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From the Commodore

I've Got Plenty to Be Thankful For

y now, you know that my favorite season is summer. I love the long days, warm weather, and breezy days on the water. My favorite holiday comes a bit later in the year, and it's quickly approaching.

For me, Thanksgiving is a near perfect holiday. We surround ourselves with family and friends, eat copious quantities of delicious food, and take time to reflect on what we're thankful for. With that recipe, it only takes regular reflection to make Thanksgiving a year-round experience.

Before I share some personal expressions of gratitude, I will honor several bright Stars in our CYC constellation. It's easy to be a CYC astronomer look around the Club and there are Stars aplenty. This month we have five stars; each is a Club member who has made a significant contribution to enrich our CYC experience on or off the water. R/C Tim Clarke has spearheaded our Keelboat Program since its inception, serving as its chair for multiple years. Through the program, we now offer Adult Learn to Sail courses, day sails, and one-design racing. This year, the program expanded to offer Intro to Fleet Racing, and invitational match racing. Miriam Moses has done yeoman's work successfully co-chairing CYC's Sunset Series, our signature 22-week regatta. She has selflessly devoted countless hours to benefit hundreds of sailors' mid-week escape for the past two years, and has graciously volunteered to serve as cochair again next year. Kudos to Marylyn Hoenemeyer, who has served as Sail Competition Planning Committee Chair for two years, and worked to procure the J/70 Worlds which will come to CYC next summer with Marylyn as regatta chair. Naomi Hochman took the initiative to conceive of and plan the first Passover Seder at our Club in 2016. Under Naomi's leadership, the annual Seder has become part of the fabric of the Club, and will retell the Passover story for the fifth time at CYC next spring. Master at Arms Scott Jarema has been the key ingredient to our summertime Evening Colors Program since its inception in 2015. Nearly every Sunday at 1845, we can count on Scott to honor the lowering of the Stars and Stripes with a cannon blast. Thank you to all of our Stars for adding to the richness of our Club.

I was honored to participate in last month's memorial celebration of our longtime general manager, Michele Underwood, and heartened to see the outpouring of love and support from so many Club members, employees, and friends. Michele made a lasting impression on our Club, and those with whom she worked. Her abounding love of CYC was reflected



Commodore Debbie Feinerman

in those who honored her at the celebration, and will be her lasting legacy.

So what am I thankful for, as we approach the official day of giving thanks? Simply stated: family, friends, and good health. Each of those essential elements can be found at the Club. On the health front, we have the calming influence of being on or near the water, coupled with the aerobic opportunities presented by racing, rowing, or paddle tennis. Later this month, Fleet Surgeon Harlan Gibbs will present a valuable program: "Expect the Unexpected: Preparing for Emergencies at Sea." Join Harlan on

November 17 for useful tips to help you plan for and handle medical issues on the water.

Friends are everywhere, some just waiting to be discovered. With so many activities at the Club, opportunities to make new friends are limited only by your willingness to get involved. A highlight of this year was my Commodore's Cruise, an amazing adventure up the Danube River from Budapest to Prague with a congenial group of CYCers. We spent a week on a beautiful new ship designed especially for river cruising, enjoying exquisite scenery, architecture, cuisine, and culture. The trip was immeasurably enhanced by the joy of sharing it with Club friends outside the familiar surroundings of Marina del Rey. It's hard to encapsulate such a memorable experience into a few paragraphs and photos, but S/C Bill Stump and I have captured a few highlights beginning on page 22. I'm thankful to have shared that experience with longtime and new CYC friends.

I'm looking forward to a festive and elegant party this month as we celebrate the Commodores Ball, ably chaired by Laura Greenburg and Pinky Caldwell. It promises to be a delicious night of friendship, family, dining, and dancing. Join me Under the Stars on November 9 as we honor all of the Club's Staff Commodores.

As Bing Crosby sang Irving Berlin's lyrics, in the Paramount Pictures movie "Holiday Inn," more than 75 years ago:

"I've got plenty to be thankful for I haven't got a great big yacht To sail from shore to shore Still I've got plenty to be thankful for"

As we embrace the holidays, let's continue to make the most of our Club's 97th year.

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

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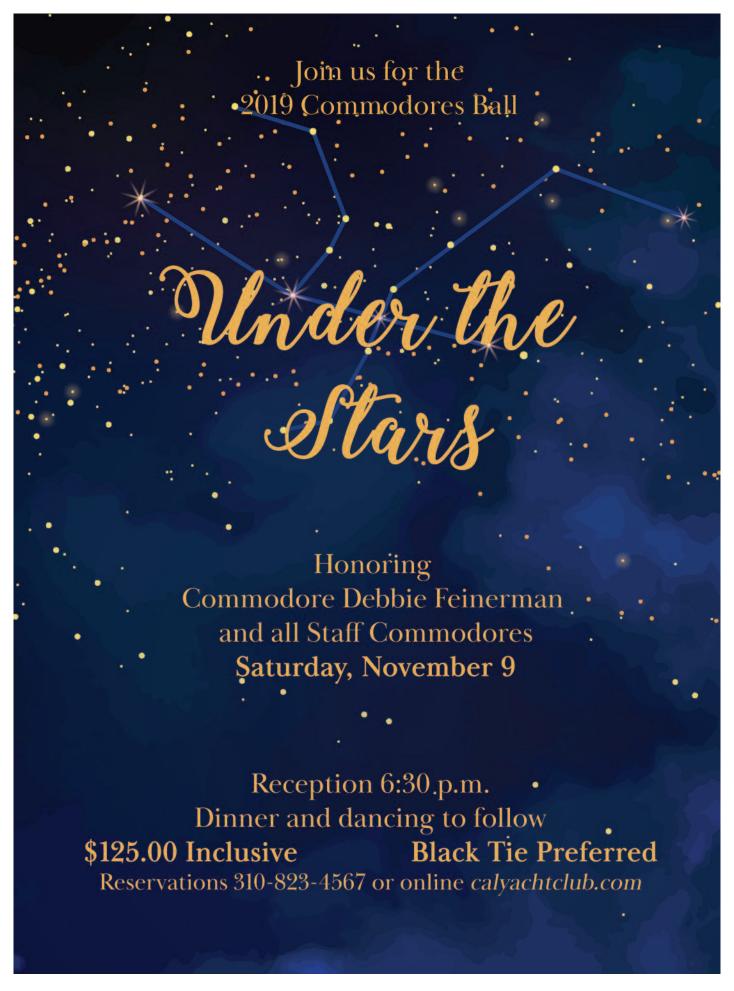
FRONT COVER Drew Freides (*Far Niente*, bow 07) won the Farr 40 World Championship out of 14 boats from Australia, Germany, Great Britain, Mexico, the United States, and Uruguay. The Worlds, held October 2-5 at Long Beach YC, were preceded by the September 28-29 Pre-worlds at Cabrillo Beach YC where Drew placed third out of 13 boats.

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BACK COVER Jay Steinbeck's *Margaritaville 1*½ was crowned king for the seventh time at CYC's King of the Hill Regatta. The top 21 boats from Sunset Series competed in this inverted start race on September 11.

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CYC Burgee Travels

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.



Pip Bernstein sends happiness to CYC friends from Santorini, Greece while on her honeymoon with Len Weitzman in September.

In August, Jennifer and Paul Snitko (right) traveled to Paul's home state of Wisconsin where he grew up learning to sail on the lakes there. They visited the Oconomowoc Lake Club, which was founded in 1890, and exchanged burgees. The Snitkos' visit was perfectly timed to enjoy one of Wisconsin's finest traditions: The Friday night fish fry, in their case, a delicious perch fry on the club's new deck overlooking Oconomowoc Lake.





Vive la France! Two views of Paris' iconic Eiffel Tower, courtesy of Sylvia McArthur and Jim and Joan Biddle. The Biddles also went on a river cruise in the Normandy region of



We Won!

very special thank you to *The Argonaut* magazine for naming CYC "Best Yacht Club" in 2019 for the sixth year in a row! Our Club takes the utmost pleasure in striving to provide five-star hospitality to all of our members and guests alike. We are proud to be a part of this warmhearted community.



The results of the election of the 2020 Flag Officers are as follows:

Commodore Stephanie Weston

Vice Commodore Tim Clarke

Rear Commodore Monica Antola

Fleet Captain Christina Tarantola

Port Captain Anthony Agoglia

Welcome General Manager Lindsay Pizarro and Congratulations to Curtis Wagner

By CYC President STEVE HATHAWAY

am pleased to announce and welcome our new General Manager for CYC, Lindsay Pizarro. Lindsay comes from a great background of private club experience.

Recently, she was the general manager at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo. Prior to that, she was the general manager at Newport Harbor Yacht Club leading up to the construction of their new clubhouse. She has managed three Platinum Clubs in the Bay area including being the



clubhouse manager at Burlingame Country Club, assistant general manager of food and beverage, director of catering, and club events manager at St. Francis Yacht Club, and the club events manager at the Bohemian Club.

She is a graduate of San Francisco State University and has gone on to earn her Bachelor of Science in Restaurant Management and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hotel Management. She has attended hospitality courses in club management at both Cornell University and Michigan State University, which offer the top hospitality programs in the country.

Lindsay has two young children and will be relocating with her husband close to CYC from Orange County. She has a high passion for the club business and we are lucky to have her join our CYC team. I know she looks forward to getting to know all of our members and will be very visible around the Club.

I am also happy to announce that with the departure of Evan Davis, our Dockmaster, I have promoted Curtis Wagner to the



position of Dockmaster for CYC. Curtis has been working at CYC as Evan's assistant for the past three years and is ready to assume the position of Dockmaster. I am pleased that many Club members approached me and support this decision. Curtis is very knowledgeable about the Club, our members, and the fleet of Club boats which he will manage.

Congratulations to Lindsay and Curtis.







Interesting Boats

Marilyn and Jim Puckett's Amazing Grace - Custom Farr 57'

By JULIA MICHELLE DAWSON

im Puckett grew up sailing with his parents, Marilyn and Allen, who raced together. At the point Marilyn felt she was done with sailing, Allen had his eye on a magnificent boat called *Amazing Grace*. He convinced her to fly up to Oakland to "just look at it." At first sight they both fell in love with her. It was so luxurious inside Marilyn felt as if it would be like a vacation home. The next thing 18-year-old Jim knew, he was on a plane to San Francisco to help his dad sail the new family prize home.

In 2006, Jim's dad decided it was time to retire from sailing, but he still wanted to see *Amazing Grace* sail again in his favorite race from Marina del Rey to Puerto Vallarta. Allen suggested that Jim skipper the boat instead. Jim says he was blown away – he had never expected this, but he felt honored. While Allen was understandably disappointed that he couldn't sail the race himself, in 2007 he flew down to Mexico to see his son crossing the finish line. In 2009, they did it the same way again, this time winning second place.



This year Jim took the boat one step farther – Transpac. He had initially planned on entering the 2017 race but a four-month refit to make the 30-year-old boat Transpac-ready took two years instead, and included

adding two feet to the transom, changing the keel, and installing a carbon fiber mast. A third of Jim's crew was from his dad's team. He says, "It was an amazing experience." His dad would have been so proud.

On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

ne of the best spectating spots for the Sunset Series is at the finish line on the RC signal boat, *Charles Hathaway*. The 70 or so boats rushing to finish, the camaraderie of your fellow race committee volunteers, and beautiful sunsets are just a few of the rewards. Veteran Sunset Series volunteer **Ann Turner** captured this especially beautiful and dramatic sunset at the finish of Race 19 on August 21. Thank you, race committee!





Photo courtesy of Mary Stuyvesant

Winner Takes All at the Match Racing Invitational Challenge

By R/C TIM CLARKE

YC's Match Racing Invitational Challenge was held on September 22, a culmination of the Frostbite Match Racing Series last winter and the monthly Match Racing Playoff Series during the summer.

Racing was held off Burton Chace Park on a standard windward/leeward match racing course with the competitors using the Club's Martin 242s. Winds were light and shifty which led to some very close racing with numerous lead changes and a fair number of penalties being dealt out by the umpires.

Racing was tight between Allie Blecher, current U.S. Women's Match Racing champion, and Simone Staff. The overall winner wasn't decided until the final race of the day with Allie Blecher beating Simone Staff and taking the win.

After racing, the competitors enjoyed refreshments and a very informative debrief from the umpires back at CYC. Thanks go to our PRO, Chris Calingaert, and our umpires, S/C David Collins and Randy Smith. •





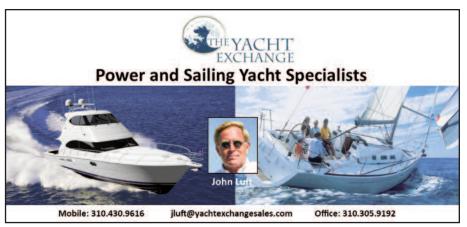
Katharine Doble (at the helm of 8228) teamed up with Emma Tallman (King Harbor YC).



Sarah Moeller (crew) with Emily Doble at the helm



Adra Ivancich (red visor) teamed up with Matei Maglic (Del Rey YC), placing ninth in the regatta out of 35 boats.



Sunset Series Delivered Serious Fun on Wednesday Nights

By Regatta Co-chairs CHRIS GOROG, MIRIAM MOSES, and SEO KAREN STIRLING

unset Series Wednesday night racers enjoyed incredible summer racing on Santa Monica Bay and down the main channel. Twenty-two races were scheduled from April to September with only one race canceled due to unsafe seas and high winds.

The Cruising Division once again turned out the biggest fleet in the series, attracting 34 registered boats with 23 of them racing most Wednesday nights. The Cruising Division is where many novice racers enter the sport for the first time, so having such robust participation is great for the sport and great for CYC.

The Sunset Series attracts cruising boats as disparate as a Capri 22 on the smaller end versus boats as large as a Beneteau Oceanus 55. Regardless of the vessel, skippers and crew have a lot of fun, but take the series very seriously and try to improve their skills each week to advance in the standings.

The 2019 season included four exciting races for the Women on the Water/Woman at the Helm. On special evenings many of the CYC juniors could be found aboard a number of the competing boats.

After racing each Wednesday, competitors and their crew, friends, and CYC members gathered on the patio for the weekly trophy presentation and to enjoy a BBQ dinner and libations while DJ Scott Jarema played his tunes.

The protest committee was always available and heard a number of protests throughout the series, especially those pertaining to "The Racing Rules of Sailing" new Rule 18.3 about overlapping and giving mark room when tacking in the zone, which is certain to be reviewed closely by the 2020 competitors.

The Sunset Series is CYC's largest regatta and would not be possible without the help of a cadre of volunteers who are the backbone of the event. Every week, they contribute their time and expertise to work on the *Charles Hathaway*, the safety boat, scoring in the Fleet Room, protest committee, and trophy presentations. Thank you, race committee!



Marylyn Ritchie Racing Division and PHRF D class winner Curt Johnson (Avet, 46380) maneuvers past boats in PHRF C.



Dan McGanty's Mistral won the PHRF C class.



Four Cruising Division boats converge in a close finish during Race 17 on August 7.



Curt Johnson (Avet, PHRF D class winner) holds the Marylyn Ritchie Trophy for winning the Racing Division.



S/C Bill Petersen and Jennifer Hyland, members of Team TC, accept the Dr. Bob Crum Perpetual Trophy for winning the Martin 242 class.

Sunset Series Champions

Racing Division: Marylyn Ritchie Trophy PHRF D Curt Johnson, *Avet*, CYC

Martin 242: Dr. Bob Crum One Design Trophy Team TC, *Trolley Car*, CYC

PHRF A

Jay Steinbeck, Margaritaville 11/2, CYC

PHRF B

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

PHRF C

Dan McGanty, Mistral, CYC

PHRF E

Stephen Arkle, Ka Holo Moana, South Coast Corinthian YC

Cruising Class: Millard Rosing Trophy
Cruising A: Allan Elliott Trophy
Kathy St. Amant/Monica Chaban, Rascal, South Coast
Corinthian YC

Cruising B: Jack Weber Trophy Margie Woods, *Cassiopeia*, Del Rey YC

Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta

September 7-8, San Diego YC

29er class: 9 boats

1 Grant & Jordan Janov



San Diego YC Commodore Jerelyn Biehl with Jordan and Grant Janov who won the 29er class in a tie-breaker at SDYC's Olympic Classes Regatta on September 7-8.

Optimist Northwest Championship

September 14-15, The Sailing Foundation & Sail Sand Point, Seattle 56 boats

11 Mika Sternberg; 2nd girl

C420 Class Pacific Coast Championship/SCYYRA Perry Series #1

September 14-15, /Cabrillo Beach YC 35 boats

- 9 Adra Ivancich/Matei Maglic (Del Rey YC)
- 14 Katharine Doble/Emma Tallman (King Harbor YC)
- 17 Tessa Farrell/Ted Sherman
- 31 Emily Doble/Sarah Moeller

King of the Hill

September 19, CYC

- 21 boats
- 1 Jay Steinbeck, Margaritaville 11/2
- 2 Jim Murrell, Huckleberry 2
- 5 Lee Lewis & Mark Sands, Sandbox

Match Racing Invitational Challenge

September 22, CYC

3 teams

1 Allie Blecher

Farr 40 Pre-Worlds Regatta

September 28-29, Cabrillo Beach YC 13 boats

3 Drew Freides, Far Niente

Farr 40 World Championship

October 2-5, Long Beach YC 14 boats

1 Drew Freides, Far Niente

SUNSET SERIES

Race 21, September 4

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, Margaritaville 1½

PHRF C: 9 boats

2 Dan McGanty, Mistral

3 Steve & Drew Curran, *Tinder Box*

PHRF D: 7 boats

2 Jeff Janov, Minor Threat

3 Curt Johnson, Avet

Martin 242: 11 boats

1 Team TC, Trolley Car

2 Duncan Cameron, Dean

3 Brack Duker, Velerito

4 Tom O'Conor, Blarney

Race 22, September 11

PHRF A: 3 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, Margaritaville 11/2

PHRF B: 9 boats

2 Doug Steele, *Tiburon*

PHRF C: 8 boats

1 Dan McGanty, Mistral

3 Steve & Drew Curran, *Tinder Box*

PHRF D: 9 boats

2 Curt Johnson, Avet

PHRF E: 7 boats

2 Susan Taylor, Take Five

Martin 242: 11 boats

1 Duncan Cameron, Dean

2 Tom O'Conor, Blarney

3 Brack Duker, Velerito

4 Mark Sands, Sandbox

Cruising A: 9 boats

2 Chris Gorog, California Dream



It's controlled chaos as the fleets come together at the entrance to the channel. Duncan Cameron (Dean, white-hulled Martin 242 in foreground) finished on a high note by placing first in the M242 class on September 11, the final Sunset Series race.





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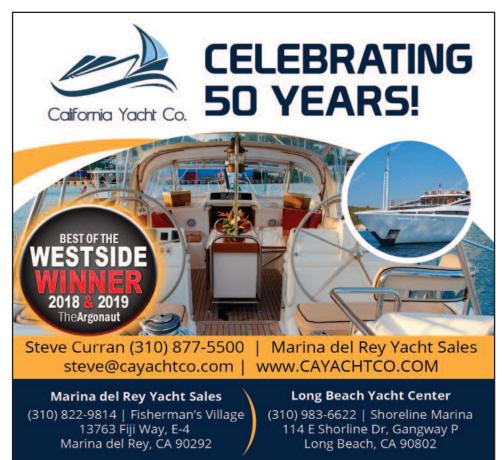
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Margaritaville 1½ Does It Again at King of the Hill

By RORY MACH, Regatta Chair

or a hot minute, as spinnakers popped in rapidfire on the horizon, it looked like this year's King of the Hill race could be anyone's to claim. But the downwind run had a different story to tell, and as skipper Jay Steinbeck and crew made their final jibe to the finish line, it was clear that Margaritaville 1½ (CYC) would claim the King of the Hill trophy for an unprecedented seventh time.

On a clear night with winds pushing 10 knots nearly straight from the west, the top 21 finishers among all the classes in the Sunset Series met for a final night of competition. Using an inverted start – in which the fastest boats, based on PHRF rating, start last – the race was aimed to reward skill and tactics, and to give every competitor a shot at the prize.



Inverted start races such as King of the Hill are designed, in theory, so that the faster and slower boats converge at the finish line. In practice, John McEntire's Encore (background) and Team TC's Trolley Car (foreground) did just that.

In the event, almost the entire fleet finished within three minutes of each other, with Jim Murrell's *Huckleberry 2* (CYC) grabbing second place, and Paul Katz's *Bravura* (Del Rey YC) in third. Neil Fraser and *Mexican Divorce* (Del Rey YC/South Bay Yacht Racing Club) and Mark Sands' *Sandbox* (CYC) took home the fourth- and fifth-place trophies.

That said, congratulations are due to all the racers – just getting an invitation to King of the Hill required a strong and consistent performance over 22 weeks of Wednesday night racing. So it's no surprise that all hands were in a mood to celebrate at the spirited BBQ and trophy presentation at CYC following the race.

Thanks to Commodore Debbie Feinerman for her duty as PRO, and to the entire race committee team for a well-run race and a great final Wednesday night on the water. •



John McEntire's Encore was one of the last boats to start.



Jay Steinbeck and the Margaritaville 1½ crew celebrate winning King of the Hill for the seventh time.

Photos by Lisa Bronit

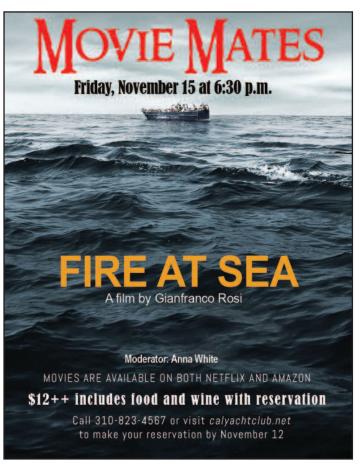


Brack Duker and Velerito (97228) try to get past Team TC and Trolley Car (23) at the start of the King of the Hill.



Margaritaville 1½ (Amway spinnaker) speeds through the crowd on the downwind leg to finish in first place.





Expect the Unexpected:

Preparing for Emergencies at Sea

Sunday, November 17 9 – 11 a.m. Fireside Room



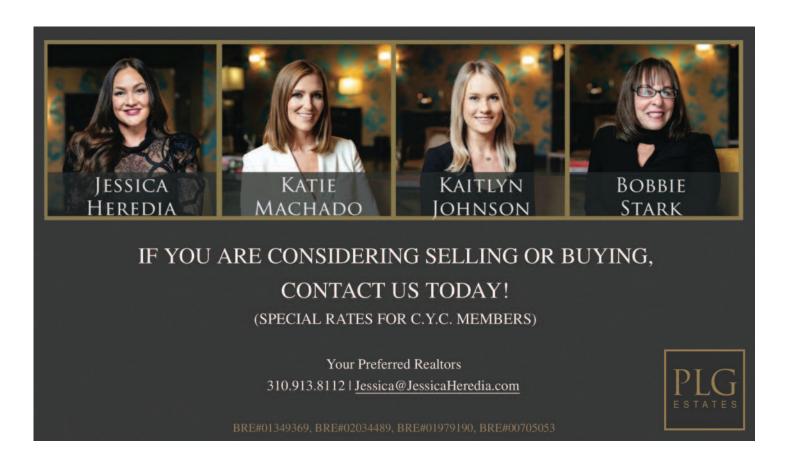
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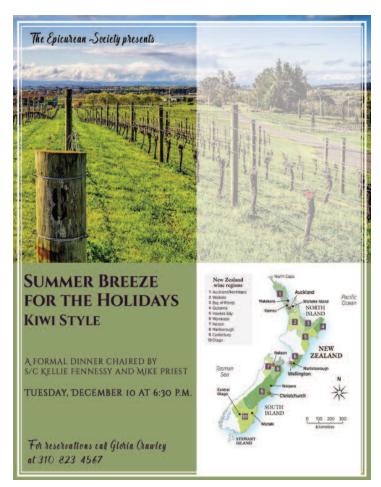
- First aid kit What to bring on board before problems happen.
- · Bumps/bruises and lacerations What to do when injured on board.
- · Sea sickness Is there a cure?
- ·Sun exposure How to handle the heat and burn.
- Stings/bites and envenomations What's the best treatment?

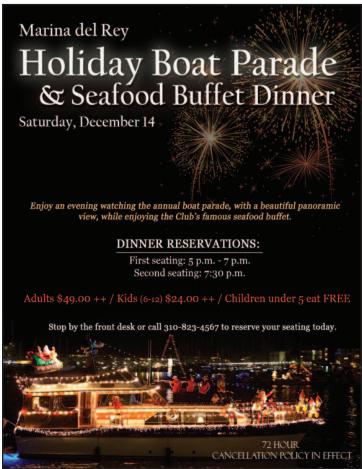


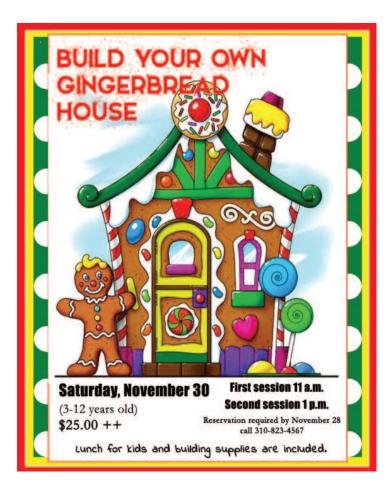


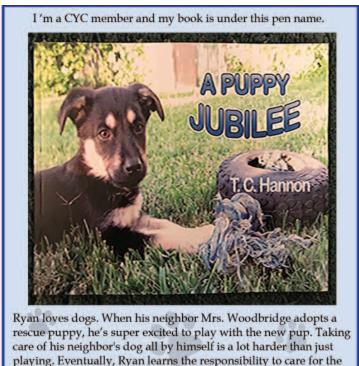












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dog care and safety!

Isthmus Under the Stars

By ANTHONY AGOGLIA, Cruise Chair

he 2019 cruising season wrapped up September 20-22 with a glorious weekend of relaxation at Two Harbors in Catalina. All our boats were moored by Friday afternoon, most staying in Cherry Cove or Isthmus Cove, and the early evening brought a raft-up at host Zoran Segina's *Elyese*. Appetizers were passed as was a gift of premium rum for each boat. Friday dinner was mostly at Two Harbors with our merry group seated at various tables throughout the restaurant.

Saturday brought what may have been the most beautiful day the island has seen all summer, allowing members to choose their favorite activity, including hiking, swimming, snorkeling, and grilled lunches on various boats followed by afternoon football watching at the bar. Everyone did as they pleased and were thrilled at our luck with the weather.

Saturday night was CYC's first group dinner in the sand, and by all accounts there will be many more. The Harbor Reef staff provided an outstanding meal of barbecued chicken and tri-tip, along with salad, beans, cornbread, and mashed potatoes. The food was outstanding, as was the open beer and wine bar.

Sunday, as per tradition, Sharon and Doug Stewart opened *Slan Gava* to all attendees for a bagel and lox breakfast that included Doug's "should be world famous" bloody marys!

It was a quiet sail home thereafter for most. For the rest us, well, we stole another day and enjoyed the last of summer. ❖



Doug and Sharon Stewart pull up to the Friday raft-up.



Lynn Parker, on her first Catalina trip, with Sharon Stewart and Debbie Luftman



Sunday brunch madness on Slan Gava

A Memorable, Magical Commodore's Cruise

By Commodore DEBBIE FEINERMAN and S/C BILL STUMP

eet you in Budapest!" So began this year's Commodore's Cruise, a delightful trip up the Danube River from Budapest to Prague at the end of August. Our ship for this "Melodies of the Danube" cruise was the 1-year-old *AmaLea*, part of the 18-ship AmaWaterways fleet, which accommodated 156 passengers, 24 of them from CYC. Our itinerary featured seven days on the Danube, eventually touching five countries – Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany, and the Czech Republic, and included pre-cruise activities in Budapest and post-cruise opportunities in Prague. For those of us who hadn't experienced this part of Central Europe, each stop along the way seemed more breathtaking and beautiful.

The capital of Hungary was a great place to start with its iconic churches, synagogues, museums, galleries, and, of course, plentiful thermal baths. After settling into our various hotels, we explored the city with a "Hidden Budapest" tour, capped off by the "Taste of Hungary" at a below-ground wine shop, arranged just for our CYC cruisers by Pam Abraham, fellow member and our cruise facilitator. Once onboard the *AmaLea*, we settled into our spacious cabins, most with twin balconies, French and outside, and were treated to the first of many sumptuous dinners to come. We had another full day to enjoy Budapest before heading to Bratislava. As we started the journey upriver, our two-dozen CYCers were treated to a special dinner at the Chef's Table in a private, panoramic dining room at the stern of our ship.

The capital of the relatively small country of Slovakia, which became independent from Czechoslovakia in 1993, has been thriving due to its location on the Danube between Hungary and Austria. In its early years, Bratislava was the capital of Hungary and the coronation town for a dozen Hungarian kings. Naturally, the "Coronation City" walking tour was the highlight of our stop. Cruise note: Most of the ship's travels were in the early evening through early morning, leaving the daylight hours for exploration ashore.

Soon we were in Austria, greeted by a rainy morning in Vienna. Not to be deterred, most of us took the guided tour of the overwhelming Schonbrunn Palace, built originally as the summer residence of Habsburg emperors. In the afternoon, we had another CYC exclusive – a private tour of the Schlumberger sparkling wine cellar, again arranged by Pam, replete with many tastings of bubbly and a surprise take-home bottle. That evening our more intrepid travelers went ashore to enjoy a Mozart and Strauss concert. But, we had a river to run, so later on we slipped our moorings, leaving behind the famous destination "City of Waltzes" and heading to Weissenkirchen and Grein, still in Austria.

At Weissenkirchen many of our hardy group opted for the 24-kilometer bike ride along the river and through a few very small towns to reunite with the *AmaLea* in Melk, thence on to medieval Grein for an exclusive visit and



Commodore's Cruisers with our giant CYC burgee: (front) Susan French, S/C Cheryl Mahaffey, Naomi Hochman, CYCWA EO Pam Spriggs, S/C Bob Patterson, Alan Weston, V/C Stephanie Weston, Jonathan Greenburg, Commodore's Liaison Kathy Patterson, Mark Van Gessel; (middle) Ray Mahaffey, Noah Hochman, Kim Turner, Larry Turner, Commodore Debbie Feinerman, P/C Christina Tarantola; (back) Tom Rowe, Craig Hobson, S/C Bill Stump, Laura Greenburg, Inge Tarantola, Kristin Deets, Addie Van Gessel, Scott Meyer



The AmaLea, our home on the Danube

(continued on page 24)



The Danube River divides Buda on the left and Pest on the right. The two cities were united in 1873.

(below) The Budapest Parliament building, begun in 1880, took 1,000 workers and 13 years to complete.



The Shoes memorial on the east bank of the Danube in Budapest honors Jews who were killed in World War II.





Cruisers enjoy a Taste of Hungary, featuring local wines, meats, and cheeses, in a Budapest wine cellar.



Bob Patterson joins Hungarian dancer Tibor for traditional moves.

reception at the 500-year-old Greinburg Castle. Our next stop, still in Austria, was the pretty and quaint town of Linz, which is heartily embracing high-tech and has many more jobs than residents.

This was our best walking tour, so far, in this UNESCO City of Media Arts, in part because our local guides were knowledgeable and personable. But, no time to dally, we took an afternoon bus ride to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart, through rolling, green countryside. The name Salzburg literally means "salt fortress" and the city built its wealth from the salt trade on the more benign Salzach River. While we wandered through Old Town with its world-famous baroque architecture, we were often reminded that there was a lot more to this city than the ubiquitous "Sound of Music," which was set in Salzburg. We ended our day at a bustling beer garden before the bus ride back to Linz. Our last full day of shipboard travel took us to Passau, Germany.

Passau, "The City of Three Rivers", was another hidden gem, at the apex of two other rivers joining the Danube. On our inevitable walking tour we were regaled with high water stories, and photos, of when this island town, between the rivers, was flooded up to the rooftops, dating from the 1500s. However, no time to wait for the next deluge, we were on our way to Vilshofen, our disembarkation destination, but not before the obligatory Oktoberfest celebration. It was still early September but, hey, the beer's not getting any colder. Just before the dockside Oktoberfest, we had one more CYC exclusive, a cocktail party in the Chef's Table 180-degree-view dining room. To mark the occasion, all Fleet Council members onboard held an impromptu and very short Fleet Council meeting. We voted this the best Commodore's Cruise ever, and promptly adjourned.

So, we were off our beloved *AmaLea* early the next morning and, for most of us, on to buses for the journey to our final stop, Prague. Along the way we stopped for lunch at Regensburg, a brightly painted Bavarian city featuring a 300-meter-long, 12th-century stone bridge crossing the Danube into the old town. For those of us who stayed for the post-cruise in Prague, this was the city to mark the end of a wondrous journey.

Prague, "The City of a Hundred Spires," lived up to its reputation. We hiked down from the lofty Prague Castle, visited cathedrals and synagogues, milled about the immense Old Town Square (flanked by church spires and municipal towers), waited patiently for the Astronomical (and somewhat comical) Clock to perform at the top of the hour, crisscrossed the 600-year-old, pedestrian Charles Bridge (which joins the two halves of Prague), and waited in line for the decadent *trdelník*, a rolled, sugary, charcoal-cooked dough cone stuffed with anything from gelato to jam.

After 380 miles of winding river, passing through 12 locks, visiting 10 unique Central European cities and towns, and with the vow to "See you back at CYC!" we all made our way home. So ended a memorable, magical Commodore's Cruise.



Construction on the stately Charles Bridge in beautiful Prague, Czech Republic, began in 1357 and was completed in the early 1400s.



P/C Christina Tarantola (clockwise from bottom), relaxes in a Salzburg beer garden with her mom Inge, Kathy and S/C Bob Patterson, Ray and S/C Cheryl Mahaffey, and Chris' husband Scott Meyer.



S/C Bill Stump (top left) and Commodore Debbie Feinerman (top right) are joined by Debbie's brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Kim Turner, at the delicious Chef's Table dinner.



The Astronomical Clock in Old Town Square, Prague, dates back to 1410.



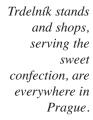
Rooftops and waterways, Prague, also known as the city of a hundred spires.



Commodore Debbie Feinerman (front center) calls an impromptu Fleet Council meeting aboard ship in Vilshofen, Germany. Joining Debbie are (front) V/C Stephanie Weston and P/C Christina Tarantola, and (standing) S/C and Senior Race Officer Bill Stump, S/C Cheryl Mahaffey, S/C Bob Patterson, Commodore's Liaison Kathy Patterson, and CYCWA EO Pam Spriggs.



Specially labeled Commodore's Cruise sparkling wine from Schlumberger in Vienna, Austria, was a gift from Commodore Debbie Feinerman to our cruisers, along with a leather-bound travel journal and special Commodore's Cruise cap.







Our walking tour of Linz, Austria

Tod Inlet, Vancouver Island

CYCWA Endeavours to See the California Science Center

By First Officer MICHELLE PARKER ONDREY

n September 13, CYCWA took our last trip of 2019 and ventured off to the California Science Center to visit the Space Shuttle *Endeavour*. We were a small but mighty group and we started our adventure by boarding the Expo Train at



the Bundy station in West LA. For some, this was their first ride on the train that makes it so easy to get to the California Science Center, the Natural History Museum, and the USC campus. We exited the USC station and took a stroll through the beautiful rose garden to arrive at the Science Center. During the stroll, some interesting facts were shared about the space shuttle (first flight in 1981, retired in 2011) and about the nation's current space activities.

The tour through the museum including viewing satellites, feeling "lift" with foam wings in a wind tunnel, and looking at how far the Voyager space probe has traveled. The big event was the Space Shuttle *Endeavour* itself. There is much to learn here about space travel, our brave astronauts, large engines that power the vehicle, and even space toilets! It is amazing to see the space shuttle, with all its thermal protection tiles a bit discolored from actually re-entering the atmosphere – you have to stop and think – this shuttle has really been to outer space multiple times and returned. Many of us also remember watching as *Endeavour* arrived in Los Angeles in 2012 atop a 747 and then journeyed through the streets of LA to reach her home at the Science Center.

After our fun adventure in the museum, we took a walk across the USC campus to have lunch at Moreton Fig. We had a lovely table outside under a 100-year-old tree, the food was delicious, and the conversation was spectacular. We were having such a good time that just about everyone decided to indulge in dessert! The ride back on the train was quick and easy, and soon our lovely outing to visit the Space Shuttle *Endeavour* was over, but everyone has a great memory of the day and had learned some more about space. Φ



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. Cochairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservation and lunch information.

Bridge

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., dining room. Chair is Joan Silver.

Happy Hour Book Club

Third Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room. 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.

Movie Mates

Third Friday of the month, 6:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room. Chair is Sarah White.

Paddle Tennis

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

Pickleball

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

Heartbreaking and Honest, "The Nickel Boys" Shines!

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

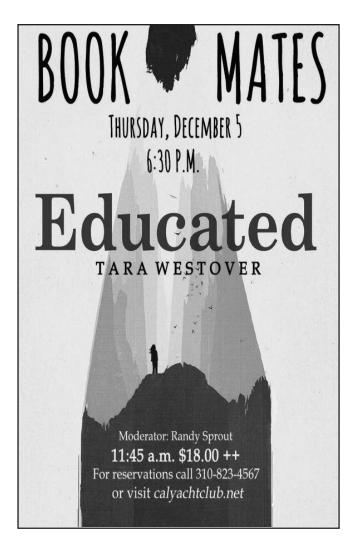
n a bravura follow-up to the Pulitzer Prize- and National Book Award-winning *New York Times* #1 bestseller, "The Underground Railroad," Colson Whitehead's "The Nickel Boys" brilliantly dramatizes another strand of American history through the story of two boys sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida.

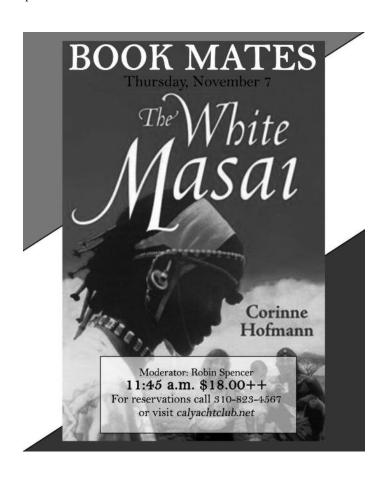
Berry Wilkinson moderated the discussion at our October 3 Book Mates luncheon and immediately thrust us into the author's uncompromising fictional, based-on-fact world with a fascinating video interview. Everyone was moved by the story of the unjustly imprisoned teenager Elwood Curtis, who has taken the words of Dr. Martin Luther King to heart that he is "as good as anybody." His friend Turner thinks Elwood is worse than naive, that the world is crooked, and that the only way to survive is to scheme, at which he is a master, even in this house of horrors. The saddest aspect was how these young men were denied the opportunity to become valuable additions to society and, in too many cases, denied life at all.

Clearly, his main theme was about justice. The ending is a revelation, which no one saw coming.

The December 5 book is the highly praised non-fiction "Educated," by Tara Westover, with Randy Sprout as moderator.

Our first fiction selection of 2020 will be "Blue Bird, Blue Bird," by Attica Locke, on January 2. SEO Norma Pratt will moderate this suspenseful story of a Texas Ranger caught up in a web of racial and political deceit.

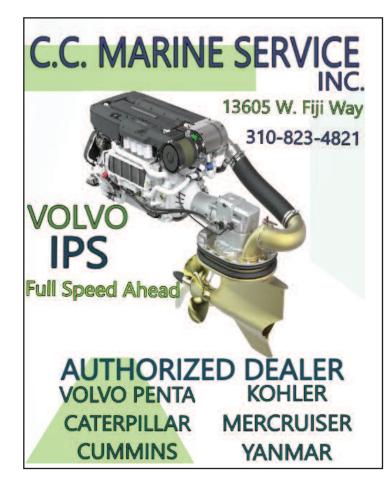














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First-Timer Wins Kids Division at Fishing Challenge

By RANDY SPROUT, Fishing Challenge Chair

he 21st annual CYC-MDR Fishing Challenge was fought Sunday, September 22, with 33 anglers on seven boats. The day was super summer high pressure with glassy sea and brutal sun. Early in the morning there was a report of a halibut caught near the El Segundo Pipe Line. There was very little radio chat as anglers worked the points from Manhattan Beach to Malibu and out to the short banks. Meanwhile on the short banks, CYC boats were catching rock cod two or three at a time. Brandon Fernald, Power Fleet Chair, reported more than 20 rock fish caught on Gary Forbes' Daydreamer. Sevenyear-old Helen Xu, fishing for her first time aboard Fortuna, caught her very first fish to win first place in the kid's division, and took home a brand-new fishing pole!

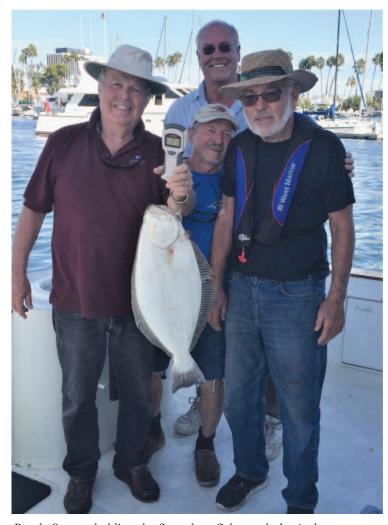
Just as the first prize was announced, the Blue Angels flew right overhead, as though just for us in a proper salute to the battle now going on in our marina for the last 21 years. We salute Del Rey YC for their strong showing this year winning the top three places, and we look forward to taking this trophy back next September.

Kids Division

- 1 Helen Xu, 1 lbs. 11 oz. salmon grouper, CYC
- 2 Ethan Fernald, 10 oz. salmon grouper, CYC
- 3 Soria Forbes, 9 oz. baccarat, CYC

Senior Division

- 1 Andy Pecherzewski, 7 lbs. 1 oz. halibut, Del Rey YC
- 2 Hunter Cain, 2 lbs 12 oz., calico bass, Del Rey YC
- 3 Greg Zakharin, 2 lbs. 11 oz. calico bass, Del Rey YC
- 4 Randy Sprout, 2 lbs. 4 oz. salmon grouper, CYC
- 5 Charles Yoo, 2 lbs. 3 oz. chucklehead, CYC \$\Psi\$



Randy Sprout, holding the first-place fish caught by Andy Pecherzewski (white cap), Steve Santorum, and Bob Godfrey



Kids division winners



Senior division winners

Putting the "Yacht" into Yachting Programs

By R/C TIM CLARKE

he 2019 Yachting Programs have given California Yacht Club and the wider boating community a great opportunity to learn about accomplishments and challenges on the water at a local, national, and international level.

Our very own Drew Freides kicked off the year with a great recap of his backto-back world championship wins in the Melges 20 class. Drew gave awesome insight into putting a winning team

into putting a winning team together and what it takes to compete at the highest level.

Next up was Tucker Thompson and American Magic. Tucker shared some great behind-the-scenes footage and detail of American Magic's challenge for the 36th America's Cup. Let's not forget the generous sponsorship by Gosling's Rum for the event; a good time was had by all to say the least!

In March, we welcomed Lia Ditton to the Club. Lia will be rowing single-handed and unassisted from Japan to San Francisco in 2020. It's hard to imagine all she will have to overcome to complete this extreme challenge. You can follow her progress at *www.rowliarow.com*.



After the summer break we were extremely fortunate to have Maiden come to CYC for a week. Tracy Edwards delivered an inspiring, informative, and very entertaining talk about Maiden's 1989/90 Whitbread Round the World Race, the journey to bring Maiden back to the UK, and the

amazing work The Maiden Factor is doing. If you want to donate to this very worthy cause, please visit www.themaidenfactor.org.



Tracy Edwards entertains the crowd with the story of Maiden and the work of The Maiden Factor.

We finished on a high note in October, with Randy Smith giving great insight into the rescue of *OEX*'s crew by *Pyewacket* 200 miles from the start of this year's Transpac race.

A big thank you to all the speakers and our members who supported this year's Yachting Programs.

K6CYC Repeater on the Air!

By SCOTT JAREMA, K6MDR, RAG Vice Chair

YC's Radio Amateur Group (RAG) now has its own repeater. The 2-meter K6CYC repeater is officially on the air.

The Radio Amateur Group, with RAG Station Manager Joe Moschella, KB6LA, leading the charge, has been working tirelessly with the Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association and the Southern California FM Society to coordinate a 2-meter machine for Club use both on and off the water, and the efforts have paid off. Both groups have granted us provisional frequency coordination for the repeater.

Located in West LA/lower Brentwood, the machine has coverage of the Westside: east into Hollywood and south into the Club, Santa Monica Bay, and as far as Rancho Palos Verdes.

The machine is open for use by CYC hams, and can support regattas and other Club activities. It also supports EchoLink and WIRES-X analog protocols in addition to regular FM. Interested hams can access the new K6CYC repeater at 147.030 (+ offset), with 127.3 PL tone.

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Head of the Marina Rowing Regatta			Bridge Club	Mah Jongg			Paddle Tennis
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Evening	Women's	Epicurean Informal	Fleet Council Mtg.			Commodores Ball (no à la carte
Knit or Knot	Pickleball	Paddle Tennis	Event	Book Mates			dining)
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