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Currents

Channel Islands Yacht Club



Happy
Cinco de Mayo
from CIYC!

On Tuesday **May 5**,
Lisa Marie & John Medlen are happy to
prepare the following menu:

- **Mexican lasagna** - layers of flour tortillas, taco seasoned ground beef, cheese, beans, corn, tomatoes and sour cream, all baked until golden brown.
- **Rice** with tomatoes, onion, garlic and cilantro.
- **Garden salad** w/ homemade Cilantro ranch dressing.

This meal will be picked up curbside at **No Cost** to our members (limited to 100 meals, 2 per member)

It will be delivered to your car by your CIYC Board at one of three times - 5:30 PM, 6:00 PM or 6:30 PM

Reservations required. Email your desired time to

Reservations.ciyc@roadrunner.com

Reservations must be made no later than Sunday May 3



Message From
The Commodore
Mike Farrell



As of this writing, we are in a similar position to where we were at the beginning of April. As you have undoubtedly heard from the continuous flow of news reports and press conferences, the curve is continuing to “flatten,” which is good news. However, we know that we will be “sheltering in place” at least until May 15. The pessimist in me says that it will be much longer than that. After all, a yacht club is not an essential service although some of us are experiencing extreme anxiety due to lack of club activity.

Meanwhile, your Board is beginning to talk about how we might reopen as the opportunity presents itself. We will be guided in this process by state and local health officials, but we will reopen as quickly and safely as we are allowed to do.

There have been a few things going on during April. You can read about those in the reports below from our Vice and Rear Commodores. Carole Naylor has been busy preparing our 2020 Roster for publication. I hope that it will be ready for you to pick up by the time we reopen.

I thought you might like to know how our bartenders are doing during these weeks that they can't work. Thanks to your generous donations, the club has been able to support our staff as much as possible. They asked to be able to send personal thank you notes to the people who donated. Out of respect for your privacy, we decided not to give them that list. However, they each wrote a letter of appreciation to all of you. Here's what they said:

Kamie

“Hello Everyone !!

I just wanted to reach out and say thank you all for the donations to help keep our roof over our heads, food in our bellies and the lights on. I am positive we would have found ourselves in a totally different situation. I cannot thank you all enough for thinking of us during this time. I am beyond proud to be a CIYC employee. I completely understand that this is a choice that the club did not hesitate to make. As of today April 13th... I did have to look to see what day is was. ☐ I have not yet received an unemployment check nor any relief check. I think it will be soon though. My husband got laid off or whatever they call it. He is on the call back list for when this is over. He has also not yet received an unemployment check. He did however find some side work with one of his old bosses. So you can see how your donations have made a huge difference in our lives.

What have we been doing in our FREE time. LOL Well cooking a lot. Trying to figure out this homeschooling stuff... It's not for me BTW. LOL We just moved to Ventura before the COVID-19 took over. This was good timing because we are paying less rent now. This has also been a great distraction. We have been just organizing putting our rooms together and making our new place a home. Kids are handling this well. I have two boys 11 and 13. My 13 year old will be turning 14 on the 28th of April. So we are planning to eat ice cream all day as per his request. We are being safe and smart during this time. I remind myself that I have been working nonstop starting at 13 at my grandfather's friends Pizza (Cont'd. on next page)



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shop. So maybe we should try to enjoy this time off to reconnect with family and your home.

Stay safe can't wait to get back to normal but for now slow it down.

Thank you all a million times !! ♡ ♡ ♡

Respectfully,

Kamaris Segovia

Jess

“Hey everyone!! Bartender Jess here

I wanted to take this time to show my deep whole hearted appreciation and love to all of those that have taken the time out of their lives ♡ and this madness to donate money towards us bartenders. These donations have helped us all so greatly, from the ones who had the thought of planning and executing a drive of donations, to those that donated a dollar or a greater amount, the amount does not matter at all. To me just the fact that we were in your thoughts is the GREATEST feeling in the world, and that is what helps me get through each day and look forward to the time we get to cheers again.

I don't want to use this time to share my sob story of how my family has been affected, because I feel whether it be small or catastrophic we ALL have ♡ been deeply impacted by this one way or another. Since we all have been so impacted by this unfortunate time that is claiming lives and hurting some in so many

imaginable ways, I hope that what comes from this is that we can all use this experience moving forward to realize that it's all about the small things. The small chats, the taking time out of our day to spread love in anyway we can, sharing a smile, not passing judgement or just learning how to slow down in our day to day lives and enjoy every second of it instead of rushing through it.

Despite this time being stressful and financially draining on my own families life, it also has allowed us to play those card games, have those late night or early morning dance parties, read those books, have those deep conversations, decorate the streets with chalk messages for our neighbors, and work on teaching our children on how to live in the present.

We're definitely not promised tomorrow unfortunately, so I hope you too have been able to live in the now and just be grateful for all that you do have, because I know we ALL have so much to be grateful for in some way shape or form.

I CAN'T wait till we all can share our stories over drinks again about when we almost murdered our spouse during quarantine, or told our children that Santa won't be coming this year if they ask for another snack, locked ourselves in the bathroom just to get peace and quiet or see who has the longest record of not showering during this time ☐ I truly can't wait to hear your stories.

Thank you all CIYC members for helping take care of my family during this time, it means the world. Also please know that each and everyone of you all are also in my thoughts and good hopes. Stay healthy and safe!

Love, Jessica Last Name Bartender”

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Lisa

"First of all, Happy Easter, I hope this day is full of family and friends, if even at a distance, and I hope you are all healthy and staying safe.

Here is my letter of appreciation, and thank you so much for doing this for us. You take care and hope to see you soon!

I am so grateful to work at a place that has become part of my family in what seems like such a short time. Everyone at Channel Islands Yacht Club, from our Commodore and Board and Officers, to all the members, thank you. There are no words to show my appreciation for all you have done for us in continuing our pay during such scary and troubled times. You've kept us informed and up-to-date and helped keep our heads above water. I can't thank you enough for going above and beyond and it will remain in my heart forever. Hopefully, in a time sooner than later, we can all be together, in our new club with each other, laughing and having the great times we're so accustomed to having at CIYC!!

Thank you so very much

Lisa Petrucela"

Becca

"Dear CIYC,

I'm very grateful to have such an amazing work place and the numerous people that come with it! During this unfortunate circumstance we were shut down, and dismissed from work in March. There has been a financial crisis with loss of work since. I would really like to express my gratitude and thank those who have helped donate for myself to maintain my home and health for my kids ! It doesn't go unnoticed and my heart is so full! I miss so many faces! My deepest appreciation and the countless blessings! CIYC is my family, I can't thank you all enough for taking care of us always!

Love, Becca Flores

♡ Barback/Bartender "

The club has applied for assistance under the Paycheck Protection Program. All the bartenders have applied for Unemployment Insurance. As of this writing, none of our employees had received a penny of government aid (although payments are now being sent and may have arrived by the *Currents'* publication date). Your continued donations are very much appreciated. Each of our employees has been severely impacted by this event and they are very thankful for the help. If you wish to donate to continue helping our employees, please contact the CIYC office or Sue Woolf.

Have a safe May! Don't get too bored, keep active, and try to support our local restaurants whenever possible.

Mike Farrell
Commodore 2020





Message From
The Vice Commodore
Mike Greenup



With the closure of CIYC due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been able to complete the many needed construction projects around the club. A great improvement was the completion of the top deck and outside surfaces. The opening of the top deck will provide our members with great views of Channel Islands Harbor and Hollywood Beach for years to come.

Due to the heavy rains in December and January, which caused major water damage around the club, the following repairs were completed:

New ceiling tiles in the bar area

The bar floor tiles were torn up and replaced with a top quality tile job

The hallway ceiling has new drywall, new lighting, and a fresh coat of paint

Both restrooms have new drywall, fresh paint, and new floor tiles

The sail locker was cleaned out, new drywall installed, new lighting, and fresh paint

The club is also stepping up our cleaning procedures. Both kitchens have been thoroughly cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized. All the dining room and bar tables and chairs have been cleaned and sanitized. We will have hand-sanitizing stations for entries and exits. We will also take special precautions to keep frequently touched surfaces disinfected on a regular basis for everyone's protection.

The COVID-19 virus has been a painful experience for all of us who enjoy CIYC as a place to relax, have fun, and meet with friends. We will get through this together and, eventually, be back to our "new normal."

I look forward to seeing everyone when we reopen the club! Stay healthy and safe during this critical time.

Mike Greenup, Vice Commodore 2020



Message From
The Rear Commodore
Frank Laza





Message From
 First Mate
 Linda Zurborg-Perry



Lots of time to cook



Rincon Parkway
 Camping



Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan

WSB Pen update:

The OREHP Hatchery and DFW required all the WSB Growout facilities to release their fish. Because of the "Stay at Home" and Social Distancing requirements, the hatchery program is operating with a skeleton crew and cannot respond to help if there is a problem with the fish and cannot deliver food.

As a result of this we released our approximately 9900 fish on Friday April 17th at 8:30 pm to take advantage of the dark and the outgoing tide. That fish averaged about ½ lb and were 4-6 inches long.

We did not publicize the release because of the stay at home order and couldn't have a crowd.

I'm sorry we couldn't notify everyone. The fish looked good at the release. Thank you all for what was looking like a highly successful grow-out. Hubbs SeaWorld/ OREHP expects to be able to send us another batch of fish in the Fall.

Happy fish before the release!



Rande Lance's 15 lb. Halibut!



Fishing info:

Every fisherman knows that the best fishing times are when the fish are feeding. This tends to be during dawn and dusk, but what often goes unnoticed are the two periods elsewhere in the day--moonrise and moonset. Because the moon has an effect on a variety of factors surrounding the fish--including the live fodder they hunt--these periods, combined with the moon's phase, are what trigger feeding.

By understanding this and choosing times when sunrise/sunset and moonrise/moonset coincide with new or full moon phases, you'll increase your chance of a good fishing catch. Assuming there are fish in the area, of course.

There really is nothing complicated about this at all; it's just a matter of knowing ahead of time exactly when the sun and moon will rise and set. Fish are most active during 90-minute windows surrounding each of these four dailies events; that's 45 minutes before and after these four daily points.

Fishing during these four periods will help increase your fishing catch, but if you plan wisely so as to ensure you're at the water's edge on the days of new or full moon, you can use these 'windows' to reel in a catch like you've never done before. If you have to choose between sunrise/set and moonrise/set, always go with the moon as the moon is the stronger influence. Without prior knowledge of setting and rising times, two of the best fishing times will be missed every day!

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When planning your fishing by moon phase, there are certain other factors that should also be considered.

Weather - Severe weather changes have an impact on the way fish feed. When a storm's brewing, or just after one has passed, is a good time. If this happens while you're in place, you'll be in for a treat! However, if there's a cold front approaching, the fish are likely to move deeper into the water and become inactive.

Season - Most fish are more likely to bite willingly during seasonal transitions with the transition from winter to spring and summer to fall being the two best fishing times.

Now that you know that moon phase fishing really works, there's no reason why you shouldn't utilize this knowledge to increase your own fishing catch by being at the ready with your rod during the best fishing times available. It's easy and it works!

Good luck! (Source is from <https://www.moonconnection.com/>)

Big Fish of the Month:

Billy LeCroy turned in a Mackerel on the last day of March to get the Big Fish of the month for that month. There were no others turned in, so he won the \$50 for March!

Rande Lance turned in a very nice 15 LB Halibut that he caught at Blue Banks on Santa Cruz Islands while "social distancing" on his boat the Valkyrie. So he won the \$50 for the Big Fish for April.

As the folks at the Lottery say "you can't win if you don't play" so turn in those fish you catch, if you are an Angler's Club member you could win the big fish of the month or even the big fish of the year!

Upcoming events:

<i>June 6th</i>	<i>Men's Fishing Tournament</i>
<i>August 9th</i>	<i>Ladies' Fishing Tournament</i>
<i>September 11th</i>	<i>Channel Islands Billfish Tourney Kickoff Dinner</i>
<i>September 12th to 16th</i>	<i>Channel Islands Billfish Tournament</i>
<i>September 18th</i>	<i>Channel Islands Billfish Tourney Awards Dinner</i>
<i>October 17th</i>	<i>Coastal Conservation Assn. Fundraiser</i>
<i>November 7th</i>	<i>Anglers' Awards Scampi Dinner</i>

Anglers' Club Big Fish Rules

1. Fish must be caught within 100 miles of Channel Islands Harbor
2. Marlin, Sharks and Rays. Are not to be considered as winners
3. Must be caught on rod and reel,
4. Fish can be verified by any CIYC member
5. Fisherman must be a dues paying CIYC Angler
6. Angler must bring the fish to the boat, but can have help gaffing or netting
7. CIYC, PCYC or Channel Islands Sportfishing scales can be used, others if verified.
8. Tournament fish do not count except for the Big Fish of the Year.
9. An angler can only win the Big Fish of the month \$50 one time a year At the yearly Anglers Awards dinner
10. The Big Fish of the year is awarded \$100. It does not have to be a fish submitted as a Big Fish of the Month to qualify. So, keep fishing



Doc Lines

How to Kill the Health System and Patients With it

Remember the terrible scenes from Italian hospitals with patients dying in the corridors? Mayhem in overburdened hospital systems? Lack of ventilators? Elderly denied access to assisted breathing so that younger patients could be saved? What carnage.

This was duly noticed by our health authorities, such as the CDC, NIH, and others. And, of course, the politicians. On the advice of the health planners, epidemiologists, statisticians, virologists, prognosticators, and the media, a plan was devised on how to deal with incoming pandemics. And how to avoid collapse of hospital systems as was happening in Italy.

Among the regulations, by state governments throughout the country, was that all elective surgeries and nonessential visits to doctors were to be postponed, so that the hospitals, clinics, and medical staffs could concentrate on the expected overwhelming onslaught of COVID-19 patients.

And some hospitals did get busy, especially in NYC. But they coped with the onslaught. The Navy ship USNS Comfort was sent to the city but was hardly used and, as it turned out, wasn't really needed. Panic regarding ventilators was unjustified. All who needed the ventilators got them.

But what is happening with medical facilities elsewhere?

Mercy Health in Cincinnati furloughed 700 medical staff. Boston Medical Center furloughed another 700. In Kentucky, 500, in Connecticut, 400. Many more in other states. All because they are not allowed to see elective cases.

Hospitals in rural areas are in danger of shutting down completely. Some 25% of rural hospitals are in danger of closing due to deferring so-called non-essential medical care. Many of these hospitals are the backbone of the economy in those areas, providing jobs and economic benefit to the community. Just staying empty.

An estimated 40 % of family medicine clinics are at risk of closing by June. Quest Diagnostic, which has treated 40% of COVID-19 patients, is furloughing employees, cutting work times, and dismissing temporary employees.

No hospital in this country was overburdened to the point of collapse. Not a single hospital was forced to ration care. The Army field hospital in Washington state didn't treat a single patient.

ER and ICU capacity has increased in many locations, but overall healthcare system capacity has decreased dramatically, as all non-COVID-19 and non-urgent care is being neglected.

This has led to delays in care for countless patients, which will result in a range of negative [consequences](#). The need for healthcare services has remained constant while availability of such services has plummeted, and countless patients are not receiving the care they need in a timely manner.

Important services are being delayed: blood donations, organ donations, screening colonoscopies, tumor biopsies, coronary angiographies, gynecological screenings, skin lesions, and many, many other elective procedures. We are reaching the point where more patients will die because of delayed elective care than from Coronavirus.

Elective medical care is not useless medical care; rather, it's simply meaningful and necessary medical care that is scheduled in advance and not performed on an emergency basis.

Time to open up all facilities and take care of all patients, COVID-19 or not!

Your Fleet Surgeon, Zoran

Thanks to Erika for editing.



County Approves Rent Deferral for Lessees at the Harbor

On April 14, 2020, the Board authorized the Harbor Department to sign lease amendments that could defer to May 21, 2021, rent payments owed between April 1 and May 31, 2020 for lessees who demonstrate substantial financial hardship due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This means rent payments owed between April 1 and May 31, 2020, can be deferred to May 31, 2021.

In response to the concern that such benefits also be passed on to harbor sub-lessees, Mark Sandoval wrote in a letter to the Board dated April 13, 2020, " It is the intention of the Harbor Department to evaluate each rent deferral request through the prism of financial hardship, including an evaluation of how the few master lessees in the Harbor are dealing with their sub-lessees."

The Harbor Director's action was an effort to assist Harbor businesses during this crisis. The action reflects the impact the pandemic has had on harbor businesses as well as the Harbor Department's support of the businesses through this difficult time.

A Little Humor In Difficult Times – Just Some Quick Laughs

Something I am sharing that I hope entertains and makes you laugh as it did me:

- * Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- * I used to spin toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- * I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.
- * Still haven't decided where to go for Easter--- the Living Room or the Bedroom.
- * PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- * Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- * I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.
- * Quarantine Day 5: went to this restaurant called "The Kitchen." You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- * My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- * Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
- * I'm so excited --it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?



*I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. Getting tired of Los Livingroom.

* Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.

* Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year."I'm offended.

* Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under.

Hope this makes you laugh as it did me. Take care. Stay safe.

Rene Aiu, Harbor Delegate







Channel Islands Yacht Club

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7pm Epicureans dinner
					Happy Hours 5-7pm	Men's fishing tourney
	8 am to 5 pm Maritime Institute Captains' Class					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1pm E-Boat event		6pm Islanders Board Meeting	6:30 pm Dinner	6:30pm CIWSA Meeting	Happy Hours 5-7pm TGIF & Birthday bash	Room rental (Loman)
	8 am to 5 pm Maritime Institute Captains' Class					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	6:30pm Board Meeting		6:30 pm Dinner		Happy Hours 5-7pm 6pm Vent. British Brass	7pm Fathers day dinner Islanders
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Fathers' Day			6:30 pm Dinner		Happy Hours 5-7pm 6 pm Salad Bar 7pm General meeting	Wild Bill Rig Race 7pm Beefeaters dinner
28	29	30				
1-4 pm Open house						

Bar Hours
 Sunday 3pm to close,
 Closed Mon. & Tues. except special events
 Wed. 1 hrs. & Fri. 5pm to close,
 Sat 4pm to close

As of 4-20-20



Happy May Birthday

01 Gene Peck, **02** Margie Pugatch, **04** Bill Johnson,
04 Gayle Laza, **05** Wendy Parmenter, **06** Cindy Daggett,
10 Karen Harvey, **10** Kathleen Reed, **10** Sindhu Raju,
11 Liz Campbell, **11** David Wardlow, **13** Scott Gluchacki,
14 Donna Royan, **15** Arlene Beckwith, **15** Ed Olafsson,
18 Maureen Fletcher, **19** Meg Hawthorne, **20** Gerry Adams,
21 Lori Robinson, **22** Paul Hatcher, **22** Lee Orgel,
23 Paul Paulin, **27** Stuart Fishbein, **27** Deborah Tyhurst,
28, Howard Simon, **28** Pat Womack, **29** Kim Hoffmans,
30 Keith Laufer, **30** Rick Wilson, **31** Skoony Schoonmaker,
31 Duane Wherland, **31** Melinda Irvin, **31** Anne Van de Water.

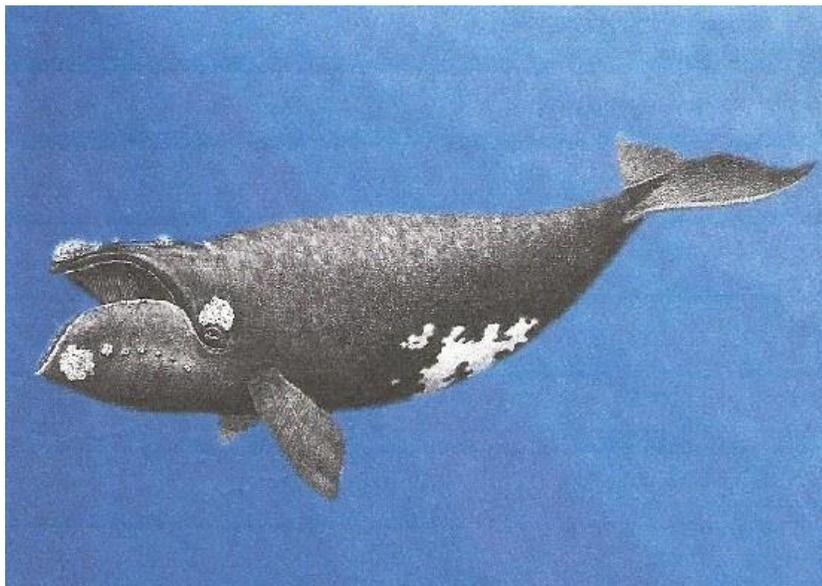
Happy May Anniversary

01 Lynda & Chris Norton, **04** Bob & Pam Nash,
05 Gareth & Rikki Jones, **11** Shawn & Dodie Duffy,
13 Jim & Linda McCulley, **16** Carol & Howard Simon,
18 Kim & Ross Henriksen, **22** Eric & Tricia Kenoss,
22 Steve Onderko & Pam Halford, **26** Tom & Leslie Webb,
27 Hardy & Olga Moll, **28** Larry & Karen Stein.



After leaving Channel Islands Harbor, Oxnard, CA, the morning of July 5th, 2017, aboard the sailboat *Zoarcas*, we searched for whales, other marine mammals, and birds, but didn't sight any whales until about 2 pm when we spotted a whale about a mile or so southeast of the east end of East Anacapa Island in about 200 feet of water. It was clear that it was a whale we had not seen before since there were small, light colored patches, called callosities, at various locations on the head near the mouth and lower body (see fig. 1). The appearance of these callosities was quite different from the white patches on Gray Whales. Also, the mouth had a pronounced upward curve about halfway from the snout, and the eye was very close to the lower corner of the mouth. The head had pieces of Giant Kelp draped over the head. It seemed to swim mostly near the surface in no particular direction where it was probably feeding on copepods and other planktonic organisms. It would occasionally dive below the surface, and when it surfaced again it produced a spout that had the appearance of, not one, but two slightly separated vertical spouts. After consulting the books on marine mammals on-board, we decided it was a North Pacific Right Whale. Subsequently I sent pictures of the whale taken by regular crew members, Bruce Long and Mark Hoffman, to Professor Bruce Mate at Oregon State Marine Mammal Institute, and he confirmed our identification as a representative of the North Pacific Right Whale species. He encourages mariners to report to him their sightings of whales since they have an archive of pictures of Right Whales, some with satellite tags, and new sightings help them to understand the movements of these whales.

These whales grow to about 60 feet in length and weigh up to about 100 tons, about twice the size of a Humpback Whale, a species we often see in the Santa Barbara Channel. The distribution of the callosities is somewhat unique to each individual and is therefore helpful in identifying each individual whale. Their critical habitat is in the southeast Bering Sea north of the Aleutian Islands, but they are known to occur south to Baja California. It is estimated that the population consists of about 80 individuals, with only one third of them females. In 1835 there may have been as many as 30,000 in the population. The species is clearly dangerously close to extinction. There are two other species of Right Whales: the North Atlantic Right Whale and the Southern Right Whales. The term 'right whale' originates from whalers in the 1800s when they observed that only the Right Whales floated when they were harpooned, while the other species would sink. Thus, when they sighted a Right Whale they meant it was the "right" whale to harpoon because it was easier to handle. For more information, the interested reader is referred to www.Wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Pacific_right_whale and www.afsc.noaa.gov/news/





Channel Islands Harbor Celebrations and Opening Days

Several new slips were in the planning stages where the temporary moorings were, so they had to go. The boat owners who had installed them also had the responsibility of removing them. In May of 1965 there were 170 docks completed, 160 already occupied, and a total of 500 expected to be finished by the end of 1966. The official dedication of the new Harbor was planned to occur before that: Memorial Day weekend in 1965.

Early that year the CIYC Ladies' Auxiliary organized the Channel Islanders and decided to have meetings every 3rd Tuesday of the month. These women had already been planning and working for months to make the dedication a fantastic celebration. It ended up being a 3-day festival with the CIYC Commodore dressed up as King Neptune. A Queen was elected and crowned at the festival. The big event was a parade of decorated boats circling the harbor, headed up by the King and Queen. There were fish fry dinners, barbecues, all kinds of boat races, and lots of partying going on around the harbor.

People with boats, and without boats, came from everywhere to enjoy the festival.



KING NEPTUNE, CHANNEL ISLANDS QUEEN AT CORONATION
Charles Busenkell of Camarillo was crowned "King Neptune," and Eivon Sublette of Ventura was crowned Queen of the Harbor Exposition in ceremonies Saturday night.

For years to come, the Memorial Day weekend celebration was the official opening of the boating season, and it was getting bigger every year. There was a barge decorated as a desert island with dancing Hula girls under palm trees, and whole floating villages of decorated boats were going around the harbor. The best or most innovative decorations received prizes. There were politicians making speeches, nautical fashion shows, bands playing, aquatic events like drag



KING NEPTUNE GREETES QUEEN KATY HARRIS
Nice work for CI Yacht Club Commodore Ben Faulkner.

races and kite skiing by water ski clubs, fishing derbies, art shows, and lots of boat races. There was also a re-enactment of Cabrillo's landing in 1542 and, of course, King Neptune and the Queen. The CIYC Commodore always had the honor of being King Neptune and crowning the Queen.

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The two of them would be on the boat leading the boat parade. The weekend celebration would end with big fireworks. In 1969 it was estimated there was a crowd of 15,000 watching the fireworks. On June 22nd that year, CIYC had its first official Opening Day, but it was more of an Open House. That might have been the first firing of the little cannon that one of the members, Dave Sheehan, built. It is a to-scale reproduction of the big guns on the USS Constitution. It was fired, however, to announce the establishment of a long-distance sailboat race to Costa Rica. Dave also built the brass railings that are around our bar.



In 1970 a CIYC invitation was sent out for an official Opening Day on June 21, maybe to distance the yacht club's special event from the harbor celebration. The following year, Opening Day was on May 30 with a morning boat parade. Leading the parade was Commodore Bill Stang on the queen of the Columbia fleet, the 57-foot "Escudero," owned by Columbia Yacht's president, along with a large group of club members. As the boat was moving out in the channel, the captain announced something about not getting the boat in gear. A few minutes later, the crowd watching saw this beautiful boat

leading the parade around the harbor *under sail*, and it managed to maneuver into a temporary dock in front of the club without an engine, no problem! Later the Channel Islanders served up hors d'oeuvres and champagne for a reception at the club.

This most likely was the end of the big Harbor celebration on Memorial Day weekend. After this, there are Harbor Day celebrations mentioned as an annual celebration in August. Opening Days for the yacht club were either at the end of May or beginning of June for several years. I found that 1980 was the first time an invitation went out for Opening Day in April, but it was a bit later than currently – it was on the 13th.



I thank the people who put this information into the yearbooks and made it possible for me to learn what happened years ago. I have tried my best to put it all together and organize it for different events, as this is our 60th Anniversary Year. A good time to reflect on our history. I really hope we will be able to do a proper celebration this year!

Historian Marnie Bech.

Thanks to Erika for editing.



WHAT HAVE YOUR CIYC FRIENDS BEEN UP TO?

Here are some snippets of information provided by CIYC members about their Shelter-in-Place activity. We received many contributions for this article. If there is not room to publish all of them this month, we will try to get them in for June. Meanwhile, keep them coming!

From Marnie Bech

Story from Vidar's Easter vacation back when. Everyone would go the mountains skiing leaving Friday before Palm Sunday and come back Monday after Easter Sunday. Driving up, there were no road all the way to the cabin so whatever they brought had to be pulled on a sled while walking on cross country skis. Before I got involved Vidar would go up with his buddies and they concentrated on **beer** and food. It ended up being 10 cases of beer and 2 loaves of bread, his friend was wondering what they were going to do with all the bread. The main goal was to have a great tan when coming back to town, and they did. I got to know all those guys and I believe that story. They were 17 and 18 at the time.

The rest of the story: Keep in mind that this was their first trip by themselves and I guess their parents let them prepare and plan without interfering thinking they would know what they were doing. Lucky for them Vidar's cousin with her girlfriends were in another cabin close by and they had brought plenty of food so they had a great time. Now I think this was a perfect set up, all the parents were fooled, the girls only brought food no liquor and no mixed group.

Marnie

Can you guess which one is Vidar?



From Vanda Watkins:

This is a link to a chair workout that I started doing to get moving and get my heart rate up. I do it standing but sitting works too. If you can get it in the Currents, it may inspire our friends to keep moving. □ <https://youtu.be/jZx1iWNM4MI>



From David Strouse:

I do miss seeing everyone, cooking and hanging out.

My year has been mostly filled with rehab from back surgery. I had the surgery mid-January and was in CMH for a couple of weeks then to St. Johns in Oxnard for pt rehab. I spent three weeks there, rehab 4-5 hours a day. Long and slow process. I left the hospital and went to Aegis assisted living for what was supposed to be 4 weeks, for additional pt as I live alone. The virus got nasty and I came home after 3 weeks there. Today I do my first on line pt intake. I do have home care a few hours a day so they can market for me, laundry, all the exciting things we so look forward to. I must say as the road has been long, I am pain free and feel like I made the right decision to have the surgery. I am actively exercising and walking at home, it passes time but is far from exciting.

David

From Keith Moore

Shhh!!!

It is suppose to be a secret.... they don't think she can COOK!!!!!!

Perhaps you can use this in the Currents?

Keith



From Melinda and Danny Irvin

We are staying safe and healthy. ☐☐☐

Below are some pix from the BEST part of this social distancing!

Take care, say hi to Karen.

Melinda and Danny



From Alison Gabel

Hey Everyone from Allan & Alison Gabel – I know, I know, we weren't all that regular at CIYC even when life was normal (remember that?) but we miss everyone lots.

We're holding up well in our shelter-at-home realm. I have rediscovered the sewing machine and a stockpile of fun fabrics, and I'm making masks for friends and family. Ran out of elastic a few days ago so I'm getting creative, but I love the challenge. In an effort to avoid work in the flying world for a while and thus minimize my exposure to the virus so I can still be with my 88-year-old mom Margy, I am on a leave of sorts from United Airlines until the end of September. A little practice retirement! Turns out ... I'm going to love *real* retirement! Allan is still flying for UPS but at least he's not exposed to very many people in the box world. We're careful at home and have a whole sanitized quarantine process we follow when he gets back from trips. We wave at each other from across the kitchen, have our cocktails 6' apart and sleep in separate bedrooms. Good thing we adapt well to change! Of course, like many of you, we're using this time to get lots done around the house, and also to let ourselves NOT get things done around the house – that is, to give in to the notion that we can slow down a bit and enjoy our quiet time.

We hope everyone is getting a chance to find your best self in this situation, and stay safe and happy! We've never had such clean hands, have we? Meanwhile – the overused term "Carpe Diem" was never more relevant. We look forward to seeing you when we see you, maybe on one of Frank Laza's brilliant Splashmob Boat Parades. Take scrupulous care of yourselves!

A & A



From Richard Pearsall

Here ya go.....Lots of short tacks and the holding ground is terrible.....



From Ingrid Shuh and Carmen Olmo

Hi to all. It's Carmen's idea to share how we spend some of the 'Corona quarantine' time. We have been busy catching up on neglected chores at Carmen's home and at mine. Carmen's orange tree, as well as mine has been prolific and we have been picking and sharing the bounty with neighbors. Also, we have squeezed and frozen several gallons of orange juice. Carmen set up a vegetable garden at my house and we are giving it a try; tomatoes, squash, parsley, egg-plant, red peppers etc. Better to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all. I finished crocheting the afghan which Carmen's late mother started many years ago. It was just too small to use for warmth and it meant a lot to Carmen to have it completed. He is very sentimental and attached to his parents' things. Other than this, walking and eating, and eating and watching movies.....and....sometimes 'under duress' I can get him to play SCRABBLE.

Thank you and stay well.

Best Regards,
Carmen



From Sherry Nolan

We both love mermaids. My talented sister, Kat, made these for our garden out of recycled dress forms she found in a thrift shop. We're still "dressing" them!

Stay well, we miss everyone!

Sherry & Kat



From Garry Kraft

The weather looks absolutely benign for this weekend!

Attached are some pictures from Pelican's, last weekend.

Garry



From Donna Royan

I hope that you all are fine and keeping safe and healthy during this crazy time.

These updates are SO interesting! Crazy times we are living in. The information is always fascinating and I am learning so much.

Here in South Africa we have just entered our 4th week of lockdown. We started out with a 3 week lockdown commencing 27 March, but then last week our president extended it to the end of April.

Please pass on my thanks and regards to Zoran and Erika.

I look forward to the time when things settle down and I can visit Oxnard and CIYC again.

Donna

(Graham Paine's daughter)



Dan Maxwell and his wife Samantha, and our boat neighbors Gareth and Rikki 'n fam here

As many know, we live aboard our 43' Peterson Serendipity "Vesper" and we live right next door slip to the Jones Family. As such, we are sheltering in place together and are still trying to keep up with them. Aside from the occasional buddy sail, we've been trying to stay structured and organized with our days while balancing work, school and play. Rikki, Akira, Amelie and myself have started working out every morning (for the past four weeks!) switching off between bootcamp & yoga, and we're on a roll! Gareth and Dan have been racing the CIYC lasers against each other as well as bringing home the bacon fish! Akira and Amelie also have been paddle boarding with our dog Mazie. (See a few photos below)

As for our favorite restaurant, we have to give a shout out to Paradise Pantry. They have a restaurant on one side and an artisan market & cheese counter on the other. Since the shelter in place order, we have gone to pick up charcuterie supplies including cheeses, salami, country pâté and wine. They also have excellent easy to reheat and take & bake offerings such as soups, mac n cheese and quiche. They change their menu weekly depending on what's fresh and in season. Everything is delicious.

Another favorite is Cafe Ficelle. They specialize in baked breads and pastries. You can order online and pick it up curbside. Our favorites are Country French Sourdough, Kouign-Amann and the Almond Croissant.

Hope everyone is well and keeping safe... We can't wait until this is all over and we're all hanging out in the Club again. We miss you all!

Samantha, Dan & seawolf Mazie aboard "Vesper"

AND

Gareth, Rikki, Akira & Amelie aboard "Moomba"







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