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**ALLIE BLECHER**  
**HAL H. HAENEL YACHTSMAN OF THE YEAR**  
**ASMBYC COMPETITIVE YACHTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER**

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# From the Commodore

**A**s I sit here writing this February column, I haven't been installed yet. Installation is two weeks away, but by the time you read this it will be history. It's an interesting task to write about events that haven't happened as though they did.

January was quite a busy month at CYC. We had two Installations, a Fleet Leaders' Meeting, and our Activities Showcase. Although we are past making resolutions for the New Year, I hope that you will resolve to try an activity during the coming months that you haven't experienced at the Club. You may have joined the Club with one intention, but will find that with the variety of activities available, there is so much more to do.

Every year, the Commodore plans the Sweethearts Dinner for the Epicurean Society. I have been a bit overwhelmed about this and it's been on my mind for months. While I enjoy fine dining, I wouldn't call myself a connoisseur of food and wine. I vacillated about what I was going to do as my theme for the dinner. There's something about a Sweethearts Dinner that connotes love, so I wanted to come up with something that reflects my tastes and background. I have migrated across the country, being born in New York, growing up in the Midwest (Indianapolis and Cincinnati), living in Chicago as a young adult, and then moving to Los Angeles where I've been for the last 37 years. Eureka, I had my theme for the dinner, which also happens to coincide with my overall theme for the year, Enjoy the Ride Across America. The dinner will be based on foods from various regions of the United States which will be paired with wines from similar regions. I am very excited about this dinner which I know will be delicious with Chef Fabio's culinary talents and Director of Food and Beverage Steve Bell's input on wines.

There are many individuals at the Club who allow each of us to Enjoy the Ride. These can be our racing athletes who sail or row under our burgee or the member volunteers who tirelessly put in countless hours to make our events, activities, publications, etc., first class. Our Club could not function without these dedicated individuals. You will read about the amazing individuals who received CYC awards at Installation in this issue of the *Breeze*: Allie Blecher, S/C Denny Haythorn, Jeff Janov, Charles-Etienne Devanneaux, George Etter, and S/C Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest. I want to recognize S/C Ann Ach for the endless hours she puts into compiling and maintaining the Club's calendar and SEOs Karen Stirling and Michele Caylor for putting the Club's roster together. They worked along with staff members Brittany Potter and Jeanine Steward.

You have received or should receive the roster shortly. The cover was designed by lead front desk receptionist Jeanine



*Commodore's Liaison  
Alan and Commodore  
Stephanie Weston*

Steward. It is comprised of 234 different pictures of events and people at CYC. Though the pictures may be small, I envisioned something that showed what this Club is about. You, the members, are what make CYC great. The back cover from Cal Race Week is in honor of the J/70 World Championship coming to CYC this summer.

It's also time to start thinking about Opening Day, March 14. Get your signal flags and dress your ships! We want to be the best dressed club in Marina del Rey.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club. Let's Enjoy the Ride! 🚢

## YOUR TICKET TO RIDE

### February 1 – Race Committee Orientation

Being part of race committee allows you to experience the exhilaration of racing without being a sailor. With the number of regattas at CYC, there is always a need for volunteers on race committee. Come to the Orientation to see how you can get involved.

### February 1 - Littles Event

Mad Science Event for ages 4-10.

### February 5 - CYCWA Luncheon

Luncheon with speaker about integrative health. Have a delicious lunch and learn about combining Eastern and Western medicines.

### February 8-9 – SCYA Midwinter Regatta

If you're not racing, you can help on race committee.

### February 11 – Epicurean Sweethearts Dinner

This is an opportunity to have an exceptional culinary experience and dress up in formal attire. The dinner's theme selected by the Commodore is "Enjoy the Ride Across America." Epicurean Society members get preference for reservations.

### February 14 – Valentine Dinner

Enjoy a wonderful dinner with your love. Dining at the Club guarantees that you will be able to dine at leisure in a beautiful atmosphere.

### February 22 – Mariners Education

Power Fleet will present a topic of interest to all boaters. It's also an opportunity to meet other boating enthusiasts.

### February 27- Rosé Wine Tasting

Mingle with other members and meet potential new members.

### February 28 – Chef's Table

Another opportunity for fine dining with a special menu selected by Director of Food and Beverage Steve Bell.



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**FRONT COVER** Allie Blecher was named CYC's 2019 Hal H. Haenel Yachtsman of the Year and also won ASMBYC's Competitive Yachting Achievement Award. This is her third time as CYC's Yachtsman of the Year, having previously been honored in 2006 (with Alan Field and Will Petersen) and in 2010. She is a fierce competitor, currently the U.S. Women's National Match Racing Champion, ranked eighth overall in the world among women match racers. A strong advocate for women's racing, she is shown skippering CYC's entry to victory at the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Challenge held October 11-13 in Long Beach. Photo © TRACY ST. JOHN

**BACK COVER** Jeff Janov's J/70, *Minor Threat*, is CYC's 2019 Yacht of the Year, having reached the podium at every major Southern California regatta in which the boat competed. Jeff and his *Minor Threat* team are pictured at Long Beach Race Week in June where they tied for first place in the J/70 fleet

Photo by Bronny Daniels [joysailing.com](http://joysailing.com)



# Opening Day

Saturday, March 14

**0800 hours**

*CYC Skippers Dress Ship*

**1030 hours**

*Music*

**1130 hours**

*Opening Day Ceremony*

**1245 – 1400 hours**

*Luncheon for  
Members, Dignitaries, and Guests*

**1400 – 1700 hours**

*Family and Member Activities*

**1730 hours**

*Evening Colors Ceremony*

# Enjoy the Ride!



# On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

**K**en Huff visited Puerto Rico in November and captured this sunset at Combate Beach.

Congratulations, Ken, on winning a bottle of fine wine selected by Director of Food and Beverage Steve Bell. 🍷



## CYC Flashback!

**T**his month our Flashback takes a turn on the snow (frozen water, if you will). **Alan Field** (left, shown next to his sister) was 16 or 17 years old when he took a ski trip to Sun Valley, Idaho. He reports that he had just gotten his hair cut 5 inches shorter – imagine that! We like the stylish sweater and the way he completes his slopeside look with a jaunty kerchief. Whether skiing, sailing, or playing paddle tennis at the Club, Alan exemplifies the athletic lifestyle to which we can all aspire.

A bright, colorful one-piece ski suit and an awesome ‘stache? **Duncan Cameron** claims that, for some, this bold, sporty look has never gone out of style. But we can all agree that, back in the day, he wore it with confidence at Vail. 🍷



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](mailto:cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com) for a chance at the glory.



# Opening Day at CYC Enjoy the Ride

By S/C BILL MOORE and  
PORT CAPTAIN ANTHONY AGOGLIA

Opening Day at CYC is the official opening of the yachting season, and a tradition that takes place at yacht clubs across the country and around the world. This year on Saturday, March 14 we will continue the tradition by welcoming members, guests, and dignitaries to enjoy the festivities, including the ceremony, lunch, and afternoon fun.

In keeping with Commodore Stephanie Weston's Enjoy the Ride theme, the event promises to be a fun-filled day for all. CYC's Opening Day commences with skippers dressing ship in the morning and ends with Evening Colors; it will be an event-packed day.

Come early and enjoy pre-ceremony camaraderie, welcome guests and dignitaries, and grab a seat on the lawn for the ceremony which begins at 1130 hours. Following the ceremony, relax, enjoy mingling with friends, and enjoy the beautiful buffet lunch provided by our able kitchen. Then have a ball participating in an afternoon of activities and visiting boats throughout our docks! The day will end with a special Evening Colors ceremony and cannon salute.

Below are the protocols for dressing ship and for members' attire.

**Flags:** The day is rich in tradition, some formal and others informal. At 0800 hours, yachts dress ship (or a day or two before for those not close to the marina) by hoisting signal flags and pennants, providing a colorful background for the ceremony. Flags can be in any order. The idea is to have a colorful pattern. For those with signal flag bags, that pattern beginning forward at the waterline is, in sequence: AB2, UJ1, KE3, GH6, IV5, FL4, DM7, PO, third repeater, RN first repeater, ST zero, WQ8, and ZY second repeater. The sequence is then repeated until it reaches the stern. If you don't have a flag bag, West Marine sells a set of decorative flags for a very modest price.

## Opening ceremony dress for members:

- Club blazer with white shirt or white blouse.
- Current blue-colored or official CYC red tie for men or scarf for women (available at the front desk along with the gold bullion club crest worn on the blazer breast pocket).
- Trousers, pants or skirts, traditionally white in color.
- Dress shoes in white, black, or tan (may be boat shoes).
- A cap or hat is not considered a part of the CYC attire; however, you will be in the sun for an hour, so if worn with the club blazer, it should be conservative with a brim.

Enjoy the Ride on March 14 –  
come early and stay all day!☘



*Presents Its  
Thirty-First Annual Dinner  
Celebrating California Yacht Club  
Members of 25 Years or More.*

*We will honor the following inductees  
who joined the Club in 1995:*

James Ach	Lucille Bogosian	SEO Michele Caylor
Chris Christenson	Randolph H. Clark	Arthur Eskowitz
Leonard Fuller	Maureen Garrett	Damon Guizot
Erin Hemenway	Matthew Jodziewicz	Brian Kramer
Donald Macpherson	Lawrence R. Moreau	James Negele
Frederick Noble	Gordon Palmer	Peter Stazicker
Natalya (Mrs. Al) Wheatman		

*And its esteemed members of fifty years:*

James A. Caldwell	Jack Massopust	Guido Mortarotti
Elliott D. Olson	Carol Wathen	

*Club 25 Dinner  
Friday, March 6  
Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m.  
\$68 + + / \$89.35 Inclusive per person  
Club Blazer Attire*

*All CYC members are encouraged to attend  
what will be a truly memorable evening.*





**91st Annual**  
**SCYA MIDWINTER REGATTA**  
 February 8-9




California Yacht Club invites the  
 following classes to race:  
 Martin 242, Star, J/24, J/70, Tartan 101, and J/109

Regatta Chair: Tawni Schutter  
 E-Mail: [tschutter2@gmail.com](mailto:tschutter2@gmail.com)

Register online at [calyachtclub.com](http://calyachtclub.com)


**California Yacht Club Yachting Program**




**Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m.**

In everything he does - from speaking around the globe to breaking world records in big wave surfing and stand-up paddle boarding - Chris Bertish shifts boundaries and shatters perceptions of what's possible.

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# A Full House on Tap for the 2020 J/70 World Championship

By MARYLYN HOENEMEYER, Regatta Chair

Earning a spot at the J/70 World Championship is no easy task. A team must finish on the podium at a designated event to receive one of the 90 open berths at the regatta. Invitations for the 2020 Worlds, which will be held at CYC during the last week of July, were issued on December 10, and by the end of the month the regatta was fully subscribed with a waiting list starting to build!

It's truly an international roster, with entries almost evenly split between U.S. and non-U.S. teams. Fifteen foreign countries are represented, including Mexico, Australia, nine European, and four South American nations. The U.S. teams represent yacht clubs from 11 different states. The skippers of record include numerous world, continental, and national champions.

Several CYC members will be participating in the event, including four skippers who will be flying the CYC burgee: Jeff Janov on *Minor Threat*, Curt Johnson on *Avet 2.01*, Jim Murrell on *Huckleberry*, and Doug Weitz on *Agent 99*. V/C Tim Clarke will be sailing on *IFA* with Harrison Turner, a graduate of the CYC Junior Program and son of S/C Rick Turner and Ann. With CYC Yachtsman of the Year Allie Blecher aboard, Rich Festa's *Groundhog Day* will represent both CYC and Del Rey YC in the championship.

It's quite an honor for our yacht club to have been selected to run this World Championship. We join the ranks of such prestigious clubs as St. Francis YC, the last west coast host for this event, the Yacht Club de Monaco, where the regatta will be held in 2021, and New York YC's Harbour Court, which will be the venue for 2022.

While this is an exciting event to host, it requires many volunteers to deliver the red carpet treatment for



which our Club is known. Perhaps your expertise is in solving the logistical problem of boat and trailer storage, or in designing an opening ceremony that competitors will long remember, or in

organizing boats for the spectator fleet. Whatever your interest, there's room for you on the organizing committee. Please contact me with your ideas and I'll be sure to make you part of our team! ⚓



Photo by Bob Congdon



# Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

## Optimist Holiday Regatta/Carrie Series #3

December 7-8, Cabrillo Beach YC

Red Fleet: 12 boats

2 Mika Sternberg; top girl

4 Carsten Zieger

9 Callie Davis

Blue Fleet: 19 boats

2 Katlia Sherman

3 Lucca Farrell

Green Fleet participants: Lexie Bugacov and Julian Quiroga

## Open Orange Bowl Regatta

December 27-30, Coconut Grove Sailing Club

29er: 22 boats

5 Jordan Janov/Grant Janov; top junior team

10 Svenja Leonard (Santa Barbara YC)/Adra Ivancich

## Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta

December 27-30, Coral Reef YC

Club 420: 77 boats

31 Katharine Doble/Emma Tallman (King Harbor Youth Foundation)

54 Gigi Ivancich/Samantha Hemans (Alamitos Bay YC) 🇺🇸



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*Skipper Katharine Doble and crew placed 31st out of 77 boats in the C420 class at the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta.*



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*Gigi Ivancich and crew (6913) lead this pack of C420s at the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta.*



*Callie Davis, Katlia Sherman, Mika Sternberg, Coach Manny Resano, Lucca Farrell, and Carsten Zieger at the Optimist Holiday Regatta.*



Photo by Heather Janov

*Coach Willie McBride with Jordan and Grant Janov, the top junior team in the 29er fleet at the Open Orange Bowl Regatta. The Janov brothers crawled back from 14th to fifth place in the 22-boat fleet after a bad first day in shifty conditions.*



## Cabrillo Beach YC's Optimist Holiday Regatta



*Katlia Sherman*



*The Opti fleet*



*Carsten Zieger*



*Mika Sternberg*



*Carsten Zieger (18953), Mika Sternberg (21164),  
and Lucca Farrell (17137) approach the mark.*



*Lucca Farrell*

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# Installation and Awards Dinner

By PENNY COLLINS

If the good cheer and festivities of the Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner were any indication, 2020, with Commodore and SEO Stephanie Weston at the helm, promises to be an E-ticket ride. Guests were greeted in the entrance to the Fireside Room by the incoming Bridge officers and outgoing Commodore and their spouses, and enjoyed a substantial appetizer selection including endive with gorgonzola, apples and walnuts, blini with crème fraîche, smoked salmon and caviar, loaded baby potatoes, and crab cakes.

Everyone made their way upstairs to find their tables adorned in a variety of decorative centerpieces designed by SEO Donna Petersen, featuring props related to Club activities such as rowing, sailboat racing, scuba, cruising, art, Epicurean, mah jongg, bridge, book clubs, paddle tennis, and pickleball. The Commodore's table was adorned with a Mississippi steamboat to celebrate the "Up the Lazy River" Commodore's Cruise from New Orleans to Memphis planned for October. A large floral bouquet complemented each tablescape and gold cord napkin rings completed the table décor.

Staff Commodores and their spouses were introduced by CYCWA Executive Officer Michelle Parker Ondrey as they entered the dining room in order of their year of service. The dinner featured a refreshing salad as a starter, followed by the entrée choice of Mediterranean sea bass or Chateaubriand. The program began as the dessert of flourless chocolate cake with crème anglaise was served.

EO Ondrey returned to the podium and introduced Junior Staff Commodore Debbie Feinerman who in turn acknowledged S/C Bill Stump before giving her farewell speech revisiting a year of "Reaching for the Stars." S/C David Collins was then invited to begin the presentation of awards. More detailed information on the 2019 awards and their recipients follows this article.

The CYC Hal H. Haenel Yachtsman of the Year trophy was awarded to Allie Blecher in recognition of her extraordinary and ongoing career in yacht racing. The CYC Yacht of the Year award for 2019 was presented to Jeff Janov's J/70, *Minor Threat*, which, with Jeff at the helm, reached the podium at every major Southern California



2020 Bridge: Fleet Captain Christina Tarantola, Vice Commodore Tim Clarke, Commodore SEO Stephanie Weston, Rear Commodore Monica Antola, and Port Captain Anthony Agolia



S/C Alice Leahy



S/C Bob Patterson and Kathy



Pati Etter



The Festa family, Rich, Jeanne, and Tony with SEO Dawn Sprout and Randy



CYC Fleet Officers: Fleet Surgeon Harlan Gibbs, Fleet Judge Advocate Cole Sheridan, Fleet Budget Officer Mark Pinkerton, and Fleet Secretary Hunter Gorog

Craig Weston Photography





*S/C SEO Betta Mortarotti and Guido*



*S/C Denny Haythorn and Lori*



*The Commodore with her family: Craig and Tia Weston, Phil and Debbie Nunez, Commodore Stephanie Weston and Commodore's Liaison Alan*



*S/C Bill Moore and Sue*

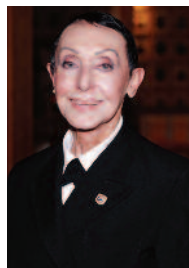


*S/C Bill Watkins and SEO Carol*

*Commodore Weston presents Installation Dinner Chairs SEO Donna Petersen and Penny Collins with a gift of appreciation.*



*S/C David Collins and Penny*



*S/C Uta Leslie*



*S/C Ann Ach and Jim*



*S/C Tom O'Connor and Marilyn Hoenemeyer*



*Jr. S/C Debbie Feinerman and S/C Bill Stump*

regatta in which the boat competed. The recipient of the Michael F. Braney Sportsmanship Award was S/C Denny Haythorn, whose many support activities (along with Lori) have benefited the entire Marina del Rey racing community. Charles-Etienne Devanneaux, whose small but mighty Figaro 3, *À Fond le Girafon 2.0* ("little giraffe"), was awarded the Stephen Newmark Transpac Trophy. The Charles F. Hathaway Long Distance Cruising Trophy was given to S/C Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest and their Taswell 56, *Dash*. CYC President Steve Hathaway presented the Signal Service Award to George Etter for organizing and running the Junior Blind Fishing event for more than 20 years.

Following the awards presentation, S/C Cheryl Mahaffey was called to the podium to begin the installation of 2020 Fleet and Bridge Officers. Returning Fleet Budget Officer Mark Pinkerton, Fleet Secretary Hunter Gorog, Fleet Judge Advocate Cole Sheridan, and Fleet Surgeon Harlan Gibbs, M.D. received their flags of office and acknowledged the duties that accompany them. Then it was on to the Bridge Officers: Port Captain Anthony Agolia, Fleet Captain Christina Tarantola, Rear Commodore Monica Antola, and Vice Commodore Tim Clarke, who all promised to faithfully execute their responsibilities. S/C Cheryl Mahaffey then introduced Commodore and SEO Stephanie Weston and presented her with the Commodore's flag. Commodore SEO Stephanie Weston introduced her husband and Commodore's Liaison, Alan, and their family, and delivered a heartfelt and energetic description of her 2020 agenda, in which she encouraged everyone to get the most out of our Club and "Enjoy the Ride" by participating in the Club's many varied activities. She then invited Jr. S/C Debbie Feinerman to the podium to receive her 2019 Officers portrait, a bound book of *Breeze* issues from 2019, and her Junior Staff Commodore flag.

S/C Mahaffey concluded the program and thanked General Manager Lindsay Pizarro, Chef Fabio, Director of Food and Beverage Steve Bell, the entire CYC staff, and the Installation Dinner Committee, Penny Collins and SEO Donna Petersen, and photographer Craig Weston. Following a festive champagne toast, everyone was invited to celebrate and come out to the dance floor to enjoy the music of the Westside Band. 🍷



# Awards and Honors for CYC Members

**N**umerous recognitions and accolades were awarded to Club members in 2019. The following members were honored at CYC's Intallation and Awards Dinner and at ASMBYC's and SCYA's awards events in January.

**Allie Blecher**

**Hal H. Haenel Yachtsman of the Year  
ASMBYC Competitive Yachting Achievement Award**



*Jr. S/C Feinerman presents the Hal H. Haenel Yachtsman of the Year Award to Allie Blecher*

Allie Blecher has had an extraordinary career in yacht racing: four-time collegiate All-American Sailing Team honors, currently ranked eighth overall in the world among women match racers, and now third-time CYC Yachtsman of the Year, having previously been honored in 2006 (with Alan Field and Will Petersen) and in 2010. In 2019, she traveled to the New Zealand Women's Match Racing National Championship, finishing second. Next was the Women's Winter Invitational, in San Diego, where she repeated her 2018 win. Her second-place finish at the 2018 U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship qualified her for the Nations Cup, where she raced against the best match racers in the world, finishing sixth. This past summer she traveled to Sweden for the Women's Match Racing World Championship, where she raced with fellow American and top-10 match-racing skipper, Nicole Breault. She flew straight home after the regatta to skipper in the 2019 U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship, which she won. Allie will be heading back to New Zealand for the 2020 Women's Match Racing World Championship.

***Minor Threat*  
Yacht of the Year**

*Minor Threat* is the latest in a string of one-design boats campaigned by Jeff Janov. After competing in the Martin 242, Schock 35, J/105, and Farr 40 classes, he joined the competitive J/70 class five years ago. With Jeff at the helm, *Minor Threat* has reached the podium at every major Southern California regatta in which the boat competed, winning the Southern California Fleet 4 High Point Series for the past four

consecutive years. Highlights of the 2019 season include a win at the SCYA Midwinter Regatta held at CYC, and a tie for first at Long Beach Race Week. Jeff's sons (Ryan, Grant, and Jordan) have often crewed on the boat while 2015 CYC Yachtsman of the Year Doug McLean is also an important factor in *Minor Threat's* success. *Minor Threat* is expected to fly the CYC burgee proudly as the boat prepares for the J/70 World Championship to be held at CYC in July.



*Owner Jeff Janov with the CYC Yacht of the Year half-hull awarded to Minor Threat*

**George Etter**

**Signal Service Award**

For more than 20 years George Etter has organized and run the Junior Blind Fishing Day. Each year he reaches out to a local summer camp organization for sight-impaired kids and invites campers to experience a day of fishing on Santa Monica Bay. Generally, there are between 20 and 30 kids of various ages



*George Etter accepts the CYC Signal Service Award from CYC President Steve Hathaway*

who participate. Along with the kids, he arranges for CYC members to serve as fishing buddies for the kids. So far, he has helped more than 500 kids experience a day on the water, many of whom have never been on a boat or been out on the ocean before. As amazing as this is for the kids, the CYC members who have participated often say this is one of the most rewarding experiences they have ever had.

**Staff Commodore Denny Haythorn  
Michael F. Braney Sportsmanship Award  
ASMBYC Senior Sportsman of the Year**

S/C Denny Haythorn joined CYC in 1990 and became Commodore in 2000. Throughout his time as a member at CYC, Denny has been a staunch supporter of the race committee, often serving as markset driver, ham operator, and photographer. On Sail Committee, Denny has worked to maintain and improve equipment, such as chargers for the Club's ham radios, new racing marks, and timing equipment. With his wife, Lori, he has organized an annual training day for race committee volunteers. Since 2017, Denny has operated the Sunset Series safety boat on almost every race evening. For the past six years, with Norm

Belcher and Sue Service, he has organized and run the Thursday evening Starlight Series. Denny's quiet, behind-the-scenes efforts keep our race programs running smoothly.

Craig Weston Photography



*Michael F. Braney Sportsmanship Award presented to S/C Denny Haythorn*

**Staff Commodore Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest  
Charles F. Hathaway Long Distance Cruising Trophy**

S/C Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest cast their lines from Marina del Rey in March, 2018 aboard their Taswell 56, so aptly named *Dash*. "Your life is made of two dates and a dash," and Kellie and Mike are making the most of the dash. They began their journey by crossing the Pacific Ocean to French Polynesia. For them, 2019 began in the Society Islands, sailing between Tahiti and Bora Bora; then to the Tuamotus, Cook Islands, Niue, and Fiji; and they ended the cruising year in Opuia, New Zealand. They have experienced the diverse cultures and way of life of the islanders that they meet, and have been invited to villages and homes of locals and expats. Kellie and Mike have also welcomed many of their CYC friends aboard *Dash* as crew or just to visit.



*S/C Kellie Fennessy and Mike Priest in the South Pacific*

***À Fond le Girafon 2.0***

**Stephen Newmark Transpac Trophy**

*À Fond le Girafon 2.0* earned the Newmark Transpac Trophy as the CYC entry that had the best standing overall in the 2019 Transpacific Yacht Race from California to Hawaii (2,225 nautical miles). Charles-Etienne Devanneaux and his crewmate completed the race in 11 days, to finish fourth in Division Six and 49th overall. The 31-foot *À Fond le Girafon 2.0* ("little giraffe") was the smallest boat in the race and the only double-handed entry.



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*À Fond le Girafon 2.0 finishes the Transpacific Yacht Race.*

**Staff Commodore Steve Curran  
ASMBYC Senior Yachtsman of the Year**

S/C Steve Curran was recognized for his ongoing contributions to the yachting community. Steve's sailing covers a 55+ year history, most recently in the iconic and easily recognized

*Tinderbox*. A youthful Steve raced the 29' Olympic class Dragon, sailed for UCLA, competed in the 1968 Olympic Trials, and served as a PRO in the 1984 Olympic Games. Steve has completed several



Craig Weston Photography

*S/C Steve Curran and B.J.*

Transpacific Yacht Races. At CYC, Steve served as Commodore in 1986. Perhaps his most ongoing contribution to the yachting community has been the co-creation and stewardship of MarinaFest, the annual on-water boat show.

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# 180° MAGNETIC

A NOVEL BY  
**JIM SCHOENDALLER**  
**JEANNE C. STEIN**

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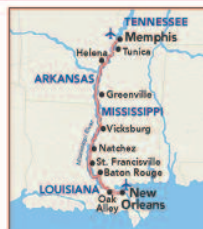
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### **Roy P. Disney and the Crew of Pyewacket ASMBYC and SCYA Rescue Awards**

At 0200 hours on the second day of last summer's Transpacific Yacht Race to Hawaii, John Sangmeister's Santa Cruz 70, *OEX*, suffered catastrophic breakage of her rudder bearing, resulting in a gaping hole in the bottom of the boat. *OEX* issued a mayday call, and, fortunately, so early in the race, help was nearby, and listening. One of John's fiercest competitors, Roy P. Disney and his Andrews 70, *Pyewacket*, heard the distress call, diverted their course toward *OEX*, and arrived on the scene just one hour later. Despite the darkness, *Pyewacket* smoothly rescued *OEX*'s crew. The two crews returned to Marina del Rey, saddened by not being able to finish this classic race, but relieved that all were home safely. As a thank-you gesture, John offered to fly Roy and his entire *Pyewacket* crew to Honolulu for the legendary post-race festivities.

### **Ken Havard**

#### **ASMBYC Commodore's Choice Award**

There is one individual who has been a constant in maintaining the permanent racing buoys in Santa Monica Bay: Ken Havard, a local diver whose time underwater has extended each buoy's useful life. On a typical dive, he'll spend hours removing marine growth from the buoys and chain, and then dive the length of the ground tackle to assess its integrity, making repairs as needed. It is a miserable job, year-round. If asked, Ken would say, "Besides, there's nobody else who will do it."



*Katharine Doble competes at the Optimist European Championship in France.*

### **Katharine Doble**

#### **ASMBYC Junior Yachtsman of the Year**

One of CYC's most competitive young sailors, Katharine Doble learned to sail at the Club when she was eight years old and soon began racing competitively as a member of the Junior Racing Team. In her final year as an Opti racer, she placed in the top 10 overall at three major Optimist regattas: the USODA Spring Team Qualifier, the Orange Bowl Youth Regatta, and the Optimist Team Trials at CYC. She was the top girl in each. She capped that by finishing first overall in the Heavy Weather Regatta at St. Francis Yacht Club, and by being the first girl ever to win the Harken Series. Before moving on to the Club 420 class, Katharine finished her Opti career in 2019 by placing 11th out of 117 competitors at the Optimist European Championship in Crozon-Morgat, France.



*The crews of Pyewacket and OEX return to Marina del Rey.*

### **Charles Pascal**

#### **SCYA Maritime Order of the Golden Key Award**

Charles Pascal has defined radio communication in Southern California, and beyond, as a pioneer in training for amateur radio licensing for more than 30 years. There is hardly anyone at CYC, and, probably in Southern California yacht racing, with a ham operator's license who doesn't have Charlie to thank for that. He has trained more than 10,000 students for amateur radio licensing. Charlie was first recognized by SCYA for his work in amateur radio operations 12 years ago, and has continued to serve Southern California's maritime radio community.

### **Denise George**

#### **SCYA Peggy Slater Memorial Trophy**

Denise George was honored for her contributions to enhancing women's participation in sailing, including weekly clinics for women using the Capri 22 fleet at Santa Monica Windjammers YC, serving as regatta chair of the WOW/WAH regatta, and campaigning her Martin 242, *All In*, with an all-female crew for six years. She also chaired Sunset Series for years, found crew spots for women, and helped to inaugurate a WOW Wednesday each month. She has also served as the team manager of CYC's entry to the Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Regatta, organizing practices and coaching sessions while also acting as tactician.

### **Staff Commodore Anne Sacks**

#### **SCYA Warren Ewert Memorial Trophy**

S/C Anne Sacks was recognized for her distinguished service to the Southern California Yachting Association. A former director of SCYA, she has also been actively involved with Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC), serving as its director since 2001. Anne has been an active member of CYC since joining in 1977 and was Commodore in 2003. She has served on or chaired many Club committees and continues to serve on the Membership Committee. She spearheaded CYC's participation in the California Coastal Cleanup Day, billed as California's largest volunteer and family oriented event. ⚓





## Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade

**R**ick and Judy Kulis' festive powerboat, *Love the Journey*, captured the Best Power Award at the Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade. The parade, held December 14, attracted more than 50 entries. This is the second time Rick and Judy have entered *Love the Journey* in the parade, taking home the award for Best Theme in 2018.

## Kids Welcome 2020 with a Bang!

By LARA CLARKE

**C**YC families and friends celebrated the beginning of a new decade on Sunday, December 29, at the Kids Noon Year's Eve party. Festive party hats, crowns, and beads decorated the tables and were worn by kids of all ages (and adults!). Everyone had a fabulous time dancing to the DJ's tunes and especially enjoyed the games, including musical chairs and freeze dance. After getting tattoos, dancing, and eating delicious pizza, the kids were treated to cookies and then the balloon drop at noon with more than 200 balloons falling in the atrium. Thank you to the CYC staff and Catering for making the day memorable and to R/C Tim Clarke for assistance with all the balloons! Goodbye 2019 and hello 2020! 🎉






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## Mariners Education Seminar

Saturday, February 22

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Robin Spencer

Wednesday, February 12  
Glass Painting




Wednesday, February 26  
Fabric Painting

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.




Please bring your favorite glasses to paint for Valentine's Day or other special occasion. Tile painting will also be available with glass painting.

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# A Gentle Summer Breeze - Kiwi Style

By S/C KELLIE FENNESSY and MIKE PRIEST

**I**t was a festive evening for the December Epicurean Dinner – with our Club so beautifully decorated for the holidays, warm weather, and the holiday spirit permeating the group that had gathered for fine wine and food. All things New Zealand was the theme.

Haka Warriors greeted our members as they entered the Fireside Room for pre-dinner bubbly and hors d'oeuvres. They later performed a traditional haka dance, and then a group of our more adventurous men got out and learned the haka themselves. There was lots of laughter as we adjourned to the main dining room for the feast to be presented.

With New Zealand having more than 9,000 miles of coastline and abundant waterways, seafood goodness was prominently displayed. New Zealand oysters, green-lipped mussels, scallops, and cockles were all featured. And, of course, a perfectly served rack of lamb was the main course. All dishes were accompanied by lovely New Zealand wines from various parts of the country. The evening ended with a delicious pavlova, which was light and airy with an



assortment of fruits and berries.

A warm thank you to Chef Fabio and our own Kiwi native, Director of

Food and Beverage Steve Bell, for putting all the pieces together for an outstanding evening. ♡

*The Epicurean Society*  
*Annual-Sweethearts Dinner*

*Tuesday, February 11*  
*7 p.m.*

*Dinner Co-chairs Commodore Stephanie Weston*  
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*Across America*

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**Wine Tasting**

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# Unsettling, Revealing, Masterful "Marriage Story" Moves Movie Mates

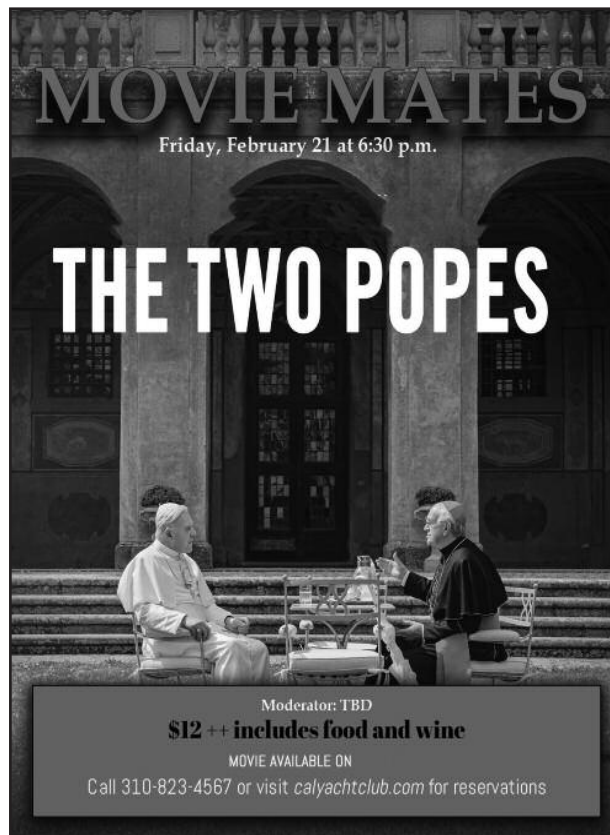
By IRA TELLER

Every story about divorce is a "Marriage Story." Director Noah Baumbach and two superlative performances by Scarlett Johansson and Adam Driver were praised by the Movie Mates. Chair Sarah White and her sister Anna moderated on December 13. The depiction of lawyers, especially Laura Dern's manipulation of Johansson's vulnerable character, Nicole, drew many comments, especially from two lawyers who were present. Perhaps SEO Donna Petersen expressed it best with her reference to Shakespeare's "Henry VI, Part 2," "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers."

But the heart of the discussion centered on the husband and wife. Nicole, an actress too long living in the shadow of her stage director husband, and her feeling of becoming "smaller" in the relationship drew sympathetic responses. But the most emotional reaction was for Driver's Charlie, who keeps on referring to his wife and child as "a New York family," when clearly that is no longer true.

Details such as the use of the play "Antigone," which focuses on a woman destroyed by men, and key moments such as Charlie's sudden explosive verbal outburst, the touching note of Nicole tying his shoelace, and the two Stephen Sondheim songs, one reflecting freedom for Nicole, the other loneliness for Charlie, were cited for their emotional impact. A movie that shows where love can go when it turns to hate, the deeper "Marriage Story" goes, the bigger its scope becomes.

Movie Mates meets the third Friday of every month at 6:30 p.m. The February 21 choice is "The Two Popes," streaming on Netflix, and plans are in the works for an Oscar party on Sunday, February 9. On March 20, we will screen and discuss "Brian Banks," with Jonathan Greenburg moderating. ⚡



**MOVIE MATES**  
Friday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m.

## THE TWO POPES

Moderator: TBD  
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## CYCWA Paddle Tennis Welcome Day !

**Thursday, February 20  
10 a.m.**

Experience the fun of paddle tennis with basic instructions for beginners and fast-paced games for more experienced players. We'll provide raquets, just bring your court shoes.

No-host lunch at Club after play

For more information contact  
Lori Haythorn [lori.haythorn@haythorn.org](mailto:lori.haythorn@haythorn.org)  
or  
Marylyn Hoenemeyer [hoenemeyer@roadrunner.com](mailto:hoenemeyer@roadrunner.com)

## CYC Pickleball Fun Day

**Saturday, March 7  
9 a.m. - Noon**

### Learn to Play Pickleball!



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Reservations requested.  
Contact Jim Ach at 310-666-8784 or [jimach2@yahoo.com](mailto:jimach2@yahoo.com) for reservations and more information.

**Warning: Pickleball is fun and highly addictive.**

# Murder, Race, Marriage, and Loyalty Collide in "Bluebird, Bluebird"

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER,  
Book Mates Co-chairs

**A**ttica Locke's mesmerizing new novel, "Bluebird, Bluebird," bears all the hallmarks of modern crime fiction: the alcoholic protagonist with the damaged marriage, the townsfolk who close ranks against outsiders, and the small-town law enforcement agent with murky loyalties. But "Bluebird, Bluebird" is a true original in the way it twists these conventions into a narrative of exhilarating immediacy.

This suspenseful journey of a modern-day black Texas Ranger, which reads like a blues song with all its troubles over property and love, was the subject of our January 2 Book Mates luncheon. SEO Norma Pratt moderated and led the discussion of this timely novel, setting the stage with blues music during our luncheon and a table display of cornbread, peach pie, and a cowboy hat.

Beginning with a brief video by the author and background on her earlier prize-winning novels and screen credits, including the TV show "Empire," Norma presented a map of Highway 59, whose path both the novel and its protagonist travel.

The favorite character for all was Darren Mathews, the flawed Ranger, who, like the author, has his roots deeply planted in Texas soil. From the very first chapter, we learn he is torn between duty and loyalty. Darren is as determined to uphold the rules of law as he is to defend and protect all people of color. Loyalty is a major theme of the novel, as are long-simmering racial fault lines about to erupt.

The author's writing style was applauded for its rich detail and surprising interlocking and interconnected plot lines. All the characters are given intriguing histories and much to hide in their past. Keys to unravelling both murders and motivations lie in an ancient graveyard, an ice house, and an old blues guitar.

For March 5, we will read "Winter Garden," by Kristin Hannah. SEO Dawn Sprout moderates. April 2 brings the highly praised "The Dutch House," by Ann Patchett; Sandy Kates will moderate. ⚡

## BOOK MATES

Thursday, March 5

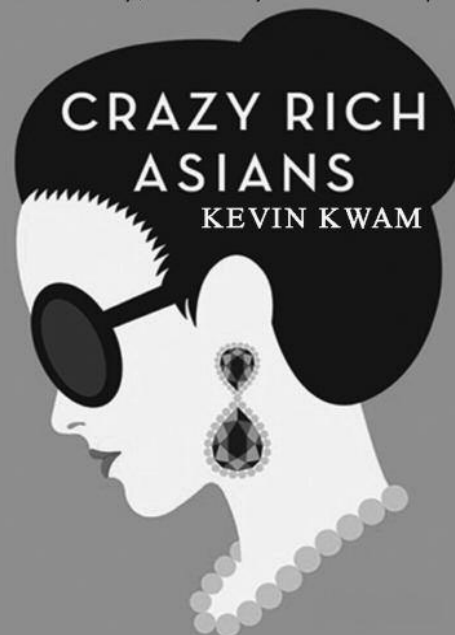
*Winter Garden*  
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## HAPPY HOUR BOOK CLUB

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Moderator: Robin Spencer

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# CYCWA on the Horizon

By EO MICHELLE PARKER ONDREY

## Paddle Tennis Welcome Day Thursday, February 20

Looking for a fun, new way to exercise in 2020? Come to the Paddle Tennis Welcome Day to get some basic instruction in this fast-paced game and to meet the ladies who play every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Contact Co-chairs Lori Haythorn or Marylyn Hoenemeyer for more details.

## COMING IN MARCH

### An Evening in Provence – Call for Art Submissions Saturday, March 7

Art show 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Dinner dance to follow at 7 p.m.

Stroll streets of Provence while sipping wine and viewing artwork at our upcoming art show and dinner dance, hosted by Art Aficionados and the Power Fleet. We are calling on all CYC artists to participate by submitting their provençal-inspired art. To submit your artwork, please contact SEO Dawn Sprout [dawnsprout@att.net](mailto:dawnsprout@att.net) and SEO Norma Pratt [norma@rlpratt.com](mailto:norma@rlpratt.com).

### Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation Friday, March 27

More than 400 works of art are on display at the Los Angeles estate of entrepreneur, philanthropist, and art collector Frederick R. Weisman and his wife, Billie Milam Weisman, an art conservator and curator. Weisman purchased the Mediterranean-style villa, designed in the late 1920s, in 1982 to showcase his personal collection of 20th-century art. Join us for a tour of this unique estate, art pavilion, and surrounding gardens. ♣

## JOIN US!

### 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. Co-chairs are Virginia and Ira Teller. Call the Club for reservation and lunch information.

### Bridge

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

### Happy Hour Book Club

Third Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room. Co-chairs are 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.



# Toys for Tots

By First Officer MICHELLE PARKER ONDREY and MARIE HEDLUND

**I**t's easy to use superlatives when describing events at CYC, but this year's Toys for Tots really was a superlative event. Our Christmas tree was the most beautiful ever. The splendid décor and table decorations were the best ever, and the holiday menu was perfection itself. Rainy skies finally cleared and the night was filled with great promise.

The pre-dinner cocktail hour featured The Voices of Christmas, a Dickens-inspired quartet in colorful period costumes. Entertaining us all as they meandered through the crowd, Voices performed both practiced songs and impromptu requests, adding greatly to the festive atmosphere. There was a nice buzz from the crowd, always a good sign.

General Manager Lindsay Pizarro and Chef Fabio prepared a delicious dinner for us all. Director of Food and Beverage Steve Bell did a great job overseeing service to all who attended.

Zoran Segina was masterful as he tickled the ivories and led us all in an extremely lively holiday sing-along. Even the U.S. Marines got into the spirit of things. Their a cappella rendition of "The Marine's Hymn" was thunderous and cheered by all. Toward the end we practically needed a hook to get the many singers to give up the microphone!

Many thanks to SEO Norma Pratt for opening our evening with a heartfelt invocation, and many, many thanks to Michele Fisher, CYC decorator extraordinaire, who, with her team including Setsuko Anthony, SEO Norma Pratt, and others, transformed our dining room into a warm, comfortable, and inviting place to spend the evening.

Our Marine contingent left CYC with four huge overflowing boxes of toys and more than \$1,100 in cash donations. Especially with our California forest fires, there is so much need and the CYC membership really responded.

Semper Fi, amen, and happy New Year to all! 🍀



SEO Karen Stirling, Honorary SEO Patty Hathaway, and EO Pam Hobson



Michele Fisher provided the beautiful decorations for Toys for Tots, plus so many other events over the years.



Bob and SEO Norma Pratt, Private First Class Ortega, Ron and SEO Diane Howard, Gunnery Sergeant Block, and Ed and Joanna Brody

Photos by SEO Carol Watkins, Alan Weston, and Berry Wilkinson



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# From the Manager



LINDSAY PIZARRO, CCM

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## CYC Leaps into LOVE

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**F**eel the LOVE at CYC this month! Club leadership and the CYC team are continually looking at ways to enhance your experience all throughout the Club, so we are celebrating traditions and introducing a few special offerings of LOVE during the month of February.

On February 11, Commodore Stephanie Weston will host our traditional Epicurean Sweethearts Dinner. Valentine's Day, February 14, falls on a Friday this year. Take advantage of a quiet dining room, easy parking, and an amazing view of the sunset to wine and dine your valentine. We will have live music and a special menu to tantalize your taste buds.

On the water, we have three special offerings of LOVE this month. For \$3,000 you can book the *Charles Hathaway* for a cruise on Valentine's night. Dockmaster Curtis Wagner will take you on a sunset cruise for six couples (or 12 singles). CYC will provide the libations and hors d'oeuvres. Also, the Club's

Keelboat Program is offering a three-hour couples sailing lesson at a discounted rate of \$150. Whether you are a beginner or you want a refresher, our qualified instructor will ensure you will have a fun, safe, and informative time. And, if you really want to deepen your love this year, I hear, "A couple that can row together will stand the test of time!" So, whether rowing in tandem is your idea of productive couples therapy or not, we are offering a discounted couples rowing lesson this month. Please contact me to book our Valentine Sunset Cruise, couples keelboat or couples rowing lesson this month.

Back on land, we encourage the leap year tradition of women "manning" the helm by proposing to their beloved! Many famous people have embraced this tradition including Olympic athlete Lindsey Vonn, actress Kristen Bell, Hollywood icon Elizabeth Taylor, and revered sage Judge Judy to name a few. CYC will present each happy couple with a bottle of Veuve Clicquot to commemorate the day. (The offer applies to gentlemen who propose as well.)

Last, with an extra day this month we noticed an opportunity on our calendar. Join us on Friday, February 28, for our very first Sadie Hawkins Dance. Again, we encourage you to ask your first mate to the dance. Or, if you are single, snooze that Bumble or Tinder account and flaunt your flirty self on the dance floor. Come alone or with your crew and check out other unattached desirables looking to make a connection.

With all of our special offerings of LOVE this month, it is my hope you feel the love at CYC, find love at CYC, and/or deepen your love at CYC! ♡

This month we are also giving our landscaping some LOVE, by filling, trimming, and freshening up our planters from the front entrance to our waterfront lawn. If you have an eye for landscape design please stop by, I would LOVE to hear your ideas. In the meantime, we hope you notice the subtle changes from the moment you arrive at CYC.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS</b> 1 Littles Event 2 Super Bowl Celebration 8-9 SCYA Midwinters 9 Oscar Night Party 11 Epicurean Sweethearts Dinner 14 Valentine Dinner 22 Mariners Education 22-23 Opti Spring Series Harken #1 27 Rosé Wine Tasting 28 Chef's Table 28 Sadie Hawkins Dance						1 Race Committee Orientation Seminar Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Littles Event 8 SCYA Midwinters Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 15 Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 22 Opti Spring Series Harken #1 Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Mariners Education 29 Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Breeze Deadline
Super Bowl Celebration 2 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot Family Pasta Buffet SCYA Midwinters 9 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Family Pasta Buffet Oscar Night Party	Club closed 3 Evening Pickleball Club Closed 10 Evening Pickleball Presidents Day 17 Club closed Evening Pickleball Club Closed 24 Evening Pickleball	Club closed 4 Women's Paddle Tennis Club closed 11 Epicurean Sweethearts Dinner Women's Paddle Tennis Club closed 18 Women's Paddle Tennis Club closed 25 Women's Paddle Tennis	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 5 CYCWA Luncheon Bridge Club Prime Rib Night Art Aficionados 12 Bridge Club Prime Rib Night Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 19 Bridge Club FAC Mtg. Prime Rib Night HH Book Club Yachting Program Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 26 Art Aficionados Bridge Club Prime Rib Night	Women's Paddle Tennis 6 Mah Jongg Fleet Council Mtg. Book Mates Women's Paddle Tennis 13 Mah Jongg CYCWA Board Mtg. Jr. Comm. Mtg. Sail Comm. Mtg. Women's Paddle Tennis 20 Mah Jongg Women's Paddle Tennis 27 Mah Jongg Bridge Mtg. New Member Mtg. Rosé Wine Tasting	7 Seafood Buffet Valentine's Day 14 Valentine Dinner 21 Movie Mates 28 Chef's Table Sadie Hawkins Dance	1 8 15 22 29
<b>MARCH 2020</b>						
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