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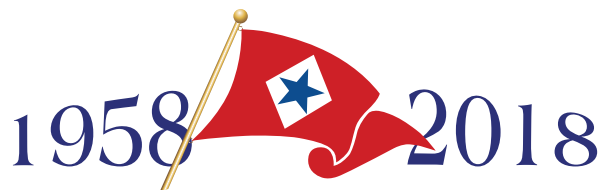
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Diamond Jubilee - 60 Years Strong

2018 marks 60 years for BCYC making an impact in the yachting community. We are so very fortunate to have a great membership and strong leaders. Around the club, you can see very recent examples of the strength of BCYC, from the installation of the elevator, to new carpet, to top floor skylight to the lower-level patio renovation. This year will be no different with several facility upgrades already begun or in the planning stages.

With the guidance of Kari Konapelsky and her dedicated 60th Anniversary Committee, there will be several special items this year, including burgees, hats and logo-wear. Stop by the Ship's Store to purchase your commemorative stuff. There will be events throughout the year, including a BCYC birthday party Aug. 25. It's gonna be fun, baby!

The year certainly started out with a bang during a fantastic New Year's Eve bash. Thanks to the Activities Committee, chaired by Mark Arizmendi, Susan Barden and Cleve Sproule,



and to our wonderful staff. The food, music and ambiance were great, and having the late-night option was well received. The enthusiastic mix of long-time members along with several newer members and guests was awesome. It is what makes BCYC such a wonderful "home" for all of us.

The Commodore's Ball, a black-tie affair Feb. 17, will be an evening of elegance and fun. The pre-ball parties are always a blast, and the ball promises to be "beachy purr-fect." Dee and I look forward to welcoming you.

The many committees at the club need your help, including planning and executing events, putting on races and moving forward consistently with upgrading our facility. On page two of this publication, as well as on the website, is a list of the committee chairs. Pick the thing(s) you are passionate about and become an important part of that committee.

Get involved, stay involved and plan to enjoy this special year at BCYC.



Happy New Year



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Models and Marines



**Vice Commodore**
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2018 Transitions

What an honor it is for me to serve this year as the Las Commodoras President. After having served alongside several of our past and present board members, I am taking my turn to sit at the “head of the table.” While I am still trying to figure out how to best provide innovative new events to enhance the ladies’ experiences here at BCYC, I know that the veteran members of the board who are remaining (or returning) – Joyce Barnes, Nancy Bryant, Marjorie Davis, Barbara Eden, Peggy Granbery, Bobbi Silvey, Catherine Miller, Sally Sopkin, Carol Wallace – will keep us pointed in the right direction. Our new board members – Julie Bitetto, Lori Curtin, Allison Foster, Jodi Geoffroy, Rita Harvey – will give us new energy. Thanks to all of you for trusting me to lead the group during the Diamond Jubilee year at BCYC.

Ladies, and gentlemen too, mark your calendars for the upcoming events of the Jubilee Year. Las Commodoras exists to enhance the memberships’ experience here and this year’s Las Commodoras board has enthusiastically embraced the theme of fun and friendship. Check The Masthead each month to see what the ladies have planned. You just may find yourself modeling on our catwalk, challenging your dog to an obstacle course, being voted off “Chopped” (Sept. Cooking Luncheon) or haggling for a prize at an auction.

And since you have your calendars open, save the date, Feb. 22, for our annual Fashion Show. We will invite the U.S. Marine ladies to attend in honor of their service and sacrifice. We hope to show our sincere appreciation by making the day memorable for them. Your participation as a table hostess or as a model is a sure way to help Las Commodoras. If you cannot attend the luncheon, but would like to sponsor a Marine lady to attend, please do so by calling the club office. If you would like to join in the fun, contact Julie Bitetto or me.

Happy New Year to all! Happy 60th Birthday BCYC! Here’s to a fabulous 2018!

From rear commodore to vice commodore, land-based committees to water-based committees, and from the holidays to the boating season – wow, let the fun begin!

The holidays are behind us and I reflect on the busy schedule at BCYC. Life is made easier by our professional staff and the dedicated committee chairs and committee members who work together. BCYC was again awarded the Newport Harbor Ring of Lights Award for the best decorated yacht club. Thank you to our staff and members who decorated, and undecorated, the yacht club. Time keeps moving forward as we race into the New Year with more events and boating activities!

January/February boating events began with the Hot Rum Series. The Women’s Sailing Convention takes over BCYC on Feb. 3, followed by the first Angelman Series race, the SCYA-sponsored Midwinter Regatta, and concludes with our first cruise of the year, the Desert Land Cruise.

It is time to ready our boats, drop our dock lines and exercise our boats in the harbor and the blue waters beyond.



Las Commodoras Christmas Luncheon





Junior Sailing Director
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Gala Funds Going to Good Use

After the stunning success of The Gala 2017, and working closely with the Sailing Foundation, the Junior Sailing Program is thrilled to put some of the funds raised toward capital improvements benefiting our program. One item already underway is a new six-boat sabot trailer, used for traveling to regattas hosted by regional yacht clubs. With most racing sabots costing well into four figures, it's important to have a trustworthy and reliable method of delivering them up and down the coast. We're looking forward to having some special features on the new trailer, such as larger road tires and custom dolly racks, making the process easier for everyone.

Our fleet of 12 CFJs and 420s is currently undergoing a professional overhaul to repair the many dings and chips that have accumulated over the years. This will extend the life of the fleet and keep our boats as competitive as possible. For our power fleet, we are replacing the remaining two old Honda motors with two new Yamahas, marking the final phase in the outboard turnover program we began several years ago. Finally, we received a generous amount of support in the form of direct donations toward new sabot dollies. With the sabot program steadily growing, the new dollies will help streamline the process of launching and hauling sabots here at BCYC.

On behalf of the junior program and everyone involved, I would once again like to express our gratitude to The Gala event chairs and the many volunteers, as well as all the donors who have opened so many doors for kids here at BCYC.

*60th Anniversary
 BCYC Burgees*

RUN, DON'T WALK to get your 60th anniversary BCYC burgees in the Ship's Store. They come printed one-sided and two-sided! For the one-sided burgee, think shadow box or framed, and the two-sided to fly on your boat. What a jubilant year we are going to have. Happy Birthday, BCYC!



Junior Commodore
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Chillin' in Florida

As winter winds down in sunny Southern California, the weather has changed very little and we are not surprised. After recently traveling to the East Coast during the bomb cyclone for a sailing event in Clearwater, Florida, my appreciation for the perfect California weather was solidified. The bomb cyclone set many record temperatures throughout the East Coast from Dec. 28-Jan. 8. With the temperature in Clearwater dropping down into the low 30s, the sailing was very cold and unpleasant. During the event I was always thinking about sailing in board shorts and a t-shirt.

Nevertheless, traveling has made me appreciate where I live, and visiting different places has given me the opportunity to realize how lucky we are to live and sail in beautiful Newport Beach.





Food and Beverage

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Low-Calorie and Chowdah

In 2017, my first year as Food & Beverage chair, my daughter, Natalie, was an important part of the committee; helping create themes, food choices, menu items and décor for F&B-related activities. This year, she will be committee co-chair.

New will be a focus in February on food and fitness! Therefore, during the month, there will be a menu insert that will feature low calorie choices for dining at BCYC. During this time, we will track how the membership responds to these offerings. Based on that feedback, some of the items could become a permanent part of the menus. Feel free to send an email to provide your input regarding these low-cal food choices.

“March”-ing on, a really fun special change is planned for Sunday Night Suppers in March. We are proud to present Billy Long’s Famous Boston Chowdah Dinner Party! For many years, Bill and Nancy Long have donated his famous Boston in-home dinner party in support of fundraising events at BCYC, including The Gala and Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Since his dinners are very popular, we asked Bill to help put together his favorite menu items to share with us during the month of March. Some of the menu items will be lobster tail, clams, crab legs, corn on the cob, red potatoes and watermelon. Additionally, each week will feature a different chowder soup. We will finish the meal with Boston cream pie. Price will vary based on the entrée selections.

Opening Day 2018 will be part of the BCYC 60th anniversary year-long celebration! The F&B Committee will coordinate the event’s dock parties along with Kari Konapelsky and her Diamond Jubilee Committee. As we did last year, we are looking for members to volunteer to be part of a dock team. If you’re interested in participating, please send an email to me (rhtolar@gmail.com) and we will assign you to a dock. There will be an Opening Day dock party planning meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11. Plan to attend and be part of making this Opening Day spectacular. At 4 p.m. that same Sunday, you can then meet potential new members who will be participating in an Open House sponsored by the Membership Committee.



Rear Commodore
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*Looking Forward -
Looking Back*

What a year it will be for all of us! Celebrating BCYC’s 60th year will be exciting and fun. Check out all of The Masthead articles for detailed information from committee chairs about upcoming events. As we look forward to all of the special events, a look back in time can give us a unique perspective on our achievements. Throughout the year, I will focus on tidbits of BCYC history, as reported to me by members. This idea came to me while talking to Staff Commodore Mary Bacon in the Columbia Room.

As we walk into BCYC, many of us take for granted the way the club looks and functions today, forgetting the many steps along the way that got us here. Do you know we had a cigarette machine in the hallway to the main floor restrooms? As smoking laws changed, out went the machine, but heated discussions about the bar selling cigarettes ensued.

A mortgage on our yacht club? Can members afford it? How will we pay for it? Concerned members wanted to know! When BCYC was offered the opportunity to buy the land and marina, many members were not in favor. Hours of discussion in the board room and Columbia Room, and on the docks and decks, resulted in BCYC being the only club in the harbor to own our land and marina. We are unique.

If you have a bit of history to want shared, let me know. Email or call – ginnylombardi@yahoo.com or 949-631-6523.

A Note from our Chaplain . . .

“For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Estate Planning

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

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Resolve to Participate and Join the Fun!

We kicked off our jubilee year in grand style on New Year's Eve with "Denim & Diamonds" and are ready to celebrate 2018 with events and friends, old and new. Congratulations to our Activities Committee team – Kari Konapelsky, Rear Commodore Ginny Lombardi, Lauri Moffett, Kristy Parr and Secretary Rhonda Tolar – for a fabulous kick-off to make our commemorative year a Year to Remember!

Are you ready for some FOOTBALL? Show your spirit, sport your team gear and save the date, Feb. 4, for our annual Super Bowl Party full of Activities Committee shenanigans.

Watch for more information in our weekly updates and join us at our monthly committee meetings the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. We'll see you there.



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One Short Horn*

Sailboat races have a fixed starting sequence that always begins with a visual (flag) signal accompanied by a sound (horn) signal. This first signal is called the “warning signal” – but it really isn’t a warning – it means get ready to have some fun! Are YOU ready?

First up for the new year is the Hugh Angelman Series, three days of ocean racing spread over three months. We decided to add a little excitement to the series by running up to three races each day. If we have strong winds, we may run one long race, or not. If we have light winds, we may run multiple short races, or not.

Next up is the 89th running of the SCYA Mid-Winter Regatta. BCYC will host the Harbor 20 and Thistle fleets for two days of in-the-harbor racing...with four races scheduled each day. For those of you keeping score, that’s a lot of mark roundings and plenty of opportunity to excel, or not.

If you missed the free Introduction to Sailboat Racing seminar Jan. 18 and still want to learn about the sport, contact us and we will schedule a personal session. The material is simple with lots of graphics (PowerPoint slides) and easy to understand. Members of Race Committee are always available to answer your questions.

Heads up...the new California Boater Card (think of it as a driver’s license for boats) became effective on Jan. 1. If you are 20 years or younger, log out of Facebook now and log into <http://californiaboatercard.com/> to find out how to get a card. Of course, there is a fine if you get pulled over and don’t have a card. For those of us over 20, you will also have to get a card in the future. Our advice is do it now!

PLEASE AND THANK YOU!

Centerpieces and decorations are for your enjoyment during an event. After the event, all of them must remain at the club for use at another time. Please do not take any of these items home – the event organizer can let you know where to purchase your very own centerpiece or decoration you love. Thank you for your consideration.

Hey there, BCYC cruisers. We are gearing up for the Desert Land Cruise, Feb. 23-25, in beautiful Rancho Mirage/Palm Desert/Indian Wells. There is still time to sign up.

The month of March will find the Cruise Committee helping out with, and supporting, Showboat backstage. With the title of Showboat, how can the Cruise Committee NOT be involved?

April’s cruise will take us to the Isthmus. More info on that to follow, so keep your eyes peeled.

Please feel free to attend our monthly Cruise Committee meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. The big question is, do you want to be part of the shenanigans, or simply hear about them?

We’ll see you in the desert!

Thanks again! Everyone on The Gala team is very proud of the results of the second annual event (September, 2017) and we are so very grateful to everyone who provided support. BCYC members, management and staff, donors and volunteers came together in so many ways to make The Sailing Foundation fundraiser a great success! Already, the foundation has made multiple grants within the sailing community, due in large part, to the success of The Gala. It has also granted approval to make important purchases for the betterment of BCYC sailing programs, such as mainsails and a jib for BCYC’s Harbor 20, Ruthless, a new sabot trailer, some new sabot dollies, a FEVA sailboat for the BCYC fleet, and some new equipment for the BCYC Race Committee. This is only possible thanks to all the support for The Gala.

As we begin to plan The Gala 2018, we extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to Secretary Rhonda Tolar for her amazing efforts, devotion and vision for this annual fundraiser. Rhonda paid attention to every detail and was never without fresh, new ideas for the event. The Gala has truly been a success because of her dedication. We will miss her active participation on the team, but will carry her vision forward.

Lauri Moffett has agreed to step in as a co-chair with Ramsey Johansson and Kari Konapelsky. The whole team is very excited to get to work organizing the 2018 event, scheduled for Sept. 22. We hope you will join us!

Ramsey Johansson, Kari Konapelsky, Lauri Moffett
The Gala Co-Chairs



SHIP'S STORE

Happy New Year, BCYC. 60th Anniversary logo-wear have arrived! There are hats, t-shirts for men and women, and burgees. New items, including fleeced-lined jackets, Reyn Spooner shirts, sweatshirts and bags have also arrived in the Ship's Store. We have so many great items coming your way in 2018. If you have a suggestion for the Ship's Store, I want to know. Please email me at lori@marinadiamondandwatch.com.

- Lori Curtin, Ship's Store Chair -

SCYA HONORS



Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club members ML Buck and Rod Woods received honors during the 2018 SCYA Installation of Officers.

ML Buck received the James M. Webster perpetual trophy, awarded to a person that has displayed exceptional sportsmanship, or someone who has made outstanding contributions to yachting. She also served as commodore of Catalina Island Yacht Club in 2007.

BCYC Staff Commodore Rod Woods (2006) was named Southern California Yachting Association's Honorary Commodore for service to the yachting community going back 41 years, beginning as commodore of Voyagers Yacht Club in 1977. He has also served multiple years as SCYA Director, Midwinter Regatta Chairman, US Sailing Area J Chairman, and Old Timers Luncheon Chairman.



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- Sunday Supper
 - Yachtsmen's Luncheon
 - Prime Rib Night
 - Women's Sailing Convention
 - Super Bowl Sunday
 - Angelman Race #1
 - Dock Parties Planning Meeting 2 p.m.
 - Open House 4 p.m.
 - Valentine's Day *Signature* Dinner
 - Commodore's Ball Set Up
 - Midwinter Regatta
 - Commodore's Ball
 - Las Commodoras Fashion Show
 - Desert Cruise
 - U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar

MARCH

- Sun, 4,11,18,25
 - Wed 14,21,28
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 - Sunday, 11
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 - Yachtsmen's Luncheon
 - Prime Rib Night
 - Angelman Race #2
 - Showboat Set Up
 - Weiss Series #1
 - Showboat Dress / Tech
 - Showboat
 - Las Commodoras Showboat Luncheon
 - Jr. Spring Sailing begins
 - Jr. Parent Mixer
 - Family Paint Party 2 p.m.
 - Bogart Race
 - Isthmus Cruise Sign Up
 - Easter Set Up



**SHOWBOAT
WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY
MARCH 14-17**

MORE INFORMATION AT BCYC.ORG

Please make reservations for all club events, as well as dining plans, at bcyc.org or call the office at 949-644-9530.

Member Event: Regular member dining is not available / Columbia Room menu served until 5 p.m. 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).

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Every Saturday 8 - 11 a.m.

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Every Sunday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday Night Supper
Every Sunday 5 - 8 p.m.