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COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Sandy Bartiromo

To Do List

My tenure as Commodore has been exciting and challenging. The learning curve was tremendous yet exhilarating. The essence of the year was working with an outstanding group of people that you know as the Board and I now know as friends.

In the coming year our board will remain steadfast with the goals of the past and add the goals and objectives they envision. Our theme of "The Club with Vision" will continue to embody the new ideals they choose to pursue.

I would like to see a continuation of our classic Friday night dinners that we were able to rejuvenate this year, and an expanded race calendar that I know they are planning. Clinics and cruises have added to the diversity of the club's schedule of events.

The enforcement of required OD shifts expanded our financial resources in many ways. Not only in providing an open house for visitors, but also, assured OD shifts provided an active location for chatting, sharing, and a lively upbeat club house to hang out at during the weekend.

The common ground for a successful next year is to provide the "fuel and energy" that is required for a volunteer boating club. Volunteers "the fuel", that brightens up the venues and activities, provide the contagious substance and dynamics that keep our club healthy and alive. Volunteers must be nurtured and appreciated. Take the opportunity to thank the past board for their hundreds of man hours they contributed to make our club thrive.

I hope to see more representation among the yacht club venues, and a continued visibility in the marina. SCCYC is alive and well and will be around for another 75 years.

I look forward to participating during our 75TH Anniversary as Jr. Staff Commodore.

Esprit de Corps, both power and sail!

"Salud, a toast to next year" Sandy B

NEW SLATE ANNOUNCED FOR 2007

The Proposed slate of Bridge officers and appointed chairman was announced at the October Annual Business Meeting and Dinner. S/C Sandy Clark and the Nominating committee worked to bring together these new group of members to lead the club into the new year.

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| Elected Officers | <i>Bylaw 4.1</i> |
| Commodore | Jerry Magnussen |
| Vice Commodore | Stu Coleman |
| Rear Commodore | Tracey Kenney |
| Jr. Staff Commodore | Sandra Bartiromo |
| Elected Directors | <i>Bylaw 4.2</i> |
| Fleet Captain | Kelley Cantley |
| Port Captain | Jim Doherty |
| Secretary | Tom Estlow |
| Appointed Chairmen | <i>Bylaw 5.1.1</i> |
| Race Chair | Dylan Porter |
| Membership Chair | Bruce Fleck |
| House Chair | Gary Speck |
| Beacon Editor/Web Page | Stu Coleman |
| Fleet Surgeon | Sandy Clark |
| Open positions: Club Historian, Social Chair, Cruise Chair, Judge Advocate | |

INSTALLATION DINNER TO BE A ENTERTAINING EVENING

Our annual Awards and Installation Dinner is to be held on Saturday, December 2nd in the Napa private dining room at the Harbor House Restaurant starting at 7pm.

Of great interest is the recipients of the Yachtsman, Corinthian Spirit and Bubble awards and who will have their name engraved on the perpetual trophies. Dinner invitations are being mailed out and the cost is only \$30 per person if returned by November 24th. The cost is \$35 for late RSVPs. Four dinner menu options are offered:

Harbor House Chicken: Prepared with artichoke hearts and Three Jumbo Shrimp, served with Citrus Rice Pilaf and Sautéed seasonal vegetables.

Grilled Halibut: A fresh halibut fillet prepared with a tropical fruit salsa, served with Roasted Red potatoes and Sautéed seasonal vegetables.

8oz. Top Sirloin: Premium Choice Beef served with a Red Wine Mushroom Sauce, accompanied by Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Sautéed seasonal vegetables.

A mix of Sautéed Vegetables is available for the Vegetarians.

All drinks will be on a cash basis per table and guests my bring their own wine for a \$10 a bottle corkage fee.

The Dinner Gala will be preceded by a Commodore's reception at the clubhouse, featuring hors d'oeuvres, varietal wines and a few other awards. Now is the time to dust off the blue blazer, the grey bottoms and pin on the bouillon and get ready for a fun night welcoming in the new board!



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Stu Coleman

As my year as Rear Commodore comes to a conclusion I must confess that it has been a lot of fun to proudly wear my blazer with white pants, grey slacks, and on race days, with sailing shorts. But, serving on the bridge is not just pomp and circumstance. The challenges the Board has faced and dealt with this year have been daunting and we have been fortunate to have the cool, calm and collected Sandra Bartiromo at the helm.

Sandy has taught me a lot about leadership and patience in dealing with such a diverse membership. It took a while to realize that not everyone with a boat was a liberal, enlightened environmentalist. Oh well, It's a big ocean.

While the mighty *Reliance* has been undergoing her refit, It's been a real pleasure to race as crew



Harry Johnson and his Vita Brevis Trophy Blondes

aboard Jim Doherty's *Camelot* and Harry Johnson's *Vita Brevis*. Many thanks to them for allowing Shari and me to crew with them. My Beneteau will be back for the 2007 season; shinier and better rigged!

Speaking of thanks, I am really thankful for little things that the club members do to make a differ-

ence. There's the race committee, which I thank in my other column, but also the cooks of SCCYC. I have enjoyed so many great meals at the club this year



Mark and Nancy Tilford cooked a great dinner on November 3 with a very lifelike cake

from Harry's Chinese food to the Kennney's Mexican treats to last weekend's BBQ and Chicken rolls, courtesy of the Tilfords. Volunteering to provide a dinner is a great way to eat guilt-free all year and enjoy the camaraderie that is SCCYC. Speaking of cooks, chef's hat off to Rick Horner for his many impromptu meals.

I'd also like to recognize new member, Robert Symer for his top quality door stop and for the shine he has put on our flagstaff plaque. I hope to see the spirit of contribution in all of our new and veteran members as we move to celebrate our club's 75th anniversary in 2007.

— S.C.



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER

Last of the 2006 Pricing!!!

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.

Membership Report

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| ACTIVE MEMBERS | 77 |
| Flag Members | 65 |
| Life Members | 5 |
| Non Resident Members | 5 |
| Cruising Members | 0 |
| Honorary Members | 2 |
| NEW MEMBERS | 2 |
| Nik Vale | |
| William Elmer | |



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

Yandow-Jones Team Wins Man/Woman Series

With six first place finishes and two second place finishes, the Patience team of Craig Yandow and SCCYC's Karen Jones swept to victory in the annual Marina Del Rey Man/Woman Series during South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club's 2-For1 Sail held on Saturday, October 21st.

Light SSW winds greeted the races on the first start at twelve noon. As the wind shifted to typical 235° magnetic, Tom Estlow and Commodore, Sandra Bartiromo in the race committee



Craig and Karen Eyeing the Competition before the Starting Gun

Boston Whaler, moved the inflatable mark to be more upwind, just in time for the fleet's second upwind leg.

The fleet finished the four mile course in just over an hour with Patience getting the gun, followed by Chaban and McKenney in Sandbox taking second and St. Amant and Bronett taking third in Predator.

With the wind steady at 235° between 6 and 9 knots, the fleet start-



Six Boats get a Clean Start in Clear Skies in Race Number One



R/C Photographer, Gary Speck, Captures the Crackerjack Race Committee on Camelot

ed a five mile course at 1:20pm in fog so thick the upwind marks were totally obscured. First around the course were Steve Arkle and Brooke Phillips in the Schock 35, *Powerplay*, taking the line honors and the gun. They were followed by *Patience*, who corrected to first place and then *Predator* and *Sandbox*. Tracey Kenney in the Open 5.70, *Hat Trick* and J. Vallieres in *Mischief* rounded out the finishers in the final event.



Craig and Karen with their perpetual trophy for top Martin242 in the 8-race series.

Various grades of wine were handed to top three finishers at SCCYC for the day's racing with promises of name/trophy badges to follow. South Bay Yacht Racing Club Commodore, Rick Ruskin, awarded the overall trophies for the 8 race series to the top Spinnaker boat and the top Martin 242 which went to the *Patience* team of Yandow/Jones.

The annual SCCYC intraclub Campbell Cup race was held on October 29th. We had a great turnout, with 10 boats in this 'Club only' race. The weather was warm and the winds were light. The race started at 1 pm between the detached breakwater and SS mark. The boats sailed to the Santa Monica buoy and then back to the Club

house in honor of Phil Campbell's first sail through the marina before it was open. Everyone enjoyed the traditional Burgers and Polish sausages grilled to perfection by Karmen Estlow back at the clubhouse. The trophy winners for this race are:

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| 1st | Mark & Ben Spector | <i>Jokers Wild</i> |
| 2nd | Robert Symer/Mel Widawski | <i>Stormy II</i> |
| 3rd | Jerome Samarcelli/Nik Vale | <i>Seasick</i> |



Sandy enjoys the embrace of Second Place Finishers, Star Sailors, Robert and Mel

This was the last race of the year for SCCYC's race committee and I would like to thank everyone who helped and participated to make our races and hospitality the best in the Santa Monica Bay. I especially want to thank Bob Kellock for mentoring me on the way to becoming a U.S. Sailing Club P.R.O., Samantha Carlson for her attention to detail in scoring, Gary Speck for shooting lots of pictures and shotgun shells, Tom Estlow for his mark setting and the use of his boat, *The Whaler*, and Shari Landon for throwing flags and always having a great smile aboard the R/C boat.

I look forward to the great tradition of race management and hospitality continuing on in 2007 under Dylan Porter's leadership.



Sandy congratulates Nik and Jerome on their Third Place Finish

Campbell Cup Race Brings Out the SCCYC Fleet

Photos by Gary Speck



Jerry and Whazzup

Jim and Camelot

Gary and Zacklee

Bob and Windfall



Steve and Jury Rigged

Harry and Vita Brevis

Robert and Stormy II

Jerome and Seasick

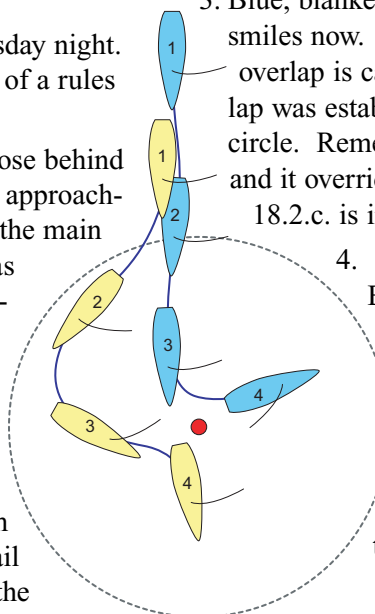
Rules Lesson: The Hard Way

by Bruce Fleck

This actually happened to Bandit one Wednesday night. We, the Blue boat, were on the receiving end of a rules lesson.

1. As our lesson begins, Blue (Bandit) was close behind and gaining on Yellow another Santana 20, approaching a mark just before the turning mark in the main channel by the coast guard station. This was not a no sail buoy so the "obstruction" sailing instruction did not apply. Both boats were on starboard, sailing very deep. Rule 11, same tack, not overlapped applies. Yellow has right of way.

2. Just after Yellow reaches the two boat length circle for Bandit, the Blue boat, to sail over her and between her and the mark. We were smiling at this point. Extending a line off the transom of Yellow



shows no overlap at this point. Rule 18, Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions takes over.

3. Blue, blanketed the wind from Yellow and overtook, big smiles now. Blue is overtaking to windward, even if the overlap is caused by orange turning to the left, the overlap was established after entering the two boat length circle. Remember rule 18 came into play at position 2 and it overrides the usual right of way rules. Rule 18.2.c. is in effect.

4. Yellow headed up toward the mark, forcing Blue to the wrong side of the mark and wipe the smiles off our faces. No overlap was established prior to the two boat length circle so yellow did not have to give room. In fact, rule 18.2c requires that Blue "keep clear". Yellow can luff head to wind if she likes, Blue is required to keep clear.

If anyone can see anything wrong with my analysis, or if you just want to walk through it with me and the toy boats, please let me know. *Bruce.*

Open 5.70 Takes on the RBYC Frank Guernsey Single Handed Challenge

By Jerome Sammarcelli

It's Friday the 20th. We just came back from the Annapolis Boat Show. I am at the marina, getting the boat ready for tomorrow's race, a single handed race organized by Redondo Beach Yacht Club, out of Redondo Beach of course. Four boats out of Marina del Rey decide to take the start: Arnaud and his Challenger 32, Mike with his Martin 242, David with his Wavelength 24 and myself with the Open 5.70. We pretty much leave the dock together, around 9:30. No wind. Finally the breeze picks up and we are finally ready to race.

To our surprise, many boats are present to race. About 25 boats, divided in 3 classes show up for this single handed race. 15 are in our class. It goes from a J133, J80, Martin 242, Cheetah 30, B25, WV24, Open 5.70, and some much bigger displacement boats (30-38 foot boats). The race is a multiple buoy race with regular upwind, downwind legs but with an additional reaching leg pretty much at the end of the race course. Total distance is 10 nm. Let's go!

Wind is about 10-12 knots. Visibility is ok but fog is already coming in. I am very happy about my start: away from the bigger boats, clean air and room to pick up some speed. Unfortunately, I realize just a few minutes later than my GPS no longer works and the fog starts to come in fast. After a good 10 minutes, it is hard to see 30 yards away. I know I am still in the right pack of boats. I am hanging out with the B25s and it seems that behind me is a J80...he he he!!! Now the fog is so dense that I am only counting on my competitors to guide me to the first windward mark which they did really well! Thanks to Mike Georgia, who is following the shifts like never before, I finally find the windward mark. Let's round the mark. Spinnaker up and I

start getting some good speed up: Velocitek indicates 8-9 knots of boat speed. I have the compass heading to the mark. I am about 30 degrees off so I guess my VMG must be around 4.5-5 knots which can't be less than the other boats heading directly to the leeward mark. I stay on starboard, feeling the nice headers taking me closer to the mark. Finally, 60 degrees off the mark, I gybed and head down to the mark. Spinnaker take down, no rush. All is well. The boat is so much fun to single hand. Wind must be around 10-12 knots...perfect. I was



Jerome Beating his Crew to Windward

never overpowered and never had to suffer any kind of brutal situation. I am rounding the mark 5th...which means 10 boats are chasing me. The two J80s are still behind. I can see the two B25s, the M242 and the J133 ahead of me...not too far. The following upwind leg is great too. I am still managing the shifts and none of the 10 boats behind passed me. It's now the last downwind leg. One of the J80s is coming fast. There is less wind and he can sail deeper than my spinnaker lets me. I decide to follow the leader (a B25) who is actually going to the wrong mark. Mike on the M242 apparently knows where he is going and rounds the leeward mark for the reaching leg to the last buoy before

the finish line. I gybe over. Mike is definitely guy to follow today. He is doing a perfect race. The J80 saw that Mike rounded the "right" leeward mark and gybed as well. One B25 is just behind me but has trouble carrying his spinnaker on such a tight reach...by the time he takes his spinnaker down, I am long gone! A big ass 38 foot boat is just leeward to me...but I still have the spinnaker up, main eased pretty well and I scream by around 10-12 knots in the puffs. It's not that easy because I obviously have to come down in the puffs and that 38 foot displacement boat is still pretty close. The J80 and the M242 can not carry their spinnaker at such a tight angle. I am making great ground back to them but they still round the mark a good minute ahead of me. There were probably 5 minutes ahead. I only wish that leg was just 0.5 mile longer! Now it's time for take down. I just have enough room to head down and take the spinnaker down. Quick but not easy! I round the mark and tack right away...which was probably the best thing to do because I get a 12 degrees lift to the finish line. I am now fighting with the M242 and that displacement boat which is still faster than me upwind. The M242 had to tack on port to get away from the J80's bad air. Very soon, he tacks again and covers me, finishing probably about a minute ahead of me, just behind the J80 and the J133 (of course). I crossed the line on port just before the massive 38 footer! End of the race. It was a lot of fun! Mike Georgia, on Mighty Mouse won the race. The Erk 38 corrected on me...yes I owed him 2 seconds a mile so he corrected by 16 seconds together...I finished 3rd place in my class (15 boats), 4th overall (24 boats). I was still pretty happy.

Great racers, great atmosphere, will do it again and hopefully with more Open 5.70s on the line for next year! I told my wife that I will need a new GPS for Xmas...hope she doesn't forget it!"



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) |
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| 11/10 Jennie McCarthy | 11/11 Sam Pepkowitz | 11/12 Peter Beale |
| 11/17 Ted Seay | 11/18 Jerry Magnussen Dinner & Annual Membership Meeting | 11/19 Ron Ikejuri |
| 11/24 Thanksgiving Weekend 11/25 Thanksgiving Weekend 11/26 Thanksgiving Weekend Have a Happy Thanksgiving – Bring your Family and Friends to the Club | | |
| 12/1 Gimmy Tranquillo | 12/2 Installation Dinner | 12/3 William Elmer Board Meeting 6pm |
| 12/8 Bob Kellock | 12/9 Jerome Samarcelli Marina Boat Parade | 12/10 Bruce Fleck |
| 12/15 Willy Smith | 12/16 Nik Vale | 12/17 Kelley Cantley |
| 12/22 --- | 12/22 --- | 12/23 --- |
| Have a Happy Winter Holiday – Bring your Family and Friends to the Club | | |
| 12/29 --- | 12/30 --- | 12/31 --- |
| If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify the OD chair, Stu (racechair@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 Million. Reminder: Please fill out the OD logbook, as it may be the only record that you fulfilled your duty and qualifies you for "Top Dropper." 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

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| 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 | Alfonso NoHosto |
| 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 | William Teach |
| May 5 | First Friday Dinner | Mike Priest & Kelly F. | Oct. 6 | First Friday Dinner | Robert Symer |
| May 20 | Membership Meeting | Don and Diane Baker | Oct. 20 | Membership Meeting | Ron and Pat Kenney |
| May 28 | Corinthian Cup Race Hospitality | Crew of Reliance | Oct 21 | Two for One Race Hospitality | Stu & Karmen |
| June 2 | First Friday Dinner | Tracey Kenney | Nov. 3 | First Friday Dinner | Nancy & Mark Tilford |
| June 24 | Membership Meeting | Ivan Tobutsickski | Nov. 18 | Membership Meeting | Dylan Porter |
| July 7 | First Friday Dinner | Harry Johnson | Dec. 2 | Installation Dinner | Bridge Officers |



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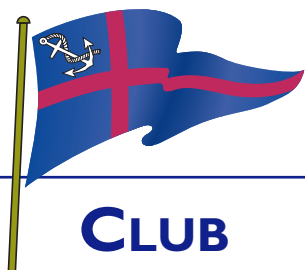
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