

# THE BEACON

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Carl Radusch

**S**parta IV is finally on the road as of Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005. I expect it to take at least a week which puts it here around March 1st.

Thanks again to our club technician, Gary Magnussen, for installing a phone jack in the service room. The jack enables us to run our computers without extension cords to trip up the membership.

We have ordered DSL from DSL Xtreme. It was something that a number of members wanted and we decided at the board meeting to look into it. Paul Muggleston and I did some research and I ordered the service and brought in my desktop computer for club use. At the moment, I have installed Norton Antivirus, Norton Firewall, Norton Privacy Control and Norton Antispam.

Anyone who wants to help me set this computer up for club use is welcome. We need to establish some procedures. It will certainly help out in keeping our membership list up to date.

Chairs still need varnish. Nag, nag, nag! I really want them all done before opening day. The sun came out today and if the rain ever goes away, we need to make another stab at the varnishing.

Bruce Fleck and Bob Kellock went out on the midwinter regatta Sunday. I did not hear anything about the race, but understand they got rained on - big time!

We have a few vacancies on the board and would like some volunteers. Our Port Captain has resigned

from his position, we still have no social chair, and I would greatly appreciate some live wire signing up for event chair. Please let me know if you can handle one of these positions. The club is going great right now, but as we get closer to our racing events, we will need your support.

Finally, have you seen the new license plates on the yellow Focus!

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR'S REPORT

by Paul Muggleston

Another great month for the club and more new members. This month we welcome: Brian Mason and Pat Reynolds. Brian sails a Thistle and is a very keen racer.

Pat Reynolds is the Editor and owner of the local magazine devoted to the marina and surrounding activities "The Mariner".

Members this month that really shone on the water were Bruce Fleck and Angel Lopez, both of whom I saw drenched and happy in the Mid Winters series. It rained and rained and rained but their love of sailing was proven in conditions that I and most others would not challenge.

Likewise Tracy Kenny was doing the racing in her Lido and just as wet and adventurous. I am sure this will be covered in more detail elsewhere.

I will be cooking dinner on Friday March 4th and will present "Pasta shrimp and scallops" with fettuccini and white wine sauce. I understand Doug Russell and Nancy and perhaps Steve Krug may be along to taste the morsels too. Have a great month and welcome our new members

— Paul





## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Sandy Bartiromo

**D**ear Barometer,  
I have been patiently waiting for the rain to subside and for some reason you continue to disregard my single request. To change your mind about this seasonal phenomenon I thought I'd ask our 68 yacht club members to tell you about their boating and sailing plans.

Our Lido fleet has some small boat sailing events in our harbor; they need some dry warm wind, and they are hoping for a warm beautiful day on March 13, to host their Lido Fleet brunch that all of us

members plan to attend. Please make the day inviting to all.

We also need some warm, sunny weather for the Les Storrs Race March 26, and most of all our Opening Day is planned for March 20th. That magical day needs some really excellent weather, warm and sunny but not too hot, am I asking for too much?

March 1st, Paul is making a great seafood pasta dish for our 1st Friday night dinner, oh please give us a full moon with a sky full of stars. Marina Del Rey needs some beautiful starry nights this time of year.

And finally, we have a big clean up weekend before our opening day activities so we need dry weather to clean our carpet, wash our balcony and paint our steps. We need to plant some colorful foliage and spruce up the parking lot. I hope you can fulfill all my requests because the rainy weather is killing me.

— Sandy B., Vice Commodore



## RACE CHAIR'S REPORT

by Jim Doherty

**M**arch is going to be a very busy month with Opening Day and The Les Storrs Regatta. Opening Day is on March 20<sup>th</sup> and the next Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> is the Les Storrs Regatta there is just no rest for the weary. This will be our first Club Racing event for 2005, hopefully I can get things started on the right foot. The story is Les Storrs was the club's first Commodore after taking the reins from the original founders. Besides composing the Invocation for the Sea that we use in our Opening Day Ceremony he also was one of the first in the marina to work on cleaning up our ocean.

The Regatta consists of three races for PHRF and One Design classes. We welcome help from any club members throughout Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. We are busy greeting racers and loading the committee boat in the morning. The afternoon and evening is full of activity preparing the club and food for the party for racers and club members. So please stop by and see

how you may help. Remember after every party there is clean-up.

Here are the March racing activities in the marina:

*Saturday March 5th*

DRYC Berger and Stein Series Topanga Race #2  
which is also SMWYC Cruiser Handicap Series #1

*Sunday March 6th*

SCYA race management seminar at DRYC

*Wednesday March 23rd*

Racing rules seminar at CYC

*Saturday March 26th*

Les Storrs Cup hosted by SCCYC

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Yearbook and Calendar at the club it has all the information on Racing, Seminars, and other events.

The SCYA Midwinters were held on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> I'm sure we had many club members race that weekend, I don't have any results at this time. I do know the Lido Fleet raced at Alamitos Bay, and Stu Coleman on *Reliance* finished first in the cruising spinnaker class that was sponsored by SMWYC, also Ben Spector on *Geronimo* raced in the Sabot Class A sponsored by DRYC and took a fourth place finish overall. If I missed anyone I'm sorry it was not intentional. Hope to see you all on the water and check your Bilge pump.



Mike, Bob and John water their beers down

## Member's Adventures

### BANDIT GETS SPANKED

by Bruce Fleck

The Santana 20 fleet was not out for Mid Winters. I got an invite to race a Martin 242 with the usual Bandit crew plus one. Alice Leahey of CYC was donating her boat so we could try our hand against the Martin fleet.

The week end, as usual in rainy So Cal was wet but at least it was cold. On Saturday Deon Claiborne was silly enough to be our fourth and Martin coach. It is not confidence building to have to be instructed in hoisting and rolling the jib. We sailed out without incident and got a reasonable start and followed the fleet around the course. Very lumpy seas, lots of banging about. I think we finished second to last in a 13 boat fleet. The second race went a little better. We got a great start and did not start to follow until half way up the first weather leg. We finished second to last in a 13 boat fleet. The last race was a short, 2 mile, sprint. We got a really excellent start and beat four boats plus one that retied so we were really moving up.

Saturday night Mike shanghaied Bob Kellock in to racing. I have no idea what Bob was thinking or what Mike promised. Perhaps Mike has missed his calling, he could have made his fortune in sales. Bob is a trooper. Sunday morning Bob showed up with no foul weather gear! He explained that the gear is on his boat somewhere, but no problem his jeans were going to do just fine. Luckily Mike carries everything he owns with him when ever he sails so we had an extra jacket. He also has enough quarters in change to do everyone's laundry. (DO NOT ASK ME WHY!) We got a good start on the wrong end and got to match speed



### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Jerry Magnuson

Opening day ceremonies at SCCYC is just around the corner. The clubhouse, like many of our boats is in need of general maintenance and special preparation for hosting our portion of the event. The clean-up effort will commence the week-end before on March twelfth and thirteenth. Hopefully, you already have some of your seasonal boat maintenance projects done. Why not put the rest on hold and spare some time to help out at the club We will all enjoy these improvements at the clubhouse throughout the upcoming season. Next month this column will review the success of the event. Make yourself feel good when you read it by being a part of it. See you there.

and point with the tenth place boat. We kicked ass, pointing higher and going faster. Of course the other 9 boats were higher and faster than us, but no matter, we were getting the hang of it. We finished second to last, but don't forget the one boat that retied so were still almost in the single digits with 11. The last race was a joke, as if this was something new. We were so far behind at the last weather mark that we decided to follow our humanitarian instinct and retire. Thus freeing the RC to haul anchor and motor in.

The picture was taken during the worst of the rain during the sail back in. John has two beers because he was good enough to hold mine while I tried to capture the moment.



# Club Dinners & Brunches

First Friday Dinner	2nd Sunday Brunch	Saturday membership Dinner
01/07 Carl Radusch	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	03/19 CLUB CLEAN-UP
04/01	04/08	04/23 Sandy Bartiromo
05/05 Jim Doherty	05/13	05/21
06/03	06/10	06/18
07/01 Tracey Kenney	07/08	07/23
08/05	08/12	08/20
09/02	09/09	09/24
10/07	10/08	10/22
11/04	11/11	11/19
12/02	12/09	12/17

Our new 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 Nancy Werner to sign up for your choice of prime dinner dates.

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

## CRUISIN' TO VICTORY

by Stu Coleman

Threatening skies on Saturday, February 19th prompted SMWYC's PRO to postpone the races one hour. Excellent timing for as the boats approached the starting mark, the sun began to shine on the lumpy seas. At the one minute mark we were in the pocket aiming for the pin end of the line. As a 42-footer closed in above us taking our wind and exacerbating a wind shift, other boats closed in behind us sending us closer to the hapless tetrahedron. As we pinched and prodded to windward, the orange inflatable swam over and bit us. After one tack and one jibe later (Rule 31.2) we were on our way up the race course. We moved up the fleet trailing the 42-footer and an Ericsson 38 from



Reliance First Mate, Shari Landon, takes the helm on the first Spinnaker leg as the rest of the fleet follows

King Harbor.

The seas were choppy, but the wind was the usual 235° and after we rounded 2ES buoy we flew the new spinnaker for the run to SS. A slow take-down but we finished first in class.

Sunday saw winds almost due south and after the RC sent the PHRF fleets to windward, they announced that course 6 would be next with a down-wind start. As we approached the starting line another 42-footer, *Celerity*, was trying to start from the wrong

side. After narrowly avoiding exchanging gel coat we set the chute for the second time and quickly left the rest of the fleet trailing behind. After passing T mark, it seemed a half a mile before the chute was stowed and the jib was set. We started the beat to AA and noticed that some of the fleet had followed us wide of T! Several beats and one spin set later we were on the last reach to the finish with *Celerity* closing from behind. I aimed for the committee boat keeping *Celerity* to windward and aft. In the last minutes, The RC on *Ghost II* hauled up and expanded the line to allow *Celerity* and *Reliance* to Finish without exchanging insurance. With two firsts and a small field of competitors, The SCYA *Hugh Lamson Cruising Trophy* was ours. Sometimes, we just have to show up.



# O.D. SCHEDULE

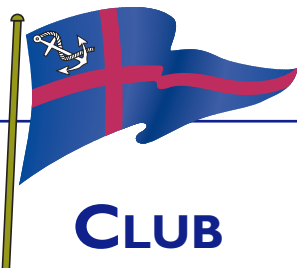
Friday 1800 - 2200 Hrs (Year Round Hours)	Saturday 1200-1600 Hrs (Winter Hours)	Sunday 1200-1600 Hrs (Winter Hours)
03/04 Mark Register	03/05 Jim Doherty	03/06 Trish LaVay
03/11 Sherry Barone	03/12 Dan Grabski	03/13 Chuck Williams
03/18 Mark Pinkerton	03/19 Dana Hutton	03/20 Rick Horner
03/25 George Burke	03/26 Peter Beale	03/27 Terry Stringfellow
04/01 Paul Muggleston	04/02 Sandy Bartiromo	04/03 Judy Gavin
04/08 Harry Johnson	04/09 Fran Kronwitter	04/10 Kay Miller
04/15 John Donahue	04/16 John Fischer	04/17 Stu Coleman
04/22 Patrick Hafer	04/23 Mike Oliveau	04/24 Ren Oden
04/29 Mike Cheda	04/30 Mark Spector	05/01 Carl Radusch
1st Friday @ the Club	General Membership Meeting	2nd Sunday Breakfast @ the Club

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Nancy Werner (webmaster@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 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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MAILING ADDRESS

## March

04	First Friday dinner
06	Board Meeting (6 pm)
12-13	Club Cleanup weekend
<b>19</b>	<b>SCCYC Opening Day</b>
26	Les Storrs

## April

01	First Friday Dinner
03	Board Meeting (6pm)
10	Second Sunday Breakfast
16	Membership Dinner 7pm

