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Message From The Commodore Sheldon Berger



Greetings and Happy New Year for 2017

Channel Islands Yacht Club is off to a great start with two special events that were attended by our membership. The annual Blessing of the Fleet was rained out but that did not stop the celebration at the Club. We were treated to a great meal prepared by our new Rear Commodore and his first mate of delicious lemon chicken. Champagne was distributed to the captains and a fun time was had by all.

The very special Change of Watch was a sold-out event. Many, many thanks to Paul Paulin and his expert crew for a wonderful meal. Our servers and helpers were under the command of First Mate Karen Farrell. The Islanders helped out in such a big way with the event as did Sharon Sullivan's helpers decorating the room. Bonnie Chaney, our club photographer, did an expert job with updated photos of our Board and photos of the party. We are so lucky to have such giving members participating with these special occasions. Thanks you so much to all who worked the Change of Watch.

New Year's Eve was another event that many members enjoyed. Thank you our new director, Linda Weisfuss, for taking charge of the decorations. The dining room look was an event in itself.

Tom Warden and Bill Cline celebrated their twin birthdays on January 1st with a Mexican buffet and a margarita fountain. The membership was invited along with their family and guests. Happy Birthday to both of you and thanks for the party.

February will be a month of fun times at CIYC starting with Super Bowl Sunday, a Valentines Social Dinner and Dance, Epicureans and Beefeaters dinners and several other planned get-together events.

Lastly, I want to thank all of the membership that have given me the opportunity to serve as your Commodore for 2017. We have a great Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. This will be a "knock it out of the park" year for our club.

My best to all of our membership and their families for a healthy and successful 2017!

Sheldon Berger





Message From The Vice-Commodore Bob Taylor



Hello CIYC Members,

I want to thank all those who have volunteered to cook a Wednesday Night Dinner. I will be using our club email system to keep you informed of the weekly menus and those who are volunteering to cook. I also know that some of you are willing to help on Wednesday Nights, but you just don't want to do the planning and shopping. Please let me know if you fall into this category because sometimes cooks need crew members. And, if there is anyone who would like to volunteer to cook but feel a little reluctant because of being unfamiliar with our kitchen, just let me know and I can assist. In January we had great dinners by Gary and Joyce Johnson, Bob & Marylou Taylor, Rosemary Lippert and Harry Krum, and Jennifer Olcovich. In the future we will have some game nights as well as speakers. Keep watching your emails.

Speaking of dinners, we had a special sell out dinner for Change of Watch by Paul & Diane Paulin. Don't forget to sign up for our Valentine's Dinner /Dance on Saturday, February 11th. Gary and Joyce Johnson will be serving a 1" thick pork tenderloin chop with all the fixings. Brian Fitzgerald will be the DJ, and we have some fun ideas planned for a special evening. Please sign up early for the Valentine's Dinner because we have several nonmembers that would like to join us. Members obviously come first, so be sure to sign up early.

I am very pleased that Sherie Ireland has agreed to serve as "House Captain" for 2017 and will be working with me to keep the "House" in shipshape. Our next Shipshape will be Saturday, February 11th at 10am. We have several chores to accomplish, especially putting the outside sheds back in order. We will appreciate all the help we can get.

I also want to tell you that Dewayne and Toni Weaver will be in charge of our store this year. They will be offering special "dust" sales of the existing inventory due to the remodeling. Then they will be ordering some new styles of clothes with the CIYC logo that they will be selling in the near future. We might even have a fashion show some Friday night!

Toni Weaver has also agreed to be in charge of the bulletin board, and she will be helping me to keep you informed of coming events. We thank you Sherie, Dewayne and Toni for volunteering to keep our club "clean" and "stylish"!!!

Notice the flood light on the front of the building. It is now operating on a photo sensor rather than a motion sensor. That means it will keep the walkway and front parking lot lit from dusk to sunrise!

Vice Commodore, Bob Taylor





Message From
The Rear-Commodore
John Medlen



I would first like to say how much fun we all had at the Change of Watch dinner. It is an honor to be elected as your Rear Commodore and, as promised, I will do all that I can to make sure that this year is fun and filled with events to keep us all busy. With the new Commodore in place, and with his pledge to also assure this goal of the club, I am looking forward to everything we have coming up. And, before I get into the boating activities that are being scheduled I would just like to thank Frank and Sharon Sullivan for all of the help being provided to me. I always knew they were a great help to the club, however, I had no idea of the pivotal role that they would have in assisting me in every aspect of my position here at the club.

As for boating activities this is a reminder that our first Regatta of the year is going to be on February 18 and 19, 2017, (SCYA Midwinters) starting with a Skipper's Meeting that morning around 10:00 a.m. Again, anyone interested in being a part of these events should contact Bill Brayton or Jane Thomas for more information. Looking at the month of March our club is not hosting any racing events, however, I would invite anyone interested in racing to look at the ASBCYC Race Calendar for all events occurring at the various clubs, and, if you cannot locate such a schedule contact me and I will be happy to forward it to you. Finally, as part of my duties as the Rear Commodore I am to appoint a Cruise Chairperson to schedule various cruising events for our members; so far I have been unsuccessful in this endeavor. If you would like to assist me and fill this position it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me for more information if you are interested.

See you all around the club!

John Medlen
Rear Commodore





Message From First Mate Karen Farrell

Hello Channel Islanders and CIYC Members!

What a busy month January has been! I was still on vacation for the ‘undecorating’ of the club, but want to thank all of you that helped. As usual, Sharon and Frank Sullivan were instrumental in seeing to it that it was a job well done – a special THANK YOU to both of them.

In case anyone missed the email from Deborah Tyhurst, Sylvia Hyde, 2008 First Mate, passed away on January 2nd. Our sympathies are with her family. The Islanders sent a card to her husband and if you would also like to do so, his address is:

John Hyde
7852 N. Siesta Sunset Lane
Prescott Valley, AZ 86315

On a happier note, the Islanders have 46 members so far for 2017. If you are planning to join the Islanders this year and have not sent in your form/dues, please do so ASAP; or if you see Mary Ann Moore around the club, she can take your envelope or you can put it in the Islanders mail slot outside the office downstairs.

CIYC’s Change of Watch dinner was January 14th. Paul Paulin and his crew made a wonderful dinner and we had the honor of serving it to a SOLD-OUT crowd! I want to thank Erika Barbaric, Katarina Bernbaum, Karen Farrell, Eleanor Hovaten, Ginny Matthews, Dianne Merrill, Mary Ann Moore, and Laurie Preston for all their hard work. I don’t know if it’s true, but I heard there were 120 people for the event!!

As of this date, we have our first 2017 Islander excursion scheduled for January 21st. We are going on the “Murder Express Lunch Train” out of Fillmore. Thank you Deborah Tyhurst for coming up with this fun idea. It is also a celebration for Betty Larson’s birthday. I believe we have close to 20 people signed up.

Our Islanders’ Change of Watch Dinner was on Friday, January 27th. Thank you to Joyce Sheridan and her cooking crew/servers: Barbara Brauns, Elyse Gonnello, Dianne Merrill, Jane Thomas, Deborah Tyhurst, and Jane Van Daalwyk.

The Islander board is now ramping up for Opening Day which is April 2nd. It will come up fast! If anyone is interested in getting involved with decorating or cooking, please let me know by email: karenfar@ymail.com or phone: 805-512-7795. It is such a fun event and a LOT of work!!

Vera Cline has been missing in action the month of January. Vera severely broke her wrist December 21st. She had surgery January 12th and is on the mend. We all wish her a speedy recovery! Hopefully, she’ll be back with us in February.

See you at the club!!

Karen Farrell

1st Mate 2017

Anglers' Corner - February 2017

By Frank Sullivan



Fishing Report:

Winter fishing restrictions are upon us. Remember, boat-based fishing for Ocean Whitefish, Rockfish, Lingcod, and Sheepshead are closed until March 1st. There are still plenty of reports of cold-water action on Calico Bass and Halibut coming in; unfortunately, not by any of our members to date!

Winter Calico Bass fishing can be good, if you can adjust your technique to the cold-water conditions. One method I was taught by a fishing friend, Cory Visser, called it the **web technique**. I believe the well-known local Charter Captain, Larry "Calico Hunter" Heron, originated it.

The system requires the use of 2 light line outfits with an 8-12lb line. Use lead head plastic lures, such as big hammer or similar brand, doctored up with 'Calico Sauce' - a lure scent. The key is to cast out the lure into an area outside a kelp line or hard bottom and let it sink to the bottom; then, leaving the reel in free spool or very light drag to avoid overruns, put that rod in a rod holder. Then, pick up the other rod, cast it out, and do the same thing. Return to the first rod and begin a medium-slow retrieve for about 5-10 cranks. If no bite, drop down and do it again, varying the number of cranks until you get in the strike zone. What happens is the lure at first darts up off the floor of the ocean and when a nearby Calico or Sand Bass sees it, it will often generate a reflex strike.

We tried this technique one late winter day off of Deep Hole for some very nice Calicos and Sand Bass. Don't give up on fishing for the winter. Make sure you get your new License and give it a try. Heck, you might even win the monthly \$50 big fish prize! BTW, you need to get your Anglers Dues in if you want to claim a monthly prize.

No big fish were reported for January. Remember to check the Angler's box on your membership bill and send in your \$10 to join in the fun.

WSB Grow-out Pen Update:

We currently have over 12,300 Juvenile WSB in our pen that are doing very nicely. We recently had a health check and weight assessment done by OREHP staff and they passed with flying colors. They are showing an average weight of 42 grams.

Upcoming events:

May 7 th	Men's Fishing Tournament
May 20 th	Anglers' Dinner
June 11 th	Ladies' Fishing Tournament
September 8 th	Channel Islands Bill Fish Tourney Kick-off Dinner
September 9 th to 13 th	Channel Islands Bill Fish Tournament
September 15 th	Channel Islands Bill Fish Tourney Awards Dinner
November 18 th	Anglers' Awards Scampi Dinner



Doc Lines

Clustered Regularly-Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats (CRISPR)

In our history, there have been some discoveries that have changed humanity forever. Good examples are: making fire, and inventions such as the wheel, vaccines, the internal combustion engine, and the computer. CRISPR promises to be of similar, or perhaps even much greater, importance.

In short, it is an advanced form of gene editing. Using an enzyme called CAS-9, it is possible to cut a precise small sequence (a gene) out of a person's DNA chain, and remove it. Let's say the sequence that makes you stupid, or prone to cancer, or sweat a lot. Such an intervention would quantitatively improve your life.

Also, it's possible not only to precisely cut out a gene, but also to replace it with a desirable gene. Let's say they take out the stupid gene and insert in its place a smart gene and a bigger penis gene. And all of this can be done with unprecedented precision, accuracy, and speed. Think of a word processor: choose, delete, insert, paste. And it comes with a spell checker, thesaurus, and its own Wikipedia (gene map). Press "all" and all genes in all cells are corrected.

All this was not performed on patients. Government regulatory agencies are not permitting it yet. It was done on human embryos in the US and China, but they were not allowed to develop.

As a biological and genetic research tool, this technique has enormous potential. And it is unstoppable, because it's cheap, easy, and can be done in any modestly equipped laboratory. And it's getting better and better almost daily, and less susceptible to mistakes.

I will not spend time elaborating on the effects on agriculture, or on domestic livestock or wildlife, but rather will concentrate on our own species.

On the level of individual humans, many congenital diseases will be treated. But to really have an effect on humanity, gene splicing will be done on reproductive cells such as spermatocytes and ova. Thus, expected congenital diseases will never develop, familial propensity to cancers and other hereditary conditions will be eliminated.

Once that camel's nose is under the tent, it is almost certain that parents will want to choose the eye color of their children, their height, body proportions, and hair color. Future generations will be more and more intelligent since parents will most likely want their children to be smart rather than leaving everything to the quirks and caprices of Mother Nature.

What will humanity look like one or two hundred years from now? Way different. And the names of CRISPR discoverers will be as well-known as the Wright brothers are known today.

Your Fleet Sturgeon, Zoran

Thanks to Erika for editing.



Proposed Fisherman's Wharf Apartment Complex Requires a Specific Plan Approved by the City of Oxnard to Move Forward

On December 13, 2016, the City Council of Oxnard passed a resolution to approve an amendment to their General Plan requiring a specific plan to be prepared in advance of implementing an Urban Village in a specific authorized location. Despite the protests and threats of legal action by the County, Harbor Department and proposed developer, Channel Islands Properties LLC, the Council passed the resolution with a 5-0 vote in favor of the resolution.

The County and proposed developer had claimed the City does not AND should not have the right to require the County to go through the City review process. However, because the County is seeking an amendment to its Public Works Plan, the Coastal Commission has required that the County obtain from the City, an amendment to its Local Coastal Plan (LCP). As such, the City retains full right of review of its LCP amendment and has the right to decide to amend or not amend its LCP. The City is required to amend its LCP only if it finds it is not in conformity with the policies of the Coastal Act.

In a letter to the City Council dated December 12, 2016, the developer said "we can only conclude that someone with their own agenda is trying to get the City Council to act hastily." This, along with continual threat of legal action and the claim that the County is not nor should it be required to process anything with the City regarding the Harbor, troubled City Council members.

As of January 13, 2017, the County and the proposed developer have not submitted a specific plan to the City of Oxnard, as the City is requiring them to do.

Regarding the Coastal Commission process for this proposed Fisherman's Wharf project, though the Harbor Department has submitted a supplemental traffic study as requested, the Coastal Commission continues to have issues and questions regarding the traffic studies which the County will need to address.

Update: CIYC Neighboring Paz Mar Select Apartment Complex Gets New Management Company

At the January 10, 2017. Board of Supervisors Meeting, the Harbor Department requested Board approval for a lease transfer for Parcel C, the Paz Mar Select Apartment Complex. The new operator will be Channel Islands Villa LP, a newly formed single-purpose entity and limited partnership of Xenon Investment Corporation (a family owned company) and Rohit Mehta Separate Property Trust. It is not apparent why the transfer of this lease agreement was being made from Prime Group to this new entity at this time. Prime Group apparently will continue to manage the Paz Mar Apartments located on Peninsula Road.

Help Continue to Stop the Proposed Massive Apartment Project in Our Harbor with your Tax Deductible Donation.

The Harbor & Beach Community Alliance (HBCA) is a neighborhood grassroots group formed by harbor and beach residents opposing this specific development project. HBCA is not a 501(c) (3); however, the Western Alliance for Nature, an established non-profit, has generously allowed HBCA to fundraise through their organization on this public interest issue. There are no administrative fees. 100% of donations will pay for legal fees and experts to oppose the Fisherman's Wharf Project proposed with Public Works Plan Amendment 7. Donations are **tax deductible**.

Make your check out to: **Western Alliance for Nature** with a memo line: **CI Harbor**

Mail to: 3600 S. Harbor Blvd. #488, Oxnard, CA 93035

Rene Aiu, Harbor Delegate



Do You Know? - Skip and Laurie Preston

By Keith & Mary Ann Moore

Laurie – I was born in Key West, Florida. My dad was a Navy pilot and avid boater. I have traveled and lived in many places around the U.S. and the world. In Munich, Germany, I attended the University of Maryland and then finished my B.A. in Elementary Education at the Maryland USA campus.

My parents had retired in Hawaii, so I moved there in 1974. In Hawaii, I taught preschool and Creative Arts. I met Skip in 1975 and a few years later we married and had 3 children; Nicholas, Aletha and Alexander, who now live in southern California.

We moved to Oxnard in 1984, where I started out as the school librarian, and then as a teacher for the past 20 years. Midway through my career, I earned my Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

I retired two and a half years ago and now am able to truly enjoy our two granddaughters, advocate for elementary school music education programs, continue to travel and be able to participate in all the activities at CIYC. Skip and I have a lot of fun at the club and I try to be involved in all the activities as much as possible. Some of my favorite activities are the dinners, boating trips, being a Channel Islander's Board member, performing in our Annual variety shows, fishing, and the socials - especially the ones with dancing. It's been great fun for Skip and I as members of the Channel Islands Yacht Club.



Skip: I was born in Norfolk, Virginia, but by the time I was one year old, our family moved back to my mother's home in Hawaii. We lived on the Windward side of Oahu, Hawaii. Out of high school, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a dental tech/hospital corpsman and what do you know?..., got stationed back to the East Coast at the Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland. Later, I was transferred to the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station in Hawaii. I attended Southern Illinois University and then the University of Hawaii for a Bachelors of Fine Arts. I had a brief career in law enforcement, and then managing wholesale/retail/marketing for a chain of restaurants and retail outlets.

After our family moved to Oxnard, I was manager for Smart and Final. Years later I worked in marketing for Sam's Club. After leaving Sam's Club, I started a catering/restaurant business. Now retired, my favorite activities are the Yacht Club, books, fishing, sports, making art and cooking. Laurie and I joined the club after being invited to visit as guests. Mary Foster was the Commodore at the time, and she took care to make us feel very welcome. We joined right away and being part of Channel Islands Yacht Club was one of the best things we've ever done. We have really enjoyed our friends, the ocean activities, cooking, dinners, and the bar!

An observation after reading Skip and Laurie's story, is how important it is for each of us to invite guests to visit the Club..... because if someone had not invited Skip and Laurie.....they would not now be one of our many friends.

So the next time you see them around the Club.....please remember to say ALOHA! ... And introduce them to one of your friends that you invited to the Club!

.....And stay tuned to the next DO YOU KNOW?

Welcome New Regular Members



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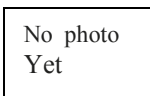
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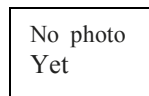
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February 2017

Channel Islands Yacht Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	2	3 5-7pm Happy Hours Birthday Bash	4 NO DINNER Setup for Super Bowl
5 6pm Ships store open Super Bowl Party	6	7 6:30pm Room rented CCA meeting	8 2pm Bridge group 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	9 5pm Islanders BOD	10 5-7pm Happy Hours 7pm Ventura British Brass Concert	11 9am Ships/ape 7pm Valentine/Social
12 1-4pm Open House	13	14 Valentines' Day	15 Currents Article Due 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	16	17 5-7pm Happy Hours	18 7pm dinner (Smith) SCYA Midwinters
19 2pm room rented Baby Shower SCYA Midwinters	20 Presidents Day	21 6:30pm CIYC board meeting	22 2pm Bridge group 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	23	24 5-7pm Happy Hours 7pm General meeting	25 7pm Beefeaters dinner
26 Academy Awards	27	28			Bar Hours Sunday 3pm to close, Closed Mon. & Tues. except special events Wed. Thurs. & Fri. 5pm to close, Sat 4pm to close	

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March 2017

Channel Islands Yacht Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8 2pm Bridge group 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	9 5pm Islanders BOD 6:30pm CIWSA	10 5-7pm Happy Hours	11 7pm Beefeater dinner
Whale Watch Cruise						
12 Daylight Savings starts	13	14 6:30pm Room rental HOA	15 Start Wet Wednesdays 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 5-7pm Happy Hours 7pm Dinner/Social	18 9am Shipshape No dinner
19 Electric Boat event	20	21 6:30pm CIYC board meeting	22 2pm Bridge group 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	23 7pm Islanders Ann. Dinner	24 5-7pm Happy Hours 7pm General meeting	25 5pm Room Rental Sweet16 BD
26 1-4pm Open House	27	28	29 6:30 pm Wed .Dinner	30	31 5-7pm Happy Hours	

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'Birthday Bash' - February 6th 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: Michelle Dilldine, Paul Morgan,
Kyle Malak, Donna McKendry, Josie Underwood, Marilyn Osenbaugh,
Dennis Van Daalwyk, Julie Mohr, Darlin Belmonte, Rose M Hazeltine,
Diane Paulin, Char Falkenstein; Shelly Ward & Mary Howard.

February Anniversaries are: Ray and Bette Wilson,
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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SUPER BOWL LI (51)

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

TAILGATE-STYLE PARTY

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

1 PM - UNTIL ...

Tailgate-style food will open up with a snack table at 1:30 which 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, SLIDERS, 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 on your favorite team. Don't forget games within the game will also be played. Come early for special games. There will also be a drawing for prizes at the end of each quarter. Cocktails are a separate charge.

\$20.00/PP

1ST 100 PEOPLE TO SHOW UP WILL GET

A CHANCE IN THE \$100 WINNER-TAKE-ALL POOL!!





Mardi Gras Dinner

Wednesday, March 1st

Jambalaya, Gumbo
Vegetarian Gumbo,
Southern Style Salad
Hurricanes at the bar



\$10 per Person

Limit 75 people

Raggin' Cajuns,
Frank & Gayle



WANTED
BRISTOL BOATS
FOR OPENING DAY
APRIL 2, 2017

Call Tom Webb in March for Appt. 661.589.3646


We have five classes of boats:

Power: Over 34 feet
 Under 34 feet

Sail: Over 34 feet
 Under 34 feet

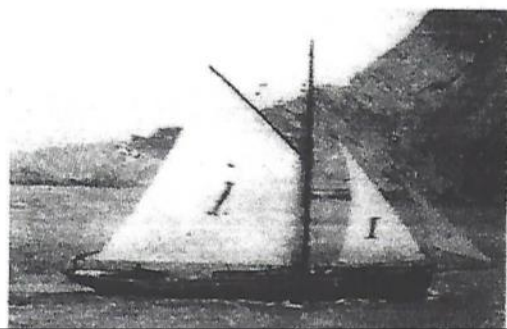
All Electric Boats

The **Bristol Channel is a dangerous area of water in southwest England and forms the southern border of Wales. The tidal range of 15 meters (49 ft) is second only to the Bay of Fundy in Eastern Canada. A sailor's rhyme goes "Twixt Hartland Point and Padstow Bay is a sailor's grave by night or day."*



Because of the strong tides and the rarity of safe havens in the Bristol Channel, a well-found boat with all gear in working order is essential when navigating these treacherous waters.

*A specialized style of sailing boat, the **Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter**, was developed in the area and has a long and illustrious history. During their working lives the **Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter** was the byword for ruggedness and sailing ability in all weathers, spending weeks on end at sea, short handed and in some of the most challenging waters of the world.*



Someone has to win; it might be you!

Contact: Fleet Captain, Tom Webb or S/C Thomas Warden 661.978.8159

John Medlen, Rear Commodore

A TALE OF THE WHALE

March 5, 2017

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. The boats will venture out (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 by 2:30 p.m. That will give everybody a chance to put their boats away. We'll begin the contest at 3:30 p.m. (AFTER the bar is opened). Commodore Shelly Berger, Vice Commodore Bob Taylor and Rear Commodore John Medlen will 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. (Keep in mind, however, that extra points will be given to any entry that has been written on the water). Lest we forget--laughter is the key element! Imagine! You and/or your team could be the winners! And what do you get for that? Well, you get the prestige of being a winner (and doesn't everybody like to be a winner) AND the thrill of having your name(s) engraved on the Moby Dick Trophy. It just doesn't get any better!

As in the past, immediately after the contest and trophy presentation, Paul and I will be serving COMPLIMENTARY HOMEMADE SOFT TACOS, PAUL'S FAMOUS REFRIED BEANS AND MY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES. Once again, everyone is welcome.

So right now—while you're still reading this article—walk to your calendar and mark the date—March 5. We'll look forward to seeing AND hearing from you then! Please try to be there by 2:30 p.m. as the contest will start at 3:30 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 meet in the bar to tell stories of what might have been! Let's hope for smooth seas and sunshine!

Ruth Hatcher,

2017 Whale Watching Cruise Chairperson





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New Year's Eve
December 31th





New Year's Eve
December 31th





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December 31th



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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.

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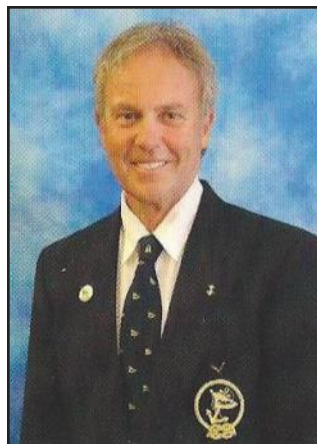
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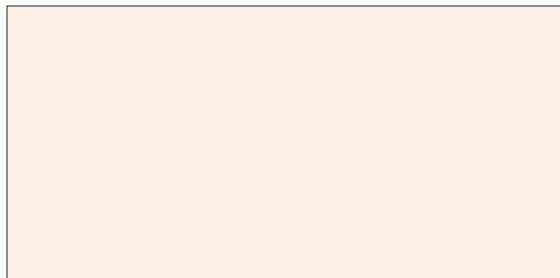
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