

# THE PORTHOLE

THE HOLLYWOOD YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL/MAY OF 2009

## Calendar of upcoming events

### June 5

SCCA Sharkie Cruiser Navigation contest sponsored by Shoreline YC

### June 6

SCCA BCYC Invitational Cruiser Navigation contest and Grand Marnier Cup sponsored by Bahia Corinthian YC

### June 26th -28th

PCYA Barusch/Castagna West Coast Cruiser Navigation Championship Contest Hosted by Bahia Corinthian YC

### July 18

HYC Summer Barbecue Hosted by V/C JD and Vicky Smith at Portofino Cove in Huntington Harbor

### August 21

SCCA Del Mar Cruiser Navigation Contest Sponsored by California YC

### August 22

USPS District 13 Isthmus Cruise

### August 29

HYC Pirate's Cruise at the home of Tom and Joyce Rumsey in Long Beach and hosted by R/C Craig and Jan Ryan

### Sept 1

HYC Dinner Meeting  
Naples Rib Company, Long Beach  
1830 Cocktails, 1930 Dinner



**Hollywood Yacht Club Staff Commodores Jarel Ervin (left), Randy Simonson (upper right), and Thol**

**Simonson (lower right) share a moment in the shade prior to the ceremonies at Opening Day. Editor**

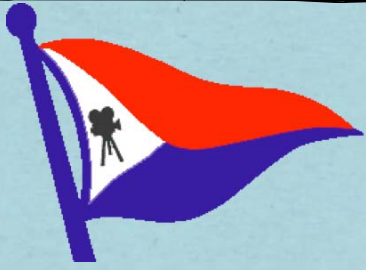
## HYC Opening Day 2009 Was A Great Time For All

### Hollywood YC shows the SCCA how it's done, Again!



The most recent Southern California Cruiser Association contest was the

Marina Cup hosted by Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. The contest runs between Long Beach and Marina Del Rey. Hollywood's only contestant, R/C Craig Ryan, placed first. Our own Commodore Marla Brown, representing Cabrillo Beach YC is seen here presenting Craig with the first place keeper award.



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**For more information, visit our website at:**

<http://hyc.scyaweb.org/>

Feel free to contact any of us with your thoughts and ideas!

## **Holiday Harbor Marina**

Berth 201

Wilmington, CA 90744

Jerry Despues (310) 835-3952

<http://www.holidayharborw.com/index.html>

**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**

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club  
Buccaneer Yacht Club  
Channel Islands Yacht Club  
Coronado Cays Yacht Club  
Anacapa Yacht Club  
Coronado Yacht Club  
Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club  
Marina Venice Yacht Club  
Mission Bay Yacht Club  
Navy Yacht Club Channel Islands  
Oceanside Yacht Club  
Pacific Mariners Yacht Club  
Pierpont Bay Yacht Club  
San Pedro Yacht Club  
Santa Monica Windjammers YC  
Shoreline Yacht Club  
Silver Gate Yacht Club  
Ventura Yacht Club  
West Coast Yacht Club



## FROM YOUR COMMODORE, MARLA BROWN

There are so many people I would like to thank for making HYC's Opening Day such a success. It was a gorgeous day with so many of our members there working and supporting our club. So, a big thank you to Ken Griffing for planning, organizing, and pulling off an outstanding day. Also, Judy, thank you for all of the work you did and putting the final touches on our celebration. Thank you to Tom Chandler, Gail Chandler, Larry Saumur, Joan Saumur, J.D. Smith, Ken Voight, Sue McGuire, Jan Ryan, Craig Ryan, Ed Wylie, John Walker, Jerry Ervin, Rick Sherwood, Ted Clark, Lee Tracy, Nan Tracy, and Bruce Clinkenbeard for always being there supplying us with the great burgers and side dishes. Also, thank you to everyone who brought an appetizer or dessert. That touch makes our opening days so special. If I have forgotten anyone I do not mean too. If I didn't mention your name, Thank You!

I would like to thank the Staff Commodores who continuously support HYC by attending our meetings and events and especially being there in force at Opening Days. And thank you to Randy Simonson who brought Thol. What a treat for all of us.

Our next meeting will be September first at Naples Rib Co. Just because we don't have meetings in the summer we still have things to do. V/C J.D. Smith and Vicky are hosting the summer BBQ on July 18th. R/C Craig Ryan and Sec. Jan will be hosting the Pirates Cruise on August 29th. More on that inside this newsletter.

I hope everyone has a very good summer and you get to enjoy boating - racing or cruising. See you soon.

Boat Safely,

**Marla**



## FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE, CRAIG RYAN

I'm still working on the new HYC database and I wanted to let you know that I will be sending out a form for all members to complete. The form will have all the information that is already included in the HYC database and it will have blanks for you to add other information. What I'm really looking for though is photos. Ideally, I would like a photo of each member, significant other, and vessel. Also, I would like a picture of the couple together if applicable. The reason is that as we all know, a picture is worth a thousand words and I believe it will be easier for us to remember our fellow members with a photo database. When this database is compiled, you will all have a copy and be able to put a face with the names you see in the roster.

So start looking for those perfect pics.

**Craig**

## From your Secretary, Jan Ryan

See the enclosed minutes for the May meeting held at Lone Star Steak House. It was a lot of fun, but it's hard to believe that it will be our last official meeting before September. No problem keeping in touch though, see you at the Summer Barbecue in July and the Pirate's Cruise in August. If you see Ken Griffing, please shake his hand and thank him for the beautiful bell mentioned in a later article. For those who are good friends with Jim and Anne Sullivan, I had dinner at their home recently and they are doing fairly well. Anne's back surgery had to be postponed, but we will be rescheduled. I will keep you posted on our dear friends the Sullivans.



**Jan**



## Jr. Staff Commodore, Ken Griffing

HYC Opening Day 2009

Well another Opening Day is in the history books, and a memorable one it was!

Thanks to all who helped make Opening Day 2009 an outstanding occasion. Thanks goes to the usual band of stalwart HYC'ers, starting with Commodore Marla Brown and her friend Gary Smith from the San Francisco Bay area that were present Friday afternoon for the setup chores and again early Saturday for the final setup (not to mention the arduous task of listening to our jazz band several months in advance to see that they were the right ones for the occasion!) and well into the evening cleanup, Ken Voight, Larry Saumur, Tom and Gail Chandler, Bruce Clinkenbeard who not only helped with the setup and cleanup but also arranged for purchase of much of the day's menu, chef Ed Wylie who was there Friday and

was first in view when Judy and I arrived early on Saturday and found the chairs already standing and arranged, Frank and Rosemarie Radomsky, Craig and Jan Ryan, JD Smith, John Walker, Jarel Ervin, Rick Sherwood, Lee and Nan Tracy, and others that I am sure I have left out.

Also thanks to all of you who were not able to help with the setup but who brought those delicious appetizers and desserts and came to help welcome our guests from the other associations and Yacht Clubs. We all enjoyed the music of Auntie Annie's Lucky Winners well into the late afternoon as they helped us celebrate the new yachting season. It was great to see HYC member No.1 Thol Simonson and his driver Staff Commodore Randy Simonson cruise in from nearby Phoenix for the day. Thanks for the extra effort. We also enjoyed seeing both Peggy Clemens and Julie Purdy again and the many regulars who help make the day complete. Several of our special guests helped to put the frosting on the cake!

The weather could not have been better for the occasion, neither too hot, too cold, too windy, nor too wet. All in all it was a great start to another HYC yachting season. Let's join with our Commodore Marla Brown and support all the planned and unplanned events for the year. Thanks to all who made the day possible, it really is a team effort. Thanks also to those who helped make the day memorable by your presence.

**Ken**

**Hollywood Yacht Club  
April 7, 2009 Business Meeting  
Mimi's Restaurant**

**Officers in Attendance**

Commodore Marla Brown  
Vice Commodore J.D. Smith  
Treasurer Ken Voight

**Staff Commodores in Attendance**

1996 John Walker  
2006 Larry Saumur  
2008 Ken Griffing

7:00 Meeting called to order by Commodore Marla Brown.  
Invocation by Staff Commodore John Walker.  
(no flag)

**Commodore's Report - Marla Brown**

Mentioned the loss of Tom Scott, SCCA member. Commented on Opening Day's plans. Webmaster Rosemarie Radomsky will work with Ken Voight on a new web server. We will not be going through SCYA's website, too many restrictions.

**Vice Commodore's Report - JD Smith**

Summer BBQ will be at their home on 7/18. More information will be given in the next publication.

**Treasurer's Report - Ken Voight**

Solvent and ready for opening day.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Larry Saumur gave a report on the status of the Department of Boating and Waterways budget.

Ken Griffing reported on opening day. Has been sending emails and everything is organized. He wants people there to set up the tent Friday at 3:30 and then Saturday morning at 9:30.

Ken Griffing donated a bell to HYC that belonged to his parents. They were in a group called the Voyagers in the early 1940's. It started as a church group of young married couples and became a social group that met monthly. Ken is going to get the bell polished and ready for us to use. Ken will write an article about the bell explaining the history. Ken was thanked for his generosity.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06.

Notes were taken by Commodore Marla Brown.

**Jan Ryan, Secretary**

**Hollywood Yacht Club  
May 5, 2009 Business Meeting  
Lone Star Steak House and Saloon**

**Officers in Attendance**

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

Secretary Jan Ryan  
Treasurer Ken Voight

**Staff Commodores in Attendance**

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2000 Eugene Albright

2001 Tom Chandler  
2006 Larry Saumur  
2008 Ken Griffing

The meeting of Hollywood Yacht Club was called to order at 7:35 pm by Commodore Marla Brown. Staff Commodore John Walker led the invocation. Member Frank Radomsky led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was suspended for dinner at 7:45.

Meeting reconvened at 8:43. The minutes from the April meeting were accepted. Thank you, Marla for keeping minutes in the absence of our Secretary at the April meeting.

**Treasurer's Report - Ken Voight**

Treasurer Ken Voight reported that we are solvent and our bills are paid. There are no large purchases planned. Regalia was especially successful this year with \$570 in sales. Special thanks to Glenn and Jeanne Draper for helping out.

**Secretary's Report - Jan Ryan**

Secretary Jan Ryan will publish the minutes for the April and May meetings in the May Porthole. Special thanks to Ken Voight for getting the roster out on a very tight schedule. Thanks, again for a great job, Ken. We have a new membership application which will go to the membership committee for review.

**Rear Commodore's Report - Represented by Jan Ryan**

Rear Commodore representative Jan Ryan announced that we had chosen the date for the Pirate's Cruise - August 29th.

**Vice Commodore's Report - JD Smith**

Vice Commodore JD Smith announced that the Summer Barbecue will have a luau theme and will be held at the Portofino Cove Condos in Huntington Harbour. There is a pool and Jacuzzi and there will be poolside games. There is plenty of room for boats and members are encouraged to bring their boats and spend the night. See the enclosed flyer for details.

**Commodore's Report - Marla Brown**

Commodore Marla Brown again thanked everyone for a wonderful Opening Day. She also announced that she has a new member application from Jan Lawson and her partner Debbie. They have gone as crew on Slip Aweigh with Capt. Marla on SCCA races and now look to race on their own. Looking forward to seeing them out on the water. She also thanked Ken Griffing for the beautiful bell donated by his family. Thank you so much, Ken. The history of the bell will be published in the porthole.

**Fleet Captain - Tom Chandler**

Fleet Captain Tom Chandler reported the Marina Cup, which began in Long Beach and traveled to Marina Del Rey was won by our very own, Craig Ryan. The Pritikin had to be cancelled due to inclement weather (seas breaking over MDR breakwater). Next contests - The Sharkie, Friday, June 5th traveling from Long Beach to Newport Beach. The BCYC Invitational, Saturday, June 6th beginning and ending at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club.

**New Business**

Webmistress Rosemarie Radomsky announced our new website address - [www.hollywoodyachtclub.org](http://www.hollywoodyachtclub.org). Yep, it's official! Upcoming events were announced. See page one of the Porthole for a complete listing.

**Jan Ryan, Secretary**

# History of the HYC Bell

At the April, 2009 membership meeting, HYC was presented with a new bell. The bell has an interesting history.

Back in the early 1940's my (Ken Griffing) parents were a part of a new group of friends here in Los Angeles, some of which had known each other from the time they were junior high age. A number of them attended the same church and formed a group of young married couples. The group adopted a nautical theme and thus came to use a bell to help keep order at their meetings.

Before too long, many in the group (including the Griffings) moved to the suburbs of the growing Los Angeles area, but the group continued to meet. Although it was no longer a part of that church, the group continued to add members and to hold their monthly meetings and to be a helpful part of the community. One of the things they frequently did was to collect toys and stuffed animals for Long Beach Memorial Hospital at their year-end meeting. Sound familiar?

At some point I recall but cannot tell you when, my father made the ship's wheel stand for the bell and it acquired a storage bag, and one of the group members embroidered the galleon on the cloth on which they often placed the bell at their meetings.

The group continued to meet usually monthly into the 21st century, a period of over 60 years. By then most of the original members and many of those that had joined with them had passed on, as did my father in 2002. My mother thus became the keeper of the bell and when she moved into a Senior Center in 2008 she gave the bell to me.

Having lost two of our stalwart HYC Bridge members during our 2008 watch it occurred to me that it would be nice for HYC to have a more attractive and distinctive bell for our use, and why not look at mom's old bell for the purpose. An inspection found it in good shape but obviously well used. It looked to me to be an ideal candidate for HYC. When I mentioned my thought about the bell to my mother she was enthusiastically in favor. I re-oiled the ship's wheel and stand and a friend polished out the original engraving on the bell.

I found it interesting that today it is not easy to find a shop capable of doing quality engraving on a bell due to the compound curves to the surface. In times past it was often done by hand by skilled craftsmen. Today most engraving is by computer but most systems only deal with flat surfaces. After talking with a number of engraving shops I was able to find one well capable of the task.

An "HYC" has been engraved on the bell and a curved brass plate added to the ship's wheel. The brass plate reads, "Whenever this bell tolls may it be in thanks and memory of those members who have brought us to this place and time."

May the bell find many more years of helpful use by HYC.

**Ken Griffing, Jr. Staff Commodore**



# USPS district 13

## MEDIA Release

### Four\* out of six members of D/13 United States Power Squadron's 2009 Bridge are HYC Members

Emphasizing Boating Safety and Education in six California county areas plus Nevada, Hawaii, and Tokyo Japan, the new skipper of USPS D/13 Veronica Mann, and her husband District Educational Officer Michael Mann, and also members of Cabrillo Beach YC, will head up two of the six key positions in the new 2009 bridge line up.

A Riverside resident, Veronica (Ronnie) Mann (left in photo), was elected District Commander and her husband Michael Mann (3rd from left in photo) was elected to the District Education Officer's position at the Annual meeting held at the Doral Desert Princess Resort in Palm Springs, CA.

A Registered Nurse and training supervisor for the State of California, Ronnie has a long background in serving the public. Mike brings a wealth of valuable hands on experience having retired as a Captain and certified paramedic from the Orange County Fire Authority.



Filling out the D/13 bridge are Tres Rios Power Squadron and Hollywood YC members Ken Voight (2nd from left in photo) as Executive Officer, Ed Wiley (3rd from right in photo) as Administrative Officer and Larry Saumur (right in photo) as Treasurer. Secretary Rosemarie Radomski (2nd from right in photo) is a member of Redondo Beach Sail and Power Squadron and Hollywood Yacht Club also.

Chartered in 1941, US Power Squadrons District 13 has provided the boating public with programs and on the water family fun for thousands of Pacific Coast boaters. D/13 Squadrons are located in the south-western states, Hawaii and Japan

To contact USPS for class schedules and location or membership information call: 1. 800. SEASKIL. Information is also available at: [www.usps.org/localusps/d13/](http://www.usps.org/localusps/d13/)

The United States Power Squadrons, a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization was founded in 1914. Forty thousand members in the United States, offshore territories and Japan, populate 433 Squadrons.

USPS members develop, promote, and provide water safety programs for children and adults; boating educational opportunities and activities that enhance the total experiences of the boating public.

To contact USPS, check out the web site at: <http://www.usps.org/> or call - 1.888.367.8777

\* Since this article was written, Mike and Ronnie Mann have joined HYC, so now it's all six.



S/C Eugene and Castella Albright



Nancy Findley and Jo Chiles



S/C Tom and Gail Chandler with Annie looking on



Ted and Rainey Clark



Judy and Jr. Staff Commodore Ken Griffing



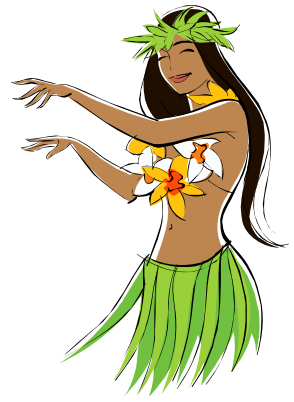
S/C Susan McGuire



Joceyln and Oscar Swinton



Frank Radomsky



**Hollywood Yacht Club  
Presents  
The Summer Barbecue  
and Luau !**

**Hosted By R/C JD and Vicky  
Smith**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 PM**

**Portofino Cove Condos  
16291 Countess Drive  
Huntington Beach  
RSVP to (714) 319-1699**

**Luau Feast, Fun and Games  
All for just \$20  
Please bring an  
appetizer to share**

**Direction by Car:**

405 South to  
22 East (stay in right lane)  
Off at Bolsa Chica  
Right on Bolsa Chica  
Right on Edinger  
Left on Countess Dr  
At the dead end parking in the parking lot to your right.  
Walk into complex to pool area ahead.  
Lost? Call (714) 319-1699

**Directions by Boat:**

Call to RSVP for boat slip – (714) 319-1699.  
Anaheim entrance. Second marina to port. Directly across  
from Peters Landing. Look for the balloons tied to the slip  
supports.  
Monitor Channel 71





*Arrggh, Me Hearties!  
It's Time for the  
Annual Hollywood Yacht Club  
Pirate's Cruise!*

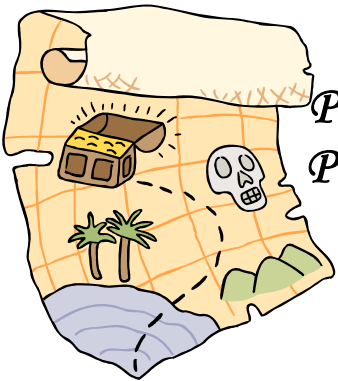
*Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 noon*

*At the Home of Tom & Joyce Rumsey  
6911 East Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA  
(562) 856-4700*



*Bring your dinghy for the Pirate's Cruise Poker Run!  
Plus Krazy Kraig's Karaoke*

*Please bring something to grill and a side dish to share.  
Please RSVP to your hosts R/C Craig Ryan and Jan at  
(714) 330-7058 or [hers@craigandjan.com](mailto:hers@craigandjan.com)*



*No Pillaging Please!*

