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Channel Islands Yacht Club

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The Parade of Lights Sweepstakes
trophy again comes to CIYC this year, thanks to our crew headed by Larry & Brenda Golkin on Ken & Jane Thomas' 55 ft., three-masted schooner, *Sun Glade*. See story on pages 6 & 7.

From the Quarterdeck



COMMODORE



COLLEEN NIX

Happy New Year!!!! I am hoping that you all had a wonderful Holiday Season, and are ready for another great year at Channel Islands Yacht Club!

Hopefully, you were all able to watch the rather soggy Parade of Lights - and once again, the team of Golkin and Thomas came through for CIYC with SWEEPSTAKES! See the article and pictures on pages 6 & 7, for details. Also, big thanks to Vera and Bill Cline, Bunni Hynes and new member Ray Newton for preparing the dinner for the Parade of Lights! The Club was packed with Parade spectators and everyone was well fed. It was a great evening.

2006 went very quickly, and it turned out to be a great year for our club. I wish to thank Dana Hamilton, Jr. Past Commodore for all of his hard work. I would also like to thank our 2006 Board, for attending a record number of board meetings, and accomplishing quite a bit. We have laid the foundation for 2007, and will continue with the upward mobility. We still have a lot of work to do, and I have tremendous faith in this 2007 Board. They are truly a very talented group that can accomplish this year's goals.

Vice Commodore Susan Johnston has performed as our Secretary, and been a valuable 2006 Board Member. She has cooked many meals for the MNF team; organized and cooked for the 1st Responders Luncheon; and has been an important member of our Finance Committee. As Vice Commodore, she will be taking on the responsibility of the water programs this year. 2006 was good, and I am sure that our Sailboat Racers, Cruiser Nav Racers & Cruisers will have an even better 2007.

Susan is a hard worker, and possess great organizational skills, but she can't do everything herself. Please step up when she approaches you for help. I know that you'll enjoy the experience, and the Club will benefit from a successful Racing-Cruising Year.

Frank Sullivan will be a great Rear Commodore.

Frank possess great organizational skills, combined with his "Level Headed" approach to any issue. He is of real value to our Club. He has been a loyal 2006 Board Member, and has worked hard this past year on house and grounds, organizing and running our successful Anglers program, and he and the "Law Dogs" have provided the food for the Monday Night Football dinners this season. Please respond to Frank and Sharon as they call upon you to help with Ship- Shape Saturdays, Wednesday and Saturday Night dinners, and the various other tasks that need to be done around our clubhouse. We all need to support Frank for the good of our Club. He cares deeply for CIYC; please give him your help whenever asked.

As for myself, I would like to thank you all for the faith that you have bestowed upon me. As Commodore 2007, I will continue to make the best decisions possible for the success of our Club. We have come a long way, but still have lots to accomplish in 2007. Together, we can do anything.

Club renovations will start this year, and several Open Houses have been scheduled. We need every member to *recruit new quality members*, and *support all new members* once they have joined. One of our goals for 2007 to increase our membership with folks that want to participate in boating, fishing, cruising and all aspects of our Club. We need to make sure that new members are aware of our activities, feel welcome, and know how to get involved. It is so important for the future of our Club to attract and keep quality members!

In closing, I am excited. I hope you are.
God Bless you all, and

Let's Get This Party Started! Colleen Nix



From the Quarterdeck



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**VICE
COMMODORE**

SUE JOHNSTON

Ahoy all CIYC boaters. Are you ready for another fantastic year on the water? We already have started planning many water related events. There are many people who are organizing these events. I would like to see everyone get out on the water this year. Let's take a quick look at some of the opportunities and the person to contact to join the activity:

Cruising... Brenda and Larry Golkin are planning many different types of cruises. We will have everything from day cruises to a week in Catalina.

Fishing... Frank Sullivan is once again chairing our Anglers and has fishing tournaments on the calendar.

Cruiser Navigation... George and Evelina Arglen are ready to help anyone who wants to try this predicted log race in their own boat, or sign you up as an observer on a boat.

Sail Racing ... We are looking to build on last year. CIYC will be hosting more races then ever. Our first is a Mid-Winters February 17 and 18.

For those whose boats are better left inside the breakwater, Connie Calo is organizing several *Dinghy/Electric Boat* parties.

So pick one of the above and let's get on the water! After all the fun we have out there on the water, we need some fun on land. Socials will be chaired by Susie Warden. Susie has some great ideas and we'll all fun.

Last but certainly a *First Place Winner...* Richard Sharpe on *Perfect Balance* placed First in Spinnaker Class in Ventura Sailing Club's 2nd Annual Wild Turkey Classic November 25. Congratulations Richard!

See you on the water! Sue Johnston



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**REAR
COMMODORE**

FRANK SULLIVAN

The reluctant Rear Commodore! Please bear with me in this first message if I get a bit preachy. While I did not actively seek the nomination to the position of Rear Commodore, I assure you I will fulfill the position to the best of my ability. All of you know, though, that a Rear Commodore's success is predicated on the efforts of not just himself, but the many folks that fulfill the commitment they made when they joined this SELF HELP CLUB & *actually help*.

The only way we can keep costs down is to rely on the efforts of those who work on the committees, Ship-Shape Saturdays and are willing to lend a hand in the kitchen. There is a core of folks who we see at almost every one of these functions and they work very hard to make your club a place worth recreating in. Are you one of those folks?

Think about how much you have helped during the last year. If everyone in the club contributed the same amount of effort you did, would the club be in better shape or worse? If you can honestly answer that it would be better, then thank you from all of us and please continue. If the opposite is true, this is a new year and a time for change. CIYC needs your help and you will probably enjoy the camaraderie and spirit. Whew! Rant is over!

The calendar meeting in December went very well. One of the changes is that we have been asked to schedule the Saturday dinners to begin promptly at 7PM instead of 7:30.

We will have Ship-Shapes scheduled at least once a month with the first one scheduled for January 6th. I've asked for a dumpster and we will clean up all the debris on the patio from the Parade of Lights float construction and demolition. We also intend to clean out some of the accumulated debris from the storage areas and do some rearranging so the remainder of the decorations can be readily found when needed. *Remember: Ask not what your Yacht Club does for you but what can you do for your Yacht Club!*

Frank Sullivan



The Channel Islanders



Dear Channel Islanders,

Welcome to 2007.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Channel Islanders Members, we send a big Thank You to First Mate Olivia Escoto for her leadership during 2006. Thank you so much Olivia!

We have many interesting and fun ideas for our outings and luncheons for this coming year. I hope you will all participate in the activities we will be planning.

Following are the Islanders serving as our 2007 Board of Directors and Chairpersons:

The Board of Directors:

First Mate: Ellie Bishop..... 985.7523
Second Mate: Sylvia Hyde..... 985.3932
Recording
Yeoman: Sharon Sullivan....985.6155
Corresponding
Yeoman: Georgie Olsen.....985.1732

Committee Chairpersons:

Membership: Mary Foster.....984.4290
Luncheons: Evelina Arglen....985.6036
Hospitality: Sharon Sullivan....985.6155
Sunshine: Sharon Callahan....984.3284
Photographer: Jane Thomas:.....382.4072
Telephone &
Reservations:.....Ellie Babbe.....985.1718
Ways & Means: Sharon Deyling ...985.0603

If you have questions or ideas, please contact us and we will do our best to answer questions you might have, and your ideas are always appreciated.

*Ellie Bishop
2007 First Mate*

Thank you Islanders and mates for participating in decorating the club for the Christmas holiday: Ellie Babbe, Sharon Callahan, Bob and Sharon Deyling, Al and Olivia Escoto, Mary Foster, John and Sylvia Hyde, Bunni Hynes, Dick and Georgie Olsen, Joyce Sheridan, Sharon Sullivan and Sue Warden all worked for a week to get this done. If I forgot any one, it was not intentional. You all did an outstanding job and gave our club a warm Christmas feeling.

Our *Christmas Tree Lighting Potluck* was great fun. The club looked beautiful, and the food our members brought was delicious. The Islanders prepared the ham and scalloped potatoes. A special *Thank You* to Santa Claus (Larry Golkin). Everyone enjoyed your participation.

The Installation of Officers for the Channel Islanders will be held on **January 23, 2007 @ 11:00 a.m.** A lovely lunch is planned, please join us.

Happy New Year!

*Ellie Bishop
2007 First Mate*



Islanders Christmas Reception



Olivia Escoto hosts her last event as First Mate, 2006.



Donations were given to representatives from Prototypes and Interface, for the benefit of women and children in need.

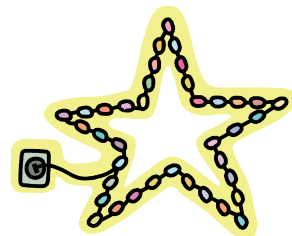


The Islanders Board takes a bow.



Parade of Lights

By Larry Golkin



We did it again! For the second year in a row, CIYC won the Sweepstakes Award, having garnered more points overall than any other entry.

It rained on our parade. The rain fell hard and the wind blew cold. Conditions were tough for everyone. Through it all, Ken and Jane Thomas expertly piloted their 55 foot, three masted schooner, laden with people, generators, speakers and decorated sets, over a crowded and confused course.

However, the chill dissipated quickly upon our return to CIYC, where, even before we knew the score, all hands enjoyed warm greetings and hot food, thanks to Vera and Bill Cline and their cooking crew, and to Colleen Nix, who made sure there was dinner left for the float's crew.

Two days a week for four weeks, 10-12 hours per day, in wind, cold, and heat, smoke and fog, many people worked on the CIYC entry. Parade of lights is a committee project. But, nothing would have been possible without the help of the members of CIYC who selflessly gave of their time, skill and effort, not to mention their backs, arms, legs, eyes, and every other body part capable of feeling pain. Given the size of the parade boat, the sets were numerous, large, and heavy. Three heavy generators powered a really big sound system, smoke machine, and thousands of lights. Brenda Golkin engineered a special version of the music. The whole crew fabricated 6 custom "homes", manufactured a 5 car train, a 16 foot mountain, a 16 foot Christmas tree, rail-

road crossings, a giant moon, and special theme costumes, all of which were lit by 6 light booms, and held down by over 40, 25 pound sand bags, miles of rope, and thousands of zip-ties. The float looked fabulous. "Over the top" barely describes it all. Thanks go to the CIYC Board of Directors, which provided the budget.

Special thanks to all who helped win the Sweepstakes Perpetual Trophy. Everyone who contributed deserves special recognition for this great effort: Ken and Jane Thomas, Bill and Jean Coltrin, Joyce Sheridan, Jack Borkowski, Barbara Brauns, Tom and Carole Naylor, Bill Brayton, Mary Foster, Bea Beverly, Dick Olsen, Clark Owens, Ray Newton, John Hyde, Bob Hynes, Jim Esselstein, Bob Deyling, Don Lehman, Frank Sullivan, Steve and Sue Johnston, Bill Trammel, Dave Gable, Opal Gilpin, Miles Linman, Sheri Brisbane, Woody Underwood, Sue Warden, Dana Hamilton, and the Committee Chairpersons, Larry and Brenda Golkin.



Sweepstakes Award!

*Editor's Note:
There would have been no float without the leadership of Larry and Brenda Golkin, who even made the whole experience FUN!
Thanks a million,
Larry and Brenda*



*Before -
Sunglade without, then with ,
all the sets*



Generator master, Bill Brayton



*Engineer Bill
Coltrin*



*New member, Ray Newton
grillin' the dogs...thanks Ray!*



*After -
victorious but very, very WET*



CIYC CRUISE SCHEDULE 2007



NO.	DATE	DESTINATION	RENDEZVOUS
1	1/14/07	COMMODORE'S CRUISE TO FRENCHY'S COVE, ANACAPA ISLE.	BREAKWATER AT 0900
2	3/24/07	WHALE WATCHING CRUISE.	PLATFORM GINA AT 10:00.
3	OPENING DAY 4/01/07	OPENING DAY BOAT PARADE.	IN THE BASIN IN FRONT OF THE CLUB AT 0800.
4	4/27/07 – 4/29/07	VENTURA HARBOR	VENTURA HARBOR YACHT CLUB
5	5/25/07 – 5/28/07	MARINA DEL REY	DEL REY YACHT CLUB
6	6/17/07	ANACAPA ISLAND – EAST FISH CAMP	EAST FISH CAMP
7	7/6/07 - 7/9/07	SANTA CRUZ ISLAND	PRISONERS HARBOR
8	8/17/07 – 8/19/07	SANTA CRUZ ISLAND	COCHES PRIETOS
9	9/14/07 – 9/16/07	SANTA CRUZ ISLAND	PELICANS
10	10/5/07 – 10/14/07	CATALINA ISLAND	(RENDEZVOUS AT EMERALD BAY, THEN ON TO AVALON OR CAT HARBOR)
11	11/2/07 – 11/04/07	SANTA BARBARA HARBOR	SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB

**** ALL DESTINATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE LAST MINUTE, DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR EMAIL THE DAY PRIOR TO THE TRIP.****

QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES?

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BOATERS MUST NOT OPERATE 121.5/243 MHZ EPIRBs AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2006

WASHINGTON - The Coast Guard reminds all boaters that beginning January 1, 2007, both 121.5 and 243 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) are prohibited from use in both commercial and recreational watercraft. Boaters wishing to have an emergency rescue beacon aboard their vessel must have a digital 406 MHz model.

The January 1, 2007, date to stop using 121.5 MHz EPIRBs is in preparation for February 1, 2009, when satellite processing of distress signals from all 121.5/243 MHz beacons will terminate. Following this termination date, only the 406 MHz beacons will be detected by the International Cospas-Sarsat Satellite System which provides distress alert and location data for search and rescue operations around the world.

The regulation applies to all Class A, B, and S 121.5/243 MHz EPIRBs. It does not affect 121.5/243 MHz man overboard devices which are designed to work directly with a base alerting unit only and not with the satellite system.

This change, in large part, was brought about by the unreliability of the 121.5/243 MHz beacons in an emergency situation. Data reveals that with a 121.5 MHz beacon, only one alert out of every 50 is a genuine distress situation. This has a significant effect on expending the limited resources of search and rescue personnel and platforms. With 406 MHz beacons, false alerts have been reduced significantly, and, when properly registered, can usually be resolved with a telephone call to the beacon owner. Consequently, real alerts can receive the attention they deserve.

When a 406 MHz beacon signal is received, search and rescue personnel can retrieve information from a registration database. This includes the beacon owner's contact information, emergency contact information, and vessel/aircraft identifying characteristics. Having this information allows the Coast Guard, or other rescue personnel, to respond appropriately.

In the U.S., users are required by law to directly register their beacon in the U.S. 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database at: <http://www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov/> or by calling 1-888-212-SAVE. Other users can register their beacon in their country's national beacon registration database or, if no national database is available, in the International Beacon Registration Database at <https://www.406registration.com/>.

The United States Coast Guard is the lead agency for coordinating national maritime search and rescue policy and is responsible for providing search and rescue services on, under and over assigned international waters and waters subject to United States jurisdiction.

*For more information on boating safety, Vessel Safety Checks, or the Coast Guard Auxiliary,
Contact Steve Johnston at the club or call 573-4429.*

90 YEARS YOUNG!!

By Marianne Polk Romo



Here's an update for everyone on my mom, Boots Polk, who turned 90 in August amid much fanfare & fun! There was a fabulous party at my sisters home in Lindsborg, KS & I'm so happy to report that she is doing marvelous & having a great time there with her new friends. She actually had several birthday parties over the course of a couple of weeks, but the one at my sister's house was just for relatives. Her 3 daughters, 6 grandsons, first GREAT grandchild (Amelia from Steamboat Springs, CO was there, just 10 weeks old) plus an assortment of nieces, nephews, my dad's sister & her husband were all there. Twenty-five people came quite some distances to be there...from Seattle, WA, San Diego, Oxnard & Hemet, CA, Bozeman, MT, Fort Collins, Denver & Steamboat Springs, CO, Peoria, IL, Indianapolis, IN, Mentor, OH, & Lake of the Ozarks, MO. Most people stayed for a few days & enjoyed the lovely little tourist spot that Lindsborg is, enjoying Swedish pancakes, numerous art galleries and the lovely Bed & Breakfasts there. It's a town a lot like Solvang, but in the middle of Kansas.

Boots has a beautifully decorated private room in the assisted living wing of the 100 year old Lutheran Bethany Home, which is the pride and joy of Lindsborg. Many of the town's youth volunteer there & since my sister, Lindy has been the high school art teacher there for almost 20 years, she is well-known & loved & now so is Boots! She's very active and on the go most of the time. Concerts at the college are among her favorite things, as well as shopping & eating out in the nearby towns. If anyone would like to write her, I know she'd love to hear from you, as she does miss her dear CIYC friends.

Boots Polk

321 N. Chestnut St., #43

Lindsborg, KS 67456

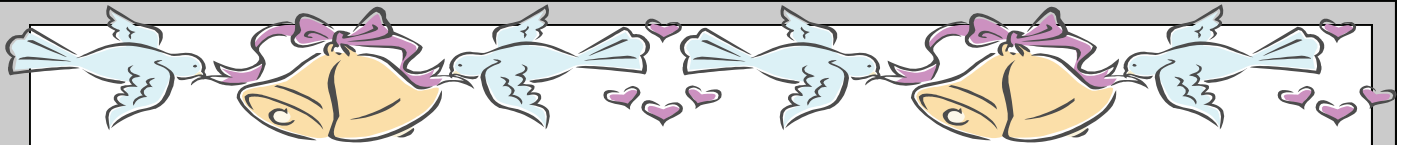
All in all, though, she is happy, sharp, witty & cute as ever. My family, including Champ, our lovable dog, will be driving there again this year for Christmas, as we have the last 2 years.

Warm Holiday Greetings to you all!

Robert "Bob" Standley

We are sad to report having received notice that one of our favorite members has passed on, at the age of 86, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He was living near his daughter, *Alexandra Howe of 15 Radcliff Terrace, Oak Ridge, TN 37830*. Those of you who knew him remember that he served in the U.S. Army for 31 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He spent most of his retired life sailing out of Channel Islands Harbor, and was a lifetime member of CIYC. Those who were lucky enough to hear his stories, were regaled with almost unbelievable tales of his life. While Bob loved coming to the Club, he was unable to climb the stairs in recent years. He did tell his daughter that our clubhouse really needed an elevator. Any of his friends interested honoring Bob with a donation, might consider one to CIYC's Elevator Fund in his name.





NOW IS THE MOMENT; OUR HAWAIIAN LOVE SONG:

February 10, 2006 Channel Islands Yacht Club Social:

Open invitation to all members from Bob and Sherry Brisbane for you to share in the renewal of their Blue Hawaii Wedding vows:



Luau buffet style dinner consisting of:

*Kailua Pork, Teriyaki Chicken, Ribs, Salads,
Fruit Platters and Wedding Cake.*

Mai tai's served from a fountain.

Champagne for the toast. No host bar.

Hawaiian Dancers: Live band

Please no gifts! We would just like to have you share our special moment.



*A special
"THANK YOU" to our
dear friends who put
this all together.*



Club bar opens 4:00 p.m.

Renewal of Vows will be held at 5:00 p.m.

Buffet Style Dinner will be ready at 6:00 p.m.

Hawaiian Dancers will perform during the dinner hour

Live Music for Dancing the night away.

9:00 p.m. Toasting to Bob and Sherry

Please RSVP by signing the Dinner book at the bar.

**Can't Wait For Your
Issue of the *Currents*?**

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www.ciyc.com.**

**When the *Currents* go to press, it also
goes onto our website. It may take a few
minutes to download the .pdf file, but
you'll have your issue a few days before
we can print and mail the hard copy.**

**Also, there is a color copy of the Calendar
(yellow insert), that is kept up-to-date.
So, check out the website often. There's
always something new!**

Birthday Bash



*This year we will dedicate one
Friday night each month to celebrate the birth-
days of those born in that month.*

Friday, January 12th will be our kick off celebra-
tion at 6PM. If you want to bring an appetizer,
that would be nice. The club will furnish a big
birthday cake and there will be a few champagne
drawings for those in attendance who were born in
January.

*So, whether it's your birthday or not, come and
celebrate those January birthdays!*

2007 SAIL RACE CALENDAR

ASSOC. OF SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL YACHT CLUBS

JANUARY:

HOST:

Sun.	7th	Centennial Regatta	SBYC
Sun.	14th	J-24 Regatta	VYC
Sat.	20th	Hot Rum Series #2	SBYC
Sat.	27th	Lido 14 Superbowl Regatta	AYC
	27th	Spring Series #1	PBYC/VYC



FEBRUARY:

Sat.	3rd	J-24 Regatta	VYC
Sun	4th	SUPERBOWL SUNDAY	
Sat.	10th	Spring Series #2	VYC/PBYC
Sat.	10th	Hot Rum Series #3	SBYC
Sun.	11th	Sweethearts Regatta	SBYC
Sat/Sun	17&18	SCYA MidWinters (PHRF)	CIYC
	17&18	SCYA MidWinters	SBSC
	17&18	SCYA MidWinters (J-24 & J-105)	SBYC
Sat.	24th	Spring Series #3	PBYC/VYC
	24th	Staff Commodore's Regatta	SBYC
Sun	25th	SCYA Race Mgmt. Seminar	VYC

MARCH:

Sat.	3rd	Port Royal Regatta	CIYC
Sun.	4th	Opening Day/Opening Day Races	SBYC
Sat.	10th	Spring Series #4	VYC/PBYC
Sun.	11th	Opening Day/Spring Series #1	SBSC
Sat.	17th	St. Patrick's Day Race	AYC
	17th	Spring Series #2	SBSC
Sun.	18th	Prince of Wales Sail Off	
Wed.	21st	Wet Wed. Series Wkly. to October 10th	SBYC
Sat.	24th	Bob Cooke Mem. Double Handed #1	CIYC



Volunteer Recognition Dinner



**ANOTHER GREAT BEEFEATERS DINNER --
THANKS TO PAUL PAULIN, DAVE GABLE
AND CREW!**



*Thanks, Judy & Dennis
Fraser for all the help
with the Currents!*



**COMMODORE DANA'S PIRATE AWARDS
FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE
CIYC WORK.**

THANKS TO EVERYONE!



Tom Naylor's
*Tri-tip, chicken, baked potatoes
 and famous salad bar drew a
 crowd. Thanks to all the crew!*

December Beefeaters Dinner



*Roxy conducts the Ship's
 Locker Annual Sale*

Coastal Knowledge

By Dave Willhite



Happy New Year Boaters and Waterfront Lovers!

WEATHER

Our weather has been excellent and historically right on track. We are experiencing mild Santa Ana wind storms (30-50knots). While this sounds strong, they are truly mild compared to 70 to 100 mile winds elsewhere. Recently, we decided to go to San Miguel aboard Warren Sanders 54 Mediterranean, *Freedom*. The initial weather reports 5 days prior were for mild Santa Ana Conditions, with winds of 20 to 30 knots out of the Northeast or offshore. We prepared *Freedom* with provisions for 3 days, the day before leaving. The morning of the evening we had planned on leaving the weather prediction had been changed, not going down but a hard reoccurring northeast front peaking the next day in the AM at 55-65 knots. This sudden change came as a surprise to me. I had never heard of a reoccurring, only experiencing the typical northeasters in the past 45 years. We departed at 9PM and immediately upon leaving Ventura Harbor encountered 30 to 40 knots of wind. I was confident we could weather winds in excess of 80 knot on our stern. By the time we reach mid channel, winds had reached the 50 to 60 knot range. The ocean was full of white caps and the wind was blowing the foam of the white caps.

I listened to the Weather each half hour and they seemed to be staying in the 55-65 knot range at Anacapa Island, so I was confident they would not exceed 70 before peaking in the AM, and by that time I would have anchored behind Harris Point, San Miguel Island which would give me a lot of protection. At about 5:30 AM the wind in the anchorage started to howl and increased to 75 to 80 knots for about 2 hours, then laid back down to 25 or 30 knots. We pulled the anchor and again headed southwest to the West end of the island, waiting for the winds to go further down so we could start fishing. After a 2 hour wait, I decided to try a drift for rockfish on a spot I had not fished for 15 years. Fortunately, the current was running East and the wind was coming from the Northeast, so the drift speed was almost a push. We were able to stay on the reef long enough to get our limits of red snapper and released 15 or 20 nice ling cod. The seas and winds calmed thru the day and we anchored in a westerly anchorage for a flat calm night. The Symington Cove Anchorage is the only option at this island in these conditions.

FISHING

Good reports from all fisheries. The Rock cod fishing has been very good at all locations. (Jan 1, 2007 rock fishing closes). There are still good numbers of White Sea bass on the coast. Reports of Thresher sharks from Channel Islands Harbor to Rincon point in 15 fathoms where birds are feeding and bait schools. Lobster catching remains fair with a lot of pressure on all sea walls. Clamming has been fair with mostly 1/2 limits. Plenty for a good chowder.

YACHTS

If you are not using your yacht during the winter, take some precautions and make up a winter checklist for yourself to do at the slip. Warm engines and put an oil soaker pad under engine pans. Buy a gallon of WD 40 (or similar product) and fill a hand pump spray bottle full. Spray the entire engine down and let dry. Do the same process to the generator. This will limit corrosion and if you need to replace parts in the spring, they will easily come off the engine. Also spray all electrical contacts with a silicone contact cleaner. I used this practice all year when I had charter boats and the mechanics really were happy. Remember to start your engine at least every two weeks to keep the exhaust valves open to air thru your exhaust system. Also, I have found that interior wood frames are subject to damage around windows, due to condensation during winter. I recommend having something at the base of your windows to soak up this fresh water, to avoid staining and rotting areas that will hurt the value of your yacht.

Calm Seas, *Cap'n Dave*

Editors Note: The boating practices stated above do not necessarily express CIYC's or the Editor's opinions.



The Fog Horn

*By Roxy Ostrem
Hospitality Chair*



January Birthday Wishes To...

Bill Cline and Tom Warden on 1/1, Carolyn Probst 1/3, Phillis Gerding 1/3, Sharon Callahan 1/4, Gloria Calhoun 1/13, Ginger Yantz 1/15, Rick Flucke 1/15, Judy Fraser 1/15, Hardy Moll 1/15, Norma Brownlow 1/18, Marcia Meinke 1/20, Mary Carlson 1/21, Woody Underwood 1/21, Duncan Connell 1/22, Tom Naylor 1/23, Leo Gabriels 1/28, Lenora Linman 1/29, Vanda Watkins 1/30, Brenda Dickmann 1/31.

Happy Anniversary to ...

Dan and Audrey Voss 1/2, Jeff and Gloria Calhoun 1/10, Gary and Madeline Hunsaker 1/10, Bea Beverly and Raydell Garrett 1/21, Tom and Sandy Chatham 1/22, Mike and Marie Preach 1/27, Harry and Marcia Meinke 1/29

Our Sympathies

*Carol Naylor on the passing of her mother. Jan Argall lost her mom also.
Our hearts go out to both families.*

Sick Bay...

*No one has been "reported" ill, but there sure is a lot of flu and colds going around.
Stay warm and drink lots of "liquids".*

Well, our Rear Commodore Frank and Sharon Sullivan's daughter got married in December. In case you did not hear, CIYC took Sweepstakes in the Parade of Lights for Channel Island Harbor (again), with much work done by many folk, a BIG thank you to the Thomas' for the use of their 55' boat, and to the Golkin's for the organizing and all that goes with it. I have seen Lee Miser at the Club, all those stairs to climb, and she was still smiling with her two new hips. I heard that Paulette Underwood was up to the Club after her second surgery of the year. Our European Travelers, the Argless and Deylings are back from a wonderful trip. Be sure to ask them about Italy and the other countries. Bill Crow is home and doing well after his surgery. Maybe driving Ann Marie crazy, so give him a call.

Well, we still have no one to take over this article, soooooo HELP, talk with a Director or a Flag Officer, it's fun and simple. GET INVOLVED!





Galley News

By Jean Coltrin

Well, the holidays are over and cold winter winds brought the end of our long Indian summer. However, we can get cozy around a fireplace, which isn't all bad ... and CIYC has one! Come warm up there with a libation and share an evening with your friends at the Club. Here are some options:

Saturday Dinners will now be served at 7 PM unless otherwise noted!

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| Saturday, Jan. 6th | Dinner will be announced soon. Look in the dinner book by the bar. |
| Friday, Jan. 12th | First of the monthly Birthday Bashes, with cake and drawings for champagne. |
| Saturday, Jan. 13th | Change of Watch Dinner. Colleen Nix will be inducted as Commodore for 2007. Dinner will be rare roast beef, scalloped potatoes and Caesar salad, with a seasonal, surprise dessert. There will be a live band and dancing, so come celebrate with Colleen and her new Board of Directors. |
| Saturday, Jan. 20th | Bill Trammell will be head chef with a dinner featuring Cornish Game Hens, potatoes, and salad...a light, but filling meal for after the holidays. |
| Saturday, Jan. 27th | Dana Hamilton hosts one of his specialty dinners - Chicken Parmesan with Fettuccini Alfredo...a gastronomic delight! |

Dana Hamilton has graciously volunteered to Chair Saturday Night Dinners this year. Are you enjoying the dinners? Be sure to sign up to prepare or help on a dinner night soon. We are a self-help club that is for the enjoyment of all, not just a few. **Your attendance is requested, your assistance is required.** Please talk to him about a dinner you would like to share with the members this year. If you are an *amateur or first timer*, he can provide expertise on how much food to order, plus hints and help to make your event a huge success. Call Dana on his cell phone at (805) 701-2841 or talk to him at the Clubhouse...he's always there.

*Ever plan dinner for 20 people and 10 show up...or 30? Imagine what our cooks go through when they plan and buy for 50 and 100 show up! Please be courteous to our cooks and **sign up by Friday, (NOT ON SATURDAY)** prior to the dinner. Remember, now you can just say "Charge It."*



Cruiser Navigation

By George Arglen



2006 went out with a bash! Most skippers and observers gathered at the Marie Callender's Garden Room for a champagne brunch. Ventura Yacht Club showed up in full force. PCYC was represented by its Fleet Captain, Jerry Virnig. CIYC had a pretty good show. Ray Bouche said he forgot. This is the first time that all three clubs were jovial and downright nice to each other. Our brunch lasted over two hours, and the conversations were very good. Prior to the brunch, the three clubs met at VYC and worked out a mutually satisfactory schedule for 2007, which is as follows:

SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL SERIES 2007 SCHEDULE

Contest No. 1	April 28, 2007	Hosted by CIYC
Contest No. 2	May 19, 2007	Hosted by VYC
Contest No. 3	July 14, 2007	Hosted by PCYC
Contest No. 4	August 25, 2007	Hosted by PCYC
Contest No. 5	September 8, 2007	Hosted by VYC
Contest No. 6	October 6, 2007	Hosted by CIYC
& A.A. Oakley		

All three clubs came together on the following decisions:

1. We will have Cruiser Navigation classes to attract new racers. The first class will be held at PCYC and I will keep you posted of the date and time.
2. For a change, we will have hats for skippers and their observers instead of tee-shirts.
3. Entry fee will be \$15 per boat per race.

2006 was a great year for VYC! While we had a first year racer, they scored on first and second overall and club's overall. Here's how it went:

Cox (VYC)	4,482 points overall
Cline (VYC)	3,163 points overall
Arglen (CIYC)	2,583 points overall
Kutchma (VYC)	2,364 points overall
Smith (VYC)	1,565 points overall
Palmquist (CIYC)	1,265 points overall
Sullivan (CIYC)	1,265 points overall
Bouche (CIYC)	1,036 points overall
Golkin (CIYC)	600 points overall & 1st year racer.
VYC	11,574 points overall
CIYC	6,749 points overall
PCYC	no race entered



As you can see, we had five racers to VYC's four. However, VYC's racers entered 17 times to race and score for the year, to CIYC's 12 racing scores for the year. Yes, we had the most racers, but most all entered only two races out of six for the whole year. We have the ability to win, but we have not exercised it. You can see why I had the highest score for CIYC entering only four races out of six, which was two more races than anyone else. We hope to change the odds this coming year by offering more classes on racing against your predicted log, and honing our knowledge of our boats, the currents and wind condition variables.

Carole Olin was honored as she retired (or semi-retired) from Cruiser Navigation. Carole has put in many years of work and many years of representing CIYC in the Southern California Cruiser Association (SCCA) throughout the coast. Carole and her late husband, Don, were very active and participated in many contests with our neighboring yacht clubs of Southern California. We shall try to keep their legacy going for many years to come.

So, with very high hopes for 2007, we look forward to our first contest after Opening Day!

See you on the water,

George Arglen
Cruiser Navigation Chair



Boating Safety

Stand By for the new, improved 2007 program. Larry Golkin and Steve Johnston are rolling out new programs, educational events and other boater safety related information. Watch this column for reports, information, upcoming seminars, etc.

You're driving along on the highway and you see those familiar blue and red lights, your heart sinks, as you realize the patrol car is following you. You hear the officer over his PA telling you to pull over. Remember what the person who taught you how to drive told you about getting pulled over? Keep your hands on the wheel. Have the other occupants sit with their hands in plain view, and quietly. Be nice to the officer, give him or her the documentation they want, and if you're lucky, because your nice, they will be nice to you.

Well, we're now on the water, zipping along, jumping wakes or speeding in a 5mph zone and all of a sudden.... Guess what?! You hear a siren and see those familiar blue lights (blue is the only color that signifies an emergency vessel on the water). What do you do? Well the officers, be they the local harbor patrol or Coast Guard will ask you to heave to. This means: Stop your vessel! Ask them if they want you to cut your engine. Take out some fenders (even though most law enforcement vessels will have their own handy) as well, so they can tie-up.

Now what do you do? Well, if you took a safe boating course in the last several years, some of the information you got about stopping, and boarding a vessel has changed. In years gone by, the only agency that could stop your vessel and board it, without a search warrant was the Coast Guard. Well, this isn't exactly so anymore. Several states have signed compacts with the Coast Guard in this post 9/11 environment, whereas the Coast Guard has delegated some of their Federal powers to the state. Specifically, they now allow state law enforcement (and those state powers flow down to the local law enforcement officers) to board vessels. **This is true for California.** So, now that we know that the likelihood is that the non-Coast Guard officer is mostly likely allowed to board our vessel (check with your State), what do you as the vessel captain do? The same exact thing as you the cars' driver did. You keep your hands where they can be seen. You assemble your crew, and guests above decks, so law enforcement knows where everyone is, and how many persons are on board. You provide the documentation requested, and know that a vessel safety equipment check will be done. This will be the same vessel safety check the Coast Guard Auxiliary provides for **FREE**, and **without penalty**. But this time, it will be done for you by the law enforcement officials; with penalty should you not pass!

Should you fail the vessel safety equipment check, unlike the Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check (VSC), where we told you what you needed and asked that you immediately corrected the situation, the law enforcement official has several options they can pursue.

1. They can issue you a warning (boy – you were lucky!)
2. They can issue you a ticket (ok, not so lucky)
3. They can issue a "termination of voyage" order, which means you will need to turn-a-round and return to your most recent place of embarkation. Any and all violations will need to be cured (fixed) before your voyage can continue.

Next on the hit parade are tickets and/or more severe penalties for the offense that caused you to be boarded in the first place (like speeding). So, how do you not get boarded? Follow the local laws, the Rules of the Road, and get a Vessel Safety Check by the Coast Guard Auxiliary (see <http://www.safetyseal.net>) or one of our partners in the VSC program, before you get pulled over. Be forewarned, that the Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies do have safety check stops. But, should the Coast Guard see your VSC sticker on your port side window, more than likely they will either do a perfunctory check or let you continue on your voyage. Why? Because you have taken the time to get that VSC, passed the VSC and are more likely to keep or have all the required safety equipment on board. Another great reason to have a VSC this season!

So, let's run through the rules if you get stopped once again:

1. Heave to
2. Have all passengers and crew topside
3. Be quiet and courteous
4. Cooperate

■ For more information on boating safety, Vessel Safety Checks, or the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Contact Steve ■

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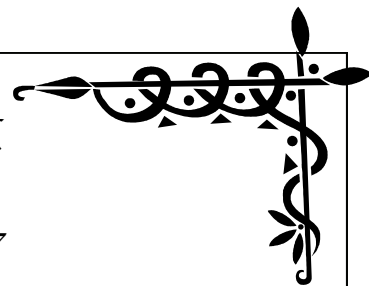
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Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan

Rock Fish Season is closed as of January 1st and I am waiting to hear the reopen date for sure. I've heard March 1st.

Angler's dues of \$10 for the 2007 fishing season are now due. You may send in your dues with your regular club dues billing. For only ten bucks you will have a distinctive looking fish next to your name in the CIYC roster; be eligible for the **\$50 Big Fish of the Month Award**, be able to participate in all of the club tournaments and perhaps win the **\$100 Big Fish of the Year Award**!

Many months go-by when no, or few fish are weighed in which means that the ¼ lb mack may be worth \$50, so weigh him in! An Angler can only win once a year so we should have 12 different winners.

In Year 2006, Anglers Club funds were used for projects around the Yacht Club, for the betterment of our fishing experience, and to support the White Seabass grow-out pens in the harbor.

Please join us for the monthly meetings, beginning in March, *the third Thursday of the month*, in conjunction with the Channel Islands All-coast Anglers, (CIA). We have speakers on fishing techniques and fisheries issues. This is not a formal meeting, but a time to share fishing stories and brag about the big one that didn't get away. Please enclose a note indicating your interest or any other ideas to benefit the welfare of the Club. **If you wish to join this elite group, please respond by January 30th so we can put the fish logo by your name in the CIYC Roster.**

White Seabass Update:

A **pair of cormorants** have taken up residence in our fishpens. Seems like a wonderful spot for them - free food and shelter. Our fearless WSB team has taken up the battle to get them out...not once, but three times in three days! Who will win this contest of will? Will our men find the secret entrance these wily birds are using? Will they end up with the fish trying to catch them?

Stay tuned for further updates, or ask the guys trying to catch them and keep the fish alive and fed: Wade Ambrose, George Arglen, Bill Coltrin, Bob Deyling, Dick Olsen Web Palmquist and Frank Sullivan.



"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 an award worth \$100 for the biggest fish of the year. It does not have to be one of the monthly winners, it can be a tournament fish or not. So if you win one month don't quit! The next fish you catch may be worth \$\$\$\$.



