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From the Commodore

On behalf of the Bridge, I want to express our deepest condolences to General Manager Lindsay Pizarro and her family. They are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

November is an important month. Early in the month we will have the presidential election. It has been surrounded by a lot of drama and turmoil creating uncertainty about the aftermath of the outcome. No matter what is decided, as a country, I believe we will be all right. Our Club members hold varying points of view. It is okay to agree to disagree.

Thanksgiving falls at the end of the month. How each of us will celebrate may still be up in the air. The Club will be open on Thanksgiving with a traditional meal. A takeout option will be available, so preorder your turkey or prime rib (or both!) to celebrate at home.

Our family has always done a blended and extended family dinner which includes at least six different households. For us, a group dinner would be imprudent this year. We will miss being with our children, grandchildren, and great grandson. Whether each individual family will have its own celebration or we'll do a collective Zoom dinner hasn't been determined. What I do know is that our family has so much for which to be grateful. The pandemic had us stop for a while, and during that time we could assess those things that are important to us. This year the holiday is particularly meaningful for us.

CYC has much to be thankful for as well. As a Club, so far, we've weathered the turbulence created by the pandemic well. When the pandemic hit in March, we were in full stride and had to come to an abrupt stop. How to navigate with closures, stay at home orders, and uncertainty was a challenge. With the guidance of General Manager Lindsay Pizarro, LAACO, and the Bridge, we have overcome many hurdles. We look forward to the time when we will be fully operational. As with any crisis, we will come out the other side stronger for having gone through it.

Traditionally, November has also been when CYC holds its Commodores Ball. While it is disappointing that we will not be dancing the night away this year, I look forward to celebrating in future years with the incoming Commodores and Staff Commodores. Thank you, Naomi Hochman and Pinky Caldwell, for offering to chair the event. I know it would have been spectacular. The picture above is from the 2011 Commodores Ball when I was Executive Officer of CYCWA and S/C Ann Ach was Commodore. It was a great party!

Each year, yacht club associations give out awards for yachting excellence or service. This year, SCYA and YRUSC will give most of their awards. CYC has submitted nomination letters to the organizations for numerous individuals we feel have each made an extraordinary contribution. If our submissions are selected, the honorees



*Commodore Stephanie Weston
and Alan*

will be announced in the February *Breeze* and the trophies will be presented on our Opening Day. In the same vein, CYC has annual awards which are presented at our Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner, in January. The trophies are displayed in our display cases or on our walls. For those who have been nominated, that is an honor in and of itself.

This year a special Pandemic Powerhouse Performance Award will be presented by SCYA. I submitted a letter stating how worthy CYC is of the award and why. I am proud of how we have ridden this roller coaster of a pandemic. I don't know if we will win but I think we are winners already.

Unless you have been involved with Southern California racing, you might be unfamiliar with the associations or groups to which CYC belongs. Perhaps you have seen the initials and heard people speak about them. Here is a simple glossary for some of them:

ASMBYC: Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs works to promote yachting across the community, coordinates the Santa Monica Bay race calendar, and coordinates the King Harbor and Marina del Rey opening days, through collaboration among its member clubs.

SCYA: Southern California Yachting Association

- Coordinates race schedules, regattas, and activities for member clubs.
- Conducts seminars, training and education on boating principles, racing rules, race management, medical emergencies, and safety at sea.
- Fosters local, regional, national, and international Corinthian yachting competition.
- Supports and promotes amateur and recreational boating.

YRUSC: Yacht Racing Union of Southern California is a racing association of 31 Southern California yacht clubs with land and water facilities capable of hosting major regattas. The objectives of YRUSC are threefold:

- To encourage and promote Corinthian yacht racing and related yachting activities.
- To encourage and promote educational programs related to sailboat racing, race management, cruising, and yacht club management.
- To represent 31 member clubs and their individual members on the national level as a member of the United States Sailing Association.

I hope my short tutorials this year have been informative. I know it took me a long time to understand what people were talking about.

With gratitude, I hope to see you at the Club. Enjoy the Ride, this 98th year! 🍀

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Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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Photo by Lauren Baker, Director of Membership and Marketing

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FRONT COVER Drew Freides and his *Pacific Yankee* team (bow 022) dominated a field of 13 boats to win the Melges IC37 National Championship. He won in decisive fashion with a total of 19 points versus the 32 points of the second-place competitor. New York YC hosted the regatta, held in Newport, Rhode Island October 2-4.

Photo by Melges Performance Sailboats | Morgan Kinney

BACK COVER A group of CYC stand-up paddlers and kayakers celebrated the annual California Coastal Cleanup on September 26 by cleaning up trash around the CYC docks and E and F Basins. Lauren Baker, Director of Membership and Marketing, and Assistant Dockmaster Daniel Collier also assisted in this worthwhile effort.

Photo by Lauren Baker, Director of Membership and Marketing

Amazing Avalon Weekend

By LYNNE PARKER, Avalon Cruise Co-host

Twenty-nine CYC members enjoyed Avalon's interesting and fun venues September 18-20 on a cruise hosted by Lynne Parker and Todd Whitehouse.

Cruisers were met on their boats with a gift basket and welcome cocktail – a big hit! A pizza party at Antonio's kicked off the weekend with CYCWA Second Officer Laura Greenburg and

Jonathan, Alan Goodman, and Ruth Robbins sharing with us a Rosh Hashanah celebration that honored positivity and forgiveness.

On Saturday, cruisers enjoyed a host of activities including golfing, snorkeling, island eco-tours, biking, and shopping.

Saturday night featured cocktails and dinner at the beautiful new Toyon Grill in the new Trailhead, flagship building for

the Catalina Island Conservancy. It was an inspiring and amazing night with Tony Budrovich, Catalina Island Conservancy president and CEO, sharing with us interesting tidbits, history, and the Conservancy's future plans.

Cruisers headed home to Marina del Rey on Sunday at the end of this fun weekend in Avalon. ⚓



Ron Collins, Anne Keehn, and Cruise Chair Fred Ryan golf at Catalina Country Club.



Sara and Adam Faura enjoy Avalon's water and sun.



Ruth Robbins and Alan Goodman



Jonathan Greenburg (standing) leads the Avalon Cruise Rosh Hashanah celebration.

Photos by Adam Faura, Stephanie Hathaway, Anne Keehn, Lynne Parker, and Cruise Chair Fred Ryan



Adam and Sarah Faura (front seat), Todd Whitehouse and Lynne Parker (back seat) take the Catalina Eco Tour.



Avalon's most relaxed man, Brandon Fernald



Avalon's iconic casino



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CYC Paddlers Clean Up!

By LISA CARRINGTON

The annual California Coastal Cleanup this year was celebrated by CYC paddlers on September 26. At 9 a.m. CYC members and friends gathered to launch their socially distanced marina cleanup with a fun twist. Stand up paddlers, led by the Carrington family, grabbed trash bags from Lauren Baker, Director of Membership and Marketing, and Assistant Dockmaster Daniel Collier and set out to do their dirty work.

It was a successful excursion on several levels:

- All the trash from the CYC docks and E and F Basins was collected.
- There was less than 5 pounds of trash found in total. So, we were surprised and happy to see that the marina is remarkably clean now.
- And ... no one fell in!
- It was a fun and productive way to spend a Saturday morning with friends.

Chairs of CYC's California Coastal Cleanup effort were S/C Anne Sacks and Lisa Carrington. Participants included SUP paddlers Russ, Lisa, Amber, and Alexa (with Koa, her puppy) Carrington and friend McKenzie Amaral, and Bridget Rohmer, who were joined by kayakers Theresa Torrance and daughter Adia, and Rolf Smith. ⚓



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Lisa Carrington



Assistant Dockmaster Daniel Collier pitches in, cleaning up around the CYC docks.



Photos by Lisa Carrington and Lauren Baker, Director of Membership and Marketing

CYC's J/70 World Championship Meet the Contenders: Jeff Janov

By S/C BILL STUMP

The prestigious J/70 World Championship will be at California Yacht Club for one week in early August next year. Although we've hosted several international sailing championships before at CYC, this will be our first since the Laser Radial Worlds in 2006.

Launched just eight years ago, the J/70 is an immensely popular and fast-growing class, now numbering more than 1,500 boats worldwide. At the 2021 J/70 Worlds, we expect 100 teams representing at least 20 countries at the starting line. It's impressive that five of our CYC skippers have qualified to be among the 100 from around the world, all based on their performance in J/70 regattas since 2019.

Leading up to the first starting gun, we'll get to know our CYC skippers and some of their crew as they prepare to take on the world. Last month we interviewed two-year member Jim Murrell. This month let's chat with a venerable 32-year CYC member, Jeff Janov. Jeff, Heather, and their three sons – Ryan, Grant, and Jordan – are familiar faces around CYC, often spending weekends on their powerboat *Oceana* and always racing sailboats of some sort.

Breeze: Hi Jeff, we're all anticipating an intense week of racing for the J/70 World Championship next August, but why is this championship such a big deal?

Jeff: The J/70 is one of the most popular one-design keelboats in the world and attracts some of the best amateur and professional sailors. The caliber of racing at a J/70 Worlds provides the highest level of competition for this class. As a competitor, this is a lifetime experience, and we are really fortunate to have it at our own Club.

Breeze: Briefly recap your sailing achievements, before the J/70.

Jeff: In the Martin 242, we won the Pacific Coast Championships four times. Transitioning to the bigger and more crew-intensive Schock 35, we were two-time national champions. Then, in the increasingly popular J/105, we were local high point winner for three consecutive years. Stepping up to the ultra competitive Farr 40, we were local high point winners four times and 2011 North American Champion. For a change of pace, back in 1997, a few members chartered the Perry 56, *Stealth Chicken*, for the Transpac, placing an impressive third overall. Our CYC team included Liz Hjorth and yet-to-be S/C Alice Leahey, as well as Dick Schmidt and Gwen Gordon.

Breeze: Why race a J/70 after all these other competitive classes and larger boats?

Jeff: The J/70 provides tight, elegant, one-design racing

against the world's best sailors. The boat is rewarding to sail and provides lots of challenges in driving, trimming, and kinetics to be able to compete well, all with a small crew and relatively inexpensive equipment. She's also a lot of fun, being able to plane in as little as 12 knots of breeze.

Breeze: What's the significance of the boat's name, *Minor Threat*?

Jeff: Longtime crew Doug McLean came up with the name *Minor Threat* after a punk band that he knew, but mostly because my sons, Ryan, Grant, and Jordan, raced with us, and they were all minors at the time.

Editor's note: Minor Threat was recognized as CYC's Yacht of the Year for 2019. And, Jeff won ASMBYC's Competitive Yachting Achievement Award in 2017, also for his success racing Minor Threat.

Breeze: How did you and Heather make sailboat racing such a family activity?

Jeff: Heather and I are really grateful that Ryan, Grant, and Jordan all love sailboat racing. We had them on boats since they were each two weeks old. Heather has done an amazing job of supporting our racing lifestyle by making our powerboat a base of operations and by her management of all the travel and myriad other things that go along with a racing campaign. I think the boys developed a healthy respect for sailboat racing as they grew up, and while I was racing the Farr 40, this gave them an opportunity to meet great sailors and amazing athletes to look up to.

I moved into the J/70 mostly because the Farr was too big a boat for them at the time and Doug McLean and the rest of us on the J/70 gave them a great education.

Just as important, the CYC Junior Program and CYC in general has given our boys a safe, social, and fun second home to enjoy and appreciate boats and sailing.

Breeze: How long have you sailed with 2015 CYC Yachtsman of the Year Doug McLean and renowned SoCal sailmaker and US Sailing Hall of Fame member Dave Ullman? How did that come about?

Jeff: I started sailing with Doug on the J/105 in 2006 and with Dave on the Farr 40 in 2008. Doug is a sailor who is always in high demand, but through persistence, and since we had mutual friends on the crew, he agreed to run our J/105 program. He has done a terrific job running every one of our programs after that. Dave came sailing with us on the Farr 40 primarily because we had a great crew and a competitive Farr 40, and he wanted to do well in the local Farr 40 fleet. We have



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Jeff Janov, center, and his Minor Threat crew, including Dave Ullman, left and Doug McLean compete at the February 20-23 J/70 Midwinter Championship, hosted by Coral Reef YC, Miami, Florida.

been extremely fortunate to sail with and learn from him ever since.

Since then, Dave and Doug and our families have all become great friends.

Breeze: You sail with four on *Minor Threat*; who's the other crew member?

Jeff: Ben Mercer from San Francisco has been racing with us for the last couple of years and he is a fantastic addition to our team. He is always up on the latest things to make the boat go fast. One of the greatest things about our sport is that it is possible to race with and learn from some of the best sailors in the world and develop lifelong friendships with these great people.

Breeze: What's your typical training day/practice session like?

Jeff: Lately, we have been working with a coach and tuning partner. A typical day has been about four hours on the water, including upwind and downwind boat-on-boat tuning, which provides an opportunity for both boats to leapfrog each other and improve. We usually follow up each day on the water with a debrief session ashore and review of photos and videos.

Thanks to CYC's generosity, we have had several J/70

group sails on the Worlds race course to learn the waters and test a number of different tactics.

Breeze: Personal goals for the Worlds? Are you going to stick with this class?

Jeff: Given that some of the greatest teams in the world will be here, we have a realistic goal of being in the top 15 out of 100 competitors but may revise this as the regatta goes forward. Right now, the J/70 is the best one-design racing for me – can't think of anything better.

Breeze: What's the best thing CYC has to offer J/70 Worlds competitors?

Jeff: CYC has great facilities and a wonderful racing venue. But mostly, it is CYC's can-do attitude and commitment that makes it shine above other clubs. It is apparent that CYC members and staff are vested in the regatta and really want to make this a great, memorable event. This is what the competitors will gain from racing at our Club and will spread the word around the world about how much we care. This will be fun!

Breeze: On behalf of CYC, we wish you and the other CYC teams good luck and fast sailing in the J/70 Worlds! 🚩

Fall Series Clinics Strengthen Opti Program

By CHUCK RYANT, Head Sailing Coach

Under the inspired coaching of Manny Resano and with the able assistance of the CYC Junior Sailing Program, the Club has firmly reestablished its leadership role in regional Opti sailing. Since day one of the program, one of our primary missions has been to rebuild our Opti fleet into the powerhouse it once represented. As firm believers that a large and vital Opti fleet is the true backbone of any great sailing and racing program, Manny and I are pleased to report that our revitalization is well under way. By hosting a four-event fall series clinic as well as two clinigattas, we have been able to reassert a dominant role in regional Opti sailing.

In our Opti fall series clinics we had three full-weekend clinics and, over the past several weeks, we converted the clinics into clinigattas. Both the practice and group sailing in a clinigatta provide the sailors with the opportunity to train as well as implement their skills in a competitive race environment. Fair winds and favorable weather have been the norm and our fleet has ranged from 14 to 18 boats. Participants have included some of the top Opti Champ skippers in the region from clubs such as Del Rey YC, King Harbor YC, Long Beach YC, and Alamitos Bay YC. Our final clinigatta was scheduled for the weekend of October 10-11 followed by the Santa Barbara-based Goblin Regatta October 24-25.



Miles Gordon





Coach Manny Resano leads a chalk talk session.



Katlia Sherman

Photos by Chuck Ryant, Head Sailing Coach



The Opti fleet returns from practice while the bigger boats venture out late on a busy Wednesday afternoon.

Photo © Lisa Bronitt

Another Championship in the Books - *Pacific Yankee* Wins the Melges IC37 Nationals

By DREW FREIDES

Somehow the *Pacific Yankee* Team has made it four in a row – two world championship titles in the Melges 20 class in 2017 and 2018, a world championship in the Farr 40 (on *Far Niente*), and now a national championship in the Melges IC37 Class (there is no world championship yet in this class because it is so new).

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the entire racing season on the East Coast has been in jeopardy. After the final winter series regatta in Florida was canceled in March, one by one, the events were postponed and/or canceled in Newport, Rhode Island. New York YC refused to give up, rescheduling event after event. Finally, in late September the club was able to host their Race Week at Newport (Rolex Race Week), followed by their Annual Regatta October 2-4 (originally scheduled for late June), which was combined with the Melges IC37 National Championship.


We used the Rolex Race Week as a tune-up for the Nationals. We had almost the entire same crew for both events. The only minor change was that my partner, Bill Ruh, steered for the Rolex, while I trimmed the headsails, and Brad Rodi called tactics in the absence of our primary tactician, Marcus Eagan. We finished a somewhat disappointing second in the Rolex event, after getting involved in a major collision on the starting line, forcing us to drop out of a race accepting fault.

Finishing second to *Blazer* in the Rolex Race Week was, in retrospect, a good thing. Our goal this year was to win the Nationals, and we were hungrier than ever after the disappointment. We came into the regatta more focused than ever, and knew what we had to do to win – stay clean, avoid unforced mistakes, and let our boat speed and crew work speak for themselves. With Marcus back to call tactics, me driving, and Bill back trimming the headsails, we were ready for battle.

Our plan was simple – start conservatively in the middle of the line, avoid the pack at the ends, and have a clear lane to let us sail our own race. Aside from being over in the last race, when the entire front row was called over early, we did just that. We had clean starts in the remaining eight races, enabling us to get off the line fast. Right from the first

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A large black sailboat with the word "BLAZER" and "USA" on its sail is racing on the water. The boat is white with the number "012" on its hull. The sail is black with white text and a small logo. The boat is leaning to the left, and the water is green and choppy. The sky is blue with some clouds. Other sailboats are visible in the background.

*Clean starts enabled
Pacific Yankee (bow 022)
to get off the line fast,
one of their successful
strategies in their
championship win.*

Melges IC37 Nationals

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race, we learned that in over 12 knots of wind, we had blinding speed vs. the competition—which somewhat surprised us considering the strict one-design nature of this class. We could sail either the same speed and higher, or the same height and faster. This then gave our tactician the luxury of not taking more risk than was required, and in every race (aside from the last) it let us get to the first weather mark in the top three by essentially going up the middle of the course. Our crew work would then step in. We could set the kite faster than those around us, letting us establish the low lane, and then picking off a boat or two by the leeward mark by jibing faster and on top of the competition. We also found that our constant heel downwind of only a couple of degrees when it got windy provided us with the advantage of being able to sail lower and faster when the breeze increased.

The first day was forecast to have the best breeze of the event, with a deteriorating forecast toward the end of the event. With that in mind, the race committee banged off four long races, getting us back to the dock at 6 p.m. We got off to a quick start

with finishes of 1-3-1-2 to open up an 11-point advantage over second-place *Blazer* after the first day in winds that ranged from 7-15 knots.

After a delay on Saturday waiting at the dock for the forecasted sea breeze to fill in, we began racing in a building southerly that built to the mid-to-high teens at times. The bumpier it got, the faster we seemed to go, both upwind and down. We had the ability to maintain heel, and not let the puffy conditions upset the balance of the boat, while others struggled at times. Our constant movements of both the mainsheet (controlled by Rick Merriman), and the runner (by Chelsea Simms), kept the boat balanced and moving fast, regardless of the conditions. The class coach, Greg Fisher, was amazed when he would come by that he never heard silence aboard our boat – there was a constant whining of sheets being adjusted. After winning the first race by a healthy margin, we then backed it up with two conservative strong second-place finishes. After the completion of day 2, we had only nine points, dropping a third-place finish. In second was now *Waka Jawaka*, but they were a distant 16 points back with the drop race.

The last day of the regatta was a challenging one, with a very light and shifty breeze. The race committee sent us out on



Pacific Yankee successfully picked off competitors on the downwind legs due to their fast crew work on sets and jibes.

Melges Performance Sailboats | Morgan Kinney



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Pacific Yankee (bow 022) placed second at New York YC Race Week at Newport (Rolex Race Week), held September 23-26. The team turned their disappointment into even greater focus to win the following week's Melges IC37 National Championship.



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Drew Freides (wearing white sunglasses, second from right) celebrates winning the Melges IC37 National Championship with his Pacific Yankee crew.

time with the goal of completing three races in the trying conditions. The first race became a complete crap shoot in the light south-easterly breeze. With our large lead, our goal was to stay close to the closest competition, *Blazer* and *Waka Jawaka*. With that, *Midnight Blue* was able to escape to the corner and win the first race, while we were all mid-fleet. It became apparent in the dying breeze that there would most probably be only one more race. With that, we had sown up the regatta with a race to spare. We chose to race the last race anyway, but should have chosen to not have done so, because we were called over the starting line prematurely, along with five other boats. We went through the motions and finished the race, digging back to eighth, but it didn't matter, we had already won the regatta, and our first national championship in the Melges IC37 class.

We once again proved that having the best prepared boat, the most experienced and trained crew, along with the most practice prior to the event is a winning formula. We had the confidence to constantly pass boats and minimize mistakes both tactically and mechanically to always have a positive delta from the start to the finish. We hope we can maintain this success when the class debuts on the West Coast in the spring of 2022.

As always, I would like to thank our incredible team that not only included me, Bill Ruh and our captain, Charlie Smythe, who has been on board for every win in all of my boats, but also Rick Merriman (trimming the main), Marcus Eagan (tactics), Chelsea Simms (on the runner), Max Hutcheson (doing essentially everything from offside trim to mast to spin takedown), Dave Dempsey (on the bow) and Serena Village (floating and cleaning up the constant mess). We also can't forget our incredible coach, Ed Adams. On to 2021! 🍀

Art Aficionados Embellish CYC Planters with Club Burgee

By SEO NORMA PRATT

At the suggestion of General Manager Lindsay Pizarro, Art Aficionados, led by SEO Norma Pratt, rose to the challenge and created a burgee decoration for the existing planters on our patios.

Here are the steps to create a crushed glass resin burgee:

1. Create the form/design.
2. Pour silicone into very soapy water.
3. Knead the silicone to a doughy consistency.
4. Add silicone in and around the design until it hardens in a few hours.
5. Fill molds with crushed glass and/or stones.
6. Mix resin and hardener; stir well for several minutes. Pour carefully over crushed glass, avoiding air bubbles. Use a blow torch to remove air bubbles.
7. Allow 24 hours to harden and set.
8. Final stage: Remove the burgee from the mold and trim edges smooth with an electric sander.
9. After the planters were powerwashed by CYC maintenance staff, the burgees were glued to the planters with a strong adhesive. Voila! ⚡



*Left to right:
CYCWA Secretary Berry Wilkinson,
Mary Makler, SEO Carol Watkins
and Ellen Borowka fill molds with
crushed glass and/or stones.*



Photos by SEO Norma Pratt, General Manager Lindsay Pizarro, and Lauren Baker, Director of Membership and Marketing



Above: CYCWA First Officer Connie Webster mixes the resin.

Right: SEO Anne Sanguinetti pours resin into the mold.



Below: Kate and her mom, CYCWA EO Michelle Parker Ondrey use a blow torch to remove air bubbles.



After 24 hours bugees are removed from the mold.



Edges are trimmed and sanded.



CYCWA First Officer Connie Webster, Commodore Stephanie Weston, GM Lindsay Pizarro, and SEO Norma Pratt





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Buoys Struggle to Stay on Station

By Fleet Captain CHRISTINA TARANTOLA

Even with local sailboat racing canceled for 2020, the Marina del Rey permanent spar marks have taken as much of a beating as any other year. The marks get hit, hooked and dragged, or break free during storms. Luckily, about two-thirds of the marks that go missing are recovered because they either wash up on shore or get spotted floating in the bay. With no racing on the calendar, recovered buoys have been piling up in the CYC yard awaiting repairs and redeployment when racing resumes. When these photos were taken in early October, 12 of the 16 marks had already been lost and recovered. ⚓



On a mark-check outing in early October, Sue Service is delighted to find E mark on station.



A heap of permanent marks waits in the CYC yard for repairs and redeployment.

Photo by F/C Christina Tarantola, inset photo by S/C Denny Haythorn

Ham Licensing Class Scheduled for January

By CHARLES PASCAL, RAG Chair

The Radio Amateur Group (RAG) will hold a Technician amateur radio licensing class on January 10, 2021. This will be the first time RAG has offered this class in two years.

The course will be conducted online using Zoom. The class will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the link will open at 8:30 a.m. so everyone has time to log in. Instructor Charles Pascal will be available so participants can be sure the audio and video are transmitting correctly.

At 4 p.m. students will log in to the testing portal using a second link. Volunteer examiners will administer the exam using the testing portal.

Cost for this class is \$45, which includes the book, class, and licensing exam.

To enroll, mail a check for \$45 payable to Charles Pascal, 13900 Panay Way DS #21, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Email Charles at radiopascal@earthlink.net after you have mailed your check to receive Zoom links and login instructions. Deadline to register is January 3. ⚓

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MOVIE MATES

Friday, November 20 at 5 p.m.

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Moderator: TBD

RSVP to Sarah White at mswhite4657@gmail.com

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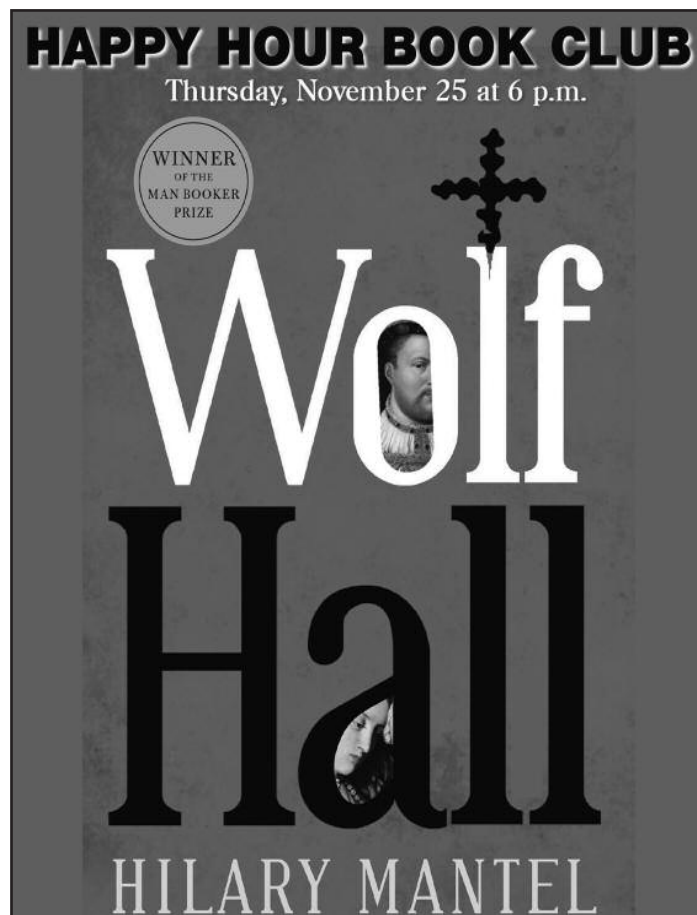
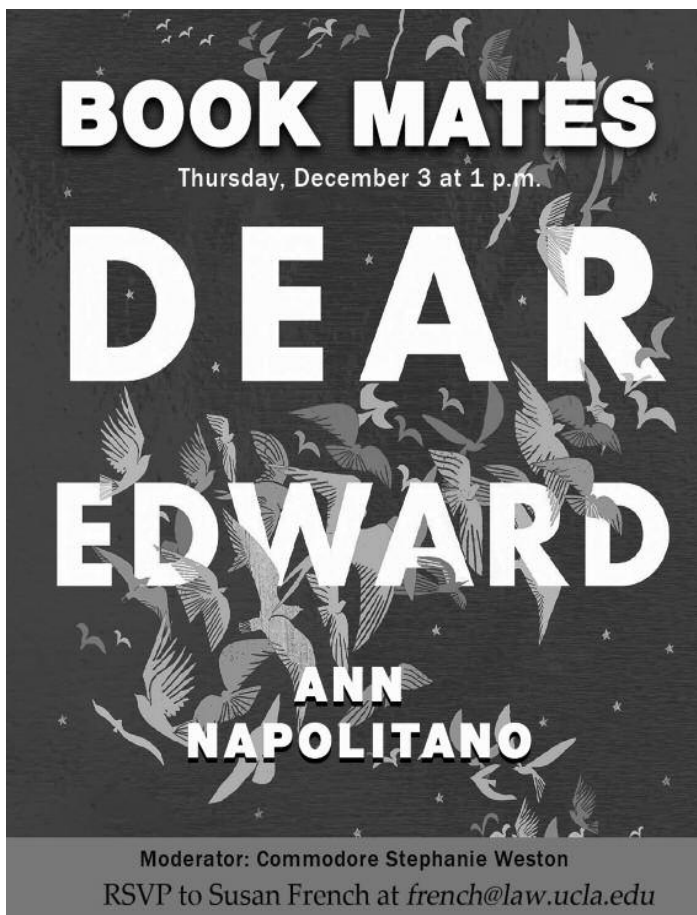
BY SUSAN FRENCH,
Book Mates Chair

At our October meeting, Sue Moore led us in a discussion of “The Last Hunt,” by Deon Meyer, a fast-paced thriller featuring two top detectives in Cape Town, South Africa and a veteran assassin in France. Benny Griessel and his sidekick, Vaughn Cupido, are with the elite Serious and Violent Crimes Unit in the Directorate for Priority Crimes Investigations, better known as the Hawks. The Hawks is one of the few units of the South African police and security forces that has not been captured by the corrupt politicians and Indian businessmen who are destroying Nelson Mandela’s legacy. A group of now-elderly veterans of the fight against apartheid have developed a plan to assassinate the corrupt South African president when he visits Paris, and enlist Daniel Darret to carry it out. Trained as an assassin by the anti-apartheid forces, Daniel is very reluctant to leave his new life and identity, but finally gives in to his old mentor and agrees to do the deed. Simultaneously tracking the detectives and the assassin, the story unfolds in both countries and leads to a satisfactory ending.

“The Last Hunt” is the sixth in the Benny Griessel series, all of which feature Benny, but otherwise involve different crimes and characters. CYCWA First Officer Connie Webster liked it so much that she has now read all six. I have now read the first in the series and plan to read the others. I particularly liked “The Last Hunt” because the book opens with a murder on the Rovos Rail train from Cape Town to Pretoria, a trip my husband and I made in 2015. It truly is a very luxurious train with king-size beds and bathrooms in every stateroom and very good food. A good setting for a mystery murder!

Book Mates meets via Zoom on the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. The book for November is “The Vanishing Half,” by Brit Bennett. Connie Webster will be the moderator. The book for December is “Dear Edward,” by Ann Napolitano, and Commodore Stephanie Weston will be the moderator. In January, S/C Bill Watkins will lead us in a discussion of “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,” by Maya Angelou, the first of her seven-volume autobiography.

If you are interested in joining Book Mates, send me an email at french@law.ucla.edu. ✚





On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

Katerina Bakhta took two different, equally stunning photos. The photo of *Macondo* on Catalina at Howland's Landing captures the last days of summer on the island. Then, in her second photo, the mirror-like surface of the water reflects the boats in the CYC anchorage and the evening sky above. They're both winners!

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

Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By **CURTIS WAGNER**,
Dockmaster

Jim and **Joan Biddle** found that navigating to snag balloons was the perfect method to tune their boat's new autopilot. They caught 10 balloons!

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



CYC Flashback!

SEO Norma Pratt takes us back to 2004, the year she was CYCWA Executive Officer. The theme of the First Mates Cruise at Ballast Point was “Pirates of the Catalina.” Everyone got into the swashbuckling spirit with costumes, skits, and Jolly Roger flags stolen from one boat to the next. The pirates in the photo are Helve Keopple, John Haag, Lola Haag, SEO Norma Pratt, Randy Sprout, and Bob Keopple.

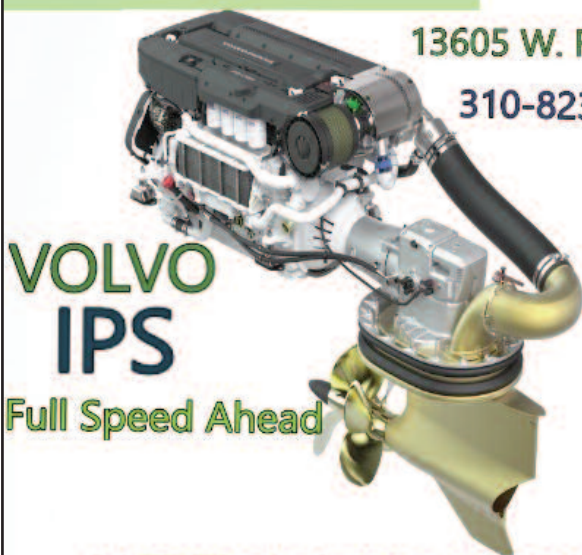
Submit your flashback photo of a CYC member sailing, cruising, fishing, rowing, surfing, water skiing, canoeing, kayaking, as a junior sailor, or at the beach, to cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com for a chance at the glory. ⚓



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Come try our drinks @ the CYC bar!

Dear CYC members,

It's with much sadness that I have to report a tragic accident that occurred in Lindsay Pizarro's family when they were visiting Yosemite in early October. Lindsay's husband, Rony, lost his life in an accidental fall from some rocks near a waterfall that he and Lindsay were visiting. There was no physical harm to Lindsay or her children who were present but did not witness the fall.

As you can imagine, Lindsay was extremely shaken by this and is taking a leave of absence before returning to CYC. I have assumed the role of acting General Manager at CYC on an interim basis until she returns.

Please keep Lindsay and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time of healing.

Thank you,
CYC President Steve Hathaway

From the Manager



**LINDSAY
PIZARRO, CCM**

Over the past several months I have received feedback on how pleased members are with how we have adapted our offerings and service under current L.A. County mandates. I am proud of the teamwork, flexibility, creativity, love, and positive attitudes of all our CYC team members. Their work has been

extraordinary actually, and I am quite impressed. Each department is doing its part to help CYC shine!

Speaking of shining and to highlight our recent Employees of the Quarter, please join me in congratulating Santos Herrera, Juan Juarez, and Jose "Chuy" Martin. When we had a limited team



*Santos
Herrera*



*Juan
Juarez*



*Jose "Chuy"
Martin*

of nine employees during the closure, Santos demonstrated leadership in accomplishing routine maintenance and improvement projects and we discovered additional skill sets Santos possessed. Santos and the dockworkers/maintenance team took on responsibilities such as restroom cleaning, clubhouse cleaning, and additional projects such as installing speakers and varnishing the clubhouse atrium railings.

When we restarted our food and beverage offerings in mid-June, Chuy and Juan were the reopening team supporting Executive Chef Fabio Montijo and Manager Luis Estrada. Chuy and Juan deep-cleaned, restocked, and helped reestablish food service. Without that powerhouse duo, we would not have been able to jump into action the moment outdoor dining was approved.

I am so grateful for the love and care all three demonstrate in their work to help CYC in creating a positive experience for our members, guests, and reciprocal members.

Stay well, be wise, sanitize, be kind, and remember to wear your mask. 🙏



➤ **NOVEMBER 2020** ➤

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daylight Saving 1 <i>Time ends</i> <hr/> Head of the Marina Rowing Regatta <hr/> Paddle Tennis <hr/> Knit or Knot	Club Closed 2 <hr/> Evening Pickleball	Club Closed 3 <hr/> Women's Paddle Tennis	4 <hr/> Paddle Tennis <hr/> Bridge Club	Women's Paddle Tennis 5 <hr/> Mah Jongg <hr/> Fleet Council Mtg. <hr/> Book Mates	6	Pickleball 7 <hr/> Paddle Tennis
8 <hr/> Paddle Tennis	Club Closed 9 <hr/> Evening Pickleball	Club Closed 10 <hr/> Women's Paddle Tennis	Veterans Day 11 <hr/> Paddle Tennis <hr/> Bridge Club <hr/> Art Aficionados	Women's Paddle Tennis 12 <hr/> Mah Jongg <hr/> CYCWA Board Mtg.	13	Pickleball 14 <hr/> Paddle Tennis
15 <hr/> Paddle Tennis <hr/> Knit or Knot	Club Closed 16 <hr/> Evening Pickleball	Club Closed 17 <hr/> Women's Paddle Tennis	18 <hr/> Paddle Tennis <hr/> Bridge Club	Women's Paddle Tennis 19 <hr/> Mah Jongg <hr/> Bridge Mtg. <hr/> New Member Mtg. <hr/> Evening Cruise	20	Pickleball 21 <hr/> Paddle Tennis
22 <hr/> Paddle Tennis	Club Closed 23 <hr/> Evening Pickleball	Club Closed 24 <hr/> Women's Paddle Tennis	25 <hr/> Paddle Tennis <hr/> Bridge Club <hr/> Art Aficionados <hr/> Happy Hour Book Club	Thanksgiving 26 <hr/> Thanksgiving Dinner	27	Tea with Mrs. Claus and Gingerbread Workshop <hr/> Pickleball <hr/> Paddle Tennis
29 <hr/> Paddle Tennis	Club Closed 30 <hr/> Evening Pickleball <hr/> Breeze Deadline	<div style="text-align: center;"> NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div> 1 Head of the Marina Rowing 5 Book Mates 20 Movie Mates </div> <div> 26 Thanksgiving Dinner 28 Tea with Mrs. Claus and Gingerbread Workshop </div> </div>				

DECEMBER 2020

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS 2 Toys for Tots Dinner 6 Merchandise Sale 31 New Year's Eve Party	Club Closed 1 <hr/> Women's Paddle Tennis	2 <hr/> Paddle Tennis <hr/> Bridge Club <hr/> Toys for Tots Dinner (<i>no à la carte dining</i>)	Women's Paddle Tennis 3 <hr/> Mah Jongg <hr/> Fleet Council Mtg. <hr/> Book Mates	4	Pickleball 5 <hr/> Paddle Tennis
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