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From the Commodore

Little did I know when I chose “Enjoy the Ride” as my theme this year that we would be on the roller coaster ride of a lifetime. I hope that you and your families have been safe and well. So many of us have been affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic either physically, economically, or emotionally. Social justice concerns are also in the forefront of the news right now and have an impact on our lives. 2020 has certainly been bumpy at best.

One of the positive things about staying home these last several months was being able to spend quality time with loved ones. The lockdown gave us time to pause from our daily lives and evaluate the things that are important to us. The air got a little cleaner as we slowed down. I am grateful for the time I got to spend with my husband and the opportunity to explore the things that give me pleasure at home.

During this time, I experienced the importance of the friendships I’ve developed at CYC. While we were physically distanced, we found ways to connect to one another. When COVID-19 hit close to home, it was the support and caring from my CYC friends that eased me through it. Even after being rigorously careful for months, my husband somehow contracted the virus. It was a very scary time not knowing how sick he might become. Thankfully, he had a mild case and is doing well. I am so grateful for all the good wishes and prayers that came our way. Our community at California Yacht Club is truly a family of friends.

As we see a lessening of mandates surrounding activities in which we can participate, we must remain mindful of the seriousness of COVID-19. Those of us who are most vulnerable will still need to be very cautious. Social distancing is the new normal and everyone is expected to wear a face mask. By adhering to the face mask rule, we are making it just a little more difficult for the virus to spread.

When I wrote my last column, we were eagerly looking forward to Opening Day. Within a matter of days and weeks, Opening Day was canceled, group sizes were limited, and ultimately the Club was closed. After being closed for three months, the Club has now been open for about one month. Certain areas have had a facelift and the Club looks fantastic. Cleanliness and disinfecting are a priority.

While the *Breeze* was on hiatus for May, June, and July, *Zephyr* and social media were our main sources of communication. We are very appreciative of the efforts of Ray Campbell and S/C Bill Stump for providing us with weekly updates and ads for the various online activities being held while the Club was closed. Social media posts provided by Mary Stuyvesant kept the Club in our hearts and minds. Mary also conceived the idea of having a virtual May *Breeze* cover contest which was ultimately won by Chris Gorog. *Zephyr* and the website will continue to have the most up-to-date information about what is happening at the Club.



Commodore Stephanie Weston

There were so many things that we were looking forward to doing that needed to be postponed or canceled. The anticipated J/70 World Championship that was slated for July has been rescheduled to August 2021. Although the 2021 Championship was slated to be held in Monaco, it will be hosted by California Yacht Club, as the J/70 Class recognized the significant preparation that CYC had already completed for a fully subscribed 2020 championship.

As I write this, it is still uncertain when we will be able to resume our racing schedule. It is hard to socially distance by six feet when you are crew in a sailboat race. We are hopeful that

we will soon get back to racing, start Sunset Series races, and hold other regattas. Safety and fairness are our paramount concerns for the racers and race committee.

Although the Club was physically closed, we held many virtual meetings and events. Before March, I had no idea what Zoom was. Now it’s a part of my life. Our Bridge and Fleet Council meetings continued normally via this teleconferencing platform. Sail Committee, Women’s Association, and Family Activities met as scheduled. CYCWA committees kept their members engaged. The two book clubs and Movie Mates never missed a beat, and benefited with the addition of some new members. Thursday afternoons found mah jongg players on a virtual gaming site, *realmahjongg.com*, followed by a Zoom happy hour. The Knit or Knot group also socialized via Zoom and some of its members made masks and mask extenders for the community. The excellent Yachting Program with Tucker Thompson presenting American Magic was fast-paced and left us wanting more. Sail Committee arranged for dynamic presentations for our racing community. FAC members shared ideas for keeping children engaged while staying home.

My kitchen became the studio for two Commodore’s Kitchen demonstrations. Mary Stuyvesant’s Sip and Shake mixology classes were wildly popular. We celebrated Cinco de Mayo with Mary’s margaritas and my fish tacos, a perfect combination.

The water was not closed. Both Power Fleet and Cruising held cruises to Malibu, Long Beach, Newport Beach, and Catalina. If you have a boat, get out on the water and have fun.

As much as I was looking forward to my Commodore’s Cruise on the Mississippi River, it just wasn’t feasible with this virus lurking in the background. While this is disappointing, traveling should be fun without the fear of getting sick. The whole point of a Commodore’s Cruise is to socialize with other Club members while exploring new regions.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club at a safe distance. Let’s get back to enjoying the ride. 🚢

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San Diego to Vallarta International Yacht Race (PV20)



South American Cruise



Art Show and Dinner Dance

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The *Breeze* returns after a three-month hiatus with cover photos that express hope, wishes, and dreams for a brighter future. These photos were the top two out of 49 entries in the virtual May *Breeze* cover contest, held via CYC social media.

FRONT COVER Chris Gorog's photo of his Beneteau 37, *California Dream*, won the virtual May *Breeze* cover contest. On March 7, *California Dream* placed second out of 25 boats in the Cruising Division of the William Berger/William Stein Race 2 Santa Monica Bay Race, hosted by Del Rey YC. This regatta was one of the last held in Santa Monica Bay before racing paused due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Photo courtesy of Chris Gorog, colorized by George Carroll

BACK COVER After a storm, a vibrant rainbow brightens Catalina Island. Jim Anderson's photo was the runner-up in the virtual May *Breeze* cover contest. Catalina, always a popular cruising destination, closed temporarily in March due to safety concerns over the coronavirus pandemic. After moorings reopened in late May, many CYC cruisers welcomed the opportunity to escape to the island.

Photo by Jim Anderson

On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

SEO **Norma Pratt** submitted this photo for consideration in the virtual May *Breeze* cover contest that was conducted via CYC social media. She took the photo in March after a rainstorm created dramatic skies over over a mirror-like Marina del Rey. Unfortunately, the horizontal orientation of the photo does not

lend itself well to the vertical dimensions of a *Breeze* cover. But we think her photo is a standout and a worthy winner of our photo contest!

Congratulations, Norma, on winning a bottle of fine wine selected by General Manager Lindsay Pizarro. 🍷



Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By **CURTIS WAGNER**,
Dockmaster

Hunter Gorog was cruising on *California Dream* in April with his friend Daniel Taylor (pictured) when they scooped up this balloon.

Bounty for the member bringing in the most disabled balloons off our bay is a prime rib dinner for two at the Club. Send a photo of your catch to the dock office for consideration. One prize will be awarded each month. 🍷





CYC Burgee Travels



Vivian Aponte and **Kenneth Huff** decided that one of the best ways to relax while social distancing was to go for a sail in Santa Monica Bay. Vivian took this photo of the CYC burgee flying on their Beneteau 40, *Mahalo*, on a beautiful day in March, just days after the governor issued stay-at-home orders for California.



Lori and **S/C Denny Haythorn**, pictured with penguins on the Falkland Islands, brought their burgee with them on a 14-day cruise around South America. Their planned 20-day vacation turned into a 30-day adventure when the coronavirus disrupted and delayed their eventual return home. Fun penguin facts: A group of penguins on land is called a colony, a rookery, or a waddle, while a group floating in the ocean is called a raft.



Dave Cochran and **Mary Lennox** celebrated a relaxing 4th of July at CYC. While safely social distancing from other couples, they also wore their special CYC burgee-themed masks (which they briefly dropped for this photo). You can get your own CYC mask at the front desk for \$20. Junior-sized masks are also available.

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.

Radio Amateur Group Gets New Equipment, Plans Classes

By CHARLES PASCAL, RAG Chair

RAG is preparing to reopen activities in line with Club safety and operations directives. Once open, members visiting our shack will see a new amateur radio transceiver in the radio room, the Icom 7610. This radio is considered state of the art for amateur radio. This equipment can be operated via the internet on a phone or computer. In this way, you will be able to talk to amateurs around the world from your phone or computer using a combination of internet and shortwave bands. Many cruisers are already using this equipment.

Members of our group will provide

in-shack lessons regarding the physical operation of this equipment. In order to operate this equipment, an FCC General Amateur Radio license is required.

Once racing resumes, RAG will participate in racing activities by facilitating communications for participants.

The Radio Amateur Group is planning two amateur radio classes. The first class will teach beginners how to obtain their first license in ham radio, which is the Technician. The second class will teach you how to pass the General Amateur license test, which is needed to operate the new Icom radio. The dates have not yet been set.

The American Radio Relay League, which is our testing group, is considering allowing online classes and testing for amateur radio. If this delivery format is adopted, members will be able to take a full amateur radio licensing class via Zoom. Then online testing will be set up so volunteer examiners can monitor the test. One amateur group known as GLARG has been delivering amateur licensing in this format for the past few months. The FCC and ARRL are closely monitoring the results.

RAG looks forward to resuming our activities. Personally, I miss those great breakfast meetings with our group. ⚓



Lauren Baker, CYC's new Director of Membership and Marketing, pedals an ice cream trike to deliver frosty treats on a warm 4th of July.

CYC Flashback!



S/C Eugene “Fritz” Overton is pictured on his 83’ schooner, *Tiare*, which he sailed to Tahiti when he was in his 80s. Fritz, considered the father of CYC, served as Commodore in 1923 and again in 1961. In 1906, he crewed on *Lurline*, the winner of the first race from Los Angeles to Honolulu in what became the Transpacific Yacht Race. He was commodore of Transpacific Yacht Club (1956-1957). The Fritz Overton Memorial Trophy was first presented in 1970 to the Transpac finisher with the best overall corrected time.

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. ⚓

Kokopelli

By SCOTT GRONEMAN

Interesting boats, like interesting people, are defined by the experiences and adventures they have encountered. That is certainly true of the 47-foot McKinna sedan now known as *Kokopelli*. Owned by S/C Cheryl Mahaffey and Ray and S/C Richard Mainland and Janice, *Kokopelli* has cruised the coast of Southern California, hosted many parties and family events, and has sunk the swim step many times with the weight of guests who use the large back swim platform as a stand-up bar.

Originally commissioned by S/C Richard (Dick) Squire in 1999, the boat started its life as *Seagate*. Its bright blue hull and large windows make it a standout on the water. The salon/galley/dining and cockpit are on one level with 360-degree views, and the large flybridge, with ample seating for family and friends, make it the perfect party boat.

When it was time for Dick to sell in 2007, the Mahaffeys originally partnered with former CYC member Mary Kate Scott. Following the traditional boat renaming ceremony, *Seagate* was purged from the Ledger of the Deep and Poseidon's memory, and with the blessings of the four winds, she was renamed *Kokopelli*.

In 2011, when Mary Kate moved to Maine, the Mainlands, who at that time already owned two racing sailboats, decided that joining the *Kokopelli* partnership would give them a faster and more luxurious ride to the island.

Since then, the Mainlands and the Mahaffeys have enjoyed



countless hours of fun and adventure onboard. They particularly like to spend time on their favorite Cherry Cove mooring next to the rocks. Three generations of family members have spent time on the “Ice Cream Express,” as it is known on Catalina Island when grandchildren are onboard.

From its slip on a CYC endtie, *Kokopelli* has a commanding view of the Marina, and welcomes all aboard, for, as legend has it, *Kokopelli* is responsible for the end of winter and the coming of spring. ⚓

Art, Fine Dining, and Dancing Evoke "An Evening in Provence"

BY NORMA PRATT, Art Aficionados Chair

If you wanted to spend an evening in France without having to get on a plane, An Evening in Provence on March 7 was that night. The aptly named art show and party transported guests to a charming French village filled with art, a great meal, and much conviviality.

The event was co-produced by Art Aficionados and Power Fleet. Works by many Art Aficionados were on display and some were available for purchase. Marie Hedlund said, "The quality of the artwork displayed was really impressive, and I wish that more things had been offered for sale. There were weavings, ceramics, drawings, paintings, and more." Caryl Levy added, "As a participating artist, I was very pleased with the organization and care that CYC demonstrated in hosting our artworks for exhibition. It was so great to get to know the artistic members through their works."

Chef Fabio prepared a delicious



ART AFICIONADOS

COMPOSITION

August 12 1-4 p.m.

What makes a painting win a blue ribbon?
In a crowded gallery, what catches your eye?
What attracts you to a painting?



Artist SEO Anne Sanguinetti unpacks and shares her bag of tricks to composition.

Bring a photo of a favorite painting to critique its composition. We will also discuss its values and edges.

For reservations, please contact
SEO Norma Pratt norma@rlpratt.com



French feast of French onion soup, coq au vin, and raspberry crème brûlée served with French wine.

After dinner, the Smokin' Cobras took to the stage. Karen and Jim Simon said, "The band was one of the best we've encountered in years. Their musicianship and playlist were first-rate, and we enjoyed dancing through to the end of the evening."

Many thanks to Power Fleet Chair Brandon Fernald, SEO Dawn Sprout who diligently organized the artists, Pati Etter for the beautiful French table decorations, and event chair SEO Norma Pratt. Special thanks also to George Etter and SEO Karen Stirling for their help and support. ♡



Junior Sailors Get Back on the Water ...



Lexie Bugacov



Rudy Pomianek



Katlia Sherman



Landon Delaney



Kate Ondrey

Photos by General Manager Lindsay Pizarro and Junior Sailing Director Chuck Ryant

... and Enjoy the Refurbished Junior Clubhouse



Emily Doble, Callie Davix, Coach Willie McBride, and Carsten Zieger



Photos by General Manager Lindsay Pizarro and Junior Sailing Director Chuck Ryant

Virtually Racing

By V/C TIM CLARKE

At the end of April, the reality of a significantly delayed Sunset Series was obvious. The thought of no Wednesday Night racing was troubling to say the least; the solution was to race virtually!



Virtual Regatta Inshore is an online game where you can match your racing skills against anyone in the world sailing various boats such as the 49er and J/70. Game play is relatively simple from either your mobile device or computer.

Every Wednesday, CYC has been hosting specific Sunset Series races for our membership, enabling us to race against our friends. Each week five races were scheduled. With a good mix of members joining, racing has been tight with numerous lead changes and a fair number of penalties being administered each race.

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this the Sunset Series will be underway, and we can be racing each other in reality.

Although overall scores were not tracked, there were some definite highlights from each week. Garrett Woodworth, sailing *svrelentless*, proved very consistent over the first four weeks, posting numerous bullets. More recently, Doug Mclean (*Rigo9*) and Marilyn Cassedy (*marmarmarm*) have been representing at the front of the fleet.

There are certainly some positives of racing from one's home such as the abundance of cold beer and the comfort of your couch, but nothing quite beats the real thing. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this the Sunset Series will be underway, and we can be racing against each other in reality.

Thanks to all those who participated. I look forward to seeing you on the water! ⚓



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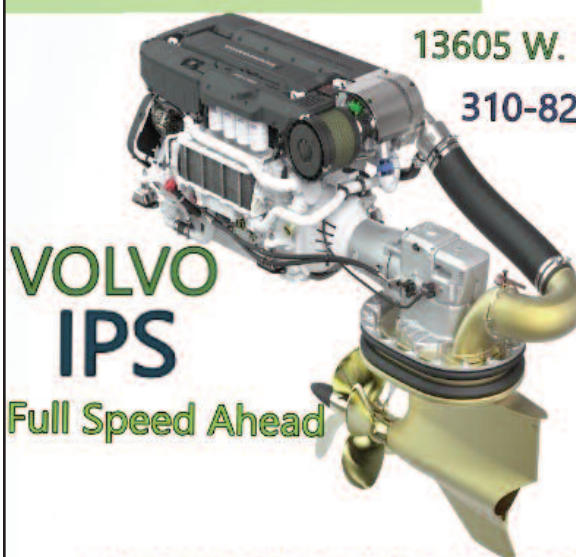
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Keelboat Program - Fun for the Entire Family

By V/C TIM CLARKE, Keelboat Program Chair

Spending an afternoon on the water does wonders for the soul, especially in these turbulent times. CYC's Keelboat Program continues to offer program members the opportunity to go sailing, with the addition of some new protocols to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Members and their families have been enjoying the boats during the week and especially on the weekends. The program offers all the benefits of boat ownership without the hassle or the cost. For \$50 a month (12-month commitment required) you can use one of the Club's Martin 242 keelboats for daysails within the marina and out in Santa Monica Bay.

The 24-foot keelboats are lots of fun to sail and easy to handle, they have a spacious cockpit and are easily rigged. The CYC dock staff takes care of all the maintenance, cleaning, launching, and recovery so you get to maximize your time on the water.

Although we have been unable to offer our Adult Learn to Sail Courses this year, we are offering private one-on-one lessons. Alternatively, if you already have sailing experience and are interested in joining the Keelboat Program please email cyckeelboat@gmail.com for more details. ⚓



Manuel Batanero takes a nap after a fun-filled day of sailing.



Coco Pérez and nephew Manuel Batanero enjoy a sail with his parents, Antonio and Sara Batanero (not pictured).



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Sailing Fast to Puerto Vallarta

By AIDAN MOBLEY


“**T**he boat is definitely pretty quick,” our boat captain said as we motored in from the first practice prior to the San Diego to Vallarta International Yacht Race (PV20). The rocket ship of a boat was the former *Tonnere*, now the brand-new *Fast Exit II*, a custom-designed turbo Ker-51, full prepreg carbon with a 10-foot prod. An accomplished vessel on the European circuit, she was bought in the Netherlands and shipped to the U.S. After getting the boat late last year, owner John Rayment of Newport Harbor YC took her into the yard for a new paint job and some super-secret modifications.

After sorting out some prep and getting the crew up to speed, the boat was ready to race. The start area for ORR-1 and our division, ORR-2, was inside San Diego Bay on Saturday, March 7. We had a nice start and headed out of the bay along with the competition from ORR-1 (CYC-member Roy Disney’s *Pyewacket 70*, *Cabrón*, and *Viva Mexico*) and the other four boats in our class (*Good Call*, *Grand Illusion*, *Mr. Bill*, and *Peligroso*).

With those vessels in our division, we knew we had our competition set up for us. Although we were starting with breeze in the low teens, we were just able to keep the boat on the step and hang in with the three boats in the division ahead of us. In the lighter conditions we struggled a bit but managed to put up a good fight anyway once the wind increased a touch. There was a great battle about 300 miles between us and the Volvo 65, *Viva Mexico*, but we were consistently contesting with light winds and struggling to keep the boat on the step.

Roll call on day three had us in close company with the leaders and, as the day progressed, we gained better and better pressure, topping us out at high teens true wind speed with 22 on the speedo. Toward Isla de Cedros we took a bad gybe and found ourselves on the outside of the fleet but with better pressure – silver linings, right? Days four and five found us slogging slowly along trying to push through the high, but sadly to no avail. Towards the end of the race, the team went into high-percentage-maneuvers-only mode and clawed back a few places in the scattered pressure. After five days, a few close calls with whales, and a lot of sail changes, we finished fourth in our division and seventh overall out of 29 competitors!

Overall, with PV20 being the first offshore race for this new program, and a light one at that, we did fairly well. Our team found that the boat really only likes to be sailed on



Roy Disney’s *Pyewacket 70* (70007) leads *Cabrón* (San Diego YC) and *Viva Mexico* (Acapulco YC) at the start of the San Diego to Vallarta International Yacht Race (PV20). *Pyewacket* won the three-boat ORR-1 class.



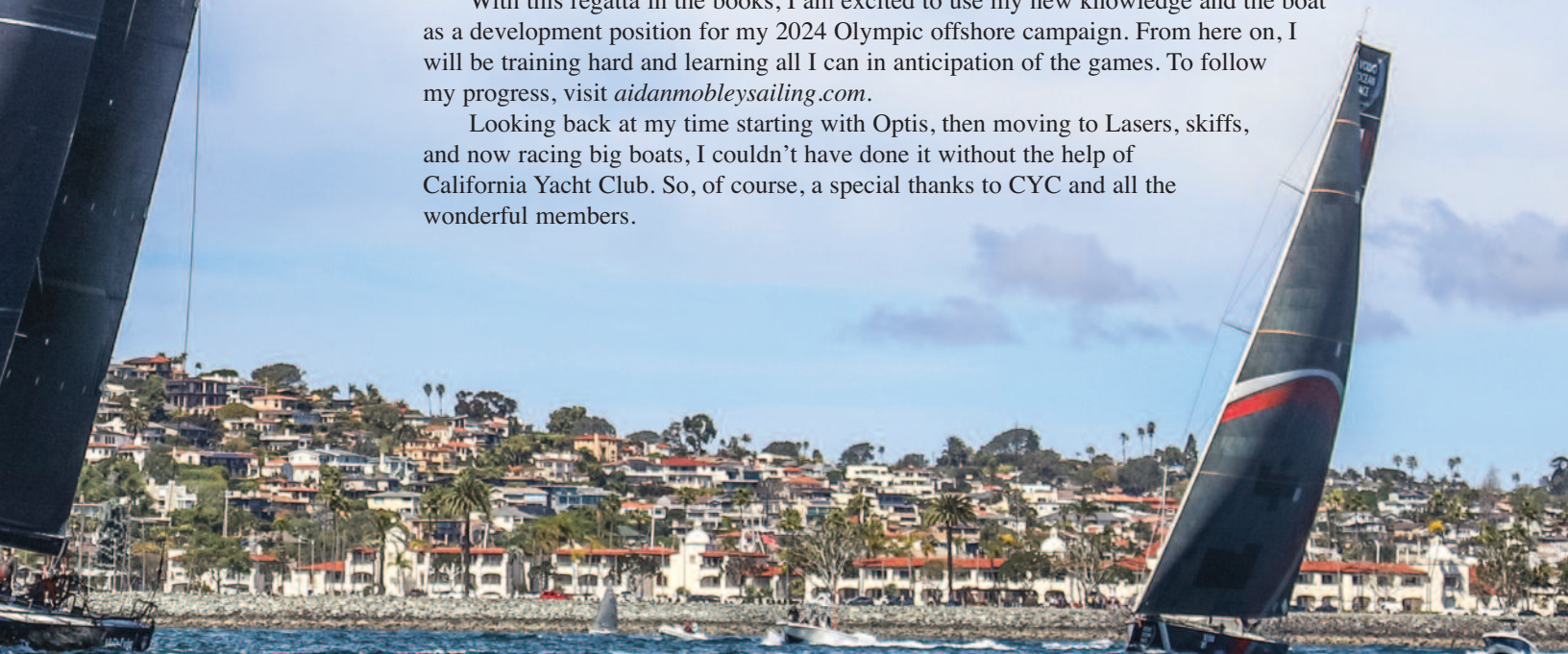
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Aidan Mobley (red foulies) crewed on Fast Exit II, shown just after the start in San Diego.

the step and in anything less, we find her groaning. From here on, our team will be training as often as possible. I learned what I can improve upon and will be coming into this season with a new drive to get better. *Fast Exit II* is just starting the season and is ready to be a force to be reckoned with.

With this regatta in the books, I am excited to use my new knowledge and the boat as a development position for my 2024 Olympic offshore campaign. From here on, I will be training hard and learning all I can in anticipation of the games. To follow my progress, visit aidanmobeysailing.com.

Looking back at my time starting with Optis, then moving to Lasers, skiffs, and now racing big boats, I couldn't have done it without the help of California Yacht Club. So, of course, a special thanks to CYC and all the wonderful members.



Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

San Diego to Vallarta International Yacht Race (PV20)

March 7, San Diego YC

ORR-1: 3 boats

1 Roy Disney, *Pyewacket 70*

William Berger/William Stein Race 2

Santa Monica Bay Race

March 7, Del Rey YC

PHRF Division: 33 boats

1 Duncan Cameron, *Trust Me*

PHRF AA: 3 boats

1 Jay Steinbeck, *Margaritaville 1 1/2*

PHRF B: 15 boats

1 Duncan Cameron, *Trust Me*

5 Craig Knight, *Echo*

PHRF C: 8 boats

1 Derek Heeb, *Redline*

2 Curt Johnson, *Avet*

Cruising Division: 25 boats

2 Chris Gorog, *California Dream*

Cruising A: 13 boats

2 Chris Gorog, *California Dream*

5 Joseph Weber, *Va Pensiero*



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COVID-19 Joins Us on a South American Cruise

By S/C DENNY HAYTHORN

Lori and I were on the 22nd day of our 14-day cruise from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Santiago, Chile on the Holland America *Zaandam* when we boarded a lifeboat for the transfer to the *Rotterdam*. The passage from one cruise ship to another in mid-ocean off Panama was not on the itinerary set out in the brochure. I'm getting ahead of the story.

For several years we had been thinking about a South American cruise and prefer Holland America as the ships are small- to medium-sized with fairly reasonable prices. We're also in their frequent cruiser program. In 2019 we found an itinerary, but put off actually going until the spring of 2020 to better plan our stay in Buenos Aires and, after the cruise, in Santiago. On a previous trans-Atlantic cruise, we had booked a veranda cabin and chose one again this time, dealing directly with a company representative.

We also purchased cancellation, travel, medical, and emergency insurance. In addition, we used the Holland America representative to arrange flights home.

In late 2019, we noted the unrest in Chile, but assumed their government would have addressed the underlying issues and that, otherwise, the U.S. State Department would put out a travel warning. Through January and into February we monitored government and travel websites regarding the new virus originating in China, but again there were no warnings and South America seemed safe.

A week before leaving we received an upgrade offer and purchased a very large suite with access to a separate lounge and concierge. On March 4, we flew on American Airlines to Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires was a wonderful city to explore.

Boarding for the *Zaandam* began on March 7. Although there was some discussion in the city about the virus now also



Lori and S/C Denny Haythorn visit the Floralis Genérica in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

breaking out in Italy, there were no reports of illness in South America and we felt confident in our safety. Besides, we trusted the U.S. Department of State to issue alerts. On board at our table for six were a couple from Northern California, who had traveled on Holland America ships for more than 900 days, and a pair of English women, avid travelers who had recently been to India. In all, we were a pleasant group. The English pair was in an inside cabin for this trip, and the Americans in a veranda cabin as we had initially reserved and had booked a continuing 14-day trip on the *Zaandam* to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

First stop was across the River Platte to Montevideo, Uruguay. The city looks as if it were transplanted from Europe. The whole port area was busy. Several days at sea brought us to the port of Stanley, in the Falkland Islands. The penguins were great. We were the second to the last ship to visit the islands this season and

several of the locals were discussing the advisability of traveling to see relatives back in England.

A day at sea and we arrived in Punta Arenas, Chile. Going ashore we noted that there was red paint thrown on statutes and some of the churches. Some shop windows in the city were broken and boarded up, a result of the civil unrest from last fall. We returned early to the ship. We have since learned that the virus likely arrived in Punta Arenas before our arrival and boarded our ship at this port. The *Zaandam* left that evening for our scheduled arrival at Ushuaia, Argentina with passage through the Beagle and Cockburn Channels along the way. The next morning, we discovered the ship anchored off Punta Arenas to learn that the port of Ushuaia had closed. The ship had been advised that Punta Arenas was still open and there were three other cruise ships also anchored there.

That day Holland America attempted to fly all the



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passengers from the local airport, but the ship was not allowed to approach the dock. At the time, Holland America said they would refund half the basic cost of the cruise and give the other half as a credit for a future cruise. After two days at anchor, our captain informed us the government was demanding we quarantine at anchor for 14 days and that instead we were leaving, going north to San Antonio, one of the Santiago ports.

After four days at sea traveling at 20 knots, we arrived on March 20 at the Chilean port of Valparaiso, north of San Antonio. This is when the original cruise was scheduled to end. Again, we were not permitted to land. The company had the ship refueled from a barge and loaded several shipping containers worth of supplies from small boats. All things considered, the mood on the ship seemed positive and food and bar service continued as usual.

On March 22, we left Valparaiso to go north. The cruiseline advised the passengers we would be going to San Diego, Fort Lauderdale, or Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. That afternoon, the captain advised us a number of passengers and crew



Transferring medical personnel and supplies from the Rotterdam

members had reported to the infirmary with respiratory complaints and directed the passengers to return to their staterooms and the crew would deliver food and beverages, including wine and liquor, to us three times a day. Obviously, our situation in a large veranda suite was much better than that of many other passengers and all the crew who continued to work. In the next three days, the passengers in inside cabins or with only windows were only allowed on deck for short periods once a day. The company did open the ship's satellite internet service for everyone to use and people were able to get news from the ship's TV. We kept in text contact with our English tablemates. They remained in remarkably good humor throughout.

Still going north, during the late evening of March 25, we changed course and moved inshore toward the port of Manta, Ecuador. The captain said later that the company had quietly shipped medical supplies for the ship from the U.S. into Ecuador despite the closed airport. The transfer was not announced as the company did not want the news to be on social media and be blocked by possible protesters.

On March 26, we rendezvoused with the Holland America *Rotterdam*. When the *Zaandam* was denied entry into Chile at Valparaiso, the company directed the *Rotterdam*, which had disembarked its passengers, to sail from Puerto Vallarta to assist our ship. The plan was to ease the burden on the *Zaandam* crew by transferring most of the passengers to the *Rotterdam*. Those who remained on the *Zaandam* included anyone who was ill, anyone with mobility issues (cane, wheelchairs, etc.), and anyone with medical or health issues (CPAP machines, etc.). We're pretty experienced cruisers and comfortable on small boats, but the



The Zaandam cruising off Cuba

mid-ocean transfer was somewhat daunting. We were moved into a similar cabin and those passengers with inside cabins were moved to outside ones, including our English friends. That was the last day anyone was allowed out of their cabins. Both ships then traveled together, anchoring in Panama Bay.

On the evening of the third day anchored in Panama Bay, both ships were allowed to pass through the Canal during the night. We never learned why the Panamanian government held up the passage, perhaps for the safety of the ships from the local citizens, but we were directed to stay off the verandas with all the curtains drawn. Exiting the Canal on March 30, the ships proceeded north. Off Cuba on April 1, we stopped and more supplies were transferred from the *Rotterdam* to the *Zaandam*.

We arrived off Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale on April 2. Florida's governor and federal authorities hesitated to allow us to disembark. Of the 1,300 passengers only about 350 were U.S. citizens. The discussions involved how to return us to our destinations while causing the least amount of trouble for the government. The final plan had both ships arriving at adjacent piers with charter flights for all passengers who passed a

temperature check and reported no symptoms. A few sick passengers when into local hospitals. We traveled to the charter terminal on busses while locals came out of stores and bars to watch the procession. We were flown on a charter flight via San Francisco, arriving home April 4.

As to the fate of our dinner companions, the American couple remained on the *Zaandam* because he uses a CPAP machine. They said that they did not feel at all threatened or disadvantaged by staying aboard. Our English friends returned home safely and are planning more travels when they are permitted. We understand that of all the passengers, four individuals passed away, though one death was not related to COVID-19. I do not know about the crew members.

Some final thoughts: A significant number of cruise ship passengers have no idea of the dangers they might encounter and seem ill-prepared physically and mentally to deal with any



Photos by S/C Denny Haythorn and Lori

Loading supplies onto Zaandam in Valparaiso harbor, Chile



The Haythorns' comfortable veranda suite on the Zaandam

disruptions. We were fortunate to purchase a cabin with a veranda, have the company book the return flights, secure travel and medical insurance, travel on a line which seemed to be concerned with safety, and be relatively healthy to start. Under the cruise contract, Holland America essentially met its obligation. They boarded us in Buenos Aires and returned us to our home in Los Angeles, though it took a few weeks longer to finally arrive. We are most concerned for the wonderful crew and officers of the ships. They struggled through uncertain conditions to care for the passengers and many have still not returned home to their families. Lastly, we are surprised the CDC made no attempt to follow up with any of the American passengers and wonder if any were infected. And we are glad to be home. ♣



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CYC Cruisers Among the First to Get Out and About

By FRED RYAN, Cruise Chair

Our cruisers were among the first to emerge as stay-at-home orders were lifted, getting out to destinations as soon as they opened up. With a full summer schedule, not a single cruise has been canceled, and in fact, the Malibu Day Cruise was expanded to a weekend rendezvous.

Where We've Been

Newport Cruise, June 12-14: Newport Harbor proved to be a very accommodating destination given the new normal of cruising while adhering to social distancing rules and regulations. Twelve boats and 23 cruisers sailed and powered to Newport Harbor Park Marina for our first cruise of the year. This new harbor is fantastic. It allowed us all to dock together in the heart of so many activities and we took advantage of it, with Duffy rides, great restaurants with dinghy docks (open to small groups), and a short walk to the Newport Pier area. These docks also offered a great venue for socializing while keeping appropriate distance. There was also a lot of swimming, paddle boarding, and kayaking right from our docks. The highlight of the cruise was the showing of "Captain Ron" on the aft of *Pozeiden*. Thank you Debbie and Mike Zeiden.

Emerald Bay Cruise, June 25-28: This casual cruise was so relaxing it was difficult to leave and come home. Cruisers arrived as early as Wednesday with the



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last holdouts departing for home on Tuesday, June 30. Thirteen boats and 25 cruisers made their way to Emerald Bay and Cherry Cove. Dinghying from one harbor to the other to visit other cruisers was a lot of fun. In lieu of a major cruising event, there were a number of enjoyable small dinghy-ups and get-togethers. Some amazing hikes took place also. The highlight of the trip was having Ron Collins and his son Ric join us. Cruising over on *Drifter*, a Flicka 20, it had been 30 years since Ron cruised with CYC. Congratulations to him on his voyage in this neat little craft and it was great to have him back.

Still to Come

Avalon Midweek Cruise, August 18-20: will have us relaxing at the Descanso Beach Cabanas.

Long Beach Cruise, August 21-23: offers a fantastic boating venue including shopping, restaurants, and Naples Island.

Avalon Cruise, September 18-20: after the weekend crowds have left, promises the new Trailhead bar/restaurant, fine dining, and great views of Avalon Harbor.

First Mates Isthmus Cruise, October 23-25: closes out our cruising season with dining on the beach in beautiful October weather. ⚓



Family Activities Has Fun Plans

By THERESA TORRANCE, FAC Chair

The FAC is a group of parent volunteers who organize family fun events at CYC. These events are a great way for families to enjoy time together at the Club, and to meet other Club families. We meet monthly and enjoy cocktails and catching up while planning our events.

2020 has been a tough year on many levels, and we look forward to hosting some fun events in the second half of the year. Our upcoming events are:

August 29, Summer Splash: This is our end of summer bash on the front lawn and is always a great time. This year our theme is a welcome-back fiesta. From 5 to 8 p.m. we will celebrate summer and, more

importantly, the reunion of Club members with fun games on the lawn, crafts, music, dancing, and a buffet dinner.

October 3, Family Outdoor Movie Night/campout on the front lawn with pancake breakfast the next morning:

This is a new twist on our annual outdoor movie night, where we show a classic kids film on the lawn. Families bring their blankets and chairs, and may even have dinner at the Club beforehand, and FAC provides popcorn and a dessert during movie time. This year we are stepping it up and making this a campout on the lawn, followed by a pancake breakfast the next morning. RSVP as space will be limited, and plan to pull your tents and sleeping bags out – it will surely be a

wonderful and memorable event for your family!

October 25, Trunk or Treat: This has become a wonderful Halloween tradition at CYC and is definitely one of our most popular events! It will be held in the CYC parking lot. Families dress up their trunks in Halloween costumes (a prize is given for the best trunk), kids come in their Halloween costumes, and trick or treat at all of the participating cars. In addition, there will be a bounce house, DJ and dancing, and some fun contests.

Please keep your eye out for details for these events, including RSVP dates, in the *Zephyr* or *Breeze*! ➦

CYCWA On the Horizon

By CARLY SALTZMAN

Due to concerns over the coronavirus pandemic, many of our groups are meeting online or modifying their in-person meetings to practice social distancing. See notes below or check with the chair for details.

Art Aficionados

Our Art Aficionados continue to make beautiful artworks while flexing their creativity by meeting outdoors at the Club at a safe distance. Please contact SEO Norma Pratt for additional information.

- August 12: Painting and composition, led by SEO Anne Sanguinetti. This meeting will focus on composition and we will explore the question, “What sells a painting?”
- August 26: Jewelry making, led by Dalena Hathaway. Please join us to learn about the art of jewelry making. This will be a great workshop to either make something for yourself or a one-of-a-kind gift.

Book Mates

Book Mates meetings are on Zoom

at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Contact Chair Ira Teller for details.

- August 6: “Such a Fun Age,” by Kiley Reid. Moderator is Susan French.
- September 6: “Hollywood Park,” by Mikel Jollett. Moderator is SEO Donna Petersen.

Happy Hour Book Club.

Happy Hour Book Club will meet at 6 p.m. September 17 via Zoom. (delete dot and indent) The selection is the New York Times bestseller “American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House,” by Pulitzer Prize-winner Jon Meecham. Contact Chair Marie Hedlund for Zoom meeting details.

Knit or Knot

Knit or Knot meets via Zoom the first and third Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. Chair is Peggy Powers.

Peggy has been spearheading a project to aid our healthcare workers by making their masks more comfortable. She is requesting 3/8” or 5/8” buttons for ear savers that she’s crocheting for



hospital staff to prevent the elastic loops on face masks from hurting their ears. For more information, please contact Peggy directly, or simply drop off buttons at the front desk.

Mah Jongg

The Mah Jongg group is playing on realmahjongg.com and enjoys talking by conference call while playing. If you’re interested in playing or learning how to play, please contact SEO Donna Petersen and she’ll get you started. ➦

War, Fear, Bravery, and Nature Explode on the Battle-Scared Canvas of "The Red Badge of Courage"

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

We cannot imagine there is any scholar or facilitator who could have brought as much insight and intelligence to the discussion of Stephen Crane's short but powerful novel "The Red Badge of Courage" as did our own S/C Bill Watkins. His presentation to a large Zoom Book Mates audience on July 2 was truly memorable.

There is no question that this is an anti-war novel and that the author strips bare the notions of honor and courage. But what Bill accomplished by beginning with a video on the development of the French Impressionists, courtesy of Randy Sprout, was to reveal a much richer canvas; to our surprise, we were to discover that art, religion, nature, and the writings of Mark Twain all inspired and influenced the young Stephen Crane.

After providing some background on the short but eventful life of the author, Bill set out to show how the elements of Impressionism, Realism, and Naturalism are to be found within the novel. In chapter six, Crane's choice of color to describe clouds – "tinged by earthen yellow and vibrant blue" – is, according to Randy, right out of the Impressionists' playbook. Crane's evocative, stream-of-conscious descriptions of the emotional turbulence and all-around mayhem of battle are

compelling. The detailed descriptions of the battles, dying soldiers and decayed corpses, the way gun powder creates a fog through which the soldiers cannot see, and even the crass behavior of officers, all reflect Crane's realistic approach.

The main character, Henry, through whose eyes the story is told, is capable of moments of fear, laudable bravery, and detestable egotism; truly an everyman character. As to the story or plot, coming of age, anti-war, moral and spiritual growth, and the true nature of courage were all offered by our Zoom participants as themes.

Bill pointed out that Ernest Hemingway considered "The Red Badge of Courage" to be one of the finest books of American literature of his day, clearly enamored with Crane's use of dialogue and descriptive prose. Possibly the most illuminating revelation was Crane's religious symbolism, especially in one of the few named soldiers, Jim Conklin, whose wound and long march are references to Jesus Christ.

While "The Red Badge of Courage" provides an illuminating depiction of the experience of a massive 19th-century battle, the true focus is on the internal conflicts people face when swept up into the desperate and deadly maelstrom of war. ⚔

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The Sportsman's Club Report

By ZORAN J. SEGINA, Club Chair

This was to be a different report – based on an expectation that the California lockdown is finally over, and brimming with optimism at the planned attractions including relaxing afternoons and evenings with friends where, after a successful outing, the attendees would gather for a cold one – of whatever kind – and rehash the day.

Then the reality set in. I'm writing this in late June. The SARS-CoV-2 (that's the official name of the virus, COVID-19 is the disease) is raging. The governor of California ordered bars to shut down to prevent



uncontrollable spread of the infection. As a result, the 2020 season of the CYC Sportsman's Club will be largely controlled by something outside of our control.

It is odd to plan outings involving firearms and car racing - two of the most attended events in the past - and discuss participants' safety that has nothing to do with either of the two sports. The real risk is coming from a formidable adversary, too tiny to be chased with a rifle and too quick to be avoided by even the fastest race car. What we know about the virus so far is that it dislikes open air, dry weather, and sunshine, and does not appreciate when potential hosts wear protective gear and stand so apart to prevent it from replicating.

Fortunately for the Sportsman's Club, our get-

togethers are of the kind that meets these criteria. If all goes well, we will go out and have fun while minimizing the risk of infection. We plan to organize several trips to Oaktree Gun Club in Newhall for some shotgun and rifle events. The outdoor shooting stations at the trap, skeet, and sporting (clay) pigeons range are already separated, providing adequate social distancing to the shooters. It will feel weird to cover one's ears, eyes, mouth, and nose, but desperate times call for desperate measures. Attendees will be encouraged to bring wet wipes and alcohol (of the disinfecting variety) and re-sanitize everything they are about to touch. Should wipes become readily available (I saw them in the



grocery store in June for the first time since February) the organizers will use the budget to buy some and bring to the event.

The same rules apply to another event – go cart racing at the California Track in Fontana. It is outdoors in the dry desert air, and all participants wear balaclavas and helmets. The track opened on June 12, and, if it remains open, we will visit it this year.

Indoor venues such as LAX Firing Range and K1 Karting in Gardena will have to stay off limits. Too risky. The baseball and basketball trips will have to wait until next season.

As for socializing after the events –BYO C (chair), B (something cool), and M (mask). The Sportsman's Club will provide a measuring tape and chalk to set everybody a fathom apart, the idea being that all the CYC Sportsman's Club members remain in substantially the same condition for the 2021 season.📏



Family Fun Camping at CYC

For a relaxing change of scenery, the Gruft family camped out on the CYC front lawn June 27-28. Jen and Alexander Gruft are pictured with their two children, Daniel and Audrey.

From the Manager



LINDSAY PIZARRO, CCM

Reopening, Restaffing, and Reenergizing a Disinfected CYC

After guarding a very lonely clubhouse for a few months, it is wonderful to have the clubhouse reenergized with diners (and cocktailers) since reopening the clubhouse last month.

We started with a deep cleaning and a full disinfectant spray-down. We partnered with Safe Companies, a third-party sanitation company, to conduct a deep cleaning from the ceiling down to tile and grout, sanitizing and disinfecting the entire clubhouse, dock office, junior clubhouse, restrooms, offices, and all common touch points. They also applied an antimicrobial barrier to all surfaces. Additionally, all of our staff have been trained on the new and proper way to clean and disinfect surfaces with EPA-approved chemicals. In addition to our team maintaining the cleanliness of the clubhouse and grounds, Safe Companies will return weekly to repeat their process of sanitizing and disinfecting. The CYC team is doing our part to maintain a safe Club environment. We ask that you continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask when on

Club property, in the clubhouse, walking around all common areas, and when you are around people outside of your household. We have many high-risk members, and many concerned members and staff. Please do your part to keep everyone safe to keep our reopening moving forward.

If you missed the announcement in *Zephyr*, Lauren Baker has joined the CYC team as our Director of Membership and Marketing. Lauren comes to us after working as Membership Manager at the Los Angeles Athletic Club for five years. Lauren is from Ann Arbor, Michigan and grew up participating in water ski shows, boating, and fishing on Whitmore Lake. She has fond memories of spending time with her family at the Ann Arbor Racquet Club. Lauren is drawn to the private club industry; her first job was at a private club as a caddy. Lauren was recently inspired by the sailing



*Lauren Baker,
CYC's Director of
Membership and Marketing*

documentary "Chasing Bubbles" and now has a long-term goal of sailing around the world on a catamaran. Please stop by and introduce yourself to Lauren the next time you are at the Club, or better yet, introduce her to a potential member.

I can now happily say, I look forward to seeing you at the Club! 🍷



*Chef Fabio models his
protective face shield.*



*General Manager Lindsay Pizarro
adopted this cute stray kitten that
was found on CYC's grounds.*



Before the CYC pool reopened, mermaids were spotted on a hot June afternoon.

AUGUST 2020

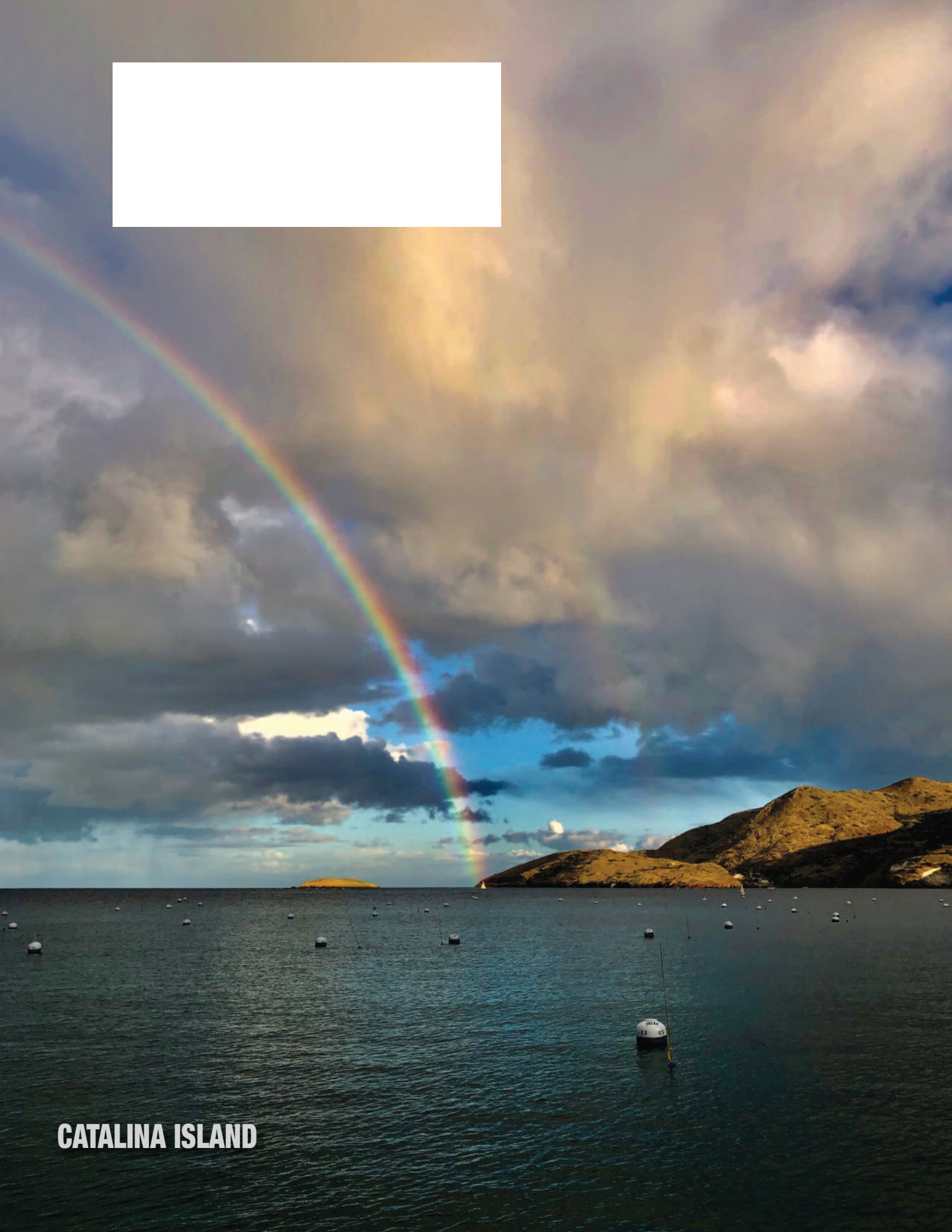
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