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Channel Islands Yacht Club
Cordially invite you to attend our
50th Anniversary
Opening Day Ceremonies
Sunday, April 11, 2010

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Message From The Commodore Mary Foster



Mary Foster: Commodore and **Shelly Johnson,**
Georgie Olsen: Vice Commodore and **Dick Olsen,**
Connie Calo: Rear Commodore and **Ed Calo,**
along with **Ted Hetherington** and **Francine Thomas,** board members, have had the pleasure of representing Channel Islands Yacht Club at neighboring Yacht Clubs in celebration of their opening days.

It is rewarding to hear the praises for Channel Islands Yacht Club from fellow Yacht Club members. Channel Islands Yacht Club is recognized for our racing, cruising, cruising navigation and all related boating activities. What stands out is our hospitality and the standards and traditions we have followed for the past 50 years.

Our yachting season is upon us as we prepare for our opening day, April 11, 2010. The efforts put forth by Jr. Past Commodore Larry Golkin and Daphne Hetherington will be complementing each and every one of our members. The tremendous hours spent behind the scenes can only be explained by those who have been there. Please step forward and offer your assistance to these dedicated people.

We can always use donations to offset the expenses. We have placed an envelope on the bulletin board next to the front entrance office. Most important be in attendance for your special day. Every Yacht Club we have visited has stated they are anxious to attend our opening day. Our ceremonies are always an example of what it is all about.

Your Board of Directors is working very hard to meet a very difficult budget for 2010. We are very fortunate to have such a talented, dedicated group of members willing to give so much it is a joy to work with each and everyone associated. Along with this I wish to thank each and every committee chairperson for their excellent support. Please take the time to thank them. We need the members support by attending the wonderful events are committees have planned. Recently we have had fellow yacht club members returning home from Mexico to their home base in Monterey. They have enjoyed the hospitality of our guest dock and the welcome feeling generated by our club. They have decided to sell the sailboat they presently have and purchase a larger one. They have listed their boat with our own Jack Borkowski. This is a tribute to our club. They have indicated they may berth the new boat here and join our club. Many exciting things on the horizon.

The wedding for **Ed and Annette Staples** will be something they will hold in their hearts forever. The decorations under the leadership of Opal Gilpin and her crew were outstanding. Every detail was perfect and we wish Ed and Annette all the happiness forever.

Sherry Brisbane is home recovering from back surgery even though she and **Bob** will be unable to be here for opening day they still continue to be generous in providing the **Our Blue Heaven** for our celebration. Hurry and get well Sherry we miss you.

Fair Winds and safe return home to CIYC,
Mary





Message From The Vice Commodore Georgie Olsen



Hi gang,

What a special event in our **Mid-Winter races** this year. Larry Golkin put on a great race. I was impressed having never put on a race before. The racers were all excited and so was our club. We sent them off with a wonderful breakfast put on by Jack Borkowski and his crew. Then we had a wonderful dinner when the all came in. Food and Drinks made us all laugh and have a great time. Larry read the winners of the days races and then we ate and enjoyed the evening. In case you haven't heard these are the results of the races.

J-24:

1st place - Susan Taylor from Marina Del Rey

2nd place - Keke Klatt from VCYC

3rd place - Pat Toble from SBYC

Non Spinnaker:

1st place - Randy Alcorn - **Out Patient**

2nd Place - Kevin Dickmann - **Zuma**

3rd Place - Brent Swanson - **Velero**

PHRF Spinnaker:

1st place - Shelly Johnson - **Zoarces**

2nd place - Brian Kerr - **Double Down**

3rd place - Jim Albert - **Paradise Found**

In as much as the weather was not cooperating with us Larry very smartly canceled the Sunday races. After all Safety is the most important aspect of racing. Thank you Larry for a great job done. Big thanks to the Committee boat and mark setter as well.

On another foot our Commodore Mary Foster has helped in all ways the woman's new sailing aspirations. Our very own Jane Thomas is working hard with Terri Potts to put together **CIWSA**. So many ladies are showing a great interest. If you are interested then call Jane Thomas and she will give you all the information. You ladies are great on the water either as crew or skippers. Good luck to you all.

As you know in my last article I thanked Ruth Hatcher for a great **Whale watch day**. Well I was asleep when I looked at the calendar and was a month short. Please forgive me. But it did take place this month and a wonderful time was had by all. The food was delicious as always. Thanks Ruthie.

May the Powers of the Sea always bring you home safely to CIYC.

Be happy,

Georgie Olsen Vice Commodore





Message From The Rear Commodore Connie Calo



As is the tradition at CIYC – April brings us our **Opening Day**. I remember watching my first opening day from “I” dock, with Bloody Mary in hand and waving to all

those crazy people in their white pants and blue blazers and wondering why anyone would get up so early to ride round the harbor dressed like that.

Now I get it. I love opening day. CIYC puts on one of the best Opening Day's on the coast. Thanks to everyone that helped with preparations, cleaning and making sure we shine.

That being said, I would like to ask each and every member to do his or her part to help keep our house neat and clean. When you come in, take a casual look around you for a dropped napkin or spilled popcorn or maybe just a simple wipe down of your table. We have house cleaners that come twice a week, Tuesdays and Saturday's. On the off days the cleaning is done by volunteers.

New windows in the bar area should have been installed by the time you read this and, the roof deck should be completed as well.

Thanks to everyone for your help and support.

**Your Rear Commodore,
Connie Calo**



Message From Channel Islanders First Mate Daphne Hetherington

Greetings All,

WOW, the month of April is jammed full!!!! **Opening Day is here**, plans are coming together nicely and this Opening Day will be an

event to remember. It is so exciting and I encourage you all to be in attendance. PLEASE, if you have not already done so, help us defray some of the costs associated with Opening Day by **making a monetary donation** of any amount and placing it in one of the posted envelopes around the Club. Your donations are very much needed and very much appreciated. Please make you checks payable to the Channel Islanders.

The Islanders have several other things going on this month starting out with our regular Board meeting on yes, none other than April Fool's Day!!!! 4/1/10 at 10:30 a.m. On Thursday, **April 8**, your second mate, Francene Thomas, has planned a fun outing to the **Santa Anita Racetrack** and we are so very pleased with the response to this event. This is just one of the many events Francene is working on for us this year. So many of you have voiced your desires to see more of these types of outings and we are listening and trying to make them happen.

On **Sunday, April 25**, we are officially having our first fundraiser of 2010. This will be a superb **Sunday champagne brunch**, with many delectable choices, including the highly acclaimed omelet bar presented by none other than our famous chef (eat your heart out Emeril!!) Mr. Jack Borkowski. We have lots of exciting items planned, so this will not be your ordinary "eggs & things" brunch. Please see the advertisement in this issue of your Currents for more info. Remember, this is a fundraiser and we would like to have our Club members help support our efforts in support of the big Club.

Thanks to all who attended our **45th Islanders Anniversary dinner on March 23**. We also acknowledged our Past First Mates and our illustrious leader; Commodore Mary Foster was our delightful guest speaker. Thanks Mary for sharing your fun filled and interesting history with us.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL and remember, it's so much easier to be enthusiastic than to reason!

Your First Mate, Daphne



WHALE WATCH CRUISE

Whale Watch
March 21st

It was an easy day on the water for those who went to sea in hopes of spotting a whale or two. Although there wasn't much sunshine, the ocean was like a lake and those skippers who took out their boats were, gratefully, not challenged with frothy seas or fog. My thanks go to them: Sherry Brisbane of OUR BLUE HEAVEN, Dave Andersen of LORICA, and Frank Sullivan of VALKYRIE. From what I heard back at the Clubhouse, all passengers saw at least one whale so I pronounce that the on-the-water part of this event was successful!

Same goes for back at the Club. We had a great turnout and to say that the crowd was enthusiastic is putting it mildly. One could say "rowdy", others might say "insanely gregarious" and others might even say "off-the-wall nuts". I say that's what makes this event such a great one—a definitely hang loose attitude which is the mainstay of CIYC members.

Our three judges (Commodore Mary Foster, Vice Commodore Georgie Olsen, and Rear Commodore Connie Calo) easily got into the swing of things and had no problem accepting all drink bribes coming their way. I believe there was some cash in the form of \$1.00 bills handed under the judges' table but I hardly think that would go very far. We had four entries this year—all quality stories—and I am grateful to each and every one of you for standing up and giving it your all. Thanks to Patsy Anderson, Ellie Bishop, Dan Alpern, and the entire crew of OUR BLUE HEAVEN (named in no particular order) Tom and Carole Naylor, Joyce Sheridan and Clark Owens, Nancy Latham, DeAnn and Jerry Wood, Skip and Laura Preston, Josie Renner, Jack Borkowski, Tom Warden, and Wendell Morrisset. Typically, there is only one winner, but this year there was a tie and rather than get out the applause meter, the two top contenders graciously acquiesced to being co-winners. CONGRATULATIONS TO ELLIE BISHOP AND DAN ALPERN, the winners of the Whale Watch Story Telling Contest and proud recipients of the prestigious Moby Dick Trophy. (I have asked Currents editor Liz Campbell to include their two poems in this issue wherever there is room. Please enjoy!)

Following tradition, immediately after the presentations, there were tacos with all the good accompaniments, refried beans (lots of cheese and butter added), and to finish it all, jumbo chocolate chip cookies. As usual, a great big thank you to my husband Paul and good friend Dave Gable who, for the 12th straight year, prepared the taco meat and soft tortillas according to their high culinary standards.

To all of those who were able to join us, thank you for coming. And to everyone, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Ruth Hatcher

Whale Watch Cruise Chairperson



Whale Watch Co-Winners
March 21st

Moby Dick Contest Entry by Ellie Bishop entitled **THE WHOPPER**

I am sitting in the middle of a whopper of a whale,
where there's scant illumination and the air is still and stale.
My monotonous enclosure is predominantly gray and
is surely no location I would choose to spend my day,
There is no one to converse with in a whale's digestive tract.
I am bored with my surroundings and I wish that I had packed.
Without any sort of warning, I was eaten like a bean.
Now I'm stranded in the center of a living submarine.
I see no way of escaping, so I'm throwing up my hands,
and unless I'm extricated I'm not making any plans.
I'd appreciate suggestions, simply drop them in the mail.
Just address them to the belly of this whopper of a whale.

Dan's is on the Next Page

Moby Dick Contest Entry by Dan Alpern

Gather round you sea lovers
My boating brothers
Lovely seagoing sisters
And the rest of you land lubbers

All things whale you yearn
For years you should learn
With the words I turn
Cheeks and ears will burn

His name is Moby Dick
That whale was kind of sick
He liked showing his prick
While giving his lip a lick

Moby Dick said to Mary
I don't mean to be scary
All this passion I carry
And I like 'em red-hairy"

It was a mighty test
So he tried his best
To catch up with the rest
Fertilizing eggs in the nest

"My proboscis in pain"
That whale said with a strain
"I must show some refrain
With the ladies I've lain"

My wanger went right
And O what a sight!
She kept me up all night
And again past first light

That crazy whale liked to float
He was a flirty old goat
Found the lady in the boat
And she hit the right note!

My friends, I'll tell you the truth
Why I'm so uncouth
And long in the tooth
It's all for that mermaid, Ruth!

Now raise your drinks and your beer
To that whale with a leer
Who is always too near
To everyone's rear



Whale Watch
March 21st



APRIL SATURDAY NIGHT DINNERS

SERVED AT 7:00 p.m.

Check your Weekly Emails and
Bulletin Boards for Menus and Details

April 3, 2010

No Dinner, instead come to
Easter Sunday Lunch at 1:00 on April 4th

April 10, 2010

No Dinner

April 17, 2010

Beefeater Dinner

April 24, 2010

Pot Luck dinner on the CIYC Dock

APRIL WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

SERVED AT 6:30

COST: \$10.00

Check your Weekly Emails and
Bulletin Boards for Menus and Details

April 7, 2010

Chefs: Ed and Connie Calo

April 14, 2010

Chef: Cary Verstynen

April 21, 2010

Chef: Carol LaPoint

April 28, 2010

Chef: ???



Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan

WSB grow out pen update:

Michele Dilldine's diver has finished the cleaning of the Predator net. The rest of the repairs were delayed in March due to all the foul weather. I will let everyone know when we are ready to clean and paint. One of the pioneers of the WSB program, Web Palmquist has passed away. He was the main person to watch over the program at CI Harbor after Jimmy Donlon passed on. He will be badly missed.

Fishing News:

Ling Cod season starts up again April 1st. Hopefully we will start to see some great fishing this season.

White Sea bass remains open year round. The daily bag and possession limit is three fish except that only one fish may be taken in waters south of Point Conception between March 15 and June 15. The minimum size limit is 28 inches total length or 20 inches alternate length.

This year the DFG changed the rules on displaying your fishing license. You no longer have to wear it where it can be seen but you must still have it with you when you are fishing.

Salmon Season this year will start April 4th and may end April 30th unless extended by DFG. We will have to wait to see what the PFMC recommends.

Coming events:

In harbor fishing tournament May 16th

"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 \$\$\$\$



Opening Day is Coming Soon!

Make your Vessel Ship-Shape and enter the CIYC Bristol Boat Competition!*

Judging: by Saturday, April 10, 2010

Contact Frank Sullivan (805-205-4073)

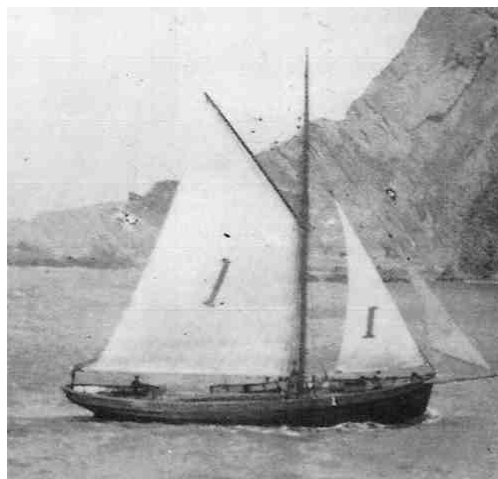
Sign-up Sheet and Checklist will be posted at the club

*The **Bristol Channel** is a dangerous area of water in southwest England and forms the southern border of Wales. The tidal range of 15 meters (49 ft) is second only to the Bay of Fundy in Eastern Canada. A sailor's rhyme goes "Twixt Hartland Point and Padstow Bay is a sailor's grave by night or day."



Because of the strong tides and the rarity of safe havens in the Bristol Channel, a well-found boat with all gear in working order is essential when navigating these treacherous waters.

A specialized style of sailing boat, the *Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter*, was developed in the area and has a long and illustrious history. During their working lives the *Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter* was the by-word for ruggedness and sailing ability in all weathers, spending weeks on end at sea, short handed and in some of the most challenging waters of the world.



If you have a current 2010 Vessel Safety Exam by the CG or Power Squadron you get 5 extra points!

***Contact CIYC member Doug Buckingham to schedule a CG exam today!
661-433-5922***

As the Channel Islands Yacht Club has grown and evolved over the past 50 years, groups of members have banded together and organized special groups to fulfill the interests of these members and the mission of the club. These have, and are, very important to the history of the club. Today, we have the Beefeaters, the Epicureans, Women Behind The Helm, Bocce Ball, The Anglers with their lobster dinners and fishing tournaments, and others. In the past, there has been a Golf Group, Bridge Club, Food and Wine Club, Youth Group, etc.

In January 2002, under the leadership of **Paul Hatcher, El Jefe**, the **Beefeaters** was formed to cook and serve gourmet beef based dinners once a month. Members, now number 32 and start as apprentices and move up each year on the basis of work and ability and each pays an annual \$50 membership fee. Each year a new leader is elected and assumes the title of El Collectivo Accion. This year's **El Collectivo Accion** is **Jim Carlson**. Dinners through May have been scheduled and the February dinner was a Beef Wellington dinner with Dave Gable as Chief Cook. Special uniforms are worn, depending upon time served, with senior Beefeaters wearing white coats adorned with gold braid with apprentices sporting red aprons. There is an annual bonding dinner where new apprentices are inducted. The Beefeaters theme is "Always a Beefeater".

Early in 2010 under the organizing efforts of Joyce Sheridan, a new cooking group was formed; membership is available to women club members and is named **The Epicureans**. Their first monthly dinner was served on February 20 with Vera Cline as Chief Cook, and their second on March 6 with Kitty Brown as Chief Cook. There are 33 members who pay annual dues of \$30, and subscribe to the Epicurean theme of having a "sensitive and discriminating taste for food and wine". Their dinner themes will include everything but beef: fish, chicken, pork, pasta, cheese, lamb, vegetable based, etc. The Epicureans and the Beefeaters will complement each other in providing monthly gourmet dinners to club members, and there may even be a friendly competition.

The Channel Islands Women's Sailing Association organization has been formed to add to the skills of women sailors as a result of the race of the same name. According to leader and organizer CIYC member Jane Thomas, the need is to achieve competence of women to be fully in charge of all aspects as the skipper of the boat whether cruising or in competitive sailing. Often, when on the crew of a boat, the woman may be at the helm, adjusting sails, or setting the anchor, but not fully being the skipper and totally in charge. This group is open to members of our club as well as other boating groups. Several members (16) signed in for a weekend sailing seminar at Newport Beach which included "hands on" skippering sailboats in Newport Harbor with a racing format.

A recently formed sports group runs and offers competition among club members and forms a club team to play against other yacht clubs in tournament **Bocce Ball**. They play each Thursday on the south lawn of the club, and the competition can at times be fierce. The 2010 season will commence shortly, and is open to play by all club members. Enticing is the \$1 hot dogs and \$1 beer on game day. This was organized by longtime CIYC member Paul Hatcher.

Golf tournaments are usually scheduled each year, and the next is a three day bus trip with golf available each day at Laughlin, Nevada. In the past, there has been a bridge club and members are now looking for pinochle players to form a Wednesday night playing group. As various interests are expressed by club members, additional member groups will be formed to meet the needs of our membership. In the 1970s and 1980s with a large number of member's children and grandchildren in the membership rolls, a Youth Group was very actively sponsoring sabot, laser and other small boat racing competitions. As the youngsters grew up, they graduated to big boat competitive sailing and cruising, and many of these are now club members.

These special groups have been, and are, very much a part of the Channel Islands Yacht Club history.

Next Month. The CIYC photo albums, recorded photo history, and the Channel Islands Yacht Club Web site that has over 1,500 color photos taken in 2009 and a very well written promotional story of our club

M. Wendell Morrisset, 2010 Historian, Past Commodore 1977

CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB SHIP STORE

— NEW SHIPMENT!! —

MENS AND WOMENS CLOTHING

If you don't see your size or want another color,
let Vera Cline know, she can advise you what is avail-
able.

Catalogs available for selection of custom orders.

Have personal clothing you want embroidered?
We can do that for you.

Shop Early for Best Selection
Clothing available Wednesday and Friday nights
Or, ask Brandy to help you.
Support CIYC!!!

Club Rental

The CIYC dining room
facility is available for
rent for private parties
to members or non-
members sponsored by
a member.

Please contact Rear
Commodore Connie
Calo or Rental Manager
Sharon Sullivan for
scheduling and rates.

Help us help the Club to
be Prosperous!

VENTURA CRUISE – CHANGE!

For the last 30 years we have been cruising to Ventura Yacht Club at the end of April,
but they will be using their dock for their cruise. So we will be having a:

Cruise to CIYC
April 24th

We are working with Channel Islands Marina to use some of the unoccupied slips. If
we get that permission the dates will then be the 24th and 25th. Please watch your e-
mail for further details.

Tom and Carole Naylor,
Cruise chairmen

April 2010



Channel Islands Yacht Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mondays –Thursdays 5pm to close, Tuesdays Closed except 1st Tuesday Fridays & Saturdays 4pm to close		<u>Bar Hours</u> Sundays 1pm to close, Tuesdays Closed except 1st Tuesday Fridays & Saturdays 4pm to close		1 April Fools 10:30am Islanders BOD	2 Good Friday HAPPY HOUR 4-6 TGIF	3 <i>9am shipshape</i> <i>Lady @ helm race</i> No dinner
4 <i>Easter</i> <i>1pm Easter luncheon</i>	5 Bar open 5pm	6 <i>British Brass Band @ CIYC—7:00</i> <i>Bar Opens @ 5pm</i>	7 Wed. Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30B Bingo 7:00	8 <i>Movie night-630pm</i>	9 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 <i>Birthday Bash</i>	10 <i>9am Shipshape</i> No dinner
11 <i>8am Boat Parade</i> <i>Noon CIYC Opening Day</i>	12 Bar open 5pm	13	14 Wed. Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30B Bingo 7:00	15 <i>Movie night-630pm</i>	16 HAPPY HOUR 4-6	17 <i>SBCS Cruiser Nav #1-VYC</i> <i>7pm Beef Eater Dinner</i>
18 Sunday afternoon At CIYC	19 Bar open 5pm	20	21 Wed. Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30B Bingo 7:00	22 <i>Movie night-630pm</i>	23 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Newport to Ensenada race	24 No <i>dinner</i> Newport to Ensenada race
25 <i>11am Islanders Champagne Brunch</i> Newport to Ensenada race	26 Bar open 5pm	27 <i>7pm BOD Meeting</i>	28 Wed. Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30B Bingo 7:00	29 <i>Movie night-630pm</i>	30 <i>CI to MDR Cr/Nav</i> HAPPY HOUR 4-6	Cruise to Channel Islands YC



May 2010



Channel Islands Yacht Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Port Royal Regatta 7pm Talent show						
2 Sunday afternoon At CIYC Bar opens 1:30	3 Bar open 5pm	4 British Brass Band @ CIYC—7:00 Bar Opens @ 5pm	5 <i>Wet Wed starts</i> Wed .Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30B Bingo 7:00	6 10:30am Islanders BOD <i>Movie night-630pm</i>	7 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 <i>TGIF</i>	8 No dinner
9 <i>Mothers' Day</i> <i>1pm Luncheon</i>	10 Bar open 5pm	11	12 Wed. Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30B Bingo 7:00	13 <i>Movie night-630pm</i>	14 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 Birth Day Bash	15 <i>SBCS Cruiser Nav#2</i> <i>Cline memorial VYC</i> 7pm dinner
16 Sunday afternoon At CIYC <i>In harbor fishing</i> <i>tournament</i>	17 Bar open 5pm	18 <i>7pm BOD Meeting</i>	19 Wed. Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30B Bingo 7:00	20 11:30 Islanders luncheon Bocce Ball 5:30	21 HAPPY HOUR 4-6 <i>7pm Gen meeting</i>	22 <i>7pm beekeepers dinner</i> <i>& Islanders fashion</i> <i>show</i>
23 Sunday afternoon At CIYC <i>1-4 open house</i>	24 Bar open 5pm	25	26 Wed. Night Fun night & Bingo Dinner 6:30B Bingo 7:00	27 Bocce Ball 5:30	28 HAPPY HOUR 4-6	29 No Dinner
30 Sunday afternoon At CIYC	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> Bar open 1pm <i>5pm Holiday Supper</i> <i>Club</i>				MDR Cruise	
MDR Cruise				Bar Hours Sundays 1pm to close, Mondays – Thursdays 5pm to close, Tuesdays Closed except 1st Tuesday Fridays & Saturdays 4pm to close		



EASTER LUNCH

By Tom and Carole Naylor
And Crew

Salad Bar

A meal in it's self.

Turkey Meal

Turkey
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans
Peas with Pearl Onions
Cranberry

Ham Meal

Ham
Potatoes Au Gratin
Glazed Carrots
Green Bean Casserole
Fried Pineapple Rings

Dessert Bar

Assorted Sweets

Club Open	Serving
12:00PM	1:00PM
Adults	\$15.00
Children 3-13	\$7.50
Under 3	Free



Our Easter Chicken and Rabbit will be making an appearance.

Please let us know, when you sign up, how many children in your group would like an Easter Basket.



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And the Flag Officers of
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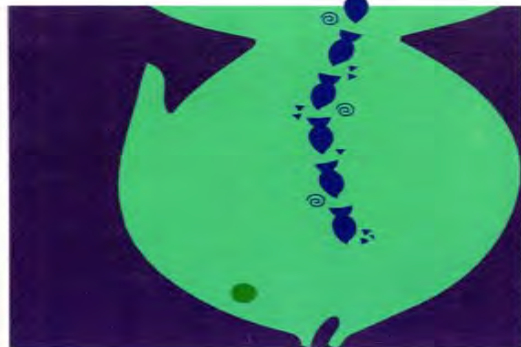
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Sunday Champagne Brunch

\$18.00

PRESENTED BY

THE CHANNEL ISLANDERS

Sunday, April 25, 2010, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Not just your ordinary "eggs & things" brunch

Includes complimentary champagne. Delectable dishes from your favorite Islander chefs. Highly acclaimed omelet bar presented by none other than CIYC's most famous chef, Mr. Jack Borkowski. Sure to be a crowd pleaser.



THE CHANNEL ISLANDERS
HAVE SEVERAL FUNDRAISING
EVENTS ANNUALLY IN
ORDER TO SUPPORT OUR
CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT
CLUB. HELP US MAKE THIS
EVENT A SUCCESS! SIGN UP
TODAY.

THIS IS OUR FIRST FUNDRAISING

EVENT OF 2010

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE. HELP US
SUPPORT

OUR CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB AND
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY.

CALL OR SIGN UP NOW

A Beefeater Decision

The **April 17th Beefeater dinner** had been cancelled and it has just been reinstated!

We do not have time to give you the menu, but it will be something tasty. We'll do our best to put some meat and potatoes on the table. If everything else fails, we'll have a very reasonable meal of pork and beans or equivalent.

Tom Naylor's Tri-tip salad is scheduled for **Saturday May 22** and **Jack Borkowski's rib eye steaks** on **Friday June 25th**. I have to be Hawaii for a couple months re-searching food and beverage service. It is doubtful that anything new will be learned but the trip was paid in advance. All three of the above dinners are likely better than anything I'll be eating, so mark your calendars and don't miss the chance for some great meals.

ONLY 32 people signed up on a timely basis for March 27th dinner. Only because of a lot of effort by **Keith Moore** were we able to handle late sign ups. This normally will NOT HAPPEN because of preparation time for most meals. As it was, we had to turn away some and some were not able to eat.

The **April 17th dinner must have a cut off**, especially if we go to an upscale meal. Most meals require final purchases 3 days in advance. We'll post the menu as soon as we can.

We can't effectively control costs and plan good meals without you letting us know how many people will be served.

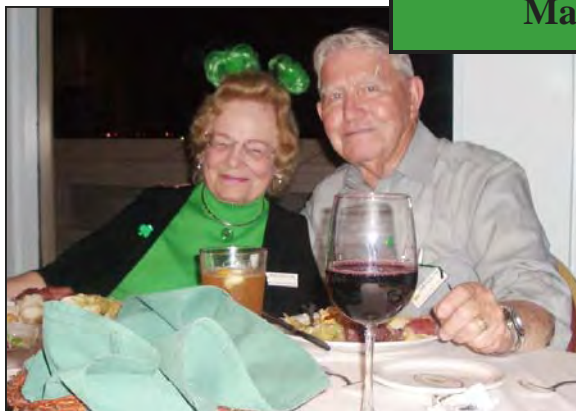
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**Epicurean's Dinner
March 6th**



**St. Patrick's Day Dinner
March 20th**



Greetings to everyone at CIYC! Allan and I have been out and about on *Fly Aweigh*, our 44 foot Catalina Morgan 440 since last October, when, you may recall, we took 2-year leaves of absence from our jobs and set off on an adventure, starting with the 2009 Baja Ha Ha Rally to Cabo San Lucas.

The Ha Ha was great, and we had some big adventures along the way which made things interesting and taught us a lot about our new vessel. Day 3 of the Ha Ha is especially memorable, as we bounced south from San Quintin (pronounced Kin-teen, and nothing like the prison island of fame in the San Francisco Bay) in raucous weather that reached 18 foot seas and 35 knot winds, but most of the boats, *Fly Aweigh* included, fared well that day. One boat snagged a fishing long line in the big seas and struggled for quite awhile, assisted by other Ha Ha boats, before a wave broke the line free. The other major event of that day, which you may have heard about, was the loss of a J-Boat after it had an encounter with a wayward whale. Neither the boat nor, it is presumed, the whale survived the event, but the entire crew safely escaped into their life raft and were rescued a few hours later. It has become quite a learning experience for all of us, and the Captain of the boat, Eugenie, has shared her experiences of that day to help increase awareness of safety equipment and procedures. Certainly for us, it launched several deep discussions about emergency preparations, abandon ship procedures, and how to deal with a rushed emergency ditching situation and some of the unforeseen problems that might occur.

We also had the opportunity on the rally to tow an 88-ton boat, which gave us a lot of respect not only for our boat but also for the procedures involved in such a maneuver, as well as the communication required to make it all go smoothly.

All in all, by the time we got to Cabo, the entire group had a lot of stories to share and I guarantee that as they have circulated in the months since, many have turned into Great Sea Tales. (Day 3 - 20 foot seas and 40 knot winds! No! 30 feet with *sea monsters*!)

Since then, we've spent a good amount of time in La Paz, Mazatlan, and now Puerto Vallarta, with jaunts into the beautiful Sea of Cortez, the Copper Canyon, a Mazatlan Venados baseball game (they won!) and a magnificent Galapagos-like visit to Isla Isabella, home to the huge Frigate bird and the stunning Blue-Footed Boobie. We were fortunate to have some time in Mazatlan with Ed and Annette (congratulations, newlyweds!) on *Windsong*, and ran into Jake Maas on *Maloose*.

We have spent the last 5 weeks in La Cruz de Huanacastle on the north end of Banderas Bay preparing for the next phase of our journey. We leave around March 20th for a trip across the Pacific to the Grand Marquesas and then on to Australia, with as many stops as possible along the way. Our current hopes are to spend a month or so touring the Tuomotos, a chain of idyllic Pacific atolls that I affectionately call "The Amoebas" because of their shape. We'll see how affectionate I am toward them after trying to dodge their treacherous reefs and avoid getting eaten by sharks ... but for now, they remain a paradisaical dream in our not-too-distant future.

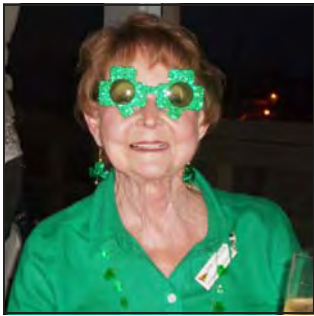
We then plan to make a brief stop in Papeete in Tahiti to re-provision, then head out around Tahiti, Moorea and Bora Bora. On, in no particular order because I am not, at this moment, looking at a chart - to Tonga, Vanuatu and then Fiji, where I hope to meet up with my mom Margy Gates on her annual sojourn to Kumbalau, our plantation on Vanua Levu. It will be an amazing experience to anchor off the beautiful piece of land that has been in our family for over 35 years, and we hope weather and conditions support the effort.

We will at last make landfall somewhere north of Sydney, Australia where our plan is to find a buyer as excited about this beautifully-equipped and great-handing cruising boat as we have been (or perhaps we'll have the boat shipped back?) and fly back home in April 2011 to our old life, our old jobs, and our old yacht club! (Did I just call you old? Wait, that's not what I meant ...)

We proudly fly the CIYC burgee, and carry with us the sage advice of those of you who have cruised before us. We have met many, many folks from Channel Islands and Ventura marinas, it makes us wonder if anyone is still up there! Thanks to everyone for your enthusiasm and support. We look forward to seeing you in a year!

Keep track of us on our blog (which I call a "blurb" because I am rebelliously non-conformist) at [www. Sailblogs.com/member/flyaweigh](http://www.Sailblogs.com/member/flyaweigh). I will try to post quick daily updates as we cross to the Marquesas, which we estimate will take about 21 days, arriving in mid-April.

Cheers! Allan and Alison Gabel



**St. Patrick's Day Dinner
March 20th**



Birthday/Anniversary Bash - "Friday, April 9th"

Come and join us for our monthly celebration for members whose birthday or anniversaries are in April.

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*Any questions see **Jackie Biederman**.*

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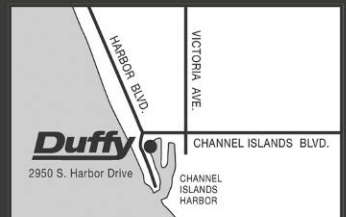
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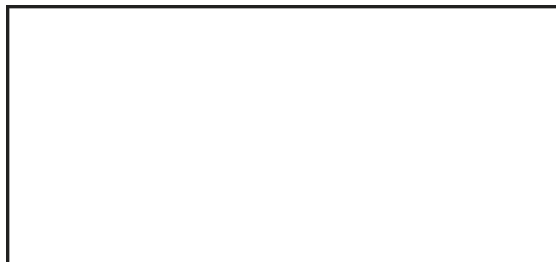
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