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Happy New Year!

Thanks to all our members for making 2007 a very successful year. We were able to meet or exceed our goals in so many ways. We not only survived 2007, but in fact, we thrived because of your incredible hard work, creativity, and dedication to our club.

As we navigate the "currents" through 2008, let's continue our commitment to making CIYC the place most admired.

Thank you so much!
We wish you a new year filled with peace, joy, and meaning.



2008



CROWS NEST - *What's Ahead*

1/3 - Islanders board meeting, 10:30 a.m.
1/5 - Commodore's Cruise, 11 a.m.
1/8 - Club board meeting, 7 p.m.
1/9 - RAMS meeting, 5:30 p.m.
1/11- Birthday Bash
1/12 - Change of Watch Social, 7 p.m.
1/1/15 - Beef Eaters meeting

1/18 - General meeting, 7 p.m.
1/19 - Ship Shape
1/19 - Beef Eaters Dinner, 7 p.m.
1/20 - Cruising Seminar, 5 p.m.
1/26 - Dinner, 7 p.m.
2/2 - Bocce Ball Tournament, 3 p.m.
2/16—Sweetheart's Ball,



Message From The Commodore Frank Sullivan



All right, let's get the show on the road!!! What a great year we had last year and what a fabulous year awaits! Last year was a year of adjustments and financial development. Under Commodore Colleen's administration, we were able to take the club out of the red into the black and set the groundwork for a successful follow-up.

Of course, we still have many challenges ahead. As I write this, in mid December, your new board has already met to set the 2008 calendar and we have begun the budget process with a workshop. This year's budget process will be especially difficult as we try to account for the Club's interior renovation and the pending rent increase when Vintage completes the exterior remodel.

I have asked that the members of the board be particularly open to suggestions and ideas from their constituents, the club members. We want your input, but you must know that not all ideas may be implemented. We just want to insure that we do not miss any good opportunities to make our club better.

Speaking of the Board I feel particularly blessed with the talent the membership has provided for us this year. We will have a good mix of experience and energy to address any problems and opportunities that may arise.

Our new Rear Commodore Mary Foster is indeed **not at all** "Reluctant" she hit the ground running even before the beginning of the year and is working to make the transition as seamless as possible. She has some great ideas and is building a strong team to help her. Just don't leave anything lying around it may get tossed out!!

Vice Commodore Larry Golkin is like the energizer bunny, full of drive and ideas and ready to do whatever it takes to get things done. He also has spent time building a team of members to help him with his programs as well. He has a very aggressive cruising schedule planned and I am especially looking forward to his Monthly Cruising seminar.

Besides Mary Foster, the new members of the board include Carol Naylor, Past Commodore Tom Naylor's wife and Roster editor for many years, Joyce Sheridan a Past Commodore herself and another energizer "Easter Bunny".

Returning as Board members from last year are Georgie Olsen, Vera Cline, Barbara Braun, and Thomas Warden. These folks were a part of last years successes.

Please remember that the whole point of a Yacht Club is to promote boating; to provide facilities for the use of boats, to aid in promoting the interest in boating and related recreational activities and to **foster a closer feeling of fellowship!** It is all about recreation, so get involved and enjoy YOUR Club. HAVE FUN.





Message From The Vice Commodore Larry Golkin



Happy New Year to all. Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your 2008 Vice Commodore. The water program thrives and grows in 2008 and includes several new and interesting programs.

One Sunday each month, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., our first ever Sunday Cruising/Boating Safety Colloquium will meet in the dining room. Topics include anchoring, provisioning, boat yards, sail racing, predicted log racing, first aid, heavy weather boat handling, damage control, legal requirements, and more. This series is open to all CIYC Members as well as members of the public. The Colloquium serves to expand boating knowledge in an open discussion format. It costs nothing to attend. The best allies in safe boating include gaining knowledge and sharing experience. This edition of the Currents contains a schedule. Bulletin boards throughout the club include a flyer. Please support this program by attending some or all of the seminars.

The 2008 calendar of club cruises is available in the bar. It contains a number of weekend cruises, two longer cruises, and several day cruises. The schedule provides a number of new cruises as well as the traditional ones. Last year demonstrated that cruising still provides enjoyment and camaraderie, adventure and good times whether at the islands, or tied to the piers at Ventura Harbor. Cruising is an essential part of the yacht club experience and I hope you will avail yourselves of some, if not all, of the opportunities to be part of the cruising CIYC family.

Additionally, there is a Boating Buddy Board on the bulletin board in the bar. If you want to take other members, who do not have boats, with you please let us know by putting your name, contact information, and the number of folks you are willing to carry, as well as whether you will carry other members on day or weekend cruises as indicated, so that those who have no boat can identify you and request passage. Many new members joined our fold in 2007, and this is a great way to make new friends.

A recent survey of our membership records demonstrates that we have more than 30 members who own power boats. Cruiser Navigation is an excellent way to enjoy the water. There are 6 races on calendar this year. Points are awarded for participation. Many of you have no idea what predicted log racing is. On March 30, there will be a seminar explaining all about this waterborne exercise. I had no idea how fun it is until I tried it. Sail boats with auxiliary engines can also participate. The last two years has seen rather poor participation by our membership. Please come to the seminar and learn more about Cruiser Navigation. Then, give it a try. Put your skills as a navigator and vessel operator to the test.

The ASBCYC calendar has nearly 50 weekends of sail boat racing planned for this year. It is grueling to say the least. CIYC will host 7 of these races this year, including two very big races, the SCYA Mid-Winters and the Olson 30 Nationals. While we have a lot to do as a club to make these race events successful, special appreciation is due our Racing Associate Members, also known as RAMs. These men and women put an extreme amount of time and money into their sport and agree to bear our flag. They are professional athletes no different from professional football or baseball players, except they do not get paid to race. They do it for the sheer love of the sport. Moreover, these men and women ask for little in return. We, as a club, need to show our appreciation for their efforts by coming to the races, and cheering them on. We also need to take the time to talk to them and learn what we can about their avocation. Don't forget to thank them for the hard work they do representing our club and helping us achieve "status" as a racing yacht club. The racing schedule is on the board in the bar. Our races are identified.

Finally, there is important club business to take care of this year. Last year demonstrated that proper club management, fiscal responsibility, and careful financial analysis put our club back in the black. We have a number of projects and goals to achieve this year and look forward to discussing these issues with you at the general membership meetings. Plan on attending these meetings as no business can take place unless you are all well informed.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. Together, we can make 2008 a memorable year.





Message From The Rear Commodore Mary Foster



Here we are the year of 2008. Be ready for a year of change around your Club House. What an excellent finish for 2007.

Thank you Bob and Sherry Brisbane for the contribution of all the outside decorations for our Club. Needless to say, The Channel Islands Yacht Club won the award for the best decorated yacht club. Thank you again Bob and Sherry, you and your team made it happen.

I also wish to again thank Bob and Sherry for the popcorn wagon; what a wonderful treat, your generosity speaks for itself. We promise to maintain the unit in good shape; it is on the Master Sheet of Maintenance.

I wish to thank everyone for supporting our club. Your presence is welcome and your support will help our club to function.

I will be holding an open forum in February for everyone's input regarding the interior of your club. I will have some figures and want your ideas, we are a team and that is how we will make it happen. Watch the currents as well as the bulletin board for the date.

Your Bridge for 2008; Commodore Frank Sullivan, Vice Commodore Larry Golkin, and Rear Commodore Mary Foster, ask "HOW MAY WE HELP YOU". Your Bridge will support each other in all areas assigned as our respective duties, along with your help we will succeed.

Our first maintenance repair day is scheduled for January 19th. We are going to start in the kitchen. Watch the bulletin board for the sign up sheet and a list of projects. Lunch will be served to the workers at noon, we will start at 8:00 am and hope to finish by noon; we will continue to work if we have help.

Keeping up our club house and grounds is a monumental task. It will be difficult to fill Frank's shoes and I can not do it without you. Join us have fun, make your club a place of pride and workmanship.

Please contact me by cell phone (805) 797-5148; Home phone (805) 984-4290 or email Maryf1@adelphia.net that is Maryf (like frank the numeral one).

See you around the club, I'm the one always asking you to do something. And so with good cheer, I will sign off, however have no fear! You will hear!

"Would you please do this little project to help the Rear!" Happy Days and Smooth Seas:

Mary Foster
Rear Commodore 2008





Happy New Year!

The Islanders are planning a great 2008! First of all, let me thank the ladies who have agreed to help us make this a successful year:

Second Mate
Recording Yeoman
Corresponding Yeoman
Purser
Membership
Luncheons
Hospitality
Sunshine
Photographer
Phone Committee
Ways & Means

Sue Warden
Bobbie Nowitski
Georgie Olsen
Ellie Bishop
Mary Foster
Evelina Arglen and Sharon Deyling
Sharon Sullivan
Georgie Olsen
Sharon Sullivan
Ellie Babbe
Joni Myers and Pat Valenti

Our first Board meeting will be on January 3, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. and our installation luncheon is on January 22. Evelina and Sharon will be preparing something wonderful for us.

The club looked absolutely beautiful at the "Tree Lighting" ceremony. Thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who gave their time and energy to make everything so gorgeous for us. The pot-luck as usual exceeded all expectations. Thanks to everyone who brought dishes to share— delicious! We had about 90 people in attendance and no one went home hungry.

Can we talk about Santa? Personally, I think our Santa was probably one of the cutest I've ever seen! The children loved seeing him up close and personal. Thanks, Larry!

The Islanders helped serve the Coast Guard dinner and I sincerely want to thank Ellie Bishop, Joyce Sheridan, Phyllis Lucas and May Foster for helping with this dinner. The Coast Guard is always appreciative. The Beef Eaters prepared the dinner and it was delicious!

We have lots of things planned for 2008. Please be supportive and help us make this a great year.

Sylvia Hyde
First Mate

The Beefeaters



WE PROMISED LOT'S OF FUN
AND
ENJOYMENT

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR GOURMET CHEF'S; OUR VERY OWN
BEEFEATER'S**

How fortunate we are to have this wonderful group of gentlemen.
Not only do they give us such flair, the dinner is prepared in true Beefeater fashion.

Please join this wonderful group and be ready for a Gourmet Dinner.
This is a wonderful opportunity for family and friends, otherwise they would have to go
abroad to enjoy such a wonderful evening.

Saturday, January 19th, 7 p.m.

Sign up sheet is in the dinner book.





Galloping Gourmets

Mary Foster

Your Host and Hostess for Fun Night for 2008 are Bob Hynes and Jean Gaddis. What a start! Our first Wednesday Fun Night is January 9th. Dinner will be served by Dixie Redden. We are still calling for the remainder of the month. **Expect your call.**

In February, we will start door prizes along with your fun games. We plan a Bingo Caller contest. So sign up and join the fun. There will be sign up sheets in the Wednesday Night Book as well as the regular Saturday Night Dinners. Please sign up it makes it easier on our cooks and will guarantee we have enough food to go around. We have a full calendar next year, with lots of wonderful enjoyable things planned for you and yours.

We are here for your Gourmet delight. Please stop by for a bite. The fun and games go along to bring you cheer. Our Jack Borkowski and bar team will always have cold beer. Do not miss out you never know what we may bring about.

We will have a Sweetheart Dance in February. So look about and if you do not have a Sweetheart you never know. Cupid is doing his job and bringing smiles to the faces of our friends we hold dear. Watch the bulletin boards for updates.

Mary Foster

Recognition Dinner



Competitive Edge

Richard Sharpe



Well, the racing year is complete. The final race of the year had to be abandoned. Funatic and Perfect Balance sat on the start line with XS and Maine Squeeze, in 27-30 kts of wind. The committee boat was trying to get out of Ventura harbor in 44 knots and sensibly called the race off.

Two Harbors Fall Series

The Fall series ended up with Funatic taking 3rd in Spin A, followed by Maine Squeeze in 4th place. Perfect Balance took 2nd in Spin B with Velero finishing an unusual 2nd with Zuma Jay 3rd.

Racers Dinner



A great evening was had by all at the annual Racers Dinner. Thanks to the board who cooked a superb repast.

There were many of our racers in attendance, following a very long season. Our faithful troupe of racing committee members were given a well deserved round of applause as we need these people to go out in virtually all weather to start and finish our races. Without them, there would be no racing.

Dan Alpern was acknowledged for the sail training he has been giving to our local youth. This is valuable work for our club's future. Thanks Dan!



There were many highlights relived and some prizes handed out. Those of note were,

- Sail Racer of the Year - Mike Taylor
- Most Active Power Boat - Frank Sullivan
- Most Active Sail - Richard Sharpe

With duty done for another year, all RAM members went home with thanks for supporting their club with enthusiasm and credit.

Now we start the rebuilding for next season. Many boats have serious work to do, hulls to fair and repaint, masts to remove, new gear and sails to buy and crews to re-energize.

We look forward to next year with pleasure as your club has been extended the honor of hosting the Olson 30 National Championships, to be held in July. That will be a great centerpiece for our year. I hope that we can call on all members of the club to make our guests welcome and to ensure that all the planned events go off with a bang. Larry Golkin, Jack Borkowski and I will be looking for volunteers, pressed or otherwise.

Next year, I know all the RAMS will be out on the water again, in support of our great club,

Happy Holidays To You All!

Richard Sharpe





Angler's Corner

Frank Sullivan

Happy New Year!! As I'm sure you know Rockfish season is closed until March 1st. In the mean time, there should be some opportunities for winter Calico Bass, and a few halibut. The Calicos are hunkered down in the depths. A slow retrieve of leadhead plastic lure bumping along the bottom should produce in the right areas. One of the area's that has produced for me in the past is the Deep Hole area south of Point Mugu..

Angler's dues of \$10 for the 2008-fishing season are now due. You may send in your dues with your regular club dues billing. For only ten bucks, you will have a distinctive looking fish next to your name in the CIYC Roster; be eligible for the \$50 Big Fish of the Month Award, be able to participate in all of the club tournaments and perhaps win \$100 Big Fish of the Year Award.

Many months go by when no or few fish are weighed in, which means that the ¼ lb mackerel may be worth \$50 bucks, so weigh them in! An Angler can only win once a year so we should have 12 different winners.

In the last year Anglers, funds were used to purchase a computer, software, and peripherals for the office and bar. In addition, funds were used to help pay for furniture in the entry way..

This year join us for the Anglers' dinner meetings, in conjunction with the Channel Islands Anglers (CIA). Watch for the announcements, they will begin in April. There will be speakers on fishing techniques and fisheries issues. This year the MLPA process begins for our area of So. Cal. With the prospect of more fishing area closures on top of what we already have at the Channel Islands. These meetings will be a great source of information and support, as well as a time to share fishing stories and brag about the big one that didn't get away.

If you wish to join this elite group, please respond by January 30th so we can put the fish logo by your name in the Roster.

White Sea Bass Grow out Pen update:

The WSB crew has been busy cleaning and repairing the Pens for this year's new crop of juvenile White Sea Bass. If you have any interest in helping with a unique project that promotes real conservation and stock rebuilding, contact George Arglen, he will get you involved.

Attention All Bocce Ball Players



1st Annual Bocce Ball Tournament



Date: Saturday, February 2, 2008
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Channel Islands Yacht Club, South
Lawn

You don't need to know how to play.
It's easy to learn. Lots of fun.
Sign up sheet in Dinner Book.
Saturday night dinner afterwards.



Parade of Lights





Dave Wilhite's Report

Happy New Year Boaters and Waterfront Lovers

Weather: Other than being a colder than normal Indian summer fall the winds have been keeping most boaters at the docks. Northwestern and Northeast are our prevailing winds thru January. Be aware after the first of the year we can get heavy southeast winds and swells that usually develop rainy weather close behind. I recently had an unusual weather window to deal with traveling to Santa Rosa and San Miguel fishing lobster and rockfish for three days.

The weather channel VHF weather 3 predicted the first day southeast to 15-20 knots day light winds and turning northwest at night 15-25 with the second day the same. The second night was predicted to go 20 to 50 knots northwest with the huge eastern pacific westerly swells to 40 feet.

We had a group of 4 going and the two from Morro Bay canceled due to high warnings. We are fortunate our Islands have good protection in these conditions. We left at noon the first day and arrived at Santa Rosa about 4pm. The wind was from the Southeast so we anchored at Southeast Anchorage and were comfortable the night. The next day we decide to move on up to San Miguel to fish rockfish and this is where we hit the 15-25 knots of west breeze fortunately we were on a 60,000.00 pound boat and were able to make the Island.

The owner of the boat and I discussed the weather fairly extensively into the evening to where he was confident enough to hold over again at Northwest Anchorage. The winds did hit 40 knots thru the night but we held well with little discomfort other than the howling of the wind passing by the boat.

We stay at anchor and fillet our limits of Red Snapper and miscellaneous rock fish and headed home. Upon arriving back a Ventura Harbor we found the huge swells that we predicted breaking across the entrance. Timing sets (a group of wave 4-5) of swells comes into play in this condition. We pay close attention staying safely outside the break and see how much time between sets.

Once we figure this time we are able to know whether we have the boat speed to cover the distance needed to go to safety inside the harbor. In this case we had time to spare maybe 10-15 seconds. I simply inch my way to where the swells were peaking and waited for the 4 wave to pass under the boat and hit the throttle to keep just behind and follow it into the harbor. A safer option is to go to Channel Islands Harbor when swell warnings are out and take your boat home when the swell recedes.

Remain cautious always listen to the weather #3 channel for heavy weather. This data seems to be in the 95-98% reliability range our whole trip was close weather conditions and the information made it possible to have another great fishing adventure.

Boats: I remain amazed that so many new boaters are buying boats that do not suit our local and island boating. The worst part of this happening is the new boaters will not experience the true experience but one where the boat was not seaworthy or designed for our weather. I guess the question here is what do you do with the 90% dysfunctional boats? Better yet how does one get the information needed to make the proper decision before destroying his interest on a bad boat? Something to ponder.

Fishing: In finishing up on the rockfish exploring we did manage to get to the spots inside the West End of Santa Rosa Island and Wycoff Ledge on the back side of San Miguel Island. All the areas had high volumes of nice rockfish to 10 pounds. My final thoughts on the areas I feel are best based on distance needed to travel and volume and quality of fish?

Locally I think the 17 Fathom spot (Hidden Reef) 27 miles at 160-170 compass shows most volume and quality. Outside reefs I think inside the West End of Santa Rosa holds the best quality with 5-7 pound Red Snapper and Chuckle Head.

My personal choice San Miguel for its solitary and beauty. Note we are establishing Channel Islands Tuna Club January 1, 2008. More info to be forwarded. The club will have events for families and big game anglers alike.

Calm Seas,
Captain Dave



FLAG OFFICER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: COMMODORE

Bar Manager	Jack Borkowski
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Anglers	Frank Sullivan
ASBCYC Delegate	Larry Golkin, Tom Warden
Boating Safety	Larry Golkin
Cruiser Navigation	George Arglen
Cruising Chairman	Several
Dinghy Brunches	Clark Owens
Fleet Captain	Jane Thomas
Parade of Lights	Tom And Susan Warden

PHRF Representative	Larry Golkin
Port Captain	Bob Deyling/ Bill Cline
Principal Race Officer	Several
Racing Chairman (Sail)	Ron Lippert, Paul Morgan, Dan Alpern, Ed Staples
SCCA Delegate	Larry Golkin
SCYA Delegate	Larry Golkin
Welcoming	Brenda Golkin
YRU Delegate	Larry Golkin

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Bulletin Board	Bud Phyllis Gerding
Food Safety	Paul Paulin
Holiday Supper Club	Dave Gable
House Captain	Ted and Daphne Heatherington
In-House Special Events	Opal Gilpin
Interior Decorating	Mary Foster Committee
Interior Management	Joyce Sheridan, Phyllis Lucas

Socials Chairperson	Diane Miner and team
TGIF	Joyce Sheridan
Monday Night Football	Marshal Lambert Team ?
Saturday Night Dinners	Team of 12 Mary Foster
Saturday Place Setting	Sharon Sullivan Team
Wednesday Fun Night	Jean Gaddis and Bob Hynes





Special Events

Birthdays, Anniversaries and More . . .

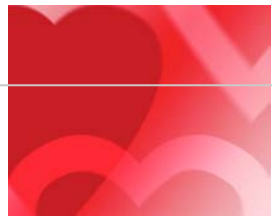
January Birthday Celebrations:

Bill Cline, Gary McFarland, Tom Warden, Phyllis Gerding, Sharon Callahan, Judy Fraser, Shelly Johnson, Dave Lochridge, Rick Flucke, Ginger Yantz, Hardy Moll, Rosemary Lippert, Diane Sabol, Doris Nicholas, Adele Penney, Marcia Meinke, Ray Schmickel, Woody Underwood, Bill Ross, Tom Naylor, Mike Smith, Leo Gabriels, Marj Tegland, Lea Linman, Vanda Watkins, Brenda Dickmann

January Anniversaries:

Dan & Audrey Voss, Ron & Marj Tegland, Gary & Madeline Hunsaker, Lee Brown, Mike & Marie Preach, Harry & Marcia Meinke

Sweetheart's Ball



SWEETHEART'S BALL

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16th

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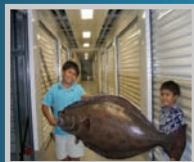
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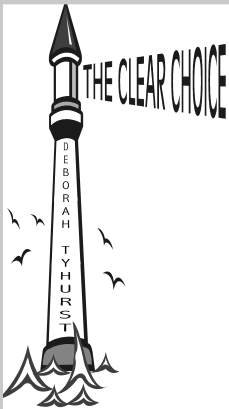
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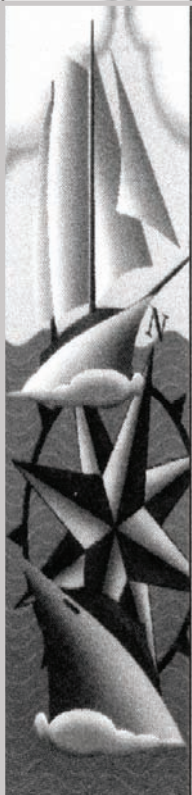
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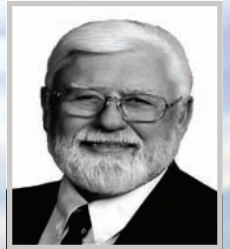
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