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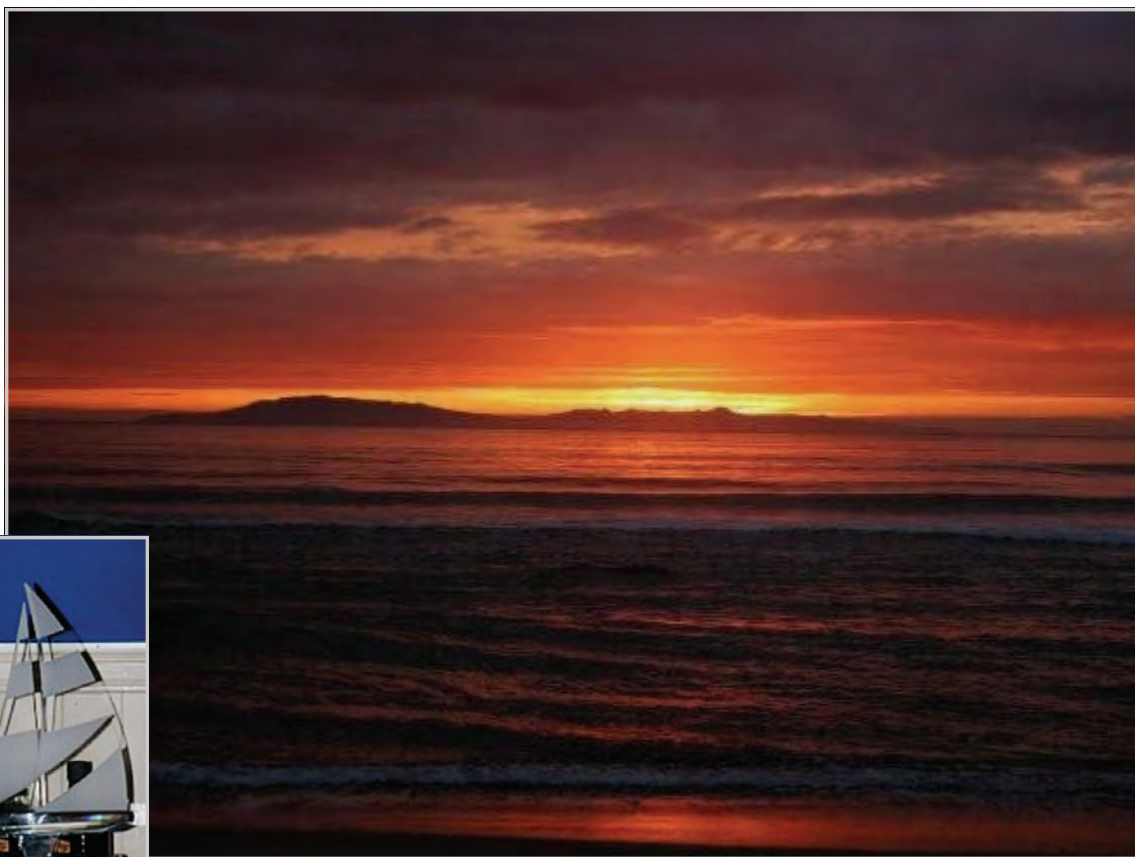
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View while we dined and thanked our racers for a great year of sailing.

Racers Awards Dinner on 11-01-2008

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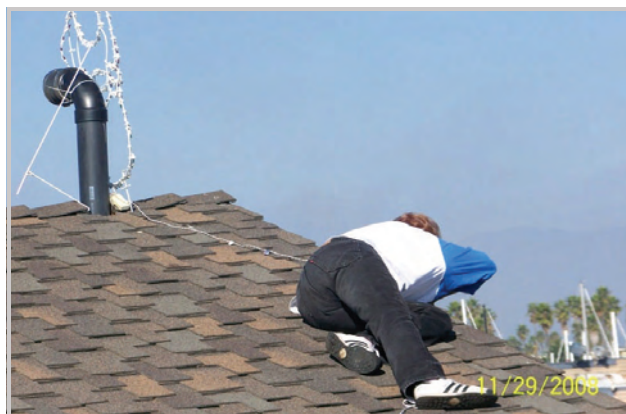
IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! GETTING READY TO WIN THE PARADE OF LIGHTS FOR CIYC!



Getting ready for the boat parade

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS

“DECK THE HULLS”



Decorating for the holidays





Message From The Commodore Frank Sullivan



I am both excited and sad to say that this is my last article as Commodore for 2008. We have had a very rewarding and productive year. Many of our members took to heart the Letter of Marquis I issued in January of the year and went forth to "subdue, outrace, out navigate, out fish and out cruise" rivals of the Channel Islands Yacht Club. This they have done very well! We have had a stellar year in Sail racing under the guidance of Vice Commodore Larry Golkin. The race committees have put on events that have been praised by all competitors. The Olson 30 National regatta was an event that all the members of the club had a hand in planning and implementing. It brought us closer together and strengthened our sense of camaraderie as well as giving us national recognition as a club that knows how to put on a race.

We have finally begun to remodel the interior of our Yacht Club, a long overdue project that I'm proud to see started in my year. As I write this, the dining room has its new acoustical ceiling, the carpet is stripped and the walls are prepared for the new wall carpet and wainscoting. The TV room is also striped to the bare walls and bare flooring. At the called meeting the membership authorized the necessary funds to complete the project, Thank You! You should see the results by the 2nd week of December.

The membership has decided to step up and provide additional funds by way of a dues increase and a monthly minimum expenditure at the club. This should help to overcome years of stagnant dues income that has resulted in a decline in our reserves over time.

I wish to recognize the past Commodores who worked on the By-Laws committee over the last year, they have almost completed the revisions and the revisions should be ready for a vote in early 2009.

We as elected leaders have the responsibility to navigate our course and watch for obstructions to our success. We must be responsive to the needs of the members and accountable for our performance. The 2008 Board of Directors has been the best board I have ever worked with in any organization. They have worked diligently in your behalf to provide the best in a Yacht Club experience. I have been privileged and proud to serve with them. I believe we have fulfilled these responsibilities.

I have every confidence that the incoming board, under Larry Golkin's able leadership, will carry on and expand upon the progress we made this year. VC Larry Golkin and RC Mary Foster have been great to work with and made the Commodore experience a joy.

To the membership I have this final message: Are you having fun yet? If not, you better look around and figure out what you are not doing that those of us who are having fun, are doing. For most of us; Fun=involved. If you don't know how to get started ask a Bridge or Board member to help you!



KAREOKE SUNDAY - DECEMBER 21, 2008 - 4:00 pm

PLEASE JOIN THE CHANNEL ISLAND PLAYERS GROUP
FOR A SPECIAL KAREOKE CHRISTMAS ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st AT 4:00.
WE WILL ALL HAVE A GREAT TIME SINGING ALL YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY MUSIC.

BRING A DISH TO SHARE. YOUR BAR MANAGER, JACK WILL BE PREPARING SOME GREAT BAR SPECIALS
FOR THE OCCASION. GET YOUR SINGING VOICES READY.....



Message From The Vice Commodore Larry Golkin



The **All Racers Awards Dinner** was a fabulous success. I want to thank Skip Harkson and his crew for putting on a great dinner. The food was great and the entertainment had the racers all dancing until pretty late. Congratulations to **Richard and Paula Sharpe (Perfect Balance)- Sail Racers of the Year** award; to **Rod Abbott (Funatic)-Most Active Sailboat**; and to **Harry Krum (Fusee) – Sportsman of the Year (Sail)**. None of our Powerboat fleet showed up for the dinner. Thanks to you too.

As most of you know, the renovations of our clubhouse are underway. Sorry for the mess, but you will like it when it gets done. We have had to ask for authority to spend additional money due to cost overruns and to repair unanticipated damage to places that could not be seen prior to commencing work. This is not all that unusual in a remodel project. Thanks for your cooperation.

New Years Eve is coming up. Make sure to contact **Mary** to get your dinner reservations made. The evening promises to be a lot of fun.

Now, on to a more serious topic. As you know, I have been elected your Commodore for 2009. I am very excited to get started. As you can well imagine, I am also nervous. 2008 was a really great year. It seems that, since becoming a member, without exception, each year has been different from the previous year – some better, some simply more interesting. It is my goal to make 2009 better and more interesting. Having been on the Board of Directors, I know that part of what makes a year fun and interesting, is the hard work and dedication of the members of the Board. Without fail, these folks work hard so the operation of the club, including all the events, goes off seamlessly. In my opinion, if the work of the Board goes mostly unnoticed, then they are doing the best job ever. I am quite privileged to have the opportunity to work with some very exciting people next year. I think that together, we will make CIYC an even more fun and interesting place.

Yet, CIYC does not function without the help of all of you. Yes, the Board sets the guiding principles and policies that make our club accessible for all, but the fun real “meat” of life at CIYC is in each and every one of us remembering that CIYC is a “self-help” club that depends on your volunteer spirit. Each of us is expected to contribute. Not only are your contributions necessary, but doing it is fun. Personally, I love the idea of being able to entertain my friends on someone else’s dime. Thus, I think I am most happy when I am doing something at the club. I enjoy seeing people smiling and having fun at a dinner, a dance, or a post race event. Moreover, I enjoy learning. This is one of the most auspicious and promising aspects of life at CIYC – we have members who have probably “been there – done that.” So, if you don’t know what to do, and you are not of the mind to improvise, adapt and overcome, then ask someone and you will get a “glad-to-help-you” response. Not all “jobs” at CIYC are front and center, in the lime light, or will necessarily get you on the front page of the Currents. Yet, all contributions are necessary and welcome. Take a look in your Roster and you will find a significant list of committees and chairs you may be able to work with. Remember, having a good time at CIYC is entirely up to you.

This is my last article as your Vice Commodore. I have enjoyed writing to you about all sorts of things from water to philosophy. I was supposed to focus mainly on things water-related. Sometimes, I strayed from that path as the moment was upon me. As your Commodore, I look forward to facing a different set of challenges about which I will be able to write. I’ll try not to be boring.

Happy Holidays





Message From The Rear Commodore Mary Foster



The last time we saw Mary she was on the scaffolding in the dining room. Or maybe it was in the upside down at the Giggling Marlin in Cabo San Lucas.

She promises we will have her words for the January 2009 Currents.

We hear she left the Galloping Gourmets somewhere behind the drywall



Redecorating the House





Channel Islanders Sylvia Hyde



CHANNEL ISLANDERS

Greetings!

Our election luncheon on October 28th, held at "Pirates", was a huge success! We had a wonderful time, thanks to Jerry and DeAnn Woods and their fantastic crew. As usual, we held our election in less than five minutes and have an exciting new Board of Directors.

Your new Board of Directors are:

Georgie Olsen	First Mate
Daphne Hetherington	Second Mate
Sharon Sullivan	Recording Yeoman
Liz Campbell	Corresponding Yeoman
Angela Jackson	Purser

Congratulations to all of you. I know you will have a great year!

Our tree lighting/pot-luck dinner will be on December 13th at 6:00 P. M. Santa will be here to visit with the kids and pass out treats. Hopefully, we will have a beautiful new dinning room to decorate. We start decorating on the 11th., so come and help if you can. We always have fun and it gets that wonderful Christmas Spirit going.

The Islanders have voted to allow the Board to help out with a project for the new re-model. We aren't quite sure what the Club wants us to do yet but we have set aside \$3000.00 for whatever the Design Committee decides they need. Next month, your new First Mate will let you know where these funds will go.

We will also be donating \$500.00 to Prototype and \$500.00 to Cystic Fibrosis. I am always proud of our ladies and their generosity.

Since this is my last article as First Mate, I want to thank everyone for their help and support this year. I have enjoyed every minute of working with all of you ladies. You are the best!

See you at the Club! Sylvia Hyde First Mate

Hospitality Report

It has been a very unsettling month as we have lost some members of our CIYC family. Please keep the family of Nick Strangio in your thoughts. Nick and Jean have been valuable members of our club for many years. Memorial arrangements are pending.

We also mourn the passing of Ben Waide. He and Dot were inactive members who were living in Lake Havaseau.

Tommie Mongold is going through some medical procedures; please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. She is staying in Bakersfield with family at this time.

Also keep Paulette Underwood, Ron Lippert and Vera Cline in your thoughts as they continue with their medical treatments.

If you have any news on any of our members or have taken any interesting trips and would like to share, please send an e-mail to seabarb1@yahoo.com.



Angler's Corner

Frank Sullivan



So far the Big Fish for November was caught by Bob Deyling with a 2.5 lb Rockfish. He and Dick Olsen worked the area down towards Deep Hole during a midweek get away.

If no other big fish are turned in by December 1st, the **BIG FISH OF THE YEAR** will be **Georgie Olsen's** 19.9 lb Halibut caught by her during the Annual Ladies Fishing Tournament. The prize will be awarded during the Annual Recognition Dinner on December 20th.

Last month I wrote about the Pacific Fisheries Management Council's possible closure of the Thrasher Shark fishery next year. The PPMC, after hearing public comment and council input has decided not to recommend a recreational closure for thrasher sharks at this time. However they did strongly recommend a new stock assessment, increased data collection, increased research on mortality, and more public education and outreach.

Please practice reasonable restraint in accessing this sensitive fishery. Take only what you intend to eat and release the rest. Sportsmen were the original Conservationists lets keep it that way.



225 lb Thresher Shark
Chris Gierlich caught this
Thresher Shark on 6/30/2007 just
outside Dana Point
(hospital area).

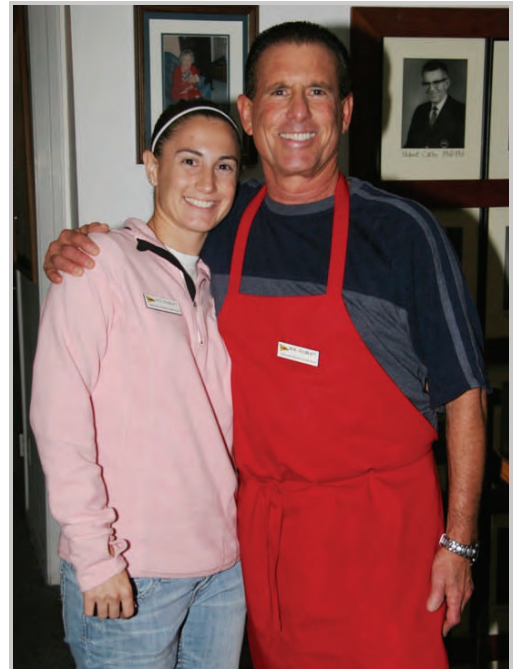
"Big Fish of the Month"

\$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 \$\$\$\$



Beef Eater Dinner
10/25/08



Beef Eater Dinner
10/25/08



GET RID OF THOSE END OF WEEK CRAZIES



Happy Hours At The CIYC Ward!

FRIDAY NIGHTS
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

BRING A "MUNCHIE" TO SHARE.

FEATURED WINES, BEERS, AND COCKTAILS

Enjoy Your **FRIENDS** and **CIYC FAMILY** at **CIYC's Bar**

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT!



British Brass Band

Will
NOT
be Play-
ing
at CIYC In
December
Come and see them in
January.

Mike & Cherri Taylor on "Main Squessz"
after they won first place at
PCYC's "TGIS" Series #4 race.





Hello Boaters and Hello Boaters and Waterfront Lovers,

Again we had a great month of weather in October with mild Santa Ana offshore winds and gentle southwest onshore conditions.

This is a great time to cruise up and see Point Conception and the anchorage's following the coast home. I think, to do the cruise it would require 2 nights and three day's. The first day make the run for El Capitan Beach Anchorage, which is very scenic with lots of very old palm trees and white sandy beaches. Generally the surf is small in the bay and will not be to hard to make a beach landing and wander around a bit. Next day leave fairly early and hug the scenic coast line going by Gaviota Pier and Trestles Beach on up to Point Conception Lighthouse. Be sure to take your camera the lighthouse is one of the beautiful lighthouses that I have seen in my travels including the Great Lakes and Eastern seaboard.

The entire coast between El Capitan Beach and Point Conception always brought too my mind what most of Southern California must have looked like 100 or so years ago.

After having lunch here and getting a full viewing head back down to Goleta Bay. Here you will find another pier white sands beaches. If you fish this bay it holds a lot of halibut. Take a couple of hoop nets with you for catching lobster and crabs. Goleta beach also is a fairly calm area for beach landings. The only downside is the air traffic noise from planes coming out of Santa Barbara Airport.

If you want keep going to Santa Barbara Harbor get a slip and enjoy the activities. Another coastal weekend cruise/fish/hoop trap lobsters is Paradise Cove. Happy Cruising.

FISHING

Fish reports have been on the quite side with most reporting few large catches. Anglers are targeting the rockfish on the pinnacles between Santa Cruise and Anacapa Island. The ling cod move to these high spots to spawn in the fall and will be most aggressive during these months before January seasonal close.

My recommendation to catch the bigger ling cod and rockfish in general is to single hook with small live mackerel. Simply tie a size 3/O Mustad live bait hook to the dead end of your line move up 2 feet and tie a 3" inch loop in your line for your sinker, move up 3 more feet and tie another 150 pound test swivel in line. The upper swivel will be far enough down on the two foot leader below your sinker not to be able to reach the upper swivel and spin the bait around the main line as you send your bait to the bottom. Hook your bits under the jaw and out the top of the head keeping the bait fish mouth closed for minimal sponge on decent to the bottom of the ocean.

Use enough weight to keep line angle to a minimum so that you can feel the fish biting 150 to 250 feet away.

Most novices make the mistake of reeling in their fish fast. Your better of reeling slow and getting the fish to the boat. Fish spin more when pulled thru the water fast eventually spinning off the hooks before surfacing.

To catch live mackerel simply buy a few cans of cat food with fish flavor and sprinkle off the channel end of your slip. Use a Zupiki bait catcher with size 10 hooks for best results.

Good fishing

Captain Dave



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11/01/08





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 (Tentatively) Bar opens 5PM For MNF	2 NO British Brass	3 No Fun Night (Tentatively) Bar Open 5-9PM	4 10:30 Islanders Board Mtg.	5	6 NO Dinner
Dining Room closed for construction						
7 1 pm Calendar mtg	8 (Tentatively) Bar opens 5PM For MNF	9 7pm Club Board Meeting @Pirates	10 No Fun Night (Tentatively) Bar Open 5-9PM	11 Decorate the Christmas Tree	12 Club Rented for Dan's BD	13 6PM Tree Lighting Parade of Lights Chili dog dinner
Dining Room closed for construction						
14 Parade of Lights Brunch	15 Bar opens 5PM For MNF	16	17 6:30PM Fun Night Bar Open 5-9PM	18 NO Movie night Club dining room rented to Navy CB's	19 Club dining room rented to CG Sta-CI	20 7pm Recognition dinner cooked by beefeaters
21 Birthday Bash 6pm CIYC Karaoke Show Dinghy party sing a long after show	22 Bar opens 5PM For MNF	23	24 Christmas Eve, Club closed	25 Christmas 3PM brunch	26 Take down tree	27 shipshape 7pm Dinner turkey soup & potluck
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve Dinner	CIYC Hours: Mon 5 PM - 9 PM Bar Open Tue Club Closed Wed 5 PM - 9 PM Bar Open Thur 5 PM - 11 pm Bar Open Fri 5 PM - 11 PM Bar Open Sat 4 PM - 12 AM Bar Open Sun 1PM - 7 PM Bar Open		





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18	19	20 Islander event	21 6:30PM Fun Night Bar Open 5-9PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 6:30PM Fun Night Bar Open 5-9PM	29	30	31



Competitive Edge Richard Sharpe

December 2008

The Gal and Guy Series

The final race was delayed until Sunday 16th of November, due to high (very high) winds therefore we won't know until later if Funatic managed to get more Ventura county High Points to keep her third place position.

Ventura County High Points Trophy

Funatic is now on 84 points with the nearest rival, XS in hot pursuit at 82 points. Velero looks safe in second place and the winner of this year's Ventura County Championship will be Perfect Balance with Richard and Paula Sharpe now a good 20 points clear with only two races left.



Two Harbors Fall Series #3

Rod Abbott did well to hold off stiff opposition to win the 3rd of the Fall series races. Rival and Angry Hillbillies, XS and Ruckas had no answer to the speed of Funatic as she finished first on elapsed and corrected time.

It was much the same story in the Non spinnaker class, as Velero, helmed by Brent Swanson romped home to win by 3 minutes on corrected time.





Racers Night

November 1st saw more than 60 people in the club to celebrate the racing year. Larry Golkin gave out the prizes as only he can and there were many, I can tell you.

Notable events of the year were Mike Warns for his outstanding performance on 5150 in the Newport to Ensenada race, 1st in class and 3rd overall. Well done Mike. Great kudos to the club! Also the Olson 30 Nationals brought praise to the club for a well run event.

Our best up and coming skipper must be Mike Taylor who is driving Maine Squeeze faster and faster.

Major awards were given in the following categories. Rod Abbott received the well earned Most Active Sailboat and Richard and Paula Sharpe received the Sail Racer of the Year award. A special prize was given to Harry Krum for Sportsman of the Year.



Perfect Balance

We will be taking part in three further races. The rescheduled Gal and Guy race, where we sit 2nd in spinnaker A behind Funatic. The Classic Plastic Wild Turkey race on November 29th, always a fun race with a great bunch of people from Ventura Sailing Club. This is a reverse start event, so if you have a plastic boat built before 1990, then you are eligible to race. Come along and join the fun.

The last race will be the final Two Harbors Fall Race on December 6th. Wish us luck as we defend our second place. That will wrap up a very hectic year for Paula and I and all I can say is "we had a great time doing it".

This will be the last edition of the Competitive Edge. I will not be writing the column in 2009 and I just want to say that I have enjoyed showing you how well the RAM racers did for the club.

Thanks for reading.

Richard Sharpe



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Beefeater cooked Recognition Dinner

December 20, 2008

Mixed Green Salad
Rolls with Butter
Prime Rib of Beef
Red Bliss Toss Potatoes
Black Forest Brussels Sprouts
Bobbi's Delight Chocolate Cake



Bill & Tina Boat
Renaming Party
11/15/08



Roster Update

Cut out and insert in your Roster
And be sure to introduce yourselves to
our NEW MEMBERS

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Smith, Tim
Catherine Smith

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Your Currents editor at work.





Special Events

Birthdays, Anniversaries and More . . .

Birthday/Anniversary Bash- "SUNDAY, December 21st"

Come and join us for our monthly celebration for members whose birthday or anniversaries are in December. Bring "munchies" to share and there is always a great birthday cake! Any questions see Connie Calo.



December Birthday Celebrants are:

Evans Hughes, Jr., Ludie McIntosh, Roy Neilson, Chris McPherson, Yvonne Farris, Roxy Ostrem, Allan Gabel, Miles Linman, Betsy Toomey, Ed Whisman, Dan Alpern, Aline Waag, Jean Coltrin, Betty Larson, Robert Chapman, Brenda Longshore, Frank Nowitzki, Louise Chapman, Robert Jordan, Paula Sharpe, Bill Crocket, Judith Balcerzak, Evelina Arglen, Bill Sandham, Jim Longshore, Tony Ferraro, Al Escoto, Richard Smith, DeAnn Wood, Steve Nielson, Sheila McCauley

December Anniversaries are:

Rick and Deborah Tyhurst, Leo and Marina Gabriels, Gary and Chris Moravchik, Paul and Ruth Hatcher, Phil and Betty Chandler, Carter and Virginia Gage, Bob and Doris Mooney



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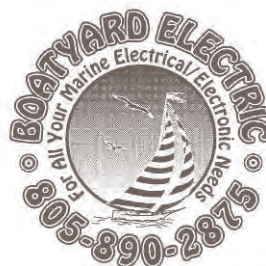
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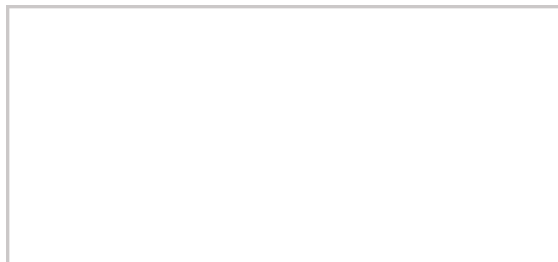
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