

Channel Islands Yacht Club

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Fair Winds Ahead

With new a new year comes new challenges for 2008. However, with our new leadership now installed they are already navigating through the waters that lie ahead.

As we look ahead from the Crow's Nest, some of the things to look for in 2008 are attractive clubhouse makeover improvements; funfilled social events; panoramic cruises and new members, just to name a few.

The key to a new and vibrant vear is- vou our members! So, as we work and play together, we help to promote the core values our club.

Now, as we leave 2007 in our wake, let's all look forward to fair





CROW'S NEST - What's Ahead

- 2/2 Ship Shape, 8 a.m.
- 2/2 Bocce Ball Tournament, 3 p.m.
- 2/3 Super Bowl Party
- 2/5 British Brass Band, 7 p.m.
- 2/7 Channel Islanders Board. Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

- 2/10 Cruising Seminar
- 2/12 Club Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 2/15 Club General Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 2/16 Sweethearts Ball, 7 p.m.
- 2/16 &17 Midwinter Regatta
- 2/19 Islander Event
- 2/24 SCYA Race, Seminar at Pierpont YC

Message From The Commodore Frank Sullivan







The first Month of the year has come and gone we've had some great times and some sad events. Ed Brown and Eldon Boswell, two long time members passed away, please remember their families and keep them in your thoughts.

On the bright side we had a fabulous New Years Eve Dinner; the dinning room was decorated with some of the scenes from our parade of lights boat. I think it looked even better on the walls than it did on the Float! Thanks to Mary Foster and her crew for spending hours and hours preparing for the event and thanks for the folks that created the decoration in the first place for the float.

The Commodore's cruise was planned for a cruise out to Anacapa Island, but as is the norm for this event the weather would not cooperate. Instead, we had a great time in the Club's dinning room. After a hearty meal prepared by Bill and Vera Cline with the help of Jeff Norris, I gathered all the boat owners around me and presented them with a Letter of Marquis.

This letter authorizes them to "subdue, outrace, out navigate, out fish and out cruise any armed or unarmed Rival vessel, public or private, which shall be found within the waters of the Channel Islands dominions or elsewhere on the high seas, and submit such vessel, with her apparel, guns and appurtenances, and the goods and effects which shall be found on board the same, together with the persons who shall be acting on board, to ridicule and degradation within the port of Channel Islands Harbor"

If you missed the event and wish to carry this valuable document on your vessel drop me an e-mail and I'll sign one for you. You must carry one aboard and fly the CIYC burgee to be authorized to pillage and plunder.

Thank you to the Past Commodores: Dave Gable, Jack Borkowski, Joyce Sheridan and Dana Hamilton for preparing a fine feast for the Change of Watch Dinner. Jr. Past Commodore Colleen Nix conducted an excellent program and I received a very thoughtful gift from her to light my way. I was proud to introduce this years Board and Flag Officers.

If you get an opportunity to thank Rear Commodore Mary Foster, please do so. She has been working very hard on sprucing up the club and getting estimates and ideas for the interior remodel. We hope to have some definitive plans and costs by February's General Meeting for your consideration.

Now we must begin preparing for the Opening Day events. This year our Opening Day falls on Sunday April 6, so when you are called upon to help prepare please do what you can.

Message From The Vice Commodore Larry Golkin



The SCYA Midwinters Regatta is an historic event taking place on February 16 and 17. This regatta started in 1928, when the SCYA and the LA Junior Chamber of Commerce teamed up to sponsor the first Midwinters which was promoted as an example of the sports "paradise" that Southern California offers in the winter.

The event attracts boats from all over the country. Today, more than 75,000 skippers and crewmembers participate. We are proud that CIYC has once again been selected as a host for this event. CIYC will host a racers breakfast on Saturday morning (2/16) before registration. All the racers are invited to attend our Valentine's Social Saturday night.

An awards ceremony in the bar will follow the last races on Sunday (2/17). Please bring something hot to eat. The CIYC bar will be in full swing serving all your favorite beverages. Great racing events happen because of the people who support them. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cruisers need to spend time this winter preparing their boats for the cruising season. Starting with whale watching in March, there will be a number of cruises of interest to all of you. Safety begins with good preparation. Get your annual safety inspection.

Consider attending the Sunday Seminar Series. Also, please consider signing your boat up on the "Buddy Boat List", posted on the board in the CIYC bar. Making new friends and enjoying time with old ones depends on our willingness to share space aboard.

Although it would appear we neglected to thank all of you who helped with the parade of lights, you have not been forgotten. Those of us who worked on the entry know we had a lot of fun doing it. Our entry, although not the Sweepstakes winner, was clearly a crowd favorite. Many heartfelt thanks to all of you who endured the rain, smoke, heat and cold to make this event so memorable.



Message From The Rear Commodore Mary Foster



Looking at February; where did January go? New Year's Eve was fantastic; thank you Opal, Joyce, Daphne and Dick Olsen for the beautiful room. Because the room was so beautiful, our Commodore Frank Sullivan asked us to leave the room decorated until after change of watch.

I arrived at the club at 6:00 a.m., Sunday on January 13, which was the start. Sherry Brisbane, Opal Gilpin, Joyce Sheridan, Sue and Tom Warden, Barbara Brauns and Josie Renner helped take all the decorations down, washed all the chairs vacuumed and put the dining room back together. Dick Olsen put the shutters back. What a job that was! Then along came our group of Rams, headed up by Harry and Woody, to my rescue to put up the window boxes. Thank you is never enough. It's people like that who speak for your club. They are always willing whenever asked to help.

Saturday Dinners are set through June; we need your help for the rest of the year. We always need Wednesday cooks. Remember we are SELF HELP. Contact Jean Gaddis, Bob Hynes or myself. You'll enjoy it! Also, the design committee has been gathering information for our general meeting in February. Please be there we need your support and input.

The first Ship Shape involved cleaning the kitchen plus what ever else that was not nailed down. The stove, walls and floors in the downstairs galley have been steam cleaned. I wish to thank everyone for supporting our club. It was a pleasure seeing your smiling faces. [Please plan on attending our upcoming Ship Shape events] We need to get ourselves in order. The ship is only as good as its crew. Maintaining our clubhouse and grounds is a monumental task.

The next Ship Shape is February 2, at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be served for the helpers, before they join the Bocce Ball Tournament. Also, please take with you any dishes that you have left over from the potlucks. I will have them on a table in the dining room.

Our Change of Watch was outstanding. The meal was prepared by your Past Commodores. If you were not in attendance you missed a wonderful event. Watch the bulletin boards for our upcoming events and sign up.

I also want to mention that Bill and Judy Sandham made a donation to the Renovation fund. We extend a very special thank you to them.

I can be reached at (805) 797-5148 cell; home phone (805) 984-4290; or E-mail Maryf1@adelphia.net. I'm the one always asking you to do something. So with good cheer, I will sign off. However have no fear, you will hear! Would you please do this little project?

Happy Days and Smooth Seas







Galloping Gourmets

Mary Foster

Mary Foster, Jean Gaddis and Bob Hynes thank all our members for their support by participating. Also, A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE COOKS!

In February, we will start offering door prizes along with your fun games. We are planning a Bingo Caller contest. So sign up and join the fun.

We always need Wednesday Night Cooks. It's fun! So, PLEASE SIGN UP. Sign up sheets are on all bulletin boards.

Saturday Night Dinners: We have a Host and Hostess each month. Remember to sign up for the dinners. It makes it easier on our cooks and we can guarantee to accommodate you. Also, it's important to cancel if you have signed up and are unable to attend.

We need Host's and Hostess's from June through December. As a Host/and or Hostess you are responsible for the Saturday Night Dinners for the month. You may want to cook or call on our members to do so.

Your Hostess for February is Joyce Sheridan. Lot's of fun is planned; like, the Bocce Ball Tournament. Super Bowl event, Beefeaters, Dinner Dance and a Chinese Dinner. What a month! Don't forget to place your names in the sign up book

We thank Jack Borkowski and his bar team. They always have smiling faces ready to serve us.

Do not miss out; you never know what we may bring about. Remember to sign up: Sweetheart Dance in February. Cupid is doing his job and bringing smiles to the faces of our friends we hold dear.

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Channel Islanders

Sylvia Hyde



Hello All!

Our Installation Luncheon on the January
15, was as fantastic as usual. Whenever Evelina Arglen works her magic in the kitchen, its always wonderful. Carol Lazzarevich, Sandy Crocket and George Arglen were her helpers. Sharon Sullivan and her crew decorated the tables beautifully. Last but not least, our personal bar tender was Bob Deyling. What would do without you! Thanks to everyone!

I want to also thank Ellie Bishop for a great year. I had such a good time being her second in command. Thank goodness we will still have her as Purser this year.

The Islanders have a busy schedule coming up. Opening Day is April 6 and we are already starting plans for another great day. We'll need all the help we can get when its time to put it all together, so get ready to join in.

Second Mate, Sue Warden is busy making plans for fun things for us to do. We will be going to "The Greek" in Ventura for lunch on February 26. We'll be sending out postcard reminders sometime in February and will carpool or just meet there. She's also already making plans for the Fashion Show in May. This event is one of our major fund-raisers so plan on attending.

If you ladies didn't get an invitation to join the Islanders, please let us know. We have such a good time together and we want you with us!

See you at the Club! Sylvia Hyde, First Mate











British Virgin Islands Trip

Weldon & Yvonne Ferris



Their host was Captain Ed McLaughlin, owner of the SUR-PRISE. He was taking his new cat out on its second voyage. They boarded the SURPRISE in Tortola, and moored at Norman Island, Peter Island, Cooper Island, Anegada, Virgin Gorda and Yost Van Dyke.

The fun places they visited were-

- Bitter End Yacht Club International in Virgin Gorda, where they were met by BEYC Member Geoff Werner with a bottle of rum, eight drink tickets at the yacht club and a Burgee to exchange for the CIYC Burgee
- Roxy's Bar & Grill, on Yost Van Dyke Island— famous for women leaving behind an article of clothing
- Willy T's off of Norman Island which is an old freighter turned into a day/night club; and Anegada for their giant lobsters!

Angler's Corner Frank Sullivan

Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) and Channel Islands Anglers (CIA) are joining together in support of the following statement to the Channel Islands Sanctuary Advisory Group. It is a unified statement of support for the creation of artificial reefs

inside or outside the Sanctuary. The draft statement is as follows:

"The recreational fishing community supports the concept of artificial reefing as a means to add and enhance recreational fishing opportunities (as described and supported by the California Department of Fish & Game) both in areas where there are few natural reefs and also to replace lost fishing opportunities resulting from placement of Marine Protected Areas. We ask and advise the Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary staff to use its resources within the Sanctuary to site, create and monitor reefs. We also ask and advise the Sanctuary staff to actively support future proposals for reefing projects outside of Sanctuary boundaries providing they pose no direct threat to Sanctuary resources. The recreational fishing community requests the support of the Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council in these reefing endeavors."

Hopefully these measures will be supported by a broad spectrum of or community. Please watch for future e-mails and announcements asking for your support.

No big fish was reported for January, remember to check the Anglers box on your membership bill and send in your \$10 to join in the fun.

Upcoming events: March 8th Annual Anglers Lobster Dinner

"Big Fish of the Month" \$50 prize

is awarded at the end of every month...however; you can only win once per year. Legal fin fish only and no sharks.

"Big Fish of the Year"

At the end of the year there will be a Big Fish of the Year award for \$100.00. it does not have to be one of the monthly winners, it can be a tourney fish or not, so if you win one month don't quit, the next fish you catch may be worth \$\$\$\$

"Crossing the Bar"



Edwin Brown passed away on Dec. 31, 2007, at his home in Oxnard surrounded by his loving family. Edwin was born on Oct. 17, 1923, in Downey, Calif. He was 80 years old.

Ed was a longtime member of the Channel Islands Yacht Club and Oxnard resident. He attended Oxnard High School for two years, then graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in 1946. He joined the United States Marine Corps and served in World War II and Korea.

He was proud to be a Marine and proud of his grandson who is currently serving as a Marine. Ed retired from civil service after 32 years where he was a computer program analyst. Ed received many awards for his outstanding work and dedication.

Ed loved being with his family, friends, and dog, "Cho-choo". He will be dearly missed by family and friends, who will always remember his love, friendship, and great sense of humor.

He will remembered by his loving wife of 57 years, Katheryn "Kitty"; son, Stephen; daughter, Teri and son-in-law, Tom Eslinger; three grandchildren, Tina Atkinson (husband Rob), Steven Eslinger (wife Tara) and Pam Eslinger; two great-granddaughters; eight nieces and nephews; 11 great-nieces and nephews; and three sisters-in-law

Bill Crocket Historian



CIYC was a very different place when we joined. Those were the days before Bob Hamilton, Dana and others designed the renovations. There was no upstairs' kitchen and no dumb waiter. The club was a bare bones operation.

In May of 1977, the year we joined, Wendell Morrisset was the Commodore and Tom Farrell the Vice Commodore. We had an Honorary Commodore – Davy Crockett. The club was seeking new members, and we joined with three other couples we knew.

Two years before, several members had left the club because they wanted to start a full service club. (That small group of individuals would meet in several locations until they evolved into the club down the street, PCYC.) Some active members we can recall, besides Tom and Jennie Farrell and Wendell and Jeanne Morrisset, are Paul and Ruth Hatcher, Don and Carol Olin, Brent Sensabaugh, Ellie Bishop, Jimmy Donlan, GingerYantz and, of course, Bob, Beverly and Dana Hamilton.

The food preparation area was similar to what we have now (without the ovens and the large refrigerator), but the serving was strikingly different. The front wall of the downstairs' kitchen had a lid that opened up into what is now our lobby. Just before they were ready to serve, the cooks would battle propping up the lid which sometimes worked and other times – let's just say the lid would eventually be secured.

The men members would be asked to haul chairs up to the dining area. After about eight trips they'd be winded! When we were called to dinner we all lined up downstairs, got our plates filled and then carried them upstairs to the tables. The atmosphere wasn't fancy, but the food was great.

The bar area was upstairs where it is now. It had chairs and some tables, but they didn't necessarily match. It didn't deter us from rushing over to the club on weekends. At the end of Wendell's year as Commodore, he was able to purchase some used, but matching furniture from the Howard Johnson Restaurant folks. Later we were graced with a popcorn machine that popped up a storm every weekend.

What we can remember best is Brent Sensabaugh's laugh. Those were happy times. It was fun just to have a place to meet and visit.

Bill Crocket

Historian

Attention All Bocce Ball Players







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Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Channel Islands Yacht Club, South

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"Crossing the Bar"

Eldon D. Boswell died peacefully on Jan. 10, 2008. Boz was born March 18, 1912, in Mount Etna, Iowa, to Lester and Lora Boswell. Eldon was a long time member of the Channel Islands Yacht Club.

He grew up on a farm in Iowa, which he loved. Boz married his high school sweetheart, Gayle McGregor, in 1932. In 1935, he transported a car out to California, where he fell in love with the orange trees and the sunny skies. Boz and Gayle stayed in California, in the South Gate area.

In 1944, they settled in Oxnard, where he and Sam Tabor went into business operating the Chevron gas station on the corner of Oxnard Boulevard and Fourth Street. He later operated the Chevron in Port Hueneme, where he bought the lot across the street and built the Bardia Motel and Drive-In. Boz retired when he was 50 and got his real estate license, with which he was active for several years. He and Gayle also traveled extensively throughout the world.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gayle, in 1990. They were married for 58 years. Boz was blessed to marry again in 1991 to Helen Straub. They enjoyed 17 years together with their extended families and friends both in Oxnard and Hawaii.

Boz will be missed both by his close family and by his family of friends at the Channel Islands Yacht Club.





February 2008

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10 Cruising Seminar	11	12 7pm Club Board Meeting	13 6:30PM Fun Night Bar Open 5-9PM	14 Valentine Day	15 7:00PM General Mtg	16 7PM Dinner Social Valentines SCYA Mid Winters
17 SCYA Mid Winters 5PM Awards Potluck	18 President Day	19 Islander event	20 6:30PM Fun Night Bar Open 5-9PM	21	22	23 7PM Dinner
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New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance







Commodore's Cruise









Special Events

Birthdays, Anniversaries and More . . .

February Birthday Celebrations:

Robert Camron, Rodney Axton, Michelle Dilldine, Bill Coltrin, Gene Martin, Brent Senssabaugh, Paul Morgan, Vicky Manning, Ed Calo, Bob Fowler, Mike Preach, Josie Renner, Daphne Hetherington, Phil Chandler, Lloyd Slettebak, Steve Schiecht, Larry Golkin, Robert Heatherly, Don Lehman, Carole N. Olin, Mike Warns, Ted Hetherington, Kathie Griffiths, Rose M. Hazeltine, Laura Bensel, Jean Gaddis, Diane Paulin, Char Falkensnstein, Kristy Neilson, Shelly Ward, Salli House

February Anniversaries:

Jake Maas & Vicky Manning, Bill & Sandy Crockett, Colleen & Jim Esselstein, Jack & Norma Jones, Ron & Rosemary Lippert, Sherry & Bob Brisbane, William & Gloria Trammell, Frank & Sharon Sullivan, Roy & Kristy Neilson, Ronald & Kathy White, Nick & Jean Strangio

Sweetheart's Ball



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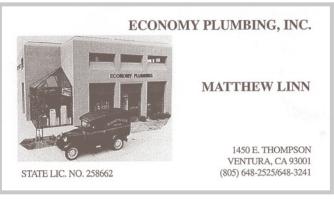
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Midwinter Regatta Partv

Sunday February 17

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Bring family and friends. And PLEASE bring lots of food to share. Hot dishes will be most appreciated. The racers will be hungry and cold. Plan on being at the Club around 3:00pm, racer's should be back (pending on wind) by 4:00pm and awards will be at 5:00pm. This is a fun and very special event for CIYC, stop by, and let's have some fun!



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