



CURRENTS

Channel Islands Yacht Club

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From the Quarterdeck

COMMODORE



DANA HAMILTON

Here we are at the end of another year, and like my distinguished predecessors, I am left with the feeling that not enough was done, although I know that we actually did a lot. Because of all the work done in previous years, we were able to start the process of rebuilding our Club. Thanks to the foresight and trust of the Membership, we were granted the funds to do so much. Our Club has come so far in the last year. With a renewed focus on the racing program, thanks to your Vice Commodore Colleen Nix, we have elevated our status in the racing community to a very respectable level. As well, thanks to all the members of the Board of Directors for attending all the long, extra meetings it took to get everything done. We were able to have some very active discussions, and in the end, come to a resolution that was fair for everyone, and then stick together as one, for the benefit of our Club. I am most proud of the plans for the new addition to our wonderful Club. With the help of our Architectural Committee, we were able to get substantial gains in the footprint of the Club.

I would also like to thank every one of the Past Commodores for their insight and advice on some of the most passionate issues that were put before me. Without this guidance, as well as a lot of input from the membership, the decisions

that had to be made would have been a lot more difficult. Because of the opportunity that was entrusted to me by the Membership, I have grown in so many ways I can not begin to list them.

One that I *can* list is a whole new respect for the position of Commodore, as well as all the flags. Like I have stated before, I believe everyone's motives to be pure, although some times you don't agree with their methods. I realize that several times the way that certain events unfolded had the unintended outcome of hurting one or more people. Everyone that has been there throughout the year, to give guidance, to volunteer, to support, I hold in the highest esteem. I can only hope that in the years to come, this support will continue to help C.I.Y.C become the finest Yacht Club on the West Coast.

In closing I cannot say how great it has been to serve a group of people that are like family to me. May you give an equal amount of support to next year's team. If you do, I have no doubt that we will have a long and prosperous future. Again THANK YOU for a year that has helped me and your Club grow.

Dana Hamilton

Commodore, 2006



An Evening with the Stars *New Year's Eve Gala*

Sunday, December 31, 2006

8:30 PM

Music by the Brian Faith Band

Menu

Popover with Brie & Onion Confit

Shrimp Bisque

Traditional Caesar Salad

Tropical Sorbet

Choice of:

Roast Tenderloin of Beef en Croute

or

Chicken Florentine

with Scalloped Potatoes

and Fresh Vegetable Medley

Bread Pudding with Pecan Bourbon Sauce

\$75 per person | Sign up quickly!

● *Please include entrée and table choices* ●

From the Quarterdeck



**VICE
COMMODORE**

COLLEEN NIX

Here we are at the end of the year, and I must say that it has been a great year on the water for CIYC. We had great participation from our Sailors, as well as our Cruiser Nav skippers. All of our members are so grateful, and proud of you all. I personally want to thank all of you that participated in racing this year for CIYC. It has been a privilege to get to know you, and I am looking forward to participating again with you next year. Please look at page 12 of this month's *Currents*. You will find a copy of the January/February Racing Calendar, which will be updated in the *Currents* each month. We have been able to add 3 new races to the calendar next year for CIYC:

February 17th and 18th *Channel Islands Mid-Winters* CIYC Host
 April 14th *Lady at the Helm* CIYC Host
 September 15th *Richard W. Nix Memorial Platform Race* CIYC Host

Please make sure to mark these new races on your calendars.

CRUSIER NAV RACERS- *Sunday Dec. 3, 2006-* Annual Cruiser Nav breakfast to receive next years racing contest dates. *9:30AM Marie Calendars Restaurant* on Victoria Ave. in Ventura. Please RSVP to Evelina Arglen.

I wish all of you the happiest of Holiday Seasons, and a safe and blessed 2007. I look forward to seeing you all on the water in 2007!!

Colleen Nix, Vice Commodore



**REAR
COMMODORE**

BILL TRAMMELL

I really would like to thank all of you that participated in last month's Ship-Shape and the last one of the year. The Grill/Patio cooking facility has been removed by the highly trained demo team of **Dana Hamilton, Frank Sullivan, Bob Hynes, Bill Coltrin, John Hyde, Woody Underwood,** and **Bill Trammell**. Thanks again for all of your hard work. Each of the Ship-Shapes held throughout the year has been appreciated and has made a difference. The donut guy did eventually show up!

At one of last month's Wednesday **Fun Nights**, we were treated to a superbly prepared, home cooked meal of *Tamale Casserole* furnished by **Bill** and **"Sandy" Crocket**. As usual, we were assisted by the great support team of **Jean Gaddis** and **Bob Hynes**. Our special thanks go to **Carol Lazzarevich**, who helped direct traffic in the kitchen. Sandy and Bill have some great ideas on preparing quick meals for Wednesday Fun Night.

This past year has been a great year for me serving as your Rear Commodore. For this coming year, I plan to be available to support the incoming Flag Officers, the Board of Directors, and all the members of CIYC. Thanks to you all, we have learned so very much.

I would like to thank everyone who supported by preparing meals on Wednesday Nights. A very special, heart felt thank-you also goes out to all who volunteered to prepare or assist in preparing a Saturday dinner. I can not offer enough thanks to those who helped on Ship-Shape Saturdays. I can not name everyone who has stepped up to lend a helping hand, due to the limited space on this column. Once again, thank-you one and all. I will be looking forward to seeing you all around the Club in the coming year.

Bill Trammell, Rear Commodore



The Channel Islanders



Dear Ladies,

Well this year has quickly come to an end.
This will be my last letter to you.

Our last outing event was lunch at the Greek Restaurant in the Ventura Harbor Marina. We had a very nice turn out. The ladies were entertained by two Greek male dancers that had us clapping and shouting "Hoopa!" The food was delicious and plentiful. All had a great time.

We started our Christmas decorations on Sunday, November 26th and all the week of November 27. It looks so beautiful! I would like to thank my wonderful, hard working board for working so diligently as Santa's helpers to create such a festive ambiance for our Christmas Season.

On Saturday, December 2 we will have our Annual Christmas Tree (live) Lighting and Pot Luck Party. This is a family affair. Santa arrives at 6:30 PM. Bring the children, so that they can give Santa their Wish-List for that Kodak Moment. Remember this is a potluck, so your cost is a prepared dish to serve 10. Sign up at the bar. Again this year, The Islanders' Own Christmas party will be held at the club. You will be receiving a postcard followed by a phone call to announce it. Leave the date open. It is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12 from 4-7:00 PM at the club. This is mostly hors d'oeuvres (finger food, cookies and desserts.)

After our Christmas Festivities however, don't forget *what goes up must come down*. So immediately after Christmas Day, on **Tuesday at 10:00 AM** we will need plenty of helpful volunteers to take down our

Christmas decorations.

We need to take them all down, pack them in boxes and put them away.

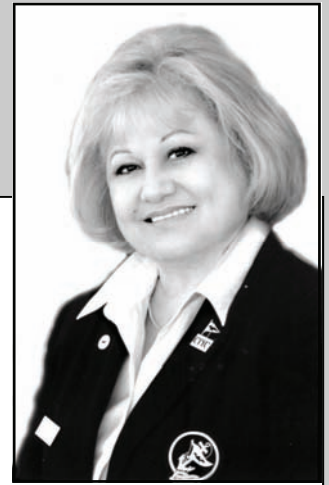
We need to do it quickly so that we can allow time for the New Year's decorations to go up. **Please come out to help.**

This year for our philanthropic project, we chose again to donate a generous amount to "Prototypes House" and also to "Interface." We will be presenting the checks to a representative at our Christmas Party. We will also provide the Christmas Stockings and Candy for the Prototypes' Children.

My appreciation and thank you to all who have supported our Islanders' events this year. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to my hard working board who were so willing and helpful to make a successful event. I enjoyed working with all of you. You're a great bunch of ladies: Ellie Bishop, Sylvia Hyde, Georgie Olsen, and Sharon Sullivan. My committee chairpersons; Carol Lazzaravich, Evelina Arglen, Sharon Callahan, Jane Thomas, Ellie Babbe and Sharon Deyling. Thank you!

Congratulations to the new board: First Mate Ellie Bishop, Second Mate Sylvia Hyde, Recording Yeoman Sharon Sullivan, Corresponding Yeoman Georgie Olsen, and Purser Betty Larson.

In closing, my sincere best wishes to all of you and your families for this Christmas Season, and remember the reason for the season. I wish you all Good Health and a Prosperous New Year!



*Olivia Escoto,
2006 First Mate*

Olivia Escoto
2006 First Mate



Channel Islanders Lunch at the Greek





Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan

The Anglers' Awards Dinner was another great success, thanks to Skip Miser and his crew. The food was extraordinary and the night was fun, with a raffle that produced \$\$\$ for the Anglers' projects.

Awards were presented for:

The Men's Tournament won by **Tony Ferraro** for a very respectable 13lb 8oz Halibut.

The Ladies' Tournament 1st place was won by **Mary Barker** for her 28 lb Halibut.

Big fish of the Year was won by **Lenora Linman** for her 29lb 11oz Halibut and included a \$100 prize.

Any big fish caught between now and the end of the year will apply towards next year's Big Fish award. *Stop by the display case and take a look!*

This year, a take-home trophy was awarded to **Skip Miser for "Skipper of the Year."** This was awarded because of his great success at finding fish for the folks he took out on the **Dawn Patrol** through out the year. Congratulations, Skip and thanks for getting Club members out on the water!

While on a Mexican Rivera Cruise with a group from CIYC, I went on a short fishing charter in Mazatlan with Dick Olsen, Pat Korecky, and Bill Magee. The day was a great experience. Although the fishing was slow, we all managed to catch one fish. Dick caught a very nice Dorado while the rest of us caught Bonita. Our target was marlin and we

did see one finning, on the surface, but could not get him to bite. One of the other boats in our fleet caught a very nice 8.5 foot Sailfish.

WSB Update:

We have taken delivery of another 10,000 fish to the grow out pens. We now have a total of about 25,000 to 30,000 fish in the 3 holding pens. The fish in the center pen were delivered with some problems and there has been a die off that we are getting under control.

"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"

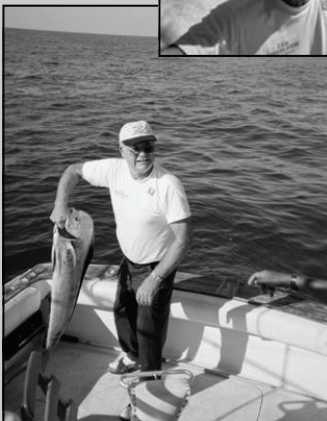
At the end of the year there will be a Big Fish of the Year award for \$100.00. It does not have to be one of the monthly winners. It can be a tourney fish or not. If you win one month -- don't quit, the next fish you catch may be worth \$\$\$\$



Anglers' Annual Awards Dinner



Fishing Charter in Mazatlan



Dick Olson with his beautiful dorado!



*Come on, Pat,
is this really
your catch?*






You are Invited!
Christmas Tree Lighting Potluck
Saturday, Dec. 2nd 6:30 PM
Special appearance by Santa,
so bring the children &
grandchildren.

Bring a side dish or dessert for 10 people. *Sign up soon!*



Christmas Parade of Lights



Last year CIYC took the Sweepstakes Award for our entry in the Channel Islands Harbor boat parade. This year's entry is even bigger, brighter and louder. Come help us cheer on our crew as they once again aim for victory! AND the CIYC clubhouse is the perfect place to watch the parade!

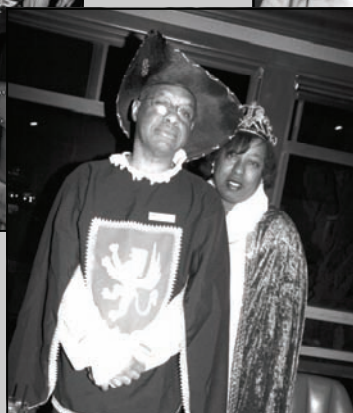
Adding to the festivities, Bill and Vera Cline will host dinner that will feature chili dogs, all the fixings and savory side dishes.

Come join us for food and fun!

December 9th 7:30 PM
Sign up soon!



Rennaisance Halloween Party



CIYC BURGEES GET AROUND !

Gary and Chris Moravchik visited the Michigan Yacht Club with the intention of providing our burgee to them. In the “Boathouse” where all the burgees are kept, they found someone had beaten them to the punch! There was our burgee, albeit in poor condition. They intend to replace the old one with a new one! Pretty decent digs!



Gary & Chris by Fireplace of the Boathouse



CIYC burgee in the MYC Boathouse



Gary in the MYC Dining Room

Beefeater Dinner

Join your friends at CIYC for a traditional steak dinner with baked potatoes, salad bar, green beans with bacon, and a surprise dessert.

December 16, 2006

7:30 PM

Sign up in the bar!





Merry Christmas!

**Join your CIYC family
for our
traditional
Christmas Potluck
Monday, Dec. 25th
3:00 PM**

**Bring your favorite
Christmas dish
for 10 people.**

Sign Up!



Dinghy Caravan Harbor Lights Cruise

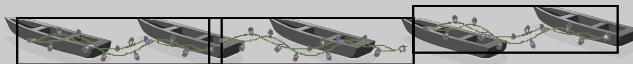
December 23rd, 2006



What better way to see all the Christmas Lights around the harbor??? Pile into CIYC's fleet of electric boats and dinghies and view the harbor, in all its electrified glory.

When you are done, come back to the Clubhouse for munchies at the bar. They'll be serving from 6:30 - 9PM.

*Dinghy/electric boat owners and potential passengers need to **sign up** to ensure we have enough spaces for all.*



2007 SAIL RACE CALENDAR

ASSOC. OF SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL YACHT CLUBS

JANUARY:

HOST:

Sun.	7th	Centennial Regatta	SBYC
Sun.	14th	J-24 Regatta	VYC
Sat.	20th	Hot Rum Series #2	SBYC
Sat.	27th	Lido 14 Superbowl Regatta	AYC
	27th	Spring Series #1	PBYC/VYC



FEBRUARY:

HOST:

Sat.	3rd	J-24 Regatta	VYC
Sun	4th	SUPERBOWL SUNDAY	
Sat.	10th	Spring Series #2	VYC/PBYC
Sat.	10th	Hot Rum Series #3	SBYC
Sun.	11th	Sweethearts Regatta	SBYC
Sat/Sun	17&18	SCYA MidWinters (PHRF)	CIYC
	17&18	SCYA MidWinters	SBYC
	17&18	SCYA MidWinters (J-24 & J-105)	SBYC
Sat.	24th	Spring Series #3	PBYC/VYC
	24th	Staff Commodore's Regatta	SBYC
Sun	25th	SCYA Race Mgmt. Seminar	VYC



Membership



Incoming Board member, Larry Golkin, came up with a great idea. He wants to put together a FAQ (frequently asked questions) book for new members. Or *Everything I wanted to know about CIYC, but didn't know who to ask*. Please forward any great questions and the answers to Larry or myself to contribute to this worthy endeavor. Remember you can reach me about issues at (805) 573-4429 and a new email address of johnstons@inbox.com. Thanks to many of you for "leads" on potential members and your willingness to get the info to me. Standby for some pictures and bios in the next issue. We are growing and its due to your continuing efforts. Don't forget to tell people to check out our website. Issues of the CURRENTS and other membership information is available there. I hope to have the application package on there soon, allowing for downloading rather than mailing both directions on a new applicant.

See you around the club!



Islanders Christmas Reception

Dec. 12th
4 PM to 7 PM

Bring your favorite
appetizer or cookies
to serve 10

YOU ARE
ALL INVITED!!!!



BIRTHDAY BASH
FOR
BILL CLINE 70TH
AND
TOM WARDEN 64TH

JANUARY 1, 2007
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

FOOD-FUN-MUSIC-
DANCING-OPEN BAR



Cruise to Santa Barbara



Pre-party on the sailboats - Friday night



*Dinner at the
Santa Barbara
Yacht Club
Friday Night*



*Potluck
Dinner
On the
Hyde's
new boat/home
Saturday
afternoon*



*Cocktails on the
Veranda at
SBYC.*



Captain Dave says...

By Dave Willhite



Hello Boater and Waterfront Lovers!

Weather

Weather conditions are right on course with great flat seas between mild Southwest winds, which is our best weather of the year. If you have never been to the Northern Channel Islands, go **now** - no crowds and the weather will closely resemble Santa Barbara's climate. Keep an ear out for the Santa Ana wind conditions, monitoring Channel 3 on your VHF regularly. Keep in mind if you get caught, go northwest to escape.

Fishing

About the time we get the great weather, the DFG rules close the ling cod fishing (which seems to me a little unfair, especially if you like to fish the shallow waters around San Miguel Island and the West end of Santa Rosa, as I do). There also good **Red Snapper** fishing in these areas. This time of the year, most rockfish are spawning and it has been my experience in the past to see large numbers gathering on high spots (reef areas) rocky areas. When we used to fish hook and line commercially (market fishing) for Red Snapper, we used to look primarily in the 45 to 65 fathom range. We would generally look close to the rocky areas - say a 500' radius. Red Snapper readings (illustrations on your fish finder display) are visible if you are not looking for these fish stay tight to the bottom, as they spread out when they feed. Once you locate Reds and drop baited hooks down to them, they will tighten up their school and begin to column up from the bottom. I have seen this happen on most occasions. When they start this column, they will stop your baits going down and you will limit out quickly. So when your are metering, keep a close eye on the bottom line, until you see very dense marks on the bottom.

When searching for best areas for **Rockfish**, simply go to a published chart for the area you plan on fishing and look for (rky) markings in 15 to 50 fathoms. **Lobster** fishing started out pretty good, but I think that fishing pressure has affected the catch numbers. I did go out once, so far this year. We caught 38 lobsters - 35 were short in length; and we got 4 rock crabs and 2 Banjo Sharks for 4 hours fishing. This is about 10% as good as the all time great fishing we have seen in the pre-100 year flood seasons. The DFG may have to step up conservation efforts along the Ventura coastal zones, until the population stabilizes to their normal numbers.

Clamming seems be the sure bet for this fall and winter. We have been out once as of this article, and caught 5 Pismo Clams apiece in a little under an hour. These clams are along the beaches from the Santa Clara River to Pt. Mugu. Simply use a manure fork like a probe. Walk backwards and stick the fork down into the sandy ocean bottom about 4-6 inches until you strike a hard object. Push your fork all the way down and push down on the handle end while taking your left hand and feeling about the area for the clam. Use your legal clam measuring device (4 1/2") to make sure your clam is big enough. This is probably the easiest, least fishy, family-friendly activity available. Try clamming soon; you will be glad you did and they are great to eat. Good Luck!

Boats

I was hoping to make a New England sea trial prior to heavy weather arriving but the early snow and blizzard conditions may have me going in the spring. Fuel prices are still dropping which is a welcome plus for all boaters. One can only hope they keep going down.

Calm Seas,
Captain Dave



The Fog Horn

*By Roxy Ostrem
Hospitality Chair*



December Birthday Wishes To...

Evans Hughes 12/02, Ludie McIntosh 12/02, Chris McPherson 12/05, Sue Johnson 12/07, Blanche Lenhart 12/07, Roxy Ostrem 12/08, Miles Linman 12/10, Ed Whisman 12/12, Dan Alpern 12/12, Jan Frallic 12/13, Betty Larson 12/13, Jean Coltrin 12/13, Brenda Longshore 12/18, Frank Nowitzki 12/18, Jen Gibbs 12/20, Gina Krum 12/20, Robert Jordan 12/20, Paula Sharpe 12/22, Bill Crocket 12/22, Evelina Arglen 12/23, Bill Sandham 12/25, Tony Ferraro 12/27, Jim Longshore 12/27, Al Escoto 12/28. And...belated Happy Birthday wishes to our dear Lifetime Member, Helen Boswell!

Happy Anniversary to ...

Rick and Deb Tyhyrst. 12/12, Gary and Chris Moravchik 12/21, Paul and Ruth Hatcher 12/22, Ted and Mary Foster 12/26, Gary and Andrea Hand 12/27, Carter and Virginia Gage 12/27, Bob and Doris Mooney 12/28, Duncan and Yvonne Connell 12/29, Gerry and Jen Gibbs 12/31.

Sick Bay

*Lee Miser is home and doing wonderfully after her **second** hip replacement of the year, YES, two in one year! Lot's of folks down with this ugly flu and colds - please keep them in your good thoughts. Paulette Underwood had surgery again, (this one planned), so we wish her a speedy recovery! Be sure to get your flu shots.*

As many of you know, some of our fellow members had a wonderful cruise down to Mexico on a 7 day trip. 22 CIYC members went and everyone had a good time. I heard the meals were yummy and the entertainment was great. A lot of "magic" happening in the dining room during the second seating. A Pajama Party, and a "couple" of smiley faces showed up. The Santa Barbara Yacht Club cruise was fun also. 11 Boats were there and at least 2 were turned away due to no room, but found safe harbor in the Ventura Marina. Dinner at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club was attended by 22 folks at last count on Friday night. A potluck birthday supper was had on Hyde's sail boat on Saturday for our Commodore Dana. Saw Brent and Mary Sensabaugh at the Scampi Dinner on Saturday, WOW what a miracle. He looks fantastic and Mary is just amazing "Standing by her man".

Well folks, it has been fun... but it's time to turn this article over to someone new. I thank all of you who feed me information, a special THANKS to Lenora (Mom) Linman and to Sylvia Hyde, who keep me informed on the happenings at the Club. This is a fun project to do for the Club, so if anyone wants to volunteer to take it over, please see me or a Flag Officer for next year.





Galley News

By Jean Coltrin

Who need to go to Mexico for the holidays? We have tropical weather right here by the Channel Islands. While our East Coast Yachtie friends have their boats stowed for winter, we can go to the normally foreboding San Miguel Island in flat, calm water! One thing is the same - December means parties and we have plenty right here at Channel Islands Yacht Club.

- Mondays all month The Law Dawgs are still hosting **Monday Night Football** until the end of the season on our super, huge TV. Come enjoy a meal, some libation and football.
- Saturday, 12/02/06 **Christmas Tree Lighting Potluck Dinner.** A Channel Islanders tradition! Santa makes his entry for all the children and grandchildren. Everyone brings a favorite holiday dish or dessert for 10 people, making a wonderful dinner for all AND a grand lighting ceremony for the tree!
- Saturday, 12/09/06 The **Parade of Lights** will feature CIYC's entry that is promised to be bigger, brighter and louder than ever. Here at the Clubhouse, Bill and Vera Cline will host a chili dog feast with all the fixings and side dishes...perfect for a chilly winter's evening!
- Saturday, 12/16/06 Beefeaters are hosting a traditional steak dinner with baked potatoes, salad bar, green beans with bacon, and a super, surprise dessert.
- Saturday, 12/23/06 Our electric boat fleet will be **touring the harbor to view the lights**. Join them when they stop at CIYC for bar munchies from 6:30-9 PM.
- Monday, 12/25/06 Our annual **Christmas Potluck**. CIYC provides the turkey and mashed potatoes and gravy. You bring a side dish or dessert for 10 people. Every one loves this tradition!
- Sunday, 12/31/06 **New Years Eve** - a catered affair so everyone can have fun! Your choice: Roast Tenderloin en Croute or Chicken Florentine with 6 other courses. Sign up soon - it always sells out.

*Ever plan dinner for 20 people and 10 show up...or 30? Imagine what our cooks go through when they plan and buy for 50 and 100 show up! Please be courteous to our cooks and **sign up by Friday, (NOT SATURDAY)** prior to the dinner. Remember, now you can just say "Charge It." Are you enjoying the dinners? Be sure to sign up to prepare or help on a dinner night soon. We are a self-help club that is for the enjoyment of all, not just a few. **Your attendance is requested, your assistance is required.***





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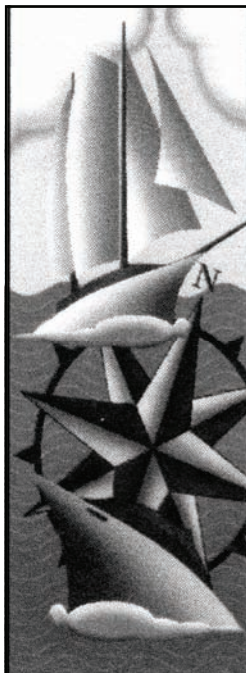
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• Acrylic Nails
• French Polish
• European Hydro-Pedicure

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