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**MARCH 2020** 

# From the Commodore

arch comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. The adage recognizes the transition from the cold winter months to warmer spring days. While we have the good fortune to be able to be on the water all year, we follow the tradition of opening our Club for the yachting season in the spring. We dress our ships with signal flags and our own dress changes from drab gray slacks to bright white pants. Our Club welcomes dignitaries from other yacht clubs who attend our ceremony which is full of pomp and circumstance. Joyfulness abounds. Continuing



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

with my Enjoy the Ride theme, this year's lunch has a road trip diner-inspired menu, and that theme will be carried throughout the day. The afternoon will be filled with activities for children while most adults will socialize with their friends on boats or on the docks. It's a perfect day to explore the docks and see the number of fascinating boats that are in our anchorage. At sunset, we end the day attending Evening Colors with a synchronized cannon salute.

Who are the dignitaries? Having only been introduced to the structure of the Club at an orientation meeting, it still may not be clear. You hear titles thrown about, but what do these people do? I will try to give you a brief synopsis of who's who at CYC.

The Club is owned and operated by LAACO, Ltd. The President of California Yacht Club is Steve Hathaway. A set of by-laws govern how we operate. They establish a fleet; all members of CYC are members of the fleet. The business of the fleet is conducted by a Fleet Council. Our Fleet Council is made up of the Bridge (Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, and Port Captain), fleet officers (Fleet Budget Officer, Fleet Secretary, Fleet Judge Advocate, and Fleet Surgeon), staff commodores (past commodores, abbreviated as S/C), and designated committee heads. Fleet Council is like a board of directors. Our officers are not involved with the day-to-day management of the Club.

The CYC Membership By-Laws can be found on the CYC website under Club Documents on the pull-down menu of My Club. You must log into the website to access My Club. The membership by-laws spell out the duties of each flag and fleet officer.

The Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore are considered flag officers. The Commodore commands the fleet and leads all the meetings of the Bridge and Fleet Council. The Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore assist the Commodore in performing his/her duties. In the absence of the Commodore, the Vice Commodore officiates, and in the absence of both the Commodore and Vice Commodore, the Rear Commodore would officiate. The Fleet Captain and Port Captain are considered fleet officers and perform duties as directed by the Commodore.

Our Bridge officers appoint and provide guidance to committees that are assigned to their respective flags. If you look in the CYC Roster (pages 13-15), you can see which committees are assigned to each officer. The Commodore is an ex-officio member of all the committees (Sail Committee, Power Fleet, Junior Committee, etc.). The Vice Commodore is an ex-officio member of the Membership Committee and the Junior Committee. We are all here to

support our membership and activities.

I hope that I've given you a better idea of who we are and what we do. We look forward to seeing you around the Club. Enjoy the Ride with us during our 98th year! ♥

# YOUR TICKET TO RIDE

One of my favorite pastimes is reading. It's such a joy to get lost in a book and to be taken to another place or time. I have found that participating in a book club exposes me to books that I might not choose to read and allows me to hear other perspectives on the those books. Our Club has two book clubs, Book Mates and Happy Hour Book Club. Book Mates meets during the day on the first Thursday of the month. Happy Hour Book Club meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month October through March and moves to the third Thursday evening of the month in April, May, and September. Happy Hour Book Club takes a hiatus for the summer. The evening book club tends to read more nonfiction than fiction whereas Book Mates reads more fiction.

**March 5** – Join Book Mates as they discuss "Winter Garden," by Kristin Hannah. SEO Dawn Sprout will moderate the discussion.

**March 19** – Happy Hour Book Club is reading "A Woman of No Importance," by Sonia Purnell. Tom Rowe will moderate.

March 6 – The Club 25 Dinner is a special treat. I never realized that it was open to all members until I was in a leadership position. CYC recognizes its long-standing members of 25 years and 50 years with commemorative pins. There is an excellent dinner and great conversation. S/C Cheryl Mahaffey will be celebrating the silver anniversary of her Commodore year and will share stories of what happened at CYC 25 years ago. Join us for an enjoyable evening.

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J/70 West Coast Winter Series



Melges IC37 Winter Series



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CYCWA Installation

**FRONT COVER** Drew Freides (white sunglasses) and his *Pacific Yankee* team won the January 24-26 Lauderdale Cup, besting five other competitors in this growing one-design fleet. The regatta was the second of three events in the Melges IC37 Winter Series, hosted by Lauderdale YC.

Photo by Melges Performance Sailing | Morgan Kinney

**BACK COVER** CYC Opti sailors line up for a team race start in the Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta held off Burton Chace Park and hosted by CYC January 11-12. Our team of Callie Davis, Lucca Farrell, Katlia Sherman, Mika Sternberg, and Carsten Zieger beat six other teams to win the Sanguinetti for the first time since the format changed from fleet racing to team racing in 2015.

Photo by Tinzar Sherman







**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



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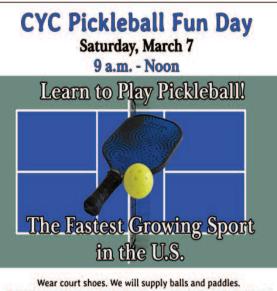




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Wear court shoes. We will supply balls and paddles. The rules are simple enough that you can be playing in less than 15 minutes and subtle enough to keep you coming back as you learn new strategy. There's less running than in tennis, but you still have to be able to move. Bring your 12-year-old or older kids too.

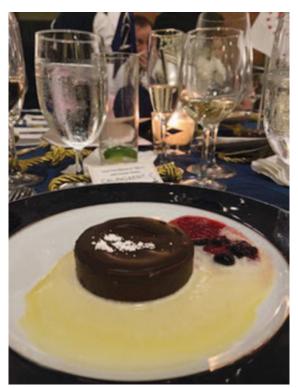
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Warning: Pickleball is fun and highly addictive.



awni Schutter discovered this powdery CYC burgee in the flourless chocolate cake with crème anglaise that was served at the January 11 Installation and Awards Dinner. Kudos to Chef Fabio and his team for creating perhaps the most delicious CYC burgee yet!

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-breezeeditor@cycfleet.com. \$





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Fríday, March 6 Cocktaíls 6:30 p.m. Dínner 7:30 p.m. \$68++ / \$89.35 Inclusive

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# On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

ohn McEntire's TP52, *Encore*, (foreground) and Roy P. Disney's new *Pyewacket*, a Volvo 70, (background) head to Malibu on a crisp January 4. **Pip Bernstein** took this photo at the start of the Berger/Stein Malibu and Return Race.

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



# Get Your Free U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Safety Check

### **By DREW BALDWIN**

Port Captain Anthony Agoglia received the first United States Coast Guard vessel safety check decal awarded this year for his Hunter 41 DS, *Sojourner II*, according to leadership in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for the division which serves the Santa Monica Bay area.



USCG Auxiliary Vessel Examiner and CYC member Drew Baldwin awards the first VSC decal of 2020 in Santa Monica Bay to P/C Anthony Agoglia for his Hunter 41 DS, Sojourner II.

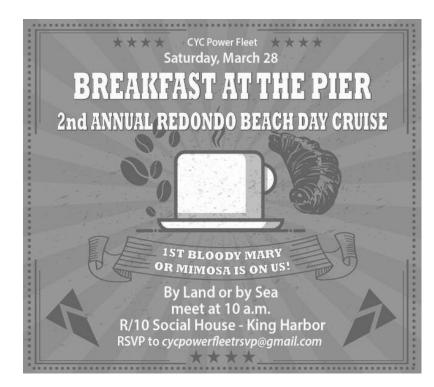
A vessel safety check, or VSC, is an inspection of your boat performed with you and a U.S. Coast Guard-approved volunteer vessel examiner. The primary goal of this inspection is to discuss with you required safety equipment and safety features specific to your boat.

CYC member Drew Baldwin, who is the vessel examiner staff officer for the USCGA Flotilla whose headquarters are based here at the Club, is offering the free exams to recreational boat owners—including CYC members.

Boats that pass the examination are awarded a distinctive VSC decal that alerts the Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol, and other lawenforcement agencies that your boat was found to be in full compliance with all federal and state boating laws. Frequently, such agencies will not detain or board boats displaying a current-year decal that are otherwise operating safely.



If you're interested in scheduling a free vessel safety check for your boat, contact Drew Baldwin at *drewpbaldwin+uscgaux@gmail.com*.





this year's CYCWA Installation of Officers kicked off with Executive Officer Michelle Parker Ondrey's theme "Summer Wind," played by Zoran Segina on the piano.

SEO Diane Howard covered for First Officer Connie Webster, who could not be there to emcee the event. The mushroom-stuffed chicken was delicious, but the absolute highlight was the decadent dessert: an orange-infused chocolate mousse with a Grand Marnier crème anglaise.

Our installing officer, SEO Norma Pratt, enlightened us on the talents and accomplishments of the Executive Board. Their bios were truly impressive. Secretary Berry Wilkinson, Second Officer/Treasurer Laura Greenburg, First Officer/Programs Connie Webster (who participated via Skype), Junior Staff Executive Officer Pam Hobson, and Executive Officer Michelle Parker Ondrey were sworn in and received their pin, roses, and a model airplane, a nod to EO Michelle's career in aerospace as an engineer for Boeing.

The CYCWA honored Mary Stuyvesant as its Woman of the Year. Mary is an exceptional sailor who has represented CYC in numerous regattas in Southern California and abroad, including Lipton Cup and the New Zealand Women's Match Racing National Championship. She has co-chaired multiple major CYC regattas, notably Cal Race Week four times and the Star North American Championship. Mary is currently CYC's Social Media Chair and Women's Racing Chair, and was instrumental in establishing our women's racing initiative.

The CYCWA Fleet Service Award was presented to George and Pati Etter, a talented couple who have chaired the annual Junior Blind Fishing Trip for more than 20 years, as well as Power Fleet, dock parties, Commodore's Ball, and First Mates Cruises, just to name a few.

2019 EO Pam Hobson reflected on her year, including her marriage to Craig Hobson last December. Pam was presented with a wonderful album filled with all her memories of 2019 and, of course, a beautiful medallion.

Commodore and SEO Stephanie Weston congratulated the new Board and raised a Champagne toast to the 2020 Board. SEO Howard concluded the afternoon by sharing the 2020 CYCWA activities and events which included February's LiveWell Integrative Medicine seminar, and the upcoming An Evening in Provence art show and dinner dance, as well as trips to the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation and to the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. It is shaping up to be a fun year, so be sure to sign up and enjoy the exciting events.

# CYCWA 2020 Installation and Awards Luncheon

By SEO DIANE HOWARD



2020 CYCWA Executive Board: Second Officer Laura Greenburg, Executive Officer Michelle Parker Ondrey, Jr. SEO Pam Hobson, and Secretary Berry Wilkinson





EO Michelle Parker Ondrey and Michael

Peggy Powers and Honorary SEO Patty Hathaway



2020 CYCWA Appointed Board: Secretary Berry Wilkinson, SEO Norma Pratt, SEO Nancy Matzdorff, SEO Dawn Sprout, EO Michelle Parker Ondrey, Susan Barnett, Maria Citron, Nicole Harnett, Peggy Powers, Jr. SEO Pam Hobson, Joan Silver, SEO Diane Howard, Michele Fisher, and Naomi Hochman



Woman of the Year Mary Stuyvesant and EO Michelle Parker Ondrey



*Fleet Service Award winners George and Pati Etter* 



EO Michelle Parker Ondrey and SEO Norma Pratt



Alan and Commodore SEO Stephanie Weston



Jr. SEO Pam Hobson and Craig





# Winners Circle

# **By PAULA CAMERON**

### William Berger/William Stein Race 1 Malibu and Return January 4, Del Rey YC

PHRF Division: 33 boats 1 Duncan Cameron, Trust Me 4 John Staff, TBD 5 Dan McGanty, Mistral Cruising Division: 24 boats 1 Joe Weber, Va Pensiero PHRF A: 10 boats 2 John Staff, TBD PHRF B: 13 boats 1 Duncan Cameron, Trust Me 2 Dan McGanty, Mistral PHRF C: 10 boats 3 Derek Heeb, Redline Cruising A: 11 boats 1 Joe Weber, Va Pensiero

Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta January 11-12, CYC 7 teams 1 CYC

**Optimist Team Race Midwinter Championship** January 17-20, Alamitos Bay YC 20 teams 5 Southern California Optimist Team Trestles, team captain Mika Sternberg

J/70 West Coast Winter Series January 18-19, CYC 12 boats 1 Jim Murrell, Huckleberry

Melges IC37 Winter Series – Lauderdale Cup January 24-26, Lauderdale YC 6 boats 1 Drew Freides/Bill Ruh (San Diego YC), Pacific Yankee

Super Bowl Charity Regatta January 25, Santa Monica Windjammers YC CFJ: 14 boats 5 Tess Greene/Elijah Smith Opti Champs: 15 boats 1 Mika Sternberg 2 Carsten Zieger 5 Lucca Farrell 7 Katlia Sherman Keel/Other: 8 boats 2 William Wells, Wahzoo

**Opening Day Race** January 25, Los Angeles YC PHRF: 20 boats 6 Bob Little, Blue Crush

John Ellinwood Classic (BLT) January 25, Redondo Beach YC Cruising A: 3 boats 1 Joe Weber, Va Pensiero 💠

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Joe Weber's Va Pensiero won Cruising A at the John Ellinwood Classic (BLT).

Southern California **Optimist** Team Trestles, captained by Mika Sternberg (far right), placed fifth out of 20 teams at the Optimist Team Race Midwinter Championship. The team was coached by Ryan Cox and Manny Resano.

Photo by Liat Sade-Sternberg











Join us for complimentary Benovia wines and a presentation about *The Spirit of Benovia*, a historic C-53 Skytrooper, by its chief pilot and CYC member **Jeff Coffman**.

# Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations are required at the front desk or call 310-823-4567



This event is open to CYC members and their guests only.



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

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

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



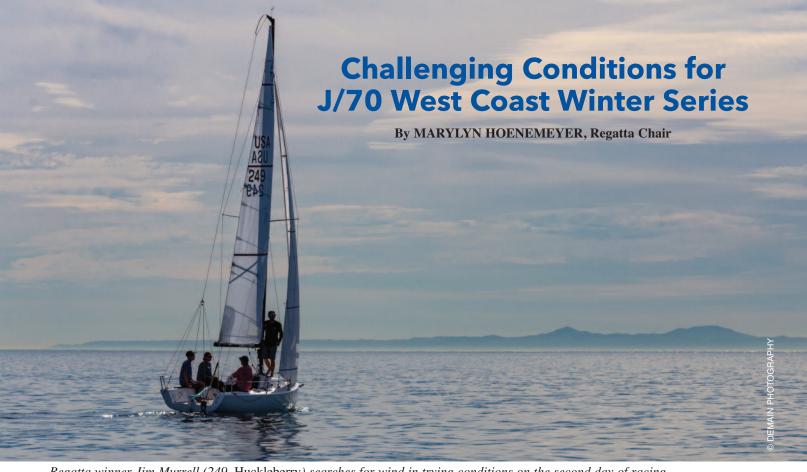


# Fleet Racing Clinic

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



cyckeelboat@gmail.com



Regatta winner Jim Murrell (249, Huckleberry) searches for wind in trying conditions on the second day of racing.

welve J/70 teams competed at CYC January 17-18 in the second installment of their West Coast Winter Series. Most of the participating teams have qualified for the J/70 World Championship to be held at CYC in July, so are sailing in as many of our events as possible to increase their local knowledge.

Let's hope that the July conditions are better! Both days started with a moderate southeast breeze that was ideal for the requested practice starts. But the breeze steadily faded for the remainder of the afternoon, and on Sunday included such wide wind shifts that no races were completed. Trying conditions for the racers and the race committee to be sure! Nevertheless, the competitors found it to be a productive weekend, especially with the extensive discussion of "go-fast" settings that followed each day of racing.

The final standings were tight, with just one point separating each of the top four teams. Jim Murrell, sailing for CYC on Huckleberry, finished first overall and is leading the series after two weekends of racing. Other winning boats were helped in their efforts by CYC members on board as crew: Bob Little sailed on Jay Golison's It's All Good, finishing third overall in her debut regatta, while Doug McLean crewed for Chris Raab on Sugoi, finishing fourth. Winning teams took home gear bags provided by series sponsor Ullman Sails.

The West Coast Winter Series concluded with the SCYA Midwinter Regatta sailed at CYC on February 8-9. Look for more details on that in the April Breeze.



The fleet heads upwind on the first day of racing.

# Melges IC37 Winter Series: *Pacific Yankee's* Success Continues

# **By DREW FREIDES**

ur Melges IC37 is the next in line of our team's *Pacific Yankee* racing sailboats. We only had a temporary aberration switching to the name *Far Niente* for our Farr 40 program (playing off the Farr 40 class name for those who like good wine). Our IC37 was delivered last summer to the west coast, built by Westerly Yachts, the 22nd in this fast-growing modern-day one-design fleet. While I was not able to race aboard her for our first one-design regatta in November in Ft. Lauderdale (the class' Winter Series – Fall Cup) due to prior family commitments, I was able to steer the boat for the second event in the Winter Series, Lauderdale Cup, held January 24-26.

After two long days of practice, the first in winds between 25-30 knots and seas greater than 10 feet at times, while the second was in tamer conditions of 15-25 knots, the three-day regatta was held in light and shifty conditions off the Lauderdale coast. Our team got off to a strong start the first day with finishes of 1-1-3 (in the eight-race, one-drop series) to solidify our position in the front of the fleet due not only to strong boat speed, but solid tactics, and great crew work.

Day 2 began much like Day 1 ended, with our team posting two more wins before the wind essentially shut down for the third race, which became a drift-a-thon. In that race, the wind gods got us back, teaching us that we were human, posting a last-place finish, using up our drop race. The good news is that we had a comfortable lead on the fleet with only two races remaining. For race 7, we only had to beat *Blazer II* to win the event. We decided to match race them and were fortunate to get the better of them, pushing them back in the fleet. After finishing third in that race, to their fifth, the regatta was over with only one race to go. That was a good thing for our tactician because the last race was going to be total "jungle ball," with the dying northerly doing complete circles. Knowing the conditions were going to be terrible, I passed the helming duties to my partner, Bill Ruh, to let him have some fun ... NOT. After a shortened last race, the regatta was over.

Our strong crew, practice, preparation, and experience in the IC37 once again proved the deciding factors. We look forward to a long season on the East Coast with the rest of the growing fleet, hoping that eventually this class will catch on on the West Coast, so we can bring *Pacific Yankee* home. CYC has extended an invitation to host the IC37 fleet at the 2021 Cal Cup, so we have our fingers crossed that eventually we can sail her at her home yacht club.





CYC 2019 Yachtsman of the Year Allie Blecher skippered CYC's team to second place out of eight teams at the New Zealand Women's Match Racing Championship.



Tessa Farrell represented CYC and Team USA at the British National and Open Optimist Championships.



*Liz Hjorth placed third out of 14 teams at the California Dreamin' Series.* 

# The Competition Fund: Supporting CYC Racers for More than 20 Years!

By LIZ HJORTH, Competition Fund Chair

Since 1997, our Competition Fund has had the goal of helping our Club members, both adults and juniors, sailors and rowers, compete more successfully at regional, national, and international regattas as well as invitational championships. The Competition Fund Committee is guided by the objective of encouraging our members to achieve excellence in competition while representing our Club under the CYC burgee.

Coaching and practice are important aspects of preparation that the Competition Fund supports whether for a single CYC competitor or a clinic for a CYC fleet. To that end, the Competition Fund has a hardbottom inflatable coach boat that may be requested for use during on-the-water coaching sessions of CYC competitors.

Additionally, while a small portion of an overall competitive campaign, Competition Fund grants that cover expenses such as entry fees and coaching fees make a big difference to our CYC racers. Many of our CYC competitors who've received grants have appreciated the vote of confidence in their abilities and efforts to achieve their goals and are able to take their campaigns to a higher level.

Both the Competition Fund grant request and coach boat request forms are on the Club website.

In 2019, the Competition Fund supported CYC members participating in these events:

• British National and Open Optimist Championships

- California Dreamin' Series
- California International Sailing Association (CISA) Clinic
- C420 Midwinter Championship
- Governor's Cup
- Nations Cup
- New Zealand Women's Match Racing Championship
- Nieuwpoortweek International Youth Regatta (Optimist Topsport Vlaanderen)
- Open Orange Bowl Regatta
- Opti Midwinters Championship
- Optimist National Championship



Callie Davis, Mika Sternberg, Coach Manny Resano, Carsten Zieger, and Gigi Ivancich at the Optimist National Championship

- Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta
- U.S. Adult Sailing Championship
- U.S. Match Racing Championship
- U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship
- USODA Optimist Team Trials
- USODA Spring Team Qualifier
- Women's Match Racing World
- Championship

Winning is not the only measure of success. CYC competitors represent our Club well, with a spirit of enthusiasm and good sportsmanship at other clubs throughout the U.S. and the world. Since its inception, the Competition Fund has been able to do much to help our Club's competitors solely through voluntary contributions. On an upcoming CYC statement, members will see the chance to donate \$36 to this very important element of CYC.

By coordinating our efforts with CYC's Challenge Fund and Junior Sponsor Fund, we can do the most good with the funds we have in the upcoming year.

2020 Competition Fund Committee members are Chair Liz Hjorth and Marylyn Hoenemeyer, with additional guidance from 2019 Competition Fund Chair S/C Craig Leeds.

We thank you for your generous support and look forward to helping many more of our CYC members attain their goals.



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# **An Evening in Provence**

Art Show and Dinner Dance Saturday, March 7

Art Show 4 – 6:30 p.m. / Dinner - Dance 7 p.m.

Stroll the streets of Provence while sipping wine and viewing artwork.





Cost: \$43 Inclusive

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

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



Come hear about our exciting cruise schedule and meet the Cruise Hosts

> All members are welcome to join us Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m., to learn more about our season and how to get involved in Club cruising.

> > Complimentary Food, No-Host Bar Reservations are not required

# 2020 Cruising Schedule

June 12-14 Newport Beach Hosts Dick & Darleen Kleinert

June 27 Malibu Day/Overnight Cruise Host Fred Ryau August 18-20 - Avalon Midweek Cruise Hosts John & Caryl Levy August 21-23 - Long Beach Yacht Club

July 17-19 - Howland's Surf & Turf Hosts Adam & Sarah Faura

July 24-26- Family Cruise at Howland's Hosts Yumio Dornberg & Barbara Duker September 18-20 - Avalon Cruise

October 23-25 - First Mates Cruise, Isthmus Hosts Jody Hieden Knight and Claire Burns

Hosted by Cruising Chair Fred Ryan

# Team CYC Wins Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta

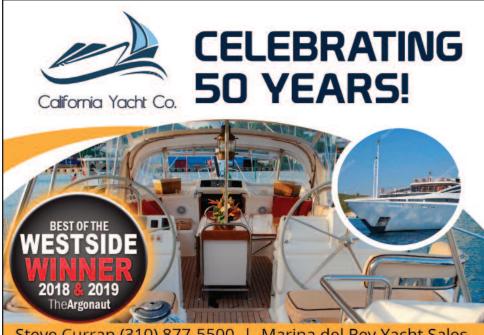


Winning 13 of 16 races, our team of Katlia Sherman, Mika Sternberg, Callie Davis, Carsten Zieger, Coach Manny Resano, and Lucca Farrell beat six other teams from Southern California and San Francisco to win the January 11-12 Sanguinetti for the first time since the format changed from fleet racing to team racing in 2015.

# **ASMBYC Honors CYC Members**



The following members were honored by Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs at their January Installation: Yachtsman of the Year S/C Steve Curran, Jr. S/C Debbie Feinerman, accepting the Rescue Award for Roy P. Disney and his Pyewacket crew, Junior Yachtsman of the Year Katharine Doble, Competitive Yachting Achievement Award winner Allie Blecher, Sportsman of the Year S/C Denny Haythorn, Commodore's Choice Award winner Ken Havard, and presenter Commodore Stephanie Weston.

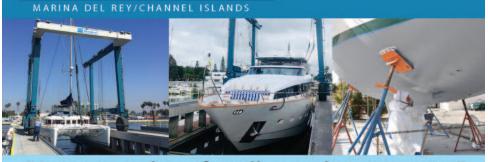


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# **Activities Day was a Blast for All!**

By Port Captain ANTHONY AGOGLIA

anuary 26 saw all facets of CYC kicking into gear for this year's Activities Day, encompassing more than 20 clubs that were showing off their favorite activities to members new and old.

CYCWA was out in force, giving members a taste of what they have to offer. From mah jongg to the book clubs and more, they did a great job promoting activities and reminding us all of the terrific things they do throughout the year.

Cruising Chair Fred Ryan went above and beyond with a fully decorated table, fully stocked bar and a huge contingent of 2020 cruise hosts who made it their mission to pour more buffalo milks than the Harbor Reef Saloon on the 4th of July!

The Radio Amateur Group had a ham radio set up and was showing new members how to speak with operators worldwide. Power Fleet promoted their dock parties and day cruises, and the Paddle Tennis and Pickleball table was serving up some fun, judging by the crowd gathered.

Two new standout groups joined in and they both should be noted by all. First was S/C Anne Sacks manning the booth for our local version of the September 26 California Coastal Cleanup Day, a statewide initiative. This is a great way to give back to the bay that gives us so much. So keep on the lookout for more information about this event.

The second new group is the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla that calls CYC home. They are very active in Marina del Rey and are promoting FREE, no-risk boat safety inspections to all of our vessels. This is a great way to get ready for the upcoming season. Contact Drew Baldwin to schedule yours!

While there was tons of fun, activities, and libations, Chef Fabio and Director of Catering Miki Mootsey laid out an outstanding slider buffet and dessert table that keep everyone fueled up for action.

As per tradition, a few awards were handed out to participants:

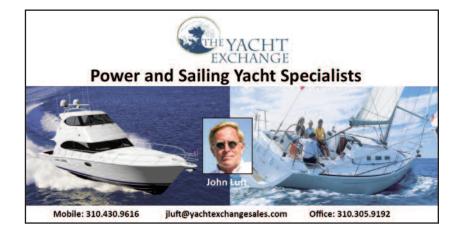
- Best Decor: Art Aficionados
- Most Sign-ups: Cruising
- Best Libations: Family Activities Committee
- Best Use of Technology: Keelboat Program
- Largest Display: Power Fleet
- Most Worthy Activity: Junior Blind Fishing
- Best New Activity: California Coastal Cleanup Day ♥



Art Aficionados SEO Carol Watkins, SEO Norma Pratt, and SEO Dawn Sprout and Power Fleet promoted their March 7 art show and dinner dance, An Evening in Provence.



Cruise hosts Sarah and Adam Faura, Cruising Chair Fred Ryan, Darleen and Richard Kleinert, and Lynne Parker and Todd Whitehouse make a big splash.



# "The Irishman" Overwhelms, Overflows with Movie Mates

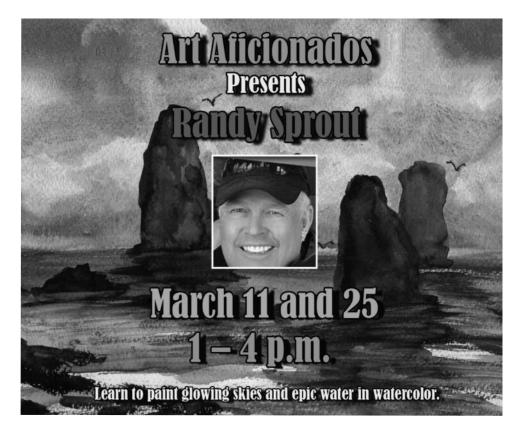
xtra chairs and extra wine were required at our January 17 Movie Mates discussion of Martin Scorsese's epic "The Irishman." Moderating for the 20 CYC members present became easy once I asked the question: "What distinguishes this movie from any previous film about the Mafia?" The immediate responses were so simultaneous that Chair Sarah White had to invoke a hand-raised, one-at-a-time, rule. The unheroic presentation of gang members, the historic background involving Jimmy Hoffa and unions, JFK's assassination, and the Cuban crisis were key elements that made the movie so different. But surprisingly, it was the emotional, personal aspects of the film that drew the most positive reactions and made the most memorable impressions. Endof-life reflections, father-daughter relations, the demands and excesses of loyalty, and facing the end, the final chapter in one's life, were all powerful examples."

The most heated discussion came over the driving force of the main character, hit man Frank Sheeran, played by Robert De Niro. Was he a sociopath who killed without remorse, a soldier following orders, or a victim of a cult-like organization? One description most felt described him best was as the Forrest Gump of a gang.

We also discussed the story-telling devices, the treatment of women, and the use of humor. With the exception of the de-aging process and the need for the excessive length, the majority enjoyed the film and praised the director and the actors.

Movie Mates meets the third Friday of every month. Our March 20 selection is the critically acclaimed "Brian Banks," a true story of injustice and redemption. The film will be screened prior to the discussion, starting at 6 p.m. Jonathan Greenburg will moderate. **By IRA TELLER** 





# Reading, Riding, and Women in the Rough Shine in "The Giver of Stars"

# By VIRGINIA and IRA TELLER, Book Mates Co-chairs

ased on true events rooted in Depression-era America, Jojo Moyes' story of five remarkable women, "The Giver of Stars," is timely in its message and powerful, if manipulative, in its emotional impact. The new novel from the author of "Me Before You" was the subject of our February 6 Book Mates luncheon, with Gail Guglielmino moderating.

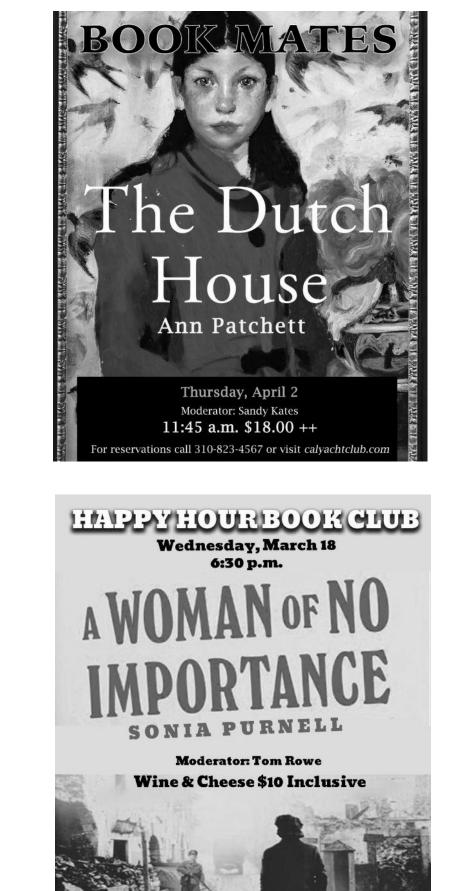
Gail brought a personal interest in horses and knowledge of Work Projects Administration history to the discussion. She outlined the many themes in the novel: the roles and rights of women, poverty and the environment, literacy and education, racial intolerance, and relationships between men and women, women and women, and men and men.

Clearly everyone was moved by the hardships and friendships of the female characters who defied their men and a small town's small-mindedness.

The author captured the place, the Depression era, and the achievements of the real "Packhorse Librarians" with complete authenticity, but some some action pieces seemed like they were added for possible screen adaptation. Despite these reservations, comparisons were made with such past Book Mates reads as "The Rent Collector," "The Shadow of The Wind," "Educated," and "Where the Crawdads Sing."

On balance, this is rewarding novel of women's friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond.

April 2 brings the highly praised "The Dutch House," by Ann Patchett, with Sandy Kates as moderator. On May 7, Virginia and I will lead the discussion of "The Secrets We Kept," by Lara Prescott, with my wife and me as moderators.  $\clubsuit$ 



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# **CYCWA** on the Horizon

**By CARLY SALTZMAN** 

Join us! Our events and activities are open to ALL members!

### Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation Tour Friday, March 27 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come enjoy a delightful afternoon viewing an amazing collection of modern and contemporary art in nearby Holmby Hills, collected by Frederick R. Weisman, an extraordinary entrepreneur, philanthropist, and art collector. More than 400 works of art are displayed at the Foundation. The collection includes works by European Modernists including Cezanne, Picasso, and Kandinsky, and Surrealist works by Ernst, Miró, and Magritte. The cost is \$40 and includes transportation, the tour, and lunch at a local restaurant. Please contact the front desk to make a reservation.



In addition to winning Best Decor and a nice bottle of wine at Activities Day on January 26, Art Aficionados invited attendees to participate in painting an art piece. The piece will be raffled off at the March 7 Art Show and Dinner Dance, An Evening in Provence. SEO Norma Pratt provides guidance to budding artists Ann Turner (above) and S/C Craig Leeds (below).



### **Art Aficionados**

Second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 1 to 4 p.m. (note new time), Fireside Room. Chair is SEO Norma Pratt.

### **Book Mates**

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

### Bridge

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

### **Happy Hour Book Club**

Third Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room. Cochairs are Marie Hedlund and Sarah White. Reserve at the front desk.

### Knit or Knot

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

### Mah Jongg

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

### **Movie Mates**

Third Friday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room. Chair is Sarah White.

### **Paddle Tennis**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Co-chairs are Marylyn Hoenemeyer and Lori Haythorn.

### Pickleball

Mondays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m. Novices welcome. Co-chairs are Jim Ach and Susan Silver.

# From the Manager



LINDSAY PIZARRO, CCM

# There is Much to Celebrate

### Roar

Opening Day is here. Fleet Captain Christina Tarantola sets the stage, "ready one" is called, and the cannon roars as we open our 98th season. Join us for a complimentary buffet lunch followed by family activities that will run from 2 p.m. until the Evening Colors ceremony begins. It truly is a day to celebrate CYC with your friends, family, neighbors, and local dignitaries.

### Honor

This month we honor and celebrate 24 devoted members of CYC who have been with us a quarter of a century or half a century. The Club 25 Dinner on March 6 will be an elegant tribute to their years of membership. All Club members are welcome.



For those of you planning private events or working on Club events, don't forget to check out our first annual Wedding and Events Open House. By invitation only, our downstairs banquet area will be full of tried and true amazing vendors with the best pricing around. DJs, photographers, florists, bakeries, hotels, and much more will be on display. There will be plenty of door prizes and we can accommodate the first 100 RSVPs, so make your reservations now for March 22.

### Dance

Dance the night away by joining with the Art Aficionados and our Power Fleet on March 7. It is an evening promised to transport you to the streets of Provence.

### Laugh

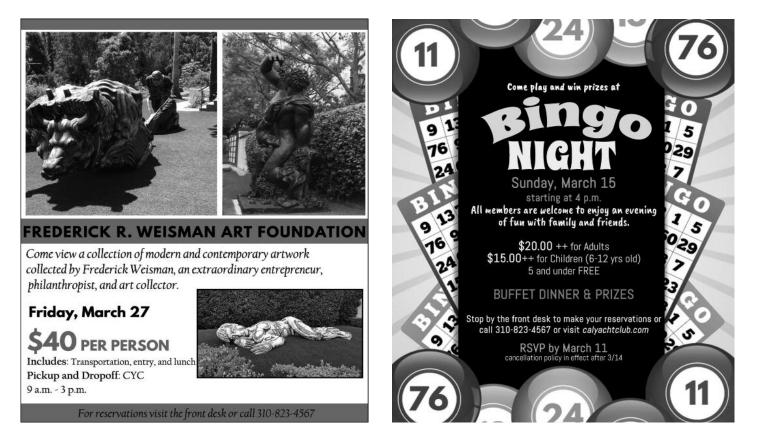
Blotters out ... Bingo is back on March 15. Bingo is for everyone and is always a blast. I am confident this will be a sell-out event, please remember to sign up early.

### **Enjoy the Breeze**

Whether you are cruising down to King Harbor for the day or want to Try a Sail for the first time, we have you covered on March 28.

# ... And always end with "Cheers!"

It is microbrew night and a prospective member mixer on March 26. Come thirsty and bring fun people to expose them to a night at CYC. With your help we can turn them into members.  $\clubsuit$ 





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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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Knit or Knot			Prime Rib Night	Fleet Council Mtg.		Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis		
Family Pasta Buffet	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis		Book Mates	Club 25 Dinner	Art Show and Dinner Dance		
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