



Hollywood Yacht Club Porthole

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

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FROM YOUR COMMODORE, KEN GRIFFING



Well all of the signs of spring are around us, even if it is not quite spring as I write this. The plans are being laid for Opening Day and other clubs are doing the same, the hills around us are green still and flowers are beginning to appear, even if our friends in cooler climates are still dealing with snow and ice. Not that we here in Southern California ever stop boating but spring time certainly makes the time on the water more enjoyable.

HYC hosted the SCCA meeting this month with numerous HYC regulars in attendance. The 2008 cruiser navigation and sailing seasons are both getting underway with increasing regularity of events. We hope you are ready for all of this spring time activity and are enjoying being a part of it.

Do be sure you have put a big **RESERVED** mark on your calendar for HYC Opening Day on Saturday April 12. Please bring one of your special appetizers or desserts for all to enjoy. Staff Commodore Randy is busy planning a different and interesting day for us all to enjoy.

Be safe on the water (as well as on land!!) and we will look forward to seeing you on April 12.

I hope you all enjoyed getting to know our Bridge last month through the short *Porthole* bios as much as I did. I found it very informative.

Ken

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE, MARLA BROWN



As always, HYC participated in the SCCA Season Opener on March 1st. Apparently there are a few stories about this race, but congratulations to J.D. Smith, Tom Chandler and John Walker.

We are getting ready for the Shultz/ Easter Catalina SCCA contest, on March 28, which HYC is hosting. This will be a fun race and I look forward to participating and enjoying the great time we always have in Avalon. Watch out, there is another stick boat on the water!

Seriously, I thank John Walker, Craig and Jan, and Ann Marie and Bruce for supporting me.

Opening Day is just around the corner and plans are being made for a great celebration to start our 70th boating season. The bridge hopes you all come and join in on the festivities.

If any of you have a speaker you would like to hear or a topic you would like to learn about, please let me know and I will make arrangements to have the programs at our monthly meetings.

I would like to thank the HYC members who were at the SCCA meeting that we hosted on 3/12 at the Lone Star Restaurant in Long Beach. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the evening.

See you at Opening Day!

Marla

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE, ANNE-MARIE BOSCHÉ



Hi, All!

We're off to a great start for 2008. Your Bridge has been hard at work planning our Opening Day, which is coming up sooner than you think! Remember that you're welcome to bring family and prospective members to this event--let's celebrate our 70th year with a bang. We want to see you all there!

Bruce and I were asked to join Tom & Gail Chandler on "Rm II Hyde" for SCCA's season opener race. Lots of fun and camaraderie was had by all, and Long Beach YC went out of their way to make us feel welcomed.

The next race is coming up to Avalon, the "Easter-Cat" race on March 28th, and Bruce and I will be participating with our V/C, Marla on her boat "Slip Aweigh". Really looking forward to being part of her team on her first race as Skipper! HYC is sponsoring the event, and Chandlers are in charge of all the fun. I'll let you know how it went in our April newsletter.

'Tis also the season for hopping like bunnies to other clubs' Opening Days. I'll be representing HYC at several, and have even been asked to sing the "National Anthem" for a few. It's a great way to get to know the people involved in our sister clubs and spread the word about our fun-loving group!

CONDOLENCES to Julie Purdy and her mother, Peggy Clemens for the loss of Bill King. Bill was Commodore in 1993. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Rosemarie Radomsky has been working diligently at updating our web site for the 2008 season. Please visit it for information and photos of recent events. www.scya.org, member clubs, Hollywood Yacht Club.

Happy and blessed Easter, ~~~ _/) ~~~ Anne-Marie

Anne-Marie Bosché, Rear Commodore

FROM YOUR SECRETARY, CRAIG RYAN



As you all know, Opening Day is rapidly approaching and I just wanted to let you all know that I'm planning to have the 2008 rosters ready for the big event. I am finalizing it now and will have the new rosters printed and ready for distribution at Opening Day. I have sent you all renewal forms with all of your membership information printed on them. Many of you have updated the information as requested, and the updated information will be included in the new roster. If you did not update the information, I have assumed the form to have the correct information and that is what will be included in the roster.

Last month, all of the HYC officers included a short Bio in their articles and there was a large positive response to these articles. I would like to make this a regular feature of the Porthole. All of our members have interesting histories and I think we would all like to learn more about our fellow members. To that end I am asking all of our Staff Commodores to provide a short Biography focusing on their boating experiences. Even if you are not a Staff Commodore, we would like you to hear from you. I would like to publish one or two Bio's per issue if possible. You may want to use the February Porthole as an example. Send your articles to me at cryan2820@ca.rr.com for publication.

Craig Ryan, Secretary

**Hollywood Yacht Club
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Lone Star Steak House and Saloon
March 4, 2008**

Officers Present:

Commodore Ken Griffing
Vice Commodore Marla Brown
Rear Commodore Anne Marie Bouché

Secretary Craig Ryan rep. by Jan Ryan
Treasurer J.D. Smith

Staff Commodores in Attendance:

John Walker
Ken Henry
Tom Chandler

Bruce Clinkenbeard
Darrell Allison

The meeting of Hollywood Yacht Club was called to order at 7:15 pm by Commodore Ken Griffing.

Staff Commodore John Walker led the invocation.

Staff Commodore Bruce Clinkenbeard led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting was suspended for dinner at 7:20.

Meeting reconvened at 8:09.

Officers Reports

Treasurer

Treasurer J.D. Smith reported that we are solvent and a good cash position as we should be this time of year. Balances are as follows:

Checking	\$3,470
Savings	\$3,500
CD	\$5,105

Secretary

Secretary representative Jan Ryan had published the minutes from our last meeting in the Porthole. She asked if there were any changes to the minutes as published. There were no changes. The minutes will be recorded as published.

Rear Commodore

Rear Commodore Anne Marie Bouché announced that she will be singing at opening days for Little Ships YC, Seal Beach YC, Hollywood YC and will be participating in opening day festivities at Ventura YC and in Marina Del Rey. Thank you, Annie!

Vice Commodore

Vice Commodore Marla Brown will participate in opening day festivities at Ventura YC and Channel Islands YC. As Vice Commodore, she is also Programs Chair and would like suggestions on future speakers. If you know of someone who could speak to our group on a topic that would interest our members, please let Marla know. She is also willing to help others in the club with activities.

Commodore Report

Commodore Ken Griffing summarized a recent publication from the FCC concerning issues relating to the Global Distress and Safety System Regulations (GMDSS) which are effective March 25, 2008. The rules clarify that all boats equipped with an operable VHF radio constantly monitor channel 16 while underway. There had been some speculation that this requirement would be eliminated. It has not. For a complete summary of the report, see the article enclosed in this issue of The Porthole. Thanks, Ken.

Fleet Captain

The SCCA Season Opener was hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club on March 1, 2008. It was a great shake down contest for boaters to get the kinks worked out and remember again how to actually do this. The Shultz Easter Catalina Race to Avalon will once again be hosted by HYC and we are looking forward to a great turnout for the race and dinner and the fun and games on Saturday.

Announcements

AIS – a great tool at a great price. Save 10% when you mention SCCA. See the enclosed article on AIS from Steve Black for details.

Upcoming Events

March 28, 2008 Shultz Easter Catalina Predicted Log Contest – Hosted by HYC

April 12, 2008 Hollywood Yacht Club Opening Day

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.



Shoreline Yacht Club held their Opening Day on February 23 this year. HYC was represented by Steve and Eva Black, and Craig and Jan Ryan. In this photo, Steve and Craig (center and right) are enjoying themselves with Shoreline YC's 2008 Commodore, Warren Wolfe (left).

The Season Begins!

Yes! The predicted log contest season has officially begun. The SCCA Season Opener was hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club on March 1, 2008. Think you wouldn't know anybody if you go? Think again. HYC had a great showing, with HYC members taking five out of the top seven spots.

Dale King (of Shoreline YC) on **King's X** won the contest with a .739% error. Long time HYC member and log racer extraordinaire **Tom Collins** on **Misty Sea** came in second with a score of .759%, **S/C Tom Chandler** on **Rm II Hyde** had a strong fourth place finish with a .930% and **Treasurer JD Smith** took fifth with a score of 1.030%. **S/C John Walker** came in sixth and **Secretary Craig Ryan** took seventh. HYC members **Pete Healy** and **Bill Findley** also were part of the group. **S/C Bruce Clinkenbeard** and **Rear Commodore Anne Marie Bouché** helped **Tom and Gail Chandler** on **Rm II Hyde** as well.

Steve Black was under the weather or we are sure he would have made us proud as well.

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

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

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

AIS (AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM)

Commercial vessels are required to have an AIS on board. This system sends out location, course, speed, name of vessel, etc. If you have an AIS receiver on your boat, it will pick up the signal and you will get all the above info, and the ship will show up on your screen as a triangle with the above info.

Commercial vessels receive and transmit a signal. For most of us, a receiver is all we need. The price of the Milltech Marine SR161 receiver is \$171.00. The AIS/GPS cable is \$13.00. Also you will need a VHF antenna and mounting hardware, or you can use an electronic splitter but the cost is higher.

If you want to transmit and receive the cost is around \$3500.00.

There is a new class B coming soon that will transmit and receive for about \$1250.

****I TALKED TO MILLTECH MARINE TODAY AND HE HAD TALKED TO HIS SUPPLIER THIS MORNING. THE NEW CLASS B UNITS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED STATES YET. THEY CAN BE BOUGHT IN CANADA OR ELSEWHERE*****

For more information, contact Milltech Marine at 206-299-2217. Or on the web at www.milltechmarine.com Mention the SCCA 10 coupon and receive a 10% discount and web orders are not charged sales tax.

Steve Black

RACING SCHEDULES:



Please contact either of our Race Committee chairs (Jarel Ervin at 951-686-2746 for sail, Tom Chandler at 562-862-8577 for power) with questions, or refer online to

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

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

Welcome to new members

Harold (Hal) and Angeline (Angie) Gayer

Gene Duley

Don and Inge Crowder

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 NOTE

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.

Summary report of the FCC final GMDSS Rules

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has published in the Federal Register a final Rule concerning issues relating to the Global Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). The Federal Register notice serves to make these rules official Federal Regulations effective March 25, 2008. Not all of these rules affect volunteer pleasure craft but mainly apply to compulsory vessels. The following is a summary of those rules that have an impact on the recreational boater:

(Revised regulations 47 CFR 80.148, 80.305, and 80.1123 in the Final Rule) This rule continues the VHF radio Channel 16 watch requirement indefinitely for both compulsory and volunteer vessels. There was some speculation that the requirement for maintaining a watch on VHF Channel 16 would be eliminated once Digital Selective Calling (DSC) on VHF Channel 70 became established. This rule clarifies that issue and makes a watch on VHF Channel 16 a continued requirement. It should be noted that Section 80.148 requires that boats equipped with an operable VHF radio constantly monitor VHF Channel 16 when underway. Some VHF-DSC radios, those manufactured under the SC101 Standard, cannot monitor the DSC Channel 70 and Channel 16 simultaneously. The only choice then, is to monitor Channel 16 under this requirement and possibly miss calls on Channel 70. This is somewhat addressed under revised rule 80.225, also in this Final Rule.

(Revised regulations 47 CFR 80.305, and 80.1123 in the Final Rule) Relieves vessels that have upgraded to MF-DSC marine radio equipment of the requirement to maintain a watch on the MF frequency of 2182 kHz, but continues the requirement for non-DSC equipped vessels carrying SSB marine radio to maintain a watch on 2182 kHz. This applies both to compulsory and volunteer vessels that carry SSB marine radio equipment.

(Revised regulations 47 CFR 80.359 and 80.1077 in the Final Rule) Permits routine (general purpose) calling on DSC frequencies. There was a discrepancy between Section 80.1077 which allowed MF-DSC frequencies to be used for routine ship to ship calling and Section 80.359(b) which specified the DSC frequencies were to be used for distress and safety communications and made no provision for routine calling on these frequencies. The Commission later amended the table in Section 80.1077 to make clear that routine calling was not permitted on MF and HF DSC frequencies, This rule reverses that decision and now permits routine calling on all DSC frequencies, VHF, MF, and HF.

(Revised regulation 80.225) Phases out the SC101 Standard for the manufacture of DSC marine radios and implements the Class D Standard. The SC101 Standard for VHF marine radio only required manufacturers to meet the very minimum requirement for GMDSS and was not accepted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). SC101 VHF transceivers only had one receiver that could monitor VHF Channels 16 or 70 at any one time, but not both. Many of the other safety features required by the IMO were also missing in these radios. The FCC originally approved the SC101 Standard because of the relative low cost of these radios and the belief that the cost factor would encourage recreational boaters to purchase and use them. The Class D Standard VHF radios contain two receivers that allow simultaneous monitoring of both Channel 16 and Channel 70. In addition this Standard meets all the GMDSS requirements of the IMO radios that do not comply with the Class D Standard after March 25, 2009 and prohibit the manufacture, importation, sale or installation of SC101 radios after March 25, 2012 and will prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of SC101 handheld radios after March 25, 2015. SC101 Radios purchased and placed in service prior to the expiration of the relevant transition period are indefinitely grandfathered.

In addition to the FCC's Final Rule on GMDSS issues the FCC posted in the Federal Register a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking of two other items of interest to recreational boaters. The first of these items was a recommendation of the U.S. Coast Guard that VHF handheld radios fitted with DSC include and integral GPS capability to ensure distress calls include accurate location information. The FCC requests comments on this recommendation and asks that commenters address both the potential safety benefits of adding GPS capability to VHF-DSC handheld radios, and the incremental costs to manufacturers and consumers.

In the second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking the FCC proposed the certification of the Class B Automatic Identification System (AIS). Class B AIS is a system designed to provide the recreational boater and other small vessel operators the benefits of this system at a relative low cost. Class B AIS systems broadcast user programmed information such as the vessel name, MMSI, vessel type, dimension of the boat, position, true heading, speed over ground, and course over ground. Transmission and reception of this information greatly facilitates safe passage, especially in crowded traffic lanes and harbors. The U.S. Coast Guard had recently certified 5 Class B units as acceptable to meet their requirements for operation in U.S. waters. These units require FCC certification before they can be placed on sale to the public. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is the first step in making Class B AIS available to U. S. recreational boaters.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2008

Fri 3/28 SCCA Shultz Easter Catalina Cruiser Navigation Contest

April 2008

Tue 4/1 Bridge Meeting

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

Fri 4/25 SCCA Marina Cup Cruiser Navigation Contest

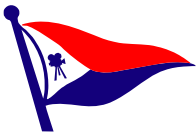
Sat 4/26 SCCA Pritikin Cruiser Navigation Contest

May 2008

Tue 5/6 Dinner Meeting – Naple's Ribs

Thu 5/29 -

Sat 5/31 PCYA Barusch/Castagna Cruiser Navigation



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