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Penny Lipp Rear Commodore 2016

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Message From The Commodore Vidar Bech









This year started with a great Commodore's cruise and I must thank **Ruth** and **Paul Hatcher** for the use of their electric boat and specially Ruth who

skillfully captained **RC Penny Lipp, VC Shelley Berger** and me around the Breakwater to bless all 16 boats (17 hulls according to Zoran Barbaric) and giving out champagne to the Captains. Counting champagne bottles, it must have been a lot more Captains than boats. Blessing Valkyrie we ran into Ragnarok but the bridge survived, not sure what happened to Odin, supposedly he died according to Nordic Mythology.

Change of Watch was a wonderful evening with great food provided by **Dave Wardlaw's** crew with **Cynthia Miranda** and **Olga Falzone Siefke** supervising the final presentation and promptly served by the Sea Cadets. **Tom Warden** skillfully directed the Change of Watch Ceremony, the new Bridge and Officers were installed and sworn in properly. I wanted to thank all our members that give so much of their time and skills to the club; I did remember most of you but left out a few, especially **Shelly Ward** for heading the successful Bocce Ball program. I was reminded that I missed **Carol Naylor** and **Tom Warden**. I apologize.

Happy to see our Cruising Program is in good hands with **Cindy Crocket** and **Dann Daggett**, the kick-off meeting on January 10th was a great success. Also happy to see the Beefeaters back in action this year and they made a fantastic dinner headed by "El Sombrero Grande" **Keith Moore** and crew on January 16.

With a new recharged bridge, we intend to step up our social and dinner programs also our water activities with more emphasis on Electric Boats, cruising and water sports. Our Racers, I am sure will continue to bring home the Trophies. The Board is revamped with three new members, **Shelley Berger, Bob Taylor** and **Tom Webb** who will help us steer a straight course through the year.

At the present time we have a budget committee hard at work to see if we can make it through the New Year without the need for too many increases. Cost of many goods are going up, a lot of our equipment needs to be replaced and we need to keep our clubhouse in good shape.

I am looking forward to working will all of you so CIYC can continue to prosper like we have for the last 56 years and let us all get together and have fun in 2016.



Message From The Vice-Commodore Sheldon Berger





Hello Fellow Club Members

As we start the new year we have many exciting events planned that I'm sure all will enjoy. Starting with our first Birthday Bash of the year, we had a great turnout from our membership. Our chairperson, Connie Calo arranged for a \$25.00 gift certificate to Waterside Bar & Grill as the winning prize for the drawing. Congratulations go to Shelly Johnson as the lucky winner of the prize. Some great food was supplied including delicious chili courtesy of Diane Sabol. Jerry Wood prepared chicken sandwiches, a crowd pleaser. Thanks to all that brought the great treats to share. Don't miss our next Birthday Bash on February 5th.

An update on our clubhouse improvements have kept Bill Crier and Frank Sullivan busy over the past few weeks. Our front door's electronic locking system had to be replaced and thanks to Frank we saved a significant amount of money on the purchase of a new device. We had a backup of water into the downstairs rest rooms, hallway and the enclosed patio due to a blockage in the drain pipes. Those pipes have been replaced by Vintage. A blow out of a faucet in the kitchen was repaired under the direction of Bill Crier. Thanks to all for your help!

I will be posting a signup sheet on the bulletin board for Wednesday night cooking crews. Our club functions with the help from our members. Cooking for our membership is a great way to show off your gourmet talents to the membership as well as working with your friends in the kitchen. I am always available to answer questions for the new crew chefs.

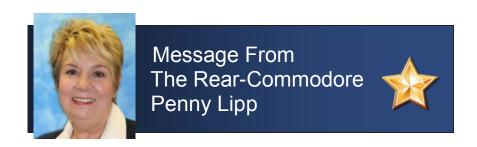
As CFO of the Board I have been working with the budget committee to understand and improve our financial books. The committee will be proposing the purchase of a new POS (point of sale) system to allow us to track all of our costs, income and all sales in a clear format. The onetime expense will save the club money in the long run with reduced accounting costs.

Mark your calendars for February 13th to attend a great Valentine dinner event at our club. More to follow.

Last month I incorrectly reported on the chairperson of the Epicureans, it is actually Karen Farrell. My apologies.

Sheldon Berger, Vice Commodore 2016





On the Commodore's Cruise, January 2, 2016, Commodore Vidar Bech, Son of Odin, Njord, Thor, and Freya led 17 CIYC boats with a little help from his band of Vikings. Thank you Ruth Hatcher for the use of your fabulous electric boat and thanks to Bob and Pam Nast for providing us with a delicious lunch. The champagne was flowing and fun was had by all!

Our racing season commences with the Mid Winters Regatta on February 21 and 22, 2016, hosted by CIYC for the eighth consecutive year! We need the support of our RAMS and all sailboat owners and skippers to participate in this extraordinary event. Trophies and prizes will be presented by the Southern California Yachting Association.

For more information, see the Notice of Race and instructions or contact PRO Bill Drayton or Jane Thomas.

Volunteers are needed for the Race Committee and Committee boats, as well as our kitchen crew. Please contact me, Penny Lipp.

The cruise kickoff brunch on January 10, 2016 was quite successful and attended by over 25 sailors and skippers. The highlight was the in-depth discussion with Captain Tim Smith on anchoring your vessel. We're looking forward to a very successful cruising season under the leadership of Dann Daggett and Cindy Crocket.

Thanks to my friend, Captain Ron Mahan, for providing an article concerning his adventures with the United States Coast Guard.

Wishing you calm seas and fair winds,

Penny Lipp, Rear Commodore



Hello CIYC Members & Channel Islanders!

The Holidays are long behind us, but I do want to thank and acknowledge all club and Islander members that helped 'un-decorate' the club on



January 10th: Erika Barbaric, Marnie & Vidar Bech, Sam Bradbury, Vera Cline, Bill & Melodie Crier, Dann Daggett, Bob Deyling, Karen & Mike Farrell, Eleanor Hovaten, Sheri Ireland, Annie Landry, Miles Linman, Penny Lipp, Keith Moore, Laurie Preston, Joyce Sheridan, Michelle Smith, Sharon & Frank Sullivan, Bob & Marylou Taylor, Tom Warden, Tom Webb, Shana Whitmore. What an efficient and hard-working group! We were all done in about 2 hours – everything repacked and out the door.

You should have received your Islander introductory letter and application for 2016 membership to The Channel Islanders. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the membership form and join this amazing group. We are here to serve CIYC!

January 14th we had our first board meeting of the new board and are already busy looking for Islander committee chairs and reviewing the By-laws and Standing Rules to make necessary amendments/revisions. Our next big event will be the Islander Anniversary dinner on March 24th, closely followed by Opening day April 3rd. We have the Father's Day dinner event to plan for June 18th and a Pancake Breakfast set for July 31st. That's just for starters – more to come!

January 21st, what a fantastic Islander Change of Watch Dinner! Thank you Joyce Sheridan for putting an amazing menu together – raves all around! Joyce's crew not only helped cook the dinner, they also served us in fine style. Thank you to the crew: Nancy Berger, Barbara Brauns, Elyse Gonnello, Judy Fraser and Carol Lazzarevich. What a prelude to



the C.O.W. meeting that followed! A great big thank you to the others that helped: the Sullivans with assistance from Gary Johnson for setting the tables; Georgie Olson for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance; Mary Ann Moore for buying the flowers for the SIX past 1st mates that were in attendance; and Mike Farrell for being the photographer for the evening. We missed our 2016 Corresponding Yeoman, Katarina Bernbaum, who unfortunately was sick. Get well soon Katarina!



I look forward to working with my 2016 board: Eleanor Hovaten, Vera Cline, Katarina Bernbaum, and Mary Ann Moore. It will be a great year!

Karen Farrell, 2016 1st Mate

First Mate Turnover 2015 to 2016

Anglers' Corner - February 2016

By Frank Sullivan



Fishing Report:

Fishing is real slow right now between the El Niño weather pattern and the rock fish season being closed. There have been no reports of catches this month. It would be a good time to go over your gear and get ready for the great season to come.

WSB grow-out pen update:

The fish we received at the end of last year to hold over the winter have had a tough time. It appears that predators, both Sea Lions and Cormorants, have been able to break into the enclosure. We have been repairing and securing as best we can. We think the Sea Lions may be chewing through the predator nets, so we have secured the interior with construction fencing to keep them out of the containment nets. Hopefully, that will help until we can find a permanent solution. Thanks to all the volunteers, Cecelie, Skip Miser, Bob Deyling, Mark Kadowaki, Bob Ridenour, Bill Lynch, and Frank Sullivan, who help with the construction and repairs! We had to release the Fish January 20th because of the continued incursions,







We are considering adding an In Harbor fishing tournament sometime in July. This used to be a fun tourney for everyone, especially those reluctant to go out on the big water! Let me know if you are interested.

Upcoming events:

May 14th Anglers' Dinner

May 22nd Men's Fishing Tournament
June 5th Ladies' Fishing Tournament

September 9th Channel Islands Bill Fish Tourney Kickoff Dinner

September 10th to 14th Channel Islands Bill Fish Tournament

September 16th Channel Islands Bill Fish Tourney Awards Dinner

November 19th Anglers' Awards Scampi Dinner



Doc Lines

Essentially High

If you want to stay healthy, there are two thingies that should <u>never</u> be high. The first one is your blood sugar (you knew that). And the second one is your blood pressure. And one can't tell or feel if one's pressure is high. Only a blood pressure measuring device can.

Blood pressure is an interesting balance between the force of the heart's contraction and resistance offered by the vascular system. During maximum heart contraction, blood pressure is at its peak (systolic pressure), and during maximum relaxation, it's at its lowest (diastolic pressure). Normal blood pressure in a healthy young adult, in a relaxed, supine position, is 120/80 mmHg.

Pre-hypertension is systolic pressure 120 to 139, or diastolic 80 to 89 mmHg Hypertension stage 1 is systolic pressure 140 to 159, or diastolic 90 to 99 mmHg Hypertension stage 2 is systolic pressure 160 + or diastolic 100+ Hypertensive crisis is systolic pressure 180+ or diastolic 110+

Now, what exactly produces high blood pressure? There are several rare conditions that your doctor can diagnose, but almost always (in 95% of cases) it is caused by... well, we essentially don't know. That's why most high blood pressure cases are classified as *essential hypertension*. When translated into plain English this means: We have no freaking idea why!

Having to push against elevated pressure, the heart will eventually weaken and fail. The arteries will also be damaged, leading to accelerated formation of plaques. Thus, common long-term complications are heart failure, myocardial infarction (heart attack), stroke, and kidney failure.

Needless to say, it's up to your doctor to monitor and recommend treatment for elevated pressure. Measurements in a doctor's office may be off, however, because of nervous anxiety – often called "white coat syndrome." But you can be proactive. For instance, you can check your own blood pressure in various pharmacies (CVS, for example,) where there are blood pressure machines installed. Or, for about \$30 you can buy a good blood pressure measuring device and check your BP at home.

There may be some herbal remedies for pre-hypertension, such as blueberries and beetroot in pulverized form. Also, you can improve your diet, get good exercise, and stay away from sugar. But do entrust yourself to your doctor's recommendations. Do have your blood pressure checked out.

ARE YOUR FLARES CURRENT?

Penny Lipp, Rear Commodore

On December 7, 2015, Penny Lipp's 50-foot motor yacht, Mystique, was sold and Captain Ron Mahan offered to deliver the boat with the new owner to Coronado. The following is a recount of his adventures with the US Coast Guard:

It was a calm and beautiful morning when at 0500 I tried my first experience with Uber What a great experience-triumph! After a quick stop at Marina del Rey Starbucks for some coffee and sweets, I arrived at Del Rey Yacht Club to greet Mystique and her new owner, Al, for our trip to her new home at Pier 41 in San Diego. After throwing the lines and making a quick stop at the fuel dock for some diesel and more java, we set our course for San Diego. What a delightful passage with a pleasant five knots astern and favorable following seas. All was going great; both the crew and the reliable ole Mystique, were looking forward to making port just before sunset.

Six hours into our journey and just as we passed a beam of the Mission Bay Channel, I noticed a fast moving boat approaching with blue lights. As luck would have it, it was our friends at the USCG. It soon became clear that this was not the run-of-the-mill courtesy boarding, as all of the four USCG crew were all armed with machine guns and handguns as they came aboard. They were dressed in assault uniforms, as this team was part of the USCG Border Enforcement Team.

As Al and Marci had owned Mystique for less than 24 hours, the only USCG documents Al had was the travel document issued by the Maritime Documentation Service. All documents which we had were in order and that process went well; even Al and I were deemed to be "okay guys" following the background check they conducted.

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As part of the inquiry, they requested my personal identification. Query: whether I should show them my Saudi Arabian driver's license or my Ohio driver's license? The only things that were not in order were a couple of outdated flares and the lack of the sanitation and trash management placards which were to be affixed to the vessel. No citations were issued and we were on our way after they thoroughly searched the vessel. They pulled up the floor panels of the main salon and looked behind the engines for weapons and drugs. They went through every portion of the vessel while keeping Al and myself guarded without allowing either of us to travel anywhere during the inspection process.

The photos accompanying this article were secretly taken by Al on his cell phone.

I have been on the water for many years and hold certifications from many countries, and I can say that this event was the most thorough boarding I have ever experienced. It is not every day you get boarded by Rambolooking Coast Guard guys. My advice to anyone reading this is simple: remain calm, cooperate, and let these people do their jobs. Ensure all your USCG required permits are up to date and onboard. Even knowing where they are located is handy. Be sure to have all USCG or state board registrations and insurance documentation current and available . . . at any time!

Note: Captain Ron is a pilot for Saudi Airlines and flies a Boeing 777 based in Jetta, the Emirates.

















A Great Turnout for Cruising Kickoff

A meeting/kickoff party was held on January 10 to introduce CIYC cruisers and potential cruisers to the 2016 cruising program. The party was hosted by Dann Daggett and Cindy Crocket, our 2016 Cruise Directors. Jimmy Buffet music was playing in the background as people began arriving about 10 a.m. and were welcomed by Dann and offered their choice of Bloody Mary's, Champagne, Mimosa's, or Juice. Cindy Crocket, Tim Smith & Jennifer Sparks were all very busy in the kitchen cooking breakfast for the group while the guests mingled and got to know each other better.

After breakfast, and a warm introduction by our Commodore Vidar Beck & Rear Commodore Penny Lipp, Dann welcomed everyone, and explained that the goals of the CIYC Cruising Program were safety and camaraderie.

He briefly discussed the many benefits of both safety and fun that cruising with a group offers, and paid special attention to the help with anchoring that could always be found in such a group. The microphone was then passed around to the 20+ people in attendance and each introduced themselves and told the group about their own boat. cruising experience, and favorite destinations.

Tim sensed there were some members that were new to cruising and he offered an impromptu anchoring seminar right there on the spot. Tim (with the help of Vidar and Charlie Clark) gave a great short course on anchoring that ended in a round table discussion with many sailors sharing their knowledge.

The gathering ended about noon and it was apparent that everyone left with a renewed enthusiasm and were looking forward to all the fun while cruising with CIYC in 016. For more information about the CIYC Cruising Program, just go to our web site (ciyc.com) and click on "Cruising Schedule".

BRISTOL BOAT COMPETITION IS DRAWING NEAR

On opening day, April 3, 2016, the Bristol Boat trophies will be awarded. There are five categories available, including sailboats under 34 feet, sailboats over 34 feet, power boats over 34 feet and power boats under 34 feet, plus a category for our electric boats. Do not be shy. This is a great experience to get to know your boat better.

Please see our Fleet Captain, Tom Webb, or Staff Commodore, Tom Warden, for our requirements and rules. We need as many boats as possible to compete for the Bristol Boat Awards. The competition inspections will be scheduled within a week prior to our opening day. Show us your boat!

February 2016

SUPER BOWL 50

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY TAILGATE STYLE PARTY

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

1PM-UNTILL

Tailgate style food will open up with a snack table at 1:30. This will carry on into and through the game. Main service starts at 2:30 and will continue into half time or until everyone who bought a ticket has been served. MENU: RIBS, CHICKEN, SAUSAGES, POTATO SKINS, HOT DOGS, etc. A variety of side dishes will also be available. Dessert will be available in the 2nd half. The Bar will have special drink prices to help you cheer your favorite team on. Don't forget games within the game will also be played. Come early for special game. There will also be a drawing for prizes at the end of each quarter. Cocktails are a separate charge.

\$15.00 PP

1ST. 100 PEOPLE TO SHOW UP WILL GET A CHANCE IN \$100 WINNER TAKE ALL POOL













Ship Shape



- Lets Keep Our Clubhouse Looking Great!
- We Need Lots of Help.
- Great Way to Meet Other Members.
- Bagels and Drinks.
- Saturday 2/20/16
- 9:00AM

Please come out and help with our second clean-up and fixe-up of our clubhouse for 2016.

Questions? Call: Shelly 805-312-7653



February 2016



Channel Islands Yacht Club

Sat	6 NO Dinner Setup for Super Bowl	13 7pm Valentines Social / Dinner by Beefeaters	20 9am Shipshape SCYA Midwinters Race 7pm Epicureans dinner	27 Room rented	Bar Hours Sunday 3pm to close, Closed Mon. & Tues. except special events Wed. Thurs. & Fri. 5pm to close, Sat 4pm to close
Fi	5 5-7pm Happy Hours Birthday Bash	12 5-7pm Happy Hours 7pm Ventura British Brass Concert	19 Ships Store Open 5-7pm Happy Hours	26 5-7pm Happy Hours Dining room closed for setup & decorating	Bar Sunday 3) Closed Mon. & Tues. Wed. Thurs. & F Sat 4 pm
Thu	4 6.30pm Movie Night	11 2pm DFW meeting 5pm Islanders BOD meeting 6.30pm Movie Night	18 6:30pm Staying Ship- shape Seminar	25 6:30pm Movie Night	
Wed	3 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	10 2pm Bridge group 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	17 6:30 pm Wed .Night Dinner / Game night	24 2pm Bridge group 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	
Tue	2	9	16 6:30pm CIYC board meeting	23	
Mon	I	8	15 Presidents Day Curents Article Due	22	29
Sun		7 Ships Store Open Super Bowl Party	14 Valentines Day	21 SCYA Midwinters Race 4pmSCYA awards in bar	28 Academy Awards

March 2016



Channel Islands Yacht Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		I	2 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	3 6:30pm Movie Night	4 5-7pm Happy Hours Birthday Bash	5 7pm Beefeaters dinner
6 Whale Watch Croise	7	∞	9 2pm Bridge group 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	10 Spm Islanders BOD meeting CIWSA meeting	11 5-7pm Happy Hours	12 9am Shipshape 7pm St. Pats SOCIAL / Dirmer
13 Daylight Savings starts	14	15 Currents Article Due 6:30pm CIYC board meeting	16 6:30 pm Wed .Night Dinner / Game night	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:30pm Movie Night	18 5-7pm Happy Hours 7pm General meeting	19 7pm Epicureans dinner
20 I-4pm Open House	21	22	23 2pm Bridge group 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	24 Islanders Anniversary Dinner	25 5-7pm Happy Hours 6:30pm TGIF	26 9am Shipshape NO Dinner
27 Easter Sunday Ipm LiUNCHEON	28	29	30 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	31 6:30pm Movie Night	Bar Sunday 3 Closed Mon. & Tues. Wed. Thurs. & F Sat 4pm	Bar Hours Sunday 3pm to close, closed Mon. & Tues, except special events Wed. Thurs. & Frl. 5pm to close, Sat 4pm to close



VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL

FEBRUARY 13TH, 2016 7:00 pm

DINNER, DANCING AND A SPECIAL EVENT

DINNER BY THE BEEFEATER'S

Rack of Lamb Or Salmon

\$25.00

MUSIC BY SUSAN REY





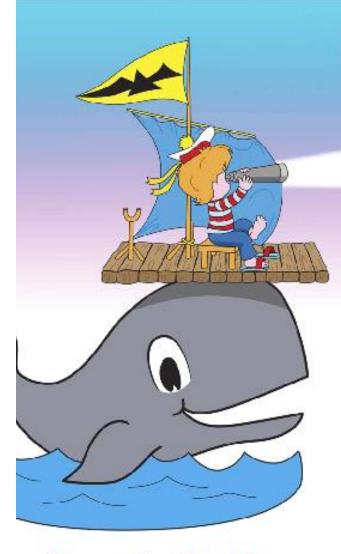


February 20th Epicureans Present.... A Little Taste of Italy!

Mixed Greens Salad with Olives, Pancetta, & Parmesan

Saltimbocca Chicken Breasts with Sage Sauce and, Creamy Arugula Pasta

> Lime Pie Dessert by Ruth Hatcher



A TALE OF THE WHALE

Whale Watching Cruise March 6, 2016

Get your boats ready for this outstanding water event - a CIYC traditional day of merriment!

- All boats will rendezvous around GINA at 10:00 a.m.
- Spot whales while monitoring Channel 71.
- . Meet back at the clubhouse by 4:00 p.m.
- Traditional "Tale of the Whale" contest starts sharply at 4:30 p.m.
- Judges will vote for the best story (fact or fiction), poem or song.
- Team winners get their names engraved on the Moby Dick Trophy.

Everyone is welcome!

Free homemade soft tacos, refried beans and Ruth's famouse chocolate chip cookies immediately following the trophy presentation.



All participating boats should be registered in the cruising binder at the bar. Those skippers who would like to take other members and guests, please indicate the number of spaces available. And those members who would like a ride, please list your names and the cruise chair will assist with boat assignments.

Should the water event be cancelled due to weather, we'll still meet in the bar to tell stories of what might have been!

Let's hope for smooth seas and sunshine!

For more info contact:
Ruth Hatcher,
Whale Watching Cruise Chairperson
ferritin3@roadrunner.com





Lyn Krieger Outlines Harbor Department Priorities for 2016

In an interview on January 13th, Lyn Krieger, the Harbor Department's Director, delineated her department's priorities for 2016 and for what our Channel Islands Yacht Club might do to support the Harbor's programs that might also benefit our club and its members.

Here are the priorities as she described them:

Priority #1 - "Shepherding through the process" the 3 major development projects of:

Casa Sirena and Lobster Trap proposal of Brighton Management LLC;

Fisherman's Wharf commercial and apartment proposal of Channel Islands Properties LLC; and the approved building of replacement offices for the Harbor Department.

The words "shepherding" and "process" appear to suggest a consulting administrative role over an active oversight role by the Harbor Department in ensuring the project addresses community concerns and delivers on its "vision" and objective of revitalizing the Harbor.

Priority #2 - Meet the challenges of running a business within government and manage relationships between Oxnard City and Ventura County on behalf of the Harbor.

Priority #3 - Continue the development of the harbor promenade development including public investment in the development of the slope area near Toppers Restaurant.

Priority #4 - Ensure there is drenching funds for 2017.

Director Krieger, when asked what CIYC might do to benefit both the Club and the Harbor, also listed several project ideas for CIYC to consider. These ideas will be given to the Board for response back to her.

CICA and Members of the Community at Odds with the County's and Harbor Department's "Vision" and "Process" for the Development of Fisherman's Wharf Area

On January 12th and 16th, the developer, Channel Islands Properties LLC, presented their proposed plan for the development of the Fisherman's Wharf area of the harbor. Tom Tellefsen, one of the three partners, presented their site plan, which calls for a change in the name to "The Pasaos at Channel Islands Harbor". The plan, which requires a 65-year lease, includes renovation or replication of most of the existing commercial structures and the building of a 375-390 unit apartment complex.

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It was evident at both meetings that many members of the community have concerns and questions regarding how best to use this valuable public asset to revitalize the harbor and draw area residents and visitors to the area. Issues raised at these meetings by the Channel Islands Community Association (CICA) and by individual community members were:

Lack of vision in the development of valuable public waterfront lands and the harbor in making the area a destination and gateway to what the CICA presentation called the "California Galapagos"

Indifference and dismissive attitudes of the County and the Harbor Department regarding community concerns and input and the lack of transparency in the working and planning of this project

Traffic impact of the project, particularly for Silver Strand residents, was a hot topic at the January 12th evening meeting given the current traffic levels on Victoria and Channel Islands Boulevard which the developer admitted the project would add to.

Questions regarding the proposed plan's ability to achieve true revitalization of the harbor on an on-going basis given the 65-year lease of this key public asset.

Short Term Rental Controversy- City of Ojai Bans Short Term Rentals, Ventura County Continues to Research Issue, Mandalay Shores Community Association Meeting Overrun and Cancelled

Short-term rentals continue to be a running conflict on the Oxnard Coast. No meeting has yet to be scheduled by the County Board of Supervisors to follow up on the research report presented at the December 2015 meeting. Mandalay Shores Association will reschedule their meeting. In the meantime, the City Council of Ojai in a 5-0 vote made short term rentals in the city illegal.

Thank you, Rene Aiu, Harbor Delegate for CIYC





CIYC Change of Watch Dinner January 9th



A TALE OF THE WHALE

March 6, 2016

It's that time of year again! Time to get your boats, your crew and your guests ready for this outstanding March water event—also known as the Whale Watching Cruise in which lots of exuberant CIYC members take their boats out in hopes of enjoying sunshine, calm seas, and a whale spotting or two. Dolphins are known to be a part of this annual event and are always a welcome sight—especially if there are no whales to be seen. Interested? Well, here's my story:

All boats will rendezvous around GINA at 10:00 a.m. We'll all go slowly (some more slowly than others) and try to spot a whale while monitoring Channel 71. While you're out looking around, think of a story, or poem or song (fact or fiction) that you would like to share with the group at the Club following the ocean outing. Any questions so far?!

After seeing all the whales we can handle (one would be great), we'll meet back at the Clubhouse <u>by</u> 4:00 p.m. That will give everybody a chance to put their boats away. We'll begin our contest sharply (?) at 4:30 p.m. Commodore Vidar Bech, Vice Commodore Shelly Berger, and Rear

Commodore Penny Lipp are available to be our three illustrious judges. They will cast their votes for the best story, poem, song or whatever. We have no intention of leaving out those who

couldn't go to sea. ANYONE is eligible to get into the act. A Deed of Gift will be posted on the bar bulletin board for those wishing to study the rules but keep in mind that, for the most part, there are no stinkin rules. Laughter is the key element. And if you and/or your team are the winners, just imagine the thrill of having your name(s) engraved on the Moby Dick Trophy. It just doesn't get any better!

As in the past, we'll be serving COMPLIMENTARY HOMEMADE SOFT TACOS, PAUL'S FAMOUS REFRIED BEANS AND MY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES immediately following the trophy presentation. Once again, everyone is welcome.

So right now—while you're still reading this article—walk to your calendar and mark the date—March 6. We'll look forward to seeing AND hearing from you then! The bar will open at 3:00 p.m. as usual. Please try to be there by 4:00 p.m. as the contest will start at 4:30 p.m. this year. If, by any chance, the small craft warning flag is flying, the cruise will be officially cancelled as a club event. We'll still all meet in the bar to tell stories of what might have been! Let's hope for smooth seas and sunshine!

Ruth Hatcher, 2016 Whale Watching Cruise Chairperson

Club Rental

The **CIYC** dining room facility

is available for rent

for private parties to members, or non-members sponsored by a member.

Please contact Rental Manager, Sharon Sullivan 805-985-6155

for scheduling and rates.

Help us help the Club to be Prosperous!

'Birthday Bash' - February 5th by Connie Calo

Come and join us for our monthly celebration for members whose birthdays and/or anniversaries are in February. Bring "munchies" to share, and there is always a great birthday cake!

February Birthday Celebrations for: Mary Naumann,

Michelle Dilldine, Paul Morgan, Donna McKendry, Josie Underwood, Dennis Van Daalwyk, Rose Hazeltine, Diane Paulin, Char Falkenstein, Shelly Ward, and Mary Howard.





<u>February Anniversaries are:</u> Weldon and Yvonne Farris,
Bill and Sandy Crocket, Sherry and Bob Brisbane,
Jennifer and George Olcovich, Bob and Marylou Taylor,
Duane Wherland and Lori Robinson,
Frank and Sharon Sullivan, Michael and Karen Farrell.

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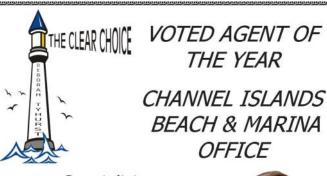
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