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COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Carl Radusch

We had great participation at the club over the holidays. The club was decorated beautifully (thanks Trish and her helpers) and I believe it is actually cleaner now than when we began. Above all, the spirit of the club has risen and each get-together has been fun, warm, cordial and entertaining.

We are now looking forward to a great Super Bowl party February 6th which will also feature a Board sponsored pot luck. Please come and join us.

Gary Magnuson fulfilled one of my wish list request almost as soon as I mentioned it with a perfect new light for our sign outdoors. There is a switch just to the left of the sign to turn it on and off so please remember to do that. Thanks Gary!

The Lido fleet is meeting today, as I write this, and expects to be on the water today. I understand the Columbia 22 fleet has another member, who has decided to join our club! I do not have his name in front of me, but it seems apparent that the small boat fleets in our club will be adding to our membership list on a regular basis. Bravo!

Looking ahead to Opening Day, I would like to get ahead on some of the projects that we normally do, especially those that might require some extra time and effort. I need someone to help spruce up the stairs and railings. Also, I would like to do a

deep cleaning of the outdoor carpeting this year. We need to get the wooden chairs finished, and repaint the director s chairs outside which can be done any time now. We plan to rearrange the pictures, half-models and wall decorations so someone with a good artistic sense can help take over that project.

Paul Muggleston has suggested that he will be doing a lot more cruising this year, so since we do not have a cruise chair yet, get in touch with him if you have any ideas or plans you have to cruise around. Paul has also offered to do another Poker Run sometime this year and donate the proceeds for a new door which we have picked out. The whole project will cost about \$700 and is certainly needed.

The ice machine has been down for some time, and the repair people seem not to be able to fix it. It is under warrantee but even with five attempts, it remains useless, for now. It did, however, make one ice cube the other day, the size of the container! At the moment, yet another part has been ordered which we are waiting on.

The new *Sparta* should be on her way to MDR by the end of the month. I am not holding my breath, as I know the weather factors could delay the whole event.

Becky and I are really enjoying our new home in Lebec, and get there whenever we can. Had a minor mud slide which we repaired last week-end with some terracing and a lot of shoveling. Things are fine now. Please come up and visit whenever you can. We would love to show you our beautiful view.

Carl and Becky





VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Sandy Bartiromo

Spring is around the bend and the weather is clearing up. I've been watching my barometer constantly hoping for a warm trend to take the boat over to the island. Instead, I have found this a productive time to do the required maintenance on the engine.

I have decided to change mechanics and service shops from my usual place in King Harbor to our very own Steve Weinman's place across the road from the club house. His attention to detail and

excellent service is outstanding and a far better stretch from my former shop. He is an excellent choice for those of you who are thinking the same thing as I.

The power boat fleet is thinking about some cruises that all of us can participate, sail or power. The photo wall in the club house needs more pictures of member's boats and the power boat fleet needs some shots from newcomers.

I would also like to see our Lido Fleet photos on a wall of their own also. Is anyone willing to take photos of the lido's on their next day out on the water?

Opening day is coming soon and the promise of warmer weather. Let's get the boats and fleets spiffed up and out in the bay.

See you at the Super Bowl Party/Potluck Feb. 6th, 2005.



HOUSE CHAIR'S REPORT

by Rick Horner

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an organization that exists to Serve the Boating Public and Educate New and Existing Boaters. Everyone is invited to attend the myriad of public education classes which range from ABC Boating Basics to Celestial Navigation. Offered throughout the year right here in Marina Del Rey. I belong to Flotilla 12-1 which meets at the Santa Monica Windjammers and our own South Coast Corinthian Club. SCCYC normally hosts the Flotilla 12-1 ABC Basic Boating Class several times throughout the year.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR'S REPORT

by Paul Muggleston

Hi everyone. Make sure you meet pending member and make him feel welcome, it's Ron Johnston. Ron is a serious sailor, love to race and has a Dalliance Martin 243 and talks with a funny accent (Aussie). Have a great month!

The Coast Guard Auxiliary was originally dubbed the Hooligan Navy since they were composed of patriots who were not eligible or weren't drafted for Military Service during WWII.

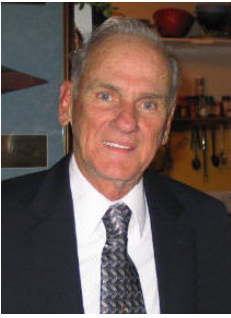


USCG Aux sharing stories and safety at the clubhouse

The Germans sent submarines off America's East Coast to sink our commercial and military vessels. The Navy Recruited seasoned fishermen and sailors, who used their own sail boats! The Hooligan Navy were undetectable on their all wood, no engine sail boats to the German Submarine's Radar and were able to patrol without a single instance. They alerted the US Navy to the whereabouts of enemy ships and secured the Atlantic.

Hugely successful and solely responsible for the ineffective attempts by the Germans to penetrate the

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RACE CHAIR'S REPORT

by Jim Doherty

The 2005 racing season has started and the new Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs (ASMBYC) yearbook and calender has been distributed. Be sure to stop by the club and get your copy. The book list the dates and sponsoring clubs of all the sailing and predicted log races in the Santa Monica Bay. It also lists the ASMBYC officers, active fleet representatives and the race chair for each Yacht Club in the Association. Details for the High Point Series is also included. By entering seven of eight specific races highlighted in the book you can qualify for the High Point Series. Check the book for more details if you are interested.

The racing season started with the Berger and Stein series on Jan. 8th followed by the Champagne series on Jan. 15th. The Berger and Stein races sponsored by the Del Rey Yacht Club had great weather if you enjoy 8 to 10 foot seas, 20 knots of wind and a little bit of rain. Still there was a great turn out of PHRF racers and cruisers 51 boats in all. SCCYC's new member Stu Coleman on *Reliance* and myself on *Camelot IV* had a slow start but finished strong to make a respectable showing. The Champagne series had much lighter winds and clearer weather. They had a turn out of 39 boats in different PHRF classes. SCCYC member Mike Cheda on *Bandit* finished 1st in the 1st race and finished 2nd in the 2nd race. Over all SCCYC had a great January on the water.

The ASMBYC Installation dinner was held Del Rey Yacht Club on January 7th I didn't attend but I understand we were well represented. SCCYC member Sherry Barone was named Sportsman of the Year. The (yearbook and calender) list all the awards and winners in each category.

The next big race event is the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) Mid Winters on February 19th and 20th Yacht Clubs throughout Southern California hold races on this weekend with each club sponsoring a different class of boats. You can check SCYA web site at



LIDO FLEET REPORT

by Robert Speiler

New Arrival to the Lido Litter.

Gary & Christine pictured here proudly announce the arrival of the newest member of the Lido Fleet, Sniff. She came in at 14' and slightly overweight, but Gary vows to fair her down properly so she will not be isolated from the other Lidos on the racecourse. She was originally abandoned by her previous caretaker who was shamefully lured away from sailing by the lure of an X-Box game system and VH1's



Classics Video channel. Rumor has it that a part-time position as RailMeat on a Keelboat may also have influenced the decision to callously ignore the affections of this little Lido. Sniff's baptism is scheduled for Sunday January 16 around noon, and anyone is invited to come down to SCCYC and witness Sniff's first tacks as a bonafide Fleet Two family member. Congratulations!

<http://scya.org> for complete details

The SCYA Race Management clinic will be held on March 6th at Del Rey Yacht club. The cost is \$35 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. This can be very informative for racers and cruisers alike it's also a great time to shoot the bull with other sailors, check the SCYA web site <http://scya.org> for more information.

See you on the water

-Jim

Member's Adventures

Master Mariner?

by Peter Beale

I finally completed my two years of study (and exam) to receive a U.S. Merchant Marine Master's License for Steam, Motor, Auxiliary Sail and Towing and can officially call myself Capt. Beale!

The Exam covers Rule of the Road both Inland and International; Federal Code; Deck, Seamanship and Ship Handling; Safety, Communications and Pollution; Stability, Fire Fighting; Life rafts and Survival; Piloting & Navigation, Anchoring, Man over Board and Tides, Aids to Navigation, Buoys, Lights etc;. The Coast Guard has some 10,000 questions they may pick from so one cannot just learn the answers to specific questions.

While it was very time consuming I can recommend to anyone who likes boats and I also recommend the Maritime Institute who run a final two week intense course to get one through the exam.

Besides the exam one has to get letters of recommendation and prove 100's of hours of sailing. I had to drag out all my old logs and get proof of ownership of boats from 30 years ago.

Some of the simpler questions: (Answers below)

1 Inland Only: As you sail or motor (in our marina) you are overtaking another vessel and desire to overtake on her port side.

What must you do:

- A. One short blast
- B. One long blast
- C. Two short blasts
- D. Two prolonged blast
- E. You do not have to make any sound

In answering this question you may like to know that our Marina is subject to the Inland rules and not the International rules. Once we leave the Marina we are under the International rules.

2 Life Rings must be marked with:

- A. The name of your home port
- B. Vessels name
- C. Maximum weight allowed
- D. All of the above

3 Your single screw boat with a right-handed propeller is dead in the water. When you reverse your engine with

rudder amidships, you would expect the boat to:

- A. Kick its stern to port
- B. Kick its stern to starboard.
- C. Move astern to starboard, then to port
- D. Swing its stern to starboard, then to port

4 What is the maximum fine for (each event) of discharging oil in U.S. Waters?

(Includes a spill while fueling in the Marina)

- A. \$ 500
- B. \$ 1,000
- C. \$ 5,000
- D. \$ 10,000

5 Which of the following is true for a stiff vessel?

- A. She has a small GM
- B. She pitches heavily
- C. She has an unusually high center of gravity
- D. Her period of roll is short

6 How many fire extinguishers are required on a 28ft uninspected motorboat? (Motor boat is also a sailboat with an engine)

- A. One B-1
- B. Two B-1's
- C. Two B-II's
- D. One B-1 and One B-2

7 You have abandoned ship and are in an inflatable life raft. How soon should you allow people to eat?

- A. Immediately
- B. After 3 hours
- C. After 12 hours
- D. After 24 hours

8 For overnight anchoring at low tide in 15ft with a tide range of 12 ft on a boat with a 3 ft freeboard how much anchor line should you use?

- A. 110ft
- B. 145ft
- C. 175ft
- D. 210ft
- E. 250ft

9 You wish to steer a true course of due North with a total magnetic compass error of 23 degrees East. The compass course is

- A. 000 degrees
- B. 023 degrees
- C. 337 degrees
- D. 349 degrees

Answers:

1 C | 2 B | 3 A | 4 C | 5 D | 6 B | 7 D | 8 D | 9 C

See you on the water. — Peter Beale

Member's Adventures

ON THE RACECOURSE

by Bruce Fleck

When we put the boat in it was blowing pretty hard from the north.

While rigging her the wind swung around to the north east still blowing at least 15, hard to tell without being able to see the sea state. We had



Small Craft Warning for the Champagne Series makes for spirited racing

to paddle to get out from under the dock. We have a new hoist partner, Ron the owner of Dalliance, the Martin 243 is a member of SCCYC and a cheery fellow to share the dock with.

Sailing out to the race committee we were seeing about 12 to 15 knots and from about 285. By the time the race started the wind was about 240 or 245, and still blowing brisk and cold.

The RC was on some big old ketch, they were really rocking and rolling on the hook. It looked very unpleasant. It must have been as bad as it looked because the RC quit after the first race saying they had too many incapacitated people aboard. The line was heavily skewed to start at the left end. It was very difficult to sail up to the line on starboard. We got a great start being the left-most boat, we tacked to port and stayed there until the starboard line. Only one jibe all the way to S then up to U. Down wind the second time we had one short jibe right at the committee boat to finish. We finished behind the J24s and *Friction Loss* but corrected on all of them.

Trophies took a long time because there was some confusion about the PHRF B start. The order of starts published that morning said that PHRF A and Schock 35 would start together. On the water they were started separately. That confused PHRF B, some started based on time, others started based on flags. So many ways a RC can go wrong! It was a beautiful day for sailing.

(Editor's note: John Thomas, Mike Cheda and Bruce Fleck on *Bandit* won their PHRF C class on Saturday, January 29th.)

WHERE THE BUOYS AREN'T

by Stu Coleman

Our marina has seen a marked decline in buoy population over the last six months due to environmental reasons and as a result of boats plowing into them or dragging them asunder. While it's hard to imagine Sunset Boulevard without traffic lanes, the marina only has 2 center channel markers to guide traffic. The 8 knot buoys at the north and south marina entrances disappear as quickly as the cigarette boats and PWCs travel next to the breakwall.

While the Coast Guard Auxiliary does a fine job of monitoring missing buoy locations, the responsibility for maintaining the buoys rests with Los Angeles County Sheriff department based on Fiji Way. The department has the buoys and chain, so what's the holdup?

According to a department spokesperson, the person who was responsible for buoy maintenance left his post last fall and he has not been replaced. A visit to the LA County Sheriff's department website shows two key job openings: Boatyard Supervisor and Marina Maintenance Worker. While filling these positions would bring the goal of replanting the buoys closer, the boat with the hoist used to service the buoys is inoperable so, even with the manpower, the Sheriff's department is lacking the hardware to get the job done.

Those who race on Wednesday nights know the center channel markers must be left to port. I don't want to imagine Martin 242s 12-wide jockeying down the channel.

For quicker action, we could petition Captain Samuel Dacus of the Sheriff's Department with a letter writing campaign or, we could work together with the Deputies, Coasties, Yachties and a boat with a hoist to reestablish order and traffic lanes in the marina before the summer racing season.

Captain Samuel Dacus, 13851 Fiji Way, MDR, CA 90292
<http://www.lasd.org/recruitment/index-recruitment.html>

Club Dinners & Brunches

First Friday Dinner	2nd Sunday Brunch	Saturday membership Dinner
01/07 Carl Radusch	01/09	01/22 Rick Horner
02/04	02/13	02/19
03/04	03/13	03/19
04/01	04/08	04/23
05/05	05/13	05/21
06/03	06/10	06/18
07/01	07/08	07/23
08/05	08/12	08/20
09/02	09/09	09/24
10/07	10/08	10/22
11/04	11/11	11/19
12/02	12/09	12/17

Our new Commodore has asked for a place in The Beacon for all potential cooks to sign up for our Monthly dinners (1st Friday/Saturday or General Membership).

Please contact either Carl or Nancy Werner to sign up for your choice of prime dinner dates.

Note: The scheduled dates are subject to change at each Board Meeting.

Rick's Hooligan Navy

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American Coastline in their failed attempts to harass and discourage the American ports upon our entry to WWII, the Hooligan Navy was renamed the Coast Guard Auxiliary and is under the command of the CGAUX commodore who is directly under the command of the US Coast Guard. As a civilian branch, the Auxiliary exists throughout the United States and patrols all ports, marinas and shorelines and aids the Coast Guard in Rescue, Education and other missions.

Our next ABC Boating Class will be offered to new boaters for basic education here at SCCYC on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm beginning May 4th for 6 weeks and again during the summer. Many experienced sailors and boaters have taken classes and been members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and I recommend it highly.

Here I am receiving an award for Outstanding New Member at our Christmas Party which I attribute and credit to our Club SCCYC for allowing the Auxiliary to meet at our facilities throughout the year. Take a look at these guys here. We routinely have members share their real WWII and other military service stories and our guests range from Marine Electronics Experts to Experienced Global travelers. If you are interested in any of the educational classes or Auxiliary functions or services let me know.



Rick Horner and his award winning teddy bear



O.D. SCHEDULE

Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200-1600 Hrs (Winter Hours)	Sunday 1200-1600 Hrs (Winter Hours)
02/04 Lara Jacques	02/05 Robert Spieler	02/06 Gil Gfelner
02/11 Gary Speck	02/12 Gimmy Tranquillo	02/13 Deon Claiborne
02/18 Bruce Fleck	02/19 Joesph O'Connor	02/20 Mike Priest
02/25 Bernard Auroux	02/26 Tom Estlow	02/27 Sandy Clark
03/04 Mark Register	03/05 Jim Doherty	03/06 Trish LaVay
03/11 Sherry Barone	03/12 Dan Grabski	03/13 Chuck Williams
03/18 Mark Pinkerton	03/19 Dana Hutton	03/20 Rick Horner
03/25 George Burke	03/26 Peter Beale	03/27 Terry Stringfellow
1st Friday @ the Club	General Membership Meeting	2nd Sunday Breakfast @ the Club

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Nancy Werner (webmaster@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 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.

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MAILING ADDRESS

February

04	First Friday Dinner
06	Superbowl Party/Potluck
13	2nd Sunday Brunch (10 am) Board Meeting (4 pm)
19	Membership Meeting and Dinner

March

04	First Friday dinner
06	Board Meeting (6 pm)
12-13	Club Cleanup weekend
19	SCCYC Opening Day
26	Les Storrs

