



CALIFORNIA CUP

From the Commodore

AWESOME AUGUST

J/70 World Championship

ow, if you thought July was busy, get ready for the month of August. After many months of preparation, CYC has the honor of hosting the 2021 J/70 World Championship August 7-15. With more than 70 competitors from 15 different countries it's going to be a great week of racing with a wonderful atmosphere at the Club.

Planning for a regatta of this magnitude does not

happen overnight. Despite all that has occurred during the pandemic, the team here at CYC, led by regatta Chair Marylyn Hoenemeyer, have never wavered. I want to extend a big thanks to Marylyn and all those members who are volunteering their time both on and off the water.



Clockwise from upper left: Commodore Tim Clarke and Lara, Morgan, and Madeleine enjoy a hike on Catalina Island.

It takes a certain type of yacht club to host a World Championship. I am excited that our membership have this opportunity to showcase our outstanding Club and the beautiful Santa Monica Bay.

On the water we will have many CYC members competing on numerous boats. I want to wish a successful and enjoyable regatta for our CYC skippers: Doug Weitz, Curt Johnson, Jim Murrell, Rich Festa, Jeff Janov, Liz Hjorth, and Jordan Janov. If you look closely, you might even see me out there competing!

Patience and Understanding

With life returning to normal, or should I say the new normal, there are still significant challenges that we

must navigate. You are probably aware that re-hiring within certain industries is a serious issue country-wide and things here at CYC are no different. CYC General Manager Lindsay Pizarro and her team continue to go above and beyond, but please be cognitive of the challenges we are facing and be patient and understanding as we continue to recover from the effects of the pandemic.

Trying Something New

This month I am going to practice what I preach and try a new activity at CYC. Under the guidance of S/C Craig Leeds and his team my new activity is going to be rowing! I look forward to getting outside my comfort zone and learning this new sport. There are many activities and groups at the Club, and I invite you to try something new this summer. I look forward to giving you an update on my rowing progress; fingers crossed I do not end up taking a swim!

Cruising Crushes It

July was an exciting month of cruising with more than 150 members joining in the fun with four different trips to Catalina. Early in the month was The Isthmus Cruise, then members had the opportunity for 10 straight cruising days starting with the Surf 'n' Turf, then Commodore's Cruise, and finishing up with the Family Cruise. Be on the lookout for some great articles in next month's *Breeze*. Cruising will continue in Awesome August with the Avalon Midweek Cruise, the Long Beach Cruise, and the Power Fleet Expedition Cruise to Santa Cruz Island.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Club or on the water soon! ❖

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FRONT COVER Jeff Janov's *Minor Threat* (bow 40) leads the pack around the red-tipped offset mark at the California Cup Regatta June 25-27. Jeff placed sixth out of 31 J/70s. Cal Race Week, June 5-6, and Cal Cup played important roles in competitors' training and preparation for the J/70 World Championship at CYC August 7-15.

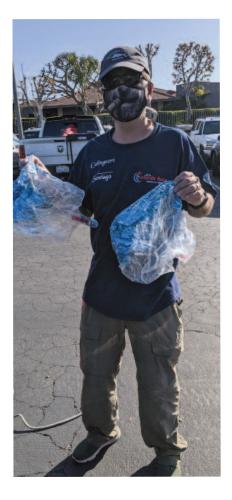
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BACK COVER Peter Albrecht and Keaton Lynch won the men's youth doubles national championship at USRowing's Youth National Championship held at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida June 10-13. Thousands of rowers, representing 181 clubs with a total of 748 entries, competed in this regatta, considered the pinnacle for youth rowing in the U.S.

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Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By CURTIS WAGNER, Dockmaster



While helping with a J/70 group sail in March, **Chris Calingaert** also helped keep the bay clean by scooping up some balloons.

Bounty for the member bringing in the most disabled balloons off our bay is 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.

On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner



Madeleine McJones took this well-timed selfie Memorial Day weekend just as Chris Calingaert's *Take 2* zipped by with Tawni Schutter waving a friendly hello. Congratulations, Madeleine, on winning a bottle of fine wine selected by General Manager Lindsay Pizarro.



CYC Flashback!

YC has a rich, nearly 100-year-long history of women racers and sailors who love the ocean and want to improve their skills. The April 1986 Women's Week Offshore Clinic is just one example from the past. S/C Ann Ach found an article in *The Argonaut* about the clinic and a photo of participants S/C Alice Leahy, Claudia Wainer, the late Jody Stump, S/C Ann Ach, and S/C Bill Stump.



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.

Burgee Exchange with Wickford Yacht Club

S/C Rick Turner exchanged burgees with Wickford YC S/C Vincent Cerbo, both of whom were commodores of their respective yacht clubs in 2015. S/C Cerbo was visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Nina Cerbo, who are new members of CYC.



New Members Jump into Race Committee!

By RORY MACH, California Cup Regatta Co-chair

ew members Ken and Karen Volpert were looking for a quick way to get in on the action at CYC, so they just jumped in – with both feet – by joining race committee for one of the Club's most prestigious events, California Cup. They shared with Cal Cup Co-chair Rory Mach their first-hand impressions after their day on the water.

What motivated you to join race committee for Cal Cup?

Karen: We'd taken the Friday night fleet racing clinic, and one of the instructors mentioned that Cal Cup was coming up, and that volunteering was a great way to experience the racing up close, so I looked up the chairs and sent them an email and they got back to us really quickly.

You were both on markset boats, how did you like the experience?

Ken: I loved it. I was on the line boat and we were always busy, moving stuff around, but it was exhilarating to be right there and watch the starts, to watch the turn at the gates, and especially the finishes, when they're coming in hot and they're right there at the boat!

Karen: I was on the weather markset and I loved it because I felt like we were right in the middle of the most exciting part of the race, watching all the boats come to the mark together and round the corner and see the spinnakers pop out ... it's just a beautiful moment to watch.

Ken: We messaged our kids and told them we'd been out on the water all day and sent them the pictures we'd taken ... it was really a thrill.

Based on your experience, what would you tell other new members about volunteering?

Karen: It's a great way to meet people and to find a slot – they've already called us again to help out in the King of Spain regatta, and that will give us a chance to widen our circle even more.

Ken: At the end of the day, there are so many wins to being on race committee, in terms of being outside, having an amazing seat to watch the races, learning a lot of new things, and meeting a lot of new people. What can be better than that? •



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Race committee volunteers Jeff Butterworth, new member Ken Volpert, and S/C Tom O'Conor have front row seats at the Cal Cup finish line.

California Cup Trophy

By V/C MONICA ANTOLA



Martin H. McCarthy Photography

ne of the most prestigious trophies on display at the Club is the California Cup, a stunning silver trophy that rests proudly in the main entry of the clubhouse. The competition for this impressive trophy is unique in the sailing world as the event may be staged at any time of year as either a match race or a fleet race. Additionally, CYC reserves the right to invite any type of boat it feels is significant. This premier event has mirrored developments in Southern California sailing: Classes have included the maxis, 12-meters, sleds, International Farr 40s, Melges 24s, and most recently the J/70s. Racers and skippers alike look forward to this storied regatta that always promises to bring exceptional hospitality and the best of the best in the sport of sailing to CYC.

CYC did not run the regatta the past two years. There was

not a significant class in 2019 and the COVID–19 pandemic in 2020 paused racing at CYC. However, this year marked the 52nd running of the California Cup Regatta with the J/70 class invited to race in the run-up to the World Championship August 7-15. Ryan McKillen's *Surge* (Coral Reef YC) bested a fleet of 31 J/70s and will have his name engraved on the trophy.

The next time you are in CYC's lobby, take some time to look at the half hulls of past winning boats on display. The winners and their boats represent an impressive who's who of sailing, including Paul Cayard and Dave Ullman, as well as CYC members Roy Disney, six-time winner Brack Duker, Charles Hathaway, John Kilroy, and John Kilroy, Jr. Additional information on the history and past winners of the cup can be found on CYC's website under On the Water/Regattas & Race Results/Awards. \$\dphi\$



California Cup Regatta Brings J/70 World Championship Competitors to California Yacht Club

By RORY MACH and S/C DEBBIE FEINERMAN, Regatta Co-chairs

alifornia Yacht Club welcomed 31 top J/70 racers for its marquee California Cup Regatta, run for the 52nd time since 1963 June 25-27. This year's Cal Cup, an invitational for J/70s entered in their World Championship to be held at CYC in August, featured eight races over three days. The event offered racers varied conditions from breezy, lumpy, and sunny to light, flat, and overcast. Competition at the starting line was fierce, with boats jockeying for position and occasionally jumping the gun and getting disqualified. The weather mark roundings offered more challenges, with a number of boats hitting the mark and several becoming entangled and dragging the mark. Race committee's weather markset boat stayed busy resetting the mark, thanks to those unexpected mark encounters.

Principal Race Officer S/C Bill Stump shared his feelings about the regatta, "Our 2021 Cal Cup was a glorious way to restart high-level racing at CYC, with J/70 racers from around the country providing stiff competition to our local sailors. Almost any time you race three days in a row, the conditions will be quite varied. The sporty sailing on Friday and Saturday

eventually gave way to near drifting on Sunday. Upping the ante, there was an unexpected north-running current, which was strongest at the windward mark. As a couple of sailors remarked, 'Why'd you set that weather mark in a blankety-blank river?!'

"As a preview of what to expect at the Worlds, the starts were crowded and close. Two of the top five overall competitors suffered the dreaded U flag disqualification for being over the line before the start but, lucky for them, there was a throw-out in this eight-race event. All said, it was great fun being back on the water with so many of our RC regulars plus a few newbies, and it was certainly grand to see our venerable California Cup trophy surrounded by smiling sailors out on the lawn Sunday afternoon. A hearty thank you to all who helped make this 52nd Cal Cup quite memorable."

While the bulk of the fleet was from California, we welcomed skippers and crews from 20 different yacht clubs. Joining us were competitors from Mexico (Nautico Avandaro, and Vallarta YC), Texas (Fort Worth BC), Illinois (Chicago YC), Minnesota (Wayzata YC), Massachusetts (Beverly YC), and Florida (Coral Reef YC). California YC was well represented by

six teams: Doug Weitz at the helm of *Agent 99*, Curt Johnson on *Avet 2.01*, Rich Festa steering *Groundhog Day*, Jim Murrell aboard *Huckleberry*, Jeff Janov skippering *Minor Threat*, and Liz Hjorth on *River Song*. CYC Commodore Tim Clarke crewed on St. Francis YC's *1FA*, skippered by Harrison Turner, who got his start in CYC's junior program. Following racing each day, the sailors were treated to CYC's legendary hospitality. At Sunday's award ceremony, trophies were presented by Commodore Tim Clarke and S/C Stump.

Coral Reef YC's Ryan McKillen at the helm of *Surge* took top honors in the eight-race event, narrowly besting Wayzata YC's Joel Ronning on *Catapult*. Beverly YC's Brian Keene steered *Savasana* to third place. Rounding out the top five were Coral Reef YC's Margaret McKillen skippering *Magatron* in fourth, and Chicago YC's John



Doug Weitz's Agent 99 completes a gybe to get a good lane going downwind.



Rich Festa's Groundhog Day (bow 35) follows a lot of traffic heading back upwind.

Heaton on *Empeiria* finishing fifth. Just two points shy of the podium in sixth place was CYC's Jeff Janov on *Minor Threat*. Top Corinthian honors (and eighth overall) went to Santa Barbara YC's Pat Toole and his crew on *3 Big Dogs*, while Newport Harbor YC / St. Francis YC's Chris Raab steering *Sugoi* garnered the top prize in the One Pro division.

As we turn the page on another memorable Cal Cup, we offer thanks to the racers, race committee, and Club for their contributions. Special thanks to Dockmaster Curtis Wagner, Catering Director Miki Mootsey, and General Manager Lindsay Pizarro for helping make the 52nd California Cup Regatta a great success. We're looking forward to welcoming the J/70 racers back to CYC in August – just about the time that this issue hits your mailboxes.

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Curt Johnson and his crew aboard Avet 2.01 (bow 21) concentrate as they lead a tight weather mark rounding.



Jim Murrell steers Huckleberry as the chute is doused just before rounding the leeward gate.



The J/70 fleet spreads out on the final run to the finish.



A family affair: California Cup champion Ryan McKillen (Coral Reef YC) and his Surge crew (front row) pose with Ryan's wife, Margaret McKillen (Coral Reef YC), and her Magatron crew, who placed fourth, and their coach (back row). Commodore Tim Clarke (far left, back row) and PRO S/C Bill Stump (far right, back row) presented the trophy.

Avalon Midweek Cruise

August 10-12

Hosted by George & Pati Etter



Price: \$45 per person

For reservations, contact CYC front desk at 310-823-4567 by Wednesday, August 7.

Schedule

Tuesday, August 10

5–5:45 p.m. Hosted happy hour on the lawn at the Pavilion Hotel.

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izzeria & Cabaret followed by
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Wednesday, August 11

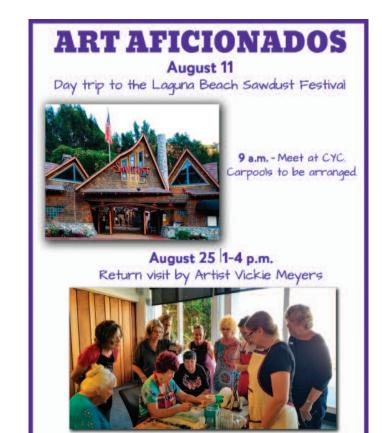
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5:30 p.m. Gather at the cabana for a osted drink of your choice and group picture.

Thursday, August 12

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the many island activities
before sailing home or on to
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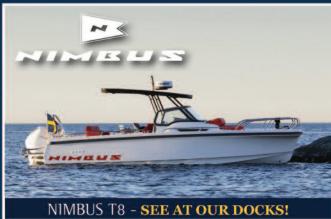
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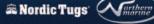


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YC members Bob Little and Will Tetrick traveled to San Diego YC June 4-6 to compete in US Sailing's Qualifier for the 2021 Match Racing Championship, to be hosted by Long Beach YC October 1-3. Joined by local match racing expert Chris Nesbitt of San Diego, the team competed in J/22 sailboats in a double round robin, 14-match series. Each round robin series saw extremely close racing and perfect sailing conditions.

The CYC team finished with four wins in round robin one and six wins in round robin two for a total of 10 wins in the series and the best score in round robin two! The team showed strong improvement during racing with a top-three finish – unfortunately not enough to qualify. The team has instead been encouraged to apply for an at-large bid to participate in the U.S. Match Racing Championship. So here we go!

The team prepared with a host of other

CYC match racing experts in the Martin 242s prior to the event. Special thanks to the Keelboat Program, Doug McLean, Allie Blecher, Mary Stuyvesant, Simone Staff, Beka Schiff, Liz Hjorth, Marilyn Cassedy, and many others for helping us get ready to sail. •

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al Race Week, held annually the first weekend after Memorial Day, is usually one of the biggest regattas hosted by CYC, but as we were just emerging from pandemic-associated restrictions we were unsure – were racers ready to get back on the water and compete? With just a month before the regatta and only a dozen entries it looked questionable. Thankfully, as we got further into May (and closer to the end of the early bird entry fee discount) racers cleaned up their boats, readied their crews, and registered in full force. The regatta was held June 5-6 and had 72 entries, which was similar to what we'd seen when we last ran CRW in 2019.

Competitors were assigned to race in one of two areas in Santa Monica Bay. Race Area 1 hosted primarily PHRF handicap fleets. Mark Townsend, from Alamitos Bay YC, was the Principal Race Officer. He and the race committee used CYCWA First Officer Laura Greenburg and Jonathan's Meridian 47 *Silver Linings* as the signal boat. Mark and crew were responsible for seven of the 10 total classes competing in the regatta. Lest you



Joe Weber's Va Pensiero, winner of the five-boat Cruising Division, nails the start of the division's random leg race on Saturday.





The Janov brothers' (Ryan, Grant, and skipper Jordan) Threatening Minors (bow 49) leads the pack as they head to the weather mark. Threatening Minors placed sixth overall and was the top J/70 in the One Pro Division.

think that S/C Bill Stump, PRO of Race Area 2, had it easy, having only two classes, his course contained the 29-strong J/70 fleet. CYC is hosting this class for its World Championship August 7-15 and CRW was the first time many of the out-of-area boats had come to MdR to compete; local J/70 racers were eager to see how they stacked up against these visiting boats.

While the days leading up to CRW were classic May gray and June gloom conditions, on the weekend of the regatta we were blessed with picture-perfect weather: sunshine, clear skies, and 8-12 knots of breeze. Winds were shifty, which kept racers on their toes and the RC boats busy moving marks.

CRW served as the 2021 PHRF SoCal Championship. There were five PHRF classes, including a Cruising Division that had one random leg race on Saturday. Joe Weber's *Va Pensiero* won the Cruising Division, with Richard Benedon's *Ruby d'eau* placing second. PHRF A saw Jay Steinbeck's *Margaritaville 1½* match racing John McEntire's TP52 *Encore*,

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with *Margaritaville 1½* coming out on top. Starting with PHRF A were the four Farr 40s, a class completely dominated by Mick Shlens' *Blade II*, from Cabrillo Beach YC. John Staff and family's new J/111, *Obsidian*, garnered second place in the six-boat PHRF B class, losing to Del Rey YC's Neil Fraser on *Mexican Divorce* by just four points. The J/109s and Tartan 101s combined forces to produce a single four-boat class, with Peter Nelson's *Spray* taking first place. PHRF C and D were both dominated by out-of-area boats: David Boatner's *Rival* from Ventura YC, and David Haas' *Syndicate* from Seal Beach YC, respectively. It was terrific to see out-of-area boats make the effort to come to MdR and compete.

The eight-boat strong Martin 242 fleet raced on the same course as the J/70s. In the conditions we saw during the regatta the boats are not too different in speed, which made for some interesting congestion at leeward mark roundings. Brack Duker, aboard *Velerito*, won the class with 12 points, and Duncan Cameron on *Dean* was second with 17 points. At the end of racing on Saturday *Trolleycar*, skippered by Garrett Woodworth, held a disappointing sixth place but the team rallied on Sunday to come in third, just four points behind *Dean*.

All eyes were on the J/70 fleet as we got a taste of the competition to come at the World Championship. This was the first time American YC's Peter Duncan and crew, aboard Relative Obscurity, had raced the J/70 in Santa Monica Bay. They placed seventh in the first race on Saturday, but after that they dominated the fleet, with a third place and three bullets, for a total of 13 points. The top overall CYC finisher was Jim Murrell aboard Huckleberry, who landed in fourth place. Just two places behind in sixth was Threatening Minors, skippered by 15-year-old Jordan Janov. Jordan's crew included his brothers Grant and Ryan, Carly Keiding (a junior from Santa Barbara YC), and their coach Willie McBride. Not only were they in sixth overall, but they were the top placing boat in the One Pro Division, which was quite an accomplishment for any boat, let alone one skippered and crewed mostly by junior sailors.

Back at the docks after racing, competitors were greeted with cold beer to celebrate their achievements. Because we were still limited by pandemic restrictions as to the number of people we could host for meals, we were not able to offer the legendary hospitality CYC is known for. Still, racers were ecstatic at seeing old friends, and feeling as though they were getting back to a normal summer of regattas. Never fear, we'll be back in 2022 with the full party!



J/70 class overall winner Relative Obscurity (bow 47), skippered by Peter Duncan from American YC, prepares to set their spinnaker.



"Look, Ma, no hands!" John Staff's Obsidian placed second in the six-boat PHRF B class.



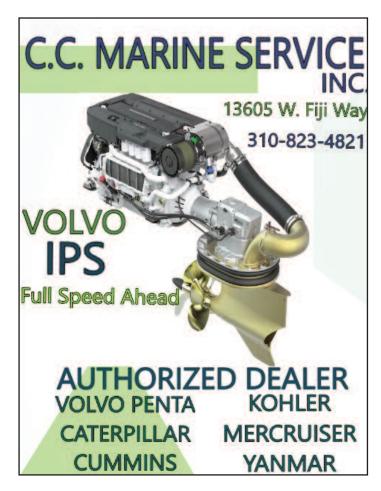
Close racing in the eight-boat Martin 242 fleet as they head to the weather mark. The boats on starboard tack won first (Velerito, skippered by Brack Duker), second (Dean, skippered by Duncan Cameron), and third (Trolleycar, skippered by Garrett Woodworth), respectively.

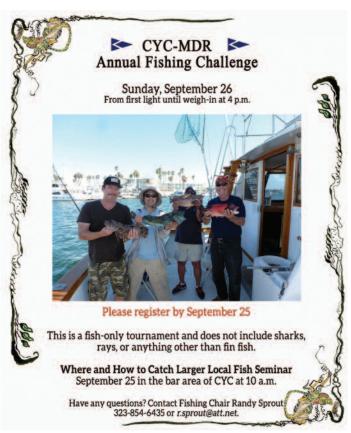


CYC's Brack Duker (far right) won the Martin 242 Pacific Coast Championship on board his boat, Velerito.



PHRF A was essentially a CYC match race between Jay Steinbeck's Margaritaville 1½ (50100) and John McEntire's Encore (5206), with Margaritaville 1½ coming out on top.







lan A: Win the start, extend the lead. Wednesday night, June 30, was a textbook race for *Wombat* (Waste of Money, Brains, and Time). By 4:45 p.m. the boat was rigged and Team Wombat cast off early. We were one of the first small boats out in the race area. We pinged the committee boat and the pin, set a five-minute timer, and sailed upwind on starboard checking our speed, jib luff tension, and wind shifts in about 10 knots of breeze. We observed quick shifts twice, running from 195 to 205 degrees with the occasional 190. After another five minutes we tacked to port and watched the same thing happen. We agreed that tacking on the rapid shifts was going to be slow. We put up a spinnaker in a nice hourglass. Oops, nobody ran the tapes. We sailed down to the boat end of the starting area and waved at our friends for 20 minutes.

The warning went off and nine Martin 242s sized up the line. Most boats were down near the pin but the line looked boat favored. At 1:30 to the start we broke for the *Charles Hathaway* (committee boat) looking for a nice hole a quarter down the line. Duncan Cameron's *Dean* tacked back onto starboard first so we held up Brack Duker's *Velerito* and Denise George's *All In*, creating a nice hole for us. There was enough space at 20 seconds to go for speed 10 yards below the line,

according to our Velocitek. Andrew, my tactician, was looking at the distance and time and at five seconds called out, "We are racing." At one yard to go, close hauled at target speed, we heard the single horn; it was a perfect start. We sailed as fast as we could on port until we saw 190 and tacked across the fleet. We stuck to our plan and with just four tacks up the center we rounded in first with a nice lead.

Downwind we stayed on starboard, the major tack, covering Commodore Tim Clarke's *Summer Rental*, the closest boat. Sailing deep in pressure, surfing waves when we could, we watched boats jibe to port. On a nice lift, we jibed to cover, extending our lead. In the channel the breeze was DDW (dead downwind) with a bit of an ebb so we stayed port, hugging the north side shallows for relief from tidal current. We defended our breeze and three-quarters of the way down we jibed to starboard allowing faster boats to pass us to leeward and keeping us out of the dead zone near the inside of the turn. This paid off beautifully and *Wombat* passed two much faster boats from PHRF B and C, who stalled at the turn, holding them off for the rest of the reach – that was sweet. With a 1:29 lead over second-place *Velerito*, it was our best race of the year and we toasted to ourselves and enjoyed the night. \$\ddot\frac{1}{2}\$

International Optimist Regatta Held in Challenging Conditions

By KATLIA SHERMAN

uring the week of June 14-20, my CYC teammates and I traveled to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands for the International Optimist Regatta. It was an incredible experience to sail on the beautiful clear waters with Opti sailors from five different countries. The first three days we had a clinic, then our team participated in the team racing regatta, and the last three days were spent in the fleet racing regatta.

June 14-16 TOTE Clinic, Volvo Race, and TOTE Team Race

The clinic was extremely helpful to get prepared for the conditions on the water. On the last day of the clinic, we raced in the Volvo Race where there are four legs where we start and finish on each. The Volvo Race was really fun and it was also great to be able to sail in different areas outside of St. Thomas YC instead of where the clinic and the racecourse for the regatta was. The day before the regatta we had a team racing regatta where our team competed. The team racing regatta consisted of a format where after two races if you have lost, the team is disqualified. After we lost two races, we headed in to rest and prepare for the regatta.

June 18-20 International Optimist Regatta

The fleet racing regatta started on the fifth day we were in St. Thomas. The conditions were heavy wind with long waves and a lot of seaweed which was challenging when launching and during the regatta as we were forced to try to avoid it on the racecourse. The wind was mostly oscillating but there were some squalls that came during the races. Towards the end of the first day and the last two days of racing, the pin was mostly favored. It was very difficult trying to get a good start on the line because the pin was crowded and you could get pushed down easily. On the first day, my races were very good aside from equipment malfunctions where I had to retire on the last race of the first day. My second day started out good but became increasingly more difficult as the wind picked up and starting on the line became harder. The last day was the most difficult for me even though there were only two races.

Here are our results: Katlia Sherman placed 51st, Miles Gordon placed 62nd, Ethan Wenokur placed 77th, and Lexie Bugacov placed 79th. In the green fleet, Joshua Wenokur placed 21st. Congratulations to everyone on our team for doing an amazing job racing in the rough conditions of St. Thomas.

This regatta was a great experience and accomplishment for all of us. I learned so much at this regatta by competing in different weather conditions, a big fleet, and with sailors from all over the world. A big thank you to my family and my coach, Manny Resano. \$\ddot\$







CYC Opti Champ team: Coach Manny Resano, Katlia Sherman, Lexie Bugacov, Ethan Wenokur, and Miles Gordon

U.S. Open Sailing Series: San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta

By THOMAS (TOMMY) KRAAK



Tommy Kraak, pictured racing at ILCA (Laser) Midwinters West, won the San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta.

he U.S. Open Sailing Series for Olympic boat classes is a new series of regattas held on the East and West Coasts. San Diego YC and Southwestern YC hosted the West Coast event June 12 and 13. The regatta was open to these boat classes: Laser Standard, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, 29er, and Finn. Katharine Doble and I represented CYC in the Laser Radial Class. We had practiced over many weeks to prepare for this event and were looking forward to competing in San Diego. We arrived a day early to practice at the venue and get familiar with the local conditions.

On the first day of the regatta the wind was very light, which can be challenging for me going downwind. After the first day Katharine finished in first with a big lead and I was in fourth hoping to make it into second on the last day. On Sunday winds were stronger allowing me to be more aggressive. I had some really good starts and good boat speed throughout the day allowing me to finish the three races in first, second, and third.

At the end of Sunday while on the tow back from the race course to the yacht club I was fully expecting to have come in second but once I got to the dock everyone was congratulating me on getting first and I was very surprised. As soon as I got in, I FaceTimed my mom who was stuck at home with a broken arm cheering me on. It was a great feeling to see that my hard work over the last year was paying off. Katharine came in second and won best girl. This was a great sailing weekend for CYC. •

U.S. Open Sailing Series: San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta

June 12-13 San Diego YC and Southwestern YC 42 Laser Radials

- Tommy Kraak
- Katharine Doble; 1st girl

ILCA National Championship

June 18-20 Big Blue Sailing Academy 104 Laser Radials

6 Katharine Doble; 2nd girl

12 Tommy Kraak

ILCA (Laser) Midwinters West

June 25-27 Alamitos Bay YC 55 Laser Radials

8 Katharine Doble 15 Tommy Kraak



Katharine Doble (211599), sixth at the ILCA National Championship, has been selected to represent the U.S. at the Youth Sailing World Championships, December 11-18 at Al Mussanah, Oman.



San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta: Paul Cayard, Tate Christopher (Alamitos Bay YC, third), Tommy Kraak (first), Katharine Doble (second), and J. J. Fetter



CYC Rowers Top Youth National Regatta

By S/C CRAIG LEEDS, **Head Rowing Coach**

S Rowing's Youth National Regatta is the pinnacle for youth rowing in the U.S. This year's national championship took place at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida June 10-13. This site is a dedicated world-class rowing venue where world championships and Olympic Trials have been held. Thousands of rowers, representing 181 clubs with a total of 748 entries competed. The event was even covered by ESPN.

CYC had two entries: Peter Albrecht and Keaton Lynch competed in the men's youth double and Alexandria Lange in the women's youth single. Peter and Keaton won a very tough final race and, in doing so, the men's youth double national championship. Alexandria raced extremely well and took sixth in the nation in the women's youth single. It has been a long road for these three rowers. All learned to row at CYC and rowed at CYC at least four years.

The three were recruited by top universities where they will study and row in the fall: Harvard for Alexandria and Cornell for both Keaton and Peter. These three got where they are by years of dedication and hard work. They are also the product of the facilities offered by CYC and the many CYC coaches they have had during their years at the Club. Along with these three, we wish all nine of our graduating seniors continued success.

Our CYC summer rowing programs are running at full capacity and, no doubt, among the new crop of rowers we will have some following the example set by these three. \$\psi\$



Alexandria Lange placed sixth in the nation in the women's youth single.



Peter Albrecht and Keaton Lynch compete in the men's youth double national championship

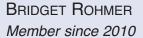


Keaton Lynch and Peter Albrecht show off the national championship trophy for having won the men's youth double.

What CYC Means to Me

By Vice Commodore MONICA ANTOLA





Sailing has been a part of my life since I was 13. Growing up in Kansas City, my family used to charter sailboats in the BVIs and Grenadines and that is where I fell in love with sailing. Knowing how important it was for me, my husband, Matt, proposed to me on a sailboat after secretly taking sailing lessons to get his sailing certificate.

Other than living across the street from CYC, I was introduced to the Club by our friend S/C Dean Dierks. The minute I stepped foot in the Club I felt at home. The only thing that was missing was the sounds of children other than my own. After discussions with my friend, Lisa Carrington, whom I had just met poolside over rosé, of course. I talked to then-General Manager Michelle Underwood to see if I could start a Family Activities Committee to bring more young families into the Club and offer more opportunities for them. I have to thank my dear friend S/C Rick Turner as he helped make it happen.

The rest is history. I have met some of my closest friends at this club.



MICHELLE PARKER ONDREY CYCWA JUNIOR SEO Member since 2005

CYC to me is like a wonderful, extended family. There are activities for everyone - and I've been fortunate to be involved in just about all of them. My first connection to CYC was racing. Racing friends became like family as we traveled to and competed in regattas. Michael and I then had children and the Family Activities Committee was born; those families remain some of our best friends. Joining CYCWA led to a whole new group of fabulous women becoming my confidantes. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Cruising Fleet, whose members helped each other maintain sanity in 2020 as we got out on the water and celebrated freedom in various SoCal destinations. What could be better than a place to do things you love with people you love? That's what CYC means to me



Mary Stuyvesant Member since 2007

I joined CYC for the racing. I wanted to be a part of a club that supported its racing community and ran great regattas. I can still remember the excitement of my first Cal Race Week with all of the boats at the Club and the thrill when the sleds came and lined up at the Club for Cal Cup.

Racing created the foundation for my CYC community. While I traveled extensively for work, CYC was the community that kept me grounded and coming home, always ready to welcome me back. I have made great friends, many of whom are now family.

This past year was so strange. Racing stopped, but community at CYC persisted. The water and the Marina became a haven and respite from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Club slowly started to re-open I was glad to jump in and try to spread a little joy one cocktail at a time, supporting the bar program with Hail M Cocktails. I always smile when members say, "Wait - you're Hail M? I love your drinks!"

CYC Cruisers Head to Newport by Land and by Sea

By STEVE BERNS, Cruise Co-Host

his year's Newport Cruise was held the weekend of June 4-6, hosted by Steve Berns and Gary Forbes. There were 19 boats from CYC and 61 people attended the event, some traveling by land to join the festivities. Having attended this cruise several times in the past, Gary and I knew the bar was high. So, we did everything we could to try meet our fellow Club members' expectations.

The weekend started on Friday with a bottle of prosecco as a welcome gift. Then, at 3 p.m., a welcome cocktail was hosted by Gary Forbes and family aboard their powerboat Day Dreamer. Next, leaving the dock around 4:30 p.m., several dinghies full of people embarked on the pub crawl, which was planned for several locations but crawled to a halt at our first stop, Balboa Bay Club. The atmosphere was great, and it was so perfect, complete with live music, that the group decided to stay there until the sun started to set. Friday evening people enjoyed a movie that was projected on the transom of Pozeiden, hosted by owners Debbie and Mike Zeiden. Those attending enjoyed snacks and the classic Mel Brooks movie Young Frankenstein.

Saturday started with breakfast sandwiches, bagels, coffee, and some impromptu mimosas hosted aboard *Puffin*, by yours truly. Saturday afternoon was free for people to visit some of the many places on the



Anne Keehn



Cocktail hour at Newport Harbor YC



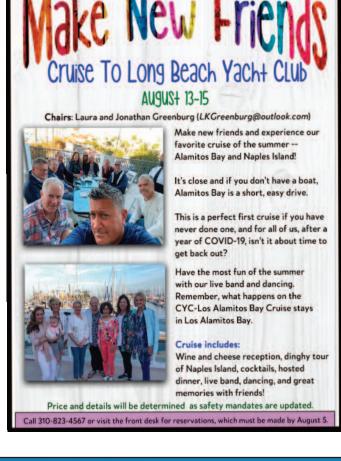
Friday night movie on Pozeiden



Heading to Balboa YC for lunch



Newport Cruise Cohosts Steve Berns and Gary Forbes



harbor that are accessible by boat or by foot, with some of the CYC cruisers taking dinghies over to Balboa YC for lunch. Saturday evening at 6:30 the group gathered at Newport Harbor YC for the predinner cocktail hour. Everyone was greeted by the NHYC staff upon arrival with a glass of prosecco, and then headed into the beautiful banquet room with a deck that overlooks the harbor. Hors d'oeuvres were passed by the staff until 7:30, when chimes were rung for the start of the seated dinner. The food was fantastic, entrees were a miso-glazed Chilean sea bass, prime filet mignon with peppercorn brandy sauce, stuffed Jidori chicken breast, or a vegetarian pot pie. Dessert was a salted caramel chocolate tart and coffee. Judging by the smiles and conversation, a good time was certainly had by all.

I would like to thank my co-host and friend, Gary Forbes, for all of his time and effort. Gary and I would like to thank all the CYC cruisers who attended and made the weekend so much fun and successful. Also, a big thank you to Cruise Chair Fred Ryan, Fleet Captain Anthony Agoglia, and Debbie and Mike Zeiden for their input in planning this cruise. \$\Psi\$



Cruise to The Isthmus a Fun, Relaxing Weekend

By Cruise Chair FRED RYAN



Steve Myles, Fred Lanes, Cruise Co-host Michael Ondrey, Fleet Captain Anthony Agoglia, and Walt Collins relax at one of the beach palapas.



Lynne Parker, Walter Collins, Cruise Chair Fred Ryan, Yahuda and Julie Elmakias, Stephanie Hathaway, Cruise Hosts Michael Ondrey and Jr. SEO Michelle Parker Ondrey, and Todd Whitehouse

he June 25-27 Cruise to The Isthmus was our first to Catalina Island this year and was a tremendous success with 12 boats and 27 people attending. Hosts Jr. SEO Michelle Parker Ondrey and Michael created a fun and relaxing venue for the weekend. Friday evening kicked off with a cocktail party at the Villa Santa Cruz. With two patios overlooking scenic views of both Cat Harbor and The Isthmus Cove, the Villa was the perfect place to host this event. Michael welcomed us with his signature berry, lemonade, and flavored vodka cocktail, a Summer Wind. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful afternoon. On Saturday, the beach palapas provided an afternoon for relaxing while catching up with CYC friends. We had so much fun and it's such a great venue that we all gathered back at Villa Santa Cruz on Saturday evening for a hot dog and slider BBQ - a tremendous culmination to the weekend. **‡**



A History Book That Reads Like a Soap Opera

By HANK TOLES, Happy Hour Book Club Chair

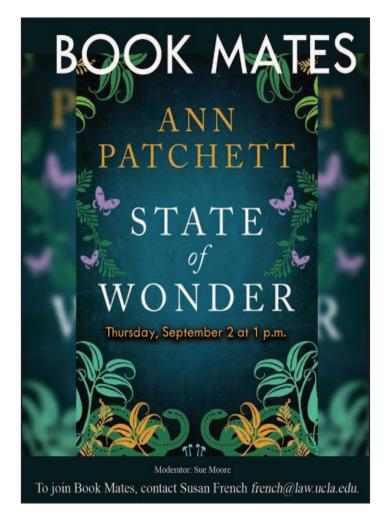
he Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War," by Catherine Grace Katz, takes the reader to one of the more important conferences between the allied leaders in the ending days of World War II. Our selected book is the untold story of three intelligent and glamourous young women who accompanied their famous fathers to the Yalta Conference, and of the conference's fateful reverberations in the waning days of the war.

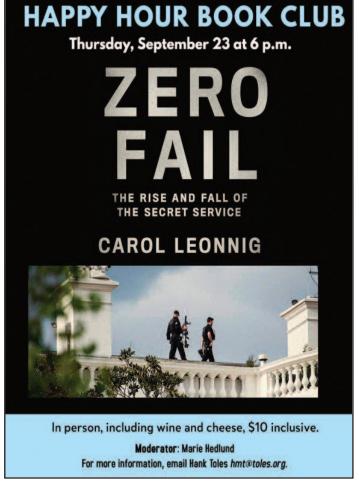
Through the book, the reader is able to witness firsthand the history, politics, power, negotiation, and intrigue of the Yalta Conference. We meet such players as President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ambassador W. Averell Harriman, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Premier Joseph Stalin, Minister Lavrentiy Beria, and so many more. We meet and get to know intimately the daughters of the leaders of the allies, Anna Roosevelt, Sarah Churchill, and Kathleen Harriman, including their intimate and

personal thoughts, duties to their fathers, and yes, love lives, too.

Moderated by Hank Toles, the attendees had a deep and lively discussion of the book. Among the many topics discussed were the multiple central themes set forth by the author: a true story of fathers and their daughters, daughters and their fathers, the fate of the free world in the final days of the war, and a look into some of the most powerful leaders of the time. While most liked the book, some wanted to know more about Poland and her situation. We also questioned why Vice President Harry Truman did not attend the conference considering the declining health of President Roosevelt.

The HHBC will not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be September 23 in the Club's Gallery Room. September's selection is "Zero Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Secret Service," by Carol Leonnig; moderator will be Marie Hedlund. If you are interested in the Happy Hour Book Club, email Hank Toles at *hmt@toles.org*. ♥







Virginia Robinson Gardens Tour

By CYCWA First Officer LAURA GREENBURG

wonderful time was had by all June 18 on our first post-COVID-19 CYCWA official outing. Muffins and mimosas started our adventure in the parking lot of CYC followed by a bus ride to the beautiful Virginia Robinson Gardens in Beverly Hills. Hidden away in a residential area off Sunset Boulevard, the original mansion of Virginia and Harry Robinson, of Robinson's department store fame, still stands today. Built in 1911, the Robinson mansion was one of the first homes in Beverly Hills. Known for hosting the area's most legendary parties, it was not

uncommon to catch famed individuals entering and leaving the estate, including Charlie Chaplin, Ginger Rogers, and Fred Astaire.

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mansion, pool pavilion, and breathtaking gardens. The house just reopened so we were able to go inside the mansion and view some of Virginia Robinson's belongings. The property includes vegetable gardens, rose gardens, the Italian Terrace Garden, and Australian King Palm Forest. After passing away at the age of 99 in 1977, Virginia Robinson gifted her personal paradise to the County of Los Angeles.

Thanks to CYC's Kate Oakland, who was one of the tour guides, it was an extremely beautiful and informative day at the Gardens. The trip was followed by a delicious luncheon back at the Club with wine, champagne, and dessert. The next CYCWA outing is still in the planning stages for September 24; check *Zephyr* and the *Breeze* for more details. \clubsuit



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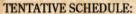
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From the Manager



LINDSAY PIZARRO, CCM

Apps, Abs, Access, Alcohol, and Applause

CYC Launches Mobile App

e are excited to launch the CYC mobile app. There will be a notice in *Zephyr* when the app is available for download on your iPhone or Android device. Our new mobile app allows CYC members to access the roster database (for those who have opted in), order food-to-go, review monthly statements, check the calendar, and more.

Work Your Abs and More

Also debuting this month is the CYC Seaside Studio. The downstairs membership office has been converted into a workout studio, which can be accessed by using your membership card. Enjoy weightlifting, rowing, and more. No appointment necessary, space is limited.

High-Speed Access is Here

CYC's internet and wireless have been upgraded. Fiberoptic cables have been installed from Admiralty Way to the clubhouse and we have new access points. Expect faster upload and download speeds while at the clubhouse and on the grounds. Phase two of the project, scheduled for completion in 2022, will extend high-speed service throughout the docks.

Now on Tap

Cheers to craft cocktails! CYC is introducing cocktails on tap. Hail M Cocktails is mixing up craft cocktails by the keg and they will be featured at the bar. Stop by and taste what's new.

A Round of Applause Christopher Blair

began his culinary journey at CYC in March 2018. Since then he has contributed to many popular dishes like the salmon burger, which won an award at the annual Culinary Fight Club. Just



recently, and because of his work ethic and dedication to CYC, Chris was promoted to junior sous chef. He is very hardworking, a team player, and goes above and beyond his daily responsibilities. Chris is a valuable asset to CYC and his culinary career path is heading in the right direction for chef stardom! Well done, Chris, we are proud of you. Your recent promotion and recognition as May's Star Employee of the Month are well deserved.

Rigo Contreras started at CYC Thanksgiving weekend 2014. He took on the challenge of working that busy holiday weekend and has worked at that same pace ever since. Recently, Rigo took on the role of server in the dining room during the busy reopening. Rigo is recognized as Star Employee of the Month for June. Congratulations, Rigo,



and keep up the hard work. We appreciate your dedication to CYC and your service to our members. $\pmb{\varphi}$

The article in the July *Breeze* about CYC sailors to watch at the J/70 World Championship did not include the correct byline. The article was written by Marylyn Hoenemeyer. The *Breeze* regrets the error.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mixed Doubles ¹ Paddle Tennis	Club Closed 2	Club Closed 3	4 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Women's 5 Paddle Tennis Mah Jongg	Jr. Sailing Session #4 ends	J/70 World Championship
J/70 Pre-World Championship Regatta	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club Sunset Series	Fleet Council Mtg. Starlight Series Ends Taco Thursday	Seafood Buffet	Regatta Adult Learn to
J/70 World Championship Regatta	J/70 World Championship Regatta	J/70 World Championship Regatta	J/70 World Championship Regatta	J/70 World Championship Regatta	J/70 World Championship Regatta	Sail Course #4 J/70 World Championship Regatta
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J/70 World 15 Championship	Club Closed 16	Club Closed 17	Mixed Doubles 18 Paddle Tennis	Women's 19 Paddle Tennis	20	Pickleball 21
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Family Pasta and Pizza Buffet		Expedition Cruise to Santa Cruz Island	Power Fleet Expedition Cruise to Santa Cruz	to Santa Cruz Junior Awards Banquet Taco Thursday	FAC Summer Camp Party	Santa Cruz Island Adult Learn to Sail Course #4
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Knit or Knot	Club Closed		Art Aficionados Pridge Club	CYCWA Board Mtg.		FAC Littles Event
Pickleball	Evening Pickleball Labor Day BBQ Evening Colors ends	Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club Sunset Series ends	Jr. Comm. Mtg. Sail Comm. Mtg.		Power Fleet Dock Party

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