

THE BEACON

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Carl Radusch

We had a great turnout for the "Bon Voyage" party. Thirty-three members and guests showed up to send off our Race Chair, Jim Doherty, and Mike Priest who will sail to Hawaii in the Transpac this month. Jim will sail on a Cal 40 and Mike will provide leadership on *Pendragon*. Mike told me that they will start with *Pyewacket*, who will give them just short of three days on corrected time!

Sparta will do the San Diego race this year which leaves this Saturday. Amazingly, we have almost as many on the delivery crew as we do going down. We plan to stop overnight in Avalon and return back on Tuesday.

Lots of fixing up at the club! Becky and I installed a new carpet in the "Commodore's Room"/supply room. I brought in a desk which has pull out writing boards so we can actually write something if we are not using the computer! The desk is so full of electronics that there was no place to scribble anything. Hence, the change. The old desk is now at the wall below the pictures for the use of members.

Karmen washed the steps again! Thank you so much. We must remember that the Club is for the use of all members and guests, and that we have no clean up services except ourselves.

We have a new member coming in from New Zealand, named Steve Johnson, who just bought a Star boat and has been a big boat sailor. Ron Johnson, who comes from Australia, will have a good time poking fun at the New Zealander. They have a friendly rivalry between the countries, I understand. Ron, by the way, sold his Martin 243 and is looking for another, slightly larger (and dryer) racing boat.

A word about OD duty. I realize that at any given Saturday or Sunday, we may not have many visitors to the club house, especially during the summer when many are out sailing. I have heard that we might cut the hours or split the duties. However, let me make a clear statement. The OD position keeps our club open to any member or prospective member who might wish to use our facilities. It is to our advantage to keep the club open as much as possible. For example, I was filling in for Jimmy Tranquillo last Saturday and no one at all had come in. In fact the club made one dollar during that period of time. But, the phone rang and I had a conversation with Steve Johnson who indicated a strong interest in joining the club. We met the next day and he gave me his application and a check. Please take your OD duty seriously.



A Full House at the Club House for the Aloha Party

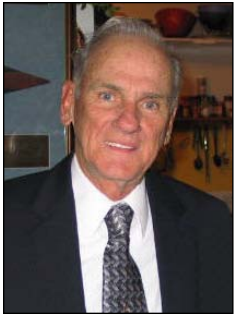
I would like some volunteers to do dinners on Friday nights this summer. I heard a comment while Becky and I were installing carpet last Friday that there probably would not be food because the Commodore and his wife were working in the storage room. That was true, but I think we need some members to take up the slack. How about it? (Nag, nag, nag.)

Jerry Magnussen has been working to establish wet and dry storage privileges for our club members. I will let him tell you about what he has learned. Thanks so much, Jerry, for your efforts.

We have assigned Rick Horner to do the leg work and get our new front door installed. It will be just like the previous door and will be professionally installed. I, too, am tired of kicking the old door shut! Hopefully, it will be installed this month.

Cheers, *Carl*





RACE CHAIR'S REPORT

by Jim Doherty

July provides a few opportunities for distance racing for both PHRF and cruising classes.

SMWYC sponsors the Marina del Rey to San Diego race over the July 4th weekend. The challenge with this race is to get through the night of very light (or no) wind.

The following weekend, July 9th, Redondo Beach Yacht Club joins up with Shoreline Yacht Club for a race from King Harbor to the Queen Mary. I sure wish I could have worked that one into my schedule.

July 9th and 10th is the Women's Sailing Association WOW/WAH regatta for boats with all women crews and woman at the helm crews.

Shari Landon will be helming *Reliance* in the WAH-Cruising division.

As we move into late July, SCCYC will be running the One Design Weekend on July 23th and 24th. It's 5 races on the buoys for one-design classes with a BBQ in between. Bob Kellock will be recruiting volunteers for race committee and club hospitality. If you can't enter the race, then come help at the Club. Stu Coleman has volunteered *Reliance* as committee boat on Saturday but we need



The Bandit Crew on a balmy Wednesday night Sunset Series Race.

Our racers have been busy in June. We had the usual entries in the Wednesday night Sunset series. SCCYC made a good showing in the Stein series, Stu Coleman on *Reliance* finished first in the Cruising Spinaker Class and I managed to get a third place finish on *Camelot IV* in the 30 and over cruising class.



Shari Landon at the Helm of *Reliance* on the way to her BBQ Race Victory after rounding the ZES buoy. (The other boats have yet to round!)

another boat for Sunday because Stu and Shari will be racing the SMWYC BBQ race #2 after Shari's first place finish last month.

Our racers have been busy



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Sandy Bartiromo

Summer days have been beautiful and the nights are warm and balmy. Me and my boat "The Christine" are heading to the island for the 4th of July weekend, but first a few repairs.

Paul Muggleston helped me replace my water heater and what an event that turned out to be. Power boats tend to stuff a lot of things in small spaces, this time the toilet holding tank stood in the way of the water heater removal. Shall I go on...it was a hazardous, difficult, and a dirty job. Thank you Paul for your selfless help and the free 6 gallon water tank.

We learned that there is a class action law suit against the fresh water hose connectors of the past. They seem to be causing many boaters grief. The new connectors are made of heavy duty white plastic and have a lock washer clasp that press fits onto the connector. It was impossible to remove and it is deemed much safer than the former connectors most of you have throughout your boats.

I plan to go over to the Isthmus every couple of weekends, so if you want to join me, bring your boat and look for me on mooring J23. Call me and let's coordinate a trip.

See you at the club! - Sandy B.



Thursday Night Lidos reaching for the mark and rounding the Mark

There are many other races in July so check your race calendar.

I leave on July 11th in the Transpac race and won't be back until July 31st so I will miss the One Design Weekend, but I'm sure the club members will make it a success. I would like to thank everyone for the great Bon Voyage Party I really had a wonderful time. See you all when I get back.

Don't forget you can follow the Transpac Race on www.transpacificyc.org they will have daily updates look for a Cal 40 named *Bubala*. Hope to see you on the water.



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Jerry Magnuson

Changes to SCCYC facilities?

Want an update? Here are a few projects that we are

working on.

What makes the SCCYC a vibrant and fun place to be around? There are a lot of activities held at the club such as dinners and races. There are fabulous personalities attracting crowds as they do the O.D. I highly recommend Robert Spieler's wine tasting. I am expecting Jimmy Tranquillo to offer karaoke in the near future. Any yodelers?

Currently, there is also time between events when the activity naturally drops off. What can we do to pump it back up? I believe the member activity at the club will increase significantly as more club members choose to

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ALOHA DINNER PARTY A MAI-TAI SUCCESS



Karmen Estlow presents the going away cake to Jim and Mike



Which is Pendragon and which is Bubala?



Bob and Trish in Island Finery



Contestants in the Old Fart Challenge?

Ruminations from the Lido Fleet

by Robert Spieler

Recent experience on the water with novice sailors has motivated me to write on the subject of the Hows & Whys and the Dos & Don'ts of Boat Buying. For those of who are already boat owners, there will most likely not be any new information for you here, perhaps merely uncontrollable nodding of silent agreement as you progress. Hell, it may even provide some entertainment.

Okay, so I have fielded questions and concerns from two male sailing novices in as many weeks, on their grandiose plans to not only pull the trigger and purchase a boat (hopefully a Lido14!), but unveiling their compelling strategy on involving their girlfriend or spouse in sailing.

A word of caution based on experience; men, be a man and buy the boat if YOU want a boat. (By the way, if my former English instructor happens to be part of this audience, that is "you" in the singular context, not the collective sense). YOU should buy a boat and just hope that she will enjoy it as much as you. My experience is not unique...the aspirations of "molding" someone to share the same level of appreciation for an activity (especially sailing) are endeavours of futility...leave that to your sweetie to reprogram you to make your socks match, or really dig that Kenny G cd she always busts out at Christmas. I tried in vain to get my wife to love sailing the way she loves skiing...has not worked yet. She goes out with me more because she realizes how much I enjoy it, and that makes her happy. It's really a shame; because she could be an excellent sailor...it's just not her thing.

Don't squirrel around trying to convince your honey what a great co-op opportunity this is going to be. If she is initially enthusiastic, great...read no further. If her reaction is reminiscent of the time you failed to persuade her that the definitive cultural theatrical experience is seeing Blue Men at the Luxor after downing Hurricanes in the casino, well brother, that is a classic sign tepid enthusiasm. Poetic descriptions of how you will take her on sunset cruises with a bottle of Trader Joe's Vino Reserve and a tasty cheese ball or how so she can be proudly displayed in her new bikini, seductively reclining on the foredeck to boldly proclaim to the world what a lucky bastard you indeed are, are pipe dreams my friend.

Here's what will happen. You'll be so intent on unscrewing the bottle of wine, that you'll fail to notice the accidental gybe, and she'll end up snuggling next to the stud on the Vessel Assist boat who brings the paddles to resuscitate you after impressing her with his heroic man-overboard drill.

Or you somehow avert learning the origin of the nautical term "boom" (sailing terminology is brutally pragmatic), but you realize that your road rage tendencies aren't limited to asphalt...whining about inopportune wind shifts, forgetting to release the windward sheet, flipping off those inconsiderate yahoos

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Club Dinners & Brunches

First Friday Dinner	2nd Sunday Brunch	Friday or Saturday Membership Dinner
01/07 Carl Radosch	01/09	01/22 Rick Horner
02/04	02/13 Dana Hutton	02/19 Bob Kellock
03/04 Paul Muggleston	03/13 Lido Fleet Brunch	03/25 Kalina Noelle
04/01 Joshua Slocum	04/10 William Dampier	04/23 Sandra Bartiromo
05/05 Jim Doherty	05/08 Dana Hutton	05/27 Carl Radosch
06/03	06/10 Kalina Noelle	06/25 Gary Speck
07/01 Tracey Kenney	07/10	07/22
08/05	08/14	08/27 Stu Coleman
09/02	09/11	09/24
10/07	10/09	10/22
11/04	11/13	11/19
12/02	12/11	12/17

Our Commodore has asked for a place in The Beacon for all potential cooks to sign up for our Monthly dinners (1st Friday/Saturday or General Membership).

Please contact either Carl or Sandy to sign up for your choice of prime dinner dates.

Note: The scheduled dates are subject to change at each Board Meeting.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT Continued

keep their boats in close proximity to the yacht club. We can all be neighbors as we enjoy the facilities of the club!

I am working, with the cooperation of the Pier 44 management company, to gain control of the slips and dry storage spaces around the club. Over time, slips and spaces will, once again, become available to the club and SCCYC will in turn offer the accommodations to club members. Get your requests in early. We have already gained a dedicated guest slip in addition to the original slip used for the crane. We have been able to accommodate two new members in dry storage. The racing dinghy storage is looking good as we make plans to expand the club's storage facility to accommodate more and larger fleets.

What a set up - members working on their boats, hanging out on the docks, coming back from a race or a cruise and the best part is the club house being right there in the middle with the good old SCCYC spirit. It will also look good on Opening Day when SCCYC can hoist strings of flags on all the boats in front of the club. Nice!

Other projects in the works are the front door replacement and an steroid injection for the crane. Those of you

who use the front door will eventually enjoy being able to exit the club without the door hold-open preventing you from leaving. Thanks for your patience.

The crane upgrade will increase the capacity of the crane by 50%. The current plan is to be able to accommodate boats up to 3,000 pounds. The schedule for the upgrade is not yet established and we are trying to reduce the cost before we proceed.

And last, but not least, the entrance to the SCCYC parking lot has a parking arm. Most of us go to the second driveway and enter through the back and occasionally someone just breaks thru the arm. I am working with the maintenance personnel to be able to offer members access cards for the gate. Please stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

If any members are inclined to help with any of these projects please contact me or catch me at the club. Any welders for the crane?

Please check the O.D. schedule for your duty time. Remember, this is one of the ways we keep the membership fees at a reasonable level and besides, it's fun. Let your friends know when it is your turn and have a party. Bring your DVDs and a video projector...



O.D. SCHEDULE

Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200-1700 Hrs (Summer Hours)	Sunday 1200-1700 Hrs (Summer Hours)
07/01 Mike Priest	07/02 Bernard Auroux	07/03 Tom Estlow
07/08 Sandy Clark	07/09 Mark Register	07/10 Jim Doherty
07/15 Dan Grabski	07/16 Dana Hutton	07/17 Trish LaVay
07/22 Sherry Barone	07/23 Rick Horner	07/24 George Burke
07/29 Peter Beale	07/30 Paul Muggleston	07/31 Terry Stringfellow
08/05 Sandi Bartiromo	08/06 Harry Johnson	08/07 Frank Kronwitter
08/12 Kay Miller	08/13 John Donahue	08/14 John Fischer
08/19 Patrick Hafer	08/20 Mike Oliveau	08/21 Ren Oden
08/26 Mark Spector	08/27 Stu Coleman	08/28 Mike Cheda
Ist Friday @ the Club	General Membership Meeting	Sunday Brunch @ the Club

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Jerry Magnussen (jerry@magnussen.us) 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.

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A final note, from the Lido Fleet perspective, Tom Sawyer style. Enthusiasm is infectious. Our Local Litter of Lidos has grown because the participants convey attractive qualities that non-participants gravitate towards. It should not be limited to "a fleet". There are many opportunities through

SCCYC that can serve as conduits to entice new members or revive the stagnant energy of the veteran members. Hit up some of the Board Members with a proposal or two; an activity or service that you are uniquely compelled to involve others in. By the way, playing "Quarters" is NOT deemed as an appropriate social function!

Hope to see you around the club and on the water soon!

PS. Promising to name the boat after her in an attempt to win "purchase approval" is lame, and doesn't work either, guys. An ill-advised impromptu tattoo and the inevitable shame & painful removal, at least give you a better story to tell.



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MAILING ADDRESS

July	
01	Friday Night Dinner
03	Board Meeting
10	Sunday Brunch
22	Membership Mtg/Dinner
23-24	One Design Weekend

August	
5	Friday Night dinner
7	Board Meeting
13	Outlook Trophy
14	Sunday Brunch
27	Membership Mtg/Dinner

