



J/70 FLEET SCYA MIDWINTER REGATTA

APRIL 2020

From the Commodore

T's hard to believe that the first three months of the year are already behind us. They certainly have gone by in a flash. The Club has been a constant whirl of activity. While I can't attend everything, I do my best to attend as much as I can. My car pretty much can drive itself to the Club.

April is another busy month at CYC. We will celebrate the spring holidays of Passover with a Seder, and Easter with an Easter egg hunt and brunch. Moms get a night out. Tax Day gets a shout out with the ever-popular 1040 Dinner. Our Sunset Series kicks off with a seminar on April 8, followed by



EO Michelle Parker Ondrey and Commodore SEO Stephanie Weston

racing on the 15th. With the resumption of the Adult Learn to Sail Program this month, you could to learn how to sail. For those who know how to sail but want to learn to race, we have that covered, too.

While my intention was to write about a fantastic Opening Day, we were foiled by a virus. Opening Day is a day to celebrate and have fun, not worry. Much anxiety was abound with reports from the CDC and recommendations to avoid crowds. We felt it was in the best interest of our members and guests to cancel our event. We hope we can schedule something for our members when the threat is over. In the meantime, I'd like to thank Fleet Captain Christina Tarantola and others involved for their efforts in planning what would have been a terrific Opening Day.

In February's *Breeze*, I wrote about the Epicurean Dinner that I had to plan. I want to report that the dinner was very well received and that the food was incredible. I truly enjoyed researching the dishes that were served. Chef Fabio did a marvelous job executing the menu and Steve Bell's wine pairings that accompanied the dishes were perfect. Getting dressed to the nines and seeing everyone else looking glamorous added to the fun. If you've never attended an Epicurean Dinner and want a special treat, I highly recommend it.

I took my own advice and tried something new. I went to the Race Committee Orientation to see what race committee does and how they do it. Lori Haythorn did an outstanding overview. I have a much better understanding of what each person does on the committee boat, the use and timing of the signal flags, race start sequences, how to measure wind direction, and setting and moving marks. Being on race committee is the perfect way to be out on the water for a day, an evening, or a whole weekend without having to have a boat. By just going to the orientation, I got to ride around in an inflatable on a gorgeous day. I don't know what could be more fun.

One perk as Commodore is handing out trophies at regattas. While it is great to congratulate all winners, it is particularly heartwarming to present awards to our junior sailors and rowers who are so diligent in their quest for excellence. I love seeing the excitement in their faces and the way they rally around each other. I look forward to following their achievements.

To further familiarize you on who's who at CYC, I'll give a brief run down on the Women's Association (CYCWA). The CYC by-laws establish a Women's Association. Every member or spouse of a member of CYC is eligible for membership in CYCWA. CYCWA has a ladder like the Bridge. It is the Executive Board of CYCWA and consists of the Executive Officer, 1st Officer, 2nd Officer, and Secretary. The Executive Officer leads the

monthly CYCWA board meetings and attends Fleet Council meetings to report about the happenings of CYCWA. The Executive Officer establishes an appointed board of committee chairs.

The 1st Officer plans the CYCWA programs for the year. The 2nd Officer is the budget officer and as such she handles reimbursement forms, and oversees the CYCWA budget. The Secretary does double duty as both recording secretary by taking the minutes at CYCWA meetings and corresponding secretary sending out notices of meetings, greeting cards, and flowers.

CYCWA does hospitality on Opening Day and for many regattas. It sponsors many of the off-the-water activities at the Club such as the book clubs, Movie Mates, bridge (cards), mah jongg, Art Aficionados, paddle tennis, and outings. CYCWA also plans the Commodores Ball and the First Mates Cruise. All the events and activities that CYCWA puts on or oversees are open to all Club members.

As you can see, something is always happening at the Club. We have the utmost appreciation for all our member volunteers who make it all happen. Let's support our events and activities.

Enjoy the Ride this 98th year. **‡**

YOUR TICKET TO RIDE

Race Committee – Be in the thick of it. Race committee always welcomes volunteers. Twenty-six weeks of Sunset Series, Cal Race Week, and the J/70 World Championship are just a few of the regattas for which volunteers are utilized. Contact Lori Haythorn.

April 15 – Mom's Night Out – Mingle with other mothers while enjoying refreshments. Share a night out and hear about what's planned by the Family Activities Committee for the rest of 2020. Be a part of this robust and dynamic group. Contact Theresa Torrance or Jennifer Kanas. California Yacht Club 4469 Admiralty Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292 310-823-4567 Fax: 310-822-3658 www.calyachtclub.com

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SDYC Women's Winter Invitational



Epicurean Sweethearts Dinner



SCYA Midwinter Regatta

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April/May Events

FRONT COVER J/70 fleet winner Jay Gollison (1362, Alamitos Bay YC) takes the pin end at the SCYA Midwinter Regatta, hosted by CYC February 8-9. A total of 43 boats in three one-design and one PHRF class competed in the regatta.

Photo by S/C Denny Haythorn

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BACK COVER CYC hosted 40 sailors at the Optimist Spring Regatta/Harken Challenge Series #1 on February 22-23. Callie Davis was the top girl and placed first in the Red Fleet. © DEMAIN PHOTOGRAPHY

CYC **Flashback!**

appy 55th birthday to the Breeze! The editor of CYC's monthly four-page newsletter held a "Name Calling Contest" in 1965, and Ralph and Gail Skellenger won a Friday night buffet dinner for their winning entry, Breeze.

Some background on that early Marina del Rey era: CYC, nearly 400 members strong, was located at the Sheraton-Marina Hotel with an outstation at Ballast Point on Catalina Island. Plans were announced for CYC's new clubhouse to be located at its current location on Admiralty Way.

In addition to Club news, the Breeze featured monthly columns focused on these topics:

- Gassin' Up powerboating
- Chewin' the Rag sailboat racing
- She Breeze Women's Auxiliary, the precursor to today's CYCWA
- News to You from 42 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 42
- Yakkity-Yachtity a lighthearted roundup of social happenings and announcements: births, weddings, illnesses, deaths, travel, and amusing anecdotes.



The Membership has Mandated!

The Vox Pop has Mandatedi The Vox Pop has Popped Off When the last vote was counted and the last precinct heard from, "CYC BREEZE" won the great Cal Yacht Club NAME CALLING

CONTEST by a resounding plural-ity and with a minimum of ballot-

Henceforth and forever, for bet-

ter or worse, for truer or falser, that name shall proudly grace our

front page! The Winnah and World's Cham

en NAME CALLER of the Cali-

fornia Yacht Club is RALPH SKELLENGER! Come in any Fri-day night, RALPH and GAIL,

box stuffing!

FROM THE BRIDGE

The CYC Staff Officers Council be lieves that it is essential that the member-ship of the club be accurately informed as to how the club is run, who runs it, and to keep the membership abreast of what is being planned. With that in mind Commodore DeGroot has asked me to report on the Staff Officers Council meetof March 3.

The Staff Officers Council is composed of the present staff officers, Past Com-modores, the club secretary, the Race and chairman, Committee Charles Hathaway. The Council neetings are held once a month, gener-Charles Hathaway. illy the first Wednesday. This is a lunch on meeting (and we pay for our own unch and drinks). During luncheon and fterward the varied and extensive pro-

In other *Breeze* news that year, future CYC President Steve Hathaway was named Junior Commodore, 31 boats traveled to Catalina Island for the first-ever Commodore's Cruise, Sunset Series was in its second year, the Family Cruise was in its third, and revelers danced the frug, watusi, and the jerk at the Club's dinner dances.

speak to our genial manager, JOHN JOANNOU, and collect your winnings, two of CHEF to your winnings, two of CHEF PETER'S Lucullan Friday nite buffet dinners!

THE PEEPUL HAVE SPOKEN!

To runner-up, Commodore ER-WIN JONES, who nearly made it with his "SEA BREEZES," Ye Editor would like to console him per-sonally at the Club Bar with a drink any Thursday at a luncheon neeting. To all you loverly members who

sent in so many loverly names, Ye Grateful Editor extends his thanks. He promises that, like Shapespeare's Rose, by any nar smell sweetly. e we shall try to

Submit your flashback photo of a CYC member sailing, cruising, fishing, rowing, surfing, water skiing, canoeing, kayaking, as a junior sailor, or at the beach, to cyc-breezeeditor@cycfleet.com for a chance at the glory.







he CYC and Staff Commodore burgees flew on *Windsurf*, a five-masted sailing ship, when **S/C Chuck Wright** (right) and Debbie cruised through the British Virgin Islands. *Windsurf*, the flagship of the six-vessel Windstar Cruises fleet, carries 343 guests.

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.* **‡**





On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

Solution Stephanie Young were out on their boat, *Freewill*, on a gorgeous winter day in late January and took this photo of David Bell's classic Hinckley Bermuda 40, *Glory B*, set against the Los Angeles cityscape, the iconic

Hollywood sign, and the mountains.

Congratulations, Steve and Stephanie, on winning a bottle of fine wine selected by Director of Food and Beverage Steve Bell. \clubsuit

CYC Women Win in Three-Peat

By MARY STUYVESANT

Ilie Blecher and her CYC team of Beka Schiff and Mary Stuyvesant won the SDYC Women's Winter Invitational for the third year in a row.

Three years ago San Diego YC realized that it's beautiful in Southern California in February and that might be a great draw to bring high-caliber women's teams from all over the United States and Mexico to race. They were right.

This year, 24 teams from the U.S. and Mexico gathered to race in an initial round robin of 78 races, finishing in a tie between San Diego YC and CYC. The PRO started races approximately every seven minutes over the course of two days to get all of the racing in. Six teams moved forward to the finals with CYC winning, San Diego YC in second, and Acapulco YC placing third.

"The caliber of racing is great. It's a short race format, and it's different every race." says Allie. "There is such a cross section of racers. There are people I looked up to as I was coming up, my peers, and a lot of great racing women fresh out of their collegiate racing programs. It's great to see everyone come together to compete and still have fun!"

The regatta has grown significantly in the last three years from 10 teams to 24. The format is unique – it's stadium racing in La Playa Cove, so there is a lot of activity on the docks. Boats come in and go out in front of the teams while the races are being run. All of the teams are in a constant state of interaction both on and off the water.

The regatta is new, three years running, and Allie has won all three years – it certainly puts a target on the CYC team's back. We'd like to thank the Club and the Women's Racing Program for their support in enabling us to compete.



Team CYC (left) in the heat of battle.



Beka Schiff, Mary Stuyvesant, and skipper Allie Blecher celebrate winning the SDYC Women's Winter Invitational.

CYC Match Racing Clinigatta Brings in Outside Skippers

By Chief Umpire S/C DAVID COLLINS and MARY STUYVESANT

atch racing is some of the most exciting racing happening in the sport of sailing today. March of 2021 will see the next America's Cup Challenge – which is the biggest match race in the sport of sailing. Our Club has many competitive match racers and team racers, and with the acquisition of the Martin 242 Club keelboats we were able to launch programs to support match racing development at CYC. We ran our first event in 2016, only able to support racing against our own teams and members.

Four years later in February we were able to invite skippers from other yacht clubs to apply to race. We had six teams total, four from clubs other than CYC: Long Beach Yacht Club, King Harbor YC, and Riverside YC (Riverside, Connecticut). John Staff and Will Petersen led the CYC teams in this event. Spoiler alert: Will came in first place and John Staff placed second.

The day started with veteran match racer and umpire Randy Smith providing a morning seminar on rules and strategy, primarily in pre-start tactics and controlling your opponent. Following that, the teams jumped into boats and faced a variety of conditions with thirtyplus-degree wind shifts and races that were breeze up and breeze down. Throw in Saturday boat traffic, kayakers, the docks off of Burton Chace Park, boat swaps, and 15 races – there was a lot going on.

Teams were competitive and as the day progressed the racing become closer and the pre-start tactics more intense. A huge part of the fun of match racing is the intense boat-on-boat tactical aggression in the pre-start sequence. The key 4-minute entry (P flag) is the first tactical push or win and often times boats cross the starting line significantly after the race start as they jockey for control and try to push their opponents into penalties.

With the inclusion of skippers from other clubs, the competition was interesting and challenging. Will Petersen

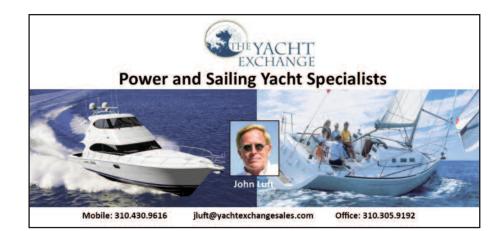


John Staff (red boat) leads James Westerberg (Riverside YC, white boat).

and his crew of Mary Stuyvesant and Will Tetrick were able to race their matches undefeated, benefiting both from prior match racing experience and familiarity with the Martin 242s. Some of the other skippers faced challenges with the Martin 242s or, if familiar with the Martin 242s, were not as experienced in match racing. Regardless of experience, after only a few races this became a very competitive series of matches with excellent tactics, positioning, and handling maneuvers executed by all the crews. Fifteen matches were completed and the non-CYC skippers treated the boats with great respect and care.

Many thanks to V/C Tim Clarke, Mary Stuyvesant, and Chris Calingaert for making this event happen. Thanks also to S/C Richard Mainland for the use of *Off the Wagon* as the fourth boat, which expedited crew rotations throughout the day.

It was a successful day on the water and it is exciting to watch CYC match racing continue to grow and build a strong program.





Treat Yourself to Some Girl Time. You Deserve Itl Come enjoy hosted drinks and hors d'oeuvres with other moms from the Family Activities Committee and learn more about family fun events in 2020.

> Wednesday, April 15 6:30 - 8 p.m.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 15 by noon. Visit the front desk or call 310-823-4567.



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June 12 - 14

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- 310-823-4567
- . Cruise Chairs Dick and Darleen Kleinert





- Open to all CYC members
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- Membership benefits include 15 day sails and these regatta rentals:
- Martin 242 one-design regattas
- Wednesday night Sunset Series
- PHRF races within Santa Monica Bay
- Adult Sailing Instructions \$475
- Access to three Martin 242 keelboats



COSTS

- 12 monthly payments of \$50
- or one annual payment of \$600
- Renting for racing
- \$150 for first regatta day
- \$100 per day for subsequent regatta days
- \$100 per Wednesday night of Sunset Series

For more information contact V/C Tim Clarke, Keelboat Program Chair cyckeelboat@gmail.com.

56 Years of Sunset Fun

By SUZANNE BOONE, CHRIS GOROG, and MIRIAM MOSES, Sunset Series Co-chairs

pril brings the start of the Sunset Series, a CYC tradition since 1964. The 2020 season features 21 weeks of exciting racing, great summer evening weather, and good times at the clubhouse as racers gather for music, barbeque, and post-race libations.

Not to be missed is the Sunset Series Seminar on Wednesday, April 8. The seminar will cover logistics, updates/clarification on rules, as well as a featured speaker. The seminar serves as our traditional meet-and-greet session to allow skippers and crew to connect. Whether your boat needs crew, or you are a sailor looking for a ride, this is the best place to get connected to get out on the water. All racers and sailors are invited to attend and enjoy CYC's hospitality.

Additionally, information will be provided to racers regarding the new **Cruising Championship** that will be held on September 16 with the top Sunset Series racers in Cruising A and Cruising B competing against each other for top honors.

Racing begins on Wednesday, April 15 and continues each Wednesday thereafter through September 9. There will be no racing on July 29 while CYC hosts the J/70 World Championship. The *Charles Hathaway*, our signal boat, anchors off SS mark each Wednesday and racing classes will start in five-minute intervals beginning at 1755 hours.

Class flags are available for purchase at the CYC front desk for racers who may not have them. PHRF racers should be sure their certification is current.

Registration is now open online. Visit the CYC regatta page for registration under Sunset Series.

The Sunset Series has its own email newsletter filled with information about upcoming events related to the series and recapping the results of each Wednesday night. The newsletter also provides highlights of upcoming menus and special nights of celebration. If you would like to be included in this mailing, send an email request to *cyc-sunsetseries@cycfleet.com.* ↓

SUNSET SERIES SEMINAR

Wednesday, April 8 7 - 9 p.m.

• Sunset Series kickoff • What's new in 2020 • Connect with skippers and crew • Rules review

Plus Guest Speaker: Peter Isler

Two-time America's Cup winner, internationally renowned sailor, motivational speaker, and author.



Reservations not required!

Fleet Racing

Clinic

- . April 19, 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
- No racing experience necessary
- . Coaching on and off the water
- Come as skipper or crew
- . Racing off the guest dock in the Club's Martin 242s
- \$20 includes light refreshments
- Register via CYC's website



cyckeelboat@gmail.com

SCYA Midwinter Regatta Draws 43 Competitors

By TAWNI SCHUTTER and CHRIS CALINGAERT, Regatta Co-Chairs

he 91st SCYA Midwinter Regatta, held February 8-9, drew 43 boats in four fleets. There were 16 boats in the J/70 class along with 11 boats each in the Martin 242 and Star classes. Five similarly rated boats (four J/109s and one Tartan 101) raced against each other in one PHRF class.

Saturday was a beautiful day on the water with light winds that stayed consistent at 5-7 knots. Principal Race Officer S/C David Collins was able to get three races completed with help from the seasoned race committee, markset drivers, and crew.

Sunday the signal boat was in its usual position off the Venice Pier, but due to the unusual winds the racers were sent toward a weather mark close to the breakwater instead of out to sea. The wind shifted multiple times, giving the PRO a challenging day setting the course and getting races off. The wind shut down for a bit and gave an unusual sight of racers on the nominally upwind leg flying their spinnakers. The final race was abandoned for two of the classes due to light and shifting winds that temporarily shut down and shifted almost 180 degrees.

Midwinters was the concluding weekend of the three-regatta J/70 West Coast Winter Series, with CYC's Jim Murell and his *Huckleberry* team winning the overall series in a tough, competitive fleet. Tara and Jeremy Smith (Royal Vancouver YC), the winning team in the Martin 242 fleet, traveled from British Columbia, Canada to race and we were thrilled to have international participation. New CYC member Ryan Costello on *Harumi*, one of our Club keelboats, took second place and Yumio Dornberg placed third on *3 zero 5*.

George Szabo and Isao Toyama (San Diego YC) took first place in the Star class with CYC's Ben Mitchell and Rick Peters one point behind in second. The Star class is the only one-design class that has raced in every SCYA Midwinter Regatta. The winning team is presented with the Frank Borzage Trophy and they continue the tradition of sailing in all levels of breeze.

Trophies were presented by CYC Commodore Stephanie Weston and by SCYA representative S/C Anne Sacks.

We would like to thank all the volunteers and the CYC staff who made this regatta a success. We appreciate all the sailors who participated and wish everyone a successful year of racing! \clubsuit



Ben Mitchell with crew Rick Peters (8250) placed second in the 11-boat Star class.



Peter Nelson's J/109, Spray, second in the five-boat PHRF class, leads the fleet around the weather mark.



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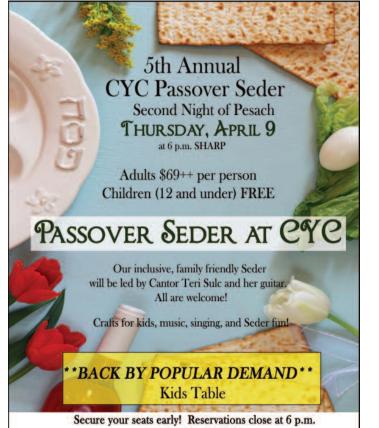
With a second-place finish out of 16 J/70s at Midwinters, Jim Murrell's Huckleberry won the overall J/70 West Coast Winter Series.



The J/70 fleet heads downwind on Saturday.



New CYC member Ryan Costello (Harumi, yellow hull) rounds the windward mark ahead of Brack Duker (Velerito). Ryan placed second in the 11-boat Martin 242 class.



ecure your seats early! Reservations close at 6 p.m on Sunday, April 5. Call 310-823-4567 or visit calyachtclub.com. 72-hour cancellation policy in effect



Adults \$25.00 ++ / Children \$12.00 ++ (6 to 12 yrs.) Beverages not included Children 5 and under eat FREE

Limited to 150 members and guests.

For reservations, call 310-823-4567. 72-hour cancellation policy in effect

Art Aficionados Easter Egg Decorating with Setsuko Anthony Wednesday, April 8 1-4 p.m.



Join artist Setsuko Anthony in decorating unique origami Easter eggs.

Bring scissors and your favorite wrapping paper to share so you will end up with a basket of beautiful assorted eggs.

Questions and reservations: Setsuko Anthony setsuko.anthony@gmail.com.



Art Aficionados ART OF COLLAGE with Linde Caughey

Wednesday, April 22 from 1 - 4 p.m.

Collage has long been a respected art approach and it has recently had a surge in popularity among serious artists such as Mark Bradford and Julie Mehetru.

In our class we will work on Arches paper. In preparation please bring magazine, wall paper, templates or even your own work to cut up. Your imagination is the limit, however keep the material thin enough to adhere to the paper.

Bring scissors, acrylic paint, and brushes.

For reservations, email Linde Caughey linde.caughey@gmail.com.

Beautiful Winter Sailing at the Optimist Spring Regatta/Harken Challenge Series #1

By JUSTIN McJONES, Regatta Chair

YC held our Opti Spring Regatta on February 22-23. This early season event is also the first regatta of a four-regatta North-South series known as the Harken Challenge. Sailors came from Los Angeles area harbors, Santa Barbara, and many from San Francisco Bay area clubs.

This year the Championship Fleet of Red, Blue, and White age groups fielded 37 sailors. The fleet is a little smaller compared to last year due to a bunch of sailors moving out of Optis last year and into bigger boats. The Green Fleet this year had 13 sailors on the water. It looks like we have a good upcoming California Green Fleet.

Our PRO on the Champs course was S/C Tom O'Conor. I was the PRO recorder for my very first time. We had an excellent bunch of race committee volunteers on the water and on shore. A fun element was having several new volunteers spread around on all the boats. The Champs completed four races on Saturday with no protests filed. The Green Fleet sailed inside the marina under the watchful eye of PRO Julia Rychlik. Our Saturday evening hot food and socializing time was full of excitement and stories of fun sailing.

Sunday was a close repeat of Saturday with another four races completed. There were a few protests filed, but thanks to the protest committee put together by Del Rey YC neighbor Harlan Holmes, they were ultimately settled. Our CYC podium finishers were as follows:

White Fleet: 2nd place Miles Gordon

Blue Fleet: 2nd place Lucca Farrell

Red Fleet: 1st place Callie Davis, 2nd place Mika Sternberg

Top girl: Callie Davis

Thanks to all the volunteers and to our Club staff for helping put on another successful regatta! We received lots of compliments from the racers and their parents.♥



Lucca Farrell (17137) and Mika Sternberg (21164) head downwind with the fleet.



Katlia Sherman (20879) approaches the mark just after the overall winner, Harrison Gandy (19257, San Francisco YC), turns downwind.



Prepping for this Summer's J/70 World Championship at CYC: A Conversation with Jeff Janov

By SUE SERVICE

Jeff Janov, Minor Threat skipper, with crew Dave Ullman, Doug McLean, and Ben Mercer get large fleet experience at the J/70 Midwinter Championship, hosted by Coral Reef YC February 20-23.

eff Janov is the skipper of the J/70 *Minor Threat*, CYC's 2019 Yacht of the Year. Jeff and team had a stellar 2019; they were on the podium for every major regatta in Southern California. This year they have their eyes on the J/70 World Championship, to be hosted by CYC July 26-August 1. I caught up with Jeff to learn more about how *Minor Threat* and the team are preparing for the Championship.

- Q: I understand *Minor Threat* is racing on the East Coast now, and that's why you didn't race in the SCYA Midwinter Regatta at CYC on February 8-9. When did you take the boat back east? What regattas have you done there?
- Jeff: *Minor Threat* went back east to get some work done on her bottom in November, and she has been enjoying the warm, sunny Miami winter since December. We are competing in the Bacardi Winter Series and the J/70 Midwinters East.
- Q: What are you learning/gaining by racing in Miami that you wouldn't get by racing locally?
- Jeff: We really miss racing locally with all of our long-time friends, but there is a nice quantity of boats racing in Miami. We have seen as few as 20 boats and we have over 50 signed up for the Midwinters, held on February 20-23, so we have gained some big fleet experience and have made some new friends.

- Q: I know you often race with your sons, Ryan, Grant, and Jordan, but I imagine you aren't taking them out of school to travel to Miami for these regattas. Who do you have racing with you on the East Coast? Will this be your team for the J/70 Worlds?
- Jeff: Grant and Jordan are too busy with their 29er campaign to race with us, and Ryan is racing for George Washington University, so now our crew for the Worlds is CYC "hall of famer" Doug McLean, superstar from San Francisco Ben Mercer, the inimitable Dave Ullman, and me.
- Q: About the Worlds what regattas will you do in California as part of your preparation? How much do you think local knowledge will help at the Worlds? What do you think your biggest challenge will be in the regatta?
- Jeff: We will do the whole SoCal circuit in preparation for the Worlds as well as lots of two-boat and solo practice time. Local knowledge is helpful because we already know all the great restaurants, cigar shops, and have places to stay. Our biggest challenge will be the extremely deep level of competition in this regatta and managing a 90+ boat fleet of excellent sailors.
- Q: 90+ boats, have you ever raced in that big a fleet before? What kinds of factors are you considering in order to get a good start in such a huge fleet?

- Jeff: We have raced in large fleets before, but not this big. The large fleet practice that we are doing now in Miami is going a long way to prepare us for starting in the Worlds.
- Q: Who else from CYC will be racing in the event? Are you training with any other SoCal boats in advance of the regatta? What do your practices entail? Do you just practice maneuvers or do you also do drills with other boats, or something else entirely?
- Jeff: I know that Doug Weitz in *Agent 99*, Curt Johnson with *Avet*, Tony Festa in *Groundhog Day*, and Jim Murrell in *Huckleberry* will be racing and maybe some other CYC members, too. It is a fantastic opportunity to have this kind of regatta at home. We have a tuning partner that we train with and I hope we can train with some of the SoCal boats, too. We get to practice lots of things: straight line testing, sail testing, starting drills, and maneuvers. It's enough so that we are pretty tired at the end of the day.

Q: Will you buy new sails for the Worlds?

Jeff: We are buying new sails all the time, but fortunately, this is a little boat.

- Q: In the past you've had great success racing in the Schock 35, J/105, and Farr 40 fleets. In your opinion, what are the merits of racing the J/70 compared to these other fleets?
- Jeff: The Schock 35, J/105, and Farr 40 were all the best one-design keelboat fleets in SoCal during the periods we raced them and they were all really rewarding campaigns. The J/70, being smaller, provides closer racing and the depth of a talented international fleet. Plus, we get to plane downwind and that's really fun.



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Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

SCYA Midwinter Regatta

February 8-9, CYC J/70: 16 boats 2 Jim Murrell, Huckleberry Martin 242: 11 boats 2 Ryan Costello, Harumi 3 Yumio Dornberg, 3 zero 5 4 Steven Moses, Wombat Star: 11 boats 2 Ben Mitchell/Rick Peters PHRF: 5 boats 1 Dan McGanty, Mistral 2 Peter Nelson, Spray

J/70 West Coast Winter Series

December 7, January 18-19, and February 8-9, CYC 13 boats 1 Jim Murrell, Huckleberry

SDYC Women's Winter Invitational

February 15-16, San Diego YC 24 teams 1 Allie Blecher/Team CYC

SCYA Optimist Midwinter

Regatta/SCYYRA Carrie Series #4 February 15-16, Del Rey YC Opti Champs: 24 boats 3 Mika Sternberg; 3rd Red Fleet, best girl 5 Carsten Zieger 6 Lucca Farrell 8 Katlia Sherman Optimist Green Fleet participants: Lexie Bugacov and Elias von Oeyen

Optimist Spring Regatta/Harken Challenge Series #1

February 22-23, CYC Opti Champs: 35 boats 2 Callie Davis; 1st Red Fleet, top girl 3 Mika Sternberg; 2nd Red Fleet 5 Carsten Zieger 9 Katlia Sherman 12 Lucca Farrell; 2nd Blue Fleet 16 Miles Gordon; 2nd White Fleet

Match Racing Clinigatta February 29, CYC 6 teams

1 Will Petersen **‡**

Coach Manny Resano, Carsten Zieger, Lucca Farrell, Elias von Oeyen, Lexie Bugacov, Mika Sternberg, Katlia Sherman, and Coach Julia Rychlik at the SCYA Optimist Midwinter Regatta



Skipper Allie Blecher, with CYC teammates Mary Stuyvesant and Beka Schiff, won the SDYC Women's Winter Invitational for the third year in a row.



Mika Sternberg placed third overall as well as third in the Red Fleet and best girl at the SCYA Optimist Midwinter Regatta.



Commodore Stephanie Weston with Callie Davis, second overall, top girl, and first in the Red Fleet at the **Optimist Spring Regatta**



Something for Everyone: Keelboat Program Update

By VICE COMMODORE TIM CLARKE, Keelboat Program Chair

he Club's Keelboat Program continues to offer our members exciting ways to get out on the water. If you are new to sailing or want to brush up on your skills, our monthly Adult Learn to Sail courses start this month. For four consecutive Saturday afternoons our experienced instructors will give you all the skills necessary for you to take the Club keelboats out to explore the Marina and Santa Monica Bay.

If you are looking to try something new, our fleet racing program kicks off on Sunday, April 19 with a fleet racing clinic, no racing experience is necessary. The clinic will be a mix of classroom time and on-the-water racing; registration is \$20 and includes light refreshments.

April 24 will see the start of our monthly Friday Night Fleet Racing program. Join us at the guest dock any time after 5:30 p.m. to experience fleet racing with knowledgeable coaches in short 10-minute races.

If day sailing is more your speed, then why not join the program for \$50 a month and have access to the Club's Martin 242 keelboats? This is a wonderful way to get out on the water without the cost or hassle of boat ownership.

As a program member you can put your skills to the test and rent one of the Martin 242s for the Sunset Series and/or weekend one-design regattas.

If you are interested in any of the offerings from the Club's Keelboat Program, please don't hesitate to email *cyckeelboat@gmail.com*.



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- . Short 10 minute races
- . 5:30 7:30 p.m.
- · April 24, May 22, June 19, July 17, Aug 21 & Sept 18



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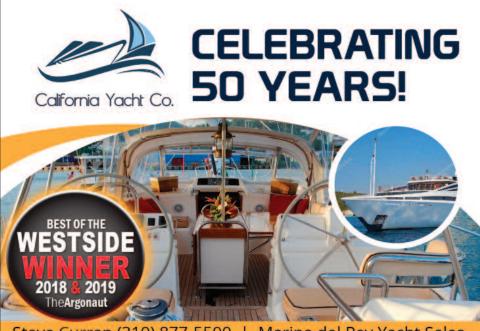


Attention all keelboat racers of one-design, PHRF, and cruising boats

Join us for the Harris Spring Regatta on Sunday, April 5

For more information, contact Regatta Chairs Eric and Janice Read at cycharrisregatta@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you on the water and celebrating at the after-party!



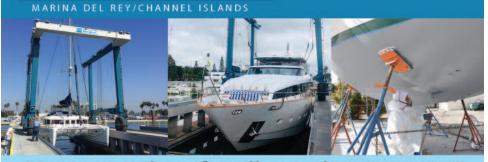
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Have Fun ... Be Social ... **Get Fit!**

By COLLEEN FRACISCO and **KRISTI STANHILL.** Paddle Tennis Co-chairs

n March 1, we had an introductory paddle tennis clinic taught by tennis pro Leslie Howard. Ten new players enthusiastically hit the courts to do drills and learn the basics of the game. For those just getting started with paddle tennis, clinics and drills can be a great



Tennis pro Leslie Howard runs a drill with the players.

way to learn the fundamentals, develop proper technique, improve consistency, and accelerate learning. It was a great turnout and fun was had by all.

There are many benefits to playing paddle tennis. A study published online by the "British Journal of Sports Medicine" examined the link between six different types of exercise and the risk of early death. The study revealed that racket sports helped improve health and reduce the risk of illness. Besides offering a good cardiovascular workout, paddle tennis can help with both upperand lower-body strength at one time.

Paddle tennis can be played at



Sean Mahaffey, Teresa Revis, Katie Moran, Theresa Torrance, Michael Cubbin, tennis pro Leslie Howard, Fred Ryan, Paddle Tennis Co-chair Colleen Fracisco, Chip Stewart, Victoria Stewart, and Jim Revis

any age, can be modified to fit most fitness levels, and does not involve a lot of equipment. Racket sports force you to move both forward and back and side to side. This helps improve balance and weight shifting, which can lower your risk of falls. This kind of activity also exercises your mind. From a cognitive standpoint, it sharpens your planning and decision-making skills, as you must constantly anticipate and execute your next shot.

The fitness benefits of paddle tennis are indisputable. The amount of energy you consume when exercising is dependent upon your weight, height, and intensity of the workout. On average, a 160-pound person playing paddle tennis for one hour can burn between 350 to 610 calories.

Come join us for fun mixed doubles Paddle Tennis games every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Paddles available to borrow for new players.

We look forward to seeing you on the courts! \clubsuit



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Movie Mates Rate "The Two Popes" Better than the Two Popes

he Two Popes," the multiple Oscar-nominated movie, was overshadowed by the real story of the two popes at an overflow turnout for our February 20 Movie Mates discussion. After an introduction and review of the Oscar results by Chair Sarah White, moderator SEO Donna Petersen provided an in-depth analysis and offered some intriguing facts about the making of the movie.

The screenplay was based on a stage play that required an eightmonth rewrite to weave in the humor, intimacy, character development, and back story revelations that added so much to the film's enjoyment. None of the scenes were filmed in the Vatican; Buenos Aires was the actual location,

By IRA TELLER

where sets, including the Sistine Chapel, were recreated and made larger than life so that the actors are dwarfed by the enormity of the rooms they inhabit. Anthony Hopkins wrote the piece of music he played on the piano. Colors were important. Oregano reflects joy and purple is a papal symbol of surrender. But what Donna most wanted to stress was that the meetings between Pope Benedict XVI and his successor Pope Francis never happened. The film is a fabrication!

That said, after a general consensus expressed a real liking for the movie and appreciation of the performances by actors Jonathan Pryce and Anthony Hopkins, the gloves came off. Collectively, it was felt the movie presented a whitewashing of events, personal behavior, and scandals. Glossed over and hardly mentioned are Benedict's past as a member of the Hitler Youth, the church's sexual abuse scandal, the greater guilt Francis should have felt for his role during Argentina's brutal regime, and the church's money laundering. In sum, "The Two Popes" is an enjoyable movie that refused to tackle important issues in the interest of entertainment.

Movie Mates meets the third Friday of every month. Our March 20 selection is the Oscar-winning "Parasite." Sarah White will moderate. Our April 17 film is the critically acclaimed "Brian Banks," a true story of injustice and redemption. The film will be screened prior to the discussion, starting at 6 p.m. Jonathan Greenburg will moderate. **‡**





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Family and Famine Uncovered and Restored in "Winter Garden"

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

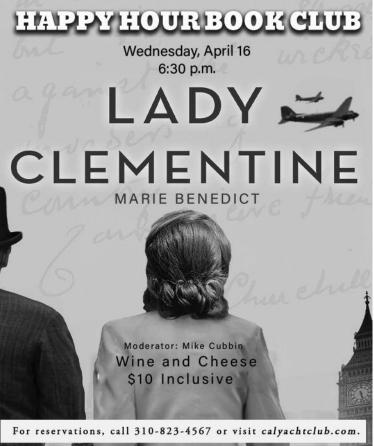
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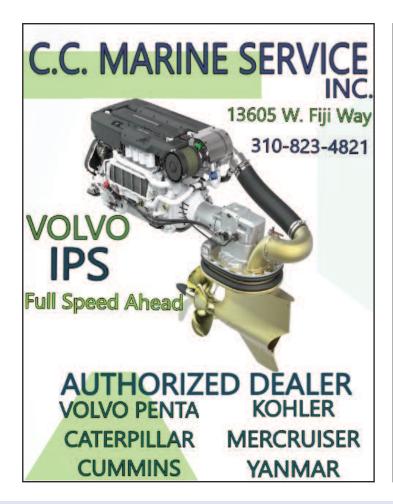
Following a video remembrance of the tragic Russian war-torn winter of 1941-42 and an interview in which author Hannah described this as "her favorite novel," Dawn launched our discussion with the question: "Did opening the door to her mother's past open the future for her two children, Meredith and Nina?" The pros and cons of the sisters, the themes of memory and female solidarity, sympathy or lack of it for the mother, Anya, as well as the role of the father were among the topics that received vocal, and at times, heated attention.

Two telling symbols, both connected, were Anya's color blindness, and her "fairy tales." One reflected the bleak, color-drained world of Leningrad during the German onslaught and the other emerged as the storytelling device that finally allows Anya to face the horrors of her past and bloom back into life. Many felt they were reading two different books, with the second half far more emotionally involving than the family dramas. Taking a page from the novel, Dawn asked each member to share their favorite things without benefit of a shot of vodka, as is done with Meredith, Nina, and Anya in the final pages.

On May 7 we discuss "The Secrets We Kept," by Lara Prescott, a novel inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to undermine the Soviet Union using the novel "Doctor Zhivago." Moderators: Virginia and Ira Teller. Our June 4 read is "The Age of Light" by Whitney Scharer. Randy Sprout will moderate.









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Enjoy the Ride Across America

By FRED LANES, Epicurean Society Chair

he evening of the February 12 Sweethearts Dinner began with passed hors d'oeuvres of Colorado lamb, shrimp and grits, and fried green tomatoes representing Colorado, Louisiana, and the Carolinas. A delicious bubbly from New Mexico was the perfect accompaniment for the trio of starters.

The feast continued with an absolutely outrageous artichoke soup (California) followed by a seafood course of (Maine) lobster salad with house-cured gravlax (Pacific Northwest). These were paired brilliantly with a sauvignon blanc and sémillon, respectively.

The main course was perfectly prepared 21-day dry-aged Midwest flat iron steak, presented with a modern approach to the classic steak Diane (New York). I can say without hesitation that not one morsel of this dish remained! A merlot was superbly paired with the dish.

To cap off the evening, flambéed bananas foster over vanilla ice cream with petit fours was served. The NOLA









CYCWA on the Horizon By CARLY SALTZMAN Join us! Our events and activities are open to ALL members!







coffee liqueur accompanying the dessert was a delightful touch. As an additional Sweethearts treat, Commodore Stephanie Weston provided individual heart-shaped chocolates as favors for all. The Society then adjourned to the members lounge for cognacs and cordials to cap off a most enjoyable evening.

The next Epicurean Society dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 5. The theme of this event will be "Casablanca" (think Bogey and Ingrid Bergman, and Rick's Bar, so not strictly Moroccan fare). White dinner jackets for men encouraged and "Casablanca"-themed attire for the ladies. Stay tuned for Society updates on this special night and other Society events. "Play it, Sam!" After a morning of play, members of the CYCWA Paddle Tennis team, along with Ann Sanguinetti, gathered for lunch in the clubhouse to celebrate Trudy Kauffman's 99th birthday. Trudy (bottom row, second from right) only stopped playing paddle tennis last year, proving that playing the sport will keep you young! Come join us on the courts Tuesdays and Thursdays – all Club members are welcome!

Art Aficionados – Second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 1 to 4 p.m. (note new time), 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. Co-chairs are Marie Hedlund and Sarah White. Reserve at the front desk.

Knit or Knot – First and third Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., Members Lounge. Chair is Peggy Powers.

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

Movie Mates – Third Friday of the month, 6:30 p.m., 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.

From the Manager



LINDSAY PIZARRO, CCM

Cheers to a happy and healthy Club!

Happy Club Happenings

April is full of events and Sunset Series begins this monthhooray! Please check out the calendar so you do not miss out on an opportunity for community outreach, learning to sail, or mingling. CYC continues our tradition in celebrating Passover with our fifth annual Seder dinner, and Easter Brunch Buffet with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt. We are calling all Cleopatras, Marc Antonys, and pharaohs to join us for Chef Fabio's Chef's Table this month. The table is set for our CYC singles to gather and share an Egyptian culinary experience prepared by CYC's Egyptian-born line cook Ezzat Wisman. Space is limited, please contact Director of Food and Beverage Steve Bell to reserve.

It's tax time again and whether you expect a refund or end up paying more to Uncle Sam, CYC is here to give some relief at our annual 1040 Dinner. Enjoy smothered fried chicken, panseared trout, or liver and onions, and banana split for dessert. House wine is also offered at \$10.40 a bottle. This is a popular event, so make a reservation to have your table ready.

"Bless you, Salud, and Gesundheit!"

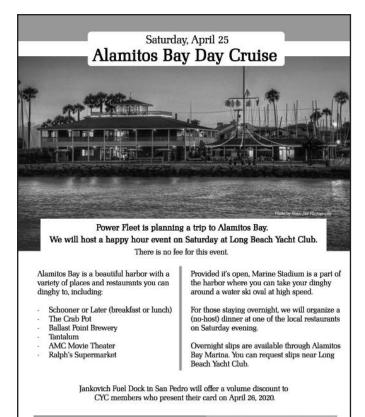
Our Club has procedures addressing a variety of health and safety issues, but I thought I'd let you know that we recently updated our flu prevention and pandemic guidelines in direct response to the emergence of the coronavirus (COVID-19). These guidelines are based on guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization.

These guidelines include common sense hygiene practices that are good to follow whether or not it is cold and flu season; things like frequent and thorough hand washing, good coughing and sneezing etiquette, and avoiding contact with others when you're sick. Our staff are being encouraged to stay home and take care of themselves before they come to work and take care of our members if they are under the weather. That's the best way we can help minimize the spread of illness.

We will increase the frequency of cleaning hard surfaces beyond our normal routines, particularly points of common contact like door handles and hand rails. You will also notice an increase in hand sanitizing stations throughout the clubhouse and restrooms. As for our members, I encourage each of you to take good care of yourself, and we encourage you to stay home and take care of yourself and your family if you have been experiencing flu-like symptoms.

Taking care of our members, guests, and employees is the cornerstone of our Club's culture. And this season, we'll need everyone's help to do that. \clubsuit





To RSVP, or for more information, please email cycpowerfleet@cycpowerfleet.com.



Always check *calyachtclub.com* for the most current event information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AP	RIL HIGHLIGHT	S	Mxd. Doubles 1 Paddle Tennis	Women's 2 Paddle Tennis	3	Adult Learn to 4 Sail Course #1
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Family Pasta Buffet	Pickleball	Paddle Tennis	Sunset Seminar			Sail Course #1
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and Brunch			FAC Mom's Night Out	1040 Dinner CYCWA Board Mtg.		Paddle Tennis
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Bar Closes at 6 p.m.		Paddle Tennis		HH Book Club		Sail Course #1
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10 Mother's Day Brunch25 Memorial Day Barbecue						Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis
25 Evening Colors begins				Seafood Buffet	Adult Learn to Sail Course #2	
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