Chef Georges Rapicault celebrated his 10th anniversary as BCYC Executive Chef in April. Who knew he could have this much fun – thanks, Chef, for all you do for the membership and our guests.

“If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun.”
- Katharine Hepburn -

May sees the return of Taco Tuesdays, featuring racing, a party, AND the incredible Mexican Buffet. This absolutely fun excuse to enjoy BCYC every Tuesday from May 13 to August 28 is open to all members and guests. You can double your pleasure by racing or come enjoy the buffet and party. The club (and Columbia Room) will open at 4 p.m.

The Cinco de Mayo Fiesta and Poker Run, May 5, to benefit LLS, starts the busy month of May at the club. The weekend of May 11-13 features Closing Night with Prime Rib Night, our 60th Opening Day, and Mother’s Day Brunch. A wine tasting, featuring wines from Kendall-Jackson winery, May 18, will be a wonderful way to enjoy a Friday night at the club. The Long Beach Yacht Club Cruise happens May 25-28 and the Columbia Room is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Memorial Day.

With all of these absolutely fun events, what an opportunity to introduce a potential new member to BCYC. From eating to racing to cruising to helping raise money for LLS research, to celebrating our 60th anniversary, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

A great way to spend quality time on the water is to be part of the Race Committee. Your help is needed and always appreciated. Contact Paul DeCapua or Don White to volunteer – your enthusiasm is needed and they will teach you what needs to be done.

Dick Stone was honored by the Orange County chapter of the American Red Cross at their annual Heroes luncheon for his impact on the military community, through the help of many BCYC members. This important work with the Marines Special Operations battalions at Camp Pendleton sets BCYC apart from many other yacht clubs. Congratulations, Dick!
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October 2017 - April 2018

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The Masthead May Issue:
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I Loved the Easter Bunny…

The Easter Sunday brunch was a dream come true. The entrance to the club was delightfully decorated. A beautiful pink and white color-theme in the dining room, multi-colored Easter eggs, amazing white orchids, wonderful food and the cutest Easter bunny made it a perfect day. Dawni Seaman, her daughter Shawni and their Activities Committee team are real dream makers.

Our next event is the Mother’s Day Brunch, Sunday, May 13. Be sure to make your reservations through the club office, as this event sells out quickly.

Don’t miss the Kendall-Jackson wine tasting, Friday, May 18. See, swirl, sniff, swirl and slurp. There will be some great cheeses included as part of this tasting.

June 17 brings the Father’s Day Brunch and the Art Show/Car Show to BCYC. Make plans to enjoy art created by some of our many talented members, as well as the truly awesome car show.

Join us for Lounge Night June 22, featuring Chandra Reese. More details will be available in the near future.

Join the fun and win a prize at the next Activities Committee meeting. We hope to see you the second Wednesday of each month for these always informative meetings.
May Gray Can’t Stop Us Now!

Junior Sailing Director
Cameron MacLaren
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Despite the traditionally gloomy weather this month, Opening Day is upon us and the boating scene is really beginning to ramp up. Although the Junior Sailing Program has been hosting weekly practices on Fridays after school since March, the regatta schedule gets busy and everyone starts gearing up for the peak sailing season just around the corner.

Early this month, BCYC is hosting the Small Boat Sailing Level 1 training course for prospective sailing instructors. May 19-20, Balboa Yacht Club is hosting the Balboa Advanced Sabot Clinic for sabot sailors looking to up their game. At the end of the month, we have the Memorial Day Regatta in Long Beach, May 26-27, which just so happens to be the venue for the 2018 Junior Sabot Nationals. There are not many opportunities to compete on this venue between now and the big event, so if you’re looking to reach your regatta goals I would suggest taking advantage of this chance.

Finally, don’t forget about the Junior Leukemia Cup Regatta coming up on June 3. This event benefits a great cause and we hope to top our turnout from last year!

I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to sail on many different boats, conditions and venues, including CFJ’s, skiff sailing, offshore racing, high school sailing and match racing. I’ve been trying to just get on whatever boat I can because I love the sport and want to explore the opportunities within it. Also, when sailing different types of boats, you learn many new things that can be applied to all sailboat racing.

Most recently I have been competing in a bunch of match races and have been fortunate to sail with Chris Nesbitt from San Diego. My job on the boat is main trimmer/tactician. Sailing with an experienced match racer like Chris, I learn something new every time we sail together. Match racing is a very technical part of sailing, because you are always looking for what your opponent is going do next and adjusting to that, like a game of chess. Also, match racing provides the opportunity to sail against professionals who have tons of experience.

Constantly learning from others who have more experience than me is very cool.

Credit: City of Newport Beach

Your Role During Sea Lion Season
NBMC 17.25.020 and NBMC 17.50.100

This is a friendly reminder about your responsibilities to keep our harbor safe, quiet, and thriving during the upcoming sea lion season.

- Sea lion season generally runs May to October.
- Sea lions seek flat surfaces such as vessels or docks to rest upon – often competing for space by loudly barking day and night.
- It is the permittee’s responsibility to proactively secure vessels and docks from sea lion intrusion.
- If the City notifies you that sea lions are a problem on your vessel or dock, you must take action within 7 days of notification or a citation will be issued.

Visit newportharbor.org for more information.

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Mayday got its start as an international distress call in 1923. It was made official in 1948. It was the idea of Frederick Mockford, a senior radio officer at Croydon Airport in London. He came up with the idea for mayday because it sounded like the French word m’aider, which means help me.

Although not a mayday situation, skippers need help in finding crew for their boats for the Taco Tuesday Series, which starts May 15. More crew available means more BCYC boats can compete in our signature series. Leave your message on the Skipper/Crew Form found on the BCYC website under the racing tab.

Also, on the website are the Notices of Race for the Leukemia Cup Regatta and the new Around the Oil Islands Race.

The Leukemia Cup Regatta is a two-day event with PHRF ocean racing on Saturday and Harbor 20 bay racing on Sunday. Register even if you don’t know how to race. Hint – just follow the lead boat. More boats mean more donations to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Just sail for the cure!

Around the Oil Islands is a new race open to PHRF, Maxi and all-female crewed boats. We expect competitors from Long Beach, Dana Point and San Diego, so register early. This will be a fun 27-mile race. We paid the wind tax in advance, so it should be a perfect day. Of course, the post-race party will be fun…they always are.

Speaking of the BCYC Racing website, check out photos of the winners of the Bogart Series. Congratulations to Director Stuart Leigh for winning best overall Class B, best overall BCYC skipper and best overall for the entire series! Rumor has it he had to rent a truck to cart all of the trophies home.

Come enjoy the many food and beverage options at BCYC!

Estate Planning

Have you considered remembering BCYC in your estate planning?
Please contact General Manager Scott Jones to discuss.

Chef Georges 10th anniversary
The Junior Events Committee hosted its second Family Paint Party with a spring theme that included a sunset or sea creature subjects. No experience in art or painting was necessary when your instructor is Marci Fedor, a local artist. She guided kids, moms and dads in turning a blank canvas into a sweet piece of artwork to hang on the wall. Everyone who attended is also welcome to display their work at the annual BCYC Father’s Day Art Show.

This month, we’ll be hosting the Opening Day kids play zone, complete with a lifeguard at the pool, a bounce house and crafts, games and other activities in the lower-level patio area. If your kids or grandkids need a break from the Opening Day festivities and dock parties, bring them to the play zone for some fun with their friends.

The Junior Events Committee meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. to plan family-friendly events at BCYC. If you have some ideas or would like to help with these events, please come to a meeting or contact one of the JEC Chairs.

Sign-ups are underway for the Memorial Day weekend cruise at Long Beach Yacht Club. Lots of great events and meals are planned, so sign up early!

Starting May 4, you will be able to sign up for The Cruise the Club cruise, June 22-24. This event will include a very fun and casual Lounge Night – thank you Activities Committee. Come by boat, dinghy, car, bike or scooter. Heck, some of you can even walk to BCYC to enjoy this cruise. More details will be available soon.

Check the schedule on the club website and in the Weekly Update for the rest of the 2018 cruise season dates. You will want to get them on your calendar so you don’t miss the fun.

Don’t just hear about good times, be a part of them.
Spring is here, and our club members are springing into action. Lauri and I began April in the Caribbean aboard the Star Flyer, a four-mast clipper ship. Our 2019 Commodore’s Cruise will be aboard her sister ship, Star Clipper, cruising from Singapore to Bali. Sign-ups have opened and plans for 2019 have begun.

Back to 2018, we had a great time on the water at the Isthmus Cruise. Cruise chairs EB Barden and Paul Secard added to the fun with a rental house on the island for non-boat owners to participate in the cruise and host a wine and cheese party.

In April, our racers competed in the Angelman and Weiss Series races, as well as the Newport to Ensenada Race. A big thanks to Race Committee chairs Paul DeCapua and Don White and to all the folks who volunteer their many hours of time and talent to make these events happen. You might not realize how much time is involved in planning, setting up and executing our races.

Looking forward to May and our next water events, I encourage everyone to come out and support the Duffy Poker Run and Fiesta on May 5. The following weekend we have Closing Night and Opening Day activities, and Taco Tuesday races start May 15, complete with our famous Mexican Buffet for everyone to enjoy. We close out the month with the Long Beach Yacht Club cruise over Memorial Day weekend. I look forward to seeing you on the water or at the club!
The last several months at BCYC have been magical. From taking a train across America in Showboat, to a special visit from the Easter Bunny (Jeanie Lowry), BCYC is a magical world of its own. How fortunate we are to have so many members on committees who create the magic for us!

The Showboat Committee works year-round to produce this show, and have already started on the 2019 show. Our Activities Committee is tireless in creating events, including awesome decorations, throughout the year, celebrating the seasons and special activities. The House and Grounds Committee plans improvements, such as new windows upstairs and carpeting on the main level. The Membership Committee brings potential members to BCYC every month through events and special invitations.

Las Commodoras has monthly events for all of the women in BCYC, from a fashion show to the Poker Run, with a dog show thrown in, as well as a cooking class with Chef Georges Rapicault. The Traditions Committee brought back the retiring of the Colors at sunset and Officer of the Deck. Discussions at their meetings are vigorous – join them on the first Thursday of the month. The Junior Events Committee is an integral part of the club with stand-alone events for children and families, such as bowling and painting parties, plus supporting adult events by offering activities for children, such as during Super Bowl.

Our 60th Anniversary Committee has been working for months creating logos and events celebrating BCYC’s birthday this year, with much more to come! The committee has worked closely with the Ship’s Store Committee creating merchandise for our celebratory year. The Food and Beverage Committee creates the menus and decorations for the themed Sunday Night Supper and Taco Tuesdays, amongst others. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Committee organizes events to raise money for LLS, BCYC’s charity. This year, the events are the Poker Run, Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, Leukemia Cup Regatta and golf tournament. The Gala Committee is working on another spectacular event in September to raise funds for the Sailing Foundation, as well as our Junior Sailing Program. The Trophies Committee updates and polishes all of the trophies yearly in preparation for the annual awards night, as well as providing the many take-home trophies awarded for each race series sponsored by BCYC.

The Finance Committee and Strategic Planning Committee keep the club on track and focused. Overseeing all of the committees is the Steering Committee, consisting of all the land- and water-based committee chairs at BCYC.

If you want to be part of creating the magic at BCYC, pick a committee, attend a meeting, wave a wand and enjoy the creations!

A Note from our Chaplain . . .

“Don’t ask kids what they want to be when they grow up. Ask them what problems they want to solve. This changes the conversation from who do I want to work for to what do I need to do to learn in order to be able to do that.”

- Jaime Casap -
Did you know that BCYC has 26 more parking spaces directly across Bayside Drive? These spaces are available Monday through Friday after 6 p.m. and any time on Saturday and Sunday.

Did you know that you can buy a bundle of our 60th anniversary cocktail napkins? These will be great to use on your boat or at home, and there are 200 napkins per package.

Did you know that the Ship’s Store has two sizes of our 60th anniversary burgee? They are 6” x 9” and 12” x 18”.

Opening Day is here! Celebrate our 60th anniversary with a limited edition Opening Day t-shirt. Deck yourself out with new hats, tote bags and apparel. Treat Mom to something special from the Ship’s Store! We have burgee pendants and nautically-inspired jewelry she will love.

- Lori Curtin, Ship’s Store Chair -
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