



RACING RETURNS TO CYC J/70 SPRING REGATTA

From the Commodore

Summer Vibe

ummer is officially here and the amazing CYC vibe that goes with it is back in abundance! Our Club is returning to its vibrant self, with in-person activities happening daily. I hope each of you has been able to take advantage of the many events, activities, and regattas now taking place.

Over the last two months, I've been lucky enough to experience my CYC vibe on numerous occasions with many of our members. My first in-person event was Cocktails with the Commodore in May and it felt so good to be back in the Club with new and old friends

and of course a delicious margarita or three! For Memorial Day, my family and I joined the Power Fleet cruise at Catalina, where a great time was had by all. June was bookended with two of our great regattas, Cal Race Week and Cal Cup. It has been a blast to be back out competing on Wednesday

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nights in the Sunset Series. (Just don't look at the results – I'm still a tad rusty!).

Now, I appreciate that racing is not everyone's cup of tea, but there are a considerable number of new and existing members who share my passion. So why do we race? Obviously, there is the competitiveness just like in any sport, but for me there is so much more. It makes me a better sailor, provides lifelong friendships, and continuously challenges me.

A question I get asked often is how one can start racing at CYC. I am happy that we have a great solution. Over the last couple of years, the Club has developed a way to get those interested in racing out on the water. Utilizing the Club's Martin 242s and the Adult Learn to

Sail courses, we can get people sailing. They can then progress to our Introduction to Racing seminar and monthly Friday Night Racing. These events focus on giving CYC members some racing experience in a calm and friendly environment, within the Marina. If you are interested, our next event is Friday, July 16. I hope to see you there.

If rowing is more your style, CYC's S/C Craig Leeds and his coaching team continue to offer great opportunities for both adults and juniors to get out on the water to practice and compete.

It is great to see our Women's Racing Initiative continue to thrive under the guidance of Mary Stuyvesant. Three of our successful skippers have been invited to compete in the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship in August. Good luck to Allie Blecher, Marilyn Cassedy, and Liz Hjorth.

The 2021 Commodore's Cruise is almost upon us. A super fun week is planned with activities scheduled both ashore

and on the water. If you have not signed up, there's still time, just call the front desk by July 4 to reserve your spot. Remember, no boat, no problem – there is shoreside accommodation available at Avalon and The Isthmus.

My theme of "Keep Calm and Sail On" seems to be serving us well. As a community, we have done a great job of keeping calm, and now I want us all to embrace the sail on part. Whether you take that literally or figuratively, I really hope you can enjoy the rest of our 99th year by getting back to doing what you love and enjoying your time here at California Yacht Club.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club or on the water. $\boldsymbol{\phi}$

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J/70 Spring Regatta



CYCWA Paddle Tennis



Spring One-Design Invitational

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After a hiatus of more than a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, racing returned to CYC in May.

FRONT COVER Liz Hjorth's River Song takes the pin end at a start in the May 22-23 J/70 Spring Regatta. © DEMAIN PHOTOGRAPHY

BACK COVER Duncan Cameron's Dean (306) won the Martin 242 class at the May 1-2 Spring One-Design Invitational. Steve Moses' Wombat (179) placed third. Photo © Lisa Bronitt

Epicurean Celebrates High-End Mexican Cuisine

By PETER WEBSTER and First Officer LAURA GREENBURG, Epicurean Society Co-chairs

n May 11 the Epicurean Society experienced its first indoor Club gathering this year with a magnificent event featuring food, wine, and spirits. Thirty-four guests gathered for cocktails prepared by Mary Stuyvesant (Hail M Cocktails) and were seated for the meal in a socially distanced way with small tables in the Club's dining room. General Manager Lindsay Pizarro guided us in arrangements that conformed to accepted COVID-19 safety guidelines. Susan French was our guest sommelier and Mary offered expert commentary on our cocktails and provided a special gift bottle of bitters for our next homemade margarita. We dressed in less formal attire than usual for an Epicurean gathering. The festive atmosphere included many veteran Epicurean members and guests.

Inspired by the flavors from south of the border, Chef Fabio and his staff created a magnificent four-course meal complete with pomegranate guacamole during the cocktail hour and ending with a



choco flan that was accompanied by a delicious gourmet mezcal, with cara orange and gusano sal (worm salt). The beautifully plated dinner menu included a most impressive octopus aguachile tostada, a tomatillo corn chowder featuring dark chile shrimp expertly prepared with just a hint of heat, and short rib barbacoa sopes that were tender and full of luscious flavor.

Pre-dinner drinks were a selection of three choices by Mary: an Oaxacan old fashioned (blend of tequila, mezcal, special bitters, and orange), a pepino y tuna (cucumber and prickly pear) margarita, and a delicious Mexican sangria. Wines during the meal came from the famous Casa Maderno winery in the Parras Valley, northwest of Mazatlán, and included three highly rated selections: a rosé, chardonnay, and red blend.

All told, we experienced first-hand high quality wines, spirits, and beautifully prepared gourmet food from our international neighbors to the South. The excitement of finally gathering again at our Club for a great evening of fun and relaxation made the evening a special one for all who attended. We anticipate a few informal Epicurean events before our final holiday event on December 7 when we hope to be back to normal times. \$\ddot\end{a}\$







Pickleball Fun Day

By JIM ACH, Pickleball Chair



On the courts for Pickleball Fun Day: Laraine Mestman, Chris Cranner, Michele Hamilton, CYCWA Second Officer Berry Wilkinson, Lynn Colvin, Karen Simon, Joanie Freckmann, Jim Ach, S/C Cheryl Mahaffey, Ellie Ortiz, Todd Bloomfield, and Robert Bloomfield

e had a great turnout for our Pickleball Fun Day on May 15. We had games going on three courts as some new players got to try our favorite sport. The game began in 1972 and claims to be the fastest growing sport in the U.S. with more than four million players. One reason is that it's easy to learn.

Pickleball is not too different from other net games. You start by learning to hit from one side of the net to the other, not too hard, just to get a feel for what looks like a whiffle ball. Sometimes the ball bounces funny, so you have to watch it all the way into your paddle.

The underhand serve is harder than it looks, but you get used to it pretty fast. The infamous non-volley zone (affectionately known as the "kitchen") keeps you away from the net, a big change from tennis. There are plenty of chances to slam the ball, but a dink can negate all your opponent's power.

In 15 minutes you're playing pickleball. Simple to learn, yet with enough nuances to keep challenging you as you become more experienced. Compared to paddle tennis, pickleball is much more a game of strategy and finesse.

Come join us! Contact either of our co-chairs, Jim Ach (310-666-8784 or *jimach2@yahoo.com*) or Joanie Freckmann (818-802-5571 or *JoanieFreckmann45@gmail.com*). Just wear court shoes, we supply balls and have loaner paddles. We usually play Saturday and Sunday mornings and Monday late afternoon. See you on the court. \clubsuit

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"The Searcher" A Slow Burn of a Suspense Story

By HANK TOLES, Happy Hour Book Club Chair

n "The Searcher," by Tana French, ex-Chicago Police Department detective Cal Hooper thought a fixer upper in a bucolic village in rural West Ireland would be a perfect escape. After 25 years on the force, he just wanted to build a new life in a new spot with a good pub where nothing much happens. But when a local kid whose brother has gone missing twists his arm into helping locate him, Cal starts to uncover affairs of darkness in his lush domestic retreat and discovers that even small towns have dangerous secrets.

The novel, according to the author, was a nod to the John Ford masterpiece film, "The Searchers." Like Ford's film, French's novel was basically a western. Western Ireland is a harsh country. It is beautiful to the senses and the prose could have been taken directly out of a National Geographic magazine. The local residents both make and enforce their own rules, much like the American West.

To even disclose this much of the novel's plot is a minor crime, because the great power of this suspense story comes from its slow, measured pacing and the intensifying evil of its atmosphere. There are numerous wonderful characters, including Trey Reddy, Mart, Cal's neighbor, Noreen, who runs the local store, her sister Lena, and of course Sean Og's (the local pub).

Moderated by EO Connie Webster, the attendees had a deep and lively discussion. Among the many questions discussed were: Was Cal in a mid-life crisis? Why did he come to Ireland? Additional discussion ensued of the author's character development and the moral code used and interpreted by all throughout, and the strong descriptions of the scenery and profound thinking on etiquette, morals, and manners compared to those in the village and how they may have changed Cal. All gave this selection excellent marks and a well-worth-reading grade.

There will be no July meeting. Our August 19 selection is "Zero Fail: The Rise and Fall of The Secret Service," by Carol Leonnig; moderator TBD. If you are interested in the Happy Hour Book Club, email Hank Toles at hmt@toles.org. \$\dagger\$

KEEP CALM & SAIL ON

Commodore's Cruise to Catalina

MONDAY, JULY 19 - SUNDAY, JULY 25

Avalon: July 19–21 \$150

Welcome cocktail
Dinner at Descanso Beach
Goody bag
Accommodation available at
the Hotel Atwater
877-778-8322

The Isthmus: July 21-23 \$135

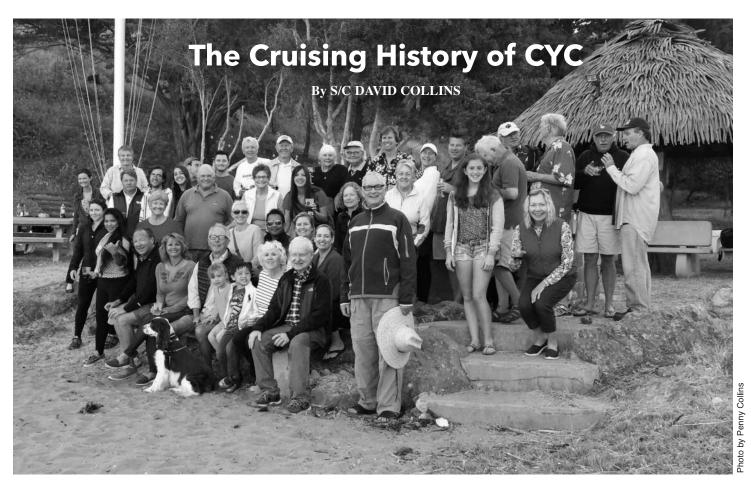
Welcome cocktail
Dinner at Harbor Sands
Goody bag
Accommodation available at
The Banning House Lodge
877-778-8322

Family Cruise at Howland's Landing: July 24–25 \$25

Welcome cocktail
Goody bag
BYO food and drinks for
BBQs ashore

Total Price - \$310

For reservations, contact the CYC front desk at 310-823-4567 by July 4.



ruising at CYC has a very long history that this brief article cannot fully explore. Here is a quick look at how we cruise at California Yacht Club.

Catalina has always been the most tempting offshore destination.

Back in the 1970s, CYC established an outstation at

Ballast Point in Catalina Harbor on the south side of the island. We built a structure to support our weekend visits and it served us well for years. There were many exceptional CYC-catered cruises to Ballast Point during this period. However, in 2010 the exclusive lease came to an end and our cruisers were off looking for fresh destinations. On the

mainland, there are wonderful yacht clubs from Santa Barbara to Newport Beach that can provide us with glorious destinations for weekends away and include great hospitality. We have reciprocity with many of them. Ashore, places like Santa Barbara, San Pedro, Long Beach, and Newport Beach have wonderful restaurants and places of interest to enliven the cruising activities.

In 2014 we secured an agreement with Los Angeles YC

to use their facility at Howland's Landing on the north side of the island which is considerably closer to Marina del Rey than Catalina Harbor. It is a pristine cove with a lovely beach.

Howland's has an interesting history of its own. Back in the 1930s Humphrey Bogart, Errol Flynn, and other yachties all anchored there when they visited the island as there were hardly

any moorings anywhere at Catalina. During World War II the island was closed to recreational boating. However, in 1945 a few pioneering LAYC souls crossed to the island with ground tackle and set their own moorings at Howland's. Thus, they started the tradition of cruising to this cove and several generations of LAYC members have grown up on this beach.

Catalina also offers



other great mooring locations like Two Harbors and Avalon.

We are currently running a splendid cruising program. We offer a wide range of choices for both power and sail, which embrace yacht club destinations with their hospitality, and more public destinations for socializing and entertainment.

If you are interested in cruising, the 2021 cruising calendar is on CYC's website and you can contact Cruise Chair Fred Ryan at *fred1r@msn.com* for more information. Join us! **\$\Psi\$**





Annual Junior Blind Fishing Trip

Wednesday, July 21

Meet at 7 a.m. Dock 52



You don't have to be an experienced fisherman to have A Jewel of a Lifetime Experience. All you need is a desire to help visually impaired youths for about five hours.

Please sign up at the front desk 310-823-4567 or call George Etter at 310-821-9038



CYC SURF 'N' TURF WEEKEND

July 16 - July 18 Howland's Landing, Catalina Island

Adam and Sarah Faura are trying again this July ... fingers are crossed for a full-service Surf 'n' Turf cruise, including dinner provided by CYC and the Charles Hathaway.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, July 16

5 p.m.: Welcome drink at the Santiago Tiki Bar 6:30 p.m.: BYO BBQ ashore (hot coals provided) Saturday, July 17

Noon: Chef Fabio's seafood brunch 6 p.m.: No-host happy hour ashore 7 p.m.: Mediterranean-themed barbecue dinner and hosted wine

\$109 per person



Rumors abound that the Tiki Bar aboard Santiago will be on hand to welcome visitors.

Call 310-823-4567 or visit the front desk for reservations, which must be made by July 14.

Avalon Midweek Cruise

August 10 - 12



Hosted by George & Pati Etter

Schedule

Tuesday, August 10

El Galleon for hosted welcome cocktail, appetizer, and gift bag.

Wednesday, August 11

8:30–10 a.m. Optional no–host golf outing organized by Fred Ryan.

10–4 p.m. Duting to Descanso Beach Club to enjoy a hosted cabana and hosted cocktail.

Thursday, August 12

8:30-10 a.m.

Price: \$30 per person

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



Call 310-823-4567 or visit the front desk for reservations, which must be made by August 5

Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Two Harbors

By BRANDON FERNALD, Power Fleet Chair





ower Fleet held its second annual Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Two Harbors. Last year, Catalina officially reopened moorings to boaters on May 14. The hastily prepared Memorial Day/COVID-19 cruise went off without a hitch.

This year, the weather was slightly less cooperative with gray skies dominating on Saturday, but the sun poked through for a few hours on Sunday. Our spirits were not dampened. Festivities began Saturday, with a meetup at one of the Harbor Reef palapas. A round of buffalo milks started the afternoon.

Members including Commodore Tim Clarke enjoyed themselves into the early evening, while the kids played in the water—undaunted by the gray skies and below-70-degree water temperature. The party continued late into the evening with a barbecue on Brandon and Susan Fernald's *Gritz* and Jacob and Sarah Hibler's *Honeymoon*, rafted up in Little Fisherman's Cove.

On Sunday, the Hochmans hosted a happy hour on *Exodus*. While the kids played on the flybridge, the adults got down to Naomi and Noah for the charcuterie and drinks.



SEO Pam Hobson and Craig and Ann and S/C Rick Turner took a short trip to Napa Valley for some wine tasting, and Ann brought the burgee. This photo was taken at the Madrigal Family Winery in Calistoga where the group was treated to a special tasting with winery owner Chris Madrigal, the founders' grandson. Masks were required to walk into the winery to check in. After that, everything was outside, and since all staff as well as the Hobsons and Turners were fully vaccinated, masks were not required. Pam reports that it was "Nice to be semi-back to more normal! Yay!"

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





Tawni Schutter (far left), Vice Commodore Monica Antola (second from left), and Port Captain Anthony Agoglia (far right) exchange burgees with Katheryn Whittaker, social secretary of the Cayman Islands Sailing Club.



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CYC Race Committee: Before Sunset

By HANK TOLES



Hank Toles takes wind readings on the bow of the signal boat, Charles Hathaway.

f it's summer and a Wednesday evening, the premier MdR racing events are CYC's Before Sunset and Sunset Series. As a racer and newish member of the Club, I volunteered for race committee for both series.

There is no describing the amount of work that goes into this event, from the crew on the signal boat, safety boat, and on shore at the Club. Once on course, the wind is measured, starting line set, multiple racing classes started, finishing line set, timing and recording of finishers, results published, and so much more.

This has been both hard work and an incredible experience. The training and guidance and, yes, patience provided by our dedicated PROs, timers, recorders, bow crew, signal persons, scorers, and so many more has made being a race committee volunteer an exceptional experience. I could not recommend it more to anyone interested in being involved in the sport.

As an added bonus, if you are a racer, former racer, or just want to be involved, this experience provides a total picture of the sport that cannot be gleaned by just racing alone. It is totally worth the effort. •

CYC Sailors Celebrate Their Return to Racing



Berger Series Pt. Dume Race, May 1: **John McEntire**'s TP52, *Encore*, shines in the pre-start.



Starlight Series, May 13: Crew Joaquin Gutierez and skipper **Eugenio Cingolani**, winners of the Starlight Series season opener, are all smiles. The series continues Thursdays through August 5.



Before Sunset, May 12: Multi-tasker **Danny Bailey** happily sips a Hail M cocktail while calmly trimming *Groundhog Day*'s headsail. Cheers!



Pacific Cup Deepwater Series Keeps Racers in Hot Pursuit

By JULIA MICHELLE DAWSON, Series Co-chair

lan Field, S/C Tom Leweck, and S/C Bill Stump designed a great new course for the Pacific Cup Deepwater Series which will be used for all three series races. It is a 12mile, downwind start, pursuit race which has eliminated the reaching legs which were not so popular.

Even for boats that don't usually race random leg courses it is a great team practice course. Jim Puckett of *Amazing Grace* said, "We are not optimized for short leg buoy racing but it was fun and a good practice for us."

The first of three races was held May 16. John Steinbeck's



John Staff's J/111, Obsidian (red spinnaker), crosses the starting line on the transom of Bravura (Del Rey YC).

Margaritaville 1½ (CYC) took overall line honors and first in PHRF A, Jamie Myer's Wolfhound (Del Rey YC) crossed

the finish with the least amount of time on the clock in PHRF B, and Jerry and Lea Kaye's *MisQue* (Del Rey YC) was first in PHRF C. CYC skippers won both cruising classes: Richard Benedon's *Ruby d'eau*. in Cruising A and Joseph Weber's *Va Pensiero* in Cruising B.

S/C Richard Mainland is cochairing the regatta with Julia Dawson. Sue Service was the PRO and Richard drove the Charles Hathaway.

The Pac Cup is a regatta of three races, one in each season: spring, summer, and fall. The next race is July 11. All trophies will be handed out on September



Spring One-Design Invitational: CYC's Official Return to Racing

By JIM MURRELL, Regatta Chair

YC held its first official regatta of 2021 on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. This was the first Club-run regatta after COVID-19 restrictions were relaxed. It was exciting to get the *Charles Hathaway* and a Club-sponsored race committee out on the water. It has been a long drought with COVID-19 canceling all our regattas for the past 15 months.

Twenty-two boats in two classes entered to do battle on the waters outside the breakwall. Seventeen J/70s and five Martin 242s headed out Saturday morning to normal local conditions of 8-10 knots and choppy seas. It was a picture-perfect day to start the regatta season.

The Martins have been on hiatus due to COVID-19 and were happy to be racing again. For the J/70s, this was the first of five CYC-sponsored regattas on the road to the World Championship in August.

PRO S/C Bill Stump led a team of CYC volunteers for the race committee, which had also been on hiatus due to the pandemic. They did a great job of clearing the cobwebs and running three races on Saturday and three races on Sunday. The *Charles Hathaway* was full, with two markset boats helping set up the race course both days. Thank you to all the volunteers who got back on the water to help with this first regatta.

On Saturday the winds were shifty at first, forcing the race committee to move marks and follow the wind. Three races were eventually run in sunny conditions. There were no official social activities Saturday night since COVID-19 restrictions were not yet relaxed to that extent. However, many crews took advantage of Club dining and the staff did a great job with the extra demand.

Sunday was also a typical 8-12 knot day with chop. The race committee got off another three races for six total for the weekend.

CYC's Doug Weitz in *Agent 99* won the weekend in the J/70 class with a stellar performance showing another gear for boat speed. *Agent 99* had an 11-point lead over the second-place team from Santa Barbara, Pat Toole on *3 Big Dogs*. CYC's Duncan Cameron on *Dean* came out on top of the Martin fleet with a 5-point lead over second place *Trolleycar*, driven by S/C Bill Petersen. **‡**



Doug Weitz (539, Agent 99), winner of the 17-boat J/70 class, in a close finish



Martin 242 overall class top three finishers in order: Duncan Cameron (306, Dean), S/C Bill Petersen (23, Trolleycar), and Steve Moses (179, Wombat)



Doug Weitz's Agent 99 (539) sails wing on wing to a first overall and first Corinthian finish at CYC's Spring One-Design Invitational.



A breezy Long Beach Race Week with young Dylan Finestone in front trimming spinnaker on Curt Johnson's J/70, Avet

CYC Sailors to Watch at J/70 World Championship

By JULIA MICHELLE DAWSON

he long-awaited J/70 World Championship is just six weeks away. After two years of preparation, CYC is ready to welcome teams from around the world to compete in this prestigious event being sailed August 11-15. While it is exciting to host this international field, it's good to remember that the regatta also offers our members the rare opportunity to compete in a world championship in their home waters. Six teams

will be flying the CYC burgee in the regatta, and more of our members will be sailing with skippers from other clubs. We've featured two of the CYC skippers in previous issues of the Breeze: Jim Murrell (October 2020) and Jeff Janov (November 2020). Here's a peek at the remaining four. It's an impressive list of champions who have formed deep friendships sailing together over many years. We wish them all the best of luck!

Agent 99 skipper Doug Weitz started sailing as a youth in the Midwest, and hasn't stopped since. Southern California has been his home waters for the past 35 years, either sailing on other people's boats, or campaigning his own. His previous one-design programs include five years with the J/24, where his team was crowned the 1995 World Champion, and 10 years in the Melges 24 fleet.

While crewing as tactician aboard Curt Johnson's boat, Doug came to appreciate the competitiveness of the J/70 fleet and bought his own J/70 two years ago specifically to compete in this year's World Championship. "Sailing a world championship in home waters, sleeping in my own bed, having all the resources at hand and no stress, makes it a zero-brain-damage deal and will certainly be a bunch of fun, especially sailing with three of my very favorite friends."

And what a group of friends it is. Trimmer and CYC member Yumio Dornberg has a long history of successful one-design campaigns, including Doug's J/24 world championship team, and Jeff Janov's Schock 35, J/105, and Farr 40 programs. CYC member Brian O'Mahoney, who may be better known as a Star sailor, crewing most recently for world champion Eric Doyle, will

be on bow. And King Harbor YC member and Martin 242 North American champion Paul Zambriski will call tactics while trimming main.

So why the name *Agent 99*? "The 'Get Smart' thing was iconic, fun, and out of the box, and Agent 99 (actress Barbara Feldon) added the sexiness. What red-blooded American male didn't love her back in the '60s?"

Avet is a familiar name around the Club, but it's Curt Johnson's J/80 that's been in the limelight. Curt's team has been campaigning that boat for more than two decades, participating in three world championships over the years. They've been crowned the J/80 North American Corinthian champion, the West Coast champion 10 times, and the Marylyn Ritchie trophy winner for top overall performance in the Sunset Series four times.

While still racing the original *Avet*, Curt purchased his J/70 in 2017 in order to sail in a more competitive one-design class. The plan was to call the boat Avet 2.0, continuing the tradition of naming the boat after Curt's daughters, Avery and Etney. But when the boat arrived with sail number 201, *Avet 2.01* seemed the obvious choice. \$\Psi\$



Rich Festa and his all-CYC crew on Groundhog Day at the finish of the J/70 Spring Regatta

Avet's crew consists of trimmer Paul Burnett, who as one of the original J/80 crew members, has more than 20 years and innumerable regattas under his belt sailing with Curt. Main trimmer and tactician, Dylan Finestone, came to the team as a teenager, eager to learn how to sail. Team Avet taught him well, as 24-year-old Dylan is now part of the Del Rey YC match racing team. Curt notes, "It's been a joy to watch him gain confidence and become a talented sailor who competes all over the world." Talin Babikian is the newest member of the team, having sailed with Curt for only three years, but is the detail person that every successful team needs on board.

Groundhog Day is the only all-CYC entry in the World Championship. A native Californian, skipper Rich Festa sailed Sabots and beach catamarans as a youth. His interest in sailing was rekindled when son Tony entered the junior program at CYC. After sailing assorted J boats, the father/son team transitioned to the Open 5.70. The team won the fleet championship three times and was invited to compete in the world championship in France twice, with CYC junior program alum Greg Dair as the third crew.

Bitten by the sportboat bug, the Festas moved into the J/70 Fleet in 2018. Allie Blecher and Mary Stuyvesant complete the crew. Allie and Tony grew up sailing together in the CYC junior program and became close friends while working as coaches for the summer program. Allie brought Mary onto the team, having competed together in several women's events including the 2019 New Zealand Women's Match Racing Championship (second place), the San Diego Winter Invitational (first in 2017, 2018, and 2019), and Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Challenge (first in 2019).

The team kept created and maintained a safe "sailing pod" throughout the pandemic, taking advantage of the year's postponement to improve their speed and boat handling techniques. Rich comments, "Between all the weekends sailing together and spending time at the Club, to say we've grown pretty close over the past few years would be an understatement!"

Groundhog Day is also the name of the Festas' Melges 32, which the team enjoys sailing on Wednesday nights. Remember the movie? With Bill Murray reliving a not-so-happy day over



Liz Hjorth's River Song owns the pin at a start in the J/70 Spring Regatta.

and over? Then he sees the light and uses the lessons learned each day to better himself and the people around him? Exactly the outcome one works towards when racing sailboats!

River Song is the newest member of the J/70 Fleet, purchased by skipper Liz Hjorth this past April. Liz is no stranger to the fleet though, as she's been a non-owner member since 2016, helming in numerous class events and competing in two US Sailing Women's International Keelboat Championships on the boat.

Liz has been a CYC member for more than 25 years, another graduate of our junior sailing program. She and crew Karyn Jones, Stine Cacavas, and Kevin Thomas sailed together for five years on the Capo 26, *Scooter*, winning the Marylyn Ritchie Trophy twice, and finishing second overall in the popular Sunset Series an additional two times.

Liz, Stine, and Karyn have competed together in numerous women's match racing events, and in recent years have formed the core of the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay's entry into the annual Linda Elias Challenge regatta. Last year, Liz was awarded the SCYA Sportsmanship Award for stepping in to helm the entry, when a family emergency prevented Karyn from filling that spot.

River Song refers to the independent female space/time traveler in the BBC sci-fi series "Dr. Who." She often shows up unexpectedly and can drive the doctor's time machine TARDIS as well as he can. Sounds like the perfect name for a boat with Liz at the helm!

Members will be on boats with skippers sailing for other yacht clubs, too. Look for Commodore Tim Clarke on Harrison Turner's *1FA*. Harrison, who now sails for St. Francis YC, grew up sailing in our junior program, and is the son of S/C Rick Turner and Ann. Alan Field and John Fracisco are sailing on *Orange You Glad*, skippered by Brian Mullen from San Francisco YC. Danny Bailey, who sails on the Melges 32 *Groundhog Day* for the Sunset Series, will be aboard local sailmaker Bruce Cooper's, *USA 32*, competing under the Long Beach YC burgee.

It will be great fun to watch these boats compete against some of the best sailors in the world. So join the spectator fleet off the Venice Pier and cheer on your favorite home team.





Pt. Dume Race: Genius or Unlucky?

By DAN McGANTY

he May 1 Berger Series Pt. Dume Race, shortened to Malibu and back, well-hosted by Del Rey YC, was more than anything else another very welcome return to the water for so many sailors. On paper, this race – like all races up toward Malibu and back – did not look to be a complicated affair. The race should be a close-hauled port beat to Malibu (maybe with a couple of short tacks off the beach), and a straight starboard kite home. But in our 10-plus years of doing these races, that has simply never been the case.

The questions begin on the start line: How has the line been set – square to the wind or to the course? Is it worth being high to be in clear air, or better to be lower but a few boat lengths bow-forward at the start, if the line has been sensibly skewed? Are we the fastest boat in our fleet, or the one who hopes to correct ahead? Is it worth being high, to avoid being quickly rolled by faster, lower-rated boats, or

will they be gone soon enough to make this insignificant? Can we run the start line on starboard, controlling the approaching port-tack fleet, or will this be too slow in making the tack? Will

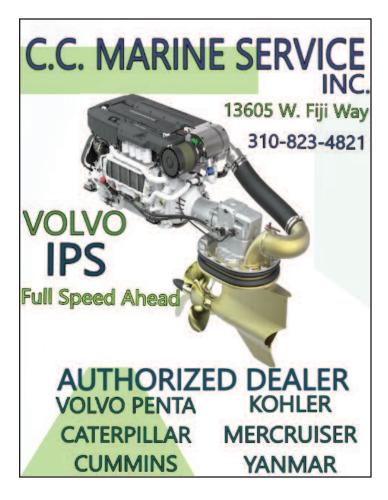


Dan McGanty's Mistral placed first out of six boats in Class B at the Pt. Dume

a code zero work off the line or will the southerly wind wheel right too soon to make this pay?

Depending on how one fares at the start, the next batch of questions unfold. Are we in air clean enough to sail on, or do we need a pair of clearing tacks? Is there more wind further out – or will there be soon? Is it worth footing slightly to get bow ahead, or does that lead to a corner of doom? Will the boats that sail to the beach get lifted out and get away with it - or will they need to suffer the painfully headed tack out? What about the kelp in there? These races are the gift that keep on giving – if you like sailing enigmas. In the end one is a genius who got it right ... or unlucky, with unforeseeable events ruining a well-considered plan. By leading its class on the day, I guess Mistral was in the genius category -

only regretting that we could not share this lie in the bar in the usual manner. Hopefully someday soon − but in any circumstance it was a great day back on the water. ு





CYCWA Paddle Tennis Players Hit the Courts

By MARYLYN HOENEMEYER, CYCWA Paddle Tennis Co-chair



The fully vaccinated Women's Paddle Tennis team is all smiles after a morning of play.

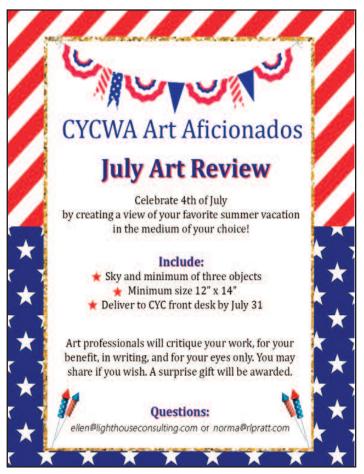
hroughout the past year, a hardy core of CYCWA players kept active on the paddle tennis courts, with singles games evolving to socially distant doubles as health guidelines allowed. Our numbers have grown in recent months as more of us have become fully vaccinated. We've even seen the return of occasional small-group lunches on the pool patio, following our mornings of play.

Three clinics in early May helped our returning players dust off their skills. CYC's resident pro, Leslie Howard, ran

a series of drills to sharpen our strokes, followed by lively doubles sets when those skills were put to use.

It's been hot competition on the courts ever since. We play Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon, and welcome new players to our games. Tennis and pickleball players have an especially easy time transitioning to our fast-paced games. Co-chairs Lori Haythorn and Marylyn Hoenemeyer are here to help you get started. Look us up in the roster and we'll tell you how. Φ





S/C Millard Rosing Perpetual Trophy: Sunset Series Cruising Division Overall Winner

By V/C MONICA ANTOLA



he S/C Millard Rosing Perpetual Trophy is awarded annually to the boat in the Cruising Division with the best overall record in the Sunset Series. Points are awarded each week to every boat in the Cruising Division and the boat with the most points at the end of the series in September is the winner of the Millard Rosing Trophy.

As so many of our beautiful trophies are named after past Club members, I thought we should learn a bit about Millard Rosing, this trophy's namesake. Millard was a longtime veteran of sailing as well as a prolific yachting organization leader. In 1967 he was the commodore of ASMBYC, and two years later, in 1969, was commodore of SCYA. In 1974 he received the prestigious Signal Service Award for his significant contributions to CYC and the sport of yachting.

In 1984 Millard had a busy year serving as Commodore of CYC as well as being extremely active in the Olympic yachting events being held in Los Angeles harbor. He was

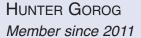
one of the chairs and principal race officers for the Windgliders and was instrumental in developing the race manual for the event, probably the single most important predecessor to CYC's current race management computer program.

Clearly, he had not had enough of his service to our yachting community. He served as commodore of Pacific Coast Yachting Association in 1986, the same year he received the Signal Service Award for a second time with his lovely wife, Barbara, a very rare achievement since the award's inception in 1962. Capping off his excellence in our community, Millard was awarded the ASMBYC Yachtsman of The Year Award in 1987.

While I did not have the pleasure of knowing Mr. Rosing personally, his accolades have long been revered at CYC and continue to be honored with the awarding of his namesake trophy every September at the end of the Sunset Series.

What CYC Means to Me

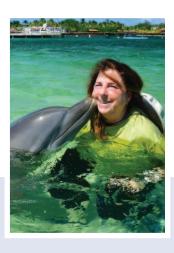




California Yacht Club is my favorite place on earth. When we started racing my father's boat, *California Dream*, in the Sunset Series 10 years ago, I couldn't have expected how close to my heart this Club would become. The friends I've made here are some of my absolute best. Like no place else, this Club is a collection of people who have a lust for life and that's what makes it truly special.

The adventures we've taken together border on the majestic: the cruising season, Sunset Series parties, the Commodore's Cruises, simply sailing an afternoon away under the brilliant Southern California sun. There are always amazing memories to cherish and something spectacular to look forward to. Now that the "war" is over, I'm thrilled to see so many new members eager to join our team. If you lean into the Club, it leans right back into you.

There's no place like home, and I've made CYC my home.



CYCWA FIRST OFFICER AND EPICUREAN SOCIETY CO-CHAIR LAURA GREENBURG Member since 2015

CYC has changed my life in the six years my husband, Jonathan, and I have been members. It has opened so many doors that I can barely list them all. I've made new friends, been to new places, and gone on trips I never imagined, not to mention all the boating firsts. It's truly been an amazing experience.

CYC means home to me from the moment I pull into the parking lot to the long walk from our boat after a wonderful weekend. There's always something going on at the Club and new people to meet.

The Epicurean dinners, Commodore's Cruises, and local cruises are some of my favorite things.

Volunteering to be on the Executive Board of the Women's Association keeps me informed of all the events going on at CYC, many of which I get to help plan. It's extremely fulfilling.

For those of you who are new to the Club, I can promise you that if you attend the events you will meet people and make new friends.



CYCWA SECOND OFFICER BERRY WILKINSON Member since 1989

I joined CYC with my late husband in 1989 and have fond memories of sailing to Cat Harbor, painting the Ballast Point clubhouse at the annual work party, hiking, dining, dancing, dressing up for theme parties with fellow cruisers, and joining them for events back at the Club.

When I stopped sailing, CYC Women's Association activities, including Book Mates; bridge; trips to museums, art galleries, and the racetrack; and the First Mates Cruise; kept me engaged with the Club. Valued friendships ensued, and I ultimately joined the Women's Association Board.

Fortuitously, I started playing paddle tennis and pickleball in 2019. During COVID-19, when the Club was closed along with gyms, but the CYC courts were open, I was especially grateful for the much-needed companionship and friendly rivalry of players, and the stimulating company of boat owners also seeking refuge in our glorious marina.

In short, after 32 years, the CYC community continues to enrich my life enormously.



Jeff Zisner, Scott Jarema, V/C Monica Antola, Brent Whittlesey, and Zoran J. Segina

Sportsman's Club Visits Oak Tree Gun Club

By ZORAN J. SEGINA, Sportsman's Club Chair

t was an ambitiously organized event: two shooting fields reserved for two hours, loads of ammunition, hundreds of targets, pre-registration to save time. The CYC Sportsman's Club members visiting Oak Tree Gun Club in Newhall should not stand around idle.

We got together on a sunny and chilly morning in May to shoot trap. Five shooters stand in a semi-circle. The one on the far left shouts

"pull." The automatic trap throwing machine in a bunker downfield launches yellow round clay four inches in diameter. The objective is to hit the clay with a single shot. Then the second shooter takes aim, until everybody fires a shot. The group moves to the right, so each shooter will fire five shots in a round.

I pointed a rented 12-gauge shotgun at the flying clay and squeezed the trigger. Ouch! And I mean ouch! The recoil kick to my shoulder was far more painful than I remember. This is not the first shotgun I have fired, but this was serious. How am I going to last through the next two hours? Two rounds later I had to quit, the pain was just too much. At least others will be able to use the remaining time.

It was not to be. An hour of shooting means a lot of recoil and at the end of the first allotted hour the group decided to call it a day. We spent the rest of the morning walking around, had a very good lunch at the gun club cafeteria, and even did some shopping.

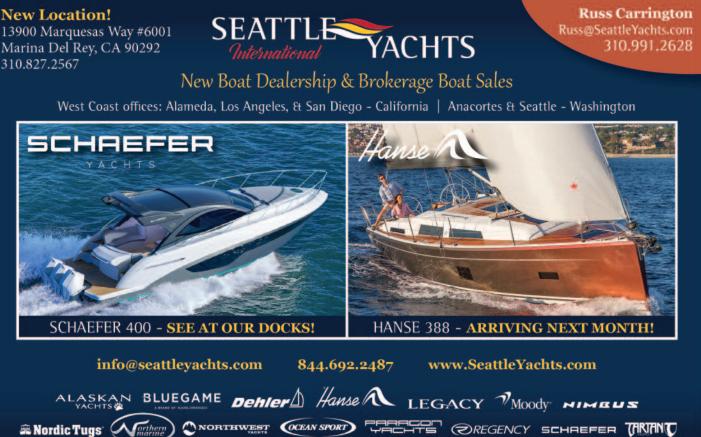
The inaugural shooting event of the CYC Sportsman's Club 2021 season left fond memories, including a large hematoma on my shoulder and arm lasting several weeks. When planning our next gun club visit I need to remember – the recoil is the same, but shoulders are older. •





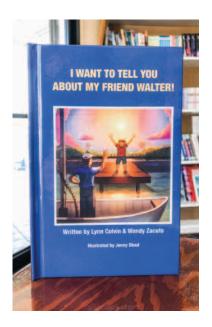
On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

Katerina Bakhta took a moment to photograph the competition behind her – always a pretty sight. She was crew on *Lugano* (Del Rey YC) at the May 16 Pacific Cup Deepwater Series Race #1 to Malibu and back. Congratulations, Katerina, on winning a bottle of fine wine selected by General Manager Lindsay Pizarro.



CYC Author Donates Book to Children's Library

By PAULA CAMERON



ynn Colvin, Ed.D is the most recent CYC member and author to donate a book to our Children's Library, located in the Members Lounge. Lynn created "I Want to Tell You About My Friend Walter" because she wished to share her appreciation of her dear friend, Walter, who invited her to sail with him and became an inspiration to her. During their trips together in Marina del Rey, Lynn learned of Walter's amazing life, a life that she wanted to share with others. The book invites the reader to look through the eyes of a young boy as he tells us about the remarkable and inspiring life of Walter, his elder friend. Our narrator teaches us that even though we might be from different generations, friendship knows no age and we have much to learn from one another.

Look for Lynn's book and many others in CYC's Children's Library in the Members Lounge.







Kids Enjoy FAC's Laser Tag/ Nerf Game Event

By THERESA TORRANCE, FAC Co-chair

ids returned to CYC for some good outdoor/indoor fun on Saturday evening, May 15. Organized by the Family Activities Committee, they first enjoyed dinner with friends on the lawn patio, followed by laser tag on the front lawn, while another group of kids played Nerf games in the Fireside Room. The kids rotated so all could enjoy both games, and parents were able to enjoy dinner inside the Club. It was a great evening for our families, and we look forward to more family fun this summer.



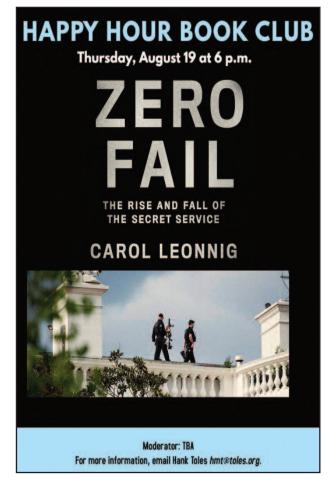
"A Rising Man," Prize-Winning Mystery

By SUSAN FRENCH, Book Mates Chair

uthor Abir Mukherjee's "A Rising Man" sends a British detective to Calcutta to join the Imperial Police in 1919. The first in a series featuring Sam Wyndham, a burned-out survivor of World War I, and Surrender-Not Banerjee, Cambridge-educated son of a high-caste Bengali family who has joined the police force, the book paints a fascinating picture of the British Raj in this era, while spinning a great mystery yarn. Through Sam's eyes, Mukherjee explores the effect of empire on both the British and the Indians, in particular what happens when one democratic nation subjugates another. What did it take for 150,000 British to maintain rule over 300 million Indians? And, of course, there is the mystery: Who slit the throat of a high-ranking British officer in an alley outside a brothel, and why? Sam and Surrender-Not battle British intelligence to maintain their control over the case and reach a surprising and satisfying conclusion.

Born in England to parents who emigrated from Calcutta, the author began a new career in writing as he approached age 40 after having worked as an accountant for 20 years. His writing is both ironic and humorous. Most of the participants thoroughly enjoyed the book and would recommend it for a fun and interesting summer read.

Book Mates will not meet in July or August. It will resume in September with a discussion of Ann Patchett's "State of Wonder," moderated by Sue Moore. The October book selection is "The Committed" by Viet Thanh Nguyen, moderator to be determined.



Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By CURTIS WAGNER, Dockmaster

Dave Miller has set a CYC record – 52 balloons! We salute Dave's achievement and good boy Mojo.

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. \$\Psi\$





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THE IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISE

Any doctor will tell you that regular exercise is good for your body. What they won't say is that it is good for your boat as well. Metal parts need to be regularly used lest they freeze up like my knees after a couple hours sitting in a low-slung chair. This is especially true for thru hulls. For the uninformed, those are the ball valves sprinkled around your boat that stop water from coming in when there is an emergency. Most of the time these are left open to allow water out of your sinks and into your engines. But if the worst should occur and a hose springs a leak or a gasket fails then the first action to be taken is to shut these valves and stop the water's entrance into what has been, until now, a dry boat. Now, if you have been exercising the valves and know where they all are this is a short task. If not, then they can and will freeze up to the point that you will be breaking the handle before the valve closes. This may seam a bit like disaster preparedness, but let's be honest here, we're all kind of preppers on boats aren't we? In order to stop the madness and give a little peace of mind, we recommend three things:

- 1. Open and close your valves several times in a row preferably at least once a month
- 2. Have a properly sized bung for the thru hull stored next to each valve (Tie it with a long enough string that it can be inserted without having to untie or cut anything)
- 3. Have a mallet somewhere onboard to help 'persuade' the bung into place

If step 1 is followed, 2 and 3 should never be needed. Think of it as preventative care. Stay safe and wash your hands, but keep Tylenol in the medicine cabinet.



Thank you for reading,

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Noteworthy Moves On and Off the Water

Learn to Sail

he Learn to Sail program is going strong on the Club's Martin 242s. With group and private lesson options, students can learn to sail or build their sailing skills. Once they have completed the Learn to Sail course, students can get checked out to use the Club boats through the Keelboat Program. CYC has two keelboat instructors: Jennifer Huszcza, who has taught CYC members to sail since 2017, and our newest keelboat instructor, CYC member Marie Rogers. Jen and Marie support members with learning to sail and building confidence to best navigate a



Keelboat instructor Jennifer Huszcza



Keelboat instructor Marie Rogers

Martin 242. In the past two months 18 members have learned to sail and the program has been one of the greatest attractions for prospective members to join our Club.

"Come join us! I wish everyone could experience the fun we have on

From the Manager



LINDSAY PIZARRO, CCM

the CYC Martin 242s. I was honored to be asked to teach in the Club's Learn to Sail program. As much as I love to race and cruise on my own boat, I really enjoy sharing the love of sailing with new boaters. Besides instructing people who have no sailing experience, I've been able to get people who've crewed on boats confident to take control of a boat themselves rather than wait for instructions. Be it basic tactics. docking, understanding the wind, or knowing what to do in an emergency, our program is great for sailors to hone their skills in a nonjudgmental and supportive environment. Getting on the water with friends, an exhilarating sail in the bay, returning to the CYC patio for drinks and conversations ... life doesn't get much better than that!" says Marie.



Tyler Adkison, keelboat instructor Marie Rogers, and Anne Keehn

A Well-Deserved Promotion

It is with great excitement that I announce Jeanine Steward's promotion to CYC Membership Communications Representative!

Jeanine has proven herself a huge asset in the Membership Department, always helping beyond her job duties with anything that might pop up. She is quick and organized with administrative support and has established great rapport with members. She truly embodies the "no task is too small" outlook and has demonstrated her capacity to learn



Membership Communications Representative Jeanine Steward

and always finds new ways to provide a better member experience. Jeanine maintains a positive attitude and I always applaud her that even during hectic times she keeps her cool. She interacts with members with enthusiasm and offers the support they need.

We have no doubt that she will continue to positively represent CYC and shine as the Membership Communications Representative. Please join us in celebrating Jeanine's growth within the CYC family.♥



Audrey JessupCYC Member since 1964

Marilyn Stern
CYC Member since 1998

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

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