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**COMMODORE STEPHANIE WESTON
AND THE
2020 BRIDGE**

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From the Commodore

Happy New Year! As we close the second decade of the 21st century, we also celebrate California Yacht Club's 98th birthday. What an honor and privilege it is to be Commodore of this yacht club with its rich and vibrant history. Going on the Bridge was never on my radar and when I was asked, I was honestly surprised. My initial reaction was "No," but after some reflection, I realized how much I had received from CYC in the way of friendship and leadership. As I looked back on my time at the Club and recognized how much fun I've had over the years, it was easy to say "Yes." Both being Executive Officer of the Women's Association and climbing the ladder of the Bridge have enriched my life immensely. I've met and worked with so many wonderful people that I would not have had the pleasure of knowing otherwise.

I thought long and hard about what my theme for this year should be. Several ideas came to mind. I finally settled on "Enjoy the Ride." Life is a journey, so why not enjoy the time we have, doing the things we love? Here at CYC, the "ride" can be sailing either leisurely or competitively, cruising, powerboating, kayaking, rowing, paddleboarding, dining, drinking, playing paddle tennis or pickleball, playing bridge or mah jongg, belonging to one of the numerous committees, participating in activities, or just spending time with friends. Whatever your "ride," you are sure to have fun and develop long and meaningful friendships along the way.

Each month I will spotlight an activity, committee, or event in the **"Your Ticket to Ride"** box. These are things that you might consider doing to get the most out of your membership. Activities at the Club are for **all** members regardless of the fleet sponsoring them and are planned by generous volunteers who give their time to make it all happen. If you see something is sponsored by a group, for instance Power Fleet, that means that they have done the work to plan the event but Club members who are interested may attend. From personal experience, I have found that going to events and getting involved with a committee was the best way to get integrated into the Club.

Be sure to check the Club publications, the *Breeze* and *Zephyr*, and the CYC website for what's happening around the Club. You can make reservations on the website and look to see who else might be attending. An updated calendar can be found on the website as some events may change.

Besides the usual events we have at the Club – Installations, Opening Day, Cal Race Week, Sunset Series – this summer we will host the 2020 J/70 World Championship. This promises to be a huge event with over 75 boats and accomplished sailors coming from all over the world. The Club will be hopping. Marylyn Hoenemeyer is the Regatta Chair and will be looking



*Commodore
Stephanie Weston*

for volunteers to help. Watch for updates over the next several months.

The following is just a small sample of some of the events that will occur in 2020. Cruising will take us to Catalina and other yacht clubs along the coast. There will be day cruises and dock parties. An art show and dinner dance is in the works, as are CYCWA excursions to Virginia Robinson Gardens and the W. K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. The Family Activities Committee has lots of events planned for the young and young at heart. This includes their always popular game truck, bingo, and Trunk or Treat. Fishermen will appreciate the Junior Blind fishing trip as well as the CYC-MdR Fishing Challenge.

My Commodore's Cruise will take us "Up the Lazy River" on the lower Mississippi October 10-17. We will travel aboard the brand-new American Cruise Line *American Jazz*. It will be a fun-filled week with great food, music, history, and relaxation.

There truly is something for everyone at CYC. I look forward to seeing you around the Club. I hope that you will **Enjoy the Ride** with me! 🚣

YOUR TICKET TO RIDE

January 11 - Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner

Meet the Bridge and Flag Officers and give recognition to our Club members who have received awards from CYC and other yachting organizations. Dancing follows dinner and awards.

January 18 – CYC Women's Association Installation of Officers

Lovely luncheon where the Executive Board is installed and the appointed board is introduced. It's a great way to meet other Club members.

January 25 – Fleet Leaders Breakfast

This is for anyone who is chairing an event. The protocol involved in planning an event, budgeting, and publicity will be discussed. I hope to see all Fleet Leaders there.

January 26 – Activities Day

Discover what fun events are planned for you this year. All our committees will be represented. See how you can get involved. This is always a fun event and it is FREE.

February 1 – Race Committee Orientation Seminar

Be part of the action on regatta days by participating on CYC's race committee. This is your opportunity to learn the skills necessary to help with our regattas on and off the water.

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Farr 40 World Championship



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Commodores Ball



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BACK COVER 2020 CYCWA officers: Secretary Berry Wilkinson, Second Officer Laura Greenburg, Executive Officer Michelle Parker Ondrey, First Officer Connie Webster, and Jr. EO Pam Hobson

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California Yacht Club

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and

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On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

We love it when new members get involved in CYC activities and appreciate all who lend their time and talent to our events. Professional photographer **Jeff Demain** joined CYC this past summer and immediately jumped right in! He took stunning on-the-water photos of CYC's Summer Regatta, the Women on the Water/Woman at the Helm Regatta, and, featured in this issue of the *Breeze*, the Head of the Marina and California Dreamin' Series Long Beach Stop (pictured, right). You can view more of Jeff's architectural, nautical, and aerial photography by visiting demainphotography.com.

Thank you, Jeff, for so generously contributing your photography skills to CYC and congratulations on winning a bottle of fine wine selected by Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell. 🍷



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Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By **CURTIS WAGNER**,
Dockmaster

Keelboat Club member **Antonio Batanero-Girbau** and son Manuel (pictured) went for a daysail on *Mischief* in November and picked up four shiny balloons. Congratulations!

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. 🍷



2020 Regatta Calendar



January
J/70 West Coast
Winter Series 18-19

February
SCYA Midwinter Regatta 8-9
Harken #1 Opti
Spring Series 22-23

April
Harris Spring Regatta 5
Sunset Series begins 15

May
Starlight Series begins 14
Pacific Cup Deepwater #1 17
★ Cal Race Week 30-31

June
King of Spain 13-14
Pacific Cup Deepwater #2 28

July
J/70 World Championship
July 26 - August 1

August
Summer Regatta 15

September
King of the Hill 16
Sanguinetti Team Race 26-27

October
Shadden Series #2 4

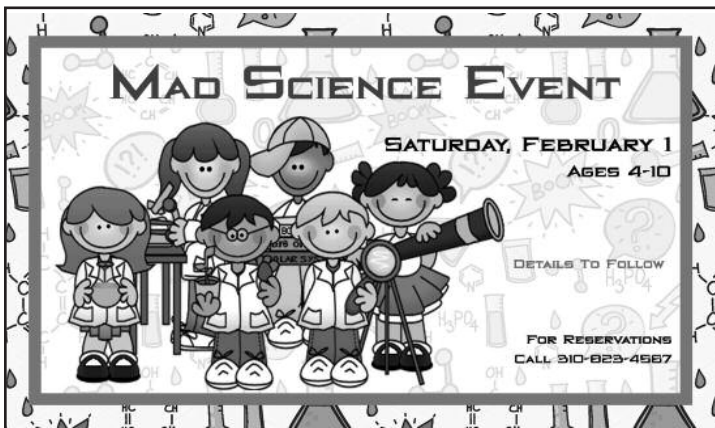
CYC Burgee Travels

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



Photo by Steve Edwards

While our members travel far and wide to exotic lands with the CYC burgee, it can always be found close to home. For example, have you seen the special **Knit or Knot** burgee at CYC? This talented group created their own burgee, attached it to a miniature flagpole made of a knitting needle, and then stuck it in a ball of CYC-blue yarn. Look for the Knit or Knot burgee when the group meets in the Members Lounge every first and third Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. ⚓



Commodores Ball: An Evening "Under the Stars"

By LAURA GREENBURG and PINKY CALDWELL, Event Co-chairs

"Under the Stars" was the theme for the 2019 Commodores Ball honoring Commodore Debbie Feinerman and all CYC Staff Commodores. It was a wonderful night filled with delicious food and drink, a festive atmosphere, and great music. Members entered the Club on the red carpet, followed by visions of silver stars under a sparkly moon for their first photo opportunity. Everyone stopped to have pictures taken under the moon and stars.

Champagne was readily available and abundant. The Fireside Room was decorated in navy and silver with pictures from the Commodore's Cruise playing on the screen. Delicious appetizers were passed: butternut squash shooters, rack of lamb crostini, and spicy ahi tuna on petite wonton crisps. Chef Fabio started the evening in a wonderful way.

Following the cocktail reception of hors d'oeuvres and JP Chenet Blanc de Blanc, guests made their way upstairs to the elegantly decorated dining room with twinkling stars all around them. Co-chairs Laura Greenburg and Pinky Caldwell welcomed Commodore Debbie Feinerman and S/C Bill Stump to the ball. All the attending Staff Commodores and CYC President Steve Hathaway and Stephanie



The CYC Bridge celebrates a starry night: R/C Tim Clarke, V/C Stephanie Weston, Commodore Debbie Feinerman, and P/C Christina Tarantola.

were introduced by S/C Stump. The speeches were short, to everyone's delight.

A four-course dinner followed, with Chef Fabio embracing the stars theme. The salad course included colorful beets in the shape of stars. Both stars and half-moon shaped Dauphinoise potatoes adorned the delicious filet mignon au poivre. The dinner was paired with wine

specially selected by Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell. The pièce de résistance was dessert, a gorgeous and totally luscious chocolate mousse-filled cake topped with a half moon and tiny stars. Was Fabio a pastry chef in a previous career? The cake was paired with a Madeira Orange Muscat which just enhanced the chocolate flavor.

Then the fun part of the evening began with Retrofit, a live four-piece band that played all of our favorite songs from the '70s and '80s. The dance floor was filled for the rest of the night. The photo booth in the Members Lounge was busy all evening with everyone taking advantage of the props, doing funny faces and arrangements by themselves or in groups. All in all it was a great way to spend an evening Under the Stars.

A very special thanks to CYC staff whose help made the evening a success, especially Chef Fabio, General Manager Lindsay Pizarro, Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell, Banquet Manager Luis Estrada, Catering Director Miki Mootsey, and office staff Gloria Crawley, Jeanine Steward, and Andrée Martin. We couldn't have done it without your help. ✨



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Nicole Harnett, S/C Kellie Fennessy, and Miriam Moses



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Carol and S/C Bill Watkins



EO Pam Hobson and Craig



S/C Bill Stump and Commodore Debbie Feinerman surrounded by Debbie's family: Jon and Danielle Brown, Stephanie Feinerman and Adam Reuss, and Becky Gordon and David Feinerman



Commodore Debbie Feinerman (center) presents flowers to Co-chairs Pinky Caldwell (left) and Laura Greenburg (right) in appreciation for a lovely evening Under the Stars.



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One World Championship Was Unbelievable - Winning Three in a Row Was Unimaginable!

By DREW FREIDES



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Drew Freides (white sunglasses) skippers Far Niente to win the Farr 40 World Championship, besting the international field of 14 boats.

You might recall that a year ago when CYC was kind enough to host an event for our team winning our second straight Melges 20 World Championship in Italy, I was asked what was next. My response was that we had sold our entire Melges 20 program in Italy and that our team was on to the Farr 40 and our soon-to-be-built Melges IC 37 (which was launched mid-summer). With the Farr 40 World Championship in the home waters of Long Beach, we had to give it a shot with our aging *Far Niente* (a 20-year-old Farr 40 but a past world champion in 2002). In our wildest dreams we never thought that we could win three straight world championships – our third October in a row celebrating victory.

Our secret to winning the past two Melges 20 World Championships was simple: Practice harder, train more frequently, and race in more events than our competition. These principles served us well over the past few years. Unfortunately with the Farr 40, we did not have this luxury due to prior commitments. We came into the 2019 Worlds having raced our boat for four days in 2019 (including the Pre-Worlds), and seven days total, since we purchased the boat a few years back. Add to that a total of five additional practice days, and you have a team that had not sailed together very often, competing against some teams that have sailed their boats for many years.

To combat that inexperience and lack of preparation, we knew that we would need to prepare very efficiently to beat

these well-prepared and -sailed boats. With the help of our boat captain, we made sure the boat was updated and prepared as well as possible, with the bottom sanded, needed gear replaced, and a complete inventory of new North sails added to the boat. We then went about getting not only our friends to join us, but sailors with the most Farr 40 experience we could find. This included Ben Allen on the bow, Max Hutcheson at the mast, Kayla McComb floating, Jake LaDow in the pit, Charlie Smythe trimming downwind, Jon Hayes trimming upwind, Eric Doyle trimming the mainsail, and, of course, my partner, Vince Brun, calling flawless tactics. Add to that our coach, Ed Adams, and we had a formidable team.

After an inauspicious start to our Worlds prep, finishing third in the Pre-Worlds, just days prior to the Worlds themselves, we knew we had work ahead of us. The good news was that our coach, Ed Adams, arrived for the second day of the Pre-Worlds. He was one of our secret weapons ... Ed was our eyes outside of our boat. It was his job to learn from our competitors: film their set-ups, watch how they were trimming and sailing their boats. What we lacked in experience we were going to make up by learning from our competitors.

After two solid days of practice between the Pre-Worlds and the Worlds, continuing to learn the boat and improve our boat speed, sail handling, and maneuvers, we were as ready as we could be for the event with the limited amount of prep time we

had. The regatta began with atypical light air for Long Beach but built to a nice 13-17 knots by the end of the third race. We had yet another less than auspicious first day, finishing with a 3-7-1, but ended on a high note, winning the last race by a substantial margin as the breeze picked up. We definitely had more and more boat speed and were beginning to feel a bit more confident that we could hang with the leaders.

The second day remained relatively light. These conditions suited *Struntje Light*, with them taking the “picket fence” for the day (1-1-1). It rapidly looked as if we might be racing for second at best. We began the third day 12 points out of the lead (with more than double the points of *Struntje*). After three clean starts toward the windward end of the line, we had the flexibility to break free and head to the favored right-hand side of the racecourse. Our boat speed continued to improve as we had multiple evenings to review Ed Adams’ pictures and learn from his observations and insights. My driving also continued to improve, making our boat speed more formidable by the race. As we broke free from the pack in each race, *Struntje* was not so fortunate, getting pinged around and pushed back. After we finished 3-1-1 to their 5-9-5, our 12-point deficit somehow turned into a two-point lead in one day.

As we headed into the dock, we looked at each other in amazement. We were somehow now leading. The good news is that the prior three Melges 20 World Championships taught us how to deal with pressure. Rather than be stressed, we felt fortunate to be in the lead and knew that we simply had to sail clean and just match *Struntje* in the remaining two races to win the Worlds. The Farr 40 Worlds does not allow for a drop race, making things a bit more difficult.

The breeze for the final day was forecast to remain in the high single digits. We began the first race in our usual fashion – a nice clean start towards the boat end of the line, while *Struntje* was not able to get off the line as cleanly as we were. We then

tacked on to port approximately two minutes after the start and led the fleet right. *Blade 2* had tacked right at the gun, and therefore led at the weather mark. We simply stayed with *Struntje*, trying to tack on her and push her back whenever we could. Our tactics paid off – we finished the race in second, while they finished fourth. Our lead was now four points with only one race left in the series.

As this was the last race in the series, John Busch, the PRO, surprised the fleet with a three-lapper. This made us a little uneasy because we still felt that *Struntje* and *Insanity* both had a boat speed edge on us. The longer the race, the more we could be exposed.

Surprise – we attempted the same start again and were fortunate to pull off another clean start, towards the boat end of the line, with *Struntje* pinned below us. After sailing on port for approximately three minutes, we tacked to starboard, protecting the right. *Struntje* eventually tacked on our hip, but rapidly fell into our line as the right was favored once again. We rounded the top mark in third (both *Edake* and *Skian Dhu* were able to break to the right early and gain substantially). We remained in third for the next four legs. It was only on the last downwind leg that we let *Struntje* pass us as it became evident that we had the series in the bag. We stopped covering them because we didn’t want to slow both of us down further as the rest of the fleet gained on us both. They passed us right before the finish line but it was mission accomplished – we were somehow crowned the 2019 Farr World Champions.

Looking back, I am not really sure how we pulled this off. We had a solid boat, new sails, and a great team, but lacked the experience of our toughest competitors. I was definitely the weak link on the team. We had amazing tactics, often laying marks from many boat-lengths away. Our team came together at just the right time, and as we all know, to win a world championship always takes an element of luck. ⚓



Far Niente leads the pack.

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California Dreamin' Series Stops at Long Beach

By S/C DAVID COLLINS

Fires and Santa Ana winds. While most of the country was indoors fretting over keeping the house warm, here in Southern California we were experiencing summer heat and record winds blasting out of the desert which had triggered serious wildfires throughout the area. However, the various marine forecasts for Long Beach suggested very, very light offshore winds for the regatta, held November 2-3. Looking out to sea from the Belmont Pier racing area you could see that there was an ugly brown layer of wildfire smoke obscuring Catalina Island and, for a period during the afternoon, thick fog reduced local visibility to half a mile.

California Dreamin' Series Long Beach Yacht Club Stop is the final of three match race events with the others sailed at San Diego YC and St. Francis YC. Saturday began with a postponement but, fortunately, when the light breeze did fill in, the wind was from the southwest. For several flights the breeze actually built to provide excellent conditions for the competitors and these Grade 3 matches were hotly contested. By the end of

the first day, the favorites were ensconced at the top and we had round robin one completed as the wind died to nothing. The last match saw the dying breeze shift in alarming fashion, demanding great courage by the tacticians as they closed to the finish line.

Sunday morning and again the wind remained light and from the southwest, but, thankfully, it didn't die until we had completed the second round robin. CYC skipper Liz Hjorth had a stellar day on the water which raised her team to fourth overall in a fleet of eight. The results included tie breaks for second and third, and a three-way tie for fifth, sixth, and seventh. CYC skipper Marilyn Cassedy enjoyed some excellent close matches with lead changes, although the scores do not reflect this.

The weekend was won by local sailor Shane Young (Long Beach YC), with Chris Weis (Del Rey YC) second, and Greg Dair (Cabrillo Beach YC) third. The overall California Dreamin' Series was won by Chris Weis (Del Rey YC), with Liz Hjorth third, and Marilyn Cassedy fifth. ⚓



Marilyn Cassedy placed fifth overall in the California Dreamin' Series.



Liz Hjorth (foreground) placed fourth in the Long Beach Stop and third overall in the California Dreamin' Series.

Winners Circle

By PAULA CAMERON

California Dreamin' Series

Overall results; 14 teams

3 Liz Hjorth

5 Marilyn Cassedy

California Dreamin' Series Long Beach Stop

November 2-3, Long Beach YC

8 teams

4 Liz Hjorth

Optimist Fall Regatta (Carrie #2)

November 9-10, Ventura YC

36 boats

4 Mika Sternberg; first girl

10 Carsten Zieger


12 Lucca Farrell

19 Katlia Sherman

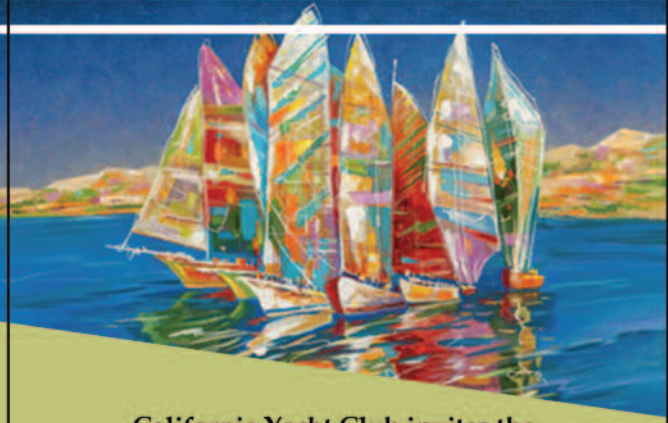
Lucca Farrell (12th), Carsten Zieger (10th), Katlia Sherman (19th), and Mika Sternberg (fourth, first girl) competed in the Optimist Fall Regatta held November 9-10 at Ventura YC. Lexie Bugacov and Rasmus Byskov (not pictured) sailed in the Green Fleet.



Photo by Joe Farrell



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Be a Part of the Action at CYC! Join the Race Committee Volunteers

By LORI HAYTHORN

February marks the beginning of the 2020 racing season at CYC and we are always looking for new race committee volunteers who would like to share in the excitement of the regattas. Each regatta is staffed with volunteers out on the water in Santa Monica Bay setting marks and signaling starts, as well as the critical volunteers who help with registration and get the results out to the racers at the end of the day from the comfort of the clubhouse. It definitely takes a team to put on a successful regatta.

The Race Committee Orientation Seminar is scheduled on Saturday,

Race Committee Orientation Seminar

Saturday, February 1

9 a.m. to noon

Meet at the hoist

February 1, from 9 a.m. to noon for anyone who would like to know more about how a race committee functions. No prior experience is necessary. Meeting in the hoist area, we will walk through the process of setting up a race course and running the races, followed by hands-on opportunities with the actual equipment.

CYC is known for putting on great races and race committee participation is a way to be part of that tradition. It is also a way to meet new people both on and off the water at the post-race social hour. For more information or to sign up for the seminar, contact me at lori.haythorn@haythorn.org. ⚓



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237 Rowers Compete in the Head of the Marina

The Head of the Marina showcased 237 rowers of all ages, including a 90-year-old, racing 72 rowing shells from singles to eights around a 5,000-meter course inside Marina del Rey. The fastest elapsed time was 17 minutes, 10 seconds, posted by a CYC quad, over the 2.7 nautical mile course. In the hotly contested singles event, Matt Schaeffer bested the 15-boat fleet, clocking in at 20 minutes, 51 seconds. ⚓



Matt Schaeffer won the 15-boat singles event.



CYC junior doubles compete in the Head of the Marina, held on a sparkling November day.

CYCWA on the Horizon


By EO MICHELLE PARKER ONDREY

Welcome to 2020! We have a very exciting year planned and we hope all CYC members will join in the fun activities on the CYCWA calendar.

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| March 7 | Art show and dinner dance at CYC |
| March 27 | Virginia Robinson Gardens and Estate |
| June 9 | W. K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center |
| October 23-25 | First Mates Cruise, Isthmus, Catalina Island |
| December 3 | Toys for Tots Dinner |

In addition to our events, we also have our on-going activities: two book clubs, mah jongg, bridge, paddle tennis, Knit or Knot, Art Aficionados, and, our newest activity, Movie Mates. There is sure to be something that piques your interest and all groups welcome beginners, so don't be shy. These activities are a great way to meet new people and, as the saying goes, the more the merrier!

Consider this a year-long invitation. Events are planned by CYCWA but they are open to each and every member. We hope to see you very soon!🚢


California Yacht Club Women's Association

**Installation of Officers
and
Awards Luncheon**

Saturday, January 18

**Reception 11:00 hours
Followed by lunch and Installation**

**Executive Officer Michelle Parker Ondrey
First Officer Connie Webster
Second Officer Laura Greenburg
Secretary Berry Wilkinson**

**All members and guests welcome
Club Blazer**

\$50 Inclusive

**Please RSVP by January 11:
calyachtclub.com or 310-823-4567**

JOIN US!

Art Aficionados

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

Book Mates

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

Bridge

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

Happy Hour Book Club

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

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.



Girls Still Just Want to Have Fun!

By SEO DAWN SPROUT

On a beautiful, warm Friday in November, 16 CYCWA Staff Executive Officers gathered on the dock behind the SEO Dawn Sprout and Randy's *Fortuna* for a salad potluck lunch. As the ladies arrived, Randy hoisted each lady's burgee and we toasted with mimosas.

After lunch, which consisted of many yummy appetizers,

beautiful salads, and cheesecake with strawberries, each SEO stood and shared what CYCWA meant to her and how she started up the Board. It was so much fun going down memory lane together while basking in the fall sunshine.

Thank you to SEO Karen Stirling for organizing this event! Everyone said, "Let's do it again next year!"



JANUARY 2020 BREEZE/21

Dirty Secrets in "The Laundromat" Send Movie Mates Spinning!

By IRA TELLER

CYC members now love movies as much as they love boats and books! Our second Movie Mates meeting drew twice the number of attendees (more than 20) and moderator SEO Donna Petersen made her presentation, complete with phony money decorations, even more intense than "The Laundromat," the movie under discussion. Donna was so blown away by the revelations that the Steven Soderbergh movie delivered about shell companies that she delved into the subject with zeal. As a result, we all got a crash course in the schemes that could affect us all. While the deviousness of the scams was the predominant subject, ample time was given to the movie itself. Everyone enjoyed the cartoonish approach to the villains and Meryl Streep's performance was singled out; some recognized her crucial disguise at the end.

We begin the new year with a discussion of Martin Scorsese's gangster epic, "The Irishman," available on Netflix. Join us Friday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. We offer wine and cheese for your palate and thought-provoking movies for your pleasure. ⚓

MOVIE MATES

Friday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

THE IRISHMAN

Moderator: Ira Teller
\$12 ++ includes food and wine
 MOVIE AVAILABLE ON NETFLIX
 Call 310-823-4567 or visit
calyachtclub.com for reservations

ART AFICIONADOS

Presents

Award-Winning Artist Tim Gagnon



Thursday, January 9
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us in a day workshop!
 Learn to paint with personal instructions
 from a pro. Painting in acrylic or oil medium.

Cost \$150.00 pp

Make reservation at the following web link and
 find detailed information as to paints and brush
 requirements.

<https://www.timgagnon.com/shop/in-person-workshops/california-yacht-club/jan9/>

Call: Norma Pratt 310-902-9877
 Email: norma@rlpratt.com

Art Aficionado Artist of the Month Robin Spencer

Wednesday, February 12

Glass Painting

Wednesday, February 26

Fabric Painting



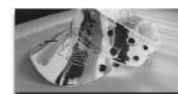
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Please bring your favorite
 glasses to paint for

Valentine's Day or other special occasion.

Tile painting will also be available with glass painting.

Bring fabric object of choice. Tote bag, cushion, caps,
 scarfs will be available for \$6.00.



Please RSVP: robinbaerspencer@me.com

A Remarkable "Educated" Journey of Survival, Identity, and Forgiveness

By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER,
Book Mates Co-chairs

Unlike anything we've read before, "Educated," Tara Westover's deeply personal memoir, involved, angered, and moved every Book Mates member at our December 5 luncheon. After a Champagne holiday toast and gifts for the year's moderators, Randy Sprout moderated the discussion and launched us into Westover's survivalist family world with an insightful video interview with the author.

Westover's recount of how she found the strength to change her own life became a runaway bestseller, recommended by people such as Bill Gates and Michelle Obama. Randy questioned the significance of the book jacket art, informed us of his own experience writing a college dissertation, and asked each of us to explain the title. SEO Norma Pratt expressed it best, "It's about the cost to arrive at a place in your life where you finally know who you are."

Despite Westover's insistence that her work wasn't about Mormonism or any religion, it was hard to ignore the impact of those beliefs. The abuse she suffered, emotionally from her parents and physically from one of her brothers, was a major topic. But many had believability issues with some of her experiences. What did she hide? What did she embellish?

SEO Bill Watkins was intrigued by the author's use of a quote from Virginia Wolfe – "[T]he past is beautiful because one never realises an emotion at the time. It expands later and thus we don't have complete emotions about the present, only about the past" – and one from educator John Dewey about the continuing reconstruction of experience.

This story, remarkable as it is, might be merely another entry in the subgenre of extreme American life, were it not for the uncommon perceptiveness of the person telling it. "Part of me will always believe that my father's words ought to be my own," she writes. If her book is an act of defiance, a way to set the record of her own life straight, it's also an attempt to understand, even to respect, those whom she had to break away from in order to get free.

Our February 6 selection is a work of historical fiction, "The Giver of Stars," by Jojo Moyes. Gail Guglielmino will moderate. March 5 we will read "Winter Garden," by Kristin Hannah. SEO Dawn Sprout moderates. ⚡

BOOK MATES

Thursday, February 6

The Giver of Stars

Jojo Moyes

Moderator: Gail Guglielmino
11:45 a.m. \$18.00 ++

For reservations call 310-823-4567 or visit calyachtclub.com

HAPPY HOUR BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Renowned travel author

PAUL THEROUX ON THE PLAIN OF SNAKES

Moderator: Susan French

Wine & Cheese \$10 Inclusive

Reservations call 310-823-4567 or visit calyachtclub.com

Awards Banquet Celebrates and Honors our Juniors

By WILL PETERSEN,
Junior Committee Chair

The CYC summer junior sailing program concluded with the annual awards banquet held on November 16. Juniors, parents, and friends gathered downstairs in the Fireside Room for a wonderful evening to celebrate and share all the achievements of our juniors this past year. The evening was led by S/C Bill Stump who did an excellent job as usual.

The new Junior Bridge officers were installed and stood proudly with their flags: Race Team Captain Preston Zeigler, Fleet Captain Emily Doble, Rear Commodore Tot Davis, Vice Commodore Grant Janov, and Commodore Harrison Zeigler.

As usual the CYC perpetual awards were the highlight of the evening. These awards honor and recognize both the sailors and supporters for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievements throughout the year.

The Junior Wall of Fame Award was awarded to S/C Craig Leeds. First awarded in 2005 by then-Junior Committee Chair Peter Wenner, the Junior Wall of Fame honors past participants of the junior sailing or rowing program who have shown that the lessons learned and the experiences gained from the program were used positively throughout their adult life. S/C Leeds is our Junior Rowing Coach and has built an amazing rowing program for our juniors, many of whom have gained recognition for their achievements and gone on to Ivy League schools.

Big thanks to Heather Janov, S/C Bill Stump, S/C Uta Leslie, and the rest of the Junior Committee along with the CYC staff for helping to coordinate and organize the banquet. We all look forward to another great year with our junior rowers and sailors. ⚓

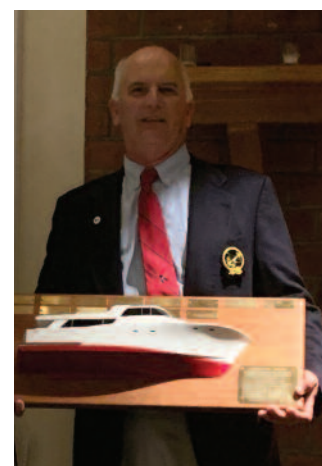


Photo by S/C Bill Stump

The newly installed Junior Bridge: Fleet Captain Emily Doble, Racing Team Captain Preston Zeigler, Rear Commodore Tot Davis, and Commodore Harrison Zeigler (not pictured: Vice Commodore Grant Janov)



*Diane Armstrong Trophy – Patrick Mulcahy
Kevin Mulcahy accepting on Patrick's behalf.*



*Shipmates Trophy – Justin
McJones*

Photos courtesy of Kristin Doble and Heather Janov



*Commodore Samuel K. Rindge
Racing Achievement Trophy –
Callie Davis*



*Commodore William A.
Degroot, Jr. High Point
Trophy – Katharine Doble*



*P.J. Wenner Memorial Team
Spirit Award – Talia Koch*



*Commodore Richard
Zimbert Perpetual Trophy –
Max Jacobson*

Photos courtesy of Kristin Doble and Heather Janov

Additional Perpetual Award Winners

Commodore George E. Roosevelt, Jr. Seamanship Award – Bastien Rasse
Junior Wall of Fame – S/C Craig Leeds

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From the Manager



LINDSAY PIZARRO, CCM

CYC — Community is Your Connection

Happy New Year! It is wonderful to see the Club buzzing right into 2020. Speaking of activity, January 26 is the Club's Activities Day. What a day to mingle, connect, and build comradery with fellow members! Please join us to learn all about the various offerings and fun engagement opportunities this year. I remain impressed with all the various groups within the Club. Being new to the CYC family, I know I will learn more about our wonderful Club and meet the magnitude of volunteers who fill our calendar with fun events. The 2020 calendar is chock-full of regattas, cruises, scuba lessons and outings, Epicurean dinners, mah jongg, Art Aficionados, Book and Movie Mates, activities for families and singles, paddle tennis and pickle ball matches, and even bingo!

Some highlights for the year:

- Hosting the J/70 World Championship in July
- Hosting the SCYYRA CFJ Shadden Series in October
- In addition to our spring, summer, and fall junior sailing programs, coaches Parker Mitchell and Manny Resano will host multiple clinics throughout the year
- Keelboat lessons and rentals
- Our Adult Learn to Sail program for our friends in the community offers a nice introduction to the Club
- We have renewed our Catalina lease with LAYC for Howland's Landing
- Our Power Fleet is introducing an additional cruise to Avalon
- Our Family Activities Committee will host a family campout followed by a pancake breakfast
- Our rowing team is on fire and is nearly at capacity. There is even talk about some members of our varsity rowing team going to compete in the Henley Royal Regatta in England
- Recreational rowing for our friends in the community offers a nice introduction to the Club
- Food and Beverage Director Steve Bell is introducing focused happy hour offerings from Canned Cocktail Night, to music in the bar, to Single Mingle
- The Club will host two sunset marina cruises with hors d'oeuvres and wine
- Catering Director Miki Mootsey will host a Wedding Open House in March for CYC brides and grooms, along with a graduation brunch in June for local graduates
- Chef Fabio is bringing back family pasta buffets on Sunday evenings -- children five and under eat FREE!
- We will participate in Coastal Cleanup Day in September
- Also in the fall, our Mariners Education Committee will host a Learn to Fish class
- We have added a member chili cook-off with a beer garden on September 24

The CYC team and I are thrilled to be part of enhancing your experience as a member of CYC. Get involved, connect, and start adding to your memories within your CYC community. ⚓

JANUARY 2020

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS 11 Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner 11-12 Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta 18 CYCWA Installation and Awards Luncheon 18-19 J/70 West Coast Winter Series 24 Chef's Table with Guest Winery 26 Activities Day | | | New Year's Day 1 Club closed | Women's Paddle Tennis 2 Mah Jongg Fleet Council Mtg. Book Mates | Seafood Buffet 3 | Pickleball 4 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis |
| Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 5 Knit or Knot Family Pasta Buffet | Club closed 6 Evening Pickleball | Club closed 7 Women's Paddle Tennis | Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 8 Bridge Club Prime Rib Night | Women's Paddle Tennis 9 Art Aficionados Mah Jongg CYCWA Board Mtg. Jr. Comm. Mtg. Sail Comm. Mtg. | Junior Program Kickoff 10 | Pickleball 11 Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner (no à la carte dining) |
| Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta 12 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Family Pasta Buffet | Club Closed 13 Evening Pickleball | Club closed 14 Women's Paddle Tennis | Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 15 Bridge Club FAC Mtg. Prime Rib Night Happy Hour Books | Women's Paddle Tennis 16 Mah Jongg | Movie Mates 17 | Pickleball 18 J/70 West Coast Winter Series CYCWA Installation and Awards Luncheon Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis |
| J/70 West Coast Winter Series 19 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot Family Pasta Buffet | Martin Luther King Jr. Day 20 Club closed Evening Pickleball | Club closed 21 Women's Paddle Tennis | Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 22 Art Aficionados Bridge Club Prime Rib Night Racing Members Gathering | Women's Paddle Tennis 23 Mah Jongg | Chef's Table with Guest Winery 24 | Pickleball 25 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Fleet Leaders Mtg. RC Volunteer Recognition Party |
| Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 26 Activities Day Family Pasta Buffet | Club closed 27 Evening Pickleball CYC Employee Dinner | Club closed 28 Women's Paddle Tennis | Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 29 Bridge Club Prime Rib Night | Women's Paddle Tennis 30 Mah Jongg Bridge Mtg. New Member Mtg. | YP and Single Mingle 31 Breeze Deadline | |
| FEBRUARY 2020 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | RC Orientation Seminar 1 Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Mad Science Event |
| Super Bowl Celebration 2 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot Family Pasta Buffet | Club closed 3 Evening Pickleball | Club closed 4 Women's Paddle Tennis | Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 5 CYCWA Luncheon Bridge Club Prime Rib Night | Women's Paddle Tennis 6 Mah Jongg Fleet Council Mtg. Book Mates | Seafood Buffet 7 | SCYA Midwinters 8 Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis |



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