



# The Masthead



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## Amazing Job

As we move forward in 2021, we're making changes to maintain compliance with COVID-19 protocols to keep our members safe. During the past year, one of our greatest challenges was to create an ever-changing food and beverage plan, offering great takeout food and beverage service, and patio service when possible. I would like to **thank** General Manager Scott Jones, Chef George Rapicault, and our food and beverage chairs, Mike and Nancy Means, for the amazing job they have done. Mike has been very active and involved, working closely with Scott and Chef from the beginning. For the month of January, BCYC created a loyalty program that rewarded members with a certificate for one free entrée after ordering 10 menu items. We are delighted to say we sent 28 members certificates!

All of our committee chairs and their committees are planning for safe events for the coming months as protocols and requirements change. **Thanks** to each of these teams for their efforts during these challenging times.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, my commodore cruise to Tahiti was canceled. Due to that cancellation, enter... Plan B! We have a land trip planned, July 6-11, starting in San Francisco and then heading to Napa. Members can choose to either fly or drive. In San Francisco, some of my favorite events will be a cocktail party at Saint Francis Yacht Club, the charter boat cruise in San Francisco Bay, as well as dinner events at various locations. Before heading to Napa, we will stop at San Francisco Yacht Club for lunch. While in Napa, we will visit a wonderful assortment of wineries. The highlight of the cruise will be a wine tasting, and possibly dinner, at Trefethen Family Vineyards, where my daughter, Natalie, is now working side-by-side with Executive Chef Chris Kennedy. This adventure affords the opportunity to participate in both the San Francisco and Napa legs or only one part. If you are interested in joining us on the cruise, please reach out to Wendy Rozak at wendyrozak@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to our being together again soon at BCYC. Here is wishing all a great year ahead.







**Membership**  
**Cleve Sproule**  
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*Welcome  
New Members!*

Welcome to our newest Regular Flag members! When you see them wearing their blue name tags, be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome!

Bob and Rachel Garrett live in Newport Coast and have wanted to join for some time. They are local business owners and enjoy socializing with family and friends. Bob is a member of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce and on the board of the Corona del Mar Chamber as well. They have three daughters: two in high school and another attending Chapman University. They are excited to meet new people, utilize the club for socializing and entertaining business associates.

Alan and Kathi Gussin are both retired and are looking forward to the cruises, socializing and making new friends. Alan has been boating his whole life, beginning in Michigan on the Great Lakes. He was a general contractor for 40 years before his retirement and now does architectural drafting part time. They are members of the American Legion and own a 30' Tiara.

Samuel Kang has been interested in becoming a member for some time. His nine-year-old son and seven-year-old daughter have been participants in the BCYC Junior Mariner Program for about a year. Sam worked with Berkeley Green at UCI years ago, teaching sailing classes. He is the head of total solutions for BYD Motors and a council member for the City of Duarte. He is looking forward to socializing and volunteering at BCYC.

Vincent and Cynthia Valdes have twin 15-year-old daughters and an 18-year-old son. Cynthia is vice president of global events for Epicor and Vincent is president and CEO of Columbia Yachts in Santa Ana. Vincent was a junior member at BCYC in the 70s. He has been involved in boating his entire life, building and racing sailboats. The Valdeses hope to build new friendships, enjoy sailing, racing and cruising.

**Welcome Aboard!**



**Las Commodoras**  
**Barbara Eden**  
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*Springing  
Forward*

Please join us at our March 18 luncheon with the theme of "Welcome Back and Springing Forward." This will be a gathering of friends you probably have not seen in person in a while, and with a beautiful lunch prepared by Chef Georges Rapicault and his culinary team. Of course, we will be socially distanced and wearing masks.

Look for coming events by checking the electronic board near the Columbia Room when you are picking up your takeout order or heading to the patio area to dine and enjoy a beverage. Also, watch for details in the Weekly Update, social media and the club website. We have many events planned for this year, including the annual Dog Show, our High Tea, Oktoberfest, Fashion Show luncheons and more, but will need to see what our limitations are. There are some new ideas in the works as well. Please make plans to join us at one or all of the Las Commodoras events.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again in the near future.



**Junior Sailing Director**  
**Aubrey Mayer**  
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*Huge Success  
in Florida*

The Club 420 Midwinter Championship, held in Jensen Beach, Florida, Feb 13-15 was a huge success for BCYC and Newport Beach Club 420 Team. We finished the event with seven boats sailing for NB4T or BCYC in the Top 30 out of 96 boats (3, 9, 11, 16, 22, 26, 30), which was more than any other team in the country, including established groups such as Outfit Sailing, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Annapolis Yacht Club and Clark Fleet Racing. The first two days of the regatta are considered the qualifying series, races 1-4 in this case, with the scores carrying over into the championship round. During the championship round, the fleet of 96 boats was split in half, with places 1-48 making up the Gold Fleet and places 49-96 the Silver Fleet. We also had eight boats in the Gold Fleet and won the Silver Fleet!

I am so proud of the effort of our sailors, coaches and parents. I've been a coach on the Club 420 circuit for more than a decade and our approach/coaching in respect to this team is by far the best I've ever been associated with yet.

Learning from our Orange Bowl Regatta experience was one of the keys, as most of the team travelled to Florida almost a week before the event began. This allowed them to seek out the heavy air conditions that are rare in Southern California, in an effort to be more prepared for racing. We received our charter boats on Super Bowl Sunday, but a storm rolled through, leaving no afternoon breeze! Not to worry, because that was the only light air day of our trip. We were able to practice Monday-Friday in great breeze with incredible coaching.

I was joined by 470 Olympic hopeful and Jensen Beach local Trevor Bornarth, and professional sailors Victor Diaz de Leon (2020 Match Racing World Champion) and Chris Busch. We ran practice races and drills, followed by detailed video debriefs that proved to be very effective during the regatta. It was clear our sailors made great strides and had a great time doing it all week! Team members were also able to maintain their online school schedules and spend time bonding in the evenings, which was beautiful to watch. We were tested for COVID-19 before we travelled and before the regatta to ensure a safe and healthy bubble. We are all home safe and sound, already in the planning stages for our next practices and events! Big thank you to BCYC and BSRA

for supporting NB4T and high-level youth yacht racing! The rest of the country has definitely started to notice our group!

For full results:  
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/n0GoUazuEV/results>





**Junior Commodore  
Jake Mayol**  
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### *Looking Forward to Spring*

With spring on the way, we are seeing our junior sailors and coaches gearing back up to get into spring sailing. The spring program is expected to have the most sailors that BCYC has ever had for this session. During the off season, Junior Sailing Director Aubrey Mayer and Head Coach Christophe Killian have done a very good job keeping the kids fired up and on the water. Throughout the winter, we have had a few regattas in the bay that have helped these eager sailors to keep their skills up.

Due to COVID-19, it has been very hard for the Junior Board of Directors to plan and hold events like we normally do. We are looking forward to this summer to hopefully be able to get some events going again.

## SHIP'S STORE

When was the last time you checked out the BCYC Ship's Store? Although the club is not operating at full capacity, we encourage everyone to check out the rack in the front lobby and take a look in the display cases when you come to dine on the outside patios or pick up your takeout order. There are fun items and flash sales occur on certain items during the month. We recently received new men's and women's jackets! You can snuggle up with one of our cozy, logo-ed fleece blankets. We really do have something for everyone in the Ship's Store!

Kelly Brennan and Lori Curtin  
Ship's Store Chairs

### Club 420 Midwinter Championship Jensen Beach, Florida





**Activities**  
**Artesha Harvey**  
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*It's Time  
to Celebrate!*

February, we had a lovely Valentine's Dinner for two. The Activities Committee decorated the front entrance of the club with a "love is in the air" atmosphere. It was great seeing all the wonderful couples celebrating Valentine's Day on the mid-patio. Now that we can use the outside patio dining areas, we look forward to having more events.

March 17, is St. Patrick's Day. Again, the committee will decorate the club, this time in many shades of green to honor St. Patrick. If you plan to come to the club on that day, please remember to dress in your best green attire. Here are a few fun facts about St. Patrick's Day:

- 1737 was the first unofficial St. Patrick's Day Parade in Boston
- The official St. Patrick's Day Parade was first held in New York in 1766
- Wearing green has been synonymous with St. Patrick's Day, but early on blue was associated with the holiday

The Activities Committee meetings are scheduled every second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. If you would like to attend, please contact Artesha Harvey via email at [bcyactivities@gmail.com](mailto:bcyactivities@gmail.com).



**Sail Fleet Captain**  
**Paul DeCapua**  
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*Pi and 2Pi*

I assume most people know that Pi is celebrated on March 14, because the ratio starts with 3.14...but did you know that there is also a 2Pi day? It is celebrated on June 28. Explaining each ratio would take more space than *The Masthead* editors allow.



Although we don't have a race scheduled on Pi day, we do have multiple "series" races on the calendar for March.

- March 7 – The Weiss Series are in-the-harbor windward-leeward races for Harbor 20s. Remember that the club's Harbor 20, *Ruthless*, is available.
- March 20 – The Angelman Series is an ocean race around inflatable and/or fixed marks. This is a perfect race for novice sailors, since the legs are long and the turns are easy.
- The Bogart Series has been rescheduled from March 20-21 to October 9-10. The Bogart races are longer-distance ocean races to Avalon on Saturday and back on Sunday. Start planning now.

Although it's two months in the future, I want to remind everyone again that Taco Tuesday races start on May 11 and run thru Aug. 31. That is 17 weeks of racing and partying.

For Taco Tuesdays, we race PHRF and Harbor 20s on the same evening, but on separate courses. Unlike Pi and 2Pi, the math is simple – more boats mean more fun. And the post-race party (and I do mean party) always caps the evening with great food and Commodore Tolar's world-famous raffle.

For all race dates, see the race calendar at: <https://bcyrcracing.org/2021-race-calendar/>.

BCYC runs a junior mariners program and we have taken delivery of an RS Quest boat that will allow four to five juniors learn to sail as a team.

Your contributions to The Gala made this possible. *Enjoy the pictures!*





**Cruising**

**Ronda Rolnicki**  
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**Julie & Jeff Granbery**

*Spring Cruising: Staycation and Beautiful Emerald Bay!*

We are all feeling disappointed the popular and much-loved Desert Land Cruise had to be cancelled, but glad we are keeping everyone safe and healthy so we can continue with a great (although slightly modified) cruise season! Don't despair if you are missing the cruising camaraderie and good times with your fellow BCYC crew – we have lots of fun and safe things planned for 2021 and look forward to good times ahead.

April 9-11, we have a staycation-themed cruise with fun activities to enjoy on land and on the water! Several great activities are planned, including a socially distanced BCYC flotilla (cruise the harbor in your boat, dinghy, Duffy or anything else that floats), scavenger hunt, trivia night, happy hour, and Sunday morning dockside mimosas and Bloody Mary's. Check out the detailed agenda that is available in the Weekly Update and on the website for more information and to sign up.

Our first island cruise for 2021 will be to beautiful Emerald Bay on Catalina Island, May 21-23. Scott Vernier will be our host at Corsair Yacht Club with lots of activities for the entire family. Look forward to an island BBQ, beach activities and much more!



**Food and Beverage**

**Michael Means**  
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*Something Good*

Could it be that something good is happening (and I don't mean food)? The fact that we are once again offering outdoor patio dining, even though seating is limited, and RESERVATIONS are required, is something good. The fact that COVID-19-related deaths have decreased is something good. The fact that COVID-19-reported cases have decreased is something good. Things are looking good for BCYC. Even though we are all anxiously awaiting indoor dining to return, we must be patient and safe. When we are able to return indoors and socialize with our friends, there will still be restrictions in place until this pandemic is under control – when that will be remains to be seen. We all must do our part and wear those masks, wash our hands and social distance.

The Food and Beverage Committee met in January and brainstormed opportunities at BCYC. We discussed menu item selections, as well as promotional opportunities to enhance our food and beverage services. Watch for details about these offerings in the Weekly Update, social media, eblasts and the club website. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at the club and enjoying all that BCYC has to offer. Stay safe and healthy – good things are happening.



*A Note from our Chaplain . . .*

*“May your joys be as deep  
 as the oceans;*

*Your troubles as light as its foam;*

*And may you find sweet peace of mind  
 Wherever you may roam!”*

*~ An Irish Blessing*

## Staff Highlights – Debbie Dunne



In June 2019, Debbie Dunne assumed the responsibilities of waterfront manager at BCYC. Debbie is well known in the Newport Harbor yachting community for her love of the water, as well as her extensive boating experience. She successfully manages the BCYC marina docks, including arranging guest slips for visiting skippers, the dry storage yard and hoist, indoor sabot spaces and members' lockers. Debbie has also assumed membership administrator duties and is the first point of contact for prospective members, assisting them with their application for membership, providing an informative tour of the club and presenting the applicant to the interviewing team.

When not at her full-time position at the club, Debbie may be found piloting the Balboa ferry as a night relief captain, although she is licensed by the Coast Guard for much larger vessels, with a 100-ton coastal power and sailing certification! Some of our members have even learned to sail with Debbie during her 27-plus years as a sailing instructor at Orange Coast College. Others may have received their certification in one of the Coast Guard First Aid and CPR classes that she teaches. In addition to teaching, Debbie is also a student at Orange Coast College, studying graphic design, all while raising her five children, all successful in their own right.

If you have not yet met Debbie, please stop by the club office and introduce yourself to her. We are very proud to have her on our team!

## Arthur B. Strock Service Award

The Arthur B. Strock Service Award, first presented in 2006, may be awarded to members who have performed outstanding service for the Harbor 20, Fleet One, organization. The 2020 recipient is BCYC member Len Bose, who said, "This award means everything to me. I take a step back and smile, reading my name next to past recipients Debra Haynes, Peter Haynes and Philip Thompson, all representing Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, the most active sailing fleet from within Newport Beach."



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July 6 – 12, 2021



July 6 – 9

**Fly or drive** to San Francisco or Napa

Stay at the award-winning boutique Argonaut Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf

Painted Ladies San Francisco city tour

St. Francis Yacht Club dinner

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July 9 – 12

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Grgich Hills Estates

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Napa Valley wine tour in luxury party bus

Trefethen Family Vineyards – wine pairing with **Chef Natalie Tolar**

Auberges du Soleil – group dinner

Luxury transportation from Napa Valley to SFO

**Please join us for any portion of this trip – San Francisco – Napa Valley  
or both**

For those that were signed up for the Desert Land Cruise,  
please consider this as an alternative

**For more information or to sign up, please contact:**

**Wendy Rozak**

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*Valentine's Day at BCYC 2021*



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