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Commodore's Report

By Com. Brian Keown

Hi Everyone!

Thank you so much for everything that you have all done to make our Interim Club our Home. We have put so much of ourselves into making this place ours and it shows in the hominess that you feel when you enter our clubhouse. It is now our time to show this to everyone else in the Marina! Opening Day is coming up this Sunday 3/12 (don't forget it's also Daylight Savings Time!). It is our day to show everyone that we are still here and an extremely active club in Marina del Rey. I would love to be able to see everyone out and supporting our Club!

[P.S. If you want to know what your Commodore's been up to, see page two:-)]



Vice Commodore's Report

By VC David Fernandez

One of the special perks of yacht club membership is reciprocals at other clubs. With my wife, Rebecca, we visited Morro Bay Yacht Club and San Luis Bay Yacht Club, both near San Luis Obispo. You could scarcely find a nicer, more accommodating bunch of people than we found at these clubs. Folks were interested in the goings on in Marina Del Rey and had lots of useful information about visiting with your boat.

Morro Bay Yacht Club has moorings available. I have shamelessly borrowed the following from their webpage. "Morro Bay is an all-weather harbor located halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Latitude is 35 deg. 21.71' N and Longitude is 120 deg. 51.27' W. Morro Bay Yacht Club offers berthing and services for transient yachts. (We cannot accommodate commercial vessels, however we accept all pleasure vessels coming to us by way of an ocean voyage.) We have six mooring balls and a 150-foot dock for visiting yachts. The dock can accommodate boats up to 75'. No reservations – first come, first served. The length of stay is unlimited. Fees are as follows: up to 40 feet, \$25; 40 to 50 feet, \$35, 50 to 60 feet, \$45; over 60 feet, \$1.25 per foot. Please register at the station located inside the southeast clubhouse door. Access may be gained by contacting the Port Captain, an assistant, or any club member. The telephone number for the Port Captain is on the plaque to the left of the door. Please leave your fee in the slot when you register." There is also a good trailer launch facility in Morro Bay as well as a 15,000 pound lift.

We contacted the Social Chairs at San Luis Yacht Club, Dorie and Tom Zwinger, and they were especially welcoming and we joined them for their Friday social. San Luis Yacht Club does not appear to have moorings of their own, but you can get a mooring from Port San Luis Harbor District for \$16 per day and it doesn't matter how big your boat is or isn't. There is a one ton lift available for just \$3 and hoist up to 15,000 pounds for \$20 to \$40, depending on the size of your boat. Please contact them directly for details. San Luis Bay has a spectacular showing of hump back whales from June to September when 50 or more will feed on sardines for these months. Whales can be easily sighted within 4 to ten miles from the harbor, sometimes within it. The bay is fairly well protected and yet you would be surprised how few boats you see out on the water. You will probably have the whales to yourself.

Please note that the sign-up board for the First Friday or Membership Meeting is next to the red refrigerator behind the bar. You can cook if you want to but I recommend you pick-up food or have it delivered. Suggestions include Rutt's Hawaiian Food, Hurry Curry, Dinah's Take Out, Gabby's, or pizza and salad. Don't forget something for desert! Email me, David Fernandez, at vicecommodore@ssccyc.org if you have questions or want more details.



Rear Commodore's Report

By RC Jennifer Kitchen

We haven't been doing much sailing with all the rain but finally got a nice sunset on a clear weekday. We really do have the best view in the Marina.

In case you are wondering who this new burgee belongs to- it is our very own Square Knot Club. Thank you to Michelle for providing the supplies and James for making the burgee.

Also thanks to Gary Magnussen. He replaced the light bulbs and installed dimmer switches so we can adjust the lights in the bar/dining area. And thanks to Gigi for finding our new, beautiful round high top tables. We just keep getting classier :-)

Our move to the interim location has created a bit of buzz around the Marina. We are making new relationships with our neighbors and more and more people are expressing interest in the club. We are welcoming other sailing groups to use

our board room, so keep an eye out for them and make them feel welcome.

Membership- We have already gotten 2 membership applications this year and it is only March!

Email blasts- please read the email blasts. There is a lot of important information about upcoming events and club activities. We can't all make it to the membership meetings and I don't want to bog the Beacon down with updates about leaky fridges and the status of ice.

Also, don't forget to sign up for OD shifts- there is a link on the ssccyc.org web page.

Pray for clearer skies so we can get back out on the water!

Cruising the Mexican Skies

By Commodore Brian Keown



The last weekend of February Stacy and I went to Puerto Penasco, Mexico which is located right on the water's edge on the east side of the Sea of Cortez across from San Felipe. We got there Thursday afternoon

and stayed through Monday afternoon. In that time we had multiple beautiful flights, crossing over miles of cholla cactus fields, and an outstanding glow one evening.

Not only did we get to fly while we were there, but we also got to learn a lot about the waters surrounding us. The most interesting and amazing thing being that the tides in Cholla Bay (right next to Puerto Penas-

co) can be up to 20 feet! We would watch the tide roll in and it looked like a normal beach with the water touching the sand. And then next thing that we knew, we would see the tide rolling out leaving the place looking like a swampland leaving behind hundreds of thousands of shells. It truly was an amazing sight.

In addition to the tides, we also learned that there are plans in place to put in a sea port for cruise ships and they are expanding their marina facilities and making the place into a new and booming port and yacht town. They are really looking to make it an upscale tourist destination, and it is definitely gorgeous enough to be one. So much so that we are already looking to head back out that way in the middle of March. We can't wait until they complete all of the expansion that they're planning on doing. Who knows, maybe a sail along the Sea of Cortez will be in order!



Not All Who Wander Are Lost...

By SC Trevor Bazeley



There have been some big changes to my life style. Some may wonder, most may not, but there have been. I thought I'd drop a short note each month to inform the masses what's been happening in my life. This is an introduction to my new adventure. I have sailed up and down the coasts of America and Canada and up to Alaska so many times, loved it and seen a lot. Both coasts are unique and fun to see from Miami to Boston and gulf coast, Panama although not North America to Alaska again unique and great to see.

I have for the past 18 years lived in Marina Del Rey and ventured as far East as Las Vegas and Hoover Dam and Kingman in Arizona (even further east than Lincoln Blvd!) Well I decided to become a CDL (Commercial Driver) on big rigs - 18 wheelers to see America from the inside.

I had to take a driving school course, then I had to drive with a coach driver for the first 6 or 7 weeks as I learned to manage my own rig. I took a paper test in a room and drive test in the rig. Then I was off to part two, driving now as "Second seat" with a older driver learning

more "Stuff". In these first weeks it was back and forth across America learning the procedures to load and unload and become familiar with the routes. It was fun; In the first weeks I was clocking about 2500 miles a week. Then it was back to school to take a final test for "First Seat" where I would now take the truck over and have a second with me to learn. Call it the blind leading the blind, but that's how you learn.

After 6 months I got my own Tractor and have gone solo; what a pleasure. The first instructor was a great guy great to be with. He helped with everything and really knew how to teach. Then came lead driver number one.

Well he was, shall I say "unusual?"

He said he was a Marine (now I respect military I am retired military and police) but this guy was weird he had been in communications he said - not combat but he talks as if he was the main target everywhere. He would prop his phone up on the dash by the driver and to give him credit, only used hands free but called and talked to his wife at home every twenty minutes day or night - no matter what time. I have no idea when she got to sleep.

At any rate, while he was talking, he would not be paying real attention to driving. This worried me - he would say "Got to go" hang up and then find he had missed a turn on the GPS to the destination. Still, he would not stop using his Phone to google the reroute which is a big "NO NO" as phones are not programed for semi-trucks with a 53 foot trailer and 11ft 6 inch clearance. They will get you in big trouble quickly.

Anyway his first "oops" had him go down this

street after I told him not to go down it; he went and got stuck on a rounder-bout for cars. We got off backwards with a lot of trouble. Learn NO! We were going down a highway to exit for a fuel stop. He was on the phone again, missed it and decided to go via a detour again. I said" this is not good- it's not for trucks". He went again and I went back in the bunk and waited.

Well this time in the middle of nowhere he gets the truck and trailer stuck on a hair pin bend with trailer tandem wheels up in the bush and the tractor drive wheels off the ground. We had to get a truck wrecker unit to pull it free from the bend. The last straw was coming across New Mexico. I get wakened by us going into a truck stop with a truck following right behind blowing his air horn non-stop. The driver was furious because my guy had cut him off, almost causing a big crash that the guy had on video and was going to call the



police. We sorted it out and left. A while after my guy said that a----- kept speeding up when I tried to pass him and that he is an idiot. That was it for me I called company said I was off the truck before something real bad happened and he should be sent back to safety school.

SCCYC Rigging and Racing...

Swivel Shackle, Swivel Shackle, Swivel Shackle

By David McDaniel

Yes...fun to say, but these little expensive pieces of sailing jewelry can ruin a race in a hurry if the screw pins (also known as 'thumb screws') are not constantly checked and tightened. My story is a reminder to any Lido sailor who uses a swivel shackle on their jib tack to be vigilant in monitoring theirs.

Once upon a time in a bay not too far from the SCCYC interim clubhouse, Bill Moore and I sailed in a regatta hosted by the warm, fun, friendly and very hospitable Mission Bay Yacht Club. I crewed on his Lido, and we had a solid showing, taking 2nd place in the B fleet over the course of a weekend of racing. This earned us very handsome sun visors indeed, but not the coveted 1st Place award – Lido-embroidered beach towels with '1st Place' emblazoned directly beneath that distinguished L.

Here's why we didn't win one.

Halfway through the third race on Sunday, with 8-10 knots of steady westerly breeze, our jib broke loose from the bow mount. More precisely, the screw pin in the swivel shackle that connects the jib grommet to the bow mount magically unthreaded itself, causing the jib to let go altogether. What a mess - jib flapping, boat falling off course, Bill screaming colorfully - and all this on the second weather leg after a hard-fought, tactical downwind run in which we'd managed to move ahead of two other boats to stick ourselves solidly in 2nd place, with a real battle for first shaping up nicely.

Nevertheless, while we sat there sulking, cursing, and trying to think of what to do next, we *did* have a great view of the race, watching three boats blow right by us just a few feet away including the very ones we'd worked so hard to pass on that downwind leg. And although it was awfully nice to see everyone, we weren't counting on seeing them again until the awards ceremony. But there they went, one by one, until we were the last place boat going nowhere fast. If we wanted to stay out of last place, we *had* to get that jib secured immediately. The question was – how? With the screw pin at the bottom of the no-longer-very-scenic bay, we decided the simple solution (and the *only*

solution) was to lash it down. So I cut a short length from the lazy end of the jib halyard and out I went onto the slippery bow of a Lido 14 to tie down the wildly-flapping sail. This did the trick and worked great for the remainder of the regatta! Ugly, but great!

The rest was history.

The sun was shining, the wind was blowing, there were no icebergs in the bay (just lots of seaweed), but most importantly, we were sailing again. Racing even! So, with new-found vigor gained only after hitting rock-bottom, we dug down deep, refocused on the task at hand, and somehow managed to reel in two of the four boats that had passed us during our moments of crisis to finish a respectable 3rd in the race. Overall, after seven races, points all tallied, we scored only 11 points in the regatta with our worst race thrown out. Not bad...

BUT THE FIRST PLACE BOAT SCORED 10. 11 to 10!



Translation: had our swivel shackle pin not failed (unscrewed), pending some other disaster, we would have been the proud winners of those coveted 1st Place beach towels *and* the Fall Invitational B Fleet Champs.

Lessons learned:

Never give up on a race.

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Always keep spare line aboard (instead of hacking-off a foot of Bill's 1/4" halyard, I would have preferred lighter line in

the bow tray - it would have been easier to tie under wild conditions). ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS have a sharp knife aboard. Between races, check all screw pins to make sure they're tight. A better solution is to avoid screw pins altogether. Use rinky-dinks instead.

Rigging for Racing and Dinghy Launch

3/5/2017 Recap

By RC Jen Kitchen

Sunday Afternoon Aleks Tamulis conducted an amazing, free seminar on rigging for racing or cruising. In a shockingly concise talk I learned more about how my rigging works, what it does and what it should do than I have learned in years of sailing. He even made physics make sense. Even the experienced sailors in the room found the talk interesting and informative.

This was followed by a trip out to Mast Up storage where we looked at our dinghy's and compared how they were rigged. I paid special attention was paid to those boats who tend to



[Above—Aleks Tamulis gives some helpful hints and handy tips to rigging.]

(ahem- Steve and Charles). Then everyone got to watch while me while I slowly figured out how to back a car with a trailer down the

win launch ramp- thank you Matt Kreke for patiently talking me through it. And thank you everyone in attendance for not laughing at me. Even with a tiny Toyota Prius and trailer hitch (which seems ridiculous on a Prius, but who's to judge), it was relatively easy and quick. And it was actually somewhat relaxing to not have to worry about a boat .being dropped on someone's head. Having seen bridles fail more than once, it really was less stressful.

If anyone is concerned about getting their dinghy in the water when Sunstroke starts, there will be plenty of cars with hitches to help out. And don't be intimidated by it, if I can do it in my Prius, you can do it too.

SCCYC UPCOMING CRUISES



Vernal Equinox Cruise

When: Sunday March 19, 12PM to 5PM

Where: Santa Monica Bay

Description—TBA

RSVP Please confirm with Cruise Chair (cruisechair@sccyc.org or (310) 365-4693

Radio Communication We will use Channel 71

Changes/Cancellations Will be sent by e-mail no later than 18:00 on the date prior to departure

Cruise Host: The Kitchens – Zephyr (Ranger 33)

So who was Lyle Hess?

As researched by your curious Beacon Ed...kj

The Answer: An Idaho boy turned SoCal Local

1912-2002

Born in Blackfoot, Idaho, one of 12 children, he was the son of a general contractor. His dream was to see the Pacific Ocean which came true the day his father got transferred to a job in Long Beach, CA. He designed and built his first boat by the age of 14, followed by his first "real boat", *Viajera*, a 16' hard-chine sloop with "a little cuddy cabin to keep dry in and 400 lbs of ballast to get me home safely."

During WWI, he worked as a shipwright at Harbor Boatworks in San Pedro, building wood torpedo boats and mine sweepers for the British Navy. After the war he built fishing boats for the Humbolt Bay Boat Company.

In 1946, with partner Roy Barteaus, he founded LA Yacht Yard in Harbor City, California. He later sold his share and went into general contracting with his brother building homes but still designing yachts in his spare time.

When Arthur Marine introduced the Balboa 20, Hess was able to work designing yachts full time... And he did.

You Just Never Know ...

By Gary Magnuson

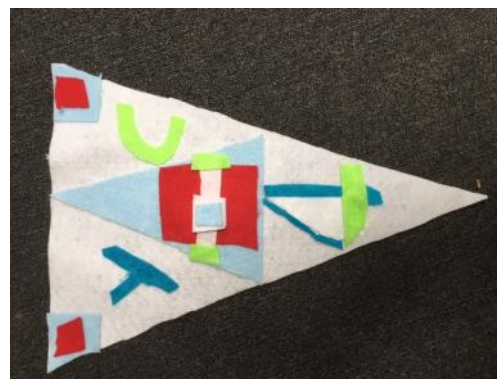
Years ago I was admiring a Falmouth 22, designed by Lyle Hess. I came across an ad for the boat in a sailing magazine with a phone number to call for more information.



I called and talked to a gentlemen for a good hour. He spoke to me like I was an old friend. As we finished he said to me, "What's your name?" I said, "Gary Magnuson." He said, "Ah, a fine sea farin' name."

I said, "What's your name?"

He said, "Lyle Hess!"



Square Knot Yacht Club is In the House!

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Coronado15 Fleet 2 2017 Race Schedule

- 1/28 SMWYC MDR Marina - Superbowl Regatta
- 2/4 SCCYC MDR Marina - Shallow Water #1
- 2/18 – 2/19 ABYC Long Beach Harbor - Mid-Winters
- 3/18 SCCYC MDR Ocean - Les Storrs
- 3/25 SCCYC MDR Marina - Lido14 Fleet 2 Invitational
- 4/9 WYC Westlake— Commodore's Cup
- 5/4 SCCYC MDR Marina – Sunstroke Series Begins
- 6/10 SCCYC MDR Marina—F Fleet 2 Championship
- 7/1 SCCYC MDR Marina –Shallow Water #2
- 7/15 –16 SCCYC MDR Ocean –One Design Weekend
- 8/10--13 HMBYC Half Moon Bay C15 North Americans**

- 8/20 SCCYC MDR Ocean—Outlook Trophy
- 11/4 SCCYC MDR Marina Shallow Water #3
- Additional Racing Opportunities**
- 5/13-5/14 HMBYC Half Moon Bay—Commodore's Cup
- 5/27/28 ABYC Holiday Series #1 (C-15 Championship Regatta) Alamitos Bay Memorial Day Regatta
- 7/8-7/9 ABYC Alamitos Bay –4th of July Regatta
- 9/2 to 9/3 ABYC Alamitos Bay Holiday Series #2 – Labor Day Regatta
- 9/4 WYC Westlake –Frank Butler
- 9/23 to 9/24 HMBYC Half Moon Bay – Vice Commodore's Cup
- 11/18 to 11-19 ABYC Alamitos Bay –Turkey Day Regatta
- (FYI All other SCCYC Fleets—please email your schedules to beacon@sccyc.org)*

Officer of the Day Info...

Please sign up for the SCCYC OD duty.

Here's how it works

1. Log onto www.SCCYC.org
2. Click on "Officer of the Day"
3. Click on the Volunteer Spot here link

4. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy! (Please let me know if you experience any difficulties with this system.)

Thanks! Joshua Millstein, OD Chair

Hey SCCYC!

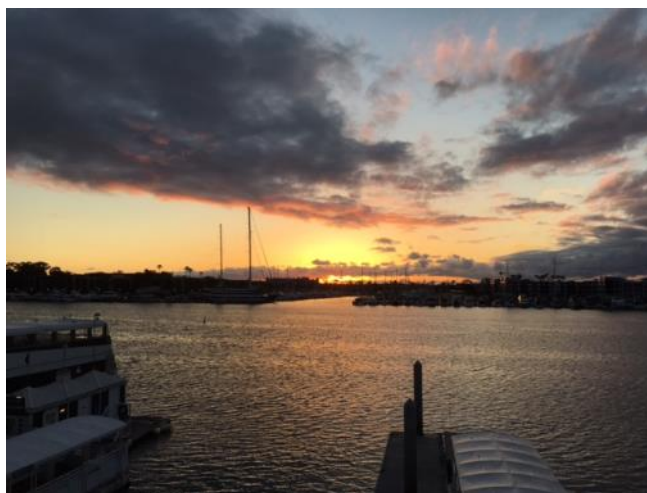
Hope you're getting a chance to get out on the water this year.

If you've got a story / boating tip or trip/ or even just a picture to share—inquiring minds want to know! Please send your articles in WORD format and pictures in JPEG format to:

Beacon@sccyc.org

The Beacon deadline is the 3rd of each month but you can send your article at any time.

Thanks and hope to see you soon! Kj (aka your Beacon Ed)



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Upcoming SCCYC Events:

- Friday, March 10 6:30PM - MVYC Board Meeting
- Saturday—March 11 Club Clean Up/Opening Day Prep, Sunset Cannon Ceremony 5:30PM
- Sunday, March 12, 9:30AM Opening Day!!!
- Saturday March 18, Les Storres Regatta, 7:00PM General Membership Meeting
- Sunday March 19, 12:00 PM Vernal Equinox Cruise
- Thursday March 23, 6:30PM Ukulele Night
- Saturday March 25, Lido Fleet 2 Invitational
- Sunday April 2, 6:00PM SCCYC Board Meeting
- Thursday April 6, 6:30PM Ukulele Night
- Friday April 7, 7:00PM First Friday Dinner

13723 Fiji Way, #BU5, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Be Our Guest! Look for a front door that looks like this, (at right) come up stairs and enjoy the view!

