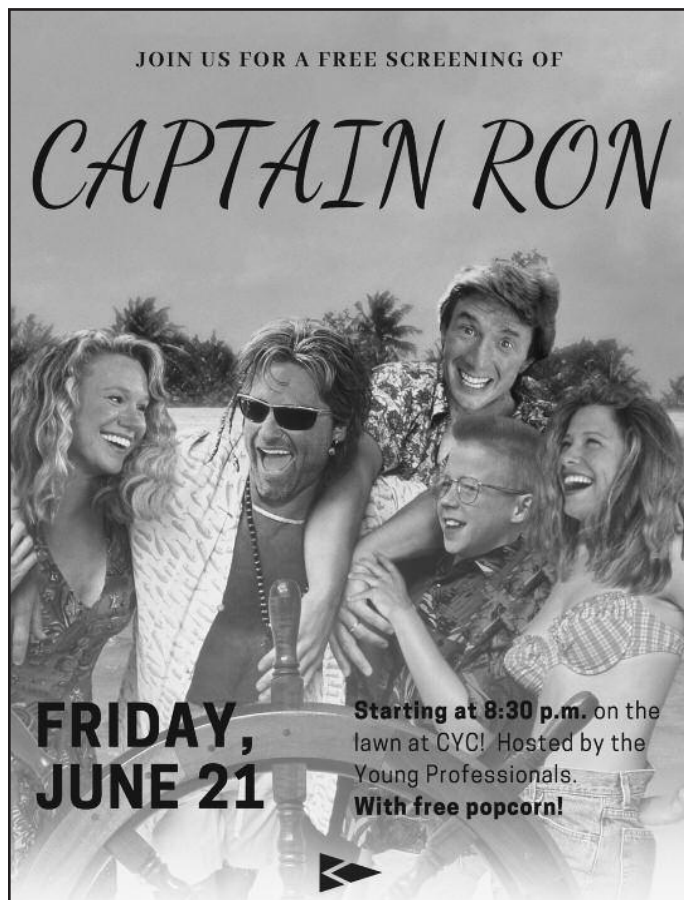
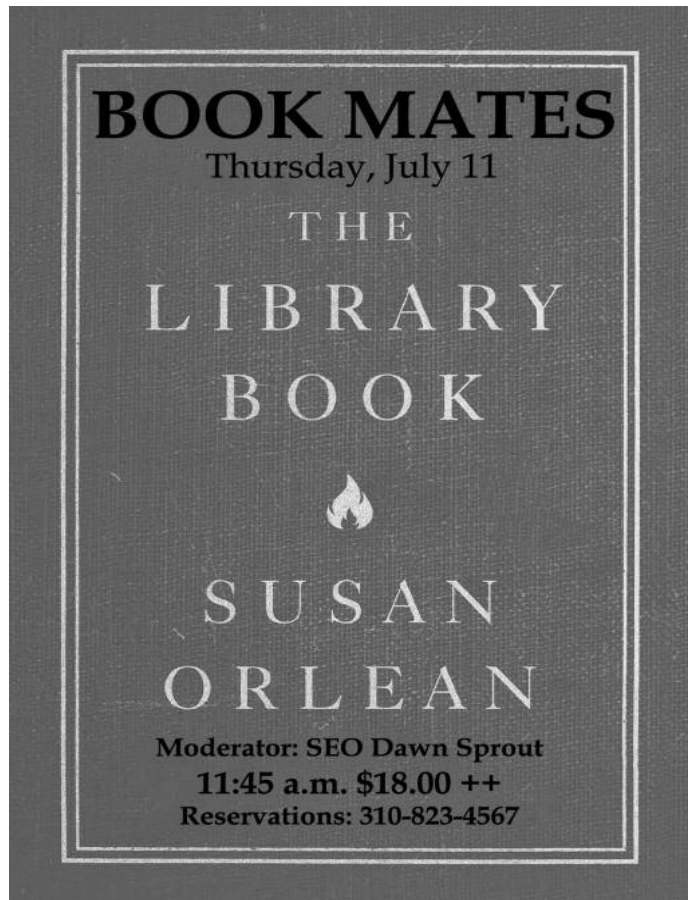
Another surprising revelation, provided by Rob Hammerfahr, was that women in Switzerland, where Mileva studied in the early 1900s, are still treated unfairly.

"The Other Einstein" is a novel and not a biography. Whether or not you believe the author's speculations on how much Mileva contributed to her husband's work, the novel still stirs up strong emotion in its readers. And it carries a warning: Hold on to your dreams, and find someone who'll support them even as you support theirs.

Upcoming Meetings

July 11 will bring the highly acclaimed, "The Library Book," by Susan Orlean. SEO Dawn Sprout will moderate. Note that we will meet on the 11th due to the July 4th holiday.

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



Sportsman's Club Gets the Racing Bug

By ZORAN SEGINA, Sportsman's Club Chair

To get behind the wheel of a Formula 1 or an Indy open-wheel race car requires top physical shape, strenuous workouts, and years of practice. CYC members who wanted to experience the thrill of racing, albeit at a more leisurely pace, had the chance to test their competitive racing skills during the Sportsman's Club April visit to K1 Racing in Gardena.

K1 Racing is an indoor track about a quarter of a mile in length. Race vehicles are electric go-karts powered by 20-horsepower motors that allow speeds of up to 45 miles per hour. This may not seem fast, but don't tell that to our intrepid attendees who donned balaclavas, adjusted straps on their full face racing helmets (provided by the track), slid behind the wheel of their magnificent racing machines, tightened their four-point racing harnesses, and took off for the first of three sessions – training, qualification, and a race. Electric go-karts accelerate much faster than their gasoline-powered brethren and are environmentally friendly.

An early success in go-kart competitions is the most dependable predictor as to whether a young racer has talent and ability to develop into a professional race car driver. Each weekend thousands of boys and girls tune their karts before the local races all over the world, dreaming to one day become another Lewis Hamilton, Michael Schumacher, or Danica Patrick. ...

Back to reality and our racers at K-1 Racing. Each session lasts approximately eight minutes. At the end of the first one, our competitors admitted that they felt a little wobbly. Zooming around 14 corners in a go-kart without suspension and no power steering while sitting but a handful of inches off the ground takes a toll on the body. Add the adrenaline to the mix and the whole experience can get a little overwhelming, especially for the first-timers. Contrary to widely held belief, car racing is one of the most physically demanding sports. It is not uncommon for the professionals to lose six to eight pounds during a two-hour race. To keep themselves competitive, the drivers have to be in top physical shape, training several hours every day.

This was not the case with the CYC Sportsman's Club group. In addition to exhaustion, our female competitors ended up in what is known as racing incidents. The K-1 track is twisty, the surface somewhat slippery, and stuff happens. Rather than risk aggravating neck sprains, the ladies wisely decided to continue encouraging their male teammates from the safety of the paddock lounge. K-1 Racing fortunately provides for such contingency and the sidelined crew members received a credit for the unused time. To be used on a future visit.

And there will be a next time. Exhausted, a little bit bruised, but smiling, the CYC Sportsman's Club karting adventurers promised they will be back. The racing bug bit. Will you join us?



Anthony Agoglia, Sandy Allbright, Mike Cubbin, and Leslie Bene





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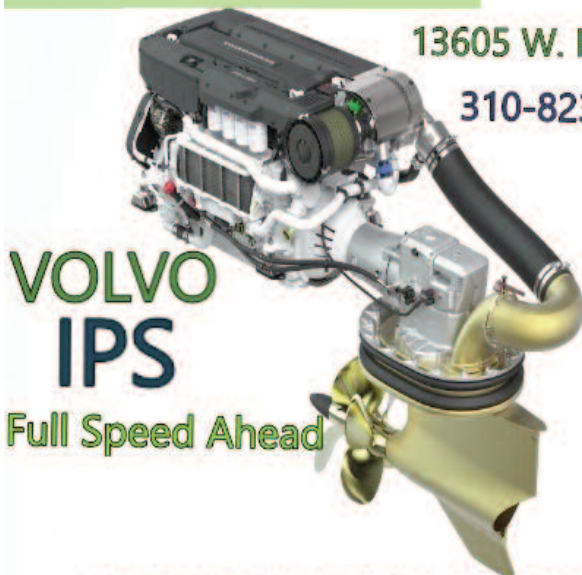
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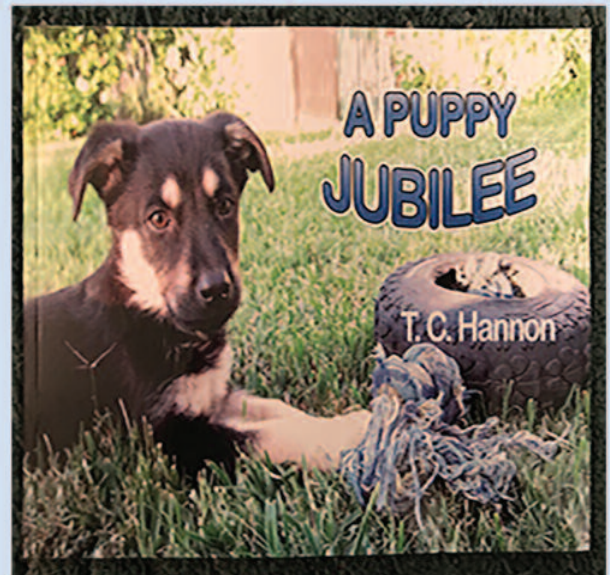
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Ryan loves dogs. When his neighbor Mrs. Woodbridge adopts a rescue puppy, he's super excited to play with the new pup. Taking care of his neighbor's dog all by himself is a lot harder than just playing. Eventually, Ryan learns the responsibility to 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

Interesting Boats

By JULIA MICHELLE DAWSON

Transported to a different era is the way the lucky sailors aboard *Glory B* feel. As owner David Bell says, "It's like riding around the village green in a vintage Rolls Royce on a sunny afternoon ... very casual, low key." She is a classic 1964 Hinckley Bermuda 40 designed for the Newport to Bermuda ocean race and is one of the first boats built of fiberglass. Forbes Magazine named it one of the best 50 boats ever built. *Glory B* is hull number 37 of the 203 B-40s that were built between 1959 and 1992.

She was David's birthday present to himself in April 2014. He re-painted her exterior classic Hinckley blue and renamed her *Glory B* because she is a glorious B-40. A spinnaker and a mizzen staysail add to the fun.

Photo by Mike Shocklee



The lines on *Glory B*'s spinnaker represent the five lines of the music staff. Owner David Bell is a retired composer.

RADIO AMATEUR GROUP'S

Field Day

Saturday, June 22

The Radio Amateur Group extends a special invitation to every California Yacht Club member to join us on June 22.

*Field Day will be held on the front lawn of the Club.
Operations begin at 11 a.m. Hot dogs will be served at 1 p.m.
There will be refreshments and a no-host bar.*

Field Day is an internationally recognized day that combines emergency preparedness with a global party. We will be connecting with hundreds of radio operators around the world, and using our communications equipment "off the grid" to ensure that the California Yacht Club can provide emergency communications during a local or national disaster.

Come and experience your first ham radio, eat some great food, and learn to operate the station.

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From the Manager

By MICHELE UNDERWOOD



I am pleased to welcome our new Catering Director, Michele “Miki” Mootsey, to California Yacht Club. Miki comes to us from La Cañada Flintridge Country Club and has worked previously in Marina del Rey at the Marina City Club. She loves working at clubs and brings exceptional experience to our membership. She will assist in planning both Club and private events, so stop by

her office in the lower level and say hello when it’s time to plan your event.

The first dock party of the summer is slated for June 8. All are invited to join Power Fleet Chairs Brandon Fernald and Russ Carrington at the hoist to enjoy street tacos, cerveza, and tequila shots.

The Family Activities Committee are looking for kids who love ice cream to start the summer off right at the Ice Cream Social on June 9.

Cruisers have their first big cruise of the season to Newport Harbor Yacht Club the weekend of June 14. There is a wine tasting event at NHYC on Friday night, a three-course dinner followed by dancing at Woody’s Wharf on Saturday night, and bagels, bloody marys, and screwdrivers on Pozeiden with chairs Mike and Debbie Zeiden on Sunday morning. Those attending must register with the front desk no later than June 5.

Father’s Day will be celebrated with our annual Father’s Day Barbeque Brunch on June 16. Chef Fabio promises to have a variety of choice barbeque meats to choose from along with salads, seafood, and desserts.

Please make reservations so we have a table set for you.

The Radio Amateur Group will hold its annual field day on June 22 starting at 9 a.m. If you have an interest in seeing our ham radio station in action as we make connections with other ham stations around the world, come down and join the RAG group operators.

June 22 is also when we celebrate the summer solstice with an all-Club party. Starting at 2 p.m. there will be on-the-water competitions at the hoist, at 3 p.m. will be games on the lawn, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. will be a boat parade off the guest dock, with cocktails on the pool patio at 6 p.m., and a barbeque at 7 p.m. with awards given for the day’s competitions and dancing. We will have movies for the kids in the Fireside Room following the barbeque. Come celebrate the longest day of the year with a party full of family, friends, and fun. Make your reservation now!

Don’t forget to sign up for the 4th of July barbeque on the front lawn and stay for the 9 p.m. fireworks.

Looking forward to a great summer at the Club! 🍷

*The Family Activities Committee
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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS						Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 1
1-2 Cal Race Week			16 Father's Day			
7 A Day at the Races			22 Summer Solstice Celebration			Cal Race Week
8 Dock Party			22 RAG Field Day			
9 Ice Cream Social			28 Intro to Fleet Racing			
14-16 Newport Harbor YC Cruise			30 Pacific Cup Deepwater Series #2			Pickleball
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 2	Club closed 3	Club closed 4	Bridge Club 5	Women's Paddle Tennis 6	7	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 8
Cal Race Week			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Fleet Council Mtg.	Santa Anita Races	Dock Party
Knit or Knot	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Sunset Series	Book Mates		Adult Learn to Sail #3
				Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
				Starlight Series		
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			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Sail Committee Mtg.		Pickleball
				Starlight Series		
Father's Day 16	Club closed 17	Club closed 18	Bridge Club 19	Women's Paddle Tennis 20	21	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 22
Father's Day Brunch				Mah Jongg		Summer Solstice Celebration
Newport Harbor YC Cruise			Sunset Series	FAC. Mtg.		RAG Field Day
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				Starlight Series		
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JULY 2019

	Club closed 1	Club closed 2	Bridge Club 3	Independence Day 4	5	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 6
			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Firecracker Dinghy Cruise		Adult Learn to Sail #4 begins
	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Sunset Series	4th of July BBQ		Pickleball
				Starlight Series canceled		
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			Sunset Series	Book Mates		Adult Learn to Sail #4
Knit or Knot	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg	Seafood Buffet	Pickleball
				Starlight Series		

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