

# THE BEACON



**CAMPBELL CUP  
THE GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY  
and more...**

**NOVEMBER 2011**



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

FLAG .....	69
NON-RESIDENT .....	5
LIFE TIME .....	3
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>77</b>



**YACHT CLUB OFFICERS**



**COMMODORE TRACEY KENNEY**



**VICE COMMODORE KARYN JONES**



**REAR COMMODORE STEVE VINCENT**

**COMMODORE'S REPORT**



Tracey Kenney

Hi SCCYC Members & Friends. I can't believe this is my last month as Commodore. I have been so honored to be your Commodore! This is a remarkable club because of the amazing members who give it so much heart. Please try to join us for all the upcoming events and festivities! Here's what we have on deck for you.

**SAVE THESE DATES:**

**Friday, November 18th** – Election night!

We want all members there to participate. As an incentive, we will have a fabulous dinner & dessert. Please get your proxies in if you cannot be there. Call us with any questions or concerns.

**Thursday, November 24th** – Happy turkey day!

We usually have SCCYC members, friends and family who do a pot luck at the club. Get friends together & meet at the club.

**Saturday, November 26th**

The fresh holiday tree arrives & begins our most festive season!

**Sunday, November 27th** – Annual tree decorating party!

Do NOT miss this fun event. We need all hands on deck to bring our club to it's annual "completely over-the-top" decorated best! Lights, tree trimming, garland, and lots of yummy treats will be there to bribe you to join us. Schedule is 11:00 to 5, but we're really there all day.

**Sunday, December 4th**

This is simply our biggest event of the year! Dress up in your holiday, yachtie finest & join us to ring in the season.

Schedule of events:

**5:00 pm** (sharp!) – 2011 Board of Directors host the reception at SCCYC. This is also where we present many of our annual awards. Do not be late!

**7:00 pm** – Installation dinner at Saporì. This is when we formally install the 2012 BOD, as well as announce the winners of the SCCYC honor awards. You must RSVP to join us for dinner. Last year we had a record turn out & rave reviews for the fabulous meal. Be looking for your invitation!

It is with pride that I turn over the reigns to the next Commodore and 2012 Board of Directors, but not before I thank those who have served on the 2011 board, who's sole wish is to make SCCYC a wonderful place to be.

**Happy Holidays!**



**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS**



**BRIAN BAILEY**

Owens a Coronado 25 called *Mystic* which is docked in front of SCCYC.



**LANCE KIM**

Laser Owner & Melges 24 Sailor, recently relocated from Nor Cal.



**MAGNUS HIERTA**

Long time friend and crew of the Open 5.70 fleet, recently bought a brand new Open 5.70!

**REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT**

Steve Vincent



I drove down to the Newport Wooden Boat Festival a few weeks ago. What a great event; lots of beautiful boats, great people, and a great atmosphere.

It was my first visit to the American Legion Yacht Club; they put on a great event. As I looked around, at every turn there was one theme... work. It takes a lot of work to keep up a wooden boat (unless you dunk it in a vat of epoxy), and it takes a lot of work to run a great event and a great yacht club. That's one of the things I like about our club, and the corinthian spirit; that there is no fear of work. Everything we do is on the shoulders of our members, and it all takes work.



*Newport Beach  
Wooden Boat Festival*

As I walk around the club, I also see a lot of work. Things that have been fixed along with things that need to be fixed. The good news is that the things that haven't been fixed usually aren't fixed because they haven't been noticed yet. I know that once issues are reported to our Port Captain, House Chair, and Bar Manager, they are always promptly resolved. For instance, a few weeks ago I noticed that the wash down hose was leaking. I mentioned it to Robert, and by the next weeks racing, POOOOF, the leak was gone.

Now the purpose for all this rambling is that I need the help of all members in identifying the things that need to be fixed. There are a lot of ways for members to report issues; via the OD log, emails to the individual board members, an email to Tracey, leaving a not on the door, etc. I'd like to simplify the grapevine by defining a single place where members can report issues with our facilities that need to be resolved. A place that they know will get the information to the right place. Therefore, if you see anything that needs to be fixed, be it a leaky hose, a light out, frayed carpet, termite damage, hoist issues, bar issues, broken chairs, missing trophies, or anything else, put it in a quick email to rearcommodore@sccyc.org and we'll get a fix in motion.

A reminder that with the latest O/D schedule comes the change to winter hours starting in November. The only difference is that the Saturday and Sunday shifts are one hour shorter.

**THE GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY!**



This was the PERFECT excuse to be a kid again! We have a very creative bunch of pumpkin carving members and guest, along with our chefs, all coming together for a fun afternoon. I'm already planning for next year. What do you think of a Sunday afternoon Hula-ween party?

While everyone who attended was a winner, and competition VERY close, there were 5 top winners to take home the trophies. We had lots of members, Todd & Sarah Best (who are new applicants), and guests. Voting was conducted based on which entry got the loudest cheers!

Pumpkin carving winners:

**Cutest** (a new category)

Alexander, Steve Mullen's mini-me. At 6 years old, he was also our youngest carver. His winning entry was the result of a great face, and judicious use of duct tape.

**Scariest**

Barrett Sprout with an entry that kept getting more inventive (top left). He was done so early, that he decided to unleash his inner tribal creative side. Pretty soon his pumpkin had a carved mask, fork tine Mohawk, ears, & a feather.

**Favorite Overall**

Terence Gallagher. Terence took a few minutes to bring out his inner child. Once he did, the entry was so big it had it's own display tray. It was fondly known as the puking pumpkin. Sorry for the description, there is only a couple ways to describe this entry.

Pumpkin Cook off winners:

**Favorite Sweet**

Susan Downer, with her English Pumpkin Meringue Pie. It was divine! Todd Best, a new member applicant, said it way too good to leave him alone with it. I concur!

**Favorite Savory**

Yours truly, with Pumpkin Soup that barely made it to the club. Most of it ended up in my car.

We hope you to see you next year...



*Cutest Winner  
Alexander Mullen*



*The overall winner -  
a "seasick" pumpkin*

Tracey Kenney



Trevor, Sheri and Trish raced Sheris new Soling, "chaos" in the Del Rey Halloween Regatta



An entry in the Great Pumpkin Party Carving Competition!



An Open 5.70 on a mooring in Catalina under a full moon



Scott and Becky Tobin at Jefferson Redwood Grove, Humboldt County



Campbell Cup First to Finish "Quamichan"



Campbell Cup Overall Winner "Bandit"

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMANS REPORT**



*Burgee swap with Pedro Morgan from the Cruising Club of Australia*

It has been a hectic few months and I have finally got time to write an update.

We are sad to see Tiffany Becker leave the club in good standing as she and John Minkewitz are now going cruising on his boat and have just left to do the Baja Ha race to Mexico. Tiffany will be missed she was such an incredible help at any time around the club and would jump in any time and she was always smiling, we wish them well.

We have had one of the best years for new members and we have two more up on the board as new applicants. We have Brian Bailey and Thomas Connors as applicants so please make them feel welcome.

Sheri myself and Trish did the Halloween regatta on her soling "chaos" and were dressed as tigers did not help though but we had fun.

Sheri and I have just spent 3 weeks in New Zealand and Australia where we went for the world rugby cup matches and had a great time, we were in Wellington for the first match and then had a couple of days so went to the Royal Port Nicholson yacht Club and it was the Saturday races

with the youngsters in 7meter one design boats and the grown ups in MRX 38's and it was blowing 35 knots gusting to 40 and they were having a ball, we exchanged burgees and were treated so nicely and made to feel welcome. We were going to go out the next day on the comity boat but it was pouring so we did not go. We then went to Nelson on the south island for a game and did some sight seeing and rode 4 wheel ATV's around the hills for a while which was a blast. Then up to Auckland for the final two games we had booked I got to see South Africa/ Tonga on my birthday in a VIP suite thanks Sheri for such a nice present, and then we watched England/ Scotland the rugby was great and then we went up to Whangerai to stay with friends of mine and we went up to the bay of islands which it beautiful and also stopped to see another Trevor who is one of the top builders for Oracle and has been building the ac45's and is now just tooling up to start building the 72's for



*Sleeping Lions*

the cup in San Francisco it was great to see him and get the real scoop on the boats they are going to be FAST!

We stopped over in Sydney Australia for a couple of days and had a great time although the weather did get a bit rainy but we did visit the Cruising Club of Australia the home of the Sydney Hobart race and a lot of the big maxi's were there as they had just finished the Whitsunday race week so it was nice to see them.

The kids getting ready to sail in 35 knots of breeze with full main and little jib these two boats were having a problem and were late and when it was gusting over 40 they called it a day and the kids were really unhappy as the other two boats had fun for a while oh well that's yachting. It does not look that bad in the photo but I can tell you it was honking.

We have the end of year going's on at the club and hope to see members at the last dinners and meetings and Voting and Christmas party



*Kids getting ready to sail in 35 knots of breeze!*

**Trevor Bazeley**



# CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS

So how does a Lido 14 & Open 5.70 sailor end up in Dallas with 20 other competitors who have sailing resumes that would land them on an America's Cup or world class boat? Was it luck? Skill? Good timing? Probably a little of all of the above. Doesn't really matter! **I was on my way to White Rock Lake in Dallas as one of 20 invited competitors to the U.S. Sailing Championship of Champions Regatta!!!** My 1<sup>st</sup> objective? Just not to be last. My 2<sup>nd</sup> objective was to beat at least 25% of the competitors.

A little background - U.S. Sailing hosts a total of 10 adult championships around the country each year. To be eligible for the Championship of Champions (CofC), you must have won a National or World Championship title in a one design fleet. Each qualified competitor must apply and go through a review process to receive an invitation. I qualified by winning the Women's Lido 14 Class Championship. (Turns out I would have qualified in 2010 as the Open 5.70 Champ!) This year was restricted to 20 competitors! The regatta is sailed in a different location and boat each year. 2011 was hosted at Corinthian Sailing Club on White Rock Lake in Dallas, and sailed in Flying Scots.



*Tracey Kenney, Barrett Sprout & Susan Justus*

I chose to sail with my regular (and very patient) crew, Barrett Sprout, as well as Susan Justus from Corinthian Sailing Club. The boat was a whole different story. Evidently, the Flying Scot is nowhere to be found in Central or Southern California, so my hope to go in with a tiny bit of experience was foiled. I had never skippered a symmetrical spinnaker boat, let alone seen a Flying Scot in person..... Prepping for the trip was a piece of cake, with 3 different organizers reaching out to see what we needed, when we were arriving, arrange housing, get bios, and anything else that would make it perfect for the competitors.

Wednesday was our registration, clinic/ intro to the boat, and practice day. We felt like royalty on arrival! No kidding. There were at least twice as many volunteers as competitors, huge swag bags, big U.S. Sailing and Rolex banners everywhere, all flags flying, beverages of every kind, snacks, etc. They had 20 Flying Scots that had all been completely prepped with brand new sails, tuned exactly the same, gone over from top to bottom to replace anything that looked like it could be a problem, and then tuned multiple times to ensure they were all

exactly the same. The boats were impeccable! It was fun to see the bow numbers, and big US Sailing & Rolex markings on the boats. Yes, it was the real deal!

Time to go sailing..... 1 new crew, completely foreign boat, crazy shifts on the lake, and it was nuking at 20 to 25! I was so glad to be sailing with 3 people! Upwind was very manageable, and downwind the Flying Scot was flying! We were in full planing mode & ear to ear smiles. The forecast for the regatta was slightly different though, with expectations of 3 – 7 on Thursday, and 4-9 for Friday and Saturday. We were greeted by cold beer and a welcome party where each team got up to talk about their background.



*Learning to Rig & Sail a Flying Scot*

Holy cow, this was an impressive group of sailors! Everyone had been sailing for 20-30 years, with most having sailed since early childhood, and included 1 person with 35 national titles, Olympic sailors, collegiate All-Americans, a Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, a top dog with the America's Cup.... yes, the list went on & on!

Now for racing! 3 days, 20 teams, 20 races, in a round robin format, with the first start each day at 9:30! No kidding! 20 races, each one in a different Flying Scot. Bring it on....

Day 1 - Thursday finally got started about 2 hours late due to no breeze. Somehow we still got 6 races in that day. Our finishes left me optimistic! 12 - 17 - 6 - 12 - 5 - 15. Overall looked great so far.

Day 2 - Friday started right on time & would see us get 8 races completed! We felt good going out to the course. The first 2 races were ok.... Then? not so ok. We had 3 back to back 17th place finishes before the lunch break, which couldn't come soon enough! A few minutes of pouting on the lawn was all I needed to get back in the game, with a 10th, 11th and finishing the day with an 8th.

Day 3 - By Saturday, the contenders for the title were well defined, leaving a fresh attitude coming from the rest of the fleet. I finally stopped getting stage fright with starting, and went for the same strategic position most races. The results showed which races I managed to get us off the line alright, with the best start resulted in us leading for ?'s of the 4 lap race. On the last ? of the last downwind, I made a mistake that landed us in 4th, when a bullet was well within reach. (Sorry to my team who deserved a 1st place.)

We wrapped up the regatta with a 7, 4, 12, 7 & 11 on Saturday, landing us in 13th out of 20. On reflection, we had very good upwind speed & point, solid & improving downwind speed, improving hoists & douses, with the glaring weakness that is solely attributable to me - awful starting! Finishing 13 of 20 accomplished my objective. My team was truly amazing, & showed incredible heart and perseverance! It is hard to work that hard, every single race, every single minute, every shift & puff that came along for 20 races!

The evenings included fantastic dinners, presentations from Tom Ehman about the Americas Cup, Gary Jobson & sailing history, with unequalled preparation, hospitality & friendship from the CSC volunteers!! Doing this event was a huge honor and the opportunity very few will ever be a part of. Not only was I accepted, I got to do it with a fantastic team who made the entire experience perfect.

Here are a few words to describe what I took away from this event:

Texas-style hospitality, cherished memories, incredible friendships with the CSC members, enthusiasm, focus, honored, confidence, humbled, endless appreciation, excitement, respect, and a laser like focus to do whatever it takes to nail my starts!

Thank you again to everyone at US Sailing, Corinthian Sailing Club, and especially to my team, Barrett & Susan!



*Corinthian Sailing Club  
Dallas, Texas*



*Downwind on the  
Flying Scot*



Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper	Rating	Place
Bandit	Santana 20	Fleck/Cheda/	240	1 1st Corrected
Quamichan	Davidson 44	Sandy Clark	72	2 1st Barndoor
TBD	C-15	Vincent Paternoster	216	3 1st C-15
TBD	C-15	Jones/Richardson	216	4 2nd C-15
Gusto	Santana 20	Annika Garrett	240	4 2nd S/20
BloodHound	Santana 20	Nick Sampson	240	4 3rd S/20
Hat Trick	Open 5.70	Tracey Kenney	156	4 1st Open 5.70
Camelot	Islander 36	Jim Doherty	175	4 1st Islander
Papalagi	Baltic 42	Dylan Porter	120	4 1st Baltic 42
Reliance	Beneteau 331	Coleman/Landon	186	4 1st Beneteau
Date Nite	Lido 14	Chris+Jen Kitchen	263	4 1st Lido
Zacklee	Cape Dory 22	Gary Magnuson	303	4 1st Cape Dory
FreeSpirit	CK36	Peter Beale	295	4 1st Split Rig
Open Sailing	Pogo	Jerome Sammarcelli	117	4 1st Pogo
Dindingwe	Custom	Trevor Bazely	96	4 1st Custom
Studio 20	Cal 20	Rick Horner	280	4 1st Cal 20



**OFFICER OF THE DAY**

Friday 1800-2200 (Winter Hours)		Saturday 1200-1600 (Winter Hours)		Sunday 1200 - 1600 (Winter Hours)	
<b>NOVEMBER 2011</b>					
11/4/2011	Jim Doherty	11/5/2011	Dennis Castenada	11/6/2011	Mike Cheda
11/11/2011	Sandy Clark	11/12/2011	Stu Coleman	11/13/2011	Charlie Dimont
11/18/2011	Lee Casey	11/19/2011	Geoff Downer	11/20/2011	Tom Estlow
11/25/2011	Dick Farber	11/26/2011	Noah Farrell	11/27/2011	Michael Fitzmaurice
<b>DECEMBER 2011</b>					
12/2/2011	Bruce Fleck	12/3/2011	Jorge Garibay	12/4/2011	Clark Garrett
12/9/2011	Mary Ho	12/10/2011	Rick Horner	12/11/2011	Larry Hoskinson
12/16/2011	Dana Hutton	12/17/2011	Karyn Jones	12/18/2011	Bob Kellock
12/23/2011	NO OD	12/24/2011	NO OD	12/25/2011	NO OD
12/30/2011	NO OD	12/31/2011	NO OD	1/1/2011	NO OD

**NOVEMBER 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Homeport Regatta Seminar	First Friday Kevin To cook Shepards Pie	Home Port Regatta
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Daylight Savings					Veterans Day	
Board Meeting						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					General Membership Election	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Tree Decorating Party!				Thanksgiving		
27	28	29	30			