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COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Sandy Bartiromo

The Club with Vision

Commodore's Installation Address

Within clubs are distinct member groups: seniors, the baby boomers (with or without children), and increasingly, Generation X as it matures and comes of club age, bringing spouses, children, as well as diverse tastes and a love of all things informal. If clubs thought they faced a generation gap in earlier times, they should be prepared for more of the same in the years to come. What this means for clubs is that they will have to continue accommodating multiple generations with very different demands within the same facilities. One size doesn't fit all. Our members have more hobbies and attend diverse venues as well as work. They are more likely to integrate technology into their daily lives to better balance work and play. Clubs will face the pressure to offer new forms of entertainment, as well as the usual yacht club fare.

"Vision is not only seeing what's in front of you, but also seeing what's ahead of you".

With this in mind, I plan to improve the methods of communications, both internally and externally, to develop a new system for making OD duty accountable. Find a way to bring back the volunteer dinners by either an alphabetical rotation of members, or assigned two man teams to "host a meal". I will try to organize a phone tree for those members

who don't use email, and continue the YEAR- AT-A- GLANCE calendar.

As I look back over the actions and decisions of the past board, I feel confident that we made the right decisions and promoted the club in an honorable and productive way.

This year we will enforce and continue to promote the decisions and objectives of our past Commodore, Carl Radusch. We will raise the bar on past activities, cruises, races, and club events. This year's Board of Directors will take us into the future, poised and ready to embrace new boating trends, diversity of interests, and promote the yachting milieu.

I welcome you into the future with technology and multimedia, web pages, and email as well as a vital and rewarding way to connect with people like ourselves, to regroup, and recharge by a day on the water, or our classic Friday night dinners.

If we see ourselves as a small yacht club, formerly "the little club that could", then we will remain little, but we will no longer see ourselves as that; instead, we see ourselves leaping into the future as "The Club with Vision".

Esprit de Corps, Sandy Bartiromo, Commodore



S/C Terry Stringfellow swears in VIC Jerry Magnussen, R/C Stu Coleman, Jr S/C Carl Radusch, and our new "C" Sandy Bartiromo



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Stu Coleman

What a whirlwind year I've had here at SCCYC. First it was taking the editorship of the Beacon, then it was a revamp of the website. The membership brochure was overhauled and we even placed some membership "branding" magazine ads. The commodore's parking planter was repainted and replanted. The NORs and SIs were redesigned and I created some new race flyers. I got to work race committee on a couple of races, even used *Reliance* once. I sat in on a lot of Board Meetings, even taking minutes a couple of times. Meanwhile, we campaigned *Reliance* in 50 days of racing, 10 days of cruises and I managed to teach Basic Keelboat sailing on the odd non-race weekends.

It is a great honor to have been recognized for my work on and off the water and be awarded the Yachtsman of the Year for 2005 and be elected Rear Commodore for 2006.

Looking forward to 2006, I will continue the responsibilities of the *Beacon* and the website to present the news and the public face of the yacht club. I'd like to see greater awareness in the boating community and beyond, of who we are, how we do it well and what we have to offer at SCCYC.

As the new R/C, I realize that I have a new responsibility to our facilities. I have heard some suggestions about improving the area behind the bar to dress up the club and it sounds like a great winter project. The area between the bar and the entertainment center could be reconfigured as well to provide more usable room (or room for a real popcorn machine!) I look forward to member ideas on how we can redecorate and reconfigure once the holiday decorations have been stowed. (Granted, we have to respect tradition and nautical coloring, not pink!)

The new board is an enthusiastic and energetic group and we will all be working to make our little club, the friendliest and most fun club in the marina!

Hollywood Park Race Day

Though it is a far cry from sailing on the ocean the adrenaline was pumping just like in The Americas Cup ... or if you are in SCCYC, perhaps The Cambell Cup.

One saw Dana Hutton and Bob smiling in a coy way as their steeds went flying past the winning post while Paul Muggleston quietly cried hiding his dismay at the great similarity between his best pick and Beetle Bomb.

Sandy B was serenaded by the Hollywood Park trumpeter to the sounds of Gilligan's Island and The sailors hornpipe. Other guests, Barry and Lois Heck called for armed



Gary, Lois, Barry, Sandy, Samantha, Bob, Paul, Dana and Bob display a range of emotions appropriate with the range of the winnings.

guards to help carry off their winnings the others just carried on.

What a great day and fabulous food in a terrific atmosphere. Wish we could have seen more of you there, it truly was fun.

- Paul Muggleston, Gamblers Anonymous



The commodore and her serenader



Trackside drinks and close-up racing on the TV make for luxurious betting



What is that burgee in the window contest.

Here's a great new feature suggested by Bruce Fleck. Identify the yacht club whose burgee is represented here. And no, it doesn't say on the edge of the flag. The lettering you see says someone's "Flag Shop." Contestants should email their guesses/answers to Bruce@BruceFleck.com. Winners will have their names published in the next month's Beacon along with the new mystery burgee.

As we are always looking to spread our SCCYC colors around the world, if you will be traveling out of town, possibly to another yacht club, enquire about doing a burgee exchange. We can always find more room in the rafters for more colors!

Sailing Terms

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

Boom: Laterally-mounted pole to which a sail is fastened. Often used during jibbing to shift crewmembers to a fixed, horizontal position. Called boom for the sound that's made when it hits crew in the head on its way across the boat. For slow crew, it's called 'boom, boom.'

Bulkhead: Discomfort suffered by sailors who drink too much.

Burdened Vessel: The boat, which, in a collision situation, did not have the right-of-way. See Privileged Vessel.

Calm: Sea condition characterized by the simultaneous disappearance of the wind and the last cold beverage.

Captain: See Figurehead.

Canvas: An abrasive sailcloth used to remove excess skin from knuckles.

Caulk: Any one of a number of substances introduced into the spaces between planks in the hull and decking of a boat that give a smooth, finished appearance while still permitting the passage of a significant amount of seawater.

Circuit Breaker: An electromechanical switching unit intended to prevent the flow of electricity under normal operating conditions and, in the case of a short circuit, to permit the electrification of all conductive metal fittings throughout the boat. Available at most novelty shops.

Club, Yacht Club, Racing Association: Trouble-some seasonal accumulation in costal areas of unpleasant marine organisms with stiff necks and clammy extremities. Often present in large numbers during summer months when they clog inlets, bays, and coves, making navigation almost impossible. The infestations are most serious along the coasts of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine. They can be effectively dislodged with dynamite, but, alas, archaic federal laws rule out this option.

Course: The direction in which a skipper wishes to steer his boat and from which the wind is blowing. Also, the language that results by not being able to do this.

Crew: Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down charts, anchor cushions in place and dampen sudden movements of the boom.

Cruising: Waterborne pleasure journey embarked on by one or more people. A cruise may be considered successful if the same number of individuals who set out on it arrive, in roughly the same condition they set out in, at some piece of habitable dry land, with or without the boat.

Current: Tidal flow that carries a boat away from its desired destination, or toward a hazard.

Distress Signals: International signals which indicate that a boat is in danger. For example, in American waters: the sudden appearance of lawyers, the pointing of fingers, and repression of memories.

Engine: Sailboats are equipped with a variety of engines, but all of them work on the internal destruction principle, in which highly machined parts are rapidly converted into low-grade scrap, producing in the process energy in the form of heat, which is used to boil bilge water; vibration, which improves the muscle tone of the crew; and a small amount of rotational force, which drives the average size sailboat at speeds approaching a furlong per fortnight.

Equator: A line circling the earth at a point equidistant from both poles that separates the oceans into the North Danger Zone and the South Danger Zone.

Etiquette: Marine custom establishes a code of social behavior and nautical courtesy for every conceivable occasion. Thus, for example, a boat belonging to another boatman is always referred to as a "scow", a "tub", or a "pig-boat". When one skipper goes aboard another's boat, he does not hesitate to tell him frankly about any drawbacks or disadvantages he finds in comparison to his own craft. Sailors welcome every opportunity to improve their vessels, and so he knows that his remarks will be greatly appreciated. When one sailboat passes another,

it is customary for the captain of the passing boat to make a bladderlike sound with his lips and tongue, and for the captain of the passed boat to return the courtesy by offering a smart salute consisting of a quick upward movement of the right hand with the second digit extended.

Figurehead: Decorative dummy found on sailboats. See Captain.

Privileged Vessel: The vessel which, in a collision, was "in the right". If there were witnesses, the owner could bring an admiralty court case: know as a "wet suit" or a "leisure suit" – against the owner of the other boat, and if he proves "shiplash", he could collect a tidy sum.

Flag: Any of a number of signaling pennants or ensigns, designed to be flown upside down, in the wrong place, in the wrong order, or at an inappropriate time.

Flashlight: A tubular metal container used on shipboard for storing dead batteries prior to their disposal.

Fluke: The portion of an anchor that digs securely into the bottom, holding the boat in place. Also, any occasion when this occurs on the first try.

To be continued...

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Longtime *Camelot IV* Crewmembers, Geoff Downer and his wife Susan, and very local scuba legend, Zach Araneta, were voted in at the recent board meetings.

While there are no pending names on the corkboard or to publish here, there are new member candidates sailing about the marina that are just 3 member signatures and an application away from joining. I've restocked the applications at the clubhouse and the most recent form is always available at the website.

I really must salute the incredible job that Nancy Tilford is doing in tracking down less active members and updating our membership database. It makes it so much easier to get the Beacon and our schedules out to our members with the correct email address! - Editor

COMMODORE'S RECEPTION IS A TROPHY NIGHT

The blue blazers were out in force on December 3rd for a night of celebrating the years accomplishments and installing the leadership that will see us through our 74th year. The wine poured freely and the hors d'oeuvres were snacked at the commodores reception while the years sailing trophies were awarded.



Newport to Ensenada
Stu Coleman / Reliance
Overall First SCCYC Boat



Marina Del Rey to San Diego
Carl Radusch / Sparta
Overall First SCCYC Boat



R.C. Boat of the Year
Jim Doherty / Camelot IV



Corinthian Cup
Gary Speck / Bella



Fletcher Cup
Dylan Porter/ Papalagi



Campbell Cup
Carl Radusch / Sparta



Distinguished Service Award
Becky Radusch



Columbia Fleet
Jimmy Tranquillo / Brava 1st
Steve Mullen / Jury Rigged 2nd
John McNaulty / Flipperling 3rd



Bubbles Award
Tracey Kenney



Cooks of the Year
Sandy Bartiromo, Dana Hutton
Carl Radusch



P.R.O. of the Year
Bob Kellock

INSTALLATION DINNER RAISES THE BRIDGE

After the trophies were awarded, 43 celebrants carpooled to the Harbour House Restaurant for a catered sit-down affair in the lovely Napa room. After the dinner and desert, Emcees, Tom and Karmen Estlow rocked the mic with some MC standards and introduced Commodore Carl to award the Yachtsman and Corinthian Spirit Awards before the Bridge ceremonies began.



Commodore Carl Radusch prepares to pin the three stars onto Sandy Bartiromo and give her the "con" of the bridge.



Newly Pinned Commodore Sandy Bartiromo swears her new Vice and Rear to be courteous to powerboaters.



SCCYC Yachtsman of the Year
Stu Coleman



After pledges from the bridge, Commodore Sandy Bartiromo swore in the rest of the Board and the Chairs including (top l-r) Treasurer, Bruce Fleck; Secretary, Don Baker; Fleet Captain, Tracey Kenney and (bottom l-r) Bar Manager, Gary Speck; Fleet Surgeon, Sandy Clark; and Historian/OD Chair, Dylan Porter.



SCCYC Corinthian Spirit Award
Tom Estlow



Cruisers of the Year
Sandy Bartiromo | Gary Speck



Members and guest enjoyed the ceremonies from the cozy booths.



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)
12/16 Kay Miller	12/17 John Donahue Gimmy's Party	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 ---
1/06 Peter Beale First Friday Dinner	1/07 Michael O'Brien	1/08 Don Baker Board Meeting 6pm
1/13 Mike Cheda	1/14 Frank Kronwitter La Brea Tar Pits Trip	1/15 Mark Spector
1/20 Carl Radusch	1/21 Jotham Schwartz	1/22 Gene O'Connell
1/27 Clark Garrett	1/28 John Thomas Mem.Mtg& Dinner	1/29 Ren Oden
2/03 TBA First Friday Dinner	2/04 TBA	2/05 TBA Board Meeting 6pm

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Dylan Porter (dylanporter@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.

Thanksgiving Weekend sees Festive Turnout for Club Decorating Party



Shari and Stu going balls out.

Trish Lavay led the annual decorating event this year with no fixture left unadorned. Diane and Don



Deco-Leader Trish guides Diana and Sandy in Garlanding

Baker led the balcony decor efforts with lights, garlands and ribbons. Thanks to all who have made the club one of the most festive ever and to all those who supplied the eggnog and other holiday treats for the wassailing.



Garlanding almost fell to a halt for want of a staple Gun



Samantha puts the point in poinsettia



Review and rejuvenation are important for critical placement



Sandy knows that if it's in the Beacon, it's true or mis-spelled



LIDO FLEET REPORTS

by Bruce Fleck

Lido 14 Clinic held in Newport Beach

Three of our local Lido14 boats, Tracey Kenney, Bruce Fleck and Tom and Karmen Estlow, trailered down to Newport Beach on October 29 to participate in the Ulman B Lido 14 Clinic. The clinic has been run every year for more than 30 years now and is currently under the TLC of John Papadopoulos. The clinic included a two hour 20,000 foot overview of racing. I dare you to try a Lido at 20,000 feet. John did a great job of avoiding the deepest waters such as rule 18. After lunch we splashed our boats and did a bunch of starts on two minute intervals using various techniques to reach the line on time. We then did a drill where the sole goal was to teach

us how far short of the starting line we actually are when we think we are on the line. The day ended with three short races. One of the local racers with his son as crew has the honor of having their names on a very handsome perpetual trophy.

I have to thank Tracey for providing my very able crew, Emily Boisvert, (see picture) her brother, Eric, sailed with Tracey.

SCCYC Representation at Turkey Day Regatta

Four SCCYC lidos trailered down to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club the weekend before Thanksgiving for the Turkey Day Regatta. Close to 300 boats competed in various one design and Portsmouth handicap classes. The boats were spread over three different racing areas, the Lidos and Sabots racing in a area inside the harbor just in front of the Yacht Club.

Besides myself the skippers and crew from SCCYC were: the Estlows, Don Baker, Gary Speck, and Peter Beale.



Bruce and Emily rigging for sail in Newport Beach

The most remarkable aspect of the event was having 64 Sabots and 24 Lidos racing in the same bucket of water. The total distance from the weather mark to the leeward mark could not have been more than a third of a mile. The Sabot kids were great, exhibiting a huge amount of Corinthian spirit and calm in the face of tangles with much bigger boats.

Peter was pretty happy with his third place overall, out of twelve boats in the B fleet. This was only his third regatta in his new Lido.



HOUSE CHAIR REPORTS

by Rick Horner

It's holiday time! Yes Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and successful new year.

This year has been an action packed, never a dull moment for me. Good and Tough times both in business and for my health but what will stick in my mind is the spirit of our club from our last club dinner, Thank you Trish & Joanna for the Election Meeting Dinner with the perfectly broiled Salmon, The meal was amazing! And the installation dinner at the Harbour House went off without a hitch. But by the time you all read this I will be under way on a Giant Cruise Ship with Paul Muggleston down in Baja

Mexico. I've labored over my daily schedule for the upcoming week, it goes something like this: Up at sunrise, breakfast buffet, Jacuzzi, stare endlessly at the horizon, NAP, LifeCycle at the Ship Gym, mid morning Snack Buffet, Jacuzzi, shuffleboard, Lunch buffet, NAP, horizon viewing, Jacuzzi, snack at the buffet, run around the ship, NAP, bingo, snack, lifecycle, jacuzzi, dinner buffet, evening show, NAP, jacuzzi, snack, sleep!!!! Ah the life.

"Please double check the sliding glass rear door when locking up."

It's time to finish the Lone Ranger projects so maybe I'll do some Restoration Planning if the fog blocks my view. After our awards ceremony and being part of the Corinthian Spirit that our club fosters I'm motivated to revive my priceless beauty!

This upcoming year when you have events planned, feel free to contact me to help out with making sure that the club is fully stocked, and for my assistance to BBQ, tend bar or just help make your event go well.

This month if you haven't been to the club, you ought to get down here. The Christmas Spirit is alive and well and the club looks fantastic. I like seeing the building lit up. It's a wonderful display and our 10 foot Noble Fir has a really wonderful scent. Don't be bashful in keeping the Christmas lights on when you leave so that our neighbors can enjoy in our spirit and beauty. It is amazing at night and the lights are safe, using minimal electricity but be sure to clean up and lock up when you leave and please double check the sliding glass rear door. Here's wishing everyone a great Holiday Season and see you around the club.



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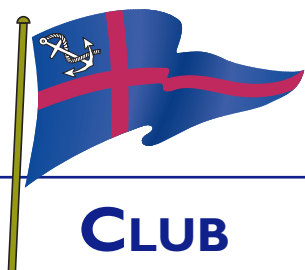
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