



# THE BEACON

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What a GREAT opening day on March 21<sup>st</sup>! I hope everyone was able to be there, if not you missed the best opening day in the Marina, BAR NONE! Our Red Apron Brigade, Karmen Estlow, Shelby Fischer and Darlene Stringfellow, deserve a medal for their diligence to detail and making the South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club Opening Day PERFECT! The food was great, served along with the best Irish Coffee this side of Ireland. I'm sure Tom Estlow and Gary Speck are Leprechauns in disguise.

As always, Cannoneer Dan Grabski didn't shoot anybody or sink any invading ships. The Clubhouse looked great with a new paint job on the stairs and some fantastic decorations. Several Club Members even put flags on my old Cal-25. That's the best its looked in a year. Our guest dock was full of visiting dignitaries and their dinghies, and as usual the Lifeguard Fire, and Sheriffs departments provided the much appreciated shuttle service. Those guys deserve our full support and thanks for all they do.

Unfortunately, we had to leave our own celebration to attend the other Opening Day ceremonies at Pacific Mariners Yacht Club and Del Rey Yacht Club which were very nice (I still think ours was the best, but maybe I'm prejudiced). I'd like to thank all those that participated in making SCCYC Opening Day a memorable occasion. I hope it's a portent of a perfect year. Pacific Mariners shot the rubber chicken when the canon went off, their annual event. Del Rey had a great red carpet from the shuttle up to the clubhouse. Both clubs served great food and drinks, and the opening ceremonies were very nice. Del Rey even had a "Rockabilly" Dance band playing in

the Clubhouse and a lot of our party enjoyed a dance or two including my wife Roddi. Unfortunately my shillelagh just wanted to stand around and watch.

Well, the season is officially open and now we can look forward to all the events we have planned for this year, beginning with the Les Storrs Series for PHRF / One Design, March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Race Chair Christine Speck will be giving you all the details in the next few pages. Keep your eye on *The Beacon* for more upcoming events. We also need volunteers for cooking our Friday night dinner occasions, Membership Meetings and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday breakfasts. These are very special Club get together's where our members can get to know each other and schmooze. Call or e-mail Judy Gavin our Social Chair ([socialchair@sccyc.org](mailto:socialchair@sccyc.org)) and demonstrate your culinary skills.

I've still got a few Opening Day ceremonies to attend and I'm also looking forward to getting my boat out on the water. They finally let me take off the patch and see things with both eyes (much better I'd say). Now if only I could grow a new leg, oh well, you can't have everything. At least I've got a great Club to be part of. Keep your sails up and full or your throttle forward.



2004 SCCYC Officers & Staff



**Vice Commodore's Report**  
By Carl Radusch



**Rear Commodore's Report**  
By Sandy Bartiromo

Becky Radusch is finally back from Hawaii, and just in time! Carl was running out of clean clothes!. She was so pleased with the red apron presented to her by the Red Apron Brigade, personalized with her name.

Great job, everyone, on the Opening Day! I had many compliments on the way it was all presented. Many, many thanks to Jr. Staff Terry and Darlene for putting it all together.



*Carl & Becky enjoy Opening Day*

Our Ice maker donation fund is doing great, and at this point, we have about \$600 and need roughly \$185 more, including tax, to make it entirely donated. Check with Carl if you feel the need to keep things cool. (Let's see, the first words of the last sentence were . . .?)

Cannot help mentioning that although we did not beat *Pendragon* or *Chicken Little*, we were the third boat to finish in the Whitney No. 2 race around Santa Barbara Island, and we beat *Ghost* by an hour. Did I forget to mention that we are about to have our PHRF rating lowered? We will be racing Whitney No. 3 this week-end, around Eagle Rock and back. We are determined to help *Ghost* see the error of her ways, and hope that Bob Kellock will be with us again, as he really did assist us in our last victory.

If you do not see me around the club as usual in April, it is because we are racing almost every weekend in either the Whitney Catalina Island Series, or the Ensenada race. Sparta has logged more than 3500 racing miles and you would think that we would be coming up with more first places. Unfortunately, *Pendragon* gets placed in our class too frequently, and who can compete with that? Give us a break, Mike!! Carl

Spring has sprung! The club is officially commissioned for the year 2004. Come and join us in the activities planned for this year.

Our calendar is robust with fun events, plenty of dinners and brunches, races, cruises and a couple of educational seminars. Our first cruise to Long Beach, Queens Way Bay, is scheduled for April 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup>. For details and reservations for mooring and dinner aboard the Queen Mary, please contact Kay Miller, our Cruise Chairperson, as soon as possible.

The commissioning of our Power Fleet by Fleet Captain Dana Hutton, will be on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll have photos of your boat on the water, a short parade with Spellbound leading the squadron, and a pot-luck lunch at the Clubhouse. All power boaters please motor to the guest docks in front of the Clubhouse at 10:00 sharp for an invocation, and then we will proceed into the channel for a parade and photo session. We will all be monitoring the event on channel 69 on your VHF. Afterward we will meet back at the club house for one of our special pot lucks. Please bring a main dish for this event. All power boats report for duty!

Paul Muggleston will host a poker run, and a King Harbor Breakfast cruise is being planned by Christine Speck. Check the calendar for these and other fun activities planned for the months ahead.

All ODs please report for duty when your scheduled shift comes around. I look forward to seeing you all at the Club House.

**Editors Note (correction):**

The March 2004 issue of *The Beacon* mistakenly referred to Club Member Joanne L as a "Master Diver" instead of a "Divemaster". A Divemaster is a certified and insured dive professional. A Master Diver is a certified diver with some specialty training. Reference was also made to her availability to teach scuba. Divemasters are not authorized or insured to train uncertified divers. Only a certified scuba instructor can do so. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to Joanne for the misrepresentation of facts.



## Race Chair Report By Christine Speck



South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club closed out the last weekend in March with the Les Storrs Sailing Regatta. Twenty boats entered the five-race “round the buoys” series. The boats were divided into 3 PHRF classes and 2 one-design classes: Martin 242 and Cal 20s. The Cal 20s were also scored in PHRF C to fill out that class. The PHRF A & B classes were divided by ULDB ratings rather than the regular PHRF ratings, which made more competitively matched A & B classes.

The wind was light and fluky on Saturday yet the seas were pretty lumpy since higher winds in the preceding days stirred things up. The sea was calmer on the second day, but so were the winds. The winds oscillated from west to northwest which forced us to use both E and F as the windward marks. We even used both marks in the first race!

First place for each class was as follows:

PHRF A	Mahaffey Family	<i>Cuvee Caliente</i> (Mumm 30)
PHRF B	Jaime Cantu, Rick Ruskin	<i>Can 2</i> (Juanneau SF 37)
PHRF C	Allan Freedman	<i>Freedom Too</i> (Catalina 27)
Cal 20	Bill Pistey	<i>Poquito</i>
Martin 242	Steve Hathaway, Leeds, Cafe	<i>Strange Crew</i>

The race committee was led by PRO Bob Kellock, who was accompanied by a full crew: Sandy Bartiromo, Jim Doherty, Tom Estlow, John Fischer, Paul Muggelston, Christine Speck, and Gary Speck. Tom bounded around on the water in his rubber ducky as the mark boat on both days. We had dueling dinghies on Sunday when Paul joined up as a second mark boat. Jim provided a great committee boat in *Camelot IV* (Islander 36). It sure was nice using that windlass to pull up the anchor at the end of each day, especially since it had an all chain rode!



Mike Oliveu on *Vas-Y* during the Les Storrs Series

Each race day was topped off by great hospitality at the Club. On Saturday, the Red-Apron Brigade (Darlene Stringfellow and Karmen Estlow), in their usual fine style, treated the racers to hamburgers and hot dogs from the Terry Stringfellow grill, and volunteer salads from the kitchen. The bar was ably tended by our Bar Manager Mark Tilford and Nancy Werner. Thanks to Mark’s efforts, we had plenty of premium beer to offer up to our racers. Rick Horner was our all-around utility man, helping with shopping, supplying, set up etc. On Sunday, the snacks and treats were continued through the trophy presentations. Our new Trophy Chair, Dana Hutton, supplied us with beautiful new trophies.

Thanks to all the volunteers (especially those that I’ve failed to mention by name) at SCCYC for helping to put on a very successful race weekend.



Catalina 38, *Broad Reach*, in the Les Storrs Series

Our next Club race event is the Corinthian Cup on Memorial Day Weekend in May. We’ll race to King Harbor for dinner at the Redondo Beach Yacht Club on Saturday, stay the night in borrowed slips, and then race back to Marina del Rey for a BBQ at SCCYC on Sunday. That leaves Monday open to relax and recoup!

The Newport-Ensenada Race starts from Newport Harbor on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We expect to have a few Club boats making this traditional trek south.

Check the ASMBYC calendar for April. There are a lot of racing events including the Spring Keelboat Regatta, Sunset Series Seminars, Sunset Series, Mac Jones, Chuck Stein and Bill Stein races.

Hope to see you on the water.



**Jr Staff Commodore Report**  
By Terry Stringfellow



Our 72nd Opening Day has come and gone. All the plotting, planning, and hard work is behind us now for another year. All that's left are empty champagne bottles and crumbs on the carpet.

The actual ceremony took just 14.5 minutes, but the preparation, cleaning and painting, took several weeks.

I could thank everyone by name but it would read like the Club roster. Members donated money, flowers, money, champagne, money, Bushmills, money, ice, tools, and time. Sometimes time is the hardest commodity to come up with, but most everyone came through, even if it was an hour or ten hours. It takes a lot of help to make the event happen.

The feedback from our guests was extremely favorable, some saying it was the best opening day they had been to. Our formula has been, keep it as simple as possible: A. Don't bore them with a long program. B. Feed them the best from the Red Apron Ladies.

What I'm trying to say is, it couldn't have been successful without our volunteer help!

Thank you, each and every one, and you know who you are.



**SCCYC Racers**

These are some of the SCCYC boats that have been spotted in races over the last month. If we've missed your boat or you plan to race in the next month, let us know at [beacon@sccyc.org](mailto:beacon@sccyc.org).

<i>Bella</i> , Ericson 32	Gary Speck	Stein 2, Topanga
<i>Camelot IV</i> , Islander 36	Jim Doherty	Stein 2, Topanga
<i>Go Fly a Kite</i> , Columbia 30	Jane Thomas	Stein 2, Topanga
<i>Peregrine</i> , Catalina 25	Harry Johnson	Stein 2, Topanga
<i>Sparta III</i> , Ross 40	Carl Radusch	Whitney Series 1,2, 3
<i>Vas-Y</i> , Cal 20	Mike Oliveau, Jr	Les Storrs Series



**Fleet Captain Report**  
By Dana Hutton

Cruising

**April 3 & 4** opens the cruising season for SCCYC in style! Our Cruise Coordinator, Kay Miller has organized a cruise to Long Beach and made arrangements for us to dine together aboard the Queen Mary.

Mark your calendars and plan on cruising with us **May 1 & 2** to Paradise Cove. Please contact Kay Miller if you will be going.

Power Fleet Ceremony

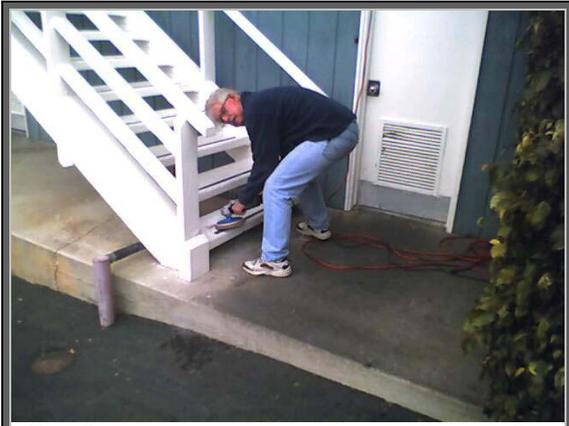
The Installation of the SCCYC's new Power Boat Fleet will take place Sunday, **April 18**. Please join us with your powerboat at the guest docks in front of the club by 10 am for the Installation photo op. Following the ceremony and blessing of the fleet, the boats will parade the channel and return to the club for a potluck. At the helm of this activity is Rear Commodore, Sandy Bartiromo.



## Share the Burden

By Paul Muggleston

How good it is to see the backbone of the club hard at work. It is a picture I have seen many times over the years, a fine core of dedicated Club members bent on seeing the Club prosper.

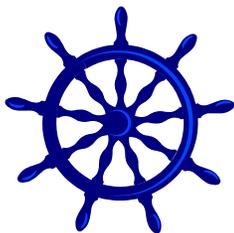


*Tom Estlow hard at work painting for Opening Day*

Although this picture shows Tom Estlow hard at it, preparing the stairs for painting, it was a combined effort overseen by Terry Stringfellow, and very aptly supported by Rear Commodore Sandy Bartiromo, and their team that made the Club ready for another opening day.

I would like to see more Club Members participate and share the burden; after all, this is a volunteer club and the weight should not fall on the shoulders of a few who do so without overt recognition. A combined effort needs to continue to build so that all Members can enjoy the fruits that have developed over many years of generous participation by those who have gone before.

Indeed it will be a good year 2004 simply because Members volunteer their time so that all may enjoy!.



## Junior Shipmates

By Sherry Barone

The Chili Cook-Off fundraiser for the JR Shipmate Program was a great success with over eighty people attending.

Each year the SCCYC JR Shipmate Program raises funds through family, friends, SCCYC Members, and local associations such as Santa Monica Sailing Foundation and IOBG. Chile competition this year was fierce, and the winner was Francesca Beale with her Roman Chili. There were many great chili entries by: Judith Gavin, Karmen Estlow, Rick Horner, Joseph & Linda O'Connor, Roddi & Ron Tvenstrup, Teresa Rodriguez, John & Pat Eckland, Mark Tilford & Nancy Werner, Larry Zehnder, Gary Fenton, and Mitch Turner. Thanks to all the chili cooks and cornbread makers for their time and dedication to the program. We had music provided by Sean Beale and friends, which lit up the club. There was a fun raffle with many items donated by local merchants such as the Marriott, California Pizza Kitchen, and others.

The SCCYC JR Shipmate Program is in its fourth year and teaches Special Olympic Athletes and able-bodied children how to sail. The program has a lot of community support, including LA Beaches and Harbors, and the Marina Del Rey Sheriff and Fire Department stations.

The kids are looking forward to this year's program beginning in April!



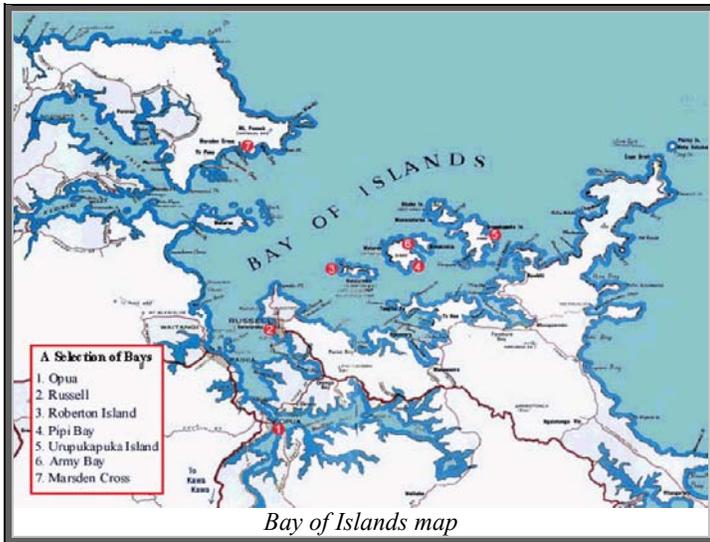
*Chili Cookers Serving Samples to Testers*



## New Zealand...or how we found the Bay of Islands

By Steve Krug

Marilyn and I set off to New Zealand to visit our daughter Jennifer. She and her boyfriend, Bob, were completing an “around the world” trip, and decided to end in New Zealand. Their plan was to learn to sail, buy a boat, and explore the country. They booked our hotels and we arrived on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We expected to see the sights, but we didn’t expect to find a boater’s paradise!



*Bay of Islands map*

Fresh from our arrival in Auckland on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup>, the 4 of us took the ferry from Devonport to the resort island of Waheki. This island is in Auckland Harbor. The Kiwi pace allowed us to adjust to local time, try some New Zealand wines, and relax on deserted beaches in preparation for some serious sightseeing on the North Island.

We traveled South of Auckland to the geo-thermal part of New Zealand, a town called Rotorua. This is where the island began through various volcanoes...many still spewing steam and gases. This area is also rich with the indigenous native Mauri culture.

Next we headed back to the Pacific Coast of New Zealand, North of Auckland. The rest of the trip would keep us on the water. Our first stop was the coastal town of Tutukaka. We left our B & B early to board the dive boat for a trip to the Poor Knights Islands for diving, snorkeling, and sightseeing. The water was bright blue and about 75 degrees. The islands are large rock outcroppings with fantastic underwater walls,

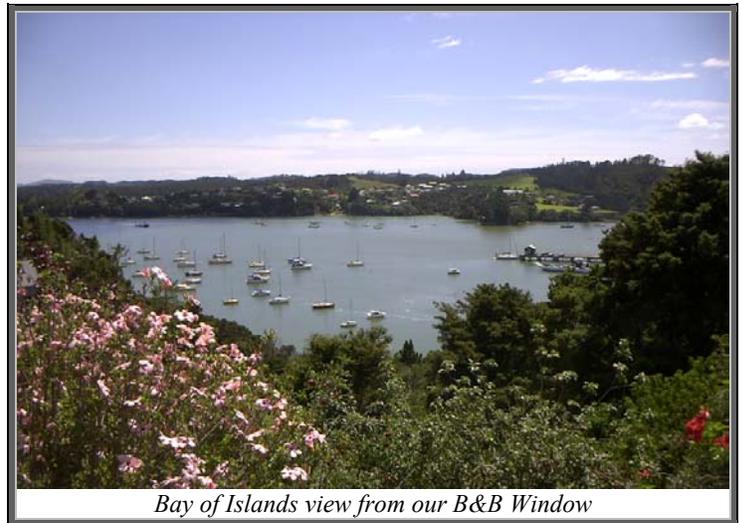
caves, and sea life everywhere. We saw rays, schooling fish, snapper, Kingfish, and dozens of other fish and birds.

I didn’t think our ocean adventure could get any better until we arrived at the town of Opuia in the Bay of Islands, about 30 miles north of our dive site. The Bay of Islands is an area of 134 islands, inlets, and a coastal town discovered by Captain Cook in 1769. The towns are serviced by ferries and have many Bed & Breakfast Inns and hotels. Jennifer and Bob’s 25’ New Zealand-built Reactor sailboat became our transportation for the next 5 days while exploring the Bay.

We swam in deserted lagoons, explored uninhabited islands, and ate in little towns and historic inns situated right on the water. And we just continued sailing because the scenery around the next point kept getting better.

We split our overnight accommodations between local B & B’s and the oldest hotel in New Zealand, the Duke of Marlboro. The locals are very friendly and couldn’t have made the trip any more enjoyable. Mostly sunny skies prevailed, with temperatures in the mid-seventies.

Finally, though, we had to head for home. A three-hour drive brought us back to Auckland for the 1½-hour flight back to California. New Zealand is a special place, and a very special place for boaters. Team New Zealand can prepare for their defense of the America’s Cup but we’ll take sailing around the Bay of Islands any day!



*Bay of Islands view from our B&B Window*



# O.D. SCHEDULE



The following schedule will be in effect as shown

Friday 1800-2200 Hrs. (Year-Round Hours)		Saturday 1200-1600 Hrs. (Winter Hours)		Sunday 1200-1600 Hrs. (Winter Hours)	
04/02	Paul Paggi*	04/03	Jotham Schwartz	04/04	Gene O'Connell
04/09	Clark Garrett	04/10	Gary Magnuson	04/11	John Thomas**
04/16	Dave Johnson	04/17	Chris Sampson	04/18	Gary Calthrup
04/23	Lara Jacques	04/24	Bob Kellock***	04/25	Steve Mullen
04/30	Jerry Magnussen	05/01	Mark Tilford <sup>1</sup>	05/02	Gil Gfelner
05/07	Gimmy Tranquillo	05/08	Gary Speck	05/09	Deon Claiborne
05/14	Bruce Fleck	05/15	Joseph O'Connor	05/16	Mike Priest
05/21	Tom Estlow	05/22	Bernard Auroux	05/23	Sandy Clark
05/28	Mark Register	05/29	Jim Doherty	05/30	Trish LaVay

\* 1st Friday Dinner @ the Club    \*\* 2nd Sunday Breakfast @ the Club    \*\*\* General Membership Meeting

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Nancy Werner ([beacon@scyc.org](mailto:beacon@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 up to \$50.

**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.

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MAILING ADDRESS

APRIL		MAY	
02	First Friday Dinner (7 pm)	01	Junior Shipmate - Day 3
03-04	Cruise: Queens Way Bay	01-02	Cruise: Paradise Cove
11	Second Sunday Brunch (10 am)	07	First Friday Dinner (7 pm)
	Board Meeting (4 pm)	08	Junior Shipmate - Day 4
17	Junior Shipmate - Day 1	09	Second Sunday Brunch (10 am)
18	Power Fleet Pictures (10 am)		Board Meeting (4 pm)
24	Junior Shipmate - Day 2	22	General Membership Meeting Dinner (7 pm)
	General Membership Meeting Dinner (7 pm)	29-30	Corinthian Cup