Throughout this year, I have been reporting the progress of the club renovation, a personal call to increase membership and information regarding updating the Strategic Plan. While you have seen my letter to the membership concerning approval of the lower level renovation (take time to look at the storyboards in the club lobby showing the project overview), I must thank the current Board or Directors, as well as the preceding directors and commodores, who created and executed a path for BCYC to succeed, and allowed us to be in a position to initiate a project of this magnitude without a member assessment. We look forward to expanding the use of the club facilities.

This renovation is also a powerful tool in our ongoing efforts to increase membership. Being a true equity yacht club, the benefit to new members, as well as current members, goes without saying. We are not only the friendliest club, but a club with a magnificent facility of which we are all benefactors.

Keeping with that theme, the Strategic Plan Committee efforts are ongoing in formulating this important long-range plan for BCYC. Given that this is a work in progress, the final document will most likely be ready in 2015.

After several months of discussions with Los Angeles Yacht Club, we have reached an agreement on the non-exclusive use of their facility at Howlands Landing on the west end of Catalina between Cherry Cove and Emerald. This has been an outpost for LAYC since the early 1990s and has 45 moorings, a soft beach for landing and a shared pier with the adjacent private camp. This will be a one-year agreement between BCYC and LAYC, where our club members will become a member of LAYC for use of the Howlands facility, including open attendance at each other’s events there, and use of the mooring reservation system. If this works for both clubs, it will be open for annual renewal. Information concerning facility usage rules and regulations will be forthcoming. Event dates will be added to our club calendar – stay tuned for updates from the Cruise Committee and General Manager Scott Jones.
Welcome Aboard!

Welcome NEW Members

Dan and Judy Pederson
Dan and Judy were previously BCYC members. Now that their children, Devon, Paige and Lauren, are grown, they are back to enjoy the club and meet new friends. Dan is a dentist and owner of Dental Smile Central in Irvine, and Judy is a private asset manager. They live in Corona del Mar and are planning to get a boat in the near future. We are fortunate to have the Pedersons back as Regular Flag members.

Brenton and Katie Woolworth
Brenton and Katie have joined as Junior Flag Members. They have a baby daughter, Daniella, who, if Brenton had his way, would already be in the Junior Sailing Program. They reside in Irvine, and Brenton is owner of O.C. Marine Installation, which installs electronic, sound and navigation systems. Having recently sold their Catalina 32, another boat is in their future!

Bahia Sail Racing Association

The Sailing Foundation

Approximately 50 people attended The Sailing Foundation event at BCYC Sept. 13. Everyone had a great time while enjoying food, drinks, pictures and videos. Overall, we received $4,700 in donations. The juniors were fantastic in their role as “servers,” as well as generally helping out. A very special thanks to Staff Commodore Mary Bacon, event chair.

The Sailing Foundation’s mission is to support amateur training, amateur competition and aquatic safety programs. Our goal is to make a difference in the efforts of individual young sailors as they pursue sail racing at the highest competitive levels. The donations will be used to advance this effort. Event (launch party) photos and past foundation awards can be seen on our website (bahiasailracing.com)

We will keep you informed regarding funding awards through the remainder of this year.

- Staff Commodore Marshall Caplan, BSRA President -
I am happy to report that in October, the Board of Directors approved the lower-level restrooms/showers and patio area remodel, plus the addition of an elevator. The board had considered breaking the project into several phases, but concluded that it is less expensive and disruptive to get all the improvements done at the same time. As a refresher, this project includes a complete reconfiguration of the men’s and women’s restrooms — adding handicapped access to the toilets and showers, and creating space for the elevator shaft and a new laundry room. The lower hallway will be widened to have recessed lockers with attractive tile and lighting.

The planter in the patio area will be removed and the stairs relocated to the north wall to create an open feeling and better view. The decking will be replaced, adjustable lighting added, along with heaters. All the original 1970s windows and doors facing the patio will be replaced, and the concrete columns and walls will be framed out to create a more inviting space. A permanent barbecue station will be added, as well as a fire pit.

Reconfiguring the restrooms created an opportunity to add an elevator in the only location that worked for all three floors. The elevator will open up access to the patio and second floor for members who currently cannot navigate to them. Also, importantly for service, the elevator will allow staff safer and more efficient access to the lower level and second floor.

The details of the contract with the prime contractor are being finalized as I write this article. The entire project will take four to five months. Thanks for this improvement to our club go to the officers, board, general manager and volunteers on the planning team: Cynthia Childs, George Gasaway, Jerry Valuch, and especially to Allan Horowitz, who has been essential to fine-tuning the layout and finding cost savings.

Take time to look at the information displays, located in the club front lobby, that show the space layouts.
The Junior Program has had a lot happening. We completed our fall sailing program, and Sage Hill began their regular high school sailing practice at the club. Many of our BCYC juniors have been diligently practicing CFJ racing on Friday afternoons. Also, we held our first 2014-15 Junior Board of Directors meeting, where we discussed our goals, as well as what we need to do to achieve them. With a substantially larger number of board members than the past few years, we will be able to direct our attention to multiple things at once. I am very thankful to have such an energetic and passionate group supporting BCYC – we are very excited about the upcoming year!

The junior board has planned many activities in the coming months. Building off of last year’s successes, we hope to make events, such as Bingo Night and the Leukemia Cup even better this year. The group shared many ideas at the September meeting, ideas that will hopefully evolve into something amazing. We hope to bring new life to existing annual events and even add some of our own.

The Corinthian Cup, held in late October, was very successful. This regatta always provides an excellent opportunity for BCYC to host a competitive and fun sailing event for teams from the other Southern California yacht clubs.

We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable year.

BCYC’s Fall Sailing Program is in its final weeks after a successful season of practice clinics and regattas, both home and away. With 29 program participants, our dedicated sailors have been putting in lots of hours improving their abilities on the water. I would like to commend them for making the extra effort to keep practicing and competing during this busy time, amidst school, homework and the many ongoing activities in their lives.

Some notable events from the past month include the North Series for Sabots in Alamitos Bay, the Shadden Series for CFJs in Marina del Rey and BCYC’s own Corinthian Cup right here on our home waters. Special thanks to David Foster and Derek Johannson for chairing the Corinthian Cup event, as well as the many volunteers who made it possible. With both ocean and bay venues, the turnout was better than expected with attendance by sailors from throughout Southern California. Regatta results were published in the Oct. 29 weekly update.

Looking forward, I would like to encourage all of our junior sailors to continue getting out in their boats. Although we don’t have an official program during the winter season, there are still plenty of upcoming events that can be found on the junior racing calendar. Rest assured, any time you want to sail you have our support!
Las Commodoras
Ginny Lombardi
ginnylombardi@gmail.com

Toys and Tokens

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and so is the BCYC Toy Drive for Marine children. Each year, BCYC collects toys for the children of Marines stationed at Camp Pendleton. Las Commodoras supports and assists Dick Stone in organizing this very important effort. The toys are delivered to the base the first week in December, just in time for the holiday party at the base. During the month of November, Santa’s sleigh will be set up in the entry hall of the club. Members are welcome to place their new, unwrapped toys in the sleigh; toys will be collected daily. Gift cards are welcome, especially for the older children. Please put the card in an envelope with “Toy Drive” on the front and give it to one of the ladies in the club office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Dec. 4 brings the Las Commodoras luncheon fundraiser, Holiday Mania, back for the second year. Get ready for a good time, excellent food and great conversation at this interactive auction using tokens for bidding. Everyone participates and has a very good chance of winning! I hope to see you at this final luncheon of the year.

Cruising
Bill & Kristy Parr
bkparr@earthlink.net

Pirates, Pop-Ups And Plans

The BCYC band of scoundrels, scalawags and salty dogs sailed into Avalon Oct. 3-5 and took the town by storm for the Catalina Island Yacht Club cruise. We began the weekend by eating and drinking our fill at CIYC thanks to all our amazing appetizer chefs. It’s said that “dawn comes early on a boat” and so did our Bloody Mary and Mimosa morning. Thanks to Bill and Ris Prentiss for hosting – Bill also displayed his “Mixologist Extraordinaire” talents. Ashore, we hit the mini links for our annual putt-putt golf tournament organized once again by Larry and Cindy Collins. That afternoon, we settled on boats or anywhere with a view of the harbor to watch an A-MA-ZING air show, while some of the “haarrtier” souls embarked on a dinghy treasure hunt. The band of revelers returned to CIYC that evening in full pirate regalia for a fun night of dinner, prizes and harrgghhty laughter. Many thanks to Staff Commodore Kenny Rozak, and Wendy, for hosting us at CIYC, and to Lauri and Steve Moffett for their hard work in chairing this cruise.

This was a great way to wind up our “formal” cruise season, but wait, there’s more. Be sure to check your email and weekly updates for details on pop-up cruises this fall and winter. They will be announced with a week’s notice and will depend on the weather. With the weather we’ve been having, we might keep cruising all year!

We would like to thank ALL of you who have cruised with us this year for your support of BCYC cruising. We can set up the cruises, but YOU make the cruises happen. We are looking forward to another fun season of cruising in 2015, and have already begun planning locales and themes. We will be going to some exciting new destinations along with returning to our old favorites. If you had fun and would like to join in on the real fun of planning and putting on the cruises, please join us the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
I have a friend who owns several seafood restaurants in the San Diego area and catches most of the fish served in these restaurants from his own fishing boat. He stated that this has been the best fishing year in the past 20 years. Last time out, he loaded up with 2,800 pounds of tuna. As the water gets warmer, the fish travel more to the north. This year, the hot spot was between the west end of Catalina and Santa Barbara Island. We were up there during a marlin tournament and landed three large yellow fin tuna ranging from 19 to 24 pounds. Had I known there was a prize for tuna in this event, we would have won, as the largest “official” tuna was only 18 pounds.

That day, I had a very excitable crew that yelled “hook-up” when they saw marlin approaching. You only yell hook-up when the fish is on the line and the reel starts paying out, during which time, you throttle up the boat and set the hook. If the fish is close, like this one was, you can entice him to take the lure by going faster. Needless to say, the fish spit the hook and the crew almost got keelhauled by the captain.

For those of you who frequent Avalon, you will remember the boat Oasis, owned by Bob Butte, my friend for over 30 years. He did so many wonderful things for the residents of Avalon. Bob organized the Church Mouse fishing tournament, along with many other charitable events, with all proceeds benefitting the children of Avalon. On Sept. 25, Bob passed away. We lost a great friend and a person who made a difference in the lives of many. He will be missed.

All hoses should be changed every 10 years – inspect for cracking. When you squeeze the hose, if it is hard and you hear/feel a cracking inside, you definitely need hose service. All hoses should be double-hose clamped since there is a lot of pressure on them when your boat is running. Remember, you won’t have a problem at the dock; the problems will happen between here and your destination, when you least want them! Now is a great time to take care of these mechanical issues.
The club cruising season ended on a high note with the Catalina Island Yacht Club cruise. We enjoyed a fantastic event filled with fun activities led by CIYC cruise chairs, Steve and Lauri Moffett, and club cruise chairs Bill and Kristy Parr. The evening events, held at CIYC, were entertaining and everyone got into the pirate theme. Additionally, BCYC/CIYC member Toni Murphy opened up the boutique at CIYC for a special ‘private’ sale of logoed items. A special thank you to Staff Commodore Kenny Rozak for sponsoring our visit to CIYC.

Joan and I have really enjoyed the cruises this year. We participated in almost every one and are very appreciative of the year-long efforts of Bill and Kristy and the cruise chairs for each event. Although the official cruise year is over, Bill and Kristy are planning “pop-up” cruises for this year’s last couple months, so look for announcements of these events.

We are in the process of identifying the various committee chairs and committee members for 2015. There are members who volunteer each year to do the hard work necessary to make our club the outstanding place we all enjoy. We always need more members to volunteer for committee work. Please consider joining a committee. It is lots of fun and a great way to bring additional perspectives to the various club activities.

Finally, per Joan’s “request,” I am required to let you know that Showboat 2015 is kicking off in November. If you are interested in participating onstage or backstage, please contact Joan or Nancy Isbell for further details. As part of their fund-raising efforts, the Showboat Committee will be raffling off a large-screen TV on Super Bowl Sunday. I really want to win this raffle so I can take the Showboat DVD and relive the memories on a new big screen TV all year long 😊.

This is the time of year when you would think that things around BCYC would slow down a bit. The weather may be cooler, but BCYC is still a very active place. We have begun the lower level remodel, including the addition of an elevator. Needless to say, there will be some inconveniences caused by this, but knowing the spirit of BCYC, we will figure out ways to continue with all the activities that make this the special club that we all love.

One of those activities is Awards Night, just around the corner, Nov. 15. Please come to this event and show your support for the many people who make things happen at BCYC. Some are members who give the club so much recognition in the yachting world by their excellent performance in racing. This year was exceptional, in that we not only had great success in sailboat racing by both the seniors and juniors, but our power boat fleet performed splendidly in Predicted Log Racing. We also have many members who are outstanding in the sport of angling.

Of course, Awards Night is also about the many wonderful volunteers who create such an exciting, interesting and beautiful club environment. This includes the many committee members who keep the fun and the spirit in BCYC. These are the members who we truly honor on Awards Night. Please come and participate in saluting our great group of volunteers.
There are some sayings that are often repeated about Las Vegas...“whatever happens in Vegas stays in Vegas”...and “you gotta bet if you wanna win.” While I can’t talk about the first one, I definitely agree with the second — if you want to win a trophy, you’ve got to enter the race; a sailboat race, of course.

November and December offer opportunities to “double down” for BCYC racers and others just looking for fun. The BCYC Hot Rum Series consists of a “pair” of races on a Sunday in each month, and then again in January 2015. Hmmm…that’s actually “three-of-a-kind.” Don’t like ocean racing because you get a little “flush?” Try Hot Rum, the cure for what ails you. Remember, you can enter the Turtle Class if you have a floating RV – just un-hook the power cord and head “straight” to the start line.

You say you want to ocean race? Well, enter Balboa Yacht Club’s Sunkist Series. This is a “four-of-a-kind” winner with races November to February in support of Children’s Hospital of Orange County.

Plan to attend Awards Night Nov. 15 and watch the winners of the racing categories smile as they get the recognition they deserve. Bragging rights are one thing, but standing ovations are really something special.

Check out aocyc.org for the 2015 Race Calendar. Start planning now. First up in 2015 is the Mills Series. By the way, next time you visit Las Vegas, stop in at the “O’Aces” Yacht Club.

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation’s premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students who have excelled in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. For my Mater Dei High School NHS application, I was asked to describe my leadership abilities and how I have used them for the betterment of the community, as well as how I can bring those qualities to NHS. I chose to write about my leadership and community service experience at BCYC.

For almost a decade, I have been a member of the BCYC racing team. My journey from scared six-year-old terrified to sail on a windy day, to the skilled and accomplished racer I have become is nothing short of a miracle. When I was 11, I joined the club’s Junior Board of Directors, which was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. The role of this board is to improve the BCYC Junior Sailing Program, and I am so proud of my involvement to help make BCYC the best yacht club on the bay.

As a director I learned so much about being part of a team to achieve a common goal. As secretary, I learned the true value of organization and importance of being prepared. Currently vice commodore, I am looking forward to next year when I will become junior commodore with the opportunity to lead over 20 junior sailors in making great things happen at BCYC.

One of my proudest BCYC moments was when I delivered a speech on Opening Day. Although nervous, everything I had learned about good sportsmanship and teamwork while racing competitively were the basis of my presentation. I stepped to the podium in front of several hundred members and guests and spoke passionately about the past achievements and future goals of the BCYC Juniors. Upon reflection, I realized I was becoming a leader, thanks in large part to my learning experiences at BCYC.

I am very happy to report that I was selected as a member of Mater Dei’s 2014-15 National Honor Society and can’t wait to start my NHS work along with working hard on another great year as a member of BCYC’s Junior Board.

- Kate Hampton, BCYC Junior Vice Commodore -
A Note from our Chaplain . . .

“Never get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life.”

- Anonymous -

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Every Sunday! Sunday Night Supper Club
Thursday, 6 Prime Rib Night
Saturday, 8 Commodore's Cruise Ends
Sunday, 9 Hot Rum Series 1 & 2
Saturday, 15 Awards Night
Wednesday, 19 Old Guys' Lunch
Thursday, 20 Las Commodoras "Toy Drive" 11:30am
Mon-Tues, 24-25 Holiday Design Team Decorates BCYC
Thursday, 27 Thanksgiving - Club Closed
Friday, 28 Black Friday 2 for 1 Dinner

DECEMBER
Thursday, 4 Las Commodoras Holiday Auction and Luncheon 11:30am
Thursday, 4 Prime Rib Night (No Regular Menu)
Sunday, 7 Annual Meeting 4pm
Sunday, 14 Santa's Holiday Champagne Brunch
Sunday, 14 Hot Rum Series 3 & 4
Wednesday, 17 Old Guys' Lunch
Wed-Sun, 17-21 Holiday Boat Parade (Member Event)
Sunday, 21 Holiday Boat Parade Family Night (Member Event)
Wednesday, 31 New Year's Eve 8pm (Member Event)
Mon-Wed, 23-31 Club Closed (opens 7pm 12-31)

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• Juver Garcia and Mario Nieto
• 24 and 10
• Dishwasher

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