

Channel Islands Yacht Club



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**63rd Annual
Opening Day Celebration
Sunday April 2, 2023**



CIYC CURRENTS

From the Quarterdeck



Commodore Lisa Marie Medlen



Greetings To All Our Members!



March was packed full of activities, and - boy! - were they fun!

The Anglers' Lobster Dinner on March 11th was fantastic!

I drove down on March 12th and attended the Pacific Mariners YC and Del Rey YC Opening Days. They were all so kind and I am hoping they will attend our Opening Day on April 2nd.



Deborah Tyhurst and crew put together a delicious meal of Irish Pork Stew on Wednesday, March 15th, and Vera Cline and her crew cooked a great Corned Beef and Cabbage meal for our St. Patrick's Day celebration. My gosh! - Those Irish dancers were so cute and amazing! What a great show.



3/15/23 PHOTOS: [Dana Capra](#)

As for April, we have a lot going on as well!

Our 63rd Anniversary OPENING DAY - April 2nd



Our First 2023 Fish Fry - April 7th

Easter Luncheon - April 9th

Western Dinner Party - April 15th

Whale Watch Cruise - April 30th

I hope to see you all on OPENING DAY!

Lisa Marie Medlen
Commodore 2023



From the Quarterdeck



Vice Commodore—Deborah Tyhurst



With our first General Meeting behind us, I thank the membership for coming out in the rain to give us the needed quorum and approval of the financials and 2023 budget. A big thank you to our Treasurer **Linda McCulley**, 2022 Treasurer **Sue Woolf**, Staff Commodore **Mike Farrell**, and Office Manager **Rebecka Flores** for their countless hours of work in bringing these reports to us. Also kudos to our Finance Committee: **Linda McCulley**, **Sue Woolf**, **Mike Farrell**, **George Arglen**, **Frank Everts**, **David Flamer**, and **Ann Marie Gross**, for working behind the scenes and offering their ideas and guidance.

The 93rd Midwinter Regatta was cancelled due to a forecast of gale winds and hail on 2/25 and 2/26. It was shortened to 1 day and rescheduled for 3/4. Fortunately, racers were able to get the first two races in before being cancelled again, this time due to unsafe seas. Fleet Captain **Jane Thomas** wisely decided to protect our racers and equipment. Special thanks to **Steve Juley** for offering his boat as Committee Boat and **Alex Henry** for providing his boat as Mark Boat. The racers returned to the club early and waited patiently while also helping **Melinda Irvin** and **me** get dinner out for all the racers. Fleet Captain & PRO **Jane Thomas** presented the awards after dinner. Please see her report for race results.

Representing CIYC on 3/11, **Shana Whitmore** and I attended Windjammers YC and California YC for their Opening Day ceremonies. Returning on 3/12, and accompanied by **Lisa & John Medlen**, we attended South Coast Corinthian YC, Pacific Mariners YC, and Del Rey YC ceremonies. We were well received and honored, and, of course, everyone in attendance was envious of the custom CIYC bags created by **Shana Whitmore**!

By the time you read this, CIYC's Opening Day has probably already occurred. However, right now, planning & decorating for this special day is on overdrive! A sea of thanks to the accomplished and gracious Skippers, **Skip Miser** aboard **Dawn Patrol** and **George O'Neill** aboard **Adele Marie**, for offering their boats in the Opening Day boat parade to transport our Bridge & Staff Commodores.

With days getting longer, the first Wet Wednesday will be 4/5, and they will continue until 9/27. If you're an armchair Sailor, CIYC is the perfect place to watch our racers return to the harbor while enjoying a drink, your shipmates, and great Wednesday Night Dinners! Among other races this month, if you're not on it, mark your calendars to follow your favorite racers on the annual Newport to Ensenada race beginning 4/28.

Returning to CIYC, the "**Ruthie & Paul Hatcher Tale of the Whale!**" On 4/30, CIYC boats will set out to catch a glimpse of the elusive whale. This is a fierce competition vying for the "Moby Dick" trophy for the best song, poem, or tall tale relating to sightings (real or imaginary). Upon returning to the club, the vessel teams will perform their acts in front of the judging panel, (who are bribable). After the show and awards, all are invited to a complimentary Taco Bar with **Ruthie's** famous chocolate chip cookies for dessert. Thank you, **Connie Calo Kudlac**, for co-chairing this event. See the flyer on page 16 in this Currents for rules of play. Rain or shine, you don't want to miss this event!

For future "On the Water" activities, we are trying something a little different. For Whale Watch, Fishing Tournaments, E-Boat Events, Cruises, etc., you may still sign up on by email to reservations.ciyc@roadrunner.com, but there will also be a binder kept on the podium at the top of the stairs for sign-ups. Please take a moment to check it out.

Lastly, the Maritime Institute Captain's class will take place 4/16-4/21 from 8AM - 4PM.

That's a wrap...SEE YOU AT THE CLUB OR ON THE WATER, SHIPMATES



From the Quarterdeck



Rear Commodore—Rocky Rockwell



Welcome to April, the first full month of spring, and hopefully the start of warmer weather! Opening Day is here, thank you to everyone who contributed to making it a success. If you have spent any time in the bar, you have noticed our bartenders are looking sharp wearing new shirts. Thank you to **Shana** for arranging this in time for Opening Day. It takes a lot of work and, as a self-help club, we need everybody to contribute where they can. I will be making the rounds to other clubs' Opening Day events throughout the month. I look forward to meeting folks at these neighboring clubs and being an evangelist for CIYC.



March was a busy month with several great dinners and events; I think the highlight for me was the St. Patrick's Day social. **Vera** and her team cooked a great meal; **Shana** made sure we had plenty of green accessories and tchotchkes, and those Greenway Irish dancers were a beautiful way to cap the evening.



Thanks also to the following for leading teams and preparing dinners for us this past month:

Commodore **Lisa Marie Medlen**, Vice Commodore **Deborah Tyhurst**, Director **John Canavan**, **Rene Aiu & Debbie Mitchell**, **Anglers**, **Beefeaters**, and **Islanders**. Thanks also to **Diane & Crew**, **Linda Weisfuss & Nancy Forrester**, for Lite Bites and, finally, **Dodie** for the March Birthday Bash.



While on the topic of dinners, we need **Wednesday chef and crew volunteers** for the next three months. Please contact me if you would like to lead the crew or are interested in helping out. Being part of a cooking team is a great way for new members to learn the ropes in the kitchen and to meet other members. **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED** - only a willingness to help out. Please check your calendars for April, May, & June, then let me know on which Wednesdays you would like to be the head chef or help out. Dates are wide open, early bird gets the choice of date!

If cooking or kitchen work isn't your thing, we have plenty of other areas where you can help out. There are several committees that can always use additional hands or ideas. Some of the most important tasks around the club are lower profile, but we couldn't get by without them. For instance, we have a committee for setting up the dining room for dinners and events, but no dedicated team to make sure everything is back in order the following day. We also could use help planning and carrying out plans for socials, parties, and other events. If you have a special skill set that you believe can benefit the club or members, please reach out to me and we'll figure out the best way for you to contribute.

Not everything needs to be planned or organized, though. **If you see something that needs to be done, just do it!** If you cannot, please let the appropriate individual or me know so we can take care of it. Please don't assume someone else knows about it or saw the same thing. I'll highlight a good example: **Marc and Eileen** regularly tidy up the bar area. They see what needs to be done and they do it. This is the kind of approach we need, and I'm sure there are countless other examples I am unaware of - so thank you for making our club a better place. For facility- and building-related items, please bring those to the attention of House Captain **George Hornberger**.

That's all I have this month. As always, I appreciate your feedback and ideas. I look forward to seeing you!



Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan



White Sea Bass Grow-out Pen Report:

By the time this goes to press we will have completed the count and health assessment on the WSB (Wednesday 3-29-23). Assuming all is well, we will be releasing the fish early this month.

We are still trying to figure out the best and least expensive way to connect the underwater fish cam to the internet. Will update.

Anglers' Lobster Dinner

March 13th was our annual Anglers' Lobster dinner, prepared by Bill Lynch and his crew. We had a sell-out crowd, but because of increasing food costs, especially lobster, we actually lost money on the dinner itself. The good news is that we received \$915 in donations from the 50-50 drawing and auction.



PHOTO: Shan Cyr-Engelhardt



In-Harbor Fishing Tournament

On March 25th we had our In-Harbor Fishing Tournament - the 1st one in several years. The weather was perfect: clear skies and 63 degrees, but a little bit of a cool breeze. We had about 11 contestants.

Shana Whitmore won 1st place with a 1.1 Lb. Jack Smelt, Marc Gault got 2nd with an 11.75 oz. Jack Smelt, and Eric Taylor got 3rd with a 2 oz. Jack Smelt that he turned in, thinking it was a joke - but, Heck! He got credit for it!



Fishing was tough because harbor water was churned up from recent storms. But we will do better next time; everyone had a great time.



Thanks to Kipp Ots for bringing this tournament!

Fishing Information:

April 1st is the beginning of Rockfish season so charter boats are gearing up. White Sea Bass fishing usually starts to heat up about now, but I'm not hearing anything so far.

Maybe when the Sport Charter boats start up, we will get some good news!

Upcoming events:

May 20th	Men's Fishing Tournament
July 15th	Ladies' Fishing Tournament
September 8th	Channel Islands Billfish Tourney Kickoff Dinner
September 9th to 13th	Channel Islands Billfish Tournament
September 15th	Channel Islands Billfish Tourney Awards Dinner
November 11th	Anglers' Awards Scampi Dinner



Good fun—but no catching...
at least for Bob Deyling!

PHOTO: Marsha Anderson



Racing Report, April 2023

As feared in my March report, the weather gods indeed forced us to postpone the 2-day SCYA Midwinter Regatta from the end of February to early March and to reduce it to one day, Saturday, March 4. Conditions were improved for the racers, but the tall, short period swell was especially hard on the Race Committee boat. We abandoned Windward/Leeward racing after only 2 races, 2nm each. RIVAL (J35, David Boatner, VYC) finished first in both races in elapsed and corrected time, taking first for the series. Sister J24s, JEDI (Dan Maxwell, Gareth Jones, CIYC) took second and BANDALOOP (Mike Geer, CIYC) took third, finishing within 62sec (corrected time) after RIVAL in each race. RIVAL's skipper commented that they were *not* unhappy that racing was cancelled. Meanwhile, the 3-boat Random Leg fleet reported their own finish times to the Race Committee. ARGONAUT (C&C 41 Randy Dickinson, PCYC) in first place, SWIFT (Hunter Legend 40.5, James Jewell, CIYC) in second, and DNF (did not finish) for SHE SAID NO (Precision 165, Ron Dietel, VSC), which retired early due to the worsening conditions.

Many thanks to those who helped with race administration! Dean Soto skippered the Race Committee boat, YES DEAR (Steve and Maria Juley's home), and Marlin Simpson assisted with anchoring (and re-anchoring). Dennis West, Julia Cushman, and new member Judy Guido assisted me with the flags, horn blasts, and record-keeping of the starts and finishes. Mark Boat skipper Alex Henry volunteered his 21' Boston and was assisted by new members, Eric Taylor and Laura Forsyth Taylor as well as WAILANI crew member, Jack Miller. As the day progressed, their job of setting, retrieving, re-setting and re-retrieving the 8' tetrahedral race marks became more and more difficult! Following the Irish theme for the month of March, Vice Commodore Deborah Tyhurst prepared a yummy Irish feast for the racers' awards.

On Sunday, March 5, PCYC held their TGIS #2. The swell and wind were much less than the previous day, which made for a great sail despite a few sprinkles. CIRRUS (J124, Larry Listing, Bill Wood, AYC) led the pack around Gina and Hueneme Buoy to the finish and first place. ARGONAUT finished second. The smaller (slower) boats in the fleet, WAILANI (Tartan Ten, Jane Thomas, CIYC/CIWSA, with Kelly Sherwood, Judy Guido, and Alison Rowe), SO LONG (Ranger 26, Marisela Hancock, VSC), and SELAVY (Capri 26, Bill Schenberg, PCYC), encountered outgoing and incoming freighter traffic as we approached Hueneme, and we all agreed with the Race Committee to abandon the race.

No CIYC boats participated in PBYC's Spring #2, March 11, but we (WAILANI and SWIFT) showed up for AYC's St. Patrick's Day Race, Saturday, March 18! The wind was from the south, and the course went from Mandalay to the Hueneme buoy around Gina back to Mandalay around the south end of the CI breakwater and to the finish between Channel Markers 4 and 5. The course chart listed the distance as 13.5nm. In the spinnaker fleet CIRRUS had some bad luck on the spinnaker run from Gina to Mandalay, and WAILANI started to close the gap. We had an issue getting our spinnaker down and hit the buoy. When the spin was doused and we were ready to tack, we did our 360 penalty and continued on the course. Fortunately, CIYC's Mike Geer was aboard to keep us all on focus all day. Mike is a great sailor, teacher, and coach! As we entered the harbor, we saw CIRRUS waiting at the finish line, calculating the handicap time difference*, and departing when confident they had won 1st place. We accepted that we were 2nd, regretted the foul at the mark, but were happy to be close enough to CIRRUS to make them nervous! SWIFT followed in third, and TIBURON (Pablo Plasencia, AYC) did not complete the course.

*In handicap scoring each boat receives a rating based on its dimensions, sail area, and theoretical performance. For reference, CIRRUS rates 39, SWIFT 108, and WAILANI 126. The difference between CIRRUS' and WAILANI's rating is 87, which is equivalent to 87sec per nm of the course, eg, approximately 19.6min for a 13.5nm course. Later at AYC, the Race Committee acknowledged they had erred on the course chart, and the distance was really 17nm, which put WAILANI in first place by 36sec! First ever win against CIRRUS!

On March 25, PBYC hosted the 3rd race in their Spring Series. With light to moderate wind and ≥ 5 ft residual swell from the recent gales, the Race Committee chose a nearshore course - a 9.7nm starboard reach from Mandalay to Gina and a port reach back to Mandalay - no spinnaker. WAILANI's 4-person crew (me, Roxanne Vettese, Kelly Sherwood, and Deb Coss) took 2nd to VYC's RIVAL and beat AYC's CIRRUS again by 51sec! VELERO (Islander 29, Brent Swanson, CIYC) had a halyard problem before

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CIYC RACING REPORT *Continued*

By Cap'n Jane Thomas

the start and did not compete, which left ALCYONE (Catalina 350, Gary Goodman, AYC) as the only competitor in the non-spinnaker class. KASTOR POLLUX (Leopard 43, Jersey Poprawski, AYC) was the sole ORCA participant.

J24 Fleet: We're making progress on TINY DANCER and HOT LIPS! During his attempt to replace a missing shift lever on TINY DANCER's outboard, Gareth Jones discovered that it was a Tohatsu 3.5B model, which doesn't have a shift lever! Instead, the motor rotates to achieve reverse propulsion. He put it back together and reported that the motor is clean and well-maintained. On Sunday, March 26, CIWSA members Lauren Copus, Lisa Hritz, and I spent a few hours on HOT LIPS, pumping out the rain, sorting and soaking her lines, and mounting the mainsail and cover on the boom! Her outboard is still in pieces, but Michael Hallahan (CIWSA and FYC) has offered to put it back together. We hope to launch both for use soon!

April Races: Wet Wednesdays start April 5! April 15 is AYC Anacapa Anyway; April 16, VYC Lady Driver; April 28-30, NOSA Newport to Ensenada; and April 30 PCYC TGIS #3.

Happy Sailing!

Cap'n Jane

TGIS #2 Start (LtoR): Foreground: SO LONG (Ranger 26, Marisela Hancock) and WAILANI; background: SELAVY, CIRRUSS, and ARGONAUT. Photo by Roger Hayne, PCYC Race Committee.



TGIS #2 Later: SELAVY under spinnaker with an incoming freighter vying to pass the same mark. Photo by Marisela Hancock.



St. Patrick's Day Racers on WAILANI (LtoR): Wailani O'Herlihy, Lori, Bonnie Chaney, Jane Thomas, Doodle, Mike Geer, and Alison Rowe. Photo by Judy Guido.



Doodle

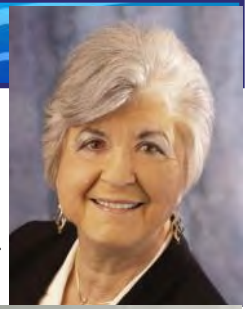


We won! WAILANI's *Tartan* crew (LtoR): Front row, Wailani O'Herlihy, Alison Rowe, and Jane Thomas. Back row, Lori (Wailani's cousin), Bonnie Chaney, and Judy Guido.

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Channel Islanders First Mate Carole Naylor



Hi, Everyone,

We have just completed a very busy month of March and at this time we are preparing to decorate the club for Opening Day. However, you are probably reading this after Opening Day - so I hope you danced your feet off, talked to many friends, and didn't get too much tomato on your white pants, but had a great time!



On March 21st we had our Anniversary Luncheon during which we enjoyed the talk by Lisa Medlen, and Salad Niçoise by Evelina Arglen and Eleanor Hovaten, with help from George, followed by a cake honoring our 58th year of supporting the club.



Cindy Daggett, Elsee Childs, Eveline Paullin, Judy Pepper Carole Naylor



On Sunday, March 26th, we had our first KISS (Keep It Simple Sunday) Brunch. I chose a Pink and Green theme, as we needed a bit of Spring color after all the rain we have had!

I sincerely thank my crew:
Vera Cline, Dennis Van Daalwyk, Judi and John Defusco, Elsee Childs, Eveline Paulin, and my son Brian.

Of course, we had Shana helping everyone with attire they might need for Opening Day or just for fun.



Now that we had our champagne, it's time to start to get ready for Opening Day!!!!
See you then.
Carole Naylor,
First Mate,
Channel Islanders



Cruising Corner *by Dr. Garry G. Kraft*



Personal Flotation Devices



A number of years ago when I had my first boat, a Ron Holland 43 which looked a lot like a Baltic or Swan,* my crew and I would meet at the marina by 0300 due to the prevailing westerly wind and swell, usually somewhat settled in the early a.m., and motor sail to Santa Cruz Island. Good protocol, as we would arrive at the island about dawn, anchor, make breakfast, take a nap, and have the rest of the weekend to play. * Ron Holland had the contract to loft Swans at that time.

One of my worst fears was falling overboard and watching my boat sail off without me. The following story is scary and relevant:

After falling overboard near Southern California's Channel Islands, Scott Thompson swam 5 miles to safety. He recounted his harrowing January, 2022, surf trip out to Santa Cruz Island. Thompson, an experienced urchin diver, decided to head out, get some surfing in, and spend the night on his 22' Anderson boat, Miss Grace.

Frustrated by the water conditions, Thompson decided to turn around and head back to Channel Islands Harbor, his starting point for the trip. He went to the starboard side of the boat to relieve himself when a wave slapped the boat, causing him to lose balance and fall into the water. The bigger problem was that the boat was still in gear (anecdotally, a number of drowned men have been found with their pants' zippers down).

His boat motored on. "That's when I realized I'm in trouble." His first reaction was swimming after it as hard as he could, but after about a minute he saw that it was just getting farther away. Our Santa Barbara Channel is especially cold in the winter. Thompson was wearing only a T-shirt and shorts.

Thompson said he didn't see any boats, and swimming back to the beach was too far. He spotted Oil Platform Gail and used the current to help get there.

"(I) thought, that's going to be one hell of a swim, but I have two choices: swim there or give up and die," but his surfer, diver, and waterman instincts kicked in. During the five-hour swim, hypothermia started to set in as he tried to keep negative thoughts out of his head. With no land in sight, he leaned on the love for his family to inspire the fight to live.

Then the sun went down and it got dark.

As Thompson swam toward Platform Gail, he heard a noise in the water that he thought was a shark. It turned out to be a curious young seal. "I had never been so overwhelmed with joy to see another living creature in my life," Thompson wrote. "I was like, 'Oh my God! There is something out here with me that is alive.'" The seal stayed with him until he got closer the platform, even nudging him when he stopped swimming, treading water to get his bearings.

He reached oil Platform Gail, 9 miles off the coast. Screaming for help, Thompson recognized he wouldn't be heard over the machinery and waves. He spotted a ladder and felt it was a last chance. "The ladder was only 50' away, but it seemed like 10 miles away." Then, a big surge came and he felt the water on his back. "It was now or never," he recalled. "I don't know if it was divine intervention or dumb luck, but it felt like the hand of God picked me up and placed me on that ladder."

See article: <https://boattest.com/article/knocked-overboard-boater-swims-5-miles-safety-0>





Quick Harbor Updates

Harbor Director Michael Tripp said he will be asking the County Board of Supervisors to extend the restaurant operator partnership of Zilli and Carron's ERN (Exclusive Right To Negotiate) for another six months. He has also indicated that he will be asking the Board to approve an ERN for Karl's to develop Fisherman's Wharf. Karl's will be a complete visitor-serving development that will not require amendments to the harbor's Public Works Plan (PWP), or the City of Oxnard's Local Coastal Plan (LCP) and HCI ordinance. Karl's can avoid many years of amendment processes which could take as long as 7 years before any work could be started at Fisherman's Wharf.

Revetment work is also progressing. Its completion will enable Brighton to begin construction of the new Hyatt Place Hotel and restaurant. - estimated start date is June 2023, barring any further weather delays.

Please be aware there is an audit being conducted of the inventory of boat slips at the harbor by the County Internal Audit Department. In July 2021 the County proposed a PWP amendment to reduce the total number slips from 2150 to 1950, a 200-slip reduction. No physical inventory of the harbor's boat slips had been done since at least 2008. The slip numbers reflected only those reported by marina lessees, not necessarily what is actual and usable. The harbor's method of counting boats slips also appeared to be inconsistent with the way the California Coastal Commission counts slips. This audit of the boat slips will help clarify the matter as the slips are a valuable asset of the harbor and an important revenue source.



Harbor Master Gary Hirtensteiner Retires After 31 Years of Service

On March 14th, the County Board of Supervisors presented Gary Hirtensteiner with a Proclamation recognizing his 31 years of service to the harbor and County. Gary has been the Harbor Master since 2014. Gary has supported the CIYC's white sea bass program as well as the community's annual Food & Toy Drive.

We thank Gary for his dedication and leadership at the harbor.

Breaking News – County Board Votes to Increase Individual Campaign Contributions

At the second public hearing on March 28th a proposal to eliminate the entire Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance and adopt the State regulations was approved by a 3-2 vote. The vote took place despite the hundreds of letters opposing the repeal. There were over 60 people who also voiced their opposition during the meeting which Supervisors Gorell, Parvin and Long ignored and failed to respond to even one fact-based objection. They also ignored the public's request for a delay on the decision and/or place the repeal on the ballot in 2024 for people to decide. This was a major policy change not just a minor policy revision. The ordinance cedes local control of election campaign finance laws and raise contribution limits for individuals from \$750 to \$5,500. It will also eliminate the County regulations that ensure transparency and local enforcement of the regulations. This repeal will not eliminate independent expenditure committees and the problems they pose. Minority majority districts of Supervisor Kelly Long's District 3 and the harbor's District 5 of Supervisor Vianey Lopez are especially anticipated to be impacted given the demographics of the districts. I will keep you updated on the results of the meeting.

Rene Aiu, Harbor Delegate



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April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CIYC Bar Hours Sunday 4 pm to close Wed. Thurs. Fri. & Sat. 5 pm to close Closed Mon. & Tues. except special events.						1 <i>Set UP for Opening Day</i>
2 <u>Palm Sunday</u> <i>Opening Day CIYC</i>	3 <i>Bar open 5pm for NCAA Basketball Championship with Bar Food. game is at 6:20PM.</i>	4	5 6:30pm Wed dinner	6 <u>Passover starts</u> DJ Trivia Bar food	7 <u>Good Friday</u> Happy Hours 5-7 pm <i>TGIF fish fry</i>	8
9 <u>Easter Sunday</u> <i>2pm Easter Luncheon</i>	10	11	12 6:30pm Wed dinner	13 <u>Last Day of Passover</u> DJ Trivia Bar food	14 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Bar opens 5pm <i>Birthday Bash</i>	15 6:30pm <i>WESTERN dinner/party</i>
16 10:30 am BSA event	17	18 <i>6:30pm CIYC BOD</i>	19 <i>5pm Islanders BOD mtg</i> 6:30pm Wed dinner	20 DJ Trivia Bar food	21 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Bar opens 5pm Lite Bites	22 6:30 pm <i>Beefeater dinner & Show</i>
<i>Day Cruise</i>	Maritime institute Captains Class 8am -4pm					
23	24	25	26 6:30pm Wed dinner	27 DJ Trivia Bar food	28 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Bar opens 5pm Lite Bites	29 6:30pm <i>Epicureans</i>
	Maritime institute Captains Class 8am -4pm					
30 <i>10am Whale Watch cruise</i>						

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As of 3/26/2023



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May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30pm Wed dinner	4 DJ Trivia Bar food	5 <u>Cinco de Mayo</u> Happy Hours 5-7 pm Cinco de Mayo Dinner/Social	6 Derby Day Potluck
7 3pm Wine Tasting	8	9	10 6:30pm Wed dinner	11 6:30pm CIWSA DJ Trivia Bar food	12 Happy Hours 5-7 pm TGIF & Birthday Bash	13 1pm Mothers Day Luncheon
14 <u>Mother's Day</u>	15	16 6:30pm CIYC BOD	17 5pm Islanders BOD mtg 6:30pm Wed dinner	18 DJ Trivia Bar food	19 Happy Hours 5-7 pm 7pm General Meeting	20 Men's Fishing Tourney 7pm Beekeepers
21 2-5pm Open House	22	23	24 6:30pm Wed dinner	25 DJ Trivia Bar food	26 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Lite Bites	27 7pm Epicureans
28	29 <u>Memorial Day</u> Holiday Supper Club	30	31 Bar opens 5pm 6:30pm Wed dinner	<div>Island Cruise</div> <div>CIYC Bar Hours Sunday 4 pm to close Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat, 5 pm to close Closed Mon. & Tues. except special events.</div>		
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You're invited to a
**COUNTRY
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SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

Music by
PULL THE TRIGGER BAND
Dancing entertainment by
DEBRA AND BRUCE

Join in Line dancing and the Two -Step.
Or simply sit back and let the experts
show you how it's done

Dinner at 6:30 \$35

Catered by Scooters BBQ
Tri tip, chicken, beans, salads
and dessert

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CIYC PET PARADE



This is Vinny, my sweet dog I rescued in July 2012. There's a great story behind that.

Vinny is a Jack Russell Terrier mix. He weighs 10 lbs., is a meat & cheese eater, no fruits or veggies for him. Vinny had many issues when he first came into my life, the biggest was separation anxieties. Vinny is super sweet, chill, loves people, but his little dog syndrome comes out when he sees a big dog. Vinny is the Italian mobster in the neighborhood!

Dana Capra (Vinny's mommy)



More pictures
from the KISS
Brunch



Dinner & a Show!

Saturday - April 22 @ 6:30 PM



The CIYC Channelettes & the Beefeaters are teaming up to fill your belly and your heart with songs of friends, family & love!
Live Music While You Dine!

To Start: Wedge Salad with Homemade Ranch Dressing, Artisanal Bread & Butter

Main Course: Beef Sirloin Tri-Tip with Shana's Horseradish Sauce, Mr. Lipton's Roasted Red Potatoes & Oven-roasted Zucchini with Dried Tomatoes

Dessert: Homemade Brownies, Ice Cream & Toppings!



\$20 Per Person

R.S.V.P. To Janis Pulliam reservations.ciyc@roadrunner.com





The Perry's complete the burgee exchange 3/12/23



THANKS TO ROB WISHART For his wonderful "Table Hopping" and club photos



The World Class Cuisine of

ITALY AND FRANCE

Epicurean Head Chef Judy Kay and Crew

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

Dinner served at 6:30 pm

Come and enjoy a taste of Italy
with a bit of French flair

PRIMO

Chicken Scaloppini with a lemon caper sauce

CONTORNO

Risotto with greens and peas
Salade lettuce blend and seasoned lentils

DESSIVER

Meringues Chantilly
with strawberries and whipped cream

\$25

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"Tale of the Whale" Returns

Annual Paul & Ruthie Hatcher Whale Watch Event

Presented by Connie Calo-Kudlac

Attention all Skippers & Crew: Sign up in the Event Book at the stairwell table or email to Reservations.ciyc@roadrunner.com. While searching for the elusive creature, your boat teams will make up a story, poem, song or skit to perform. A panel of 3 judges will decide the winner (known fact that judges can be bribed & it's actually encouraged).

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on the
Horizon



April 30

Leave dock at 10AM

Back to Club by 4:00

ALL are Welcome! For those who couldn't go to sea, or if we cannot go out due to nasty weather, the contest will go on at 4:00 with your imaginary sightings. Extra credit given

to those who venture out on the water & use the term proboscis in their story, poem, song or skit!



And what do you win? Bragging Rights & your name engraved on the "Moby Dick" trophy for all eternity. It doesn't get much better than that!!!

AFTER PARTY

Following awards, all are invited to Paul & Ruthie's complimentary taco bar with Ruthie's homemade chocolate chip cookies for dessert!

Chuck Grethel, Channel Islands Yacht Club 2022 Racing Sailor of the Year

By: Capt. Roxanne Vettese

Chuck Grethel--whose name now graces the Channel Islands Yacht Club perpetual trophy "Racing Sailor of the Year" for 2022--doesn't own a boat.

Okay. A lot of people don't own boats. But, Chuck is the only non-boat owner in the history of CIYC to ever earn a place on that venerable piece of hardware.

This speaks not only to the dedication with which Chuck pursues his passion, but also to the wisdom he obviously possesses, for actually "owning" a racing sailboat has often been equated with standing under a cold shower while burning hundred-dollar bills.

Born in Germany and raised in Oxnard, Chuck came to racing at an early age. "I started--15 or 16 years old--on Cliff Jarvis's New York 36, *Oxnard Blvd*, as rail meat (crew whose chief job is to keep the boat's angle of heel in check by sitting on the rail). That was in the late 80's. Then, I went into the Airforce at 18. I didn't see another sailboat all the time I served--except for the America's Cup in Australia--the U.S. won! After I got out in 1990, I went straight back into racing".

In the 35 plus years that Chuck has been actively racing, he has crewed on several of the most competitive and winning boats in the area: Larry Spencer's Olson 30 *Blue Star*, Mark Lissauer's Swan 46 *Midnight Rambler*, Richard Sherlock's Olson 40 *Primetime*--to name just a few. With the help of his skippers and fellow crew members, Chuck evolved from being rail meat to headsail and main trimmer, but found his true calling on the "pointy end" as foredeck crew.

There is a running quip amongst those who race sailboats--a dated metaphor with a Disneyland theme that doesn't always translate well for today's younger racers, but rings true with the old guard. From the mast aft is "Fantasyland", a place



"Life changes at 20 knots".

Chuck Grethel

where the tactician, driver, trimmers and other assorted crew (the owner is usually back there too) commiserate, coming up with fantastic schemes regarding boat speed, mark approaches, sail trim and sail configurations. From the mast forward is "Adventureland", where intrepid bowmen and women carry out these schemes, performing miracles under death-defying conditions and usually with only seconds to spare before disaster ensues. The quip generally concludes, from the foredeck's point of view, with a final complaint--only slightly bitter--which is, when it all goes right, the folks in Fantasyland take the credit for being geniuses, and when it all goes wrong, the poor guys and gals in Adventureland--whether deserved or not--will shoulder the blame.

None of this phases Chuck. He genuinely loves the work and is, 100 percent, a team player. As he observes, "it takes an entire crew to win or lose a race". Chuck loves the thrill of the ride up there--wind and seas in full force. He also enjoys the technical challenges that confront foredeck crew. When everything has to go absolutely right, invariably something goes absolutely wrong and has to be addressed with an intuitive and precise understanding of all the strings in play--literally and figuratively. Chuck also feels very fortunate to still be active in the local "big leagues" crewing with sailors half his age. "I can't keep up with them, but it's nice to hang out with them and learn."

Chuck's current ride is Lonnie Jarvis's Farr 400, *Chronic*. Of all of the 30 plus boats Chuck has raced on over the years, *Chronic* is hands down his favorite. "Life changes at 20 knots". Chuck smiles broadly when he says these words. 20 knots is a snail's pace on land, but it is a rocket ship at sea. Chuck credits Lonnie Jarvis's stewardship of both *Chronic* and her crew for putting him in a position to be named CIYC's racing sailor for 2022. "Lonnie and I have been friends since high school. I owe a lot to him for getting all of those wins all these years".

Chuck is a tireless champion of local racing, though he laments it has become a shadow of its former self. "In the 90's we would have 30 boats out for a Wet Wednesday race--now we're lucky to get a dozen.

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We have great youth sailing programs, but they aren't churning out new sailors --the kids participate for a few years, but you can't keep them there—too many distractions". And, he adds, there's the ever-rising expense—"people are getting priced out of the game".

When asked if he has any "fabled" races on his bucket list that he would like to pursue--such as the 2,225 mile L.A. to Honolulu *Transpac*—Chuck makes it clear, "Maybe when I was in my 30's and 40's, but now? I don't do long distance. Proper yachting is having the boat put away and getting to the bar by 5:00 PM. I like to sleep in my own bed."

Chuck is truly honored by CIYC's inclusion of him on a perpetual trophy, seeing it as one of the pinnacles of his years of area racing. "It was humbling—I choked up. There are some really good peeps on that trophy and to be honored as their equal...", he leaves the rest of that sentiment unspoken. Chuck also appreciates his long-standing association with CIYC.

"I am so fortunate to have this playground—to be able to race home from Anacapa Island on a screeching power reach--and I am grateful for the support CIYC offers the racing community here. I want to thank everyone at the club for doing what they do and—please—if there is anything I can do for you and the club, just name it."

Chuck says he will never tire of the joys sailboat racing affords him, even if the local fleets have shrunk and quality competitors have dwindled down to only a handful. "I love the competition, the camaraderie, the flat-out speed--when you realize that the boat is sailing faster than it ever has before!"

It seems that Chuck has been riding that screeching power reach he raves about for over 35 years--and that ride is just going to keep on rolling.



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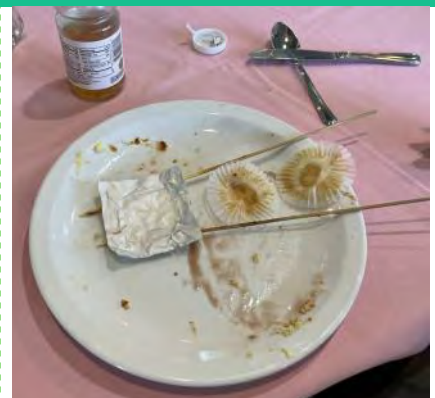
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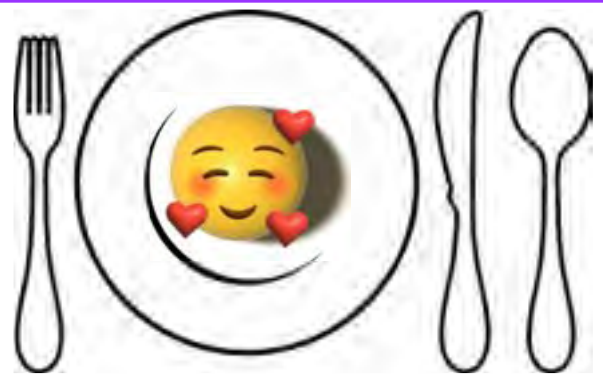


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*** **FRIDAY APRIL 14th** ***



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Frank Sullivan of the Ventura County White Sea Bass Enhancement Facility explains to students of The Reel Guppy Outdoors the importance of recording observational data. Image courtesy of Dave Colker.

Local Youth Education group, The Reel Guppy Outdoors visits The Ventura County White Seabass Enhancement Facility on the Reel Guppy Outdoors 1-Year Anniversary

David Colker[©] March 9, 2023

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