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From the Commodore



Commodore Stephanie Weston

It has been an honor and a privilege serving as your Commodore during this unprecedented year. While this isn't the year that I or any of us envisioned, it will go down as a memorable one. We've been on a turbulent wave, and we have ridden it the best we could, given the circumstances of a pandemic.

My theme of "Enjoy the Ride" hardly seemed appropriate most of the time. Heartfelt sympathies go out to those of us who experienced tremendous loss in any way. We are resilient, however. Despite all the havoc, many of our members found a way to navigate the COVID-19 waters and have fun.

As Commodore, I was excited to get my premium parking space and thrilled to see the Commodore's flag waving gracefully on the flagpole. Since we had a full calendar planned, I had expected to be at the Club a lot, going to most functions. Then, our clubhouse was closed for a while. Since, we have had a phased reopening, as summarized in the Our 2020 Ticket to Ride box. Sadly, I have been to the Club a limited number of times and the parking space has remained unused.

Thank you to my Bridge and Fleet Officers for all their assistance this past year. The Bridge's efforts to help keep us all connected while the Club was closed and during its reopening phases were vital to our success. Thank you to all committee chairs who volunteered their time. Even if you couldn't put on your planned event, the fact that you were willing is greatly appreciated. The heart and strength of our Club are its volunteers. I can't say enough about how supportive and creative CYC's management has been throughout. General Manager Lindsay Pizarro and her team were constantly generating ideas to keep us going.

Congratulations to the 2021 Bridge: Commodore Tim Clarke, Vice Commodore Monica Antola, Rear Commodore Christina Tarantola, Fleet Captain Anthony Agolia, and Port Captain Sue Service. The Club is in excellent hands with them at the helm as they take us into our 99th year.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season! I hope to see you at the Club!

"Life is a journey, so Enjoy the Ride." ♡

OUR 2020 TICKET TO RIDE

January

CYC Installation and Awards Dinner
Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta
J/70 West Coast Winter Series
CYCWA Installation

February

Race committee orientation
SCYA Midwinter Regatta
Epicurean Sweethearts Dinner
Harken #1 Optimist Spring Regatta

March

Power Fleet/CYCWA Art Show Dinner Dance
"Dine with us and receive one roll of toilet paper" promotion
Commissary to Go (including toilet paper)
Cruise Kickoff – virtual happy hour

April

Clubhouse closed; dues reduced by 50% April, May, and June
GoFundMe campaign for all CYC employees on furlough
Zoom activities started with committee and Fleet events
Sunset Series Happy Hour webinar with Peter Isler
Virtual regatta CYC-style began
New carpet and paint on the lower level of the clubhouse
The Commodore's Kitchen premiered (two episodes)

May

GoFundMe—Members contributed \$33,715, all paid out in May
Sunday Evening Colors began and ran through Labor Day
Weekend camping on the lawn
Virtual cocktails classes with Hail M
Virtual Cinco de Mayo
Tucker Thompson's Chasing the Cup, An America's Cup Update Featuring American Magic
Virtual Breeze cover contest (The winning design became the cover of our August edition.)

June

Deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting the clubhouse; weekly service set up
June 1 – Junior Rowing restarted, singles and private
Red Cross Blood Drive
Paddle tennis/pickleball resumed (singles)
June 15 – Junior sailing restarted (single-handed only)
June 15 – Outdoor dining and bar started, with to-go menu and boat deliveries available
Dave Perry rules quiz webinar

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Wind Warriors



First Mates Cruise



*Laser Class Gulf Coast
Championship*

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FRONT COVER Santa and his elf – each wearing a blue mask and PFD – bring holiday spirit to CYC on *Mischief*, one of the Club-owned keelboats.

Photo by S/C Denny Haythorn

BACK COVER Patrick Golling took this photo during September's fires, when the sky turned red. The fiery sunset and boats are reflected on the water of the CYC anchorage. "Wildfire Sunset" is our On-the-Water Photo Contest winner of the month.

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

OUR 2020 TICKET TO RIDE
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Seasonal cocktail menu redesigned in partnership with Hail M
Reimagined outdoor space: tables, umbrellas, cantina lighting, seating areas, firepits
Pool reopened, limited capacity
Emerald Bay Cruise
Members and family members and reciprocal members all welcomed back

July

BBQ plate special on 4th of July
Large format 32-ounce seasonal cocktails available to go for cruises
Parking lot/pool patio hair cuts
Introduced CYC ice cream trike
Rendezvous Cruise to Howland's Landing
Family Cruise to Howland's Landing

August

Resumed publication of our monthly *Breeze* magazine
Drive-in movie theater with large inflatable screen and carhop service
Liveaboard Sunday happy hour
Wednesday and Thursday Pinot and Pasta special
Friday and Saturday Surf and Turf (ribeye and lobster)
Yappy Hour
New indoor speakers and outdoor speakers were installed
Four new playlists were created for lunch, dinner, jazz, and happy hour
Midweek Avalon Cruise
Long Beach/Alamitos Bay Cruise

September

California Coastal Cleanup all month; paddleboard flotilla the 27th
Weekend brunch began – Sunday Crepe Cart
Fridays and Saturdays – Lobster Boil on the patio
Art Aficionados created mosaic burgees for 25 outdoor planters
Virtual Harry Potter family bingo
Avalon Cruise

October

Family Activities movie and campout
First Mates Cruise to Isthmus
Liveaboard Lounge launched
Fridays and Saturdays – Bistro dinner special
Wellness Day
Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest
Halloween RC Sailboat Regatta

November

J/70 Group Sail
Thanksgiving Dinner

Warm Breeze, Small Boats, and a Spooky Fog

By ALAN FIELD and MARY STUYVESANT

We're all itchin' to be racing – pretty much any way we can. You may have noticed small boats racing off the guest dock on several Thursday nights. These are the RC or remote control Wind Warriors. They look like mini Martin 242s.

Summer Wind Warrior racing wrapped up with a Halloween Regatta on – you guessed it – Halloween. Ten boats raced and were skippered in a loose (very loose) round robin series of skippers of all ages – many new to RC racing.

As the day moved on, racing grew more competitive with the fleet moving into team racing captained by Garrett Woodworth and Ryan Costello. Subject to interpretation, Garrett's team, with teammates Alan Field and John Fracisco, dominated the racing. Many spectators commented that the organizing authority (OA) seemed to ignore all cries of protests from Ryan's team. (Full disclosure: Alan was the OA!)

In keeping with the spirit of the holiday, title sponsor Hail M provided spectators and racers alike with their choice of either midnight or zombie margaritas. Ryan Costello provided music through a DJ-quality sound system dockside for all to enjoy during the event. At times it was tough to tell who was having more fun, racers or spectators. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, even as the spooky Halloween fog rolled in. ⚡



*To the winner
the spoils –
Hail M
cocktails!*



Garrett Woodworth, Mike Blunt, Eric Arndt, Ryan Costello, and Gavin Schofield-Smith concentrate on the action.

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Juniors “Live in the Sunshine, Swim the Sea, Drink the Wild Air’s Salubrity”

Junior Sailing Director Chuck Ryant was reminded of Ralph Waldo Emerson’s words about the sea when he took this photo of the juniors practicing on CFJs in Santa Monica Bay in October. From this beginner class to competition in Optis and Lasers, our juniors have been busy on the water.



Photo by Junior Sailing Director Chuck Ryant

CYC juniors, practicing on CFJs, discover the timeless beauty of sailing in the light of the dancing sun.

Goblin Optimist Regatta Santa Barbara YC, October 17-18

Three CYC racers placed in the top 10 of the 50-boat fleet: Miles Gordon (5th), Gage Christopher (6th), and Katlia Sherman (7th).



Dylan McNamara, Katlia Sherman, Lexie Bugacov, Ashley Durand, Miles Gordon, Coach Manny Resano, Kaito Le Tenoux, Reed Knight, Ethan Wenokur, and a friend from San Diego YC.



Coach Manny Resano tows the CYC Opti racers out to the race area.

Photos by Alejandro Bugacov

Laser Class Gulf Coast Championship Texas Corinthian YC, October 3-4

Four CYC sailors traveled to Kemah (Galveston Bay), Texas to participate in this Laser regatta. In the 28-boat Laser Radial class, Katharine Doble placed fourth and was top female, Tommy Kraak placed 10th, and Santiago Quiroga placed 15th. Rodrigo Quiroga placed ninth in the 13-boat Laser Standard class.



Katharine Doble (211599) leads at the mark. She placed fourth and was top female in the 28-boat Laser Radial class.



Coach Ryan Minh, Santiago Quiroga, Tommy Kraak, Rodrigo Quiroga, and Katharine Doble

Photos by Kristin Doble

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Art Aficionados Paint in October

By SEO NORMA PRATT

October was a busy month for Art Aficionados, who met to paint outdoors and later to create art cards using multiple techniques.

Artist Ray Weisz led our session on plein air painting of a scene of autumn trees.

Art Aficionados' first indoor painting event since March utilized individual tables, masks, and proper social distancing. Artist extraordinaire Caryl Levy led our session on gel plate mono-printing and art painting techniques on cards. ♣



Front row: Sylvia (assistant to SEO Ann Sanguinetti), SEO Ann Sanguinetti, and Ellen Borowka; back row: SEO Norma Pratt, CYCWA 2nd Officer Laura Greenburg, SEO Karen Stirling, SEO Dawn Sprout, Joanie Freckmann, SEO Carol Watkins, Ray Weisz, Nicole Harnett, CYCWA Secretary Berry Wilkinson, and Susan Silver. Inset: Instructor Ray Weisz



Front row: SEO Ann Sanguinetti and CYCWA Secretary Berry Wilkinson; back row: Instructor Caryl Levy, SEO Norma Pratt, Trish Jackson, SEO Carol Watkins, SEO Karen Stirling

First Mates Cruise Takes a Summer

With the last of the warm summer winds in our sails, 19 boats found their way to the Isthmus for the annual CYCWA First Mates Cruise October 23-25.

The theme “Summer Wind,” honoring CYCWA Executive Officer Michelle Parker Ondrey, fit with the weekend’s leisurely laid-back attitude. There were no traditional games or dancing

but the camaraderie and excitement of being together in these COVID-19 times, sharing and getting to know some new members, was itself more than wonderful.

Several members rented the Banning House’s Santa Rosa Villa, a large house on the bluffs of the Isthmus, to host Friday evening’s welcome cocktail party. SEO Diane Howard enthused that, “The large outdoor deck was ideal for this gathering of 40 cruisers but the star was EO Michelle Parker Ondrey’s husband, Michael, with his hit cocktail, Summer Wind, made of muddled raspberries, Ketel One grapefruit vodka, and lemonade topped with fresh blueberries. Yes, the wines were plentiful but the Summer Wind cocktail was the true winner of the evening!” Many thanks, Michael.

Caryl and John Levy expressed it best: “The glorious changing fall weather and unique accommodations highlighted our experiences, the Banning House provided continental breakfasts for those of us not staying on board and, for myself, gave us a truly one-of-a-kind Catalina hospitality weekend with gorgeous views of both Isthmus harbors, restful spacious rooms, and special wine and cheese tastings each evening. The newer palapas on the beach gave

all of us cruisers a welcoming Saturday afternoon in the fleeting sun, and a chance to forget our cares and enjoy the rich mariners stories that mark all of our successful cruises with CYC. In the words of my fellow cruisers – “the low density of crowds, the nostalgic exploration of Cat Harbor as in years past, climbing the steep hillsides, the vistas, solitude, companionship, and making new friends.”

For Miriam Moses it was a weekend of firsts: First visit to Two Harbors, first taste of buffalo milk, and first crossing aboard *Silver Lining* with Jonathan Greenburg.

Speaking for another group, Naomi Hochman said, “From lazy days on our individual boats and walks to Cat Harbor to the socially distanced welcome cocktail party and hanging out together in

beachside cabanas and palapas, there was something for everyone at the 2020 CYCWA Cruise to Isthmus Cove. It’s amazing how with a little creativity we were all able to have a safe and fun weekend!”

In closing, here are some lyrics from EO Michelle Parker Ondrey’s theme song, “Summer Wind:”

*The summer wind came blowin’ in from across the sea
The autumn wind, and the winter winds they have come and gone
And still the days, those lonely days, they go on and on
And guess who sighs his lullabies through nights that never end
My fickle friend, the summer wind*

Many thanks to the following collaborators for making this cruise possible: EO Michelle Parker Ondrey, SEO Diane Howard, SEO Karen Stirling, SEO Norma Pratt, Pati Etter, First Officer Connie Webster, and Treasurer Laura Greenburg.



Wind to Catalina Isthmus

By SEO NORMA PRATT
and FELLOW CRUISERS



EO Michelle Parker Ondrey



Michael Ondrey makes Summer Wind cocktails



Port Captain Anthony Agoglia and Scott Groneman



Two Harbors



Cat Harbor

Photos by SEO Diane Howard and Michael Ondrey

Liveaboard Lounge Opens

By SEO NORMA PRATT

CYC's Liveaboard Lounge opened October 11 and was designed by General Manager Lindsay Pizarro with wicker furniture, BBQ, and pineapple accents, because

pineapples are traditional symbols of hospitality. SEO Norma Pratt created the liveaboard sign with a bowline and square knot, and a resin crushed-glass CYC burgee. ⚓



CYC Joins Tennis Ball Recycling Program

By COLLEEN FRACISCO and KRISTI STANFILL,
Paddle Tennis Co-chairs

About 125 million used tennis balls wind up in America's landfills every year. That is 20,000 metric tons of methane-producing, near non-decomposable rubber waste, a significant environmental problem.

Under the leadership of Paddle Tennis Co-chairs Colleen Fracisco and Kristi Stanfill, CYC is now one of the 1500+ members of RecycleBalls, a non-profit, effective green solution. With a mission to recycle and reuse all tennis balls, this fast-growing program has already saved three million balls from our landfills. Recycled balls are used for new tennis courts, clothing, soles of shoes, one-coat stucco replacement, and natural pebble mulch.

Join us in this worthy cause by placing all old or unwanted balls in the green RecycleBalls containers located on the fences outside of the courts.♻️



Photo by Kristi Stanfill, Paddle Tennis Co-chair

Colleen Fracisco, Paddle Tennis Co-chair, next to one of CYC's green RecycleBalls bins



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Installation of Officers & Awards Ceremony

Saturday, January 9

Details to follow!

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JAY SHARKEY

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FAC's Family Movie Night/ Campout/Pancake Breakfast

By THERESA TORRANCE, Family Activities Chair

The mood was set for the Family Activities Committee's (FAC) annual outdoor movie night on the lawn, enhanced with the option to camp overnight, on Saturday, October 3. The fog rolled in and a full moon was high in the sky! CYC families set up their tents, chairs, and blankets, grabbed a bag of popcorn, and made s'mores by the fire, before settling in to

watch "Goosebumps." To wrap up the weekend, a delicious pancake breakfast was served Sunday morning to attending families, compliments of FAC.

It was a wonderful, fun evening for our families, and for those who couldn't make it, we hope you are able to take part in this special event next fall!



CYC Flashback!



In late 1965, CYC announced that it had acquired a four-acre site in Marina del Rey. The official groundbreaking for the new clubhouse was held on May 21, 1966 and the new facilities opened on June 1, 1967. Jason Hailey, a longtime member and professional photographer, likely took this photo sometime in 1966 when Marina del Rey was just beginning to be developed. Beyond the sign proudly announcing the new home of CYC, we can see what is now the Marina del Rey Hotel. To the left is a beautiful car, what we believe is a 1958-59 Aston Martin DB4 Series 1. Sadly, Jason Hailey passed away in 2016 so we can't ask him if he was the owner of this fancy car. If you know who owned this classic Aston Martin or can confirm its make, model, and year, send an email to paula.cameron@sbcglobal.net.

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. ⚓

In Memoriam



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Twins, Two Lives, One White, One Black: Why Does Skin Color Matter So Much?

By SUSAN FRENCH, Book Mates Chair
and CYCWA First Officer CONNIE WEBSTER

First Officer Connie Webster led the November Book Mates group in a lively discussion of “The Vanishing Half,” by Brit Bennett. The book follows light-skinned twins born into a fictional, historically Black community in Louisiana that prides itself on its creamy light skin, hazel eyes, and wavy hair. Residents are discouraged from marrying people with darker skin and generally discriminate against them. The book begins with one of the twins, Desiree, returning home with a small, very dark, daughter. She lives with her mother and works as a waitress.

As teenagers, the twins run away to New Orleans where they find the only work available to them as Blacks is menial labor. One of the twins, Stella, discovers that if she applies as a white person, she can get a job as a secretary. Her boss, finding her beautiful, decides to marry her and the two eventually end up in Brentwood, California where they have a daughter and live a white life. Her husband has no idea that she is not white.

The other twin, Desiree, takes another path. She marries a very Black man and moves to Washington, DC where she has a very Black child, Jude. When her husband turns abusive, she escapes back to her hometown, where she moves in with her mother. Jude escapes or hides from a childhood full of discrimination by reading endlessly.

Jude makes her way to California where she blends into a Hollywood community of outsiders, including a transgender person who becomes important in her life. Eventually she encounters her mother’s twin, Stella, and Stella’s daughter, Kennedy. And the story goes on from there.

The book presents very interesting issues of relations among Blacks, what it means to pass as white, what friendship and love with a transgender person look like, and what it means to live your life denying a part of who you are—as well as why a person who looks white can still be considered Black, and why the color of your skin should matter. With each generation, the characters confront issues of identity: Who is an actor playing a role? Who is true to herself?

Our group had mixed reactions to the book, but most agreed it was well worth the read.

Look for the upcoming HBO limited series based on the book with the author, Brit Bennett, as executive producer.

Book Mates meets via Zoom on the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. In January, SEO Bill Watkins will lead us in a discussion of “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,” by Maya Angelou, the first of her seven-volume autobiography.

If you are interested in joining Book Mates, send an email to french@law.ucla.edu. ☙

BOOK MATES
Thursday, December 3 at 1 p.m.
DEAR EDWARD
ANN NAPOLITANO
Moderator: Commodore Stephanie Weston
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BOOK MATES
Thursday, January 7
1 p.m.
Maya Angelou
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
Moderator:
S/C Bill Watkins
To join Book Mates, contact
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Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

Although he didn't catch any fish on this sunny day in September, **Randy Sprout** looks happy with the three balloons he pulled from the bay in one hour.

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. ⚓



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Interesting Boats: David Brown's *Wildflower*



While participating in the 2006 St. Barths Bucket Regatta, David Brown fell for an American girl of a different sort. Smitten by the J Class's form and elegance, particularly *Endeavour* of America's Cup fame, it would be 10 years before David would unite with a boat of similar dazzling grace and style. *Wildflower*, aptly named after a Tom Petty song following David's attendance of Petty's last concert at the Hollywood Bowl, is an Eagle 44 – a Dutch beauty commissioned in 2016. This luxury daysailer with her classic J Class lines is loaded with modern function. Equipped with a carbon fiber mast with in-boom furling, a deep keel (6' 7"), and electric winches, she's set up with single-handed sailing in mind. *Wildflower* encompasses more than just beauty. She is an emotional connection to the sea and a bygone era. With fiancé Sinem Sen, expect to see David cruising Santa Monica Bay in style. ⚓



Sinem Sen and David Brown

From the Manager

By **CYC President STEVE HATHAWAY,**
Acting General Manager

We have all been deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Lindsay Pizarro's husband, Rony. Lindsay has been on extended leave and I have stepped in as Interim General Manager until she returns. I can't thank our CYC members enough for your great outpouring of well wishes to Lindsay and for your support of the GoFundMe account that was set up by one of her family friends. Lindsay has two beautiful daughters who along with Lindsay have been really struggling, but I know she feels the love and support given to her from our CYC family. We look forward to her return to CYC.

I also want to thank all our CYC members for your support of the Club through this long pandemic year. Who would have thought that at the time of this writing we would still not be back to normal Club operations and activities? Your CYC staff have done an amazing job providing what services are allowed by the County of LA. We have had many Club members tell us that they love the outdoor dining on the pool patio. We will continue to offer this service as long as the weather allows. Our junior sailing and rowing programs continue to offer on-the-water activities for our juniors and rowers. Our cruising activities finished strong this year with many Club members enjoying Catalina and other destinations. Paddle tennis is as strong as ever.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to our Commodore this

year, Stephanie Weston. This has been by far the most difficult year to be Commodore of any yacht club. Stephanie has been incredible making sure that members stay connected in any way possible. Thanks, Steph, for all you've done for CYC this year.

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- Caliber of staff and professional service levels
- Quality and commitment of membership
- Governance and prudent fiscal management
- Adapting to changing times
- Overall experience

Voting is done by club presidents and general managers across the country. I am pleased and proud to announce that CYC is one of the top 15 yacht clubs in the U.S. recognized as a Platinum Club. The yacht clubs named in the top five are clubs we are all familiar with: St. Francis YC, San Diego YC, Grosse Pointe YC, Annapolis YC, and Chicago YC.

Incidentally, our sister club, the Los Angeles Athletic Club, was recognized in the top eight of athletic clubs for Platinum Club status.

This is an honor that we can all be very proud of at CYC. Congratulations to our members and staff for your part in achieving this honor.

Happy holidays to all of our CYC family and please be safe. 🍷

CYC Applicants Meeting Held via Zoom

By **LAUREN BAKER,**
Director of Membership and Marketing

This is where our Commodore, Vice Commodore, Membership Committee, President, and General Manager get to meet all our applying members and vice versa. We look forward to the day where we can meet in person and resume our wine tasting social afterwards, but we are thankful for our flexible and flourishing community in the meantime!

Interested in meeting some of our prospective and newest members? Please reach out to our Membership Director at lauren.baker@calyachtclub.net who would love to introduce you in a comfortable setting. 🍷



DECEMBER 2020

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div>DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS</div> <div>18 Movie Mates</div> | | Club Closed 1 <div>Women's Paddle Tennis</div> | 2 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> | Women's Paddle Tennis 3 <div>Mah Jongg</div> <div>Fleet Council Zoom Party</div> <div>Book Mates</div> | 4 | Pickleball 5 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> |
| 6 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> | Club Closed 7 <div>Evening Pickleball</div> | Club Closed 8 <div>Women's Paddle Tennis</div> | 9 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> <div>Art Aficionados</div> | Hanukkah 10 <div>begins at sundown</div> <div>Women's Paddle Tennis</div> <div>Mah Jongg</div> | First Day of Hanukkah 11 | Pickleball 12 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> |
| 13 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> <div>Knit or Knot</div> | Club Closed 14 <div>Evening Pickleball</div> | Club Closed 15 <div>Women's Paddle Tennis</div> | 16 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> | Wom. Pad. Ten. 17 <div>Mah Jongg</div> <div>Bridge Mtg.</div> <div>New Member Mtg.</div> <div>Jr. Comm. and Sail Comm. Zoom Party</div> | Last Day of Hanukkah 18 <div>Movie Mates</div> | Pickleball 19 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> |
| 20 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> | Club Closed 21 <div>Evening Pickleball</div> | Club Closed 22 <div>Women's Paddle Tennis</div> | 23 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> | Christmas Eve 24 <div>Club Closed</div> <div>Women's Paddle Tennis</div> | Christmas Day 25 <div>Club Closed</div> | Pickleball 26 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> |
| 27 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> | Club Closed 28 <div>Evening Pickleball</div> | Club Closed 29 <div>Women's Paddle Tennis</div> | 30 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> <div>Breeze deadline</div> | New Year's Eve 31 <div>Women's Paddle Tennis</div> | | |
| JANUARY 2021 | | | | | | |
| <div>JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS</div> <div>9 Bridge Installation</div> <div>16 CYCWA Installation</div> | | | | | New Year's Day 1 <div>Club Closed</div> | Pickleball 2 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> |
| 3 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> <div>Knit or Knot</div> | Club Closed 4 <div>Evening Pickleball</div> | Club Closed 5 <div>Women's Paddle Tennis</div> | 6 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> | Women's Paddle Tennis 7 <div>Mah Jongg</div> <div>Fleet Council Mtg.</div> <div>Book Mates</div> | 8 | Pickleball 9 <div>Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis</div> <div>Bridge Installation</div> |



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