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New Year's Eve Party

New Year's Eve December 31st

7:00 PM to 1:00 AM

Seven Course Dinner

By Dana Hamilton and Crew



"Winter Wonderland"

Music By Susan Rey

**Champagne toast
at Midnight**

\$75.00

PREPAID TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS AT THE CLUB

**New Year's Eve tickets are on sale Wednesdays and Saturdays
for members only thru December 7th.
We will open reservations for guests at that time.**



Message From The Commodore Georgie Olsen



Happy Holidays to all Members of CIYC.

I wish to express my profound happiness at having served the good and wonderful people of Channel Islands Yacht Club.

It is always sad when something comes to an end, but all things do. After 48 articles, it will seem strange next year to get to the 15th of each month and not have to send one in to the Currents. I've enjoyed serving on the Board in one manner or another for 6 years, with a new board each and every year. What an education. Being on the board is a rewarding and daunting task.

I hope all of you will often take the time to thank your old and new Board. Support and enjoy the members who work so very hard to keep your Club afloat. We have a terrific extended family and as all families, it has its ups and downs, happy and sad, but somehow we all come together when necessary. Thank you all for everything.

Thanksgiving was wonderful and many Kudos to **Dana and his crew**. Where else can you go and have such a feast? The Beefeaters, Epicureans and all the Cooks for the months have done fantastic. I'm sure we will have a winner of the Parade of Lights as Mary Ingram and her crew have been working very hard to bring this about. I truly hope your Thanksgiving was as wonderful as mine. I can only hope you will enjoy the month of December and that Santa was good to each and everyone of you.

Support our **New Year's Eve Party** as each one is better than the year before. Thank you **Joyce and Opal**. I know you will do, as always, a wonderful job!

To all **Regular Members**: Be happy, drink responsibly, drive carefully and be kind to each other. See you around the Club.

To all **Rams and Regular members who raced**: Thank you for making our racing program such a great one and be safe on the water. Enjoy the Club and continue to bring home the trophies that you all so richly deserve. Good luck next year.

To The **Epicureans**: Thank you for your culinary delights.

To the **Beefeaters**: Thank you for making beef so delectable.

To the **Cruisers** both to and from all our Islands and about, and in the Navigation Series.

Thanks to the **Islanders**: Many thanks for being the strong backbone of Channel Islands Yacht Club.

To all the people who so generously gave their time to work on the **many Committees** that our Club enjoys. Thank you.

To the **Board of Directors for 2011**: Your cooperation, understanding and smiling faces have made this year interesting and educational, as well as rewarding.

Remember each of you: The Good Lord hath said to treat your fellow man/woman as you would have them treat you. Remember this Phrase and life will be filled with more good days than unhappy ones..

THANK YOU EVERYONE May the Power that Be bring you all home safely to CIYC

Georgie Olsen, Commodore 2011





Message From The Vice Commodore Cary Verstynen



Hello everyone!

Well, November is over with and Christmas and New Years is just around the corner. There were some great dinners in November on Wednesday and Saturday nights....

There was the Beefeaters dinner headed up by Tom Warden; the Epicurean dinner headed up by Nancy Latham, both were great dinners; we got to hear from Harry Krum and his crew about the Trans Pac race; we also hosted the Community First Counseling Center; Fund Raiser, hosted by Judith Balcerzak; the Anglers awards dinner headed up by Phil Woolf and his crew; Dana Hamilton and his crew for doing Thanksgiving dinner.

So my thanks to all the men and women who helped cook for all these events, set tables and help with clean up. Also, the club members who came out and supported these events.

As you know the Club puts out light appetizers on Friday nights. Most of them are put on by Jackie Biederman and Diane Sabot. We would like to continue these for next year, so please come out and support this. The charge for this is a donation, so please put something in the donation container, anything and everything helps.

I would also like to thank the people who came out and helped for November shipshape. Thanks to Joyce Johnson, Dick Olsen, Shelly Johnson and Zoran and Erika Barbaric.

There is only one month left for this year. I need volunteers for Wednesday night dinners and Christmas day. Any help is appreciated. A lot of things get done around the club, because of volunteers. So volunteer for whatever you would like to do. The club will find a crew for you to be on. Remember, that whenever you are cooking in the kitchen, please keep all of the counters clean. This helps keep the ant population down.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the club. Remember we all like having fun at the club, so let's do what we can to have good times and friendships. Have a great month and come out and visit.

Cary Verstynen

This year, as we did last year, CIYC has partnered with **Food Share**. Last year we collected over 300 lbs. of food for those in great need during these difficult times.

There will be a collection barrel in the lobby of the Club. Like last year if you bring in a donation of canned or non-perishable food during a Club function see me and I will give you a drawing ticket. Each event we will draw one of the tickets and the winner will get a free well drink from the bar.

At the end of the year we will have a drawing from all the tickets for a prize to be determined.





Message From The Rear Commodore Mary Ingram



Well, **Nancy and Sheldon Berger** did it again! Congrats on another successful TGIF/Fish Fry and, as Frank Sullivan put it – fish and chips and fun. Thanks so much.

As an active racing/cruising/fishing/power boating organization, CIYC is a member of several organizations: Southern California Yachting Association, Southern California Cruiser Association, United States Yacht Racing Union, Yacht Racing Union of Southern California, Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs, United Anglers of California, and National Boating Federation.

SCYA, US Yacht Racing Union, Yacht Racing Union of So Cal, and ASBCYC are related to sailboat racing. SCCA is related to power boating, predicted log racing and cruiser navigation. United Anglers, of course, is related to fishing – CIYC has some wonderful members who love to fish and are good at it! The National Boating Federation is a recreational boating organization.

On **October 17, 2011** CIYC honored Harry Krum as Racer of the Year and as the Long Distance Racer. **Tom Warshauer** was our Sportsman of the Year. Special honors went to our **Principal Race Officer Bill Brayton** and our **Race Committee Chairman Tim Haapanen** – they were awesome. These gentlemen do it right!! **Tom Warshauer** was honored for participating actively on the Race Committee. **Tim, Dick Olsen and Frank Sullivan** were also honored participating in and volunteering their boats as Committee Boat and Mark Boats.

For those of you who didn't attend the **Halloween Party** – you missed a wonderful meal! **Kelly Warshauer, with the able assistance of Chris Williams**, cooked for three days. The food at CIYC is always good, but there are some meals that really stand out. This was one of them!! Many thanks to you two and to the lovely ladies who came in and helped finish up the detail work and serve.

It is official – the **Channel Islands Women's Sailing Association** is now a member of the **Southern California Yachting Association** and CIYC was instrumental in assisting CIWSA.

The Parade of Lights is on December 10th – don't miss it!

**New Year's Eve tickets are on sale Wednesdays and Saturdays
for members only thru December 7th.**

We will open reservations for guests at that time.

The date for guests was changed to facilitate out of town guests who may need to arrange for flights and purchase tickets.

Kitty Sue will once again be offering shuttle service to the Club and back to your homes after midnight. There will be a sign up sheet at the bar with the times for pick up. Please sign your name, address and phone number for each individual so we know when her car is full. Kitty Sue charges \$5 per person each way for her service.



Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan

On **November 19th** we had a great **Anglers' Awards Dinner** prepared by Phil Woolf and his Crew. The members of the **White Sea Bass Grow out Pen Team** were recognized and thanked for the hard work accomplished this year. The Pens are in great shape and have **15,000 fish in them to be released in the spring.**

Connie Calo was surprised and excited that she actually got her name on a trophy for catching the winning fish in the Ladies' Fishing Tournament. It was no small accomplishment; she had caught a **44.4 lb. White Sea Bass**.

Phil Woolf's win was also memorialized on the Men's Tournament Trophy for his **36.3 lb. Halibut**; no small accomplishment there either!

Dave Erickson won Big Fish of the Year for his **45.7 lb. Halibut** caught in May off of the Dawn Patrol. This year the cash prize was **\$150** because Don Dickey donated his \$50 Big Fish of the Month back to the prize pool. Dave also received a Glass Beer mug etched with the winning information.

This year's **Sportsman of the Year** was awarded to Don Dickey in recognition of all his extra work on the WSB pens and participation in the Anglers program.

WSB Pen Update:

One morning I received a call from the Harbor Patrol that a 250 lb. Sea Lion had gotten into the pens and was trapped because she couldn't find a way back out. I was in route to a dental appointment so I called Don Dickey and several other WSB Team members to see if they could get her out. After some trial and effort, they wound up leaving the gates open and let her calm down, then slowly moved her towards the opening until she saw it and dove out.

Later Don borrowed diving gear and a boat from Michelle Dilldine's "Anacapa Boat Service" and was able to dive the pens. He found several holes that he repaired in the bottom of the Predator net. I also got a call at 10:30pm on Thanksgiving Eve from the Harbor Patrol saying that a night heron was inside the pens. I was able to chase it out and found a spot in the chain-link fence that had been forced open. When there is that much food available, predators can be innovative and forceful trying to get to them. We need to be ever vigilant.

Reminder: Rock fish season ends December 31st and doesn't re-open until March 1st, 2012!



"Big Fish of the Month"
\$50 prize
is awarded at the end of every month...however; you can only win once per year. Legal fin fish only and no sharks.

"Big Fish of the Year"
At the end of the year there will be a Big Fish of the Year award for \$100.00. it does not have to be one of the monthly winners, it can be a tourney fish or not, so if you win one month don't quit, the next fish you catch may be worth \$\$\$\$

HISTORIAN

Beverly Hamilton

December proves to be a busy month. The **Parade of Lights** was usually near the beginning of the month and our decorating committee worked for weeks to get everything done to decorate the volunteering boat ready for the Parade. Members came to the club and enjoyed either chili or hot soups while watching the parade from the big dining room windows.



In 1976 our friends **Karl and Lorene Hunt** wanted to decorate their boat for the Parade. In honor of 1776 my husband, **Bob Hamilton**, and I rented period costumes to ride on the **Hunt's 36 ft., Roughwater NAJA**. All was going well, until Karl made a quick turn. The next thing I heard was **"Man Overboard"**. I rushed over to where we had been standing and saw a three-cornered Benjamin Franklin hat floating down the channel. Then I realized that the man overboard was my Bob!!!. He was pulled aboard the swim step, sopping wet and then we finished the Parade..



Other events in December sometimes were the Change of Watch Dinner/Dance. A very formal affair where the new Flag Officers for the next year were presented their flags and pins of office.

The Islanders worked very hard and decorated the Clubhouse in elegant fashion for the Christmas Holiday. We always had a huge decorated tree in the dining room in front of the windows. A Christmas decorating evening was great fun. Santa Claus (Bob Dersham, with his natural white beard and mustache was perfect) had candy and small toys for the children attending.

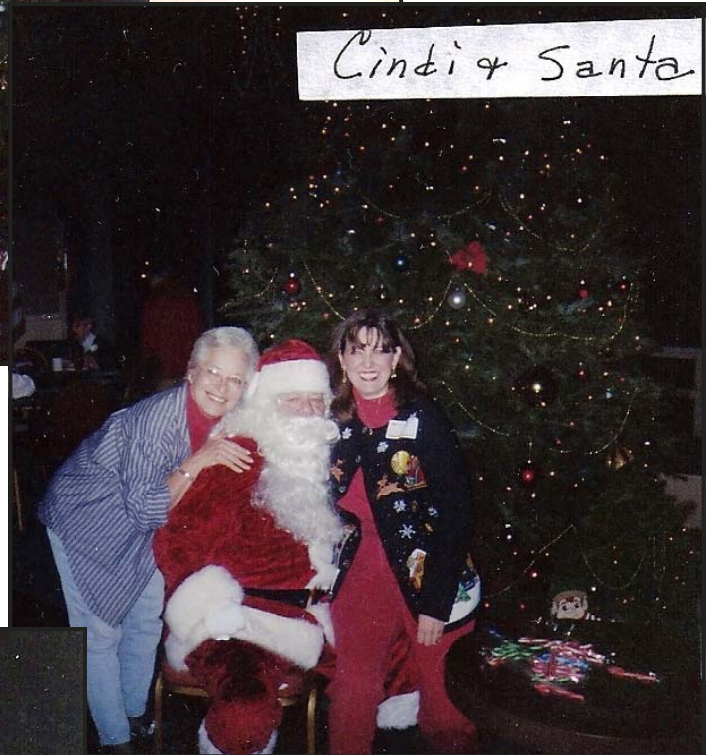
Again there was dinner prepared by volunteers for the Christmas Day dinner. Turkeys, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy were provided and members brought dishes from home.

Everything from vegetables, breads, and desserts were donated. A good feast was had by all.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!



Joyce Sheridan & Santa



Cindi & Santa



Santa & Family



DECEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

SERVED AT 6:30 p.m.

\$10.00

**Check you Weekly Emails and
Bulletin Boards for Menus and Details**

Bingo after Dinner

DECEMBER 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th.

Galley News
Cary Verstynen



DECEMBER SATURDAY NIGHT DINNERS

SERVED AT 7:00 p.m.

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Bulletin Boards for Menus and Details**

December 3, 2011

Tree Lighting & Potluck

With Christmas Music by British Brass

December 10, 2011

5:30 pm

Parade of Lights Dinner

NO DINNER December 17th & December 24th

December 31, 2011

7 pm

New Years Eve Party



Fond Memories

2011 brings the end of my term. I wish to thank each and every member of Channel Islands Yacht Club for electing me over the years to several terms on the Board of Directors and the greatest of all through the Commodore chairs.

I wanted to share a few of the many fond memories of the past years...the fun, laughter and the family of Channel Islands Yacht Club.

The numerous boats participating in trips to the Islands...remember our fearless Joyce in the lead of several dinghy's, with all ladies following, trekking from boat to boat that were at anchor, advising them we were in need of refreshments, the fun and laughter of such ventures out at sea and the comradeship was overwhelming. We need more of those days.

I found pictures of a dinghy party at my house where we had so many dinghy's we had to walk over the ones tied to get to the deck. At that time we had progressive stops. We had a deck boat, Hal Wholey, and Ted Foster ran the bar from house to house. Joyce, remember the wonderful water fights. What a great shot! you were always on target, such a good sport, and the leader of the laughter.

I really miss our days of laughter. The fun we had getting the Social decorating done; good heavens the work of Opal and the beautiful flowers with the glitter to create such a wonderland. Joyce and I spent many hours in our attic sorting and organizing decorations by event, only to return a week later and someone was looking for something and messed up what we did. We just looked at each other and laughed and cleaned it up. Here we are at the end of 2011 and guess what? Joyce and I need to get back in the attic, so if you hear the laughter you will know it is us and not the mice.

Remember the aquariums in the windows? This was another Joyce creation. The wall hangings of the green lobster, the turtles and iceberg that Georgie created, along with her helpers to bring the beautiful scenes to you. As helpers we would look at Georgie and say you want us to do what? Georgie had the design in her head and was able to transform this into reality. What a talent, better yet the fun of Georgie getting her helpers to just follow directions.

Rich and PJ purchased this and it went to their place of business. The year of the light houses and the fish scene, Bill and Judy Sandham purchased them and put them in their yard and had a pool party to show the end result. This is the type family we are.

The decorating of the outside of our building, Sherry Brisbane graciously has donated all the lights and decorations year after year. The first time we did this, I will never forget the look on Frank Sullivan's face as he look up and I was on the roof top stringing the lights. He just froze; the look was hilarious. I really got a more serious look from Shelly Johnson with the comment, "You really should stay off the roof; you are not Santa Claus".

The nineteen nineties brought fun and laughter of the Mary Mary's (Mary Foster and Mary Sensabaugh). They were known on the entire coast from one Yacht Club to another. After spending an evening at CIYC, the Mary Mary's went to a convention at the Mandalay Beach Resort. We gained entry as saying we were part of the Medical Staff. Met some wonderful people and told them all about CIYC. The next day we purchased a boat. It was a 48-foot Ranger! Wonderful buy! We told the salesperson we were from CIYC and he should consider joining. We did a sea trail and then suggested we take the boat to our house on Gates Head Bay to see how it looks in the slip. Guess what? The slip was only 35-feet, duh. We were lucky to get out of the deal. The deal was so great the salesman had another buyer. Trips to Catalina, with Sherry and Bob Brisbane, on Heaven Can Wait and other boats from CIYC. Today, more than ever, we need the laughter. I know a lot of you have many more fond memories. It would be fun to hear about them and better yet, to laugh. I really think I could write a book about the fun times. Let's everyone try to laugh more and especially give each other a hug and let the love show through. What a wonderful team we have for 2012. They have my full support, and hope they give us lots to laugh about.

Mary Foster.



Epicureans Dinner
Transpac Race Review
November 12, 2011





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Connie Calo
Ladies Fishing Tournament



Phil Woolf
Men's Tournament

Anglers' Awards Dinner November 19th



Dave Erickson
Big Fish of the Year



Don Dickey
Sportsman of the Year

December 2011



Channel Islands Yacht Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bar Hours Sunday 1pm to close, Mon-Thr. 5pm to close, Closed Tuesday except 1st Tue. of the month. Fri & Sat 4pm to close.				1 Movie night-6:00pm	2 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Appetizers	3 7pm Tree Lighting and Potluck
				8 Dinning Room rented for CIWSA Christmas Party	9 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Birthday Bash Potluck 7pm Called Meeting of the Reg. Members	10 9am assemble POL float 5:30 pm Parade of Lights Dinner
4 Islanders Fund Raiser	5 Monday Night Football	6 British Brass Band @ CIYC—7:00 <i>Bar Opens @ 5pm</i>	7 <i>4pm Islanders BOD Meeting</i> <i>Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo</i> <i>Dinner 6:30</i> <i>Bingo 7:00</i>	8	15 Movie night-6:00pm	17 <i>7pm Club rented USCC dinner</i>
11 Defrock POL Float Sunday afternoon at CIYC Bar opens 1pm	12 Monday Night Football	13 7pm Final BOD dinner meeting	14 <i>2pm Bridge group Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo</i> <i>Dinner 6:30</i> <i>Bingo 7:00</i>	15	16 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Appetizers <i>7pm Club rented Navy CB dinner</i>	
18 Sunday afternoon at CIYC Bar opens 1pm	19 Monday Night Football	20	21 <i>Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo</i> <i>Dinner 6:30</i> <i>Bingo 7:00</i>	22 Movie night-6:00pm	23 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Appetizers	24 NO Dinner
25 Christmas Day <i>3pm Christmas Pot luck</i>	26 <i>Un-decorate the Club</i> Monday Night Football	27	28 <i>2pm Bridge group Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo</i> <i>Dinner 6:30</i> <i>Bingo 7:00</i>	29 Redecorate Club for New Years	30 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Redecorate Club for New Years	31 New Years Eve 7pm New Years Party



January 2012



Channel Islands Yacht Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Bar opens 10am	3	4 4pm Islanders Board Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30	5 Movie	6 Room Rental Wedding Reception 70 people	7 6:30pm Dinner (special)
8	9	10 6pm Beefeaters COW	11 2pm Bridge group Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30 Bingo 7:00	12 Movie	13 Birthday Bash	14 6:30pm Change of Watch/Attitude Dinner
15	16 M L King Day	17 11:30 Islanders COW luncheon	18 Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30 Bingo 7:00	19 Movie	20 Bar opens 1pm 1:30 3:30 Power Squadron meeting	21 6:30pm Epicureans Dinner
22	23	24	25 2pm Bridge group Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30 Bingo 7:00	26 Movie night-	27 Bar Appetizers General Meeting	28 Shipshape 6:30pm Beefeaters Dinner
29	30	31	Bar Hours Sunday 1pm to close, Mon-Thr. 5pm to close, Closed Tuesday except 1st Tue. of the month. Fri & Sat 4pm to close .			







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Anglers' Awards Dinner
November 19th





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The sale of a CIYC membership must be handled through our membership committee, currently headed by **Ellie Bishop 805.985.7589**.

Please contact Ellie and arrange with her for your **name** to be put up on the window of the CIYC back office door. This posting will not include the price you are asking for your membership; because the price is between you and the buyer.

Remember this must be done through Ellie.



TGIF/Birthday Bash - "Friday, December 9th"

Come and join us for our monthly celebration for members whose birthdays or anniversaries are in December.



Bring "munchies" to share and there is always a great birthday cake!

December Birthday Celebrations are: Pam Nast, Evans Hughes, Jr., Darlene Wholey, Chris McPherson, Roxy Ostrem, Hal Wholey, Tom McKnight, Allan Gabel, Kathy Villarreal, Miles Linman, Ed Whisman, Dan Alpern, Betty Larson, Jan Frallic, Brenda Longshore, Frank Nowitzki, Tarcha Alain, Lois Boyd, LeeAnne Clark, Robert Jordan, Bill Crocket, Judith Balcerzak, Bill Sandham, Tony Ferraro, Jim Longshore, DeAnn Wood and Steve Nielsen

December Anniversaries are: Mickey and Jackie Biederman, Rick and Deborah Tyhurst, Gary and Chris Moravchik, Paul and Ruth Hatcher, J.D. and Sue Speas, Carter and Virginia Gage, Bob and Doris Mooney, Dennis and Debi Howarth & Chris and Laurel Johnston



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