

# Hollywood Yacht Club Porthole

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### FROM YOUR COMMODORE, KEN GRIFFING



Well, we had just about ideal weather for our 70<sup>th</sup> Opening Day and the crew under the direction of Junior Staff Commodore Randy Simonson certainly did an outstanding job of putting it on. The warm weather made the shade of the HYC tent feel great and per normal procedure the appetizers and hors d'oeuvres were outstanding. Chaplain John Walker provided a nice recognition of our several member losses during the past year and the Sea Scouts presented the colors despite the considerable wind. Our resident soloist and Rear Commodore did a fine job of the National Anthem and the ceremony was off to a great start.

Our cooks too did their usual outstanding job of serving up fine tasting faire, along with the champagne and nice selections of music from our multitalented Secretary and DJ. Meanwhile our Treasurer (and his wife) was holding forth from a South Seas themed Ships' Store serving up lots of special HYC merchandise. There was time to visit with our long time friends from HYC and make new ones from other yacht clubs. Marla and Anne-Marie had both slid smoothly over the many hard to pronounce names and all the females on the Bridge and Bridge spouses enjoyed the beautiful roses our Junior Staff and his wife had brought along. Our Secretary's Assistant provided many a booming cannon salute under the able direction of our Fleet Captain and watchful eye of the Port Captain.

If the coming boating season is half as much fun as this Opening, everyone will have a fine season. A hearty thanks to all who made the day a great success, both named and especially those un-named. All who were present to enjoy the festivities thank you too for your part in hosting our guests and being a part of this special day!

See you at *Naple's Ribs* on Tuesday May 6!

Ken

## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE, MARLA BROWN



This Opening Day is one for the history books. It was fun, hot, a lot of people, hot, great food, hot, and hot. Despite the heat we had a lot of HYC members, friends and our supportive fellow yacht clubs. Our staff commodores always support HYC and were there in force to celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a wonderful day.

There are races coming up in which HYC will be well represented. Check your calendar and don't miss out on the fun.

Some HYC officers have been attending most of the Opening Day ceremonies and will continue to visit the clubs throughout April and May. It is interesting to see what the other clubs are doing in their communities and their on-the-water activities. I can tell you that the strawberry crops will be great this year. The preview we got in Ventura and Oxnard, enjoying the strawberries at each of the seven clubs, was fantastic.

Check your calendars for the next meeting at Naples Rib Co. We will have a speaker. Please call me if you would like to have a special speaker or an event. Maybe a summer Dock Party would be fun. We have a lot of docks to choose from.

The summer BBQ is planned and information will be sent out soon. The date is July 26<sup>th</sup>.

See you soon.

Marla

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## FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE, ANNE-MARIE BOSCHÉ



Hooray for Hollywood's Opening Day! We were fortunate to enjoy good weather to accompany good friends and members. We also had nice attendance from some of our sister clubs.

Many thanks to all who organized and carried out the day. Lots of good food, drinks and laughter.

Here's wishing good luck to our members participating in the SCCA Marina Cup and Pritikin contest coming up at the end of the month.

Looking forward to as many of you as possible at our May membership meeting on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup>! Since it will be our last meeting until fall, please try to attend.

Please refer to the attached article about Quagga Mussels. It's a problem that is increasing, and effects are far-reaching.

Happy Boating ~~~\_/\_) ~~~  
R/C Anne-Marie Bosché'

## FROM YOUR SECRETARY, CRAIG RYAN



I have just sent out rosters to all members who did not get one at Opening Day. I included name tags that were recently ordered and also Burgees and membership cards for the newest members. If I missed anyone or if you realize that I “owe” any of you membership cards, a burgee, roster, or any other items, please let me know.

Speaking of new members, we had two new members sign up at Opening Day. They will be introduced later in this issue. We always seem to attract new members at our Opening Day due in no small part to the great job done by our volunteers who always put on such a wonderful event.

I’m sure many of you have heard of the passing of one of HYC’s most beloved members, Tom Moore. I have included an Obituary that was sent to me from Tom’s daughter Helen Moore. Our sincerest condolences go out to Tom’s wife Lucy. He will truly be missed.

Craig Ryan, Secretary

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### How I Became Involved in Boating

By Staff Commodore Tom Chandler

My interest in boating began at the age of 7 when I learned to water ski at the old Marine Stadium. I began on double skis and mastered single skiing on the first try. My life, growing up at that time, involved traveling back and forth between Blythe, on the Colorado River, and the ocean for fishing and skiing.

The first boat I bought was a sailboat that was never put in the water, so I don’t know if that counts. My first power boat was a 17’ Larson ski boat. I used it for many fishing trips and going to Catalina. It was also taken to Blythe for fun and skiing. I sold that one and bought a 25’ Bayliner sportfisher. It was named “Shemilie”. Some of you will remember that one since I learned to log race in it. I owned that one for 17 years and was not afraid to go anywhere. (What you don’t know won’t hurt you, right?) “Shemilie” was used for fun, fishing, and log racing from Channel Islands to the Bay of L.A. in Mexico.

Five years ago, I bought my current Boat, “RM II HYDE, a 40’ Spindrift. It is bigger than the others but just as much fun. Boating will always be a part of my life.



Lucy & Tom Moore (2003)

**Thomas Duncan Moore**  
**December 23, 1923 to April 7, 2008**

Thomas D. Moore known to his friends as Thomas Duncan and to his Navy flying buddies as T.D. Born 12/10/23 on Staten Island of New York; died 4/7/2008. Leaves wife Lucy of San Clemente CA the former Lucy Scarpelli, son Robert of Malibu, daughter Marie Hayes of Santa Barbara, daughter Dr. Helen Anne Moore of Lincoln NE and Sister Marilyn Wanhope of Encino.

Was schooled on Staten Island and later Rutgers University. Always loved boats and airplanes and built kayaks and caddied at the Sliver Lake Golf Course as a boy. Was a member of the Cedar Grove Beach Club on Staten Island.

Enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May of 1941, served on Aircraft Carrier Ranger in the North Atlantic hunting U-Boats and saw combat in the North African Invasion. Commissioned in Naval Aviation during WW2 and ended WW2 in the Naval Air Transport Service. Married his deceased wife Audrey in 1946 and flew as DC4 Flight Officer for Trans Caribbean airlines before becoming Production Control manager for Pacific Airmotive Corp. in Linden, NJ. Served in the Naval Air Reserve in 1950 and flew patrol aircraft out of the Floyd Bennett Air Station until 1952 as a “weekend warrior.” Present member of the Grandpaw Pettibone Squadron of the Association of Naval Aviation.

Came to California in 1957 as Production Control Manager for Curtiss Wright Corp. Later became V/P of Air Parts International, then V/P and General Manager of Aircraft Cylinder and Turbine from which he retired in 1989. Traveled extensively on business throughout the world, especially in Europe, India and Taiwan. Past member of the Staten Island Power Squadron and Navigation Instructor for the Valley Ho Power Squadron. Active in boating and Predicted Log Racing, member of the Hollywood Yacht Club, former race Chairman of Venice Yacht Club. Past member of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, past director of the North American Cruiser Association, Staff Commodore of the Southern California Cruiser Association and the Santa Monica Bay Power Fleet.

His great sense of humor and Irish storytelling skills will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

# OPENING DAY 2008



S/C Bill and Nancy Findley at Opening Day



R/C Anne-Marie & new members Tim & Alexa Sheehan clowning around at opening Day



Treasurer JD and Vicky Smith at the "Luau" Ship's Store Booth that they built especially for Opening Day



The colorfully decorated trophy table at Opening Day

For more Opening Day pictures, go to our website at" <http://hyc.scyweb.org/>"

**As you all know, HYC has reciprocal privileges at many yacht clubs. Here is a list of the clubs that have extended reciprocal privileges to HYC so far this year.**

American Legion YC  
Bahia Corinthian YC  
Cerritos Bahia YC  
Coronado YC  
Corsair YC  
Fairwind YC  
Hurricane Gulch YC

Marina YC  
Marina Venice YC  
Pacific Corinthian YC  
Pierpont Bay YC  
Port Royal YC  
Redondo Beach YC  
San Luis YC

San Pedro YC  
Seal Beach YC  
Shoreline YC  
Silver Gate YC  
South Shore YC  
Sunset Aquatic YC

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members

**Cal and Connie Amodeo**

**Commodore of Marina Venice YC Timothy and Alexa Sheehan**

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*Shiver me timbers!*

*Hollywood YC, Little Ships Fleet YC, & Navy YC of Long Beach*  
*Invite you and your families to join in*

*HYC's Pirates' Party*

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>

At NYCLB & LSFYC's facilities in Alamitos Bay

Details to follow

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**



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## CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Do you have an interest in clothing and other HYC regalia? Do you have an eye for fashion and color? Do you enjoy shopping and displaying your fashion talents? Then we have a job for you. In recent years, the duties of the Ship's Store have fallen upon the Treasurer. There are disadvantages to this method so the Bridge would like to find an appropriate person to take over this task.

The assignment would include, keeping an inventory of interesting and attractive HYC regalia, placing orders a few times a year to maintain stock, setting up a sales display on opening day and as many other HYC events as possible, and perhaps, a little modeling to encourage sales. All interested parties can contact Commodore Ken Griffing at 626.333.0513.

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## Hollywood Yacht Club Hosts Shultz Easter Catalina Predicted Log Contest

The Shultz Easter Catalina Contest was run on March 28<sup>th</sup> and was hosted brilliantly by our very own **Tom Chandler** on **Rm II Hyde**, ably assisted by his lovely wife **Gail**. Hollywood Yacht Club is known for the wonderful hosts they make for this race, and this year was no exception.

The race itself had an interesting twist thanks to the devious mind of Tom Chandler. The best and worst legs were thrown out and the rest of the legs scored to determine the winner. Interestingly enough, it had no effect on the outcome as the places were the same scored either way, but it made for some good fun and interesting speculation as the race results were announced. Thanks **Tom Collins** on **Misty Sea** for doing all of that extra work to score. As you know, Tom Collins is a HYC member but competes for CIYC.

So how did we do? HYC had more racers than any other club which was a big help in team standings for the year. But only **Craig Ryan** aboard **Black Jack** placed in the money with a respectable second place finish. **John Walker** on **Prime Time** came in seventh; **Tom Chandler** had a ninth place finish; and first year racer **Marla Brown** on **Slip Aweigh** rounded out the fleet.

Vice Commodore **Marla Brown** was there to hand out awards at the banquet Friday night. On Saturday, the fun and games began with a dinghy scavenger hunt and a cartoon contest. Funny, one of the items on the scavenger hunt list was an expired flare. Given how easy that one was to get, I think an unexpired flare would have been much more difficult. Note to self: do not make RAW eggs one of the hunted items next time – eeww. **Tom and Gail Chandler** were our gracious hosts for a burger bash and prizes. Thanks, Tom for a job well done.



Another lousy day in Avalon



V/C Marla Brown presents Tom Collins with 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

S/C John Walker and "Lucky" Bob win on RM II Hyde



Jan Ryan announcing the results of the scavenger hunt



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## April 2008

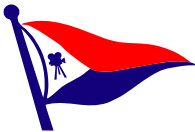
Fri 4/25      SCCA Marina Cup Cruiser Navigation Contest  
Sat 4/26      SCCA Pritikin Cruiser Navigation Contest

## May 2008

Tue 5/6      Dinner Meeting – Naple’s Ribs  
Thu 5/29 -  
Sat 5/31      PCYA Barusch/Castagna Cruiser Navigation

## June 2008

Fri 6/6      SCCA Sharkie Cruiser Navigation Contest  
Sat 6/7      SCCA BCYC Cruiser Navigation Contest  
Tue 6/17     HYC Bridge Meeting



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