

# CURRENTS

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# From the Quarterdeck

COMMODORE



COLLEEN NIX



I can not believe that it is already June! We have had a very positive first half of the year. Great activities, wonderful meals, and now summer is here. Some of the highlights in May- Cinco de Mayo Social, 2 sailboat races, Mother's Day Lunch, Islander's Fashion Show and Beefeater Dinner, Cruiser Nav Race, Cruise to the Island, and Holiday Supper Club on Memorial Day. There is truly something for everyone at CIYC. We have all kinds of different activities coming up this month that you will really need to read this month's Currents to see everything, and to find out all the dates and times of all the different events.

June will bring us the always well attended "Fathers' Day Dinner" put on by the Islanders, the Channel Islands to Marina Del Rey Race, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders BBQ, just to name a few. Please come out and support our racers and guests for the CI to MDR race. We will have our traditional Racers Steak Dinner on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will have a breakfast the next morning from 7:30AM-9:30AM. Last year, there were 22 boats that competed, and CIYC brought home the trophy for the Club that had the most boats in the race! The dinner that Jack and crew put on last year for the racers was terrific, and everyone had a great time. Please sign up for the dinner, and come out and enjoy the festivities. The racers really enjoy your support, and the visiting yacht clubs' racers always comment on how welcoming and friendly CIYC Members are. You are all invited to the breakfast the next morning as well. This event is always fun, and it's our Members that make it so.

As you look around the Club House, you are sure to see some new faces. We have had several new Members join the Club in May, so please go out of your way to welcome them, and make sure that they are included in our various activities. I do foresee a much larger and well rounded membership in our future, for the trend has already started. We are at-

tracting both young and older folks, racers, cruisers and folks that are looking for a Yacht Club family. This is great news for all of us, and we will all continue to strive to meet all of the needs and interests of our diverse membership.

This brings me to a point in which I hope that you will all take to heart. It has come to my and the Board's attention that there are a few people that are taking it upon themselves to discuss actions that the Board is taking, and have a tendency to share information that is not factual or true. I know that with any large group of people, there will always be some folks that gossip, and speak ill of some people. It is unfortunate, but it happens. Gossip is damaging, and very hurtful. It also tends to steer far from the actual truth and facts in most situations. Although it seems to be a few people that are guilty of this, it does affect the Club as a whole. New Members hear it, and it takes away from the enjoyment of other Club Members that have come to the Club to help with an event, or have come up to unwind and enjoy themselves. Some of the rumors that have come back to the Board are truly unbelievable; for they are either greatly exaggerated or have no merit. If you have any questions or concerns about what is going on with the Board or the Club, please- contact a Board or Flag Member directly. We will be glad to share with you what we are working on. Also, please come up to the General Membership meetings, and hear from the Board and Committee Chairs. Lets all work together to keep CIYC a friendly place. We are all adults, and I am hoping that the few that tend to engage in these disruptive behaviors will soon find out that they do not have an audience.

Let's have a great 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2007!

*Colleen Nix*



## From the Quarterdeck



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**VICE  
COMMODORE**

**SUE JOHNSTON**



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**REAR  
COMMODORE**

**FRANK SULLIVAN**

CIYC has had another great month on the water in May. June holds many chances to get out and have some fun, so be sure to check the calendar and join us on the water.

Congratulations to RAM member Mike Mellin for a **FIRST PLACE** finish in the Newport to Ensenada Race. Mike's boat *Freebird* took **FIRST PLACE** in the PHRF-G class in the 125 mile course.

Our second Bob Cooke Memorial was held May 5. A boat from Ventura Yacht Club, *Angry Hillbillies*, took first place in the spinnaker class. While our very own Brent Swanson on *Velero* took first in the non-spinnaker class. The perpetual trophy will be awarded after the series is complete. The third race is scheduled June 9. Please come out and help and come to the Club and cheer for all the racers that afternoon about 4 PM.

Our cruise director planned and executed a fabulous weekend at Ventura Yacht Club. Those on the boats and all the "land yachters" who joined us for dinner had a great time. Thanks Larry! And be sure to check out the cruise book and sign up for our next adventure.

As I said before June is a busy water month. We have three sailboat races and need lots of support. June 9 is the last in the Bob Cooke Memorial series. We will need a committee boat and a couple of volunteers. June 23 and 24 there is the Channel Islands to Marina Del Rey race. We need a committee boat to start the race with a couple of volunteers and a marker boat with a couple of volunteers. June 30 we rescheduled the Port Royal Regatta. We need a committee boat and a couple of volunteers and a mark boat and a couple of volunteers.

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Many have noticed the trophies have been removed from the display case in the foyer. Not to worry, they are safely in storage while Vintage is remodeling the downstairs bathrooms. Soon the bathrooms with showers will be accessible to us for the entrance hall. The remodel requires that they be brought up to ADA "Americans with Disability Act" standards and that requires a widening of the doors. This is why the display case is being cut down about 6-8 inches by Skip Miser's able and skillful hands. These changes will also require the Name Board be remodeled by the other bathroom entry door.

Hopefully the construction will be completed on this part of the project relatively quickly so we can put our entry way back together again.

Ship Shape in May was not well attended but that was probably because I scheduled it on the day before Mothers' Day. The ever faithful Dick Olsen and Bob Deyling did join me though while Suzy Warden helped Sharon Sullivan set up for the Mothers' Day Lunch. Dick, Bob and I were able to clean up the patio area and deep fryers used for the fish fry then tackled the plumbing problem in the sink by the coffee machine. PLEASE do not put coffee grounds down this drain—it can't handle it. We couldn't clear it after plunging, snaking and cursing it, so the next Monday the plumber was called!

Wednesday night dinners have been doing very well with an average attendance of about 35-40 people. The food has been excellent with folks like Kitty Brown, Ruth Hatcher, Bob Hynes, Silvia Hyde and their crews, especially Jean Gaddis and Betty Larson who work almost every meal.

The Board is trying its best to provide a positive atmosphere in the club with lots of things to do that enhance the use of the club. I have been able

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# The Channel Islanders



The Fashion Show and Dinner held on May 19<sup>th</sup> was a great evening. I want to thank Second Mate Sylvia Hyde for arraigning with Draper's and Damon's to bring their fashions so our lovely members could model them.

Thank you, Thank You to Barbara Brauns, Mary Carlson, Beverly Hamilton, Ruth Hatcher, Bobbi Lehman, Joyce Sheridan, Debbie Tyhurst and Sue Warden for presenting the clothing in such a beautiful manner. Thank you Skip Harkson, Clark Owens, Brent Sensabaugh and Ken Thomas for modeling clothes from our Ships Locker, I know our members will want to look just like all of you. Thank you to Tommi Mongold for helping the ladies with makeup and a spritz or two. The Islanders always put on a lovely evening and if I have forgotten anyone please excuse.

Tom Naylor and crew prepared

another outstanding dinner. Thank you again Tom for a fantastic job as always. I'm still hearing wonderful raves.

Our Fathers' Day Dinner will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> and the Islanders will be preparing the dinner for this occasion.

Please sign up early; this will enable the cooks to prepare the right amount of servings. This dinner is very popular with our members and their families.

See you on the dance floor.

*Ellie Bishop*  
First Mate



*Ellie Bishop*  
First Mate 2007



Let's make Dad Feel Good

# Fathers' Day

Saturday, June 16th

5 PM Socializing

7 PM Dinner

**The Channel Islanders**

**Honor All Dads**

**With this Very Special Dinner**

**By Evelina Arglen**

## *Menu*

*Orange Glazed Pork Loin*

*Served with Roasted Potatoes and Roasted Zucchini  
Salad with Baby Greens, Fresh Orange Slices, Celery,*

*Red Onions, Caramelized Almonds  
and Champagne Orange Vinaigrette*

*Hot Apple Pie and French Vanilla Ice Cream*

**Cost is \$20.00 per person**



# Boating Safety

by Larry Golkin

## The Law Of Gross Tonnage

Playing in traffic is dangerous. Traffic, as defined by the federal navigation rules involves “narrow channels” that “restrict the movement of vessels, which are constrained by their draft”. Herein lies the tale of why us small boaters should not play in traffic when the big boats are there.

### Federal Law

The “Rules of the Road”, which were enacted in 1980, are contained in a book called “*Navigation Rules; International-Inland*” COMDINST M16672.2D and published March 25th, 1999. You can download a copy of the rules from the USCG ([http://www.navcenter.org/mwv/mwv\\_files/NR\\_Files/navrules.pdf](http://www.navcenter.org/mwv/mwv_files/NR_Files/navrules.pdf)) or purchase it from either the US Government Printing Office or at your local marine supplier.

Every boater should be familiar with the “Rules of the Road”. Just as you are supposed to be familiar with the vehicle and traffic laws, you should be familiar with the nautical rules as well. “Ignorance of the law is no excuse for breaking it...” Oliver Wendell Holmes, *The Common Law* (1881).

Please note: all vessels that are 39.4 feet or larger are required by federal law to have a copy of this book on their vessel at all times. Rule number 9 – Narrow Channels, Inland states that:

“(b) A vessel of less than 20 meters [65 feet] in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the

passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.

The local boating public should be aware of the penalty provisions within U.S. Code, Title 33, Section 2072, that specify “Whoever operates a vessel in violation of the navigation rules is liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation, for which penalty the vessel may be seized and the case shall be brought before the district court of the United States of any district within which the vessel may be found.”

Now that the legalese has been stated, let’s discuss in rational terms why you, the recreational boater should not play in traffic.

### Law of Gross Tonnage

The law, which is more common sense than explicitly written in the code, goes like this: “The heavier vessel always has the right-of-way.”

This is based on simple Newtonian physics. Newton’s first law talks about objects in motion stay in motion unless another force is acted upon it. In other words, if a boat is moving east at 5 mph and you were in the vacuum of space, it would never stop traveling east at 5 mph. However, we all know when we stop our engine on our boat, we slow down.

How long it takes to go from 5 mph to zero depends on wind, and current. Even if there was no wind or current, we’d still slow down, because the water itself provides friction upon the hull of the boat, and that in itself acts as a



brake.

We have all observed that the bigger the object, the longer it takes to slow down. Newton's second law of physics talks about how the amount of force required to move an object is proportional to the mass of the object.

So, if a tug and barge were traveling down a narrow channel, and you stopped your boat 1,000 feet away, right in front of the tug and barge; and, if the master of the tug saw you immediately; and if the master of the tug immediately began to stop the tug and barge; you'd have less than one minute to move your vessel.

If you didn't move your vessel in less than 60 small seconds, the tug and barge would just run right over you. It would be impossible for the master of the tug to stop, based on the collective mass of both the vessel and the barge, in 1,000 feet.

The law of gross tonnage is unrelenting. It is a fact of life. Another fact of life is that you should not depend on the master of the tug or any other large vessel is able to see you, either visually or on radar.

### **Radar and Visual Lookouts**

Radar, lookouts and even VHF radios all work the same. They actually work on the same basic principles of physics. Yes, physics, that subject most of us hated in high-school rears its ugly head, yet again!

Radar, and VHF Radio, as well as your ability to see something, is all based on "line-of-sight". If it is not in your field of vision, you won't be able to see it. Think about it? Have you ever looked for something, but couldn't find it, and it was right under your nose? How 'bout walking with a small dog, and it disappears on you, because it is right under your feet, but you don't see it, because you're looking further a field, away from you.

This same principle is at work with radar, and your VHF radio. The radar antenna on a large boat is raised much higher over the water. This enables the ship to see farther out to sea. However, on the downside, it also gives a larger blind area.

The radar waves generated from the antenna are narrow beams of energy. A properly configured radar antenna won't begin to come near the surface of the water until its maximum state range. So a 24-mile radar will scoot high above the surface for large distances before the waves will begin to pick-up objects that are close to the surface.

Recreational boats are close to the surface. So, even though you may be a quarter-mile away from a large vessel, the lookout, be it human, electronic or both, may never be able to see you.

### **Lessons Learned**

So, to sum up today's lesson in physics. Don't play in front of large ships. They are bigger, they are dangerous, and they may never see you.

Oh, before I forget – never pass between a tug and its barge! That may be the last thing you will ever do! In fact, stay as far away from a tug and barge, or for that matter, any large vessel.

Between a tug and barge you'll find a hawser (a large diameter line or cable), which will surely decapitate the boat and its occupants, should you collide with it. And all large vessels have large propellers, and prop wash. The forces made by these props are enough to either swamp your boat, drag it into the prop or combinations thereof.



# The Competitive Edge

By Richard Sharp



## Revival

Some 30 years after they were first manufactured, Olson 30 racing boats are having a bit of a revival on the Gold Coast. Cheap to buy and run compared with most competitive racing craft, Olsons are proving that when sailed well, they can still win trophies.

Since the national championship that was held at Channel Islands Yacht Club in 2002, the class has suffered from lack of enthusiasm. But with the arrival of *Foreigner* in 2005, the racing fraternity has been sitting up and taking notice. Now *Perfect Balance*, *Bikini Machine* and a new boat called *Wild Run* can give the current national champion, *Blue Star*, a run for the money.

If you want to try your hand at competitive keel boat racing, then for less than \$20,000 you can get going with an Olson 30, another \$10,000 for sails and you can be winning trophies. Any takers?

## Channel Islands to Newport Beach Feeder Race

This month's racing began with Anacapa Yacht Club's Channel Islands to Newport Beach Feeder Race for the Ensenada race. CIYC boats did well with Mike Warns'

*5150* taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Spinnaker A and Mike Mellon's *Free Bird* taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in Spinnaker B.

## Ensenada International Yacht Race

In the main event, the Ensenada International Yacht Race, Mike Mellon again took honors with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in PHRF-G. Congratulations to Mike and his crew. Mike Warns' *5150* took 6<sup>th</sup> place in PHRF-A, also a very creditable performance.

## The Bob Cook Memorial Double Handed Series

The Bob Cook Memorial Double Handed Series Race Two got underway with Channel Islands Yacht club packing four boats into the fleet of five in the non-spinnaker class. *Fussee*, *Harmony*, *Zuma Jay* and *Velero* were to fight it out with *Runaway* from Ventura Sailing Club. The eventual winner, after some tight racing, was our old favorite *Velero*, who finished five minutes ahead of *Runaway*, who just piped *Zuma Jay* by five seconds.

In the A class, close racing between *Bikini Machine*, an Olson 30 from Ventura Yacht Club, and *Perfect Balance*, another Olson 30 from CIYC, was overshadowed by the J24 *Angry Hillbillies* (VYC), who al-



though finished a good 16 minutes behind the Olsons, still managed to take 1<sup>st</sup> place. This leaves *Bikini Machine* in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall, followed by *Perfect Balance*.

Many thanks to the race committee comprised of Ron Lippert, Dick Olson, Steve Johnston (our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore) and our reluctant Rear Commodore, Frank Sullivan, for the use of his fine craft, *Valkyrie*.

### **The VCORC (Random Leg)**

The VCORC is an interesting set of races run by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club - unusual for the fact that there are three random leg courses back to back on the same day. Eight boats turned out on May 12<sup>th</sup> to fight for the biggest perpetual trophy we've seen. The B fleet totally belonged to CIYC with *Velero* and *Zuma Jay* showing that they are still not sick of racing each other. In the first race light winds favored *Zuma Jay* and Kevin Dickman steered her to a 21 second victory over Brent Swenson's *Velero*. However, as the wind picked up to 12 knots, *Velero* started to show *Zuma Jay* the way and although the racing was close, races 2 and 3 went to Brent.

On this perfect racing day, the six-boat A fleet should have been closely matched. However, he who makes the least mistakes always wins. And this was certainly true in the first race with *Funatic* (Rod Abbott) and *Superluminal* (AYC) steering for the wrong mark. At the front of the fleet the

two Olsons, *Bikini Machine* and *Perfect Balance*, again fought out a close race with *Bikini Machine* winning. In the second race things got worse for *Funatic* who wanted to keep flying her spinnaker even on the upwind legs. And *Perfect Balance* also had trouble with the colored cloth, seemingly very willing to go up the mast but not quite so willing to come back down again. The three big boats, *West Wing*, *Funatic* and *Superluminal* had some of the most exciting racing in recent history, rounding the weather mark so close together that you could have jumped from one to the other, and half an hour later, crossing the finish line within yards of each other. *Bikini Machine* showed that she is sailed by a keen crew and was 1<sup>st</sup> again, followed by *Superluminal*, *Perfect Balance*, Dennis West's *West Wing*, *Cheap Thrills* (WLYC) and *Funatic*. In the final race, crews seemed to be getting it together and there was an impressive start by all, but again, *Bikini Machine* proved her dominance as the wind increased. *Perfect Balance*, still not able to pass her rival, came in 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by *Funatic* and *West Wing*. *Perfect Balance* came in 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, with *Funatic* and *West Wing* tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place. *Velero*, with two wins out of three, took 1<sup>st</sup> place overall in the B fleet.

The CIYC RAM members continue to support the club, which was especially evident in the VCORC race. Out of eight boats participating, five represented CIYC.



**VICE COMMODORE**  
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We always have lots of fun working these races and coming back to the Club after and listening to the sailing stories. Call me and let me know if you can help at a race. We have several knowledgeable people who can explain what we need help with each day.

See you on the water!

**Sue Johnston**



**REAR COMMODORE**  
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to entice a 23 piece British style Brass Band, Ventura British Brass to come to the Club on the first Tuesday of each month to have their Concert Practice sessions. This benefits both the Club that gets a free concert and the Band that gets a venue to practice their performance. The bar will be open and entry is free to the members and their guests.

This months Ship Shape is Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>, please come and participate.

**Frank Sullivan**



**The Unique Sound of the “Ventura British Brass”**

**By Anne Booth**

Unlike most popular brass ensembles in the United States, our British Brass Band is a unique ensemble, with a very specific instrumentation, utilizing cornets, not trumpets and alto horns not French horns. The rich, dark, and mellow tone quality you hear stems from the fact that all the instruments except the trombones, are conical bore in design, therefore permitting the brass band to produce a most unique and different sound. Originating in Britain, it is naturally quite popular in the commonwealth countries and has become very popular throughout Europe and the rest of the world. For many years the movement was kept alive in the United States largely by the Salvation Army’s influence.

Our music repertoire is unusually flexible; a typical concert program may consist of anything from original works, orchestral transcriptions with featured soloists to novelty items, marches, medleys and hymn tune arrangements. All our music is original, brought over from England by our founder Anne Booth.

The Ventura British Brass was formed in the summer of 2005 with no more than 8 players. Our first rehearsal was held at Henson’s music shop in Oxnard. We are steadily growing and continue to invite experienced musicians to join us; a full band consists of 25 brass and 3 percussion instruments. We rehearse every Tuesday evening at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Camarillo, with the exception of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, when you can find us at the Channel Islands Yacht Club! Our conductor, Mr. Gary Engels, was born in the Netherlands and brings to the band a repertoire of experience. We sincerely hope you enjoy the unique sound of the “Ventura British Brass”.



# Let's Get

# SHIP SHAPE

Please Come and Participate!  
Saturday, June 9th  
CIYC at 9AM

## Ship's Locker

*Spring is here  
Out with the Cold  
In with the Spring  
Shop the "Ship's Locker"*

# T.G.I.F.

Friday, June 1st at 6:30 PM



Come for FISH & CHIPS . . .  
Come to race a horse . . .  
Come to cheer your favorite Jockey. . .  
Just come and have a great time!!





# Anglers' Corner

By Frank Sullivan

## WSB pen update:

The pens are empty and have been temporarily moved to the new docks in front of CIYC. They will be relocated after the major construction of the new docks is completed. In the mean time we will soon call for help in repairing and cleaning the pens before the next delivery.

## Up coming events:

Thursday June 21st -- CIA Meet & Eat. The Speaker will be Dr. Freddie Hollander who will talk on his research on fishing the tides including the best time of the month and day to fish specific species.

Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> -- Lady Anglers' Tournament 8am to 4pm.

Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am to 4pm -- The men's Fishing tournament. It was moved because of schedule conflicts.

## Thank You to Skip Miser!

Skip has purchased an electronic scale for the official weigh-

ins. It has been installed on the patio back wall next to the gate; please do not remove it from its tether! While not in use it is stored in the paint shed on the side wall. Now all we need is some one to catch a fish and weigh it in!

## "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 \$\$\$\$





# Happenings in the Galley

By Roxy Ostrem & Rear Commodore Sullivan

**Friday, June 1-**

TGIF- Now, listen, if you have never attended this event, do so tonight, it is fun filled!! Joyce and Company do the BEST Fish and Chips in the harbor. Horse racing, good food, and great drinks!

**Saturday June 2-**

No dinner tonight, the Club is rented.

**Saturday June 9-**

Past Commodore Dana Hamilton will be serving his famous Veal Parmigiana with Fettuccine Alfredo! This dinner is wonderful, with a green salad and a great dessert.

**Saturday June 16-**

Evelina and our Islanders are serving a fabulous dinner honoring the Fathers in our Club. We will be having Orange Glazed Pork Loin, served with Roasted Zucchini and Roasted Potatoes, Salad with Baby Greens, Fresh Orange Slices, Celery and Red Onions, Caramelized Almond Slices with a Champagne Orange Vinaigrette. Dessert is Warm Apple Pie served with French Vanilla Ice Cream. WOW!!!!

**Friday June 22-**

All Club members are invited to join our "Racers' Dinner Night". Jack Borkowski is going to fix a great Rib-eye Steak with all the fixings. Come out and support our racers.

**Saturday June 23-**

Pot Luck at CIYC. Bring a dish to share, the Club will provide the paper plates and utensils. Get some games started or watch a movie on the Big Screen.

**Saturday June 30-**

Beefeaters Dinner's this month is Paul Paulin and his Crew doing his famous Roasted New York Cut. Our Beefeaters do an outstanding job with every meal they do. Hurry and sign up, this will be a wonderful dinner.

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.



# MISSING OLIVER

By Larry Bensel

There is a balcony he could go, to greet me when I arrive home, surely he can recognize the sound of my car? But he does not, no surprise to me, I am used to it.

Every time I come through the door he's sitting in his "spot" on the couch, he recognizes my presence but feels no need to greet me. "Oh!" he stretches, extends his limbs and goes back to taking his nap as if my presence has no significance. He's just waiting to see what my next move is. I am in and out so many times a day it's no surprise, same response. No big deal to me, but I know he's there. I look for him as soon as I open the door; I count on him to be there. I don't expect him to come running, I don't even care that he doesn't. But he is there and that's what I look for.

I pick up my youngest daughter at 2:20; we get home by 2:30. He looks up as I open the door- the time is of significance to him so he becomes more alert. He senses Sam is there and bolts to see her. More times than not, Sam brings a troop of friends home with her, most often Isabella is in the bunch. He's excited for a while, but then he waits, and hopes I will retreat upstairs to my couch.

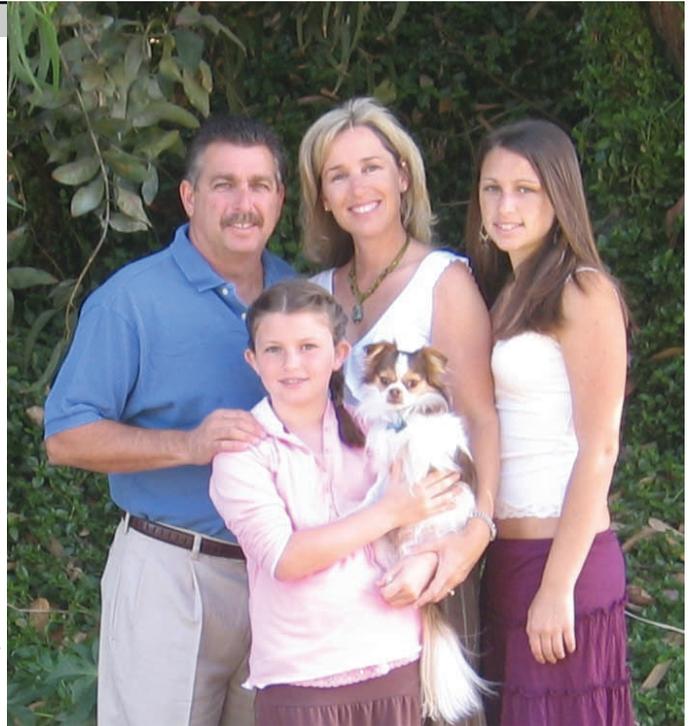
He loves the kids but likes his private time more. We head up the stairs and as usual...he races me, as if it is an Indy race he needs to win (and he does). He never enters the room until I do though, unsure of where I am going. When I open the door he heads right for the lounge chair were I sit and finish my day.

He sits at my feet not looking for me to pet him, not looking for love from me, but simply letting me know, once again, that he is waiting for me. If I reach out to pet him he gladly accepts, his size does not prevent him from being an Alfa male.

Thirty seconds before the garage door goes up, his ears go up. My wife is home! Oliver knows our house like no one else. Tail wagging, ears up, high-alert: Mom is home! The moment he has been waiting for since she left many hours ago.

All is good he must think. "I get a treat the instant she walks in...I get dinner...a nice dog walk and a belly rub before bedtime..." Can we even imagine how much our pets count on us? Care for us? Wait for us? Depend on us? When they get sick, you do all you can, and hope they get better. When they can't get better or they don't, our hearts are broken. Our lives are changed. They are not just a pet, they are, whether you admit it or not, a part of your family. They change us, they let us grow, and they teach us. It has been that way for generations. I hope you too can say you did all you could for them.

The final bedtime came for Oliver on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 9:30 am. His contribution to our family will be missed. He provided loyalty, in addition to a kind of love you can count on (no matter what)...the love of a pet. Oliver Bensel will be missed by this 44 year old man and his family.



Bensel Family with Oliver

# Birthday Bash Friday, June 8

**If your Birthday or Anniversary is in June...  
Come and join us for our monthly celebration.**

Bring "munchies" to share . . .  
There is always a great birthday cake!

*Questions?? See Connie Calo.*



## June Birthday Celebrators are:

Wade Ambrose, Bea Beverly, Phyllis Bremermann, Sherry Brisbane, Cathy Brown, Sharon Deyling, Jim Esselstein, Mary Foster, Dennis Fraser, Bud Gerding, Brenda Golkin, Rick Hogue, Darrell Hood, Gladys Muhlitner, Tom Newhard, Connie Nielsen, Carol Simon, Bob Spencer, Audrey Voss, Don Wamhoff, Sue Warden, Cathy Webber, Ray Winslow

## Anniversaries for the month of June are:

Rod and Betty Abbott, Tony and Han Argall, Helen and Boz Boswell, Steven and Sue Johnston, Robert and Donna Jordan, Sal and Margaret Penza, Bob Ross, Steve and Judy Schlecht, Ray and Sue Winslow

# **Cruiser Navigation #3** **Saturday, July 14th**



**Skipper's Meeting at 7:30 AM**

**Bring your Observer to VYC**

**IF YOU WISH TO JOIN AS A CRUISER NAVIGATOR  
OR AS AN OBSERVER**

**AND SPEND A SATURDAY MORNING ON THE WATER,  
CALL GEORGE ARGLEN AT 985-6036 in JULY!**



# Many Thanks!



# Hmm! Yummy!



## NEW BRIDGE GROUP



Twelve intrepid bridge players involved themselves in the first games of the newly formed bridge group. Members included: Mary Carlson, Tony and Ellen Ferarro, Carter Gage, Frank Nowitzki, and Carole Olin. Guests were Dick and Marilyn Ditzel, Al and Ginny Gilford, and Jack and Pat Moran.

The winners of the inaugural games were: Al Gilford first, Ellen Ferarro second, and Mary Carlson third.

The group plans to play on the first and third Sundays of each month at three o'clock; and we need additional players. If you are interested, call Carter or Virginia Gage at 815-3733. Additionally, if there is anyone interested in learning bridge we will set up classes.

## Elevator Fund Report

By Joyce Sheridan



We have slowed down a bit in our 50/50 raffles due to the lack of dinners in the last month. As of May 15 we have collected \$16,120. Special thanks to Tony Ferrero, Jerry Barker and Sylvia Hyde for their cash donations. We will once again be out in force so get ready - our goal for the year is \$50,000.

Joyce Sheridan  
Fund Raising Chairperson

## CORRECTION TO MAY *CURRENTS*

The following continuation of *Coastal Knowledge* from p. 8 of the May 2007 issue was intended to be on the top of p. 9. *Currents* is sorry for the misprint.

eating, and birds' feeding habits in the area I've decided to fish. There are two methods of fishing Halibut: drifting and slow trolling of what is called "bounce balling" which is a form of mooching. I determine this when I arrive in at the spot and make a drift to see what direction the drift and speed is. If there is little or no drift, I simply fish behind the stern and use the engine power to create movement to cover as much area as possible. The power drift is best obtained with the use of trolling valves upgraded on your transmission, which slip your transmission to allow your boat to move across the ground at least 2 knots. I like to use a California Halibut trap

with 20 pound test line. I like to use an eight foot plus rod. We are presently designing and testing rods that will be specifically for halibut fishing. The size limit for halibut is 22". Refer to the DFG rules for proper measuring rule. Salmon season is now under way with only traces of fish caught. Most have been under-sized. Hopefully they will build up locally. I just returned from Monterey with 5 nice salmon to 20 pounds.

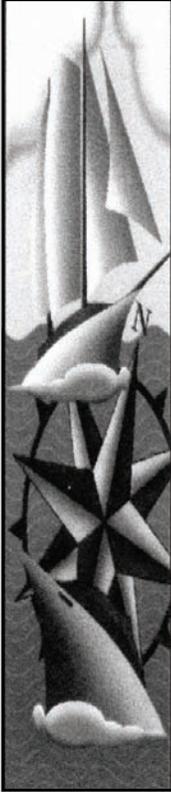
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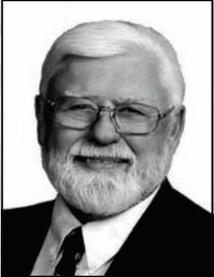
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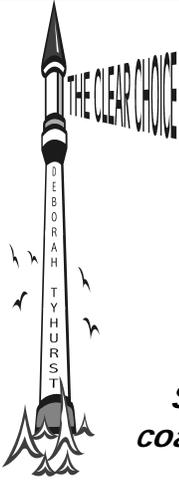
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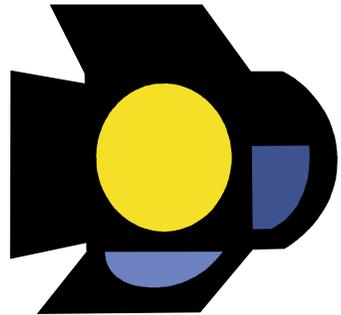
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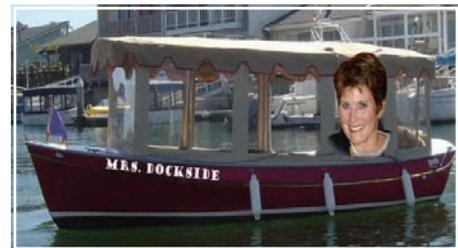
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