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COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Carl Radusch

It has been a pleasure to serve you as Commodore of the SCCYC for the past year. I have observed many changes, and I believe we are on the right tack and will have an even more successful year with Sandy B. at the helm.

We are still the friendliest yacht club in the marina, or perhaps anywhere. When one walks in the door of our one room yacht club, they can hardly remain unnoticed. Sometimes, there are even cheers for the newly arrived (for one reason or another).

I know that our race management is second to none in the marina. Under the continuing and excellent leadership of Bob Kellock, we produce consistently excellent races. The party afterward is always a huge success thanks to Bob, and thanks to Jim Doherty who acted as race chair this year and covered all the bases even though he raced on the Transpac.

I would be so pleased if someone would volunteer to take over the Race Committee chair for next year. It is the only major position now that remains unfilled. We need someone to step up and take over.

Our club has undergone some physical changes with the advent of a new ice-maker, newly refurbished chairs, recently painted walls, a new sign, a new door and lock, computer equipment with "wi-fi", new carpet in the store room and even a promise of a pop-corn machine! I have not forgotten the lights which turn on automatically when you enter

or leave at night, the newly established slip policy that allows us to control both dry and wet storage slips, and our new signs in the parking lot and on the curb for Commodore parking. Oh yes, when Spring comes, we will probably even have our burgee growing up again in flowers.

Obviously, we have many members to thank for their efforts in making SCCYC an up-to-date, viable club which is rich in participation but richer in warm personal relations. One of my crewmen on Sparta, when sitting in the club enjoying the hospitality recently said, "I don't just feel like I have joined the Sparta crew, I feel like I am now a member of a family."

I pass on my legacy to Sandy B. who will certainly keep our club going in the right direction. I have the utmost confidence in her and the Board which will certainly be as strong as the last one.

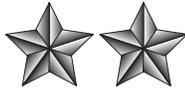
Thank you all for your support. Becky and I have enjoyed helping out and plan on giving our support whenever we can.

— Carl



The Sparta Crew on their way to victory in the Campbell Cup Bell Buoy Race





VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Sandy Bartiromo

The foundation for a warm, friendly club environment has been set for the coming new year.

In an article "The Yacht Club: A Family Wider Than Kin," Teresa Marciano (1988: 115-124) has suggested that there are many groups in the community besides official agencies that either augment, substitute, or even displace the family's role in providing for the effective needs of its members.

The essay goes on to say that members of yacht clubs often see themselves as belonging to a large "family" and behave toward each other as though they were related. Thus upon arriving at the club, they greet each other warmly, often with kisses and hugs, spend time together, tell each other about the intimate details of their lives, fight with

each other, laugh and cry together—all in a manner that is indistinguishable from the kind of behavior that is usually reserved for the inner sanctum of one's actual family.

Our milieu will be inviting and active. Our dinner attendance has tripled (please RSVP) and more members are doing their share of the cooking (or pickup) and cleaning.

OD duty is still a requirement and we may have to impose the fee for lack of carrying out our obligations. Make your OD shift fun with a movie, or a special snack or featured drink. We will do the publicity for you if you chose to do a special gig. Come forward and add your own flavor.

Our new chairpersons are enthused and have some ambitious objectives, which include, but are not limited to racing: Cruises, parties, field trips, guest speakers, educational lectures, and just good old laughs are on tap.

The article goes on to say that yacht club members throw themselves into their pursuit of boating interests, and in the course of doing so an intense sense of camaraderie develops. Indeed, interest in yachting is incidental to the greater interest of finding new ways to join with like-minded individuals. South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club is no different than this...come out and join the fun!

— *Sandy B. Standing by for 2006*

NEW SLATE ANNOUNCED FOR 2006

The Proposed slate of Bridge officers and appointed chairman was announced at the October Annual Business Meeting and Dinner. Commodore Carl Radusch and S/C Terry Stringfellow of the Nominating committee worked to bring together these new group of members to lead the club into the new year.

Elected Officers *Bylaw 4.1*

Commodore Sandra Bartiromo
Vice Commodore Jerry Magnussen
Rear Commodore Stu Coleman
Jr. Staff Commodore Carl Radusch

Elected Directors *Bylaw 4.2*

Fleet Captain Tracey Kenney
Port Captain Robert Spieler
Secretary Don Baker
Treasurer Bruce Fleck

Appointed Chairmen *Bylaw 5.1.1*

Judge Advocate Open position
Race Chair Open position
Membership Chair Nancy Tilford
House Chair Rick Horner
Beacon Editor/Web Page Stu Coleman
Fleet Surgeon Sandy Clark
Social Chair Open position
Club Historian Dylan Porter

INSTALLATION DINNER TO BE A ENTERTAINING EVENING

Our annual Awards and Installation Dinner is to be held on Saturday, December 3rd in a private room at the Harbor House Restaurant starting at 7pm. The evening will be emceed by Tom and Karmen Estlow as they step up to the microphone to announce the individual speakers and awards presenters.

Of great interest is the recipients of the Yachtsman, Corinthian Spirit and Bubble awards and who will have their name engraved on the perpetual trophies. Dinner invitations have been mailed out and the cost is only \$30 per person if returned by November 19th. The cost is \$35 for late RSVPs. Four dinner menu options are offered:

Harbor House Chicken: Prepared with artichoke hearts and Three Jumbo Shrimp, served with Citrus Rice Pilaf and Sautéed seasonal vegetables.

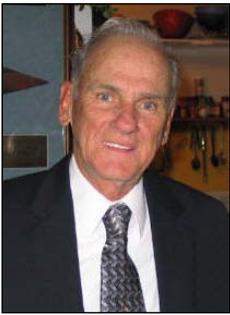
Grilled Halibut: A fresh halibut fillet prepared with a tropical fruit salsa, served with Roasted Red potatoes and Sautéed seasonal vegetables.

8oz. Top Sirloin: Premium Choice Beef served with a Red Wine Mushroom Sauce, accompanied by Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Sautéed seasonal vegetables.

A mix of Sautéed Vegetables is available for the Vegetarians.

All drinks will be on a cash basis per table and guests may bring their own wine for a \$10 a bottle corkage fee.

The Dinner Gala will be preceded by a Commodore's reception at the clubhouse, featuring hors d'oevres, varietal wines and a few other awards. Now is the time to dust off the blue blazer and pin on the bouillon and get ready for a fun night welcoming in the new board!



RACE CHAIR'S REPORT
by Jim Doherty

We held the Two for One race on Saturday, Oct 22nd, which was the last event of the Man / Woman series. This series was spread over four days in four weekends, with each day being run by a different yacht club. This series is for double-handed crew, with one woman and one man. We held two races on the Marina del Rey race marks and finished the day with the usual SCCYC hospitality at the Club.



Tracey and John Staff out on Wildcat for the 2 for 1 Sail in Spinnaker class

The wind was mild and shifty all day so we had to relocate the committee boat twice. Pro Bob Kellock used 4 mile courses for the Spinnaker class and 3 mile courses for the Non-Spinnaker class. We were able to get all the racers finished in time.



Shari and Stu enjoying the weather on the 2 for 1 Man/Woman Sail

Thanks go to PRO Bob Kellock, Jim Doherty and Camelot IV for the committee boat, Tom Estlow and the mark boat, and committee members Gary Speck, Steve Mullen, and Samantha.



Bob Presents the Fletcher Cup Trophy to Dylan and Myrna of Papalagi

We had a new crew for the hospitality this go around. Thanks go to Maureen Doherty, Karmen Estlow, and Sandy Bartiromo.



Carl and Julie congratulate Lisa and Craig of Patience for their overall wins in the Man/Woman Series.

Bob Kellock awarded the trophies to the winners of the 2 for 1 Sail then Commodore Julie Albright of SBYRC awarded the trophies for the series winners and the winners of the perpetuals with the help of our Commodore Carl Radusch.

The Campbell Cup was held on October 30th. We had a great turnout, with 11 boats entering this 'Club only' race. The weather was warm and the winds were nice. The race started at 1 pm between the detached breakwater and SS mark. The boats sailed to the Santa Monica buoy and then back to the Club house in honor of Phil Campbell's first sail through the marina before it was open. Everyone was back at the Club BBQing their dinner before the 4:00 cut of time. Phil Campbell, on the other hand, was chased out of the marina by security on his inaugural sail! The trophy winners for this race are:

1st	Carl Radusch	Sparta
2nd	Mark Spector	Jokers Wild
3rd	Tom Estlow/Christine Speck	Bella



The Bella Crew accepts their 3rd place Campbell Cup finish with aplomb.

This was the last race of the year for SCCYC's race committee and I would like to thank everyone who helped and participated to make our races



The Sparta Crew accepts their 1st place Campbell Cup showing that size does matter.

and hospitality the best in the Santa Monica Bay. I will be unable to perform the race chair duties next year, but I want everyone to know how much I enjoyed working with all the members who helped to make 2005 a successful race year. My wish is for all our members to volunteer and make 2006 an even better year.

Thank you — Jim



Team Spector heads back to the Marina and a second place finish in the Campbell Cup race aboard Joker's Wild.

Top Ten Animals to Take Sailing

by Skipper Dolittle MD (Manic Depressive)

- 10** Lizards of any variety that grow back their tails, which I think is all of them. The deck of a mighty sailing vessel can be a dangerous place...almost everyone knows of a story where someone got a finger caught in a spinlock and met some digit-misfortune. With a lizard, if their tails get inadvertently caught...no problem, just put them on the Injured Reserve list for your nifty racing team for a couple of months, and they'll be back as good as new. **WARNING:** Apparently, this is only true if their tail gets got, not the other end...
- 09** Hedgehogs. Don't take up much space, eats less than most animals, used to being kicked to the curb (read: on-board anger management device)
- 08** Rabbits. C'mon, this is so obvious. No matter what degree of sailing skill you have deluded yourself and convinced your crew that you possess, sometimes it just comes down to luck, and 'wabbits' (after a small ritualistic ceremony) is 4 times as lucky as most other animals, 'cept unicorns, and unicorns are usually too big for most sailboats. That, and they tend not to exist, being imaginary and all.
- 07** Badgers. Not sure how this particular beast made it on the list, being that they are ornery, nasty, lil' bastards that tend to bite a lot. However, very good for throwing on-board close competitors at mark roundings.
- 06** Cats. Felines should definitely be higher on this list, but a persistent misconception has prevailed over the centuries, which is that cats and water don't mix well. Nothing could be more inaccurate! Cats, especially the really fluffy ones make excellent emergency absorption devices, and unlike those really cool (and expensive) synthetic sponges, if you inadvertently lose one overboard, you won't have the dilemma of whether or

not you need to perform a 360 to retrieve it...

- 05** Teacup/Miniature Poodles. Perfect backup for 06, if you happen to be a cat lover with a leaky boat.
- 04** Moosehead beer. Okay, okay, I know it's not really an animal, but it has an animal name and face it, it taste better than most animals freshly served cold. You know I'm right.
- 03** Tarantulas. Useful for psychological warfare, 'cause what freak would bring a friggin' gi-normous spider along...unless you were racing in the spin-maker class. (groan)
- 02** Any dog. Except Chihuahuas, which technically isn't an exception, 'cause I already specified that it should be a DOG, which a Chihuahua ain't. No animal actually enjoys sailing more than a dog. Plenty of stuff to bark at, doesn't mind getting wet, will eat anything that falls out of your mouth so you don't slip on it later on while gybing...the list is as endless as the breeds. Except for those damn Chihuahuas...now, if you happen to have a paddlewheel, THEN those rat-dogs will be right at home on account that their kind is used to spinning wheels in some research lab anyhow.
- 01** Parrots. Because, face it, everyone digs a pirate.



Peter Beale splashes his new Lido into the Marina.

Sailing Terms

- plagiarized by Robert Sp., er...Tom Estlow

Anchor: Any of a number of heavy, hook-shaped devices that is dropped over the side of the boat on the end of a length of rope and/or chain, and which is designed to hold a vessel securely in place until (a) the wind exceeds two knots, (b) the owner and crew depart, or (c) 3:00 AM.

Bar: Long, low-lying navigational hazard, usually awash, found at river mouths and harbor entrances, where it is composed of sand or mud, and ashore, where it is made of mahogany or some other dark wood. Sailors can be found in large numbers around both.

Beam Sea: A situation in which waves strike a boat from the side, causing it to roll unpleasantly. This is one of the four directions from which wave action tends to produce extreme physical discomfort. The other three are bow sea (waves striking from the front), following sea (waves striking from the rear), and quarter sea (waves striking from any other direction).

Berth: Any horizontal surface whose total area does not exceed one half of the surface area of an average man at rest, onto which at least one liter of some liquid seeps during any 12-hour period and above which there are not less than 10 pounds of improperly secured objects

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Longtime *Camelot IV* Crewmembers, Geoff Downer and his wife Susan, look to join the ranks of the club. Local scuba legend, and new Columbia 24 owner, Zach Araneta, is also on the Board.

Membership has grown steadily this year thanks in large part to the excitement generated by the Lido 14 fleet. It is also exciting to see members joining from WSA and SBYRC as the camaraderie of the clubhouse and its members attract new candidates! Nancy Tilford will be resuming her role as Membership Chair and we look forward to another exciting year of new faces and new boats.



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)
11/04 Mike Priest First Friday Dinner	11/05 Bruce Fleck	11/06 Traci K. /Stu C. Board Meeting 6pm
11/11 Tom Estlow	11/12 Sandy Clark B.F. Birthday	11/13 Mark Register
11/18 Jim Doherty	11/19 Trish Lavay Election Meeting	11/20 OPEN Day @ the Races
11/25 Dana Hutton	11/26 Rick Horner	11/27 George Burke Club Decorating Party
12/02 Peter Beale	12/03 Paul Muggleston Installation Dinner	12/04 Terry Stringfellow Board Meeting 6pm
12/09 Harry Johnson Antarctica Lecture	12/10 Sandy Bartiromo Marina Boat Parade	12/11 Frank Kronwitter
12/16 Kay Miller	12/17 John Donahue	12/18 John Fischer
12/23 ---	12/24 ---	12/24 ---
Have a Happy Winter Holiday – Bring your Family and Friends to the Club		
12/30 ---	12/31 ---	01/01 ---

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.

Antarctica: The Best Journey In The World - December 9th

Peter W. Damisch, Managing Director, Bluewater Sailing will be giving a presentation on Friday, January 9th at the clubhouse covering his journey to Antarctica.

Please come on board and visit a series of exotic locations, each containing unsurpassed beauty, quiet solitude, outstanding natural wonders along with penguins and other animals by the tens of thousands, as well as a long history of human challenge.

This journey covered more than 3,750 Nautical Miles in the Southern Ocean with expedition and multiple research visits to: Falkland Islands, South Georgia Island, South Orkney Islands, South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic

Peninsula & Continent.

Travel highlights included towering icebergs, 40' seas, 101 mph winds, 22+ hours of daylight, following in Shackleton's footsteps at South Georgia and Elephant Islands, becoming trapped in the pack ice, swimming on New Year's Eve and rounding Cape Horn. Learn about the life, exploration history and extraordinary leadership of Sir Ernest Shackleton. Start to enjoy the behaviors of different penguin species or the lives of aggressive Antarctic Fur Seals or huge but usually placid Elephant Seals. Peter will try to convey the unique nature of this special environment and discuss life on

the ice with his PowerPoint Presentation as well as video and images culled from thousands taken during the voyage.

Over the past 35 years, Peter has more than 650,000 Km on oceans around the world in vessels ranging from sailboards and sloops through schooners, square riggers, cruisers and aircraft carriers. Peter is a retired U.S. Navy captain, currently holds a Coast Guard Master Captain's License and was the first individual in the world to be certified as both an American Sailing Association Instructor Evaluator and International Yachtmaster Training Examiner. Don't miss this exciting evening!



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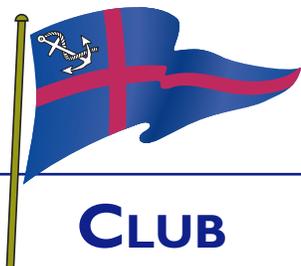
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Top Ten Worst Names For A Seafood Restaurant

Source: Late Night with David Letterman

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| 10. The Ol' Chum Bucket | 5. TGI Scurvy's |
| 9. Parasite Island | 4. 3-Mile Island Trout 'n' Things |
| 8. It Might Be Flounder | 3. Yesterday's Sushi |
| 7. The Festering Cod | 2. The Gagging Deck Hand |
| 6. Botulism Bay | 1. Green Lobster |

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