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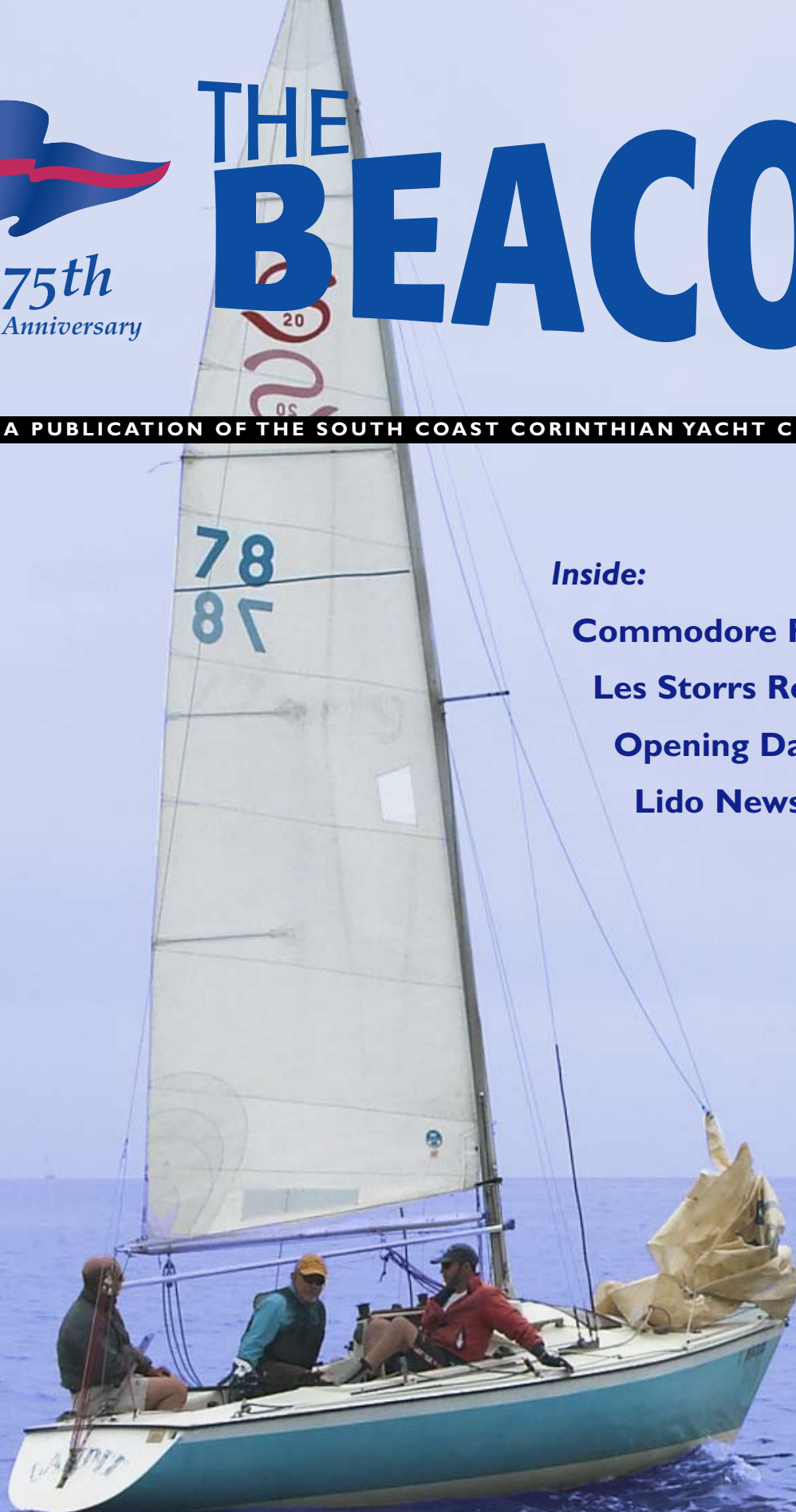
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Jerry Magnussen

Bang, Bang

Or at least that was the plan. The 75th anniversary yachting season of 2007 was signaled in with a spontaneous vocal duet of Terry and Daniel – “Equipment Failure”. According to the experts, concave shape on the shells kept the cannons quiet. It helps to have a sense of humor when you compare what should have happened to what actually happened. It also helps greatly to have a back-up plan.

Equipment failure and all, we got our club commissioned for the 2007 yachting season. Irish whiskey was flowing and the rain, or drizzle waited until the ceremony was well over. Thanks to Sandra for planning and to all that participated or helped in the preparation for the event.

SCCYC stepped right up to start the new season with our general membership meeting and the Les Storrs Series this last weekend. I was invited to be bowman on the J-30 Eggmoggin. Thank you to George and the crew for having me. Foredeck is always a good vantage point to see the action. I counted about thirty boats total on Sunday.

The race committee and racers combined to make it all happen. Thank you Stu and Gary for the use of your boats. Dylan Porter our Race Chair lead the way with good planning and coordination.

The clubhouse was really humming with a very

healthy “after-race buzz”. Thanks goes to Yayoi and Gary for the great photos. The racers really enjoy seeing the photos on-screen at the club after the race. Check it out on the SCCYC website.

April activities include the First Friday Dinner. The Board meets on Sunday evening and we will have the General Membership Meeting on Friday, the 20th of April. I will be cooking, so come by for something tasty. I will see you at the club.



The Cannons may have been quiet but, the hoists were brisk!



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\$18.00
- T Shirt (Long Sleeve)\$20.00
- Sweatshirt.....\$25.00
- (\$2.00 surcharge for any 2XL & up)
- Windbreaker Jacket.....\$65.00
- Baseball Cap\$20.00
- Hat Bands.....\$10.00
- Brief Case.....\$20.00
- Bouillons\$30.00
- Golf Towels\$10.00
- Burgees.....\$20.00
- License Plate Holder.....\$10.00
- Canvas Tote\$15.00
- Zippered Tote\$15.00
- 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 ~ 80

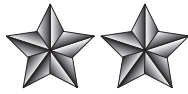
- Flag Members 66
- Life Members 4
- Non Resident Members 5
- Cruising Members 0
- Honorary Members 2

PENDING MEMBERS 1

William Dampier

Former Members 1

Ted Seay



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Stu Coleman

Fresh from running the grill at Saturday's post-race hospitality for the San Fernando Yacht Club's April Fool's Race, I look back at what a busy month it has been for the club. This was the fourth time we have hosted the racers for their post-race festivities and it has been a great union of the two clubs. Thanks to Tom and Gary for holding down the fort so that Shari and I could race in the fog for that event.

The Marina Del Rey Spring Season opener, the Les Storrs series, was a great success, thanks to the organizing skills of Dylan Porter, the work of the race Committee, the participation of the racers, but especially to the great hospitality provided by Mike O'Brien, Steve-O and his crew. We were very fortunate to have Mike manning the grill and the oven both days to continue our tradition of hospitality.

Our opening day ceremony was marked by its much appreciated brevity, with a saluting levity. Again, thanks to Gary for getting to the club early and beginning the set up and taking the pictures of the event. Thanks also to Karmen, Tom, Mike Priest, Kelley, Tracey, Dan, Terry, Jim and everyone else who made the morning go smoothly.

And of course, the clubhouse looked great because of the usual suspects that helped put the spic and span into the club, especially Robert Symer and Mike O'Brien for their white painting skills and new member Peter Gonzales for his new contributions in painting and fixing. I also have to salute Peter for pulling off a marathon O.D. shift last month. Great to have you aboard. Speaking of the clubhouse, Out landlord just painted the whole clubhouse again including all of the blue/grey paint and the back stairs and the club just looks great! Stop by in daylight to admire.

Shari and I took our new Lido, "Indy" for a sail after the opening day ceremonies on Sunday, March 18th, and it was great fun so change out of our Summer uniforms and into our sailing gear for a quick tour of the harbor. It's quite different from sailing *Reliance* around the harbor

and the boat will be perfect once we have the formal renaming ceremony and install some beer can holsters. We will be denaming and renaming the boat on Sunday, April 22 and if you'd like to stop by to witness as close as I get to a religious ceremony, and share some champagne with Poseidon, come on down.

Speaking of April 22nd, the MS Sail has been moved to July 28-29th to coincide with the Lido Fleet 2 championship and the SMWYC Cruiser handicap race to better get club boat participation. More details to follow on that event.

On Sunday, April 1st, I volunteered aboard the tall ship, *American Pride*, based in Long Beach, doing maintenance in the morning and then going for a nice three hour sail in the afternoon out around the breakwater and back. Sailing a schooner is much simpler than sailing a Brig. I look forward to my next sail!

SCCYC will host the WSA for a racing clinic on Sunday, April 15th. Look to the website for details as they become available.

With a change in the ratings splits this year, *Camelot* has been moved into the Cruising Spinnaker Fleet "A" fleet while *Reliance* races in the "B" fleet for the upcoming Newport to Ensenada race. Better expand the trophy case! See you at the dinners or out on the race course. Come by the clubhouse, take some pictures and send me a story for the Beacon!

The Third Annual Fleet 2 Lido Invitational



Saturday, April 14th, 2007

32 Boats Race Round the Buoys in Six Classes in 2006 Les Storrs Series

By Stu Coleman

South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club opened the Spring racing season in Marina Del Rey last weekend in March with the Les Storrs Sailing Regatta. Thirty two boats filled out 6 fleets for two days of round the buoy racing, improving on last year's 29 boat turnout.

The boats were divided into 2 PHRF classes, and Martin 242, Holder 20, Open 5.70 and Santana 20 one-design classes.

Saturday saw mostly cloudy skies with winds averaging 8 knots from 255° and little swell in the first 2 races. As the third race sequence started around 3pm winds climbed above 12 knots and the swell increased but, with short 2-4 mile courses, racers easily crossed the finish line under spinnaker and headed for the breakwater. Sunday saw slightly sunnier skies, and a more consistent 235° wind that built nicely through the races.

The Farr 40, *White Knight*, skippered by Zoltan Kantinsky edged out Paul Katz and the Farr 44 Bravurra to win the PHRF "A" fleet with Kim Stuart and her Schock 35, *Voodoo Doll* rounding out the top three.

Pierson Jacquelin, and his J/24, *Slippery When Wet*, whose first race in MDR was the Les Storrs regatta one year ago, won 3 of 5 races to take the PHRF "B" trophy with Mike Inmon's, *Faire Warning* and George Biddle helming *Eggemoggin* filling the podium finishes.

The new French sportboats, the Open 5.70 saw lots of reaching downwind as the newest one-design class in the Marina saw SBYRC Commodore, Jerome Sammarcelli take first with SCCYC Rear



White Knight with 3 Bullets

Photo by Holly Mitchell—www.HAMMPortfolio.com



Rock, Paper, Scissors Leads the Martins Around the Mark
Commodore, Tracey Kenney in second and Nik Vale taking bronze honors.

The Martin 242 fleet, arguably the most competitive (and vociferous) fleet in Santa Monica Bay had five different winners in all five races. The energy was pretty high on the first start on Sunday when two thirds of the fleet were over early at the start and the boats played bumper cars off each other and the committee boat, *Reliance*. After the general recall, the racers crossed cleanly only to have some trade gel-coat later at the leeward mark. Team George aboard *Rock, Paper, Scissors* took top honors by one point over Fleet Captain, Mark Sands and his *Sandbox* team. Jason Artof and his *Wombat* team squeezed ahead of Brack Duker and *Velerito* on Sunday to earn third place. Denise George accepted the Greg Hoffman Perpetual Trophy, honoring the sailor who died at last year's regatta.

The Holder 20 fleet opted to race their one design fleet in Santa Monica Bay instead of San Diego because of the easier access to the ocean and closer proximity to the Valley, as five of the entries hail from the San Fernando Valley Yacht Club. Dennis Bouch



Wouldn't be a Beacon without a the Open 5.70s

Photo by Holly Mitchell—www.HAMMPortfolio.com

Photo by Gary Speck

and *B.L.U.* won the tie-breaker over Ray Van Heel's *Problem Child* with Nigel Brownett and *Water Rat* settling for third place by one point.



Flags Ahoy on the R/C

Thanks to the organizing efforts of Bruce Fleck, four Santana 20s raced over the weekend with the Cheda/Thomas/Fleck team aboard *Bandit* nailing 5 bullets to win the class with William Elmer's *Bloodhound* nipping closer every race and long-time Thistle racer, Brian Mason, racing his new Santana 20 to a third place.

Principal Race Officers were Bob Kellock and Stu Coleman aboard the Beneteau 331, *Reliance* with Gary Speck aboard his mark set boat, *C-Scape*. Race committee also consisted of Shari Landon, Dylan Porter, and Sandra Bartiromo. Twenty five satin etched pint glass trophies were awarded at the SCCYC clubhouse Sunday and were quickly filled with the appropriate beverages.

PHRF A Fleet				
1st	White Knight	Farr 40	Katinszky	CBYC
2nd	Bravura	Farr 44	Katz	DRYC
3rd	Voodoo Doll	Schock 35	Kim Stuart	SMWYC

PHRF B Fleet				
1st	Slippery When Wet	J 24	Pierson Jacquelin	WkYC
2nd	Faire Warning	Mag 26	Mike Inmon	CYC
3rd	Eggemogggin	J 30	Donna Polk	SBYRC

Open 5.70				
1st	No Name	Jerome Sammarcelli		SBYRC
2nd	Hat Trick	Tracey Kenney		SCCYC
3rd	Boracic	Nik Vale		SCCYC

Martin 242				
1st	Rock, Paper, Scissors	Mike George		CYC
2nd	Sandbox	Mark Sands		SMWYC
3rd	Wombat	Jason Artof		DRYC

Holder 20				
1st	B.L.U.	Dennis Bouch		SFVYC
2nd	Problem Child	Ray Van Heel		SFVYC
3rd	Water Rat	Nigel Brownett		SFVYC

Santana 20				
1st	Bandit	Cheda/Thomas/Fleck		SCCYC
2nd	Bloodhound	William Elmer		SCCYC
3rd	No Name	Brian Mason		SCCYC



LIDO ROUNDUP
by Stu Coleman

Saturday, April 14th will see SCCYC host the Third Annual Lido 14 Fleet 2 Invitational in the sailing zone of the MDR exit channel. The Lido 14 fleet has grown to nearly 20 boats in Marina Del Rey through



The "B" Fleet Victors

the revitalization of Fleet 2 and the support of South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club and the Lido 14 class organization.

At the Harry Wood Regatta April 1st at Balboa Yacht Club, John Staff and daughter Phoebe took first in the Lido "B" fleet while the rising powerhouse of Team Estlow took their second third finish in as many weeks after a decisive Bullet in their 5th race. Our own Tracey Kenney is contin-



John Staff and Phoebe on their way to victory in the "B" Fleet

uing her slog up the ranks of the more competitive "A" fleet, following her win over 12 boats in the SCYA midwinters held at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in February.

The Sunstroke series, hosted by California Yacht Club starts in 4 short weeks on Thursday, May 3rd. It's time to buy a Lido or line up your crew or skipper for the season and get ready to win!



Tracey and Robin working upwind



photos by Gary Speck



Everyone is here!

MARCH 18TH OPENING DAY AT SCCYC



The Visiting Dignitaries



Dan and Terry on Halyards and Black Powder



Kelly, Tom and Mike serving up the Irish Coffees



Lidos guard the perimeter



The white tablecloths are only for company...



Dignitaries leaving in style (but only a few on the dock at a time)



Distinguished guests await their turn to be recognized



The Color Guard and Flautist



O.D. SCHEDULE

& Club Events

Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200-1700 Hrs (Spring Hours)	Sunday 1200-1700 Hrs (Spring Hours)
3/30 Trish La Vay	3/31 Shari Landon SFVYC Race Hospitality	4/01 Pamela Christopher Board Meeting 6pm
4/06 Mel Widawski First Friday Dinner	4/07 Ron Judkins	4/08 Gray Marshall Easter
4/13 Jennie McCarthy	4/14 Will Elmer Lido Fleet 2 Invitational	4/15 Gimmy Tranquillo
4/20 Dylan Porter Membership Meeting & Dinner	4/21 Carlos Miller	4/23 Jerr Dunlap MS Sail
4/27 Ted Seay	4/28 Gary Schaffel	4/29 Don Baker
5/4 Nancy Tilford First Friday Dinner	5/5 Mark Spector Cinco de Mayo	5/6 Carl Radusch Board Meeting 6pm
5/11 Mark Register	5/12 Mike O'Brien	5/13 Nik Vale
5/18 Bud Zucker	5/19 Robert Spieler Membership Meeting & Dinner	5/20 Stu Coleman
5/25 Jerome Samarcelli	5/26 Peter Beale Corinthian Cup	5/27 Robert Symer Corinthian Cup

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Tracy Kenney (rearcommodore@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.

Sign Up for One Dinner! Call 310 821-6407 to RSVP

Jan 5	First Friday Dinner	Gary Speck	July 6	First Friday Dinner	_____
Jan 27	Membership Meeting	Dan Grabski	July 20	Membership Meeting	_____
Feb 2	First Friday Dinner	Harry Johnson	July 21-22	O/D Weekend Race Hospitality	_____
Feb 24	Membership Meeting	Jim & Maureen Doherty	Aug 3	First Friday Dinner	_____
March 2	First Friday Dinner	Tom & Karmen Estlow	Aug 25	Membership Meeting	Stu Coleman
March 23	Membership Meeting	Stu Coleman	Aug 26	Outlook Trophy Hospitality	_____
Mar 24-25	Les Storrs Race Hospitality	Mike O'Brien	Sept 7	First Friday Dinner	_____
April 6	First Friday Dinner	Robert Symer	Sept 21	Membership Meeting	_____
April 14	Lido Invitational Hospitality	_____	Sept 23	Fletcher Cup Race Hospitality	_____
April 20	Membership Meeting	Jerry Magnussen	Oct 5	First Friday Dinner	_____
May 4	First Friday Dinner	_____	Oct 19	Membership Meeting	_____
May 19	Membership Meeting	_____	Oct 20	Two for One Race Hospitality	_____
May 27	Corinthian Cup Race Hospitality	_____	Nov 2	First Friday Dinner	_____
June 1	First Friday Dinner	_____	Nov 17	Membership Meeting	_____
June 23	Membership Meeting	_____	Dec 1	Installation Dinner	Bridge Officers



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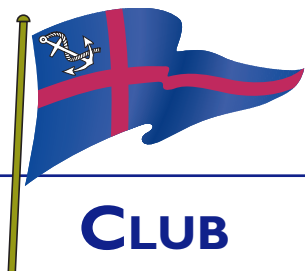
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