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and Fun*

Thank you all so much for your patience during these difficult times. We are all vulnerable and feeling somewhat insecure with all of the recent, and ongoing, developments.

Please know that the BCYC staff is paying close attention to every detail and are always at the ready to make sure our club is safe. They have been very flexible and cooperative whilst still having fun!

So much goes on behind the scenes to ensure that your safety and enjoyment of the club is at the forefront. We are a family – we all care and we will always be here for each other. Together, 2022 will be a great year.



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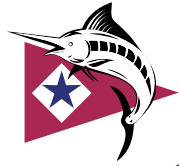
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Fishing Every Day, All Year

Every day is a great day for fishing. Cool, sunny days of flat water over the rock piles and pipes just outside the harbor are producing bass, perch and more. Dark, rainy nights are the best for Spiny Lobster and the season is open through March 16! Many of you have told us you want to fish with, and a few “Columbia Room brave souls” against, Lorie and me. We are accepting the challenge through the introduction of the BCYC Full Year Tournament. Check it out and sign up at [BCYC Angling](#) to participate in our 2022 yearlong fishing tournament.

We have real-time scoring and leader boards with catch reports, photos and much more. It’s simple to log your catch and photo with your phone while on the water, and rack up points. You even earn points for each day fished, regardless of catch. If you are out for a day sail, drag a jig on a hand line and you’re fishing!

We have individual, team and boat scoring, with bonus points based on location and if part of a club function. Do you want to up your boat score? Register your family and friends. Do you have the ace team in mind? You better lock them in to your team before someone else lands them! This tournament is about the fun of fishing. Catching, and telling fish stories is a bonus.

Need help? We’ll be here for you with information, support, training and tackle. The new BCYC Angling site includes fish identification, suggested tackle, training videos, fish locations, Department of Fish and Game rules, charts, license information and much more.

Name This Fish?

Send your answer to angling@bcyc.org before March 15 for points



Flap of skin above eye and on snout.
Huge mouth, small teeth.
Body marbled.
Smooth skin lacking scales.



House & Grounds
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Improvements

The last year was a challenge, but we accomplished some nice improvements. The second floor temporary POS terminal was moved from between the library and the board room to the elevator alcove. Removing the old clutter has opened up that area and makes it more appealing for events. The 60-year-old soda fire cabinet has been replaced with a nice glass door enclosure near the elevator. Additional burgees have been installed in the elevator alcove to reflect the expanding number of yacht clubs and associations members have visited.

Brass acknowledgement plaques for those members who contributed to purchasing Columbia Room bar stools have finally arrived, thanks to the efforts of Jen Pfeiffer, after a more than two-year delay – these will be installed shortly. The House Committee has also asked some members to look at landscape color and enhancement.

If members have any ideas or suggestions, please come to the House Committee meetings so that we can continue to refine and make our club more beautiful. Continued participation by members in the committee provides more options to improve the function and appearance of BCYC.



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Happy New Year
BCYC Families!

The Junior Events Committee is looking forward to a fabulous 2022, filled with new events and good times. We'll have new themes for our popular "Family Friday Nights" this summer, pop-up "Parents Night Out" with babysitting and "Sunday Funday" BBQ pool get-togethers. We will continue with our most popular events, such as Game Night, Pumpkin Carving and Ornament Decorating during the holidays.

The Junior Support Crew has a few open spots for kids who would like to be more involved at BCYC, as well as assisting the Junior Sailing Committee with various events. This is a great opportunity for kids who enjoy volunteering and being part of our fun and active club. If your child is 10-12 years-old and is active on the water, please send us an email for an application. New applications must be submitted no later than Feb. 28.

If you have any comments, questions or ideas for us, please let us know. We're always looking for new ways to enhance our activities and we welcome your suggestions.

Estate Planning
Have you considered remembering BCYC in your estate planning?
Please contact General Manager Scott Jones to discuss.

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Land-Based
Happenings for 2022

Thank you for your confidence in me to serve as your rear commodore for 2022! As such, I will do my best to keep you abreast of the land-based happenings of the club this year. It is my responsibility to oversee the club committees, including Activities, Food and Beverage, Las Commodoras, House and Grounds, Membership, the Ship's Store and Traditions. I plan to attend as many monthly committee meetings as possible and communicate the activity of each to the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and you, the members of BCYC.

If you are not already involved in a land-based committee, I encourage you to join one (above) that might be of interest to you. Being a part of one of our committees is a great way to meet other members, make friends and contribute to the success of the club and its events. You can make a difference!

If you have suggestions that you would like to submit, please send me an e-mail (lacleve@aol.com) or speak with me at the club. I will be pleased to present your suggestions to the appropriate people.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

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*Meet BCYC's Head
Coach - Max Mayol*

Max Mayol has grown up at BCYC since the age of five. He has been on the water as a passenger since he was only a few days old and participating in competitive sailing since eight years old. Max started out sailing Sabots and quickly advanced to the highest ranking in Sabots of level A by the age of 11. Seeking more competition outside of California, Max began racing Optis, an internationally recognized youth dinghy. Competitions in the Opti took him to regattas in Miami, San Francisco and Wisconsin, and international competitions in Italy, Belgium and Canada. Max has competitively sailed a variety of boats over the years, including Lasers, Nacra 15, C-420, 29er and several types of keelboats. This past summer, Max won the Youth World's Match Racing Championship along with Skipper David Wood, and crew Daniel Pegg and Marbella Marlo. Congratulations!

With Max's sailing experience and having grown up at BCYC, Max was a perfect fit to fill the role of head coach for BCYC in 2021. Max is also the head coach of Corona del Mar High School, coaching his talented team to the Mallory and Baker High School National Championships in 2021 and Keelboat Nationals so far in 2022.

As BCYC's head coach, Max, along with Junior Sailing Director Aubrey Mayer, recognized the need for a competitive set of sailors at BCYC and throughout California. There is opportunity for motivated sailors seeking year-round sailing with the highest level of competition available through an Opti sailing program. With full support of the BCYC Junior Sailing Committee and BCYC's Board of Directors, Max launched the Opti program in late 2021. Quickly, the Opti program attracted eight boats that traveled in December to their first Orange Bowl Regatta in Miami.

If you don't know Max, please take the opportunity to reach out to introduce yourself or contact him at maxm@bcyc.com. You will quickly learn he is passionate about teaching sailing and has a very competitive side that is contagious with junior sailors seeking to improve their sailing skills in a fun environment.

Coach Max, we are proud and fortunate to have you as our head coach and wish you and Aubrey much success in continuing to elevate BCYC as one of the top-recognized junior sailing programs in the United States.



Vice Commodore
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*Welcome 2022
(On the Water)*

Let me start by saying thank you to our Board of Directors as well as our membership for allowing me to be your vice commodore in 2022. I am honored and humbled by your trust in me.

The primary functions of the vice commodore are to oversee all water-based activities, chair the monthly Steering Committee meeting, and be a very active participant as a member of the Board of Directors. Water-based activities include the Cruise Committee, Race Committee, Trophy Committee, as well as interfacing with the Port Captain, sail fleet, power fleet, the junior board advisors and junior sailing. It will be an exciting year and I am looking forward to working with all the committees and committee chairs. It is my plan to again highlight a committee, committee chair or activity each month so that we all can become more familiar with the events occurring at BCYC and the individuals who make things happen. It is my hope that in this manner we can all learn something new each month about what is going on at the club, and what our various committees are doing and planning.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, I would be more than happy to hear from you and receive your input or suggestions. Please feel free to contact me at any time via email at rolnickilaw@aol.com.





Meet The Staff

**Gerardo "Geo" Vera,
Lead Line Cook**

For the past five years, BCYC members have enjoyed "Geo's" expertise in the kitchen. He was born in Jalisco, Mexico, and moved with his family to Orange County at the age of nine months. Geo lives with his parents and five siblings in Orange County.

He began employment at the club as a dishwasher and worked his way up to lead line cook and, under the tutelage of Chef Georges Rapicault, is mastering the art of creating the fine sauces that members and guests enjoy. Also, Geo is the talent behind the hard-to-resist, rich and tasty scalloped potatoes at Prime Rib Night!

When Geo is not at his full-time position at BCYC, he is tending to his garden of tulips, oregano, basil, walnuts and ghost peppers, and caring for his 10 doves, three turtles, six parakeets and six society finches.

If you haven't met Geo, when you see him around the club, say hello and introduce yourself to him. He enjoys working at BCYC and serving our members and guests!



Activities

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Hello 2022!

2021 was a magical year for BCYC! We started the year off a little rough with COVID-19 concerns, but we were able to persevere and celebrate our great club. Wonderful events throughout the year included Closing Night and Opening Day ceremonies, Mother's Day brunch, BCYC's famous Father's Day Car Show and brunch, Independence Day, Showboat, our epic Compass Rose Concerts and our groovy Halloween Night Party. Not to mention, we were able to celebrate our 2021 commodore, Rhonda Tolar, at the Commodore's Ball. The last two years have shown me that BCYC has such a strong spirit of community and we will make it through anything together.

As we look forward to 2022, I know that we are going to keep our strong BCYC spirit no matter what we might have to face, with our great leadership team of General Manager Scott Jones and 2022 Commodore Kari Konapelsky.

Our first big activity of the year will be the Super Bowl LVI party on Sunday, Feb. 13. I encourage you to come and have a great time – reservations are **required**. Members also viewed the football games leading up to the Super Bowl throughout the month of January. This will be the year of many celebrations at BCYC, so I hope to see you around.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Activities Committee, you can reach out to Committee Chair Artesha Harvey at bcycactivities@gmail.com. Our meetings are every second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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As we enter into our 75th year, NOSA is once again going all out in preparation for the annual Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race, which sails April 22, 2022.

Registration is open and it's time to enter!

For those looking to brush up on night sailing, provisioning, weather, and crew tips for a fun, safe and trophy-winning race, in-person and Zoom seminars will be offered later this month.

Please check nosa.org for additional dates and locations as they are added and signed up at <https://nosa.org/seminars/>:

January 27 Silver Gate Yacht Club
 February 10 Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club
 March 10 Del Rey Yacht Club.

Dates coming soon for Santa Barbara Yacht Club & Dana Point Yacht Club.

Both BCYC and DPYC seminars will be broadcast live on Zoom.

Up for grabs for a second year is the Storm Trysail Club Team Racing Trophy. This prestigious blue-water sailing organization is offering a trophy for any three-boat team who sign up and have the lowest combined finish score.

Joining the competition is easy – just find two fellow skippers in which you have something in common (alma mater, dock mates, professions, number of ex-wives, similar boat names, etc..) pick an inspired team name, and register online. The only caveat is that boats cannot all be racing N2E in the same class. One of the three teams must race in another division.

Lastly, the N2E Store is open online, and new and previous race gear can be ordered and shipped across the country.

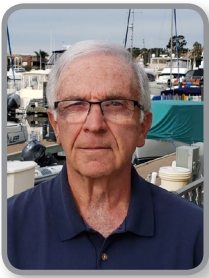
NOSA, now in its 75th anniversary year, is again offering three courses for its legendary N2E. The sprint to Dana Point, the half marathon to San Diego, and the classic – all-time favorite course to Ensenada, Mexico.

Won't you join us?

Register here <https://registration.nosa.org/register>

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WINTER Sailing

While digging through some old photos, I ran across one of some young boys (recognize anybody?) sailing their home-made iceboat. For many of us who grew up on the East Coast, this was our version of winter sailing. A few pieces of lumber, some rope, an old bedsheet, and three runners, and you got to scoot across the frozen lake at amazing speeds.

For winter 2022, you get to scoot across the unfrozen waters of Newport Beach while participating in BCYC's "winter series" of races.

HOT RUM SERIES – the last day of the Hot Rum series in January marked the first race of the new year. With a record number of boats participating and crews enjoying the post-race get-togethers, we can truly say that this was, and will continue to be, a well-liked series.

ANGELMAN SERIES – the first race of this three-race ocean series is Feb. 12. As in past years, the races will be random leg around a mix of inflatable marks and the oil islands. This series is what we refer to as "medium distance" since winter winds tend to allow us to run 15–18-mile courses. This is where constant sail trimming and crew concentration really pays off.

MID-WINTER REGATTA – The SCYA Midwinter Regatta, which first ran in 1930, is a two-day event during which all of the yacht clubs in Southern California host various venues...BCYC hosts the Harbor 20 venue with multiple windward-leeward races on each of the two days with a post-series get-together on the last day to announce winners and award prizes.

LORIN WEISS SERIES – This three-day series is named after BCYC Staff Commodore Lorin Weiss and consists of five windward-leeward races each day...with an average of 30 Harbor 20s competing in three classes for class and series awards. Do the math – that is 45 starts – lots of flags and lots of horns!

BOGART SERIES – We celebrate the last few official days of winter by hosting this two-day race series – over to Avalon on March 19 and back on March 20. We award prizes for each day of sailing, plus award a series prize based on the combined scores from both days. This race is for everyone, from novice to expert. Cruising boats are encouraged to participate and we even allow engine use.

AND SPRING FORWARD – Although it seems like we just set our clocks back, on Sunday, March 13, 2022, it's time to spring forward. Fortunately, we don't have any races scheduled that day.



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Awesome Success

BCYC members, I hope this finds you all well in 2022. The last almost four years at BCYC have been a blessing and I can't thank the membership enough for their support and passion.

Even through the global pandemic, BCYC Junior Sailing has thrived, ascending into one of the premiere junior sailing programs in the country and we had a lot of fun on the water in doing it!

Over the past few years, BCYC's Naples Sabot participation has skyrocketed. This year BCYC coached 23 boats at the Sabot National Championship hosted by Mission Bay Yacht Club, more than any other club, and five boats placed in the top 10. Mark Gaudio continues to be a pillar in the Balboa Bay Naples Sabot community and an incredible leader to our sailors, families and coaches.

BCYC operates the most successful C420 and CFJ racing team in the nation and we have the results to prove it! We call this racing team NB4T, or the Newport Beach Club 420 Team, and we coach not only the top junior sailors from every yacht club in Southern California, but also top junior sailors in other parts of the country, including the Midwest and Atlantic Coast. The team is built on the philosophy that a rising tide lifts all boats.

Top C420/CFJ results in 2021 include:

- C420 National Champions (3rd and 6th) out of 140+ boats
- Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta C420 Champions (1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th)
- C420 US Sailing Bemis National Champions
- 2nd, 3rd, 5th at C420 Team Racing National Championship
- 3rd at C420 Midwinters and C420 North Americans
- CFJ National Champions

In concert with BCYC's NB4T Racing Team, BCYC hosts the top high school sailing team in California — Mater Dei — which won two state titles in 2021 and finished in 2nd place at the National Championship by one point, with several BCYC junior members on that team. BCYC also supports several junior members who sail for other high schools in

Southern California very successfully, including Corona del Mar, Newport Harbor, Point Loma, San Marcos, Santa Barbara, Dos Pueblos, Palos Verdes and more.

BCYC sailors and coaches also competed well in other disciplines, such as match racing. BCYC junior member Reade Decker won the Youth Match Racing National Championship (Rose Cup). BCYC NB4T coach Jeffrey Petersen won the Rose Cup the 2021 Governor's Cup. And BCYC Head Coach Max Mayol won the Youth Match Racing World Championship!

These are also examples of some of the types sailors and coaches who roam BCYC's halls, participate in chalk talks in the junior room, look after BCYC assets, represent BCYC at big national regattas, teach your kids how to sail/love the water and invent new, dynamic ways for them to pursue the sport they love. Along those lines, Mayol recently started an Optimist Team (NBOT) and took eight sailors to the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta in Miami over the Christmas holiday, which had never been done before at BCYC. Way to go Max!

BCYC's Junior Program is not limited to only racing; we also have the most popular Adventure Sailing Program on Balboa Bay in Berkley Green's, Junior Mariner Program. Our Starfish Program for our 5-7-year-old kids is making fantastic progress and we look forward to carrying our momentum into to the Spring and Summer at BCYC.

Due to the fact that our program has grown and become widely known around the country over the past few years, we are now able to hire coaches from all over the country and, as a result, are looking for a few BCYC members to volunteer to house these great coaches during the summer. If you have the ability to offer housing or have any leads for us to follow up on, please contact at aubreym@bcyc.org. Thank you and I can't wait to see you all on the water!





Orange Bowl





Cruising

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2022 Cruising Kicks off With Upcoming Desert Land Cruise!

It is time to set sail (or power up) for 2022 BCYC cruising! We want to thank Vice Commodore Rolf and Ronda Rolnicki for years of commitment to the Cruise Committee and many great memories on the water and land. In 2022, they pass the leadership torch to this year's new co-chairs; Director Jeff and Julie Granbery, and Scott Vernier.

We are excited to kick off 2022 and look forward to sharing the exciting lineup of awesome cruises! We wrapped up 2021 with some adventurous winter cruising with new and seasoned BCYC cruisers. Director Granbery celebrated a milestone birthday in November and was fortunate to celebrate with fellow BCYC pirates...I mean cruisers. Check out the photos from the west end and see if you can find the BCYC boats. Here is a shoutout to Ian Hardy and Nesrine Cherkaoui for their new boat's maiden voyage and mooring in Catalina!

The BCYC-favorite Desert Land Cruise is March 4-6. Sign up now by calling the club office or registering on the land cruise webpage (under the cruise button on the club website homepage)! You can also grab a room at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas, before they sell out, on this same webpage — special BCYC pricing is only valid through Feb. 11, 2022. This is the best time of year in the desert and there are a lot of great activities planned. Enjoy a VIP BCYC poolside cabana, dinner at Chaparral Country Club, happy hour, great meals, golf, polo and general good times with friends! Thanks to the Rolnickis for organizing.

Lastly, your Cruise Committee is busy planning awesome events for 2022. Look for some local fun with a Newport raft-up and 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, Jeff or Scott with ideas.



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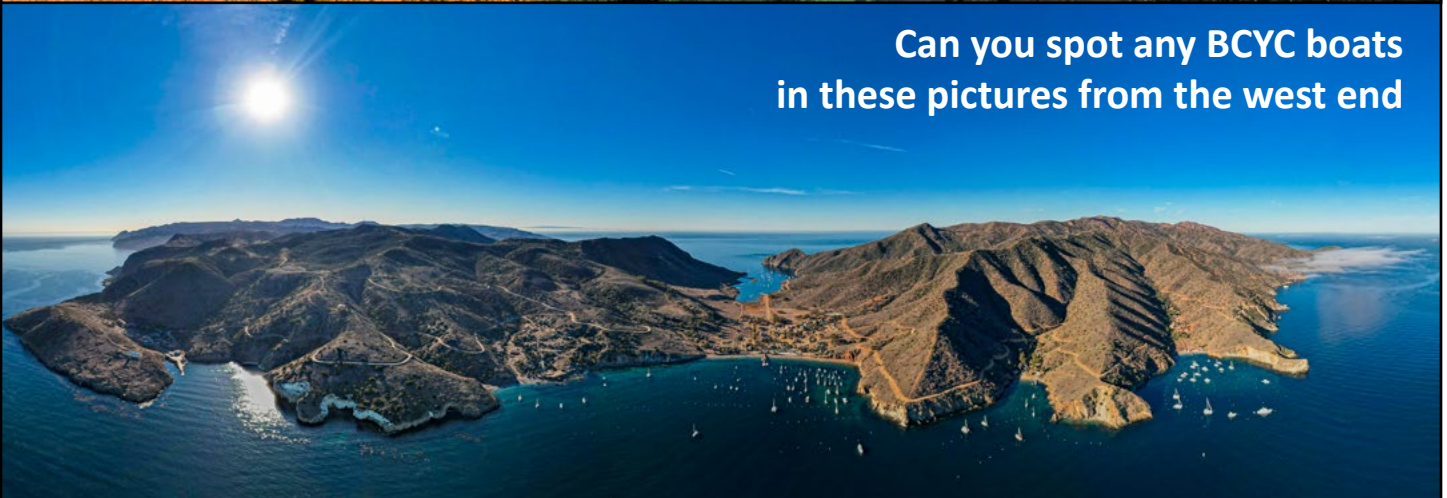
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**Can you spot any BCYC boats
in these pictures from the west end**





January Sunday Night Supper





Food & Beverage

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2022 Food & Beverage

Happy New Year and I am thinking positively that this will be the year that “return to normalcy” takes place. We started off with a little setback, but we have been there before and can weather through it.

I would like to welcome Ian Hardy as the new Food and Beverage Committee co-chair. Ian has long been a supporter of this committee and I look forward to his continued input and support.

Although BCYC started the year with COVID-19 restrictions back in play, we will carry on. We may need to adjust with the mask mandate, the only thing in place at this time. For now, masks are required indoors through Feb. 15. Let us hope for no further restrictions that will limit the functionality we enjoy at BCYC.

Our tradition of Sunday Night Suppers is back on the calendar with our February supper scheduled for Feb. 27. The menu is being finalized and, upon completion, will be posted in the Weekly Update. Please join us and let’s begin 2022 the right way – moving forward.

On behalf of myself and Ian, we are looking forward to working with all our committee participants and supporting other committees at BCYC. If you would like to join us, please do. Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 16 at 6 p.m.

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Bring 2022 Fun

Happy New Year BCYC members. I am so excited and honored to be president of Las Commodoras for 2022. We have amazing women on our board and a variety of fabulous events scheduled throughout the year.

In addition to our luncheons, we will host various functions in the evenings and on select weekends. For example, our annual Fashion Show luncheon will now take place Saturday, Nov. 19, rather than our regular Thursday. The Fashion Show is one of our most popular events and by making this small change, it gives an opportunity for more members to enjoy and participate.

We rolled into the new year with a great night of Bunco. Members enjoyed a hearty appetizer buffet created by Chef Georges Rapicault and then spent the evening rolling the dice in hopes of taking home the top prize. Special thanks for Teri Leigh, Staff Commodore Rhonda Tolar and Mary Kaye Whelan for chairing this awesome evening. We can't wait to do it again!

Here is looking forward to a year full of laughter and fun. If you've not yet attended a Las Commodoras event, this is your year to make it happen.




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Hot Rum Series Congrats!

Congratulations to BCYC Distinguished Racing Members for their overall performance in the Hot Rum Series that concluded Jan. 16. Jane Hartley, skipper of *Violetta*, was first overall. Dan Rossen and Jennifer Pfeiffer, skipper and crew of *Ventus*, were third overall.



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