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ORANGE BOWL INTERNATIONAL YOUTH REGATTA

MARCH 2021

From the Commodore



Commodore Tim Clarke

Cautiously Optimistic

It is the end of January as I write this and I'm cautiously optimistic that we are finally turning the

corner. The stay-at-home order has been lifted and the vaccines are being rolled out. I hope by the time you read this the light at the end of the tunnel is getting slightly brighter.

There has been plenty to celebrate since the beginning of the year and even more to come in March. January saw the return of outdoor dining, thank you Lindsay and team for continuing to provide our members with a safe and enjoyable dining experience. CYC's monthly Zoom events continue to engage our members: We have had two successful Yachting Programs, a fun and bubbly Epicurean event, and let's not forget the outstanding book clubs and Movie Mates which continue to thrive.

Opening Day is March 13 and as much as I want to celebrate with you all the reality is that, once again, we will have to forego our normal celebrations. However, we will be honoring the day with a video of the ceremony that will be shared via *Zephyr*. For those that want, you can celebrate the day with either lunch or dinner at the Club. For members with boats, we invite you to dress ship and enjoy the day at the Club. For details check out F/C Anthony Agoglia's article later in this edition.

Our Zoom journey continues March 10, with the first installment of Cocktails with the Commodore – a tiki party with me and Hail M Cocktails. March 24 will be a fascinating Yachting Program with professional helmsman Peter Holmberg, an Olympic medalist and America's Cup victor. Finally, the Cruising Kick-Off Party on March 25 will bring us up to speed with all things cruising for 2021.

Sportsmanship in Sailing

I have loved following the Vendée Globe (single-handed, around-the-world race) and the 36th America's Cup

over the last few months. With today's technology it can really feel like you are onboard an IMOCA 60 in the Southern Ocean or foiling at 50 knots in an AC75. During both these events we have witnessed amazing acts of sportsmanship and resilience that are unique to the sailing community.

Back in December, 22 days after the start of the Vendée Globe, Kevin Escoffier's boat sank suddenly, forcing him to take to his life raft almost immediately. Five of the closest competitors didn't hesitate to rush to his rescue. He was saved by French legend Jean Le Cam after 11 hours adrift in his life raft.

In January, we saw the dramatic capsize and almost sinking of American Magic's *Patriot* during the Prada Cup round robin series. The images and footage from the water as *Patriot* was saved by the American Magic team, their competitors, and the rescue services in New Zealand are immensely powerful. The sportsmanship did not end there, and with help from every facet of the sailing community in Auckland, *Patriot* was back out on the water in only 11 days to compete in the Prada Cup semi-final.

This longstanding tradition and fundamental requirement of rendering assistance to those in distress whilst at sea governs us all. To observe it happen at the peak of our sport is great to see and should be applauded.

On that theme, I would like to express my thanks to those who continue to render assistance to us all during these unprecedented times. I look forward to seeing you at the Club or on the water soon. ⚓

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SCYA Sportsmanship Award

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FRONT COVER Adra, at the helm, and her sister, Grace (Gigi), on the trapeze, (bow 10) competed in the 48-boat C470 class at the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta in Miami. Coral Reef YC hosted the event December 27-30, 2020.

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BACK COVER CYC member and professional photographer Jeff Demain is the winner of our monthly on-the-water photography contest with his photo of the surf on a winter's day in Malibu. Congratulations, Jeff, on winning a bottle of fine wine selected by General Manager Lindsay Pizarro.

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KEEP CALM & SAIL ON

Commodore's Cruise to Catalina

MONDAY, JULY 19 - SUNDAY, JULY 25

Visiting:

Avalon, The Isthmus, and Howland's Landing

Fun activities for all ages:

Hiking • Swimming • Kayaking • Zip Lining • Golf
Dinghy Raft-Up • Cocktail Hour

Avalon: Dinner at Descanso Beach Club

The Isthmus: Dinner at Harbor Sands

Accommodations:

Avalon: Hotel Atwater

The Isthmus: Banning House Lodge

Howland's Landing: Join in the fun with
the Family Cruise

Cyclone available for transportation
from Avalon to The Isthmus.

Price - TBD

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Keep Calm & Sail On - 2021 Commodore's Cruise

By Commodore TIM CLARKE

I am excited to announce this year's Commodore's Cruise to Catalina Island with stopovers at Avalon, The Isthmus, and Howland's Landing. By keeping it close to home I hope many of you can join us, either on your boat or land cruising at Avalon and The Isthmus.

The cruise will kick off on Monday, July 19 at Avalon. You will have the opportunity to explore the town of Avalon which offers a variety of activities, restaurants, and shopping. We will have some planned activities such as the Zip Line Eco Tour, kayaking, golf, dinghy raft-up cocktail hour, and dinner at the Descanso Beach Club.

Wednesday, July 20 is moving day. We will leisurely make our way to The Isthmus to enjoy the rustic town of Two Harbors and possibly a buffalo milk or two! The Isthmus provides a wonderful place to enjoy some kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, and snorkeling. If you're looking to stay dry, a hike might be more your speed. There are plenty of trails that will give you wonderful views. Join in the fun for a raft-up party Wednesday afternoon and dinner at Harbor Sands on Thursday, where good times are guaranteed!

Friday, July 22 we join my favorite CYC cruise, the Family Cruise, at Howland's Landing. For those who haven't visited our outpost at Howland's Landing, it is wonderfully peaceful and we'll have the opportunity to join in all the fun that is planned. Thank you to Family Cruise Chairs Brandon and Susan Fernald for allowing me to crash their cruise.



For members intending to land cruise, we have blocked out rooms at the recently refurbished Hotel Atwater. There will be transportation available from Avalon to The Isthmus where we have blocked out Banning House Lodge. You can make reservations by calling 877-778-8322 and 310-510-4249, respectively. Unfortunately, there is no shoreside accommodation available at Howland's Landing. Travel to the island is available via the Catalina Express from San Pedro.

Hopefully, you can join us for the entire cruise, but you're welcome to attend any of the stopovers. At this stage, some aspects of the cruise are still in the planning phase as we deal with COVID-19 restrictions, however, this is our intended itinerary:

- Monday, July 19 – Avalon
 - Land accommodation – Hotel Atwater
- Tuesday, July 20 – Avalon
 - Dinner at Descanso Beach Club
- Wednesday, July 21 – Cruise to The Isthmus
 - Land accommodation – Banning House Lodge
- Thursday, July 22 – The Isthmus
 - Dinner at Harbor Sands
- Friday-Sunday, July 23-25 – Cruise to Howland's Landing and join the CYC Family Cruise

The cruise price will be announced once all the details are finalized. Please email me if you have any questions, tim.e.clarke@gmail.com. ⚓

Opening Day Keep Calm & Sail On!

By Fleet Captain ANTHONY AGOGLIA

Opening Day for California

Yacht Club's 99th year will take place on March 13. In lieu of our traditional ceremony the Club will post a video of Commodore Tim Clarke's Opening Day welcome address, S/C Bill Watkins' invocation, and the rest of the Bridge attending to their duties. Creating this video took a lot of hard work by many but participating in it was really fun for us all.

As we are forgoing the usual ceremony, please note that attire for the day is casual and masks will be required on premises in accordance with safety protocols.

The CYC patio will be open for outdoor dining featuring Hail M Cocktails and we'll be staffed for a busy day as Chef Fabio rolls out some incredible Opening Day specials. Dining reservations are recommended. Additionally, the Club will have



Photo by Kevin Roznowski

a special menu of to-go platters that include fruit and cheese, and sandwiches for pickup or delivery to slips, allowing members to enjoy the day on their boats with friends.

Although this Opening Day will be a departure from traditions of the past, it will end with a traditional Evening Colors ceremony that we hope you will be on hand to observe.

It's been a tough past year for

us all and we hope that this year's Opening Day will mark the beginning of a great year on the water. With a full cruising schedule slated we hope for resumption of all activities and reopening of our sorely missed clubhouse as permitted. In the meantime, as we make use of the variety of facilities that are available at CYC, let's patiently await the rest and follow Commodore Clarke's advice to "Keep Calm & Sail On!" ⚓

Dress Ship for Opening Day

By Port Captain SUE SERVICE

While our usual Opening Day gatherings are curtailed this year due to the pandemic, we hope that CYC members with boats in our anchorage will still celebrate the day by dressing ship on Saturday, March 13. Dressing ship with international signal code flags is a long-standing nautical tradition that provides a colorful and festive background for special occasions like Opening Day. When dressing a ship with international code flags, the ship or boat is dressed at 0800 hours, (or a day or two before for those not

close to the marina). Flags can be in any order. For those with signal flags, the pattern beginning forward at the waterline is, in sequence: AB2, UJ1, KE3, GH6, IV5, FL4, DM7, PO third repeater, RN first repeater, ST zero, CX9, WQ8, and ZY second repeater. The sequence is then repeated until it reaches the stern.

A \$100 CYC gift certificate will be awarded in a random drawing among the dressed ships on the finger having the greatest percentage of boats dressed for Opening Day. ⚓

Double-Handed Fun to Malibu and Back

By JIM BARBER

It was the first race for me and son Scott on our new-to-us J/109, *Feleena*, and our first double-handed. With him on the helm it gave me a chance to pull strings and tweak the boat a little.

The snow-capped mountains and deep blue sea were picture perfect for Del Rey YC's January 2 single/double-handed Malibu and Return race, done COVID-safe. Six miles up the coast on a slightly cracked-off beat, and then back down on a close spinnaker reach, all in a consistent 8-knot breeze, made for relatively easy boat handling for short-handed crews.

Rick Ruskin, DRYC PRO, set a perfect line where everyone could get off in the front row on port tack with clear air. The start looked like racehorses coming out of the gate all at the same time when the bell rings.

CYC members James Corr on *Darksides* and Dan McGanty on *Mistral* jumped in the lead with Marie and Bill Rogers on *Marie* starting right behind us. Before we knew it, *Marie* shot through our lee shadow like we were never there and kept going fast to be first around the Topanga weather mark.

The rest of us got to the top in a tight pack. After an hour of sailing, we were literally overlapped by *Darksides* and *Menace* (a very well-sailed Farr 30), with *Mistral* right on our tail and Joe Weber on *Va Pensiero* close behind.

Then it was time for the always exciting shorthanded spinnaker set fire drill. Scott, with tact and grace, told me, "Dad, don't even think about stepping foot out of the cockpit!" So I took the helm and Scott went up to the pointy end for a quick hoist of the chute in a sock.

The view of spinnakers on a sparkling ocean is a sight that we sailors never tire of, especially on a clear, no round-up, flat sea, modest breeze kind of day.

Dan Murphy on *Cuchulainn* and Curt Johnson on *Avet* sailed single-handed, and Yehuda Elmakias with his new Jeanneau 49, *Zuzu*, in the cruising class rounded out the CYC participants.

I would encourage more members to try double-handing. It builds skills and confidence, and it's fun!



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Jim Barber took the helm with son Scott as crew on Feleena.



Liz Hjorth

SCYA Sportsmanship Award

Anyone who participates in yacht racing knows that team members form deep friendships that last a lifetime. Liz is no exception. In the early 2000s, she became interested in match racing and organized a women's team that included Karyn Jones. The team has competed together for nearly 20 years now and enjoyed some great success but, as importantly, these two women have become life-long friends.

In October 2019, when Karyn Jones, a staff commodore of the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay, was unable to skipper the organization's entry in Long Beach YC's annual Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Challenge due to her father's passing, Karyn turned to Liz for help. Liz has skippered CYC's women's sailing team to victory at this regatta several times in the past, but she had no intention of sailing in the regatta. Liz couldn't say no, however, when Karyn asked her to step in as skipper.

The Women's One Design Challenge is held in the Catalina 37, usually with a crew of 10 to 12. Teams from all over the West Coast compete in this event; there are usually a



dozen highly competitive boats on the line. WSA-SMB's team was comprised of quite a mix of women, some of whom were in their first year of racing. Furthermore, two of the more experienced crew members got sick the week of the regatta and were unable to compete. It's a challenge to compete in this regatta with an inexperienced crew, and, as a skipper, to race with a team you don't really know. This didn't deter Liz from following through for her friend.

Liz met her team for the first time the Saturday morning of the event. It's hard to get a team of 10 members to gel in just one day, but Liz was able to do it. With every race, the teamwork improved and, slowly but surely, Liz and the crew Karyn had assembled came together. At the end of the regatta, they missed first place by

only two points – the best the WSA team has ever finished in 20+ years of competing in this event.

Liz Hjorth stepped up to help a fellow sailor and to skipper a team that she'd never sailed with before, a display of Corinthian spirit that makes her the worthy winner of the SCYA Sportsmanship Award. ⚓



Liz Hjorth skippered the WSA-SMB team to second place at the 2019 Linda Elias Memorial Women's One Design Challenge.

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J/70 World Championship Comes to CYC - Take Two

By Regatta Chair MARYLYN HOENEMEYER

After a year's postponement, CYC is gearing up again to welcome the J/70 class to their World Championship to be sailed here August 7-15. Earning a spot in this event is no easy task, with only the top qualifiers in selected championship regattas invited to compete. Registration opened in mid-January, and by the end of the month 46 teams had already registered.

It's truly an international roster, with entries almost evenly split between U.S. and non-U.S. teams. Eleven foreign countries are represented, including Mexico, seven European, and three South American nations. It's quite an impressive array, especially given the continued uncertainty surrounding international travel.

It's not just the World Championship that is on the 2021 Club calendar for the J/70 fleet. The boats have been a familiar sight around the Club for the past several months, as the SoCal Fleet has organized monthly group sails to help teams improve their boat speed and crew maneuvers. It will only get busier as the summer approaches. The Road to the Worlds, a series of regattas designed to familiarize competitors with Southern California sailing conditions, includes three events hosted by CYC:

- the California Cup that returns April 30-May 2 after a two-year hiatus, with those J/70s registered for the Worlds invited to compete;
- Cal Race Week, CYC's signature multi-class regatta June 5-6, where the J/70 class is expected to be one of the largest one-design fleets competing; and
- the J/70 Pre-Worlds, scheduled for July 31-August 1 and co-hosted with Del Rey YC, which will serve as a dress rehearsal for competitors and race committee alike.

It's quite an honor to have been



Design by Ray Campbell

selected to host the J/70 World Championship, joining such prestigious organizations as St. Francis YC, Yacht Club de Monaco, and New York YC at Harbour Court. It is also quite a commitment of financial and human resources to deliver the red carpet treatment for which our Club is known. Currently, members of the organizing committee are focused on identifying sponsors that would benefit from the international exposure afforded by

affiliation with this championship. Perhaps you have a contact at such a firm – or are a principal at one yourself. If so, we'd be delighted to discuss an individualized package to meet your needs.

Aside from sponsorship, there are plenty of other opportunities to get involved, from organizing boats for the spectator fleet, to arranging housing for our visiting dignitaries, to volunteering to assist with on-site registration or race committee. Whatever your interest, there's room for you on the organizing committee. Please contact me with your ideas and I'll be sure to make you part of the team! ⚡

DRESS SHIP

FOR CYC OPENING DAY!
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Join the festivities and let the flags fly!

Dress your boat by 0800 on Saturday, March 13

A prize will be awarded in a random drawing among the dressed ships on the finger having the greatest percentage of boats dressed for our Opening Day.

For those with International Signal Code Flags, the pattern beginning forward at the waterline is, in sequence: AB2, UJ1, KE3, GH6, IV5, FL4, DM7, PD, 3rd Repeater, RN 1st Repeater, ST Zero, CX9, WQ8, and ZY 2nd repeater. The sequence is then repeated until it reaches the stern.

Siblings Race the Orange Bowl Regattas

By PAULA CAMERON

Two pairs of siblings represented CYC at the Orange Bowl Regattas in Miami, Florida. Adra and Gigi Ivancich placed 22nd out of 48 boats in the C420 class while Jordan and Grant Janov placed second out of 18 boats in the 29er class. Here's what they said about their experience at the regattas:

Adra and Grace (Gigi) Ivancich

Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta
December 27-30, 2020; Coral Reef YC

Adra, skipper: "We were really glad the event was able to take place and it was really great to get to experience the conditions presented in Miami since we don't really see that kind of big wind and chop in SoCal. Due to the boat traffic and short chop we had to consider the cost of tacking more, especially as the wind increased. We also found that the starts were definitely the most important part of the race especially with the consolidated fleet and slight unpredictability of the course. While the conditions proved to be pretty difficult, overall, I think it was great practice and an awesome opportunity to learn."

Gigi, crew: "This event was my first time racing as a C420 crew and the first regatta that my sister and I sailed in the same boat - it was a lot of fun! It was great to see everyone and the tremendous effort to make the event safe and smooth was really amazing. It was also super cool to have the opportunity to sail in conditions we don't often see back in California. It was just overall a great learning experience and a ton of fun."

Jordan and Grant Janov

Open Orange Bowl Regatta
December 27-30, 2020; Coconut Grove
Sailing Club

Grant, crew: "It was a fun experience. The way the year turned out with all of our qualifiers being canceled the Open Orange Bowl Regatta ended up being our peak event and last hurrah in the 29er because Jordan and I are getting



Adra and Gigi Ivancich fend off the competition at the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta.

a little big for that boat. We're starting to transition into the 49er. The first day of the regatta was a very light and confusing day – we didn't do as well that day. The next three days of racing were great with wind mid to high teens and the last day in the low to mid 20s and gnarly sea state that day. This was unfortunately a regatta where we were stuck in the middle between third and

first place and finished pretty far from both. We were staying fairly close to the first boat and always fighting back but we never really quite had that initial start or head start on the boat that won. Second place was a good result and we're happy with it although we would have liked to have done better. We got a few wins but the first-place boat got a lot of wins. It seemed to be a very split fleet



Jordan and Grant Janov placed second in the 29er class at the Open Orange Bowl. The brothers are now transitioning to the 49er.

with a clear divide between people who were putting in the work over quarantine and people who weren't. Overall, it was great racing and Jordan and I learned a lot from racing against [first place finisher] Steven Hardee and our other training partner. It was cool for Jordan and me to make friends with Steven because we had never met him before. Now we're training in the 49er with him for a full month in Miami."✦

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Junior Sailing Program Winter/Spring Update

By CHUCK RYANT, Junior Program Director

As we formulate our many goals for 2021, we remain so thankful for the good fortune 2020 brought to our Club and the CYC Junior Sailing Program. Despite the many challenges of the world around us, we were so lucky to have a happy and healthy season of sailing. From June right up to and through the holiday season there was always action for the junior sailors. Many juniors anxiously returned to the program and we were fortunate to introduce many more new junior skippers to the local waters. Even while racing took a pause, it's easy to reflect on our many great moments in the heady breezes and warm California sun.

Now as we begin our first full year of program activity, we plan to keep the momentum going and build one step at a time toward the dynamic program we have envisioned. In fact, three of our main goals are still really just coming to fruition with the emergence of our Laser Race Team, our comprehensive Optimist Development & Racing Program, and through the ongoing expansion of our New Sailors Program.

Laser (ILCA) Sailing

With the addition of full-time Race Coach Thomas Sylvestre our Laser (ILCA) Race Team is really taking shape. Since the start of the year, Thomas and five of his most dedicated skippers have been practicing two to five



Race Coach Thomas Sylvestre



Mika Sternberg

days per week. If the calendar holds, our first regatta will be Laser Midwinters West, currently scheduled for March 18-21 at Alamitos Bay YC. Rumors abound that it may be postponed, but if that's the case we will add some healthy competition by incorporating some special coaching as well as some informal inter-club regattas. In July, the goal is the Laser North Americans at St. Francis YC in San Francisco. It will be all hands on deck for our first team road trip. A hearty congratulations to our current team: Tommy Kraak, Rudy Pomianek, Santiago and Rodrigo Quiroga, Mika Sternberg, and Carsten Zieger. Congratulations to Julian Quiroga! At 12 years old Julian has already been dedicated to his Laser sailing for over a year. Julian practices with the team every day and as his skills and experience develop, he'll most certainly become a leader in any regatta fleet. Julian's effort and dedication make him an exemplary member of our CYC Junior Program.

Optimist Sailing

Under the fine tutelage of Coach Manny Resano, our Optimist team is never at rest. Almost every skipper has continued rigorous training five days a week as they ready themselves for the USODA Team Trials scheduled for late April at Lakewood YC in Houston, Texas. The Team Trials are a premier event in the Opti season, and everyone is hoping it goes off as planned. In the meantime, the team will be hosting interclub and special clinics at CYC as well as preparing for the Carrie and Harken Series when they become a more predictable reality. Our combined Opti race, Green, and development teams include Lexie Bugacov, Gage Christopher, Landon Delancey, Ashley Durand, Connor Fracisco, Miles Gordon, Helen Hooker, Reed Knight, Kaito LeTenoux, Dylan McNamara, Katlia Sherman, Wills Stratton, and J.J. and Ethan Wenokur. We also look forward to the day our beginner class graduates are ready to enter the Opti development program.

Our New Sailors Program continues to thrive. Each Saturday, six to eight of our newest skippers sail their Teras and Optis and hone their fundamental skills under close supervision of the coaching staff. The sailors have been doing so well with their RS Teras that we've added a few Optis into the mix to broaden the experience. Once we get some consistent wind, we'll add some racing fundamentals into the lesson plan. While these new skippers graduate into accomplished level-one sailors, we've already introduced another round of beginners into private lessons and plan to continue expanding that roster through the winter and spring. Many thanks to the parents and their incredible patience as we constantly experimented with our beginner lesson plans. It's been no easy feat to find just the right combination of COVID-19 safety and beginner group instruction. We welcome back the sailors who have been on holiday hiatus and welcome our newest juniors: Julie-Alice Carreira, Henry Herbst, and Montgomery Turner. While we are off to a great start,

there are still many new sailors anxiously awaiting their time at the helm.

Last, but not least, we are also anxiously awaiting the opportunity to get our CFJs and 420s in the mix. On occasion we have been using the CFJs for sibling lessons, but the real goal is to assemble our skipper/crew teams and get racing.

2021 Junior Committee

Never lastly, I'd like to welcome the 2021 Junior Committee under Chair Jon Moeller and the stewardship of Commodore Tim Clarke. Their steadfast support and partnership is an invaluable contribution to the success of the Junior Sailing Program. While they are often behind the scenes, the coaches and I simply could not do without them.

Jon Moeller, Junior Committee Chair

Peter Wenner, Secretary

Ian Zieger, Budget Chair and Junior Sponsorship Fund

Tim Clarke, Commodore

Monica Antola, Vice Commodore

Lindsay Pizarro, CYC General Manager

S/C Uta Leslie, Junior Awards

S/C Bill Stump, CYC Racing Director

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Alejandro Bugacov, Fleet and Equipment Support



Twelve-year-old Julian Quiroga

California Yacht Club Yachting Program

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

Join us for an evening with professional helmsman Peter Holmberg.



Peter's commitment to performance sailing has earned him an Olympic medal, the World Sailing number 1 ranking in match racing, and victory in the America's Cup. This Virgin Islander says he is living proof that ordinary people are capable of extraordinary things.

This program will be presented live online. Viewing details will be available in Zephyr and at calyachtclub.com.



MARCH 27 KEELBOAT PROGRAM TRY A SAIL DAY

- Check out the Martin 242 Keelboat
- Learn more about this exciting program
 - No-hassle sailing
 - Adult Learn to Sail Program
 - Fleet Racing

Join Us at the
Guest Dock

1 PM – 4 PM

Enjoy
a Quick Sail Around
The Marina

Meet Other
Program Members

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CYCWA 2021 Installation and Events: "The Best Is Yet to Come"

By CYCWA Executive Officer CONNIE WEBSTER

As we begin 2021, it is indeed a new year in many ways. The CYCWA installation is usually a luncheon and ceremony held on the third Saturday of January. But that was not to be this time around. Instead, we participated in a video, filmed in front of the Club. Clad in masks and socially distanced, we held an abbreviated version. SEO Norma Pratt officiated as installer and the new Board was inducted after an introduction and welcome from First Officer Laura Greenburg. Connie Webster was installed as Executive Officer. Others included First

Officer (programs) Laura Greenburg, Second Officer (finance) Berry Wilkinson, and new board officer, Secretary Carly Saltzman.

Each new board member was presented with a stunning bouquet. Junior SEO Michelle

Jr. SEO Michelle Ondrey Parker displays her gold medallion.

Parker Ondrey was given a beautiful gold medallion and large photo of her Board in appreciation of her service. She then passed the gavel to the new Executive Officer.

The ceremony also included announcement of winners of two prestigious awards.

CYCWA Woman of the Year was awarded to Miriam Moses for her dedication to the sail racing programs and



Scott Jarema, Fleet Service Award winner



Miriam Moses, CYCWA Woman of the Year



CYCWA Woman of the Year award

extensive volunteer service for the environment. The Fleet Service Award was given to Scott Jarema. This trophy is given to someone who throughout the years has made outstanding contributions in support of CYC. Scott has served as Master at Arms for several seasons, worked in a leadership position with the ham radio club (RAG), and kept us entertained as frequent disc jockey for many events.

As the year continues and the dreaded virus is brought under control, we look forward to new adventures. To paraphrase the song's lyrics, the best is yet to come and it will be fine.

Appointed Board members continue to be creative in finding ways to deliver programs. More than 28 additional women serve on the Board in either appointed or liaison positions.

Join us for a host of activities and programs. Remember all women are members of CYCWA and men are encouraged to participate in our many programs. Contact the program chair for further information. We may be Zooming currently, but in-person activities are just around the corner. This spring, we look forward to trips to Virginia Robinson Gardens and the Fredrick R. Weisman Art Foundation. In the fall we have planned more events culminating in our CYCWA First Mates Land Cruise to Los Angeles Athletic Club. 🍷

2021 CYCWA Events

April 21:
Virginia Robinson Gardens

June 11:
Fredrick R. Weisman Art Foundation

September 17:
Event TBD

October 22-24:
First Mates Cruise to Los Angeles Athletic Club, Downtown Los Angeles

November 20:
Appreciation Luncheon

December 1:
Toys for Tots



Newly installed EO Connie Webster holds her flag.

Photos by Greg Smith



Secretary Carly Saltzman, Second Officer Berry Wilkinson, EO Connie Webster, First Officer Laura Greenburg, and Jr. SEO Michelle Parker Ondrey.



CYCWA EO Connie Webster, Installing Officer SEO Norma Pratt, and Jr. SEO Michelle Parker Ondrey share a toast.

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CYCWA Recurring Activities

(Zoom-based
unless otherwise noted)

Art Aficionados

Co-chairs Ellen Botowka and
SEO Norma Pratt
2nd and 4th Wednesday
1 to 4 p.m.

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Book Mates

Chair Susan French
1st Thursday
noon to 1 p.m.

...

Happy Hour Book Club

Chair Hank Toles
3rd Wednesday
6 to 7 p.m.

...

Bridge

Chair Lorraine Colich
Wednesdays 1 to 4 p.m.
(when in-person activities resume)

...

Knit or Knot

Chair Peggy Powers
1st and 3rd Sunday

...

Mah Jongg

Chair SEO Donna Petersen
Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.

...

Movie Mates

Chair Sarah White
3rd Friday 5 to 6 p.m.

...

Paddle Tennis

Co-chairs Marylyn Hoenemeyer
and Lori Haythorn
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10 a.m. to noon
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Movie Mates: "A Life on Our Planet"

By BERRY WILKINSON

In January, Movie Mates met via Zoom to discuss the documentary movie, "A Life on Our Planet," made by the 93-year-old acclaimed English broadcaster and natural historian David Attenborough as his personal witness statement. He documents with compelling photography and film footage, taken over six decades during his travels around the globe, humanity's reckless destruction of nature, and predicts that, if left unchecked, the planet will be rendered uninhabitable within a few generations. His documentary concludes on a hopeful note and offers several solutions with the potential for halting the damage and re-establishing life on earth in balance with nature.

Movie Mates recalled their most memorable images from the documentary: planet Earth seen for the first time from space as a blue sphere surrounded by blackness, a lone orangutan in Borneo searching for food on a treetop devoid of leaves, miles of uniform palm trees replacing the thousands of species in the rainforest, dead coral reefs bleached white and no longer a source of nutrients, the diminishing polar ice cap, walruses tumbling over a cliff to their death.

We discussed many of the issues raised in the documentary including the impact of methane gas being released from melting arctic ice, solar farms in Morocco, the Netherlands as the world's second largest exporter of food despite its size, the city evacuated after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster now emerging as a sanctuary for wild animals, no-fish zones as a means of restoring fish populations, healing the planet through vegetarianism, raising the standard of living through education thereby impacting population growth.

We all envied Attenborough's life of exploration and adventure and generally applauded his witness statement.

Our March 19 movie is "The Full Monty." Peter Webster will moderate. ♣

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Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

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 Zoom information included with cocktail kits.

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The St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy

By Vice Commodore MONICA ANTOLA

“**E**mblematic of excellence in race management, the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy was originally awarded by the St. Petersburg YC in the late 1960s to recognize the club that ran the best regatta. The trophy was retired for a number of years, then was donated to US Sailing in 1977. The winner is selected on the basis of race management excellence, including evaluation by participating skippers,” according to the US Sailing website. It is awarded for a specific event and the comments of participating sailors weigh heavily in the selection of a winner.

The trophy itself is a large silver cup featuring a hand-engraved scene of a race start just as the gun goes off. A race committee boat flying its signal flags is the foreground and a line of boats cross the line behind it.

CYC has a long tradition of excellence in race management. A number of nationally and internationally recognized judges and race officers have gotten their start at CYC including S/C David Collins, S/C Debbie Feinerman, S/C Tom O’Conor, and S/C Bill Stump. CYC has been awarded this trophy three times, the most of any club, and is in good company with the other three-time winners: Long

Beach YC, Alamitos Bay YC, and Beverly YC.

CYC first won the St. Petersburg Trophy in 1996 for hosting the Schock 35 National Championship that was co-chaired by S/C Charlie Kelley and S/C Dick Hampikian. When asked, then-Commodore Charles Wright said, “One of the highlights of my year as Commodore was the awarding of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy to us. CYC has won many prestigious

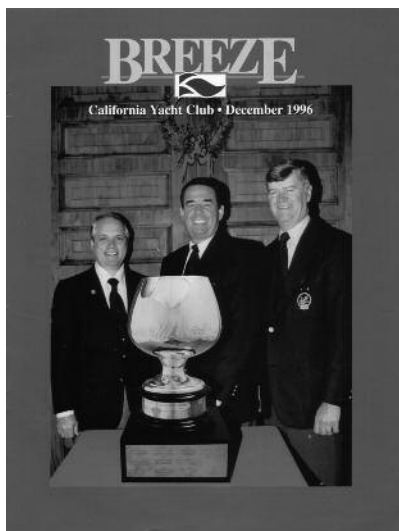
awards, but this is one of the finest. It was presented to us at US Sailing’s annual gala award meeting.” S/C Alex Benson sailed his boat, *Ricochet*, to second place, just one point behind the eventual National Champion. “We had 23 boats racing with 230 crew, and 70 CYC volunteers provided a great event.”



California Yacht Club won the coveted trophy again in 2002 when CYC hosted the Star World Championship. This regatta was chaired by S/C Alex Benson and the Principal Race Officer was S/C Bill Stump. Then-Commodore Dean Dierks raced Stars competitively over the years.

The Club also won the trophy for the 2005 Star Keane North American Championship, making CYC the most recent club to be recognized three times for excellence in race management by US Sailing. S/C Alex Benson and S/C Bill Stump again teamed up as regatta chair and PRO, respectively. Then-Commodore Bill Petersen accepted the trophy at the US Sailing general meeting on behalf of the Club’s membership.

While this perpetual trophy does not reside at CYC, it represents the true meaning of teamwork, as innumerable CYC members volunteered their time, talents, and energies toward the common goal of ensuring the highest quality events - both on and off the water. With several notable regattas including the J/70 World Championship scheduled at CYC in the coming years, I hope that all will be able to see this exceptional trophy return to CYC in the not-too-distant future. ⚓



1996 Commodore Charles Wright (center) with regatta co-chairs S/C Dick Hampikian (left) and then-Vice Commodore Charlie Kelley (right)

MOVIE MATES

Friday, March 19 at 5 p.m.



Movie available on NETFLIX, prime video, and .

Moderator: Peter Webster

For reservations, email Sarah White mswhite4657@gmail.com

Sex and Death: Classical Themes in a Coming-Home and Coming-of-Age Novel

By SUSAN FRENCH, Book Mates Chair

The Book of Joe,” by Jonathan Tropper, Book Mates’ selection for February, provoked a lively discussion ably led by moderator Gail Guglielmino. Most readers, who were put off by the self-indulgent tone of the first half of the book, became very engaged in the second half and agreed that the book was well worth reading.

Joe’s mother committed suicide when he was 13. His father, a former basketball star in a small town obsessed with basketball, ignored him in favor of his older brother, a basketball star. His two best friends became involved in a homosexual relationship; one of them committed suicide in high school, the other was shunned by the basketball coach, left town, and later contracted AIDS.

Joe moved to New York and wrote a novel about his hometown that became a big financial success, but he was never able to maintain a real relationship with anyone other than his agent, who became like a father- or wise uncle-figure to him. His feelings of loneliness were overwhelming.

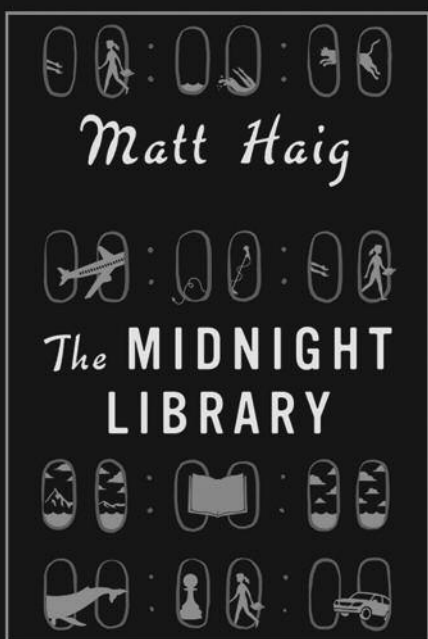
Then came the call that opens the book—his sister-in-law calls to tell him his father is in the hospital in a coma. Reluctantly Joe goes home to face the family he has not really connected with since his mother died and the people of the town he so disparaged in his novel. The townspeople are furious at the way he depicted them in his novel. His surviving gay friend has returned to town to die after contracting AIDS. Joe navigates through his feelings of resentment, loss, grief, and ambivalence toward his family in a book leavened by humor, change, and finally, reconciliation, forgiveness, and acceptance.

Book Mates meets the first Thursday of each month. Our March 4 book is “Hamnet,” by Maggie O’Farrell; Marylyn Hoenemeyer will be the moderator. Our April 1 selection is “This Tender Land,” by William Kent Krueger; SEO Donna Petersen will be the moderator.

If you are interested in joining Book Mates, email french@law.ucla.edu. ↕

HAPPY HOUR BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 17 at 6 p.m.

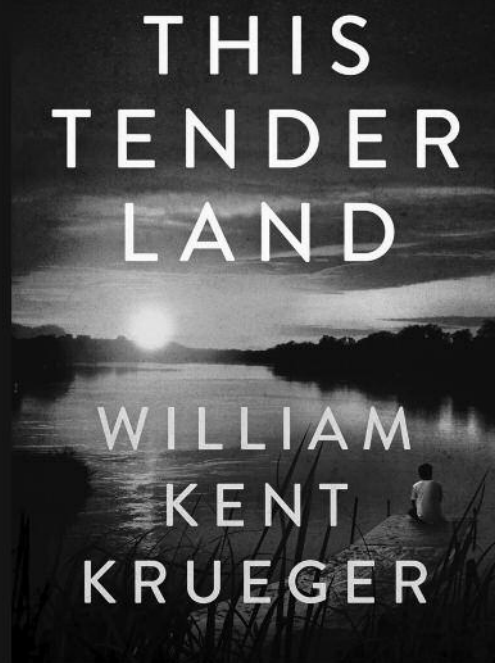


Moderator: Trish Jackson

For more information, email Trish Jackson trishcyc@gmail.com

BOOK MATES

Thursday, April 1 at 1 p.m.



Moderator: SEO Donna Petersen

To join Book Mates, contact Susan French french@law.ucla.edu.

Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

Carsten Zieger (left), **Rudy Pomniak** (right), and their coach **Thomas Sylvestre** (not pictured) captured five balloons during a productive Laser practice.

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CYC Flashback!

Guido Mortarotti, Mike Braney, and driver S/C **Chuck Wright** are pictured in a race committee RIB in the late 1980s or early 1990s. Sadly, Guido, S/C Betta Mortarotti's husband, and Mike, in whose honor CYC's Michael F. Braney Sportsmanship Award is named, have both passed away.

Additional background on the RIB: It was dubbed Air Force One when S/C Bill Stump, S/C Dick Hampikian, S/C Dean Dierks, and Chuck brought it out on its first use and were all wearing masks of previous presidents, thus, the name. While our race committee RIBs are no longer referred to as Air Force One and Two, you may occasionally hear veteran R/C volunteers use those terms.



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. ⚓

Like water, art is all around us. In fact, water covers 71% of the world—we yachties can attest to that! Most landscape paintings have some form of water. At this time of year water means snow so we embark this month on a **watercolor winter scene**.

Join Art Aficionados
Wednesday, March 10 and 24
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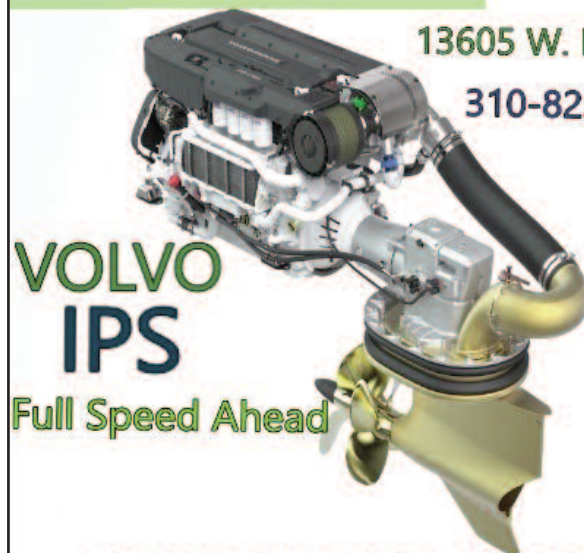


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The moment we heard outdoor dining could resume in LA County, we reset the patio. On our first day back in service, a crisp and sunny Saturday, we served 226 people. Thank you to all those who joined us and showed support (and patience) as



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we got back into the groove of food service. It is great to see the pool patio full of members again!

Many of us continue to be awed by how many members we have who are first responders. Your CYC family continues to thank you for all your work on the front lines of this horrific pandemic. Please stop by the pool patio and collect a thank you cocktail on us.

While we may not have our traditional lavish buffet and activities this Opening Day, we continue to honor this important tradition. We look forward to seeing everyone’s boats dressed, watching the streamed recording of the 2021 Opening Day Ceremony, and ending the day with Evening Colors and the firing of the cannon. Thank you to Fleet Captain Anthony Agolia for your creative efforts and encouraging everyone to adapt, dress ship, and celebrate Opening Day in a new and safe fashion this year. ⚓



Activities Showcase Goes Virtual

By Port Captain **SUE SERVICE**



The annual Activities Showcase is typically held in late January and highlights committees, groups, and upcoming events at California Yacht Club. It’s always been an enjoyable afternoon and a terrific way for members to map out their fun for the coming year.

Unfortunately, the 2021 in-person Showcase fell victim to the pandemic. Commodore Tim Clarke and I did some brainstorming and thought it would be fun to produce a little movie highlighting the many activities and groups at CYC. I reached out to committee chairs for their submissions: photos, videos – whatever they thought would be the best

way to present the virtual equivalent of a one-minute elevator speech on their group or event.

The response from committee chairs was enthusiastic; we received a mix of photos and video from all of the groups that would normally have a table at the in-person Showcase. Submissions were edited into individual videos by film editor and CYC member Pierson Jacquelin and posted to YouTube. A link to the videos will be on the CYC web site and on social media – check it out! We hope this will be a nice resource for members throughout the coming year. ⚓



The Activities Showcase video highlights the wide variety of activities and events open to CYC members.

MARCH 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Club Closed 1	Club Closed 2	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 3	Women's Paddle Tennis 4	5	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 6
				Mah Jongg		
	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club	Fleet Council Mtg.		
				Book Mates		
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 7	Club Closed 8	Club Closed 9	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 10	Women's Paddle Tennis 11	12	Opening Day 13
				Mah Jongg		Pickleball
Knit or Knot	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Art Aficionados	CYCWA Board Mtg.		Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis
			Bridge Club	Jr. Comm. Mtg.		
				Sail Comm. Mtg.		
Daylight Saving Time Begins 14	Club Closed 15	Club Closed 16	St. Patrick's Day 17	Women's Paddle Tennis 18	19	Pickleball 20
					Movie Mates	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis	Mah Jongg		
			Bridge Club	Family Activities Comm. Mtg.		FAC Event
			Happy Hour Book Club			
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 21	Club Closed 22	Club Closed 23	Mxd. Doubles Paddle Tennis 24	Women's Paddle Tennis 25	26	Passover begins 27
				Mah Jongg		Day Cruise to King Harbor
Knit or Knot	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club	Bridge Mtg.		Keelboat "Try a Sail Day"
			Evening Yachting Program	New Member Mtg.		Pickleball
				Cruise Kickoff		MD Paddle Tennis
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 28	Club Closed 29	Club Closed 30	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 31	MARCH HIGHLIGHTS		
				13 Opening Day		
				20 FAC Event		
				24 Evening Yachting Program		
				27 Day Cruise to King Harbor		
				27 Keelboat "Try a Sail Day"		
	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Bridge Club			
			Breeze Deadline			
APRIL 2021						
APRIL HIGHLIGHTS				Women's Paddle Tennis 1	2	Pickleball 3
				Mah Jongg		
				Fleet Council Mtg.		Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis
				Book Mates		
13 Dave Perry Rules Webinar						
Passover ends Easter Sunday 4	Club Closed 5	Club Closed 6	Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis 7	Women's Paddle Tennis 8	9	Pickleball 10
				Mah Jongg	Shoreline Yacht Club Cruise	MD Paddle Tennis
			Bridge Club	CYCWA Board Mtg.		Harris Regatta/J/70 Spring Series #1
	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis	Sunset Seminar	Jr. Comm. Mtg.		Shoreline Yacht Club Cruise
				Sail Comm. Mtg.		



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