



THE PORTHOLE

THE HOLLYWOOD YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH OF 2009

Calendar of upcoming events

April 3

SCCA Easter Catalina Cruiser Navigation contest sponsored by Hollywood YC

April 7

HYC Dinner Meeting - location TBD - Cocktails 1800 hrs, Dinner 1900 hrs

April 15

SCCA Dinner Meeting - Del Rey YC - Cocktails 1830 hrs, Dinner 1930 hrs

April 11

LBHIS Easter Race
Hosted by USPS

April 18

Social Event of the Season !

Hollywood Yacht Club Opening Day Registration 1200 hrs, Ceremony 1300 hrs

May 1

SCCA Marina Cup
Long Beach to Marina Del Rey
Sponsored by Del Rey Yacht Club

May 2

SCCA Pritikin Contest
Santa Monica Bay
Sponsored by Del Rey Yacht Club

May 5

HYC Dinner Meeting
Lone Star Steak House, Long Beach
1830 Cocktails, 1930 Dinner



Opening Day 2009 Season Begins In Marina Del Rey

Hollywood Yacht Club's bridge members L-R, V/C JD Smith, Commodore Marla Brown, Secretary Jan Ryan, and R/C Craig Ryan, pictured here at Del Rey

Yacht Club, are busy on the 2009 Opening Day circuit. March 15/16 was Marina Del Rey weekend and Hollywood was represented at four of the MDR clubs. **Editor**

It's White Pants Time Again!

When do we switch from gray to white pants each spring? Opening Day weekend in Marina Del Rey. That was last weekend and your officers did you proud. Commodore Marla Brown, Vice Commodore JD Smith, and Rear Commodore Craig Ryan, accompanied by Secretary Jan Ryan were proudly wearing their snowy best and saluting and sipping champagne with the rest of the SoCal yachting social scene throughout the days. As Commodore Marla accepted yet another hug and glass of champagne she quipped "I love my job".

Yep, people forget the perks of office. If you are into free food and champagne, you just may want to step up to go through the chairs. (There are worse ways to spend your spring weekends). Opening days attended this weekend included:
Cal Yacht Club
Marina Venice Yacht Club
Pacific Mariners Yacht Club
Del Rey Yacht Club
Upcoming? Shoreline Yacht Club. Sigh. Another tough weekend on the circuit.
Jan Ryan, Secretary



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Editor's Note: In an effort to provide the most informative and interesting newsletter possible, I would ask that you, the members, submit any articles, web links, flyers, photos, calendar events, or any other information relevant to Hollywood Yacht Club or Yachting in general. I would be happy to publish your submissions. I would also make a particular request that any and all members submit a short Bio and photo of themselves to be published in the Porthole.

HYC Constitution

Article 2: Object

The object of this club shall be to encourage the sport of yachting and all branches of water sports; to stimulate the building, sailing and racing of yachts; to promote the science of seamanship and navigation; to award suitable trophies for contests; to encourage social activities among its members; and to promote the interest of yachting and water sports in general.

LIST OF RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS 2009 TO THIS DATE

Pacific Mariners Yacht Club

Channel Islands Yacht Club

Mission Bay Yacht Club

Oceanside Yacht Club

Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club

Coronado Yacht Club

Silver Gate Yacht Club

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club

Buccaneer Yacht Club

Pierpont Bay Yacht Club

Ventura Yacht Club

Anacapa Yacht Club

Coronado Cays Yacht Club

Navy Yacht Club Channel Islands

Shoreline Yacht Club

Santa Monica Windjammers YC



FROM YOUR COMMODORE, MARLA BROWN

Our Opening Day plans are being made. Jr. S/C Ken Griffing will be contacting you to help with this year's event. We have a lot of guests that are planning to attend and celebrate with us. Plus the BBQ team is ready to cook.

Our next meeting, April 7, will be at Mimi's in Long Beach. The May 5th meeting will be at Lone Star also in Long Beach. I thank those of you who were at the March meeting. There are a lot of things going on so please plan to attend our events.

Racing will again be a big part of HYC's calendar. The season opener hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club was a lot of fun and HYC's Easter Cat is almost here. Please come out and join us. If you can't race, then consider driving (not to Catalina - but you could take the Express) to the destination and take part in the peel off and the great happy hours.

HYC will continue to have a presence at the Open Days. Since our bridge officers are racing we are requesting help from the Staff Commodores to represent us. Hollywood is a popular club and we have a lot of friends in the boating community who support us. If you are interested in going to the Opening Days, the schedule is on the SCYA web site and you can contact me.

Boat Safely,

Marla

Vice Commodore's Report



Vicky and I are looking forward to hosting the Vice Commodore's Cruise. Here are the details so far:

Saturday, July 18, 2009
12 noon
Portofino Cove Condos
16291 Countess Drive
Huntington Beach, CA
92649

Everyone is welcome by boat or car. We have our own marina and there will be ample parking. The parking lot is located adjacent to the complex on Countess Dr. If coming by boat, take the Anaheim entrance into Huntington Harbor. After coming under the bridge, we are the second marina on the left. We will have several sets of black and white balloons for identification. If

coming by car from Los Angeles or Long Beach, take the 405 fwy south to the 22 fwy. Keep in the far right lane and exit onto Bolsa Chica (about 2 mi.) Turn right on Edinger, then left on Countess Dr. Go to the end of the road and parking is on your right. We will have the walk-in gate open which is to the left of the large auto gates. We will meet at the pool and barbecue area which has rest rooms, shower and jacuzzi. RSVP TO J.D. Smith V/C 714-840-1699. Please indicate car or boat and number of persons.

Look forward to seeing you there!

JD



From the Secretary

I am pleased to be your devoted Secretary for the year 2009. Please see the enclosed minutes from the March business meeting for more information on what is happening with your Yacht Club. We sent out the invitations for HYC Opening Day to the Commodores of yacht clubs throughout Southern California and hope for great attendance.

Jan



Jr. Staff Commodore Ken Griffing

I hope you are all getting prepared for an outstanding HYC Opening Day. Saturday, April 18th is quickly approaching and progress is continuing on preparations. Be sure to dust off your recipes and get the ingredients ready so that you can bring your favorite appetizers and hors d'oeuvres. Our Secretary and appetizer overseer extraordinaire Jan Ryan will as always be overseeing their arrangement and display.

Setup will start Friday (April 17) afternoon as usual about 1500 and will continue on Saturday morning by 1000. If you can help, a few additional hands would certainly help make the workload lighter for the dependable setup crew. Give Ken Griffing a call at (626) 333-0513 if you can lend a hand.

Registration will get underway by 1200 with the festivities starting promptly at 1300. Some upbeat and enjoyable entertainment has been arranged for the enjoyment of all, and the usual good eats will get underway as directed by our own Chef Wylie shortly after the ceremony concludes.

Be sure your calendar is marked for the important HYC occasion and join Commodore Marla and our Bridge in welcoming our usual assortment of guests to our opening. Please try to arrive early so that we can have a good representation of HYC representatives available to welcome our guests.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, April 18th!

Kenneth Griffing

Junior Staff Commodore
Opening Day Arranger

Hollywood Yacht Club
March 3, 2009 Business Meeting
Lone Star Steakhouse

Officers in Attendance

Commodore Marla Brown
Vice Commodore J.D. Smith
Rear Commodore Craig Ryan rep. by Jan

Jr. Staff Commodore Ken Griffing
Secretary Jan Ryan
Treasurer Ken Voight

Staff Commodores in Attendance

1996 John Walker
2001 Tom Chandler
2005 Bruce Clinkenbeard
2006 Larry Saumur
2008 Ken Griffing

7:20 Meeting called to order by Commodore Marla Brown.
Introduction of officers and Staff Commodores in attendance.
Meeting recessed for dinner.

8:10 Meeting resumed by Commodore Brown.

Commodore's Report - Marla Brown

Los Angeles Yacht Club held their opening day and next week the Marina Del Rey Opening days will be in full force. Your bridge will be in attendance. We will need to rely on some of our Staff Commodores this year to attend Opening Days as Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore are all predicted log racers and will not be available on weekends with races. The flag officers will be reviewing the SCYA Opening Day schedule and contacting those needed for help. For those interested, the Opening Day schedule can be found on the Southern California Yachting Association website.

Vice Commodore's Report - JD Smith

JD and Vicky Smith are planning to host the Summer Barbecue at their home in Huntington Harbour. The date is July 18th. Mark your calendar!

Rear Commodore's Report - Craig Ryan (represented by Jan Ryan)

Details on the Pirate's cruise will be coming soon.

Secretary's Report - Jan Ryan

The minutes for the February meeting were posted in the last Porthole. There were no corrections submitted. First and second notices for dues renewals have gone out. We will be issuing a list of those who have not yet renewed to the officers to make phone calls. Membership cards have been mailed. If anyone has paid their dues and not received their membership cards, they should contact Jan Ryan.

Treasurer's Report - Ken Voight

We are solvent, have paid our bills and have money in the bank.

Fleet Captain's Report - Tom Chandler

The Southern California Cruiser Association Season Opener is this weekend. Several HYC members will be competing. The Easter Catalina contest will be held the first weekend in April and is hosted by HYC. There will be fun and games on Saturday and all are welcome.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Next meeting will be held on April 7th at Mimi's Café in Long Beach
There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.
Minutes respectfully submitted.

Jan Ryan, Secretary

Hollywood Yacht Club Shines at the SCCA Season Opener

Congratulations Pete Healy!



HYC member Pete Healy (right) receives first place award from Long Beach Yacht Club Jr. Staff Commodore Bobby Frasier

The date was March 7th, and the place to be was Long Beach Yacht Club - the Season Opener for Southern California Cruiser Association. There were 11 contestants and 5 of them were from Hollywood Yacht Club. So yes, we stacked the deck and were bound to take home some hardware. But how about this? HYC member Pete Healy accompanied by his brother-in-law, HYC member John Willister, on Jinkies, showed us how it is done with a first place finish along with an impressive 500 Club score of 0.439%. 500 Club? That's a score of less than 1/2% of error and is the equivalent of a hole in one in our sport. His name will be recorded with the prestigious North American Cruiser Association and he will receive a plaque commemorating the event. Not bad, considering that he beat out the SCCA Commodore and #1 predicted log racer in North America, Dale King to do it. R/C Craig Ryan on Black Jack came in third with a very respectable 0.684%. John Walker on Prime Time, Tom Chandler on Rm II Hyde, and our



S/C John Walker Gets Fifth Place

very own Commodore Marla Brown on Slip Aweigh accompanied by Frank and Rosemarie Radomsky came in middle of the pack. No bottom dwellers this time! And (yes, I know it is early in the season, but...) Hollywood Yacht Club is number one in the standings so far this year. Keep it up! Keep racing! We NEEDED to win back the Thol Simonson Trophy from those rascals over at Shoreline Yacht Club. They have had that thing WAAAY too long.

As always, our hosts at Long Beach Yacht Club were more than gracious. Jr. Staff Commodore and friend to predicted Log Racing, Bobby Frasier saw to all of the details including a commemorative custom bottle of Mt. Gay Rum for all participants. LBYC's kitchen was torn up so we had to "make do" with an amazing prime rib buffet catered by Naples Rib Company. Some of the guys (not to name names, Duane Hampton), brought new meaning to "all you can eat". Guys, that is just a term, not a challenge.

Special thanks to our friends at LBYC. See you at the Shultz Easter Catalina contest!

Predicted Log Race

By Rosemarie Radomsky

A few weekends ago, my husband Frank and I were asked to help Captain Marla Brown on her quest to win a predicted log race. It was the first time for me; Frank had been on one before. It was a fun day; also on board with us were Jan and Debbie Lawson. Finding all the points was an interesting experience. We had a few problems like this big tanker in our way and seeing as we couldn't make him move, we had to detour around him. That not only took extra time it also took us out of the way and time to get back on course. But that's not the only problem we had, there was also this huge barge in our way, it seemed pretty inconsiderate on their part to be out there when we are trying to run a race. And then where the devil was that water tank? We couldn't find it. Well we finally make the finish line or dock as it were, handed over our paper work and went back to the slip.

Jan Ryan invited us to the Black Jack for cocktails and appetizers before the dinner. I am sure you all know how wonderful a cook she is. Those appetizers were to die for. Thank you, Jan for inviting us.

After leaving the Black Jack we ambled up to the yacht club for dinner and to see just how well everyone did. It was a fun evening and Frank and I enjoyed it immensely. Oh! Yes Marla came in 8th and that was pretty darn good for all those interferences we had to contend with.

Rosemary



SYC Race Management Committee
presents



April Fools' Race

Saturday, April 4th, 2009

A San Pedro Bay afternoon "interclub" PHRF buoy race.

Come and "tune up" the skipper & crew
in preparation for the Ensenada Race.

Skipper's Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
in the SYC Bar.



Race starts at NOON near Buoy 39.



Awards following the Race in the SYC Bar (No host)

For further information, contact Keith Seagull at syccracechair@yahoo.com, or
visit the SYC website at www.syclb.org for Notice of Race (NOR)