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SCCYC's Brian Mason aboard his Thistle on the way to winning the Outlook Trophy



COMMODORE'S REPORT
by Sandy Bartiromo

What we have been up to....

The Multi Club Fishing Derby with Del Rey Yacht club was a great experience. SCCYC had 3 boats that made their way to Cat Harbor for the weekend event. I have never been involved in a derby nor have I ever caught a fish. Dan Grabski, his friend Mark, and my guest Oliva, all had their share of poles in the water, while at the helm we battled 5-6 foot swells and water too warm to keep the bait alive. Not good for fishing!

We did however, win a trophy for "the smallest fish" caught; and it's on display at the club house, "don't laugh, its small too." Next year another derby is planned and I hope more anglers will attend.

The Commodore's Cruise to the Isthmus was the best cruise yet. Dana, our Cruise Chairperson, planned everything from BBQs, to Happy Hours, to a kite flying contest, and a Commodores Toast. We also celebrated Gary Speck's birthday with a cake and candles. Ask him how young he is.



The Fishing Crews Relaxing at DRYC's Patio

Paddle Day is Sept.

Volunteerism at SCCYC

Because of the Laser Nationals Being held at Cal Yacht Club three of the Thursday evening, Sun Stroke Series were going to have to be cancelled. Tracey suggested that SCCYC run races for the missing three weeks. Tom, who normally races, volunteered himself and his whaler for the duration. Tom put his own racing fun aside for the good of the group. The Capri 14.2 folks from Cal presented SCCYC with a donation of \$100 at the last race and a couple of dry bags for Tom and Carmen as thanks for their effort.

17th at 10:30 in the canals of Venice. A map with a starting point will be sent to you via email next week. A Potluck BBQ will be at the club house afterward, approximately 2:30. Bring your own bbq item and a dish to share with others.



Enjoying the Calm of Cat Harbour

The nominating committee for next year's slate of new board members is chaired by our Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Sandy Clark. Committee members include Gary Speck, Tom Estlow, and myself. We have several positions available. If you are interested in participating on the board, please let one of these members know which position you are interested in and they will give you a job description to review.

Come by the club house and see what's up.

In the wheel house, Sandy B.



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.....\$65.00
- 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.

Commodore's Cruise to the Isthmus

by Dana Hutton

Our **Commodores Cruise** to the Isthmus was great fun: NINE boats attended! The sailboat cruisers enjoyed great wind coming and going. What a ride!

Day 1: *Shearwater* hosted happy hour of wine & cheese for Thursday's arrivals: *Calm Seas, Christine & C-Scape*. Good stories, good wine and good friends!

Day 2: Friday afternoon was lazy and relaxing as the next batch of boats arrived: *Sophia, Camelot and Windfall*. As the harbor was full (with 19 boats leaving the next morning!), *Camelot* pulled up to raft with *Shearwater*. Our whole group joined up for a lovely Happy Hour party at the Banning House. Looking out over the hills and both harbors is such a sight! We later BBQ'd on the beach, partied and then went dancing. Gary was 'king' of the dance floor, and Diana puts the energizer bunny to shame!

Day 3: Our final boat, *Reliance*, arrived after staying the previous night at Howland's. The day started with breakfast at Harbor Reef followed by an adventurous kayak group that paddled up to Cherry Cove.

The Kite Flying Contest brought EVERYONE out to the big open field! The sight was spectacular with the skies filled with a rainbow of colorful ships, turtle, boxes, eagle, baffles and a dragonfly! Gary's entry was a stunt kite and Gray brought a collection of kites including an amazing Para Foil. One of the contestants even affixed the SCCYC burgee to their kite. That was Bob and Samantha, which earned them the prize for "Most Clever" kite. The other prize winners include: "longest time in flight" to Diana, "furthest in flight" to Shari and the "Most Awesome" to Gray Marshall! Not only did SCCYC have a great time, but we attracted quite a few

on-lookers as well! We dined BBQ style on the beach again. All cruisers were fed a traditional picnic of grilled hot dogs 'n fixings, potato salad and pie. Our 'Toast to the Commodores' theme was the highlight of the evening. Staff Commodore Bob Kellock was toasted and thanked for his many years of service to SCCYC. Then it came time for

our Commodore! We all went around the table, individually toasting Commodore Sandy with a word or two (or stories!). And I do mean toasting! Those that were there will remember "sip" "sip, sip", "sip, sip, sip"! And then more dancing, of course!

Day 4: The winds sent us all home, except for the lucky *Reliance* stayed on for another day on 'our' island.

Thank you to all the cruisers for making this Commodore Cruise such a fun time together!

Dana, Cruise Chair



Gray Marshall with his Spare Spinnaker



SCCYC CRUISE CALENDAR

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,
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Membership Report

ACTIVE MEMBERS	83
Flag Members	69
Life Members	5
Non Resident Members	6
Cruising Members	0
Honorary Members	2
NEW MEMBERS	6
Pamela Gloede	
Carlos Miller	
Jennie McCarthy	
Ted Seay	
Robert Symer	
Mel Widawski	

Outlook Trophy Regatta POV - Lido 6195

By B. Fleck

Only 11 boats, but great racing among the Lidos, highlighted the 74 running of the oldest continuous regatta on Santa Monica Bay. Six Lidos showed up along with Brian Mason on his Thistle and 4 Holder 20s. The Holders are not actually allowed to compete for the Outlook Trophy which is limited to center board boats but they compete under rule 102, "the more the merrier".



Bruce and Robert Leebow of Susan and Werner

The noon start had to be delayed a short while to allow the tardy boats to make it to the line. Thanks committee!

At the start Tracey, with Tom Estlow as crew nailed favored committee boat end. Robert Spieler and I

were well down the line with a good start, on the line with speed. Early on Tracey opted to go north with one other boat. We were able to point higher than the BYC boat but could not keep up with Susie and Werner on the boat they borrowed from John Staff. Using my hand held GPS to spot headers and using Robert's helm-ing skills we rounded the weather mark in second, behind Susie and Werner. With the boat from Balboa YC and Tracey close behind.

The next 6 miles were a blur, all I know is we were in second behind Susie at the start of the first reach toward the airport. Tracey was close behind us and caused us to sail above rhumb line to protect our wind. On the next reach back to the committee boat we and Tracey gained on Susie. At the mark, by the committee boat, Tracey was able to lower our anxiety level by hitting the mark. A couple of spins really helped us focus on the boat ahead rather than the boat behind. On the next reach back to the Q we got an inside overlap on Susie just before the mark.

The next leg, back to the committee boat, we sailed rhumb line and



Reliance is the Best Place to Watch Starts pulled away from Susie.

With two laps to go Robert and I were feeling pretty good. Just round SS and cover Susie to the finish. If Susie and Werner can pass us to going to weather they deserve to win. Unfortunately I lost track of SS, and we sailed a lot of extra distance in some very bad chop. We rounded SS in second, about four boat lengths behind Susie.

Werner and Susie loose-covered us going to weather, just staying between us and the finish, but not so close that we were forced to tack for clear air. I told Robert that what Werner and Susie would do is wait for us to tack for the finish then they would slam us and force us to do two additional tacks while they sailed on to finish.



The SFVYC Holders Fight for Position at the starting flip of the sign



Winning Holder Capt. Jack Sparrow's Chum Bucket



Shenanigans and "Fought the Mirror" pre-race
We tacked on the layline to the flag, they crossed but failed to tack on us. When they did tack it was a sprint to the finish with us pointed at the

downwind end of the line. Robert told me to hike and not look or say a thing, while he kept muttering to himself "drive well drive well..." When we heard the horn we had to look to discover we had won.

Mike Sikov finished fifth of six, beating the boat from SMWYC. Tracey finished third ahead of Chris from BYC.

Congratulations to Brian Mason and his daughter who won the Outlook Trophy, passing everyone before the second reaching leg.

Thanks to Bob Kellock, Shari



Lidos are not very Big
Landon, and Stu Coleman for running a really good race. A tip of the hat to Rick Horner for running the Bar B Que. Double thanks to Gary Speck for the pictures and the on the water rescue boat.

To ALL SCCYC Members:

It's that time of year again when we begin the search for SCCYC members willing to volunteer their time to serve in a board position for 2007. The Nominating Committee would like to encourage anyone who has not served in a position to give it a try for a year. It is a good way to learn how the club works and to meet people. As you know, we are an all volunteer club and the success of our race and cruise programs as well as our status in the yachting community depends on the willingness of our members to volunteer. The club provides so much, but depends on its members in order to succeed. Take a look below at the positions currently open. Please refer to your 2006 handbook and club roster for more detail about the positions. Your help is needed, please step up and join us.

Thank you.

Please contact someone below by October 6

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Tom Estlow quartermaster@scyc.org

Sandra Bartiromo sbart02@yahoo.com

Positions Available:

Fleet Captain – Fourth position of command within the organization. Primary duties involve management of all water-related sport activities of the Club, and in the absence of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore, assuming the duties of those positions.

Port Captain – Fifth position of command within the organization. Primary duties involve management of all outside facilities of the Club, and in the absence of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Fleet Captain, assuming the duties of those positions.

Secretary – Primary duties include keeping records and communications of Club activities, preparing the agenda for each Board of Directors meeting, recording of meeting minutes, and handling of membership related tasks.



The Board Of Directors Get a Great View on Opening Day

Treasurer – Primary duties include handling the financial accounting details of the Club.

Membership Chair – Primary duties include all recruitment and follow-up of prospective applications for membership

Race Chair – Primary duties include all racing activities of the Club.

Beacon Editor – Primary duties include preparing and posting the Beacon every month and all internal Club communications.

Publicity Chair – Primary duties include all external Club communications.

Cruise Chair – Primary duties include organizing all Club cruises.

Fleet Surgeon – Primary duties include medical consultation services to the members of the Club as requested.

O/D Chair – Primary duties include management of the O/D's and their obligations.

Judge Advocate – Primary duties include legal consultation services to the Board of Directors and Officers of the Club, as requested.

Social Program Director – Primary duties include planning & organizing all internal Club social functions.

Travel and Boating Experiences

by Peter Beale

For 44 years my work has required that I travel. Most business travel is not fun (and getting worse) but I have occasionally managed a boat trip or sail and below are a few of the memorable ones.

It started in 1962, when I worked my passage from the UK (Southampton) to the Spanish Mediterranean on a luxury 200ft + motor Yacht. Unfortunately the luxury was for the owners. I lived in a minute space in the forepeak above the anchor locker with six others. The stabilizers were not working and the boat rolled its way across the Bay of Biscay in a gale. My work was scraping paint flecks off the teak decks, desperately hanging on to any hand hold I could find, sea sick and vomiting for two days, shivering with cold and expecting the boat to role over any minute.

The day sail on the Italian coast outside Rome with an Italian director on a 35ft sloop was entirely different. It was idyllic weather with an onshore breeze allowing us to reach up the coast and back while sipping champagne and eating a restaurant prepared picnic.

On another occasion in Rome, at New Years Eve party, a director friend said he had just joined the local Fumicino Yacht club and they had an annual New Year's Day sail and would I like to crew for him on his 30 footer. We arrived at about 1pm to find sun, a fresh 15 knot wind, a strong current in the river and a lot of people milling about.

Despite my friend's hesitancy we had the boat rigged and off the dock in no time. Sailing down the river I looked back to find no one else leaving the dock. After a great but cold sail we returned fighting the river current as the motor decided not to work. However we did manage a spectacular docking under sail in a tight pontoon. On hearing applause I looked up to see the club members, dressed in English yachting blazers and caps, standing at the club bar windows and watching us in amazement and amusement. It turned out that the New Years Days sail was a euphemism for a New Years Day bar (hair of the dog) buffet and Pims.

A trip on a small fishing boat from The Isle of Mull in the Hebrides Scotland, to Fingles Cave on the Isles of Staff confirmed that that Fingle could have never have lived in the cave. The idea that he did must have been in the imagination of the composer Mendelssohn. On a relatively calm day it was difficult to get on shore and the cave is shallow, close to the sea and open to the prevailing winds and seas. Even so Mendelssohn's concerto is one of my favorite pieces of music and it captures the rugged wildness of the location.

On the way back to Mull we went to look at the Island of Jura Whirlpool. It is in a narrow rocky passage between two Islands. At high water slack tide the passage was calm but eerie. Later, flying over in a helicopter, I saw the whirlpool in full force and fury. A



Sydney's Picture Postcard Harbour

great whirling black hole sucking down anything that got near to it, surrounded by wild spray breaking over jagged rocks. It reminded me of the description of the whirlpool in the Greek Odyssey and why George Orwell said that you could hear the roar for miles.

My client in Australia explained that our meetings had to be delayed as he had the regular (Wednesday?) night Sidney Harbor race. He asked if I would like to come along, expecting or hoping that I would say no. He had a great new 45ft dedicated racing sloop but had not done too well. We started badly, at the wrong end of the line and behind some 100 boats when I noticed a cruising boat some way ahead being headed. I pointed this out, got them to tack away from the fleet, and we picked up a major (and unusual for Sidney harbor) wind shift that put us in the lead at the first buoy. We won the race, first to finish and on corrected time. Celebrations were wild and lasted until early morning. Later business went very well but I declined all his further sailing invitations as I knew it was luck and did not want to lose the new found reputation and business.

In 1970 Hong Kong Harbor was much bigger and containers had not arrived in full force. Most ships anchored in the harbor and the cargo was offloaded into junks, taken ashore to long piers and car-



Not the Usual G-Basin Junker

ried by Dockers to the sheds. A man would carry two sacks of cement on his back while running down a 200yd pier. A lot of the junks were sail only. The Mao Cultural Revolution was in full force but, as China still had to import and export, a lot of goods went though Hong Kong, carried to and from the mainland on sailing junks. The harbor was therefore very busy. I went out on a private 60ft junk and was amazed how easy they were to sail, to raise or reef the main, what great visibility one has from the 'poop' deck. It was exciting weaving through the maze of boats especially as the mainland Chinese used very inch of their "right of way" while trying to give you a Red Book of Mao's sayings.

The meetings in Cairo had been difficult and were not helped by the political tension, the two soldiers with automatic weapons on every street corner, the concrete blocks and machine guns at the hotel drive entrance. The Hotel was on the banks of the Nile. The sun was setting and the "call to prayers" was echoing from a thousand mosques around the city. Only 250 yards from the Hotel were a couple of classic and ancient Felucca tied to the river bank. Ignoring (or pretending not to hear) all the warnings I went down and through sign language negotiated a sail in a very

dilapidated Felucca that looked as old as the bible with an captain who must have been as old as the boat. The Nile current is strong. The captain untied the boat and let the current draw us away from the shore. With no apparent effort the much patched sail was up, adjusted for the strong warm evening desert wind and we were stemming the current and working our way upstream. We sailed for a couple of hours. Not a word was spoken. As the calls to prayer finished a relative peace settled over the city (traffic noise is a constant). Sometimes he would give me the tiller, strong weather helm, and other times I would sit and meditate on the timeless nature of boats and boating people.



What's the Sign Language for Felucca?

My crew and I loaded onto a US Marine assault mega (tank carrying) hovercraft at Camp Pendleton California, and went some 20 miles out to sea to join a Marine assault / vertical take-off carrier. The ship had some 2,500 people on board getting ready for a six month deployment. As we approached the back of the carrier it lowered (sinks) the stern a few feet, opens up a huge hanger door and two assault craft can go inside.

We were making a film for the Marines so I explained to the liaison officer what we needed. "No problem, however you cannot do it



Watch for the Flashing Yellow Light!

today so you are staying on board be up at 6:30am"! 7:30am next day we are on the flight deck, the carrier is steaming at 20 knots into a 10 knot wind. There is no way we can film. The liaison office says nothing can be done. The captain is off watch, no one can change sailing orders, and anyway you are a nuisance. "Can I see the Captain?" "No way". To the crew the captain seems to be God or the Devil, or both. I try to make the best of the situation, tucking us in behind the flight tower to avoid the wind, but it is no use. A discreet trip to the heads and a small diversion. Ordinary sailors are very helpful. "I have to report to the Captain's cabin". A maze of corridors, steps, bulk heads etc. but no security. I am delivered to the door but then hesitate. Dare I risk knocking and waking either God or the Devil. I am about to pluck up courage and the door opens. The nicest man asks if I am the film director and how he can help. I explain that we need the Carrier to go slowly with the wind. "No problem, give me a couple of minutes and I will pass the order to the bridge. Would you mind if I watched the filming?"

I still contend that most people who love boats are basically very nice.

Peter Beale, August 2006



Off the coast of Malibu in our July PSSA race



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

Thanks to all who helped with the success of the Outlook Trophy Regatta. We were lucky to have a consistent building wind throughout the event to see the racers going faster and faster. Special thanks to Mike Priest who PRO'd the Lido Fleet 2 Championships aboard Tom Estlow's Whaler with the help of Jerome Samarcelli in the Dinghy and new member Carlos Miller assisting.

Our next race is the Fletcher Cup from the Isthmus to the 10PV buoy on September 24th. This follows our annual cruise to the Isthmus for fun ashore on the Saturday night.

The Cal Yacht Club Weeknight Series have ended and now we no longer have a great excuse to leave work early midweek. In the Thursday night Sunstroke Series, Tracey Kenney's *Shenanigans* clinched 1st place with only one absence to Peter Beale's two misses and some very close sailing. Here is the SCCYC top Five:

Sail	Boat	Skipper	Score
4430	<i>Shenanigans</i>	Tracey Kenney	50
6274	<i>Pulce</i>	Peter Beale	64
4511	<i>Bandito</i>	Bruce Fleck	71
3572	<i>Hypersonic Hog</i>	Chris Rulla	113
882	<i>Fearless Fosdick</i>	Tom Estolow	129

In the Sunset Series, Jr. Staff Commodore Carl Radusch


 South Coast Corinthian
 Yacht Club
 presents
**The 2006
 Fletcher Memorial Cup Race**

**Saturday
 September 23rd, 2006**
 Cruise to the the Isthmus
 BYO Barbeque on the Beach

**Sunday
 September 24th, 2006**
 Race from the Isthmus to the 10PV Buoy

and his fearsome *Sparta* team clinched 3rd place in PHRF "A" Fleet, competing in all 18 races. Gray Marshall and his devilish *Diavola* team took 5th in the 16 boat PHRF "C" Fleet despite missing 6 races.

The *Bandit* Team of Cheda/Thomas/Fleck sailed away with first place in the PHRF "E" fleet with the J/24 Ho'omle nipping at their transom.

In Cruising "A" Fleet, yours truly only managed 7th out of 18 boats, but that was due, in part to being decimated in race 17 only 5 minutes after the start. While proceeding upwind on starboard tack, a 49 foot boat ahead and to leeward, tacked to port onto a collision course. Despite my efforts to avoid them, their bow collided with mine, severing the headstay and turning the roller furling drum and the headsail into a pendulum of doom. I secured the mast with the spinnaker halyard, ducked the Cruising "B" racers that had just started and retired the wounded *Reliance* back to her slip. It will take quite a bit of work to get the boat back to the condition she was before that fateful race. I can only hope to have her ready for the Campbell Cup race on Oct. 29.



Sunday September 17
Paddle Day/Paddle Fleet
Tour the Venice Canals
BBQ @ Club House after Paddling



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)	
9/1	Mark Spector First Friday Dinner	9/2	Mel Widawski SealBYC Dinghy Run	9/3	Jerome Sammarcelli
9/8	Kay Miller	9/9	Ronald Kennney SFVYC Race & Party	9/10	Trish LaVay Board Meeting 6pm
9/15	Clark Garrett	9/16	Jim Doherty Mem.Mtg & Dinner	9/17	Nancy & Mark Tilford Paddle Fleet Paddle Day
9/22	Ronald Judkins	9/23	Gil Gfelner Fletcher Cup Cruise	9/24	Bernard Auroux Fletcher Cup Race
9/29	Gimmy Tranquillo	9/30	Bud Zucker	10/1	Michael Fitzmaurice
10/6	Jerome Samarcelli First Friday Dinner	10/7	Robert Kingsbury	10/8	Gary Schaffel Board Meeting 6pm
10/13	Dana Hutton	10/14	Smitty Smith	10/15	Lara Jacques
10/20	Bruce Fleck SCCYC Annual Business Meeting	10/21	John Staff 2-for-1 Sail Man/Woman Race	10/22	Dylan Porter
10/27	Mike Priest	10/28	Gene O'Connell	10/29	Robert Spieler Campbell Cup Race

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Chris Rulla (odchair@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.

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

Feb. 3	First Friday Dinner	Harry Johnson	July 21	Membership Meeting	Tracey Kenney + Lido Litter
Feb. 25	Membership Meeting	Bruce Fleck	July 22/23	O/D Weekend Race Hospitality	Rick, Tracey, Sandy + Stu
March 3	First Friday Dinner	Bob Kellock & Samantha C.	Aug. 4	First Friday Dinner	Jerry And Donna
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	William Dampier
April 7	First Friday Dinner	Ron Judkins & Jennifer Young	Sept 16	Membership Meeting	Gary Speck
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	Nancy & Mark Tilford
June 24	Membership Meeting	Ivan Tobuttosickski	Nov. 18	Membership Meeting	_____
July 7	First Friday Dinner	Harry Johnson	Dec. 2	Installation Dinner	Bridge Officers



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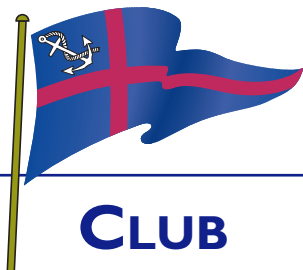
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