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U.S. WOMEN'S MATCH RACING CHAMPION

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From the Commodore

The Carousel of Time

Now that it's October, I may need to admit that my dream of an endless summer is fanciful, even in Southern California where the weather is lovely nearly all year round. Despite our temperate climate, we have other reminders of the seasons and of "the carousel of time" so poignantly captured by Joni Mitchell in "The Circle Game."

In early August, as the September *Breeze* went to press, we learned of the unexpected passing of our longtime general manager, Michele Underwood, from complications related to surgery to remove a brain tumor. Like me, many of you worked closely with Michele over her nearly 12 years with the Club. She was proud to be part of the CYC family, and regularly boasted to members and prospective members that she had the best job. Michele cared deeply about the entire CYC community and had a positive effect on its members, employees, and guests every day. Though, "we can't return we can only look behind from where we came," we will keep Michele in our hearts and thoughts as we "go round and round in the circle game."

As our fabulous dockmaster moves across the harbor, I'd like to thank Evan Davis for his many contributions to the Club, particularly in support of our regattas and racing programs. With a smile and good humor, Evan made it look easy. Best wishes, Evan – we'll miss you.

I enjoy recognizing members and employees for going above and beyond. Our Stars have many talents, on and off the water. This month's Stars are longtime members Mike George and S/C Craig Leeds, both of whom figured prominently in the August *Breeze*. Mike George, skippering *All In*, bested 26 other boats to capture the Martin 242 North American Championship for an impressive fourth time. Adding to Mike's achievement is the fact that he had to trailer his boat to Orcas Island, Washington, for the regatta. In addition to Mike's success on the water, he has steadfastly supported the Martin 242 fleet for many years, including our Club-owned boats. S/C Craig Leeds coaches our CYC junior rowers, and led a talented group of young rowers to success in this year's regional and national competitions. In the USRowing Youth National Championships, CYC rowers came away with three medals in the three events entered. Earlier, at the USRowing Southwest Regional Championships, our youth rowers won five events, and finished second in two others. Craig's leadership has helped the CYC rowing team achieve



Commodore
Debbie Feinerman

remarkable results. Hearty congratulations to Mike and Craig!

Congratulations and a giant shout-out to Allie Blecher on winning the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship, hosted by Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, and taking home the Allegra Knapp Mertz Trophy. Allie's victory earned her a spot in the U.S. Match Racing Championship in San Francisco this month. Good luck to Allie and her team.

I'm proud of the Club's commitment to women's racing and its significant contribution to the recently concluded Women on the Water/Woman at the Helm Regatta co-

hosted by ASMBYC member clubs, and the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay. CYC spearheaded all aspects of race management and staffed most of the race committee. Our CYC women showed up in force and took home several prestigious awards in addition to receiving the trophy for the most boats participating. This is the second year that a participation trophy has been awarded, and CYC has won both times.

Late August and early September marked my Commodore's Cruise, a fabulous adventure up the Danube River with a wonderful group of CYCers on a lovely new ship designed especially for river cruising. There's nothing like a shared adventure to strengthen the bonds of friendship. I'm looking forward to more fun with Club friends on the First Mates Cruise in Big Bear later this month. There are so many ways to enjoy time on the water, and lately I've been expanding my race management and racing skills, and making new Club friends along the way. I hope you're thinking about what you like to do at CYC, and are taking steps to turn those ideas into action.

I was thrilled to be home from Prague in time to welcome Tracy Edwards and the crew of *Maiden* to our Club. As I previously shared, I was deeply moved by the recent documentary of *Maiden's* effort and success in the 1989-90 Whitbread Round the World Race with an all-woman crew. It's inspiring that Tracy is leveraging her success to raise awareness and funding for the education of girls worldwide. Visit www.themaidenfactor.org to learn more.

Thank you to everyone who joined in last month's Coastal Cleanup Day and to S/C Anne Sacks for encouraging CYC member participation. Let's keep up this important work to protect the ocean environment we love.

As we begin to say goodbye to summer, let's continue to make the most of our Club's 97th year.

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

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FRONT COVER Allie Blecher and team (bow 7) won the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship and the Allegra Knapp Mertz Trophy. Bayview YC in Detroit, Michigan hosted seven invited teams at the regatta, held August 16-18. With her win, Allie has secured a spot in the U.S. Match Racing Championship, hosted by St. Francis YC on October 4-6.

Photo by Martin Chumiecki

BACK COVER Adra Ivancich and skipper Svenja Leonard (Santa Barbara YC) won the U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship in the first-ever 29er class. The championship was held July 22-24 at San Diego YC. Adra (on the trapeze) and Svenja are pictured at the June 22-25 U.S. Youth Sailing Championship, hosted by Little Egg Harbor YC, Beach Haven, New Jersey, where they won top girl team and placed fourth out of nine 29ers. They have earned an International Travel Grant from US Sailing and an invitation to participate in the Olympic Development Program.

Photo courtesy of Kara Ivancich

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CYC Burgee Travels

Let us know where you and your CYC burgee have been. Pack your burgee on your travels and take a picture of it with you and your fellow CYC members. Submit to the *Breeze* editor, cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com.



Sue and Dennis D'Alessio stand in the crow's nest of *Bella Vita*, their 105' sailing catamaran (formerly *Necker Belle*, owned by Richard Branson). In August, they sailed from Saint Lucia, stopping at Saint Vincent and Mustique, on their way to Grenada where *Bella Vita* will stay until hurricane season is over. Operated by remote control, the crow's nest can lift two adults up to the second spreader where the views are amazing.

George and Jennifer Hesse's children, Jack, Guinevere, and Joshua, pose with the CYC burgee in the Royal Botanic Garden near Mrs. Macquarie's Chair with the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge in the background. It was chilly in July (Australia's winter) as you can see by the parkas they wore.



Bari and Norm Belcher celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a salmon fishing trip to Hakai Lodge off the west coast of British Columbia, Canada. They caught lingcod and king salmon, and brought home 80 lbs. of fillets.



Tessa Farrell holds the CYC burgee in front of the Olympic rings at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, the sailing venue for the UK's 2012 Summer Olympics and this year's British National and Open Optimist Championships, held July 28-August 2. Tessa proudly represented Team USA in the Opti regatta, finishing 57th out of 115 boats.



CYC Flashback!



Bob Little races his Sidney Sabot in the Muddy Feet Sabot Twilight Series circa 1983.

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. ⚓

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On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner



S/C **Craig Leeds** submitted this photo of CYC varsity rowers Will Kendall and Riley Young practicing on the Charles River in August in preparation for the upcoming Head of the Charles Regatta, October 19-20.

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




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Interesting Boats

Paddy and Bart McEntire's *Encore*

By JULIA MICHELLE DAWSON

When Bart McEntire decided he wanted to move up from the cruising class to the top of PHRF, he and his boat manager, Christopher Rodgers, set out on a reconnaissance tour of the U.S. and the Caribbean to find the perfect boat. Locales included Seattle, Boston, Annapolis, and Barbados. He came home with a Judel-Vrolijk-designed TP52 purchased from the Naval Academy.

His prize arrived at CYC with a blazing war emblem on the bow and on racing days the team gloriously flies the design on a large flag bold enough to intimidate the competition. But what does this symbol mean? Well, Paddy, Bart's wife, is an artist and she created the symbol. But Bart didn't feel this was a good enough story to tell at the bar, so he made up the tale that the symbol is an ancient Celtic battle emblem ... and he is sticking with the ancient lore. Long sail the McEntire clan! ⚓



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The Spirit of Women's Racing: Cooperation and Competition, Give Back and Take the Win

By MARIAN HENRY

It was a bright blue, sunny, and breezy weekend for this year's Women on the Water/Woman at the Helm Regatta (WOW/WAH), held on August 24 and 25, co-hosted by the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay (WSA) and five local yacht clubs including CYC.

The WOW/WAH, as it's commonly called, started back in the early 1970s as the Ladies Got Guts Race to Catalina. The idea of women-only racing caught on, and by the end of the decade, yacht clubs from around the bay combined their sponsorship of women's racing into the WOW series. Notable for the cooperation among the bay's yacht clubs and WSA, the WOW/WAH remains a very popular and highly anticipated summer regatta. The regatta has two major divisions, WOW for all-women teams, and WAH for coed teams with a female helmsperson.

This was my first regatta since crewing as part of the CFJ Sailing Team in college at UC Berkeley. There were many nautical miles of windsurfing and laser sailing in between, but none had the anticipation and moment-by-moment thrill of racing.

It was an action-packed, well-attended event. Nineteen boats in three divisions battled for the clearest wind and tightest



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Liz Hjorth won the WOW B class and the Cheryl Rembert Memorial Trophy.

lay lines, quickest mark roundings, fastest spinnaker sets, and smoothest take-downs.

CYC had an excellent showing, with six boats on the water. CYC's Mary Stuyvesant, at the helm of *Groundhog Day* (Melges 32), scored three bullets in five races to win the WOW division and the Robert S. Wilson Perpetual Trophy. "I am proud to be a member of CYC and proud of how the Club has chosen to

support women's racing at all levels," said Mary, "and this year was a great example: We had members both new to the sport and at the top of their game, and I was lucky to sail with both."

More winners from CYC were Jennifer Schmidt skippering *Forgiveness* to first place in the WAH Performance A class, and Talin Babikian driving *Avet* in the WAH Performance B class with five bullets. Also racing for CYC was Julia Dawson on *Sidebar III* in the WAH Cruising division. John Staff's *TBD* raced in the WOW A class, skippered by his daughter Celena. The deep lineup of CYC female talent driving six boats brought CYC the trophy for the club with the most skippers for the second year in a row.

There was plenty of regatta royalty on the water, with an incredible seven past winners of the regatta on board four of the five WOW division teams: *Groundhog Day* had Mary Stuyvesant (2008) and Barbara Duker (2005, 2009, 2014); *Wombat* had Liz Hjorth (1995), Karyn Jones (2007), and Stine Cacavas (2006); *Atomic Monkey* had Marylyn Hoenemeyer (2001); and *Sails Coll* had Julie Coll (2018).

Liz and team were sailing in honor of their former teammate, Cheryl Rembert, and after earning five bullets in



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Mary Stuyvesant's Groundhog Day, winner of the WOW A class and the Robert S. Wilson Perpetual Trophy, is chased by TBD.

the WOW B/Martin 242 class, they are proud to have their name inscribed on Cheryl's perpetual trophy.

Many of the veteran women sailors spent months mentoring new sailors prior to the regatta. In particular, Denise George of CYC trained and encouraged numerous young women in WSA to join the Capri 22 fleet and experience their first race. The energy and enthusiasm of these young women was electric. What better way to give back to the sport than to encourage novice sailors to join the ranks and experience the thrill of racing.

In an all-CYC-member showing, *Atomic Monkey*, skippered by Sue Service and tactically guided by Marylyn Hoenemeyer, reached second place in the WOW B/Martin 242 class. This was *Atomic Monkey's* first regatta under new owner Annie Jacquelin, racing in her first WOW/WAH along with Marian Henry (that's me), both of us under the skilled



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Sue Service's Atomic Monkey (69053) with an all-CYC crew, is in the mix of the combined WOW A and B start.

mentoring of Sue and Marylyn. Despite losing the vang completely on the final race, the team still rounded the windward and leeward marks in first position, fell back, then edged in front of *Sails Coll* for a downwind second-place finish. That felt pretty awesome.

CYC provided race management for the regatta, with a nice mix of CYC and WSA people on race committee, and our own Commodore, Debbie Feinerman, served as PRO. The cooperation among many clubs is key to producing this annual event that brings together women sailors, novice to experienced, for a celebration of female strength, competitive grit, and love of sailing! ⚓



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Juniors Travel the World



British National and Open Optimist Championships

By **TESSA FARRELL**

When two sails can be packed into a tube that you can wrap both your hands around and carry on your shoulder, you know anything can happen. My family and I went to Britain because I had qualified to go to the Optimist British Nationals with Team USA! So after two days of being in the heatwave in London with the tsunami of people, we packed up and headed to Weymouth and Portland, on the southern coast in Dorset, where I'd be sailing.

The team practiced for three days before the six-day-long regatta, just to examine the conditions, get used to the patterns, and set up our boats. The place where we'd launch was actually on the Isle of Portland, but Portland was connected to the mainland. Portland had a harbor, where we would sometimes race, or we could sail outside in Weymouth Bay.

There was meant to be around 20+ knots that day, and it was pretty sunny. I didn't have a good start to my day; when the wind picked up I didn't bail my boat and had to stop because I flooded. Throughout the day I got better and

faster, while other people got more tired, so I was able to gain a few more boats.

I didn't do too well that day, maybe around mid-fleet, and I wanted to get into Gold Fleet, which separated from Silver Fleet after the third day of racing. So on the second day of racing, the forecast called for around 12-16 knots, pretty light, and we were going to race in the bay. I did better this time, gaining a lot on the upwinds, but losing so much on the downwinds.

But then the talk of the storm happened, and the sky did look gloomy, but it wasn't raining yet. Everybody started strapping their boats down to the chains in the ground (which is what they were for) so someone from our team poured a huge bag of mainsheets down upon us, and the boats were soon secured. When I got to the Sailing Academy (where we launched, and had debriefs and meetings) they put the postponement flag up, meaning that they canceled the whole day.

The next day was supposed to be

around 20+ knots again, and I didn't do too well. I did make Gold Fleet, but throughout the day I stayed in the range of 10th to last. The day after that was maybe a little less wind and I did better! I leaned back more while hiking, making sure I didn't get water in the boat, and I might've stayed in the same place, but I felt so much better and faster.

The last day had arrived. When the race started, I had a bad start and didn't get where I wanted to be, but on the second race I got to the favored side, gained from downwinds, and gained from upwinds. I got around a 20th for that race.

After returning my rental boat and saying goodbye to my coaches, my family and I went for a celebratory dinner, since my brother had become a diver and I sailed. I found I got second to last in Gold Fleet, but I did get into Gold Fleet, so that was nice. I had my ups and downs in the regatta, but I learned so much. I loved attending the Optimist British Nationals and the opportunities it gave me.



Katharine Doble placed 11th out of 117 boats at the Optimist European Championship, June 24-28, hosted by Centre Nautique de Crozon Morgat, France.

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Representing CYC

Nieuwpoortweek International Youth Regatta (Optimist Topsport Vlaanderen)

By MIKA STERNBERG

I started to sail in Israel when I was nine and am now 14. I recently moved with my family to the U.S. The Optimist Topsport Vlaanderen was my first Team USA international regatta.

My first time representing Team USA was the best experience sailing I've ever had. Starting with the people I met, whether they were from Ireland, Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, the U.S., or other countries. All were amazing, each and every one of them. I made new friends and we are still talking up to this day.

The sailing part was perfect as well. We had conditions of 15-24 knots and four-foot waves. The first day practicing is always the most important one because that's the time for your new coaches to learn each sailor's skills. All the hard work in practicing with Manny and my CYC coaches paid off, putting me on top of the USA team at this regatta.

On the second day of sailing we had the most wind, 20-24 knots, and 6- to 8-foot waves! It was super scary but everyone managed to go out and practice. On the first day of the regatta we had very good conditions, light and shifty. The second day was even better; we had the wind blowing from 7 to 24 knots, but the first race was canceled due to current issues when I was in third place with over a mile distance between me and the fourth racer. The third day was awesome – perfect conditions, perfect races. On the fourth day I was in Gold Fleet. I finished the regatta in 11th place (tied with 10th). The regatta included more than 100 kids and it was windy, shifty, and awesome!

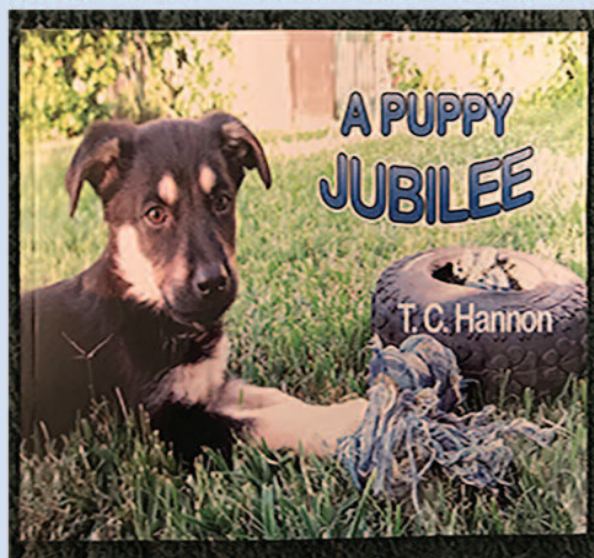
UP NEXT

Callie Davis and Gigi Ivancich have accepted invitations to participate in the October 2-7 Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship, hosted by Mussanah Sports City in Oman.




Photo by Meg Spennhauer

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



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

Please purchase my book online at apuppyjubilee.com



*Allie Blecher (10) bested
Giselle Nyenhuis (6, San
Diego YC) in the finals to
win the U.S. Women's Match
Racing Championship.*

CYC Wins the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship

By ALLIE BLECHER

Team BAAM traveled to Detroit, Michigan for the August 16-18 U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship, hosted by Bayview YC. The team consisted of Allie Blecher (CYC, helm), Beka Schiff (CYC, main trim/tactics), Krysia Pohl (St. Francis YC, jib/spin trim), and Ali Blumenthal (Belport YC, bow).

We competed at this event last year and finished second so we went into our training this year with our sights set on winning the event. Last year we were somewhat new to match racing, so making last year's finals and sparring against the previous winners, Vela Racing led by Nicole Breault, was great for us. We were in good spots on the starts against them last year in the finals but they had the boat speed and match race-specific tactics on us. When it came time for us to set up for our training for this year, we knew what practice needed to be done and how we needed to execute to a specific game plan. This year, we did just that.

This event was a great portrayal of how competitive the women's match racing fleet has become in the U.S. It was great to see everyone from across the country, including local CYC sailors Marilyn Cassedy and Liz Hjorth. After two round robins, we found ourselves in the semifinals racing against Marilyn. A well-fought battle secured us a spot for the finals.

The forecast for the final day included quite a bit of stormy weather so the race officials announced an abbreviated finals, meaning that the first team to two wins (instead of first to three) would come away with the overall regatta win. Just as race two of the finals was getting underway, a massive 30+ knot puff rolled through just about as the starting horn went off. Just as we were about to engage with our competitor our entire team turned around to watch their boat capsize due to the puff. Short moments later, we realized we had a breakdown and would be doing the same if we didn't make some adjustments. The race officials opted to abandon that race after watching the fun and realizing neither boat could make any forward progress. Both teams were sent back to the docks to wait out the storm. In that moment, we knew we had to hustle and rig another boat since ours broke down during the last blast of wind. Once the announcement was made to head back out, we were ready to seal the deal. We started that last race well ahead of our competitors and sailed our way to the finish.

Our goal for the event was to keep it simple. So often in sailing it's easy to panic and do things you wouldn't normally do or think about doing. Beka and I had just returned from Sweden for the Women's Match Racing World Championship a couple days before heading to Detroit and learned that lesson quickly. We sailed with Nicole and Vela Racing which was an amazing experience and the perfect opportunity to learn as much as we could. It was a big help in our racing in Detroit.

This win was the highlight to our season so far. Big thank yous go out to our coaches and competitors both here at home and across the ponds. Team BAAM would also like to thank CYC for its continued support. Achievements like these are not possible without a support team. Thank you!



Photos by Martin Chumiecki

Team BAAM – Krysia Pohl, Ali Blumenthal, skipper Allie Blecher holding the Allegra Knapp Mertz Trophy, and Beka Schiff – celebrates winning the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship.

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Alan Field helmed
Trolley Car to
first place in the
Martin 242 class.

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Shiny Happy People at the Summer Regatta

By MICHAEL BRADLEY, Regatta Chair

The sun was shining on a clear and beautiful summer day in Los Angeles. It was a pleasant 81 degrees and the breeze, 6-8 knots, filled in early for the August 17 Summer Regatta. Eighteen boats, split into three classes, enjoyed four fast-paced and fun races.

In the PHRF class, CYC members John Staff, *TBD*, and Dan McGanty, *Mistral*, traded places in a closely contested competition, each finishing with two first-place finishes and two second-place finishes. In the end, the tie was settled by *Mistral* beating *TBD* in the final race.

Eight boats competed in the Martin 242 class which ended with the top four boats separated by just one point each. The winner was Alan Field and his *Trolley Car* team with 10 points followed by Steven Moses' *Wombat* with 11 points. Lee Lewis and Mark Sands' *Sandbox* finished in third

with 12 points and Duncan Cameron on *Dean* rounded out the top four with 13 points.

The six-boat J/70 class also enjoyed close racing but Del Rey YC's Rich Festa eked out a three-point victory over CYC's Doug Weitz (*Agent 99*). Trailing only one point behind Doug was Curt Johnson (*Avet 2.01*).

After racing, competitors enjoyed refreshments and a Caribbean-inspired menu including jerk chicken, dirty rice, and cornbread. Thank you to Chef Fabio and Catering Director Miki Mootsey for putting together a scrumptious menu. Thank you to Commodore Debbie Feinerman for awarding the trophies to the winning teams. And a special thank you to S/C David Collins, Marylyn Hoenemeyer, Sue Service, Dan McGanty, and all the race committee volunteers for helping to make this event a success. ⚓

Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

U.S. Youth Sailing Championship

June 22-25, Little Egg Harbor YC, Beach Haven, New Jersey

29er: 9 boats

4 Adra Ivancich/Svenja Leonard (Santa Barbara YC); top girl team

Optimist European Championship

June 24-28, Centre Nautique de Crozon Morgat, France

117 boats

11 Katharine Doble

Nieuwpoortweek International Youth Regatta

(Optimist Top Sport Vlaanderen)

June 29-July 3, Nieuwpoort, Belgium

102 boats

11 Mika Sternberg

U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship

July 22-24, San Diego YC

29er: 6 boats

1 Adra Ivancich/Svenja Leonard (Santa Barbara YC)



Adra Ivancich and Svenja Leonard (Santa Barbara YC) won the first-ever 29er event at the U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship, held June 22-24 at San Diego YC.



Tessa and Lucca Farrell, Carsten Zieger, Coach Manny Resano, and Mika Sternberg at the Opti West Coast Championship, Cabrillo Beach YC, August 10-11.

British National and Open Optimist Championships

July 28-August 2, Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, England

115 boats

57 Tessa Farrell

Pacific Cup Deepwater Series

Overall class winners of 3 races (June 30, July 14, and August 4) CYC

PHRF B: 6 boats

1 Peter Stazicker, *Flash Packet*

2 John Staff, *TBD*

PHRF D: 8 boats

2 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Cruising A: 5 boats

2 Richard Benedon, *Ruby d'eau*

Cruising B: 5 boats

2 Chris Gorog, *California Dream*

Optimist West Coast Championship

August 10-11, Cabrillo Beach YC

44 boats

11 Carsten Zieger

12 Mika Sternberg; 2nd girl

18 Tessa Farrell

21 Lucca Farrell

U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship

August 16-18, Bayview YC, Detroit, Michigan, 7 teams

1 Allie Blecher

4 Marilyn Cassedy

5 Liz Hjorth

Summer Regatta

August 17, CYC

Martin 242: 8 boats

1 Team Trolley Car, *Trolley Car*

2 Steven Moses, *Wombat*

3 Lee Lewis & Mark Sands, *Sandbox*

J/70: 6 boats

2 Doug Weitz, *Agent 99*

PHRF: 4 boats

1 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

Optimist Pacific Coast Championship

August 24-25, San Francisco YC

41 boats

7 Mika Sternberg

WOW/WAH

August 24-25, WSA and ASMBYC clubs

WOW A: 2 boats

1 Mary Stuyvesant, *Groundhog Day*

WOW B: 3 boats

1 Liz Hjorth, *Wombat*

WAH Performance A: 2 boats

1 Jennifer Schmidt, *Forgiveness*

WAH Performance B: 3 boats

1 Talin Babikjan, *Avet*

Outlaw Regatta

August 31, Santa Monica

Windjammers YC and Seal Beach YC

PHRF A: 5 boats

1 John Staff, *TBD*

PHRF B: 6 boats

1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*



Photo by Ramzi Bannura

Curt Johnson and his Avet crew won the PHRF D class at Sunset Series Race 19 on August 21.

SUNSET SERIES

Race 17, August 7

PHRF A: 3 boats

- 1 Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1½*

PHRF C: 9 boats

- 2 Steve & Drew Curran, *Tinder Box*

PHRF D: 7 boats

- 1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Martin 242: 10 boats

- 1 Steven Moses, *Wombat*
- 2 Team TC, *Trolley Car*
- 3 Brack Duker, *Velerito*

Cruising A: 11 boats

- 1 Chris Gorog, *California Dream*
- 3 Richard Benedon, *Ruby d'eau*

Race 18, August 14

PHRF C: 9 boats

- 1 Steve & Drew Curran, *Tinder Box*
- 3 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*

PHRF D: 8 boats

- 2 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Martin 242: 10 boats

- 1 Team TC, *Trolley Car*
- 2 Brack Duker, *Velerito*
- 3 Mark Sands, *Sandbox*

Cruising A: 12 boats

- 4 Richard Benedon, *Ruby d'eau*

Race 19, August 21

PHRF A: 3 boats

- 1 Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1½*

PHRF B: 9 boats

- 2 John Staff, *TBD*
- 3 Alicia Minana, *Dark & Stormy*

PHRF C: 11 boats

- 1 Dan McGanty, *Mistral*
- 2 Peter Nelson, *Spray*
- 4 Daniel Murphy, *Cuchulainn*

PHRF D: 8 boats

- 1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Martin 242: 10 boats

- 1 Team TC, *Trolley Car*
- 2 Denise George, *All In*
- 3 Steven Moses, *Wombat*

Race 20, August 28

PHRF A: 3 boats

- 1 Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1½*

PHRF B: 8 boats

- 2 Jim Murrell, *Huckleberry 2*

PHRF C: 8 boats

- 2 Peter Nelson, *Spray*

PHRF D: 7 boats

- 1 Curt Johnson, *Avet*
- 2 Derek Heeb, *Redline*

PHRF E: 6 boats

- 3 Richard Benedon, *Ruby d'eau*

Martin 242: 11 boats

- 1 Brack Duker, *Velerito*
- 2 Duncan Cameron, *Dean*
- 3 Denise George, *All In*
- 4 Mark Sands, *Sandbox*

Cruising A: 9 boats

- 3 Richard Benedon, *Ruby d'eau* ⚓



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Cruisers Enjoy Los Alamitos Harbor

By ANTHONY AGOGLIA,
Cruise Chair

Long Beach Yacht Club was again our marvelous host for this year's cruise to Alamitos Bay August 23-25. Eleven boats and 27 people experienced a delightful few days with great weather. Some of our group took advantage of the short distance from Avalon, Catalina Island as an extension of the mid-week cruise, while the majority came from Marina del Rey. A special part of docking on this trip included five boats that tied up Mediterranean-style in front of the club. With this arrangement, boats back in to the dock and raft together with selected boats anchored in front. Peter and CYCWA Second Officer Connie Websters' *Next Chapter* was the first anchor boat, followed by Dennis DeCoste's *Katrina*, Fred Ryan's *Good Juju*, Leslie and Michael Cubbins' *Make a Wish*, and Therese and Bill Wolf's *Pied-a-Mer*. This approach saves precious dock space while others could dock along the generous long dock beside the club. The staff at the club helped greatly in this process by grabbing lines and moving needed anchors out into the channel with their club tender.

After docking on Friday, we all gathered at *Next Chapter* for some fine prosecco and delicious egg rolls and pot



stickers created by Andrew Niu. In the evening, we attended a wine and cheese reception at the club with special guests Elliott and Elisa Olson, long-time members of CYC. Elliott gave a preview of the next morning's exciting tender cruise around Naples Island.

On Saturday, many of us joined Elliott and Elisa, following them in their Boston Whaler while tuning our VHF radios to channel 71 to hear the most informative, narrated tour of this special place off the bay. The rest of the day was at leisure for all and many found their way either to the *Queen Mary* by way of the AquaLink boat, or to the spacious pool at Long Beach YC. In the evening, we had a generous buffet at the club which was marred only by some of the desserts that strangely disappeared, only to be found at a cheerful table nearby. Sunday found us enjoying a breakfast of scones and egg frittatas in front of *Next Chapter* before our lively trip home in good strong winds.

This was a special cruise with very special people. We visited with each other generously during our time together, celebrating the fortune we all have to be in this part of the world and to have the yachts we treasure so. Long live the cruising activities at CYC! ⚓



Unplugged in Avalon

By JOHN LEVY

The well-known El Galleon Restaurant on Catalina Island was the starting point for our mid-week meet-up August 20-22 with a CYC-hosted first cocktail for happy hour. Great sunny weather greeted us on Wednesday morning for golf at the Catalina Golf Club, followed by an informative and interesting journey through Avalon and Catalina history at the Catalina Island Museum, and then an expanded cabana retreat for the plein air painter novices and card game enthusiasts at the Descanso Beach Club.

Mid-day lunch at the cabana gathered the cruisers all together for a relaxing afternoon in hot, sunny beautiful weather and the Unplugged – Go Sailing and Cruising T-shirt gift pack for each. Then the no-host dinner at Steve's Steak House was a real treat with all together at the CYC table.

Before sailing home or on to Long Beach, we gathered for a special three-course lunch at the top of Mt Ada Inn, the former island escape of William Wrigley Jr. and his wife Ada, built to perfection in the early 20th century. The food and bubbly were only outdone by the spectacular 360-degree views of Avalon Bay and Catalina Island. Really a memorable lunch before heading to join the Long Beach Cruise or home to Marina del Rey. ⚓



Mardi Gras Fun at CYC

By THERESA TORRANCE, Summer Splash Co-chair

The Family Activities Committee brought down the clubhouse with a Mardi Gras-themed Summer Splash party on Sunday, August 25. It was a beautiful evening on the lawn, with members being welcomed with a complimentary hurricane cocktail, and kids with masks to decorate for the Mardi Gras parade.

Adults and kids were wowed by the stilt walkers, as MC Gabe kept adults on their toes with a “clean” dare challenge, with Jon Curry winning a seafood buffet dinner for two with his dare. DJ Gabe also kept the kids engaged and entertained with a hula hoop contest, won by Catherine Curry, and Mardi Gras parade, with a best



mask contest for the kids. Sierra Madruga and Maddie Schmidt were the mask winners, and received Target gift cards for their creativity.

The evening was complemented by a great three-piece, upbeat, New Orleans jazz band, The Bayou Bump, who performed during and after a tasty dinner consisting of jambalaya, fried chicken, cornbread, and salad.

Co-chaired by FAC's Theresa Torrance, Joni Williamson, and Jen Kanas, the evening was a festive end to summer, and for those who were not able to attend, we highly recommend you make it to next year's Summer Splash. ⚓



CYCWA on the Horizon

By CARLY SALTZMAN

Photo by EO Pam Spriggs

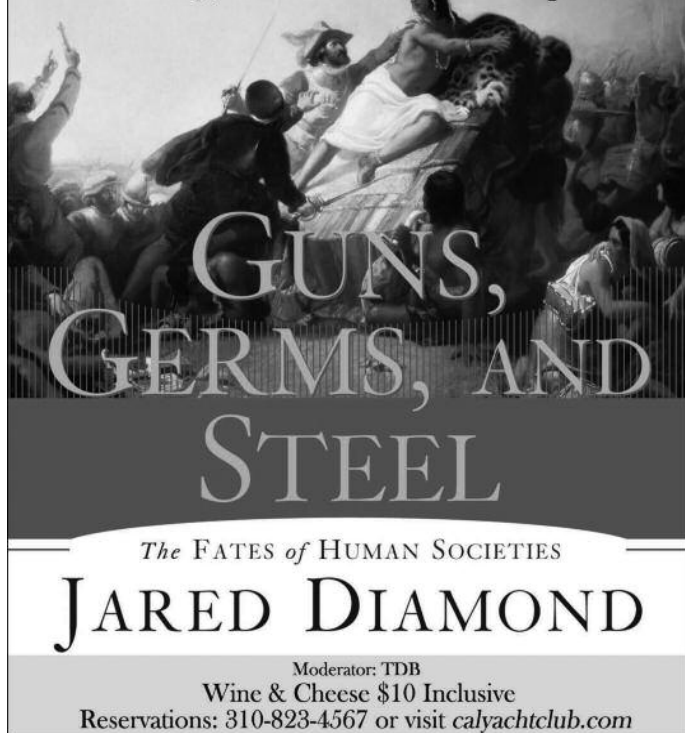
Driving Highway 1 west of Malibu, one eventually travels beyond the houses lining the shore, and can again view the ocean. Near the Los Angeles/Ventura County line, multitudes of wind and kite surfers gather to take advantage of the winds flowing along the coast. On this day, winds had created a sea of whitecaps, but inside the kelp beds, water was relatively calm, allowing near-perfect conditions for the wind-propelled surfers. Fun to watch!

Love Movies? Join Us at Movie Mates!
Friday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.
Fireside Room

If you love movies, join us October 18 for the first Movie Mates meeting where we will discuss and analyze Guillermo del Toro's multiple Oscar winner, "Pan's Labyrinth." Movie Mates is similar to a book club in that we will discuss and analyze a movie, selected in advance by the group. Watch the movie at home on Netflix or Amazon and then come prepared for our group discussion. Ira Teller has joined forces with Chair Sarah White to share his expertise from years in the film business. They hope you will join them the third Friday of every month for movie analysis, occasional screenings, and our year-end Academy Awards gala. Questions? Contact Chair Sarah White at mswhite4657@gmail.com.

HAPPY HOUR BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 16 6:30 p.m.



JOIN US!

New! Movie Mates

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

Art Aficionados

Second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fireside Room. Chair is SEO Norma Pratt.

Book Mates

First Thursday of the month, 11:45 a.m., Fireside Room. Co-chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservation and lunch information.

Bridge

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

Happy Hour Book Club

Third Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room. Co-chairs are Leslie and Michael Cubbin. Reserve at the front desk.

Knit or Knot

First and third Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., members lounge. Chair is Dalena Hathaway.

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

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.

"The Island of Sea Women" Brings Unexpected Pleasures to the Surface

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

"J"eju is her home, an island known for Three Abundances: wind, stones, and women." Thus begins acclaimed novelist Lisa See's beautiful, thoughtful, and fascinating, "The Island of Sea Women," illuminating a world turned upside down, where women take all the physical risks, men care for the children, and outside forces determine the fate of them all. Sue Moore moderated the lively discussion at our September 5 Book Mates luncheon.

Sue began with background information on the author and then passed around a map of the novel's remote South Korean setting and photos of contemporary haenyeo women divers. Book Mates members were amazed that such women actually existed and faced such a daily diet of sea diving danger. The weaving in of wartime history and enemy occupation added an extra dimension to the fictional story of the women from teenagers to old age. Randy Sprout's personal military experiences in Korea in the 1960s provided even more insight

into how the indigenous people were so badly treated. Sue had the group discuss the significance of a number of character statements: "Every woman who enters the sea carries a coffin on her back." "You are like sisters and I expect you to take care of each other." The aphorism "Deep roots remain tangled underground" helped explain the friction that develops between the once so close Young-sook and the orphaned Mi-ja.

All agreed that forgiveness was a main theme, as well as marriage, friendship, betrayal, sacrifice, and suffering the sins of your parents.

November brings a non-fiction work, "The White Masai," by Corinne Hofmann. It's the true story of a Swiss woman who fell in love with a native African tribe warrior and embraced his world. Robin Spencer moderates.

Our December book is the highly praised memoir "Educated," by Tara Westover. Randy Sprout moderates.✚

BOOK MATES

Thursday, November 7

The White Masai

Corinne
Hofmann

Moderator: Robin Spencer
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Art Aficionados Discover Art Downtown and in the Ocean

By SEO NORMA PRATT

In August, Art Aficionados traveled via the Expo train for the Downtown LA Arts District Graffiti and Mural Tour, a true depiction of Los Angeles diversity and artistic talent. Yes, it truly is the city of angels!

Later in the month, esteemed contemporary artist Vickie Myers made her second visit to Art Aficionados, this year presenting a watercolor demonstration of koi fish paintings. CYC participants soaked it in, producing an array of beautiful colorful koi. ♡





Who Do We Appreciate? Our Members!


By SALLIE WOLCOTT,
Director of Membership and Marketing

On August 2, more than 300 members and guests enjoyed an exciting evening with foods from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Puerto Rico, coupled with bloody marias (bloody marys made with tequila and basil, cucumber, or jalapeño), pineapple habanero margaritas, wine, beer, and horchata. Members started the *gran pachanga* (big party) with a lively dance lesson and then danced the night away to the vibrant sounds of live band Jungle Fire. Door prizes were awarded. Dessert and coffee topped off the night. The Membership Department thanks all of you for joining us! 🍷




OCTOBER 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS 4 Commodore's Cruise Kickoff 6 Shadden #2 11-13 First Mates Cruise 23 Yachting Program 24 Holiday Wine Tasting		Club closed 1 Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club 2 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's Paddle Tennis 3 Mah Jongg Fleet Council Mtg. Book Mates	2020 Commodore's Cruise Kickoff 4 Seafood Buffet 	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 5 Pickleball
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 6 Shadden #2 Knit or Knot Kids Get Artsea	Club closed 7 Evening Pickleball	<i>Yom Kippur begins at Sundown</i> 8 Club closed Women's Paddle Tennis	<i>Yom Kippur</i> 9 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Bridge Club Art Aficionados	Women's Paddle Tennis 10 CYCWA Board Mtg. Mah Jongg Jr. Comm. Mtg. Sail Comm. Mtg.	First Mates Cruise 11	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 12 First Mates Cruise Pickleball Family Movie Night
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27 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Trunk or Treat	Club Closed 28 Evening Pickleball	Club closed 29 Women's Paddle Tennis	30 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Bridge Club	<i>Halloween</i> 31 Breeze Deadline Women's Paddle Tennis Mah Jongg		

NOVEMBER 2019

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS 3 Head of the Marina Rowing Regatta 6 Epicurean Informal Event 9 Commodores Ball					1 Pickleball 2 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Bridge, CYCWA, Junior Bridge, Fleet Officer Photo Shoot Seafood Buffet 
<i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i> 3 Head of the Marina Rowing Regatta Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot	Club closed 4 Evening Pickleball	Club closed 5 Women's Paddle Tennis	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 6 Bridge Club Epicurean Informal Event	Women's Paddle Tennis 7 Mah Jongg Fleet Council Mtg. Book Mates	8 Pickleball 9 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Commodores Ball (no à la carte dining)



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