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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH**

5 Food Comm. Meeting

Membership Comm. Meeting

Live Music by Maria Christina Band

Old Timer's Brunch

Finance Comm. Meeting

14 Whiskey Tasting in the Bar

Board Meeting 14

20 Design Comm. Meeting

Asian Buffet 22

23/24 CYC & SDYC Regatta

**CMF** Meeting

28 Trivia Night

BSSC Walk the Docks 29

29 Live Music by The Suenamis

Family Easter Party

31 Easter Brunch

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL**

Food Comm. Meeting

Membership Comm. Meeting

Helgeson

6 Wellington Race

Finance Committee Meeting

Rod & Reel Meeting

10 First Beer Cans

**Board Meeting** 11

12 Live Music by Don & Lori

Q2—Planning Comm. Meeting 16

17 Design Comm/. Meeting

19 Helgeson

20 Wellington

CMF Meeting 23

26 BSSC Walk the Docks

**KMAC** Regatta

Live Music by The Cover Bros. 26

27/28 KMAC Regatta

29/30 Hansa Internationals

\*All events are subject to change.

#### **FRONT OFFICE**

Tuesday—Saturday......9 AM—5 PM Sunday...... 10AM-2PM \*Closed on Mondays

#### **CYC RESTAURANT**

**DINNER** Wed/Fri ...... 5 PM-8:30 PM

#### **WEEKEND MENU**

Sat/Sun.....9AM-5:30 PM

\*\*Reservations Recommended

#### **BAR HOURS**

Monday.....4 PM-8 PM Tuesday-Friday.....4 PM-9 PM Saturday......9 AM—8 PM Sunday...... 9 AM-7PM Taco Tuesday......5 PM-8 PM Happy Hour Thursday.....5 PM-8 PM

# **General Manager's Report**



#### By GM Pete LaCava

ow! What a difference in a year! We have seen the growth of our Club through new membership, new gardens, and new sheds! The weather patterns have surprised us a few times, but our team recovered well and continue to create new systems to be prepared for future events. We changed the way in which we serve our members by creating a better menu, a well-staffed kitchen and galley, and better systems in the bar. We continue to look towards the future of our Club and its membership. Our goal this year as a team is to accept the fact that we all come from different places and experiences and can benefit from that as we create better events for our membership and have them more frequently! We are trying to make sure we are doing one event a month when the schedule allows.

Having said all this, we continue to look for suggestions from membership as to what they would like to see in the future. We have a suggestion box at the Front Office, you can email us at cycfrontof-fice@coronadoyc.org and you can talk to any of our team to be heard. We are excited to hear the suggestions! Another way you can benefit the Club with your opinions is to come to the Committee meetings and voice your concerns and comments. We have several committees that are currently working on making the club a better place.

The Design Review Committee is creating a Brand Book that will create the images and colors of what the Club will see going forward. We are considering a major renovation project for our restrooms/showers that the DRC will provide direction on. They will choose all the fixtures, furniture, and styles to make us the Club for our future. Please check the calendar for dates and times of these meetings as all members are welcome to attend. Depending on the extent of the renovation we may find some funds to replace the chairs in the bar area. No promises but we are aware of the need!

We have our Finance meetings which have become paramount in the creation of a realistic budget for the Club. They meet every month to discuss where we are and what we are spending our money on. We also post the expenditures on our website for total visibility to our members.

The Planning committee has chosen to meet quarterly as we have created a much better system of discussion within the Committee. We have specific members who are experts in certain fields that are the point of contact for every project. These members continue to give direction to our staff, helping them to push projects forward.

Expect quite a few projects this year. We are currently working on the ADA Doors for the entrance to our Clubhouse and our patio as well as one of our restrooms behind the bar. This will give some of our members ease of use at the club. We have removed the fireplace and will be filling that space as the Design Review Committee develops the plan for that area. We will replace the other doors throughout the Club to help with our insulation and other issues due to the wear and tear of the doors. Recently we had flood waters enter the building and are currently assessing the damage and future issues we may have come up. We will have a plan in place to repair or replace as needed. We will communicate this as soon as possible. Other projects include the Starboard Patio Awning that was damaged in the storm last year. We have received quotes to replace and repair that area and will begin this project in March. It will be exciting to have another area we can provide for our families and Wednesday Night Beer Canners to have protection from the outdoor elements when needed. We continue to have discussion during the Board Meetings, so please come and attend a Board Meeting to be involved.

I hope everyone is as excited as we are to continue the improvements here at the Club!

"To reach the port, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor." - Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

# From the Commodore's Desk



#### By Commodore Steve Schelkun

S ince I assumed the position of Commodore on December 1, 2023, a lot has happened. I actually missed my first Board Meeting on December 21st since I turned positive for Covid that morning. Rear Commodore Mark Wallace filled in for me that night.

I was planning to lay out my "Agenda" to the Board at Executive Session at the end of the Board meeting but that had to be delayed until the January meeting.

I have attached the text of my agenda to this article as a starting point for information and discussion.

The first section was entitled "Financial stability and monitoring." Since the first of December we have made progress in the financial area by revising, improving, and strengthening our Investment Policy Statement to be aligned with our plans for starting our process for funding the development of our clubhouse proposal that will be sent to the Port and eventually the Coastal Commission. The Planning Committee and the Clubhouse Redevelopment Special project group have made progress towards obtaining some of the required inspections, permits and entitlements necessary to make our case to the Coastal Commission. This is projected to occur sometime in September if all goes well.

You may recall that, at the Annual Meeting last November, the Membership voted to approve the expenditure of one million dollars to support the permits and entitlement process. We also promised that we will keep and publish a running account of how much and for what purpose we have spent these funds. These will be displayed in a separate section of the Member-only website and will be available for all members to see. (look under the library tab  $\ \ \ \ \ \$  Finance) You should get familiar with the CYC Members-only website and its contents because we plan to use this as part of our promise to be more transparent and communicate with our members.

The Finance Committee also just approved an investment plan proposed by our financial advisor at Merrill Lynch. It is a moderately aggressive plan, consistent with our Investment Policy document at the last Finance and Board meetings (in February) we voted unanimously to invest about 5.4 million dollars of our Capital Improvement funds.

Section 2 was titled, "Planning for a new Clubhouse." I mentioned the Clubhouse Redevelopment Special Committee above. In fact, at the time of this writing, the week of 12 February we are interviewing 3 Architectural firms, Delawie, Tucker Sandler and AVRP Studios. All of these have experience with successfully developing projects that have been approved by the Coastal Commission. We will ask the three top contenders to give us a property and clubhouse rendition that they think could pass Coastal Commission scrutiny, that we will present to the members in workshops in the future. At that time, we will ask for your ideas of what you want in a clubhouse and what sort of public access you may be willing to accept. More about this as things move along.

The third section is titled, **Transparency and Communications**. This part will be key to keeping our membership informed as we move forward. I have received very useful and constructive ideas from several members about how we can improve in this area.

- **#1**, I will continue to submit Whisker Pole articles every other month.
- #2, I will continue to give information updates at the monthly Board Meetings.

# From the Commodore's Desk



#### By Commodore Steve Schelkun

**#3,** I feel like our committees have been working in somewhat of a silo mentality mode. By that, I mean that each committee conducts their own meeting, take minutes, and briefly reports once a month at the Board Meeting. However, very few, if any, members ever read the Board Minutes which are not published until just prior to the next board meeting, a month later.

Consequently, this information is rarely disseminated to the other committees and almost never to the membership directly.

**#4,** As a result, I have asked every chairperson of the major committees to take accurate and detailed minutes and then send their minutes to every other committee chair via email so that the committee chairs can share this information to their respective committee members, particularly if the activity and information from one committee is relevant to the planning of another committee.

In addition, I think the Board Meetings should be one place where information about the Club is disseminated. However, I have noted over the many years that I have been on the Board and Bridge, that very few members ever attend the Board meetings, and if they do, it is the same interested few.

This is a membership-based club and Board structure. **I remind you that our Board meetings and committee meetings are fully open to our members**. There is a section in the agenda of every meeting for "Members addressing the Board or Committee." This is the time for you to ask questions and get informed.

**#5, I personally invite any interested members to attend the Board Meetings** on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse dining room, as well as attend any or all of the committee meetings, in which you are interested.

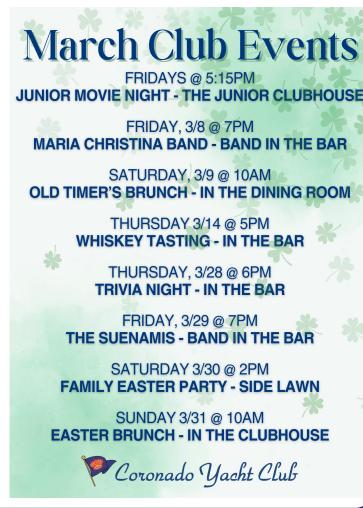
**#6,** In order to facilitate this, I have instructed every Committee Chairperson to notify the Admin Office of **the date time and place of their meetings** so that the staff can publish all meetings in the Club Calendar and send out email blasts announcing the meetings of the week. The club calendar can be found in email blasts as well as on the member section of the CYC website (MY CLUB/Calendar).

If there is anything that you would like to know or have questions about, please ask a Board Member, me, or a staff member or come to a meeting.

I will do my best to keep you all informed of the many events and activities that we have planned for the club.

Respectfully,

Steve Schelkun Commodore



# Commodore's Agenda for 2024



#### By Commodore Steve Schelkun

#### 1. Financial stability and monitoring

Last year many members of the Club and Finance Team and Staff worked extraordinarily hard to put our Club finances into order.

We changed our banking allegiances to Merrill-Lynch and Bank of America

We re-organized our finances into four logical Business Units to track and record the revenue and expenses more accurately

We develop what we believe is a balanced budget for 2024

We developed a Capital Budget

We revised and updated our Investment Policy Statement

We voted in the Annual Meeting to:

Raise Dues

Raise slip fees

Start a Food & Beverage Minimal Participation

Modified our voting process for more efficiency

Revised our Investment Policy Statement

Voted to adopt an investment plan developed by Merrill Lynch to specifically Maximize the return on our savings investments on our reserve accounts held with Merrill Lynch

Even though we planned well in developing a balanced Budget, there were many "assumptions" made related to the amount of revenue and expenses that were allocated to the four Business Units. We may not know for a while if our assumptions and planning were correct, and the budget may require a little "tweaking" along the way. For this reason, I believe we should keep a close eye on the finances on a periodic basis and try not to make any major changes in the revenue and expense stream until we are sure we have the correct formula.

# THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR MEMBER VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE INVESTED COUNTLESS HOURS INTO THE IMPROVEMENT OF OUR CLUB IN THE PAST YEAR! INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? EMAIL US AT CYCFRONTOFFICE@CORONADOYC.ORG Coronado Yacht Club

It is important to note that the fee increases, and addition of a F&B Minimum Participation policy do not create any additional savings to put toward the future clubhouse and the proposed increase to Slip Replacement is insufficient for the complete replacement of our all our docks when they reach end of life in the not-so-distant future. The fee increases only ensure the club is financially sustainable and able to maintain its *current* marina and club facilities responsibly. There will need to be additional considerations in the future for the clubhouse and marina, but the options we passed in November only focus on covering our operations and capital needs today.

Consequently, it will be important to carefully monitor our finances through this year to know if we have made reasonable assumptions and if and when we need to make additional changes.

# Commodore's Agenda for 2024



#### By Commodore Steve Schelkun

#### 2. Planning for new clubhouse. (Big item also)

- A. Clubhouse Redevelopment Project just started
- B. 3 Board Members involved directly
  - i. Dave Hochart
  - ii. Bud McKay
  - iii. January Benzian
- C. Subject experts by request when needed as plans develop
- D. RFP written by Dave Hochart for Architectural Studies submitted January 2024
- E. Currently interviewing several Architectural Firms to provide us with conceptual drawings to present to the membership to help decide on a

Concept to present to the Port and Coastal Commission within the next 6-8 months.

#### 3. Transparency and Communication

- A. Monitor your emails on Outlook and please reply promptly to Board business (Board members primarily)
- B. Read the Whisker Pole and follow and contribute through CYC Facebook
- C. Promote yacht club activities to friends and other members
- D. Distribute Yacht Club news to friends and other members who ask
- E. Wear your name badges to all CYC activities and be available to respond to questions from members (for Board and Staff mainly)
- F. Contribute a monthly report for Board Meetings to inform members
- G. Contribute specialty activity reports to the Whisker Pole
- H. Improve communication by sharing committee minutes with other committees

#### 4. Participation

- A. Get involved and attend your committee assignments
- B. Attend as many yacht club activities as you can
- C. Meet your counterparts from other clubs at SDAYC meetings
- D. Volunteer for participation in yacht club activities and committees
- E. Promote and volunteer for outside activities such as Make a Wish, Toys for Tots, Wreaths Across America, and others
- F. Attend at least one Opening Ceremony at another Yacht Club. (Board members)
- G. Attend at least one SDAYC Meeting this year. Board members)
- H. Come to CYC events such as Monday night football, Band in the Bar
- I. All meetings are open, so pick a committee meeting and attend to learn more about the activities and plans of our Club
- J. Volunteer to help decorate for parties
- **5. Teamwork is critical.** We all need to work together and treat each other as a member of the team. A big part of this is to support the Commodore's plan and even promote our ideas and policies to the members in a united front. I will accept and listen to all alternative ideas, but part of being Commodore is having to make the tough decisions based on all the information available. I need this input to make sound decisions. Please be a Team member.

# **Clubhouse Redevelopment Special Committee**

t the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting, the CYC membership approved motions that established a Special Committee to lead the Clubhouse Redevelopment Project (CRP) and to utilize funds for the entitlement (i.e., permitting) process associated with the CRP. The Clubhouse Redevelopment Special Committee (CRSC) was established to lead the efforts over a multi-year process and retain continuity with CRP stakeholders.

The purpose of the CRP is to complete improvements within the CYC leasehold that will guarantee a long-term lease with the Port of San Diego (Port). The CRP will include a leasehold with facilities that supports community organizations driven by a passion for yachting and boating. The 2024 Board of Directors selected three board members to lead the CRSC: Secretary Bud McKay, Director January Benzian and Director David Hochart.

To achieve the goals of the CRSC, it will be critical that transparency is maintained, and the membership remains engaged during the multi-year process. The following update has been prepared as a first of many communication efforts being made by the CRSC to advance the CRP.

#### **Architectural Firm Selection Process:**

The first step in initiating the CRP includes selecting an architectural firm that would be responsible for developing conceptual designs for the location of facilities within the CYC leasehold. The CRSC prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) that was distributed to Architectural Firms on December 27, 2024. The CRSC identified seven qualified architectural firms that had experience with coastal development projects, projects completed within the Port of San Diego, unique approaches with addressing coastal access and experience working on yacht club projects. In response to the RFP, four qualified architectural firms provided proposals that were received on February 2, 2024. The Architectural Firms that submitted proposals include (1) Delawie, (2) AVRP Studios, (3) Tucker Sadler, and (4) HGW Architecture. The architectural firms bring a wealth of permitting and site plan layout design knowledge that includes the following notable projects: Portside Pier, Southwestern Yacht Club, San Diego Yacht Club, Silver Gate Yacht Club, Kona Kai Hotel, Seaport San Diego, USS Midway, Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, Coronado Cays Resort, Glorietta Bay Marina Offices, etc. It is encouraging to see these top-notch Architectural Firms interested in supporting the CYC membership obtain its vision!

The CRSC and hand selected CYC members have completed interviews with the Architectural Firms and are in the process of making a final selection. The CRSC is confident that given the deep bench of Architectural Firms responding to the RFP, the CRP will be in good hands! The CRSC aims to present the selection process results in March 2024.

Following the selection of the Architectural Firm, efforts will be initiated in March 2024 to begin preparing conceptual site plan designs that balance coastal access with the input from CYC members. The Architectural Firm selected will be responsible for preparing three site plan design concepts with preliminary construction build costs to be presented during membership workshops in May 2024. Feedback via participation in the workshops or through email is welcomed from all members. Following membership input, a conceptual site plan design will be selected for the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) filing with the Port and California Coastal Commission (CCC).

# **Clubhouse Redevelopment Special Committee**

#### **2024 Year Look Ahead Schedule:**

The CRSC goal for 2024 is to submit a CDP to the Port by October 2024 that initiates the entitlement process with the Port and the CCC. The purpose of the CDP submittal is to provide the Port and CCC with an overview of a site plan for the CYC facilities that includes the placement of the structures within the CYC footprint (i.e., location of the clubhouse, location for the junior building, etc.). The design of the interior club facilities (i.e., location and size of the dining room, location for the bar, size of bathrooms, etc.) will be completed at a future stage in the permitting process after obtaining Port and CCC feedback on the placement of the overall facilities within the leasehold boundary (i.e., conceptual site plan). It will be a challenge to balance the leasehold site constraints while still establishing a reasonable cost for club facility improvements. In summary, the following schedule and milestones are being targeted for 2024:

January – Release RFP to Architectural Firms and Receive Bids from Architectural Firms
February – Interviews and Selection of Architectural Firms
March/April –Architectural Firm Develops Conceptual Facilities Site Plan for Membership Feedback
May – Membership Workshops on Facility Site Plan and Coastal Access Concepts
June - Conceptual Site Plan Selected for CDP Filing with Port and CCC
July to September – Prepare CDP Filing Materials
October - Submit CDP to Port and CCC

#### **How to Stay Involved:**

While the Board of Directors selected three board members to lead the CRSC, the CRSC will be utilizing CYC member resources regularly to complete the entitlement process. The CRSC will be looking for CYC members with expertise in permitting, Architectural Design, Civil Engineering, Financing, Construction Design, etc. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the CRSC committee members with interest and skillsets that can support the CRP!

#### **Members Website Portal:**

Updates on the financial status and other materials are being made available on the Members' Portal under the "Finance" Tab. At the time of preparing this article, funds have been approved for the Sea Level Rise Study that is a requirement for the CDP filing with the Port. Please continue to check the members portal for regular updates on spend to date and other materials. We are targeting launching a members comments section via the Website Portal and/or email in May 2024.

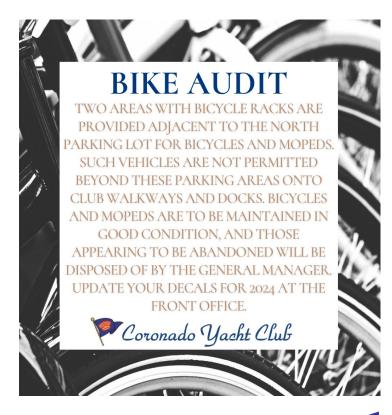
#### **Monthly Board Meetings:**

Monthly board meeting agendas and minutes include an update on the CRP as part of the Planning Committee Report.

**Email the CRSC:** Don't hesitate to reach out to the CRSC with any comments or questions:

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January Benzian <u>directorbenzian@coronadoyc.org</u>
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# **Boat Standards & Safety Report**



#### By BSSC Chair Susan Schelkun

of late, the BSSC has learned of partnerships with vessels that have not properly filled out the forms required by the Club. Please let the office know of any changes that affect registration of any vessels in the dry or wet slips.

The past storms caused boats to have torn canvases, shredded burgees, mold issues, and standing water. Please keep an eye on the condition of your boat after we have any sort of rainfall.

Thanks to all and good sailing and boating as the spring brings great weather.

# **Tower Talk**

#### From the Race Committee

 $^{
m I}$  ood day race fans. Here on the Race Committee, we are starting our year off strong. It's a new year and a new leader of the team, but it is still the same team. We have completed the Longstreth series, congratulations to Class 1 winner Mike Whitmore on "Melokia" and Class 3 winner Wayne Strickland on "Waynes World". The Bornsen New Years Day race provided some excitement we had some of the "Big Dogs" come out and play. Normally we don't get big boats in our club races, but with a change in the race course to north San Diego Bay and deeper waters we got Mark Surber's "Bribon" a TP 52 and Chuck and Heather Furey's "Blond Fury "Santa a Cruz 52 out for a battle. It was awesome to see these beautiful boats sailing up Glorietta Bay, congratulations to Bribon for the win. Class 2 winner Bill Betzer on Valkyrie and Class 3 winner Tom MacCabe on Go Mall. Also sailed in February was the first of the South Bay Combined, which has been named the "Ace Welch" in honor of Glen Welch our long-time race committee chair. We had winners in Class 5 Bill Betzer on Valkyrie and Anne David on Z Force.

I would like to give a big shout out to our team of **Grace Yakutis**, **Anne David** and **Heather Fury** for represent-



Anne David, Heather Furey, & Grace Yakutis

ing Coronado Yacht Club at the San Diego Yacht Clubs Women's Winter Invitational. The regatta had 24 teams from the United States, Canada and Mexico. I couldn't even keep track of the amount of races sail in the round robin format, but it had to be close to 100, rotating out of the boats after each race. Our team represented CYC very well with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Silver fleet, only the top 12 teams made it to the finals. **Congratulations Grace, Anne and Heather for a job well done.** 

Upcoming races we have the CYC-SDYC Spring Dinghy regatta March 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Our first Friday night series the Helgeson April 5<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, we have the 1<sup>st</sup> of Wellington April 6<sup>th</sup> and Beer Can races will be starting April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Waves and Words**



reetings from Precipitation Central! As I write, it's another soggy day in "Paradise" and Winter is only half over! We're rapidly approaching Spring and what we consider the "Rainy Season", but we've almost doubled our yearly rainfall and it's only the first week of February! My prayers and thoughts go up and out for all our members and their families! I hope you have weathered the storms well.

Thinking about something other than rainfall totals since New Years Day, how about the great day we had for the annual "Blessing of the Fleet"! We had great weather and a wonderful turn out! Thanks again to Staff Commodore Chris DeNardi and son Dom for the great ride aboard "Deuce"! If you were among the fifty plus vessels and perhaps two hundred folks on the water that morning, you might want to check out the Photographs That photographer Joel Ortiz did for the Club that day, there are some awesome shots! God bless you all for participating!

When this edition of <u>The Whisker Pole</u> is published, and reaches your computer, electronic device, or maybe you still search out a printed edition, two pages of the 2024 calendar will have turned and spring will be coming our way. Since we've already done a bit of looking back here, do you recall Your New Year's Resolutions? (If you made some!) How are the beginning chapters of your "Book of 2024" coming? In the beginning edition of Waves and Words for the year I considered the rapid passage of time and how important it is that we take advantage of the time we have. So, my resolution, the theme of my "Book of 2024", became: Being joyful as the days pass, because they come and go quickly. At the beginning of every day, we turn a page and continue the story. At the end of each new page, whether it was a hard day or an easy day, I want to look at it and say: "I wrote that page with joy". I do believe that something better lies ahead because God has a purpose for each one of us. "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: You knew it was coming that's why you read this far! "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1,11-12) At the end of each day: "Take care of one another, watch after one another, and most of all love one another! May you have fair winds and following seas! **Chaplain...out.** 

# Food & Beverage Mini-

Effective Dec 1, 2023, Members are subject to \$300 quarterly Minimum F&B spent. Junior Flag and Absent Flag Members' Minimum F&B spend is adjusted in the same proportion as their dues. In order to spread out the due dates across the year, the membership has been split into three groups with different due dates as follows:

**Group A** is Members Adato through Gomez-Ibarra alphabetically. F&B quarters end on Feb 28, May 31, August 31 and November 30

**Group B** is Members Goodell through O'Brien alphabetically. F&B quarters end on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. Note that the March 2024 period is actually 4 months beginning on 1 December 2023, therefore that one period will require \$400 to be spent and all others will be \$300 thereafter.

**Group C** is Members Ochs through Zortman alphabetically. F&B quarters end on April 30, July 31, October 31 and January 31. Note that the April 2024 period is actually 5 months beginning on 1 December 2023, therefore that one period will require \$500 to be spent and all others will be \$300 thereafter.



# Membership Status The Numbers

Flag	617
Jr. Flag 50%	22
Jr. Flag 100%	2
Social	0
Flag Member Total	641
Absent Flag 25%	18
Absent Flag 50%	5
Junior Paying	81
Jr. Non-Paying	29
Life Flag	3
Senior Flag	44
Deferred	70
Total	891

#### **APPLICANTS**

Anisa Ruiz de Castilla—Junior Paying (D)
Andrea Ruiz de Castilla—Junior Paying (D)
Sofia Cattaneo— Junior Paying
Jack Doren—Junior Non-Paying (D)
Ashley Huck—Flag
John Perkins—Flag
Reis McClure Stanley—Flag
Jon Palmieri & Cara Clancy—Flag
Catherine & PJ Borde—Flag
Bonnie Mackie—Flag
Matthew & Allison SmithJr Flag—Flag
Todd & Cynthia Little—Flag
Carol & Jimmy West—Flag
Jennifer & Thomas Faley—Flag

#### **CHANGES**

Camilla Koon—Flag to Absent Flag Margaret Bonner—Jr Flag to Absent Flag Dlyan Lektorich—Junior to Deferred Stewart Powell—Junior to Deferred Tyler Frances—Junior to Jr Flag Kate Lyon—Jr Non-Paying to Paying

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Bobbi MacCartee—Junior (Non-paying)
Michael & Cory Stege—Flag
Rene Wilson & Steven Rubinsky—Flag
Karen & Mark Doerflein—Flag
John & Peggy Duncan—Flag

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

Dylan Tuckey—Junior
Lawson Talbert—Junior
Truitt Talbert—Junior
Miller Bonner—Jr Flag
Joe & Karen Maggio—Flag
Ashley Paradiso—Flag
Stephanie Baker—Flag
Connie & Rockey Goodell—Flag
Duffy & Susan Lektorich—Flag
Heidi Holmes—Flag
Alec & Patty Mackenzie—Flag
Sven Karlsson—Flag

## **Green Committee Report**

By Green Committee Chair Leslie Crawford

ave you seen the Chef's Garden behind the clubhouse yet? The hard work of Tom Christiansen and Rose Ann Krock has created a garden that is growing fresh, organic food for our yacht club kitchen. Tom has recently finished building his sixteenth raised bed with recycled dock wood. Beets, carrots, cilantro, tomatoes, snow peas, and peppers are being har-



vested regularly. Cauliflower and lettuce are filling in, assorted herbs are growing, and a new bed of strawberries has been planted.

Kitchen staff are doing a great job of collecting the kitchen's green waste for our compost bins. Tom keeps the bins turned regularly with finished compost being put to good use in the garden beds. It's a fantastic team effort and one that keeps us aligned with our goal to be more sustainable with our resources.

We have had a few problems in the garden with visitors helping themselves to produce and leaving trash behind. We request that children be supervised in the garden and encourage visitors to look but please don't pick from the garden. Thank you.

There are other projects in the works for the Green Committee. The elimination of plastic cups at CYC is a work in progress, and we are exploring the possibility of having water stations at the club. CYC landscaping is being assessed to plant more water-wise and appropriate native plants over

time. As always, we welcome new members to our committee and appreciate any input from CYC members.

If you are interested in being involved in the Green Committee, please contact me at <a href="mailto:lhcrawford59@gmail.com">lhcrawford59@gmail.com</a>. It's a great opportunity for members to get to know each other and contribute to CYC.

Small Acts, Big Impact - Let's Make Every Action Count! - "Anonymous"

Environmentally Yours,



Flag Member Tom Christiansen

# **Memory Lane**

#### By Staff Commodore Charlie Allen

# The Spring Regatta: S/C Whit Davis

gain, I go back to the old days, not as far as before but still wooden boats with "rags" and tillers. In 1978, **Whit Davis** became our Commodore. He was a naval officer, a submariner I believe, and after retiring, **Whit** joined the club in 1961, hought a 40' sailboat and became a fixture.

the club in 1961, bought a 40' sailboat and became a fixture at the club till his death. He was honored for his services by being selected for the Life Flag, and his wife **Libby** is still a member herself. Considering only two others received that distinction, it sets him apart. During his years at the club, one thing he did was measure boats for SCYC Race Rating.

Digging a little deeper, I have found he was keen on distance racing, raced the SoCal Mexican, some more than once, and did two ocean races in the Atlantic; once of which was the notorious Bermuda race. He also ran expert race committees often. For many years, he was US Sailing's only true presence in SoCal and was their certified race conductor, race judge and boat measurer. He served on the Board and was Commodore. He was later an advisor to the Finance Committee during some difficulties years ago and was much appreciated as he did it for several years and gave continuity over several boards.

# MEMORY LN



S/C Whit Davis, Commodore 1978 Flagship "Lola"

Two of **Whit** and **Libby's** three sons have been very active in yacht racing. Their middle son **Rod**, honorary member, has an Olympic gold medal as part of **Robbie's** crew and was later a professional America's Cup coach. He lives in New Zealand. Their third son **Geoff** is a long time flag member of our club and strong supporter of our Junior Program and is currently instrumental in our Lipton Cup challenges.

When **Whit** became Commodore in 1978, since we were friends, he asked me to be his Fleet Captain, and I accepted. I didn't really know what I was supposed to do except run the summer and fall regattas. These were popular events with at least ten small boat classes and over a hundred entries and were held in South Bay–in my opinion, it's the best flat water racing in Southern California.

At the time, healthy lightning and penguin fleets were active, and as I have said several other club fleets visited. Looking at the schedule, I saw our fleets had no "spring" regatta. Both fleets were eager to schedule a March regatta, so I picked a date and lined up a committee and I invited other local and SoCal clubs to join us, and the spring regatta was born and was held for many years.

After I gave up small boat racing, I lost track of this event, but I understand it was replaced by a big name sponsor. Our 2023 yearbook names that as the Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta. No wooden fleets remain, so that era is closed. Today, skiff and foil racing captures our youths and displacement small boat racing is centered on the East coast, mainly Florida where our own **Willem Van Waay** continues to dominate racing in 100+ boat fleets. Fortunately, the Junior Sailing in Sabots, Lazers and 420's continues, and then they mostly move on to skiffs. Skiffs didn't exist in my days of racing, and I am jealous of the speedy boats

the kids graduate into. Club racing, for our deeded trophies continues. —Charlie

# **News from the Galley**



#### By F&B Director Meghan McKee

I wanted to introduce **Spencer Coughenour**, who is the new Food and Beverage Manager. He has been training in the roll for a few months so I asked him to write something up to introduce himself to the members. Here is what he sent to me:

"Hello, allow me to introduce myself. My name is **Spencer Coughenour** and I am born and raised in San Diego. High school classes introduced me to the restaurant and culinary world. Subsequent interests included college, managing an aquatics program and behavior coaching for at risk youth. After some years in those fields my passion for food and hospitality has brought me to the Coronado Yacht Club. My greatest passion currently is being a father to my four-year-old son. Some of my hobbies include scuba diving, sky diving and fishing. I look forward to being apart of providing a great experience at the club and meeting you personally the next time you visit."



Spencer Coughenour, Meghan McKee, Khalil Estall

Khalil Estall is our Sous Chef who runs the restaurant food line and kitchen for the club. We hired Khalil about a year and a half ago and he is killing it in the kitchen. Khalil was born and raised in Tahiti so has a lot of knowledge of cooking especially when it comes to Seafood. Although he has never run a kitchen prior to the Yacht Club, he is very natural in this environment. The interesting thing about cooking, is that you can train with the best chefs in the world but either you have it, or you don't. Khalil has proven that he has it. Kahlil and I together have created a new team in the kitchen, and we continue to make changes daily to enhance the member experience. If you see Khalil walking though the restaurant, please say hello! If you also want to freshen up your French, you can practice on him as he speaks it fluently.

So many exciting things happening here at CYC! Our garden is BOOMING with amazing produce. Most of it comes directly to your plate, after being washed of course. I like to visit the garden several times throughout my day for some inspiration for dishes and see what is popping up. I am a very visual Chef, so I love to see colors, textures, and organic produce in our backyard.

This year, we hope to start working with our CYC children and doing small cooking competitions to let them run with their creativity. This is something I ran at my last company and called it future Chefs. I would love to start working on this as soon as possible so we can get a date on the calendar. If your child likes to cook, then this would be for them! I have the kids (or parents) send recipes that they would like to enter into the culinary competition. We then pair them with one adult volunteer to prep and cook their dish. They present it to a line of "celebrity "judges and there are prices for the third second and first place. With the help of myself, I can take their creation, tweak it, take turns rotating the dishes, and place it on the weekly special for the restaurant. Please send any recipes with your child's name, age, and recipe to me at MMckee@coronadovc.org.

Thank you so much for trying out our CYC take Out night. Like many first nights of openings, it was not as smooth as we had hoped but we had a great turn out and now will be ready to rock and roll for the next take-out night.

I'm glad everyone is enjoying the weekly specials. After 25 plus years in this business, geez I am old, I still enjoy creating dishes for others to enjoy. I love bringing so much variety to the table.

We hope you continue to enjoy dining with us. Our CYC Chefs are here for you!!!

## From Your Financial Officer



#### By Financial Officer Kim Austin, CPA

Coronado Yacht Club is in a new era financially and I happy to say that the future is looking very bright indeed!

Our new fiscal year started at December 1, 2023 and we have come a long way in the last few years.

Our annual financial review is in progress and we should have those reviewed financial statements available to members in about a month or so. We want the members to be able to trust the financial statements that our presented regularly and this financial review by an outside CPA firm is expected to confirm the accuracy of those statements.

Management and staff have made great progress in terms of their ability to present meaningful financial information on a monthly basis. We look forward to having monthly financial statements in the coming year that members will be able to read and understand. We will be looking very closely at the effects of the new food and beverage minimum and we are seeing signs already of a more engaged and active club.

A tremendous group of volunteers worked with management to develop comprehensive operating and capital budgets which will take us into the next decade and beyond. We are starting to see real estimates of what it will take to have a new clubhouse and plans are being made to get us there.

Our reserve funds are now being professionally managed and are invested wisely, so that we should start to see some solid returns on those investments.

As we move into the next phase of things, I feel extremely fortunate to have worked with so many tremendous people and I want to specifically thank the following, though this is not a complete list and I apologize to anyone that I have missed – it is not intentional!

S/C Chris Denardi, S/C Harper Hatheway, Flag Member Jill Gunn, Jr Director Jill Powell and Assistant Manager DeLaine Bennett for weathering us through the storm. These people truly kept the ship afloat.

**S/C Robin MacCartee, Commodore Steve Schelkun, Finance Committee Members Gerral David** and **Paul Baribault** for having a vision of what can be accomplished financially and putting in many long hours of hard work to actually chart the course to bring us where we need to be

**GM Pete LaCava** and **Accounting Manager Brett Parise** for turning the ship around and carrying out the innumerable things that they were tasked with and always keeping us at the front of the race. I am so grateful to have them at the helm taking care of our club.

**S/C Bruce Young, Director Shannon Nevitt** and **S/C Mark Warner** for their wise council on matters of accounting, financial reporting and the financial history of the Club

**V/C Ken Willson** and **Finance Committee Member Bill Huck** for carrying out the investment process that will keep us under blue skies as we move into the future.

We now have the resources, the vision and the team to stay on course and achieve our goals of having a healthy engaged membership with a Club that we can all be proud of.

# CYC CALENDAR 2024 MARC計

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Easter Sunday No regular weekend menu Easter Brunch 10:00am						

Legend: Green: Club Meetings

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Brown: Sailing Race/Regatta

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#### Restaurant Hours:

Wednesday & Friday: 5pm - 8:30pm Saturday & Sunday: 9am - 5:30pm Thursday Happy Hour: 4pm - 8pm Taco Tuesday: 5pm -8pm

#### Bar Hours:

Monday: 4pm-8pm Tuesday - Friday: 4pm - 9pm Saturday: 9am - 8pm Sunday: 9am - 7pm

### From the Junior Club-



ow the time is flying by, the juniors had a great winter session in January and spring started February 13th. For all spring info go to

#### <u>Classes - Coronado Yacht Club (coronadoyc.org)</u>

**#2 Spring classes**, April 9th to May 17th registration opens March 1st.

A big thank you to everyone that turned out for the Junior Trophy Dinner! Junior Award Winners

Seven-Up Cup: Preston Miller

Scott Harris Memorial Award: **Preston Miller**Uncle Bill Junior Yacht Races Perpetual: **Kevin Cason**Jr. Commodores Corinthian Award: **Trey Gregory**Cynnie Dennett Memorial Trophy: **Fiona Toohey** 

David Allen Smith: Tommy Rudowicz

Dennlers High Point Perpetual Trophy: Isabella Cason

Laser Fleet Champion: Celeste Oder

John Callahan Memorial Trophy: Celeste Oder

John Ingle Award: Scotty McKay

Jr. Sabot Fleet Champion: Scotty McKay

Fred and Ann Kirschner Perpetual Trophy: Kim Austin

In February. I attended the US Sailing Symposium. I traveled with all the SDAYC directors (6 of us), we were presenters this year. We presented to a group of 100 about how we work as an area group, provide local events for all clubs together, help coach each other's sailors, host junior board dinner as SDAYC and saving money on travel events.

Next year this symposium is in Coronado, at the Lowes Hotel, I'm working with US Sailing for Coronado YC to host afternoon at club for on and off the water activities. There were over 400 people that attended this year. More to come on this!!

I'm busy planning summer camp, June 17<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 2nd, members registration will open April 8<sup>th</sup> and NON-members April 22<sup>nd</sup>. All summer info will be posted on the club website very soon. against high school and club teams alike. Super light conditions made for tricky starts and LOTS of kinetics.







# From the Junior Club-



#### January/February regatta review

CYC Juniors had a busy January and February. We started off with the Harold Adams Team race Classic hosted by SDYC. Our roster included **Tommy Rudowicz**, **Max Olsen**, **Kevin Cason** and **Celeste Oder** skippering with **Quinn Riebe**, **Trey Gregory**, and **Wyatt Riebe** as our stalwart crews. It's always nice to switch it up from fleet racing. Unfortunately, we were kept out of the top 6 this year but everyone involved had a blast racing against high school and club teams alike. Super light conditions made for tricky starts and LOTS of kinetics.

The following weekend our Sabot Squad journeyed to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club for the Junior Sabot Invitational. As a team, we sat in sideways rain essentially all weekend. Bella Cason sailed for the first time in B fleet, **Sofia Cattaneo** and **Karoline Cason** both competed in C2, and **Jackson Dewey** and **Fiona Toohey** both competed in the C3 fleet. Our juniors showed great tenacity finishing every race that weekend despite wildly varying conditions and not great weather. Not bad for a bunch of SoCal sailors.

CYC sent 4 boats to the 4th Perry hosted at the US Sailing Center in Long Beach, CA. The wind was a bit fickle all weekend leading to around 12 general recalls throughout the weekend. Great starting practice for our squad as we got nearly 18 sequences off in a 43-boat fleet. **Tommy Rudowicz, Preston Miller, Celeste Oder, Maxwell Payne, Kevin Cason,** and **Bella Cason** championed CYC. We ended up finishing 6 races over the weekend in ultra-light to medium breeze.

Locally, SDYC hosted a Luff-in in which we sent **Celeste Oder, Cailey Song, Sofia Cattano, Azelea Bowen, Aven Bowen, Fiona Toohey, Rhett Richardson, Garrett Shumaker, William Bosworth** to sail CFJ's by Harbor Island. As a relatively new squad, it was good to get everyone out on the racecourse getting reps in a competitive environment. I was very excited to see **Azelea** get her first bullet crewing for Sofia!

On the single-handed side of the Luff-in, **Celeste Oder** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ILCA6 out on the shoal. In Sabots, we had a chaotic day seeing winds up to 15kts in an abnormally crowded La Playa. **Jackson Dewey** stood out in the C3 fleet placing 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 14 and ended the day with two bullets! He earned his first move up eligible finish and is now over halfway to being our newest C2. **Fiona Toohey, Connor Albertson, Landon Ward**, and

Jack Doren also raced under the CYC banner and

got a day heavy air sailing under their belts.

#### **Coming up:**

March 9-10—High School Regatta SBYC
March 9-10—Spring Gold Cup @ NHYC
March 16-17—Earl Elm @MBYC
March 15—Summer Schedule posted online
April 8— Summer Registration opens for
members at 8:00am
April 13-14—Luff-in @ MBYC
April 22 Non-member registration opens at
8:00 am

Happy People Sail. Thanks for your support!



Jackson—2nd Place

# My Christmas (Island) Vaca-



"How'd You Like to Spend Christmas on Christmas Island" a lyric from the song "Christmas Island" recorded by artists such as Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald and Jimmy Buffet always sounded like a great idea to me, after all it's usually cold and dreary during our Holidays and there's not much fishing to be had other than our resident Spotties.

I first heard of Christmas Island (CI) as a fishing destination 35 years ago from a professor of mine who I fished with occasionally. He had travelled there on a trip hosted by Lefty Kreh, and returned with stories of so many bonefish in a day, many of which were 10-12 lbs. They would run you ragged all over the flats. That sounded good to me, fun in the sun and fishing all day in warm water. It was officially added to my Bucket List.

So where is it? Well there are two Christmas Islands, one off of Australia that is famous for a massive red crab migration and the other, a world class fishing destination, just north of the equator and part of the island nation of Kiribati. CI is



the world's largest Atoll, an island reef with a massive lagoon. The island itself is 100 miles in circumference and 150 sq/mi in mass. It's located just across the International Date Line some 1500 miles south west of Hawaii. The average temperature year round varies little and is 82\*-86\*F. There is only one flight in and out per week, a quick stop on Fiji Airlines route between Honolulu and Nadi, Fiji. If you miss a flight or loose a bag you are truly out of luck.

It is an Island that was used as a base for nuclear testing by British and US militaries in the late 50's and early 60's. But don't worry, the tests were carried out some 1500 miles south in the atmosphere above the Pacific Ocean and CI was given a clean bill of health decades ago. There is very little on the island and barely has electricity and running water. When you go there don't think Fiji or Hawaii, no stores, no spas, no hotels or restaurants. Think remote Mexican fishing village hundreds of miles away from the resorts of Cabo. There are



3 fishing lodges all that handle no more than 12 anglers each, some have private rooms and some you bunk with another person just as crazy as you are to travel there. I chose the Christmas Island Lodge, which lies far away from the other two lodges on the east side of the island. I chose this one because each angler gets his or her (yes, there are women who travel there to fish) own room with a bathroom, A/C and reliable Wi-Fi via Starlink. I need some creature comforts.

I left San Diego on Christmas Day and overnighted in Honolulu so there would be no chance of missing my flight to CI. Worried about my gear and ability to fish if my checked bags did not make it I packed 4 rods and reels in a travel case (along with a handful of flies) and used that as my carry on, then my water proof backpack had some wading shoes and outfit to fish in. No worries though, all my gear made it and before I knew it I was peering out the window at a beautiful atoll as we made our final approach. I was met by our lodge manager Tyler, and met 5 other guests that were coming to the lodge with me for a week's fishing. Trans-

portation on the island is on a shaded wooden bench addition to the truck bed of a small utility truck. Ten minutes later I saw waves crashing on the outer reef and a white sand beach as we pulled into the lodge. We meet the guides and they began to assemble our rods and rig with the appropriate leaders, tippet and flies.

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t was sunny, warm and the beer was cold, lucky it was about time for happy hour. You can fish right out I front of the lodge in the surf for bonefish and trevally if you knew what to look for but of course none of us did. On my last day there I actually did catch 4 bonefish out in front of the lodge in the afternoon. There are 4 types of fish people will target on CI, Bonefish, Triggerfish, Milkfish and Trevally (Giant, Bluefin and Golden). All these fish are on the flats and on the beaches inside of the reefs. There are numerous other smaller reef fish that eagerly take your fly, especially when you are throwing at that big bonefish tailing 20 feet in front of you. There is also a prolific offshore fishing scene just starting as well with Yellowfin Tuna, Marlin and Wahoo. The ocean floor drops off quickly to 1600 ft. just beyond the reef so you do not need to travel far to get these pelagic species, possibly even targeting them with a flyrod if you care to. I had my sights set on the bonefish and hopefully a GT.

The first day we were taken to the flats in the lagoon first by truck and then boat, or should I say their traditional outrigger canoe complete with rod racks, shade and bench seating for 8 people. It's unique to CI and they are able to even take it offshore trolling for the pelagics but only for those willing to hold a rod in their arms all day, there are no rod holders for trolling. They are able to maneuver the craft through the maze of small channels in the large flats, occasional rocky reefs and shoals that just seem to pop up out of nowhere.

On the flats the white sand and choral bottom hide the bones very well, your guides are very adept at being able to spot the hint of iridescence as they call out "Bonefish 12 o'clock 30 ft. moving right". This is your cue to cast 5 feet to the right of that spot but usually instead I end up with a tangle of loops in my flyline. I eventually was able to make the cast and was able to land my first Christmas Island Bonefish. This scenario would playout again and again over the week ahead sometimes in frustration but mostly with success. It's not too difficult to have a 20+ bonefish day, but most were 10-15 fish days with a host of other species mixed in.

Triggerfish on the other hand were much easier to spot, they are either dark on a white background or a peach color against the dark rocks on the beach reefs. When feeding their tails are standing out of the water waving at you saying "Here I am". A stealthy approach is required because they spook easily, never cast unless they are feeding and very short strips of your crab pattern may induce them to follow your fly and nip at it as you strip it from them. You are hoping they eventually take your fly but setting the hook and landing one is a whole other story. They chew coral with their front teeth and consequently their oral cavity is difficult to get a hook into unless it ends up in the upper lip. I hooked one on my first day on a 10 wt. and the explosion of



the water was something to behold as was the run 100 yards into my backing. After 5 mins of fighting, getting him to stop after 3 long runs the hook just simply popped out. I never hooked another all week and no one at the lodge caught one.

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# My Christmas (Island) Vaca-



Another gamefish to consider is the Milkfish. This obscure looking white fish with oversized eyes and a huge forked tail are known to be an intense fight with leaps and aerial dances rivalling tarpon. But they eat algae, not a predator, they simply roam the oceans just off the reef and in the lagoon swimming on the surface with their mouth open sipping in algae that floats on the surface. You are supposed to cast an algae "fly", not much more than a hook with wavy Marabou or yarn and thread, then keep your line tight and the fly still then hope the large school of fish you have spotted swims by and accidently sips your fly. I was not interested in this at all, no offence if you want to try it, it just wasn't for me.

What did interest me was the Giant Trevally, aka GT or Geet. If you're not familiar with the GT, do yourself a favor and search YouTube for "Bird vs. Fish" it's footage from the BBC's Blue Planet II of GT's picking birds out of the air as the fly close to the surface of the water. Sharks don't like to be around these gangsters of the reef. They are truly aggressive bullies. My hope and desire was that I would get to cross paths with one of these guys. I tried in Fiji but didn't see any. During my week on CI I came across about 5 of which I had a legitimate shot at two, one in deeper water off the flat in the lagoon that I saw attack some baitfish. My cast was in the general area but the fish was gone before I could blink. The other shot occurred just after walking across a long shallow flat and going over a sand berm to the next flat. As I walked with my guide we both saw a large dark object swimming down the edge of the flat and deep water looking for a fight. My guide Tenny, immediately handed me the 12 wt. rod as quick as possible and I was running down the berm and into the water to cast ahead of the fish. As I released the cast 20 ft. ahead of the fish he turned the exact opposite direction of my cast. Once the fly hit the water with a splash, he immediately turned and covered the 30 ft. to the fly in an instant and grabbed the fly full speed and was gone. I set the hook and then tried to get out of the way of my reel handle spinning in reverse, it rapped my knuckles repeatedly before I could move my hand away. He took an extremely long run at least 150 yards of backing gone before he slowed. The tug of war began. I was as confident as I could be with my dream fish at the other end of 80 lb. leader. I began the "Down and Dirty" method of fighting big fish developed by Stu Apt. I had watched videos from Apt, Lefty, and Peter Miller. You don't lift the rod, but rather almost point the rod at the fish and sit the butt of the rod at your hip and lean back putting the bend into the butt section of the rod rather than the tip.

As line began to return to the reel a couple shorter knuckle rapping runs occurred but not as intense as that first jaw dropping run. The fish eventually came to color and Tenny played a game of cat and mouse before

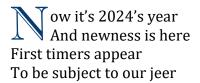


he was able to grab the fish by the tail. The other lodge guests said later they knew we had got a good fish because they could hear the screams from far away. I had done it, landed a GT on a flyrod, that I had sighted hunting the flats. It doesn't get any more exciting!

Christmas Island is a true adventure. The fish and conditions will expose every weakness in your technique and gear. You will grow to be a better fly angler over that week, you will be able to spot fish, not as well as the guides but better than when you came there. You will have confidence to now travel to other far off lands and bodies of water to chase the next species of fish with a flyrod you have on that list we all have tucked away in our dreams.

# **Jonah Award 2023**

# By S/C Dean Eckenroth



Club members try not to pay But Jonah will have his say Because spies are many in our realm Ever watching over the helm

No Bonnie and Collide To whom Jonah can deride And No Fireman Wayne Jonah can inflict some pain

No sparky, No Toogood No Magnus in the hood No Alex or even a Mark Nor even a Tim on a lark

LaCava our GM a bit too tall Jonah is told he had a great fall SBC racers were in a hungry mood But alas, there wasn't any food

No sandwich, no cookie Such error befits a rookie This was a step too far Just drinks and popcorn in the bar

Dave Flint motored one day No sails for wind to offer a sway When overheated the engine did quit Forced to anchor abaft nearest spit

Aircraft carrier loomed large His craft was bounced by a barge Thankfully towed to shelter Before becoming helter skelter

"Anchors aweigh" didn't carry this day With Cruise Fleet rafted in the bay Chair Jackie was left holding the fray As all other boats drifted away All that remained was a rope No chain, nada, nope Say goodbye to the anchor Incurring more than one rancor

Luisa was backing when forceful she went Into Manny's craft, the stern she bent And his outboard went into the drink Slowly, so slowly did it sink

But wait, worse it will get Into the sea went his pet Glad the coyote could swim Not so lucky was the trim

Sanchioli sailed off to Catalina at dawn Should be easy, it would be a yawn Along came a squall, the water was hissing And in the end his dinghy was missing

It was new, unused as yet
Barely motored, not even wet
But at least the view from his boat
Was much better without this tote

Commodore Schelkun wasn't happy with one Doing two Jonahs before he was done Enjoying sailing in Glorietta Bay As Beer Caners began their underway

Bonjour was too deep for the water And he did what he shouldn't oughta Aground he went, stopping on a dime Sit he did, and for quite a long time

Not done you say, that's a drag So grab that buoy it could be swag Not so said skipper Willem, I'll take it in tow And put it right just before the show

That's it, this year's poop We're here to give you the scoop Shiver me timbers and holy moley This years' Jonah goes to Sanchioli

**JONAH 2023** 

# CORONADO YACHT CLUB OLD TIMER'S BRUNCH

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH 10:00AM-12:00PM

Complimentary for the top 100 Senior

Members and Senior Flag Members

#### MENU

Mimosa Bar, Assorted
Pastry Platter, Vegetarian
Caprese Frittata,
Prosciutto Frittata,
Assorted Fruit
Salad, Cookies & Brownies
Price \$24 pp

RSVP by March 5th at cycfrontoffice@coronadoyc.org | 619-435-1848
\*72 hour cancellation notice\*

# JUNIOR MOVI FRIDAYS

JOIN US IN THE JUNIOR CLUBHOUSE EVERY FRIDAY AT 5:15PM

#### **MARCH FEATURED MOVIES**

MARCH 1ST - ENCANTO MARCH 8TH - DR SEUSS' THE LORAX 15TH -TROLLS WORLD TOUR 22ND - HOME 29TH - MOANA





# WHISKEY TASTING IN THE BAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 5 PM - 7 PM

#### Menu

\*A selection of Irish Whiskeys\*

\*Caramelized Brussels Sprouts\*

\*Irish Potato Bites\*

\*Irish Beer Cheese Dip with Pretzel Bites\*

Price \$30pp (Adults Only)

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CORONADO YACHT CLUB

# FAMILY

# EASTER PARTY

SATURDAY, 30 MARCH | 2-5PM CYC SIDE LAWN <u>Price</u>: \$10 per Child

#### **FEATURING**

A VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY AT 3PM

**\*PETTING ZOO 2-4PM\*** 

\*BOUNCE HOUSE 2-5PM\*

\*EASTER EGG HUNT 4PM\*

\*CANDY STATION\*

\*FACE PAINTING\*



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If a fleet wants to sail Friday, email sailing@sdyc.org. \*Classes currently scheduled for 3 Days: Moth, I-14

Scan for more information >>>



SATURDAY, MARCH 23 - SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024





FEATURING MEXICAN THEMED SPECIALS & TEQUILA TASTING



05 MAY 2024 TEQUILA TASTING STARTS @ 5PM





#### Does your dock box look like this?



Let the Coronado High School Sailing Team clean it up! \$40 each.

The Coronado Sailing team is fundraising for their next regatta in the Bay Area, this costs the team \$6000.00 with flights, hotel, rental car, coaching, and food for a long weekend. Please support the team by having them wash your dock box.

Sailors are available on Monday and Friday afternoons.

Please email <u>iroffice@coronadoyc.org</u> or text Jill at <u>6199941687</u> to schedule your cleaning.

We will take Venmo, CYC member charge, cash or check made out to CHSST.

All money raised will go to the team for the Golden Bear Regatta that is February 24-25 in SFO. Thank you for the support to CHSST.



# Name CYC's New RHIB!

The CYC Junior Sailing program was fortunate enough recently to be able to purchase a brand new Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat. She is now the belle of our fleet of coach boats but is in dire need of a name. We would love to give the members of Coronado Yacht Club who helped us purchase the boat a chance to name it. The name will be shown proudly on the front of the center console. Bidding for this once in a lifetime opportunity starts at \$500 or best offer. Please email either Jill Powell:

<u>irdirector@coronadoyc.org</u>, or Thomas Rall: <u>trall@coronadoyc.org</u> to submit an offer. We will announce the winner April 1st.





# Opening Day Weekend

Reservations starting April 24th

FRIDAY, 5/24

Adult Cocktail Party & Hors D'oeuvres Contest

Parrothead Attire

Music to be announced! 6pm No-Host Cocktails | BYO Appetizer

No Regular Dinner Service

SATURDAY, 5/25

Commodore's Dinner Dance

\$60 | Parrothead Attire

6pm No-Host Cocktails

7pm Dinner

Live Music by Maria Christina Band

RSVP ONLY - Reserve By May 20th

9am-2pm Snack Bar Menu Only

**SUNDAY, 5/26** 

11am Opening Ceremonies

Followed By a Reception

Complimentary "Jimmy" Buffet

Live Music by Don & Lori 1:30pm Lenson Senior Sabot Sailing Race

2-5pm Snack Bar Menu Only

MONDAY, 5/27

Bailey's Opening Day Race 9am-5pm Snack Bar Menu Only 9am-9pm Bar Open





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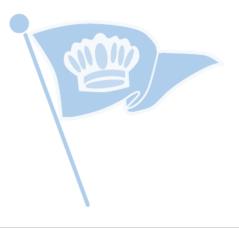
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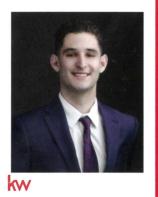


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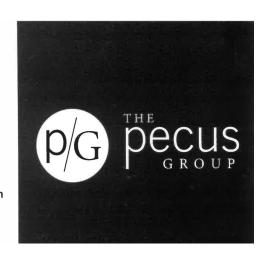
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# Denolines for Motions For the 2024 Semi-Annual Meeting

# **DEADLINE: APRIL 4TH**

## **MEMBER & COMMITTEE MOTION TIMELINE**

March 21st	Deadline for Member Workshops Workshops, if needed, with Members to solicit
April 4th	Member input on potential motions.  Deadline for Motions  Deadline for proposed motions from Members and Committees.
April 11th	Board of Directors Meeting The Board of Directors reviews all motions received and refers the motions to Committee(s) to review and provide recommendations.
April 15th-19th	Affected Committee Meetings Affected Committees meet with the originator of the motions to review the intent of the motion. Committees send their recommended wording to the Bylaws Committee.
April 23rd	Bylaws Committee Meeting Seven days prior to "the Call" the Bylaws Committee meets to finalize the "specific new wording" for each motion.
April 25th	Special Board of Directors Meeting Four days prior to "the Call" the Board of Directors meet to review "the Call" for the Member Meeting.
April 30th	The Call At least 14-days prior to the meeting "the Call" for the Member Meeting is published to the Members.
May 9th	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> Review final text of motions and discuss plans for handling each motion at the Member Meeting.
May 14th	Semi-Annual Meeting Members vote on each motion as proposed or amended during the Member Meeting.

# Easter Brunch 31 MARCH | 10AM - 2PM \$38 Per Adult | Ages 5-12 Pay Their Age | Ages 4 & Under Free

# **MENU**

# **Beverage Arrangements**

Assorted Juices, Coffee, Water, and Champagne Cranberry, Orange, and Grapefruit Juices with Pomegranates, Strawberries, and Blueberries

#### **Omelets to Order**

Bell Peppers, Onions, Cherry Tomatoes, Spinach, Sausage, Bacon, Mushrooms, Jalapenos, and Salsa

#### Breakfast Bar

Scrambled Eggs with Chives, House Potatoes with Peppers and Onions, Bacon, and Sausage

# **Carving Station**

Maple Glazed Ham, Horseradish and Dijon, Biscuits, Spring Mix Salad with Candied Walnuts, Crumbled Goat Cheese, and served with a Raspberry Vinaigrette

#### Seafood

Creamy Grits with Smoked Gouda and Shrimp

#### **Sweet Treats**

Belgian Waffle and Pancake Station Chocolate Chips, Strawberry, Toasted Coconut, Whipped Cream, and Syrup. Gourmet Fruit Salad with Yogurt and Granola

