I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the 2012 Executive Committee and their wonderfully supportive spouses. It has been such a pleasure to be with a group who set their egos aside and worked so selflessly and collaboratively to support each other and achieve common goals. With Tom Madden at the helm, I am confident this will continue in 2013.

My thanks to the 2012 board members for their patience in allowing me to make changes in our meeting processes so that they more closely mirror the running of a corporate board, improve the presentation of information needed for decisions and shorten the meetings. It is a pleasure to work with such a diverse group of people who are able to quickly reach consensus.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the 2012 committee chairs and all of our volunteers. Without them, the club would not be what it is. They are often behind the scenes and their efforts should be recognized for their importance and appreciated by all of us who enjoy the club.

We are fortunate that Scott Jones has joined us as general manager. The new employees whom Scott has hired are clear evidence that he is building a great new team to work alongside our longtime BCYC employees.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Tom Madden as incoming commodore. He will be fabulous and is sure to leave his mark on the club. Please show him your understanding of what a big job being our commodore is, supporting him in every way you can.
December 2012

Executive Officers
- Commodore: Karen Winnett
- Vice Commodore: Tom Madden
- Rear Commodore: Paul Konapelsky
- Secretary: Craig Delaney
- Treasurer: Neilia LaValle

Directors
- Joe Bekas, Allan Horowitz, Sandy Mills, Lynn Noah, Jerry Shandera, Jerry Valuch, Jr. Staff Commodore Ted O’Connor

Fleet Officers
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- Power Fleet Captain: Gary Tolar
- Sail Fleet Captain: Paul DeCapua
- Judge Advocate: Tracy Tormey
- Fleet Surgeon: Jon Wheeler, MD
- Protocol Officer: Bill Byrne
- Chaplain: Bill Parr
- Measurer: Scott McKinlay & Phyllis Jasmin

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- Angling: Jerry & Nancy Valuch
- Cruise: Barry & Ann O’Neil
- Finance: Craig Delaney
- Historian: Barbara Guilford
- House, Grounds & Marina: Vance DiMaria
- Junior Board Advisor: Sarah Pickell
- Junior Sailing: Rob Pickell
- Junior Commodore: Alex Ivory
- Junior Events: Mara Hampton
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- Controller: Ray Madro
- Executive Chef: Georges Rapicault
- Food, Beverage & Events Manager: Tyler Connell
- Executive Secretary: Jacque Pané
- Communications Coordinator: Julie Shupe
- Sailing Director: Shannon Heausler
- Marina Manager: Susie Brodrick
- Masthead Advertising: Dale Silva

Welcome Aboard!

New Members

Pete and Evie Compton

Pete and Evie have joined BCYC as Corinthian members, and are also members of Catalina Island Yacht Club, where Evie is president of the CIYC Ladies Auxiliary. Consequently, they already know a great number of BCYC members. The Comptons reside in Balboa Coves and have a 39’ power boat, For Pete’s Sake, as well as a Duffy.

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Boat Parade and Change

The upcoming world-famous Christmas Boat Parade is the perfect time for all members, especially our newer members, to visit BCYC. It’s an amazing time to show off your club and we encourage you to bring your friends and introduce them to BCYC. The incredible dinner buffet prepared by Chef Georges Rapicault and his culinary team, combined with the beautifully-decorated facility, guarantees that all in attendance will definitely leave in the holiday spirit. If not able to get a reservation, plan to arrive at the club early to find a good spot to watch the parade and enjoy a gourmet chili dog.

This will be our last month as Membership Committee chairs, and it has been an absolute honor to serve in this capacity. We have enjoyed working with Jacque Pane, the BCYC staff, Board of Directors and commodores – their support throughout the last two years has been incredible. We are now passing the torch to Neil Crowley. Neil will be looking for volunteers to be part of the committee, so please join the group.

Our final pet member of the month is a beautiful kitty cat, Miss Penny Shandera. Purr!

We look forward to seeing you at BCYC this holiday season.

(ABOVE LEFT) Jeanne with their dog, Abbey, soon after Abbey arrived home after giving birth to a litter of puppies. (ABOVE RIGHT): Miss Penny Shandera
2012 has brought many new features to BCYC. We were able to complete the work Michael Bryant started in 2011 on the multi-purpose room. Our juniors have used it a great deal, and the tappers have enjoyed the facility, particularly the special floor, immensely. Paul Secard and his crew did a wonderful job refreshing and maintaining our landscaping. All of the swimming pool furniture was replaced, with a great deal of guidance from Kari Konapelsky. Additional outdoor lounge furniture and 75 new dining room chairs were added during the year. Mark Silvey and Jerry Valuch worked closely together to complete the dock’s resurfacing and refurbishment – what a great improvement. It will last for many years.

My personal thanks to the 2012 House Committee members for their time, input and contributions. There is much yet to do, so please consider being a part of the 2013 committee. We will need your help and creative ideas.

**Notes from our Chaplain**

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes.” - Charles Swindoll

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Vice Commodore
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Camaraderie and Energy

J.M. Barrie wrote “God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December.” As we enter the final month of the year, we have many roses at BCYC to reflect upon.

2012 was a wonderful year and I thank Commodore Karen Winnett for her thoughtful leadership. Our club is privileged to have individuals serving on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors who are willing to give so much of their own time for the benefit of all members.

We are incredibly fortunate to have an outstanding staff at BCYC under the leadership of General Manager Scott Jones. Their dedication to service and pride in the club helps make BCYC an extension of our homes and one of the premier yacht clubs in Southern California.

Our committees, fleet officers and Las Commodoras all did a terrific job in 2012. In particular, I want to thank and acknowledge the work of our water-based groups. Enhancements to our Junior Sailing program continued and we successfully launched the Club Championship, an event, we hope, becomes a permanent part of the BCYC calendar.

Many improvements were made to our club boats and docks, positioning us nicely for the future. Under the leadership of Staff Commodore Mary Bacon, we have distinguished ourselves in the preparation for the 2013 U.S. Junior Women’s Doublehanded Championship. I also want to thank the Junior Board of Directors for their work, particularly fund raising and community service efforts.

BCYC will soon complete an extreme makeover of office furniture and carpeting, which will make a much better first impression on members and guests, providing our staff an improved working environment. Purchased from K&L Gates, a leading international law firm who was selling the furniture as part of an office move and redesign, we made this upgrade while saving many tens of thousands of dollars on very high quality, lightly-used furniture. We thank Commodore Winnett for her efforts in facilitating this, along with Rear Commodore Paul and Kari Konapelsky and General Manager Scott Jones, all who spent many hours on this project.

With the upcoming Christmas Boat Parade and many events with friends and family during December, we have many roses to experience, not just remember. I am reminded of another J.M. Barrie quote: “life is a long lesson in humility.” Thank you all for 2012 and, with much humility and pride, I look forward to serving as commodore in 2013.

Fishing - Exhilarating

Bisbee’s Black & Blue Tournaments have been taking place in the Los Cabos region of the Baja Peninsula in Mexico for over 30 years. Dave Sanchez, and his team aboard Frantic Pace, won the October event. Their catch, a 465-pound marlin, snagged a $2.396 million prize, the second largest payout in the history of this tournament!

The Sassy Cissy team of Captain Spike Irwin and angler Dennis Gagnon won the Catalina Island Yacht Club Billfish Invitational Marlin Tournament in early September. The duo tagged and released the winning marlin. The event donated $10,000 to local charities on Catalina Island.

Fishing, whether for the big money, or to donate to a worthwhile cause, or simply to be on the water, is exhilarating. With the holidays approaching, I want to wish all of you Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.
The bulk of our fall regattas took place in late October this season, including the Halloween Regatta at Lido Isle Yacht Club, Jr. Commodore’s regatta at Mission Bay Yacht Club and the 7th annual Corinthian Cup Regatta at BCYC. We were pleased to see so many of our new C3 racers participating in these fun and low-key events. All this racing has many of our juniors looking forward to a quiet winter.

The Corinthian Cup Regatta enjoyed record-breaking participation, with more than 90 entrants from seven Southern California yacht clubs, despite scheduling conflicts with other junior regattas in the area. Over 20 BCYC sailors competed in the Sabot fleets. Even with the light winds, the Race Committee managed to get nine races in for Sabot C2 and C3 classes and seven for CFJs, Lasers, Laser Radials, and Sabot A, B and C1. Big thanks to Erik Mayol and Karl Pomeroy for running such great racing all weekend. We could not have pulled off this event without the help of Paul DeCapua and the Sail Fleet group, as well as Peter Haynes and Bill McNamara. They served on the protest committee all weekend and got a taste for junior sailing protests. In the end, Newport Harbor Yacht Club successfully defended their title, taking home the Corinthian Cup. All of the sailors showed great effort and Corinthian spirit, but most importantly, they all had a great time competing.

So, the sailing continues. Upcoming competitive racing include the Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association (PCISA) Anteater Regatta at Newport Harbor Yacht Club (high school), Orange Bowl in Miami, FL (C420 and Optimist), PCISA Rose Bowl Regatta at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (high school) and the Junior Invitational at San Diego Yacht Club (Sabot).

To continue with the holiday cheer, please visit our holiday bake sale table on Family Night during the Christmas Boat Parade. You will be supporting your junior sailors by purchasing our delicious desserts. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, and thank you so much for your continued support!

“The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.” - William Arthur Ward

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club
Our November Cookie Exchange and Toy Drive luncheon was a great success, thanks to event chairs Sally Cohen and Bobbi Silvey. Those in attendance brought fresh homemade cookies to share and exchange. Our annual Toy Drive successfully kicked off with generous donations for the children of the Camp Pendleton 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion. Santa’s sleigh will be in the club lobby until Dec. 6 – bring an unwrapped toy to bring joy to these deserving kids.

Our annual Holiday Auction, Dec. 6, is the final luncheon of 2012. This is one of our most popular and well-attended luncheons. Sign up early and join the festivities, which will feature our entertaining live auction, where holiday gifts and decorations go to the highest bidder. There will be musical entertainment and our usual delicious luncheon fare, thanks to Chef Georges Rapicault and his culinary team. This is a great way to get into the spirit of the season!

As this is my last Masthead article, I wish to thank the dedicated Las Commodoras 2012 board of directors for their tremendous support, and for sharing their talents and creativity in making each of our events a success. I have been privileged to be president of this outstanding BCYC auxiliary group for the past two years, and I am truly grateful for the honor. Many thanks to all the women in the BCYC family who have supported and attended our events. In 2013, Las Commodoras will be led by the very talented and capable Ginny Lombardi.

To paraphrase Vizzini in “The Princess Bride”: “It would be absolutely, totally and in all other ways inconceivable…” to believe my year as rear commodore has come to a close. While it is said that time flies when you are having fun, the reality is the successes of the past year can be measured by the dedication, hard work and support of those selfless men and women who served as land-based committee chairs and participants. I thank all for their amazing ability to make things happen, in particular my wife, Kari, and Jerry and Nancy Valuch, with the ever-fluid Activities team; General Manager Scott Jones, Chef Georges Rapicault and his staff; Dick Scott and the foodies in Food and Beverage; Vance DiMaria and his crew in House and Grounds; Louise Sasine and the devoted ladies of Las Commodoras; Jeannie and Joe Bekas and supporters in Membership; Silvia Breeden, Kathie Ohmer and the sales-event volunteers of Ship’s Store; Joan Delaney and Rhonda Tolar, along with the awesome Showboat committee.

As Henry Ford once said: “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” 2012 was a success and I thank all of you for the opportunity to shine together.
Racing with Joe Degenhardt

2012 America's Cup World Series - San Francisco

Teams representing eight countries, including Australia, China, Great Britain, Italy, Korea, New Zealand, Sweden and the United States are preparing for the America’s Cup. As reported by my crew person, Ron Meyer, from San Francisco: “With the Blue Angels flying above and the America’s Cup World Series boats, the AC45 on the water makes for a spectacular sight. This boat, a 45-foot catamaran with 84-foot mast, no spinnaker, utilizing only small jibs and gennakers with a five-man crew, with top speeds in excess of 20 knots, will allow all teams to grow their experience on wingsailed multihulls, before giving way to the AC72, the boat that will be used in the America’s Cup racing for the Louis Vuitton Cup.”

This was all viewed primarily from Golden Gate Yacht Club. At times, a couple of the AC72s, with 140-foot masts and eleven-man crews were showing off their high speed, up to 50 knots. In one situation, the Oracle Team USA boat pitch-poled (catapulted) underneath the Golden Gate Bridge, which compromised an eight million dollar investment. They will not be back in action until January 2013. I guess I won’t have time to find investors to pony up for me to compete.

In 1851, a radical-looking schooner ghosted out of the afternoon mist and swiftly sailed past the royal yacht stationed in the Solent channel, between Hampshire and the Isle of Wight off the south coast of England. On that afternoon, Queen Victoria was watching the sailing race. As this schooner, America, passed in first position, and saluted by dipping her ensign three times, Queen Victoria asked one of her attendants, “Who is in second place.” “Your Majesty, there is no second,” came the reply. Thus was born the America’s Cup, named after that winning schooner America. That phrase is still the best description of the America’s Cup, and how it represents the singular pursuit of excellence.

In 1964, BCYC Commodore Pat Dougan raced his boat, Columbia, in the America’s Cup. What a great name for the BCYC bar, The Columbia Room!

Sail Fleet Captain
Paul DeCapua
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RSVP

Many of us have received invitations to events where a request was made to “please let us know if you’re coming”...and we have promptly replied. As a guest or host, we all recognize that responding quickly is desirable, since the number of people attending the event drives a ton of decisions, such as how much food and drink to plan for, or where the event can be held.

As with social events, a quick response to an “invitation to race” (the Notice of Race) is highly desired by the race organizer. Replying quickly by filling out an entry form tells the race organizer you plan to attend. It enables them to order the correct number of trophies and schedule appropriate race committee personnel.

Beginning in January, we are making a few changes to enhance the RSVP process for BCYC races. For starters, we will send out an invitation that lets you know the Notice of Race is posted. This will include options for you to enter the race immediately or to let us know you can’t make it. We know you’re busy and intend to respond, so expect a few reminders if we haven’t heard from you.

I mentioned in the September/October issue of The Masthead that it was a time to make your New Year’s resolution of “I will race sailboats in 2013,” but let’s modify that to “I will enter BCYC’s races early.”

Good news...Q mark is back so expect to round it during the Hot Rum Series.

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club

December 2012
Winter Storm Prep

Ahoy. It is hard to believe 2012 is already into December; I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

If you have a boat in the water, now is the time to check all mooring lines, canvas, shore power cords and hatches to be certain your boat will be ready for the coming winter storm season. It is highly recommended you always have spare lines available. Vessels have pulled cleats out of the dock because there were no spring lines. Storms have a way of breaking lines, and extra spring lines might be needed. Those of you with sailboats, please secure halyards away from the mast, or tie off to stop chafing – damage to your mast can be prevented. If you have a boat in dry storage, check canvas and hatches for leaks and make certain your trailer tires are properly inflated. For those of you with boats in the BCYC marina or boat yard, please let Susie Brodrick know you have checked the condition of your vessel.

Please make sure your mooring or dock lines are correct for your boat. I would ask that half-inch line be the minimum for any vessel in the BCYC marina. Three-eighth inch is perfect for a Duffy or Harbor 20. When in doubt, choose a bigger line to be safe. The weight of your boat is as important as the size when choosing lines. A 40-foot sailboat may weigh almost 20,000 pounds, but a 32-foot Westsail also weighs that same amount. One of the reasons for the new 14-inch cleats in the club marina is to allow for larger and more lines.

Note that the club marina is in the entrance channel so, during storms, we can experience very strong swells and surge flow, especially at high tide. I ask for your cooperation and assistance in making sure your boat is storm-ready, because when a storm does hit, and your vessel is not ready, any damage to your boat, other boats and/or the dock is your responsibility.

Katie and David Levy just welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world. Prior to this wonderful new life they are all sharing today, the former Katie Clausen was a young accomplished racer. She competed in the 1998 US Sailing Junior Women’s Doublehanded Championship in Cleveland, Ohio, and again in 1999 in San Francisco. She was a rookie in 1998, new to double-handed boats, and felt very intimidated by the competition. Not to be discouraged, Katie thereafter trained very hard for the 1999 event. According to Katie, she “dedicated a good amount of time to practice and skipper/crew bonding. We got our tacking, spinnaker sets, mark-rounding and starting down to a tee. We wanted to be considered hot shots...going into the last race we knew that if we won that race, then we’d win the regatta. It was blowing about 25 knots and we put everything we had into that race. With a clear lead going into the finish, I jumped on the trapeze with a handstand and finished the regatta with a bang!” Katie and her teammate brought home the first place trophy in 1999.

Commit to helping with the 2013 Junior Women’s Doublehanded Championship event, hosted by BCYC, and watch similar stories unfold first-hand, June 22-28.

-S/C Mary Bacon, Event Chair
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**Every Sunday!**  Sunday Night Supper Club

**Saturday, 1**  Annual Meeting 4:00 pm  (followed by the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration)

**Wednesday, 5**  Toy Drive Donations...Last Day!!

**Thursday, 6**  Las Commodoras  Holiday Auction Luncheon

**Thursday, 6**  Holiday Prime Rib Night  (no regular menu)

**Sunday, 9**  Hot Rum 3 & 4

**Sunday, 9**  Santa’s Holiday Champagne Brunch

**Wed-Sun, 19-23**  Holiday Boat Parade

**Sunday, 23**  Boat Parade Family Night

**Mon-Sun, 24-30**  Club Closed

**Mon, 31**  New Year’s Eve - Member Event

**JANUARY**

**Every Sunday!**  Sunday Night Supper Club

**Tuesday, 1**  New Year’s Day  Club Closed / Columbia Room Open 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Thursday, 3**  Prime Rib Night (No Regular Menu)

**Sun-Tues, 6 - 8**  Holiday Take Down

**Sunday, 13**  Hot Rum 5 & 6

**Thursday, 17**  Las Commodoras Recognition Luncheon

**Saturday, 19**  Ocean Series I

**BCYC CLOSED**

**Mon - Sun, Dec 24 - 30**

**NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY**

**Monday, December 31**

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Member Event: Regular member dining is not available / Columbia Room menu served until 5pm  To avoid a cancellation charge, reservations must be cancelled three (3) or more Club Open days prior to the Member Event (e.g. no later than the Wednesday before a Saturday Member Event)