

# The **BEACON**



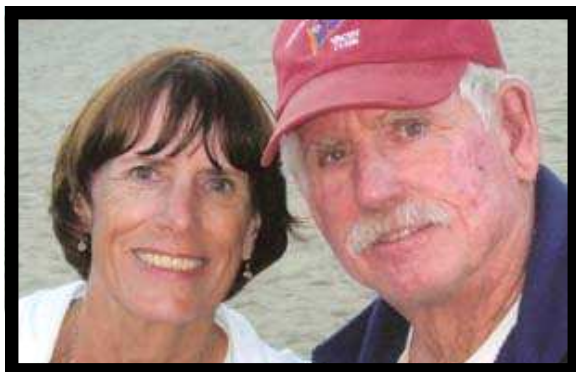
December 2009

SCCYC BEACON

## **2008 YACHT CLUB OF THE YEAR**

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## From the Jr Staff Commodore:

It's been a great year for SCCYC and a real honor to represent the Club as your Commodore.

Next year, Bruce will carry on as our new Commodore and continue the traditions and pride we have in our Club, with just a little of his own insights and experiences from the yachting scene.

I'd like to thank all the members who helped and supported the Club throughout the year.....but there isn't enough room here to mention everyone.

But, I will thank the 'Commodorable' Karmen for her support the entire year. Without her help, it would have been very time consuming and tiring year. She went to all the meetings a Commodore can go to, plus helping with the hospitality of our regattas, and associated events. Her cleaning time will be reduced next year, so.....

We made a lot of new friends at about 30 Opening Day Ceremonies, traveling up and down the coast from Ventura to San Diego.

Our race days were again run very professionally and efficiently as we can run with the best of them. We should look to our cruises to the Island for opportunities to get away as a group, and they are a lot of fun.

The only thing to improve on is trying to get the attendance up at our dinners. If anybody has an idea on how to get folks to the Club....let me know.

See you on the Balcony....

Tom Estlow, Jr Staff Commodore



## Commodore's Report

OK, I want my picture on the wall, I'll admit it. Maybe I can get someone to Photoshop it just a little. Much cheaper and less painful than plastic surgery or hair plugs and hopefully it will last longer.

South Coast takes a lot of volunteer effort to keep running. Not just the obvious OD duty and monthly membership dinners. Members trim the bushes, plant and water flowers, sweep the carpet, empty the trash, update the web site and edit the Beacon. The list is endless. One of the things I want to do as Commodore is spread the tasks around. I want everyone to feel the ownership that making a contribution leads to. I want everyone to have some sweat equity in the club. So look for lots of mail from me asking for favors.

I expect that by the end of 2010 I will owe so many favors that I will be too big to fail.

May you hit all the shifts just right and  
May all those who compete against  
be good losers.

Bruce

## Americas Cup for Dummies.

I was hanging out at Santa Monica Windjammers after the PHRF meeting on Tuesday when SC Mike Priest came up to me with an offer I could not refuse. "Chip in for gas and let's go see the BMW Oracle AC boat in San Diego tomorrow". I am a sucker for a once in a life time offer so of course I said sure with out asking who else as going or what the agenda was.

As it turned out Mike, two other sailor friends and I trailered a RIB to San Diego on Wednesday November 11 in order to get up close and personal with the boat which had it's new wing installed the day before.

We made great time driving down and were on the water by about 9:30. On the ride down we told ourselves to not expect too much. We had no guarantees that the boat would sail that day and no guarantees that if they did sail they would let us near. Crossing the bay from shelter island to the convention center I pointed out to everyone that we could already see they had their sail up so they must plan on sailing ( My idea of a joke, they cannot take the hard wing down, so of course it was up (it is going to be a long year)).

Motoring up it to the boat it is difficult to get a feel for the size, nothing near by to compare it too. Not until you see a man up the mast (see the picture) do you start to realize how tall the thing is, about 200 feet of mast and wing sail. The amas are each 90 feet long and 90 feet apart. The driving stations are about 60 feet apart, a long walk on every tack or jibe.



About 11 am the crew and skipper were ferried out to the boat. At this point a pivotal event took place. Mike Priest was able to hail the driver, James Spithill, "Hey Jim, congratulations, it's me, Mike from Pen-dragon". James remembered and recognized Mike and we had our front row ticket for the sailing that day.

The boat sails very fast. The boat sails very fast. The boat sails very fast at every point of sail. In about 7 knots of wind it was sailing 19, steady. Yes, that is not a typo, it was sailing almost three times the speed of the wind. And this was their second day with the wing sail up. Did I mention that the boat is very fast?

The RIB we had has a 150 HP out-board, we were hard pressed to keep up with her several times. If you go to YouTube you can see the video I took, search "BMW Oracle Sea Trial"

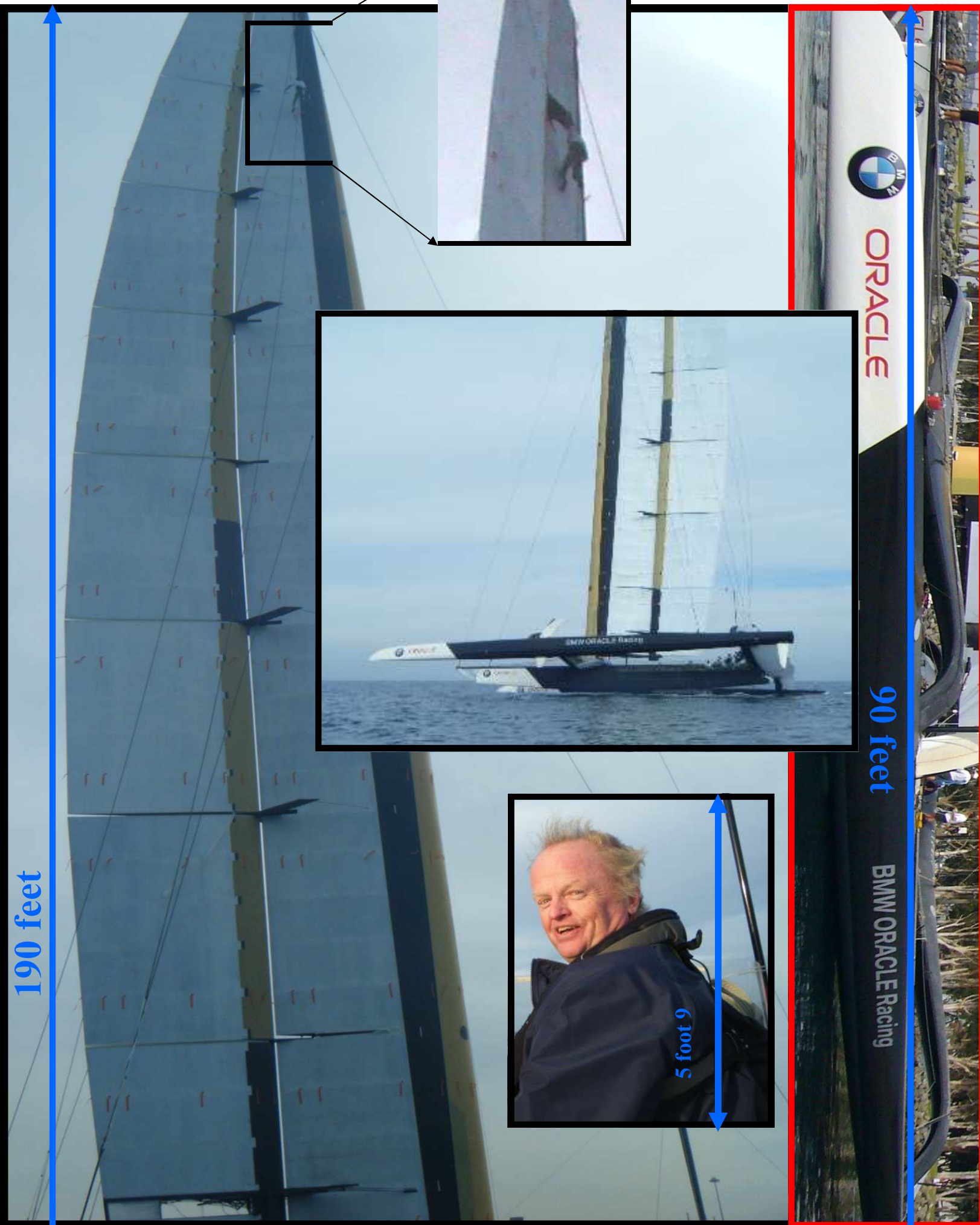
To summarize, we had a GREAT day, way better than we could have predicated, we got to chase the boat all over the ocean, and before we turned around we were about 14 miles off shore. Lot of smiles, lots of pictures, some video and lots of carbon based fuel burned. (A necessary ingredient for male bonding.)

The following Friday Mike and Kelly cooked beef stroganoff and Mike presented "Americas Cup – 2009 - For Dummies" Wish I had all of it on tape. In about 20 minutes he made sense of the legal maneuvering and provide a lot of insight into the mechanizations of both teams.

Maybe we can get him to repeat the presentation when we get closer to the event.

Signing off for now

Bruce



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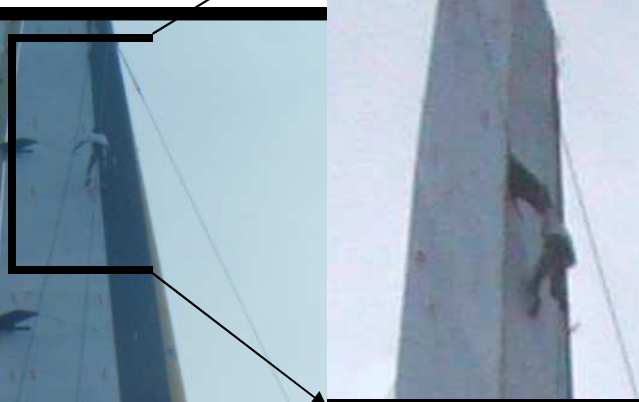
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BMW ORACLE Racing



ORACLE





## Guest Slip

You may have noticed a classic Alden 32 motor sailor dressing up our turning basin over Thanksgiving this year. Our former commodore Steve Carrick is the proud owner of this vessel and was visiting SCCYC from his home at Long Beach Harbor.

Not only was Steve Commodore, but Steve also served as Race Committee Chairman for many years and carried on a great SCCYC tradition of organizing and pulling off memorable races for the club. He received many compliments for his skill at setting a good start line and pulling off the entire race without a hitch.

Steve would like to thank the members of SCCYC and Port Captain Robert Symer for letting him use our guest slip for his visit. It made the trip that much more special to be docked next to SCCYC during his stay.



## Westlake Yacht Club - Turkey Regatta



Kelly Cantley

November 8, 2009

Five teams showed up at Westlake Yacht Club for the Turkey Regatta. Wind was about as good as it can get given that you are sailing in and amongst a residential development - shifty and weird. Though you can see wind pressure on the water coming at you, it may disappear by the time you get to it. And at the same time, you can have good puffs of wind with no indication they are coming. Places changed in huge ways thru the day; Kelley won Race 1 by coming back from at least 20 boat lengths.

Bruce Wasson (Fleet 6 ~ Alamitos Bay, CA) had a really great weekend. First he won the 9 boat B Fleet at Balboa YC's Sunkist/CHOC Regatta on Saturday - falling one boat short of hearing the "Horse's Ass" song \*\* - and then on Sunday he and Paul Makielski won the Westlake Turkey Regatta where Bruce Wasson also got an out of tune "Happy Birthday" song and he got to perform his now infamous turkey pose. What more could you ask for?

### Aburatsubo Yacht Club by Paul May

Last April I got a call from Japan, "Moshi Moshi, Yoshie desu." Yoshie was calling from some remote island just off the pacific coast of Honshu, Japan's main island. The one hotel on the island had a piano badly in need of repair and she got the call. She had just boarded a ferry when she called and wanted to tell me about the very large regatta passing by. Apparently the regatta made quite an impression on her, when she got home she set about researching the race, where were they going? Who was the club sponsor?

She decided to contact the race chair of the sponsoring club, Aburatsubo Yacht Club. Well, like you all know, when someone is interested in sailing what's the best thing to do? Invite them sailing! As it turned out, that invite was going to have to wait a bit, Yuji, the race chair, was preparing for TransPac. Sometimes preparing for a long distance race has nothing to do with the boat, the bigger challenge was to convince his boss to give him a month off. He worked for one year putting in overtime every week. Yuji said to give him a call sometime in late August after he had settled back into his work-a-day life. I arrived in Tokyo on September 11, Yoshie asked if I



would be able to get up early the next day to go sailing, what kind of question is that? Of course I could. We left Omori station at 6:00 AM heading toward Yokohama, we had to switch to a monorail line in Kamakura, very Disney like, then catch a cab from the station to Enoshima Harbor. Enoshima is a beautiful little island connected to the mainland by a bridge. The marina at Enoshima was developed in 1964 as a sailing venue for the Tokyo Olympics. We arrived at the boat, "WINGS III" right on time, 8:00 AM. Never make a skipper wait! Yuji and his crew had breakfast and coffee waiting for us, you've got to love that! After breakfast we did the dishes, stowed our bags and headed out on Sagami Bay. It was a beautiful day, light wind but hey, you can't have everything. I new it would be a good day when the clouds on Mt. Fuji cleared, the Japanese say it's a sign of luck. We were only a couple of miles out in Sagami Bay when these big, round, wide, deep, wide, round, rolling, I don't feel so good, swells came in. I'm not normally prone to sea sickness but I definitely had that first little feeling. Just then Yuji asked if I would like to drive, would I? Sure thing! Driving has got to be the best thing for sea sickness, felt better in no time. It took us about three hours to reach the Miura peninsula which separates Sagami Bay and Tokyo Bay. We sailed into Moroiso inlet, which I thought must

be Aburatsubo, I saw a marina, looked very nice, then Yuji headed to port sailing toward a narrow channel surrounded by thick woods. The channel made a slow easy curve and opened onto the most beautiful little marina I have ever seen!

Aburatsubo is on the southern tip of Tokyo Bay going into Sagami Bay and the Pacific Ocean. It seems every little inlet has a yacht club, Yoshie just happened to find the wild one. Perfect timing, they were honoring a guest they had met in Hawai'i during TransPac. 100 LBS OF KOBE BEEF ON THE BBQ!!! A good time was had by all.



A couple of Pictures I like, by Bruce





# O. D. SCHEDULE

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1/1 No OD	1/2 No OD	1/3 No OD
1/8 Mike Quigley	1/9 Mike Cheda	1/10 Tracey Kenney
1/15 Matt Schultz	1/16 Sam Pepkowitz	1/17 Peter Beale
1/22 NikVale	1/23 Bruce Fleck	1/24 Mel Widowski
1/29 Isaac Hakim	1/30 Paul May	1/31 Jim Doherty

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Karyn Jones (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

# DINNERS AND EVENTS

1/8	First Friday	
1/16	Membership Dinner	Burt & Connie Whaley
1/30	SFVYC Topanga	
2/5	First Friday	
2/13	SFVYC Spring tune up	
2/20	Membership Dinner	Paul May
3/5	First Friday	
3/7	Lido Single Handed	
3/13	Opening Day	SMWYC, CYC, DRYC
3/14	Opening Day	SCCYC, MVYC, PMYC
3/20	Membership Dinner	
3/27	Les Storrs	
4/2	First Friday	
4/3	Lido Invitational	
4/11	Opening Day	KHYC, RBYC, PRYC
4/14	First Sunset Series	
4/17	SFVYC April Fools	
4/17	Membership Dinner	
5/6	First Sunstroke	Frist Starlight

5/7	First Friday	
5/15	Membership Dinner	
5/22	Lido Fleet 2 Champs	
5/29	Corinthian Cup	
5/30	Corinthian Cup	
6/4	First Friday	
6/19	SFVYC Trans Bay	
6/19	Membership Dinner	
7/17	Membership Dinner	
7/23	C15 NA and ODWE	
7/24	C15 NA and ODWE	
7/25	C15 NA and ODWE	
8/6	First Friday	
8/21	Membership Dinner	
9/3	First Friday	
9/18	Membership Dinner	