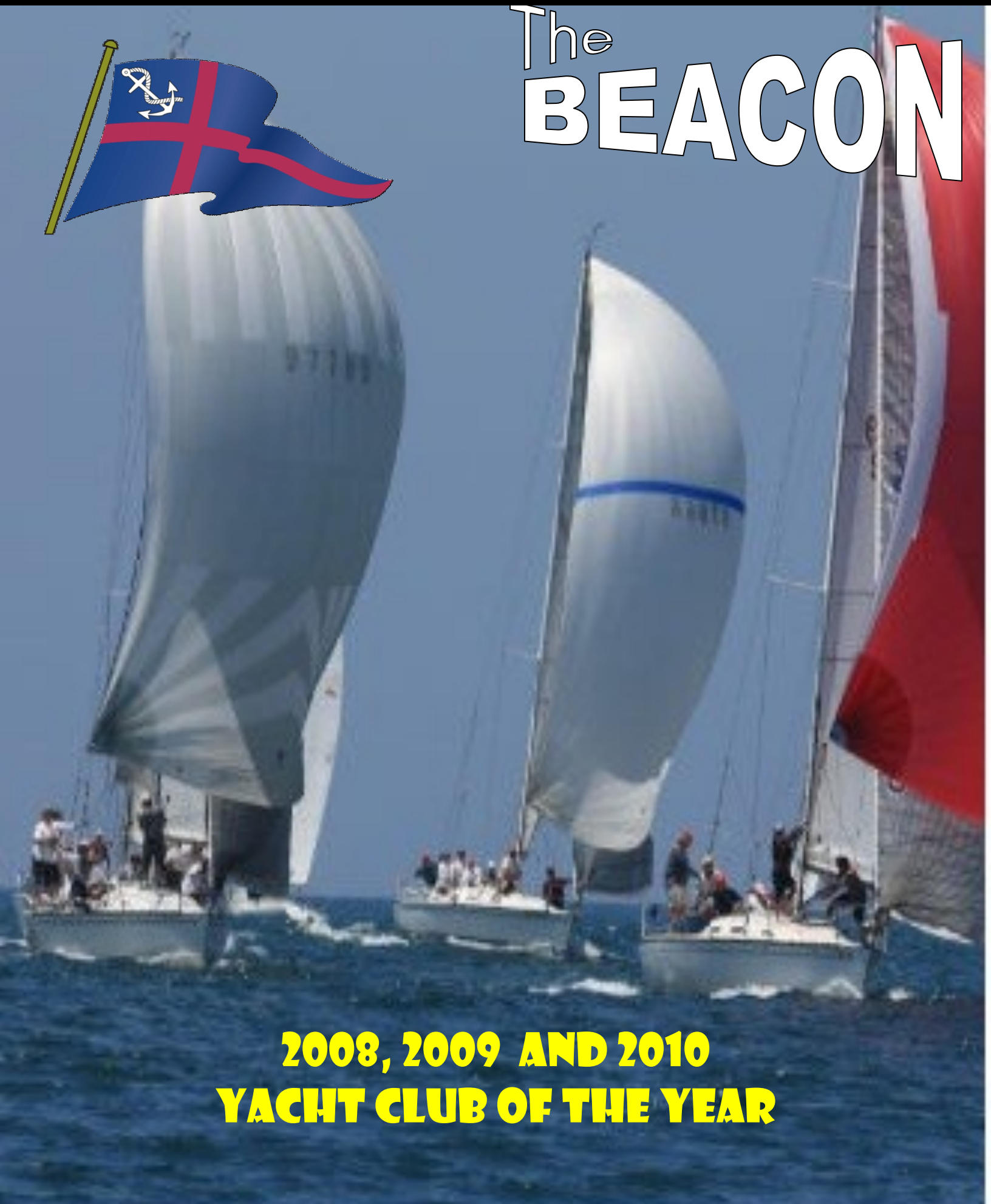




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Commodore's Report

Hi everyone! We are in the heat of summer & the SCCYC balcony remains the best sunset spot in the marina, with our amazing members making SCCYC the best place to catch up with friends!

This summer has flown by for me. After 3 months of rehabbing my (originally 4 – 5 week) project house, and living out of 1 wardrobe box, I have finally moved my stuff in! No, definitely not unpacked, but at least I have a home. Between that & the major travelling regattas being behind me, I will finally make it to MdR & SCCYC! I can't believe it; we only have 4 Sunstroke Series races left this year. I have genuinely missed the friendly faces at the club & most of the Lido races on Thursday evenings.

THE COMMODORE'S CRUISE is here - Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 12

Get Ready for our MUST do trip of the year!!! – 14th. This is the biggest SCCYC cruise of the year – the annual **SCCYC Commodore's Cruise**. Help a friend sail or motor over to the Isthmus, just in time to make it to the Banning House for happy hour on Friday. The days are a blast with snorkeling, kayaking, walking, reading, or simply doing nothing but napping, sitting on the beach, or floating on a raft. Last year my Mom tried a kayak & came back all smiles.

Our Cruise Chair always has fun surprises each year. We've had kite flying contests that resulted in a sky full of amazing kites, horseshoes, boce balls, BBQ's, etc. One year I even won a salsa contest, which was shocking with my limited culinary skills. What is up her sleeve this year???. We are well known for taking over the dance floor on Saturday night..... Yes, my Mom & Dad are usually the 1st ones dancing! ☺

If all the fun is not enough, then here's the final bait.... You will get to roast the Commodore before we start dancing!

For some, it is simply a wonderful excuse to share Island time with great friends. **We have perfect weather, lots of transportation choices, and even land based lodging available for those of us who have limited in onboard sleeping quarters on our Lidos or have land locked transportation.** No excuses why you should not be at the Island in 2 weeks!! Trish? Stu & Shari? Dylan? All the Lido Lido sailors???. Come on gang! **Please, join us at the Isthmus August 12 – 14th!!**



Jr. Staff Commodore (race) Report



Chris' boat The Volunteer.



Chris Ericksen, out guest RPO, go ahead and ask, what's an RPO?



Cover

Five Schock 35s showed up for our One Design Weekend. The racing was amazingly close, with many boats overlapped at all of the seven finishes. Photos by Diana Mac Dougall and Deb Sampson. To contact Diana about pictures of your boat write to her at bigdmacdiana@gmail.com. To see Deb's photos friend her on Facebook.



This is one finish in the Schock 35 fleet.



Member applicant John Minkewitz,.



Vice Commodore Report Karyn Jones

Greetings fellow yachtsmen and yachtswomen: Once again, it is my distinguished pleasure to give you an account of what you missed out on this month at the club in the event that you were unable to make it by. We started the month with an absolutely fabulous First Friday dinner hosted by Nick, Debbie, Matt, and Ben Sampson. Members were treated to an excellent three course meal with episodes of *Fawlty Towers* playing in the background, followed by a humbling quiz experience focusing on the geography of the US and UK. We broke into groups and proceeded to answer questions as a team. Fortunately for me, I sat at the UK table and we scored high on the test when it came to any geography abroad. Unfortunately for everyone else at the table, they had me on their team and I couldn't for the life of me remember where Idaho was. At any rate, an excellent time was had by all and a huge welcome goes out to Debbie, Nick, Matt and Ben Sampson for making the trek from England to California.

But the fun didn't stop there. As mentioned earlier in the year, the Sunstroke regatta is in full swing and participants have been lining up on Thursday nights to provide after race meals for the hungry sailors. Chris and Jennifer Kitchen provided a delectable Indian dinner with a spicy curry sauce, Vincent Pateroster came in with a French treat, racing guest Mark Brazil cooked up the all-time favorite hamburger and hot dogs, and yours truly provided pizza in a pinch (as much as I love to cook, sometimes work gets in the way). At any rate, if you're in the neighborhood, and it happens to be Thursday night, stop on by the club for a treat. Racers need crew and if you show up around five, you might get to save the day and crew for a Lido or a C-15. You may also save the day by helping Bruce Fleck as a guest PRO for the evening. In keeping with the racer friendly way at SCCYC, racers and race participants eat free. What a bargain! Worst case scenario, a boat isn't available and you can hang out with Sandy and Trevor for a few minutes. If you decide that racing isn't for you (for the life of me I can't imagine why), for a small donation, join us for dinner.

Moving onto the membership meeting where I have to thank the club members that came. It takes a lot to make this club work. We don't get paid for what we do and it is so important to get involved. Without our membership we don't have a club and it is nice for me to resolve any issues (or at least attempt to resolve any issues) and make sure things move along smoothly. We don't know what the issues are unless people make us aware of what's going on. So thanks to everyone who showed up, for showing up ☺; By the way, the one's that did show up were treated to a yummy fish taco dinner, again, by yours truly. Seriously guys, anyone want to cook? Please feel free to sign up on the sign-up sheet at the club. And as always, any help is greatly appreciated. Speaking of help, a big "thanks" goes out to Rick Horner for grilling the fish for me while I tended to OD duty, and another big "thanks" goes to Trish for helping with cleanup.

What's in store for next month? I have no idea-but I do know that Chris Zimmer has signed up for First Friday dinner so don't forget to mark your calendar on August 5th to stop on by the club for some good food, good company and an amazing summer sunset. (Oh, and by the way, just sign your name on the yellow sheet for a dinner while you're there...☺). Thanks and hope to see you at the club!

Kayak Trip to Newport Back Bay

The day was perfect, the weather was warm, sky was blue and the winds were light. We unloaded the kayaks, and saddled up the seats. With the oars tied on we waited for the other members of the club to show up. Sure enough, there came Karyn-our Vice Commodore, and a gaggle of family members arrived at the boat rental location across the bay from

After everyone had a boat and was checked out by the helpful staff we started off from the shore into the channel and on our way into the back bay.



ing us.



Within a short time, Diana, Gary, me, and too many other family members to recall all their names were paddling effortlessly into the narrow channels of green shallow inlets full of wild life. Karyn and her husband lead the family further into the back narrows always aware of the strong wind and current for the return trip back to the place we started. As ever the astute sailors, we knew the return would be more difficult.

The Newport Back Bay is a delightful, meandering array of shallow water channels, winding intersections with many options to investigate, and an abundance of tide pool creatures. After some paddling inland toward the bridge under Jamboree Street, we decided that the return would be more strenuous and we should start back.

The paddle back was a strong effort but we all made

it without the need for assistance.

We finished up the day on the beach at Newport Dunes Park and had a big picnic and cold drinks.

If you missed this year's trip, we have another planned next year. This was our 3rd annual event for those who like to cruise closer to home.

Sandy B.



Rear Commodore Report



As Rear Commodore, most of my time is spent managing the OD schedule (anyone interested in being the OD chair), or – apparently – ensuring that the club's physical structure is clean and well-scheduled. But nobody wants to read about that in the newsletter.

What I really love about this club is fun racing. And particularly, the dinghy racing. Having done big boats and dinghies, there is a world of difference. Big boats tend to be a much more sterile and impersonal version of racing, often heard are things like, "I think we're gaining on Pendragon"; it's almost always focused on the boat and not the people. But dinghy racing is much more personal, it's always about the people; "I think the Smiths are catching us", or "we're gaining on Kelly" (never happens). In dinghies we get our hands dirty, we're so close to the other crews that we can see what they're thinking, we can see the scowl on their faces after we execute a perfect leebow flush and they are forced to scurry off to the right into the current and dead air. We trade paint like NASCAR ("rubbin' is racin'") and we like it. I see lots of Lido's out in the yard, whose colors are not yet smeared down the side of my boat, and I want to see them out on Thursdays. So if you have a Lido, get out and get sailing, I've got some paint I'd like to trade with you. If you don't have a Lido? Find one.

Steve Vincent

Disclaimer: This article does not endorse unsafe racing, no animals were harmed in the writing of this rant. Closed course with professional driver. Do not attempt at home.

Commodore's Cruise

August 12, 13, 14th 2011

Island fever SCCYC style

Cruise to the Isthmus includes kayaking, a social hour, hiking, dining and fun.

Our annual event is a weekend of fun and appreciation for all the commodores, past and present, of SCCYC. We always start off with a happy hour at the Banning House on Friday evening to start off the weekend. The Banning House has spectacular views of both Cat Harbor and the Isthmus from every angle. Friday evening 4:00-6:00 in the Main House.

Next, we plan a Saturday morning breakfast at the Reef Café. Island breakfast and Omelet Bar at 9:00 am on the patio.

A short 2 hour ride on the Catalina Express will deposit you just in time for the patio omelet bar experience. Breakfast on the island is as good as it gets.

Our afternoon will be a hiking adventure to the backside of Cat Harbor, and a journey up to the Tree Farm above the town. Or you can rent bikes and kayaks for a few hours and either bike or paddle the harbor.

Commodore's Cruise Continued.

Our evening Commodore's Dinner, will take us inside to the Reef Restaurant dining room island style. The restaurant has large tables and leisure dining for island guests, seafood and clam chowder entrees, wine, and some serious Commodore roasting. Early bird special at 5:00 pm.

The evening melts into dancing on the patio to a DJ or live band.

Sandy Bartiromo, Cruise Chair
Staff Commodore

Magnetic Course to Isthmus Cove:

Going- 168

Return- 348 30.0 Miles

Mooring: Channel 9 – 310 510-4254

Rentals:

Mask and Snorkel \$10.00, Kayaks :single \$18.00 per hour, Double \$24.00 per hour

Mountain bike \$18.00 per hour

Camping: \$12-16:00 per day – www.CampingCatalinaIsland.com

Marina Del Rey Flyer 310-305-7250 or www.Catalina-Ferries.com

Commodore's Report Continued.

The **FIRST FRIDAY DINNER** this week should prove interesting. Rumor has it that the team of Bob & Samantha may have pictures & stories from the 2011 TransPac start! I also hear we have a few guests who may **consider** joining our growing membership, so we need your friendly faces to welcome them! Please join us at the best spot to spend your Friday... Cocktails at 6:00 & dinner at 7:00

Finally, **please be on the look out for a very important e-mail regarding the SCCYC Clubhouse**. We have certain rules & protocols in place to ensure it a wonderful place for all members. It appears we are a little rusty, so it's time for a refresher course. I ask that you please take time to review this important e-mail. We all need to go the extra mile to treat our club & other members with the care that SCCYC deserves.

Have a fantastic August! I hope to see ya'll soon.

Brit Fun Night – By deb Sampson

Over 40 people turned up for the British fun night, the party started with everyone having to guess the famous British person stuck on their back. Some people got them really quickly, while others took nearly all night, with comments like “Who is Lilley Allen I’ve never heard of her?” and “I know Mr Bean...didn’t know he was Rowan Atkinson!!”.

A three course meal took up the next part of the evening, (sorry it wasn’t traditional Brit food!!) followed by those that were still there, a quiz led by quiz master Nick Sampson. 4 Teams battled through 4 rounds consisting of questions on Britain, USA, Sailing and General Knowledge, surprisingly the sailing part drew the most blank looks, that might of been down to the teams understanding Nicks accent!!. Quite a few times Bruce had to step in to interpret.

The team that consisted of Mary Ho, Chris, Tiffany, Rick and Len just crept into the lead! British TV clips were played on the TV, but following various requests there are plans to show them again in the autumn as the sound system wasn’t working that well and made worse by 40+ people noisily enjoying themselves!!



Rick looking puzzled, but his team crept into the lead; Tiffany had vacated that chair we hope it wasn’t to google an answer!!!!



The team with the Sampson boys, Trevor and Karyn took last place!!



Stu, Shari, Dna and Bob came a very close 2nd place!



Nick leading the quiz....



Three of the teams concentrating hard....



Snap



Officer of the Day

D Roster : schedule

Friday 1800-2200 (Summer Hours)		Saturday 1200-1700 (Summer Hours)		Sunday 1200 - 1700 Hrs (Summer Hours)	
August 2011					
8/5/2011	Brian Mason	8/6/2011	Paul May	8/7/2011	Scott McKenney
8/12/2011	Steve Mullen	8/13/2011	John O'Donnell	8/14/2011	Vincent Paternoster
8/19/2011	Mike Priest	8/20/2011	Mike Quigley	8/21/2011	Jerome Sammarcelli
8/26/2011	Nick Sampson	8/27/2011	Gary Schaffel	8/28/2011	Matt Schulz
September 2011					
9/2/2011	Leonard Schusterman	9/3/2011	Michelle Shanks	9/4/2011	Mike Sikov
9/9/2011	Charles Smith	9/10/2011	Willie Smith	9/11/2011	Robert Symer
9/16/2011	John Thomas	9/17/2011	Mark Tilford	9/18/2011	Ryan Turner
9/23/2011	Nik Vale	9/24/2011	Steve Vincent	9/25/2011	Bert Whalley
9/30/2011	Mel Widowski				

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Karyn Jones (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.

AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ramadan begins Begins	2	3 No Sunset Series	4 Sunstroke 13	5 First Friday	6
7	8	9	10	11 Sunstroke 14	12 Commodore's Cruise	13 Commodore's Cruise
Board Meeting 1900	14 Commodore's Cruise	15	16	17	18 Sunstroke 15	19 DRYC Sunset Series General Membership
20	21 Outlook Trophy	22	23	24	25 Final Sunstroke 16	26
27	28	29	30	31		