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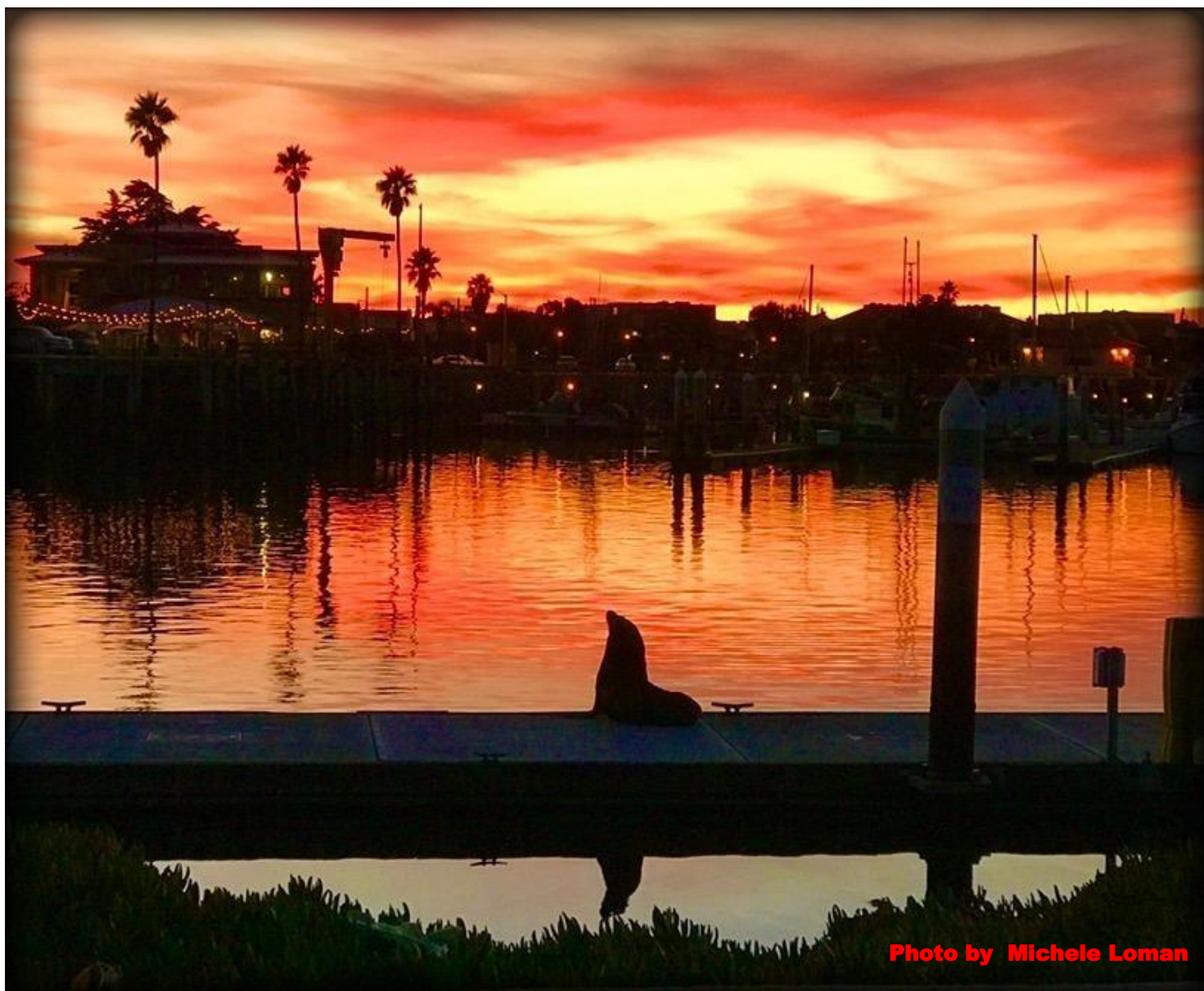
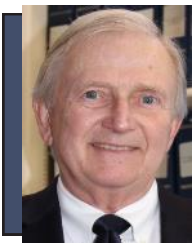


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Message From
The Commodore
Mike Farrell



OCTOBER 2020 COMMODORE'S CURRENTS ARTICLE

We are now entering the fourth and final quarter of my term as Commodore and I sincerely wish that I had more positive, concrete news to report. As of this issue of *The Currents* going to press, we remain under the highest level of restrictions by Ventura County due to the COVID-19 Virus. There have been signs that our area is improving slowly and I am reasonably confident that some of the restrictions will be lifted in the coming weeks.

We are in the throes of our modified 2021-22 Board election process. Paper ballots have been mailed to all Regular and Lifetime members and Four new Directors will be named from among the six candidates on the ballot, that are coming back to the club via both mail and by insertion into the ballot box in our clubhouse lobby. Barring a tie, the 2021 Board will be announced by October 4th. Our Nominating Committee provided six highly qualified candidates and the club will be assured of having continued capable leadership as we exit the COVID era. I congratulate our new Directors and encourage those who didn't make it this year to come back again the following year. We need your skills and dedication.

October and November are normally busy months on our club calendar, but there is still a great deal of uncertainty as to what events we will be able to hold and what they might look like. We hoped to have a 60th Anniversary Celebration in early October but that has been postponed until (hopefully) later in the year when we can dine indoors. I sincerely thank all of the cooks who have produced excellent meals that are being served both curbside and on the patio. This has allowed us to keep our club open and helped us attract several new members.

We have an **Open House** scheduled for **Sunday, October 18, from 1-4**. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to come in and check us out. We are still the best yacht club in Ventura County and we will ramp up the activity as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Mike Farrell
Commodore 2020





Message From
The Vice Commodore
Mike Greenup



Having the club open for outside dining and drinks has brought a really fun and exciting dynamic to the club! All of our cooks have changed their menus and specialty dishes to make special two-item delicious meals, which have been a big hit for everyone attending.

We started the month with **Pat and Judy Campea** cooking an appetizing meal of meatballs and salad for September 4th Happy Hour. An excellent meal which we all enjoyed. On September 6th, **Billy LeCroy** barbequed mouthwatering Tri-Tip Sandwiches. And we closed out the Labor Day Weekend with our “**Holiday Supper Club**.” A special thanks to **Jerry Wood, the Woolfs, and the Sherlocks** for a successful Supper Club.

The following week, on September 11, **Maureen Fletcher** cooked flavorsome Dijon Chicken Legs. On Saturday, the **Beefeaters, under the direction of Keith Moore**, served up scrumptious BBQ Teriyaki Kabobs. And on Sunday, 9/13, Chefs Evelina and George Arglen served luscious Beef Empanadas and coleslaw.

On Wednesday, September 16th, Central California Electric Boats donated a complimentary Wednesday Night Dinner to the club. **Frank and Gayle Laza** cooked their signature Jambalaya with Cajun cornbread. A delightful Cajun meal enjoyed by nearly 100 members. Thank you very much to Frank and Gayle for a very generous donation to the CIYC membership.

On September 18th, **Ian Makenzie** cooked delectable Cornish Pasties for our Friday Happy Hour meal. On 9/19 the Epicureans and lead Chef **Karen Farrell** cooked appetizing Sesame Seed Chicken and fried rice. On Sunday, 9/20, the Lazas hosted a fun-filled E-boat game call “Money Ball” which all participants enjoyed. After the E-boat games, members returned to tasty Creamed Corn Clam Chowder prepared by **Linda Weisfuss**. **Diane Sabol and Bill Scarpino** cooked a festive Oktoberfest Dinner on 9/25. And we finished the month on 9/27 with **Lisa Medlen** cooking an exquisite Sunday Brunch with Mimosas.

I sincerely thank all of our great chefs for the excellent meals and hard work, making CIYC a fun and very enjoyable place to be during the month of September.

As the state of COVID-19 is still a part of our daily lives, continue to stay safe. The CIYC is following all California and Ventura County guidelines for safe dining and drinks during COVID-19. Come in and join us at the club for an enjoyable, delicious, and safe outdoor dining experience!

Mike Greenup

Vice Commodore 2020





Message From
First Mate
Linda Zurborg– Perry



The year has kind of blown by, with many events and activities unfortunately put on indefinite hold due to the coronavirus. This included Opening Day and our 60th Anniversary Celebration, as well as our Pancake Breakfast, activities in support of the (now partially cancelled) Billfish Tournament, and another outing to the Santa Barbara Polo Club. The September 27 Islanders membership meeting on the calendar has also been officially cancelled.

Looking back just a year ago, we raised funds to improve the kitchen, help pay for signage, and underwrite other projects when your CIYC Board asked us to assist. Not only that, but we provided Islanders with the opportunity to attend the Ojai Lavender Festival, watch a polo match, and enjoy some great home cooking at our dinners, Pancake Breakfast, and Jingle Bell Brunch!

While 2020 has held a number of surprises for us all, the Islanders have still been able to make monetary contributions on your behalf to CIYC's new lighted sign, outdoor ice machine, and awning, and we've also just donated some trays to be used for large future events. We appreciate your support and generous gifts that have made these donations possible.

An email was sent to serve as a "meeting" of current Channel Islanders, as per our existing Bylaws. It is now time to elect new officers for 2021. We have developed a tentative slate, for your consideration in that email.

Linda Zurborg Perry, Islanders First Mate Pro Tem

Rodlyn Brown, Second Mate

Kat Sotiridy, Recording Yeoman

Karen Harvey, Corresponding Yeoman

Carole Naylor, Purser (who has also been nominated to the CIYC Board for 2021)

We will finalize the slate and send it out later this month for your vote in early October.

Thanks very much in advance for your input!

Linda Zurborg Perry





Anglers' Corner

Guest report by Billy LeCroy

49TH CHANNEL ISLANDS BILLFISHING TOURNAMENT 2020 Saturday Oct 12 through Wednesday the 16th.

This is an event we wait all year for. There's really nothing quite like it. It's got everything, Extreme boredom as you troll for hours looking for billfish, Excitement as you listen to the radio and hear someone hooking up, waiting to hear where they are and if they got a fish to their boat. Then everything gets crazy when you hook up one these big fish or see one coming into the lures. There's plenty to do. Getting lines in (We troll with 5 lures out) while the crew throws out lines with live bait.

Most crews leave CIH at 7AM on the day of the start. Some boats leave the day before and go to Catalina where, traditionally, most people fish because of the warmer water. If you leave before the start in Channel Islands Harbor you can't fish until 11AM on Saturday to give the rest of the fleet time to get to the fishing grounds. What we've seen in the last two years is; warmer water locally and many boats chose to fish the backside of Anacapa and Santa Cruz. We decided to go to Santa Cruz the night before. That gave us time to get the crew orientated with the boat and the equipment. We had a first-time crew member so it was important everyone knew what to do.

We started out fishing Santa Cruz at 11am. We didn't see a single fish all morning so decided to troll our way south. Of course, as soon as we did, we heard boats on the radio hooking up where we just left!

Sunday was better. We started out the morning with a double hookup! One got away within the first 5 minutes. The second one we fought for 15 min watching it jump out of the water six times before the hook broke and we lost it. 10 minutes later two giant swordfish jumped near the boat. I've never seen fish that big. They were gone before we could get positioned to throw out bait.

Our last hook up was right at the closing bell on Wednesday. As we were pulling in the jigs, a fish hit so hard it yanked one of my crew off his feet and slammed him into the stern rail. He almost lost the rod overboard.

"What the hell was that?!" I don't know, big it was BIG !!"

He has a bloody foot to remember that fish.

All told we saw nine or ten Billfish and hooked four. We had some great meals, drinks, laughs and fun.

It's nice to finish a day's fishing with a swim in warm water, a cocktail, sit down to a great meal and laugh about "The One That Got Away".

Congratulations to all the boats who caught and released fish.

See you next year!!

The results of the Tournament are:

1 st Ruckus	5 releases
2 nd Skol	4 releases
3 rd Tight RIV	3 releases
TUNANATOR	2 releases
BOFUS III	1 release
PREMIUM	1 release
3 HOUR TOUR	1 release
DAWN PATROL	1 release
JUDITH ANN	1 release



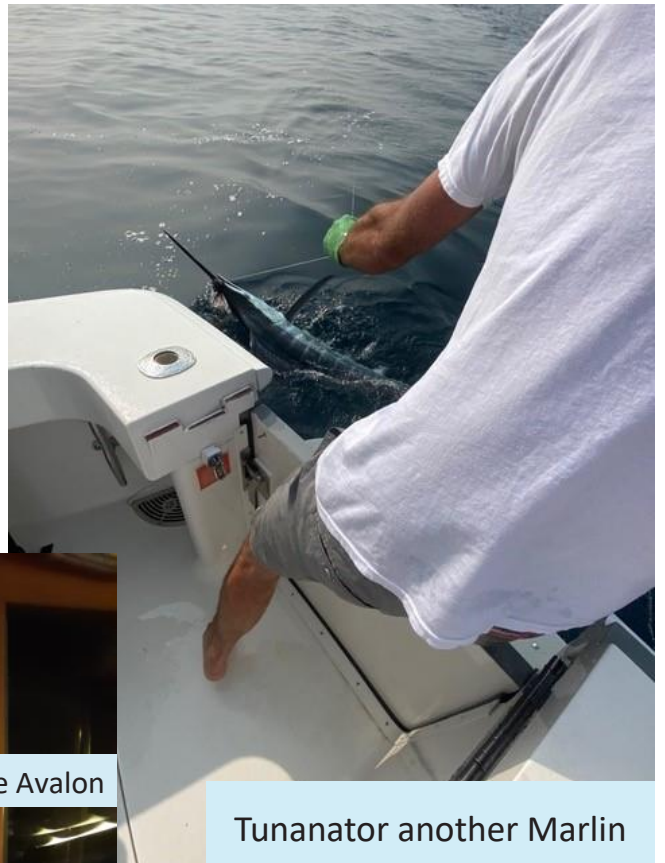
Upcoming events:

November 7th Anglers' Awards Scampi Dinner (canceled due to County Corona Virus rules)

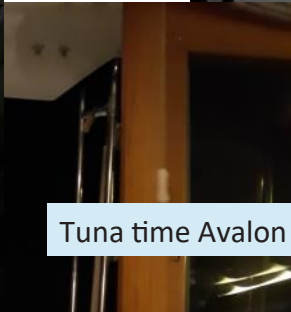




Tuna time "Where's the bait"



Tunanator another Marlin



Tuna time Avalon



Tuna time "Working hard"



Tuna time "Gourmet meals"

California Covid-19 Newest Tiered System

Gone are the days when flattening the curve was the reason for the shutdown in response to Covid-19. The curve had been flattened, the hospitals were never overwhelmed, the ventilators were there when needed. So, what happened? New rules are set, reset, and reinvented, seemingly with the intent to eradicate the virus. In California Governor Newsom imposed a new tiered system which will govern the reopening of businesses in each county. It consists of four tiers (none of which is green). Once the county fulfills requirements to descend into a lower tier, it will have to wait a mandatory 21 days to do so.

WIDESPREAD Most non-essential indoor business operations are closed.	More than 7 Daily new cases (per 100k)	More than 8% Positive tests
SUBSTANTIAL Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed.	4-7 Daily new cases (per 100k)	5-8% Positive tests
MODERATE Some business operations are open with modifications.	1-3.9 Daily new cases (per 100k)	2-4.9% Positive tests
MINIMAL Most business operations are open with modifications.	Less than 1 Daily new cases (per 100k)	Less than 2% Positive tests

Ventura County landed in the uppermost tier since there are about 13/100,000 new daily cases diagnosed by the nasal swab test. The positive tests are 6.9% of those tested, which would put us at one tier lower (as of 9/15/20).

This is where a NY Times article comes into play. It stated that the test (nasal swab, rcp) is too sensitive. In three states, 90% of those testing positive carried barely any virus and were likely not contagious. This is because labs are running too many amplifying threshold rcp cycles (x40) - this is one trillion times the original virus - and too many cycles produce too many false positive results. If the cutoff is 34 cycles, **half of those tested at 40 would test negative**. In other countries amplification is much lower (x30). And we are not told how many cycles are used in California testing.

It seems to many that this tiered system is very arbitrary, and getting to the minimal (yellow) level is practically unachievable. Even if the vaccines become available by the end of the year, some 30% of the population will not want to be vaccinated, and rcp tests may be replicated x40 instead of x30-34, always resulting in a high number of false positive cases.

Many are upset with this tiered system imposed on Californians: It gives Governor Newsom unprecedented powers over industry, businesses, gatherings, and individual rights.

Your Fleet Sturgeon, Zoran

Thanks to Erika for editing.

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Channel Islands Yacht Club

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Happy Hours 5-7pm Birthday bash	3 Halfway Sail Race
4	5	6	7	8	9 Happy Hours 5-7pm 7pm General Meeting Election of Board result by ZOOM	10
11 E-boat event	12	13 6pm Islanders Board Meeting	14 6:30 pm Dinner (served as drive by and pickup)	15	16 Happy Hours 5-7pm	17
18 1-4pm Open House	19 6:30pm Board Meeting	20	21	22 7pm Islanders Election	23 Happy Hours 5-7pm 7pm Annual Meeting Election of Bridge by ZOOM	24 7pm epicureans Din- ner TENTATIVE
25	26	27	28 6:30 pm Dinner (served as drive by and pickup)	29	30 Happy Hours 5-7pm	31 Halloween 7pm Social /dinner TENTATIVE

As of 9-27-20





Channel Islands Yacht Club

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight savings ends	2	3	4 6:30 pm Dinner (served as drive by and pickup)	5	6 Happy Hours 5-7pm <i>Birth day bash</i>	7
8	9	10 6pm Islanders Board Meeting	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Happy Hours 5-7pm	14 Tentative CIYC Awards Dinner- Beefeaters to cook
15	16 6:30pm Board Meeting	17	18 6:30 pm Dinner (served as drive by and pickup)	19	20 Happy Hours 5-7pm	21 Tentative 7pm dinner
22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING <i>Portluck dinner</i>	27 Happy Hours 5-7pm	28 No Dinner <i>Decorate for holidays</i>
29 <i>Decorate for holidays</i>	30				<div> <p>Bar Hours Sunday 3pm to close, Closed Mon. & Tues, except special events Wed. Thurs & Fri. 5pm to close, Sat 4pm to close</p> </div>	

As of 9-27-20



Introducing the “Visioning” of A Great Boating and Water Recreational Harbor Master Plan

The fundamental purpose and priorities of a harbor are boating, commercial fishing, water-related recreation, and other coastal-dependent uses. These are areas Yacht Clubs and their members know a lot about. These priorities should be prominent in the “visioning” plan of how Channel Islands Harbor will be developed in the future.

Some questions to consider: What would make the harbor more attractive to more boaters and fishermen? To visiting boaters from other harbors? What other water recreational facilities and commercial businesses would attract more visitors to the harbor? What boating and fishing services/facilities should be developed and/or improved at the harbor? What other outdoor activities would attract more visitors to the harbor? What would differentiate this harbor from other harbors? What other ideas/facilities/activities would attract more visitors to the harbor?

It is important for CIYC and its members to be visible participants in this process. It is hoped that this “visioning” process will result in the updating of the harbor’s 34-year-old Public Works Plan that will make the plan legally official. Anything else means just another “vision” in a file with the others. Please see the information below from the Visioning Steering Committee.

Rene Aiu, Harbor Delegate



What will Channel Islands Harbor be in the years to come?

This is the question to be evaluated as part of a new Channel Islands Harbor Visioning Process, which is getting underway and will soon be inviting public input and participation. The County of Ventura has selected a distinguished team of urban planning consultants, real estate economists, coastal policy experts, and public engagement specialists to lead the process. This team, led by Sargent Town Planning, is working closely with a diverse steering committee, composed of representatives from the County of Ventura, the City of Oxnard, the Harbor business community, and coastal neighborhood representatives. Together, they are crafting a public process and invite you, as well as all Oxnard and County residents and Harbor stakeholders, to participate and share your vision of the Harbor’s future as a more complete, interesting and welcoming place. Please visit the project website, which will serve as a hub for project information and engagement opportunities.

www.channelislandsharbor.org/visioning



TELLTALES OF SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL

WEATHER

This is a reprint from a June 1978, SEA magazine article by Mike Pyzel, who was a director of education at the Coast Navigation School in Santa Barbara. He was also an entrant in the 1978 Singlehanded Transpac. The article was reprinted in the Currents in 1990 and hopefully it is still valid today and worth reading.

Point Conception, “the Cape Horn of California,” marks the western end of the 60-mile-long cruising ground of Santa Barbara Channel. Although considered a part of Southern California waters, which have somehow gained the reputation for being perennially placid, weather conditions in the channel can cover the gamut from mild to frightening.

Many occurrences of heavy weather never make the headlines simply because they are considered a fact of life by the professionals, fishermen, and cruisers who have much experience in the area. The Hiscocks, on their passage up the California coast some years back, remarked on the severity of channel weather, and in fact were turned back from their northward passage by some of our “mild Southern California weather.”

Santa Barbara sailmaker, Bert Remmers, who has rounded the Horn (the real one - off South America) and traversed every ocean, comments that the waters of the channel can get as rough as mid-Pacific. But the tricky part, he adds, “is that conditions can change so suddenly.” Remmers’ summary reflects the nearly 150-year-old observation of Richard Henry Dana on the brig *Pilgrim* and the *Alert*, riding at anchor off the shores of Santa Barbara or San Buenaventura.

But no weather condition, not even the devastating Santa Ana of Thanksgiving 1976, has ever hit the channel unannounced by visual signs. In this way the channel is kind to its cruisers and gives definite warnings to those who read them. The visual weather signs have proven highly reliable, yet there is no definitive source of such information, as most of the secrets are tucked away in the minds of experienced fishermen and longtime cruisers. To make use of channel weather indicators, we can best benefit by knowing the few distinct weather patterns which affect these waters.

“NORMAL” WESTERLY WEATHER

Normal conditions in the channel are often more boisterous than mild. The prevailing winds are part of a major oceanic wind system which arrives on the California coast as a prevailing west to northwest wind. Within 50 miles offshore the winds are nearly continuous, yet within the confines of the channel they take on their own peculiar but predictable behavior.

At the west end of Santa Barbara Channel the prevailing wind is funneled at an accelerated rate around the projection of land that makes up Points Arguello and Conception. From there it flows southeasterly, virtually paralleling the charted shipping lanes. The distribution of the northwesterly wind in the channel, however, is where the peculiar patterns begin.

Close to the north shore the waters of the channel are in the lee of the east-west coastal mountain ranges, and the westerly is but a breeze for the first five or so miles offshore. The accompanying seas are small and the cruiser can beat to weather with ease; decks will be dry, sailing magnificent. In the mid-channel the wind takes on more punch as we meet the uninterrupted westerlies routed past Pt. Conception. The seas begin to take shape and the beat to windward becomes an exhilarating slog to weather.



The channel plays its first trick as we approach the islands. The mountainous islands obstruct the wind and divert it at an accelerated rate along their north face. "Windy Lane" is the local name of this three to seven-mile-wide band of intensified westerlies, and it is significant enough to be cautioned against in the "Coast Pilot." Here the winds commonly increase in strength to half again the potency of the mid-channel westerly, and the seas, now augmented by the Pacific swells that roll southeasterly down the channel, become much steeper, occasionally breaking. Beating to the west in the vicinity of the islands may be impossible without the aid of a deep reef and a small working jib.

The presence of Windy Lane has given rise to a useful channel cruising rule: Sail a course to windward of your island destination so you can crack off on a fast reach to make your island anchorage. If Windy Lane plays a trick on us on the way over, the islands, typically Santa Cruz, will make up for it. The Island anchorages are often totally sheltered from the winds of the Windy Lane which howl just a tenth of a mile away. Once in the anchorage, the wind drops and the sea lies down, forming a total contrast to the conditions you have just sailed through.

The daily time pattern of normal weather takes on a special sequence which is vital for cruise planning. Along the mainland shore the westerly begins to show itself by noon or shortly after. At the islands the wind appears by 10 or 11 am. Typically, the winds will build until sunset when they drop rapidly, an effect which prevails over all but the westernmost portions of the channel. There, in the vicinity of San Miguel Island, strong winds may continue through the night. Even there, dawn often brings several hours of peaceful weather.

WESTERLY WEATHER SIGNS.

Windy Lane will reveal itself to the observer on the mainland, even though there may be no wind along shore. The westerly picks up moisture from the sea surface and carries it along with it as a low-level haze which often obscures the bases of the islands but allows the ridges to stand proud. As the normal westerly gains strength in midafternoon, the surface haze will gain altitude and often obscure the lower peaks of the islands.

An accompanying indicator is the telltale cap of clouds that takes up residence over some of the peaks of the islands. San Miguel, the westernmost island, is sometimes the only island with a cloud cap due to the stronger afternoon winds that prevail at the end of the channel. If the winds extend farther eastward in the channel, then Santa Rosa will lie similarly under her cap of cotton-ball clouds. Santa Cruz Channel, the five-mile-wide cut separating Santa Rosa from Santa Cruz, will be indicated clearly by the absence of clouds above it.

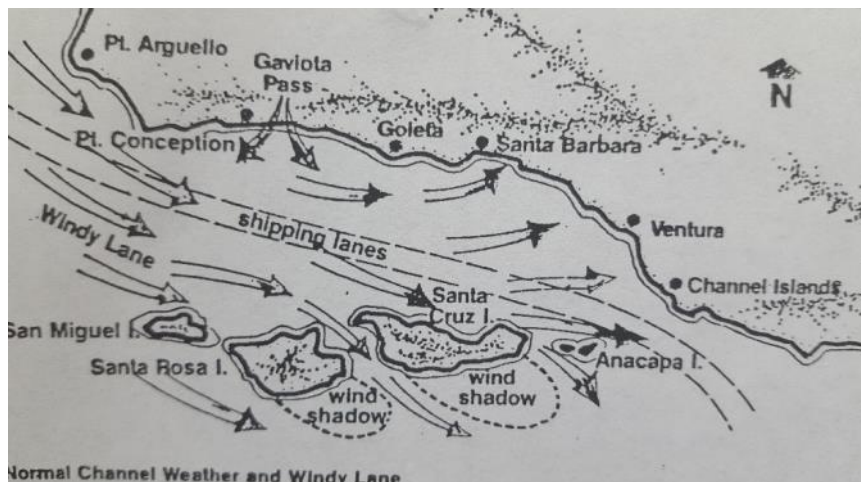
But Santa Cruz Island provides the most useful indicator of the potency of westerly winds. In moderate west to northwest weather, the clouds will pile up only along the western quarter of the island. As the wind increases, the cloud cap will increase its cover, taking in the entire western half of the island. The peaks on the eastern quarter of Santa Cruz will be the last to receive their cap of clouds. Their absence over that portion of the island indicates one of two conditions: The westerly hasn't yet reached its fullest proportions, or the winds are lighter at that end of the channel.

To be continued:

Westerly Gales

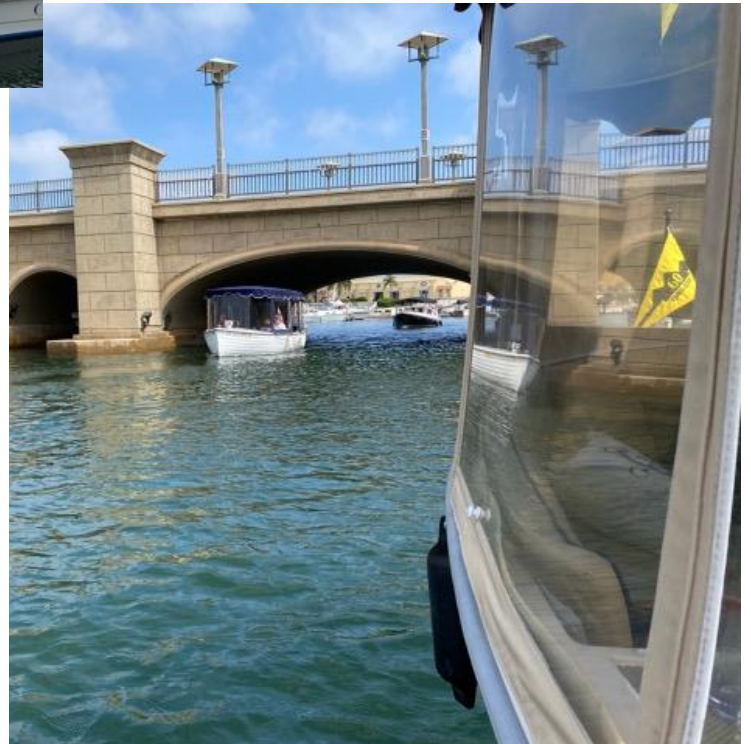
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*Marnie Bech,
Historian*





E-boat event
Sept 20th





E-boat event
Sept 20th





Lady at the Helm Race

Sept 26th



Happy October Birthday

01 Ira Berns, **02** Elise Lentini, **02** Pepper Grout, **03** Tom Webb,
04 Nick Walters, **05** Gary Gilbert, **05** Harry Krum, **05** Rande Lance,
06 Garry Kraft, **06** Wendell Morrisset, **07** Linda Qualls, **09** Carole Naylor,
12 Jimmie Jewell, **13** Eric Dobbs, **13** Bill Organ, **15** Bob Brown, **15** Rick Ireland,
16 Nancy Gargan, **16** Lina Kraft, **16** Nga Lawson, **18** Barbara Brauns,
21 Wailani O'Herlihy, **24** Frank Dupuis, **25** Joyce Sheridan, **27** Francene Thomas,
27 Karen Farrell, **29** Dan Maxwell, **30** Janis Pulliam, **30** Leslie Webb, **30** Sandy Crocket.

Happy October Anniversary

05 Missy Mc Quattie & Charles Teachout, **10** Sean & Dawn Debley,
10 Stuart & Janis Fishbein, **12** Jane & Ken Thomas, **20** Jim & Karen Smith,
21 Arthur & Dawn Turnier, **23** Lenny & Margie Pugatch, **31** Kyle & Aliakson VanMalak.

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