

Coronado Yacht Club Member Comments on the July 2005 Survey
(Comments are listed under the respective question in the survey plus additional comments)

1. WATER FACILITIES

Current # of slips + waiting list + 30%

Need to plan for bigger slips – need 5 – 100 foot plus slips

Upgrades of slips should ensure that many slips are available for 25' – 35' boats

We need to lock in water rights ASAP!

We are a YACHT Club. In my view “yachts” refers to boats of all kinds, type and sizes. We are fortunate that we, the Club, have slips. Many clubs, NHYC and LBYC for example, have few or none. Consequently, I am a proponent of dredging and of moving the pierhead line out. While I realize dredging has problems, can be expensive and may be unpopular. I strongly believe we should build as many slips of suitable size and water depth as possible. Thinking long range and out of the box the slips be constructed in such a manner that they can be reconfigured as yacht designs change

We do not want to have a strict limit as we start the process and we don't want just a big park lot

2. SHORESIDE IMPROVEMENTS

Reason for the club is “boating” – socializing can be done anywhere

The current building is bad news! It should be replaced with a high quality building – good architecture, good floor plan, good interior design. It should be a place to be proud of

Pool and hot tub area

3. ARCHITECTURAL “Look and Feel”

Functional and efficient

Please keep it informal

Shoreside facilities should support yachting. They don't have to be “formal or elegant” Probably better if they weren't. They should be more functional and efficient for yachting than we currently have.

Current clubhouse is dated – low ceilings – poor lighting

Joe always loved the comfortable feeling of the Club and the strong effort to make the club a family friendly club. Our Junior program is of great importance.

I don't want to turn the club into a social country club, but we do need some sprucing up

CYC is nice because it is casual. If it were stiff or elegant we will have even more policing of the area.

CYC is the worst yacht club facility I have ever seen. Why do anything, if you don't make it really sharp!

Build upscale from where we are now, but only to where members still feel comfortable coming into parts of the facility in shorts and T shirts

4. CLUBHOUSE

Subterranean Space

Not like the municipal architecture. Prefer style akin to police station

Spanish Style – like police dept. – looks good. Not like Cays

I would like an island style architecture (Hawaiian Islands). Lava rock base, a mix of stucco and horizontal wood siding and “standing seam” or corrugated steel roof. Lots of palms!

Classic New England seafarer style. Multi-story with elevator, topped with a lighthouse beacon (muted brilliance) A tie-in to the Hotel Del/Boat House would be beautiful

Site the clubhouse on the water at South side of new pierhead, If we get substantial increase in water lease. Floating facilities – with architecture suitable for our site.

Deck overlooking slips for brunches/lunches/etc.

We should have a pool!! Make sure facilities for kids are good – more and more younger families are joining.

We are a growing population – and much more affluent, that wants a better club and bigger boats. One need only look at home values, and the price people pay for rentals.

Lots of wood and windows with nice deck views, views, views! Great restaurant dining room to bat with view and great bar room with view.

The facility should be attractive but low-key, not fancy or formal – should address sailing, fishing and pleasure. Our facility should represent more of a local atmosphere or ambiance.

Simple exterior, traditional interior

Planned area for pool

Capture waterfront views and access/veranda and patio for dining/compatible design w/Hotel Del and Boat House as exterior/comfortable/informal interior

Two store building with additional parking and storage under ground.

Bar and dining facilities on the ground floor. Pool area

One very important aspect you have not discussed is the BBQ and playyard area. This is a most important aspect of club usage (BBQs, music, Opening Day, etc) We need to make sure our new plan includes these and probably in close proximity to club house.

I would go three or more stories if we could get such a permit. We need a clubhouse to support an expanded membership. We need automobile parking, we need small boat dry storage, we need work area, we need service and delivery areas. All these require land. By going up we can keep the “footprint” of the clubhouse as small as possible and save land for other vital functions. If I had my druthers I would put it as close to the Boathouse as possible; looking down Glorietta Bay towards the present location of buoy 6. However, while this is my druthers I could agree to a different location if it would permit more dry storage and car parking or make the shore facilities more efficient.

We are in Coronado, the Del is a recognized historical landmark. I would like something compatible with the Hotel and the Boathouse. We are limited in the area available for required parking and dry boat storage. To obtain the most useable clubhouse space with the smallest footprint requires a multi-storied square building. To meld the two requirements; maximum space and an exterior compatible with the Boathouse, will require considerable thought by good architects with imagination.

Bar looking out on bay on second story

If the Junior Sailing Center was built first, it could be the interim clubhouse.

Site should consider sun, light, etc.

The needed uses will dictate the configuration of clubhouse – programming! Most important. Site: Where it best functions in relationship to all uses and views
The Catalina Island Club has a great feel – inside and out.

I think the clubhouse design should reflect Coronado but not a Hotel Del look-alike. Many of the old yacht club designs on the east coast would capture what I would like to see here. Look east for inspiration

Please consider (the bar) with seating at the bar looks out at the water – not looking at a wall

Try to maintain the spirit of the current club. Materials should be mostly wood and glass/low flat roof/ simple, clean lines that exploit the view up the bay. I will follow up with photos

The character of any new design should match the original in beauty and simplicity, reflecting the devotion to yachting and the water which has been the purpose of the Club for so many years. “We tried to recreate the essence of what was there before and yet design a building which meets the needs of the years ahead.” Essence is a good word. Webster defines it as “the nature or flavor or something,” and this new building accomplishes its goals, preserving the best of the old – its scale, its general lines and its casual look, while providing the best of the new – more room, more comfort, more efficiency and amore contemporary richness and grace. It is still a collection of simple structures, neatly spliced together with details that reflect the past but do, indeed, offer new opportunities to enjoy the future.”

Heavy emphasis on wood and glass no Mediterranean or Spanish style of finishes (plaster, tile, etc.)

Hawaii design style, metal roof, lots of wood, big verandas, board and bat construction/look

Focus on the bay views not dominating clubhouse architecture

Bar that looks out at water from inside and out (maybe upstairs w/deck over water but not too fancy) Need pool!! Pool table like CCYC. Style of CCYC is great too – not too fancy, but nice

Lots of big windows

Blend into “Boathouse” restaurant, del Coronado – red roof with sides, historical architectural design! Unique for yacht club

Why can't it look like the Hotel Del's Boat House? With a big deck all the way around it all white with a red roof?

I think we should try to maintain a look that support our history. The Hotel Del or early SD and be modern but not look it.

We should incorporate the “Spanish Colonial” look of the Coronado Golf Course and Police Station, not the mélange of the new Civic Center

I like the feel of what we have today even though it is comprised of add ons. I think that the foot print is about right. I believe the square footage is about right. I know the same square footage would be utilized better in a new facility.

I like the look and feel of the boathouse restaurant, the wrap around veranda, on piers out on the water partially – but not gold plated, simple, old looking yet, durable. The children’s facilities should NOT be sited very far away. They must be among us.

Some formal rooms, some casual rooms. Lots of deck. Some grass and a pool for families. A real “Club” Atmosphere. Somewhere you can feel proud to belong to

Should include a turn basin at front steps. I think primary view area should be on 2nd floor balcony

Putting the children’s activities upstairs might be helpful since they seem to bother so many old farts – I mean members

Design – Boathouse 1887, Hotel Del, but look/feel/amenities of SDYC are attractive.

Large picture windows in dining area overlooking the bay

Don’t like Coronado Cays – too chopped up. Like the openness and flow of the current club – A separate party room would be nice.

Add a pool

Out over water more - SDYC, I like the big front dock out over the water

How about a pool!

Easter clubs – Larchmont, Catalina YC Like the Del and Boathouse, it should have character NOT modern architecture

The CYC, if it is to be rebuilt, should echo or relate to the Del and the Boathouse Restaurant, in my opinion

SDYC, Open. Plush

Current Club House is satisfactory

Bahia Corinthian – dining, bar, socializing on 2nd floor – showers, snack bar, sailing center on ground floor

5. MEMBERSHIP

It's crazy that we've increased membership by 50% w/o increasing slips – leads to ridiculously long waiting lists, frustration, lack of flexibility

The statement that our current membership is 620 is correct if you only count those members that count toward our limit. As of May 12, 2005, we actually had a total of 898 members in all categories. Of this number 140 were paying juniors and 104 were non-paying juniors. Actually; we were one over our current limit count of 620

I strongly recommend we design our new facilities to accommodate at least 1000 members. We are building now. It is much easier, cheaper, and smarter to build facilities now, that although we may not need immediately, will need in the future. Don't be hemmed in by today's constraints. We need to plan for future growth and provide a means whereby our currently younger members can finance the next lease renewal in 2051. We are financially able to pursue this project partly due to the wisdom and foresight of our earlier members. In 1979 when we established a 500 limit we had less than 400 members. Since then we have stopped counting Absentees and Associate Members and raised the limit for 2005 to 620. Unless we change our By-Laws the limit will increase by 10 per year. If nothing changes we will have 1000 flag and junior flag members by 2043 and be bursting at the seams by 2051 when our "new lease" expires.

Members is the wrong approach. We need participants, not mere paying members. Not a single new member in 300 of them has volunteered to assist race committee. WTF?

6. WET SLIPS

As many as possible. It is not just the number of slips that is important, they must be useable for the size boat intended: i.e. depth of water, beam, length. Talk to designers, John Reichel, Bruce Nelson, Alan Andrews, as to what they see as to the length/beam/draft ration for new sail boats. Same for power boats; we should assume that they will get beamier also

What have we been telling new members? What were the expectations we left them with? We took their money.....

This is a yacht club We must have space for yachts!!

Enforce usage policies. Too many people don't use the vessels in the slips

7. DRY SLIPS

This is a mess. It is time for the dock committee to look at this mess

Eliminate dry slips and sheds

Remember: dry slips can be “stacked” and boats inserted with a fork lift

Try upright storage for Lasers and kayaks etc, club will need to provide assistance to get boats out and put away

Create much more dinghy dock storage for all Lasers and Sabots

Water frontage is too valuable/ dry can be off water

Dry slips should take priority over parking places. We need to gain access to diagonal spaces labeled Boat House 4pm and be able to count them toward our slip assignments

South Bay is one of the best small boat sailing areas in the US. We should capitalize on this. While I will agree that dry storage takes up parking spots therefore we should copy ideas used by others like storing lasers on their transom to get as much dry storage as possible in as small an area as possible. Check out ABYC, NHYC and powerboats storage in Florida. We need to maximize our dry storage area to provide for an ever-larger youth sailing program. We must do this because today’s juniors are tomorrow’s commodores.

Stacking and vertical placement of certain types of boats

There should be a time constraint for storing boats in a dry slip maximum 6-12 months unless awaiting wet slip or boat put in water 1-2 times/month

Dry slips are not for junk boats and not for motor boats. We need to promote a fleet of dry slip boats of quality and promote racing them. Nobody should have a second slip until everyone has one.

Stow all lasers vertically on their transoms – ABYC does

The CFJs currently are stowed overlapped, bow of one boat halfway up the next one.

Could we improve upon this procedure and get more boats per square foot?

Stow any CFJs not currently being used on their trailer masts down. More work getting them down and rigging them

Stow smaller power boats, 20-30 foot runabouts, in vertical racks. Use a forklift to pull the upper ones out. South Florida did this 30 years ago.

Have hoist and handling equipment capable of dry storing large boats. (This might only be good if parking per slip is more than 1 to 1)

Max capacity/Min foot print

8. PUMP OUT FACILITY

This will be a non-issue. The Port will require pump-out facility and a hazardous waste plan and facility. Additionally, get ready for storm/rain water processing.

How do other SD Bay clubs deal with pump out facilities?

“Pill the tanks” if there is a problem. It works in Avalon

We have available service in Glorietta Bay. We don't need the liability or expense. This is a no brainer

No!! There are commercial pump out facilities readily available. We, the Club, should not get involved in this; more costs, personnel, equipment, potential lawsuits, etc. Years ago we had a fuel facility. This was necessary as at the time the next closest one was on Shelter Island. We closed it when fuel docks opened in Chula Vista and Shelter Island

There is one at GB marina. I think the % of people who use their boats that often is relatively small. Therefore a small need for pump out facilities

We need something to keep people from dumping overboard

Remember, visiting yachtspeople will use this facility as well

9. SOCIAL/DINING FACILITIES

Is there any historical data on how often social functions are limited by the current maximum occupancy?

I did not join the CYC to gain access to a full restaurant. A short walk up to the Hotel Del or Orange Ave. caters to this wish. Full restaurant style service will lead to calls for either higher membership numbers (and a more impersonal club) to pay for such a service, or minimum monthly restaurant fees as was the case at Los Altos Golf and Country Club. Either way, it detracts from the sailing experience. I would be interested hearing the other side of this “full restaurant” discussion.

I think it should be a function of our total membership. I am certain that people who design and build country clubs, resorts, etc. have those factors available. The Hathaways who own California Yacht Club may have some good information. I strongly recommend that the rooms be constructed so that they can be divided and have a meeting in one room, dinner in another and lecture/class in another without interfering with each other.

10. CLUBHOUSE KITCHEN FACILITY

Present facility is more than adequate judged by the few diners we have and the paltry amount of time that the snack bar is open.

Can the club membership support a fulltime restaurant? Friday and Saturday night service would be nice.

I do think the catering company should have to pay us when using our facilities for their outside business

It is easier to downsize a dining/snack bar than to add needed space in future

My answer is closer to A but I don't agree with the "minimum". Coronado is basically a residential community without large offices. Hence, I don't believe it will ever be a place to have a "Business lunch or dinner". This argues against a galley to provide "full restaurant style" service. On the other hand we are building now and it is easier, smarter, cheaper to provide for it now rather than in a later remodel. Would it be possible to keep the space, and stub in the necessary gas, electricity, water and sewer for a full galley but install equipment comparable with what we have now?

Golf clubs charge each member for this even if they do not use it – It would entice people to choose to dine on a regular basis

The current catering company arrangement is not working – poor spotty service, etc.

I am a bit confused. What is the level of service we have now? The caterer we have now is wonderful. The food is superb and the CYC is the best "restaurant" in Coronado. Let's not screw it up. I have no complaints with the service.

There are so few facilities that accommodate 200 people in Coronado. Rental fees for CYC facilities should help bring in revenue.

Plan Ahead! This is even though it may not happen for some years. The building is going to last a long time.

11.RESTROOMS AND SHOWERS

Modernized and enlarged – to women do not need a large lounge

W/toilets and separate shaving area. (like SWYC) . It would be great to have lockers (like CCYC) to rent out to club members. Separate dry off/dressing area from shower stall – like what we have now, but bigger.

With the amount of young families joining, we feel there should be a baby changing area in the men's restroom, or a nursing room.

Handicap areas should be clearly marked and bars should be installed in at least one shower and marked accordingly

Gets pretty crazy after regattas

A separate set of restrooms near the docks might be helpful

A separate head to service the galley and snack bar area might be a good thing – reduce traffic thru the whole club – only if the sewer plan made this an inexpensive idea

Sauna in the Shower facility

There are many more issues to consider than A and B. This area is critical to the new facility and its long term functionality. Uses, location, users, Need restrooms/showers at both ends and separate restrooms for main bldg and parties. Full door privacy. Lots of stall @ each

It would be nice to have the restrooms and showers separate. If the plan is to have a "Sailing Center" in a separate building this would be possible and an excellent choice. If the "Sailing Center" is not in a separate building and it is not feasible to have them separate they should be designed so that the steam from the showers does not effect the restrooms.

A number of slips should be plumbed to shore ie: ?? liveboards

Strongly recommend the shower facilities be designed with an integrated dressing area, like our current facility. I've heard many complaints particularly from women about the "school gym shower" type of facility that the Coronado Cays Yacht Club built because of lack of privacy and security of belongings.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PARKING

Raise height of clubhouse to the maximum limit and use area under the clubhouse for parking

Underground. Bill Gise is an expert at building roundtables. Technology is getting better at pumping stations

Vertical above ground. No they may not be the most attractive structures in the world but they can be made to blend in. Look what they did with the telephone building at 8th and Orange. When I was working the Etchells 2000 Worlds at the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club in Pittwater Australia they had a 4 story-parking garage (car park) that we used for measuring sails. Worked great; out of the sun and wind and plenty of room. Make a deal with the tennis courts and put a parking structure on the lot line at the North corner of our property so it could use it as a back stop/volley board by the tennis people. Do away with the sheds and use the area for parking or dry storage.

OTHER:

Charge a premium for social (non-boat owning) members

Instead of financing boating/slip related activities by boat/slip holders, spread the charges to all members. I'm sick of carrying non-boating "social" member. This is supposed to be about boats/boating not drinking and other "social" activities.

If clubhouse is moved from current spot – would like to see a small beach facility (sand) for kids to play along shore – in front of current JR clubhouse. I know lots of families want a pool. This would be a cheaper substitute ala MBYC

We need to be more aggressive in obtaining new water and land swap. We should not wait until 2011 to start clubhouse etc. Do it NOW. I believe Port would be willing to make agreement that would take effect in 2011 and allow us to start our expansion as soon as possible. Also interest rates are lower now. Who knows in a few years.

POOL and SPA

Disappointing to find this issue omitted from the survey. We strongly support adding a pool and hot tub area to the Club's facilities.

A suggestion:

Having just recently completed a rather extensive survey of ocean passage yachts, manufacturers believe there is a very strong interest in this type of yacht. These types of yachts are being designed with rather large beams and with drafts on 40 foot yachts of 4 1/2 to 5 feet. Also these yachts are very heavy. My 40' Nordhavn displacement is over 50,000 lbs. Perhaps our slip design should take into consideration the beam and weight of these new yachts. Also all indications are for 50 amp outlets.

I would just like to add one point:

I am looking for a wet slip. I live in Coronado. I would use my boat every month of the year – every week in the summer. However, I am going to be on the wait list for years. While some boat owners tie up the slips with boats they never use. (likewise, the bry slips are filled with “wrecks” that would surely sink if ever put in the water!) We must plan for more slips. What is the point of being in a yacht club if there is a 10 year wait time to get a yacht slip? At the same time, we must have stronger rules outlawing the “hogging” of slips by people who never take their yachts out. I suggest a rule that a slip owner will forfeit his slip if he fails to take his yacht out at least once every quarter. We can’t have slips being used only in august. By out-of-state owners. It is totally unreasonable and unfair on Coronado families who want to use the yacht club as a yacht club. If I want a drink and dinner on Glorietta Bay, I can go to the Boat House. But I want a yacht: That’s why I joined CYC!