

# THE BEACON

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*Don Baker and Schock & Awe during the Fleet Championship Weekend*



## COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Tom Estlow

What a great venue our room at Shanghai Red's was. And, I am pleased to announce that we have reserved the room for Saturday, December 5th next year (The room has to be booked 51 weeks in advance.) But we had an almost jammed room for our dinner and Installation, and it looked like everyone Had a good time. With a couple of Quartermaster gaffs from the Quartermaster everything went pretty smooth.

So, the baton has been passed, keys have been

exchanged, and the new Board is up and running, having had our first meeting on the 14th.

And, what can you say about our winning the Yacht Club of the Year award from SCYA, for Associate Clubs. Again S/C Coleman has to be given the top nod for organizing and following through all the hoops that have to be jumped through to be considered for the honor. And it is an honor we can show all year long.

Next years calendar is getting pretty full, and Dana Hutton, our Fleet/Cruise chair presented us with monthly events that should be a treat for everyone in the Club, sailor or no. I'm looking forward to a couple of her Land Cruises. The Club has done these types of events in the past, and they have always been a well-attended success.

So, come on down to the Club, enjoy the view and fellowship with members and friends.



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Bruce Fleck

I love SCCYC, every time I walk into the club I feel like Norm from Cheers, everyone know my name, "Hey Bruce, what's going on?" I just don't have Norm's great comebacks.

Well I am on the ladder, first point of business is to find some white pants before March, anyone have some used white pants, 36/32?

Second point of business is the OD schedule. I know you have heard it before but it is important to have someone standing by at the club during the weekends. Of course this means tending bar for a bunch of members that might not even show up. But it means a lot more. Having an OD means being there to welcome prospective new members and extend reciprocal benefits to visiting yachters from other areas. More than twice this last year I was present when folks just walked in and started asking questions about the club. I was there to demonstrate how we are the friendliest club in the marina, and tell them about the advantages and duties the go with joining the club.

Looking forward to a great year at the friendliest club in the marina. — Bruce



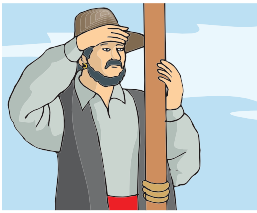
## Jr. Staff COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Stu Coleman

What a great year the club and the members gave me to be Commodore. I was able to fulfill my vision to have more events, more seminars and more hospitality at the clubhouse and increasingly make SCCYC the

center of fun sailing and yachting activities in the Marina. I would like to thank everyone who participated in our events, serving drinks, preparing food, staying after to clean the club and everyone who showed up for the Officer of the Day shifts to welcome member and visitor alike. This club is only the sum of what the members put in to it, and together, we continue to grow our great little sailing community.

And it is the lovely Shari Landon, I heartfully thank for serving with me on the Board, as Treasurer, and foregoing racing to accompany me to seemingly endless Blazer events and being the body and voice of support in my efforts to lead SCCYC in 2008.



# 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)
1/2 William Dampier <b>First Friday</b>	1/3 Stu Coleman <b>Berger/Stein #1</b>	1/4 Bruce Fleck <b>Board Meeting</b>
1/9 Gary Magnussen	1/10 Jo Ann Dean	1/11 John Richardson
1/16 John Staff	1/17 Kelly Cantley <b>SFVYC Topanga Race</b>	1/18 Michele Haney
1/23 Mike Priest	1/24 Nik Vale <b>Membership Dinner</b>	1/25 Mel Widawski <b>Superbowl Regatta</b>
1/30 Steve Arkle	1/31 Robert Symer	2/1 Ron Ikejiri <b>Board Meeting</b>
2/6 Sam Pepkowitz <b>First Friday Dinner</b>	2/7 Dana Hutton <b>North U. Clinic</b>	2/8 Sandy B
2/13 Sandy Clark	2/14 Larry Hoskinson	2/15 Karyn Jones
2/20 Mike Cheda	2/21 Mark Tilford <b>Membership Meeting</b>	2/22 Lee Casey
2/27 Jim Doherty	2/28 Mike Fitzmaurice <b>SFVYC St. Pattys Race</b>	3/1 J.T.Alex <b>Board Meeting</b>
3/6 Steve Mullen <b>First Friday Dinner</b>	3/7 Gary Speck <b>Berger/Stein #2</b>	3/8 John Richardson <b>Club Clean-Up</b>

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Bruce Fleck (rearcommodore@sccyc.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 Kelly to Reserve your Night!

Jan 2	First Friday Dinner	Tom Estlow	June 20	Membership Meeting	_____
Jan 24	Membership Meeting	Kelly Cantley	July 3	First Friday Dinner	_____
Feb 6	First Friday Dinner	_____	July 18-19	O/D Weekend Race Hospitality	_____
Feb 21	Membership Meeting	_____	Aug 7	First Friday Dinner	_____
March 6	First Friday Dinner	_____	Aug 22	Membership Meeting	_____
March 20	Membership Meeting	_____	Aug 23	Outlook Trophy Hospitality	_____
Mar 21	Les Storrs Race Hospitality	_____	Sept 4	First Friday Dinner	_____
April 3	First Friday Dinner	_____	Sept 18	Membership Meeting	_____
April 11	Lido Invitational Hospitality	_____	Oct. 2	First Friday Dinner	_____
April 18	Membership Meeting	_____	Oct. 17	Annual Business Meeting	_____
May 1	First Friday Dinner	_____	Oct 24	Campbell Cup Hospitality	_____
May 16	Membership Meeting	_____	Nov 6	First Friday Dinner	_____
May 24	Corinthian Cup Race Hospitality	_____	Nov 14	Annual Election Meeting	_____
June 5	First Friday Dinner	_____	Dec 5	Installation Dinner	Shanghai Red's



# SCCYC Honors Members and Installs New Board



Outgoing Commodore admires the attentiveness and promise of the 2009 Board of Directors (From L-R: Commodore, Tom Estlow; VC Kelly Cantley; RC Bruce Fleck; Jr. SIC Staff Commodore, Stu Coleman; Returning Port Captain, Robert Symer; Secretary, SIC Sandy Bartiromo; Treasurer, Jim Doherty; Race Chair, Mel Widawski; Membership Chair, John Richardson; Fleet Captain, Dana Hutton; and not pictured, House Chair, Chris Zimmer)



The Commodores display their new flags for the first time. (What does the Staff Commodore's burgee's lack of an anchor signify?)



Brian Mason earns the SCCYC Racer of the Year Trophy, finally recognized by this perpetual half-hull plaque.



Master of Ceremonies Gimmy Tranquillo entertained the crowd with his anecdotes and his enthusiastic accent.



Outgoing Commodore gets to pose with the Incoming Commodore and Commadorable, winners of the Russell Road Lido Trophy



Robert Symer is awarded the club's highest Honor, the Corinthian Spirit Award, for his hours of meritorious service in maintaining, upgrading and improving the clubhouse and the grounds of SCCYC.



Stu recognizes Bruce Fleck, Tom Estlow and (not pictured, Peter Gonzalez) for being O.D.s of the year as the Club's Top Droppers, maintaining the club's lifeblood of the member's life blood...



## The Little Red Box

Just before Thanksgiving, and before the hub bub  
A little red box was set up at the club  
It sat there quite empty with a little white sign  
Could you give me some food, just a can would be fine?

Our members would come and toast with white wine  
But would our red box fill up in time?  
Can after can started to come  
And after that first week the first box was done

But it just kept on going with all our good will  
The second and third box were quick to fill  
And finally to the food bank a delivery call  
With a stack on the hand truck almost four feet tall!

Thank You SCCYC

## SCCYC Charity Fundraiser a Success for Fire Victims

By Jennifer Young

The numbers are in and December's Arbonne fundraiser for FYC, WSA member Shar Breitling and her husband Herb, held at SCCYC on Wednesday December 10th, was both fun and successful. We had 16 people who attended and shopped at the event. They include Ron Judkins (FYC & SCCYC), who bartended, myself (Jennifer Young-the organizer), Elayne White, Susan Bonner (FYC & WSA) and her god daughter Stephanie Downey, Mary Beth McClure (our cousin), Sue Service from WSA, Karen Sabatini (FYC), Nancy Martin, Carol Walsh (FYC, WSA), Harry Johnson (SCCYC), Richard Horner (SCCYC), Kathryn Conway (FYC), Amanda Gill, Rosalie Green, & Robert Symer (SCCYC) who not only gave up his Wednesday night movie night at SCCYC for the cause but was also generous and helpful. There were others who visited as well and contributed to the festivities. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

Everyone was generous and excited to support Shar in rebuilding her life after she and Herb lost their home to the recent Sylmar fire. Some of the people didn't even know Shar but still wanted to help out. People were able to get some of their holiday shopping done and I think most everyone had one (or more) of Ron's, now famous, "Fidel Castro" cocktails too.

I finished getting all the sales together from the fundraiser and mailed Shar a check Tuesday for \$500! (My total retail profit was \$498.99 so \$500 seemed a good round number.) I called her to confirm her address and find out how she's doing. It sounds like she and Herb have found a place. The landlord wants to meet the dogs and make sure they're small but hopefully everything

## WSA/SCCYC to host North U Rules Seminar featuring Dobbs Davis on February 7th

By Kim Stuart

On February 7, 2009, WSA will have the pleasure of again hosting the North U Rules Seminar, in conjunction with SCCYC.

Following last years successful presentation and coupled with a new set of rules for this quadrennium, we expect to pack the house, and are very grateful to SCCYC for hosting the event with us.

Teaching this year's seminar is Dobbs Davis, a Southern California native currently living on the East Coast, and by all accounts, an exceptional sailor with more than a working knowledge of rules and tactics.

I've never met Dobbs, and really didn't know much about him, so after reading the bio that North U sent me, I naturally did a Google search to find out more.

Davis has been a winner in events as diverse as the Jaguar Cup Series, held in Etchells, to the Bermuda 1-2, taking first on Gryphon Solo for the "2" portion (1 is a singlehanded race from Rhode Island to Bermuda, 2 is the doublehanded slog back to Rhode Island from Bermuda), and capturing first place overall with skipper Joe Harris on the Finot Open 50 in 2007.

He is the US Editor for Britain's Seahorse Magazine, and a regular contributor to Sailing World, among other magazines and websites. He's coached an America's Cup team, K-Challenge, 2005-06, and he's an umpire for the World Match Tour. His list of accomplishments is long and includes almost every major championship that I've heard about, and a few that I hadn't. Last but not least, he's won US, UK, and/or World championships in the following classes: J/22, Melges 24, Etchells, 6-Metre, Mumm 30, Melges 32, 1D 35, Sydney 38, Farr 40, GP 42, Swan 45, and 1D 48.

Pretty impressive for a guy that Scuttlebutt described as a journalist who just happened to have a pair of sailing gloves in his bag when Paul Cayard needed a replacement for an injured Terry Hutchinson during the 1998 Marriott Frenchman's Reef International Match Race Series, no?

I've spoken briefly with Dobbs via email, and he seems to be very down to earth and approachable, "coming to talk in Del Rey is (almost) for me a homecoming: I've been in Annapolis for the past 15 years, but grew up down the road in Palos Verdes, went to PV High and UCLA, and sailed throughout So Cal in the '80's and '90's", as well as qualified and prepared to work through the new rules and help us learn to use them to tactical advantage.

Space will be limited and pre-registration is required. North U. also has a very attractive new pricing schedule for this year's seminar. WSA and SCCYC members will be able to sign up at the crew price, and unless you are bringing your lunch, you will need to purchase lunch through the North U site as well; there is no break during the seminar, participants work through lunch.

Registration and pre-payment can be made at <http://northu.com> -- act early and reserve your spot today!

will go smoothly and they can start getting settled in to a new place. Because of the volume of the party, I am also able to donate \$300 in skin care products to her. I'll meet up with her to give her that. I imagine they need just about everything right now. ne who came and contributed to making a difference for Shar and Herb. Last but not least, I want to thank Trish Lavay and Tracey Kenney, both of SCCYC, for beautifully decorating the club! Everyone commented on how great it looked and how festive it was. I can not take any credit for the decoration. It was 100% due to their efforts, talents and creativity and it was gorgeous!



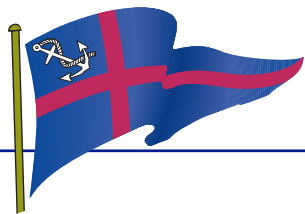
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