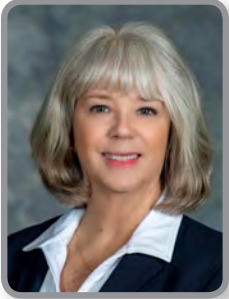




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## *Being Grateful*

The summer months are behind us now and fall is on the way. BCYC had very successful activities this summer; one of which was Camp Corinthian, the junior sailing program. More than 100 sailors participated for a full six weeks in the best program in the harbor. Under the direction of Sailing Director Aubrey

Mayer and his staff of teachers and coaches, the club was full of boats and sailors every day. The only difference from years past is everyone was wearing a mask. Congratulations to all who participated – well done!

The Gala wine event was a successful evening on the Compass Rose with music by Tim Whelen and organized by Kelly Brennan and Ramsey Johansson. The cheese plates were excellent. Thank you, Kelly and Ramsey, for your hard work on this event. Don't forget The Gala auction is scheduled for Sept. 12. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Catalina opened up and members enjoyed the Isthmus cruise. Thanks to Ronda and Secretary Rolf Rolnicki for organizing this relaxing event.

Several other events are scheduled for August, including Closing Night and Opening Day, and the Las Commodoras Tea Party. At the time of writing this article, those events have not happened yet and I am looking forward to them!

The word grateful comes to mind when I think of our club, members and staff. Everyone has pitched in to work out problems on a daily basis. Office staff cheerfully and competently assist members on the phone and in person. Members have been flexible in adjusting reservations when needed and the BCYC service staff is getting their steps in (and stairs) with the outdoor dining arrangement. I have noticed people staying for a while after finishing their meal, truly enjoying their time at the club, not wanting to leave. They are grateful to be here and that feeling lingers in the air.

Thank you for making BCYC a home away from home!



## Opening Day 2020



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*Don't Delay - Join the  
 Membership Committee*

Although there are many activities and committees to join at BCYC, arguably one of the most important may be the Membership Committee. Without membership, where would we be? The Membership Committee is one of the first contacts new members make and we always try to live up to our motto of being the “friendliest club on the bay.” The club office receives the initial application for membership and is followed by a membership interview. During interviews with potential members, we discuss interests and expectations of BCYC, as well as what the club expects from its members – get involved and enrich the club experience. As this pandemic continues, it has been especially difficult to reach out to meet with new members and to continue our efforts to attract new members. In order to keep our membership committee vital and ever-engaging, we invite YOU to come and join us on the committee. Your thoughts and ideas on how to attract and maintain members are very welcome.

Welcome new members: Steven and Wendy Fink, Greg Morrison, Scott Porter, and Tony and Charlene Stahl. Steven and Wendy are not new to the club as Steven is a long-time racer, first visiting the club in 1973, and has competed in several Taco Tuesday races. Greg has run multi-national companies and is a retired CPA. Scott plays drums in his band, and is an avid racer, already very active on the Race Committee. Tony and Charlene own a supplement and vitamin company, and became involved in BCYC through their son, Landon, who participated in races sponsored by BCYC and is a JFlag member. Welcome to all!



*top left: Steven and Wendy Fink; top right: Tony and Charlene Stahl  
 bottom left: Greg Morrison; bottom right: Scott Porter*



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*Active on the Water*

Camp Corinthian 2020 experienced challenging times with coronavirus restrictions. Junior Sailing Director Aubrey Mayer and Head Coach Christophe Killian planned and organized an amazing program that was in total compliance with the COVID-19 regulations, which kept our kids/coaches/families/members and staff safe. And resulted in a very successful Camp Corinthian. On the last day of the camp, Aubrey and Christophe presented awards by class throughout the pirate-themed day.

This year, we started a summer sailing program with our J- 22 sailboat, *Ventus*. — purchased from the funds raised during The Gala. *Venus* has been used in our junior sailing program, as well as in every Taco Tuesday race, with members and their families enjoying the sailboat racing experience. I would like to thank Junior Sailing Committee chair Joel Stone for partnering with me to put this program together, with assistance from Distinguished Racing Members David Levy and Dan Rossen.

Taco Tuesdays also had COVID-19 challenges. With no racing in May, the first two races and buffets in June were held inside the club before heading outside. There was outstanding racing participation with often more than 25 Harbor 20s and 15-plus PHRF boats competing. This year marked the 11th annual Taco Tuesdays and we look forward to a bigger and better 2021.

The Gala (see separate article) will be held outside in accordance with COVID-19 regulations. This is a very important part of growing the sailing/yachting activities at BCYC. Your generous tax-deductible donations are greatly appreciated, as funds go toward maintaining the necessary equipment and boats for the many on-the-water programs at the club. In addition to the boost it gives our yacht club financially, it also allows BCYC to help young racers in the community, helping them financially to participate in regattas around the U.S and the world.

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

*“When you get into a tight place where hurting goes against you, till it seems as though you cannot hang on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.”*

*~ Harriet Beecher Stowe*

# The Gala

Now in its fifth year, The Gala will take place Saturday, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m., outside on the Compass Rose and adjacent patios. The event raises funds for the Bahia Sail Racing Association, an organization that provides support to outstanding young amateur sailors, including BCYC Distinguished Racing Members, BCYC Racing Members and the BCYC Junior Racing Team. Join us for a lovely evening listening to the wonderful music of Tim Whelan, sipping delightful champagne and cocktails, and enjoying delicious treats. The silent and live auctions are not to be missed! Please RSVP today by calling the club office: 949-644-9530. We can't wait to see you there!

Kelly Brennan and Ramsey Johansson,  
The Gala Co-Chairs

## The Gala Wine Event





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*Events - Finally*

I hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer. We had many events at BCYC during the month of August. It was great seeing our members celebrating BCYC's annual Closing Night, Aug. 14, and Opening Day on Aug. 15.

This year, the Activities Committee is presenting the special Compass Rose Concert Series. Our first took place Aug. 22 and was a blast. The next event in the series will be Sept. 19. Bring your dinghy to the marina for the optimal viewing and listening pleasure. Please call the club to make reservations and take care of you and your fellow members – wear a face covering and maintain social distancing.

“A Night of Motown” is the theme for our first Lounge Night of the year, Sept. 4, from 6-8 p.m. To allow for social distancing, this will take place on the pool patio area. Please call the club to make reservations for this sure-to-be wonderful evening. Wear your most comfortable shoes, so that you can dance the night away.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Activities Committee, please contact the committee co-chairs, Artesha Harvey and Director Cleve Sproule, via email at [bcycactivities@gmail.com](mailto:bcycactivities@gmail.com). Our meetings are scheduled for every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.



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*On the Road Again - To BCYC*

Just when we thought COVID-19 was slowing and things were returning to a new normal, and we were “back on the road again,” the virus increased again. As of this writing, the media is informing us of the rise in cases of this virus. Whatever the reason, continue to read all updates from BCYC to be aware of the requirements placed on the club from the CDC and Orange County Health Department.

Our first big club event, Father's Day Brunch, was a huge success. Chef Georges Rapicault and his culinary team prepared an amazing buffet, and the service staff was superb. Everyone enjoyed the car show, organized by Mark Arizmendi and Director Cleve Sproule. Thanks to all who attended and those who worked to make this event such a success.

Currently, members are enjoying outdoor dining: lunch and dinner on the mid-patio and Compass Rose; the Omelet Express every Sunday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; and the recently completed Taco Tuesday buffet. Make plans to be part of these very cool outdoor dining experiences. We are anxiously awaiting the day when we can begin serving Sunday Night Suppers. Watch your email and the BCYC website for updates.

It is difficult to write articles for *The Masthead* right now with so much uncertainty AGAIN in the progression of this pandemic. For several weeks we have been enjoying the limited menus prepared by Chef Georges and his team, served to us on the Compass Rose and mid-patio. They, along with Commodore Ginny Lombardi, General Manager Scott Jones and the entire staff, have kept BCYC afloat during a very difficult time.

As always, stay healthy, stay safe, wear your masks, wash your hands and get ready to celebrate BCYC's eventual reopening.

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**Lenny Gallegos**, a BCYC employee for 30 years, and lead sous chef for many of those years, retired in July. Chef Georges Rapicault described him as a valued employee who worked nonstop, calling him a work beast! He was reliable and much adored by the BCYC staff.

Lenny, thanks for your dedication to the club. You will be hard to replace and we wish you great success as you start this new chapter in your life with your family in Victorville.



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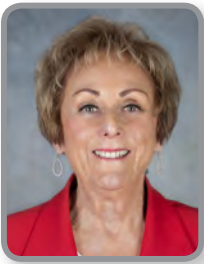
Summer Sailing  
During the Pandemic

This summer, I coached our advanced Sabot racers during the recently completed Camp Corinthian, and it was definitely one of the most challenging summers yet. Our outstanding coaches and program leadership team worked very hard to make this summer run smoothly and made sure the kids were always learning, laughing and being safe.

Because social distancing on land was paramount due to the pandemic, this year was packed with a tremendous amount of time on the water. With this additional water time, we saw a huge progression of our sailors moving up, and all were representing BCYC proudly on the bay this summer. I would like to thank Assistant Sailing Director Pete Dodosh, Head Coach Cristophe Killian, and Junior Sailing Director Aubrey Mayer for the endless amount of hard work they put into making this Camp Corinthian happen flawlessly. It wouldn't have happened without these guys.



Camp Corinthian



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Events Past  
and Future

By the time you read this, I hope we had a wonderful Tea Party on Aug. 20, enjoying beautiful hats, flowers and the polished O'Connor tea service at BCYC. Over the years this has always been a very popular event. Pictures will follow next month. Hat contests with great prizes, wonderful tea sandwiches and of course, scones, clotted cream and cake. Thank you to Joyce Barnes and Teri Leigh for chairing this event, especially with the distancing issues, and that it was held outdoors. While there were challenges, these ladies did a fabulous job.

Thank you to all who donated back packs and school supplies for the Camp Pendleton Marine children. They need supplies whether they are in home or school classes. The families are always so appreciative of our support. Thank you, Sally Sopkin for organizing this event – awesome job. A big thank you to Dick Stone for always reliable delivery service.

I am looking forward to the ever-popular dog show, now scheduled for Oct. 10. You have an extra month to train your dog in obedience and get your dog's name on the Riley O'Connor obedience perpetual trophy, a very high honor indeed. Let's enjoy these events together!

The Cruise Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at approximately 7 p.m., and are currently being held via Zoom. If you are interested in helping us plan some exciting cruises, please let me know.



Camp Corinthian



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Contributing to the  
Community

The Junior Events Committee kicked off summer with a food drive, coordinating with Share Our Selves, a Costa Mesa-based organization that provides care and assistance to those in need. It was a great way for the JEC and BCYC to help, particularly during the Covid-19 crisis. The kids collected a "boatload" of donations at the Father's Day event. Many thanks to our generous members for supporting our efforts in helping our local community during these difficult times. You are the best!

We sailed into July grateful for Camp Corinthian. I think we can all agree that it was pretty amazing! It was safe, organized, well coached and the kids had so much fun. Special thanks to everyone who made this year possible, especially Sailing Director Aubrey Mayer and his team of coaches. We know this year was not what we all envisioned, but everyone pulled together and made it happen.

The Gala 2020 is coming Sept. 12. This event directly benefits our juniors through the Bahia Sail Racing Association, whose work plays an important role in the success of BCYC's Junior Sailing Program. (see the article on The Gala for more information)

Heading into fall, the JEC plans to host the annual Pumpkin Carving event in October and Ornament Decorating party in November. Both will take place outside and we are confident we can make these happen while wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. More details will be coming soon and we hope to see all of the BCYC families there!

As we navigate through these uncertain times, the JEC will continue to support BCYC events as best we can. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any suggestions. We are all in this together. Stay safe everyone.





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*Who are  
 These People?*

Race Committee is back “at work” running races and being safe! You can’t see, but we’re smiling behind the masks.

We started the Taco Tuesday series in June with 50 registered racers who were excited to be on the water and just wrapped it up in August.

June also kicked off the Around the Oil Islands Series, followed by races in July and August. The first ATI was a picture-perfect day with equally perfect wind conditions, a really great way to start off the series. We enjoyed watching the sleds (big boats) sail the course, way out in front of the rest of the fleet.

September will feature the Wild Sailing Regatta for PHRF boats and Harbor 20 Tune-Up races for those skippers practicing for the Harbor 20 Fleet 1 Championship Regatta later in the month.

**BCYC WINNERS CIRCLE**

**Taco Tuesdays**

- Violetta*: Jane Hartley, 1st/3rd Place
- Tortuga*: Caleb Everett, 1st/2nd Place
- Mystery*: Dene Stratton, 2nd Place
- Lickity Split*: Joe Degenhardt, 1st Place
- Ventus*: BCYC DRM’s, 1st/2nd Place
- Halcyon*: Bob Kafka, 3rd Place
- Problem Child*: Dan Rossen, 3rd Place
- Pussycat*: John Szalay, 2nd/3rd Place
- Dark Star*: Steve Brown, 3rd Place

**Angelman Series**

- Problem Child*: Dan Rossen, 1st Place
- Violetta*: Jane Hartley, 3rd Place
- Healer*: Larry Kliger, 3rd Place
- Maiden*: John Risvold, 2nd Place
- Pussycat*: John Szalay, 3rd Place

**Around The Oil Islands**

- Lickity Split*: Joe Degenhardt, 1st/2nd Place
- Rylacade*: Stuart Leigh, 3rd Place
- Maiden*: John Risvold, 1st Place
- Tortuga*: Caleb Everett, 2nd Place





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*Let's Go Cruising*

In June, 15 boats ventured over to Two Harbors, Catalina for the Isthmus Cruise and all had a great time. It was just relaxing to get away, enjoy the sea breezes, and take in the sunshine and the beautiful view at the Isthmus. We were able to participate in some safe activities while there. First, we celebrated "It's 5 o'clock somewhere" with a dinghy raft-up to toast happy hour. We were able to visit with each other and still stay socially distant and apart. During this time, it was so good to see club members and their happy faces. On Saturday, we entertained ourselves with a couple of dinghy games. Find that Can was a popular game, where members had to find the names of cans in the harbor. One of our newest members, Scott Vernier, was lucky enough to win – great job, Scott!

Our next cruise is Junior Staff Commodore Steve Moffett's cruise to Avalon and the Isthmus, scheduled for Sept. 23-25. We will spend the first two nights in Avalon (Wednesday and Thursday) and the last two nights at the Isthmus (Friday and Saturday). Catalina is beautiful and less crowded at this time of year, so come and enjoy the party.

For our last cruise of the year, we will head back to Avalon Oct. 23-25. So far, we have planned our annual and ever-popular mini golf tournament along with a dinghy raft-up. Stay tuned as sign-ups for this cruise should begin in September.

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**DID YOU KNOW ?**

**Important Stuff**

**Did you know** that all family members can receive their own individual electronic communications from BCYC? Just update your email information in the roster section of the website or contact Dale Rivas (dales@bcyc.org) and provide her with the email address(es).

**Did you know** that club members can check out a paddleboard or kayak through the club office? There is no charge for members, and if you bring a guest, it is only \$10 for them. Paddles can be picked up at the office and please remember to bring your PFD.

**Did you know** that BCYC sends out a Weekly Update every Wednesday? This contains the current event calendar details, as well as a great deal of important information concerning club operating hours, event promotions and more. If you are not receiving this update and other electronic communications from the club, let Dale Rivas (dales@bcyc.org) know.

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**Closing Night Ceremony and Luau**



**Opening Day 2020**



**Can't get enough of these Camp Corinthian Sailors . . .**

