

# Hollywood Yacht Club Porthole

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The newsletter of the Hollywood Yacht Club. Edited by Craig Ryan

## February 2008

### FROM YOUR COMMODORE, KEN GRIFFING



It has been suggested and I agree that it would be good at the start of this new Watch to introduce the HYC Bridge by including a short biography in *The Porthole*. As Commodore for 2008 most of you know me but there is likely much that you don't know.

I first became active in boating while in high school when my father and I built a small sailboat. It was a 14 foot sloop that we built in our garage and enjoyed for many years. My father was a wood worker by profession and he made very accurate patterns for castings. We had the good fortune to be able to take advantage of the pattern shop where he worked to do some of the work such as laminating and shaping the mast and boom and grinding the steel for the drop centerboard. We covered the hull with fiberglass which made for easier maintenance over the years as well as more opportunities to learn how to work with this new material.

Later we sold our little sailboat and bought a 21 foot sloop in which we could go farther from home. Ultimately this was the first boat in which we could travel to and around Catalina. As a family both before and after Judy and I were married we had a number of enjoyable vacations at Catalina with this boat. As with most of us we continued to seek out larger and larger boats.

After my father decided to give up regular boating and boat ownership, Judy and I got a power boat that our family enjoyed for a number of years as our kids were young. Ultimately we sold that boat and were without a boat for several years before we bought *Angel Wings* in 1997.

By this time Judy and I had joined the United States Power Squadrons and become active with our squadron and held a number of squadron offices. We continued on to be active in District 13 and to serve on the District Bridge. In this process we met many wonderful people and ultimately became associated with HYC as well.

We have continued to be active in USPS where I currently serve as chairman (Rear Commander) of the Inland and Coastal Navigation Committee, as well as being involved with both HYC and USPS in the Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs, where I am currently Rear Commodore. Do you have any wonder why some of us have trouble keeping our Commodores and Commanders straight?

Well, here we are already in the middle of February and quickly approaching Opening Day. Yes Saturday April 12 is not very far off so I hope you are all making plans to be at Holiday Harbor that day.

Staff Commodore Randy Simonson is busy making plans and arrangements for another memorable Opening Day, and we all should do our best to be a part of those plans. As always please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres or appetizer to share with your HYC friends and with our special guests.

We will also be having a Members Meeting at *Maggie's Pub* in Santa Fe Springs before Opening Day on Tuesday March 4. Save that date and time and plan to be with us for an enjoyable evening with friends.

Be safe on the water and off!!

Ken Griffing, Commodore

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### **FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE, MARLA BROWN**



I look forward to an active fun filled year as your Vice Commodore. My goal is to get to know all of you and hope you will attend the meetings, parties and races.

I took sailing lessons in college but didn't have the opportunity to enjoy the sport. Finally, in 1986, John and I took sailing lessons from the city of Redondo Beach. We chartered for 2 years before finding *Seadate*, our Catalina 30. We sailed her for 18 years. Having the opportunity to get a Catalina 36 we jumped on it and have had *Slip Aweigh* for 2 years.

Not being a competitive rail-in-the-water type racer, I enjoy being a cruiser. We joined a Catalina Fleet, sponsored by Catalina Yachts 20 years ago. Fleet 24's home is Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. We have raced in 3 national regattas and some of the U S Power Squadron's races. Being introduced to predicted log racing was an opportunity to get back our navigation skills and do something a little different. It is a lot of fun and I want to continue with it.

I have been a member of the United States Power and Sail Squadrons, and Redondo Beach Squadron for almost 20 years. Joining USPS for the education soon grew into being active in the social and civic side of the organization. I held the offices of squadron Treasurer, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer and Commander. Getting very involved with USPS I was elected to the District Bridge and served as Asst. Treasurer, Treasurer, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer and Commander. My current position is Jr. Past District Commander. I am also involved on the national level and serve on a committee. I also held the offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Fleet captain in the Catalina Fleet. I am a member of Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, SCCA and also the USPS delegate to ASPBYC. Being a member of Hollywood Yacht is another good thing in my life. By the way, I like being a "stick boater"

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The bridge has a lot of things planned for the year and we would like everyone to participate. We hope to see you at the meetings, the first Tuesday of the month except the summer and December. Check the Porthole and calendar for the locations. If you have any suggestions or ideas that you would like to see implemented please contact us. We are here for you.

Opening Day is approaching fast. It would be great to have a record breaking attendance to kick off this year's boating season.

The date is set for the Summer BBQ, July 26, and I have something different planned for this event. Please mark your calendar and don't miss out on the fun.

I am looking forward to representing HYC throughout the year, at Opening Days and racing.

Marla Brown, Vice Commodore

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## FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE, ANNE-MARIE BOSCHÉ



Hi, All!

Well, our new HYC Secretary asked for a bio, so here it is:

I've been on the water between Oxnard and Newport Beach all my life. My family had been involved with HYC since the 1960s. My dad, Bill Bosché and my uncle, Ed Collins started buying boats together. The last joint venture was a Pembroke 32', the "*Buena Vida*". Uncle Ed and his wife, Elsie, had property on Lido Isle, then at Lido Sands. Through their affiliations with Bob and Virginia Hoffman, they spent lots of time with Thol during those years. Hence, I was a "boat brat". Many summers were spent heading out to Avalon.

Later on, in 1970, my dad decided to try his hand at sailing. We started out with a Catalina 22', and eventually moved up to a 1976 Catalina 27, "*Siesta*", which Bruce and I keep to this day in Channel Islands Harbor.

My association with HYC started in 1986. My husband, Bruce Clinkenbeard, and I had a Venture 22' that we kept on a trailer while living in Long Beach. After a lapse in participation (oops...), we again became involved. Bruce was invited to join the Bridge, and eventually became Commodore in 2005. Yours truly helped in the background, until I too, was invited to become a Bridge officer. I served as Secretary for 2 years, and am now looking forward to serving as your Rear Commodore for 2008.

The memories are many, and I'm honored to be involved in HYC!

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What an eventful ending of 2007 and beginning of 2008! Amid a sea of those who passed on or were ill, it was comforting to know that our HYC group sticks together.

Once again, my great thanks to all for their loving support and prayers during my unexpected "down time". I'm pleased to report that, with the help of modern medicine and the ancient invaluable help of family and loved ones, I'm well on the road to recovery.

Speaking of that, please make sure that you keep our club in the loop with news of YOUR world. Consider me your "liaison" for Circle of Concern and Happy Happenings. Contact me via email at [hotelclink@aol.com](mailto:hotelclink@aol.com), my home no. 949-459-9148, or my cell no. 949-632-1007.

Here's to a joyful, fun-filled boating season!

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Anne-Marie Bosché, Rear Commodore

## **FROM YOUR SECRETARY, CRAIG RYAN**



As Hollywood Yacht Club's Treasurer in 2007 and Secretary in 2008 I am having the pleasure of getting to know many of the members of HYC. It occurred to me that many of you may not know me at all. For that reason, I decided to write a simple bio so that you would have an idea about my background.

I have been boating in the Southern California area since the mid 1970's. In 1973 I became a certified SCUBA diver and have been diving ever since. I started with small inflatable boats and eventually ended up with a 40' DeFever trawler. I lived aboard the DeFever for approximately nine years most of which was in the Downtown Shoreline Marina in Long Beach. During that time, I joined Shoreline Yacht Club in 1990.

I have held a 100 ton Masters License from the USCG since 1987 and have been active in Cruiser Navigation since the early 1990's. I am a Staff Commodore of the Southern California Cruiser Association and now am the Secretary of the North American Cruiser Association.

I joined Hollywood Yacht Club in the mid 1990's and my wife Jan and I have been active with the club for most of that time. I hope we have the opportunity to meet all of you in the future.

Craig Ryan, Secretary

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## **FROM YOUR TREASURER, J. D. SMITH**



To friends and members of Hollywood Yacht Club, I am your new treasurer for 2008, JD Smith. I have been a member of Hollywood since 1990 and my wife Vicky and I, have been very active in the boating community, myself since 1960.

I now enjoy the privilege of being staff commodore for both SCCA (1998) and PCYA (2002). I am actively becoming more involved in Predicted Log Racing and I feel with my past experience as a racer and as commodore, I will be an asset to this fine yachting association.

After serving 31 years in the Los Angeles Sheriffs Department, I now spend my time between boating and golfing, and currently reside in Huntington Harbor where we enjoy our 40' Riviera and our 21' Duffy and our dog, Getty!

Looking forward to meeting and serving all of you,

J.D. Smith

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## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

I want to express my deepest thanks for your support to my father, Marla and our family, especially these last few months. I've had the pleasure to meet many of you at various events over the years and have enjoyed every encounter. Your amazing attendance at Dad's Celebration of Life on Saturday is a memory I will hold very, very dear. Thank you, thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Keryn Leger, daughter of Rear Commodore John Brown

**Hollywood Yacht Club  
Minutes of the Installation Meeting**

Lone Star Steak House and Saloon

**February 5, 2008**

**Officers Present:**

Commodore Randy Simonson  
Vice Commodore Ken Griffing  
Secretary Anne Marie Bosché  
Clinkenbeard

Treasurer Craig Ryan rep. by Jan Ryan  
Fleet Captain Tom Chandler  
Jr. Staff Commodore Larry Saumur

At 7:10 p.m. the installation meeting of Hollywood Yacht Club was called to order by Commodore Randy Simonson.

Staff Commodore John Walker gave the invocation. Staff Commodore Tom Chandler led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following tradition, those in attendance introduced themselves and their spouses. New HYC members Wendell and Sue Warner were introduced. Wendell's parents were members and he has known HYC and Thol Simonson for sixty years! Welcome, Wendell.

Commodore Randy Simonson welcomed everyone and asked for the officer reports.

**Reports**

**Vice Commodore** Ken Griffing had no report.

**Secretary** Anne Marie Bosché Clinkenbeard reported that member Mike Ludt has throat and stomach cancer. Please keep him in your prayers. Anne Marie circulated a card for members to offer their best wishes.

**Treasurer** Craig Ryan, represented by Jan Ryan reported that HYC has money, bills have been paid, expenses and revenues were in line with budgets last year and we are in a strong cash position for this year.

**Fleet Captain** Tom Chandler announced that HYC member Steve Black was installed as Commodore of Southern California Cruiser Association last Saturday. Also, HYC members in the Top Ten for SCCA in 2007 were Craig Ryan (#2), John Walker (#4) and Tom Chandler (#7). While Shoreline once again captured the Thol Simonson team trophy, Hollywood Yacht Club came closer to winning than they have in recent history. Wait'll next year! The first races for SCCA will be:

- Season Opener – Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Long Beach Yacht Club.
- Shultz Easter Catalina Contest – Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from Long Beach to Avalon. This race is sponsored by HYC.

Commodore Simonson discussed the sad passing of Rear Commodore John Brown. John's wife Marla was approached and has agreed to take over the position of incoming Vice Commodore. She could have simply been appointed, but we had the opportunity to vote at this meeting. Needless to say, she was elected unanimously.

The meeting was recessed for dinner at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

**Installation of Officers**

Staff Commodore Lee Tracy was asked to preside over the installation of officers. First he brought forward the 2007 officers and thanked them for their service. Commodore Randy Simonson presented each officer with a lovely personal gift.

The Directors of HYC for 2008 were installed:

S/C Bruce Clinkenbeard

S/C Larry Saumur

Jr. S/C Randy Simonson

The appointed officers of HYC for 2008 were installed:

Fleet Captain Tom Chandler

Treasurer JD Smith

Secretary Craig Ryan, represented by Jan Ryan

The Bridge of HYC for 2008 was installed:

Rear Commodore Anne Marie Bosché Clinkenbeard

Vice Commodore Marla Brown

Commodore Ken Griffing



All officers were sworn in and agreed to perform the duties of their offices to the best of their ability.

Lee Tracy then presented a necklace to Commodore Ken Griffing that he had presented to Nan Tracy when he was installed as Commodore. Nan would like to pass the necklace along to the next Commodore's wife (when there is one). Everyone thought that would be a lovely tradition.

Commodore Ken Griffing announced the upcoming schedule for HYC:

- Next regular meeting of Hollywood Yacht Club will be held at Maggie's Pub on Tuesday, March 4th.
- HYC Opening Day, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer Barbecue, Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Rosters will be ready by Opening Day.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

## RACING SCHEDULES:



Please contact either of our Race Committee chairs (Ken Griffing, 626-333-0513 for sail, Tom Chandler, 562-862-8577 for power) with questions, or refer online to

[www.scya.org](http://www.scya.org)

<http://www.predictedlog.org/SCCA/scca.html>

<http://aspbyc.scyaweb.org>

While information is still being updated for 2008, you'll find contact information

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| <p><b>Three races</b></p>  <p><b>One Champion</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.pcyc.org">www.pcyc.org</a><br/>805-985-7292</p> <p><b>Skippers meetings</b><br/><b>Saturdays 8:30 AM</b></p> | <p><b>Pacific Corinthian Cup #1</b><br/>3/29/2008 McCune Memorial<br/>Distance race</p> <p><b>Pacific Corinthian Cup #2</b><br/>5/10/ 2008 VCORC<br/>Random leg regatta</p> <p><b>Pacific Corinthian Cup #3</b><br/>7/19/2008 Yachting Cup<br/>Windward-leeward regatta</p> <p>Register by March 14 to<br/>get your boat name printed<br/>FREE on the series T-shirts</p> <p><b>Different skills every race</b><br/><b>Are you the best?</b></p> |  <p>Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club<br/>2600 South Harbor Blvd.<br/>Channel Islands Harbor, CA 93035</p> |
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Shoreline Yacht Club presents

## **CRUISER NAV 101 "ON THE WATER"** **Saturday, March 22nd, 2008**

Calling all boaters that are curious/interested in what is known as "Predicted Log" or "Cruiser Navigation" events. The Southern California Cruisers Association (SCCA) regularly hosts events that are not based on speed, but on accuracy of predictions. Shoreline Yacht Club of Long Beach is going to sponsor a series of events called "Cruiser Nav 101" (**NOT official SCCA events**) designed to introduce new participants to the fun of Cruiser Navigation/Predicted Log events. All persons interested are welcome to attend whether **Power or Sail- with or without a boat**. Experienced SCCA Cruisers are encouraged to attend to help "spread the word" about how much fun these events can be and to share their knowledge. Be at Shoreline Yacht Club on **Saturday, March 22nd at 9:00 A.M.** and you will be given preplanned instructions for an event to be run inside the Long Beach breakwater near Shoreline Yacht Club. This will be an "Open Book" event. Use of all electronics except a clock will be encouraged. The handout material will include comments about things to be aware of on each leg of the course. If you would like to use your boat for the event, you are welcome to. If not, we will arrange for you to go with another boater who is going to "run the course". The preplanned course is about 6 nautical miles in length, and "Predicted Log Sheets" will be prepared for 6 knot and 8 knot boats (your choice which speed you would like to run). Run the course at any time before noon, record your times and return to SYC by 1:00 P.M. At SYC your times will be scored, the results announced and awards given along with a great deal of poking fun to be followed by Chili and Corn Bread in the dining area. There is no charge, except a "donation" of \$2 per person for the "chow down" and further discussion of the intricacies and fun of predicted log/cruiser navigation events. To RSVP, and for further information please contact the SYC representatives of SCCA: Mike Schachter 562-505-2671 and Craig Ryan 714-434-3941 or Dale King 909-815-2529

Website: [www.predictedlog.org/SCCA/SCCA.html](http://www.predictedlog.org/SCCA/SCCA.html)



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE BLACK!**

The Southern California Cruiser Association Commodore's Ball was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Long Beach Yacht Club. Hollywood Yacht Club was well represented, led by HYC Commodore Randy Simonson and his esteemed father, Staff Commodore Thol Simonson. Best of all, our very own Steve Black was installed as the 2008 SCCA Commodore. We look forward to your leadership!

**S/C Tom Chandler swears in Steve Black as Commodore of the SCCA**

Hollywood Yacht Club figured prominently among the winners. Of the four SCCA members who qualified for the Brugman (running at least six of the eight Brugman series contests) three were Hollywood Yacht Club members. While George Jackman of Shoreline Yacht Club took home the winning trophy, HYC Treasurer Craig Ryan was second, S/C John Walker (in a sailboat no less) took third and S/C Tom Chandler fourth. HYC members were also well represented in the Top Ten with Craig Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup>, S/C John Walker 4<sup>th</sup>, S/C Bill Findley 6<sup>th</sup>, S/C Tom Chandler 7<sup>th</sup>, Tom Collins 9<sup>th</sup>, and Pete Healy 10<sup>th</sup>. Steve Black also won the Mel Lurie Trophy for Best First Year Racer and Tom Collins won the Fall Series and the Bobrick trophies.



Also honored, Craig Ryan was recognized for his contribution to the sport of predicted log racing by the North American Cruiser Association with the beautiful Gandelman Trophy, created by Tiffany and Co.

Congratulations all!

**Craig with the Gandelman trophy**

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to new members

**Jonathan and Nancy Horstmann**

**Wendell and Sue Warner**

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Thank you to all who have renewed for 2008. If you haven't had a chance yet, please put it on your calendar to do so ASAP so you can be included in the year's activities and notices!

## **NEWSIE BITS**

Bring friends to our meetings and events! Any suggestions for extra events/fund-raisers are appreciated. Let's keep HYC moving ahead! Also, please let me know of any items for circle of concern, or happy happenings for publication--our members love to hear all the news.

Anne-Marie Bosché, Rear Commodore

## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

We at HYC are fortunate to have a very diverse and interesting membership and I am sure that many of you have fascinating, boating related experiences that others would find appealing. If so, please send me your stories, anecdotes, yarns, legends, or even fairy tales. I'm sure we would all love to read them.

All members should remember that the best way to get the Porthole is online. You can have it emailed to you and/or look at it on our website. If you choose to do so, not only will you get your Porthole a few days earlier than otherwise, but you will also see full color photographs and of course be able to print any or all of it at your convenience. Another great benefit would be the cost reduction for postage and printing. I can either send you an email alert telling you when the latest issue is ready to view on the website, or simply email you the Porthole directly as an attachment. I suspect most would choose the later option. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to get your Porthole electronically.

## **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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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February 2008

Tue 2/26 Bridge mtg

### March 2008

Tue 3/4 Dinner Meeting – Maggie’s Pub

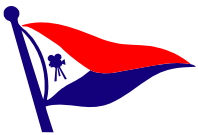
Wed 3/12 HYC host SCCA mtg – LB Lone Star

Tue 3/18 Bridge mtg

### April 2008

Tue 4/1 Bridge Meeting

**Sat 4/12 HYC Opening Day! Don’t Miss it.**



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