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Channel Islands Harbor
59th Annual Parade of Lights
Rudolph's Rock 'n' Roll Regatta

CIYC Sweepstakes Winner
Channel Islands Yacht Club
Boat: Blue Mast - Owner Vidar Bech
CIYC Yacht Club Over 30' Winner
1st Place: Channel Islands Yacht Club
Boat: Blue Mast - Owner Vidar Bech

Thanks to George Hornberger & the CIYC Boat Parade Crew

2025
VOTED BEST YACHT CLUB
IN VENTURA COUNTY
9th YEAR IN A ROW!

VC Reporter
NEWS CULTURE ARTS & OPINION

Our members make the best memories! Let's make more in 2026!

2026 Commodore James Glass

Happy New Year, CIYC!

As we welcome 2026, I want to start by thanking you, the membership, for the trust and confidence you've placed in me by electing me as your Commodore. I am truly honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve, and I'm very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Before we look forward, it's important to look back: 2025 was an amazing year for the Channel Islands Yacht Club, and that success belongs to our members. To everyone who chaired committees, volunteered their time, cooked meals, organized events, ran races, supported water activities, and quietly helped behind the scenes — THANK YOU! This club simply does not operate without you, and your dedication is deeply appreciated.

To show our gratitude, all members who volunteered in 2025 are invited to join the 2026 Bridge for a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 17th. This dinner is our way of saying thank you for your hard work and commitment — dinner is on us, and we truly hope you'll join us.

At its core, the Channel Islands Yacht Club is about people. Races, dinners, and events are all part of what we do, but it's our members who make this club what it is. That's why my first priority as Commodore will be a strong focus on membership.

Our members are the foundation of CIYC. Every person on the Board and Bridge works for you. My goal is to ensure that every member feels valued, welcomed, and proud to belong here. Whether you race, cruise, cook, volunteer, or simply enjoy spending time with friends at the bar — you are an important part of this club. I want your experience at CIYC to be rewarding and enjoyable, and I want to continue building an environment where people genuinely enjoy being here.

When members feel connected and appreciated, great things happen. Participation grows. Events fill up. More people step forward to help. New friendships are formed. That sense of community — that feeling of *"we're all in this together"* — is something I will work hard to strengthen every day.

Of course, none of this happens without taking care of our home. Our clubhouse is the heart of this organization — where memories are made and friendships begin. I believe it's important that we continue to make thoughtful improvements to our facilities — not for the sake of change, but for preservation, pride, and long-term success.

At the same time, we must remain financially responsible. The club is in a solid position, and maintaining that stability will remain one of my top priorities. We will plan carefully, make smart decisions, and ensure that we leave the club stronger than we found it.

I truly believe that with teamwork, transparency, and open communication, there's nothing this club can't accomplish. My leadership style is simple: listen to the membership, work collaboratively with the Board and Bridge, and always act in the best interests of CIYC.

Looking ahead, I see a club full of potential — one where membership is thriving, events are well attended, racing remains strong, and finances stay stable. A club where members are proud to bring their families, friends, and guests — because they know CIYC is built on respect, fun, and a shared passion for the water.

This club has an incredible legacy, built by generations of members who gave their time, energy, and vision so that we can enjoy it today. I am committed to continuing that tradition and setting up the next generation of CIYC members for success.

Please join us for the Change of Watch on Saturday, January 10th, when your new Bridge, Board of Directors, and Flag Officers will be sworn in, followed by an amazing dinner from Crème.

Your 2026 leadership team is: Commodore James Glass, Vice Commodore Stacy Wolf, Rear Commodore Tom Resler, and Directors Dan Estabrook, Bill Elswick, Kat Sotiridy, Lisa Reaume, Ginny Johnson, and Burt Stillar.

Your 2026 Flag Officers are: Fleet Surgeon Zoran Barbarić, Secretary Andi Light, Fleet Captain Mike DeSart, Treasurer Bill Elswick, Port Captain Gene Peck, Chaplain Roxanne Vettese, House Captain Joseph Omweg, Judge Advocate Tom Warden, Jr. Staff Commodore Deborah Tyhurst.

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Variety Show Barbara Brauns

Thank you again for your support, your involvement, and your passion for this club. I'm excited for what we'll accomplish together in 2026.

Respectfully,
James Glass, 2026 Commodore

Vice Commodore, Stacy Wolf 805-312-2611

Anglers Frank Sullivan
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TGIF Joyce Sheridan
Wednesday Dinners Tom Resler Delegates

2026 Vice Commodore Stacy MacPhail

Happy New Year!

I am truly honored and excited to step into the role of Vice Commodore this year. I must admit, James Glass left some very big shoes to fill, but I am grateful for the foundation he set and enthusiastic about the year ahead. One of the things I enjoyed most last year was getting to know members I might not have otherwise met, and I look forward to continuing to build those connections as I get to know our boating community even better in the year ahead.

First, let's talk about our Ship's Store: In anticipation of its Grand Opening, Michele Loman and Petronela Harris showcased our latest merchandise while some of our members strolled the dining room runway as models. It was clear everyone had a great time—models and Brunch guests alike! Michele, you may have missed your calling: Your scripts were truly epic. Be on the lookout for the installation of the new door and all the great new merchandise coming your way.

CIYC also shone once again at the Parade of Lights, earning back-to-back wins. George Hornberger led the crew, and with so many creative ideas, they transformed Vidar and Marnie's beautiful ketch, *Blue Mast,* into a 'Rocking Regatta' on the water. CIYC took first place for Yacht Clubs over 30 feet and also captured the Sweepstakes win. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Speaking of boats, the CIYC electric boat is currently undergoing renovations and repairs. Our goal is to have this harbor cruiser water-ready so members can enjoy cruising our beautiful harbor. Stay tuned for more updates.

As we often say, CIYC is a club built on volunteers. Our Finance Committee plays a critical role in overseeing the club's financial health. I am pleased to announce that, in addition to our new Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, Bill Elswick, several members have joined the committee. Thank you to Lisa Reaume, Reneau Oglesby, Ginny Johnson, Kat Sotiridy, Burt Stillar, and Robert Gilchrest for stepping up to serve alongside our existing members. Their participation and fresh perspectives will help ensure our club's continued financial strength.

Continuing with the theme of volunteers and boats, guests and reciprocal visitors will no longer have to guess whether they are in the correct slip. Thanks to Pat Campea and George Arglen for designing and installing a beautiful new sign clearly identifying our slip. Check out the picture!

On a more personal note, as I transition into my role as Vice Commodore, I am also excited about a personal transition happening early next year. In anticipation of my upcoming nuptials, you may notice a small change in my salutation.

As we kick off 2026, let's sail straight into the New Year together!

Warm regards,

Stacy MacPhail

2026 Rear Commodore Tom Ressler

Dear CIYC Members,

I want to begin by thanking everyone who placed their trust in me by nominating and electing me as your Rear Commodore for 2026. It is an honor to serve this amazing community, and I look forward to working together to make this year unforgettable.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who keep our club running smoothly—many of whom work behind the scenes. Your dedication ensures that our events and traditions remain strong. And to our members who attend dinners, participate in events, and bring energy to every occasion—thank you for making CIYC what it is.

Reflecting on 2025, we ended the year with resilience and pride. When the lights went out during the Tree Lighting Ceremony, we didn't miss a beat thanks to Phil MacPhail's quick thinking and battery backup.

Then, our Parade of Lights team delivered another spectacular performance, earning the **Overall Trophy for the second year in a row!** Congratulations to everyone who contributed countless hours to make those floats shine. And let's not forget the Chili Cookoff winners: **Stacy Wolf (1st), Lisa Medlen (2nd)**—well done!

The Channel Islanders' Jingle Bell Brunch and Ship's Store Fashion Show followed the day after Parade of Lights. What a great breakfast and show - what a festive weekend!

We also welcomed a fantastic addition to our clubhouse: a new freezer generously donated by the Channel Islanders and installed by our hardworking House Captains, Chuck Grethel and George Hornberger. Their efforts to keep our club in top shape are invaluable.

Looking ahead, 2026 promises to be full of excitement. We'll kick off with the New Year's Party, followed by Change of Watch and Blessing of the Fleet. February brings Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and the Mid-Winter Regatta. March will feature St. Patrick's Day celebrations, Saturday dinners by the Epicureans and Beefeaters, and a delicious Shrimp Scampi Dinner on March 28th. And that's just the beginning!

Thank you again for your support and enthusiasm. Together, we'll make 2026 a year to remember.

Tom Resler
Rear Commodore, CIYC

Don't be shy! Contact Tom to help with a fabulous CIYC dinner! Chefs wanted—helpers wanted - everyone welcome! It's FUN!

Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan

Anglers' Club Report

On Friday, December 12th, 2025, we had a CIYC Anglers' Club meeting in the dining room of the Club. I gave a report on the upcoming Angler events for 2026 with Commodore Elect James Glass providing details on charters. See the Events list:

The CIYC Anglers' Club dues have been $10 per year since before I joined the Club in 2003. I suggested an increase to $20 per year with an increase in the Monthly Big Fish Award to $100 and the Big Fish of the Year Award to $200.

The members voted to accept this change. Additionally, we discussed changing the rules for the Big Fish Awards, and the following was decided:

Anglers' Events in 2026 :

Mar 28th	CIYC Anglers Scampi Dinner
Apr 18th	Anglers host the CCA Poker Tournament
May 17th	Anglers Charter Fishing Trip (tentative)
May 31st	Anglers host the Reel Guppies Fundraiser
Jun 28th	Men's Fishing Tournament
July 12th	Ladies' Fishing Tournament
July 26th	Anglers Charter Fishing Trip (confirmed)
Sept 11th	CI Billfish Tournament Kickoff Dinner
Sept 12th thru 16th	CI Billfish Tournament
Nov 7th	Anglers Awards Dinner

Anglers' Club Big Fish rules:

1. Dues are $20 per year, effective January 1st, 2026.
2. Fish must be caught in California waters between Point Conception and the Mexican Border.
3. Marlin, Sharks and Rays will not qualify as winners.
4. Must be caught on rod and reel; electric reels not allowed.
5. Fish can be verified by any CIYC member.
6. Angler must be a paid CIYC Anglers' Club member.
7. Anglers must bring the fish to the boat but can have help gaffing or netting.
8. CIYC, PCYC or Channel Islands Sportfishing scales can be used, others if verified.
9. A photo of the fish must accompany the submission.
10. Tournament fish do not count except for the Big Fish of the Year.
11. An angler can only win the Big Fish of the Month once a year; prize is $100.
12. The Big Fish of the Year is awarded $200 at the yearly Anglers Awards dinner. It does not have to be a fish submitted as a Big Fish of the Month to qualify.

White Seabass Grow-out Program

I gave a new Powerpoint presentation on the White Seabass Grow-out Program and a history of our grow-out facility. We discussed plans for the refurbishment of the Channel Islands Harbor grow-out pens. I have a materials list with estimates of about $10,000 and Phil MacPhail has agreed to supervise the project. We will use funds raised at the last fundraiser as well as Anglers Club Account savings. We will have another meeting shortly after the first of the year and invite nonmembers from the public who wish to help with the reconstruction of the pens.

Frank Sullivan, Staff Commodore
Anglers Club Chair
805-205-4073

2025 Ends with the Harbor & Beach's Joy in Giving and 2026 Begins with Anticipation of Karls at Fisherman's Wharf

2025 Ends with Joy: The Grinch did not steal Christmas at the 2025 Harbor Food & Toy Drive. Individual and community businesses' generosity resulted in an incredible record high of giving. The donations provided cheer for many of our neighbors who were struggling during the holiday season.

The Grinch hung from a high arch of wreaths supported by a huge tow truck – a big photo attraction! Cars drove through the archway where volunteers comprised of community members, harbor patrol officers, firemen, and young Reel Guppies unloaded the cars full of toys and food. Santa was there to thank them. It was an amazing time of giving:

- Monetary donations of $35,200 including the $13,000 matching fund
- Food donations of 3,335 lbs
- Toys of 1,650 including 5 bicycles and 1 drone kit

2026 Begins with Anticipation

Karls is getting demolition permits and the Harbor Director anticipates the public will see the project start early in the year.

Brighton has submitted revised hotel plans to the County Harbor Department. However, they will need to submit the revised plans to the Coastal Commission for approval. This means they will probably not be able to start construction in 2026 which is very disappointing. We hope we can look forward to a construction start in 2027 if Brighton gets the needed approvals.

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Manson Construction have dredged approximately 1.2 million cubic yards of material towards their goal of 1.5 million cubic yards. Dredging is anticipated to continue through the end of January.

The USACE announced their plan to reschedule the public meeting/open house for February. The Hollywood Beach Habitat Plan will be presented at that time. They anticipate having an in-person daytime weekend meeting and also an interactive virtual option. To receive emails and information about the project, you can join their email list by sending a message to:

CESPL-Channel-Islands-Hueneme-Dredging@usace.army.mil with the subject line, "Hollywood Beach Mitigation E-mail List."

Doc Lines By Fleet Surgeon, Zoran Barbarić, MD

Choking Rescue Device

When a piece of food evades the esophagus and instead descends down the larynx (vocal box) or trachea (wind pipe), the gastronome instantly becomes a patient. Likely to die, if alone or surrounded by people with limited knowledge or too weak to help.

This unfortunate accident happens more often in children and the elderly. Also in those who hurriedly wolf their food so that bigger chunks can be inadvertently inhaled.

Diagnosis is immediately obvious to the victim. Inability to take a breath in. Panic sets in. A few moments later it also becomes obvious to others who witness the patient gasping for air, holding or pointing to his throat, unable to utter a word, because no air is crossing the vocal cords.

Within minutes the patient turns blue in the face and loses consciousness. And slumps on the floor. Emergency responders, no matter how fast they come, will be too late.

In 2005, the American Red Cross issued new guidelines for ***adult*** conscious victims.
First start with ***five back blows***. If this method fails to remove the airway obstruction, rescuers are then to apply ***five abdominal thrusts***.
The ***abdominal thrust (Heimlich Maneuver)*** was developed in 1974 by **Dr. Henry Heimlich**. One stands behind the victim, one hand clenched into a fist, locking the hands at upper abdomen, and rapidly thrusting them inward, thus compressing the abdomen, forcing sudden upward diaphragmatic motion and compression of the thorax. This thrust will move whatever air is still in the lungs out and hopefully expel the obstructive piece of food.

The success rate is around 80% for adults and 60% for children. There can be serious complications due to the procedure, especially in fragile and elderly people — including rib fractures, pneumothorax, and injuries to the stomach, spleen, kidneys and diaphragm.

If the person becomes unconscious, start standard cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) with chest compressions. One could open the victim's mouth and try to remove the the lodged piece, but only if you can clearly see it. There is a danger of pushing it even deeper and making things worse.

In the meantime, someone should call 911 and be at the front door to let them in.

For more a detailed review and how to deal with a choking child, see an overview from the Mayo Clinic.

More recently ***pumps with a fitted facial mask*** were introduced. They can be effectively used by the victim or administered by bystanders. There is now such a device in our medicine cabinet. You should familiarize yourself with its use by visiting **the web site** and **here**. Shouldn't be difficult if you know how to use a manual bilge pump! Also a good idea to purchase one of these for home.

Eat slowly, chew your food, and enjoy healthful nutrition. And cut down on sugar, vegetable oils, and processed stuff.

Have a prosperous and happy 2026! Cheers!

Cruising Corner by Dr. Garry G. Kraft

CHANNEL ISLANDS WEATHER FOR BOATING-A brief **seasonal overview** of **marine weather around the Channel Islands and Ventura County**. This is based on typical climatology, not current forecasts.

Winter (Dec–Feb)

Frequent Pacific storms with stronger winds and larger swells.

West–northwest swell dominates; seas can be rough for days at a time.

Small craft advisories are more common.

Cold air temps, chilly water, and occasionally **dense coastal fog**.

Santa Ana winds **possible but less common** than fall.

Spring (Mar–May)

Transition season, often **windy**, especially in the afternoons.

NW winds frequently increase 15–25+ knots.

Persistent wind swell around the outer islands.

Marine layer begins to deepen; **morning fog** more likely.

Summer (Jun–Aug)

Most **stable and predictable** season.

Morning marine layer common, burning off midday.

Afternoon NW wind can still be strong, especially west of Anacapa/Santa Cruz.

Swells are generally smaller, except occasional **southern hemisphere swells**.

Water temperature is warm but still cool.

Fall (Sep–Nov)

Often the **best boating conditions of the year**.

Light winds, smaller seas, and clearer weather.

Santa Ana events can bring strong offshore winds (E–NE), especially near the mainland side.

Visibility usually excellent; lower marine layer.

Prior to leaving on local boating adventures, I review these sites:

https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/data/Forecasts/FZUS56.KLOX.html
https://www.windfinder.com/#10/34.3332/-119.5966/sfc
https://www.windy.com/?34.235,-119.189,5
https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/noaatidepredictions.html?id=9411189&legacy=1

And buy your 2026 Santa Cruz Island landing permit!

https://preserve.nature.org/page/86523/donate/1?locale=en-US

2026 Blessing of the Fleet

Sunday Jan 11th

Blessing of the Fleet

10am will be the blessing at the breakwall

Followed by Evelina's Enchiladas at the Club

To Participate

RSVP by sending:
YOUR NAME & NAME OF VESSEL
to ViceCommodore@CIYC.com
or text 805-312-2661

CIYC 2026

BLESSING OF THE FLEET ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH AT 10:00 AM NEAR THE BREAKWATER.

To Participate

Important Details:

Date & Time: Sunday, January 11th, 10:00 AM

Location: Near the breakwater

Check-in: Channel #69 (or, if you're on an electric boat, call 805-312-2661

RSVP
Please RSVP via email to Stacy: vicecommodore@ciyc.com or text 805-312-2661
****Send your vessel's name and your name****

The Commodores would like to offer a personalized blessing for each boat.

Champagne: Each vessel will be presented with a bottle of Champagne after the blessing.

Participation: If you're able to bring other club members out on your boat, please indicate this when you RSVP. If you're looking for a ride, also let us know so we can try to get you one.

After the blessing, we'll return to CIYC for lunch and camaraderie.

The Commodores will approach each vessel to pronounce the blessing and present the Captain with a bottle of Champagne.

Let's make sure every boat in the CIYC fleet is represented as we begin another year of great adventures on the water!

We look forward to seeing you on January 11th!

Best regards,
Stacy MacPhail

2026 Vice Commodore

CIYC 2026

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January 2026

VOLUNTEER OFTEN – TIP THE BARTENDERS – RSVP EARLY: rsvp@ciyc.com

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR** **Club Closed**	2 Undecorate the Club Happy Hours 5-7 pm	3 NO DINNER
4 1pm Bar opens	5	6 **6pm Beefeater's Bonding Mtg**	7 6:30pm Wed dinner	8 6 pm CIWSA meeting 6:30 pm DJ Trivia Bar food	9 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Birthday Bash potluck	10 **11am—2pm Power Squadron. Meeting** **7pm CIYC Change of watch DINNER Crème**
11 **11 am the Bar Opens** NFL Playoffs **10 am Blessing of the Fleet**	12	13 **11 am Islanders' Kickoff luncheon**	14 6:30pm Wed dinner **5 pm Islanders' BOD meeting**	15 6:30 pm DJ Trivia Bar food	16 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Lite Bites	17 7PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
18 1pm Bar opens	19 **MLK Day**	20 5pm Finance Meeting **6:00pm CIYC BOD**	21 6:30pm Wed dinner	22 6:30 pm DJ Trivia Bar food	23 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Lite Bites **Karaoke**	24 **Beefeater's**
25 1pm Bar opens **2 pm RAMs kickoff meeting**	26	27	28 6:30pm Wed dinner	29 6:30 pm DJ Trivia Bar food	30 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Lite Bites	31 7PM Epicureans

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February

VOLUNTEER OFTEN – TIP THE BARTENDERS – RSVP EARLY: rsvp@ciyc.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1pm Bar opens	2	3	4 6:30pm Wed dinner	5 6:30 pm DJ Trivia Bar food	6 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Birthday Bash potluck	7 No Dinner **Set up for Super Bowl**
8 **1pm Bar Opens** **Super Bowl Lix Party**	9	10 **5pm finance** **6:00pm CIYC BOD**	11 **5 pm Islanders' BOD meeting** **6:30pm Wed dinner by the Law Dogs**	12 6 pm CIWSA meeting 6:30 pm DJ Trivia Bar food	13 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Lite Bites **7pm General Meeting**	14 **Valentines Day** **7pm Valentines Social**
15 3pm Bar opens	16 **PRESDENTS'DAY**	17 **Chinese New Year** **& Mardi Gras Day**	**18 Ash Wednesday** 6:30pm Wed dinner	19 6:30 pm DJ Trivia Bar food	20 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Lite Bites	21 1st day Midwinter Regatta 7pm Dinner
22 3pm Bar opens 2nd day Midwinter Regatta 5 pm Racers Awards dinner	23	24	25 6:30pm Wed dinner	26 6:30 pm DJ Trivia Bar food	27 Happy Hours 5-7 pm Lite Bites **Karaoke**	28 7pm Dinner

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January 9th don't miss the Birthday & Anniversary Bash POTLUCK

Watch your email for menus for Wednesday Night Dinners and PLEASE RSVP EARLY!

Special events and Saturday Dinners

- **Saturday January 10th, 7pm CIYC Change of watch DINNER by Crème**
- **Sunday January 11th, 10am Blessing of the Fleet**
  At the breakwater at 10, lunch to follow
  RSVP: ViceCommodore@CIYC.com
  with NAMES of Captain & crew
  & vessel name
- **Saturday January 17th, 7pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**
- **Saturday January 24, 7pm BEEFEATERS Dinner**
- **Saturday January 31, 7pm Epicurean Dinner**

COOKS NEED TO SHOP—PLEASE RSVP EARLY!

Ways to be a great CIYC member

RSVP EARLY

CLEAR YOUR TABLES

TIP the Bartenders!

Volunteer to cook or help a cooking crew.

Help set tables.

Let James, Stacy or Tom know what your special talent or interest is.

Happy January Birthdays!

Cline, Bill January 1
Warden, Tom January 1
McFarland, Gary January 1
Soumakian, Gabe January 1
Sveinbjarnarson, Ges January 2
Rollins, Rich January 3
Johnson, Ginny January 7
Klein, Jim January 7
Daggett, Dann January 9
Scott, Brian January 9
Reaume, Lisa January 9
Hancock, Jeff January 9
Farley, Jonathan January 10
Olmo, Carmen January 12
Perry, Linda January 12
Daley, Cindi January 13
DeSart, Mike January 13
Garfunkel, Alexa January 14
Moll, Hardy January 15
Onderko, Steve January 17
Cline, Nicole January 19
Witkowski, Mona January 20
Qualls, Ronald January 23
Moreno, Cathie January 23
Smith, Mike January 24
Hovaten, Max January 26
Zundel, Terri January 26
Lee, Madison January 28
Slaton, Marcus January 28
Arias, Martha January 30
Katz, Alyssa January 30
Watkins, Vanda January 30

Happy January Anniversaries!

Bob & Bonnie Chaney January 26
Bill & Ginny Johnson, January 07
Harvey & Kathy Youngman January 27
Bob & Jennifer Baldocchi January 09
Alan & Debbie McKenzie January 09
John Burke & Carmela Arstill-Burke January 06
James & Gina CagleJ January 02
Gorge Demery & Alison Rowe January 13

rsvp@ciyc.com

IF YOU DO NOT GET A CONFIRMATION TEXT JANIS AT 1-323-365-3774

PLEASE

Post pictures of CIYC events on our Facebook group.

Channel Islands Yacht Club & Friends

Channel Islanders

The Board of the Channel Islanders have so many people to thank for their help in making this year's Christmas Season so special. Here is the team that decorated the club for the holiday season. Many of these people worked for 3 days and some less.

Erika & Zoran Barbarić, Gina Cagle, John Canavan, Ric Cavallero, John DeFusco, Dodie Duffy, Bill Elswick, Carol Facko, Maureen Fletcher, Cameo & Mike Frederico, James Glass, Linda Greenup, Ann Marie Gross, Paul Harris, Karen Hill-Silverman, Ginny Johnson, Mary Ann Moore, Carole Naylor, Dale Nelson, Reneau Oglesby, Julie Organ, Laurie Preston, Lisa Reaume, Sharon & Bridget & Craig & Frank Sullivan, Sue Woolf.

Thank you to all for an incredible job.

The Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling Dinner became a unique evening when power was lost to our side of the marina. James Glass and Phil MacPhail went down to Phil's boat and got his battery backup. We were then able to light the tree and power some of the microphones so the music could go on! Thank you to Katrina Glass and Stacy Wolf for thinking of using many candles from the linen closet and lighting them for each table so we could complete the program. This created a wonderful warm ambiance in our dining room.

The great holiday music and entertainment were provided by Barbara Brauns, Bobby Orgel, Dan Estabrook (our Santa Claus), Gary Soto, John Canavan, Joyce Sheridan, Kat Sotiridy, Katie Love, Lee Orgel, and Mike Federico.

The highlight of December for the Channel Islanders is the Jingle Bell Brunch. I'm pleased to give mention to all our great cooks: Evelina Arglen, Mary Black, Elese Childs, Carol Facko, Maureen Fletcher, Karen Hill-Silverman, Debora Langley, Keith Moore, Carole Naylor, Sheri Nolan, Reneau Oglesby, Lee Orgel, Gene Peck, Lisa Reaume, Kat Sotiridy, Gabe Soumakian, Burt Stillar, Ginny Wood, and Sue Woolf. I think we had the best selection of food this year. We also had jewelry sales by Dana Capra and a 50/50 won by Linda Weisfuss.

January 22nd the Islanders will be have our "Kickoff" planning meeting with a salad bar lunch. Please plan to come and help us with ideas to make 2026 the best year yet! Watch your email for more info.

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