

# THE BEACON

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A PUBLICATION OF THE SOUTH COAST CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



**COMMODORE'S REPORT**  
by Carl Radosch



**VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT**  
by Sandy Bartiromo

Some years ago our club controlled the slips in front of the yacht club. Well, it's happening again! Jerry Magnussen, our Rear Commodore and I spoke to Jun and he was agreeable to use getting first right of refusal of the slips! We have already obtained the slip that was recently vacated by Judy Gavin who purchased Ron's boat, and will let Rick Horner have it.

There has been a suggestion that the Club should pay for that slip and keep the launching area open but that will have to pass by the board at the next meeting for discussion. Bruce Fleck mentioned that it would take three new members (with no drop-outs) to pay for that decision.

Jerry Magnussen also cut a deal with Jun on the dry storage behind the club. At one time, this storage was most for sailboats but over time they left and power boats took over. Jun remarked the parking lot with wider spaces for the power boats. Now, we can get three Lido 14's in one space, so that is an opportunity for prospective Lido owners to store their boats.

*Sparta IV* raced to a third place in the Berger Transbay! Actually, I know what you are thinking, but there were four boats! We were not far behind (in time) *Sorcery* and *Medicine Man*, and actually kept up with them for the first couple of hours. We did soundly thrash a Santa Cruz 50, *Main Squeeze*, by an hour. Not bad for our first time out.

My unofficial membership drive is coming along pretty well thanks to all of you and especially Paul Muggleston. Please invite your sailing friends.

The rain is gone, but the fog is here and it sounds like a typical summer in the South Bay. The club house is open and the events are well planned and attendance is good.

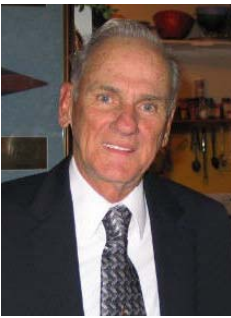
My boat, *the Christine*, a 27 ft. Seaswirl power boat is detailed and waxed and we're on our way to the Isthmus for Memorial Day Weekend. I'm looking forward to some rest and warm weather. I topped off my 132 gallon gas tank with only 33 gallons from the Rocky Point Marina in King Harbor at \$3.58 a gallon. If you do the math, it's approx. \$109.00 for a four day weekend. However, my cruising speed is 17-18 mph to get on plane and I was there in 1 hr and 20 minutes approx. So I will write more about the weekend when we return.

We are back from the trip and the weekend was busy as usual. There wasn't any gasoline due to an accident at the dock with the Catalina Express boat. The weather was overcast but warm without wind. And naturally, the day we left, it was sunny and warm and the best day of the weekend. The music and dancing was great, the food was tasty and inexpensive and the buffalo milk caused my guests to sway without the music.

The little red school house is closing and they are looking for donations to keep the doors open. The last of the two Spanish Catalina goats died last weekend, so that leaves Sarah the only original goat left. We took Sarah for her usual walk through town and across the hills for

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**RACE CHAIR'S REPORT**

by Jim Doherty

**W**e had a great Corinthian Cup race/cruise over the Memorial Day weekend. The weather was warm and the winds were kind. Twenty-one racers and 1 cruiser



ventured down to Redondo Beach Yacht Club for fun and food on Saturday. On Sunday for the race back we had twenty two racers and two cruisers. They gathered again at SCCYC on Sunday for a BBQ and trophy presentations. Three racers from RBYC stayed overnight at MdR. During the trophy presentations, we had three RBYC boats at our

Club dock. To top it all off, everyone had one more day to relax and enjoy before the Memorial Day weekend ended.

The entries consisted of 8 boats from RBYC, 4 from SFVYC and 8 from SCCYC. These were rounded out with a few more boats from other Santa Monica Bay clubs. The boats were divided into three classes: PHRF, Cruiser over 30 and Cruiser 30 and under. The biggest class was the Cruiser 30 and under class with 16 boats.



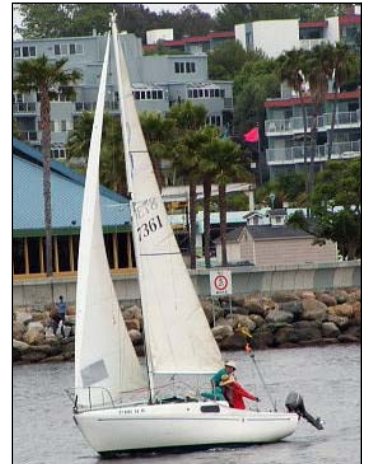
*Carpe Diem (not actual size)*

Carpe Diem, a 56ft Power Yacht belonging to Tracey Kenney's boyfriend Rob served as the race committee boat on both days. What an awesome looking committee boat! Rob was accompanied by PRO Bob Kellock, Tracey Kenney and Samantha Carlson. They started all three classes in a single start at noon on each day. After the exciting start on Saturday, Carpe Diem cruised down to King Harbor to set the finish line with time to spare before



*The Fleets Head Out on Starboard tack toward the Windward Mark. the first racer arrived.*

Thanks to RBYC Commodore Kyle Wilfong and Jr Staff Commodore Carlos Debonis, everyone had pre-assigned slips to tie up to once they arrived at King Harbor. At RBYC, Rear Commodore Don Laverty and a number of others provided a great Mexican Dinner catered by Coyote Cantina.



*Joe Cowan on WindSong took 1st place, Corinthian Cup Cruiser <30-Class*

Sunday followed the same pattern as Saturday, except everyone went north instead of south. SCCYC hosted the BBQ and trophy presentations after the race. John Fisher and Gil Gfelner were behind the bar with the help of a few other members. Terry Stringfellow was busy at the grill putting out great burgers and dogs. Darlene Stringfellow, Becky Radusch, Karmen Estlow and Shelby Fisher were hard at work with the food preparation and serving.

The winner in each class was based on the total time for both race days. The first place winners for each class will be added to the Corinthian Cup perpetual trophy. They are:

PHRF	<i>No Way</i> , Don & Bob Souther	Capri 25
Cruiser >30	<i>Bella</i> , Gary Speck	Ericson 32
Cruiser <30	<i>Wind Song</i> , Joe Cowan	Columbia Challenger 24

Complete results are posted on our web site: [www.sccyc.org](http://www.sccyc.org).

The individual trophies were a wonderful bottle of wine with a hanging plaque indicating the finish position, supplied by Paul Muggleston.

Thanks to all our race/cruise participants, to those that helped support the event and BBQ at the Club (especially those



*Gary Speck on Bella took 1st place, Corinthian Cup Cruiser 30+ Class*



Bob Kellock after installing the burgee on the RC Boat.

that I forgot to mention), and thanks to RBYC for their hospitality.

Now it's on to June, which includes the Channel Islands-to-MdR race and the Berger/Stein Cat and Back. Our next Club race is the One Design Weekend series around the MdR buoys in July.

Hope to see you on the water. — Jim



Steve Mullen single-handing Jury Rigger on Saturday

**Regatta** (re•gat•ta) *noun*: When a sailor utilizes all of his crew's skill, training and perseverance against another sailor's luck

## SCCYC Sailors Win CYC Mini Series I

The California Yacht Club breaks their Wednesday night beer can races into three "mini" series. Each Mini-series spans 6 or 7 races, there are 20 races over the entire Summer. The boat in each racing class with the highest number of points for the mini series gets a trophy. *Bandit* raced by Mike Cheda, John Thomas and Bruce Fleck won the trophy for PHRF E (out of 13 boats) on *Bandit*, the blue Santana 20 parked out behind the club.

*Reliance*, sailed by Stu Coleman, Shari Landon and crew finished 3rd out of 12 boats in the Cruising "A" fleet.

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exercise, and we attracted all kinds of attention. The Foundation is planning to bring high speed Internet to the island and adding a Pump A Head at the dock. The island is upgrading by leaps and bounds and should be included in our cruising plans this year.

I will be working with our cruise chair to get a date set for our next club cruise. We think your attendance is critical. Let us know of other cruises you would like us to plan. We have been to Paradise Cove so Catalina is next.

## Sailing and Safety

by Peter Beale, April 2005

The tragic death of Charlie Seagal during a Wednesday night race in April reminds us how important it is to think and prepare for safety.

Safety can cover everything from band-aids to life-rafts and EPIRBs.

For the average Marina Del Rey sailor, safety is a down to earth issue and starts with the little things.

The following is a list of notes for sailors with aux. power. Most of these procedures we do automatically, but for new sailors it is helpful to have short check lists just as they do on aircraft.

We are planning an anchoring and man overboard lecture/ discussion at the Club. If any one wants specific details on items below feel free to Email me ([peter@pbeale.com](mailto:peter@pbeale.com)) or, if there is enough interest, we can have an evening at the club.

Before getting on board take a quick look over the rigging, mast, boom and fittings. (It is surprising how often one can see a loose pin, worn halyard or bent wind vane).

Ensure everyone has sun cream, hat, long sleeved shirt and trousers, sun glasses, warm sweater, jacket and, in the winter, water proof clothes (and non marking shoes).

Check that everyone can swim and issue life jackets to those who cannot.

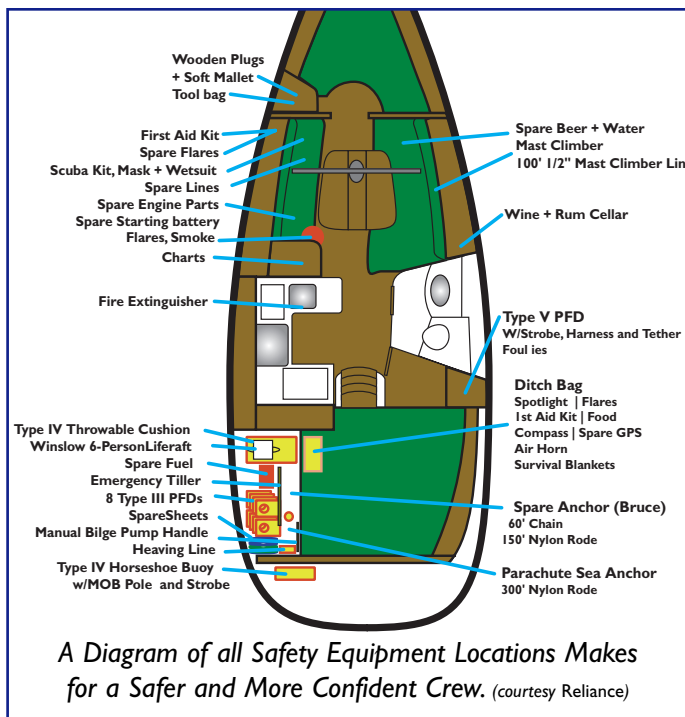
Have sufficient safety harnesses for those who might have to go on deck if the wind gets up.

When new sailing friends are invited ask them to get anti – seasick pills, patches, pressure bracelets, or what ever works for them and start taking them before they come down to the boat.

**Check that you and someone else know where to find and use the:**

- fire extinguishers
- VHF radio – channel 16
- flares
- first aid kit
- horn (should be by the wheel/tiller)
- emergency tiller
- bilge pump
- emergency manual bilge pump and handle
- through hulls
- soft plugs
- throwable floatation device (needs to be in the cockpit or on rail at all times)

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- engine
- anchor(s)

#### With your regular crewing partner:

- Practice and share doing man over board procedures

#### Discuss and prepare what to do:

- to get someone back on board
- in a fog
- if a storm comes
- if you find boat is taking on water
- if a fire starts
- with a line or weed around the prop
- if the engine breaks down (in harbor or out at sea)
- if the steering cable breaks
- if the rudder falls off or is jammed
- if someone is sick
- radio procedures
- fueling procedures
- rules of the road (COLREGS)

#### Before leaving brief your new crew on:

- basic emergencies
- return docking procedures
- undocking and leaving procedures
- hold on at all times (one hand for boat)
- stowing fenders and lines
- the danger of the boom and always pass it to windward when going on deck
- danger of fingers near winches

- the use of heads and holding tanks
- rules about not throwing things overboard
- gas and cooking (if appropriate)
- life jackets, where they are, how to put them on.
- ask crew to let your know privately if they have any medical issues you need to know in an emergency

#### Before starting engine/leaving:

- check oil, belts, cooling water intake valve open
- sails ready to be used
- power line off
- you have drinking water and emergency rations
- battery switch on “all” (inboard engine)
- anchor ready for emergency
- navigation lights working if night sailing possible
- check weather

#### When starting engine:

- check to ensure water coming out of exhaust
- put in gear to ensure transmission and propeller working

#### When stopping engine:

- push down engine-stop pull handle so engine can be restarted.
- return battery to 1 or 2 (inboard engine)
- leave in reverse if sailing

#### When putting up sails:

- put boat on starboard tack, you have right of way once engine off and most boats have main halyard on starboard side so you will be upwind of boom.
- main first
- release main sheet
- release boom vang
- release Cunningham haul
- pull up the main

#### When sailing:

- designate someone, not on helm, as look out
- if motoring know reciprocal compass course incase of man overboard so you can get back to him/her
- update log with position Lat/Long or easy reference (3 miles West of Santa Monica Pier) for use if you have to call (Ch16) Coast Guard to find you
- when on broad-reach or running teach person on helm easy way to recognize when jibe imminent and how to avoid it
- always give other boats a friendly wave

## Burial at Sea

by Rick Horner

Visiting our yacht club and hearing sailing stories left such a lasting impression that the Gillette Family decided that a burial at sea was what dearly beloved Skip Gillette would have wanted most. Skip was a MDR boater, fisherman, sailor,



Rick at the Gun

scuba diver and frequented Catalina Island. Staff Commodore Terry and house-chair Rick officiated the funer-



The Gillette family gathered for the ocean service.

al service on Stringfellow's Newport 33, *Doghouse*, in April 2005.

It's been almost 2 years that Former beloved SCCYC member, Dave Hayes, who died of cancer, was blasted out of the custom built canon. Originally Dave Hayes requested a Viking Funeral but

instead the Canon was built by Terry to spread his ashes at sea in a very touching service on *Sam Pat II*, Paul Muggleston's Islander Freeport '41. Dave Hayes SCCYC membership is memorialized on the Brilliant Sailing Print donated to the club and currently hanging behind the bar.

The Gillette family reported that our quaint club and the burial at sea service has left a lasting impression on their family.



Terry at the Wheel

## Women's Sailing Association – 20 Years of Sailboat Racing, Cruising and Accomplishments.

by Kay Miller

In 1985, when several women sailors met to found a new organization, Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay, the desire for women to help the recognition of the skills of women sailors was vocal and active.

By mid-1985, WSA, under the leadership of its first Commodore Shelli Dickenson, met on a regular basis at various yacht clubs and member's homes, boasted about 40 members and published an excellent newsletter, named *Gal' Warnings*, whose first editor was Gail Hine of Women's Sailing Convention fame. Gail, in addition to running her graphics design business, was laying the groundwork for what is now the Sailing Convention, racing her boat *Hummer*, organizing and holding the periodic racing clinics for which WSA is now famous, and getting out the newsletter in her spare time.

That year, the WSA board established the Marilyn Butefish award, in memory of an ardent, dedicated sailor and member of WSA. The award was created to honor a woman – not necessarily a WSA member – who had shown exemplary support and devotion to the advancement of women's sailing, and the first recipient was Cheryl Mahaffey, skipper of *California Girl*, a J-24. The Butefish award has been voted annually ever since.

Some members found time for public service, bringing Christmas gifts and financial support to the Hillside Home for parentless children, manning a booth at the MDR In-the-

Water Boat Show, and later teaching the Sea Scouts to sail dinghies in MDR until the Sea Scout base was shut down. Two WSA members still sail with disadvantaged children in the Venice Boys and Girls Club, but this is not an official WSA activity. Rest assured that we will find a replacement in time.

WSA was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1986, joined the Southern California Yachting Association, and voted to admit men to membership – but the racing, clinics, daysails and cruises were all active and growing. Hats (or ballcaps) off to our first Commodore, Shelli Dickenson and her successors and Board members whose dedication and hard work built WSA into the organization that it has become.

Today WSA continues to conduct racing, sail handling and novice clinics. Several skippers contribute their boats to the daysails every weekend, which helps novices and beginning sailors learn the complex task of operating a sailboat. A cruise program is scheduled monthly. After a highly successful May weekend trip to Avalon the 2005 cruise schedule includes Two Harbors, Long Beach to visit the Aquarium and the Queen Mary, a Labor Day cruise to the beautiful and challenging northern Channel Islands, Buccaneer Days at Cat Harbor and a final November cruise to Avalon. This program is bigger than in 1986, but again, not by much. The membership, presently about 105,

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# Club Dinners & Brunches

First Friday Dinner	2nd Sunday Brunch	Friday or Saturday Membership Dinner
01/07 Carl Radusch	01/09	01/22 Rick Horner
02/04	02/13 Dana Hutton	02/19 Bob Kellock
03/04 Paul Muggleston	03/13 Lido Fleet Brunch	03/25 Kalina Noelle
04/01 Joshua Slocum	04/10 William Dampier	04/23 Sandra Bartiromo
05/05 Jim Doherty	05/08 Dana Hutton	05/27 Carl Radusch
06/03	06/10	06/18
07/01 Tracey Kenney	07/08	07/23
08/05	08/12	08/20
09/02	09/09	09/24
10/07	10/08	10/22
11/04	11/11	11/19
12/02	12/09	12/17

Our new Commodore has asked for a place in The Beacon for all potential cooks to sign up for our Monthly dinners (1st Friday/Saturday or General Membership).

Please contact either Carl or Sandy to sign up for your choice of prime dinner dates.

**Note:** The scheduled dates are subject to change at each Board Meeting.

of which a good third are men (*Thanks for calling us the good third - editor*) fluctuates, often to as many as 150, but size has not diluted the enthusiasm that was the hallmark of WSA all those years ago.

Finally, you have only to look at the lists of high scorers in the Women on the Water, Women at the Helm, the MDR Sunset Series (locally known as the beer can races), Adams Cup and numerous other one-design and handicap races, to agree that the gals have made their point.

## QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER

by Tom Estlow

A reminder to all, especially new members that may not have any SCCYC logowear, that just because you don't see items in the Ship's Store case, doesn't mean we can't get any of the items in your size for you.

There are the usual t-shirts, both long and short sleeve, knit polo shirts, jackets, and ball caps, usually in stock.

If you have an idea for an article of clothing that the Club may want to display, by all means let us know.

There is a Ship's Store request list posted on the bulletin board, next to the beverage cooler, or just drop a note to the Quartermaster. (email address on Web Site)

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR'S REPORT

by Paul Muggleston

A very active month for the club and there is another new member application from Karyn Jones.

Karyn is the current WSA commodore and is an active local racer. Together, with Jim Miller, she sails a San Juan 33, *Outrageous*.

Karyn will be at the club and we hope you make her feel very welcome.

Two more potential members lay in the wings awaiting news on the hoist upgrade. They have a Martin 242 and there are other potential members who are likely to join the club if the hoist capacity is increased.

That's about it for this month and it's great to see that the club is thriving and growing.



# O.D. SCHEDULE

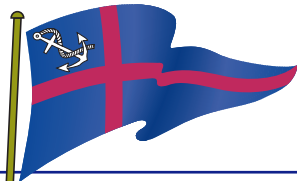
Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200-1700 Hrs (Summer Hours)	Sunday 1200-1700 Hrs (Summer Hours)
06/03 Brian Mason	06/04 Michael Sikov	06/05 Jerry Magnussen
06/10 Bruce Fleck	06/11 Mark Tilford	06/12 Robert Speiler
06/17 Lara Jacques	06/18 Bob Kellock	06/19 Gil Gfelner
06/24 Christine Speck	06/25 Gimmy Tranquillo	06/26 Tracey Kenney
07/01 Mike Priest	07/02 Bernard Auroux	07/03 Tom Estlow
07/08 Sandy Clark	07/09 Mark Register	07/10 Jim Doherty
07/15 Dan Grabski	07/16 Dana Hutton	07/17 Trish LaVay
07/22 Sherry Barone	07/23 Rick Horner	07/24 George Burke
07/29 Peter Beale	07/30 Paul Muggleston	07/31 Terry Stringfellow
1st Friday @ the Club	General Membership Meeting	Sunday Brunch @ the Club

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Jerry Magnussen (jerry@magnussen.us) of your replacement. It is your responsibility to fulfill your duty or find a replacement; otherwise you may be assessed a donation of up to \$25.

**Reminder:** Please fill out the OD logbook, as it may be the only record that you fulfilled your duty.

**NOTE:** The sponsoring member introduces the new Member to O.D duty on the first tour.

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<b>June</b>	
03	Friday Night Dinner
05	Board Meeting
12	Sunday Brunch
18	Membership Mtg/Dinner



<b>July</b>	
01	Friday Night Dinner
03	Board Meeting
10	Sunday Brunch
22	Membership Mtg/Dinner
23-24	One Design Weekend

