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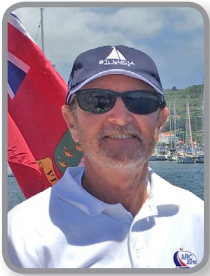
The Commodore's Ball was all that I hoped and dreamed it would be. A BIG thank you to Abbott and Cindy Ayloush, Tom and Jane Fallon, and Don and Leslie Kazarian for hosting the fabulous cocktail parties. It was very heartwarming that 150 members attended this celebration. I am forever thankful that we were together for this special evening.





Commodore's Ball 2021





**Port Captain
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*From The
Port Captain*

As we near the end of 2021, and my second year as BCYC's port captain, I am pleased to accept the invitation from Vice Commodore Kari Konapelsky to serve as your port captain this coming year. We have moved forward with several marina projects to enhance security, safety and cleanliness, and compared to most other yacht clubs, we are indeed blessed to own our docks and club property.

There is always room for improvements in 2022 and I pledge that I will do my utmost to continue serving BCYC's marina tenants and move forward with necessary and ongoing maintenance, improvements to our fantastic facility, and work diligently to enforce our port rules equitably.

One of the duties of the port captain is to attend the monthly Steering Committee meetings chaired by the vice commodore. I was unable to attend the September meeting, because I was off cavorting and sailing in the

Western Mediterranean and up the Atlantic coast of Spain. It was on this most recent adventure that I learned of the suicide bombing and murder in Afghanistan of 13 American servicemen and women, and I felt it would be appropriate for BCYC to lower our national ensign to half-staff for 13 consecutive days in memory of our fallen warriors. I sent a message to Vice Commodore Konapelsky requesting this, and added a further request that upon my return from Europe we would hold a special flag ceremony in their honor. Our Traditions Committee chair, E.B. Barden, had similar feelings and had already placed a picture of the thirteen fallen warriors at a reserved place at the Columbia Room bar, along with a glass, half-filled with beer, symbolizing their loss, at sunset on Sept. 15, assisted by E.B., we called Attention on Deck, and conducted a solemn remembrance of our fallen warriors. If you were unable to attend, you can see the ceremony by *WATCHING THE VIDEO BELOW*. Club member Lynn Hackman, writer for the Epoch Times Orange County edition, was also present and wrote a wonderful article, which you can *READ HERE*.

I close by expressing my sincere appreciation for all of our club officers, staff, marina tenants and members who enjoy our club. You have made my job as port captain an easy and enjoyable one, and I look forward to serving you for another year.

*Tribute to 13 Fallen Soldiers Video
only available on FlippingBook version*



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And They're Off...

It seems that life just went from family time together in the sun to let's get back to work with school, sailing competitions and fundraisers.

Now in its 16th year, BCYC's very own hosted event, the Corinthian Cup, is attracting large numbers of both sabot and CFJ sailors. This is one of my favorite regattas as a young sailor due to its meaning and emphasis on the Corinthian spirit in sailing. Also, sailors have a good chance to win an award – one is for the top three performers in each class, but also a team award based on the highest team attendance and performance, with each sailor of the winning team receiving a separate medallion award.

Already underway are the Perry and Shadden Series, both of which were very well attended with 64 and 70 sailors, respectively, competing in these first of four series events. High school regattas are also just starting with the SoCal Series, Singlehanded National Qualifier, National Keelboat Qualifier and the Sea Otter Regatta having just been completed.

Corona del Mar High School won the National Keelboat Qualifier and will head to St. Petersburg, Florida, Dec. 10-12 to compete for the national title. At the Sea Otter Regatta, Mater Dei High School placed second and fourth with Corona del Mar in third. Many of our BCYC Junior Sailors are top finishers in both the high school and club regattas. I am excited to see how they all do in other upcoming events, including the All-Girls Regatta in San Diego, the local Anteatier Regatta in November, and the High School Keelboat National Invitational and Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta in December in Florida.

The Junior Board of Directors is discussing several fundraiser possibilities that benefit the club members with their holiday shopping. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements and more junior sailing events and results.

A Note from our Chaplain . . .

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

- President John F. Kennedy -



3RD PLACE GOLD TEAM –CDM High School
Tyler Wood, Ashley Highland, Dylan Sih and Sophia Pearce



First Place PCISA Keelboat Qualifier
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Keelboat Qualifier Weather Mark Rounding



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Holiday Traditions

Wow, what a fantastic Halloween Party we had Oct. 30. It was great seeing all the new members enjoying this event, mingling with our seasoned members. Musical guest Ron St. Clair had everyone on the dance floor the whole night. The costumes were wonderful and very creative. Congratulations to all the winners of the 2021 BCYC Halloween Costume Contest.

In November, the Activities Committee will be decorating the club in our annual coastal beach Christmas theme. Please be on the lookout for communications from the club asking for members to help and bring your whole family to decorate the club. It could become one of your yearly traditions. While the club could only accommodate limited numbers of members due to COVID-19 restrictions in 2020, this year we are open and ready to celebrate the way BCYC traditionally does.

The Activities Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Nov. 25. This is the time of year that we celebrate with family (including our BCYC family) and are thankful for all the loved ones in our lives.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Activities Committee, please join us at one of our meetings that are held every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.



PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY





The BCYC Library

Welcome to the BCYC library, located upstairs and just an elevator ride away. Take advantage of this lesser-known feature at BCYC, peruse the books, and choose one or more to read at the club or take with you. Oh, yes, and open the cabinets below for more selections. You can access this special spot any time the club is open. Thanks to Maureen Lewis, our library is professionally organized.

- Staff Commodore Mary Bacon -



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The Masthead For Your Reading Pleasure and to Keep you Informed

This article will be the last in my series discussing the various land-based committees at BCYC. This month we are highlighting our very own in-house magazine, *The Masthead*.

The Masthead has been published in some form or another since BCYC was established 63 years ago. Staff Commodore Jerry Shandera has been the editor of the magazine since 2006, now marking 15 years in that position. Wow, that is what I call true dedication. Jerry is assisted by editorial staff Gail Matsunaga and Dee Shandera, and Cathy Falliers from Copy Cat Graphics, who assembles the articles, videos and pictures into the final publication. Both Gail and Dee are known to be sticklers for grammar, style and punctuation, and are superb at making articles very readable. This very talented group of journalists follow the Associated Press Stylebook, a 419-page “bible of the print industry” that is an A-to-Z guide to capitalization, abbreviation, spelling, numerals and usage, and apply these guidelines to *The Masthead*. These same guidelines also apply to all promotional materials, email blurbs and social media posts that you receive or view online.

Over the years, communication from the club to members has evolved from *The Masthead* being mailed to each member via snail mail to today, where the overwhelming method of communication is electronic via email, social media posts and the electronic bulletin board located near the entrance to the Columbia Room.

The last issue of *The Masthead* that was printed and mailed to members was in March, 2020. Since then, it has been sent to members via email, although you may still pick up a printed copy from the table located in the lobby. Previously, when printed, the number of pages in each issue had to be divisible by four, typically limiting the number of total pages to 12 to maintain cost efficiency. With electronic communication now being the norm, we are no longer limited to the number of pages. By way of example, the August/September 2021 issue was 20 pages and the October, 2021 issue was 18 pages in length.

The newest changes occurring in *The Masthead* were presented in the October, 2021 issue which included a short video. The first video inserted was taken during the recent Junior Staff Commodore’s cruise to Alaska – the video showed a glacier calving. Also, our dedicated crew changed *The Masthead* format with the August/September, 2021 issue. They are now utilizing FlippingBook, a digital publishing tool, allowing you to “flip” pages, as well as including links to websites, videos and more. Jerry promises that the crew will continue to take advantage of technology.

Jerry, Dee and Gail do a tremendous amount of work to keep information flowing from BCYC to members. The next time you see them at the club be sure to say hi and thank them for their hard work and dedication to BCYC.

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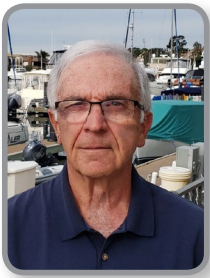
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What's New in '22

It's that time of the year to offer a "sneak peek" at what BCYC racing is planning for 2022. If you don't have time to read the entire article, here's the short version...we'll add a windward/leeward series, we'll continue to offer everyone's favorites and we'll make a few schedule changes.

WINDWARD/LEEWARD SERIES – we are adding a three-race series of windward/leeward courses. When I started racing (no, I didn't crew for Columbus), courses in Newport Beach were 99 percent windward/leeward and one percent point-to-point. Over the years, the ratio reversed to where now most races are point-to-point (now called Random Leg Courses). For 2022, we're going to change the ratio a bit. If it's well-attended, we'll consider offering more windward/leeward races in the future.

SCHEDULE – some of our races have been moved around to enable more participation in all of them, along with other yacht clubs' races. A summary of the series/races follows:

- Angelman Series: February-April
- Midwinter Regatta: February
- Weiss Series: March-May
- Bogart Series: March
- Charity Races: May
- Taco Tuesday: May-August
- Windward/Leeward Series: June-August
- Around The Islands Series: August-October
- Wild Sailing Series: September-October
- Harbor 20 Tune-Up: September
- Hot Rum Series: November-January

RACING 101 – I will again present the Introduction to Sailboat Racing seminar on Jan. 15, 2022. This seminar is aimed at the novice racer/sailor who wants to understand the mechanics of racing, or for an active racer looking to pick up a few new tips. Watch the BCYC website home page and the Weekly Update for details.

**BCYC DRM Erik Lidecis
Wins 2021 Star
North American Championship**

After competing in seven races over three days, BCYC Distinguished Racing Member Erik Lidecis and crew, Greg Smith, won the 2021 Star North American Championship. The 30-boat fleet was extremely competitive, but Lidecis' score of 25 was two points better than the second-place boat.

"We just kept plugging away, we kept doing the same thing over and over, consistent finishes, never won a race but stayed up front as much as possible and then, in the last race, I think the stars aligned because we got a magical little puff and we were able to cross the fleet," said Erik. "It is my first silver star and I am very excited. My crew, Greg, did a great job – we've been sailing together for the past two years. We have to thank the Class for an amazing job, the club, and Jim Buckingham who was kind enough to lend us his fast boat and we made it happen. We couldn't ask for anything better!"



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Great Time Cruising in 2021 and Temecula Land Cruise!

2021 has been a great time to cruise, with beautiful weather and a great time with friends. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun on the water – and we are looking forward to wrapping up the year with the Temecula Land Cruise.

Our last sea-based cruise to Avalon was perfect – a special Tuna Club tour – with so much history and great times with our BCYC cruising group. Also, an exciting Friday squall was followed by the competitive miniature golf tournament. Congrats to Russell Grant for taking first place with a score of 46. His name will now be placed on the Konapelsky perpetual trophy! Dinner on Saturday night was nice, taking in the view of Avalon Harbor from Antonio's, with plenty of time to catch up with fellow BCYC cruisers. We can't wait to plan more fun events for 2022!

Make sure to register for the Temecula Land Cruise ASAP – you won't want to miss the wine tasting, great meals, golf, dancing and more. Thanks to Kathy MacDonald and Cathie Miller for organizing this wonderful event.



Lastly, your 2022 Cruise Committee is busy planning awesome events for next year. Look for some local fun with a Newport raft-up, the Desert Land Cruise and cruises to Long Beach, Emerald Bay, Avalon and more! We welcome any volunteers or ideas to help make our BCYC cruises the best. Reach out to Julie and Director Jeff Granbery or Scott Vernier with your thoughts.

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SHIP'S STORE

Now that colder weather is here, stop by the Ship's Store for all your cozy and comfy items. Snuggle up and watch the beautiful fall sunsets with a fleeced-lined BCYC logo blanket. New jackets and sweatshirts will be trickling in throughout the month. Don't forget to grab an umbrella for those occasional rainy days. The holidays are around the corner – make sure the Ship's Store is on your go-to list!

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Happy Holidays

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us. As we look back, we must salute Chef Georges Rapicault and General Manager Scott Jones for a successful year for the food and beverages offered at BCYC. We have enjoyed Prime Rib Nights, Taco Tuesdays, Sunday Night Suppers, Family Friday Fun nights, Clambake and many other special events. Most recently, Chef Georges and his culinary team prepared a fabulous Surf and Turf dinner for the Commodore's Ball.

As the holiday season approaches, be sure and take a break and join us for the 2-for-1 dinner buffet the day after Thanksgiving and the Christmas Boat Parade dinner. Enjoy Chef's one-of-a-kind dinner buffet and view the Newport Beach Boat Parade as it cruises past BCYC. Bringing in the New Year at BCYC, the New Year's Eve dinner/party is a safe and fun way to celebrate as we look forward to an even better 2022, in hopes of returning closer to a normal life. Make reservations for you and your friends to enjoy these special events.

Recently, Nancy and I took a "North of Napa" wine tasting trip to a quaint town called Upper Lake, located just above Clear Lake. It was an educational trip offered by Road Scholars, where we learned a great deal about wine in general, as well as specific wines in that region. One of our favorites was Boatique Winery. The owner is a collector of antique power boats – and what a great collection he has.

Michael, Nancy, Rhonda and the Food and Beverage Committee wish each of you a safe and memorable holiday season spent with friends and family at home, or at BCYC. Be safe and stay healthy.




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Meet The Staff

**David Roberts,
Sous Chef**

David Roberts has spent the last 15-plus years in a profession that he loves, and we are fortunate to have him share his culinary talents with us! On Oct. 7, David celebrated one year as our full-time sous chef at BCYC.

David, who grew up in Belmont Shores, attended Wilson High School and graduated from Orange Coast College's culinary program. He came to BCYC from Avenue of the Arts Hotel in Costa Mesa after answering a recruitment ad for the position at BCYC – the rest is history.

One of David's many duties is facilitating the production of meals on the line and making sure they leave the kitchen in a timely manner, whether appetizers for the Columbia Room or a five-course dinner for a banquet. In addition, David performs line checks and quality control, and fills in on the line whenever and wherever needed.

Besides his work behind the scenes, you may have seen David in the dining room creating your omelet or waffle at BCYC's Sunday Omelet Express! If you haven't met him, come enjoy the Omelet Express any Sunday and introduce yourself to David, a key member of our food and beverage team!

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The Nov. 4 Prime Rib dinner kicks off our annual toy drive for the Camp Pendleton Marine kiddos. Please bring a toy, or make a monetary contribution to bring love and smiles to these children. You can charge your donation to your club account or bring cash to the club office. Last year, we had more than 50 toys and \$1,000 worth of gift cards. If you miss the kickoff, the sleigh for toys will be in the lobby until Dec. 12. These families so appreciate our contributions. Thank you in advance for your participation to bring joy to these families.

Mark your calendars for Nov. 18, as we will present our fabulous Fashion Show event. There will be multiple vendors available to help you with your holiday shopping for family, friends and, of course, you. The fashions are beautiful and range from casual to holiday attire. We invite, and honor, our lady Marines and the Marine spouses at this event. We provide them with baby-sitting services at Camp Pendleton, and treat them to a beautiful day. Please call the club office and tell them how many Marines you wish to sponsor when you make your reservations. You may sponsor even though you cannot attend – the amount is the price of the luncheon. You really should attend, so you can see the beautiful smiles on these ladies. They look forward to this event every year.

Plan to be part of our Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 9. Silent and live auction items will be available, as well as entertainment and some surprises. Chef Georges Rapicault has promised a celebratory lunch – end 2021 enjoying this wonderful luncheon. I look forward to seeing you at the club.



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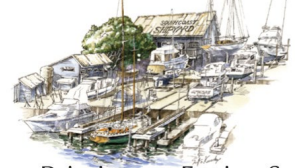


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**October Sunset in Newport Harbor
aboard the club Duffy**
photo by Staff Commodore Mary Bacon

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