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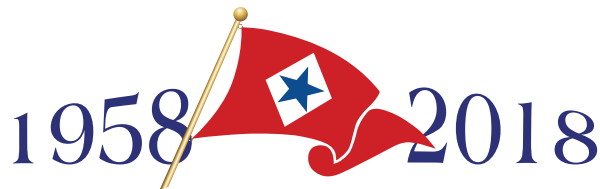
The Shape of Stuff

Ten years ago, the main level of BCYC was undergoing a major renovation and the project was behind schedule. Commodore Rozak had to decide if the Commodore's Ball would need to be postponed from the scheduled date of May 17. Fast forward 10 years and we have ongoing projects that continue keeping the club in fantastic condition as BCYC celebrates its 60th birthday.

The Strategic Plan is being updated under the guidance of Director Stuart Leigh. Stuart has been chairing meetings that are looking at important aspects of the club. If asked to participate, please give your full attention to the particular topic being discussed. This document provides a road map for where and how BCYC grows and changes in the coming years.

The Mission Statement, which was introduced in 2017, is included in this issue of The Masthead. Keep this in mind as you enjoy the club, participate on committees and welcome new members.

Opening Day, May 12, is an opportunity to celebrate and welcome dignitaries and members of yacht clubs from throughout Southern California. A fine tradition on this day



is to dress your boat with a rainbow of colorful international code flags. The sequence is based on a harmonious color scheme that has no meaning in terms of letters or numerals. The pageantry is heightened with all the boats dressed for the day. Please contact the club office to reserve your place in the marina for Opening Day if you keep your boat elsewhere.

The train stayed on the track in 2018's version of Showboat. With a great cast and crew, we had a wonderful time traveling across the United States, celebrating many parts of this country in song and dance. I must admit it was quite different for me to be on stage rather than spending the show backstage as I have done as stage manager for the past several years. The efforts of the cast and crew are always amazing to be part of. Special thanks to Kari Konapelsky, Dee Shandera and Rhonda Tolar for championing Showboat this year, and to Nancy Bryant for her stellar work with the dancers and kids. We hope you enjoyed the show – see pictures from Showboat 2018 throughout this edition of The Masthead.

“Nothing will work unless you do.”
- Maya Angelou -



SHOWBOAT 2018



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Happy Birthday!

If you were born in April 1947, you should celebrate your 71st birthday by sailing in the 71st Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race. If you do, let us know and we'll be sure to have a cake ready for you at the BCYC Send-off Party. Only one candle though, as the fire marshal frowns on bonfires.

Another oldie and goodie to celebrate is the Lorin Weiss Series. The series started in 2004 and has grown each year. In 2017, there were 42 Harbor 20s competing in 15 races. Our club Harbor 20, Ruthless, has a new bottom and new sails. Get certified and then reserve her now for the next race in the series!

While not an oldie, but definitely a muy bueno goodie, Taco Tuesday is around the corner. Word from Señor Taco is that racing and partying starts on May 15 and runs until the end of August. No holidays to contend with – just a solid 16 weeks of fun. We'd sure like some of the Juniors to join us on Race Committee to help run these fun races.

Be sure to mark May 5th in your calendar for a half-day Racing Rules seminar. Pass the word to those who need to attend.

Have you noticed the "new" 2018 Harbor Marks chart in the plastic bin by the bulletin board? We were instrumental in getting another racing mark installed off the dock at the end of Via San Remo on Lido Island. More marks mean more course choices.

One last note about birthdays...if you're under 21, you must have a California Boaters Card to drive a boat. Don't risk a fine, get licensed today! Visit californiaboatercard.com for additional information.

2019 Commodore's Cruise Information Night

Friday, April 6 - 6:30 p.m.

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Commodore,

I was thinking about watching your cast and crew put on that amazing show last night (Showboat) and enjoyed our conversation afterward about what is so important about the show, and the selfless cast that gave their time, talent and treasure to make it happen.

The truth is, we live in Southern California. There are thousands of entertainment options at everyone's fingertips. Even tonight, the average SoCal resident is honoring a little-known patron saint, hanging out with people they may or may not know well, drinking green beer. All fun I'm sure, but most entertainment options tonight do not revolve around family.

Yours does. The people who have come to the show are here to spend time with your cast — their family. They are watching proudly, with the knowledge and appreciation of the months of work you have put in. Your choice to participate in the show, many months ago, meets their choice to be here tonight, lifting you up with their laughter and applause.

That is what uniquely marks this endeavor. There is always a moment where the cast and audience are in perfect sync. It is hard to achieve this in a professional theater setting. There is, however, an intangible element of the cast-audience interaction of this show that makes it easy to achieve here at BCYC. This is your family, your community, and the cast's powerful performance meets the audience's authentic acclaim, for a memorable entertainment experience that no one can replicate with green beer and some Irish drinking songs.

Thanks for a great show last night, and to you and your great cast, break a leg tonight.

Lt. Col. Jeff Dinsmore (USMC)

Cinco de Mayo Poker Run Party and Fiesta



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Saturday, May 5

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Applying Lessons

I have always had a love for the beach, waves and ocean. In March, I had the opportunity to try out to become a lifeguard at Crystal Cove State Beach during California State Parks qualifier. The qualifier comprised a 1,000-yard open water swim, with a time limit of 20 minutes, followed by a continuous 200-yard run, 400-yard swim and another 200-yard run, with a time limit of 10 minutes. This qualification was the first of four parts to becoming a lifeguard. The other qualifications included an interview, then completing the Lifeguard Training Program and field training, which include first aid and life-saving training.

I ended up finishing the qualification within the time requirements, due to my physical training and basic knowledge of currents and waves from sailing. Now, I'm very excited to be embarking on a job that will give me the chance to help and work with a variety of people. This new adventure helps me appreciate that sailing and growing up in the BCYC Junior Program has taught me many lessons that are applicable to life, whether it's ocean safety or being a person who has good morals and values.



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Cruising Life

Hey, Isthmus Cruise signups are open. What are you waiting for? There will be dinghy-delivered Bloody Marys and Mimosas, a Bocce Ball tournament, group lunch and fabulous memories.

We have added a new wrinkle to our Isthmus Cruise – rooms have been reserved at the Banning House and Villa Santa Rosa to accommodate our “boatless” members. The tradition will continue with Banning House rooms available for Clambake 2018, so no excuses. Contact EB Barden (e.barden@yahoo.com) or Paul Secard (psecard@cox.net) for more information.

Check out the online cruise schedule for dates and locations of the 2018 cruises and get them on your calendar. It's going to be a fun cruising season.



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Chowdah and Aloha

Billy Long's Chowdah Sunday Night Suppers in March were amazing. Chef Georges Rapiacault and his culinary team created lobster dinners with sides of red potatoes and corn on the cob! Dessert was a Billy Long Boston Cream Pie. Bill gave his favorite clam chowder recipe to Chef Georges, who then created this specialty each Sunday night. More than 50 members enjoyed this event each Sunday during March. Thank you, Bill for your continued support. It was so fun to have Sunday Night Supper be reminiscent of the famous and exciting dinners you have prepared so many times!

Aloha! Coming this month, Sunday Night Supper will be Hawaiian themed. Featured entrées will include pulled pork, teriyaki ribs and chicken, ham and pineapple, and more. Each Sunday night, the room will have a Hawaiian theme. Come join the BCYC Sunday night luau.

Opening Day 2018 will also celebrate our Jubilee year. The Food and Beverage Committee, along with the Jubilee Committee, chaired by Kari Konapelsky, will coordinate the dock parties. Like last year, we are looking for members to volunteer to be part of a dock team. If you are interested in participating on one of the BCYC dock teams, please email rhtolar@gmail and you will be assigned to a dock.



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The Envelope Please...

We all enjoyed Billy Long's Chowdah Dinner, coordinated by the Food and Beverage Committee, for the March 4 Sunday Night Supper. It was a New England feast featuring lobster tails, chowder and salad bar, garlic bread and Boston crème pie. The 90th Academy Awards ceremony provided the entertainment and it was a fabulous evening.

Showboat 2018, All Aboard Across America, showcased many BCYC stars. The show featured music about cities and states across America. I think I heard a couple of our favorite songs, "26 Miles Across the Sea" by the Four Preps, and "I left my Heart in Corona del Mar." And who knew what a talent our commodore is - we love you Jerry.

When you receive this issue of *The Masthead*, you will be headed for Easter Champagne Brunch at the club. We are sure the Easter bunny had a fun day!

Be a winner and join our fun. Activities help make BCYC the Friendliest Club on the Bay. Look for weekly updates and plan to attend our meetings, held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to attend a meeting – you just might win a prize!

FYI - BCYC Port Rules

Club Burgee Required: It is mandatory that member boats in the marina fly the club burgee and that such burgee be in good condition. This requirement shall not apply to racing boats prohibited from flying a burgee. Following written notice and fifteen- (15) day period to cure, the port captain shall have discretion to replace any club burgee on a member boat in the marina that is not in good condition, and the cost of the new burgee shall be charged to the member's club account.

Guest Dock Users: All persons using the guest dock, whether member or guest, must register at the office as soon as practical after their arrival, providing proof of insurance and registration. All club guests and members will be required to display their appropriate yacht club burgee.

- Traditions Committee -



Food and Beverage Committee







Las Commodoras
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Delighting in the Divas

February means Fashion Show for the ladies of the club. The Las Commodoras board, especially Julie Bitetto, Lori Curtin and Sally Sopkin, worked hard lining up the models and vendors. Marjorie Davis and Dick Stone worked with Camp Pendleton to arrange for several U.S. Marine wives to be our guests for the day. Catherine Miller and Kari Konapelsky made the room sparkle. All of the preparation paid off!

We filled 113 seats for the luncheon. The room was crowded with tables and racks full of merchandise. The din in the room buzzed so loudly that the microphone volume had to be cranked up high to get everyone's attention. Lunch was amazing and the onion soup was divine – definitely diva worthy! The big surprise of the day came as a gift from our own member Sarah Pickell, who heated up the room with her bachata dance partner, Michael, as they swept across the dance floor with Latin flair!

Several of our club members sponsored the Marine wives. Because of the generosity of our members, the ladies were treated not just to a nice day at the club, but also went home with a swag bag full of gift certificates to Target and Open Table. "We can't wait to be asked up here again," commented one of the ladies as they departed.

Phew, the 2018 Fashion Show is in the books and now the preparation has begun for the next few events. The March luncheon gave us a preview of Showboat. The Annual Dog Show is set for Saturday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m. on the lower level patio. If you have a dog, make this a date. The morning is so fun; food and drinks are provided, plus you get to meet everyone's beloved pet.

**DID YOU
KNOW ?**

Important Stuff

Did you know that the dry storage/boat yard entry gate has been replaced, complete with key pad entry? Also, a single push button exit has been installed.

Did you know that Tasha Ehret is the new office staff person who also works with Ship's Store merchandise? Please say hi and introduce yourself next time you are shopping for your BCYC 60th anniversary items.

Did you know that pool furniture has been re-strapped and ready for summer? This improvement was made possible by the paint-a-tile program.

Did you know that the Christmas boat parade dates have changed for 2018? The boat parade dates will be Dec. 19-23 this year.

Be Safe and Win!

Now is the time to start reviewing the vessel safety checklist in anticipation of BCYC's Opening Day, May 12, for the annual Boat Maintenance Competition and Inspection. It's easy to do and you will have the satisfaction of a Bristol and safe boat with a trophy or decal to prove it!

The competition is based on the Bristol condition of the boats entered and is conducted by the Balboa Power Squadron. There are two classes for point evaluation. Class 1 involves items required by Coast Guard regulations, while Class 2 items are necessary for the prudent operation of the vessel. Points are awarded based on the following criteria:

Absent, not functioning or not easily accessible – 0
Functioning, but in poor condition – 1
Functioning, but in fair condition – 2
Functioning, and appears to be new – 3

The inspectors look for things like personal flotation devices, navigation light operation, displaying the required CF number on your dinghy and overall condition of the vessel. Sound easy? It is!

Available categories are: up to and including 34-feet; 35- to 45-feet; 46-feet and over; and electric boats.

There are separate trophies in each of the first three categories for both power and sail boats. Regardless of your boat's size or type, you can be a winner! Please contact me if you have any questions.

If you don't want to compete, plan to sign up for the Coast Guard inspection and earn your boat a safety decal. It is a courtesy inspection and their findings are given only to the skipper of the boat. Visit vesselsafetycheck.org for more details. This website not only has an item-by-item description of the safety check, but you can also use Online Vessel Safety Check, an interactive program that lets you determine if your boat would pass a safety check. This same information is available in the club office.

The competition and inspection begin at 9 a.m. on Opening Day. The sign-up sheet form is available at the club office. Bring your boat to BCYC for the competition and Opening Day dock parties. The club office will begin accepting dock reservations March 31, after noon. Good luck!

- Susie Brodrick, Marina Manager -

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**Rear Commodore
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Lesson Learned

In my position as rear commodore, I have learned many new things. Recently, I received a lesson in flag raising from Power Fleet Captain Paul Secard. I had been told that flag officers are responsible for raising their flag upon entering BCYC; my response to that was, "I don't know how." The very next time I came into the club, Paul said, "Follow me," so I did. He showed me where the flags are kept, how to raise the flag without getting tangled and how to put it away. And he had me do it. He covered all of the learning styles, "See it, say it, do it." Now my biggest problem is remembering to do it when I get to the club!

Flag Etiquette from *Yachting Protocol Guidelines* states, "The main purpose of visual signals, including flags, is to convey information. The intent is to consistently convey the maximum amount of information in the fastest time. Someone approaching the club may determine with a glance at the club's flagpole who is the senior officer present. It is incumbent on an officer, arriving or leaving the club, to insure their flag is displayed or struck so others may readily determine which officers are aboard." This practice is consistent throughout the majority of the nautical world. At BCYC, the Columbia Room staff take the flags down.

It can appear, at times, some of the practices BCYC engages in are random or "just because" when in reality they evolved through time and have meaning and purpose. England's first yacht club, the Cumberland Fleet, 1775, evolved into the Royal Yacht Squadron, 1815, on the Isle of Wight. Quoting again from *Yachting Protocol Guidelines*: "Membership was very restrictive. He must be adequately well born. He must be a good companion. He must be able to get tight without becoming disagreeable, or he must get tight and go to sleep." Wise words, even today.



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Spring is here and Opening Day is fast approaching. New hats and tote bags have arrived in the Ship's Store. Check out the youth fleece burgee sweatshirts, perfect for our little members! 60th Anniversary logo wear and accessories are coming in on a weekly basis. Come check it out and get your anniversary burgee.

- Lori Curtin, Ship's Store Chair -



BCYC Mission Statement

BCYC will be the friendliest family-oriented yacht club in the Newport Beach area that provides a well-maintained facility and infrastructure for members who share a passion for yachting, community and camaraderie. We will actively support and endorse all levels and types of boating, maintain a high standard of boating education and continually strive to perpetuate our reputation as a club dedicated to providing an outstanding boating, recreational, dining and social experience for our members, guests and the community.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 8
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Dog Show

LAS COMMODORAS DOG SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
9:30 a.m.

**New
Member
Cocktail
Party**

NEW MEMBER WELCOME PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
4-6 p.m.



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SATURDAY, MAY 5

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FRIDAY, MAY 11
6 p.m.

1958 2018
**OPENING
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2018**

**60TH
OPENING DAY**
SATURDAY, MAY 12

APRIL

Sunday, 8,15,22,29 Sunday Supper
Wed 11,18,25 Yachtsmen's Luncheon
Sunday, 1 Easter Brunch - Club closes at 5 p.m.
Thursday, 5 Prime Rib Night
Saturday, 7 Angelman Race #3
Sunday, 8 Weiss Series #2
Sunday, 8 JEC Bowling Party
Saturday, 14 9 a.m. S/C Breakfast
Saturday, 14 Las Commodoras Dog Show
Saturday, 14 New Member Welcome Party
Fri-Sun, 20-22 Isthmus Cruise
Thursday, 26 Newport - Ensenada Send Off
Thurs-Sun, 26-29 Newport - Ensenada Race
Saturday, 28 LBYC Cruise Sign Up

MAY

Sunday, 6,20,27 Sunday Supper
Tues 15,22,29 Taco Tuesday
Wed 9,16,23,30 Yachtsmen's Luncheon
Saturday, 5 Cinco de Mayo Poker Run Party and Fiesta
Friday, 11 Closing Night
Friday, 11 Prime Rib Night
Saturday, 12 60th Opening Day
Sunday, 13 Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday, 20 Weiss Series #3
Fri-Mon, 25-28 LBYC Cruise
Monday, 28 Memorial Day Columbia Room
Open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



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

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Please make reservations for all club events, as well as dining plans, at bcyc.org or call the office at 949-644-9530.

Member Event: Regular member dining is not available / Columbia Room menu served until 5 p.m. 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).