

# THE BEACON

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Carl Radusch

Opening Day was a great success! I had many compliments about the ceremony, and the wonderful food and beverages that we provided. They even liked my “catscan” joke! I thought the club looked sharp and clean and was impressed that it really needed nothing much more than a little “spit and polish!” Thanks so much to all of you who gave your time and donations and made the club sparkle.

Our membership is stable. The good news is that we are replacing lost members with real sailors! Here's a great idea. Why not sponsor one of your crew members or friends into the club and donate their initial membership fee? I spoke to the Commodore of the Redondo Beach Yacht Club at Opening Day and mentioned that I had done this for most of my crew, and he responded immediately that he would follow suit and sponsor his best crewman.

We really need someone to help us get the trophies for this racing season. Becky and I have purchased bi-fold picture frames for the Les Storrs race which will contain the winner's class and position on one side and a picture of their boat on the other. Now how about someone else coming up with another idea? It is hard to follow Dana Hutton's consistently brilliant and personalized trophies, but I know we have some very creative people in South Coast. Let's step up to the plate!

Becky and I spent a few days at our new home in

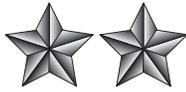
Lebec, just relaxing, baking bread, fixing my specialty salsa, firing up the crock pot and generally eating well for a change. We had a few minor problems with water drainage which we fixed in the 37 degree temperatures. It was so nice to come inside.

Sparta IV finally got into the “pit” yesterday and is about to have a good bottom applied. The keel and rudder are now attached. The engine has not been looked at, and I am naturally concerned whether it is sound or not. The rigging is on the deck waiting for the splash down and the rigger to take over. My great crew spent two days sanding the mast which has now been painted and looks black and shiny! Becky and I are about to clean the many, many lines, lube the shackles and perhaps even run them up the mast which is 68 feet above the deck! We hope to have Sparta IV in the water sometime next week, weather permitting. Will we make the Ensenada race? Frankly, I do not know at this point.

We now have DSL in the office and it is working perfectly. If anyone knows how to connect WiFi, please be my guest. I have purchased one and it is here and ready for someone to get it running properly. After that, anyone can come up with a laptop and get on line as long as the computers are properly equipped.

In closing, I have figured out that the omen that comes with installing new windshield wipers on your car (it won't rain again until the sun dries them out) is really weaker than the assurance that if you wash your car on Saturday, it will rain on Sunday! Becky washed the car yesterday and I installed the new wiper blades. It rained thirty minutes after Becky finished! So be it.





## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Sandy Bartiromo

**D**ear Barometer,  
It seems that you are planning to keep us indoors for a short time longer, ughh.

The first day of Spring, our Opening Day, was beautiful however, and we thank you for the sunshine that made our ceremony memorable.

We also need to thank the crew that helped Darlene Stringfellow with the excellent planning and presentation. The line up of the Lido fleet that served as the parking lot barrier was a very cool idea and looked wonderful on the approach to our seating arrangement and Irish coffee table. Great decoration concept guys!

Dana pleasantly stepped into service to give the invocation that was apropos to the environmental concerns of our harbor. Let us not fail to remember the pollution issues that we are faced with from the recent storms.

With due respect to the commissioning of the new year 2005 and the new Bridge officers that are planning an eventful season on the water, a job well done. Congratulations officers!

My request to club members for this new season is this: Please come out and join us in our cruises, dinners, brunches, and our races. We would like to hear from you and are hoping for the best member response yet. Both the Commodore and Vice Commodore are interested in meeting the needs of our members and are excited to kick off this season with the greatest number of general member participants.

So here is my wish for this season. I wish that I will be able to shake the hand of every member and introduce you to the most exciting Bridge and staff. I wish that each of you will come to the club house or join us in an activity, race, cruise, or BBQ. I wish that you will read your Beacon and email so you will get all the updated news and information from the calendar and publicity committee. And most of all, I wish to SEE YOU SOON.

The season has begun,

- Sandy B. |



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Jerry Magnuson

**T**he yachting season of 2005 is now officially open. It was so declared by South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club Commodore Carl Radusch this month as SCCYC once again rolled out the blue carpet at the yacht club. Members and the visiting dignitaries from the yacht clubs of Marina del Rey enjoyed a sunny morning sipping Irish coffee, surrounded by racing sailboats and enjoying a very presentable club.

As the weekend progressed, and our officer's bridge toured our yachting community, I noticed one very unique thing. Our club is petite. It is sort of a "boutique" yacht club. However you describe it, our



*The Lidos corral visitors and members*

club is a very comfortable and sociable place to spend time compared to the other clubs. It was very apparent to me that the visiting dignitaries were enjoying "Our" club.

I offer my thanks to all the members that contributed efforts in the way of projects for opening day. Also, the efforts that went into the food preparation and servicing are also appreciated.

With that said, what are we waiting for? Enjoy the 2005 yachting season and enjoy being a member of SCCYC. See you at the club and maybe Carl will tell some more jokes – ("cat scan" – I never laughed so hard...).



## RACE CHAIR'S REPORT

by Jim Doherty

**S**outh Coast Corinthian Yacht Club closed out the last weekend in March with the Les Storrs Sailing Regatta. Seventeen boats entered the three races "round the buoys" series. The boats were divided into 3 PHRF classes and 2 one design classes: Martin 242 and Columbia 22s. The PHRF A & B classes were divided by ULDB ratings rather than the regular PHRF ratings, which made competitively, matched A & B classes.

The wind was averaging around 9 knots on Saturday and the seas weren't too rough which made for a real nice day on the water. Due to Sunday being Easter we only ran 3 races on Saturday that gave everyone a chance to hunt Easter eggs on Sunday.

### First place for each class are as follows:

PHRF A	John Staff	<i>Wildcat (Cheetah 30)</i>
PHRF B	Bryce Benjamin	<i>Persistence (J/1109)</i>
PHRF C	Gimmy Tranquillo	<i>Brava (Columbia 22)</i>
Columbia 22	Gimmy Tranquillo	<i>Brava</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: Christine Speck, Gary Speck, Tom Estlow, Stu Coleman, Tracey Kenney, and another old pro Bruce Fleck. Tom ran around on the water in his new Boston Whaler as the mark boat accompanied by Stu. Later in the day Christine joined them as a roving photographer she was able to get a lot of great shots of the racers as they were rounding the marks. The Committee boat was that great Islander 36 (Camelot IV)

The day was topped off by great hospitality at the Club by the Red-Apron Brigade (Darlene Stringfellow and Karmen Estlow), in their usual fine style. The racers were treated to hamburgers and hot dogs from the Rick Horner grill, and salads from the kitchen. The bar was ably tended by our Commodore Carl Radusch. There seem to be plenty of beer and mixed drinks for all the racers. The awarding of trophies was held up for a while due to 2 protests, but those were settled and Bob Kellock



*Steve Mullen's (Jury Rigger) in the Les Storrs Race* made the presentations. Each winner received a folding picture frame with a picture of their boat on one side and a parchment describing the event on the other side. The trophies were the handy work of Carl Radusch and Kalina Noelle.

I'm sure there were many volunteers I failed to mention by name, let me say Thank You All.



*Persistence and Booyaa in the Les Storrs Race*

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 22nd. 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 -Jim



## LIDO FLEET REPORT

by Robert Speiler

### Local Lido Litter.

I am not sure if the next beacon will arrive before Fleet 2 has hosted their first Regatta, but I am writing this at altitude and speed as I head east to spend Easter weekend with my wife Michelle.

Last night Fleet 2 held an impromptu meeting to sort out the details for April 2, and it occurs to me that regardless of how the event turns out, a greater success has already been achieved in that a diverse group has come together through the lifestyle of sailing to create something of value and enjoyment. I would like to publicly acknowledge each of the Lido 14 Fleet members for their participation. We have been blessed with a very compatible group with varying talents and interests that have fostered the growing success of this fleet. These successes require energy to maintain momentum and the best way to accomplish this is to selectively expose potential members to what the rest of us currently appreciate.

Contemporary distractions continue to multiply; cable, premium cable, X-Box, PlayStation, award shows, and behind-the-scenes award shows, increased traffic and commuting times, etcetera. The pressure continues to mount on finding a respite from the daily grind. For those of us already indulging in the sailing lifestyle, the benefits are as obvious as they are satisfying and we should feel obligated in a sense to "share the wealth" so to speak with the uninitiated. It does not have to begin with an outright sailing invitation, there are many landlubbers who protest against being cold and wet (hello, wife) but can still enjoy the fringe benefits of becoming active at SCCYC.

(insert segue here)

Recently, several LLL members hosted a wine tasting on the fly; \$10 bucks a-piece and a quick trip to LA Wine Company, resulted in three bottle of white, two bottle of red, and an offering of port. The intention (aside from merely enjoying some wine), was to sample some varietals off the beaten path; i.e., no Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, or Charles Shaw of any type!

The whites were a half-dry Riesling; a proprietary blend of Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Vognier, and Chardonnay;

and a straight Viognier. The Riesling was the surprise of the bunch, mostly because it was not sweet as many expected, but had good fruit and a nice acidity to it that made it refreshing. The blend was not as well received, the chardonnay overpowered the wine and gave it that over-oaked/buttery dominance that tasted as if you were drinking buttered popcorn...not really what you look for in a WINE! The Viognier was much better...

The reds were dry blends, one from Portugal had varietals that I had never even heard of and Bob Kellogg was consulted on providing his Hooked-on Phonics lesson on correctly deciphering the label. The other red was a French Rhone blend, heavily biased with Grenache. The universal comments were that food was needed to really compliment them, although a few imbibers had nothing complimentary to say about them, citing excessive dryness...oh well, more wine for those of us more tannic-inclined!



*Lidos at attention during Carl's address*

SCCYC's resident Porto sommelier, Tom Estlow, gave the Australian Tawny Port a moderately enthusiastic thumbs up, capping (corking?) an enjoyable night. A pretty good value for \$58.68. There has been discussion of hosting a more elaborate tasting perhaps once a quarter...look in future Beacons and the Fleet 2 website for details for the upcoming Local Lido Litter Libations.

As always, the Local Lido Litter extends an invitation to join us either on or off the water...

The Columbia 22 fleet is more active with three of SCCYC's boats

going gunwale to gunwale in the Les Storrs Race. Upcoming COL22 events include the SCCYC Corinthian Cup, May 28-29 and a Paradise Cove Cruise June 18-19. For more info, contact Steve Mullen @310-990-3216 or visit the website:

<http://www.columbia22.com/>



## HOUSE CHAIR'S REPORT

by Rick Horner



**H**ere are our newlyweds, Mark and Nancy Tilford enthusiastically holding up and swearing allegiance to our new, hot of the press SCCYC 2005 Handbook and Roster.

Finally the long overdue 2005 SCCYC HANDBOOKS are finished, printed and being handed out. It's contents are in 6 parts preceded by our Commodore's Message

- 1) Membership Roster
- 2) Club History
- 3) Club By-Laws
- 4) House&Port Rules
- 5) Job Descriptions and
- 6) Hoist Procedures and Authorization Form.

Please check your name in the roster in the front of the handbook for accuracy.

Take a few minutes to read through the Handbook as there is an abundance of information and knowledge that might surprise you and give you inspiration to become more active in the club and sure is good bedtime reading.

If you have any corrections, questions, overlooked typos or comments please email me at [LoneRangerMDR@aol.com](mailto:LoneRangerMDR@aol.com). The Handbook process underwent a tedious year of compilation, committee meetings and board decisions and finally met with approval sometime late October/November. We believe that everything is covered here to make the club function smoothly, set a standard of protocol if any hotly contested

issues arise and hopefully will guide the club to many more years of great racing, sailing and social activities.

If you need a copy and do not find one behind the bar feel free to contact Handbook/By-Laws Committee Chair Rick Horner (house-chair), and one will be furnished to you promptly.

The standard for updates are as follows. I can print new copies with updated information on only part one of the book, the SCCYC Officers, Staff and Membership Roster Information only. The content of the remainder of the book is subject to Handbook Committee review and Board Discussion and Approval only. But feel free to make suggestions, criticism or update of Club History. If there is anything that we should consider it is worth the discussion.

Well last weekend went wonderful. First I was the photographer for the very warm and loving wedding of Mark and Nancy Tilford. I had such a good time, the food was excellent and fortunately for the Bride and Groom I ordered the weather to clear up as the ceremony begun.



*Wedding Cigars!*

Held at the old Standard Oil Women's Club in El Segundo, you could feel the spirit throughout the afternoon and into early evening. Of course no occasion of Mark would be complete without a contingency of Cigar entourage.

Then on Sunday was opening day. I always look forward to the Canon fire! Once again thanks to Darleen & Carmen the event went off flawlessly. I marveled at the maneuvering of the Ferry Boats within the confines of our narrow dock, but the Harbor Patrol, Sheriff and Fire Crew are mas-



*The Ladies in Red*

ter Captains. My ongoing project of the SCCYC Bridge parking lot/flower bed got a make over and I planted a few perennials that should bloom by Summer. If only I could get the management to fix the sprinkler system. I bought a new long, kink free hose that is behind the building that actually reaches so if you are washing your boat, car or hosing off the Marlin or Swordfish you caught while trolling a fishing line in-between races, please water our garden if you think of it.

Lastly, the new BBQ is spectacular! However it has a safety feature that you all should know about. The Propane Gas tank must be turned off after use. If not then you will have problems firing up the grill the next time someone uses it due to a safety valve in the connection hose. The procedure is, turn on the gas valve on the propane tank first but only if it has been off and cooled off then turn on the grill knobs to Light Flame then press the magic button on the face of the Grill and you should have no problem. This model does not use lava rock, so don't panic. Please keep it clean and turn off the propane and cover the grill when you are done. It should give us years of use as many of the connection parts are stainless steel and the grill itself is cast iron!



*Ready, Aim, BOOM*

# Club Dinners & Brunches

First Friday Dinner	2nd Sunday Brunch	Friday or Saturday Membership Dinner
01/07 Carl Radusch	01/09	01/22 Rick Horner
02/04	02/13 Dana Hutton	02/19 Bob Kellock
03/04 Paul Muggleston	03/13 Lido Fleet Brunch	03/25 Kalina Noelle
04/01	04/10	04/23 Sandra Bartiromo
05/05 Jim Doherty	05/08	05/21
06/03	06/10	06/18
07/01 Tracey Kenney	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.

## GOING AGROUND

by Peter Beale

Watching on TV the schooner going aground on the beach by Channel Island Harbor reminded me of the saying, “there are two types of sailors, those that have been aground and those that will go aground”. While it is hard to go aground in Southern California, the schooner reminds us that it is just a matter of time. The growing silt at the mouth of Marina del Rey has been grabbing boats, the sewer pipe that extends out to sea about two miles south of the Marina catches about 12 boats each year, and when the summer afternoon fog rolls in a number of boats end up in the surf and on the beach.

My first time aground was trying to leave Yarmouth Harbor in the Solent, Isle of White UK in a 45ft wooden sloop with a 7ft draft and 55ft mast. We had stopped overnight on Friday and planed an early getaway to sail down to Pool harbor on the Saturday. Friday night festivities in the local yacht club resulted in a later wake up than we had wanted. There was a spring tide and a 16ft range rather than the normal 10 to 12 ft. I calculate the depth and, having been in an out of the harbor so many times with no problems, ignored the results as being more academic than reality. We cast off with one hour of the

ebb left and the tide falling fast. Just as we were passing the ferry berth we struck. There was no time to back off and in minutes we were heeling. Fortunately the mast leant away from the harbor wall but it effectively blocked the harbor exit. We ran out a kedge anchor from the dinghy, put fenders to protect the top sides from the sand bottom and waited. Needless to say the Harbor Master and boat skippers with smaller draft were not happy. On the other hand our friends from the club all came down to the harbor to taunt us. It is very strange trying to sit on a boat while it is on its side and then as it slowly comes upright again. It took 4 hours before we were floating.

The next grounding happened because I did not prepare compass courses going into Lymington at night. I had been in and out of the harbor so many times during the day that I thought I knew the way to just follow the buoys. It is embarrassing being just a few yards off the fairway, stuck in soft mud, and watching everyone else sail past and wondering if one would get to the club before the bar closed.

I was lucky that my grounding baptism happened on sand and mud and not rock.

I now am very cautious with my tide calculations and always have compass courses marked out before entering a new harbor or any harbor at night.

*Peter Beale 3-23-05*



# O.D. SCHEDULE

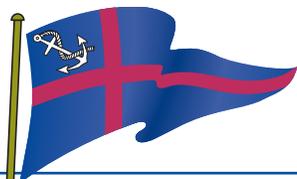
Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200-1600 Hrs (Winter Hours)	Sunday 1200-1600 Hrs (Winter Hours)
04/01 Paul Muggleston	04/02 Sandy Bartiromo	04/03 OPEN
04/08 Harry Johnson	04/09 Fran Kronwitter	04/10 Kay Miller
04/15 John Donahue	04/16 John Fischer	04/17 Stu Coleman
04/22 Patrick Hafer	04/23 Mike Oliveau	04/24 Ren Oden
04/29 Mike Cheda	04/30 Mark Spector	05/01 Carl Radusch
05/06 Jotham Schwartz	05/07 Gene O'Connell	05/08 Clark Garrett
05/13 John Thomas	05/14 Bud Zucker	05/15 Gary Magnuson
05/20 Steve Weinman	05/21 Kalina Noelle	05/22 Angel Lopez
05/27 Tracey Kenney	05/28 Ward White	05/29 Ron Johnston
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

## April

01	Friday Night dinner
02	Lido Invitational
03	Board Meeting 6:00
10	Brunch
23	Membership Mtg/Dinner

## May

01	Board Meeting
06	Friday Night dinner
08	Mothers Day Brunch
27	Membership Mtg/Dinner
28-29	Corinthian Cup

