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Powerplay pulls ahead to Win at the One-Design Weekend



COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Stu Coleman

July was a busy month with *Reliance* racing in the Channel Island to MDR and MDR to San Diego Race the first 2 weekends. The San Diego race is 35 miles shorter than Newport to Ensenada but the best part is when you finish, you're in



Cruising Class on the San Diego Race

San Diego. Shari and I attended the SCYA luncheon meeting on July 12th at San Diego Yacht Club, where we enjoyed a fabulous lunch and a great presentation by Mike Rivkin who presented slides from his forthcoming book, *Angling and War: The Collision of Big-Game Fishing and WWII*. The presentation featured



San Diego Doesn't Look like the Caribbean at the beginnings of Big Game fishing, the boats and the people who launched the pastime.

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photographs of many notables fishing at Catalina including FDR and Winston Churchill. It was a fascinating look

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Can you name this rock formation?

Tracey and Rob aboard *Carpe Diem* in Cherry Cove the first night and then moved to Emerald Cove on Saturday morning to enjoy kayaking, snorkeling and



the many sun decks aboard the 55-footer. Our ride back on Sunday set another speed record after leaving the

Tracey and Sandy downsize from the *Carpe Diem* harbor around 10 am, I was poolside at home by noon! The main difference in crossing the shipping channels at 29 knots compared to 6 knots is that the big container ships are far away when you first see them and are still far away when you've crossed the lanes. There were plenty of open moorings at Emerald Bay and I predict we will have plenty for our Fletcher Cup weekend next month.



The "Will Be", the "Was" and the "Is" on the Commodore's Cruise

We'll see many of our Lido fleet head up to Oregon this month for the class championships and I wish them all the best on their trip and their competition. Later this month, it's our Annual Outlook Trophy race with Dinghy racing in the open ocean. We can always use a hand around the clubhouse on Race days and speaking of race days, we will be hosting our friends from SFVYC on August 16 and September 6 for their post race parties. Their races are open to PHRF and Cruising class boats and are a lot of fun.

As we start to plan our events for next year, it's time to think about who will be filling our Board of Director positions and to think about what role you might be able to play in the continued success of our club. I will be appointing a Staff Commodore and a nominating committee this month to prepare the slate for our October 18th Business Meeting. —Stu C



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Tom Estlow

Here it is August and the fun and activities keep rolling along. We just finished the annual One-Design Weekend, and Race Chair Bruce Fleck put on a whale of an event. Special thanks go out to all the volunteers that helped make the One-Design such a success. Gimmy stepped up both days on the R/C boat 'Reliance' with Stu and Shari along with Bruce. Not yet accepted applicant John Richardson volunteered on Saturday while Brian Mason came out on Reliance on Sunday. Karm even put up with 2 days on the Whaler with yours truly. S/C Sandy B. with Diana, and Steve Mullen were the inside mark set boat on "Christina". Thanks to Mike Cheda for his cooking prowess, and to the crew behind the bar, Gary Schaffell, Sherry Barone, and Chris Zimmer, with an occasional hand by Mark Register.

SCCYC did their usual duty at hospitality, and the Commodore did his usual, handing out the ubiquitous glass pint Trophies

Earlier in the month, it was our pleasure to 'survive the night' as I joined the Commodore on the flagship, Reliance, to sail/motor overnight down to San Diego. There was actually a little breeze at night to help us out, but the motoring we did, didn't save enough time so settled for a 2nd in our cruising class.



The Reliance and Taku crews relaxing Dockside in San Diego

At this writing;, the Commodore's Cruise is underway at Catalina Islands Two Harbors, and probably the B-B-Q is well under way. There should be a report from that group in here somewhere.



Most of the Fleet 2 Contingent at Huntington Lake

Also, earlier in the month, a contingent of SCCYC members spent a delightful weekend in the Sierras, Huntington Lake to be exact. Trailering their Lidos to the high country were Tracey Kenney, Kelly Cantley, John Staff and team 'Cat in the Hat'. A couple of other Lido Fleet 2 members were also up north, which made a nice representation for the Marina crowd. Kelly ended up with the most wood brought home (trophies are varnished hunks of bark).

We would like to thank all the folks that are putting in their shift as O.D. We have had almost 100% show up, which is a great response for our all-volunteer Yacht Club. It really makes the O.D. operation smoother when we don't have to shuffle the order to fill in the no shows. And those showing up are making the most of their time by bring their friends and family and showing them what a great location we have in the Marina.

Remember, everything you really want to know is found in the Beacon, so keep a copy handy, or get it on the internet.

See you soon.....Tom Estlow



From Brian Mason's Trip to Alaska, the honorary member of our power fleet and some pristine sailing grounds





The Topsail Program is looking for Volunteers to help sail the Brigantines

Looking For Crew? Recruiting Tip Number 37: Take Some Kids out on a Tall Ship

by Brian Mason

A while back, as I contemplated the joys of teaching Middle School in Los Angeles, a very strange event occurred. One of the Assistant Principals, Henry Flores, came by my office while I was online contemplating ordering a cattle prod, and said, “Mas, you need to go sailing or you’re going to hurt somebody. Tell you what, contact the Topsail program and take a group of kids out sailing. You just need to bring all of them back. And let me delete that order for you.” Darn, everything has a catch. But a bad day sailing beats a good day at work, so a few phone calls later I was able to charter the 90 foot brigantine *Exy Johnson* for three one day sails – at just \$4,000 per day!

Just a few years old, and build at the cost of three and a half million dollars, the *Exy Johnson* and her sister ship the *Irving Johnson* were built by the Los Angeles Maritime Institute as sail training vessels to teach sailing to the youth of Los Angeles. So grabbing the best 20 kids I could find, and promising to bring them all back, we boarded the *Exy Johnson* and proceeded to teach the youth of Los Angeles how to sail a square rigged ship- pulling up sails, trimming jibs, climbing the rigging, steering, and how to throw up properly. Pretty much like sailing any sailboat. And some of the kids showed a real natural talent for sailing! So, always on the lookout for potential crew, and realizing some of these kids can hike all day, don’t mind a few bruises, and are free on weekends, I started recruiting. I now have a list of

students who are interested in starting a sailing club and trying their hand at racing!

You may be thinking “I don’t have \$4,000 to take some kids out sailing on a tall ship.” Most major cities, and some states, that are on the ocean have an organization operating a tall ship that is funded to teach sailing to “at risk” youth. If you have teenagers, you know that all kids are “at risk”. And the sailing organizations all know charities that fund their programs! In my case a really great organization, Los Angeles Bridges, provided all the funding but there are many similar organizations in other cities. The people running the tall ship program should have the information on who to contact. Who knows, you may find some good crew that will be around for a few years, and have a great time out sailing!!



The ratlines are the only way to the yards and the topsails.

FESTIVAL OF SAIL LA 2008

DON'T MISS THE TALLSHIPS! AUG. 15-17

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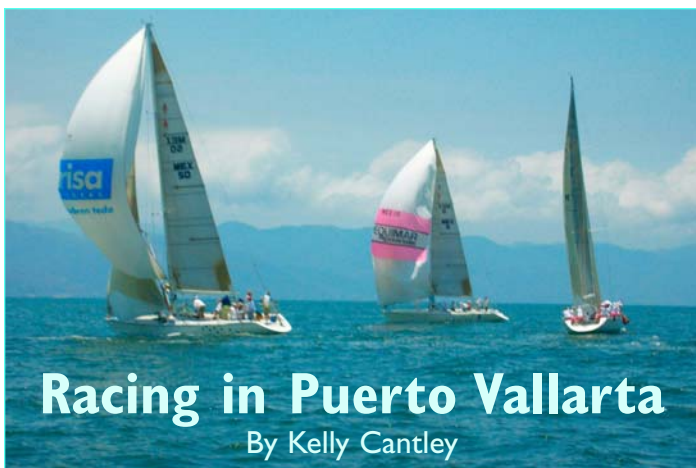
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**RACE CHAIR'S
REPORT**

by Bruce Fleck

August Results, Sightings and Rumors

Commodore Stu Coleman was the only SCCYC skipper in the MDR to SD race and finished second in his class

Stu, Shari, Stu's dad and I did a race from Channel Island to Marina del Rey. Very gentile down wind race with hot samies for lunch and wine and cheese in the afternoon. Lovely day, I think we got *Reliance* to a all time high speed of 10+ knots.

The Open 5.70 got a fleet of eight boats together for Long Beach Race Week.

Dylan Porter has been going out with Gimmy on *Element Shield* for Wednesdays. I saw Jerome with them one night. Between Dylan and Gimmy they finally go the crew to help slow the boat down before crashing in to the dock under the hoist.

The picture is of yours truly with Anacapa Island in the background one of two marks to round in the Santa Barbara to King Harbor race. I was on a



Racing on Island Time

Laser 28 called *Hitchhiker* and we won our PHRF D class. Steve Mullen was the only other SCCYCer I spotted in Santa Barbara, he was crewing on a Farr 40, they made a much shorter race of it than us.

Staff Commodore Clark Garret raced his Santana 20 for the first time in many months this last Wednesday night with his two daughters. Clark commented on all the strangers in the club now. I told him if he came to the club once in while they would not be strangers.

Staff Commodore Sandy Clark got *Quamichan* out for one Wednesday with Chris Zimmer, Trish La Vay and Mark Register for crew.

Bandit is just a couple of points out of first in their class in the Sunset Series. We think this pretty good given we lost a mast early on and then missed a race because the main halyard parted.

I was invited to sail with the California Yacht Club women's team in Puerto Vallarta over Memorial Day weekend for the Los Mariettas Women's Invitational. It's an annual regatta held on chartered Capri 37s. The Capris are a lot like Long Beaches Catalina 37s but the rig is a little bigger and the boats are all privately owned and in various states of upkeep.

I love this regatta. I did it a couple of years ago with the Long Beach women's team I usually race with and had a blast. This year my team stayed home and I thought, why not go play with the Cal team? It was a great experience with a talented group of sailors. Racing in Banderas Bay is challenging, unpredictable and fun! What's not to love about racing in good breeze all day (getting pounded on the foredeck), then kicking back with an excellent margarita and a fun group of women to watch the sunset?

Karla Moreno the PV skipper of *Dreadnought* did a great job of organizing the regatta, the loaner boats and all the after parties. RC was an international effort with men volunteering (I think they actually picked up a guy in a chase boat on the water on the first day) from PV and California. All of the American teams, Cal, Nauti Chicas from Dana Point, and Voodoo Doll from Marina Del Rey (even my regular team Karen Campbell's *Novias Del Mar*) shared rigging techniques and a couple of secrets to happier maneuvers pretty freely. The end result was a competitive and fun fleet of 4 boats.

How did we all do? The results were almost beside the point, but here they are:

1st	Dreadnought, PV	10 pts
2nd	CYC, Marina Del Rey	13 pts
3rd	Nauti Chicas, Dana Point	18 pts
4th	Voodoo Doll, Marina Del Rey	20 pts

ONE-DESIGN WEEKEND DRAWS THREE CLASSES AND STEADY BREEZES

by Stu Coleman

The annual SCCYC One Design Weekend regatta was held under 8-12 knot winds in warm, partly cloudy skies on Saturday and Sunday, July 19-20, 2008. Six Schock 35s and 8 Martin 242s joined us for two days of racing while 4 sportboats raced around the Marks on Sunday.



Understood, someone Overstood

After the success of last year's "Dropped marks" race, the race committee set up 2 inflatables upwind, 2 inflatables for leeward gates and 2 flags for the start and finish lines with the entire course North of the Olympic circle. With the winds fairly constant on



After a day of hourglasses, forestay wraps, botched Mexicans: Spinnakers in their proper positions

both days, it was pretty easy to keep the course square with the exception of one wind shift that necessitated a course change to new dropped marks.

SCCYC's own "Sparkle" and his *Powerplay* crew, including Fleet Captain, Kelly Cantley, scored 3 out of 5 bullets, clinching that class title.

Paul Zambiski and his *Pau Hana* crew from KHYC won the Martin class with 2 firsts in this competitive fleet, beating the local boats.

In addition to the close racing in the fleets, the unentered competitor that affected many a boat was the kelp that floated through the course and was attracted to too many keels. Perhaps we can get a trawler next year to rake the race course?

In the sportboat fleet, it was perennial podium finisher, Curt Johnson and the *Avet* Crew taking the gold with Don Hedges sailing with new member, Lee Casey, clinching second in the Aysso class.

The Open 5.70s were racing at Huntington Lake for the High Sierra Regatta and with 5 less starts and finishes, it was an easier day on the R/C.



Yes, we gave this man the gun

The Race Committee was again aboard the mighty Beneteau 331, *Reliance*, with racing legend and Race Chair, Bruce Fleck, sharing PRO duties with me. Also aboard was flag thrower/scorer/money honey, Shari Landon, gunner, Jimmy Tranquillo, and scorers and newest members of the Race Committee, new member, John Richardson and Thistle/Santana racer, Brian Mason. Tom and Karmen Estlow helmed the Boston Whaler keeping the the wind square to our course while S/C Sandy B. ,Diana M and Steve Mullen on board *Christine*, kept the start and finish line and gates square. It was a great team effort on the water that resulted in five great races.



Fenders on the inside of the Markset Boat

SCCYC One-Design Weekend July 19-20 Top Finishers

Place	Sail No	Name	Type	Own/Skip	Club
1st	97979	Power Play	Schock 35	Arkle	SCCYC
2nd	97866	Code Blue	Schock 35	Bennett/ Marcus	SIBYC/AB
3rd	97789	Mako	Schock 35	Michaelis	SIBYC
4th	42439	Jo Ann	Schock 35	Murphy	SIBYC
5th	97012	Veloce	Schock 35	Heaney	SBYRC
1st	46522	Pau Hana	M242	Zambriski	KHYC
2nd	121	Lucky Jack	M242	Kraemer	SMWYC
3rd	307	All In	M242	George	SMWYC
4th	87360	Trophy Blonde	M242	McIntosh	CYC
5th	97264	Off the wagon	M242	Taylor	CYC
6th	69053	Shirley & Earle	M242	Revah/Chamberlain	CYC
1st	284	Avet	J80	Johnson	CYC
2nd	56272	Turn Key	J92	Hedges	SFVYC



O.D. SCHEDULE

& Club Events

Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200-1700 Hrs (Summer Hours)	Sunday 1200-1700 Hrs (Summer Hours)
8/1 Nik Vale First Friday Dinner	8/2 Mike Fitzmaurice	8/3 Rich Festa Board Meeting
8/8 Tracey Kenney	8/9 Don Golding	8/10 Ron Ikejiri
8/15 Bernard Auroux	8/16 Michele Haney SFVYC Race Hospitality	8/17 Geoff Downer
8/22 Gray Marshall	8/23 William Elmer Dinner & Meeting	8/24 Rick Horner Outlook Trophy
8/29 Sam Pepkowitz	8/30 Jerr Dunlap	8/31 Bruce Fleck
9/5 Dana Hutton First Friday Dinner	9/6 Harry Johnson SFVYC Race Hospitality	9/7 Dylan Porter Board Meeting
9/12 John Richardson	9/13 JT Alex	9/14 Chris Zimmer
9/19 Kelly Cantley Dinner & Meeting	9/20 Trish LaVay	9/21 Michelle Shanks Fletcher Cup
9/26 Mike Priest	9/27 Ron Judkins	9/28 Jerry Magnussen
10/3 Lee Casey First Friday Dinner	10/4 Paul May	10/5 Larry Hoskinson Board Meeting

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Tom Estlow (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 one arm or leg.

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 to RSVP

Jan 4	First Friday Dinner	Harry Johnson	July 4	First Friday Dinner	Pot Luck BBQ
Jan 19	Membership Meeting	Bruce Fleck	July 19-20	O/D Weekend Race Hospitality	Mike Cheda &
Feb 1	First Friday Dinner	Rick Horner	Aug 1	First Friday Dinner	Robert Symer
Feb 23	Membership Meeting	Tracey Kenney	Aug 23	Membership Meeting	Stu Coleman
March 7	First Friday Dinner	Tracey Kenney	Aug 24	Outlook Trophy Hospitality	Bruce Fleck
March 21	Membership Meeting	Tracey Kenney	Sept 5	First Friday Dinner	_____
Mar 22	Les Storrs Race Hospitality	Elizabeth James	Sept 19	Membership Meeting	_____
April 4	First Friday Dinner	Harry Johnson	Oct 3	First Friday Dinner	_____
April 5	Lido Invitational Hospitality	Karmen Estlow/Mark Register	Oct 12	Two for One Race Hospitality	_____
April 19	Membership Meeting	Bruce Fleck	Oct 18	Annual Business Meeting	_____
May 2	First Friday Dinner	William Dampier	Oct 26	Campbell Cup Hospitality	_____
May 23	Membership Meeting	Chris Zimmer	Nov 7	First Friday Dinner	_____
May 25	Corinthian Cup Race Hospitality	Trish & Joann	Nov 15	Annual Election Meeting	_____
June 6	First Friday Dinner	Carl Radusch	Dec 7	Installation Dinner	Shanghai Red's
June 21	Membership Meeting	Peter & Kathy Gonzalez			



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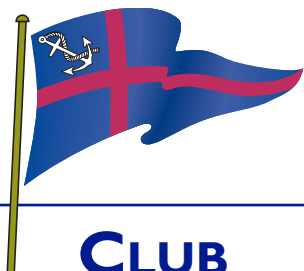
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