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From the Quarterdeck

COMMODORE



COLLEEN NIX



By the time you read this month's currents, Opening Day will be just a memory, and we will be heading toward Easter. With the coming of Spring, lots of activates will start at CIYC. TGIF, Cruiser Nav racing, Whale Watching, Sailboat Races, Regattas, Cruises and Socials. There is something for everyone! Keep an eye on the Calendar, and come on up and get involved. This is truly the best way to enjoy your Club.

As discussed in the two previous General Membership Meetings, your Board of Directors is trying to find ways to cut costs in areas that make sense, and save money where we can. Our top Goals for this year are to streamline our spending, keep to the Budget, increase Membership, and make sure our Club continues to offer activates that attract and benefit our Members. As a Board, we are also trying to put the plans and steps in place to make sure that the Club can successfully go forward with the remodel that is just around the corner. We are spending long hours in meetings, and reviewing all aspects of our business to make sure that when the costs for the remodel are upon us, and the rent increases begin to materialize, we will be in a financial position to cover these expenses and increased costs. One of the areas that we have been discussing in the General Membership meetings is the cost of publishing and mailing the monthly Currents. Starting in April, we are asking all of you that can print the Currents off of our Website (ciyc.com) to please do so. It will be in color, and all articles, calendars and advertising will be there for you. If you are unable to download the Currents at home, you will be able to pick up a copy at the Club when you come up for dinner or other activities. If you want the Currents to continue to be mailed to you,

please send in \$12.15 to the club for postage. This will cover the postage cost for the remainder of 2007. We made a change on the paper used to print the March 2007 Currents, and it saved the Club \$300.00 just for that month's publication. By downloading, or picking up your copy at the Club, the cost savings this year will be in the thousands. I thank you, and the Board thanks you for your support in helping us cut costs, and keeping our expenses down this year.

Our dinners have been very well attended, (due to some great cooking crews), and our water activates are also proving to be quit popular. Joyce Sheridan and Crew put on an extremely successful Rummage Sale, and all of the proceeds went toward the Elevator Fund. The Fund has grown to over \$12,000.00, and we are not even through the 1st quarter of this year. Thanks to all of you that donated items, helped sell, purchased items, and helped coordinate this very successful event. Joyce is planning another Rummage sale in August, so start putting aside items now! This was a fun day for all.

I am very encouraged about our future, and I hope that each one of you feel the same way. Thanks to all of you that have supported the Club thus far, and I am hoping that this level of commitment and enthusiasm will continue. Come up- get involved- have some fun and be part of the CIYC family!



I wish you all a Very Happy and Blessed Easter!

Colleen Nix



From the Quarterdeck



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**VICE
COMMODORE**

SUE JOHNSTON

As Spring is here and we head into summer, I hope to get many more CIYC members out on the water.

Lots of water activities are planned so keep signing up and come along.

April 14 Sailboat Race Lady at the Helm. Exactly what it sounds like...ladies sign up for a great day of racing. If you are not a sailor and would like to help please give me a call. We will need help before the race at the Club and out on the water.

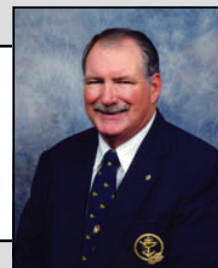
The weekend of April 27 through April 29 there are multiple water activities...something for everyone.

- Cruise to Ventura Yacht Club: Check with Larry Golkin if you have questions. Be sure to sign up in the Cruising book in the bar so a slip is reserved for you. If you cannot make the entire weekend come up for dinner one night. Lots of "Land Yachts" make this event well attended.
- Cruiser navigation race...are you power boaters ready? If you are interested in entering your boat or going along as an observer contact George or Evelina Arglen. First chance of the year for predicted log racing let's have a great turn out.
- Newport to Ensenada Race. Many of our sail racers will be entered in this classic. Let's all wish them well.

As you can see lots going on in April. May 5 will find our sail racers in the second of the Bob Cooke Double Handed races. Once again there is an opportunity to help run the race. Please give me a call if you are interested.

See you on the water,

Sue Johnston



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**REAR
COMMODORE**

FRANK SULLIVAN

Whoa, what a ride, 3 months into this year and things are moving fast. As I write this the Opening Day is looming and folks are working real hard at getting the Club ready. The combination Ship Shape and Rummage sale on March 10th brought out at least 28 members working on both projects. Camaraderie was high and a whole lot was accomplished, plus we made \$2500.00 for the Elevator Fund. Thanks to Joyce Sheridan for ramroding the event!

Opening Day is Sunday the 1st and plans for the event promise a memorable time. The following Sunday is Easter. Colleen Nix, our own Executive Chef and Commodore, will be the lead cook, and plans a real fabulous repast.

We will need lots of help the first week of the month as we move the Liquor Locker so the expansion of the Vintage bathroom facilities can begin. We may also need to build a temporary wall to secure the liquor.

We have found someone to construct the hood extension over the pot stove in the kitchen; this is required to meet code and has been pending for some time. Our janitorial staff has been able to reduce the lumps and folds in the carpeting as a temporary fix until new carpet can be installed during the remodel. They also did an excellent job of carpet cleaning and floor polishing before the Opening Day ceremonies.

The new cash register in the bar is up and running. You should be able to pay for your drink and dinner with your credit cards and even run a tab for the night.

See you around the Club
Your Reluctant Rear Commodore,

Frank Sullivan



The Channel Islanders



Dear Channel Islanders

Our trip to the Reagan Library was an exciting event. Thank you Sylvia Hyde our Second Mate for arranging the bus, tour and a lovely lunch. As part of the tour we were very privileged to go on Air Force One and to see the beautiful red dresses the First Ladies wore.

Please plan to join us on March 20th to celebrate our 43rd Anniversary. This event will be in the evening, making it more available to our working members. Our Commodore, Colleen Nix, will be our special speaker. We need your support for these events, so please bring your spouse, friend, and join us.

We have working plans for Opening Day. The Channel Islanders will be doing the

decorating. The Club is having it catered, so we would appreciate any contribution to help defray the costs, in addition, please plan to attend Opening Day. It is an important day for the club.

We are saddened by the passing of two of our Past First Mates, Patricia Mickey 1982 and Ruth Sutton 1991. Our sympathy and caring go to their family and friends. They will be missed by all of us.



Ellie Bishop
First Mate 2007



Pat Mickey is third from the right. She is one of the First Mates honored at the 2006 Anniversary Dinner celebrated by The Channel Islanders.



Ruth Maronde Sutton, bottom row right hand, at The Channel Islanders 2004 Anniversary Dinner celebrating the past First Mates.



Ellie Babbe's "Remembering Ruth Maronde Sutton and Pat Mickey"

Ruth Maronde Sutton is no longer with us. I remember how much she did and what a beautiful person she was. Ruthie served as First Mate of The Channel Islanders in 1991, and was a member of the Republican Women's Club. Once a week I would go down to Ruthie's home, about a block and a half away, and bring a piece of her favorite carrot cake or lemon meringue pie, but never on Thursday, that day was for Tom, her son and grandson, who would come over for Ruben sandwiches for lunch.

Ruthie one day did my face (facial, eyebrows, etc.) and passed on to me one ingredient only, keeping the rest as her secret.

You couldn't do anything for Ruth without having her appear at your door leaving a gift. She was the first one to donate for the Opening Day food money. She always saved items for The Channel Islanders' First Mate's book, or saved a copy of the Currents. She was known as the "Kleenex Lady" since she stuffed paper tissues up her sleeves.

The phone would ring.. "It's Ruthie! Call 911!" and I did several times. Her bones were fragile and would break easily.

Ruthie was a life-time member of C.I.Y.C. Ruthie, you are more than "Welcome" to heaven.

Pat Mickey has left us as well. She was a good friend and was always thinking of you, rather than herself. Pat was always available to go shopping, and would send Bob, her husband, over if I was alone and had plumbing problems. She would help plant flowers, go to lunch and would bring a lunch home for our daughter.

Pat and her husband Bob helped start the New Year's Eve party and also the Monday Night Football, and cooked for it, too! She would be the one to decorate for the Annual Channel Islanders' Dinner, and she helped locate restaurants for the Gulls, which is a big job in itself. The only thing that was a "no-no" was that we could not call each other until our daily soap operas were over.

When she moved to Indio, she volunteered at Delores Hope Foundation. She was also on the Board of Directors for the city to rename the local airport the Jackie Cochran Airport, and that was approved. Pat was also the Social Director for Indio Golf Club, and was an avid golfer. She lived at the Country Club.

Pat was a great friend and will be sorely missed. My best memory is of everything she did to make our 50th anniversary a wonderful event.



Lobster Dinner *March 10th*





BeefEater Dinner

Capitan de la Noche: **Dave Gable**

Menu: **Prime Rib, Yorkshire
Pudding & Nutty tarts**

Fee. Phi, Pho, Dum Sum, Did Some. Do Whacky? Do too; Do you see why I Sea? Why Phi ? Oh me Oh my. Don't cry. **YES** **YES.. YES! ..Like in Meg Ryan. Yaktee-Yak, Yes.. I'm Back-** with all my friends: Anne Settee, Wand Fish, Juan Valdez, Et Al. And I be Scribing this year for the Beefeaters; exploiting their Doings and Provenancing them too. No not like Providence RI, or Povence like in France, but Provenancing, like in who's doing who, who doing what and how; why things are the way they are, and how they came to bee. You know all those adverb things.. Some people call it gossip, but it's important and my people say it adds to the enjoyment of the night. And as the world turns and Lisa Moanas .."Yo are what yo eat.. So yo better know about it." This night will be special. An Enchanted Evening. And you might meet someone that's stranger. But first the commercial . **The list.** You know the list. The **A list.** If you're not on the A List by the 12th; You probably won't get to eat. And we probably will cut the list off somewhere about a Hundred. Sounds Strange but Primes don't come by the Hind anymore, but by the box. So We'll round off to the nearest case to get the best price. But be careful. If you decide not to come, Fursure, Besure to get your name off the A list because if you're a no-show, and Colleen finds out about it. Whoe-Billy-Bob! I sure wouldn't want to be you. By the way, I have to say, if I may .. For this fare, it's twenty square, and that's really fair, Be there or nowhere.

Meanwhile Back at the club. On the 14 **Dave Gable** is the Noche Guy.. Dave is a man of great Convection and a wide fisherman of some renown You may not know, that in a former life, Gable was an **Aerojet Chemist**, and that Aerojet chemists are just about as good as **Aerojet Rocket Scientists**. But the main thing to know is that Dave is going to lead the team in doing Beefeater Prime Rib. Dave was one of the original team that developed the Method back in the 90's. Course there had been Prime Rib at CIYC before that. Joe deBarnardo; Russ Goldman, remember him? George Goldsmith sure could do Beef in his prime. But that was Then, when Beef was Beef and Prime was Prime. And this is now.. T's a shame what they've done to the Cattle in the last twenty years. All those genetics- taken back what the Cattlemen done in the last hundred years. If you don't cook it right, Beef these days, tastes like Texas Longhorn or more betta, a Montana Elk or Lion.. You know that Jack Sprat was the meanest man I ever knew. The Same with the Cattle . Thank God for the California Dairymen, they know how to make Cows happy.. Feed'em hormones. Brightens up anybodies day. Anyway back to the beef. Bully-Bully— for Me-Watch it now. You know that the Big Black Stove was there fore my time and the burners and the grill would still do any diner proud. But the ovens are long gone. Deader than A. A. Oakley. I was there the day the ovens died. Good old Boys Drinking whisky and Rye. Me lie—So there was this great hiatus when there was no longer Prime at the club. But in the summer of 95 we got the first Convection Ovens, but it wasn't till 98 that we learned the Method See Beefeaters do method cooking. It's kind of like method acting It's not just what you say but how you look As Borkowski says: " If you acts like a cook you looks like a cook"...see What I mean. Meanwhile early last year before the leaves were on the trees, cept for conifers, cept Confuses says leaves really don't grow on conifers. Course neither does money, We got our new **Convection Ovens. And These Ovens are Awesome**, rated at 120,000 btu/hour, and blowin in the wind some 50 fps, that's called convection. Just like in a J-4. Load'em up with 87 lbs of Raw Choice and set'em up at 400 degrees Fairen Height (my Delight). Pure Power. Most call it convection but really its really just Heat Transfer-Big Time.. See the wind comes ripping down the skin, red hot like 400degrees Fairen Height. But inside the meat is like really cool like 59 degrees Farien Height. Anyway it just a matter of time until most everything gets to 128.6 Farien Height. Dave calculates this to be one hour, twenty-two minutes and thirty seven seconds, plus or minus nine. Paul thinks Dave is kind of slow. I think there both nuts. Anyway we Tent'em and Rest'em. And get out the La Gullitine.. The La Gullitine was built long before CIYC. It has 18 inch circular blade and runs at 600rpm. We calibrate it with an oak block to 0.8125 inches (that's 13/16ths in fraction talk). Ran out of time, room, & money, See you on the 14th. Keep those cards and lemmas coming . **LOVE JEFE**



Boating Safety

By Larry Golkin

Your VHF radio weather forecast wasn't so promising this morning when you decided to leave the dock, but you consulted with the wife and kids and the unanimous vote was to go...Sure, NOAA said there might be a fast moving front passing through later in the day, but skies were blue and the morning sun was warming. Now, several hours later and a couple or more dozen miles out, you begin to wonder if you made the right decision. The winds have changed direction, seas are building and the sky is darkening. It's obvious that you are going to be in heavy weather very soon. You need to make preparations.

Remember, every recreational boater on any body of water will experience a similar situation at least once. How you prepare for your encounter with bad weather will make the difference between a minor inconvenience and an unpleasant, risky ordeal. Preparedness always translates into cool judgment under pressure, and that's one of the main ingredients for safety at sea. Recall the adage, "It is the extraordinary skipper who uses his extraordinary judgment so as to avoid having to use his extraordinary skills."

If you boat in the Santa Barbara Channel, it is not a matter of "if" you will encounter heavy weather, it is a matter of "when." If you like to spend weekends at the Channel Islands anchored in your favorite cove, it is not a question of "if" you will have a bad night, rather, it is a matter of "when." Experienced boaters take advantage of every bit of information they can get their hands on to decide whether or not

to go out or to stay in. This information is just as important in deciding whether to stay put or try to make it home. However, sometimes, information is missing, incomplete, or simply, dead wrong. This happens a lot during the winter and spring months in our end of the Channel. So, you do your best. Sometimes, you guess right and sometimes, you guess wrong. It is when you guessed wrong that the information in this article becomes especially useful.

Having made hundreds of Channel Crossings, I have learned that preparation is key because of one simple rule: Do not underestimate the power of Mother Ocean. And, never assume you are safe and secure until you are back home tied to the dock. Many of us have been coming home on the back side of Santa Cruz, for example, in soft and gentle conditions, only to find furious wind and confused seas when we make the turn for home. Preparing for this probability (not possibility) is key.

Keep in mind that it may be safer to turn around and go back to the safety of the anchorage (or the dock) and wait out the bad weather before heading home. Moreover, you can always stay another day, and wait for the weather to settle rather than risking coming home. We have been stuck out at the islands several times. It is no big deal on a well prepared and provisioned boat. Vessel Assist will make calls for you if you want to let folks know you are not going to make it home.

It should go without saying that, when heavy weather is imminent, you must take steps to safeguard your most important asset – your crew.



Get out the lifejackets and make sure that everybody has one on, even if you happen to be operating from the comfort of an enclosed pilothouse or fly-bridge. Make sure the jackets are the right size for each passenger and that they are adjusted properly. If it's cold, make sure everyone is wearing appropriate waterproof and warm clothing. It may not be possible to go below for a jacket once you are in the soup. If it's dark, or getting dark, make sure each PFD has a battery-operated light or strobe attached high on the vest. If you have safety harnesses, prepare them for use. Take time to reassure your passengers that you have the situation well in control. If you, an experienced skipper or hand are anxious, imagine how your inexperienced guests will feel when things really get going. If you think you will be needing their assistance, tell them what you will expect them to do and under what circumstances. If things get rough, the last thing you want on board is panic and confusion. Dispense seasick tablets if you suspect that might be a problem. And finally, at the point that it starts getting hairy, get everybody below who is not absolutely needed topside. Last but certainly not least, as simple as it may seem, using the toilet in a rough seaway is not only difficult, it may prove hazardous. Have all passengers and crew go before you leave as it may not be possible during the longer-than-usual trip home.

Next, break out all the gear that you might need later. That might include storm anchors, drogues, hand pumps, hand held radios and gps, the ditch-bag, and flashlights. Make sure you have plenty of line to run out on your storm anchor.

Close and secure all hatches, windows and ports. If you have ventilation openings on the deck, close them off or cover them loosely so that water cannot get in but air can, if it is possible for you to make that compromise. Plug any other open deck fitting where water could enter, such as your hawse pipe. If you already have water in your bilge, pump it out. When your boat starts rocking and rolling, you will not want the sloshing of shifting water making it worse. Also,

close all unnecessary through-hulls. If one were to break during the pounding, and start letting water in the boat, you could lose the boat.

Before you leave, or before the weather gets really ugly, make sure you know where you are. Check your position and update your chart. Make sure you know your course home. And, while you're in the chartroom, or wherever you happen to do your navigation work, make note of the nearest sheltered areas if near enough to shore. Consider your chances of making a run for safe haven before the storm makes that impossible. Also, it is ok to call vessel assist and advise them of your circumstances. They will gladly check on you and your progress on a regular basis. It is comforting knowing that someone knows you are out there and where.

Although you may not have time for a full charge, if your batteries are very low, throw the charger on all batteries and do what you can. Check the operation of electrically operated pumps.

Once you're in the storm's fury, you will need to exercise all your heavy weather seamanship skills. You'll do all the right things that you've prepared for through your experience and education. You'll slow down. You'll run at an angle to the waves. You'll post lookouts, and you'll take advantage of everything you've ever learned about dealing with weather. But as with most things, your success in facing bad weather and heavy seas will be in direct proportion to the degree of your preparation on board, that day. Just remember, prepare for the safety and well being of your passengers first. Then you can tend to the vessel, which will bring them, in the hands of a skillful captain, safely through the storm and home again.

Larry Golkin



The Competitive Edge

By Richard Sharp



Ventura Harbor 2007 Spring Series.

Zuma Jay and *Valero* duke it out for Honors

If anybody tells you that “it doesn’t rain in Southern California”, don’t you believe them. This year’s serious racing season got underway on Saturday 27th of January, with 19 boats representing five yacht clubs, on the Mandalay start line. Those competing under CIYC colors were *5150* (Mike Warns) and *Perfect Balance* (Richard Sharpe) in Spinnaker A. Kevin Dickmann sailed *his Zuma Jay* and the ever present *Valero* was again under the skilled hand of Brent Swanson, in the Non Spin class.

The rain started early and finished late. It was the kind of day that reminded you that your “foulies” need replacing more than once a decade. An early breeze of ten knots was replaced by a strengthening wind up to twenty knots. The major difference being that the rain now went in a horizontal direction instead of a vertical one! Water found it’s way in everywhere and, if *Perfect Balance* was anything to go by, the interiors of all yachts had to be thoroughly dried out before the next race.

Our club’s best result was Brent taking a 1st place in the Non Spin class with Kevin a strong third. After some trouble with a spinnaker, *Perfect Balance* was 4th in the Spin A class with Mike Warns in 7th place. The most

common phrase heard that evening was “Oh why do we do it”?

One of our club favorites, Rod Abbott on *Funatic*, was nowhere to be seen. The rumor was that he knew about the rain and went sailing in the Caribbean instead. (Must have friends in high places.)

The Spring Series Two on February 10th was cold but mercifully dry. Again the race committee tried to set a course that would get us home before dark and in that, they were successful. All boats were finished by mid afternoon and crews were able to get warm again.

A new boat appeared among the non spinnaker class, like a wolf among the chickens, *Superluminal*, the first Flying Tiger (built in China) to arrive in Channel Islands Harbor, announced her arrival by a blistering performance in her very first outing. She took honors in the non spin class, beating a rueful Kevin Dickmann by nearly seven minutes and she didn’t even take her spinnaker offset rating. Hopefully, *Superluminal* took her rightful place in the Spin A class next time out.

Other CIYC results were: Spin A, *Perfect Balance* 4th, *5150* 5th, while in non spin class Kevin, aboard *Zuma Jay*, had to settle for 2nd, and (shock, rock, horror) *Valero* was 3rd. This put Kevin only a point behind Brent Swanson and Brent knew if he wanted the trophy, he would have to fight for it. In the third race,



the trophy, he would have to fight for it. In the third race, *Zuma Jay* started to flex her muscles and was first again with *Valero* in third place, setting up the final race as the decider in this class.

The fourth race on Saturday 10th of March saw balmy conditions in the beginning of the race, followed by a 12 knot breeze at the end. Although the racing between *Valero* and *Zuma Jay* was close, Kevin Dickmann finished seven minutes ahead, enough to correct out over *Valero* in second place by a comfortable four minutes.

After a tough series it is good to see CIYC come in first and second in this class.

In Spinnaker A, *Funatic*, sailed by our own Rod Abbott made a welcome reappearance, back in the water after a long and difficult

repair to her undersides. We hope to see her on the course more often in the coming months.

Overall results in the Spin A class were Mike Warns' *5150* in fourth place and *Perfect Balance* coming in fifth.

CIYC's Port Royal Regatta had to be postponed as the strong winds (37 knots) on the start line meant that boats started to break gear and the committee boat rightly called a halt to the proceedings before the first race had started.

Next on the racing schedule will be the first race in our Bob Cooke Memorial Two Handed Series on March 24th. Richard Sharpe has won this trophy for the past two years, let's see if he can make it a "hat trick".

Birthday Bash "Friday, April 13"

If your Birthday or Anniversary is in April ...
Come and join us for our monthly celebration.

Bring "munchies" to share . . .

There is always a great birthday cake!

Questions?? see Connie Calo.



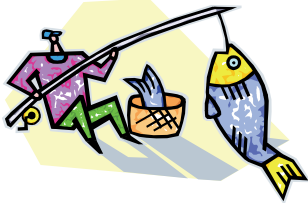
April Birthday Celebrators are:

Judy Davis, Mary Barker, Bob Brisbane, Nancy Swanson, Doris Mooney, Bob Mooney, Kim Dolan, George Lucas, Sharon Sullivan, Mike Taylor, Betty Chandler, Dot Puchrik, Erwin Bremermann, Michael Morgan, Judy Schlecht, Larry Hansen, Jerry Barker, Darlene Davidson, Georgie Olsen, Dixie Redden, Denise Stumbough, Lisa Hood, Bobbi Nowitzki, Katherine Dayem, Nick Strangio, Richard Sharpe.

Anniversaries for the month of April are:

Wendell and Jeanne Morrissett, George and Phyllis Lucas, Steve and Vanda Watkins, Jeff and Margaret Norris, and Dan and Betsy Toomey.





Coastal Knowledge . . .

By Dave Willhite



Hello boaters and waterfront lovers

W E A T H E R

What can I say? Well, Mother Nature is shining on our world with summer weather conditions in early spring.

The only time I can remember this summer condition was in 1983-1984 winter where we had extra warm conditions in the early spring and very rainy May and June months. That was our last strong El-Nino years. There has been mild El-Nino conditions in later years but did not spawn 90 degree days in March. So I do not like to predict weather other than the normal prevailing but feel something is definitely out of the ordinary this spring. If you plan on going offshore listen to the weather channel and make sure the winds will be mild.

F I S H I N G

Fishing on the other hand is not as we know it in the summer and fall. The pelagic species that visit our waters will be moving on water temperature and while water temperatures are up 2-3 degrees from normal, it will take 5 to 10 degrees above normal to move blue water fish to our local waters. We may at this time be experiencing a slow down on local species due to the El Nino, changing how fish spawn and how the warmer waters affect their nesting areas.

There should be a good side effect that will be taking place by June 1.

Good side effects of El Nino are the reports of mixed sizes of rockfish that are being caught.

Rockfish seem to move off shallow areas and the smaller rockfish species dominate the reefs. I be-

lieve the larger rockfish move to deeper, colder water during warm water conditions.

I recently found where and when to go rock clamming at Rincon Point. I went with my nephew, Steve Bostock, who lives in Santa Barbara. We took along one of most of the tools they sell at Harbor Freight. We were on a mission. To catch these 1-2" clams simply drive to Rincon Point (Santa Barbara County Line) and park in the upper parking lot (the old nude beach lot) and either walk down the hundred or so wooden steps or down a paved ramp to the high water mark. Turn left towards Rincon Point and walk until you are in front of the beach houses. Turn right and go about thirty feet into the rocks and find an area that has 4" to 12" rocks. Now is when the work starts. Put down your bucket and remove the rocks in a three foot circle. Starting at one end of the area that you just cleared and dig down about 6" and work your way in and around the huge rocks at the 6" deep zone. You will be pleasantly surprised at how many clams there are wedged about the rocks. My last time Cockle clamming I spent about 30 minutes digging for 25 clams. 50 is the limit.

Clamming gear is as follows: fishing license, sombrero hat, sunglasses, bucket, small hand pick/hoe 18-24" long, heavy rubberized gloves, a measuring device, rubber boots, knee pads and a good strong back. Good luck. Maybe a beer would help out.

Calm Seas,
Captain Dave





Galley News

By Roxy Ostrem



All Saturday dinners start at 7:00 P.M. PLEASE SIGN UP BY THURSDAY, prior to the event so the cooks can buy properly. And remember to you may CHARGE IT!!

Friday April 6- YES, IT'S BACK!!! **T.G.I.F. Joyce** and her crew are back, cook'in up the best fish you ever tasted. And the ponies are well rested. Come and have a great Friday Night full of fun. 6:30 PM

Sat. April 7- No dinner tonight.

Sunday April 8- **Easter Sunday Lunch** will be prepared by **Our Commodore Colleen** and a special crew of people. Turkey, ham, potatoes, asparagus, salad and great desserts. 1 PM The Easter Chicken and the Easter Bunny may show up...! Kids please come!



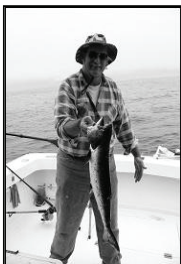
Sat. April 14- Another great **Beefeater** dinner with **Dave Gable** and crew at the helm. Prime Rib, Yorkshire pudding, garlic parmesan potatoes salad and veggies.

Sat. April 21- Social night! **Hobo Stew**, corny corn bread, salad, and a "darn toot'in desert".

Sat. April 28- **B.Y.O.M.** (bring your own meat) and Potluck, Bring your own meat and we will provide a baked potato, salad, and a dessert. Barbecue a nice dinner with friends and enjoy the sunset! Fire starts at 6:00 p.m. \$5.00



See you at the Club!



Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan

Larry Bensel Won the Big Fish of the month for February. Here is His Report:

Imagine if you will, making plans for a lazy Saturday morning. You know the plans I am talking about...that honey do list! Then telling your bride that today is the day, not ten minutes later your buddy calls and say's lets go fishing! Now what do I do? Well I do what any fishing starved club member would do, I BEG! Just such an occasion happened to me on Feb 24th. The begging part worked out just fine and I was off. While I had very little hopes on catching anything, I really needed to put a little salt air in the lungs, it has been a while. Late start and all we cruised out to Yellow Banks and made a day of drifting for the elusive Halibut. And much to my surprise, we had a real nice drift up towards Hungrymans where a 23 lb flatty needed a bite to eat. You just never know when it's going to be your day.

WSB pen update:

We released 7578 healthy 8 to 12 inch Juvenile White Sea Bass from Pen # 1 last month and should be ready to release more this month.

Anglers' Meeting:

The first Meet and Eat of the year took place on the 15th of March we had 70 folks in attendance to listen to Capt. John Fuqua of the Sea Jay speak about Local White Sea Bass fishing. Roxy Ostrum and Bob Hynes served Beef Stroganoff to 64 people before

we ran out of food! It was a great meeting and speaker.

Up coming events:

Thursday April 19th is the next CIA Meet & Eat The Speaker will be Capt. Shawn Steward of the Aloha Spirit. This should be another great turn out.

Sunday June 10th the Lady Anglers' Tournament—8am to 4pm.

Sunday July 15th the Men's fishing Tournament—8am to 4pm.

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Cruiser Navigation #1 ***Saturday, April 28th***



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Elevator Fund Report

By Joyce Sheridan



The end of February and the first of March have been terrific for our fund. We had great participation in the 50/50 drawing and the Rummage Sale was dynamite. I really thank those who donated items for us to sell. Special thanks to the members who worked so hard with picking up items, marking them and manning the tables. You were phenomenal! There was so much help on Saturday at 6am to take the things out of the lobby and place them on tables etc. that this was all accomplished in 45 minutes. Then to boot everyone stuck around until the sale was over at 2. We made a little over \$2500 in those few hours. Well Done. Many members have been donating money on the side as well. Since my last report these include Karen Korfmacher, Sylvia Hyde, Bud and Phyllis Gerding, Tom Warden, Harry and Marcia Meinke, Raydell Garret and Jean Coltrin. We were also given a windfall from special interest groups of the Club. As of this writing we are just over \$13,000. I have a few more ideas in mind for fund raisers so stay tuned!

Say farewell to the Coltrins:

Sunday, April 29, 5 PM

in the CIYC Bar. Munchies provided.



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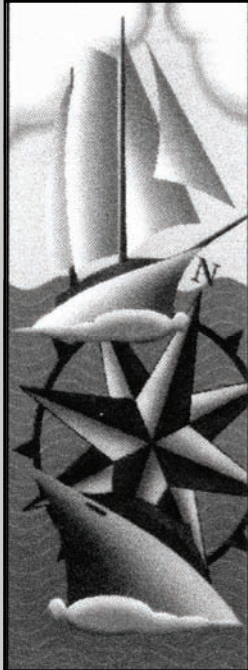
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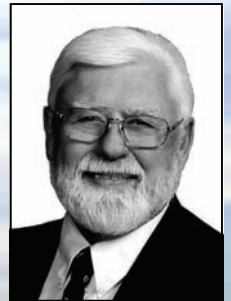
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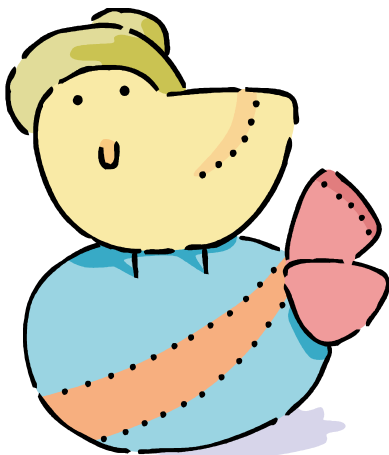
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