Membership - Our Most Valuable Asset

As we all know, BCYC is the best yacht club on the bay with the friendliest and most welcoming members, a fantastic clubhouse, marina and pool located on beautiful Newport Harbor, and unsurpassed social activities, cruises, races and other member events.

At the heart of our many successes is our strong membership. Like diamonds, our BCYC family becomes more valuable each year. In recent years, our membership levels have stayed strong while other private clubs across the country have seen their membership base decline. This is a reflection of the strength of our membership and the satisfaction we all experience from belonging to the best yacht club in one of the most beautiful settings in the world.

During 2013, we will continue our focus and emphasis on membership at BCYC. We have all benefitted in many ways from our membership here, and as a result, our existing members have always been the best source of new members. With this in mind, I want to make you aware of member recognition and incentive programs for 2013 that start April 1 and run through August 31:

- Member recognition and reward program – members who refer prospects who become Regular Flag members will receive a $350 food and beverage credit and recognition in The Masthead.

- 2013 Corinthian Program – for a limited time, Corinthian Memberships will be available this year. This is a great way for potential new members to “test drive” the club to see if joining a yacht club is right for them.

See Neal Crowley and Cynthia Child’s article in this edition of The Masthead where they share the many reasons they value their BCYC membership. For Mary and me, the biggest benefit of being members has been the many friends we’ve made and the fun we’ve had at club activities and events. When encouraging prospective members to consider joining BCYC share these and your own experiences.

Please keep the above incentives and opportunities in mind as you talk with your family, friends and associates about the possibility of joining BCYC. You will be receiving the details shortly in the mail on these incentive and recognition programs. We have all benefitted in big ways from our membership at BCYC – it’s a precious gem, one that shines even more as we share it with others.
Welcome Aboard!

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Top 10 Reasons
to Join BCYC!

Three years ago, I was invited for a sail in the harbor by an outgoing, knowledgeable boat dealer I had recently met. We talked about everything nautical and, being new to the area, I eagerly soaked up all the insights I could about local races, the hot boats and the local scene. There are some very good yacht clubs on the bay,” he told me. “They are each a little different – you’ll have to check them out for yourself.” I did, and BCYC stood out, far and away, as the best yacht club in Newport Harbor.

Here are my top 10 reasons for joining BCYC:

- BCYC has the friendliest and most welcoming membership of any yacht club in the harbor
- BCYC has the best facilities, second to none, with a beautiful clubhouse and harbor view, waterfront dining, a pool, marina, boatyard and dry storage
- BCYC has a wonderful variety of social activities and events at the clubhouse throughout the year
- BCYC cruises are legendary fun, with destinations, such as Catalina Island and other locations and clubs during the year
- BCYC has an excellent Junior Sailing Program and sailboat racers of all ages are active participants in both harbor and ocean racing
- BCYC dining is outstanding, with superb selections in both the Columbia Room and dining room
- BCYC is a great place to entertain family, friends and guests, a perfect location for weddings and other important events
- BCYC’s reciprocal arrangement with other yacht clubs provides endless opportunities for exploring new locales
- BCYC’s professional staff are service-oriented, and focused on the needs of the members
- BCYC owns its land and building and has a tidelands lease for its marina in place through 2023

What are your top 10?

From the editor: There will be a change in the publication dates for The Masthead. The late-summer combined issue will be August/September rather than the current September/October dates. This change will relieve contributors from having a submission deadline around the Fourth of July holiday.
Activities
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Shamrocks, Eggs and Music

With Commodore’s Ball a resounding success, the Activities Committee took some well-deserved time off during the month of March. The committee turned out in force to help transform the club into a shimmering aquamarine playground for the ball. Our thanks to all those who gave their time and efforts to this important event!

The club sponsored a St. Patrick’s Day Happy Hour that had members turning out in their green and celebrating with green beer and traditional Irish food. A fun time was had by all.

The Easter Brunch was a wonderful family affair and we were happy to see that the Easter Bunny had no trouble finding BCYC again this year! Our members’ children and grandchildren enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt, though the Easter Bunny is getting smarter at hiding the eggs.

The popular Lounge Night will return April 20. Director Jerry Valuch has found yet another great group to entertain us, and Chef Georges Rapicault and his culinary team will provide a delicious small-plate menu. Come enjoy the entertainment — remember, there is no cover charge! While you are at it, mark your calendars for June 28, when Michael Bryant and Tim Whelan will provide another fun Lounge Night. Their set list looks fantastic.

Yachting activities are in full swing with yacht club opening days happening all across Southern California. With the onset of spring, the pace of BCYC activities continues unabated.

Events scheduled for April include the Las Commodoras Fashion Show and Luncheon April 11. Please come and enjoy a great lunch and view the lovely fashion designs on display. On April 12, a terrific Wine Dinner is planned at the club. The theme is Italian food matched with several Italian wines. Chef Georges Rapicault may disagree, but I don’t think there is a better food/wine combination.

The New Member Wine and Cheese Open House, scheduled for April 21, is an opportunity to bring prospective new members to the club to meet the Membership Committee, the current Board of Directors and past club leadership. If you know someone who is interested in joining and you believe they would be a good addition to our club, please invite them to participate in this event.

Under the leadership of Director Bob Emmitt, the House Committee has been busy working on several projects. The architectural and pre-engineering work is ongoing for the major lower-level restroom area redesign. The committee is also working on replacing a portion of the main floor drains. Construction on this project is slated to begin in April. You can expect to see the effects of the construction in front of the club for a week or two, but the actual work is planned to take place on days the club is closed to minimize the impact on daily operations.

The Membership Committee is kicking off their membership drive this month. It is a call to all BCYC members to recruit potential new members for the club. Membership drives all social and financial aspects of the club. Recruiting and retaining our valuable members are essential to the success of our club.
Carpe diem is a phrase from a Latin poem by Horace popularly translated as “seize the day.” Where is he going with this you might ask? Well, this last month there were a couple of spectacular weather days that looked like they were going to run into the next and my thought was I will hit the water tomorrow, but alas, the weather was gone and the opportunity lost.

While sliding into Spring, the on-the-water club events are going to start picking up, so it might be a good time to watch the weather and the club calendar – treat yourself and get on the water should the opportunity arise. If you are not taking a boat on the Avalon cruise, consider grabbing the Flyer and come spend the day or get a room for the night; or call Susie Brodrick, book the club Duffy and try the new Duffy menu while taking a spin around the bay.

On a different note, for those who do not know, we will have seafaring visitors the weekend of April 20-21, as BCYC is participating on the receiving end of a feeder race from Marina del Ray, ending in Newport Beach, leading into the Lexus Newport to Ensenada Race the following weekend. In terms of a change of scenery, the Thursday night before N2E will look a bit different, as we will have boats for the race in our marina, but the send-off fiesta has moved to the Fun Zone area on Balboa Peninsula. The club will be open to our members, but not to the public. Come look at the boats and if the party spirit is upon you, walk over and take a ferry ride to the party.

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Evolution of Big Game Fishing

Many big game fishing enthusiasts have contributed to the development of sport fishing. William C. Boschen was a highly respected member of the Tuna Club in Avalon and invented the multiple disc clutch reel that allows anglers to adjust drag tension while the handle remains stationary. Julius Van Hofe built the innovative reel, known as the B-Ocean reel. Mr. Boschen caught the first broadbill swordfish with this reel.

Charles Holder was another big game fishing enthusiast, who founded the Tuna Club. He was the pioneer for conservation in angling (catch and release), which promoted sportsmanship. He founded the angling rules, such as balancing tackle to the size of the fish. The formation of the Tuna Club angling rules became a model for subsequent big game fishing clubs around the world.

George “Tuna George” Farnsworth, was known for inventing fishing kites. He used his kites to bait the first swordfish caught by Mr. Boschen. He was a respected member of the Tuna Club, and the Farnsworth Bank outside Two Harbors was named after him.

Zane Grey, known for his popular adventures and fishing novels, invented the teasers concept for trolling; a hookless bait that is still used today to attract fish. He was an avid fisherman who fished New Zealand, Australia and Tahiti, and promoted the use of outriggers, kites and fish flags to report catches before the advent of radios.

A Note from our Chaplain...

“Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.” - Mark Twain -
As the 2013 racing season hits full speed, the recruiting season for summer coaches comes to an end. Quickly approaching my ninth year at BCYC, the search for quality summer coaches was an exciting new adventure. I’m thrilled to announce that we have recruited one of the most exciting classes of new coaches our club has seen in many years. This was accomplished through a collaborative effort, bringing some of the best and brightest candidates in the Newport Beach area to the club. Now that we are in the full swing of spring sailing, and with the summer sailing program quickly approaching, we are all looking forward to making our mark on the BCYC Junior Sailing Program.

The dynamics of high school sailing become much more complicated after the basic differences, for there are two fleets, Gold and Silver. Gold is much more competitive. Within the Gold fleet, there are up to three boats per high school; Varsity, JV1 and JV2. In both Gold and Silver, there are two rotations, A and B. For each boat, there are two teams (each with a skipper and one crew) who switch after two races. For example, CdM usually sends three teams, Varsity Gold, JV1 Gold and Silver; a total of 12 sailors plus alternates.

Although both types of racing are beneficial in making you a better sailor, high school sailing helps the transition to collegiate sailing. As I continue to work through school, I have started looking at colleges to find my best match. My top requirement is that there must be a sailing team, varsity or club.

“A sailor is an artist whose medium is the wind.” - Webb Chiles -
Springtime

I hope everyone had a chance to celebrate National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day April 2. If not, there’s still time to enjoy. Maybe a PB&J will be Sandwich of the Month in the future! Chef Georges Rapicault, are you reading this?

Other things to celebrate: Rhonda Tolar’s Wild Thing was the BIG winner in the distance racing portion of the Ocean Racing Series – best in Class A, best BCYC boat, and best overall. Also, 31 Harbor 20s were entered in the Midwinter Regatta hosted by BCYC, a new record. Another record: BCYC already has 10 boats entered in the Lexus Newport to Ensenada Race (maybe I can enter Emmi in the multi-hull cruising class).

Beginning May 14, the number of BCYC boats racing in the Taco Tuesday Series will double! The Columbia Room and dining room will be filled to capacity on Taco Tuesdays. Reason: $1 tacos and $1 draft beers to be enjoyed by ALL members!

We’ve started the windward/leeward Champagnes in Westcliff Plaza. Do not miss this one!

Races in the Ocean Series. Which BCYC boat will win the Angelman trophy, and the Ocean Racing Series trophy?

In May, we’re running two separate Leukemia Cup races (and another in July). You don’t have to race to donate to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Just go to the LLS website and enter a big number!

All BCYC racers must enter the three-day weekend “Year End Race” in October: Newport to Two Harbors to Avalon to Newport. Great parties are being planned at each stop. Can’t share the menu yet, but it won’t include PB&J.
An Amazing Woman

Ida Lewis was born in Newport, Rhode Island, the daughter of Captain Hosea Lewis of the Revenue Cutter Service. Her father was transferred to the Lighthouse Service and appointed keeper of Lime Rock Light in Newport in 1854. Hosea had been at Lime Rock less than four months when he was stricken by a disabling stroke. Like many wives and daughters of lighthouse keepers before and after, Ida expanded her domestic duties to include filling the lamp with oil at sundown and midnight, trimming the wick, polishing carbon off the reflectors and extinguishing the light at dawn.

Since Lime Rock was completely surrounded by water, the only way to reach the mainland was by boat. By age 14, Ida had become known as the best swimmer in Newport. The oldest of four children, she rowed her siblings to school every weekday and fetched supplies from town as needed. The wooden boat was heavy, but Ida became very skillful in handling it. In the mid-19th century, it was highly unusual for a woman to handle a boat. Ida's rowing skills, strength and courage came into play many times during her life at Lime Rock. An article in Harper's Weekly, written after Ida had made several daring rescues, debated whether it was “feminine” for women to row boats, but concluded that none but a “donkey” would consider it “unfeminine” to save lives.

Ida finally received the official appointment as keeper in 1879, largely through the efforts of an admirer, General Ambrose Everett Burnside, the Civil War hero who became a Rhode Island governor and United States senator. With a $750-per-year salary, Ida was, for a time, the highest-paid lighthouse keeper in the nation. The extra pay was given “in consideration of the remarkable services of Mrs. Wilson in the saving of lives.” Because of her many rescues, she became the best-known lighthouse keeper of her day. During her 39 years on Lime Rock, Ida is credited with saving 18 lives, although unofficial reports suggest the number may have been as high as 36.
Ahoy all. The Aids to Navigation System (ATON) was developed to assist in safely navigating our waterways. Some have decided to use the floating buoys as a mooring. Tying to a buoy is illegal and seriously degrades this critical navigation system. Because of the degradation, this is considered a misdemeanor, a criminal offense. The penalty carries a $500 to $2,500 fine, or a 30- to 365-day prison sentence, plus responsibility for any damage to the ATON buoy. If you see anyone mooring to a buoy or beacon, report to the Coast Guard. Also report if any buoy is damaged, missing, dimly lit or moved from its correct position.

When was the last time you ran your boat to full engine RPM and cleared your engines? Did you get full factory required RPM? Getting factory-required top RPM is extremely important to the life and health of your engine(s). This is to keep your engines from running in “lugging” mode. Engines in “lug” mode will not burn fuel completely, costing you money in lost miles per gallon and building up internal gunk. Your engine will become even more inefficient over time.

Tuning your prop(s) to attain max RPM, with the boat at full weight is mandatory. This means full fuel, full water and two to four persons onboard. You should have your props (and shafts) tuned, every four or five years, to attain your correct RPM.

Your engines should be/need to be, run to full RPM regularly, especially if you spend most of your time in the harbor. You should do this every time you leave the harbor and before you re-enter. This is true for all powerboats and sailboats.

Watch your temperature gauges at max RPM as they tell you a lot about the condition of your engine’s cooling system.
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APRIL

NOT TO MISS

PRIME RIB NIGHT
THURSDAY, APRIL 4

GARY JOBSON SPECIAL EVENT
FRIDAY, APRIL 5

LAS COMMODORAS FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, APRIL 11

LOUNGE NIGHT
FEATURING “THE HANGING GARDENS”
SUNDAY, APRIL 20

NEW MEMBER WINE & CHEESE OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, APRIL 21

NEWPORT TO ENSENADA RACE
FRI - SUN, APRIL 26 - 28

MAY

MAY EVENTS

Every Sunday!
Sunday, 5
Saturday, 11
Friday, 12
Saturday, 20
Sunday, 21
Friday, 26 - 28
Saturday, 27

Sunday Night Supper Club
Prime Rib Night (No Regular Menu)
Gary Jobson Special Event
S/C Breakfast 9am
Las Commodoras Fashion Show Luncheon
Wine Dinner
Avalon Cruise
Lorin Weiss #2
Lounge Night
Marina del Rey to Newport Beach Race
New Member Wine & Cheese Open House
Newport to Ensenada Race
Staycation Cruise Sign-up

May Events NOT TO MISS

Every Sunday!
Sunday, 5
Friday, 10
Sunday, 12
Tuesday, 14
Friday, 17
Saturday, 18
Saturday, 19
Friday, 24 - 27
Monday, 27

Sunday Night Supper Club
Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour/Buffet
Prime Rib Night (No Regular Menu)
Closing Day
Las Commodoras Poker Run for LLS
Opening Day
Mother’s Day Champagne Brunch
Taco Tuesday Begins!
Family Bingo
Leukemia Cup Regatta
Burger Bash
Pool Opens!
Lorin Weiss 3
Staycation Cruise
Memorial Day

MORE INFORMATION AT BCYC.ORG

Please make reservations for all club events, as well as dining plans, at BCYC.org or by calling the office at 949.644.9530
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)