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*Our New
2008 Board of Directors*

From the Quarterdeck

COMMODORE



COLLEEN NIX



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

As I write this article, I am reflecting on all the gifts and blessings for which I am, for one, very thankful. This has been a year of challenges and change, and I am truly thankful for such a hard working and cohesive Board, and also grateful to all of the members that volunteered their time and energy to help serve at CIYC. Without their efforts, the many activities and events that we all have enjoyed this year would not have taken place. The various "behind the scenes" tasks would not have been taken care of, and the meals we have all enjoyed this year would not have been prepared and served. As Frank Sullivan wrote in his first article as Rear Commodore this year, "Ask Not What Your Club Can Do For You, But What You Can Do For Your Club." Many of you have stepped up and helped us all, and to you all, I say THANK YOU.

The Slate has been set for the Class of 2008 Board of Directors, and by the time your read this article, the Flag officers for 2008 will have been elected. Please take the time to thank them for their commitment, and please let them know that you will be behind them for this upcoming year. 2008 will be a very important year for the future of CIYC, and this new Flag and Board will have their hands full. They will need, and deserve your support.

The goal of this year's Board was not only to get the Club in better financial shape, but also to get the Club in a position to continue to improve and succeed with the many challenges

that we know lay ahead in the next 5 years. We are planning Board meetings through December, and are striving to complete all of the goals that we have set forth for 2007. In December, we will work with the new 2008 Class, and set the 2008 budget. Therefore, the 2008 Flag and Board will be able to hit the ground running in January.

The 2007 Board has not tabled any issue, and has strived to complete this years agenda in it's entirety. That is the commitment we made to each other, and also the commitment we made to all of you. We will leave the business that is CIYC in better shape than what we inherited, and we will put the processes in place to assure the 2008 Board will be able to claim the very same.

As Thanksgiving approaches, please take the time to reflect on all of the "good" that surrounds us. We truly all live in paradise, in the richest country in the world. We want for nothing, and most of us live very comfortably. The majority of us have been blessed with good health this year, rewarding careers, pleasurable retirements, and a wonderful social life at CIYC. It is so easy to criticize, complain and find fault. Please take this Holiday time to be kind, thoughtful, complementary, and above all, Thankful.

I wish you and your family a very blessed Thanksgiving!

Colleen Nix, Commodore



From the Quarterdeck



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SUE JOHNSTON

It hardly seems as if the year can be nearly over. We have had so many wonderful days on the water. To all of those who have participated, I thank you. You are the reason CIYC has had so many racing successes as well as memorable cruising days and fun filled dingy parties. I cannot thank these people enough. Please know how much I appreciate you!

Our sail racers participated in the Ventura Cup and once again brought the trophy for most racers entered to CIYC. The combined team entry, valiantly headed by Richard Sharpe, placed third. Best wishes to all racers as the season winds to an end.

As I have mentioned so many times, we have had a great racing season. I sincerely appreciate the ending work and support of those who made this possible. I would not have remained sane—but most importantly CIYC would not have been so successful without these people. I thank George and Evelina Arglen for running the cruiser navigation program. And to Dan Alpern I appreciate your unending patience and support for our sail racing program.

We still have a few opportunities to enjoy the beautiful Pacific waters together. I know Connie Calo has an enjoyable dingy party planned for December. Please sign up and participate. And I am sure Larry Golkin will be looking for help with our Parade of Lights entry. Many hands make light work, so sign up to help us defend our title.

If you sat on shore and watched all the fun this year, make sure you participate next year. Every day we spent on the water brought us memories and new friends.

See you on the water,

Sue Johnston



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FRANK SULLIVAN

The past Commodores prepared a great CIYC Anniversary Dinner. A big thank you to all those past Commodores who know how it's done! The Band, the **Mighty Cash Cats** did a stellar job of honoring Johnny Cash's style.

Steve Johnston and his crew prepared the A.A. Oakley Trophy Race Awards Dinner. They provided a fine meal to recognize the Cruiser Nav Racers.

Our Bar Manager, Jack Borkowski, has arranged for the installation of a cold room in the space next to the office downstairs. This will allow us to move larger beer kegs and drink syrup down stairs into the cold room. They will be plumbed directly up to the taps in the bar and allow us to redesign the bar. The space made in the bar can be used to bring the ice machine up stairs into the bar's backroom. A more efficient workspace and a resulting savings will result from these changes.

Update on the Dumbwaiter: I have obtained two bids to replace the electrical unit. One was \$27,000 and the other \$35,000.00. Before bringing this to the membership for approval, Dave Gable and Woody Underwood, with the help of Dick Olsen, agreed to take another shot at repairing the existing unit. Next time you see them, offer to buy them a drink. They were able to repair the unit by replacing the motor with one that we had as a spare. If the repair does not last, we may have to think about replacing it. The dumbwaiter is critical to the operation of the club's dinning room.

We are preparing to refurbish the interior of the club. We will begin with the dinning room. To this end, the Board has begun by forming a design committee to guide the process. We will ask the membership for approval to spend the money in the building fund when we get a better handle on the costs. As our reserves are reduced, we need to think of how to replace these funds either through dues increase or assessments.

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The Channel Islanders



Hello to All

By the time you read this, we would have had our fund raiser and the Election Meeting. I plan to give all the details in the December Currents.

Thank you Sharon Deyling, Sylvia Hyde and Ellie Babbe for your time spent working on our fund raiser.

Thank you again, Evelina and crew, for a great dinner on the 20th of October and another wonderful Luncheon that was held on the 23rd of October.

We are all looking forward to our trip to Solvang and Chumash on November 13, 2007.

Please try to sign up early so we know how many will be going and get enough refreshments for everyone on the way to the Chumash Casino, and beyond.

The bus will first stop at the Chumash Casino and drop off all those that wish to gamble. Then, the bus will go into Solvang and drop off those that wish to spend most of their time in town.

On the way back, the bus will bring the people from town into the Casino for awhile, where we will congregate.

Then we will all board the bus to come home.

The bus will be leaving the parking lot at 8:30 A.M. sharp and returning to Oxnard around 5:00 P.M.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful time with your family and friends.

See you on the beach (in my wet suit)

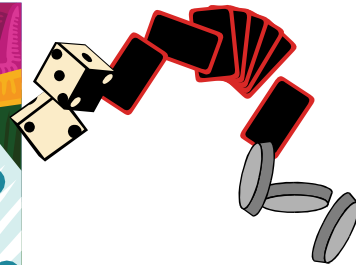
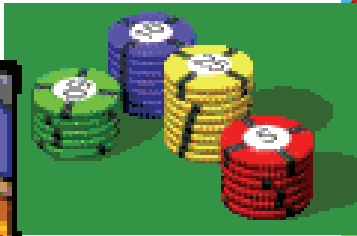
Ellie Bishop
First Mate



Ellie Bishop
First Mate 2007



Chumash Casino Trip



with a  in Solvang



a bus will pick us up at the parking lot
at 8AM on Tuesday, November 13th

Those that wish to gamble will be dropped at the Casino
Those that wish to walk around Solvang will be taken there
until after 1PM, when the bus will take them to the Casino for awhile.

We will be back at CIYC by 5PM.

Cost: \$20



The Competitive Edge

By Richard Sharpe

CIYC Organizes Multi Club Team for Ventura Cup

Each year, Ventura Yacht Club hosts the Ventura Cup. This fierce competition between the top clubs in the area always engenders controversy. This year was no exception. CIYC, faced with the very best that Ventura YC, Santa Barbara YC and SC could field, decided that, as most of our racing boats are more suited to random leg courses than windward leeward courses, then we would organize a combined club team to fight for the Cup.

This team consisted of *Ruckus*, the new *Flying Tiger* and *Coyote*, a J29, both from our sister club Anacapa and *Angry Hillbillies*, a J24, from Pierpont Bay YC. They joined our own *Perfect Balance* to do battle.

The racing was over Saturday and Sunday 22nd-23rd September held in light winds and mercifully, no rain. Many sailing professionals were on the course and our combined team did well, coming in a creditable third in a tough line up. Best performer was *Ruckus*, followed by *Coyote*, *Perfect Balance* and *Angry Hillbillies*. We did beat Santa Barbara Sailing Club to come in 3rd behind Santa Barbara Yacht Club and the winners, Ventura.



Tight Racing between the Olson's at the Leeward Mark

Our thanks goes to the other clubs who made up our combined team. Their help and the sportsmanship they showed was a true reflection of what sail boat racing is all about. We really worked as a team on and off the race course, and it was all smiles at the end of a hard weekend.



Close Racing at The start of the Ventura Cup

Santa Barbara Channel Challenge

In the Challenge this year, again CIYC took the prize for the most participants, proving that, although we may not excel at regatta courses, we have committed sailors who do very well in random leg, non-spinnaker courses. Three CIYC boats, *Scooter*, *Sisu* and *Zuma Jay* all raced hard against a J24 from Ventura, *Tortoise*. Larry and JoAnn Hansen's *Scooter* came in second, followed by Tim Haapenen's *Sisu*, and Kevin Dickmann's *Zuma Jay* just wasn't suited to the light conditions.

Anacapa Yacht Club Wet Wednesday Series

Once again the "Big Ugly Cup" comes back to CIYC. *Perfect Balance* (Richard and Paula Sharpe) won Spinnaker A and the overall title for the series, bringing the biggest (and ugliest) trophy awarded in the sailing year. This trophy comes with a penalty however, you have to display it prominently in your home for all to view (Paula has a habit of leaving the dust cover on it) for the whole year. Harry Crum's *Fusse* won the coveted accolade of "Scourge of the Sea", awarded for the boat most people would like to sail on. Doug Brown's *Shoestring* took third place overall, so a good season for CIYC.

Guy and Gal Series

Unfortunately, the first race of this series had to be postponed as the Santa Anna winds were up in the high thirties. Several CIYC boats will be fighting for this year's points. More later.

Two Harbors Fall Series

The last series of the racing year is the Two Harbors Fall Series hosted by Pierpont Bay YC and Anacapa YC. Each club takes a turn in hosting a race in the series. The first one, on October 13th, was hosted by Anacapa YC. The race around Gilda oil platform and back to Channel Islands harbor is a favorite one for race committees when the wind is light and from the South. The fleet of seven spinnaker boats started in light winds and although all boats found speed hard to come by, it was *Funatic* that suffered the most. With 10 miles to go to the rig, *Funatic* couldn't pass any of the leading boats and didn't come into her own until the down wind leg, when after some hesitation, she passed *Perfect Balance*. *XS* was also hating the conditions and it was left to the three (yes! That's right 3 Olson 30's) and *Rival* a J35, to set the pace.

Blue Star, an Olson owned by Downey and Spencer is superbly sailed and beat the other two "hot Olsons" by many minutes. Second was *Rival* with *Bikini Machine* third and *Perfect Balance* fourth. *Funatic* did well to recover to take sixth place just behind *XS*. *No Compromise* brought up the rear.

In the non-spinnaker class, *Velero* spent the day on a 14.4 mile course around platform Gina, Mandalay buoy, Hueneme buoy and finishing not long before *Perfect Balance*, correcting out more than 20 minutes ahead of her only rival, *Quiet Times*.

New Boat at CIYC

Mike Taylor has just become the proud owner of a new boat. He has sold his old boat, the well known Ericson 29 *Harmony*, and immediately purchased a Schock 35 racing yacht that he will rename *Maine Squeeze*, a testament to his upbringing on the East coast.



Schock 35

His new craft will have a PHRF of 72, which puts him up in *Rival* country. We wish him well and look forward to racing against Mike soon.

Next Year's Racing Calendar.

For next year's calendar, it is hoped that the number of races will be reduced to allow larger fleets to participate and perhaps some amalgamation of races should be considered. It is one of the longest seasons in the nation with most weekends filled with important races. For those of us who have to work, it is a problem getting time to complete maintenance work on the boat.

Finally, there will be a Racers' Dinner held on Sunday December 2nd, where everybody can get together to tell tall tales, swap stories and pat each other on the back. Don't miss it.

Richard Sharpe



British Brass Band

Now Playing
Tuesday, November 6, 7-9PM

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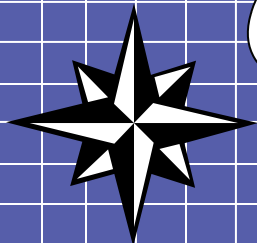
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Cruiser Navigation

by George Arglen

Sunday, November 25, 2007

At 9:00AM

At the Marie Callender's Restaurant

Victoria Avenue—Ventura

All Cruiser Nav Skippers, Observers, and their significant others, as well as all those who want to know more about cruising and predicting and want to think about it for the 2008 series, are cordially invited to attend our annual brunch.

A.A. Oakley & Contest #6

After a grueling windy Friday, the folks from Long Beach and Newport Beach gave up in coming up to our harbor for the A.A. Oakley. They were stuck in Marina Del Rey, and one made it to Point Dume just to turn around and go back to MDRey. Who would have thought! So, we only had enough boats to call it a contest, four. Two boats from Ventura, and Frank Sullivan's *Valkyrie*, and my *Ta-keel-la* were the only contestants. We had the Skipper's meeting Friday, and prayed for good weather on Saturday. Sure enough, Saturday turned out to be an amazing day! We took off when predicted and followed our notes, with our observers keeping an eye on the clock. Everyone finished, except me. My throttle cable came loose on one engine, and I had only one engine reacting. So there went my race.



Everyone did very well. Saturday afternoon, the Ventura skippers showed up at 4PM for the peel-off, instead of coming to the 7PM dinner, as scheduled, with the peel-off and presentation of awards after dinner. So, they had a few drinks at the bar and left! They certainly missed a great dinner put on by Steve Johnston!

The results are:

1st Place	-Jim Cline on Nunziata	VYC	Net error 2.7891%
2nd Place	-Bill Varie on Varie Suite	VYC	Net error 3.8204%
3rd Place	-Frank Sullivan on Valkyrie	CIYC	Net error 8.8406%
4th Place	-George Arglen	CIYC	Did not finish

Congratulations to all contestants. We hope 2008 will bring better weather so we may have our friends from the Southland join us and make this the special event that it should be.

I've been first in one race, and dead last in the next race. New racers not be hesitant in entering. We are all subject to our errors. Good luck to us in 2008!



I always voted for my party's call,
And never thought of thinking for myself at all!
I thought so little, they rewarded me
By making me the ruler of the Queen's navee!

W. S. Gilbert
H.M.S. Pinafore, I

Rear Commodore's Report
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Whatever the membership decides, we should begin soon due to rising costs. The longer we wait the more money we may need to ask for. If we had made regular dues increases even at the cost of living rate, over the last few years we would have been able to build a sufficient re-

serve to protect ourselves.

I have come to believe that this is not really a self help club but more accurately a Help Each Other Club. Thanks to all who lend a hand!

Frank Sullivan





Birthday & Anniversary Bash Friday, November 9th

If your Birthday or Anniversary is in November.

Come and join us for our monthly celebration.

Bring "munchies" to share . . .

There is always a great birthday cake!



November Birthday Celebrators are:

Gayle Lambert, Jordan Klempner, Kay Fowler, Phyllis Lucas, Dana Hamilton, Lisa Bishop-Smith, Gustie Bell, Dick Olsen, Steven Johnston, Angela Jackson, Nikki Turner, Ev Babbe, Gary Cole, Marshall Lambert, Beth Moore, Daniel Frantzen, Olga Moll, Jan Suckut, George Arglen, and Brian Erway.

Anniversaries for the month of November are:

Brent & Mary Sensabaugh, Doug & Kathy Brown, John & Darlene Davidson, Bob & Bunni Hynes, Bud & Phyllis Gerding, Chris McPherson, Wade Ambrose & Cathy Webber, Keith & Mary Ann Moore, Al and Oli Escoto.



Racers Awards Dinner

Sunday December 2, 2007

At 7:00PM



Come and join us in celebrating
all racers that participated in the CIYC programs.

The meal will be prepared by the
CIYC Board of Directors

**Roast Pork Loin with garlic mash potatoes,
vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert**

\$20

Happenings in the Galley

By Roxy Ostrem & Rear Commodore Sullivan



Saturday, November 3

This will be a Pot Luck dinner since many of our cruisers will be at the Santa Barbara Cruise. Just fix something you think everyone will like to have as a part of dinner, pack it up, and come enjoy the camaraderie.

Saturday, November 10

Dana Hamilton will prepare a Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with a veggie, a salad, and a roll..

Saturday, November 17

This is the famous Scampi Anglers Dinner that Skip Miser and his crew fix every year. Your check is your reservation, so make your \$20 check (or charge it) and be sure you have a place saved. This dinner gets filled very soon and very early.

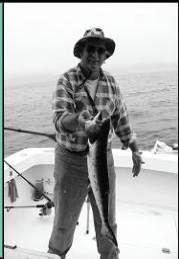
Thursday, November 22

HAPPY THANKSGIVING. This is a great pot-luck dinner. The club supplies the ham and turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, and rolls. All you need to do is bring something for about 10 people, and enjoy tasting the array of flavors and the variety of culinary talent.

Saturday, November 24

There will be NO DINNER this night.

Just a side note, **PLEASE sign up or call before Thursday Nights**; this will help keep the cost down, and have plenty of food for everyone. Phone number for the club is 985-2492. If anyone would like to help with a dinner, please call Frank Sullivan and he will get you started.



Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan

CIYC was having its yearly cruise to Catalina for a week. After waiting out the Santa Anas, we were finally able to get underway Monday morning 10-8-07. Many of the members had left before the winds on Friday but some, like us, couldn't leave until the weekend and got delayed by the winds.

Monday morning proved to be the perfect weather for the transit to Cat Harbor. It was flat, calm, warm, and we had several pods of dolphin keep us company on the way down. We were on *Valkyrie*, my 35 Viking. The crew was Dick Olsen, and his Cousin Pam. Both have extensive cruising experience with Pam recently selling her 38ft cruising sail boat that she took to South America.

We arrived at Cat Harbor at about 2PM, got a mooring and went ashore for the barbeque with the club. Great food and good times, although we got there after the Pirates Days Debaucheries. That night after I put out the green light, Pam and Dick had a ball catching macks and brown bait on the Sabuki rigs for the bait bags

Next morning after Pam made us a breakfast of bacon, eggs, potatoes, and toast, we headed out to San Clemente Island. The intent was to go towards the Tanner Bank where the tempbreaks indicated a chance for Albacore. Unfortunately the sea conditions kicked up and made it uncomfortable to go west of the Island so we ducked to the inside and got close enough to the lee shore to get out of the slop. We trolled down the East side toward Pyramid Cove picking up several bonito. We made it into the cove for a beautiful calm night on the hook. I can't describe the stars, I

haven't the word skills. Pam made us a fabulous Mexican dinner. After dinner while we relaxed, something picked up the bait I had soaking on a 40lb outfit. It was pulling so hard I almost couldn't get it out of the rod holder. I couldn't slow it down, it felt like a Yellow Tail and it took me right to the anchor chain and wrapped the line and broke me off. A little later it got picked up again and I was able to bring a Mud Marlin to the boat for release.

Next morning, after another great breakfast, we headed out to try for the Tanner again but a few miles out it was obvious we were facing the same sloppy conditions. We decided to turn east and head into the warmer waters toward the 181 Fathom Spot, then go back up to Catalina to spend the night. About 20 nm east of Pyramid Cove I spotted a kelp paddy about the size of a case of beer and I told Dick to toss a live bait on it. No soon had the bait hit the water than a Dorado came charging out of the kelp and hammered it. Dick fought it for about 15-20 minutes with several jumps and hard runs after getting him close to the boat. Finally I was able to get a clean shot and gaffed the Bull Dorado up through the lower jaw into the head.

The fish made our trip, it taped out at 51 inches overall, I had no scale to weigh him. That night we moored up in Two Harbors and Pam cooked up Dorado poached in a white wine sauce!.

The last leg home was another flat calm trip arriving in Channel Islands Harbor at 3PM Thursday. We covered 257 nm burned 296 gallons of diesel for one excellent sport fish and one great time on the water. It was all



worth it. I've wanted to do the Pyramid trip for a long time, and every time I've tried it the Navy had it closed.

Up coming events:

November 17th 7:30 pm Anglers' Scampi dinner by Skip Miser and Crew.

“Big Fish of the Month”

\$50 prize is awarded at the end of every month...however; you can only win once per year. Legal fin fish only and no sharks.

“Big Fish of the Year”

At the end of the year there will be a Big Fish of the Year award for \$100.00. It does not have to be one of the monthly winners, it can be a tourney fish or not, so if you win one month don't quit, the next fish you catch may be worth \$\$\$\$.



51 inch Dodo
(fish on the right)



Cousin Pam at the helm.



Working for food.



Sushi on the making.

Santa Anas Wind Can Curl Your Toes And Dry Your Nose...



By Larry Golkin
Cruising Chairman

Now that fall has arrived, cruising for many will come to an abrupt halt. One of the main reasons so many boats stay in the slip until next June is the potential for dangerous Santa Ana winds. However, boaters who understand the phenomenon, need not let their boats sit and can continue to cruise the Channel Islands all winter long.

Santa Anas are the most dangerous winds encountered off Southern California. Santa Anas arrive suddenly and rapidly build to full strength, often attaining gale force. Most island anchorages are uninhabitable (dangerous or even suicidal) in a Santa Ana. More pleasure vessels are lost each year to Santa Anas than to almost any other cause.

The Santa Ana winds are hot and dry winds descending mountain slopes. The Santa Ana winds are often warm and definitely dry as they descend from the high desert down the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains into the Los Angeles Basin.

Most commonly, the Santa Ana winds arise when high pressure builds over the high plateau regions of Nevada and Utah, east of the Sierra Mountains and west of the Rockies. They are easy to detect on a satellite image that contains isobaric pressure overlay. The pressure gradient between this region and the Pacific coastline produces winds that move out of the high plateau toward lower pressure over the Pacific Ocean. As it descends to the coast, the air heats due to the compression of moving from the higher elevation to that at sea level. As this desert air heats, its relative humidity drops further making it drier still. The topography of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountain ranges forces the descending, seaward moving air through many passes and canyons. Imagine pressing on one end of a tube of tooth paste. The Santa Ana winds reaching the Los Angeles Basin and San Diego County typically blow from the north to east and can reach high speeds. Local National Weather Service forecasters usually hold off calling winds *Santa Ana winds* until their speed exceeds 25 knots.. Forcing the air through mountain gaps may further increase the wind speed. Therefore, Santa Ana winds may blow at sustained speeds of 40 mph with gusts of 70 mph and at times reaching 115 mph.

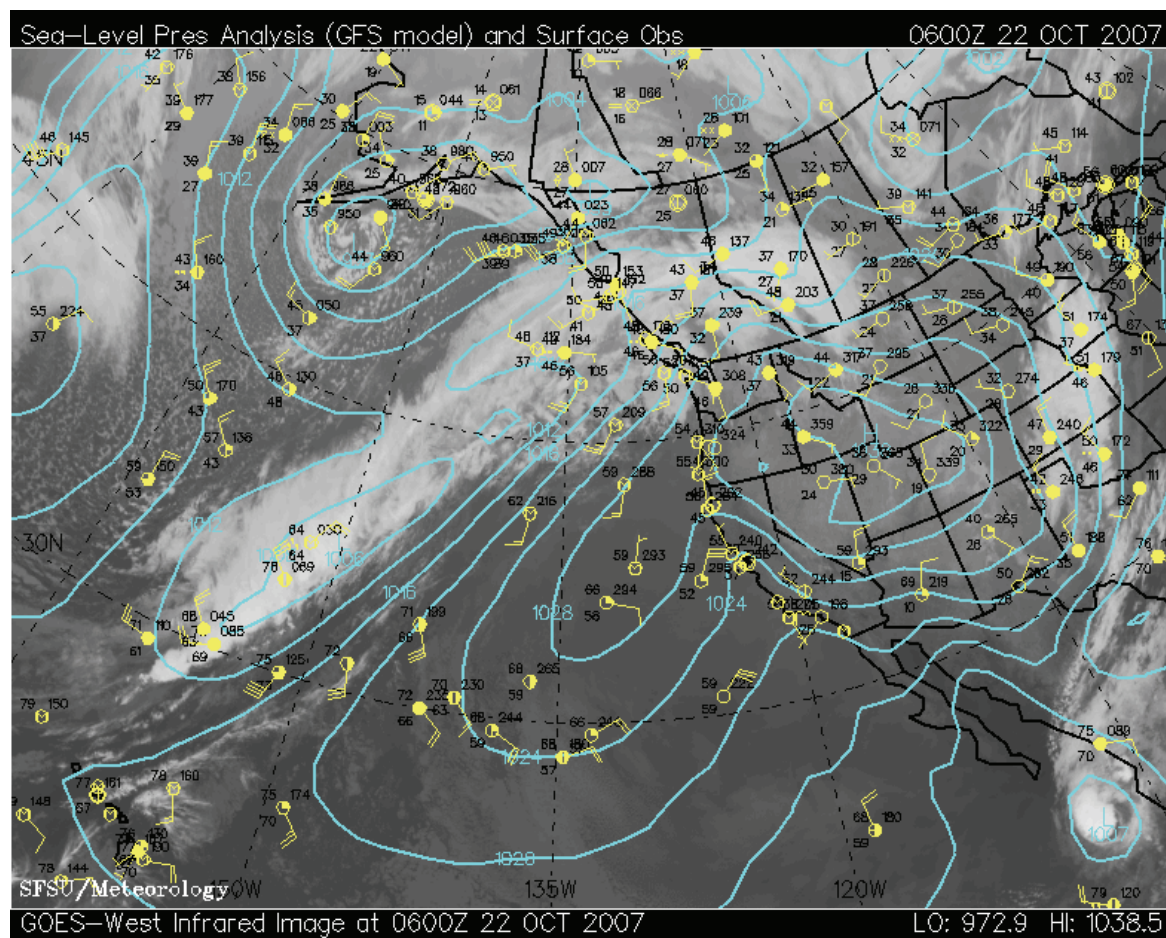
Often, the Santa Ana winds blow stronger during the night. The reason is that during the day, the downslope winds are often opposed by a sea breeze moving off the colder Pacific waters into the hot basin. At night, when the sea breeze dies, the Santa Ana winds move down the mountains unopposed. As the winds move offshore, they can present a hazard to boaters, often bringing unusually high surf along the northeastern side of the Channel Islands.

Santa Anas can bring positive effects too. When Santa Anas blow offshore, the sea surface temperature drops several degrees. The drop in sea-surface temperature indicates that the winds are causing an upwelling of colder water. This water contains a higher level of nutrients than the normal surface waters, which gives rise to an increase in biological processes that can benefit local fisheries.



The key to safe boating during this season is to understand the weather so you can predict what may happen depending on your cruising destination. Obviously, these conditions should be avoided whenever possible. However, there are a couple of things to keep in mind that may key you in on an incoming Santa Ana, if you did not happen to research the weather before you left the harbor. First, the weather will seem unseasonably warm and dry. Your decks will be dry even later in the evening. Usually the incoming gale will be preceded by an uncomfortable short chop coming from the direction of shore. Also, the night air will seem extremely clear. Some cruisers have described being able to see the traffic lights in Ventura or Santa Barbara. If you encounter these conditions, it is time to get out. There is no good place to hide at Santa Cruz Island. One can head for the west end, but even there, conditions can get hazardous in 70 knot wind. Obviously, the wave action is affected by the wind, so the narrower fetch you can find, the better. It is also wise to consider getting out of the wind altogether. One way is to leave and head for Santa Barbara. Imagine a rip-tide. If you swim parallel to the beach, you will get out of the fairly narrow current. It is similar with Santa Anas.

Here's what it looks like:



The CIYC PLAYERS Group

COCKTAILS WITH THE LEGENDS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th AT 4:00 PM

START YOUR AFTERNOON WITH JACKS SPECIALS ON MARTINIS
AND HAVE A RELAXING AFTERNOON
WITH A PRESENTATION OF YOUR FAVORITE SONGS
AS INTERPRETED BY YOUR VERY OWN
CIYC ENTERTAINERS

COST: PURCHASE OF A COCKTAIL OR BEVERAGE
OF YOUR CHOICE



Dave Wilhite's Report

Hello boaters and waterfront lovers,

WEATHER:

I have been recently trying to get to the outer banks primarily fishing rockfish (red snapper-ling cod), and have encountered westerly conditions most trips. We did experience our first mild Santa Ana northeasterly storm recently. While it flattened the seas for the day, it did not allow most boaters to enjoy the calm. Usually the Santa Ana gives us two days of high winds and two to three day's of calm seas in which most can drop everything on shore and head to their favorite outer island destination. We should see more north easterlies in the coming three months. We will also see tidal changes this time of the year go to the lowest and highest levels. This can test every boaters awareness due to shoaling of harbor entrances highlighted with large ground swells and our dense fog time of the year. Throw a few loosened large driftwood logs sent offshore by the large swells during these super tides plus the shifting of beach sand due to inshore current changes and beach structure development. All of these possible obstacles can only be a hazard to you, your boat and your guests' safety. Keep a very sharp eye forward when under way.

FISHING:

Fishing has been good this past month with a few of our local marlin fishermen placing in the Catalina tournaments, and local boats reaching a few tuna. Locally, I have been fishing with a client that recently purchased a new 30' Boston Whaler Conquest, and while it is a compact boat compared to, say, a Cabo 31, it has speed. With two 175 Mercury 4 stroke outboards, we cruise 25-34

knots and top out at close to 40 and burning 1 1/4. I often wondered how much comfort one is willing to give up for speed. Beyond the hard ride, we were able to visit a few rockfish spots each day. Good fishing were found outside Twin Harbor Anchorage, and the ledge of San Pedro Point, Santa Cruz Island. We fished the 17 fathom spot between Anacapa Island and Santa Barbara Island, also the Harrison Bank outside Ventura and LA County line 13 miles south east of Channel Islands Harbor. We limited out on fish (10) per person at all reefs. The best was the 17 fathom spot with a very large area holding solid quality sized fish in the 3-8 pound range. We plan on fishing the northern islands reefs in the next month and I will report our findings next issue. Fishing the outer banks will also produce Mako sharks. While fishing the 17 fathom spot on our last drift and my line being the last to come in. I could just see down far enough to my catch as I reel towards the boat and could see a fairly large deep blue shadow behind my two bright orange red fish. I slowed down my reeling in and just at that moment a estimated 250-300 Mako shark bit my lower red fish in half like butter. I reeled fast and as my leader with one and a half fish got on to the swim step, the shark lunged up unto the swim step for a second bite he wanted to take. I immediately cut my leader off, grabbed a wire leader, tied it onto my line, baited my line with a dead mackerel, and slowly played it over the side straight under the boat. Suddenly the shark again came from deep and ate my bait. I set the hook and he immediately ran to the surface pushing his head out of the water and thrashing the hook loose from his mouth and dropping 1/2 the mack-



erel and leader back into the water. I let the leader sink where he dropped it and ,within a minute, he attacked the bait again only to get hooked firmly. Now I had a bout with a 250 pound power shark on fairly light gear. A 40 pound test with rod belt or shoulder harness swimming fast and down into deeper water, with us running after him with the boat. Mako sharks can be really aerobic, jumping and lunging totally airborne multiple times during the course of the fight that this fish did. We finally brought the fish along side the boat and gave deep thought as to whether we would boat or release the catch. Our desire for the great food and we felt we could not waist made us haul the shark aboard. It was enjoyed by many a friend and family. If you like eating swordfish, consider fresh Mako shark. Mako has always been referred to as poor mans swordfish, and I have often seen it served as swordfish in finer restaurants and shown in fish market cases as swordfish.

In preparing a Mako for eating, the process starts when you first catch the fish. Immediately after you are sure he is not alive, cut his head off first then take out the stomach parts. Cut the tail off and wash his insides out. I then cover him with a cloth towel and spray ocean water over him while running to the dock or pack him in ice in your fish hold a.s.a.p. When I'm going to cut him into smaller chunks for steaks, I simply fillet off each side turning the meat side up and separating about 2 feet of meat sections from the skin. I then cut away the dark round meat section you will see. I leave the shark in about 6 inch loin pieces to steak just before cooking. This allows the meat to firm up naturally and the texture will be flakey instead of long grained. Good fishing!

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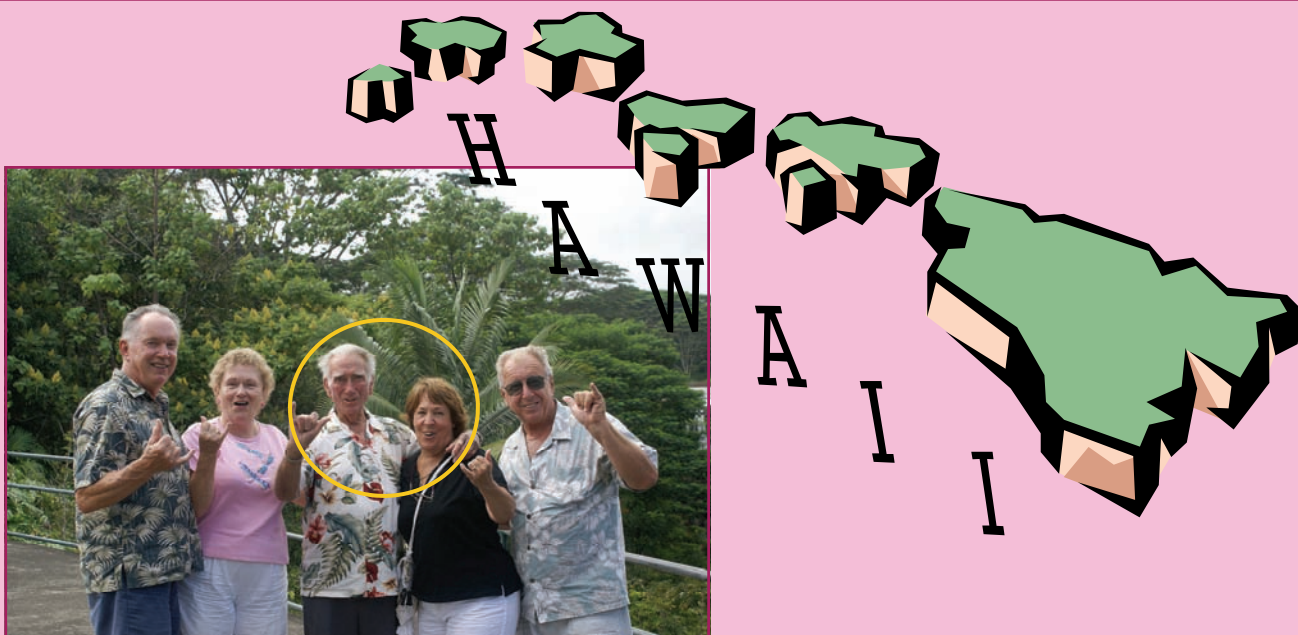
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Late addition:

The 2008 Bridge was chosen at the October
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Is that Bob and Beverly Moodie?? Yes, they are the happy Hilo Moodies in the Island of Hawaii. When we, Bob & Sharon Deyling and George & Evelina Arglen, were fooling around in the Big Island, we went to see the Moodies, since it's been three years from when they left CIYC, picked up and moved to this piece of heaven in Hilo.

They are very busy and loving it. Bob tends to his fantastic garden full of pineapples, and Beverly dances the hula every chance she gets. She also attends a local hula class. Beverly's family moved to Hilo in the 1800s, so they enjoy going to family events, going to the Kona side for a touch of big city doings, going to the Parker Ranch for some good steaks and night life, and when they play the hula, Beverly stands up and starts to dance. What a life! They enjoy their wonderful Hawaiian home with unparalleled 360 degrees ocean and mountain views.

Beverly and Bob wasted no time in piling us into their new van, and taking us to see the surrounding neighborhoods, the zoo, and some beautiful water falls.

The visit was short but we all enjoyed a wonderful day with the Moodies.

We may see Beverly at the club this month, when she comes to visit her dad.

Aloha and mahalo for the nice visit!



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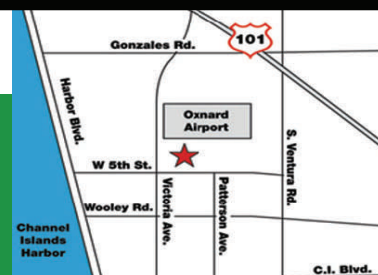
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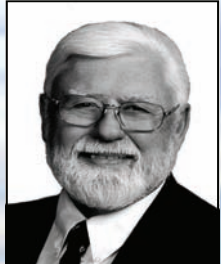
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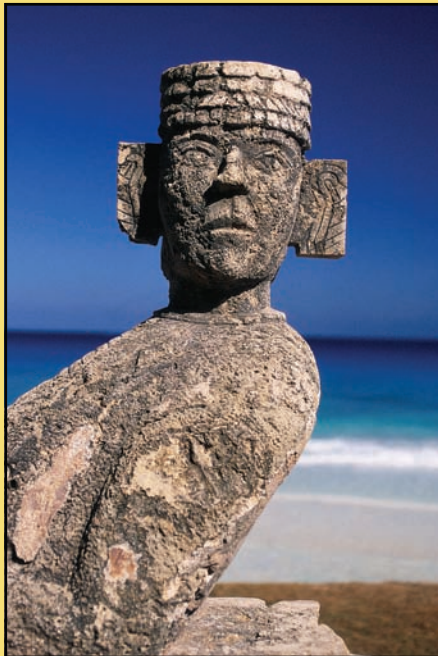
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