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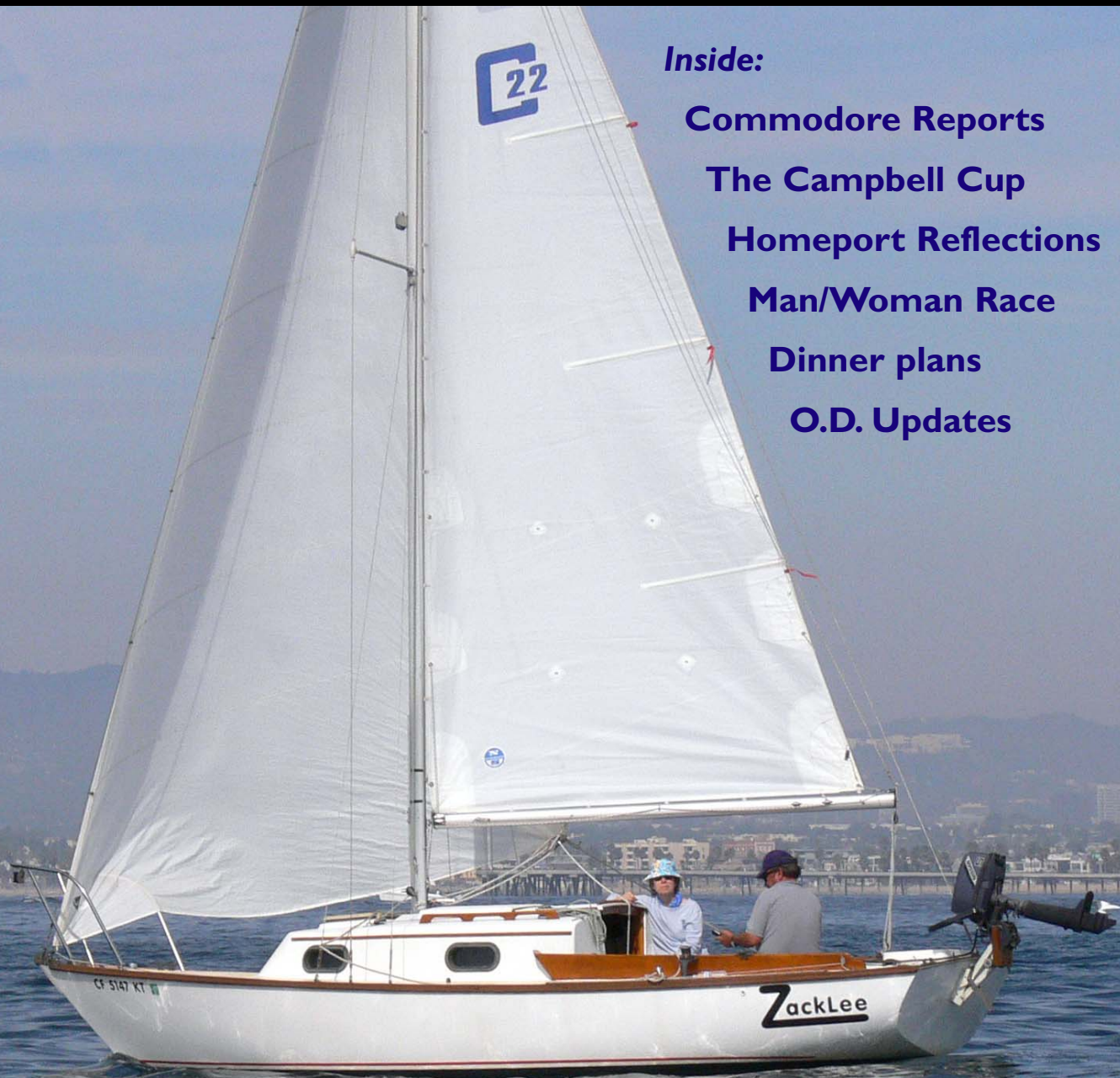
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SCCYC's Gary and Pam Magnuson Ghost Along in their Cape Dory during the Campbell Cup



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Stu Coleman

It has been a great year of racing, cruising, barbecues, dinners and all of the other everyday events that makes SCCYC such a great place to be a member and join with others in achieving common goals. Sometimes, it's a competition like a Lido race and sometimes, it's a nice community effort as we all do our part to clean up after a dinner.

The nominating committee has put together a great slate of candidates to lead the club into the next year and I look forward to seeing other members get more involved in our working committees: House, Hospitality, Membership, Race and Ways and Means. Staff Commodores are eligible for the ANC (Advice and Consent Committee) and those who don't feel like participating will be relegated to the PNM (Piss and Moan Committee).

The club is now recording and scoring points towards the SCYA Club of the Year program and while it means I will be going to a lot more meetings, It also

INSTALLATION DINNER TO BE A ENTERTAINING EVENING

Our annual Awards and Installation Dinner is to be held on Sunday, December 2nd in the private waterfront dining room at Shanghai Reds starting at 7pm.

Of great interest is the recipients of the Yachtsman, Racer, Cruiser, Corinthian Spirit and Bubble awards and who will have their name engraved on the perpetual trophies. Dinner invitations are being mailed out and the cost is only \$35 per person if returned by November 24th. The cost is \$40 for late RSVPs. While the cost is slightly higher than last year, the price includes a glass of wine with dinner, appetizers and a dreamy chocolate truffle dessert. Three dinner menu options are offered: A Baked Salmon with Dill Sauce, Sliced London Broil or a Vegetable/Pasta Medley.

Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be the lively and loquacious, Mr. Bruce Fleck. The Dinner Gala will be preceded by a Commodore's reception at the clubhouse, featuring hors d'oeuvres, varietal wines and a few other awards. Now is the time to dust off the blue blazer, the grey bottoms and pin on the bouillon and get ready for a fun night welcoming in the new board!

means the club will be doing more outreach in the sailing and local community and we may be trying some new oceanic events in the new year.

Of course we will be continuing our great racing and hospitality traditions and I look forward to joining you all at our installation dinner as we recharge for another season of corinthian racing, relaxing cruising and casual dining as SCCYC continues to do what we do best. — *Stu*

NEW SLATE ANNOUNCED FOR 2008

The Proposed slate of Bridge officers and appointed chairman was announced at the October Annual Business Meeting and Dinner. S/C Carl Radusch and 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 Stu Coleman
 Vice Commodore Tracey Kenney
 Rear Commodore Tom Estlow
 Jr. Staff Commodore Jerry Magnussen

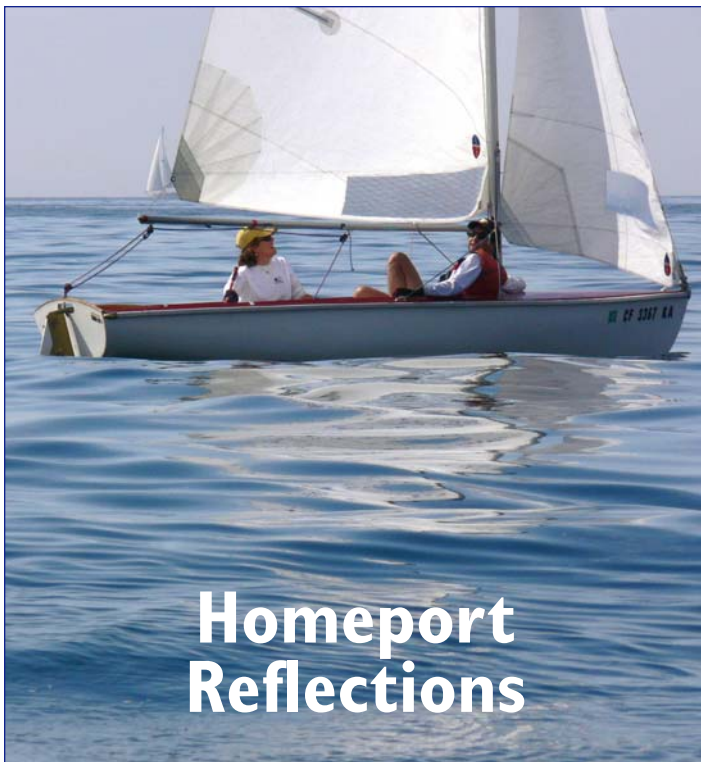
- Elected Directors** *Bylaw 4.2*
 Fleet Captain Kelley Cantley
 Port Captain Robert Symer
 Secretary J.T. Alex

- Appointed Chairmen** *Bylaw 5.1.1*
 Race Chair Bruce Fleck
 Membership Chair Jim Doherty
 House Chair Gary Speck
 Bar Manager Peter Gonzalez
 Beacon Editor/Webmaster Stu Coleman
 Fleet Surgeon Sandy Clark
 Historian Kay Miller
 Seargent-at-arms Dan Grabski
 Social Chair _____
 Cruise Chair _____
 Judge Advocate _____

Please let Stu Coleman know if you would like to be appointed to one of the open positions.

Membership Report

ACTIVE MEMBERS	~ 76
Flag Members	67
Life Members	3
Non Resident Members	7
Cruising Members	0
Honorary Members	1
Active Staff Commodores	10
PENDING MEMBERS	3
Rich Festa	
Chris Zimmer	
Michelle Shanks	



Homeport Reflections

by Kelly Cantley

In 2005 Jim Durden invited me to drive his Martin 242 *Zip* for the Homeport Regatta. Brooke Phillips and Aly Drummond volunteered to crew. I had been racing as regular crew on Schock 35s and sometimes Martin 242s, but had no experience on the helm. Jim was a very patient coach (we spent a couple of afternoons practicing), tactician and main trimmer and we won the regatta. At the end of the day I asked every boat owner I knew, "You spent all that money to buy a boat. You could do any position, why would anyone pick driving? It's stressful and you don't get to see much of the race at all!" I got a lot of different answers but most had the same theme. It's all about the challenge.

The Homeport regatta inspired me to buy a Lido 14 (a two person dinghy) and join the local fleet. Once challenged I really wanted to keep driving! I've had "*Transitio*" a little over a year and we've been racing in the Lido 14 B Fleet all over Southern California. At first we were awful but the fleet was really helpful and eventually we could keep up with them and even beat some of them on occasion. We trailered the boat up to the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake and had a great time racing on the lake, watching the I-14s rocket past us and hanging out with friends we've made in the fleet this year. We took first at the Fleet 2 Invitational in MDR and surprised everyone including ourselves. The Class Championships in Newport were a great learning

SCCYC Celebrates Ties with San Fernando Valley Yacht Club



Tracey and Bruce with the MC and outgoing SFVYC Commodore Ernie Patton

by Bruce Fleck

During 2007 the club was used by SFVYC for several of their sailing events. This is a great symbiotic relationship, we receive donations at the bar and they get a private nautically themed venue for their after race dinner and trophies.

Tracey Kenny and Bruce Fleck were guests of San Fernando Yacht Club for their annual installation dinner. The club eschews the blazers and bullion for more casual and fun Hawaiian garb. The after dinner entertainment included a nostalgic slide revue of the yacht club history.

experience as we qualified for the Gold Fleet and got to race against some of the best racers in the class. We have a lot more to learn but were thrilled to qualify and even more thrilled to finish not last!

I'm thankful to Jimmy for giving me a chance to do something outside my regular job on the boat; it opened up great new opportunities for me. I'm still doing foredeck on a Schock 35, *Power Play*, and I'm still learning something new from every boat I get to race on.

Jim continues to lend his boat to new drivers for the Homeport (even though he thinks I bought the wrong boat, should have been a Martin 242!), Mary Stuyvesant is driving *Zip* this year, last year Brooke drove (and won) and we're trying to get Aly back from Vancouver for her turn next year!

— Kelly Cantley Lido 14 #5036 "*Transitio*"

Campbell Cup Race Brings Out the SCCYC Fleet

Words by Stu Coleman

Photos by Mel Widawski



Jerry, Gimmy and Steve provided another full showing of the Columbia 22 Fleet

The annual SCCYC intraclub Campbell Cup race was held on October 28th. We had a great turnout, with 13 boats entries in this 'Club only' race. It's interesting to note that in 2004 we had 14 boats and it is only the three Columbia 22s that competed in both events. This entries this year ranged from Bruce and Kelly in their 14' Lidos to Peter Beale in his chartered Catalina 36'

The weather was warm and the winds were light, very light, zephyrs that teased the water, barely stirring blue ripples of encouragement. The race started at 1 pm between the detached breakwater and SS mark, with the Widawski team running race committee with Diana aboard S/C Sandy B's boat *Christine*. After the horn went off the fleet milled about smartly

for a few minutes until all boats were pointed in the correct direction. The conditions were so drifty, it appeared that new member candidate, Rich Festa and his Open 5.70 would have to fend off Steve Mullen and his Columbia 22, *Jury-Rigged*.

With the Santa Monica Bell Buoy a scant 3 miles away the majority of the the fleet would have closed the distance in half an hour. After an hour, the leaders were still only halfway there. The fleet that went high of the mark, notably Kelly Cantley in *Transitio* got more pressure and more favorable current. As the leaders got closer to the Bell Buoy, they fell off to point more directly at it, only to be headed into a two-tack situation around the mark.

Brian Mason and his wife Annie, aboard the ratings killer *Santana 20*, *Larger Voices*, was the first around the mark around 2:55, with Jerome and his open 5.70 next with Tracey nipping at his heels. Kelly aboard *Transitio* was next around followed by the mighty *Reliance*. As we had no method or Sailing Instructions regarding shortening the course, the rounding times at the SMBB with a three mile handicap were used to compute the finishes of the 9 of 13 boats that actually rounded the Bell Buoy.

According to handicaps and elapsed time around the buoy, the winners of the place badged wine were:

1st	Brian and Annie Mason	<i>Larger Voices</i>
2nd	Kelly Cantley	<i>Transitio</i>
3rd	Jerome Samarcelli	<i>Chupacabric</i>



Peter Beale brought out new sailors in a Bluewater Sailing Catalina 36



Brian and Annie Mason lead the fleet in their slippery *Santana 20*



Bruce and Brook stayed close to shore aboard *Bandito*



Peter and Don joined Stu and Shari aboard Reliance for the Wine and Cheese Cruise



Trish and Emily Sailed with Harry on the 321

Back at the clubhouse it was all camaraderie and bon-homie as the racers shared their stories of when they broke 2 knots and the exhilaration the crew felt in the breeze.

Post race hospitality was provided by Bruce Fleck with an excellent spread of tacos and treats. Thanks to all the members that showed up to make this race the longest Campbell Cup in recent history. Next year, we'll hope for the usual wind and a new name on the perpetual trophy.



The Martins, post douse looking for the favored track upwind, begin one of many tacking duels

Zip Team Wins Man/Woman Series

by Stu Coleman

After six races, it was a duel for first place in the series, with Jim Durden and replacement crewmember, Patti Egan, filling in for Kelly Cantley aboard *ZIP* and paired again aboard *Patience* it was Craig Yandow and Karyn Jones. Rounding out the field were Kathy and Bruce Runyan in their open 5.70, Rubic with a lock on third place.

The wind gods were kind with 6-10 knots in the same direction for each race and the starts and finishes went off without a hitch. With only 2 Martin 242s racing the event turned to match racing as the boats covered each other up the course. While *Zip* and *Patience*

traded positions often, Team Zip was able to nail two bullets and the series trophies for Overall Spinnaker boat and 1st place Martin 242, winning the formerly known as Craig Yandow Perpetual trophy. The Open 5.70 crew took home nice bottles of wine along with their first series win trophy. Arnaud Massonat, SBYRC Rear Commodore, presented the series trophies on behalf of the series organizer.

A women's event in Long Beach the same day was a contributing factor in lessening the turnout and the R/C outnumbered the racers 7 to 6. Thanks to Gary Speck and Tom Estlow on the markset, C-Scape, and Bob, Samantha, Shari, Race-chair-to-be, Bruce Fleck for joining me aboard *Reliance*.



Bruce and Kathy Runyan reaching downwind showing that relentless persistence pays off.



New Member Candidate, Rich Festa, and Son, Tony, creating *Havic*



Tracey and Rob looking for goals aboard *Hat Trick*



Jerome and his crew, the water bottle aboard *Chupacabric*



O.D. SCHEDULE

& Club Events

Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200-1600 Hrs (Winter Hours)	Sunday 1200-1600 Hrs (Winter Hours)
11/9 Geoff Downer	11/10 Tom Estlow	11/11 Bruce Fleck
11/16 Rick Horner	11/17 Bob Kellock Annual Election Dinner	11/18 Peter Gonzalez
11/23 Thanksgiving Weekend	11/24 Thanksgiving Weekend	11/25 Thanksgiving Weekend
Have a Happy Thanksgiving – Bring your Family and Friends to the Club		
11/30 Tracey Kenney	12/1 Tracey Kenney	12/2 Dan Grabski Installation Dinner
12/7 Trish LaVay MDR Boat Parade	12/8 Ron Judkins MDR Boat Parade	12/9 Shari Landon Board Meeting
12/14 Gray Marshall	12/15 Jerry Magnussen	12/16 Gary Magnuson
12/21	12/22	12/23
Have a Happy Winter Holiday – Bring your Family and Friends to the Club		
12/28	12/29	12/30
1/4 Mike Oliveau First Friday Dinner	1/5 Steve Mullen	1/6 Sam Pepkowitz Board Meeting
1/11 Dana Hutton	1/12 Harry Johnson	1/13 Karyn Jones

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Tracy Kenney (rearcommodore@scyc.org) of your replacement. It is your responsibility to fulfill your duty or find a replacement; otherwise you may be assessed a donation of one arm or leg.

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.

Sign Up for One Dinner! Call 310 821-6407 to RSVP

Jan 5	First Friday Dinner	Gary Speck	July 6	First Friday Dinner	Jerr Dunlop
Jan 27	Membership Meeting	Dan Grabski	July 20	Membership Meeting	Tom & Karmen
Feb 2	First Friday Dinner	Harry Johnson	July 21-22	O/D Weekend Race Hospitality	Jim & Maureen Doherty
Feb 24	Membership Meeting	Jim & Maureen Doherty	Aug 3	First Friday Dinner	Peter & Kathy Gonzales
March 2	First Friday Dinner	Tom & Karmen Estlow	Aug 25	Membership Meeting	Stu Coleman
March 23	Membership Meeting	Stu Coleman	Aug 26	Outlook Trophy Hospitality	Stu Coleman
Mar 24-25	Les Storrs Race Hospitality	Mike O'Brien	Sept 7	First Friday Dinner	Tom & Karmen Estlow
April 6	First Friday Dinner	Robert Symer	Sept 21	Membership Meeting	William Dampier
April 14	Lido Invitational Hospitality	Lido Fleet 2	Sept 23	Fletcher Cup Race Hospitality	Edward Teach
April 20	Membership Meeting	Jerry Magnussen	Oct. 5	First Friday Dinner	Tracey Kenney & Rob
May 4	First Friday Dinner	Barbara Widawski	Oct. 20	Membership Meeting	Stu & Maureen
May 19	Membership Meeting	Stu Coleman	Oct. 20	Two for One Race Hospitality	Stu & Maureen
May 27	Corinthian Cup Race Hospitality	Mike O'Brien	Nov 2	First Friday Dinner	Mike O'Brien
June 1	First Friday Dinner	Mike Priest	Nov 17	Membership Meeting	Jerr Dunlop
June 23	Membership Meeting	Shari Landon	Dec 2	Installation Dinner	Stu Coleman/Kelly Cantley