



# The BEACON

**2008 AND 2009 YACHT CLUB OF THE YEAR**

**JEROME SAMMARCELLI AND DOUG  
WEIS WIN CHAMPAGNE TROPHY**





### *Transformer*



I have a few items to report on.

First, under the heading “Believe it Not” Tracey Kenney and Rob Bray are getting married in early April of this year. The ceremony is in Vale, Colorado. The club is having a celebration of the wedding on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Pat and Ron Kenney will be cooking and serving Lasagna. I am not really sure what to call the party. It is not a shower, so no presents. It is not a bachelor or bachelorette party, no strippers, unless someone want to volunteer. It is not a wedding reception because the wedding has not happened yet. Maybe we can call it a pre wedding night chivhoree. Anyhow everyone is invited to come and join in at least one toast to the Bride and Groom.

Next, on an entirely different topic. I want to share the fact that Jim Doherty, Dylan Porter, Geoff Downer and I are all crewing on the Beneteau 523, Transformer. We have tried to do the LA YC Whitney Series. I mean “tried” not did. For the around Catalina race there was just no wind and about half of the boats dropped out, Transformer included. The round Santa Barbara Island race was cancelled due to dangerous tsunami conditions caused by the earthquake in Chile. Our next outing will be Berger 1 or 2, depending on how you count. It is the race to Squirrel Bank. I hope to have some actual race results to report next month.

Finally, Opening Day is coming up in March. The importance of this is that it signals the spring clean up at the club. So come with your rubber gloves, paint brushes good attitude on Saturday and Sunday March 6 and 7.

May all those you compete against be good losers

Bruce



February Flew... Marching into  
March  
Rear Commodore Report,  
Karyn Jones

Where did this month go? I hope everyone got to enjoy the club (if not the prime rib on the First Friday by yours truly). I've been a bit scarce about the club thanks to the February "flu" but like Tiny Tim, I'm feeling stronger everyday.

I also want to thank everyone who made their OD shift these past two months—it really helps a lot. So what's happened at the club? Luckily, January saw the end of the pesky termites that have been calling us names behind our backs. Thanks to everyone for your patience as we waited for the storms to pass. (And a special thanks to Commodore Bruce for keeping a sense of humor about the place...I think the last score, Termites 3, South Coast 0, said it all but we squashed those bugs in the end!). Lee Casey, led the team of painters to make the kitchen sparkle with a fresh coat of paint. Way to go Lee!

Now with a fresh coat of kitchen paint and a fresh new month coming up, it's time to look forward to the Opening Day ceremonies. Ours is March 14—just in time to rescue the officers from the previous day's festivities and prepare them for the new day with a wee bit of Irish coffee. There will be food to make! I haven't seen it but I know that there is a list out there filled with goodies that so many visiting dignitaries are looking forward to. Let's not disappoint them! I'm still planning on the Monday Memoires, and I'll be there tomorrow if I can kick this flu if not then definitely March 8, so if anyone is interested in stopping by and helping me organize our club history, please contact me by email or stop on by around 4.30pm, Mondays.

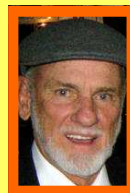
Also, please don't forget to check the OD list online to see if you're the next lucky host of the day. Remember, it's our club, it's our stories, so don't miss it!

# Recognition

## Termite-tation Team

It was a team effort to get the club tented.

Tom Estlow  
Karyn Jones  
Rick Horner  
Lee Casey  
Sandy Clark  
Trevor Bazeley  
Bruce Fleck  
Jim Doherty  
Paul May  
Gary Magnuson



# And

Larry Hoskinson for fixing the cutlass and one chair that seemed to be broken beyond repair.

Karm Estlow for continuing to keep the kitchen clean and the carpet vacuumed.

Gary Magnuson for replacing the decking on the balcony.

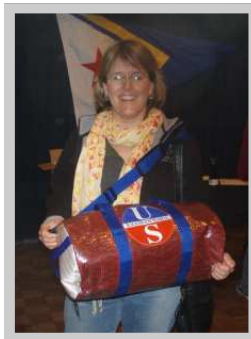
# Lido Stuff



**Super Bowl Regatta**

In 2009, there were 7 A's and 11 B's sailing in the Lido 14 division of this regatta. This year, there were 13 and 14, respectively, 17 Lasers, and 5 C-15s. These 49 boats made the pre-start area a bit crowded at times but otherwise there seemed to be plenty of sailing area. To the thinking of those familiar with dinghy racing in Marina Del Rey, this may have been the largest turnout of any races held "inside" i.e. not out in the ocean.

By: John Popodulpos



Yes, it is Kelly again this month. This time for finishing third in the Lido 14 A fleet at the Superbowl Regatta.



**Karm and tom at Mid Winters**



**Juan and Bruce**

**SUNSTROKE SERIES**  
MAY 6 - AUG 26

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**DINGHY RACING EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 6PM IN THE MDR CHANNEL**



**SCCYC—well represented at Champagne Series. Flag Member, Jerome Sammarcelli, Staff Commodore of SBYRC, won the overall Champagne Trophy racing his OPEN 5.70, Semi-Aquatic. Nik Vale finished Third in the OPEN 5.70 class on Demonic. Bandit won PHRF B and had the best score of all PHRF boats.**



**Jerome**



**Bandit**



**Terry Davis, John, Mike, me and Nora Feddal**



**Terry, Nik, Nora**

## RACING RULES OF SAILING CHANGING ALREADY?

By Mike Quigley  
Feb. 11, 2010

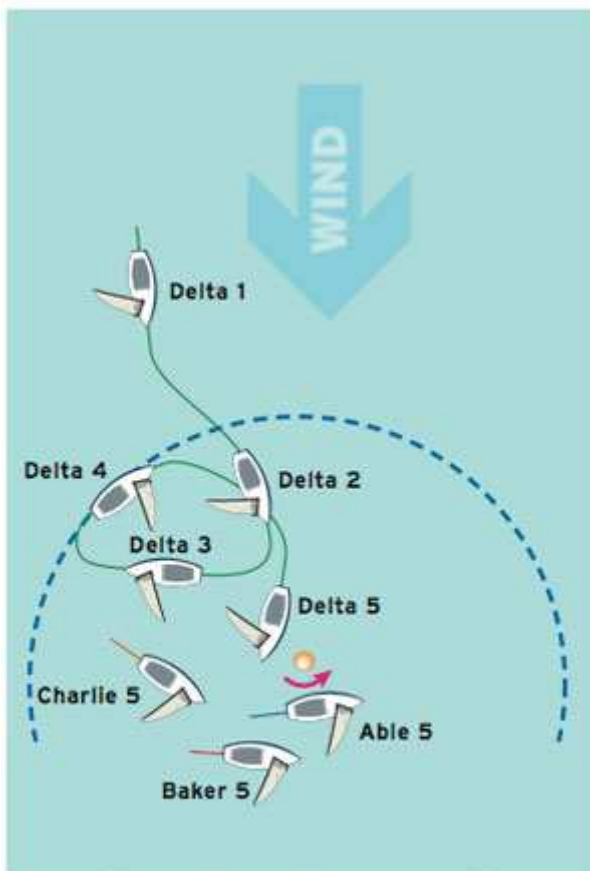
If you still think the zone around a mark is two boat lengths in diameter, you probably also didn't know that the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing were changed in January by the ISAF, which implemented several "emergency changes" to the RRS.

First of all – the zone around a mark is THREE hull lengths, as changed by the 2009-2010 Racing Rules of Sailing. As for the most recent changes, they affect the Giving Mark-Room right-of-way rule (18.2(c)) and the definitions of "Party" and "Obstruction."

The new 18.2(c) rule now reads (New wording is in italics; deleted wording is in bold):

18.2(c) When a boat is required to give mark-room by rule 18.2(b), she shall continue to do so even if later an overlap is broken or a new overlap begins. However, **if either boat passes head to wind or** if the boat entitled to mark-room *passes head to wind* or leaves the zone, rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply.

The change is designed to prevent what the ISAF saw as a potentially dangerous situation around a mark whereby a boat that was required to give mark-room tacks inside the zone to switch off 18.2(b) and thus become entitled to mark-room under Rule 18.2(a).



**In 2009, Delta's tack just before reaching the mark would have entitled her to mark-room. Now it would not.**

The obstruction definition was changed as follows (only the relevant part of the definition is included):

**Obstruction** An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. ...However, a boat racing is not an obstruction to other boats unless they are required to keep clear of her, **give her room or mark-room or**, if rule 22 applies, avoid her. A vessel under way, including a boat racing, is never a continuing obstruction.

Confused? For a much better description of the rule changes, including the change in the definition of Party, take a look at a racing rules expert's discussion on these latest changes to The Racing Rules of Sailing. Browse for the following link to Dick Rose's article in *Sailing World* magazine:

<http://www.sailingworld.com/from-the-experts/rules/isaf-implements-two-important-rule-changes-1000080029.html>

Remember, the zone is three hull lengths, and "party" is not necessarily what happens in the clubhouse following the race.

So what do sailors do on vacation...they go on a cruise. So that's what Karm and I did the first of January.

We had scheduled a cruise of the Panama Canal since last May, and it included, Cartagena, Colombia, Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, Hualtuco, Acapulco, and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

We left Miami, Florida on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, aboard the Constellation. Sort of a mega cruiser, but not the largest by any means of the Celebrity Cruise Line. We were not alone on the boat. After two days at sea, we visited Cartagena, Colombia. We opted for a walking tour of the old city that is totally walled in. The streets are narrow and they do not allow cars inside the walls. The history is thick and extremely interesting. Of course being a guided tour, we were herded around in a group so you wouldn't bump into the other groups also being herded around.



Next stop was Panama, after one day at sea. We went straight through the Canal as larger vessels (who pay up to \$250K per passage) already are in line to transit when they get there. The canals are 110' wide...and the Constellation is 105', which makes for a tight squeeze. The Canal is one of the greatest fetes of engineering in the world, and has to be seen to be fully appreciated.

After clearing Panama, we had two days at sea to get to Costa Rica. Punta Arenas was the stop for the day. We decided, we don't do tours well, cattle herding not being our thing, so we walked the local shopping and gift stalls for a while on the beach of Punta Arenas.

On the way to the next port of Hualtuco, Mexico, we had to cross the Gulf of Tehuantepec, well known to cruisers for it's strong winds, and very rough seas. And we did see the seas and winds (reported to be 60+ kts) but with the stabilizers out full length, we zipped through at an easy 20 kts and hardly felt the difference.



Hualtuco has been described as "Acapulco, 30 years ago", and real estate is very competitive. Condos are springing up all around the Gulf of Santa Cruz, our port, and the many secluded coves up and down the coast. This was our first Margarita stop, as we sat on the beach under a palapa with our feet in the sand. We liked Hualtuco, and may have to return someday. They do have their own airport

Acapulco, our next stop was.....



# Membership News

## MidWinters Role Call.

### Racing under the SCCYC Burgee

Member	Class
Brian Mason	Thistle
Scott McKenney	Laser Master
Tom Estlow	Lido 14 B
Steve Arkle	Schock 35
Vince Paternoster	C15
John Richardson	C15
Karyn Jones	Martin 242
Jerome Sammarcelli	Open 5.70
Nik Vale	Open 5.70
Tracey Kenney	Open 5.70
Michale Shanks	Open 5.70
John O'Donnell	Star
Huy Nguyen	Star
Robert Symer	Star
Gigi Barbes (prospective member)	Farr 30

(Steve got First  
in a seven boat  
fleet)

Did I miss anyone? If so, sorry

## Tsunami hits SCCYC.

Saturday March 27th 2010.

It was a perfect sailing day. The morning storm had passed and the radar showed a long patch of clear weather. Charles and Joanna had agreed to go out in their Lido, "Mosquito" and help Gigi and me tune my Lido after making a series of winter adjustments. The sky was clear, visibility was fantastic with snow on the distant mountains behind LA, the wind was from the SW at 7/8 knots and there were only a couple of other boats out. We had checked the WEB and the Tsunami forecast from the Chilean mega earthquake was supposed to have no real affect in our part of the world, may be 2 ft. At this point we had no real understanding of how bad the damage was in Chile but we were told a 15 to 18ft tsunami wave was expected in Hawaii.



We spent an hour taking turns with one Lido sailing close hauled and the other following to windward making adjustment. Suddenly, at about 12:50pm a Coast Guard cutter, blue lights flashing, left the Coast Guard center heading towards us. I wondered what we were doing wrong, I had a current license and life jackets in the boat etc. They slowed down long enough to announce on the speaker that Long Beach was experiencing a Tsunami. Then they dashed off at high speed out of the Marina. There was no details. We headed back toward the club imagining a great wave was about to roll down the marina when Matt, who had seen us go out and was monitoring channel 16, came by in his motor boat to say that it was reported that the Tsunami in Long Beach was 8ft.

Gigi put on her life jacket and we focused on sailing out of the main channel as quickly as possible. Passing by the visitors pontoons in the main channel, by the entrance to our channel, we suddenly noticed that the ebb current was racing out. I have seldom seen a current in the Marina of more than 1 knot but this must have been at least 3 plus, and at the edge of the marina which is normally the slowest area of the current. We were on a spring tide with a forecast of low tide of -1 ft so I did not think too much when we arrived at the club dock to find the pontoon very low but still with a couple of feet of water covering the mud at the base of the wall below the crane. By the time we had dropped the sails and prepared to lift the boat out, say 5 minutes later, the mud was well above the waterline and the pontoon was hardly floating. Besides the unusual view of the mud, the gas coming from it was pungent, We lifted the boat out, and within 10 minutes the water was back up covering the mud by a couple of feet, and the water surface was covered with a filthy oil sludge that had been released by the exposed mud. I guess that within a half hour period the water level dropped and rose about 3 ft.

Matt later told me that he recorded over 4 knots in the middle of the channel, and a rise and fall of 4ft.

So we can officially report that SCCYC did have a Tsunami but thankfully it had no real effect except to foreshorten a great sailing day.

Peter Beale March 28th 2010

# Cruise Calendar



Name	Dates	Destination
Kayak Cruise	July 10 Saturday	Newport Back Bay
Catalina Island Spring Cruise	April 9, 10, 11	Two Harbors
Shoreline Village Long Beach	June 18, 19, 20	Long Beach Municipal Docks Shoreline Long Beach
Corinthian Cup Cruise And Race	Memorial Wknd May 29, 30	Redondo Beach Yacht Club
Commodores Cruise	Aug. 13, 14, 15	Catalina Island Two Harbors
Fletcher Cup Cruise And Race	Sept 17, 18, 19	Catalina Island Two Harbors

**Ink these dates!**



# O. D. SCHEDULE

Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200 - 1600 Hrs (Fall / Winter Hours)	Sunday 1200 - 1600 Hrs (Fall / Winter Hours)
<b>March 2010</b>		
03/05 Jerome Sammarcelli <i>First Friday</i>	03/06 Paul Button	03/07 Sandy Clark <i>Lido Single Handed Race</i>
03/12 Gary Schaffel	03/13 <i>Opening Day</i> John Thomas	03/14 <i>Opening Day</i> Lee Casey
03/19 Steve Mullen	03/20 Sandy B. <i>Membership Dinner</i>	03/21 Michelle Shanks
03/26 Charlie Dimont	03/27 Geoff Downer <i>Les Storrs</i>	03/28 Scott McKenny
<b>April 2010</b>		
04/02 Mik Priest <i>First Friday</i>	04/03 Chris Kitchen	04/04 Ron & Pat Kenny
04/09 Ronald Judkins	04/10 Noah Farrell	04/11 Mike Cheda
04/16 Nik Vale	04/17 Mark Tilford	04/18 John Richardson
04/23 Dennis Castenada	04/24 John O'Donnell	04/25 Clark Garrett

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 be the only record that you fulfilled your duty.

# DINNERS AND EVENTS

3/5	<b>First Friday</b>	Tracey Kenney	4/17	SFVYC April Fools	
3/13	Opening Day	SMWYC, CYC, DRYC	4/17	<b>Membership Dinner</b>	Bruce Fleck
3/14	Opening Day	SCCYC, MVYC, PMYC	5/6	<b>First Sunstroke</b>	<b>Frist Starlight</b>
			5/7	<b>First Friday</b>	?
3/20	<b>Membership Dinner, Party for Tracey and Rob</b>	Pat and Ron Kenney	5/15	<b>Membership Dinner</b>	?
			5/29	<b>Corinthian Cup/ Cruise</b>	
3/27	<b>Les Storrs</b>		5/30	<b>Corinthian Cup/ Cruise</b>	
4/2	<b>First Friday</b>	?	6/4	<b>First Friday</b>	?
4/3	<b>Lido Invitational</b>		6/19	SFVYC Trans Bay	
4/9 - 4/11	<b>Spring Cruise</b>		6/19	<b>Lido Single Hnaded</b>	
4/11	Opening Day	KHYC, RBYC, PRYC	6/19	<b>Membership Dinner</b>	?
4/14	First Sunset Series		7/17	<b>Membership Dinner</b>	?
			7/23 - 7/25	<b>C15 NA and ODWE</b>	