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Dear members, so much has happened this month both good and sad.

As you may know this article is written before our wonderful Opening Day occurs. So, I'm certain that this is exactly what it will be like on our very special day. So many wonderful members stepped up and helped to make CIYC shine. Not only in face but in manner. A very special applause to the Islanders for making such a beautiful interior even more fabulous and cheerful. The food was superb. I know that this opening day will go down as one of the greats. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE IT HAPPEN.**

This is just one of the great aspects of this very special Yacht Club. When we are happy we all share and when something sad comes along we share that as well. It is a little harder to do so but we are a family and that is just what we do. Our hearts are heavy with the loss of Eddy Calo but will be strong for Connie as she will need all the love and strength we can give. Understanding and love go a long way to making a sad time more bearable.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big Thank You to the Islanders for making the **Islanders Anniversary Dinner** a delight. Joyce you outdo yourself with each endeavor you seek, and your crew deserves kudos as well. The Lunch Brunch put on a terrific Sunday for all to share and have a happy time. You all deserve applause as you worked so hard to bring good food and smiles to all who came.

There are many more things we have planned for the rest of the year and your Board of Directors are working very hard to make things happen in a timely manner.

May the power that be keep you all safe at CIYC

Georgie Olsen





Message From The Rear Commodore Cary Verstynen



Well March is behind us. Thanks to all the people who helped with the first March shipshape: Mary Foster, Shelly Johnson, Chris McPherson, Tom Warden, Harry Krum, Dick Olsen, Cathy Dickey and Bunny Hynes.

We got a lot done with our volunteers to get the club ready for opening day on Sun. April 3rd. One more shipshape to go and we will be done. I am still looking for <u>some volunteers</u> for house captain, cooks for Wednesday and Saturday night dinners. So what ever you want to volunteer for around the club, let myself or one of the other commodores or board members know. With volunteers we can get a lot done at the club. Remember this is your club, please help to keep it clean and tidy. And thank you to all of you who do this through out the month. So have a great month and come see and visit your fellow members at the club.

Also my thoughts and prayers are going out to our Vice Commodore, Connie Calo, on the passing of her husband Ed. God's peace be with you Ed.

Cary Verstynen

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 Rear Commodore Cary Verstynen

or Rental Manager Sharon Sullivan 805-985-6155 for scheduling and rates.

Help us help the Club to be Prosperous!





Message From Channel Islanders First Mate Sue Warden

April Showers!

Hello Everyone!

Another successful month has passed. Since my last article we started the month, actually **February 27th**, with the **Islanders Academy Awards Party**. Although it was a last minute deal, it was still a hit. The <u>decorations</u> were amazing with the help of **Barbara Brauns**, **Pat Korecky**, **Nancy Latham**, **Chris Williams**, and **Tom Warden**. The <u>food</u> was plentiful thanks to **Jack Borkowski** and **Mike Smith**. Nancy Latham's artichoke dip was delicious! The "Red Carpet" wouldn't have been complete if it weren't for <u>our fashion critic</u> **Ellie Bishop**, who by the way won a trophy for <u>best costume</u> along with her costume designer, **Mike Smith**. **Deborah Tyhurst** won <u>best dressed</u> and **Adele Penney** won the 50/50. Thanks to all of you who came and made it such a fun day!

Nancy Latham bit the bullet and cooked her First dinner for the club March 5th.. Unfortunately I was unable to make it, but I heard her "Hens" were delicious. Good job Nancy!

I'm still beaming with pride at the great turnout we had at the <u>Islanders Anniversary Dinner</u>! Once again **Joyce** and her crew: **John and Sylvia Hyde**, **Sheldon and Nancy Berger** and **Clark Owens** made a wonderful feast of rack of Lamb. I also want to thank you for accommodating us "chicken" eaters. Of course we can't forget our <u>pie lady</u>, **Kitty Brown** for making such a wonderful dessert. There wasn't a crumb left!

We all enjoyed our guest speaker, **Commodore**, **Georgie Olsen**, for sharing with us her life's journey, and her first date with her "Octopus" husband Dick.. We all had a good laugh! Thank you Georgie, you were fantastic! **Bud Gerding** was our big winner of the <u>Kindle</u>. Congratulations! We ended the evening with some entertainment, with dancing and singing...fun was had by all! What a great group we have, thank you all for coming and making it such a success!

By the time you read this, Opening Day will have come and gone...that will be in my next article.

Just a reminder, <u>May 14th</u> is the <u>Islander Fashion Show</u> and of course in <u>June</u> we are having the <u>"Field Trip" to the Murphy Auto Museum</u>.. The date hasn't been set yet...but I'll keep you posted. Don't forget to put <u>Father's Day Dinner</u>, <u>June 18th</u>, on your Calendar.

Connie, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We miss seeing your beautiful face at the club.

Have a great month everyone and see you 'round like a donut!

Sue Warden, First Mate

Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan



"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 \$\$\$\$\$

OK, so what's the deal? Here it is three months into the year and NO ONE has claimed the Monthly Big Fish money this year! Remember, if you are a CIYC Anglers' Club member you can win \$50.00 if you bring in the biggest <u>Legal</u> fish of the month, sharks and rays do not count. You can only win once a year, but as the Lotto people are found of saying "you can't win if you don't play".

There is a scale in the shed closest to the wall on the patio. All you have to do is weigh the fish in with a CIYC club member or bartender as witness and record the weight. Put the record in the Anglers mail box in the hall down stairs next to Pat's office. If you like, call me on my Cell 805-205-4073 and I will witness your catch and take a photo for the Currents. I'm getting tired of looking at my photos on this page. Don't forget the In Harbor Fishing tournament on Sunday May 22nd. Tournament fish don't count for the Monthly Big fish \$, but the tournament entry fees will be divided between 1st, 2nd, &3rd place.

April is a critical month for fishing. On April 1st Lingcod season opens. The daily bag and possession limit will be 2 fish with a minimum size limit of 24 inches total length. The recreational fishery for ocean salmon in waters south of Horse Mountain to the U.S.-Mexico border will be decided in March. The season may be opened in April, 2011 pending review of information on 2010 spawning escapements, 2011 abundance forecasts, annual management objectives, or other relevant issues.

Good Luck and weigh in those fish!!!

Upcoming events:

May 22nd – In Harbor Fishing Tournament.

July 24th- Ladies' Tournament

July 31st- Men's' Fishing Tournament

HISTORIAN Beverly Hamilton

In 1976, Commodore Fred Lehmberg's year, conversations around the Club turned to major expansion of the yacht club. Discussions ranged from appearance to cost.

It was suggested that there be submissions of ideas from the members. Abe Lessor and Bob Hamilton both offered to participate. Both men began researching their plans. I know that Bob Hamilton visited many yacht clubs up and down the coast to get a feel of what was required in a yacht club. Both men entered plans to the membership. The plans were for the basic structure with the interior fixtures to be donated or built by the members.

Abe Lessor's Plan A had an attractive oriental design with a curved roof. Bob Hamilton's Plan B was conservative in design with a large dining room and floor to ceiling windows. Each of 150 members were asked for a \$400.00 investment assessment to cover the cost.

The plans were presented to the members for a vote. Bob Hamilton's Plan B was selected. Construction plans were drawn, building permits were applied for and the plans were submitted to the Coastal Commission. As usual, these things take a great deal of time and actual construction fell into Commodore Wendell Morriset's year. What we have today is the basic building. Many changes have been made to the interior from the original plans.

Many members took part in the groundbreaking by doing what they could with either enthusiasm or hammer and nail.

Next month I'll list some of the generous items donated by our members.

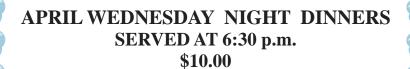
One fun event was our Cinco de Mayo party. Dave and Sam Sheehan put on a wonderful Mexican Dinner prepared in the tiny patio kitchen. The patio was completely torn up with plumbing pipes and trenches. The members came decked out in Mexican clothes, we had real Mariachis, a great meal with singing and dancing amongst the mess. Way to go CIYC!!











Check your Weekly Emails and Bulletin Boards for Menus and Details

> April 2, 2010 Dinner

April 9, 2010 Dinner

April 16, 2010Dinner

April 23, 2010 Dinner

Galley News
Cary Verstynen

APRIL SATURDAY NIGHT DINNERS SERVED AT 7:00 p.m.

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April 2, 2011 No Dinner

April 9, 2011
Beefeaters Dinner

Friday April 15, 2011 After Tax Day Dinner & Social

Sunday April 24, 2011 1pm Easter Sunday Brunch

April 30, 2011 Epicureans Dinner

NEW WEBSITE FOR VENTURA AND CHANNEL ISLANDS RACING SAILORS

There are over forty weekend and 22 Wet Wednesday events to look forward to. If you are like me, you want to discuss the events and details of each race and get views of others. Are there other sailors out there who want to share opinions and ideas about the racing scene in Ventura County? CONTRIBUTERS NEEDED

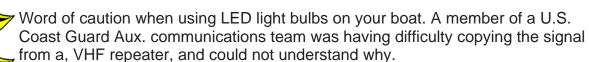
No...not money. We need racers or observers to write articles for this blog. You know those stories you told in the bar after the race? Why not share them? If you are interested, just leave a comment and we'll set you up!

GO TO: twoharborsracing.wordpress.com









He stated, "I had installed some LED replacement light bulbs and when we turned on the light, the VHF receiver input was desensitized."

After reading the LED bulb package carefully, it states in very small print:
"may cause harmful interference to sensitive marine band radio equipment. Do
not install near sensitive life-saving marine communications equipment"





RAM CHATTER:

Mary Howard, **Tim Haapanen** and **Mary Foster** will be bringing you news by way of the currents regarding your RAMS (Racing Associate Members).

Tom Warshauer of <u>Quiet Times</u> has brought home the **first place award** for the **Spring Series** put on by the Pierpont Bay Yacht Club. This was a three race series and Tom along with crew from Channel Islands Yacht Club stood up to the weather elements and won the award. Tom is also in the top position for the Ventura High Point along with RAM member **Brent Swanson** of <u>Velero</u> and Rival from the Ventura Yacht Club. We are very early in the year and your race team has been out there for Channel Islands Yacht Club.

Channel Islands Yacht Club was the host for the **SCYA Mid Winters**. Hats off to **Bill Brayton**, Race Chair Tim Haapanen committee boat on board was Tom and Sue Warden and the rest of the crew. The support boat setting the marks was **Dick Olsen** and his able crew. If you have never participated in one of these races, volunteer, it will be a rewarding experience and give you insight as to how much time and effort is needed to conduct a race. Our chefs for the award ceremonies were RAM members, **Carol Lapointe** and **Rosemary Roberts**. This was a two day event and the crews were served continental breakfast each morning and ended the races with hot soup with all the trimmings. Very little was left over and a fun time was held in our bar area. Thank you to **Richard and Susan Countess** for presenting the awards furnished by SCYA. The perpetual trophy is in our case and **Rival** was named the winner and close behind was our own **Brent Swanson** of **Velero** and **Tom Warshauer** of Quiet Times.

RAM member **Phil Sauer** of 2nd Chance along with RAM member **Harry Krum** of Fus'ee and a team of 10, mostly members of Channel Islands Yacht Club are preparing for the **April 15-17th NOSA Newport to Ensenada race**. Channel Islands Yacht Club will sponsor the boat and we look forward to the trophy coming home again as **Harry Krum** as done in the past. How can you lose with the crew they have? This race will prepare this same team for the Trans-Pac to Hawaii, what an experience that will be. Ask Jack Borkowski and Richard Sherlock as they were a team and have raced this event before.

The next race conducted by Channel Islands Yacht Club will be the **Port Royal April 30**th. Please volunteer, we can use help with the Skippers meeting and the continental breakfast, score keepers, flag persons and other duties on the Committee Boat. This will be a regatta and a mark boat will be needed. There is also a need for cooks to welcome home the tired and weary racers at the awards ceremonies. Our fleet Captain **Jane Thomas** will be the <u>race chair</u> with **Tim Haapanen** providing the <u>committee boat</u>. Come to the club and welcome your racers home. Hope to have more Chatter next month.

Mary, Mary and Tim:

POWER

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Opening Day is Coming Soon!

Make your Vessel Ship-Shape for Opening Day and enter CIYC's Bristol* Boat Competition!

Judging: Saturday, April 2, 2011

Contact Jane Thomas, CIYC Fleet Captain sunglade@prodigy.net or 415-518-4046) Checklist available at the club or upon request

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*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.







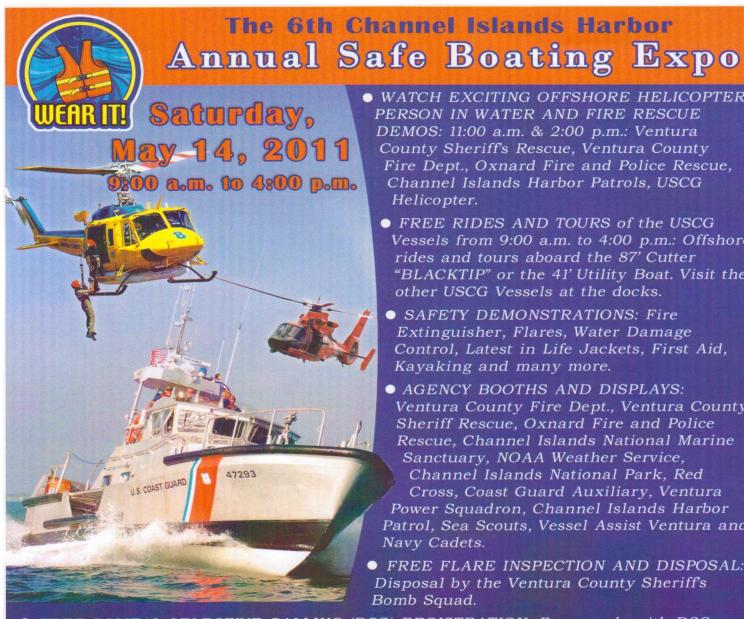
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Sat	2 9am shipshape NO DINNER	9 Tpm Beefeater Dinner	16 SBCS Cruiser Nav#1-VVC No dinner Newport to Ensenada race	23 Memorial for Ed Calo	30 8:30 Capt meeting 7pm Dinner Epicureans Port Royal Regatta
Fri	1 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Appetizers	8 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Birthday Bash Potluck	15 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Tpm After Tax Dinner and social Newport to Ensenada race	22 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 6:30 TCIF	29 HAPPY HOUR 4-6
Thu	. of the month.	7 Movie night-630pm	14 Movie night-630pm	21 Movie night-630pm	28 Movie night-630pm
Wed	Bar Hours Sunday 1pm to close, WedThr. 5pm to close, Closed Monday & Tuesday except 1st Tue. of the month. Fri & Sat 4pm to close.	6 4pm Islanders BOD Meeting Wed Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30 Bingo 7:00	13 2pm Bridge group Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30 Bingo 7:00	20 Wed Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30 Bingo 7:00	27 2pm Bridge group Wed Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30 Bingo 7:00
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Mon	pm to close, Clos	Closed	11 Closed	18 Closed	25 Closed
Sun	WedThr. 5	3 Sam Boat Parade Noon CIYC Opening Day	Sunday afternoon at CIYC Bar opens 1pm	IT Sunday afternoon at CIYC Bar opens Ipm Newport to Ensenada race	24 EASTER Ipm Easter Brunch



Channel Islands Yacht Club

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday afternoon at CIYC Bar opens 1pm 1-4pm Open House	2 Closed	3 British Brass Band @ CIYC—7:00 Bar Opens @ 5pm	4 Wet Wed. Start 4pm Islanders BOD Meeting Wed Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30 Bingo 7:00	5 Movie night-630pm	6 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 6:30 TGIF	7 9am shipshape NO DINNER
		Maritime insti	Maritime institute Captains Class 8am 4pm			
8 Mothers Day Ipm Luncheon	9 Closed	10 5:30pm Beefeaters Bonding meeting	11 2pm Bridge group Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30 Bingo 7:00	12 Movie night-630pm	13 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Birthday Bash Potluck	14 SBCS Cruiser Nav#2 Cline memorial VYC <i>Ipm beefeaters dinner & Islanders fashion show</i>
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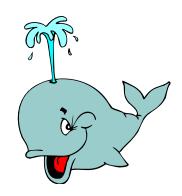












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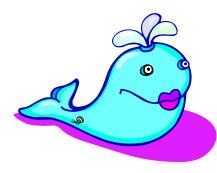
What a Difference a Day Makes (and not in a good way!)

WET AND WILD! I'm referring to the record-breaking rain and horrendous winds which were the key factors in canceling the Whale Watch outing March 20.

NOT CANCELLED was the gathering at the Clubhouse where contenders for the coveted Moby Dick Trophy shared their talent in hopes of having their name engraved on the winner's plaque. A really big THANK YOU to the three participants: Joyce Sheridan, Dan Alpern and Doug Buckingham who brilliantly gave it their all to the delight of the audience. They were all so good but of course there is only one winner. Once again, congratulations to **Dan Alpern**, **defending champion**, for his extremely racey – and definitely hilarious—poem. You outdid yourself, Dan, and we all thank you for that! Hats off to our runners-up, Joyce and Doug. You did great and made it the successful contest that it was.

And yes—as tradition would have it—there were tacos by **Dave Gable** and **Paul Hatcher** and refried beans by Paul (plenty of butter, cheese and a few beans). Of course, I was indispensable in putting out the guacamole, chopped tomatoes, etc for the tacos—and making a whole bunch of chocolate chip cookies for attendees to eat and/or take home.

THANK YOU to the 30 or so people who so gallantly showed up—and for those who didn't, see you next year!



Ruth Hatcher Whale Watching Cruising Chairperson













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Birthday/Anniversary Bash - "Thursday, April 8th"

Come and join us for our monthly celebration for members whose birthday or anniversaries are in April.

Bring "munchies" to share and there is always a great birthday cake! Any questions see Rosemary Lippert.

April Birthday Celebrations are: Bob Chaney, Bonnie Chaney, Nicki Paine, Mary Barker, Jerry Barker, Sherry Brisbane, Doris Mooney, Nancy Swanson, Bob Mooney, Mrs. Dockside Cole, P. J. Szewzuk, Manolis Dimotakis, Georgie Olsen, Bobbi Nowitzki, Patrice Holt, Sharon Sullivan, Ellie Bishop, Karl Niedermeyer, Bob Ridenour and Don Johnson.

April Anniversaries are: Jerry and DeAnn Wood, Allan and Alison Gabel, Jeffrey and Mary Quin, George and Phyllis Lucas, Steve and Vanda Watkins, Dave and Sandra Lochridge & Gary and Mrs. Dockside Cole.



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Tim Haapanen with Commodore's wife, Linda and Diane with a Currents visiting the Hilo Yacht club in Hawaii