

THE BEACON

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Commodore's Report
By Ron Tvenstrup

Here we are in the full swing of summer, with record heats inland, while here on the beautiful Santa Monica Coast the weather is the best in the entire country. The winds have been generous and the days long, making our boats the only place to be. There have been a myriad of activities going on, not only in our SCCYC but in the other clubs all over the marina; of course our SCCYC leads the way. This past weekend was the One Design Weekend, and a fantastic time was had by all who participated. Once again our Race Committee, ably led by Race Chair Christine Speck, has done an outstanding job. The Outlook Trophy Race is coming up, and I'm sure there will be a good turnout for that event also; this will be a great opportunity if you're not racing to get involved with the Hospitality crew. Call or e-mail Christine and find out what you can do, to make it a great event again this year.

I was greatly saddened by the news of the loss of Rear Commodore Sandy Bartiromo's dad. Roddi and I, along with the SCCYC officers and membership, offer our condolences. It's a terrible thing to lose your dad.

Over the past few weeks we have had a lot of family visitors from out of state spending a lot of time with our members and going out for boat rides around the marina. It has to be better than a trip to Disneyland, and our membership rolls are growing steadily. Staff Commodore Terry Stringfellow has acquired a new sailboat which can be seen in the slip his old one used to occupy. House Chair Rick Horner has also acquired a new sailboat, again viewable in his old slip. I'm sure if you asked either one about their acquisitions, they

would be extremely happy to tell you all about it. I think Social Chair Judy Gavin may have sold her sailboat and is about to acquire my Old Cal-25, which should be a great boat for her. It will be like keeping it in the family, with the promise of a ride now and then.

Vice Commodore Carl Radusch and his wife Becky and some other members have practically refurbished the clubhouse by refinishing the tables and chairs. They look great. All in all the Club is doing very well, lots of activities and lots of participation, many upgrades and new memberships. That's what it's all about.

Until I see you all again, keep your sails full or your throttle to the wall.

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.

<i>Allez</i> , Lido 14	Gary Speck	Sunstroke Series
<i>Brava</i> , Columbia 22	Gimmy Tranquillo	One Design Weekend
<i>Bandit</i> , Santana 20	Mike Cheda, Bruce Fleck, John Thomas	Sunset Series
<i>Camelot IV</i> , Islander 36	Jim Doherty	MdR to San Diego Jennifer Diamond Regatta
<i>Faute de mieux</i> , Lido 14	Robert Spieler	4 th of July Regatta Sunstroke Series
<i>Fearless Fosdick</i> , Lido 14	Tom Estlow	Sunstroke Series
<i>Gusto</i> , Santana 20	Clark Garrett, Lara Jacques, Jane Thomas	Sunset Series
<i>Jury Rigged</i> , Columbia 22	Steve Mullen	One Design Weekend
<i>Lone Ranger</i> , Ranger 26	Rick Horner	Sunset Series Jennifer Diamond Regatta
<i>Peregrine</i> , Catalina 25	Harry Johnson	Jennifer Diamond Regatta
<i>Sparta III</i> , Ross 40	Carl Radusch	MdR to San Diego Sunset Series
<i>Vas-Y</i> , Cal 20	Mike Oliveau	One Design Weekend
<i>Wazzup</i> , Columbia 22	Jerry Magnussen	One Design Weekend



Vice Commodore's Report
By Carl Radusch



Rear Commodore's Report
By Sandy Bartiromo

The regatta last week end went very, very well. Your Vice Commodore even got the chance to race on a Columbia 22 with Jerry Magnussen. The sails were purchased with the boat thirty years ago. We had a great time!

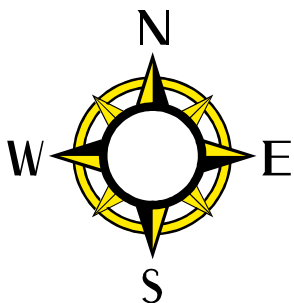
Our trophies are the greatest! Dana figured out a photo album with a picture of the winning boats on the front page. No one can compete with our trophies. Your Vice Commodore even got kissed by a trophy winner! If you were there, you could appreciate it!

Our house is finished, but the electric and gas service is still waiting to be hooked up. I am now officially broke. All donations will be gratefully accepted! We will be having a house-warming soon. Be prepared for a long drive.

We now have ten chairs and three table bases than desperately need sanding and varnishing in the club house. Please, please adopt one (or more) as quickly as possible. The sand blasting left the chairs in need of some serious sanding. Paul M. donated three quarts of "Admirals Varnish" which is in the office. Feel free to use it! Please sand and reduce the varnish 50% with thinner for the first coat, and then less in succeeding coats. If you have any questions, see me or refer to the July issue of *The Mariner* (with Sparta on the cover and inside) and you will find a complete guide to varnishing, written by Rick Baker from Spectrum Marine, on how to varnish. I have some hot tips. See me for more details.

Did you see Sparta on the cover of *The Mariner*? That was our own Jerry Magnussen giving directions to the helmsman (me) which I follow pretty closely.

Come on over this week-end, and I will show you how to sand and varnish, if you really need some help. We need to get the chairs and tables finished.



The summer calendar is exploding with good weather and a lively Clubhouse.

All I can say is..."you should have been there!" The Clubhouse was filled with Members and racers from the One Design Weekend series.

The Dana Point cruise was flawless and fantastic. It was a beautiful harbor and Dana Point Yacht Club and Dana Point West Yacht Club were hospitable and accommodating.

Up-coming events include a picnic in Burton Chase Park Aug. 15th, 10:00 am. Bring a lawn chair, and ice chest, something to BBQ for yourself, and a dish to share with others. It's close, it's on the ground, and get there early!

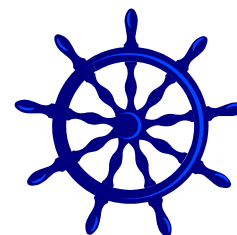
Aug. 28 and 29th we are going to the Isthmus for our Catalina Cruise. We have tons of fun in store; a BBQ on shore, happy hour, and a kite-flying contest. When was the last time you flew a kite? Bring the prettiest kite and come fly it between the two harbors. It's easy in all that wind!

Check the calendar, August 6th, after dinner Dr. Clark will give a talk on CPR and what you need to know about it. And don't forget about the Outlook Trophy Race on August 14th!

We have a change in positions on the board worth mentioning. Our new Publicity Chair is a new member, Kalina Noelle, and Nancy Werner is spearheading the Membership Chair Committee. Thank you both for your participation.

As for the Clubhouse; come by and see what we have been doing. We still need some new indoor/outdoor carpet for the veranda and a new BBQ.

Come on over and have dinner with us, and remember to INVITE A FRIEND!





Race Chair Report

By Christine Speck



Our big summer event, the One Design Weekend on 24 and 25 July, was a great event for all who participated and supported. The winds blessed us by being right down the axis and at 10 to 12 knots both days. The five races on the buoys included four one-design fleets, with a great Red-Apron party in between, and another afterwards. A total of 19 participants entered in 4 classes, with some sailing less than five races.

The Cal 20 Fleet had 3 entries and made this series their Fleet Championship. Kelp was the culprit that shook up the standings in a few of the races, but in the end, Bill Pistey on *Poquito* came out on top. The Schock 35's had 3 entries and entertained us with some great competition and, in the last race, a tacking duel right after the start. The Martin 242 Fleet had ten entries with eight competing in every race. They had great starts and good competition, but unfortunately, one dismasting.

The Columbia 22 fleet was made up of three boats, all from SCCYC. This was their inaugural one-design race. The skippers usually crew together on *Sparta*, but this weekend they competed against each other in their own boats. They even had *Sparta's* skipper, Vice-Commodore Carl Radusch, as crew on one of the boats.



Schock 35, Perfect Circle, going down wind

Once again our Trophy Chair, Dana Hutton, supplied us with outstanding trophies. The first place winners are listed below. See our web site for the full standings.

Cal 20	<i>Poquito</i> , Bill Pistey
Columbia 22	<i>Brava</i> , Gimmy Tranquillo
Schock 35	<i>Ripple</i> , Jeff Janov
Martin 242	<i>9 Lives</i> , Mike George

The race committee was led by PRO Bob Kellock, who was accompanied by the usual suspects: Jim Doherty, Tom Estlow,

Judy Gavin, Christine Speck, and Gary Speck. Tom supplied and operated the mark boat and Jim provided *Camelot IV* for the Race Committee boat.



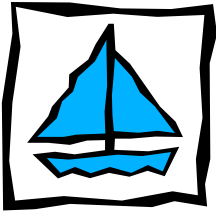
Race Committee during starting sequence

Each race day was topped off by great hospitality at the Club. Karmen Estlow headed up the Red-Apron Brigade with help from Becky Radusch. The BBQ was manned by Rick Horner, the bar was (wo)manned by Rear Commodore Sandy Bartiromo, Staff Commodore Paul Muggleston and Treasurer Steve Krug. Vice Commodore Carl Radusch provided general help and support when he wasn't out crewing for the race. Thanks to all the volunteers (especially those that I've failed to mention by name) for helping to put on a successful race weekend.

Speaking of the next race: The 68th annual Outlook Trophy Race is on August 14th. It's a 12+ mile course in the ocean around the buoys for centerboard boats and catamarans less than 20 feet. It's an inverted start with Portsmouth ratings, so if it works right, all the boats should finish at the same time. Part of our usual race committee will be racing in this one, so this is a perfect chance for some new faces to volunteer for Race Committee.

Switching gears, our Commodore will be forming a nominating committee by September. The committee will announce the nominees for the 2005 Board Members in October. Some of the positions will be available, so start thinking about what position you might be interested in. Especially, please consider the Race Chair position. I have some personnel obligations that I need to tend to next year, so the position will be open. I will still be around to help and support the new chairperson and the races.

Our Club racing season is still young. We have 5 more races to put on between now and November. Please join in and help support the races. It's a fun and rewarding experience.



Members' Adventures



House Chair Report

By Rick Horner

Well gee whiz - the summer is here and I'm spending most of my time making lists of what to fix on my new boat. What a difference from my Laguna retractable-keel, 24-footer which always felt like I was on a Wind Surfer, even in the mornings when the air was light.

The Club is going through a similar phase of repair and replace. Carl, Becky and Paul have been busy sanding the wooden table bases and chairs which will be spectacular when they are finished, by the looks of their masterpiece.

I've repaired the BBQ and garbage disposal. However, it's time to start thinking about raising funds for a new BBQ. I've been going to other clubs' functions and was inspired to check out commercial-grade BBQ designs. If the club membership and board agree that it's a good idea, I will head up a special fund-raising effort.

The difference with a commercial-grade BBQ and a home-grade version is the usable volume and the ability to replace and repair parts. After only three or so years, our BBQ is disintegrating. Most of the parts to which I ought to have attached the new element seem to have disintegrated and corroded. So please use caution when using the BBQ.

The same caution goes for the garbage disposal. Please, everyone be careful about stuffing too much stuff down the disposal at one time. And be aware that certain items are not for the garbage disposal (i.e. dry spaghetti, egg shells, non food items, silverware and broken boat parts). The most important thing to note is that the disposal must have a steady flow of water before and after it is turned on or it will burn out the motor. It works well and, with proper operation, should last along time.

Lastly, I try to give the Club an extra walk-thru after the weekend, and clean up on Thursday evenings to get it ready for the weekend. But please do not leave everything for me to do. A little help along the way is appreciated. If there is a function, I will always do my best to show up to help.

Cheers, and I hope everyone is having a good summer.

Membership Chair Report

By Nancy Werner

<u>Membership Statistics</u> (67 members)	
Flag Members	57
Life Members	3
Non-resident Members	6
Cruising Members	1
<u>New Members</u>	
Kalina Noelle	
<u>Member Resignations</u>	
J. Lehrman	
<u>Pending Applications</u>	
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor/s!</u>
None	

Cruise Chair Report

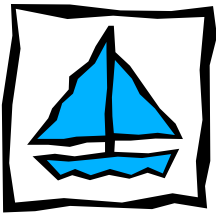
By Kay Miller

Arrangements need to be made about the Club's Cat Harbor cruise scheduled for August 28th and 29th. The members who want to go must decide on the following options:

1. Go to Cat Harbor or attempt to get moorings on the Isthmus side.
2. Whether to barbecue on the beach at Cat Harbor (which has a barbecue and eating area next to the dinghy dock) or at the Isthmus which is popular, crowded and (except for one barbecue) requires a fee (I'm told).
3. I plan to bring the charcoal, but I'll still need to know how many pounds(?) to purchase.

Each boat must bring its own food to barbecue and I hope that a "good barbecue chef" comes on this trip.

Please submit suggestions for the location for this event and PLEASE let me know if you are going and who's going with you before August 15. Also I plan to go and need at least two people to go with me -- contact me soonest!



Members' Adventures



S. S. Lane Victory Cruise

We've planned another field trip for the Club. On Saturday, September 11th, we're going to head down to San Pedro to hop aboard the World War II S. S. Lane Victory Liberty ship for a day cruise. The cruise heads out of Los Angeles Harbor towards Avalon (no stops) and then back. Both breakfast and lunch will be served on board. Passengers can take tours of the ship and will be treated to a mock aerial attack (weather permitting). The S. S. Lane Victory was built in 1944 and is 455 feet long. Call the S. S. Lane Victory office directly (310-519-9545) or use their web site (www.lanevictory.org) to purchase your tickets and get directions. Tickets are \$100 per person. We will all meet at the ship at boarding time, which is between 7:30 and 8:00am. We return to the dock about 4:30 pm.



Effortless Sailing

By: Peter Beale

As I watch all the effort crews make using winches to pull in genoas, the shouting as the boats come into dock, I am reminded of one of my first off-shore mentors, Capt. T. Rtd., who admitted to being over 80 but most presumed was closer to 90. He sailed an old long keeled heavy displacement 35 ft wooden cutter which he said was as old as him.

He did not have self-steering but once the sails were balanced he would put a line over the long tiller and the boat would stay on track at least long enough for him to make his cup of tea or his favorite ploughs-man's lunch.

He had a one cylinder diesel motor which he used with great reluctance. To go into reverse you stopped it, and then

restarted by winding the crank handle in the opposite direction (no starter motor).

He cruised along the south coast of England, working the tides, towing an old clinker tender, and would drop his hook, he did not believe in paying harbor dues, close to the pub and row ashore for his pint.

Although he did have an old towing log he did not use it as he could tell the boat speed by the noise and shape of the wake. He had no winches, VHF, wind gauge, RDF (Radio Direction Finder-long before GPS) in fact nothing but charts, tide tables, compass and sextant. His dead-reckoning was always spot on. He used the sextant more for measuring distance-off than for taking sun sights.

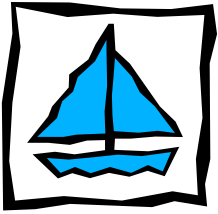
He did not believe in rushing things or using any strength. The first time I went out with him, some 42 years ago, he watched me struggling to pull up his heavy canvas mainsail then quietly showed me how to loop the end of the halyard around a lower cleat and to lean back using my weight, pulling back the halyard like a string on a bow, then making up the slack. The final tension was made by making a purchase with a truckers hitch, looping the halyard around the cleat, though the hitch loop and back to the cleat.

When we came to pull in the jib, one just pulled it as far as it went without effort. He would then get up speed, come head to wind, and I would pull the sheet in without effort. Sometimes it took two or three goes but he was never in a hurry.

In fact he was the one who explained to me the difference between motor boaters and sailors. "Motor boaters are on board to go somewhere, we sailors are already there so there is no need to hurry".

He never shouted, never appeared concerned. His secret was preparation. He took time to explain what he was going to do, what you were to do, and even if you did not get it right, somehow he effortlessly did it for you.

I wonder what he would think of the new fully automated power controlled yachts that are being discussed in the yachting magazines.



Members' Adventures



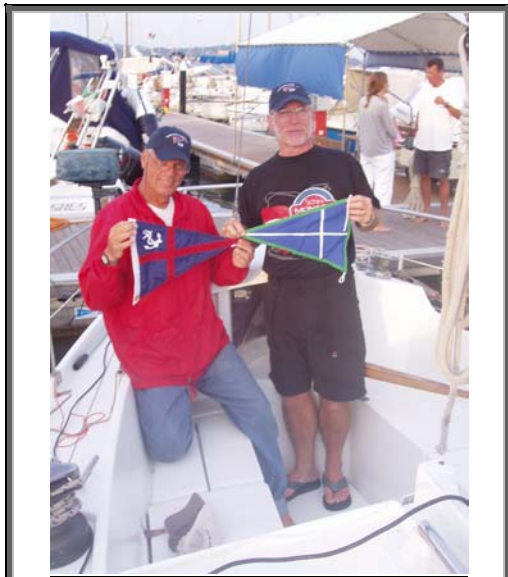
Italy

By Chris Sampson

Hello to all from the Sampsons. We have been traveling, even further than our home in Mountain Ranch, but we haven't forgotten SCCYC.

Maren and I have just returned from our 3rd Italian trip, which included a journey around the Isola d'Elba. We were on a 35' barca vella (sailboat) outbound from Talamone for a weeklong visit to ports of call such as Portoferraio (place of Napoleon's exile), Marciana Marina, Marina di Campo on the South shore of the island and Giglio, an island off of Mounte Argentario where Maren took some excellent photographs which her art classes used as subjects for painting last year. We got some more photos from the water, this year.

The seas off the Maremma are short and choppy, owing to the short fetch from Africa. We had a Sirocco wind a month earlier, when we were ashore in Sicily, and you don't want to be out on the water in one of those.



Burgee exchange between Stephano Paolicchi (instructor at Koine Language School) and Chris Sampson

Photo credits to Maren.

One Lucky Dude

By Mike Priest

I am one very lucky dude! (I work hard for my luck too!) I was a watch captain on "Winnetou" a Santa Cruz 52 from San Francisco to Hawaii on the Pacific Cup Race. WE WON!!! Not only did we win our class against boats about our size, but we won OVERALL on handicap against all comers, including Mari Cha, the 140 footer that set a new record for monohulls at 5 days 5 hours and a few seconds. We took 8 days 22 hours, and had a great trip. Leading from the second day on, and gaining a few miles a day on our competitors. 8 years ago, I raced with the same owner, Martin Brauns, on his Hylas 42, with me as his navigator and we won our class. A couple years ago he had a new Santa Cruz 52 built and has been racing it in the bay area quite successfully and when he started planning this year's Pac Cup, he asked if I would be his navigator again. Since I was unsure of the exact schedule for Pendragon for the summer, I could not commit, so Martin called me a few month ago and said he would still TRY and hold a spot for me. But he was able to get Peter Isler as navigator and he jumped on that! I was able to clear my calendar and join them, as a watch captain, for the race which we started on July 1st.

Peter Isler did a great job of helping optimize the boat, choosing to sail with regular size spinnakers but to have a slightly larger mainsail, so the handicap would be optimized for what the historic conditions have been for this race over the past 10 years! Another SC52 opted for the larger spinnaker, owed more handicap penalty, and the wind did not let them fly their spinnaker until late in the fourth day of a nine-day race. By that time, we had made our move to a lead they could not overcome! We also sailed with a crew of only 7, many in our class sailed with as many as 9, so we were lean and mean... very tired at the end... but very satisfied with the effort! We saw very few other boats after the first day, but we did see Mari Cha (who started 25 hours behind us!) go by about a mile to leeward one night, two giant masts profiled against the dark sky. From first spotting their running lights on our stern, to seeing their stern light twinkle over the horizon took only 25 minutes or so, and we were beam reaching at 11 knots ourselves, so they had to be doing well over 20! Lots of Mai Tais in Kaneohe at the finish, and bragging rights in many yacht clubs! South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club being my favorite - I thought I'd tell my story here!



O.D. SCHEDULE



The following schedule will be in effect as shown

Friday 1800-2200 Hrs. (Year-Round Hours)		Saturday 1200-1700 Hrs. (Summer Hours)		Sunday 1200-1700 Hrs. (Summer Hours)	
07/30	Mark Spector	07/31	Carl Radusch	08/01	Mark Tilford ¹
08/06	Jotham Schwartz	08/07	Gene O'Connell	08/08	Clark Garrett
08/13	John Thomas	08/14	Gary Magnuson	08/15	Dave Johnson
08/20	Chris Sampson	08/21	Gary Caltharp	08/22	Bud Zucker
08/27	Steve Weinman	08/28	Steve Mullen	08/29	Jerry Magnussen
09/03	Nancy Werner	09/04	Robert Spieler Rick Horner	09/05	Lara Jacques
09/10	Bob Kellock	09/11	Gil Gfelner	09/12	Gary Speck
09/17	Gimmy Tranquillo	09/18	Deon Claiborne	09/19	Bruce Fleck
09/24	Joseph O'Connor	09/25	Mike Priest	09/26	Bernard Auroux

* 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) of your replacement. It is your responsibility to fulfill your duty or find a replacement; otherwise you will be assessed a donation of up to \$25.

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.

¹ Modification from last published Beacon OD List

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MAILING ADDRESS

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
06	First Friday Dinner (7 pm)	03	First Friday Dinner (7 pm)
08	Second Sunday Brunch (10 am)	11	Lane Victory Cruise
	Board Meeting (4 pm)	12	Second Sunday Brunch (10 am)
14	Outlook Trophy		Board Meeting (4 pm)
15	Picnic in Burton Chase Park	24	General Membership Meeting Dinner (7 pm)
27	General Membership Meeting Dinner (7 pm)	25-26	Fletcher Cup Weekend
28-29	Cruise: Isthmus		