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From the Commodore



Commodore Tim Clarke and Lara in Avalon, Catalina Island during the Commodore's Cruise

Traditions

As we approach the end of our 99th year, I want to reflect on some of the wonderful traditions that we have at CYC. We have celebrated some of these traditions for many years while some were established more recently. Regardless of when they began, they are the building blocks of our Club.

Two of our major traditions, the Installation of Officers and Opening Day, had to be done virtually at the beginning of 2021, but we intend to finish the year with a bang for the Commodores Ball on Saturday, November 13. I hope many of you can join Lara and me for what will be an amazing evening.

Hosting world class regattas is a tradition in which we excel, and I'm looking forward to reading all about CYC's hosting of the J/70 World Championship in the October *Breeze*.

I recently experienced an old tradition for the first time. On Thursday nights during the summer, Muddy Feet racing is hosted on the guest dock by our Junior Summer Program. This is an informal evening of racing for our juniors and their parents. I was pumped to be able to sail an FJ with my two daughters, Madeleine and Morgan.

Our Port Captain, Sue Service, recently revived a fun competition of the "Senior" Bridge versus the

Junior Bridge. This hotly contested event occurred at the end of August using the Club's Martin 242s. We'll reveal the winner of this prestigious event next month.

A recent tradition has been our Friday Night Fleet Racing, which again uses our Club keelboats to provide a fun and relaxed way to learn about racing.

Back in 1963, the CYC Women's Association was established. It has been an integral part of our Club ever since, offering multiple activities for all our members year-round and providing tremendous support for events that we host.

In July I took on the activity of rowing, which CYC has included since the 1930s. Many of our members are now enjoying this fun activity, as am I, although I need a lot more practice.

The continuation of our traditions at CYC is very important. But equally so is the inception of new traditions that allow us to grow and stay relevant. If you have an idea for something new at the Club, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or a member of the Bridge.

I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Club or on the water soon. ⚓

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FRONT COVER Drew Freides and his *Pacific Yankee* team won the Melges IC37 National Championship, hosted by the New York YC July 16-18. Since 2017 Drew has won three national titles (2017 Melges 20, 2020 and 2021 Melges IC37), in addition to three world titles (2017 and 2018 Melges 20, and 2019 Farr 40).

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BACK COVER King of Spain winners Erik Lidecis (8218, Bahia Corinthian YC) and his crew, CYC Junior Program alum Frank Dair, cross the winner of the past three years, Star world champion Eric Doyle (8423, San Diego YC). Twenty-two Star teams competed in this year's King of Spain Regatta July 10-11.

Photo by S/C Denny Haythorn

Balloon Fishing Contest Winner

By CURTIS WAGNER,
Dockmaster



Jack Yeatman and a friend were returning from an afternoon of sailing and had just dropped their sails when they nabbed this festive array of metallic monsters.

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.

Burgee Exchange



While on vacation at her summer home in Solomons Island, Maryland, **Anne Keehn** exchanged burgees with S/C Craig Wilson of Solomons Island YC.



Jr. S/C Stephanie Weston exchanges burgees with Charlevoix YC Vice Commodore Maximilian Carthew. Stephanie spent a month this summer vacationing in the Lake Charlevoix, Michigan area.

On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner



Six Martin 242s are lined up by the hoist, awaiting the arrival of their crew to rig them on the afternoon of the June 29 Sunset Series race. Photo by **Steve Moses**. Congratulations, Steve, on winning a bottle of fine wine selected by General Manager Lindsay Pizarro.

Burgee Travels

Chris and Nina Tandon Cerbo with their children **Maya** and **James** packed their CYC burgee on their travels to Maui in July. They visited Lahaina YC and saw the closing ceremony for one of the club's junior sailing summer camp weeks. The kids were truly inspired! Maya holds the Lahaina YC and her grandfather's Wickford YC burgees while James holds the Lahaina YC and CYC burgees.





Helen Brierley's Mistral enters the channel during the July 21 Sunset Series (Race 9).

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Third from Last, But One of Our Best Races!

By HELEN BRIERLEY

We were somewhat prepared for the windy and bumpy conditions for Race 9 of the 2021 Sunset Series. The night before, we had participated as usual in the Tuesday Series where a couple of smaller boats had found themselves dismasted in the rolling waves and stiff breeze. Our soaking-wet crew had big smiles on their faces back at the dock after our upwind battle turned into long surfs downwind. So even though these weren't the most advantageous conditions for a Tartan 101, we knew we were in for a really fun race Wednesday night.

We liked our pin start, until we

realized that a boat from the earlier fleet had started late, just seconds before us and looked to be about to dirty our air until we could tack out. But we must have been doing something right as it didn't seem to matter, our speed and height were great and we were faster and higher than we would normally expect in those conditions. The helm called for a stronger grip than usual and I was happy we had all donned our lifebelts – a rule on *Mistral* when the wind goes above 12 knots.

About two-thirds of the way up the course, we were thrilled with our position relative to the fleet and really looking forward to a fast, surfing downwind leg

when suddenly, a couple of big waves hit, there was a loud bang, and down came the jib. Our crew leapt up from the rail to assess the damage as our speed dropped rapidly to where the instruments were no longer registering forward motion. Someone shouted for tape while we did an involuntary tack, but the absolutely brilliant crew work meant that it was only a couple of minutes before repairs were made, the sail was rehoisted and we were back in the fray. Fully expecting a DFL finish, we carried on of course because “you never know. ...”

It turned out we weren't even last to round the mark and still beat a couple of boats in the race – what a great crew! 🚩

Optimist National Championship

By LEXIE BUGACOV

This year's Optimist National Championship took place July 25-29 at Big Blue Sailing Academy in Norfolk, Virginia. The CYC Opti Team at this regatta consisted of Katlia Sherman, Ethan and Joshua Wenokur, Kaito Le Tenoux, Lexie Bugacov (me), and our coach, Manny Resano. For my dad and me this was the first time traveling to a girls and mixed Opti Nationals regatta, making us extremely nervous and excited.

We arrived at Norfolk on Thursday night, giving us two days for practicing and measurements before the Optimist Girls National Championship on Sunday, July 25. On Friday, it was very hot with light wind but we managed to get in half a day of practice after getting our boats ready for the regatta. On Saturday, we went sailing after measuring our boats. The wind was also very light so we did some fun swimming after practicing. On Sunday, race day, there was more wind and PRO S/C Bill Stump was able to run four races for each of the two fleets. I felt like I had a good day and was very happy to finish second in White Fleet (under 11 years old) and 37th overall in that challenging 99-boat fleet. My teammate Katlia Sherman also did well finishing 24th overall. This qualified



Coach Manny Resano, Joshua Wenokur, Ethan Wenokur, Kaito Le Tenoux, Lexie Bugacov, and Katlia Sherman

both of us for the Optimist Team Trials in 2022.

Monday was the first day of the mixed (coed) national regatta and had very similar conditions. Each of the four fleets sailed three races. Tuesday was very light, in fact, they wanted to do two races to be able to do the Gold-Silver Fleets split but the wind only allowed for one race that day. We spent the whole day in the water waiting for some breeze and swimming.

Wednesday, we started a race but it was abandoned because of thunderstorms so all boats were rushed to shore and we spent the

rest of the day waiting for the breeze and playing on shore which was fun, too.

The last day was also light. We did three races but we could not split into Gold and Silver Fleets. I had two good races the last day and was happy to have done well in my first Opti National Championship. Overall, this was a very successful regatta for the CYC team because most of our sailors are now already qualified for Team Trials 2022 and it was great to sail in difficult conditions with light air and current and in such a large fleet (262 boats). Many thanks to my parents and to my coach, Manny Resano, for teaching me how to sail in these regattas, making them an incredible learning experience. ⚓



Colin Grey Photography

Lexie Bugacov finished second in the White Fleet at the Optimist Girls National Championship and qualified for Team Trials 2022.

Junior Blind Back on the Bay!

By GEORGE ETTER



After a year off the water due to the national situation, 20 fishing campers and 20 fishing buddies from CYC returned to Santa Monica Bay on July 21 for the annual Junior Blind fishing trip. Once again, we were aboard the commercial fishing vessel *New Del Mar* and once again we had a jewel of a lifetime experience for all.

The group caught 54 fish! Thanks to S/C Bill Moore and his two fishing campers a new record was set: A nearly 20-pound halibut was caught!

Special thank you to Captain Rick Oefinger and his *New Del Mar* crew. Also, thanks to the CYC members who make this possible. Please join us next year for your own memorable adventure. 🍷



◀ CYC-MDR ▶ Annual Fishing Challenge

Sunday, September 26
From first light until weigh-in at 4 p.m.



Please register by September 25

This is a fish-only tournament and does not include sharks, rays, or anything other than fin fish.

Where and How to Catch Larger Local Fish Seminar
September 25 in the bar area of CYC at 10 a.m.

Have any questions? Contact Fishing Chair Randy Sprout
323-854-6435 or r.sprout@att.net.

BoatUS/NWSA Honors Marie Rogers

By PAULA CAMERON and BOATUS

BoatUS and the National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA) have honored Marie Rogers with the Leadership in Women's Sailing Award. The award recognizes an individual with "a record of achievement in inspiring, educating, and enriching the lives of women through sailing." Marie's nomination cited her "helping sailors move away from the idea that sailing is a white man's sport." She is a U.S. Coast Guard captain, instructor, avid sailboat racer, and the first Black woman to serve as commodore of Los Angeles YC. At CYC, she runs the Adult Learn to Sail program and is an instructor. Marie will receive the award at the National Women's Sailing Conference to be held online and in person September 11 at Jackson Park YC in Chicago.



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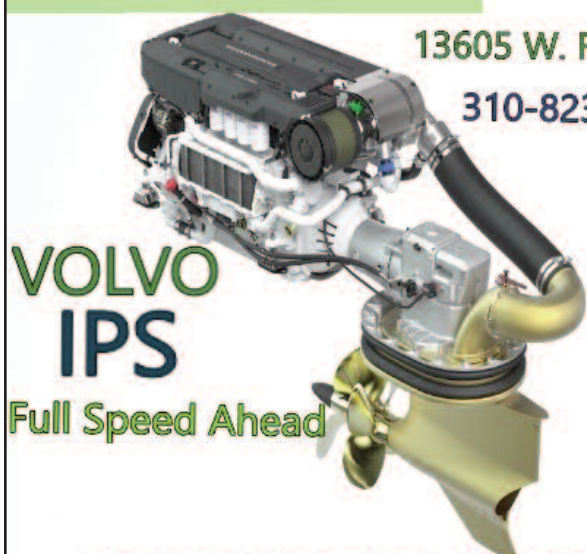
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– Marie Rogers

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



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Friday, September 18 at 5 p.m.

Join us in person or online:

In person, including wine and cheese, \$10 inclusive.

Moderator: TDB

For Zoom link and reservations, email Sarah White mswhite4657@gmail.com.



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Thursday, September 23 at 6 p.m.

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THE RISE AND FALL OF
THE SECRET SERVICE

CAROL LEONNIG



In person, including wine and cheese, \$10 inclusive.

Moderator: Marie Hedlund

For more information, email Hank Toles hmt@toles.org.

BOOK MATES

Thursday, October 7 at 1 p.m.

THE COMMITTED



VIET THANH NGUYEN

Moderator: TBD

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

Firecracker Dinghy Cruise Comes Back with a BANG!

By RUSS CARRINGTON

Once again CYC and Pacific Mariners YC members rafted up in D Basin for a BYOB July 4th celebration on the water. Appetizers were passed around (sealed for your COVID-19 protection), Jell-O shots were thrown from boat to boat, and there was definitely a college party vibe happening. The amount of enthusiasm for getting back on the water from our CYC members was off the chart and the interest from new and potential boaters was such that we needed two CYC markset inflatables to handle the crowd. Thanks to S/C Bill Stump and Russ Carrington for being responsible drivers for this event. ⚓



Star Sightings on Santa Monica Bay

By MARYLYN HOENEMEYER

The J/70s aren't the only one-design class racing at CYC this summer. Twenty-two Star class boats came to the Club on July 10-11 to compete in the King of Spain regatta, an event that CYC has hosted for more than 40 years. This was the best turnout in several years, with many boats in the area training for the Star North Americans scheduled for late August. It was a geographically diverse group too, with boats hailing from Mississippi, Washington, and Northern and Southern California.

The breeze was light, rarely gusting above 10 knots, and was more southerly than typical for this time of year. Nevertheless, PRO S/C Tom O'Connor and his crack race committee team were able to run the seven races scheduled over the two days of the regatta.

Eric Doyle (San Diego YC), who has won this regatta for the past four years, was sailing to defend his title. But it is an Erik of a different sort whose name will be engraved on the sterling silver galleon that is the King of Spain perpetual trophy. Erik Lidecis (Bahia Corinthian YC), sailing with CYC Junior Program alum Frank Dair, handily won the event with 11 points, including bullets in three of the races. The team of Eric Doyle and Erick Lange finished nine points behind in second. Three CYC teams, sailed by Eugenio Cingolani, Myles Pritchard, and Alejandro Bugacov, finished just above the fold.

Competitors enjoyed cold beer at the hoist as they put away their boats and summer-inspired food on the pool patio after each day of racing. Many expressed their appreciation for the quality race management and the warm hospitality provided by the Club over the weekend. We thank the many volunteers and staff who made the 2021 King of Spain such a success. 🍺



The 22-boat Star fleet approaches the weather mark.



Eugenio Cingolani, CYC's top finisher at King of Spain, placed ninth.



King of Spain winners Erik Lidecis (Bahia Corinthian YC) and crew Frank Dair

Photo by S/C Denny Haythorn

Photos by Nicole Harnett

Transpac 2021: Water Included

By DOUG JOHNSTONE

This year, my ninth Transpac and 14th race to Hawaii, was aboard the Ker 51 out of Newport Beach (Balboa YC), *Fast Exit II*. Pre-race weather routing indicated a nice breezy year. What it could not show was how wet it



Photos by Doug Johnstone

Water breaks over the deck of Fast Exit II making for a very wet ride to Hawaii.

would be. Start day with the big boys and girls would have been great if we'd been there. But we weren't, and when we crossed the line eight minutes or so late, we had plenty of room to start our boat chase! After a quick crossing to Catalina's West End, the only mark of the course, we got into reaching sails for the next two days or so. Boat speeds were in the mid- to high- teens, with the odd 20 thrown in for good measure here and there.

On about Day 2½, we learned an interesting but very annoying lesson about the so-called destroyer bow shape. It was less of a destroyer shape and much more of a shovel shape, as in it would shovel enormous amounts of water over the deck and eventually into the boat. We also learned that nearly everything aft of the "first class" sleeping compartment leaked. So, those of us traveling in "coach" slept on wet bunks in our foul weather kit for pretty much most of the race.

On Day 3, the kite went up and stayed up for the remainder of the race – except for Thursday, which was breakdown day. The takeaway here is don't race on Thursday, have a day off.

Seven days and eight hours after starting we crossed the finish line at Diamond Head. We had hit a high speed of 25.4 knots, covered 381 nautical miles in 24 hours, and taken aboard several thousand gallons of the Pacific. Nice crossing really! ⚓



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The crew on Fast Exit II douses the spinnaker near the finish in Hawaii.



Doug Johnstone, navigator aboard Fast Exit II, with the finish line at Diamond Head in the background.

Pyewacket 70 Fastest to Hawaii



© Lisa Bronitt

Roy P. Disney's *Pyewacket 70* (70007), shown at the start off Point Fermin on July 17, won the Barn Door Trophy for the fastest monohull in elapsed time. Roy and his team finished the 2220 nautical mile race in less than six days (5:16:53:20). *Pyewacket 70*'s navigator, CYC member Peter Isler, won the E. Ben Mitchell Navigator's Trophy for fastest elapsed time. ⚓

Heavy Air and International Intrigue at the 49erFX Junior World Championship

By GRANT JANOV



Photo by Willie McBride

In preparation for the 49erFX Junior World Championship, Grant and Jordan Janov practiced on San Francisco Bay.

In June 2019, my brother Jordan and I had our first experience sailing in Richmond, California in the 29er skiff. With the two of us weighing 250 pounds combined, that boat felt like quite a beast to us in those conditions. We barely kept it together to sail for four days. This past June, we decided to head to Richmond in the 49erFX to train with Lucy Wilmot and Erika Reineke, 49erFX contenders for the Paris 2024 Olympics. Even with us pushing 330 pounds this time, the 49erFX is a much bigger animal than the 29er, more technically challenging, and powerful.

The first day was 20-plus knots, and we were grateful to have flooding current to keep the chop down. We sailed out from under Angel Island, checked out Alcatraz, went around the other side of Angel, and couldn't bear away to put the kite up. After wiping out a couple of times, we barely made it to an angle to set, and hit 21 knots down Raccoon Strait. Two hours of training must have taken two years off of our lives due to the stress. We had three weeks of this ahead of us, on top of finishing school.

A usual day looked like launching around 10 a.m. to sail in the flooding current, come in after 2.5 hours, eat the best Mexican

food around the corner from Richmond YC, go back to Lucy Wilmot's house and take a couple of tests for school. The training was very challenging, and we messed up a lot. Because this boat is so wide, capsizing often means leaping away from the boat in some direction, hoping to avoid falling through sails or landing on the other teammate. Not to mention that capsizing in the wrong part of the bay meant that we would break our mast because the water was too shallow.

The type of training that we did in San Francisco was not very similar to that of our training in Miami, which we did in February to avoid San Francisco's cold and constantly terrifying conditions. While we did not have a great time, we always kept our sights on the bigger picture. We needed the training to prepare for the 49erFX Junior World Championship in Gdynia, Poland July 7-11. It is likely that we will go back to Richmond next June and do it again in the big rig (49er).

Poland was a completely different challenge. I've hardly ever been out of the United States, and it was my first time ever sailing outside of the country. Everything is different and I was constantly reminded that I was not close to home. The venue

was a cramped little area next to a carnival, and the 49er classes eventually got kicked off the solid ground and into the sand next to the harbor. Because 49er dollies aren't designed to wheel over sand, it took five people to move one boat near the water, which was only 200 yards away.

We were the only Americans in the 54-boat FX fleet, and we were very glad to have had our training

in San Francisco. The breeze was in the mid-teens for most of the training and the first two days of the regatta, and it became clear that we were going to be competitive after some practice racing.

We never had the goal of placing well at this championship. We had never even raced the 49erFX before, and our skillset is not well-rounded, as we were still in the process of learning how to maneuver the boat. We went to Poland to learn as much as possible about the event in preparation for next year's Junior Worlds, where we do have the goal of performing well. It was only after we had poked our nose into the top 10 that we became a little excited. We even won a race! However, we kept ourselves in line, and knew that the racing in Gold Fleet was going to be much harder.

The first day of Gold Fleet racing was incredibly hectic. It was windy and shifty, and we somehow pulled off a fifth in the first race. Unfortunately, the second race was not as great. We made some mistakes, and had to do a penalty turn, but the worst part came right after we finished. Out of nowhere, the breeze died, and then came back really strong as I was dousing the spinnaker, and Jordan got bounced backward and was left dangling by his foot in the foot strap, which sprained it badly. He screamed in pain, as the strap never gave way, and I felt



useless, as there was nothing I could do to help him. The boat eventually flipped enough for him to get out of the strap, but we were not able to race the final race that day.

Jordan braved the sprained foot for the final day of racing, as it was light, and he didn't have to put it in the foot strap. We struggled to get off the line in the three races that day and had some poor finishes. We were pretty disappointed that the regatta ended that way, but our coach, Willie McBride, put our efforts into perspective. We had learned so much about racing the 49erFX, and so much more about how the junior fleet behaves. We know what we need to work on to better prepare for next year. Most of our struggles come from the racing and tactics aspect, which is why we raced the J/70 World Championship at CYC.

After having come back home, the greatest thing was hearing from all the people who had rooted for us while we were gone. I had no idea that people even knew we left, and it was so cool to hear, "Helluva job in Poland!" from various people while walking the docks at CYC. Even though it was a tough several weeks of back-to-back sailing in tough environments, it is an extremely warm feeling to come back to the Club and see that we have the greatest support team two kids could ask for. ⚓



Grant and Jordan Janov placed 16th out of 54 boats at the 49erFX Junior World Championship in Gdynia, Poland July 7-11.

Pacific Yankee Successfully Defends National Title

By DREW FREIDES



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Drew Freides (white sunglasses) repeats as national champion in the Melges IC37 class.

The Pacific Yankee team was fortunate to keep the winning streak alive, winning their second straight Melges IC37 National Championship July 16-18 in Newport, Rhode Island over a competitive 18-boat fleet.

After the cancellation of the 2020-21 Winter Series in Florida due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the season resumed with New York Yacht Club's 167th NYYC Annual Regatta June 11-13. PY was able to win that regatta, winning three of the six races, in the team's preparation to defend their national title. Next came the Newport Regatta, held July 10-11, one week prior to the National Championship. Because this was scheduled immediately prior to the Nationals, this gave the team a great opportunity to fine tune their setups, attempt to squeak out some additional speed, confirm the game plan, iron out all of the maneuvers, and practice starting strategy and technique.



Rodrigo Fernandez/Andes Visual for Sail Newport

In the leadup to the Melges IC37 National Championship, Pacific Yankee won the 167th NYYC Annual Regatta as well as the Newport Regatta (pictured, bow 022).

Winning that regatta was a nice confirmation that we were on the right track.

With the Nationals as the final regatta for New York YC's qualification process for the Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup in September, and the usual strong contingent, the regatta was shaping up to be a competitive event. We knew the entire IC37 fleet was going to be gunning for us.

We had our entire crew back from our 2020 National Championship victory, so after two solid days of practice prior to the event with our coach, Ed Adams, we felt comfortable that we were well prepared for both events. Our crew consisted of many of the best amateur sailors in the U.S. We had Marcus Eagan calling tactics, Rick Merriman trimming the main, Chelsea Simms on the runner, Charlie Smythe, our captain, trimming headsails, Max Hutcheson as off-side trimmer and mast, Dave Dempsey on the bow, and Serena Vilage on pit-assist/floater.

Our plan was simple – start conservatively towards the middle of the line, avoid the pack at the ends, have a clear lane, and be close to target boat speed when the gun went off, enabling us to poke our bow out and let us sail our own race. Aside from being over early in the second to last race (completely self-inflicted), we were top three off the line in every start, assuring us of strong finishes. We let our speed do the rest from there. It's not so much that we were much faster than the fleet but we were always quicker in getting up to the target speed, and quicker to switch gears and adapt our trimming and setup to the constantly changing conditions. We knew we wouldn't hit every shift perfectly, but our goal was to win our side of the race course, which we did in every race. Winning four of the seven races, our tactician did a great job picking the correct side in what frequently were fickle conditions.

The single really scary race was the only race to be held on Friday, in dense fog. The race committee delayed the start because they couldn't see the other end of the starting line. Once the fog cleared enough to see the other end (to call premature starters over), they began the race. Of course, within five minutes, the fog came back even worse, with visibility reduced to less than 50 yards. Fortunately, we had plugged the marks into our electronics, and the race committee put the marks exactly where they belonged. It was a relief when the weather mark appeared out of nowhere, and we led around to take that race.

Winning our second Melges IC37 National Championship, our third national title, and adding to our three world titles since 2017, was both a relief and a testament to our team's hard work and preparation. It has been a fun journey. Now on to the Melges 24 class. 🚣



Pacific Yankee (bow 022) bested a competitive field of 18 boats to win the Melges IC37 National Championship.



Drew Freides (white sunglasses) and his Pacific Yankee crew





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	Brad Van Liew	

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*All CYC members are encouraged to attend
what will be a truly memorable evening.*

72-hour cancellation fee in effect

Surf 'n' Turf Cruise

By SARAH FAURA, Cruise Co-host

Another fantastic Surf 'n' Turf Cruise is in the books! We kicked off the festivities with a really fun early bird weenie roast aboard Fred Ryan's *Good Juju* on Thursday, July 15. Friday's dinghy raft-up happy hour at Adam and Sarah Faura's *Santiago* was a blast and many gallons of painkillers were consumed from Captain Adam's tiki bar.

Saturday's namesake surf 'n' turf lunch and dinner were just fantastic. Chef Fabio hit it out of the park with a delicious seafood lunch followed by an amazing steak and sausage dinner ashore at Howland's Landing. Among the highlights of the weekend were numerous heartfelt speeches celebrating Steve Hathaway's numerous decades at the helm of CYC, and his recent retirement.

Big thanks to all the staff of CYC, the *Charles Hathaway*, and the markset crew who assisted in making this week's Surf 'n' Turf Cruise an event to remember. 🍹





Commodore's Cruise to Catalina Island

By Commodore TIM CLARKE

Raft-up party at Commodore Tim Clarke and Lara's Madegan

It was a delight to share this year's Commodore's Cruise with more than 100 members, friends, and family during seven days at Catalina Island. Avalon was the first stop and upon our arrival on Monday, July 19 we were graciously hosted by Naomi and Noah Hochman onboard *Exodus* for a fun cocktail hour – thank you Naomi and Noah! Most of us then headed to shore to find a fun and vibrant scene with members dining out at the numerous restaurants in town.

Tuesday morning brought the inaugural Commodore's Cruise mini golf challenge. Competition was tough and despite dubious scoring by some, we were pleased to announce Peter Gorog as the winner.

Golf carts seemed to be the transport of choice for the afternoon, with many of our cruisers renting them for a tour of Avalon. Any kind of golf cart racing is strictly forbidden so there certainly wasn't any of that!

Dinner that evening was at the beautiful Descanso Beach where we were treated to delicious food, great company, and stunning views.

Wednesday was moving day and we said goodbye to some of our participants and made our way to Two Harbors. As new cruisers joined us from the mainland, we spent the afternoon rafted up at *Madegan* enjoying some amazing margaritas supplied by Hail M Cocktails.

A real highlight of the cruise was the mix of new and old members, with some experiencing Catalina for the first time. At this point in the cruise new friendships were being made and existing bonds were becoming stronger, so it seemed appropriate to start Thursday off with a *pop* as we congregated ashore for a champagne brunch at the Banning House Villa Santa Cruz. A few bubbles, stunning views of both the Isthmus and Cat Harbor made for a great morning.

The weather for the entire week did not disappoint, so with warm water and

clear skies, the afternoon was spent swimming and dinghy cruising until it was time to head to shore for our luau party on the beach at Harbor Sands.

Friday was again moving day and we headed around the corner to Howland's Landing where we were graciously welcomed to the Family Cruise by Co-chairs Brandon and Susan Fernald. It was an amazing weekend with delicious buffalo milks ashore, treasure hunting for the kids, raft-up parties, snorkeling, and the traditional dance party on Saturday night with DJ Scott Jarema spinning the tunes. It was the perfect way to finish up an amazing cruise.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us; it was a very special time for me, Lara, Madeleine, and Morgan. I also want to recognize my in-laws, Bill and Sue Lundstrom, Mary Stuyvesant, and Derek and Kacey van den Bosch for all their help before and during the cruise. 🍀



Brunch at the Banning House Villa Santa Cruz.



Dave and Nancy Voss compete in the mini golf challenge.



Fleet Captain Anthony Agolia, Vice Commodore Monica Antola, Commodore Tim Clarke, Rear Commodore Christina Tarantola, and Port Captain Sue Service enjoy the luau party at Two Harbors.



Members enjoy the luau party in Two Harbors.

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What CYC Means to Me

By Vice Commodore MONICA ANTOLA



STEVE BERNIS

Member since 2015

I joined CYC in 2015 after moving my boat from Channel Islands Harbor to Marina del Rey.

For me, the Club was a way to meet people with a common interest, become part of a community, and get the most out of owning a boat. It's true when people say that boating is a lifestyle. However, that became much more apparent to me when I became part of CYC. I've made great friends and I have learned from many of them. I have become a better powerboater, and I've even been allowed on fellow members' sailboats, usually until I ask, "When we are going to be at full speed?", to which they respond, "We are at full speed."

I love the rivalry between sailors and powerboaters; it never gets old.

They say the two best days in a boater's life are the day they buy the boat and the day they sell it. I think the day I decided to join CYC was another good day.



THERESA TORRANCE

Member since 2011

Joining CYC opened up a whole new world for our family. My husband and I both grew up on the water on the East Coast, but it wasn't until we joined the Club in 2010 that we re-entered the boating world. We originally joined for the family activities and amenities at the Club, but a few years later we bought a boat and have enjoyed many of the well-organized CYC boating excursions.

In 2012 I joined Family Activities Committee and became a co-chair in 2017. Not only have I formed lasting relationships, but it has been a privilege to organize family fun events and be a part of forming enduring memories for our Club families.

CYC is a welcoming retreat, with a wonderful staff, and has been a respite away from our busy, hectic lives.



ANN TURNER

Member since 1996

A great thing happened to me 25 years ago. CYC membership enriched my life with new friends, adventures, and learning to be a race committee volunteer. The reason for joining the CYC family was that our son, Harrison, was a junior member. My husband, S/C Rick Turner (2015), and I became active in the CYC Junior Program. I began towing boats to regattas. I sailed a Sabot in Muddy Feet on Tuesday summer evenings in the adult class. What fun it was to be out in the Marina among the junior sailors and their parents.

That summer, I began to volunteer for Sunset Series race committee. It was my Wednesday get-out-of-the-office-by-4 p.m. goal. Before the automatic timing box came along, I was taught how to count down the racing sequence on my watch and signal using the propane cannon on the signal boat. I love to be on the water on Wednesday summer nights in Santa Monica Bay. This activity brings a smile every week.

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playhouse art

AVALON CRUISE

Celebrating Catalina - A Local Treasure
September 17-19
 Hosted by Todd Whitehouse and Lynne Parker

Weekend Schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
 Why not arrive early before the busy weekend begins?

5 p.m. - Raft up with Good Juju for grilled hot dogs and chips.

FRIDAY
 5:30 p.m. - Club-hosted dinner and drinks at Wrigley Memorial and Botanical Garden.

SATURDAY
 Enjoy no-host activities including hiking, Eco-Tours, golf cart and bicycle rentals, zip lining, and CYC golf outing.

SATURDAY EVENING
 Club-hosted dinner and drinks at the Catalina Island Conservancy - the Trailhead Building. Special guests will be Tony Budrovich, President and CEO of the Catalina Conservancy, and Deni Porej, Director of Conservation (formerly of WWF). Tony and Deni will share news of exciting initiatives coming up at the Catalina Conservancy.

SUNDAY: Cruise home

\$140 per person

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LET'S STAY CONNECTED-IT'S ROSTER UPDATE TIME



Don't miss out! We need current contact information for Club communications and to include you in our printed 2022 Membership Roster.

If any information in the 2021 Membership Roster has changed, please complete a Roster Update by **October 3**. Forms are available at the front desk and on the home page of our website, after logging in. Be sure to submit a Roster Update even if you revise your listing in the online Member Roster.

Any questions -- contact the Membership Department at 310-823-4567.

Summer fun isn't over yet!

FAMILY CAMPOUT

WITH OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT & PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 Hosted by the Family Activities Committee



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

6 p.m. Set up tents on the lawn.
\$25 per campsite. Spaces are limited.
 7 p.m. "Bend it Like Beckham" begins.

Complimentary s'mores by the fire.

All tent campers and boat campers welcome.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Family Pancake Breakfast
 8-9:30 a.m. - Pancake breakfast served, for overnight campers, on the pool patio.

\$10++ for Adults
 FREE for kids 12 and under, compliments of the Family Activities Committee.



BREAKFAST AND CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30
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The Epicurean Society

BY SUSAN FRENCH



Martin H. McCarthy Photography

Inspired by the success of the Epicurean dinners started by Charles Hathaway, his brother, Frank, and Robert Van Buskirk at the Los Angeles Athletic Club in 1962, the first Epicurean dinner was offered to members of CYC in 1964. From this dinner the CYC Epicurean Society was born and has continued to offer members opportunities to explore fine food and wines from a variety of cuisines and countries at elegant dinners.

For many years, membership in the Society was almost exclusively male. With the exception of female Commodores, who were members ex officio, women were invited to only one of the five annual dinners, the Sweethearts Dinner held in February. Beginning in the mid-1990s, as more women became CYC members in their own right, more women joined the Society. I joined CYC in 1997 and became an active member of the Society sometime before 2000 when I chaired my first Epicurean dinner.

More changes came to the Society in the aftermath of the great recession of 2008. As membership dropped, the number of formal dinners was reduced from five to three and dinners were

opened to all CYC members. Society membership was expanded to include couples and the requirement that members pay for dinners, even if they could not attend, was dropped.

Beginning in 2014, three new informal events, limited to Society members, were added to our annual calendar. Among other events, we have enjoyed tastings of caviar and grower

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Champagne, rum, beer, tequila with sangrita, clam chowders, and lots of different cheeses. We also have had sessions on pairing wine with food and making mozzarella. As the economy recovered and word about Epicurean events spread, Society membership grew rapidly and by 2016 our formal dinner events were selling out.

When I joined the Society, the late Stan Mullin was Chair. He was succeeded by Ron Howard in 1999,

who memorably entertained us in the Members Lounge after dinner with his piano playing. Ron was succeeded for a brief period by S/C Frank Gleberman until Frank's death in the summer of 2005. S/C Richard Hamlin succeeded Frank and served until he became Rear Commodore in 2014. I succeeded Richard and served through 2017, when I handed the reins to Fred Lanes. Peter Webster and Laura Greenburg took over in 2020 and managed to put on a fun Iron Horse sparkling wine and charcuterie event on Zoom during the pandemic. In addition to the general chair, the Society has usually had a sommelier. Ray Parcels held that post for several years, followed by Richard Hyman and then by Harlan Gibbs, who served through 2019.

Life almost returned to normal in May 2021 with an indoor, in-person dinner. Chef Fabio prepared a fabulous meal of high-end Mexican cuisine which followed cocktails presented by Mary Stuyvesant (Hail M Cocktails). The dinner was paired with wines from the excellent and oldest Mexican winery, Casa Madero. With most, if not all of our members fully vaccinated, we look forward to many more exciting Epicurean adventures in the future. ⚡

Pacific Cup Deepwater Series #3

Sunday, September 12



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Yachting PROGRAM

Meet some of CYC's
top women match racers.

CYC boasts a number of accomplished women racers and match racers. In fact, at the US Women's Match Race Championship held Aug. 20-22 at San Diego YC, CYC had members aboard four of the competing boats, three of which were skippered by CYC women.



Commodore
Tim Clarke

Join us for a panel discussion with these talented women hosted by Commodore Tim Clarke, who also races under the CYC burgee at national and international events.

**TIME | WEDNESDAY,
7 P.M. | SEPTEMBER 22**

Fireside Room, in person and via Zoom

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October 22-24

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

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Dinner on your own

Saturday:

Tour of the Athletic Club
Lunch and sights on your own

Saturday Evening:

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From the Manager



LINDSAY PIZARRO, CCM

J/70 Greatness, Lobster, Roster Update, A Round of Applause

J/70 World Championship Reflections

Although many of us missed the on-the-water action of our J/70 sailors this past month, on land it was refreshing and fun to see the clubhouse, patio, parking lot, and hoist full of buzz and activity. During the six days of practice and racing, our staff oversaw movement of participants and boats, prepared and served more than 1,600 meals, and poured off 20 kegs of beer. I am so grateful for the CYC team, and their care and dedication in servicing the 400-plus members, racers, and guests at the Club in August. Please join me in thanking Dockmaster Curtis Wagner and his crew, Daniel Collier, Pedro Gonzalez, Santos Herrera, Jorge Maravilla, and Juan Pacheco, for their hard work and long hours working through all the moving parts in support of the J/70 World Championship.

It was impressive to see more than 100 members jump into action during August (and for the past several years). Thank you for putting on a first-class regatta, making us all so proud to be part of CYC. Congratulations to Regatta Chair Marylyn Hoenemeyer and the Sail Committee for hosting an amazing regatta. A special thanks to volunteers Rear Commodore Christina Tarantola, S/C Tom O'Connor, S/C Uta Leslie, S/C Tom Leweck, S/C Bill Stump, Ray Campbell, Mary Stuyvesant, Jeff Janov, Peggy Powers, Suzanne Boone, Laurie Petersen, CYCWA, and the Bridge. We appreciate and thank you for creating a fun and safe event and for your hours of dedicated service.

Dining Room Offerings

It's lobster season! Join us for lobster dinner on Saturdays in September. The always-popular Seafood Buffet continues on Fridays and pasta and pizza buffets continue on Sundays. Do you know that children 10 and under eat free at the pasta and pizza buffet? Look for more information in *Zephyr*.

Roster Updates

It's time to review and update your roster information. If anything in the 2021 printed roster is no longer current, please

be sure to let us know. This includes changes in address, boat purchases or sales, or additions to your family. Information update forms are available at the front desk.

A Round of Applause

Please join me in congratulating longtime employee Rodolfo Torres, our July Star of the Month. During the reopening of food and beverage offerings, Rodolfo has helped tend bar, greet and seat members and guests, run food, take tables, and update the wine list. He has also assisted with inventory training for new hires, helped set up our point-of-sale system, and driven the markset boat when needed. Rodolfo has been an asset to the team at CYC for more than three decades and has touched the lives of so many of our members. Well done and well deserved, Rodolfo! 🍷





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Ellie Ortiz
CYC Member

SEPT SEPTEMBER 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS 2-6 Power Fleet Expedition Cruise to Santa Cruz 6 Labor Day BBQ 11 Power Fleet Dock Party 17-19 Avalon Cruise			1 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Bridge Club Sunset Series	2 Women's Paddle Tennis Mah Jongg Fleet Council Mtg. Book Mates Expedition Cruise to Santa Cruz	3 Seafood Buffet Power Fleet Expedition Cruise to Santa Cruz	4 Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Adult Learn to Sail Course #4 Expedition Cruise to Santa Cruz
5 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Knit or Knot Pickleball Evening Colors ends Expedition Cruise to Santa Cruz	6 Labor Day Holiday Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Club Closed Evening Pickleball Labor Day BBQ	7 Rosh Hashanah Club Closed Women's Paddle Tennis	8 Rosh Hashanah Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Art Aficionados Bridge Club Sunset Series ends	9 Women's Paddle Tennis Mah Jongg CYCWA Board Mtg. Jr. Comm. Mtg. Sail Comm. Mtg.	10	11 Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Power Fleet Dock Party
12 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Pickleball Bingo and Dinner Pacific Cup Deepwater Race #3	13 Club Closed Evening Pickleball	14 Club Closed Women's Paddle Tennis King of the Hill / Cruising Championship	15 Yom Kippur begins at sundown Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Bridge Club	16 Yom Kippur Women's Paddle Tennis Mah Jongg	17 Avalon Cruise Seafood Buffet	18 Pickleball Avalon Cruise Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis FAC Little's Event
19 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Avalon Cruise Knit or Knot Pickleball	20 Club Closed Evening Pickleball	21 Club Closed Women's Paddle Tennis	22 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Art Aficionados Bridge Club	23 Women's Paddle Tennis Mah Jongg Happy Hour Book Club Family Comm. Mtg.	24 Chef's Table Movie Mates Seafood Buffet	25 Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Mariners Education Learn to Fish
26 Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Fishing Tournament Pickleball	27 Club Closed Evening Pickleball	28 Club Closed Women's Paddle Tennis	29 Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Bridge Club Sunset Series Race Committee Appreciation Party	30 Women's Paddle Tennis Mah Jongg Bridge Mtg. New Member Mtg. Breeze Deadline	SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS 24 Chef's Table 25 Mariners Ed. - Learn to Fish 25-26 Sanguinetti Dinghy Regatta 26 Fishing Tournament	

SEP OCTOBER 2021

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS					1	Pickleball	2
2 FAC Outdoor Movie Night 20 Evening Yachting Program					Seafood Buffet	Mixed Doubles	
3 FAC Campout Pancake Breakfast 22-24 First Mates Cruise						Paddle Tennis	
8 Club 25 Dinner 24 Trunk or Treat							
17 Match Racing Challenge						FAC Outdoor Movie Night	
Shadden Series 3	Club Closed 4	Club Closed 5		Women's Paddle Tennis 7	8	Pickleball	9
Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis			Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis		Club 25 Dinner		
Knit or Knot	Evening Pickleball	Women's Paddle Tennis		Mah Jongg		Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis	
FAC Campout Pancake Breakfast			Bridge Club	Fleet Council Mtg.			
Pickleball				Book Mates			



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