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2021 BRIDGE**

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From the Commodore

KEEP CALM & SAIL ON

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

It's no understatement to say that 2020 was a very tough year and I for one am looking forward to 2021. We are not out of the woods yet, but I'm optimistic that as the months progress we will see some sense of normality return.

It is truly an honor to be this year's Commodore of California Yacht Club. When I joined the Bridge four years ago, I didn't expect to be starting my Commodore year in the depths of a pandemic. However, the journey to this point has been extremely rewarding and I have learnt so much about this wonderful Club.

Last year was a far cry from what we expected, and I wanted to thank Jr. Staff Commodore Stephanie Weston for being a steady hand on the helm as we weathered these unprecedented times. I also want to welcome back our General Manager, Lindsay Pizarro. Her imagination and resourcefulness have been integral for the success of our Club, we are truly lucky to have her.

As we welcome in the New Year, the Bridge, Committee Chairs, and Club management have planned a fun-packed calendar with events for all. We must continue to be flexible and willing to pivot in this ever-changing landscape. With that in mind, for the most up-to-date information regarding events, please refer to the Club's online calendar and the weekly *Zephyr*.

My theme for our 99th year is "Keep Calm & Sail On," which is a shoutout to my British heritage, the need to be calm in these challenging times, and my passion for sailing. I am incredibly lucky that my love of sailing is shared by my wonderful wife, Lara, and my two daughters, Madeleine and Morgan.

Looking to the summer, I hope you can join me for this year's Commodore's Cruise. We will be



Commodore Tim Clarke

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staying local with a trip to Catalina Island (July 19-25), with stopovers at Avalon and the Isthmus, and finishing at Howland's Landing, where we will combine with my favorite CYC cruise, the Family Cruise. Accommodations will be available at Avalon and the Isthmus for those without boats. Stay tuned for more details.

There are plenty of us looking forward to getting back out on the water to race, and our Sail Committee, under the guidance of Chair Rory Mach, have filled the calendar. There is no doubt that the brightest spot of the year's racing will be the J/70 World Championship that was postponed from last year. Marylyn Hoenemeyer is heading up the effort and I know it will be an excellent event.

With no Sunset Series last year, the idea of Wednesdays being hump day could not have been further from the truth. Personally, it felt more like trough day! I can't wait for our weekly beer can racing to begin and I hope to see many of you out on the water.

January will unfortunately look slightly different this year as we must forgo our traditional Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner. However, we are excited to share a brief video of the Installation ceremony and celebration of our award winners. Activities Day normally resides at the end of the month but alas that has been postponed to later in the year. Port Captain Sue Service will be sharing a surprise later this month to celebrate the many activities available at CYC.

Although we are unable to offer our entire repertoire of activities, there is still so much you can do, whether in person or virtually. As the year progresses, I invite you to try new activities as there really is something for everyone here at California Yacht Club.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club or on the water! ⚓

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Note that, due to safety and health concerns over COVID-19, the cover photos of the Bridge and CYCWA officers are composites comprised of photos of each individual officer.

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Fingers Crossed for a Full, Action-Packed 2021 Racing Season

By RORY MACH, Sail Committee Chair

Well, 2020 is finally over. After 10 long months of cabin fever and canceled plans, it's a pleasure to look forward with some guarded optimism to the year ahead. And while no one can know for sure what the new year may hold in store, California Yacht Club will be ready to hit the start line at full speed with a packed 2021 racing calendar.

Topping the list will be the J/70 World Championship, to be held August 7-14. It's one of sailing's highest-profile events, with nearly 100 international teams having already qualified (including five from CYC), and racing that will feature some of the world's best sailors competing for honors here in Santa Monica Bay.

In the months leading up to the Worlds, the Club will host a J/70 Spring Series of two weekend regattas on April 10-11 and May 22-23, offering competitors multiple opportunities to familiarize themselves with the venue. In addition, the J/70s have been invited to compete for this year's California Cup, the Club's most prestigious trophy, with races held the weekend of April 30 through May 2.

Along with events surrounding the Worlds, we're planning

the Club's usual full slate of weeknight races and weekend regattas. The Starlight Series will again welcome Star sailors on Thursday nights from May 13 through August 5, and the Sunset Series will return on Wednesday nights, beginning April 14 and running through September 8 (with a hiatus August 11).

In 2021, for the first time, the King of the Hill race – featuring the Sunset Series' top racing division boats – will be run concurrently with the Cruising Championship, including top finishers from the cruising class, in an inverted-start, end-of-season, battle of the best.

Weekend racing kicks off with the SCYA Midwinter Regatta for one-design boats on February 20-21, with the Harris Spring Regatta returning on April 11. Then, on June 5-6, we look forward to hosting the 22nd running of our signature regatta – Cal Race Week. The Pacific Cup Deepwater Series – a favorite for random leg racing enthusiasts – returns for three Sunday races planned throughout the season (May 16, July 11, and September 12).

On the weekend of July 10-11, a highly competitive fleet of Star sailors will vie for our oldest trophy, the King of Spain, while other one-design and PHRF boats race round the buoys in the Summer Regatta, to be held this year on July 10.

The year wouldn't be complete without our regular complement of junior regattas, beginning with the Harken Optimist Spring Regatta on February 27-28 and culminating with the team-raced Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta, September 25-26, and the CFJ class Shadden Series to be held October 3.

2021 is shaping up to be a year to remember – we look forward to seeing you out on the water. ⚓



Photo by S/C Denny Haythorn

CYC plans to host the J/70s in a series of regattas leading up to the World Championship at CYC August 7-14.



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Persistence hopes to lead many more downwind legs in 2021 racing.



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Clean starts will be a key to success in 2021 regattas.



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After a year's hiatus, we look forward to a splashy 2021.

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Winter on the Water at CYC

By CHUCK RYANT, Junior Program Director

Even though the long summer days are long gone, the Junior Program remains extremely active. Currently, with the waters at a brisk 58 degrees and the traditionally lighter winter winds we are still managing a solid practice every day.

Since we are in what normally is regatta season, the kids have been training five days a week with Coach Manny Resano.

Although COVID-19 has kept the regatta schedule limited to only one event, we did send a team of nine to Santa Barbara for the kids' favorite race, the Goblin Optimist Regatta, held October 17-18. To add to the spooky mystique, this year's races were shrouded in heavy fog and light wind. The sailors had a blast but racing photos were hard to come by. For our team, even sailing among the best Opti racers in the region, the extra practice paid off and out of a fleet of 50 boats the CYC kids did very well:

Fifth place: Miles Gordon

Sixth place: Gage Christopher

Seventh place: Katlia Sherman

New team members Kaito Le Tenoux, Ethan Wenokur, and Ashley Durand placed 12th, 17th, and 19th, respectively. Lexie Bugacov came in 23rd, Reed Knight was 41st, and Dylan McNamara rounded out the team in 43rd.

At the same time, back at the Club, our beginner program has really blossomed. Of the 12 original sailors, we already have eight sailing on their own in weekend group sails. Now that these skippers are off we will introduce a whole new group to the water.

The kids sailed right through Halloween and the Thanksgiving holiday and plan to keep training for the return of regattas in the spring. ⚓



Joshua and Ethan Gerber chase Miles Luley.



Morgan Clarke



Vesper Luley



Best friends Roan Dicker and Madeleine Clarke



Madeleine Clarke



The 50-boat fleet appears out of spooky fog at the Goblin Optimist Regatta.



Katlia Sherman



Lexie Bugacov



Kaito Le Tenoux



Miles Gordon



Moving to the Laser Class - A New Beginning

By MIKA STERNBERG

November 14-15, 61 boats competed in the Santa Barbara Fall Laser Invitational, hosted by Santa Barbara YC. There were 10 Laser Standard and 51 Radials, the class I sailed in. This regatta was my first ever Laser regatta. It was really fun to race with bigger and more

advanced boats. Because I had only sailed Optis before, it was a new and exciting experience.

On the first day of the regatta the wind wasn't in our favor. After getting one race done in very light wind, we went into a very long postponement which ended up in an A over N flag



combination: races abandoned, more signals made ashore.

The second day of racing brought us better sailing conditions and we got four races in. During the first race the conditions were light and the pin was favored at the start. I finished in 14th place. During the second race, the wind picked up and it was much harder for me to hike the boat down. I finished 44th. During the third race, the wind died just a little and a lot of seaweed came in. It was a little bit easier to hike the boat down but the seaweed throughout the course slowed

me down. I ended the race 35th. During the last race of the regatta the wind calmed down and I was able to move more freely in the boat. I had a really bad start but managed to sail fast and gain a lot of boats. That was my best race: I finished in 11th place.

Though I have sailed the Laser for just a few weeks, I have gained some great strategies and would like to thank everyone who helped coach me and to take my first steps moving to the Laser class. *(more photos on page 13)*



Santiago Quiroga (166054), one of five CYC racers at the regatta, gets a great start in the 51-boat Laser Radial class.



Mika Sternberg



Katharine Doble placed eighth in the Laser Radial class.

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Santiago Quiroga (red jacket) leads Katharine Doble around the mark. They placed seventh and eighth, respectively, in the Laser Radial class.



Mika Sternberg competed in her first Laser regatta after sailing the Laser for just a few weeks. Her best finish at the Santa Barbara Fall Laser Invitational was 11th place out of 51 boats in the final race of the weekend.

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CYC Perpetual Trophies Triumph and Tradition



Photo by David Piper

The Dr. Bob Crum One Design Perpetual Trophy

By V/C MONICA ANTOLA

When Commodore Tim Clarke and I started delving into the various exceptional trophies around the CYC clubhouse that we plan to feature over the next two years, one in particular jumped out as the trophy to introduce first. Why begin with the Dr. Bob Crum One Design Perpetual Trophy? Well, our esteemed Commodore has himself been awarded this prestigious trophy numerous times sailing aboard Duncan Cameron's Martin 242, *Dean*. Having had the honor of holding up this trophy during an awards ceremony, what better way to kick off Commodore Tim's first *Breeze* issue.

Who was Dr. Bob Crum and what was his significance to CYC? Dr. Crum began sailing and racing in his 20s with his brother on a 28-foot Hershoff-designed sloop out of Los Angeles Harbor, before there was a King Harbor or Marina del Rey. His love of sailing included the challenges of two Transpac races, which he did aboard a PCC in the 1940s and

with three of his four sons on a Santa Cruz 50 in 1981, to the more cerebral aspects of buoy racing that he experienced in one design, racing Lidos off Santa Monica Pier in the 1950s and 1960s. While his victories were many, perhaps the most memorable was winning the Schock 35 Nationals, twice.

Dr. Crum was a strong believer in the one-design concept, evident in the choice of boats he owned and raced with his sons over the years, including a Coronado 25, Morgan 27, J/30, and Olson 30. When the Martin 242 came on the scene in the 1980s, he was always willing to try something new and had eager support from his sons. Dr. Crum's commitment and unselfish contributions to the M242 class encouraged other one-design sailors to join in and helped make the Martin fleet such a strong class.

This trophy is dedicated to Dr. Crum, a CYC member since the early 1960s and true life-long sailor. It is awarded annually to the top finisher in the Martin 242 class of the Sunset Series. ⚓

"Dear Edward": A Heart-Warming Story of Overcoming and Coming of Age

By SUSAN FRENCH, Book Mates Chair

The Adler family was moving to Los Angeles when their plane plunged to the ground in Colorado killing 191 people. Twelve-year-old Eddie Adler was the only survivor. Seriously injured both physically and mentally, he was taken in by his mother's sister and her husband. "Dear Edward," by Ann Napolitano, skillfully weaves together the story of Edward's healing with compelling vignettes of the people who died in the crash. Love and loss, grieving and healing, and coping with the aftermath of a disaster are sensitively dealt with by Napolitano in this heart-warming fictional story that follows Eddie/Edward from age 12 through 18.

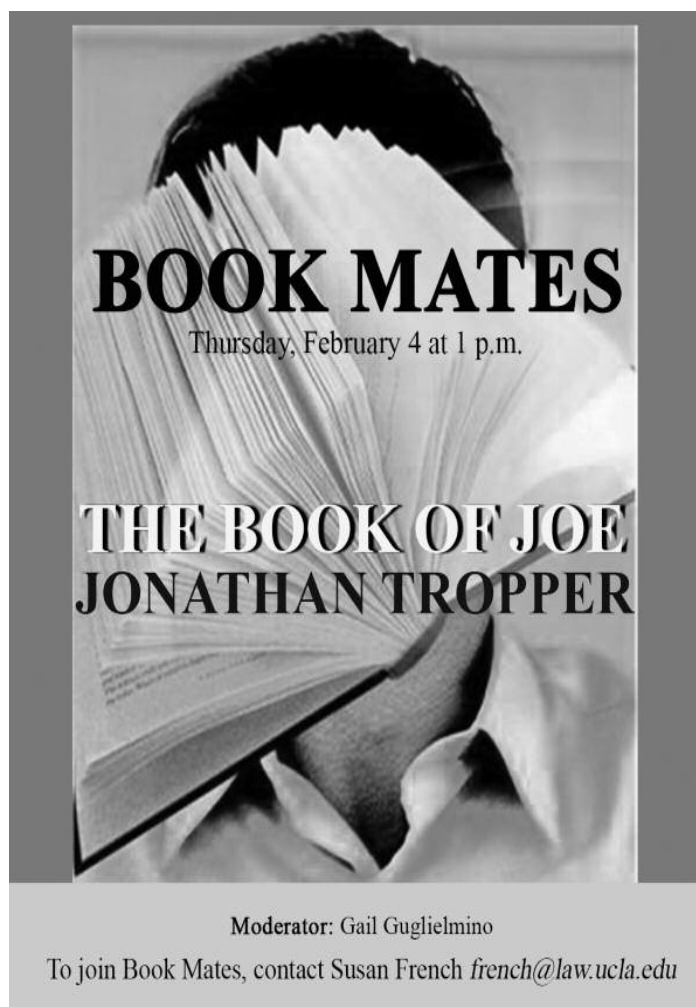
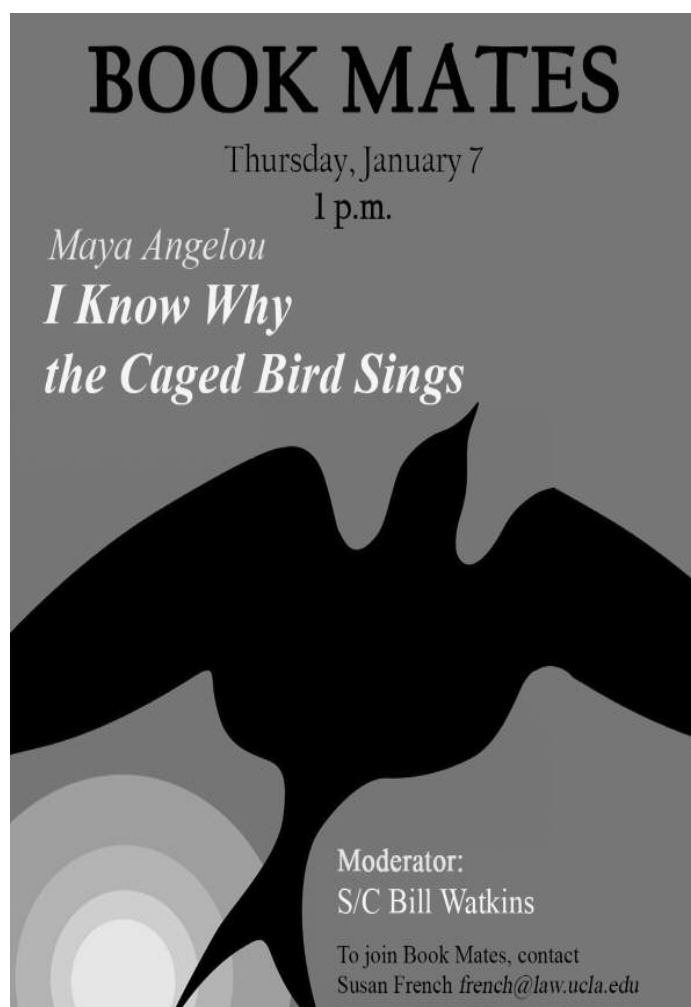
Commodore Stephanie Weston ably led our December 3 conversation about "Dear Edward," which was well-liked by most participants.

Our January and February meetings will be:

January 7, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," by Maya Angelou, S/C Bill Watkins will moderate.

February 4, "Book of Joe," by Jonathan Tropper, Gail Guglielmino will moderate.

Book Mates meets on the first Thursday of the month, currently by Zoom. If you are interested in joining Book Mates, send an email to french@law.ucla.edu. ↴



Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

Christophe Bonnefoi was daysailing with his family aboard their Oceanis 55.1, *Blue Fiber*, when they caught three metallic monsters. Once again, balloon fishing proves to be a great way to practice man overboard recovery drills while helping to clean up Santa Monica Bay.

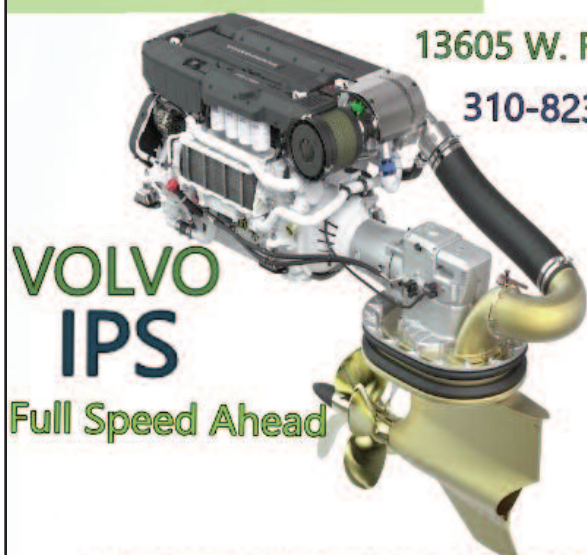
Bounty for the member bringing in the most disabled balloons off our bay is a prime rib dinner for two at the Club. Send a photo of your catch to the dock office for consideration. One prize will be awarded each month. ⚓



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On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

Simone Staff took this powerful image of a wave at Oceanside Beach. She has been passionate about photography since she was 15, focusing on nature and outdoor photography in her travels around the world. Simone recently bought waterhousing for her camera to capture dynamic on-the-water surfing and sailing action. Her regatta photos from the Santa Barbara Fall Laser Invitational (Laser District 25 Championships) are featured on pages 10, 11, and 13. Simone is a commercial photographer and is available for private shoots of sailing and boats for sale. Check out her gallery at simonestaff.com to view samples of her work, including one of her dad, John, surfing.


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

MOVIE MATES

Friday, January 15 at 5 p.m.

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH A LIFE ON OUR PLANET

Moderator: 2nd Officer Berry Wilkinson



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From the Manager



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GOOD RIDDANCE, HOPE, AND REINVENTION

We all have overcome personal struggles this past year and can easily empathize with one another. With nearly a year of stay-at-home isolation, curfews, mask wearing, serious health concerns, loss, and limited social interaction, we are worn out. We welcome this new year and celebrate 2020 being behind us. Good riddance! Together we hold high hopes for 2021.

The CYC team and I want to thank Commodore Weston, the Bridge, and Fleet Council members for your leadership, dedication, and resilience. Despite all the challenges we have faced so far in this pandemic, I enjoyed working with you this past year. You continue to keep the Club energized and it's a pleasure to be a part of it.

Club members in leadership positions and Club management are working together to reinvent our activities, events, dining, and ways to continue to engage our members. The first quarter of the year will continue with outdoor activities, virtual gatherings, Zoom meetings, and flexible and fluid dining options. Please be on the lookout for more on all of our offerings.

Last, I want to thank CYC members, my team at CYC, the Hathaway family, and LAACO for the support, thoughtful gifts, and kind words my family and I have received since my husband Rony's passing. Your love and encouragement made me look forward to getting back to work and reconnecting with the CYC family. Your support warms my heart.

Let's focus on hope this new year as we wash (or sanitize) our hands of 2020. 🍀

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Wednesday, January 20 at 6 p.m.

Moderator: Sue Moore

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JANUARY 2021

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3 Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot	Club Closed 4 Evening Pickleball	Club Closed 5 Women's Paddle Tennis	Paddle Tennis 6	Women's Paddle Tennis 7 Mah Jongg Fleet Council Mtg. Book Mates	8	Pickleball 9 Paddle Tennis Bridge Installation J/70 Group Sail
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