



# The BAHIA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB *Masthead*

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## *A Tribute to Staff Commodore Sandy Mills*

Staff Commodore Sandy Mills is best known for her precision, quiet behind-the-scenes leadership, patient deliberation and, of course, her outstanding sailing and racing skills. She grew up in a yachting family and spent many summers on the Sacramento Delta boating and fishing with her family. She and Doug met on the Delta in their youth during those years. Many years later, she and Doug married and settled in Southern California. They started sailing around Newport Harbor in Sabots and Lido 14s, and were introduced to BCYC in 1980. This was the beginning of their many years of involvement in the club. Ultimately, their children, Scott and Sherylle, grew up in the BCYC Junior Program. Scott, his wife, Karen, and two children, Jack and Megan, continue the Mills BCYC tradition



as Regular Flag members. Daughter Sherylle and her son, Cage, stop by frequently on their journeys from Santa Barbara. So, three generations of the Mills family!

Sandy was a geologist and put her scientific mind to work on Race Committee and racing. Eventually, she developed the BCYC Distinguished Racing Member program and served as an advisor for many years. Sandy was very involved in the Women's Ocean Racing Association (WORSAs) during the 1980s and 1990s, encouraging women sailors to race and enjoy sailing. She taught sailing tactics for a number of years at the annual Women's Sailing Convention. She served on the Board of Directors for NOSA and was one of the boat inspectors of boats participating in the Newport to Ensenada race. Sandy and Doug raced their Santana 30 and for the first 10 years of racing, were known as "middle fleet mills." They eventually graduated to Elan, a Tartan 35 – what an exciting day in 1995 when Elan arrived at BCYC! They triumphed in many races, including the



Newport to Ensenada (27 years) and BCYC's Angelman series. Sandy also partnered with several BCYC members on Lollipop, a 16' Luders, which is pictured in the Scott Kennedy painting, with her bright yellow hull, seen on our website homepage, in the club roster and on this page of *The Masthead*. Sandy and her team raced Lollipop in Newport Harbor for many years.

Following Doug's commodore year in 1996, Sandy was a member of the BCYC Board of Directors for many years, serving as commodore in 2016. Her keen sense of the needs of BCYC and her quiet, effective demeanor were the hallmarks of her leadership. She has left an indelible mark on BCYC and is part of the fabric that makes us an outstanding yacht club. Sandy will be remembered at a celebration on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m. Responses can be made at <https://sandymillscelebration.app.rsvpify.com/>.



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*Events and 2020  
 Preparation*

What a busy and successful month of events we've had at the club. October kept us busy with the Wild Sailing Regatta, Lounge Night, Oktoberfest, New Member reception, Corinthian Cup, Avalon Cruise, Scotch and Cigar Night, and Pumpkin Carving. Did I say we were busy?

Thanks to all our volunteers and BCYC staff who make the many social events, races, Junior Program and cruises such fun! We will be honoring many of these volunteers at the annual Awards Banquet Nov. 16. Make plans to be there and let these members know how much they are appreciated.

November starts with longer mornings and earlier afternoons. Along with the time change, I notice the weather starting to cool, bringing anticipation of the holidays that will soon be here. The club calendar for 2020 is in the works and it is a great time for joining a committee or offering new ideas to the 2020 committee chairs. Please let our soon-to-be new Commodore Ginny Lombardi know how you would like to get involved.

*See you at the club or on the water!*



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*We are Still Cruising, Baby*

In Southern California, we have many advantages when it comes to boating, due to our fair weather. While most clubs back east have their closing ceremonies over Labor Day, we continue boating and enjoying our time on the water much further into the year. As such, our cruising season is not over yet.

We recently returned from our cruise to the Isthmus, which proved to be great fun as we celebrated our trip to "Margaritaville." On Friday, we enjoyed our "It's Five O'clock Somewhere" raft-up complete with margaritas, cheeseburgers (in Paradise) and other delicious appetizers. Afterwards, we all headed to the Harbor Reef Restaurant for great food, drinks and an enjoyable group dinner.

In the morning, we had an intimate gathering for Mimosas and Bloody Marys while discussing our plans for the day. In the afternoon, some relaxed while others gathered on the beach to play our newest game, Bottle Bash. The object of this game is to throw a frisbee and knock off a bottle sitting upright on what looks to be a ski pole. Obviously, if you are good at throwing a frisbee, you will be good at this game. In case you did not know, Julie Granbery can throw a mean frisbee – congratulations to Julie, Jeff and Colin for winning this game!

Later that evening, we proceeded to Isthmus Yacht Club, where we enjoyed libations and Jimmy Buffet music while we barbecued. You may know that the IYC clubhouse was originally a Civil War barracks built in 1864. The club's history is incredible and the photos placed around the club depict that history. If you are a history buff, this is your place. Some IYC members joined us that evening for dinner and were so pleased with our event that they invited us back next year! That night we crowned Pam Fortmuller's guacamole as the "best tasting" in our guacamole contest, so you might want to ask her for the recipe. Afterwards, a few night owls danced the night away at the bar. It could not have been a more perfect cruise.

As always, if you are interested in helping us plan any cruises, or have any new ideas for cruising, please join us for our Cruise Committee meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:15 p.m. See you on the water!



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*So Much to be Thankful for!*

Our annual Pumpkin Carving Party was great fun for all in attendance! Spooky music filled the air. Hot chocolate and treats were gobbled up. Members enjoyed designing and decorating their pumpkins while getting to know each other better. It was a perfect Southern California fall afternoon!

Mark your calendars for the Ornament Decorating Party, Sunday, Nov. 24, from 2-4 p.m. The ornaments created at this event will adorn the BCYC family tree, enjoyed throughout the holiday season. Supplies and treats will be provided. This event is very popular and space is limited, so be sure to make your reservation with the club office today.

Lastly, we would like to thank all who have volunteered and participated in Junior Events Committee (JEC) events this year. Our friendly club is like our second family – we are so grateful for the friendships and the fun! We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with many blessings!



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### *BCYC Favorites*

The Food and Beverage Committee is pleased to have General Manager Scott Jones attend our monthly meetings. Each month, he provides us with a list of the top-10 food items and beverages ordered by members for the previous month. The Omelet Express and Prime Rib Night are consistently high on that list. Other favorites are the salmon salad, cobb salad and of course, burgers. Alcohol favorites generally include the house chardonnay, Tito's and well vodka. Be sure and join BCYC members in enjoying these favorites and other great food items prepared by Chef George Rapicault and his culinary team. These items are also available at our Sunday Night Suppers, as well as the special offered each Sunday Night. We have upgraded the décor in the Lounge and hope that you will enjoy dining there with this new nautical flair. The Lounge is a great location to have dinner with family and friends in an environment that is a little more family-oriented.

Calling **ALL** veterans. Remember, Sunday Night Suppers in November will include a free SNS special for all veterans who have submitted a bio to be included in our appreciation video. Complete a bio and return it to the club office and in return, get a coupon for a free SNS special in November.

Holiday celebrations are fun – Thanksgiving and Christmas are times to celebrate with friends and family. Sunday Night Supper is the perfect way to host your event. What a great way to relax and enjoy the holidays with friends and family, where they can join in the holiday spirit and marvel over the decorations of Newport Bay. Make a reservation to ensure you have a table.

### *A Note from our Chaplain . . .*

*“Decision is a sharp knife that cuts clean and straight; indecision is a dull one that hacks and tears and leaves a ragged edge behind it.”*

*~ Gordon Graham*



*BCYC receiving recognition at the ALYC Opening Day ceremonies*



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### *Junior Board Participates in Coastal Clean-Up*

One of my main goals this year as junior commodore was to encourage the junior board to participate in more service activities. So, when I heard about the September International Coastal Clean-Up day, I thought it would be the perfect opportunity for the junior board members to make a difference in our local community.

On the morning of Sept. 21, a group of current and past board members, and their parents, gathered with several pairs of gloves and buckets, ready to take on the bay. For the next few hours, we drove around in whalers, tracking down all the pollution we could. In the end, we had four buckets filled with a mix of recyclables and trash, which we sorted through afterwards. This day was a great reminder that even through smallest acts of kindness and caring, in the end, we can all come together to enact positive change not only in our local community, but also in the world at large.





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*BCYC's Junior Sailing Program - Fall 2019*

This summer, the BCYC Junior Sailing Program had its **best** summer ever – and we've ridden that momentum with over 50 sailors participating in our fall program, an all-time high. This is partly due to the fact that we are offering more class options, but more importantly, our success can be attributed to our hard-working staff, including assistant sailing director Pete Dodosh, our talented Sabot coaches from novice through A, and our incredible parents who have come together to support our sailors.

BCYC's double-handed racing team, aka The Newport Beach C420 Team (NB4T), is the newest addition to our program and is coming off an incredible summer traveling the country attending national events in San Francisco and the East Coast. Now that school has begun, our group is back to work on the water continuing to develop their skills, being tested at the Shadden (CFJ) and Perry (C420) series events, preparing to compete in the Orange Bowl regatta in December and the February C420 Midwinters in Jen-sen Beach, both in Florida. The word has definitely gotten out regarding the high level of coaching we provide at BCYC, and our team has continued to grow to include high school sailors from Mater Dei, Corona del Mar and Newport Harbor high schools. While the Mater

Dei sailing team is back at our facility every week training in CFJs, C420s, & our J22, it should also be noted that CdM has chartered our J22 and practices at BCYC preparing for the PCISA Keelboat Nationals. The energy in the boatyard is tremendous, and having these older teenage sailors here consistently helps inspire our Sabot sailors to strive for greatness as well!

BCYC's Sabot Racing Team this fall has ridden this momentum into fall with all-time highs in participation and a renewed desire to travel to regattas. While coach Mark Gaudio is a constant, not enough is said about our other coaches including Jack Flores, Jake Mayol and Jeffrey Petersen – they deserve much of the credit for keeping our group excited about competing in the rigorous Southern California Naples Sabot regatta schedule. Moreover, not enough has been said about our dedicated C2-C3 racing development coaches, Jack Blackman and Caden Kraus. Lastly, our novice sailors, bolstered by the guidance of Assistant Sailing Director Coach Pete Dodosh and Salen Stuart, has continued to get our youngest Sabot sailors out on the water, learning fundamentals and having fun!

Our Junior Mariners Program - geared towards our young sailors less interested in competitive buoy racing, has thrived under the guidance of Berkeley Green. Every Friday, the group has been getting out on the water to fine tune various skillsets geared towards good seamanship that will allow them to enjoy the sport of sailing for a lifetime!

Rest assured we are already planning our 2020 Camp Corinthian Summer Program! Whether your young sailor is a veteran of the program, or new to the sport, we have the class for you! Please contact me to discuss next steps for your sailor.

**BCYC - 2019 Corinthian Cup Champions**





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### *Under the Weather*

Recently, I had a situation in which I used the term under the weather. I knew what it meant, but I had no idea how the term became a common cultural saying. Several days later, while enjoying a pop-up dock party at the club, (thank you Port Captain EB Barden and Power Fleet Captain Paul Secard), I mentioned it while standing on the stern of *Any Excuse*. No one knew the origin...what to do? Carl Jones asked Siri.

It originated as a nautical term when a sailor would become ill or seasick, usually from violent weather conditions, and was sent below decks to the most stable part of the ship – which was under the weather rail, the side of the ship most exposed to the weather. It must be very old for it to be a common saying in Missouri, where my parents and grandparents grew up; I remember them saying it.

Along with the dock party, October at the club enjoyed the Wild Sailing Regatta #2 – thanks to Rear Commodore Rhonda Tolar and our fantastic Race Committee; the Corinthian Cup, many thanks to Junior Sailing Director Aubrey Mayer; and our annual cruise to Avalon, thank you Cruise Committee, Ronda and Director Rolf Rolnicki and Lauri Moffett.

If you have not participated in a boating event, even as a spectator, I encourage you to do so. The enthusiasm people share being on the water is contagious and cathartic.

#### **DID YOU KNOW ?**

### **Important Stuff**

**Did you know** that BCYC now has two Duffys? Each holds up to 10 people. Contact the club office to reserve your harbor adventure!

**Did you know** that you must bring a life jacket (PFD) when using a paddle board or kayak? The Harbor Patrol is ticketing those who are not wearing this important safety device.

**Did you know** that even if you are going to just pick up passengers on our docks you need to call ahead and reserve a spot? Call the club office in advance so that we can make sure there is space for you.



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### *Raising Funds and WSR*

The fourth annual edition of The Gala, held this September, has been a very successful fund raiser. Proceeds have helped benefit our adult members and the youth sailing programs with upgraded equipment and facilities, as well as paddle boards and kayaks available for the use by all members. Thank you all who have donated time, money and raffle items – your generosity has helped BCYC on many levels.

As a really fun event for our members to attend, The Gala format enjoyed some well-received changes from event co-chairs, Secretary Kari Konapelsky and Lauri Moffett, who emphasized the fun factor with a martini AND champagne bar. Of course, the live auction mistress of ceremony, Staff Commodore Mary Bacon, was amazing! With more than 160 members in attendance this year, be sure to book your reservation for The Gala 2020 early!

This year was our second Wild Sailing Regatta for PHRF boats. The race course featured boats starting/finishing in the harbor, racing out to the area of the Newport Pier and back. The regatta grew this year to almost 20 boats, with more than 50 racers coming back to BCYC for hydration, raffles and trophies.

I am looking forward to a fun holiday season at BCYC. As we get ready for that special time of year, make plans to be part of the annual Awards Banquet, Nov. 16, as we honor the volunteers and racers who contribute to BCYC being an outstanding yacht club.



*First Row: Olivia Corbin, Camryn Homer, Peyton Homer, Chloe Curtin*

*Second Row: Rebecca Corbin, Marianne Homer, Lori Curtin*



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*Sneak Peek*

Each year, in November, I publish a sneak peek at our race calendar for the coming year. Here's the peek at 2020

- Angelman Series – will be run in February, March, and April with a mix of race types
- SCYA Midwinter Regatta – February, with two days of Harbor 20 racing
- Weiss Series – March, April and May with all races windward/leeward
- Bogart Races – March, to Avalon and back
- Leukemia Cup Regatta – May and August; exact dates and venues are still being discussed
- Around the Oil Islands Series – June, July and August
- Harbor 20 Tune Up – September with all races windward/leeward
- Wild Sailing Regatta – September, October and November
- Club Championship – October
- Hot Rum Series – first race in December; second and third races in 2021
- Taco Tuesday Series – May-August, with additional PHRF racing classes probably being added

Race Committee welcomes comments and suggestions on how to make BCYC races better. And as always, Race Committee is looking for some additional members to help on the water and on shore. Please contact Paul DeCapua for more information.

**SHIP'S STORE**



Fall is here and the Ship's Store is overflowing with new items. Check out the new BCYC BLING jean jackets, fun camouflage sweatshirts and lightweight windbreakers. Ladies, new designs of the BCYC flip flops are back in stock. These cute sandals are selling fast, so come on in and get yours!

Lori Curtin,  
 Ship's Store Chair

**Because of YOU!**

The Gala 2019 was an amazing success because of all of you! Our new casual cocktail party event was a hit. Our sold-out crowd enjoyed a wonderful evening with complimentary tasty appetizers, a champagne bar and a martini ice sculpture luge!



The Gala is in only its fourth year and continues to benefit our club and The Sailing Foundation (BSRA)! We support "High Achievement on the Water" and have seen our vision come to fruition.

Because of **YOU**, a huge thank you to our sponsors for their amazing support.

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Many thanks to all who made The Gala a huge success!

- Kari Konapelsky and Lauri Moffett, The Gala Co-Chairs -

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Fall Favorites

What a wunderbar time we had at our annual Oktoberfest. "Roll Out the Barrel" and other German favorites were performed by our oompah band of Michael Bryant and Tim Whelan. Best costume, best yodeler and best stein holding endurance winners were Chloe and Lori Curtin and Robert Homer (costume), Jack Barnes (yodeler), and Tara Kraushaar and Louis Visser (stein holding). Chef Georges Rapicault and his culinary team prepared delicious German fare that was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Catherine Miller and Bobbi Silvey for chairing this event.

The annual Las Commodoras Toy Drive, benefitting the 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion based at Camp Pendleton, kicks off during Prime Rib Night, Nov. 7. Please note our newly decorated sled, compliments of Mark Silvey.

Don't miss our elegant Champagne Luncheon Nov. 21, with a special champagne pairing for each course, including a guest speaker describing and educating us about the different champagnes. This event, organized by Sally Sopkin, will be a favorite, so be sure to sign up early.

The Holiday Luncheon and Auction, Dec. 12 will certainly sell out. There will be many live and silent auction items available. Bring your gift list and have a wonderful time completing some of your holiday shopping during this luncheon. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to our Marine families at Camp Pendleton.



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Life is a Gala

The Gala was one of the hits of the summer season, and the Lip Sync Battle took karaoke to the next level. So, what else is left?

The other holidays, what else! We will start Nov. 16 celebrating our members at the annual Awards Banquet. Good food, good drinks, and good friends – it is one of the best evenings of the year!

Your help is needed to get the club ready for the holiday season. We/You will decorate the club Nov. 17-18. Volunteers are needed starting at 10 a.m. both days. It's lots of fun decorating and moving things around and you know it is always different each year. Show us your decorating talents.

For the Nov. 22 Wine Dinner, the event chairs are Lori Curtin and Teri Leigh. The featured wine is Freemark Abbey, located in the Napa Valley, tracing its roots back to 1886. A representative of the winery will be at the dinner, providing much information about their wines.

As we celebrate the holiday season, remember to get ready for the new year. December 31, BCYC will hold a real Hollywood Black and White party featuring your favorite celebrities. More details will be coming soon!



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### Membership - What it Means

Membership is the cornerstone of BCYC and an active one allows the club to grow. Our active and purposeful membership drive has resulted in a sustained increase in numbers over the past three years. Increasingly active members have improved the club's financial standing measurably. Upward growth in membership runs counter to the membership trends of other yacht clubs around Newport Harbor in recent years.

As we enter the fourth quarter of 2019, we can reflect on another successful year, and your membership chair is extremely grateful for all of the support received during the year. Looking at the word MEMBERSHIP, we see that it embodies the following:

- M** – motivated members who actively use the club and embrace its motto of being the friendliest club on the bay
- E** – energy, which is essential in every successful organization; that energy, which fuels participation
- M** – motivated members who actively use the club and embrace its motto of being the friendliest club on the bay
- B** – bonding that brings enjoyment in being part of an extended family and what the club has to offer, including the facilities, location and staff
- E** – embracing all who are members to celebrate successes and to support those in need when calamity strikes
- R** – responsive members who dig deep to contribute to the many causes that the club supports, from the Marines and their families to our junior sailing programs
- S** – sustained engagement with the club and our many activities, that make it pleasurable for all
- H** – helping and sharing the load, as the club is not driven by only a few members, but rather needs everyone to help
- I** – interesting, since the continued evolution of ideas creates interest within the membership to remain active
- P** – prominence of BCYC in the community by supporting boating, and the club traditions will keep BCYC as the best yacht club in Newport Beach

We look forward to the final months of 2019 in the hope that our success as a membership team will sustain.



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# Events

## NOT TO MISS



**LAS COMMODORAS  
TOY DRIVE KICK-OFF  
AND PRIME RIB NIGHT  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**



**AWARDS NIGHT  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
6 p.m. Cocktails • 7 p.m. Dinner  
\$39++ Adults • \$18++ Children (under 12)**



**LAS COMMODORAS  
CHAMPAGNE PAIRING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21  
11:30 a.m. • \$40 p/p inclusive**



**WINE DINNER  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22  
6:30 p.m. Cocktails • 7 p.m. Dinner  
\$95++**



**2 FOR 1  
DINNER BUFFET  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
5-8 p.m.  
\$34++ Adults • \$18++ Children (under 12)**



**HOLIDAY  
PRIME RIB NIGHT  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

## NOVEMBER

Sundays	Sunday Supper
Saturday, 2	So Cal H.S. Regatta
Thursday, 7	Prime Rib Night
Thursday, 7	Las Commodoras Toy Drive Kick-Off
Friday, 15	Awards Set-Up
Saturday, 16	Awards Night
Sunday, 17	Hot Rum 1&2
Sun-Mon, 17-18	Holiday Decorating Set-Up
Thursday, 21	Las Commodoras Paint Lunch
Friday, 22	Wine Dinner
Saturday, 23	Wild Sailing Regatta #3 & After Party
Sunday, 24	JEC Ornament Crafting Party
Thursday, 28	Thanksgiving - Club Closed
Friday, 29	2 for 1 Dinner Buffet 5 - 8 p.m.

## DECEMBER

Sundays, 1,8	Sunday Supper
Thursday, 5	Holiday Prime Rib Night
Sunday, 8	Annual Meeting 4 p.m.
Sunday, 8	Hot Rum 3&4
Sunday, 15	Santa's Champagne Brunch
Wed-Sun, 18-22	Boat Parade
Sunday, 22	Boat Parade Family Night
Wednesday, 25	Christmas Club Closed
Thu-Sun, 26-29	Columbia Room Open Limited Menu 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday, 31	New Years Eve Party

**BCYC  
ANNUAL  
MEETING  
2019**

**BCYC  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8  
4 p.m.**

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Please make reservations for all club events, as well as dining plans, at [bcyc.org](http://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).

Breakfast in the Columbia Room  
Every Saturday 8 - 11 a.m.

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

Sunday Night Supper  
Every Sunday 5 - 8 p.m.