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COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Sandy Bartiromo

So where are we going?

Continued from February 2006

Our sailors are out even in the dead of winter... The Mid Winter Regatta that is. Applause to our racers who participated in all the racing events this winter and to the power boaters who closed the doors and windows and made our way out into the sea. Having been an East Coast boater for most of my life, I still feel that Southern California's oceans are at their best in the winter.

Our master plan for this year is well underway. We have improved the communications methods for our members both internally and externally, our email updates are weekly and interactive. You can sign up to host a dinner or rearrange your OD shift just by logging on. The Year -At-A-Glance Calendar is on the web page and hanging up in the club house. Our race dates, dinners, and parties are on going, so our itinerary is more like a living document with continual updates. The Beacon is now returning to your mailbox via snail mail if you do not have an email address. Our race chair is already recruiting committee members well in advance and the Opening Day Ceremonies are already coming together. Our financial picture is stable and we continue to recruit new members. We constantly keep our finger on the pulse of our members and will try to be proactive whenever trends or circumstances arise.

That brings me to the two reports I have from the

75th Anniversary Committee and the SCCYC redevelopment committee. The 75th Anniversary committee has considered the following items for next year 2007. A large vinyl banner 8 to 10 feet long will be designed and purchased to hang on the stair railings ascending the steps during 2007 Opening Day Service and a larger specially designed Burgee with our 75th anniversary imprint will fly all year long.

**"Thoughts become words, words become actions,
and actions become plans"**

In addition, the committee feels that a Commodore's Ball should take place at a local restaurant one warm summer evening. The details are still being worked out and more information will follow in next month's Beacon. Stay tuned for this. The SCCYC redevelopment committee also has something to report. The beginning phase of this pursuit involves an investigative stage of researching and finding out what the true scenario is with the County. The past SCCYC minutes of 2003 seem to have already embarked on this endeavor but it fell by the way side during the turn over of Commodores. With this in mind, I will appoint a chairperson to the committee to be sure that the continuity from year to year remains constant. In 2003 a Building Fund was established to stave off the potential relocation of our current building or the possibility of purchasing our existing facility. Continuing along the mindscape of that early committee we will continue to build our equity to build for our future.

The first thing the Board has decided to do to promote growth of our Building Fund is to raise the beer and wine suggested donation. This is in effect immediately. Secondly, the Board will now enforce the "NO Show" for OD duty fine of \$25.00. Because we are a volunteer club, it is important to show up for your O.D. Duty, especially if that is your only

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SCCYC Sailors get Bubbly in Champagne Series

By Bruce Fleck

South Coast Corinthian was well represented at this year's Champagne Series. The Champagne Series is run on three Saturdays in January and February each year. It is one of the larger regattas in MDR with about 50 boats usually attending.



Bruce Fleck, Mike Cheda, and John Thomas celebrate their Champagne Bucket

The regatta is run by South Bay Yacht Racing Club. This year they enlisted the help of our own favorite PRO Bob Kellock, and Bob's friend, Samantha Carlson. Samantha took on the challenging job of scoring and had the results ready by the time the committee boat got to the dock. New SCCYC member Jerome Sammarcelli was also on the race committee.

The winds were light all three Saturdays. The first



Bandit and Diavola in the hoist Queue

Saturday started out rainy with hardly any wind. The race committee managed to get only one race off. The race committee did an amazing job getting three races in on the second

Saturday. They were able to start several classes while other classes were still racing. Having been on race committees in the past, I know this takes a lot of nerve and a lot of trust in the committee members. Congratulations to SBYRC.

Out on the race course we were represented by Tracey Kenny on Wild Cat which took a second overall in their PHRF A class. Karyn Jones raced on the Schock 35 Ripple, doing pit and contributing to their first overall in that class.

Gimmy Tranquillo and Steve Mullen crewed for Gray Marshall on Diavola, also getting a second over all in their PHRF B class. They might have gotten first if they had not been called over early in the fifth race.

Mike Cheda, John Thomas and Bruce Fleck coaxed, cajoled and wheedled Bandit around the light, flukey winds to five bullets, wining their PHRF C class and the Mumm Perpetual Trophy for best in the regatta. Bandit at 222 was the slowest rated boat in the regatta. The second place boat in PHRF C owed her one minute, 24 seconds per mile. In two of the five races Bandit beat everyone in her class boat for boat.

New Member takes Gold in MidWinters

By Bruce Fleck

Jerome Sammarcelli, sailing his Martin 243, Chupacabra, against all bigger boats won the overall "sport boat" class in the SCYA Mid Winder Regatta. Jerome is quoted as saying:



Chupacabra Reaching Downwind

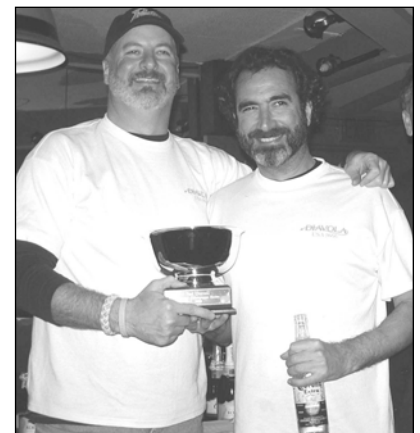
"Although we did not use it all day, my gps recorded 21 knots max speed! We had a blast surfing the waves! We were probably sailing 15 knots average in the downwind legs...and a good 8-9 knots upwind. It was fun playing with the Melges 30...we must have hit something in the water because a 7" x 3" chunk of gelcoat on the leading edge of the keel was gone after the race!"

The racing was very close, with Jerome winning on a tie breaker due to his two first places against the Melges 30 with one first place. For an interesting story, everyone is invited to Google "Chupacabra".

Jerome purchased his 243 from past member Rod Johnson. Jerome is Office of the Day on Friday March 10. Drop in to the club, I am sure he would love to talk sailing. Congratulations to Jerome.

In the five races she was only beat to the finish line three times, in each instance she finished second boat for boat. Going into the fifth race she was only leading the regatta by 28 one hundredths of a point. The second place boat was the Martin 242, ZIP, owned and skippered by Jim Durden. ZIP took a third in the last race and when the wind died yet again the RC decided to abandon without a sixth race.

At the awards party, PRO and SBYRC Commodore, Rick Ruskin pointed out that Bandit has won the perpetual many times and the "Old guys did it again." At least he didn't say "old bald guys."



Gray and Gimmy are all smiles with their "Loving Cup"



Yoni, Tracey, Tom, Carmen, Bruce, Sue, Emily, Peter

Tracey Kenny takes Silver in MidWinters

By Bruce Fleck

Four Lido teams represented SCCYC at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Altogether 24 Lidos raced in the harbor a very short sail from the club's docks. Unfortunately, sailor Peter Beale could not sail both days. Peter ended the first day in second, and Tracey in fourth. I hope Tracey does not mind my saying that Peter's absence opened the door for Tracey and she took total advantage of the opportunity. If this had been the NFL I would have opined that Estlows and I were maneuvering for the first place draft pick next year. Since it is sailing, maybe I should suggest we were working on our ratings. Anyhow, without us, Tracy would only have been second out of nine, and not second out of eleven, eleven sounds much more impressive.

Despite forecasts of rain, Saturday was warm and light, never really giving us a chance to hike out. Sunday we launched under dark, ominous clouds wearing full foul weather gear. By the start of the first race were shedding clothes and enjoying steadily increasing winds. For the last race were obliged to hike most of the weather leg.

Congratulations to Tracy Kenny and her newbee crew for a great regatta.



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volunteer involvement with the club. With this said, you will now need to arrange for your own OD coverage if you cannot cover your shift. You may also call the OD chair and arrange for "black out" days if you know you will be unable to serve your time. Please make every attempt to fulfill your shift or make arrangements for a substitute.



HOUSE CHAIR REPORTS

by Rick Horner

Greeting All! As we slowly wander into Spring season it's time to get ready for Opening Day, Wednesday Night Racing, Lido events and all the other spring racing calendar it's time to remind everyone about the Club amenities. For those of you that missed the February General Meeting a few subjects were brought up that might be of interest.

The 2006 Revised and updated Handbooks are available and can be picked up at the club or my emailing me if you would like me to send one out to you via snail mail! Please check the roster and if you have any changes let me know as I print, prepare and bind them right in my office a few at a time. Remember that we are an all volunteer club so I'd like to see a donation when you pick them up from the club and if anyone is so inclined I am asking for donations to defray the costs to the General Fund. (Send a check to Treasurer!). Just to let you in on the secret procedures: Every year the commodores message and officers change and the Handbook is ready at the February General Meeting. Thereafter until the rest of the year, I print them out as needed on a periodic basis with updates of new members and changes. Any changes to the Bylaws or Club/House Rules are a bit more involved as they require a board decree.

O.D. Duties!!! There are a few of us that enjoy the O.D. Duty, planing an event to make it exciting and sticking around to meet and greet members, new and old. If you cannot make O.D. please make an effort to email or call around to have a suitable replacement. Some of our newest members have had spectacular gatherings that generated lots of fun and excitement with a theme idea. I'm there to help as House Chair to tend bar, BBQ or just to set up or clean up if my schedule permits. So do not hesitate to call & email and I'll come running to assist you.

Wishing everyone a Great Spring Season.

HouseChair and LoneRanger Rick!

Our Board is making every effort to present a strong presence in the Marina and among the racing venues. Our club's social landscape is changing and keeping up with the needs of our diverse members.

We are keeping abreast of the boating trends while maintaining a warm and friendly club environment. Stop by for dinner or an activity. Help us rejuvenate our classic dinners or regroup with a bunch of nautical friends.

Esprit de Corps, Sandy B



O.D. SCHEDULE

& Club Events

Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200-1600 Hrs (Fall/Winter Hours)	Sunday 1200-1600 Hrs (Fall/Winter Hours)
3/3 Rick Horner First Friday Dinner	3/4 Bud Zucker	3/5 Wally Stephens Board Meeting 6pm
3/10 Jerome Sammarcelli	3/11 Gray Marshall Club Clean-Up Day	3/12 Jerry Magnussen Club Clean-Up Day
3/17 Ron Ikejiri St. Patrick's Day Party	3/18 Mark Tilford Club Clean-Up Day Sundown Service 6pm	3/19 Robert Spieler Opening Day 9am
3/24 Lara Jacques Mem.Mtg& Dinner	3/25 Gil Gfelner Les Storrs Race 1,2,3	3/26 Harry Johnson Les Storrs Race 4+5
3/31 Michael Sikov	4/1 Ronald Kenney	4/2 Gimmy Tranquillo Board Meeting 6pm
4/07 Mike Priest First Friday Dinner	4/08 Kay Miller	4/09 Bernard Auroux
4/14 Tom Estlow	4/15 Bruce Fleck	4/16 Sandy Clark
4/21 Jim Doherty	4/22 Dan Grabski Lido Invitational	4/23 Trish LaVay
4/28 George Burke	4/29 Mike O'Brien Mem.Mtg& Dinner	4/30 Terry Stringfellow

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Dylan Porter (dylanporter@sbcglobal.net) 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.

Sign Up for One Dinner! Call 310 721-0244 to RSVP

Feb. 3	First Friday Dinner	Harry Johnson	July 21	Membership Meeting	_____
Feb. 25	Membership Meeting	Bruce Fleck	July 22/23	O/D Weekend Race Hospitality	_____
March 3	First Friday Dinner	Bob Kellock & Samantha C.	Aug. 4	First Friday Dinner	_____
March 24	Membership Meeting	Peter and Francesca Beale	Aug. 26	Membership Meeting	Stu Coleman
Mar 25-26	Les Storrs Race Hospitality	_____	Sept 1	First Friday Dinner	_____
April 7	First Friday Dinner	_____	Sept 16	Membership Meeting	_____
April 22	Membership Meeting	_____	Sept 24	Fletcher Cup Race Hospitality	_____
May 5	First Friday Dinner	_____	Oct. 6	First Friday Dinner	_____
May 20	Membership Meeting	_____	Oct. 20	Membership Meeting	_____
May 28	Corinthian Cup Race Hospitality	_____	Oct 21	Two for One Race Hospitality	_____
June 2	First Friday Dinner	_____	Nov. 3	First Friday Dinner	_____
June 24	Membership Meeting	_____	Nov. 18	Membership Meeting	_____
July 7	First Friday Dinner	_____	Dec. 2	Installation Dinner	Bridge Officers



R/C REPORT
by Stu Coleman

First off, I'd like to welcome Bruce Fleck on board the Beacon as Associate Editor with an unprecedented 3.5 articles with pictures. It's great to have such great racing coverage of our members. I'd also like to thank Bruce for the Dynamite Taco Dinner last Friday. The membership meeting after the dinner got a bit spirited and I'm glad to see people speak with the courage of their convictions. I agree that raising the O.D.



Tacos Warranted seconds

no-show fee to \$500 would be a great way to increase our building fund but, I think \$25 is a lot more reasonable. For those who missed the hoopla, we'd like to encourage members to embrace their O.D. Shifts and plan an event like a movie, a tasting, a competition, etc. If no one shows up, then it's time to vacuum the floor, clean the windows, wash the rags (there's a laundry downstairs) or just dust the trophies! But, it is important to show up or swap the shift with someone who will.



Michael O'Brien Boldly sitting where no one has sat before.

Special thanks go to Mike O'Brian, member for five months found our Commodore working on repairing some of the more obvious termite damage and said, "let me help." Sandy, being no fool, saw an opportunity and said, go for it. Mike is sitting on the railing that a few weeks ago could not be trusted to hold a full can of beer. Between Sandy and Mike they are slowly replacing the stairway, one two by four at a time.

Reliance gave up the Midwinters Trophy in the Cruising Class this season, but it's nice to see that other members are bringing home the hardware. I filled the hole in the wall with a framed chart of our Southern California cruising grounds to better illustrate stories of our offshore exploits.

I joined the power fleet with the purchase of a 1958 Glasspar Lido with thoughts of a bristol restoration, a task that is way easier said than done. More on this saga in the next issue.

I just like to ask the members who lock up the clubhouse at night to drop any cash left in the jar and enter the amount in the O.D. Log with your name in the Log. The Top Droppers of the year will be recognized at our commodore's reception in December and



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER

We have a plethora of great South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club logo wear available in the Ship's Store. If you can't find your size, place a request on the cork board near the Beer Cooler and we will get it ordered for you.

- Golf shirt\$28.00
- T Shirt\$15.00
- T Shirt (Long Sleeve)\$17.00
- Sweatshirt.....\$21.00
(\$2.00 surcharge for any 2XL & up)
- Windbreaker Jacket.....\$41.00
- Baseball Cap\$13.00
- Hat Bands.....\$ 7.00
- Brief Case.....\$15.00
- Bouillons\$28.00
- Golf Towels\$ 5.00
- Burgees.....\$16.00
- License Plate Holder.....\$10.00
- Canvas Tote\$ 9.00
- Zippered Tote\$ 9.00
- Club House Throw Blanket....\$35.00
(we have to order these in bulk so please tell Sandy if you want to purchase one.)

We hope to expand our offerings, so if you have a sellable idea please talk to me and we can work out the details.

Membership Report

ACTIVE MEMBERS	75
<i>Flag Members</i>	<i>65</i>
<i>Life Members</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Non Resident Members</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Cruising Members</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Honorary Members</i>	<i>1</i>

NEW MEMBERS **1**
Michael and Connie Fitzmaurice

we need the log entries to document the amounts. Shari and I are off to the BVIs for a week of sailing and diving aboard the *Cuan Law* and look forward to returning for opening day and our Les Storrs Regatta. I



A Weekend Project or the Boat that...

welcome any new faces along with the R/C stalwarts to help make this 2-day regatta a success. The bar makeover project has been designed and with some lighter wood, and slight design revisions, construction will begin after the Les Storrs. - *Hyphenating, Stu*



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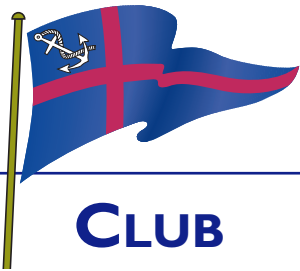
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