

# THE BEACON

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Carl Radusch

It was a very pleasant week-end at the Island. The Fletcher Cup barbeque was enhanced by pine cones supplies by Bob Kellock which made a fine blaze for toasting marshmallows and just plain warmth for the nippy September weather.

The winds were light and very fluke, for the race home, but Sparta did manage to finish at just 3:45 pm after chasing the wind almost all the way up to the West End.

Jim Doherty did a fine job installing the door closer on our newly installed door, and Gary Magnussen fixed the light switch in the supply room. Maybe you do not think these things are newsworthy, but try living without them! Thanks, guys.

I am still in search of some good people to do various jobs next year. Terry Stringfellow heads up the committee this year to establish the board. By now, you must know that we need some people to help manage races and we think that it does not all have to be up to one person. We could use anyone



Isthmus Cruisers mull their dining options

interested to commit to helping out on an individual race or two during the next racing season. Please contact Terry or me. Steve



The Sparta Crew hanging out at the beginning of the Fletcher Cup. Mullen has volunteered to help when he is not actually racing. Steve races a lot, so we need some more club members to help out.

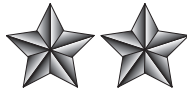
It has been established that we will have our Installation dinner at the Harbor House on Saturday, December 3rd. More details will be coming after the next board meeting.

We had a great turn-out for the last membership meeting! I think it was the most well attended club function this year, aside from race parties. The proceeds were fantastic thanks to the great dinner supplied by Tracy's mom and dad, Ron and Pat Kenney

As I reflect on the year and realize that I have only one more article to write, I am pleased to see that we had a positive experience and welcomed many new members. The club house is always in need of some repairs, but that challenge is squarely met by our members. Bob Kellock is at his zenith running perfect races, one after another. The food has been exceptional and the drinks are still economical. Thanks for all your cooperation.



Doghhouse chases Christine in an effort to bite the tires.



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Sandy Bartiromo

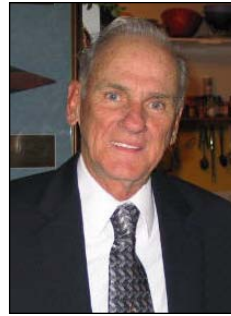
One of the job duties of Vice Commodores is to pass on information to members and share some of the historic events that boaters should know.

This time line is true and as accurate as I could find.

- 30M B.C. First dug out canoe created by bored caveman.
- 29M B.C. First Boat Club formed, refuses admittance to Neanderthals.
- 16M B.C. Oars invented. Made tubing possible.
- 1247 B.C. First fishing pole invented.
- 1192 B.C. Worms discovered. Replaced rocks as bait.
- 1092 B.C. Beer invented. Giving boaters something to do while fishing.
- 845 A.D. Vikings invent the Bayliner and use it to conquer all of their neighbors.
- 1465 Prototype of the submarine developed in Germany.
- 1893 First canvas sneakers invented. No more dress shoes on deck.
- 1918 Bill Schultz first to storm out of house to go boating after a fight with his wife.
- 1921 Johnson Outboard Motor Co. formed. Boating can now be enjoyed on windless days.
- 1924 Automatic windlass invented. Marital fights on boats reduces by 40%.
- 1932 South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club founded.
- 1947 Igloo Co. develops ice cooler. The single most important invention in boating history.
- 1950 Porto-Potty invented. No more "hanging over the side."
- 1951 Holding tank deodorizers invented. Saves Porta-Potty company from bankruptcy.
- 1957 Topless beaches approved. Boat sales triple.
- 1958 Boston Whaler invents unsinkable boat. Still working on an uncrashable car.
- 1971 First electric bilge pump installed. Boaters are now free to sail despite leaks.

More to come for this industry in the next Beacon, stay tuned.

*A step forward in the history of boating?*



## RACE CHAIR'S REPORT

by Jim Doherty

The end of the summer was marked by our Fletcher cruise to the Isthmus and race back. Both racers and cruisers headed over to Catalina to enjoy a weekend at the island. Some headed over as early as Wednesday. We had a nice BBQ on the beach on Saturday night. Sunday, we powered to Emerald Bay to start the race at 11 am. Gary and Sandy had their power boats out and set a start line, Gary started the race using a 5 min warning signal followed by a 4 min sound, followed by a 1 min sound then a horn for the start. Camelot was confused at the start and was over 4 min early. There was no wind to speak off. After about an hour Windfall, Camelot, and Dog House all retired and motored home.



*Doghouse, Windfall, Sparta and Camelot IV off of the Isthmus.*

The final results are . . . not yet available! Racers take their own finish times and submit them to the race chair. The results and trophy presentation are done at SCCYC the Friday following the race, which is after the Beacon deadline. If you haven't heard the results by the time the Beacon is distributed, check our web site ([www.sccyc.org](http://www.sccyc.org)).

We put on two races in October. On the 22nd, we present the Two For One race. This is the 4th and last race of the Man / Woman Series. The series trophies will be presented at SCCYC in addition to the race trophies. We'll need the full complement of Club volunteers for race committee and hospitality for this one. Please show the Club spirit and volunteer to help.

On October 30th, we'll be celebrating Halloween with our Campbell Cup. This race is for Club Members only. We race from the breakwater to the Santa Monica Buoy and back in honor of the first sail in Marina del Rey harbor by our very own Phil Campbell. This is a fun race for all of our club sailors to enjoy, even those that aren't racers. We top off the day with a BYO BBQ at the Club. So, calling ALL SCCYC sailors, please join us on the 30th.



# Small Boats Sailor Continues SCCYC Winning Tradition

By Benjamin Spector



Ben leads the Optis round the course in S.F.

I've really enjoyed representing South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club in 2005, while sailboat racing. In the many sailing regattas that I've competed in from San Diego Yacht Club to San Francisco Yacht Club, and across to Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis, Maryland, everyone asks the same question. Where is South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club located? I always reply that SCCYC is the oldest yacht club in Marina del Rey, and the best yacht club!

I've included results from a few of my recent regattas.

## 2005 US Sabot Highpoint Series

1st place out of 81 competitors. The series consists of 10 different regattas, of which 8 regattas have been held so far. I have trophied in all the regattas except one.



Optimist Class Pacific Coast Winners

## Optimist Class

### Northwest Junior Olympics

1st place out of 45 entries. The regatta was held August 27-28 at San Francisco Yacht Club. This was the largest Optimist class to compete on the



Ben Spector and crew with the spinnaker set at the windward mark.

Pacific Coast thus far. My scores were two 1sts and two 3rds. My sail # is 11632 in the above left Optimist picture. I also received the Sportsmanship trophy from San Francisco Yacht Club for the event.

## Club FJ National Championship

8th place out of 61 entries. The regatta was run on three days July 29-31 in King Harbor. I was the youngest competitor to finish in the top ten. Many top ten finishers in the event go on to become top collegiate sailors. The winds were moderate, and up to eighteen knots. I've attached a couple pictures. My sail # is 1145 and our kite was yellow with a blue stripe. I'm the guy in the back of the boat driving. I've also attached a picture of my brother Mark Jr. coaching me in a picture. He represented SCCYC in the O'Day Men's Championship sail off this summer. He's currently a member of the University of Hawaii sailing team. They have been ranked by *Sailing World* for the second straight month as the number 1 collegiate sailing team. You can't miss him in the picture with the white University of Hawaii sailing team shirt. I'm the guy in the red and dark blue Gill spray jacket. (at right)

## Southern California

### CFJ Junior Olympics

3rd out of 27 entries. Held at San Diego Yacht Club July 22-24.

### Optimist Class

#### Pacific Coast Championship

3rd place finish out of 38 entries. Held at San Francisco June 18-19. Lots of wind. Probably hitting low 20s on the knot meter. The regatta gets a wow for exciting sailing conditions on San Francisco Bay. I've attached a picture of me with the trophy. I'm on the far right of the picture.

I'm looking forward to finishing the US Sabot Hi Series, and going to Houston Yacht Club in late November for the United States National Optimist team trials.

Happy Sailing, – Benjamin Spector



Ben Spector and crew return from the day's racing

# Sailing Amongst the Stars

by Skipper Sagan

I apologize that this article has not reached you, the reader sooner, but if my dear predecessor Albert was indeed correct, it matters not...any fulfillment gleaned from the reading of my words is appropriately relative, yet timely.

Not too long ago [pun geekily intended], I was enjoying a solitary day sail on *faute de mieux* [or for the Hooked-on-Phonics Summa Cum Laudes: "Photo Mirror"] in Marina del Rey. No agenda. No expectations, other than remaining mast-up and developing undecipherable PFD tan-lines. No cell phone. No Blackberry. A textbook defining "therapy sail".

For me, the importance of these moments is intrinsically selfish. I can easily justify this time as "unavailable" to anyone or anything other than my thoughts...

*"I'm sorry; you tried reaching me on my LAN, cell, and PDA to no avail for a couple of measly hours without response? Gee, I was on a boat and was afraid of subjecting my overly sensitive electronic tracking devices to the elements. Damn!"*

So, there I am, happily scuttling along, creating my very unrace-like serpentine wake, when I am transported from sailing the waters of MdR, to amongst the Stars...literally.

The King of Spain Regatta competitors are making their way back home from another day of battle. An endeavor of mental, physical, and emotional prowess. I see the multi-national designations on the roachy mains, and find myself suddenly in awe, contemplating who I, in my humble Lido, navigating with equally humble skill, am brushing past.

Predictably, in the genetically uncontrollable way in which a man tightens his abs upon identifying an object of desire at the beach, I laugh in mock disdain at my impulsive response to correct my posture, check trim, and balance the helm. I also make a mental check to order my next set of sails with the "UZB" as a prefix to my sail number,



*Don, Bruce and Caitlin, a better dog's life purely for the surefire intimidation factor that resonates with the association that whomever campaigns a **Lido 14 from Uzbekistan**, must really be a badass of the highest order! [Additional note to self: pick up false beard, spirit gum, and get eyelashes darkly tinted]*

Honestly, I do not know who I sailed past during those fleeting minutes; Olympic Medalists; National Champions, OD hopefuls, newly-christened weekend warriors...I suppose, in the big scheme of the universe, it ultimately should not matter because there are, or should be, weightier issues that define our lives.

However, I am as susceptible to the spontaneous flirtations with Stardom as anyone else. So, to compete in a society that increasingly emphasizes one-upmanship for the experience "celeb", and chance association with perceived greatness, I will play a trump card; that sailing has advantages that remain uniquely noteworthy, i.e., accessibility to greatness. For example:

*Played a pick-up game of basketball on the local court over the weekend? Gee, that's super cool. Was Michael Jordan there? Me, oh well, you know, I "just sailed" against an equally competitive group that happened to include a World Champion.*

*League softball tournament of the best teams in your city? Fantastic! Did the Right Fielder fly in from Brazil to participate?*

*Golf is incredibly difficult on a physical and mental level? Why, yes it is.*

*Racing a sailboat? Hmmm...imagine lifting weights, and/or completing a spinning class, and playing chess simultaneously. [NOTE: your OD may vary; e.g., "Lidos": playing chess and assembling a really intricate Weber BBQ]. Of course, you do have the advantage of "swearing like a sailor" at your competitors during play!*

Now, I do not believe that sailing is an elitist venture requiring astronomical financial resources or the brainpan of a rocket scientist. [Although, face it, "rocket scientists" are in dire need of some positive PR *in* light of recent events.] In fact, I am confident that this misleading perception prematurely eclipses the nascent enthusiasm of many potential novices. The onus is on us "in the know" to liberate these souls from the illusion of a flat world mentality; because as "us in-the-know" know, the world is lumpy with square-shaped waves that exacerbate the rumbline. Sailing is universal in its appeal to infinite variety of personality disorders!

*So you think the Sun actual revolves around YOU?...So be it; Vendee Globe Challenge, here you come!*

Feeling the struggle for identity amongst countless seemingly indistinguishable others? Check the local classifieds for a Laser.

*Convinced that Life is futile, inexorably strips away your material worth, and confiscates even time itself, akin to the misfortune of unwanted proximity to a Black Hole? Well my friend, embrace the misery and purchase a powerboat with twin in-boards.*

Yes indeed, of the billions and billions of distractions that we choose to define our Life experiences by, I for one, am genuinely thankful that sailing provides a stellar avenue to not only enrich me, but those with whom I can share the experience and, hopefully, encourage new explorations of their own.

Introduce sailing to someone, soon. Like, you know, before the return of a famous comet or something. — R.S.



# O.D. SCHEDULE

## & Club Events

Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200-1600 Hrs (Fall/Winter Hours)	Sunday 1200-1600 Hrs (Fall/Winter Hours)
09/30 Ron Johnston	10/01 Brian Mason	10/02 Gary Speck <b>Board Meeting 6pm</b>
10/07 Ron Judkins <b>First Friday Dinner</b>	10/08 Don Baker <b>Mike Priest's Birthday Party Bash</b>	10/09 Steven Johnson
10/14 Steve Mullen <b>w/Peter Beale Anchoring Talk</b>	10/15 Jerry Magnussen	10/16 Mark Tilford
10/21 Bob Kellock <b>Annual Bus. Meeting</b>	10/22 Robert Speiler <b>2 for 1 Race Party</b>	10/23 Lara Jacques
10/28 Gil Gfelner	10/29 Michael Sikov	10/30 Gimmy Tranquillo <b>Campbell Cup</b>
11/04 Mike Priest <b>First Friday Dinner</b>	11/05 Bruce Fleck	11/06 Bernard Auroux <b>Board Meeting 6pm</b>
11/11 Tom Estlow	11/12 Sandy Clark	11/13 Mark Register
11/18 Jim Doherty	11/19 Trish Lavay <b>Election Meeting</b>	11/20 Dan Grabski
11/25 Dana Hutton	11/26 Rick Horner	11/27 George Burke <b>Club Decorating Party</b>

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Don Baker (db1040@earthlink.net) 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.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The cork board is getting too small for all of the member candidates interested in joining our fair club: Dylan Porter and his Baltic 42', *Papalagi*, were the boat to watch in the Fletcher Cup; Michael O'Brien looks to increase the Columbia fleet; Marco Karpodings and his Yorktown 35' add a social cruising boat; Jerome Sammarcelli and his Martin 243, *Chupacabra* (?), add more racing excitement, Wally Stephen increases the ranks of the Lido Fleet, Dan Karnowsky looks to put the pedal to the plastic, and Kellee Raymond considers rejoining the fold. Imagine the increased interest in the club if we had a popcorn machine!

### PETER BEALE TO SPEAK ON THE WEIGHTY ISSUE OF ANCHORING

Peter Beale, noted USCG 50 Ton Master, Lidoer, ASA Instructor and 48 year sailing veteran will talk about anchoring experiences and lessons learned. Stories to include how after anchoring in the middle of the night following a gale on a river, he was woken up early morning to find he was on the local yacht club starting line, surrounded by a fleet 18ft clinker built bow sprit dinghies charging around him trying to get the best start.

Finger foods, light snacks and cheese and cracker stuffies will be provided for this entertaining evening on Friday, October 14th





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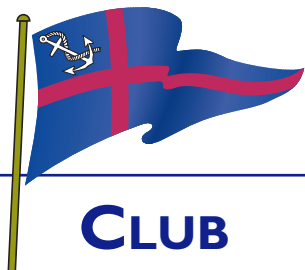
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## THE BVIs

While traveling the BVIs, a man stops in on a local bar. He sits down to take in the sights and sounds of the islands. A few moments later, a pirate walks in with a ship's wheel in his pants. The man tries not to stare, but he can't help it. The pirate coldly stares his way... "you got somethin' to say, 'ave ye?" says the pirate. "n-n-n-o" stammers back the tourist. "What's yer problem?" continues the pirate. "I-i couldn't help but notice...but...why do you have a ship's wheel in your pants?" "Aye," replied the pirate, "It's driving me nuts." – *K.J.*

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