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New 2008 Commodores Elected

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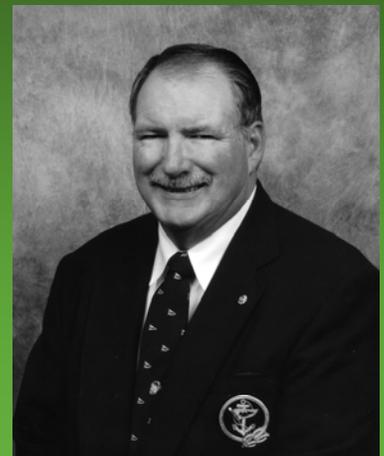
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On October 26, Commodore Nix asked for nominations from the floor for the 2008 Commodore positions. Frank Sullivan was nominated and elected to the office Commodore by acclamation. In jest someone commented, "Frank, your reluctant Rear Commodore days are officially over!"



Commodore Nix then asked for floor nominations for the position of Vice Commodore. After impressive and heartfelt speeches, the votes were collected and counted.

And the position of Vice Commodore went to Larry Golkin!



Once again Commodore Nix asked for nominations for Rear Commodore. Mary Foster was enthusiastically and unanimously voted as the new Rear Commodore.



**Please join us
in congratulating our new
Commodore Officers for 2008!**



Wishing You The Best Throughout the Holidays!

From the Quarterdeck

COMMODORE



COLLEEN NIX



I can not believe that the year is almost over!! Looking back, I am really amazed on how much work we were able to accomplish this year. I would like to thank all of you that supported me during these last 12 months. and of course the folks first and foremost on my list is the 2007 Board. It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve with such a dedicated and professional group of people.

They are all quite talented, and have worked countless hours for the betterment of everyone at CIYC. When you see them up at the Club, please let them know that you appreciate their time and efforts this year. Not one of them shrugged from any task, responsibility or issue.

The 2008 Board will also be a dynamic and progressive group, and I have all the *faith* in the world that under the leadership of Frank Sullivan, that we will continue in an upward motion. I see nothing but great things in our future. Thanks again to all the helped our club grow in 2007. 2008 will be even better.

December is always a busy and fun time at CIYC. On December 1st, the Islanders will be holding their annual Pot Luck and Tree Lighting Ceremony, with a special guest appearance from everyone's favorite guy, St. Nick! He is always a crowd pleaser.

The Board will be preparing the meal for the second annual "All Racers" awards dinner that will be held on December 2nd. Sue Johnston, our Vice Commodore will be hosting an awards ceremony for all the folks that have raced on the water this year for CIYC. Last year's event was very well attended, and it was a very enjoyable event. Please sign up as soon as you can.

December 8th is of course the Parade of Lights, where we will no doubt once again sweep the competition with our fantastic entry.

December 15th is the CIYC Awards dinner, and a great meal will be prepared by the Beefeaters. This is the annual dinner where all of the committee folks will be recognized and thanked. This is also a great evening of which I am looking forward to personally thanking all of the people that worked so hard for the club this year. Please plan on attending this event as well.

On December 25th, we will be holding our annual Christmas day Pot Luck dinner. The club provides the turkey, ham, potatoes and gravy. And, all of you provide the other delectable dishes that make this meal and time of fellowship very special. Family members are welcome to attend, however, please sign up as soon as you can, so that we know how many people to expect.

In closing, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and a healthy and richly blessed New Year. Our future is so bright; we have a great deal to look forward to in 2008.

Colleen Nix, Commodore

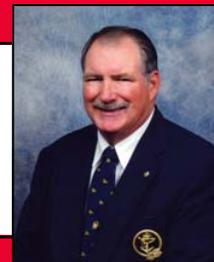


From the Quarterdeck



★ ★
**VICE
COMMODORE**

SUE JOHNSTON



★
**REAR
COMMODORE**

FRANK SULLIVAN

The year 2007 is coming to a close. It has been filled with many memorable days on the water. There are just a few opportunities left for the year.

Larry Golkin and team are working hard on our Parade of Lights entry. I am sure the entry will be as amazing as the last two years. Make sure to come to the club for the parade and see what wonders he has in store this year.

Connie Calo has an electric boat/caroling party planned. This should be another fun filled evening. Sign up and get in a boat with fellow club members and share in the holiday spirit.

It is the time of year when we look back at the passing year and give thanks for the people who enriched our lives. I am truly grateful for all those who supported the water activities this year. Even if you helped at one event you helped make 2007 a memorable and successful year of yachting activities.

To those who went above and beyond the call of duty in supporting these activities, there are not words to say what is in my heart. So to those who made these water events happen - sail racing, cruiser navigation, dingy parties, cruises, anglers, and Parade of Lights THANK YOU.

The Vice Commodore has other committees under their flag and I thank all those who headed up these committees and supported the activities by their attendance. To the fish fry team and the social team THANK YOU.

If you sat on shore and watched all the fun this year, make sure you participate next year. Give Larry your new Vice Commodore a willing hand when he asks for help. Spend a few days experiencing the beautiful waters in our backyard. You won't regret it!

See you on the water!

Sue Johnston



Wow, what a great year! Thanks to all the volunteers who have extended their helping hand throughout the year. We have had a very busy and success 12 months. I applaud the Islanders, Beef Eaters, Anglers and the RAMs for their special efforts to promote the CIYC spirit. These folks go the extra mile whenever asked. They truly are the engine that drives the club. If you do not already belong to one of these groups you should give them a try.

The recent passing of our friend and fellow Club member Bea Beverly really showed how the Club can pull together. Bea left specific instructions on how her Celebration of Life should be enjoyed. Past Commodore Jack Borkowski expertly planned and coordinated the events with the help of many Club members, providing a memorable event for the family and all of us. Jack should be awarded a "Hero of the Club" medal.

Thank you all for the support you showed me as your "Reluctant" Rear Commodore this year. Thank you also for the confidence in me you showed by electing me as next year's Commodore. So . . . I guess its time to for me to transition from your Reluctant Rear Commodore to your Committed Commodore.

I will be committed . .

- to keeping open communications, with the membership. I will encourage communications between the members of the board and the general membership.
- to continuing the fiscally responsible growth this board and bridge has started.
- to maintaining the traditions of our YC while seeking to ever improve our environment and services.
- to acting as a facilitator for the board and seek consensus when ever possible.
- to be sure we have fun while we are doing it because sometimes we loose sight of the fact that this is supposed to be a recreational activity.

We have an interesting year ahead of us; the long overdue rehabilitation of the interior of the Clubhouse must go forward so we can enjoy our friends and family in a pleasant atmosphere.

Frank Sullivan, Reluctant Rear Commodore



Channel Islanders



Hello to All,

This is my last Current Article for 2007. I have enjoyed being and working with all of you.

Congratulations to the 2008 Board

First Mate	Sylvia Hyde
Second Mate	Sue Warden
Recording Yeoman	Bobbi Nowitzki
Purser	Ellie Bishop

We had a great year and I know Sylvia will do a great job as your new First Mate. Plan to get involved next year. The Islanders are such a great group and you will enjoy your participation.

The plan for our Philanthropic projects this year is to donate to the Cystic Fibrosis fund and the Prototypes House.

Many Thanks to all of you who participated in our functions this year. There are so many of you and I know I may have overlooked someone, but a big thank you to the board and committee chairpersons for doing such a great job. Sharon Sullivan, Recording Yeoman, Corresponding Yeoman; Georgie Olsen, Purser; Betty Larson, Lunches; Evelina Arglen, Carol Lazzarevich, Sandy Crocket, Membership; Mary Foster Hospitality; Sharon Sullivan, Sue Warden, Ways and Means; Sharon Deyling, Sunshine; Sharon Callahan, Telephone & Reservations; Ellie Babbe, Photographer; Jane Thomas. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU.**

Our last outing to Chumash and Solvang was great fun. Thank you Sylvia and John Hyde, for providing the morning pick-up

that got us all in the mood for a great day.

Our last function for this year will be to decorate the club for the holidays. We will start decorating on Monday November 26, around 10:00

a.m. We will have the tree set up during that week.



The Tree Lighting ceremony and Pot Luck party will be held on December 1st. Please plan on bringing a dish that will serve 8 to 10. Some of the British Brass Band will be playing Christmas carols. Please plan on participating because we always have a great time. Don't forget to bring the children for a treat from Santa.

After the holiday activities all those decorations will have to come down, I hope we have a lot of help, so the next party can get started New Years Eve.

I wish all of you a wonderful and fruitful holiday and a very Happy New Year.

Ellie Bishop
First Mate

Thanks to all!



Saturday, December 1st Tree Lighting Ceremony & Potluck Dinner

Festivities
begin
at
6 p.m.

Christmas
Carols
led by
the
British

Bring a
dish to
share for
at least
8-10
friends

Special
guest
appearance





the Competitive

E d g e

Richard Sharpe

As we move into the holiday season, the racing year is complete. At the time of press, there is just one race left that counts for Ventura County High Points. The final race of the Two Harbors Fall Series will have been won and lost by the time you read this. But enough about that!

Two Harbors Fall Series

The Fall series races number two and three were fiercely contested during October and November. In race two there was total confusion about the now infamous course 18 which said, leave Gina to port before proceeding to Gail, when it really meant starboard.



Most boats did the right thing and rounded the Port way by circling the rig completely. One wag didn't and sailed straight to Gail, getting himself disqualified in the process. Winds were very light and the Olsons were soon showing why they are feared in light winds as well as heavy. They were keeping up with most of the A boats, although they were in B fleet.

The heavier A boats were led by *Rival*, that always hard to beat J35, showing a clean pair of heels to our own *Funatic* and new comer *Maine Squeeze* sailed by Mike Taylor. Their finish in Ventura harbor was helped by the freshening winds that arrived in mid afternoon. However the same winds deserted the B fleet leader *Perfect Balance* right in the entrance to the harbor.

She sat there for 15 minutes while the other B boats caught her up. The well sailed J29 *Coyote* from AYC sailed into 1st place, *Perfect Balance* just holding on to her 2nd place from her arch nemesis, *Bikini Machine* who brought the returning wind with them.

The Non Spinnaker fleet sailed a 10 mile course, painfully slow and frustrating in those light winds with only *Quiet Times* managing to finish. Our own *Velero* and *Zuma Jay* would have to wait for another day to do battle in their long standing rivalry.



The third Fall series race saw all classes sail an 18 mile course, again starting in light winds. Olsons in front again at the beginning, so everything normal there! *Perfect Balance*, again showing the way in light air, was soon to suffer from being under crewed when the wind rose to 14 knots on the way to Gail.

Bikini Machine passed her as she had to change from a #1 to a #3. The A class boats were now starting to get into their stride and the new Flying Tiger, *Ruckus* was hard on the heels of *Deception* and *Funatic*. All the A boats had suffered in the early part of the race, but *Ruckus* did best coming first with *Deception* just behind and only one minute in front of *Funatic*. *Maine Squeeze* beat *No Compromise* who brought up the rear.

The B class boats were so dominant in the light air that the first three, *Bikini Machine*, *Perfect Balance* and *Coyote* all beat the corrected times of the A fleet. Bigger surprises were in store however as Kevin Dickmann (*Zuma Jay*) sailed the 11 mile course in great form, beating his long time rival *Velero* for line honors in the five boat non spin fleet.

Guy and Gal Series

Changeable conditions were the order of the day for the long awaited (postponed twice) two handed series. In the first two races, the wind at times reaching 20 knots. This is a tough race, especially for the bigger boats that have heavy sails to handle.

Our Roxanne Vitess and Rod Abbott sailing *Funatic* gained a 5th and 3rd places to keep them in the hunt for silverware, however in the final race on Sunday 11th November the winds deserted altogether and *Funatic* could manage only a 4th place giving her a fifth place overall.

One of the prestigious trophies of the racing year is the Ventura High Points. This arcane scoring system gives one point for every boat that you beat in a race. Therefore, the more races you enter, the more points you are capable of earning. Of course, you have to beat other boats to get points, not just turn up.

This year, *Bikini Machine* from Ventura Yacht Club is a clear winner with 140 points at the time of printing, followed by her rival *Perfect Balance* with 108 points and our own *Funatic* with 87 points. At this late stage, these places will not change, although the total points will. Congratulations to *Funatic* and *Perfect Balance* crews for surviving a very long season and helping their skippers sail to success for CIYC.

Velero came home with 62 points, *Zuma Jay* with 42, *West Wing* 36, *Scooter* 30, *Harmony* 23, and *Fifty One-Fifty* 23. CIYC again packs the top of the leader board with 5 boats in the first 11 places. Well done all CIYC racers.

So now, at the end of our season, thoughts turn to new sails, hauling out, new hull work, shrinking bank balances and hard work for the off season. Hopefully all our racers will be able to recharge their batteries and be ready to start a new racing year at the end of January.

Richard Sharpe



British Brass Band

**December 4, 2007
7-9 p.m.
Bar opens @ 6:30pm**

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Parade of Lights
Saturday - 7 p.m.
December 8th



42nd Annual "Parade of Lights"
Channel Islands Harbor
Saturday, December 8th, 12 noon to 9 p.m.
Parade starts @ 7 p.m.
Theme: "Under the Sea"

Santa flies across the sky marking the beginning of the parade!



**Parade of Lights Brunch
December 9th
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Dingy Caroling Party
December 16th
4 p.m.**



**Beefeaters
Recognition Dinner
December 15th
7 p.m.**



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ELEVATOR FUND

Thanks to all who have participated in the 50/50 drawings. As of November 15th we have raised \$20,628.19 ! We're going to keep on working towards our goal through the end of the year so keep up your support. We'll be riding up to the second (maybe even the third) floor soon!

Joyce Sheridan
Fund Raising Chairperson

Happenings In The Galley



**Roxy Ostrem
Rear Commodore Frank Sullivan**

Saturday, December 1

Tree lighting Potluck. Bring a "dish to share" for 10 folks, come hear the Brass band and enjoy the evening!

Sunday, December 2

Racers Awards Dinner. Come and celebrate all our racers for their time, energy, and expenses that they invest in our racing programs. The Board members will be doing the cooking!

Saturday, December 8

Parade of Lights Night!! Dan Alpern and Gang are putting on a pot of Chili, providing salads, potato chips, hot dogs and dessert. Adults \$ 10.00, kids under 12 are \$ 5.00. Come Celebrate our Harbor!

Saturday, December 15

Beefeaters are doing this years "Recognition Dinner" for all those hard working folks who have helped serve the members this year. Tri tip and chicken, baked potatoes, salad and a dessert.

Saturdays, December 22 & 29

There will be NO DINNER these nights

Wednesday, December 25

Come spend Christmas dinner with your Club family. We are having a pot luck, bring a side dish to serve 10. The Club will provide Turkey, Ham and potatoes.

Just a side note, **PLEASE sign up or call before Thursday Nights**; this will help keep the cost down, and have plenty of food for everyone. Phone number for the club is 985-2492. If anyone would like to help with a dinner, please call Mary Foster and she will get you started.



Anglers' Corner

Frank Sullivan



As I write this we are preparing for Skip Miser's famous Shrimp Scampi and Anglers Awards Dinner. I just picked up the trophies for the event. I know that the dinner will be a knock out as it is every year. I can't thank Skip, Lee and their cooking crew enough for the efforts they put into this memory making event every year.

This year the Big Fish of the Year was caught by Larry Bensel with a 23 lb Halibut he caught at Santa Cruz Island in February.

The Ladies Tournament Trophy was won again by Mary Barker with a 15.5lb Halibut she caught at Santa Cruz Island.



The Men's Tournament Trophy was won by Paul Morgan with a 8.2 lb Bar-

racuda he caught at Chinese Harbor on Santa Cruz Island.

The Sportsman of the Year Trophy was awarded to Dick Olsen for his undying love and promotion of the sport and his efforts helping with the

WSB pens. Dick also caught a 51 inch Dorado this year off of San Clemente Island.

Up coming events:

The Channel Islands Angler's meetings are dark until March they will begin again with speakers and drawings.

"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 are eligible and no sharks. Fish must be weighed in at the CIYC scales and verified by another member or employee.

"Big Fish of the Year "At the Anglers' Awards Dinner in November 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 \$\$\$\$







First There is Cold . . . Then There is Really Cold

**Larry Golkin
Cruising Chairman**

Generally, the water in our Channel is cold and it is not unusual to find temperatures averaging in the low 50's. And when you fall into water that cold, your body is going to react.

The first thing that happens is an involuntary gasp when your body hits the water and it realizes just how cold the water is. That gasp can fill your lungs with water and make you as heavy as a rock. And as everyone knows, rocks don't float very well.

Then you will begin to hyperventilate, causing panic among other things. Your heart rate can skyrocket. And that's only in the first minute!

Over the next 10 minutes or so, you will begin to lose the ability to move your limbs which will have a direct effect on your ability to swim to safety. Things will go rapidly downhill from there. And if you are not wearing a lifejacket it won't be long before you go down as well.



But there are simple steps you can take when you're boating in cold weather and the water is cold-

First, wear your lifejacket. It can save your life! The lifejacket guar-

antees that you will float, even if you inhale a lung full of cold water. Of course, that means having it on before you fall in!

Some lifejackets, like floater jackets will also provide insulation, too. When your body is in cold water, heat loss is the greatest threat as the minutes tick by. Wearing a lifejacket means you don't have to exert yourself trying to stay afloat, which is a sure way to lose heat and lessen your survival chances and rescue time.

Today's lifejackets are modern marvels. Some can be worn in a belt pack around your waist, ready to inflate the instant it senses water. Others are a collar worn over your shoulders: one tug and it inflates in a split second. A floater coat can help preserve vital body heat in cold water as it keeps you floating, and there are also full length survival suits that protect you against the worst of elements.

Whatever your boating style, whenever you boat, think about the water temperature and conditions and prepare for them by having the proper lifejacket and by wearing it. It will help you stay afloat, stay warm and stay alive.



This is the last boating safety article of 2007. Next year, commencing in January, look for the Sunday Boating Safety Seminar Series. One Sunday each month, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7 p.m., one of our club members, or an invited guest, will present discussion topics on various boating safety topics and hold discussion. We all have a lot to learn, and a lot to remember, as we prepare for the next boating season. Check the calendar and plan to attend.

New Year's Eve

Party

\$75
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Person

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At
Midnight

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&
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Ticket purchase deadline: Dec. 15th
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Call Mary Foster for more info: (805) 984-4290

December 31st, 2007
Bar opens @ 6 p.m.
Dinner service 8 - 10p.m.

December Birthdays:

Suzy Olson-Schoenbaum, Ludie Mc Intosh, Evans Hughes, Jr., Roy Nelson, Chris Mc Pherson, Yvonne Farris, Sue Johnston, Roxy Ostrem, Miles Linman, Betsy Toomey, Ed Whisman, Dan Alpern, Betty Larson, Jean Coltrin, Frank Nowitzki, Brenda Longshore, Robert Chapman, Loise Chapman, Gina Rainwater, Robert Jordan, Bill Crocket, Paula Sharpe, Evelina Arglen, Bill Sandham, Jim Longshore, Antonio Ferraro, Al Escoto, DeAnn Wood, Sheila McCauley, Steve Nielsen

December Anniversaries:

Rick & Deborah Tyhurst, Thomas & Diane Hall, Leo & Marina Gabriels, Gary & Chris Moravchik, Paul & Ruth Hatcher, Ted & Mary Foster, Carter & Virginia Gage, Bob & Doris Mooney





Dave Wilhite's Report

Happy Holiday's Boaters and Waterfront Lovers

WEATHER

We are experiencing a typical fall coastal season. We sure could use some rainfall to assure we will have ample runoff of nutrients for the bottom of the food ocean to replenish. We have had only two mild to hard Santa Ana's and light prevailing weather to November 10 which is a great late fall.

Keep in mind usually when we have a dry mid to late fall we could see Santa Ana's as late a February. Keep a close watch on weather reports before looking for Santa Ana warnings.

FISHING

Fishing at all the Rockfish spots has been very good with limits being reported. Halibut and White Sea Bass are starting to show up at Santa Rosa Island in good numbers.

I recently was asked by a client what do we fish in and around the Channel Islands for during the months of Feb to July. I mentioned possible salmon and spring halibut fishing. His reaction to this was "how about Mexico". I let him know my expertise and desires did not include Mexican fishing activities but I had information which would be of great help.

I called local the captain/owner of Reel Graphics Keith Donett and introduced Rafael. Well from this point things warmed up and we were on Alaska Airlines headed to Puerto Vallarta and the mainland of Mexico in a week going to fish the giant Yellowfin Tuna, Marlin, Dorado and many other warm water fish on Captain Keith's 47' Cabo.

Unlike most warm water fisheries I have fished where most time you troll jigs until you get a

strike then fight the fish to the boat this fishery has small rocky crags 5 to 30 miles offshore where most all species of the warm water game fish gather along the ledges. Combine this with 84 degree water and water full of baitfish and your headed for action. The first day out we headed 35 miles out to a drop off in the 1,000 fathom range where a hard current break can be found with fish feeding. We hooked several dorado while slow trolling.

As usual about the time one stretches out for the mid morning snooze we had a zip (light strike on the lures) and soon after a marlin appeared with it fin out of the water and wanting to eat. We quickly dropped back a pre-rigged baited light game rod and bingo we had a 300 pound blue marlin hooked.

After an hour's fight Rafael released the fish. Day two the fishing went up a notch with Dorado following the boat around wanting to come aboard and ride with us. Well, after 10 or so we decided enough.

As the day continued the area kept showing more life until Keith spotted 6 or 7 large Yellowfin tuna in the 250 to 300+ pound range. He sent a kite out about 300 feet with a live Cavaito bait and in about 2 minutes a large tune jumped half out of the water to catch the surface skipping bait.

The angler Rafael spent the next three hours enjoying the use of the fighting chair. Finally, five mile from hookup we boated a 276 pond tuna. Great fishing trip. If you have interest in Mexico fishing contact Keith Donette he is an expert south of the border weather your boat or his.

Happy Holiday's to your family from mine.

Captain Dave



Roster Update



Roster Update

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And be sure to introduce yourselves to our

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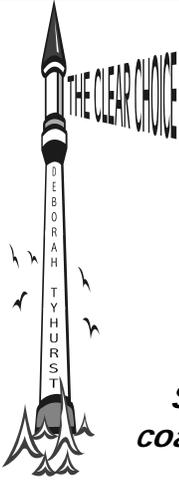
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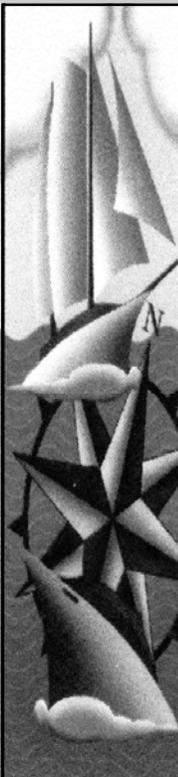
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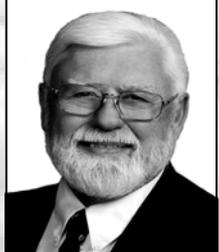
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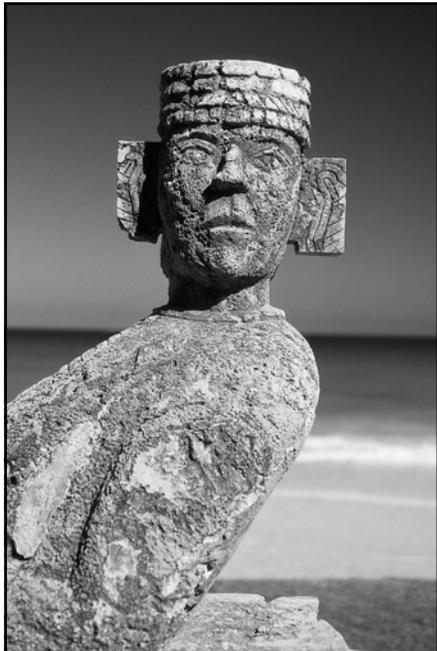
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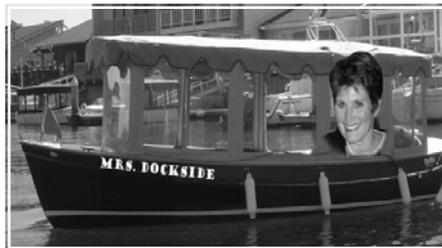
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