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**OPENING DAY**



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# From the Commodore



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*Commodore Monica Antola*

**I**can't believe we are already into April with summer upon us and we continue to be very busy here at CYC!

On March 11, we had a rousing Club 25 Dinner spearheaded by Staff Commodores Bill Stump and Tom Leweck. The room was full of laughter and excitement with the stories of years gone by here at the Club.

The weekend continued the celebrations with Opening Day which was a day full of flags, music, cannon shots, blue blazers, and plenty of good things to eat and drink. At our Club, it's an all-day celebration of the good times in store for the coming yachting season. Members and invited guests were treated to an exciting day memorializing CYC's strong yachting traditions. Fleet Captain Sue Service and the CYC staff did an amazing job coordinating the pomp and circumstance of the day, which ended with Evening Colors accompanied by Los Angeles Fifes & Drums and a cannon shot to complete the day.

Opening Day signals that it's time to get ready for summer! It's time to tend to maintenance items aboard my boat, *Lucky Socks*, making sure I am at the ready for all the fun Club cruises. Cruise Chair Naomi Hochman has quite a fun calendar set for 2022. It also means it's time to start practicing with my Wednesday night racing team on Jim Murrell's Farr 30, *Huckleberry II*. We need to make sure we are in top form to go out there and race in Sunset Series Class B, which promises to be the most competitive fleet this summer. And, of course, don't forget to schedule in the dock parties! There are many amazing opportunities to meet new people at the Club so definitely plan on filling your summer schedule with all of the events.

On March 18, the Family Activities Committee opened the Millennial Time Capsule that was hanging in the Members Lounge. What a fun day filled with good food and drinks as well as comradery. Our younger attendees were treated to a treasure hunt and assisted all in attendance with the creation of a new capsule for a future generation to open.

We hosted a large group of Lasers and Laser Radials for the ILCA-NA Midwinters West Regatta March 25-27 with Marilyn Cassedy serving as regatta chair. This was a well-attended regatta with many phenomenal sailors as it was a qualifier for the 2022 Youth Sailing World Championships. Be sure to read all about the regatta in the May issue of the *Breeze*. CYC is known for the villages we assemble to run our world-class regattas, and this event was no exception.

One of my favorite events at CYC is the Sunset Series which will begin this month. Even if you are not a racer there are ways to get out on the water for this summer-long event. Be sure to get involved. I look forward to seeing you at the Club, on and around the water.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 6 – Sunset Series Seminar**

**April 10 – Harris Spring Regatta**

**April 13 to September 7 – Sunset Series races**

**April 16 – Passover Seder Dinner**  
(second night of Passover).

**April 17 – Easter Sunday brunch ☛**



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*S/C Charlie Kelley at Club 25*

Photo by Lana Farfan



*"That's Amore!" Epicurean Dinner*

Photo by EO Laura Greenburg



*SDYC Winter Women's Invitational*

Photo by Sara Proctor

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**FRONT COVER** The sun shines brightly on California YC as Port Captain Rory Mach declares the Club open for the 2022 yachting season.

Photo by Kevin Roznowski

**BACK COVER** The Bridge and 20 Staff Commodores congratulate CYC's 25- and 50-year members at the 33rd annual Club 25 Dinner.

Photo by Lana Farfan

# Happy Founding, CYC 100 Years and Counting

By Commodore MONICA ANTOLA

**F**ebruary 10, 1922 marked the founding of California Yacht Club, and Thursday, February 10, 2022 saw the Club alive and well during our Founding Day party held upstairs in the bar area. Honorary SEO Patty Hathaway, Honorary Commodore Steve Hathaway, and family were in attendance catching up with members at the event.

Celebrants were greeted with 100th anniversary pins, and French 75 cocktails which proved to be as popular today as they were 100 years ago. The Club hosted a tasty slider buffet



with special commemorative cookies for dessert. Over 100 guests came and went during the entertaining three-hour festivities.

Fueled by the joy of all being together again and hitting this historic milestone, members and guests enjoyed an evening highlighted by Fleet Captain Sue Service's challenging CYC trivia quiz. The lucky winners of a \$100 gift card were Alan Field and Dave Voss. Check your knowledge of CYC history by answering the questions on the next page.

On to the next 100 years of our beloved Club! 🚢



Trivia contest winners Dave Voss and Alan Field



Honorary SEO Patty Hathaway, Elliott and Elisa Olson, CYCWA Second Officer Carly Saltzman, S/C Steve Curran, Honorary Commodore Steve Hathaway, and S/C Roger Wilson



V/C Christina Tarantola, Jim and Karen Simon, and Lori Haythorn



*Members celebrate CYC's founding 100 years ago, and enjoy fun and friendship.*



# Test Your CYC Knowledge of CYC Trivia

Questions by Fleet Captain SUE SERVICE

## QUESTIONS



- Who was the first Commodore of CYC in 1922?
- What CYC Commodore arrived at their Opening Day celebration riding an elephant?
- What CYC Commodore has competed in the single-handed Transpac?
- What CYC Commodore was a past vice president of the Pacific Offshore Power Boat Racing Association?
- What aircraft pioneer served two terms as Commodore of CYC?
- The Columbia 50, *Gem*, won the 1968 California Cup Regatta. Who was her skipper?
- What CYC member has been named Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year four times?
- What two CYC members were part of Dennis Conner's crew on *Stars and Stripes* in the 1987 America's Cup in Freemantle, Australia?
- At what Olympics did Hal Haenel and Mark Reynolds win the gold medal in the Star Class?
- What CYC member has won the California Cup Regatta seven times?
- Name the CYC member who held over 50 world records in offshore powerboat racing.
- What CYC powerboater was the first woman to win the Herb Ritts Series in 1974?
- What Hollywood producer/director was on the 1938 advisory board of CYC and an active powerboat racer?
- Name the CYC members who set a record for mixed doubles rowing from Catalina to MdR, with a time of 4 hours, 43 minutes, 14 seconds.
- What CYC member has won the Senior Masters Singles at the Head of the Charles three times?
- On what holiday did the original clubhouse in Wilmington catch fire in 1929?
- In 1991 CYC hosted the Western Paddle Tennis Championship. How many players competed?
- In 1967 CYC moved into the current clubhouse. What were the monthly dues?
- What CYC member invented the swim fin?
- In 1934 Sunday dinner at CYC was a seven-course meal. How much did it cost?



## ANSWERS

- Otto Wildey
- Betta Mortarotti
- Dick Squire
- Uta Leslie
- Donald Douglas
- Charles Hathaway
- JJ Fetter (Isler)
- Bill Petersen and Peter Isler
- 1992 Barcelona
- Brack Duker
- Bob Nordskog
- Marilyn Ritchie
- Cecil B. DeMille
- Craig Leeds and Margie Cate
- Steve Hathaway
- Thanksgiving
- 17,200
- \$26
- Owen Churchill
- \$1 per person

# Competition Fund News

By LIZ HJORTH, Competition Fund Chair

**L**os Angeles has its championship teams with champion athletes: the Rams, the Dodgers, the Lakers, and the Kings, to name the biggest. But Los Angeles also has a championship yacht club with champion athletes: California Yacht Club. (Insert your favorite cheer here. Go Team CYC!)

The CYC Competition Fund was created to support our members striving to do well at the highest levels of competition (regional, national, and international events) while representing our Club and our members under the CYC burgee. In 1997, CYC's Fleet Officers Council approved the annual voluntary contribution from Club members that provides the sole source of funding for grants given to support CYC racers for their rowing or sailing campaigns.

Our CYC Competition Fund is guided by the objective of encouraging and preparing our competitors (adults, juniors, sailors, rowers, individuals, and teams) to achieve excellence in competition through dedicated practice and coaching.

Currently, the Competition Fund provides support for entry fees, charter fees, and coaching. While this is often only a small portion of an overall competitive campaign budget, these grants make a big difference to our CYC racers. Many of our CYC competitors appreciate the vote of confidence given by their fellow Club members in their quest to compete at the highest levels.

Any member who is interested in competing more successfully at regional, national, and international regattas, as well as at invitational championships may apply for a grant from the Competition Fund. 2022 Competition Fund Grant Request forms are available on the Club website. There is also a form on our website for CYC members to request use of the hard-bottom inflatable Competition Fund coach boat during on-the-water

coaching sessions. The coach boat has also been used for umpiring, judging, and as the photo boat for major regattas. With assistance from CYC Waterfront Director Eduardo Sylvestre, the Competition Fund plans to provide more coaching opportunities for our members through the use of the coach boat.

Despite the continuing pandemic, more regattas were held in 2021 than in 2020 and the Competition Fund was able to support CYC members and teams participating in the following events:

- International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Midwinters East
- U.S. Match Racing Championship Qualifier
- San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta
- ILCA National Championships
- U.S. Women's Match Race Championship
- California Dreamin' Match Race Series
- ILCA Midwinters West
- U.S. Youth Championship
- Lipton Cup Regatta
- Masters Regatta
- F18 Americas Championship Regatta
- Viper 640 Women's North Americans

Additionally, in June of 2021 the Competition Fund supported CYC's Advanced Match Race Seminar (classroom chalk talk and on-the-water drills) to supplement the Monday evening match race practices that were being held in the Club's Martin 242s in preparation for various match race championships.

Thank you very much to all the members who generously support the Competition Fund that helps our CYC athletes attain their goals. Go Team CYC! ⚡

## Join Friends at CYC's Passover Seder

By PIP BERNSTEIN, Passover Seder Co-chair

**D**on't want to cook for the second night of Passover? Join us at CYC instead on Saturday, April 16 at 6 p.m. The evening will start with a short Seder service (just 45 minutes, we promise!), and then enjoy Chef's delicious tri-color gefilte fish, authentic matzo ball soup, and some other traditional favorites such as brisket and potato kugel. Plus, you'll get to drink four glasses of wine and sing Passover songs with your friends. All are welcome regardless of age or religious affiliation. Kids 12 and under eat for free and we will have afikomen prizes for them, too.

Please RSVP to the front desk. Space is limited and this event has sold out in the past. ⚡



**Passover Seder**  
Second Night of Pesach  
**Saturday, April 16**  
6 p.m.

Adults \$75++ per person  
Children (12 and under) FREE

**PASSOVER SEDER AT CYC**

**Our inclusive, family friendly Seder is back. All are welcome!**

**Crafts for kids, music, singing, and Seder fun!**

**Secure your seats early!**  
Reservations close at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 10.  
For reservations, call 310-823-4567.  
72-hour cancellation policy in effect.



# Pickleball Takes Off at CYC

By LYNN COLVIN and ELLIE ORTIZ

**P**ickleball is on the upswing at California Yacht Club, with an increase in the number of players rotating through more than three courts on Saturday and Sunday mornings (9-11 a.m.) and Monday evenings (5-7 p.m.). What is it that makes this new sport so popular?

First, pickleball is easy to learn and builds on other sports and activities that you may already have played. It may remind you of tennis, badminton, table tennis, and/or paddle tennis. You can start playing within 15 minutes and continue to grow and pick up the rules, strategies, and skills as you play, because pickleball is fun!

I'm sure there have been times that you wish you had an easy-going activity that everyone could enjoy. In 1965, two dads named Joel Pritchard and Bill Bell arrived at Pritchard's home on Bainbridge Island, Washington, after a golf outing. They found that their families were bored with no way to pass the time. Pritchard started to hatch a plan to bring an end to the group's summertime woes.

Pritchard's property had an old badminton court so they started there with hopes of playing. However, they couldn't find enough rackets for a full game so instead, he improvised by using spare Ping-Pong paddles and a whiffle ball. With these bits and pieces lying around, a brand-new game was born. Today, you know it as pickleball.

As the weekend went on and time flew by, they enhanced their makeshift game further with their own set of rules. At first, the net was set at badminton's regulation height of 60", but the group found that the whiffle ball bounced well on their asphalt court so they lowered it down to 36." At this point,

there weren't many rules to their game so during the following weekend, Pritchard and Bell introduced their new creation to another family friend named Barney McCallum. From there, with heavy inspiration from badminton, the three dads created new rules with the sole purpose of family play and accessibility in mind.

Jim Ach, our inspirational pickleball leader and chair, shared that in 2011 a friend of his in Palm Desert invited him to learn pickleball at his club. Like most, Jim's reaction was, "What on earth is pickleball?" But Jim and his wife, Ann, gave it a try, and like many people were hooked. The game was starting to catch on in the desert, partially because there were a lot of aging tennis players who were enamored with the sport which requires the finesse and skill of tennis with less running.

Jim liked the game so much that he introduced it to CYC in 2012. At that time, CYC had the first pickleball players in western Los Angeles County (and maybe in all of L.A. County). Jim realized that a paddle tennis court could easily be converted to pickleball without affecting its use for paddle tennis. The Club bought some nets, balls, and paddles. They used a lot of masking tape for "kitchen" lines which could be discarded between sessions.

Pickleball has become very popular at the Club, and it's no surprise that it is the fastest growing sport in the nation, as reported in a February NPR story, because it is easy to play. It is fun, social, active, and provides a great form of exercise for everyone.

Come and join the CYC pickleballers! We welcome you. If you don't know about pickleball kitchens, come find out. 🏓



*Chris Cranner, Azin Bakhtiari, Michele Fisher, and Ellie Ortiz enjoy friendly yet fierce doubles pickleball.*



# Club 25 Kicks Off Opening Day Weekend

By S/C BILL STUMP

**A**fter 32 years of annual dinner gatherings honoring our 25-year members (and now our 50-year members as well), Club 25 hit the third-of-a-century mark just as CYC's centennial celebration got into full swing. The night before Opening Day, 86 loyal and venerable members enjoyed reacquainting with some old CYC friends, re-spinning a few tall tales, and enjoying the Club's warmth and hospitality.

After a very happy happy hour, with passed hors d'oeuvres and a busy bar, we settled in for an evening of introductions, welcoming speeches, presentations to honorees, and a rollicking recount of 1997 at CYC, as told by our Commodore from that year, Charlie Kelley. Ever the professor, Charlie reminded us that in our 100th year, looking back 25 years meant 1997 was CYC's 75th anniversary – another great celebration for our Club.

This night highlighted CYC's storied history and the members who made it so. S/C Terry Greene, 1975 Commodore and member since 1964, just shy of his own centennial, made the trip from his home in Virginia, accompanied by friends from Virginia YC, S/C Bill Throckmorton and Patricia. 1979 Commodore Doug Levi, member since 1967, also was there, as was 60-year member Don Stein.

Michael and Leanne Emerson represented the Class of 1972, our newest 50-year members. Commodore Monica Antola and General Manager Lindsay Pizarro presented them, along with S/Cs Greene and Levi, their 50-year pins. Class of 1997 attendees were SEO Gail Namerow and Rich, Daniel and Eileen Casal, David and Corrina Clare, and Craig and Sara Jane Underwood. They each received a packet of goodies, including a gift certificate to sponsor a new CYC member with no initiation fee.

Newly minted 50-year member S/C Richard Hamlin couldn't make it, but plenty of 50-years-plus members did: S/C Roger Wilson (1963); S/C Tom Leweck and Barbara (1966); Sigi Pepper (1967); Willie Hjorth (1968); S/C SEO Betta Mortarotti (1970); S/C Steve Curran and B.J. (1971); and, of course, Honorary Commodore Steve Hathaway and Stephanie (1961), and CYC's second-longest member, our dear Honorary SEO Patty Hathaway (1948).

Now there are over 250 members of Club 25, going all the way back to Frank Hathaway in 1946. All told, our Friday night crowd included 20 CYC Staff Commodores, covering 47 years of Club leadership. Also on hand were CYCWA EO Laura Greenburg and Jonathan, and six SEOs of our Women's Association.

Huge thanks to CYC management and staff for making sure so many of our long-time members felt welcome at this celebration. Join us next year for the 34th edition of CYC's Club 25 - same place, same time – Friday, March 10! 🍷



*25-year and 50-year members: Seated, Corrina Clare, Eileen Casal, S/C Terry Greene, Don Stein, Sara Jane Underwood; standing: David Clare, Daniel Casal, Michael Emerson, Rich Namerow, SEO Gail Namerow, Craig Underwood*



*S/C SEO Betta Mortarotti and S/C Doug Levi enjoy the festivities and reminisce about old times.*



*Commodore Monica Antola and GM Lindsay Pizarro present 1975 Cmmnd. Terry Greene with his 50-year pin.*



*S/C Bill Stump welcomes members to the Club 25 celebration in the packed main dining room.*

Photos by Lana Farfan



# Members and Memories

*Members are the lifeblood of our Club and have been the central force in our activities and success since CYC's founding 100 years ago. As we celebrate our centennial milestone, we'll highlight some memories in our collective history. This month, two Staff Commodores share some favorites involving activities for Junior sailors.*



By S/C DENNY HAYTHORN, 2000

**I**n the 1970s there were no large advanced sailing programs in the area for juniors to practice their skills. An idea had been percolating among S/C Robert Wilson (1976), S/C Steven Deskey (1977), and Junior Activities Chair S/C Steve Curran (1986) to provide an opportunity for junior sailors in the annual summer program to develop their racing skills and build a spirit within the group. In 1977, the three established the Catalina Advanced Racing Seminar.

Toward the end of the summer, the instructors would nominate 15-20 sailors for a week of sailing at the Club's Ballast Point Station. The juniors, with several instructors and invited coaches, would sail during the day, and sleep and eat on the deck of the Station. Several members would volunteer their time and boats for transportation to the island, then chaperone during the week. The racing boats were Lasers and CFJs while the instructors used the 13' whalers. All these boats were towed over and back.

The juniors practiced tactics of fleet and match racing with prizes for "Top Dawg" racing the lagoon match races. The day began with 0700 swim call followed by sailing, fishing, knee boarding, hiking, and ending with a camp fire and scary stories by the instructors. The tales of sailing and general fun would inspire next summer's juniors to aspire to be invited.



Photo courtesy of S/C Denny Haythorn

*Catalina Advanced Racing Seminar, 1994: (front row) Michael Flitterman, Matt Schuman, Ryan Benson; (second row) Gwen Garnett, Carrie Linskey, Jeff Pearson, Mia Edwards, Sam Haythorn, John Moore, Raoul Magana; (third row) S/C Bill Moore (C), Bart Schuman (C), Trevor Simms (I), Cinnamon Hampikian (I), Kevin Tominaga, Stacy Straw (I), Matt Addison, Andy Dalton, Rob Dean (I); (back row) Andy Garnett (I), Drew Stauffer (I), Steve Kelley (I), Jo-Anne Kelley (C), Derek Simms (I) Mac Cannady, S/C Charlie Kelley (C). Not pictured: John Diskant, Jim Linskey (C), Pam Schuman (C) (I = Instructor; C = Coach)*



By S/C RICK TURNER, 2015, and ANN

**I**n 1996 we joined CYC to get active in junior sailing with our son, Harrison. At that time, the junior sailing program was led by parent volunteers. We became friends with the other families that had junior sailors and our first official family photograph was taken on the clubhouse balcony. That December we enjoyed our first ride in the Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade on the *Owen Churchill* which was decorated with a "Juniorwood" sign.



*CYC's festive entry in the 1996 Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade*



Photos courtesy of S/C Rick Turner and Ann

*Ann, Harrison, and Rick are all smiles at CYC.*

# Four Martins = 4x the Fun

By JIM MURRELL, Keelboat Program Chair

**W**e have lots to report on the Keelboat Program. Reportedly the least expensive boat ownership and sailing program in the continental U.S., the program continues to offer CYC members the opportunity to get out on the water to enjoy sailing with family and friends for just \$50 per month added to your regular monthly statement. Keelboat Program members get 15 uses in a calendar year. Keep in mind that Club staff launches your boat ready for use when you show up to sail, and retrieves and stores the boat after you are done for the day. That's concierge service at its best.

The fleet has grown to four boats giving program members more capacity for weekday and weekend sailing. The program also



*Three of the Club's Martin 242s*

Photo by S/C Bill Stump

offers boats for Wednesday night Sunset Series racing. You can race in the Martin 242 one-design fleet on Wednesdays and in weekend regattas.

Waterfront Director Eduardo Sylvestre and Assistant Junior Program Director Hallie Muller have taken over scheduling duties for the program. They are striving for a more efficient reservation system. An automated option may be in our future. There will be a keelboat member happy hour meeting on April 16 to discuss process changes.

Enhance your CYC membership with the addition of yacht ownership via the Keelboat Program. As we head into the new season more details will follow about all these exciting activities. Do not hesitate to contact me for further details at [jimmurrell30@gmail.com](mailto:jimmurrell30@gmail.com). ⚓



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# SUNSET SERIES

**Seminar**  
Wednesday, April 6  
7 p.m.

**Racing Dates**  
Wednesday, April 13  
to  
Wednesday, September 7

**WOW / WAH (Celebrating women skippers)**  
May 4, June 1, July 6, and August 3

**End of Season Races**  
King of the Hill / Sunset Series  
Cruising Championship  
Wednesday, September 14

Stay connected!  
Sign up for the Sunset Series newsletter at  
[cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com).



## New Moon Cruise

Shoreline Yacht Club, Long Beach

April 1-3

Hosted by Mary Maguire on *Impetuous* and Anne Kechn



### CYC Cruise Activities

Friday - Welcome cocktail and gift at 4:30 p.m. on *Impetuous* at the guest dock. Enjoy dinner on your own at local restaurants!

Saturday - A day of leisure to enjoy Long Beach scenery, sounds, and bars. CYC-hosted dinner with live music and dancing under the stars at Shoreline Yacht Club at 6 p.m.

Sunday - Mingle and meander your way back home.

**\$110++ per person**

For reservations, please call 310-823-4567.

Slips are limited. First come, first served.

**Come by land or by sea!**

## Pacific Cup Deepwater Series



Join us for three afternoons of pursuit racing on Santa Monica Bay followed by food, drinks, trophies, and fun at beautiful CYC!

- #1 - Sunday, May 15
- #2 - Saturday, July 16
- #3 - Sunday, September 11

Open to all racers and cruisers

The May 15 race is ASMBYC High Point Race #3

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# CAL RACE WEEK

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# CYC Shines in Sunny San Diego, Wins SDYC Winter Women's Invitational

By MELIA GRASSKA

**C**YC brought home the gold from the SDYC Winter Women's Invitational. As defending champions, the pressure was on! But the team delivered yet another victory, making Cal the only yacht club to win this event since its inception in 2018. Our team was skippered by Simone Staff, with Beka Schiff and Melia Grasska as crew.

The regatta uses a round robin rotation and takes place right off the docks at San Diego YC in La Playa. Teams rotate boats after each race and the dock fills with lively spectators and high spirits. But don't be fooled by the pink flamingo windward and leeward marks – the competition is incredibly tight. Over 80 women compete on 24 teams from across North America, including New York, Hawaii, and Acapulco Yacht Clubs. Each of the 54 races has a four-team fleet start. Competitors rotate their J/22s after each of their races, creating a level playing field and a very fast-paced two days of racing.

San Diego delivered warm sunny weather with temperatures exceeding 85 degrees – a nice reprieve for the East Coast teams. Santa Ana winds funneled through La Playa and there was a steady breeze of 9-12 knots all weekend. The venue turned into a slalom course as moored boats proved to be additional obstacles for the fleet of J/22s. While some weekenders were there to soak up the sun, other vessels anchored near the race course to cheer on their favorite team and added to the overall high energy levels that this event is known for.

Our team proved to be fierce competitors with accurate starts, aggressive tactics, and precise boat handling skills. We placed first in six of nine races, and sailed smoothly into the gold round of the finals, only slightly behind Newport Harbor YC who held a slim lead.

"Our team was incredibly consistent this weekend," said Staff. "Our goal was to keep our head out of the boat during each race and reset when we did poorly.



*Team CYC (boat 5) hikes hard in their duel with Newport Harbor YC.*



*A joyful Team CYC hoists the trophy and a bottle of bubbly to celebrate their win.*

During the finals, we had two terrible starts, but by having that mindset, we were able to stay in the zone and work our way back through the fleet."

After falling behind early in the finals, the team made quite a comeback and became the obvious front-runner, leading the gold fleet by 2.5 points.

"The all-women aspect is incredible because even though each team is here to win, every single woman there is so supportive of every other team. These women push you to your limits as a sailor, while still being able to hit the dock and enjoy a few laughs," Staff added.

After the win, the team was greeted at the dock with a shower of champagne and they knew that they had secured yet another win for CYC. The team would like to thank the Club membership and the Challenge Fund for supporting women's sailing and this event. ⚓



# Women's Racing Clinic

By S/C BILL STUMP

**A**bout a year ago, as CYC was ramping up its member activities (hoping the pandemic was in our rear view mirror), a generous CYC member challenged our then-Commodore and several Staff Commodores to develop programs to increase member participation in three of our adult on-the-water pursuits: the Keelboat Program, rowing activities, and women's sailing, and provided funds to enable us to hold a Women's Racing Clinic and offer scholarship-supported beginning sailing and rowing instruction.

Led by our new Waterfront Director, Eduardo Sylvestre, we put together an all-day event, including morning chalk talk, boat handling instruction, on-the-water drills and short races, an enlightening debrief, and wrapped it with crew camaraderie over wine and snacks. Ten CYC women racers participated, sailing in three of the Club's Martin 242s and getting coaching from F/C Sue Service, Keelboat Program Chair Jim Murrell, and Assistant Junior Program Director Hallie Muller.

Brenna Vincent, CYC member since 2016, captured the spirit of our clinic:

"I found the Women's Racing Clinic to be incredibly rewarding. Not only did I have the opportunity to meet fellow female racers at the Club, also I was able to brush up on my racing skills after some time off the water. My coach, Jim, was fantastic! He was calm, helpful, and very willing to share his sailing knowledge with our crew.

"My biggest takeaway was Eduardo's lesson that you just have to keep getting out on the water and trying. Make the time and practice, practice, practice! That has inspired me to reach out to CYC boats looking for crew and to join the Women's Sailing Association to find more opportunities to race.

"We had a fantastic turnout, showcasing the eagerness of many of the Club's women to become more involved in the sport of sailboat racing. Also, we developed a shared sense of camaraderie that will continue well into the future! I would love for this concept to grow into having more racing clinics in the near future, maybe a multi-day event held over a Saturday and Sunday, or over consecutive weekends.

"Thank you so very much for organizing this wonderful event! Also, thank you to Eduardo for your amazing instruction - your passion for racing is contagious! And, endless thank yous to the incredibly generous CYC member who sponsored our Women's Racing Clinic!"

For a taste of Eduardo's coaching insights, look at his triangle of success pictured below. As he describes it, there are eight key skills you need to master to sail well and win races. Of course, boat speed tops the list, but the other pieces complete the puzzle. Stay tuned for our next seminar! ⚓



Ketchup, Mayo, and Mustard line up for starting practice.

Photo by S/C Debbie Feinerman



Spinnaker practice in close quarters

Photo by S/C Debbie Feinerman



Light air running – learning to keep the chute full

Photo by S/C Debbie Feinerman



Waterfront Director Eduardo Sylvestre shares insights from five-time Olympian Robert Sheidt on what makes a good sailor.

Photo by S/C Bill Stump

There are eight key skills you need to be strong to sail well and win sailing championships



Graphic courtesy of Eduardo Sylvestre



# 2022 SCYA Midwinter Regatta: Cool Weather and Hot Racing

By JUSTIN McJONES, Regatta Co-chair

Over Presidents Day weekend, February 19-20, 31 boats competed in four one-design classes in the 92nd annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta, hosted by CYC. We ran four races on Saturday and three on Sunday in some classic Santa Monica Bay sailing conditions. Chilly breezes ranged from 7 to 12 knots and the ocean went from smooth to choppy. No protests were filed, and starts were all clear until the last races for Martins and Stars, as the competition got hotter.

In the J/109 class, CYC member Jim Barber recruited a couple of boats from Long Beach to join the three from our marina. Their fleet of five boats was very happy to race one-design for a change, instead of the usual PHRF. *Fuzzy Logic* and *Raptor*, both from Long Beach, consistently led the fleet around the course and finished solidly in first and second place, respectively. Jim's boat, *Feleena*, led the Marina del Rey boats for third place.

The J/70s had eight boats and was definitely the most fun class to watch as they quickly showed some speed catching a swell or getting a nice puff of wind. *Minor Threat*, with CYC's Jeff Janov at the helm, finished solidly in first place, and Rich Festa's *Groundhog Day* garnered third-place honors.

The Martin 242 class brought out 11 Marina del Rey boats, with seven from CYC. Team Trolley Car won with a commanding 15-point lead over Brack Duker's *Velerito* in second place. But, only six points separated the third-through seventh-place boats – tight racing indeed. This is the kind of competition that makes the Martin 242 class so popular in Santa Monica Bay.

Finally, we had a good turnout of eight Stars for the weekend. These are really good-looking boats when sailing, and that rig has to be admired for how much sail area it can support with such a thin little spar. In fact, two masts failed on Saturday in light, choppy conditions. Both skippers replaced their rigs and were back out on Sunday. Doug



Jim Barber's *Feleena* (56242) splits tacks with his competition in the J/109 class.



Jeff Janov completes a tack in *Minor Threat* (490) with sons Jordan and Grant tending the jib sheets.

Photos by Lisa Brontti





*Rich Festa's Groundhog Day (305) shows some style in the J/70 class.*



*Team Trolley Car (23) leads the Martin 242 class to the finish line.*



*Denise George steers All In (307) to a fine start in the Martin 242 class.*

Smith and Brian O'Mahony of St. Francis YC wound up in first place while Eric Doyle and Payson Infelise of San Diego YC finished second. The Doyle/Infelise team was leading on Saturday, but their spar failure in race four allowed the Smith/O'Mahony team to take over first and win the regatta. Doug and Brian also were awarded the Frank Borzage Perpetual Trophy for the Star class.

This year my wife, Madeleine, and I co-chaired the regatta. We want to thank the many volunteers who helped put this regatta together and made things run so smoothly. Our Principal Race Officer, Port Captain Rory Mach, kept things moving on the water, and Sail Committee Chair Miriam Moses stepped in to help staff our team on the *Charles Hathaway*. We were able to include several new race committee volunteers on the signal boat and markset boats each day. They had fun and plan to volunteer again in the future. Thanks also to our Club hospitality team for having things organized and ready with good hot food and refreshing cold drinks each afternoon. ⚓



*Brack Duker and crew on his Martin 242, Velerito (97228), steady the boat in building swells.*



*Skipper Alejandro Bugacov (8268) and CYC Junior Program Coach Thomas Sylvestre capitalize on their local knowledge.*

Photos by Lisa Brontit



# Catch the Winning Duck!

By S/C RICK TURNER, Regatta Chair

**T**he Harken #1 Optimist Spring Regatta was conducted February 26-27. Forty-nine Optimist sailors signed up to compete in two fleets. The Championship Fleet raced on Santa Monica Bay while the Green Fleet sailed in the channel in front of the CYC clubhouse.

The Green Fleet is unscored and is intended for less experienced sailors. The highlight for this young group was a “Rubber Duck” race. During this race, each sailor had to pick up one of the rubber ducks that was in the water. The sailor who picked up the rubber duck with the lucky number written on it won a 55-piece bag of candy which they shared with their fellow sailors in the Corinthian spirit. There were 18 Green Fleet sailors.

The Championship Fleet faced shifty wind conditions on Saturday and was able to complete only two races. The sailors fared better on Sunday with four races completed for a total of six races for the regatta. The Championship Fleet is divided into White Fleet (under 10 years old), Blue Fleet (11-12 years old), and Red Fleet (13-15 years old). The Championship Fleet first overall award went to Miles Gordon of CYC with eight points (1, 3 (throw out), 1, 1, 2, 3). Miles was also the top finisher in Blue Fleet. Jackson Rushing finished second overall and first place in Red Fleet with 13 points. Other top-10 finishers from CYC were Lexie Bugacov (sixth overall and fourth in Blue Fleet), Katlia Sherman (seventh overall and third in Red Fleet), and Joshua Wenokur and Luisa Neuman earned first and second place, respectively, in White Fleet. Congratulations to all the sailors.



Photo by Lisa Brontt

*Green Fleet sailors race to capture the ducks.*



Photo by Ann Turner

*Race Committee for the Championship Fleet included Ann Turner, S/C Rick Turner, Serra Aladag, Julie Warnock and Janet Davis.*

To commemorate the regatta, each sailor was given a CYC 100th anniversary regatta T-shirt at registration. In addition, there were numerous first-time race committee volunteers to help on the race courses. It was loads of fun for all. ♣

*Optimists head downwind past the CYC clubhouse*







*Lexi Bugacov sails past the signal boat on her way to the weather mark.*



*Jackson Rushing sails downwind on Santa Monica Bay.*



*Miles Gordon crosses the finish line of race one in first place.*



*Joshua Wenokur (#23153) tries to pass Kousei Hatter (#11055) on approach to the finish line.*



*Julian Gerber flattens his Opti coming out of a tack.*

Photos by Lisa Bronitt





# Opening Day: Celebrate the Past, Create the Future

By Fleet Captain SUE SERVICE

**C**alifornia Yacht Club was founded in 1922 during the Jazz Age, and when Prohibition was in full swing. Dues were \$4 a month. Also that year, construction began on the original Yankee Stadium, the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. was dedicated, and the Hollywood Bowl opened.

Fast forward 100 years and we're still going to the Bowl and visiting the Lincoln Memorial, but the Yankees play in a new stadium. Thankfully, Prohibition was repealed. While our dues have increased, CYC is still a flagship yacht club in Southern California. On March 12, at our Opening Day, we celebrated this legacy and looked forward to a bright future under the leadership of Commodore Monica Antola.

The day started with skippers busily dressing ship. In a random draw, Port Captain Rory Mach awarded the "best dressed" prize to SEO Norma and Bob Pratt's *L'esprit*. Friends gathered on boats and in the parking lot for morning greetings and breakfast treats. Live '20s-era jazz music from the Holy Crow Jazz Band entertained guests on the Fireside Patio while flappers from The Hollywood It Girls gave demonstrations of the Charleston and other popular dances of the decade.

Promptly at 1130 hours the crowd took their places for the Opening Day ceremony. Junior Staff Commodore Tim Clarke opened the proceedings with the Presentation of the Colors by the Marine Corps and singing of the National Anthem by Dana Benedict. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Junior Commodore Preston Zeigler, the Invocation given by S/C Bill Watkins, the raising of the American Flag by the USCG Auxiliary, and the ringing of Eight Bells for those we lost in the last year.

In his farewell comments, Jr. S/C Clarke reflected on the challenges of keeping our community alive and healthy during a pandemic. Looking forward, Commodore Antola reminded us of the storied history of our Club, as well as the many events we have to look forward to this year.

Commodore Antola then introduced the 2022 Bridge and Fleet Officers, Staff Commodores, Junior Bridge, Women's Association Officers and Staff Executive Officers, and CYC management. Vice Commodore Christina Tarantola followed at the podium to introduce dignitaries and visiting guests. This year, unlike previous Opening Days, we limited our

invitation list to a few key yacht clubs and special dignitaries, with an eye to giving everyone a chance to spread out and safely enjoy the festivities. Once introductions were complete, S/C Bill Stump presented CYC awards and ASMBYC awards. Southern California Yachting Association Commodore Anne Eubanks presented SCYA awards and Yacht Racing Union of Southern California Commodore Pam Northcott presented YRUSC awards.

We were then finally ready to commission the Club for the 2022 yachting season. Fleet Captain Sue Service reported that the harbor was free of ice, P/C Mach raised the burgee, Master at Arms Scott Jarema fired the cannon, and P/C Mach announced that California Yacht Club is in commission for the 2022 season.



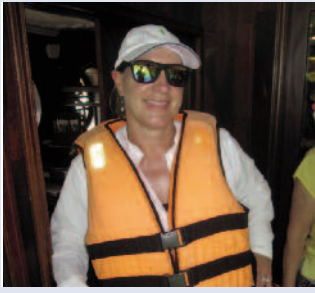
*Jr. S/C Tim Clarke addresses the crowd during the Opening Day ceremony.*

Members and guests then were treated to a sumptuous buffet of hot and cold dishes while being amused and delighted by more from the Holy Crows and It Girls. As lunch finished, we switched gears to the '60s, the decade in which the current clubhouse was built. A tie-dye booth helped young artists create

groovy shirts, and young and old alike tried their hand at lawn-sized games of Twister. We closed the festivities with the L.A. Fifes & Drums and Evening Colors, complete with a cannon shot Sunset Salute.

A day like Opening Day is a success only because of the many, many members and staff who make it possible. Special thanks go to General Manager Lindsay Pizarro, Member Services and Merchandising Representative Gloria Crawley, Lead Member Services Representative Clarence Williams, Director of Membership and Marketing Lauren Baker, Director of Food and Beverage Adam Spicer, Director of Catering Miki Mootsey, Chef Fabio Montijo and his team, Banquet Manager Luis Estrada and the entire banquet staff, and Waterfront Director Eduardo Sylvestre and Dockmaster Chase Young and their staff. Many thanks also to Commodore Monica Antola, Vice Commodore Christina Tarantola, Rear Commodore Anthony Agoglia, Fleet Captain Sue Service, Port Captain Rory Mach, Jr. S/C Tim Clarke, S/C Bill Watkins, and S/C Bill Stump. Other members who also deserve special thanks are CYC Hospitality Chair Naomi Hochman and her team of CYCWA greeters, Jr. SEO Connie Webster and her check-in team of SEOs, S/C Uta Leslie, and Tawni Schutter. ♣





**V/C Christina Tarantola received the SCYA Sportsmanship Trophy** for her significant contributions of time and leadership to ASMBYC, the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay, and California Yacht Club.



Photo by Kevin Roznowski

**Scott Jarema was honored with the SCYA Maritime Order of the Golden Key Award** in recognition of his outstanding multi-year service to yachting communications and the boating community as an amateur radio operator. Scott has served for more than 10 years as vice chair of the CYC Radio Amateur Group, and co-founded of the group's annual Field Day.



**Roy P. Disney, YRUSC Yachtsman Excellence –** In 2021, owner/skipper Roy totally obliterated three major offshore race records at the helm of *Pyewacket 70* – an unparalleled racing achievement.

**C**alifornia Yacht Club has an impressive group of members who were honored in 2021 by our Club, the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs, the Southern California Yachting Association, and the Yacht Racing Union of Southern California. CYC and ASMBYC honorees were showcased in the February Breeze, while those recognized by SCYA and YRUSC are highlighted below. Congratulations to the following members for their on-the-water achievements or service to the sport of sailing, all of whom were acknowledged at Opening Day.

#### Award Winners and Honorees:

CYC Hal H. Haenel Yachtsman of the Year	Peter Isler
CYC Yacht of the Year	<i>Pyewacket 70</i> , Roy P. Disney
CYC Michael F. Braney Sportsmanship Award	Paula Cameron
CYC Charles F. Hathaway Long Distance Cruising Trophy	S/C Dick Squire
CYC Signal Service Award	Paula Cameron
CYCWA Woman of the Year	Michele Fisher
CYCWA Fleet Service Award	Marylyn Hoenemeyer
ASMBYC Sportsman of the Year	V/C Christina Tarantola
ASMBYC Competitive Yachting Achievement Award	Roy P. Disney
ASMBYC Junior Yachtsman	Jordan Janov and Grant Janov
ASMBYC Junior Sportsman	Ted Sherman
ASMBYC Diane Armstrong Trophy	Katharine Doble
SCYA Maritime Order of the Golden Key Award	Scott Jarema
SCYA Sportsmanship Trophy	V/C Christina Tarantola
YRUSC Yachtsman Excellence Award	Roy P. Disney
YRUSC Yachtswoman Excellence Award	Katharine Doble
YRUSC Youth Excellence Award	Jordan Janov
YRUSC Yachting Service Excellence Award	S/C David Collins



Photo by Kevin Roznowski

**Katharine Doble, YRUSC Yachtswoman Excellence –** High school senior Katharine, singled out for her excellence in the ILCA 6 Class (Laser Radial), competes at the highest level while exhibiting exceptional fairness and acting as a role model for developing female sailors.



Photo by Willie McBride

#### **Jordan Janov, YRUSC Youth Excellence –**

Jordan has grown up sailing, starting in Optis and then progressing to double-handed sailing in the 29er and now 49er FX. With Jordan as skipper and brother Grant as crew, the team enjoyed success in the 29er before moving to the 49er FX. Jordan has made competitive sailing his passion, with the goal of qualifying with Grant for the 2028 Olympic Games in the 49er class.



Photo by Kevin Roznowski

#### **S/C David Collins, YRUSC Yachting Service Excellence –**

David has been an active participant in hundreds of regattas – as an umpire, judge, and race officer. He has served as PRO in numerous area regattas, including CYC's Sunset Series since 1995. His work on protest juries has taken him to regattas from San Francisco to San Diego and he has umpired many events in Southern California.



# Opening Day



*The 2022 Bridge salutes the colors.*



*CYC Staff Commodores offer a snappy salute.*



*Jr. S/C Tim Clarke presents his wife Lara and daughters Morgan and Madeleine with flowers and gifts to thank them for their support during his Commodore year.*



*Katharine Schroeder shows us how easy cornhole can be.*



*The CYCWA Executive board is all smiles after the formal proceedings. Second Officer Carly Saltzman, First Officer Berry Wilkinson, Executive Officer Laura Greenburg, Jr. Staff Executive Officer Connie Webster, and Secretary Penny Collins*

Photos by Kevin Roznowski





*Honorary SEO Patty Hathaway shares stories of her late husband, Charles, and his rowing dory Fritz, with the Hollywood It Girls dance team.*



*The 2022 Bridge arrived in style in this 1952 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith Touring Limousine.*



*"Fire in the hole!"*



*Fleet Budget Officer Hunter Gorog, Commodore Monica Antola, Fleet Secretary Drew Baldwin, and Master at Arms Scott Jarema are ready to celebrate the start of the yachting season.*



*Steve and Miriam Moses display true Opening Day spirit as they dress Wombat in signal flags.*  
Photo by Julia Dawson



*The CYC Junior Bridge and the CYCWA Executive Board enjoy our in-person ceremony.*





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# Opening Day



*Club members were greeted with 1920s jazz-era music from the Holy Crow Jazz Band.*



*The 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines enjoy some downtime with the Hollywood It Girls dance team.*



*Award recipients: Scott Jarema, Grant Janov, Jordan Janov, Ted Sherman, Michele Fisher, S/C David Collins, Vice Commodore Christina Tarantola, Katharine Doble, and S/C Dick Squire*



*Bill Tan and Honorary Commodore Steve Hathaway pose for a selfie.*



*In keeping with the '60s theme, tie-dye artists help youngsters make some groovy threads.*



*Jr. Commodore Preston Zeigler supervises a spirited game of Twister.*



*Director of Food and Beverage Adam Spicer serves drinks from the stern of the Charles Hathaway. Word has it the coconuts were incredible.*

photos by Kevin Roznowski



# February's Annual Evening Celebrating Love

By **PETER WEBSTER**  
Epicurean Society Co-chair

**T**hat's Amore! was the wonderful theme for our February 15 Epicurean dinner chaired by Commodore Monica Antola. This was our traditional first-of-the-season affair, formerly the Sweethearts Dinner, now called an Evening Celebrating Love. Fifty attendees enjoyed an Italian-themed six-course dinner with wine pairings. Monica expertly guided us through each course and our new sommelier, longtime member Susan French, explained each of the six Italian wines. One of the special aspects of every Epicurean event is the informative commentary on the food and wine offered during the evening—members enjoy a bit of education along with a spectacular dinner.

Honorary Commodore Steve Hathaway gave a short presentation on the history of our Epicurean Society, which began in 1964. It is thought to be the oldest society of its kind at a yacht club in this country. Steve also treated us to pictures and menus of Epicurean events held over the years, adding to our ongoing celebration of CYC's 100-year anniversary.

The menu included passed appetizers of gorgonzola-stuffed dates and wagyu beef crostini which were enjoyed as we gathered together while sipping a bubbly spumante. When seated, we started with a first course of ahi tuna and asparagus with quail egg. Then came a pappardelle pasta with porcini crema, followed by a lovely truffle filet mignon served with broccoli rabe and a special risotto. A plate of three gourmet Italian cheeses served as a prelude to a Tuscan apple cake with an orange olive oil balsamic reduction and vanilla gelato. Wines served ranged from a Roero Arneis followed by a Vermentino, a Barbera, a Dolcetto d'Alba to the grand finale of a stunning Chianti Classico Vin Santo. Chef Fabio Montijo, General Manager Lindsay Pizarro, and the Club's excellent staff were shining stars on this epic Tuesday evening at CYC.

Epicurean Society membership is open to all CYC members. To join, contact Gloria Crawley in the front office. There is a small initiation fee, but no ongoing dues and no requirement to attend society dinners. Dinners are open to all Club members, as space allows. Epicurean Society members have preference at all Society events.

The Epicurean Society puts on three formal dinners each year and several informal events. The next formal dinner will be on May 10. Themes for all events come from Club members as they share their love for food and wine. Contact Society Co-chairs Peter Webster, [pwebster3301@gmail.com](mailto:pwebster3301@gmail.com), and Laura Greenburg, [lkgreenburg@outlook.com](mailto:lkgreenburg@outlook.com), for more information. ⚓



Photo by Tait McCarthy

*Commodore Monica Antola and dinner guests raise a glass to Chef Fabio and team for a memorable and delicious feast.*



Photo by EO Laura Greenburg

*Christine Ciotti (far right), and friend Gabrielle Schari (far left), flank new Epicurean Society members David and Stephanie Stern.*



Photo by Scott Groneman

*EO Laura Greenburg, Stephanie Stern, SEO Sharon Stewart, Debi Luftman, Stephanie Hathaway, Pip Bernstein, and Delcey Cudney raise a celebratory glass to "Amore!"*



Photo by EO Laura Greenburg

*Truffle filet mignon with broccoli rabe and heart-shaped risotto was a highlight of the festive evening.*



Photo by Jonathan Greenburg

*Epicurean Society Co-chair EO Laura Greenburg, Epicurean Society Co-chair Peter Webster, and dinner chair Commodore Monica Antola are all smiles at the Evening Celebrating Love.*



# CYC Rowers Sprint to Successful Spring Regatta

By SARAH HEALY, Rowing Coach



**C**YC Junior Rowing kicked off the spring racing season in Long Beach at the Presidents Day Regatta on February 19. The racing format was sprint style side-by-side racing with seven boats across over 1500 meters. Thirty-eight CYC athletes competed in 24 races over four boat classes

(coxed quad, quad, double, and single) and won a combined 49 medals including 25 gold. It was a great start to the season and we will build on this momentum in preparation for later season racing including the Southwest Youth Championships in May and the Youth National Championships in June.

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Opti race and double-handed race teams will be offered as well.

### Schedule

Levels 1 and 2: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Opti and Double-Handed Race

Teams: 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Session 1: June 13 - June 24

Session 2: June 27 - July 8

Session 3: July 11 - July 22

Session 4: July 25 - Aug. 5

Session 5: Aug. 8 - Aug. 19



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# "Cloud Cuckoo Land," a Complex and Fascinating Novel

By SUSAN FRENCH, Happy Hour Book Club Chair

**A**t its February meeting, Hank Toles led the Happy Hour Book Club in a discussion of Anthony Doerr's 2021 historical novel, "Cloud Cuckoo Land." A master storyteller, Doerr interweaves and ultimately connects stories from the 15th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd centuries using an ancient Greek tale of a poor shepherd who seeks the paradise of Cloud Cuckoo Land. The old Greek tale, which is loosely based on Aristophanes' "The Birds" (414 BC), is written in a codex bound in goat skin, found in 15th century Constantinople, that ultimately makes its way to the Vatican library, where it is rediscovered in the 20th century, and translated by Zeno, one of the main characters.

The old Greek tale is used in each of these stories to entertain the children and ease the suffering of the sick.

The idea of a cloud cuckoo land, where everything is perfect, drives some of the characters to drastic action, like signing on to a multi-generation space odyssey, but in the end,

perfection doesn't satisfy and they return to the human world of beauty and ugliness.

In this sprawling work Doerr touches on themes that include the importance of libraries and literary works, the destruction of the environment, the soullessness of technology, the destructiveness of grinding poverty, the lack of mental health care, and vulnerability to cults. Despite its darkness, the book offers hope as the characters find love, redeeming work, and reconnection to nature.

Happy Hour Book Club meets at 5 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month, except during the Sunset Series, when meetings shift to Thursdays. It does not meet in some summer months or in December. To join, contact Susan French, [french@law.ucla.edu](mailto:french@law.ucla.edu).

Our book for March was "The Code Breaker" by Walter Isaacson, which was moderated by Cheryl Mahaffey. The April

book is "Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President," by Candice Millard. Tom Rowe will be the moderator. ♡

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## CYC Burgee Travels



**Tawni Schutter** and her cousin stop for a quick burgee photo on a magical morning of hot air ballooning over Winthrop Valley, Washington, during her mom's celebratory birthday weekend.

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

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## Movie Mates The Eyes of Tammy Faye

Friday, April 15  
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For more information, email Sarah White at  
[mwhite4657@gmail.com](mailto:mwhite4657@gmail.com).



# "The Lincoln Highway," A Novel by Amor Towles

By MARIE HEDLUND, Book Mates Co-chair

**B**ook Mates had a great meeting when discussing its February book, Amor Towles' "The Lincoln Highway." It was a small but enthusiastic group, and everyone participated. All were happy to have an in-person meeting rather than Zoom. The luncheon was a lovely chef-special green salad, individually served, with a winning assortment of scones and the strawberry jam that featured so prominently in the book.

The book was a pleasure to read. Amor Towles, who also wrote "A Gentleman in Moscow," has many fans at CYC. The story is set primarily in 1950s Indiana farm country. In the opening pages we meet Emmett, an 18-year-old boy-man who was just released from a "juvie" work camp.

Emmett's plate clearly is full. His mother deserted the family years ago. His father died during Emmett's absence, and now Emmett is the sole guardian of his precocious six-year-old brother, Billy. Who was there to greet Emmett upon his return to the family farm? Why it's the banker, Mr. Obermeyer, who has just foreclosed on the property. Emmett and Billy have just days to move. Where? And with what? Certainly, they have no money.

What's next? As if on cue, Emmett's two best pals from juvie, Duchess and Woolly, show up unexpectedly. How were they released from custody so early? By hiding in the sheriff's car trunk, unknown to all, and hitching a ride to Emmett's farm.

Was Emmett surprised? Absolutely. Was he pleased to see them? Not at all.

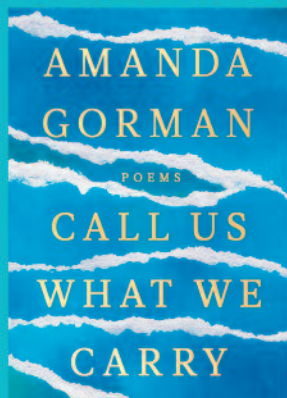
Thus, our story opens. From a farm in Indiana, the trio, plus Billy, heads east to New York City along the Lincoln Highway, cruising in Emmett's baby blue Studebaker. Or hopping a freight, hobo-style. From one calamity to another this well-intentioned trio, plus Billy, bumbles its way down the road and into our hearts. They didn't mean to steal the money but just borrow it for a while. Likewise, the car. They didn't mean to steal it from their friend. They just forgot to ask! And throwing the preacher off the train? Well, in a way, that was a mishap, too.

The story has its hilarious moments, but the quiet times are also good. There's a lot to be gleaned from the work of this polished tale teller, Amor Towles. Overall, the response to the book was very positive and we would like to read more from Towles soon.

Our book for March was "The Huntress," by Kate Quinn, with Connie Webster moderating. In April it's "Call Us What We Carry," an anthology of poems by Amanda Gorman, bestselling author and presidential inaugural poet. The collection contains only seven poems. Please choose one that means something to you.

Hope to see you soon. ♣

## BOOK MATES



THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Luncheon: 11:45 a.m.

To learn more, contact:

Hank Toles at [hmt@toles.org](mailto:hmt@toles.org)

Marie Hedlund at [mohedlund@ca.rr.com](mailto:mohedlund@ca.rr.com)

For reservations, please call 310-823-4567.

Cost: \$18++

## Happy Hour Book Club Destiny of the Republic by

Candice Millard

Thursday, April 21

5 p.m.

Fireside Room



Zoom link available

\$10 inclusive

Moderator: Tom Rowe

To join the Happy Hour Book Club, contact  
Susan French at [french@law.ucla.edu](mailto:french@law.ucla.edu).



# CYCWA Trip to Academy Museum of Motion Pictures

By CYCWA First Officer BERRY WILKINSON

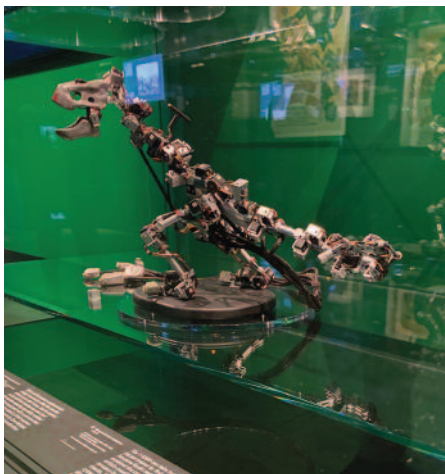
**O**n January 21, 30 members and guests convened at the recently opened Academy Museum of Motion Pictures located in the former May Company building, repurposed by renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano, on the LACMA campus. Surprisingly perhaps, the museum was uncrowded, and we were admitted efficiently and on time.

The director and president of the museum came from the Sundance Institute and is committed to making the exhibits diverse and dynamic. The core exhibit, Stories of Cinema, occupies three of the four floors and is designed to



*Extraterrestrial Headpiece, "Alien" (1979)*

world but to make us realize the yearning in our hearts." The exhibition is entered by walking through a tunnel of green trees from his 1988 film, "My Neighbor Totoro." It explores all his mesmerizing, animated features, and showcases his themes and concerns, with more than 300 objects including original imageboards, character designs, and storyboards. The brilliant Pixar 3D zoetrope, featuring 214 maquettes that bring the "Toy Story" characters to life, is on display nearby and was inspired by Miyazaki's technologically



*Tyrannosaurus Rex input device, "Jurassic Park" (1993)*



*Arnold Schwarzenegger, "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)*



*Mechanical Puppet, "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" (1982), encountering human*

rotate different stories in and out over time. Exhibits include the art and science of movie making, the history of cinema, technical innovations, visual effects, sound, costume design, hair and makeup, cinematography, editing, screenwriting, and favorite characters from movies, providing an engrossing experience for everyone, and plenty of reasons for a return visit.

The inaugural temporary exhibit is a retrospective of two-time Academy Award-winning artist and filmmaker, Hayao Miyazaki, whose work embodies his belief that "films have the power not only to salve our discontent with the



*Replacement heads, faces, and mouths, "Nightmare before Christmas" (1993)*

advanced three-dimensional models used for "Totoro."

Academy Award-winning Spanish writer-director Pedro Almodóvar, known for his provocative films and irreverent humor, doesn't disappoint with the short films he created specifically for the museum. Each of the 12 huge screens on display features a four- or five-minute distillation of a theme or scene from his body of work.

The Dolby Family Terrace, situated beneath a stunning dome made of 1,500 glass panels,





Elsa, "Frozen" (2010)



Wicked Witch of the West,  
"The Wizard of Oz" (1939)



R2-D2, "Star Wars" (1977)



Pixar's "Toy Story" 3D zoetrope

provides a perfect spot for photos with spectacular views of the Hollywood Hills and the city.

Before leaving, many in our group enjoyed an excellent lunch on the outdoor patio and in the curved red booths at the on-site art deco-style restaurant, Fanny's, named after Fanny Brice, the legendary vaudeville and movie star portrayed by Barbra Streisand in "Funny Girl" (1968).

Fundraising for the museum started in 2012 and thanks to the support of Bob Iger, Annette Bening, and Tom Hanks, it finally opened on September 30, 2021. Our group was appreciative to have visited these galleries and exhibitions that are unique to Los Angeles. ♣

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## STORAGE AND BOATYARD AREA CLEANUP

### All items must be registered or reregistered Unregistered Items Will Be Removed

A recent audit of our storage areas and boatyard revealed many unregistered and abandoned items. We are asking all members with storage lockers, stored dinghies, small crafts, Sabots, kayaks, Optimists, paddleboards, masts, spinnaker poles, battens, and Lasers, or any other items, to come to the Dock Office to sign a new agreement for 2022. If you have a signed lease agreement, you must reregister as we may reassign the location of your property. If you do not currently have a signed lease agreement, you must sign an agreement to store your property.

**Any items not registered with Dock Office by May 30, 2022 will be confiscated and discarded, or considered donated for Jr. Sailing and Rowing Program use.** Additionally, any small craft currently registered will be reassigned, relocated, or consolidated on one rack. Email [eduardo.sylvestre@calyachtclub.net](mailto:eduardo.sylvestre@calyachtclub.net) or stop by the Dock Office to sign a new agreement to ensure your property is in the correct location.

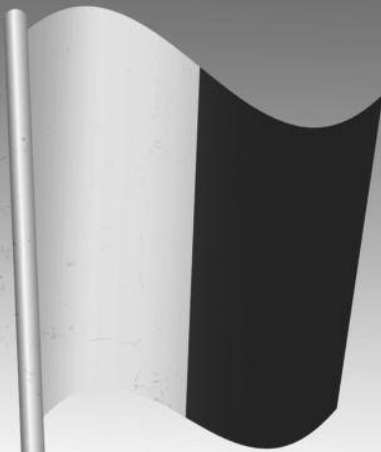
If you have assets in this storage area, or want to make sure you are properly registered and being billed correctly, please visit the Dock Office and speak with Dockmaster Chase Young or me, so we may further assist you and answer any questions or concerns. We look forward to providing a cleaner, organized, and more efficient storage area.

Eduardo Sylvestre, Waterfront Director ⚓

### LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

When a Flag Officer sits down in the dining room, CYC staff places the corresponding flag of office on their table.

This yacht club tradition helps you identify which Flag Officers are present when you arrive. International marine signal flags are used by ships at sea to spell out short messages. The code flag K (Kilo) means, "I wish to communicate with you."



The dining room now has Kilo flags for members who would like to invite others to join them; just ask your server for one.

Next time you're in the dining room and see a Kilo flag flying, know that it's an invitation to stop by and say hello.

### In Memoriam



**Marnalea Chacon,**  
spouse of Mike Chacon,  
*CYC Member since 2010*

**Judith Wilson,**  
spouse of S/C Roger Wilson,  
*CYC Member since 1963*



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Ellie Ortiz  
CYC Member



# On-the-Water Photo Contest Winner

New member **Susan Robertson** was looking to take beautiful pictures of our surroundings as a way to lift people's spirits during the pandemic. This striking photo was taken with her back to the channel while enjoying a walk on a perfect Southern California day. Congratulations, Susan, for winning a bottle of fine wine selected by Director of Food and Beverage Adam Spicer.



Submit your entry to [cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-breeze-editor@cycfleet.com).



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## COMMODORE'S CRUISE

OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 5



For more information, email  
[monicaantola@hotmail.com](mailto:monicaantola@hotmail.com)



**Art Aficionados  
presents  
Abstract Drawing**

**April 6, 1 p.m.**

We will paint in geometric, synchrony, or perhaps Zentangle style.



**April 20, 1 p.m.**

We will paint our drawings with the help of our colorist, artist SEO Ann Sanguinetti.



Learn color placement and which colors to choose for maximum appeal.

RSVP: [ellen@lighthouseconsulting.com](mailto:ellen@lighthouseconsulting.com)  
[norma@rlpratt.com](mailto:norma@rlpratt.com)

Art Aficionados meets every first and second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m.

**CYCWA  
presents  
DANCE CLASS  
WITH  
"FIRST LADY  
OF SALSA"**



**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

**11 a.m. - Noon**

**\$20 (LUNCH NOT INCLUDED)**

**By Your Side Dance Studio**

**12613 Washington Blvd.**

**Los Angeles, CA 90066**

**(Two miles from CYC with**

**free public parking next to studio)**

**For reservations, please call 310-823-4567 by April 22.**

**The Epicurean Society  
presents**

***Deep in the Heart of Texas***

***You are cordially invited to enjoy a  
delicious Texan Epicurean Dinner.***

***Tuesday, May 10  
6:30 p.m.***

**Dinner Chairs for the evening:  
David and Stephanie Stern**

**Price, including dinner and wine pairings,  
is \$150 inclusive.**

**The event is open to Epicurean members  
and all Club members as space allows.**

**Please RSVP to Gloria Crawley at  
[gloria.crawley@calyachtclub.net](mailto:gloria.crawley@calyachtclub.net) by May 4.**

**Black Tie Preferred**

**72-hour cancellation policy in effect**

**AVALON CRUISE  
MAY 13 - 15**

**Hosted by**

**Fred and Christina Peck**

***Cruise on over to Avalon for a weekend  
of fun in the sun. Land-cruiser friendly!***

**Friday.**

**Raft-up cocktails hosted on Impeckable at 4 p.m.**

**Hosted dinner: Details to follow**

**Saturday.**

**Lunch and excursion: Details to follow**

**6:30 p.m. Tour, cocktails, and hearty hors d'oeuvres at  
Catalina Museum for Art & History's  
Patricia Grace Steele Gazebo**

**Price per person: \$140 inclusive**

**Hotel for land-cruisers: Reserve with Christina ASAP**

**Have questions? Email**

**[christina@amc200.com](mailto:christina@amc200.com) or call 310-989-9677.**

**For reservations, please call 310-823-4567 by May 6.**



# From the Manager



LINDSAY PIZARRO, CCM

## Cruising and Racing Resume

**N**o fooling, on April 1, Anne Keehn and Mary Maguire, co-hosts for the Shoreline Yacht Club cruise, will kick off the month with our first cruise of the season. I have heard the hospitality Shoreline YC shows our members is legendary, and it continues to be one of the favorite places our members cruise to. The same weekend, we will welcome 20 reciprocal members here at CYC from SYC. Visiting members will dock, dine with us, and enjoy a property-wide scavenger hunt.

The Harris Spring Regatta on April 10, chaired by Janice Pearson, is a great opportunity for sailors to get primed for our beloved Sunset Series which begins on April 13. Co-chairs Suzanne Boone and Chris Gorog are organized, ready, and enthused for fun and action-packed Wednesday nights. Newer members are encouraged to sign up to crew on the board located outside the Fleet Room. This is a great way to meet fellow members and a quick way to start racing.

## Spring Happenings

Our upcoming culinary events and celebrations are not to be missed. Passover Seder Dinner will be on April 16. We thank Pip Bernstein and Naomi Hochman for co-chairing this festive feast. Our traditional Easter Sunday buffet with the Easter bunny and a full egg hunt will be on April 17. And mark your calendars for the next formal Epicurean Dinner on May 10. Dinner hosts Stephanie and David Stern have planned an evening of Texan cuisine.

Next up on the cruise calendar, Fred and Christina Peck will host the Avalon Cruise May 13-15 featuring a tour and hors d'oeuvres at the Catalina Museum for Art & History.

This is just a sampling of what's going on for the next six weeks. As with all CYC events, every member is encouraged and welcome to attend. Watch for updates in *Zephyr* and call the Club with any questions you may have.

Summer is just around the corner. Next month the Cantina (poolside snack bar) will reopen along with the restart of pool service. Shortly after, our summer junior rowing and sailing programs will begin. Schedules are now posted and registration for these programs is open. Visit the

CYC website or stop by the rowing boathouse or junior sailing center for more information.

## House and Grounds Reminders

- While we love our CYC Yappy Hours and are a dog-friendly property, please keep your dog on a leash at all times. Also, dogs are not permitted in the clubhouse or in or around the pool deck.
- With the weather heating up we anticipate more pool activity. When stepping inside the clubhouse, please adhere to proper dress code policies. Bathing suits, swimsuit cover-ups of any kind, and bare feet are not considered appropriate. Shirts and shoes are required at all times.
- Please enjoy phone calls anywhere outside of the clubhouse and with as much respect to other members' personal space as possible. Phone conversations are not permitted in common areas within the clubhouse including the Members Lounge, main dining room, and bar area. Texting and use of computers or tablets are allowed anywhere as long as the device is not emitting sound.
- We ask members to maintain the "honor system" when enjoying the paddle tennis and pickleball courts. This includes accompanying your guests at all times and registering them on the Guest Registration Form located in the paddle tennis bulletin board area. This is your authorization to charge your membership account for the daily guest fee (\$5 on weekdays, \$10 on weekends).

Please reacquaint yourselves with these rules and more in our House and Grounds Rules and membership By-Laws which are found on our member-only website.

## Kilo Flag

The code flag K (Kilo) means, "I wish to communicate with you." This yellow and blue flag is available in the dining room for members who would like to invite others to join them. Next time you see a Kilo flag flying on someone's table in the dining room, stop by and say hello. 🚩



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>APRIL HIGHLIGHTS</b>  1-3 Shoreline Yacht Club Cruise 6 Sunset Series Seminar 10 Harris Spring Regatta 15 1040 Dinner 16 Passover Seder Dinner 17 Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch 22 Friday Night Fleet Racing 29 CYCWA Salsa Dance Class					1 Pickleball Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis Adult Learn to Sail Course #1 Shoreline YC Cruise	2
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**CLUB 25 DINNER**