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*Happy New Year -
Welcome 2021*

The Gala in 2020 was very successful despite COVID-19 restrictions and challenges.

THANK YOU, BCYC MEMBERS, for your support! The Gala provides tremendous support for the club's sailing foundation, Bahia Sail Racing Association (BSRA), which provides BCYC and the yachting community with funds to offset the costs associated with our junior sailing program, as well as assisting with expenses for others to attend national and international regattas. All prestigious yacht clubs have a sailing program with assets to maintain and high costs to cover. By attending and donating to The Gala, you are contributing to and supporting our club financially to offset these costs.

Members play a vital role in moving BCYC forward with all of our water-related activities. We run a junior mariners program three time per year and have been renting a boat because we do not have one on which four to five juniors can learn to sail as a team. Through your contributions, a Quest boat for this purpose will soon be added to our BCYC fleet. It will be also be available for use by our members and families after undergoing a similar orientation as that required to use *Ruthless*, the club's Harbor 20. You can be glad to know your contributions to The Gala made this acquisition possible.

I am looking forward to 2021 and our club being back on the water, cruising and sailing.





Rear Commodore
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Welcome 2021 (On Land)

I am honored and humbled to be your rear commodore in 2021. The primary function of the rear commodore is to oversee all land-based activities including, but not limited to, the following committees: activities, cruise, food and beverage, Las Commodoras, house and grounds, membership and Ship's Store. It will be an exciting undertaking and I am looking forward to the challenge and interfacing with all the committees and committee chairs.

It is my plan for this coming year to highlight an activity or committee each month so that we all can know and learn about the hard work that our fellow BCYC members are doing for you, me and the benefit of our club. It is my hope that in this manner we can all learn something new each month about what is going on at BCYC, and what the future may hold during this trying time.

In addition to tracking the activities and committees, I will also try to keep everyone abreast of current events transpiring at the club and what you can do to participate. I am happy to receive your input or suggestions, so please feel free to contact me at any time.



Las Commodoras
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2021 Happenings

A very big thank you to our members for your generous donations to the Toy Drive. We delivered \$1,000 in Target gift cards and 50-plus toys to our Camp Pendleton Marine children. You all helped to make some child have a brighter holiday.

With regrets, we did not have an event in January due to COVID-19 restrictions. We are not sure at this point if our luncheon scheduled for Feb. 11 will take place. If we can hold the event, we will let you know through an eblast from the club.

We do have a lot of fun things planned that we hope will happen. Our annual fashion show is now scheduled for November. We know it is one of the most anticipated Las Commodoras events. This also is the luncheon where we honor the Marine ladies and wives.

Please stay tuned for further updates as they become available. We will definitely let you know when our fun events return to BCYC. The Las Commodoras board would like to wish you a happy and healthy new year.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Important Stuff

Did you know that the Commodore's Ball and Showboat are scheduled to take place in October? Due to COVID-19, the decision was made to hold these two events later in the year. The Commodore's Ball will be Oct. 2, and Showboat will run Oct. 20-23. When you get your 2021 BCYC calendar, take time to look through it to see when some of your favorite events have been scheduled.

Did you know that there will be a beer take-out special from Feb. 17 to March 10? This promotion will provide you with the choice of four different beers with a price point of \$6++ for 32 ounces. The featured beers are Coors Light, Stella Artois, Fat Tire and Lagunitas.

Did you know that marina tenants must keep walkways and docks clear at all times? As part of the Master Vessel Mooring Agreement, each member with a boat in the club marina agrees to adhere to this regulation (item 17 in the agreement). This includes barbecues and other items that may constitute a hazard.

Did you know that face masks are required on BCYC property and marina walkways? To minimize the spread of COVID-19, a face covering must be worn, and worn correctly, by everyone at all times while on club property. The only exception is when eating and drinking at the club, or a doctor-mandated exemption. Social distancing is also required when at the club.

BCYClub Strong @ Home and at BCYC



**Junior Sailing Director
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*Orange Bowl
International Youth
Regatta in Florida*

While a couple of teams arrived early on Dec. 19, including BCYC's lone I-420 team, Chase Decker/Tyler Wood, most (our seven Club 420 division teams) arrived Dec. 23, ready for the first day of practice the following day for the Orange Bowl Regatta. Winds were relatively light and our teams sailed well against the boats that eventually placed first, second and third at the regatta – winning two of the practice races. The team was pumped after day one, and everybody was thrilled to be sailing in the warm waters of Biscayne Bay.

Christmas Day proved to be windy, more like the typical conditions of this regatta, and a few of our boats decided to practice. However, they struggled in the big breeze, as we don't typically experience those conditions in Southern California, a foreshadowing for the following days.

December 26 was another good day for our group, in light to medium winds, and we sailed some practice races with the Coral Reef Yacht Club team, again putting up a strong showing – winning both races (Reade Decker/Kennedy Leehealey).

The first day of the regatta was Dec. 27 and the conditions set up perfectly for us – light to medium wind – and after four races NB4T's Peter Busch/Cam Spriggs were in first place and Reade Decker/Kennedy Leehealey (BCYC) were in third place out of 48 boats from around the country. In addition, the five other boats in our group were sailing very well. Out of the first two races in lighter breeze, our boats actually went 2,1,1,2. It was impressive and encouraging. All of our boats were sailing in the top 25 of the 48 boats at the event.

Unfortunately, that is not how the rest of the regatta went as it got progressively windier (and windier – it was really WINDY!), which exposed our weakness — heavy air is a condition that we rarely experience in Southern California. After day two, we were still clinging to the lead with Peter/Cam, but Reade/Kennedy had fallen to fifth overall. On day three, Peter/Cam moved into third, while Reade/Kennedy moved into 10th. And, after the conclusion of the event

on Dec. 30, BCYC's NB4T placed sixth, 11th, 16th, 22nd, 34th, 38th, 40th out of 48 teams. Our local phenom, Mater Dei's Morgan Pinckney, placed second overall, extending his streak of podium finishes at important National C420 regattas to two. And, BCYC's Chase Decker/Tyler Wood placed 17th in the Open Orange Bowl I-420 division, out of 30 participants.

Full Results (Club 420):

<https://www.orangebowlregatta.org/en/default/races/race-resultsall>

Full Results (I-420):

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/vpVzgGc0fV/results>

While we didn't put up the results we would have liked, we learned a lot. The short version is that we are very good in relation to the rest of the country when sailing in light air, and we are not yet very good at sailing in heavy air (mostly because we rarely experience it in SoCal). Thus, our group was back to Miami in late January to train for the C420 Midwinters in February.

Furthermore, the team members had an amazing time traveling and working together at the regatta to get better at the sport they love, and are excited to keep it going and place better at future events. They also really enjoyed being coached by our guest coach Victor Diaz De Leon, the current Match Racing World Champion – big thanks to BSRA and the Leehealey family for making that possible





**Junior Commodore
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A New Year

The 2021 sailing season is going strong with Southern California sailors enjoying sunny, 70-degree weather, while many others in the United States aren't sailing due to less-than-ideal weather conditions. This time of year is very important for sailors hoping to compete nationally and internationally. While many kids are sitting inside because of the weather, we are able to take advantage of our favorable local conditions.

At the end of 2020, BCYC sent nine teams to Miami to compete in the 2020 Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta. For many years, Max (my brother) and I, were the only sailors from BCYC attempting to sail nationally and internationally. Junior Sailing Director Aubrey Mayer and Head Coach Christophe Killian have been doing an amazing job coaching, and with the help of BSRA, putting BCYC on the map and giving more kids the opportunity to get good coaching and travel to sail against some of the best sailors in the country and the world. We need to make sure to keep supporting our junior program so we can continue developing sailors to make Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club a well-known competitive sailing club.





Activities
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*Activities Committee -
Ready for 2021!*

Wow, we have made it to 2021! In 2020, the Activities Committee had many obstacles to overcome, including a global pandemic. Our scheduled events were cancelled from March through May, but when we were able to host events again, we did not skip a beat. Our annual Father's Day Brunch and Car Show was the first one. Many vintage and new cars were on display. It was such a pleasure to see our members and their families enjoying the show and the club. During the summer, we had the Compass Rose Concert Series. The music was fantastic, and it was a nice way to experience our club outdoors. We were able to come up with new ways to hold events, ensuring our members were able to have a good time while following social distancing guidelines. I would like to thank the committee for always showing up and making each event unforgettable.

In 2021, we have many events to look forward to, beginning in February, subject to change at any time. Our annual Super Bowl Party kicks off on Feb. 7 with special take-out platters and wings, followed by a special Valentine's Day take-out dinner Feb. 14. Please watch for details concerning these activities on social media, the club website and the Weekly Update.

The Activities Committee meetings are scheduled every second Wednesday of each month. If you would like to attend, please email me at bcyactivities@gmail.com.



Sail Fleet Captain
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Do the Barcolana...



No, it's not a new dance step or a city in Spain. The Barcolana is the world's largest sailboat race with 2,689 boats and over 16,000 sailors at the starting line in the Gulf of Trieste. The real question is, where is the Race Committee boat?

If you prefer smaller crowds and want to race closer to home, enter the Angelman Series. Three mid-distance offshore races over three months...a great way to enjoy the winter. Just think, some racers on the East Coast still have their boats hauled out and covered.

I know you don't need a reminder, but Sunday, Feb. 14, is Valentine's Day, a time to give your spouse or significant other a big hug! If you're having trouble deciding on a special gift, I have a few Taco Tuesday hats available. Of course, you will have to sail in a few races during the 17-week Taco Tuesday Series...yep...you read that correctly...17 weeks! 2021 will be the 12th year in a row that we have run Taco Tuesday races. This year's series begins May 11 and finishes Aug. 31.

Finally, a note about personal safety. As I write this (in early January), COVID-19 is still a huge problem. Although vaccines are being delivered, we need to keep our personal guard up until the "all clear" signal is given. Until then, WEAR A MASK!



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Junior Events Committee
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Mission Statement

The new BCYC Junior Support Crew is a select group of kids, ages 10-12. These kids will volunteer and help with BCYC family events as well as our junior sailing events.



Cruising

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Julie & Jeff Granbery

*Happy New Year,
Cruisers!*

2021 is finally here and we have an exciting year of cruises planned for you. While the Desert Land Cruise has been canceled, Commodore Rhonda Tolar has announced a Commodore’s Cruise, scheduled for July 6-12. The destinations will be San Francisco and Napa Valley.

We will spend three nights at the award-winning boutique Argonaut Hotel at Fisherman’s Wharf. Prospective activities include, but are not limited to, dinner at St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco harbor cruise, Painted Ladies San Francisco city tour and much more. We will then continue to Napa, staying at the Westin Verasa Napa Resort, with plans to ride the wine train which includes a multiple-course gourmet lunch, private tour and tasting at Grgich winery, group dinner at Auberge du Soleil and a spectacular wine pairing instruction at Trefethen Family Vineyards with Chef Natalie Tolar, BCYC JFlag member. Sign up for this fabulous cruise, as only 40 spots are available for the harbor excursion. After that, you will be left on the dock.

For this year, please remember that whenever there is a cruise planned and you wish to attend, you must sign up for it. This is the only way that your cruise chairs will know that you are attending. Likewise, if you do sign up for a cruise and decide not to attend, you must let us know. We purchase snacks, appetizers, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and we want to have enough for all, but we also do not want to over-purchase.

I am also excited to welcome my co-chairs for 2021- Julie and Jeff Granbery. I am sure that you will agree with me that they will make a great addition to the Cruise Committee. So, let’s get set and cruise through 2021!

A Note from our Chaplain . . .

“Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality.”

~ Jonas Salk



Food and Beverage

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2021????

Happy New Year, everyone. So, it is finally here, but so is COVID-19 and the restrictions that go with it. The holidays were a bit different at BCYC, but through the efforts of Commodore Rhonda Tolar, General Manager Scott Jones and Chef Georges Rapicault, members had many delicious take-out options to enjoy on the mid-patio, Compass Rose area or at home. Hats off to them!

So, what will the Food and Beverage Committee bring “to the table” in 2021? We are in the process of developing some goals for the New Year. If you have any recommendations please send an email to ateam2@cox.net. Hopefully, with the COVID-19 vaccines, we will slowly be able to return to BCYC and enjoy Sunday Night Suppers, Pop-Up Signature Dining and the traditional celebrations that you find on the BCYC 2021 calendar. Until then, remember that food and beverage is available with a regularly refreshed menu. Enjoy dining outside on the patio areas or take your food and beverage home. However, when there is no support staff, each of us will need to bus our own tables and disinfect the patio table and chairs before you leave, just like you would if you were at home.





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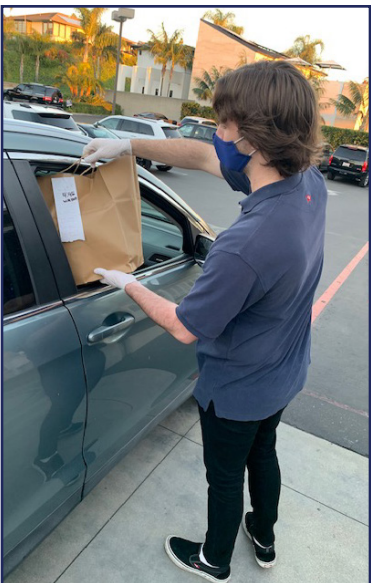
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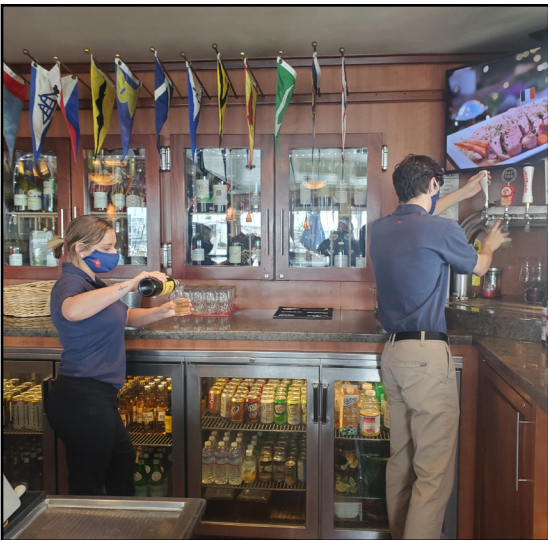
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in special eblasts.*

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Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta in Florida



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