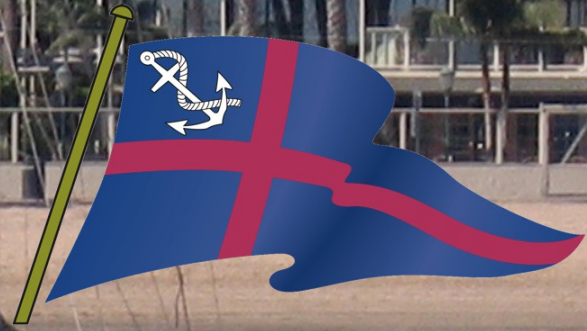


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Commodore's Report

Summer is in full swing! We are sailing every Thursday, enjoyed our 1st Cruise & Race over Memorial Day weekend, had a casual BBQ on Memorial Day, & a new Social Chair! Please welcome Debbie Sampson, who arrived at SCCYC in style by catering an incredible feast for the Corinthian Cup party at SCCYC & accepted the request to be our Social Chair. Also new, the SCCYC Cruising Program now has its own page on our website. Please check back for updated information regarding upcoming events.

The Corinthian Cup was an adventure this year. With lots SCCYC, RBYC & SFVYC members signed up, the actual decision to sail was a different story. The forecast was just a little intimidating for Saturday, with breeze expected from 10 to 20 knots & decent swell expected. Ok, that was the easy day, because Sunday included gale force winds PLUS high surf advisories. There were quite a few boats who decided not to take on Mother Nature, while the rest soldiered on with clear understanding that Sunday may be a no go.

Naturally, your Commodore had decided to do the Corinthian Cup singlehanded. After careful consideration, off we all went. Racing was started with our PRO flying solo on the RC boat because Samantha was home sick. Saturday turned out to be a stunning day on the water! There was a gentle breeze (a little too light for my taste!) that was no where close to forecast.



Arriving in King Harbor, we were greeted by RBYC VC Patrick Shuss who gave us our slip assignments. Once docked, it seemed like a party on every gangway! Each boat had a party onboard & was inviting all other Corinthian Cup sailors aboard. I visited 3 boat parties before finally making it to RBYC. Once at Redondo Beach Yacht Club the hospitality was wonderful & dinner beyond my lofty expectations. I think the chicken & rib eye may be the reason I do this race!

As we all tucked in that night, the breeze started to howl. All night we heard the whistling through the boats. We woke up to a double red flag flying & nasty, huge swells, as in 10'+++. Now it's time for an IQ check.... Race? Our PRO's Bob Kellock and John Ellinwood made the right decision & cancelled. Now I had to find a ride back to MdR, so I could return to sail home the next Day. Land for me? No way! I jumped on Joel's 53' Beneteau, Transformer, for a stunning, wet, motor sail home.

Of course, a cancelled race day doesn't change the party! Debbie Sampson spent a week prepping the most incredible meal! By 4:00 Sunday afternoon, SCCYC was full of people & the terrific trophies (thanks Stu) were awarded. The Corinthian Cup saw LOTS of SCCYC sailors of all skill levels on many different boats. **Do not miss this event next year! Cruise down, race or drive!!**

Monday, Memorial Day was a picture perfect sail home for me aboard my Open 5.70 & BBQ with friends at SCCYC. Many thanks to everyone for a wonderful week-end of fun, festivities & friendship!!



Save the Dates:

1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - For our newer members, the **SCCYC First Friday Dinners** are, of course, hosted on the 1st Friday of each month. This is a perfect reason to wrap up your week, come by the club to chat with friends and kick off your weekend. We encourage you to bring friends and family! Cocktails start at 6:00, and dinner is served at 7:00.

3rd FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH – We have a monthly **SCCYC Membership Meeting and Dinner**. Again, it is a wonderful way to kick off your weekend and catch up on what is happening with SCCYC. Topics can include member's adventures, changes we are considering, upcoming activities and general club business. We are here to hear your ideas. How can we make it more fun??? What will get you to drop by & enjoy the balcony? This is the perfect time to stay in touch with the Board & tell us what you want! All this & dinner too...



Vice Commodore Report Karyn Jones



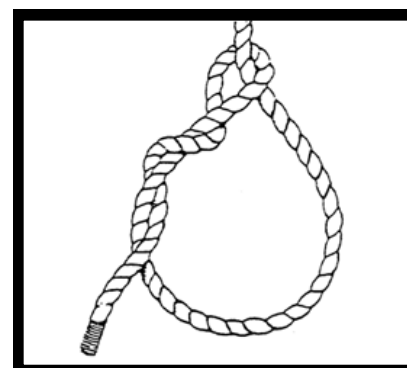
Happy June South Coast! It's anything but gloomy around the club these days as we charge from spring into a somewhat chilly of a beginning of a summer. We had a heck of a Texas BBQ kick off at our First Friday Dinner hosted by our relatively new member Tiffany Becker. She treated the club to delicious dish of grilled ribs, homemade potato salad, homemade corn bread and

some really huge homemade desserts. No one left hungry that night. My plan is that no one will leave hungry this Friday because I'm cooking. I haven't decided on the menu yet but I have an idea that you'll like it. So please come on by, one thing is for certain: Cocktails at 6.30pm and dinner at 7.00. Come hungryJ.

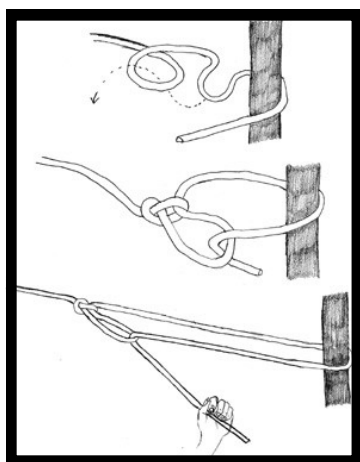
Our Sunstroke series also started this month and every Thursday night the club is filled with several C-15 and Lido sailors munching on after race meals and reiterating scenarios that happened on the race course with our little wooden boats at the bar. Honestly, we really don't

ever stop sailing. There are five scheduled this month so if you've got a little boat, and you want to sail, stop on by and see the race committee. They'll tell you the same thing I'll tell you....in order to participate in Sunstroke, get a little dinghy.

Our membership meeting was kind of quite this past month...hopefully not from lack of advertising. Just to remind everyone-it's the third Friday of each month. That means that the next membership meeting is June 17th, and I'll be out of town so I need someone to cook. This is a perfect opportunity to step up and participate in South Coast activities so please do and let me know if you can make it. Hope to see you around the club this month!



Timber Hitch, I've seen this used secure a reefing line around the boom. Opens easily, and you don't need a lose footed main. (ed.)



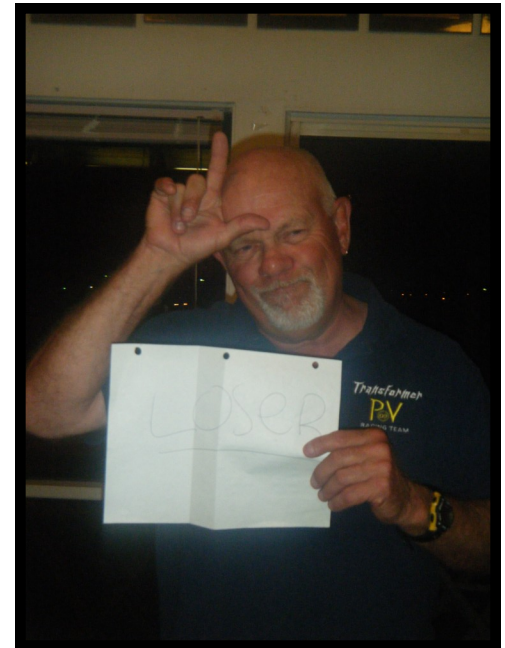
Truckers hitch, next to the bowline he most useful knot I know. (ed.)

Corinthian Cup Epilogue

Following the stormy 2nd day of the Corinthian Cup, nine intrepid SCCYC adventurers embarked on a marathon card game well into the night. The adventure was sug-



gested by none other than the infamous Bruce Fleck, many were skeptical at the mention of playing for money, and that Bruce would tell everyone the rules and teach us the game... !! finally we all agreed and



Bruce disappeared to return with several packs of cards and a suspect bag of dimes and quarters. The game got underway and continued for 10 grueling rounds with much hilarity mixed with laughter, fun, arguments, shouting, drinking, eating, bottom slapping !! and Chair dancing !!!!??? Several hours later, after the loss of just one player, the game finally came to an end and the scores were added up and the protests all discarded. The victor was Debbie, closely followed Nick, Sheri and Trevor, a little behind were Rick, George and Tiffany and in a very distant last place was..... Bruce.. (may all those you compete against be good losers)

Regards Nick

Flag Members and SCCYC Boats Spotted on the Race Course: By Jr Staff Commodore, Bruce Fleck



For Cal Cup we had Karyn Jones on Holua , the wining boat. On Cheetah we had Gigi, Steve Mullen, Brendan and Bruce. On Pelegrosso Dennis was allowed topside rather than under the boat. Sandy Clark's son Greg was on Alchemy.

Mike Priest, SC helped run the race.
The Picture below is of the dock party for Cal Cup.

Bruce helming on the way out to the Cal Cup race course



Point Dume; Bruce driving, Tiffany doing pit. Meta trimming and Roland waiting his turn. We won this race.

For Point Dume, Berger #3, we had Michele Shanks and Brendan Watson on Plankton. Stu Coleman, SC was on Celerity. Jerome was on his OPEN 6.50, Noah Farrall was on Transformer, Tiffany Becker and I raced on Hitchhiker. I don't remember which boat Steve Mullen was on, I think it must have been Cheetah. Steve is signed on to Cheetah for Trans-pac this year.

Sunset Series Boats: (no pictures)

Sea Flourishes, Zephyr, Ka Holo Moana (Skipped by Steve Arkle), Lugano (skipped by Jorge Benedid), Blood Hound and Bandit.



Tracey, Jim Doherty in the background.

Corinthian Cup



We had a great turn out for Corinthian Cup, Nick and Debbie Sampson, Tiffany, and Bruce were on Transformer. Jim and Maureen Doherty had Geoff Downer helping them. Brian Mason raced his Santana 20, Larger Voices. Tracey Kenney single handed her OPEN 5.70 on Saturday and motor sailed with us on Sunday.

Sunstroke Series



Ann Ach and Tracey on the RC Boat.

Thursday nights have been fun, new courses one new sailor, Derek Heeb from Redline came out to race. The second week there were more C15s than Lido 14s. Five and four respectively.



Jim Ach peaking our from behind the jib

Cover

Free Spirit, a classic shaped Megellan 36ft ketch will be joining the SCCYC cruising and social racing fleet in July. Built in Taiwan in 1978 she has fiberglass hull and deck and a teak overlay deck. She has been lovingly cared for during the last 6 years in Marina Del Rey. Her original wooden spars have been upgraded to aluminum and carry 650 sq ft of sail. She is 36ft on deck and with bow-sprit 42 feet overall, has a 5ft draft and 11ft 8inch beam Her long keel and heavy displacement make her very sea comfortable and her flared bows keep her decks fairly dry. Below she has two double and two single berths, head, galley engine space. and lots of storage. Real bilges keep the interior dry.

This is a test, did anyone notice the picture in the lower left? It is from a Megellan 36 motor home.

A hop across the pond....

By: Debbie Sampson



Debbie and Nick at their Hollywood themed going away party

Hopefully by the time you read this I would have met most of you, and I'm sure by now most have met Nick and his eldest son Matt, if we haven't please come over and say hello.. Nick was offered and accepted, a job as Director of Vehicle Engineering for Tesla motors, in the autumn of 2009. It was a decision that we didn't take lightly, as we knew the upheaval that it would cause. Much to the amazement of most of our friends, who all said they'd love the opportunity to move to LA and start afresh.

Nick quickly settled in to the LA lifestyle working long hours, and with Nick's love of the ocean and sailing he found an apartment in Playa Del Rey a block back from the sea and a short cycle ride from the marina, he also looked round for sailing clubs, he wanted one that wasn't to big and one that was friendly, as he knew no one out of work, and of course settled

on SCCYC. Nick has sailed since he was quite young and raced when he was a sea scout and when he worked at both Jaguar and Lotus. Although in later life with children and not living near the sea sailing was more of a treat than an everyday occurrence. We made the hard decision for me to stay at home in the UK, and look after the house, large garden, 4 young adults, (Nick and I have 2 children each, we got married 4 years ago,) and 2 dogs and 2 cats . I would also carry on working until Nick's green card was

nearer to coming through, enabling me to work in the USA.

The whole process has taken longer than we thought, so

we've made do with either me visiting the USA or Nick coming home every 8 weeks or so. Not an ideal situation, it sounds very glamorous, but was very wearing on us both, especially for me, and the 8 hour time difference made communication hard. Made worse some days when I'd been busy sorting out the next stage of the move and spent the day doing the jobs that Nick would normally do only to hear that he'd been sailing all day and been at the club all night!!

In August 2010 Matt (Nicks eldest) also got a job with Tesla, and he moved ahead of me, joined Nick in his apartment and joined in the social and sailing activities of the club.

In Dec 2010 the Police Force that I worked for, like most public sectors in the UK were making cut backs. I worked it that I was made redundant and could come over just before the last part of the green card application was complete.



Matt at the helm, nick doing his thing with the engine.



Sailing in Turkey



New members of the club Echo and Kita

I'm very new to sailing and have not had the vast experience that Nick has had, but a few years back after I was divorced I was invited to a social sail in the Solent with the police sailing club. All I was told was the weekend would be on board a 32ft Sigma, it was an all male crew and I was for warned by one crew that they have been known to rifle through female crews luggage and hoist a piece of underwear up the mast. I arrived with my case on wheels,

hairdryer, hair straightners, and newly polished nails. This caused some hilarity, and something I've not been allowed to forget, even at my recent leaving party my boss a Chief Superintendent who was one of the crew on board that trip, retold the story. But I was well prepared for their school boy prank of rummaging through my case I'd packed a very racy, red satin teddy (not the furry teddy, but lingerie!) I wasn't going to be caught out with Bridget Jones panties!! I woke up the next day to see it proudly waving in the wind!! I enjoyed the sailing and the social side of sailing on the bigger boat and spent another 8 – 10 weekends sailing in the Solent area.

Once Nick and I met we spent a holiday in Turkey at a Sunsail resort and had the opportunity to try some smaller boats. We also took part in a fundraising race around the Isle of White on board a 40ft Beneteau, but the race was sadly abandoned due to the lack of wind, that was my only experience of racing.

My move date approached nearer and to say I was nervous and emotional was probably an understatement, those of you who are Mums or Dads, will realise how hard it would be to move away from your children, especially to the other side of the world, for those of you who have friends that you have known many years it was really hard saying good bye to friends that I'd had since the children were young.

But here I am, I've made the move, and Nick, Matt and I have moved to a house in Palos Verdes, and our 2 dogs and 2 cats have joined us. I hope to be able to offer my time whilst I'm not working to do things for the club and hopefully get to know you all better. If you see me crying into my wine, come and cheer me up, it will be me missing my kids and home, I'm sure a friendly hug or word will help. Thank you all for looking after Nick so well before I joined him, he has loved being part of your friendly sailing club. See you on the deck or the water. And for those of you who sail against me may you be a good losers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Un rated sail area!

Membership Chair Report



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This Month I was away in Charleston SC to watch the start of the last leg of the Velux 5 Ocean race and I will do a article for the Beacon next month.

With regard to our great club, I would like to welcome **James Dunn** and **Brendan Watson** as new members and please make them welcome when you see them at the club I have the welcome kits for them at the club.

It should warm up this year so happy racing and cruising

Thanks

Trevor Bazeley



Brendan Wilson



James Dunn

I sailed with Brendan for Cal Cup. He tells me we sailed together last year also, but with 24 people on the boat it was regrettable but understandable that I do not remember meeting him. Brendon has a 505 that he want to bring to the club. In addition to Brendan, James Dunn joined the club. James has a Star and will be sharing a dry storage space with John O'Donnell.

Bruce

SCCYC Membership	Count
Flag Members	67
Non Resident Members	5
Life Time Members	4

Friday 1800-2200 (Summer Hours)		Saturday 1200-1700 (Summer Hours)		Sunday 1200 - 1700 Hrs (Summer Hours)	
June 2011					
6/3/2011	Kelly Cantley	6/4/2011	Lee Casey	6/5/2011	Dennis Castenada
6/10/2011	Mike Cheda	6/11/2011	Paul Button	6/12/2011	Stu Coleman
6/17/2011	Charlie Dimont	6/18/2011	Jim Doherty	6/19/2011	Geoff Downer
6/24/2011	Tom Estlow	6/25/2011	Dick Farber	6/26/2011	Noah Farrell
July 2011					
7/1/2011	Michael Fitzmaurice	7/2/2011	Bruce Fleck	7/3/2011	Jorge Garibay
7/8/2011	Clark Garrett	7/9/2011	Igoreska Gurevich	7/10/2011	Mary Ho
7/15/2011	Rick Horner	7/16/2011	Larry Hoskinson	7/17/2011	Dana Hutton
7/22/2011	Karyn Jones	7/23/2011	Bob Kellock	7/24/2011	Gary Schaffel
7/29/2011	Chris Kitchen	7/30/2011	Trish La Vay	7/31/2011	Gary Magnuson



JUNE 2011

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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CYC Cal Race Week				Sunstroke 6		DRYC Cat Hbr Layover
	Board Meeting 1900					SFVYC*SCCYC
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DRYC Cat Hbr Layover		Flag Day		Sunstroke 7	Sundown Series	Lido Single Handed
	ASMBYC Judges Clinic				General Membership	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day		June Solstice		Sunstroke 8	LB Race Week	LB Race Week
26	27	28	29	30		
LB Race Week				Sunstroke 9		