

The Masthead



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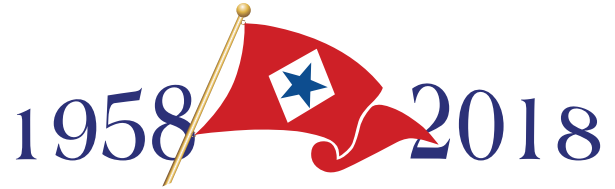
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BCYC - The Scene

As members of BCYC, you have the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded soul mates who love the water, whether cruising, sailing, paddle boarding or socializing. With our fleet that includes a Harbor 20, Duffy, paddle boards and kayaks, you can enjoy the beauty of Newport Harbor in one of the club's water craft. Check in at the club office to get information about requirements of use.

Another great way to enjoy BCYC is devoting time to participate on one of the many committees at the club. You can be involved in helping to execute club improvements (house), planning and producing events (activities), providing input on ways to attract new members and retain current members (membership), and organizing the details of an upcoming cruise (cruise). Committee meeting schedules are published in the weekly update sent to all members electronically each Wednesday.

As part of the ongoing facility upgrade, the upper level now has new double-pane windows that will greatly help with noise reduction and energy efficiency. In the card room/library area, because of some careful planning, the view and lighting in these rooms are greatly enhanced. Make plans to hold your next special celebration here!



The Commodore's Ball was fantastic, beyond my wildest dreams! Dee's and my personal thanks go out to all, including everyone in attendance, who made this evening truly memorable. Particular appreciation goes to those members who opened their homes for the pre-ball cocktail parties: Tom and Jane Fallon; Allan Horowitz and Gail Cyprus; Jacques and Sally Sopkin; along with their co-hosts, who made each party special. This wonderful evening was accomplished due to the tireless efforts of event coordinators Kari Konapelsky and Lauri Moffett – **wow!**

Opening Day, May 12, gives BCYC another great opportunity to celebrate our 60th anniversary. The ceremony portion of the day is filled with pomp and tradition. Following that, the dock parties are also filled with tradition – great munchies and libations, with crowds on the docks enjoying the day and members' boats. If you want to help with the 60th festivities and dock parties, contact Kari Konapelsky and Secretary Rhonda Tolar for guidance.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill

Commodore's Ball 2018





Las Commodoras
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Off to a Good Start

January was my first Las Commodoras Board of Directors meeting as president. While it ran a bit long, we have five new people on the board, so there was a lot of sharing. One thing that came out of the discussion was very interesting – there are club members who do not know what Las Commodoras is or its function.

We created this statement as a response: “Las Commodoras exists to enhance the club’s membership experience by providing fun monthly luncheons for the women of the club and to act as hostesses of the club at club-wide events.” That being said, who is a member of Las Commodoras? ALL Ladies of the club are members of Las Commodoras. The board is just a committee formed to organize the fun! Our group counts on the rest of the ladies of the club to participate, give energy to and provide ideas for opportunities for all of us to enjoy our membership.

One such opportunity is coming up March 15. Dee Shandera and Secretary Rhonda Tolar (neither of whom are on the Las Commodoras Board) are going to give us a preview of Showboat at our March luncheon. It will be exciting, and tickets for Showboat, March 14-17, are on sale – get your ticket now.

I also have to thank Lynn Lyon for the fabulous January luncheon. These pictures show some of the club’s past women leaders. These ladies’ service, past and present, really do enhance our experience here. Upon their shoulders we stand ready to make new friends and make a few more memories.



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Family Fun

The Junior Events Committee hosted two fun events in January and February. Game Night was a blast! BCYC members and friends dropped off their kids in the Junior Room for supervised games and movies, and then headed to the Lounge for an evening of board games and a fantastic appetizer buffet. This is a “must repeat” event.

Super Bowl Sunday isn’t just about the commercials and half-time show. If you’re a BCYC member family, it’s about the bounce house, Valentine’s Day crafts and hanging out with your friends. Everyone had so much fun – and it was a good game!

On March 18 at 2 p.m., we’re hosting a Family Paint Party. Adults and kids are invited to come and explore their artistic side with the expert guidance of a local artist – all supplies will be provided. Make your reservation with the BCYC office.

Recognizing Las Commodoras Leaders





**Junior Sailing Director
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Sailing Leadership Forum

In February, Head Coach Matt Peter and I attended the biennial Sailing Leadership Forum, hosted by US Sailing. This event attracts leaders from across the country involved with the sport in every aspect imaginable. From program directors, yacht club board members, race management officials, community sailing advocates and coaches from learn-to-sail all the way up to the Olympic level, this forum covered the full spectrum. Given the choice among six unique topics during each breakout session, there was always at least one relevant session to attend. Having two BCYC representatives meant we could attend simultaneous sessions during periods when more than one interesting presentation was offered.

Some pertinent topics we covered included millennial mindsets and leveraging social media, club-owned fleets, growth strategies for younger members, collaboration among racing organizations, junior program safety from docks to documents...and that was just the first day! There was also time between sessions to meet our counterparts from other regions of the country to share best practices and tips. Simply asking a question during the Junior Big Boat presentation prompted a fellow director from out of state to come over to me afterwards and share a lead on where to potentially find the keelboats we're looking to bring to BCYC.

The Leadership Forum is the only place where you can find this level of coast-to-coast collaboration under one roof. We were pleased to be a part of it this year and look forward to implementing some of the fantastic ideas we brought back from this event.



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Poker Fun

In mid-January, the junior and senior Boards of Directors faced off at the annual Poker Night Challenge. Featuring amateurs and skilled poker players, the tournament included four tables where three seniors would play at each table, and the juniors would play at a table for about 20 minutes and rotate to the next. While most would have thought that the veterans would prevail, the juniors came out on top with Cameron Wood dominating the final round. His bluffing and bold bidding strategies were the keys to his success in the final round. Proceeds from the evening benefit the Junior Program.

This was an awesome way for the two groups to get to know one another, while exchanging goals and ideas that could benefit the club as a whole. We, as the junior board, are extremely grateful for the members of the senior board, for all they do to keep our awesome club running so smoothly. Taking time out of their busy schedules to get to know us and share thoughts and goals for the future was very cool.



ROMANTIC RHINE

Join BCYC Commodore Jerry Shandera and Dee as they sail from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Holland on Avalon Waterway's beautiful river boat, The Tranquility 11.

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Chowdah and Aloha

During the month of January, the Sunday Night Italian-themed suppers featured a plated entrée with a mini pasta and salad bar. All meals included garlic bread, ice cream and a cookie for dessert. It was very successful! Members enjoyed having an option for a full entrée meal or simply pasta and salad. We regularly had more than 30 members dining with us every Sunday.

In February, the Food and Beverage Committee worked on a menu insert to offer some lighter and healthy choices. We had new appetizers, salads, sandwiches and entrée selections.

Don't miss Billy Long's Famous Boston Chowdah Dinner Party March 4, 18 and 25! Featured will be a seafood entrée along with corn on the cob and red potatoes. Additionally, each date will have a different chowder soup will be featured. We will finish the meal with Boston cream pie. Price will vary based on the entrée choice.

Aloha – in April, the Sunday Night Supper will be Hawaiian themed! Entrées choices will be pulled pork, teriyaki ribs and chicken, ham and pineapple, and more. Each Sunday night, the room will be decorated Hawaiian style so come join our Sunday night luau!

During BCYC's jubilee year, Opening Day will feature incredible dock parties. The Food and Beverage Committee will partner with Kari Konapelsky and the Jubilee Committee to make this an epic Opening Day. As was done in 2017, we are looking for members to be part of a dock team. If interested, please send an email to rhtolar@gmail.com and you will be assigned to a team. Be part of another great BCYC event.

A Note from our Chaplain . . .

“The past always looks better than it was. It's only pleasant because it isn't here.”

~ Finley Peter Dunne



Rear Commodore
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It's in the Guidelines!

Writing a monthly article for *The Masthead* is not an easy task for me; deciding on a topic is the hardest part. This month my topic is Protocol, and for good reason. Being a bridge officer, I need to have the official black double-breasted jacket for the Commodore's Ball and Opening Day. I began to wonder, "Why does BCYC use this uniform?" I went to a reliable source and asked Staff Commodore Mary Bacon that question. Her immediate response was, "It's protocol! It's in the guidelines!"

Mary's reference is to Southern California Yachting Association's booklet, *Yachting Protocol Guidelines*. Luckily, I had a copy, so I read it. The contents by section include: Recommended Dress-Uniform, including drawings; Rank Emblems and Flags, including renderings of all flags; Ceremonies; Flag Dress and Etiquette at Clubs; Flag Etiquette and Display Afloat; Visitation Protocol and Courtesies; and SCYA Affiliated Organizations. The acknowledgments include familiar names: Staff Commodores Lorin Weiss and Jim Ensign to name two. The Yachting History section is a must-read for interesting, fun facts.

The answer to my original question about the uniform led me on a journey of learning and appreciation for yachting traditions. Thank you, Mary, for leading me to that journey!

FYI: The word yacht is from the Dutch Jaght Schip. The first racing rule was instituted in 1836: port gives way to starboard. The first yacht club was not English or American or Dutch. It was Irish, The Water Club of Cork, established in 1720.

DID YOU KNOW ?

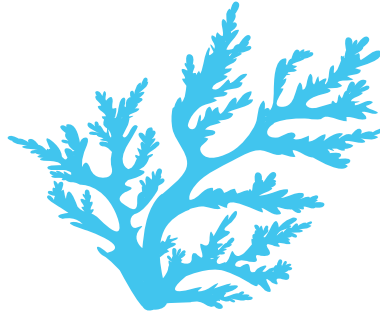
Important Stuff

Did you know that *Ruthless*, our Harbor 20, has a new racing bottom and new racing sails? She is ready to race.

Did you know that members can skipper *Ruthless* once you have been certified? Contact the club office to learn how to get certified through our Junior Sailing Department.

Did you know that BCYC has the best rate in the harbor for renting a Harbor 20 like *Ruthless*? A certified member pays \$20/hour and \$75 for the day. Can't wait for Taco Tuesdays!

Commodore's Ball 2018





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*Enjoy the Sun, Sea and
ACTIVITIES at BCYC*

Super Bowl Sunday was a wonderful day, and what a game! The club was alive with members and their guests cheering their teams to victory. All enjoyed ribs, a special baked potato bar and their favorite beverage! The Showboat crew sold tasty treats and there was a Super Bowl 2018 kids party, complete with a bounce house, on the lower level.

February 14 brought a special evening to the club for sweethearts. Chef Georges Rapicault and the culinary team prepared a special Valentine's Day dinner, including champagne and an exquisite dessert!

The Commodore's Ball was amazing, complete with pre-ball cocktail parties, beautifully dressed people and fantastic decorations – an elegant evening honoring Commodore Jerry Shandera, and Dee. Again, Chef Georges raised the bar with two wonderful dinner entrée choices and a delicious dessert. Members and guests danced the night away.

Make plans to be part of the Academy Awards viewing party that will feature Billy Long's Famous Chowdah dinner, Sunday, March 4. Pick-up your award nominee ballots at the club office and make your award picks! Compare BCYC's winners to those of the academy. Come for: red carpet arrivals at 3:30 p.m., Academy Awards at 5 p.m. and Sunday Night Supper at 6 p.m. We'll see you there.

Showboat, March 14-17, and Easter Sunday Brunch, April 1, are two events that are just around the corner. Attend these events and join in the fun we are having. Watch for more information in the Weekly Updates and be part of the Activities Committee monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.



*Special thanks to the Commodore's Ball
pre-party co-hosts*

Mark Arizmendi, Lori and Jim Buchanan, Karen and Don Cerwin, Gail Cyprus, Peggy and Gary Granbery, Leslie and Don Kazarian, Bobbi and Mark Silvey, Cleve Sproule, Rhonda Tolar



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Bogart

In case you didn't know, the ship's wheel hanging on the wall past the Ship's Store display case was a gift to BCYC from Lauren Bacall, Humphrey Bogart's wife. The wheel is from Bogie's 55-foot schooner, Santana. There are other trophies in the display case opposite the wall of commodore's photos that are awarded to winners of the BCYC Bogart series.

The Bogart series, March 24-25, is one of BCYC's premiere long-distance ocean races – Newport Beach to Avalon on Saturday and return on Sunday. For 2018, we have added a new feature that we anticipate will increase participation. Racers can run their motors. I know, I know, running the motor on a sailboat? Blasphemy! Purists can still sail the course completely, but others can sail and motor to reach the finish line before the time limit. After all, nobody wants to be late for the post-race party at Antonio's.

Speaking of famous people and post-race parties, this month we will also be starting the Staff Commodore Lorin Weiss series. Harbor 20s will sail many windward/leeward races each race day over the course of the three-month series. At the post-race party on the last day, awards are given to each class winner. The name of the winner in Class A is added to the large bell hanging by the bar.

Although the Newport to Ensenada race (starting April 27) is not a BCYC race, many racers from BCYC participate. If you haven't signed up yet, you still have time to find a crew, get your boat prepped and replace the batteries in your GPS. Hurry, don't miss the thrill of victory!



Women's Sailing Convention



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Fabulous Fun

Hi everyone, the Desert Land Cruise was a huge success. Thanks for all of your enthusiasm and your participation. A big thank you to our party hosts, Frank and Mary Xavier (fabulous party), and our putting tournament hosts, Kelley and Heidi York (fun, fun, fun).

The next adventure is the Isthmus Cruise, April 20-22. Sign-ups have already begun, so make sure you get in touch with the club office or sign up online. You can miss the action... or be part of the action!

Thanks a bunch and we'll see you on the water and around the club.

BCYC Boaters – Important Fire Extinguisher Recall

Kidde has recalled more than 40 million fire extinguishers used in boats, homes and vehicles because they can fail to discharge during a fire.

The company has received one report of a related death in 2014, when a fire extinguisher failed to work during a car fire. There have been 16 injuries, 91 reports of property damage and 391 reports of the extinguishers either not working at all or not working properly.

The recall includes 134 models manufactured as far back as 1973, and as recently as August 2017. All the units have a plastic handle or plastic push button. Units with a metal handle or valve assembly are not included in the recall. The plastic handles and buttons can break or detach when force is applied. Kidde is offering free replacements to anyone who owns one or more of the recalled units.

To claim a replacement, check the brand name and model number of your fire extinguisher against the recall notice on the Kidde website. You can call Kidde at (855) 271-0773 or visit the Kidde website, where you can fill out a form to get a new unit. Kidde says it will ship the replacement within 10 to 15 days of getting your information. No receipt is required.

I checked the white marine fire extinguishers that we have on our boat and discovered that all six extinguishers were on the recall list. I was told by Kidde not to use the fire extinguishers and the units would be replaced at no charge.

- Jim Bitetto, BCYC marina tenant -

SHIP'S STORE

BCYC 60th anniversary items are here. New stuff, including t-shirts, jackets, vests and fashion wear is arriving weekly to the Ship's Store. This month, barware, wine glasses and bags will be available. Look for new youth jackets and sweatshirts, as well as special fashion jewelry. We have something for everyone in the BCYC Ship's Store.

- Lori Curtin, Ship's Store Chair -



Happy 60th, BCYC!

In 1958, Eisenhower was president, the U.S. launched its first satellite, Elvis was inducted into the Army, the U.S. postage stamp was four cents, gasoline was 24 cents a gallon and BCYC was born! We look forward to celebrating our Diamond Jubilee with many events including Opening Day dock parties, Fourth of July Staycation and a huge BCYC birthday party in August.

Pick up your 60th burgee today and look at the wonderful new logo wear, wine glasses and tumblers in the Ship's Store. There is much more to come in this exciting year! If you have any fun facts, photos or special insider knowledge of the early days, please email me. Joyfully jubilant!

- Kari Konapelsky, 60th Anniversary Committee -



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SATURDAY, APRIL 14**



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SATURDAY, APRIL 14
4-6 p.m.**

Sun, 4,11,18,25
Wed, 14,21,28
Thursday, 1
Saturday, 3
Fri-Sat, 9-10
Sunday, 11
Sun-Tues, 11-13
Wed-Sat, 14-17
Thursday, 15
Friday, 16
Friday, 16
Sunday, 18
Sat-Sun, 24-25
Saturday, 24
Saturday, 31

MARCH

Sunday Supper
Yachtsmen's Luncheon
Prime Rib Night
Angelman Race #2
Showboat Set Up
Weiss Series #1
Showboat Dress / Tech
Showboat
Las Commodoras Showboat Luncheon
Jr. Spring Sailing begins
Jr. Parent Mixer
Family Paint Party 2 p.m.
Bogart Race
Isthmus Cruise Sign Up
Easter Set Up

APRIL

Sun, 8,15,22,29
Wed, 11,18,25
Sunday, 1
Thursday, 5
Saturday, 7
Sunday, 8
Sunday, 8
Saturday, 14
Saturday, 14
Saturday, 14
Fri-Sun, 20-22
Thursday, 26
Thurs-Sun, 26-29
Saturday, 28

Sunday Supper
Yachtsmen's Luncheon
Easter Brunch - Club closes at 5 p.m.
Prime Rib Night
Angelman Race #3
Weiss Series #2
JEC Bowling Party
9 a.m. S/C Breakfast
Las Commodoras Dog Show
New Member Welcome Party
Isthmus Cruise
Newport - Ensenada Send Off
Newport - Ensenada Race
LBYC Cruise Sign Up



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APRIL 20-22**

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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).

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Every Sunday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday Night Supper
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