

# THE BEACON

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Sandy Bartiromo

### “Business as usual ... NOT”

The Marina Del Rey redevelopment plan has made it's way down Mindanao Way to South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club.

Our landlord, Pacific Ocean Management, has increased our rent 107.3%. As you know, our non-profit, domestic corporation is driven mostly by dues. The past dues contributed to 50% of our budget. With the new increase our dues will have to pay for a lot more. We will need to augment our budget with fundraisers, races, and activities.

With this in mind, the inevitable will be reflected in your next invoice. The SCCYC Board will continue to have a secure future and financial stability, we plan to do business as usual, and to press forward into the future. Will will continue to raise the bar on our activities and races. The club offers something for even the members who are non-racers. The power boat fleet is expanding and planning a fishing derby. Our paddle fleet has June 10th set for it's commissioning at 10:30 on Mother's Beach and a BBQ Pot Luck after at the club house. Lido day is set for June 17th and we will embark on a club cruise to Shoreline Village on the 23rd-24th.

July is jam packed with a variety of events and races, dinners and FUN! Come to the club and see what's shaking and moving, bring a friend!

Call me if you need something, 310 721-0244

*Commodore Sandy*



*Camelot show the side of her that is becoming increasingly common for MDR sailors. The part of the boat pulling away!*

## SCCYC and RBYC host 20 boats in Memorial Weekend Corinthian Cup

by Stu Coleman

We had a great Corinthian Cup race/cruise over the Memorial Day weekend. The weather was warm and the winds were breezy. Nineteen racers and one cruiser ventured down to Redondo Beach Yacht Club for fun and food on Saturday.

The entries consisted of 7 boats from SCCYC, 4 boats from RBYC, 4 from SFVYC and were rounded out with a few more boats from other Santa Monica Bay clubs. The boats were divided into three classes: PHRF, Cruiser over 30 and Cruiser 30 and under, with both cruiser classes attracting

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### Paddle Day – Saturday June 10

10:30am — Mothers Beach



Bring your kayaks or Paddle boats

Start at Mothers Beach, a course through the marina will be planned.

BBQ Ribs Potluck Picnic at the club house (2:30) afterward. Bring enough ribs and picnic goodies to share with about 10 people.

South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club  
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Joe Cowan and his winning Windsong Team

8 boats. The tightest competition came in the over 30' class with the top three boats finishing in a 52 second range.

The every-salty, C-Dory, *C-scape*, piloted by Gary Speck was the committee boat for both days with PRO Bob Kellock, and scorer, Samantha Carlson. The gunner for the weekend has yet to be identified.

Thanks to RBYC Vice Commodore, Don Laverty, most racers had pre-assigned slips to tie up to once they arrived at King Harbor. At RBYC that evening, racers enjoyed a great Mexican Dinner catered by Coyote Cantina.

Sunday followed the same pattern as Saturday, except everyone went north instead of south. They gathered again at SCCYC on Sunday for a BBQ and trophy presentation featuring the latest in the series of satin-etched pint glasses. The top four finishers in each class glass received glassware as did everyone who worked race committee and hospitality.

The bar was manned on Sunday by Port Captain, Robert



John and Shelby Fischer bring Carousel back out on the race course.

Speiler, working an extra long O.D. Shift, Shari Landon, Steve Mullen and as always, Gary Speck. Ron Judkins manned the grill and Jennifer Young kept everything going during and after the meal.

The winner in each class was based on the total time for both race days. Keeping their titles for two years in a row are



No Way after crossing the winning line in King Harbor

*No Way*, the Capri 25 with Don & Bob Souther in the PHRF class, and Joe Cowan and his Columbia Challenger 24, *Windsong*, in the under 30 class. Special Thanks to Gary Speck for the great race photography which is viewable at the website.



Banana Wind and Jury-Rigged Charge at the Starting Line

**Corinthian Cup Race Results**  
**Cruiser under 30**

- 1 Wind Song Joe Cowan SBYRC
- 2 Meimi II Mike Devine RBYC
- 3 Banana Wind Kyle Wilfong RBYC

**Cruiser over 30**

- 1 Camelot Jim Doherty SCCYC
- 2 Taku Christian Brorsen SFYYC
- 3 Reliance Stu Coleman/ Shari Landon SCCYC

**PHRF**

- 1 No Way! Bob/Don Souther RBYC
- 2 Klexy Ed Jenkins SBYRC
- 3 Mis-que Jerry & Lea Kaye DRYC

COMPLETE RACE RESULTS ARE POSTED AT SCCYC.ORG



**SCCYC CRUISE CALENDAR**

**June 23-25**

Cruise to Shoreline Yacht Club in Shoreline Marina, Long Beach

**July: 14-16**

Cruise to Emerald Bay, Catalina

**August 18-20**

"Catalina Commodores Cruise" to Two Harbors

**September 23-24**

Cruise Saturday to the Isthmus and Race Back Sunday in Fletcher Cup

**October 6-8**

Buccaneer Days at Two Harbors

For more information, Contact our Cruise Chair, Dana Hutton @ 310.902.0654 or Email: MDRSailorGirl@yahoo.com



**RACE CHAIR'S REPORT**  
by Stu Coleman

First off dear readers, let me apologize for the lateness of this issue. With all the preparation in organizing the Corinthian Cup and sailing every moment that I'm not at the office, (60+ hours a week) I've found little time to devote to maintaining a timely publication schedule.

An addendum to last month's story about the SCCYC member participation in the Newport to Enenada Race neglected to mention Jerome Sammarcelli's winning crew performance aboard Mike Georgia's Martin 242, *Mighty Mouse*. Together with *Chupacabra* crewmate, Nik Vale, the smallest boat in the whole race was the mouse that ROARED, giving SCCYC winning members aboard three boats. Well done.

In the Cruising Fleets, Jim Doherty's *Camelot* took a fourth place in the DRYC Stein Series, Cruiser Spinnaker fleet of 18 boats, with *Reliance* a not so distant seventh. The Catalina Layover race saw *Camelot* and *Reliance* separated by 2 miles windward/leeward until converging at the offset buoy, when *Camelot's* well-oiled crew cleared the line ahead by 17 seconds.

Carl Radusch's *Sparta* Team took Fourth place in the 5-Race Berger Series in PHRF AA clas, with S/C Mike Priest and the *Pendragon* Team grabbing the top honors. Jerome Sammarcelli and his team of hikers aboard *Chupacabra* took 3rd place in in the 14 boat PHRF A1 Fleet, just above new honorary member John Staff and his *Wildcat* crew.

In the Cal Yacht Club Sunset Series, *Sparta* has been bagging some bullets in PHRF A class and is trailing *Pendragon* by just a few points after 8 races. *Bandit* is second in the 14-boat PHRF E Fleet, perhaps exhibiting a bit of charity on the race course and *Reliance* is 6th in the 14 boat Cruiser "A" fleet even after DNF in 2 races.

*Reliance* won the over 30 class in the SMWYC City of Hope Regatta and also raised \$1200 for the charity event.

If you'd like to see your accomplishments mentioned in the Race column, please send your information to me. Otherwise, I only print what I remember and what I find on the web!

The annual SCCYC One-DesignWeekend will be run July 22nd-23rd with our usual burger and dog hospitality and that friendly SCCYC cordialty.



**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 our the details.

**Membership Report**

<b>ACTIVE MEMBERS</b>	<b>77</b>
Flag Members	63
Life Members	5
Non Resident Members	6
Cruising Members	0
Honorary Members	2
<b>FORMER MEMBERS</b>	<b>4</b>
Ren Oden	
Roxanne Black	
George Burke	
<b>NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>2</b>
Christine Speck	
John Staff (honorary)	



**Are You Ready for FUN?**  
**The Second Annual Lido Day**

**Saturday, June 17th, 2006**  
**10am to 4:30 pm**

**Open to everyone!**  
BBQ at 4:30, courtesy of Lido 14 - Fleet 2

## A Conversation with S/C Harold Adams

by Dylan Porter

**S**CCYC members were treated on a recent Saturday evening to the recollected stories and charm of S/C Harold Adams and his lovely wife Nona.

Harold and Nona live today in Nasugbu Batangas, Philippines where they run Adams Resorts on the shores of the beautiful Pacific. There the 94-year old Adams spends his days designing fish processing equipment between the sea and sky, surrounded by his cheerful adopted family.

Adams served as SCCYC commodore in the late 1940s. His contributions to Southern California yachting are legendary, as evidenced in this quote from the PHRF website:

“The organizers of the first race from Newport Beach, California to Ensenada, Mexico in 1947 had the desire to encourage as many yachts as possible to participate. Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) appointed a well-known yachtsman, Hal Adams, to develop handicaps for the race that would potentially give all of the entrants a fair chance to win if they sailed well. It was called Arbitrary Handicap Racing. Hal gave each yacht a time allowance per mile based on its anticipated performance, and made adjustments based on past observed performance. About the only time the handicap system was used was for the Ensenada Race.”

“Hal Adams generously served as the one and only handicapper for twelve years, until in early 1959, when he asked to retire. SCYA assigned Frank Dair to the position of Handicapper, with the request that he organize the yachtsmen racing in the Arbitrary Handicap Fleet into an association similar to the existing Ocean Racing Fleet.”

While enjoying Don and Diane Baker’s delicious dinner, Adams related some choice stories about the early years of the Ensenada Race to the gathered SCCYC members:

“In talking about the course for the race, we consid-

ered different things. We thought about going to Catalina and back, but we wanted it to be more out of the ordinary. Finally we settled on Ensenada. There was some concern about the formalities of the border crossing, but we were told it could be worked out. I understand that’s still a consideration today.



*Harold The Legend*

“We expected about 25 entries in the first Ensenada Race. It turned out we got over 100! Winds were light that first year, and the boats got spread out quite a bit on the course. People ask me if we planned it to end on Cinco de Mayo, but we didn’t. We chose the date on the first race because there was a full moon. We were pleasantly surprised to see such a celebration when we arrived, so we joined in. After that, the date just stuck.”

I greeted Mr. Adams toward the end of his SCCYC visit. He introduced himself, and recounted another brief story about an early Ensenada race. “The race was really a big event back then”, he concluded. “It still is,” I said. “I crewed this year on Camelot, the SCCYC boat that won 1st in class at Ensenada. The trophy is right over there.” I pointed across the room.

“I’d like to take a look at that,” he said, then nimbly worked his way across the room. When I caught up with him he was closely studying the trophy’s inscription and past winners. He read aloud the name of Roy E. Disney, who won with Pyewacket in 1991.

“You know, my friends and I got the ball rolling with our work at SCCYC, this Ensenada race, and with some ideas on handicapping systems. Now its up to later generations to keep it going. I’m glad to see the tradition is still alive.”

Thank you Mr. Adams!

For further reading

<http://www.phrfsocal.org/history.htm>

[http://www.nosa.org/06\\_history.html#history](http://www.nosa.org/06_history.html#history)

“A sailor was driven off course by a storm, and smashed into a small island. The next morning, he awoke on the beach. The sand and sky were reddish. Walking around in a daze, the sailor saw red birds, red grass, red trees and red bananas. He was shocked to find that even his skin was reddish. “Oh, noooooo!” he exclaimed. “I’m marooned!”



**O.D.  
CORNER**

A special thanks to Chris Rulla, who has been volunteered for 3 months of duty as O.D. Chair. The “Top-Droppers” for the first 5 months of the year have been tabulated and Mike O’Brien has increased his lead with ten drops totalling in the 4-digits. Mike Priest, Sandy B, Rick Horner, Gary Speck round out the top five. If you only do 2 or 3 O.D. shifts a year, why not turn it into an EVENT and a fundraiser for the building fund. I know I’m trying to drink myself into a bar makeover! **Fill out the Log and Drop! - SC**



# O.D. SCHEDULE

## & Club Events

Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)		Saturday 1200-1700 Hrs (Spring/Summer Hours)		Sunday 1200-1700 Hrs (Spring/Summer Hours)	
6/2	Frank Kronewitter <b>First Friday Dinner</b>	6/3	Willy Smith	6/4	Dylan Porter <b>Board Meeting 6pm</b>
6/9	Carl Radusch	6/10	Clark Garrett <b>Berger/Stein Race Paddle Day</b>	6/11	Terry Stringfellow <b>Berger/Stein Race</b>
6/16	Zac Araneta	6/17	Kelly Cantley <b>"Lido Day"</b>	6/18	John Thomas
6/23	Mike Cheda <b>Cruise to Shoreline</b>	6/24	Rick Horner <b>Mem.Mtg &amp; Dinner</b>	6/25	Chris Rulla
6/30	Geoff Downer	7/1	Clark Garrett	7/2	Gary Magnussen
7/7	Steve Weinman <b>First Friday Dinner</b>	7/8	Gary Speck	7/9	Angel Lopez <b>Board Meeting 6pm</b>
7/14	Chris Rulla	7/15	Mike Oliveau	7/16	Brian Mason
7/21	Tracey Kenney <b>Mem.Mtg &amp; Dinner</b>	7/22	Steve Mullen <b>One-Design Weekend Regatta</b>	7/23	Jerry Magnussen <b>One Design Weekend Regatta</b>
7/28	Ward White	7/29	Sam Pepkowitz	7/30	Mark Register
8/4	Steve Weinman <b>First Friday Dinner</b>	8/5	Sandy Clark	8/6	Terry Stringfellow <b>Board Meeting 6pm</b>

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Stu Coleman (racechair@sccyc.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.

### 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	Mike O Brien & Sandy B	Sept 1	First Friday Dinner	_____
April 7	First Friday Dinner	Ron Judkins & Jennifer Young	Sept 16	Membership Meeting	_____
April 22	Membership Meeting	Sandy Bartiromo	Sept 24	Fletcher Cup Race Hospitality	_____
May 5	First Friday Dinner	Mike Priest & Kelly F.	Oct. 6	First Friday Dinner	_____
May 20	Membership Meeting	Don and Diane Baker	Oct. 20	Membership Meeting	_____
May 28	Corinthian Cup Race Hospitality	Crew of Reliance	Oct 21	Two for One Race Hospitality	_____
June 2	First Friday Dinner	Tracey Kenney	Nov. 3	First Friday Dinner	_____
June 24	Membership Meeting	Rick Horner	Nov. 18	Membership Meeting	_____
July 7	First Friday Dinner	_____	Dec. 2	Installation Dinner	Bridge Officers

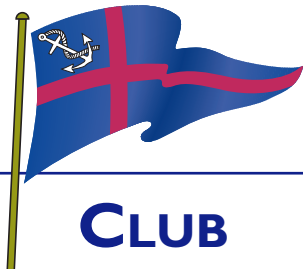


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