

# *The* BAHIA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB *Masthead*

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## *Staff Commodore Doug Mills*



Staff Commodore Doug Mills passed away on March 29, 2012. He was commodore of Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in 1996 and will be long remembered by his BCYC family for his dedication to the club.

Many world-renowned scientists prefer research to teaching duties. Doug Mills was the exception, winning both UC Irvine's Distinguished Research Award and the UCI Department of Physics and Astronomy's Outstanding Teacher Award. As a scientist, he found inspiration in the young physicists he worked with every day. Doug's passion for inspiring the next generation did not end at the university's borders. A few years ago, he spearheaded the formation of the Bahia Sail Racing Association to assure that the next generation of amateur sailors has the support they need to reach their full potential. An example is Erik Lidecis, who has just qualified for the 2012 Olympic Team. Over the past week, the family has heard from many of you about Doug's ability to provide insightful advice and counseling to BCYC's sailors and officers. Again, this passion to help and mentor others did not end at BCYC's borders. Physicists around the world have expressed their sorrow at losing Doug's input and advice on their scientific work. Both the sailing and scientific communities benefited from Doug's passion to serve as a teacher, mentor and adviser and will miss him dearly.

The family held a graveside service at Pacific View Cemetery on April 3. A Celebration of Life will be held at BCYC Sunday, July 1, at 2 p.m.





Doug Mills was a champion of young sailors and very much wanted to participate in BCYC's role as host of the 2013 Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship. In mid-January, I visited with him just before he was admitted to City of Hope. He shared in my excitement to chair this event and encouraged me by relaying some of his own experiences during his chairmanship of the Championship of Champions several years ago. His behind-the-scenes involvement in all of BCYC's events, especially sailing, will leave a void hard to fill. He never expected to be honored for his efforts, but rather enjoyed encouraging and watching the personal growth in the younger folks. That's exactly what this upcoming championship exemplifies....an opportunity for young women to participate in a learning experience of sailing and to enhance their personal growth.



In December 2008, then-Junior Advisor Kathy Caulfield submitted a comprehensive 15-plus-page bid to US Sailing. BCYC was subsequently awarded the opportunity to host this prestigious championship in 2013. It is the intention of US Sailing to encourage young American women enhance their sailing ability and sportsmanship, and provide competition in a national-level program with guidance from experienced coaches. This is not a qualifying event, but rather, an opportunity for any young woman sailor to enhance her sailing skills. As you can imagine, once registration opens, this event quickly fills. Initiated in 1996, the perpetual trophy was donated by the Ida Lewis family in recognition of her many heroic efforts while tending the Lime Rock Light Station in Newport, Rhode Island. Within our BCYC family, we have several accomplished sailors who competed over the years, including Sailing Director Shannon Heausler, Junior Vice Commodore Alex Ivory, Katie Levy, Kiersten McDonald and Adrienne Patterson.

We are currently awaiting confirmation from US Sailing as to the date for the 2013 regatta, as well as the type of boat to be used. In the meantime, BCYC is making preparations to roll out the red carpet for a successful event.

- S/C Mary Bacon, Event Chair -



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### BCYC Championship Regatta

BCYC will hold its Championship Regatta Sept. 15-16. I believe this is the first time BCYC has had a regatta to determine the Champion Sailor and Champion Sailing Family of our club. This will be a fun and exciting event for all, so mark your calendars for the Family Division races Sept. 15 with the Champion Division competing Sept. 16. The awards ceremony and a burger bash will conclude the weekend.

We are currently working through the format of the race and expect to post the Notice of Race in the near future. The Harbor 20 will be the boat used in this one-design regatta and we will assemble enough of them to permit up to 20 skippers in both divisions. You don't have to own a Harbor 20 to participate,

but all skippers need to have sailing skills and assume liability for damage to the boat(s) on which they race.

The boats will arrive at the club Sept. 14, to have their bottoms cleaned and rigging tuned. A clinic will take place that day for those interested in learning about the Harbor 20 and improving their boat handling and sail trim skills.

BCYC is fortunate to host the Harbor 20 education seminars conducted by our Distinguished Racing Member Peter Haynes. Peter is the president of the Harbor 20 national association and conducts seminars throughout the year on understanding the rules of sailboat racing, boat handling, sail trim, and racing tactics and strategies. I have attended each of these seminars at least twice and they are very worthwhile no matter what your level of sailboat racing expertise might be.

We are very excited to have a BCYC Championship Regatta this year. Plan to participate by racing, watching the races or attending the awards ceremony and burger bash.



Once again, BCYC is taking a leading role in raising funds to help in the fight against leukemia and lymphoma. Through the generosity of club members, we have raised over \$750,000 in the past 13 years for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! This year our goal is to raise \$100,000!

Members can participate in any or all of the planned activities, starting with the Las Commodoras Poker Run Friday, May 11. Enjoy a Duffy cruise around the harbor before Closing Day ceremonies and Prime Rib Night. It's a great way to start a fun-filled BCYC weekend that will also include Opening Day and Mother's Day celebrations!

Next up is Family Bingo Night, May 18. This fun evening is open to all BCYC members and guests. Our Junior Board of Directors have been working very hard to make this a great event with a classic Hollywood theme. This will be followed by the annual Leukemia Cup Regatta for Junior Sailors and Harbor 20 racers, May 19 and 20.

Our biggest fundraiser will be Casino Night, June 16, following the semi-annual meeting. Along with gaming tables, we will have wonderful silent auction items and a live auction of wine and a Star Clipper Caribbean cruise! Chef Georges Rapicault is providing a delicious Italian buffet so that members won't go hungry. Come support a cause near and dear to our club's heart!

### Important Dates

- May 11: Las Commodoras Poker Run
- May 18: Family Night Bingo
- May 19-20: Leukemia Cup Regatta
- June 16: Casino Night and Auction

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 • Please join us for Hollywood Family Bingo  
 • Night, hosted by the BCYC Junior Board of  
 • Directors, May 18 at 6 p.m. All donations benefit  
 • the mission of the Leukemia & Lymphoma  
 • Society!  
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 • -Junior Commodore Kyle Herman -  
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### ONWARD AND UPWARD

Cody Forsythe was part of the BCYC Junior Program in the 1980s, becoming very proficient sailing Sabots. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2009, received his wings in March, 2012, and soon will be training to fly the F/A-18 Super Hornet.



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Ahoy. Maybe it's just me, but I can't believe it's May!

Opening Day is just around the corner and the start of another boating summer. Be sure to check out your safety items, including your bilge pumps, batteries, flares and first-aid kit. Refresh your fresh water tanks by pumping old water out and refilling. You should also put in one of the numerous water additives, available at most marine hardware stores, or an inexpensive bottle of red wine — my favorite!

Another very important item to check prior to Opening Day is the condition of your BCYC burgee. You must have a burgee displayed on your boat, in good condition, if you are in the BCYC marina. A new one can be easily purchased from the Ship's Store. It would be great if you would also display the universal welcome greeting flags, flying from bow to stern. It makes for a beautiful-looking marina for all and leaves a lasting impression on our guests.

The nice weather has allowed the dock work to continue, with the arrival and installation of the remaining new rub rail in the near future. The original order was delivered rolled up in a box and would not lie flat, so new, unrolled rubber was ordered. An even exchange was negotiated so there was no extra charge, including shipping. During this work, the old stainless steel rails have been removed, making it easier to launch and haul-out Sabots, Lasers and other smaller boats used by our many junior sailors.

I look forward to seeing you at Opening Day.



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### Successful Results!

Practice makes perfect when you are training for a Sabot regatta. All our hard work over the winter and early spring is beginning to pay off. Two BCYC sailors, Max Mayol and Cole Pomeroy, have recently moved up to the next Sabot fleet level. Now that we have more daylight, we have been practicing every Friday afternoon, preparing for the rest of our spring regattas. Head sailing coach Nate Dunham has been busy weighing Sabots, making sure they are as light as possible, and working on high-level racing skills with many of our sailors. With all this time on the water there is no doubt they will be ready when summer rolls around.

Before we can get to summer, we have a few more major regattas

### SPRING GOLD CUP

March 10 -11 @ NHYC

Derek Pickell, 6th place, Sabot A  
 Sammy Pickell, 20th place, Sabot A  
**Max Mayol, 1st place, Sabot B**  
 Jake Mayol, 7th place, Sabot B  
 Cole Pomeroy, 11th place, Sabot B  
 Caden Wheeler, 8th place, Sabot C1  
 Sean Caulfield, 11th place, Sabot C2  
 Ashton Brown, 15th place, Sabot C2  
 Hannah Hawkins, 5th place, Sabot C3  
 Brennis Lidecis, 9th place, Sabot C3  
 Justin Coburn, 11th place, Sabot C3  
 Eric Jones, 13th place, Sabot C3  
 Riley Foster, 21 place, Sabot C3

### SPRING SABOT SHOWDOWN

March 24 - 25 @ MBYC

Max Mayol, 10th place, Sabot A  
 Jake Mayol, 3rd place, Sabot B  
 Cole Pomeroy, 6th place, Sabot B  
 Madison Nadelman, 8th place, Sabot C1  
 Sean Caulfield, 6th place, Sabot C2

### SPRING DINGHY

April 1 @ MBYC

Max Mayol, 4th place, Sabot A  
**Jake Mayol, 1st place, Sabot B**  
 Cole Pomeroy, 2nd place, Sabot B  
**Dillon Graveline, 1st place, Sabot C2**  
 Joshua Means, 4th place, Sabot C2  
**Justin Coburn, 1st place, Sabot C3**  
 Brennis Lidecis, 4th place, Sabot C3 (11-way tie)  
 Eric Jones, 4th place, Sabot C3 (11-way tie)

to sail. One of them is our very own Leukemia Cup Regatta. This year, it will be raced over two days later this month. Last year's event turned out to be a bit of a blowout as we barely got one race off before sending sailors off the water – we hope for lighter breeze this year! Either way, all of our junior sailors have the opportunity to raise funds for a good cause.

The Junior Summer Sailing Program registration officially opened April 1. It looks like we are going to have a great turnout with many new starfish sailors joining the ranks. Several of our coaches will be returning from college and are looking forward to another great summer with their sailors. I am very excited about the many program improvements and can't wait to see the results of our hard work.



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### Getaway to BCYC

Wow, did we have fun at Spring Break-Girls Getaway, our annual Las Commodoras Progressive Luncheon — thanks to our creative co-chairs, Peggy Granbery and Judy Kane! We carpooled to Marjorie Davis' lovely home for shared appetizers, then on to Ruth Montgomery-Cicchese's home, with its magnificent view of the Newport Harbor, for a delicious salad and entrée. We ended our relaxing spring break at our favorite getaway spot, BCYC, where we enjoyed yummy desserts poolside. What better break could a girl ask for?

May 11, closing day at BCYC, Las Commodoras is sponsoring the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Electric Boat Poker Run. We will cruise the harbor to the waterfront homes of five of our members, pick up a poker hand and have a great time, while raising money for the LLS to help fund research to fight blood cancers. If you have an electric boat, or would just like a ride, please join us. Sign up at the BCYC front office.



### Notes from our Chaplain

Here is a list of 15 things which, if you give them up, will make your life a lot easier and much, much happier. We hold onto so many things that cause a great deal of pain, stress and suffering – instead of letting them go. Instead of allowing ourselves to be stress-free and happy, we cling onto them. Starting today, consider letting go of those things that no longer serve you, and embrace change.

1. Give up your need to always be right.
2. Give up your need for control.
3. Give up on blame.
4. Give up your self-defeating self-talk.
5. Give up your limiting beliefs about what you can or cannot do, about what is possible or impossible.
6. Give up complaining.
7. Give up the luxury of criticism.
8. Give up your need to impress others.
9. Give up your resistance to change.
10. Give up labels.
11. Give up on your fears.
12. Give up your excuses.
13. Give up the past.
14. Give up attachment.
15. Give up living your life to other people's expectations.

Visit [purposefairy.com](http://purposefairy.com) to get additional information about each one of these points.





## Racing with Joe Degenhardt Rock Concert

About 25 years ago, I was involved in the very exciting and frightening sport of team racing. It consists of utilizing a one-design boat; in this case, Cal 29s, with shortened masts and lead shot keels for extra weight. San Francisco Yacht Club supplied 10 boats and we brought the crew to the race. Boats were assigned by drawing straws. San Francisco Bay can be extremely windy, and on this particular day it was blowing up to 20 knots — racing a Cal 29 in that much wind can be dicey. Our first turning mark was less than 100 feet off a very big rock. This required dropping the spinnaker, setting the jib and getting back on a close-hauled course, all carefully synchronized — a daunting feat for an experienced crew. Then throw in five-foot swells, howling winds and THE rock, and daunting became harrowing. We executed the maneuver like an orchestra, harmoniously overruling the ROCK! That “rock concert” certainly made an impression on us, as reminiscing about that day still gets my heart pounding. Of course, winning first place in that race was an awesome reward for our efforts!

### ANGELMAN SERIES - RACE #2

March 3

Dan Rossen - *Problem Child* - B-32 - 1st Place, Class B  
 John Szalay - *Pussycat* - Peterson 34 - 2nd Place, Class B  
 Jeff Burch - *Hot Ticket* - J-105 - 3rd Place, Class B  
 Joe Degenhardt - *Lickity Split* - Catalina 38 - 4th Place, Class B  
 John and Randy Risvold - *Maiden* - Moore 24 - 1st Place, Class C  
 Robert Plant - *Little Crazy* - Wylie Wabbit - 2nd Place, Class C

### LORIN WEISS SERIES - RACE #1

March 15

Postponed due to inclement weather -  
 howling winds and pouring rain.

### 66 SERIES - BALBOA YACHT CLUB

March 17

John Szalay - *Pussycat* - Peterson 34 - 4th Place, Class C



## Chip Off the Old Block

Bill Degenhardt, sailing his Beneteau 48, *Turn the Page*, just completed the first leg of his journey from Long Beach to the Marquesas Islands in three weeks and 10 hours. You can call Bill for his soon-to-be obsolete charts. They have been enjoying dining on the yellow tail they have been catching during the journey. The next leg of their voyage is to New Zealand.



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## Make My Day

A few months ago I mentioned that 2012 had an extra day and that meant every BCYC sailboat owner could use it to take their boat out. If you need help deciding which day, let me recommend Oct. 20, when we will run the first-ever race/cruise/whatever event to Avalon. Racers can race in their traditional manner. Non-racers can sail and, if they prefer, use their motors, just like the Cruising Class can do for Around the Islands Race.

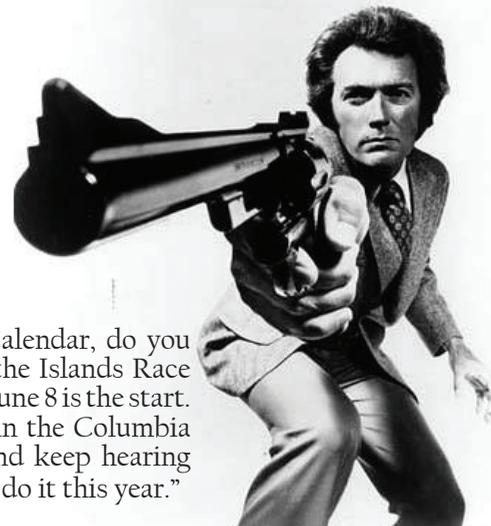
By now, most of you have figured out that I am saying “one” day, but there’s always the trip back. You can race back or sail/motor back on Sunday, or decide to stretch the

one day into a very long weekend.

Whatever floats your boat, mark the date in ink and watch the BCYC online race calendar for details about the “Year End Regatta.” This will be a fun event!

Speaking of the Race Calendar, do you know that the Around the Islands Race is rapidly approaching? June 8 is the start. I hear some good buzz in the Columbia Room about the race and keep hearing people say, “I’m going to do it this year.”

As Clint Eastwood once said “make my day...sign up today”...or something like that. Sign up today and your name will be on the race website as an official entry. Be famous, just like Clint!





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### *New Requirements to Fish in Mexican Waters*

A new Mexican immigration law enacted in May 2011, and implemented in January 2012, requires all U.S. anglers to obtain an FMM (Multiple Migratory Form). This can be obtained at various places in Southern California, like Dana Point Landing or upon arrival in Ensenada, Mexico, from the Mexican Immigration Department (INAMI). Cost varies depending on the length of your fishing trip. In addition, a Mexican fishing

permit is required. Boats passing through Mexican waters and not engaged in fishing activity will not need to obtain this document if only going as far south as Ensenada. The Mexican Navy can inspect any boat in Mexican waters to ensure compliance with the regulations – all boaters should bring their passports on any trips outside U.S. territorial waters.

The final leg of last month's Los Suenos Signature Billfish Series in Playa Herradura, Costa Rica, attracted 41 boats and 156 anglers who caught 668 billfish, 20 marlin and 648 sailfish. The first place winner of this catch-and-release tourney won \$51,000! While not a participant in the event, I was on a fishing excursion in the same area and had a fabulous time.

Let's go fishing!



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### *"Many Thanks"*

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their help in making the Lexus Newport to Ensenada send-off party a success this year. It is always very gratifying to see members give freely of their time to make BCYC shine. Special thanks to our staff and General Manager Scott Jones for their ongoing efforts in making this and other club events a huge success.

Thanks also go out to our committee chairs who have made and continue to make a concerted effort to have meaningful meetings, garner member interaction and communicate with the Executive Committee. Remember, club committee meetings are open to all members, so pick an activity that interests you and come spend an hour and make a valuable contribution.

Lastly, thanks to all who participated in completing the member survey, as your input is essential to our club's success.

In the words of Mark Twain, "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed in the things you didn't do, than by the things that you did do. So throw off the bow lines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Fortunately, you can start at the back page of *The Masthead*, where you will see that May is jam-packed with club events, including Closing and Opening Day – mark your calendar and come explore and discover BCYC.



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### *Avalon in a Gale, LBYC Next!*

While we were pleased with the great turnout for our first cruise of the year — the Dana Point Raft-Up — the Avalon cruise was even better. More than 20 boats had signed up to make the "26 miles across the sea" crossing to Avalon for a very exciting and special weekend. Then the rain, hail and gale force winds came! We ended up with seven boats. Friday night we had 23 for cocktails, and Saturday evening we had 18 for dinner. Despite the weather, the BCYC salty dogs had a great time. You know it's rough when Staff Commodore Kenny Rozak turns back!

My thanks to Gene and Marcia Krause who brought enough shrimp, crab and lobster for 61, our original number. Without a doubt our cocktail party on Friday night showed that we are the friendliest club not only in Newport, but in Avalon as well. I guess it means that we BCYC boaters enjoy our "happy hour." Special thanks to Bob Siever who chaired this cruise and made all the arrangements including constantly changing numbers to accommodate the tour companies and restaurant.

Next up is our cruise to the Long Beach Yacht Club. New docks are awaiting our arrival! The weekend is still in the planning stages, but we are hoping to do the traditional dinghy cruise through Alamitos Bay/Naples, which will include food, drinks, and camaraderie shared between dinghies. Dinner at the LBYC is always a fun evening. We hope that we can engage you in playing some interesting games, so bring \$3 and get ready for left, right, center! Sign up now.

Happy cruising to all in 2012.



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Getting Ready for Summer

Thank you to the House Committee members who took part in a field trip to the multi-purpose room to plan and preview the upcoming refurbishing. There is a strong possibility that this work will be completed by Opening Day. The color

scheme has been chosen and demolition has started. Special thanks to Michael Bryant and the BCYC maintenance staff, Juver Garcia and Mario Nieto, for being so helpful in moving this very important project forward!

Our new pool furniture has been delivered and is in place. The other great news is that all of the previously-used furniture has been sold.

The House Committee is working on projects that will make the club facilities more attractive and useful. All interested in being part of this enhancement are invited to our next meeting, May 16.

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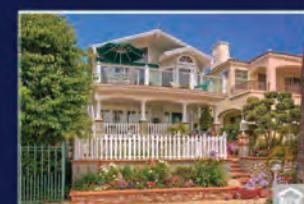
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**FRIDAY  
MAY 11**



OPENING  
DAY  
**SATURDAY  
MAY 12**



MOTHER'S DAY  
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH  
**SUNDAY  
MAY 13**



TALES OF  
LAS COMMODORAS  
**THURSDAY  
MAY 17**



BCYC  
FAMILY BINGO  
**FRIDAY  
MAY 18**



LEUKEMIA/LYMPHOMA  
CUP REGATTA  
**SUNDAY  
MAY 20**

Tuesdays

MAY

Taco Tuesdays  
Columbia Room 4pm - 10pm  
LAS COMMODORAS LLS  
Poker Run

Friday, 11

Closing Day  
Prime Rib Night  
Opening Day

Friday, 11

Friday, 11

Saturday, 12

Sunday, 13



**Mother's Day**

Champagne Brunch (Club Closes 5pm)

Thursday, 17

Tales of Las Commodoras

Friday, 18

Family Bingo

Saturday, 19

Leukemia Cup Regatta

Sunday, 20

Burger Bash/Pool Opens

Sunday, 20

Leukemia Cup Regatta

Fri - Sun, 25-27

Lorin Weiss #3

Saturday, 26

LBYC Cruise

Monday, 28

Isthmus Sign-up

Memorial Day

Columbia Room 11:30am - 5pm

Snacks until 2pm

JUNE

Sat - Sat, 2-9

Commodore's Cruise

Thursday, 7

Around the Islands Send-off Party

Fri - Sun, 8 - 10

Around the Islands Race

Thursday, 14

Prime Rib Night

Saturday, 16

Semi-Annual Meeting 4pm

Saturday, 16

Leukemia/Lymphoma Casino Night

Sunday, 17



**Father's Day Brunch & Car Show**

Thursday, 14

Las Commodoras High Tea Luncheon

Fri - Sun, 22 - 24

Isthmus Cruise

Monday, 25

Junior Program Begins!

Friday, 22

The Beatles Meet Southern Rock

MORE INFORMATION AT BCYC.ORG

Please make reservations for all club events, as well as dining plans, at BCYC.org or by calling the office at 949.644.9530

Member Event: Regular member dining is not available / Columbia Room menu served until 5pm To avoid a cancellation charge, reservations must be cancelled three (3) or more Club Open days prior to the Member Event (e.g. no later than the Wednesday before a Saturday Member Event)

Breakfast in the Columbia Room  
Every Saturday 8 - 11 am

Omelet Express  
Every Sunday 10 am - 1 pm

Sunday Night Supper Club  
Every Sunday 5 - 8 pm

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