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OUR 53rd YEAR



“HAVEN at anchor in a Yachtsman’s Heaven”

- photo by Gary Conwell



Blue Skies 🎵

Nothing But Blue Skies

COVER
STORY

Blue days
All of them gone

"Blue Skies"

is one of many popular songs whose lyrics use a "bluebird of happiness" as a symbol of cheer:

*"Bluebirds singing a song
Nothing but bluebirds all day long."*

The sunny optimism of the lyrics are undercut by the minor key of the music, giving the words an ironic feeling.

Frank Sinatra recorded "Blue Skies" in 1941, which was shortly after the yacht VERA LEE II was launched. VERA LEE II is one of CYA's original vessels.



Nothing but blue skies
from now on

Blue Skies

"Blue Skies"

was written by Irving Berlin, considered one of the greatest songwriters in American history. It was composed as part of the 1926 musical "BETSY".

Audiences loved the song so much they demanded 24 encores of it on the show's opening night!



LARK cruising under blue skies

- photo by Rick Olson



"Sailor's Pants"

Have you ever heard the old saying

"There's enough blue to make a sailor a pair of pants"?

When the blue begins to break through a rainy or cloudy sky and the patch of blue is described as "enough to make a sailor a pair of pants," it promises fair weather to follow. It is weather lore with more optimism than accuracy that anticipates the day ahead. So if there is enough blue in the morning sky to make a pair of bellbottom trousers for a sailor, you can expect a sunny afternoon.

THE LADIES FLEET OF BLUE KAYAKS



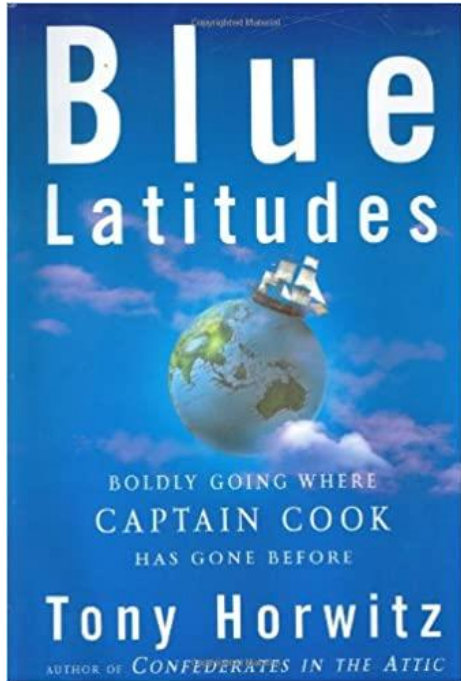
Stacy Minnerick of MINDFUL was the first to show up with a blue inflatable kayak, but they quickly became popular for what we call The Ladies Fleet.

Christening them with junior names to our vessels, we now have BIG BLUE, BLUE GODDESS, BLUE BOARDER, and O YEAH. Thank you to John Peckham for our little name plates.

The kayakers are especially great when our vessels are all tied up at weekend docks. They're easy to inflate and let us get out on the water. We've also found them very helpful to peruse the harbors for classic wooden yachts.

- photos by Rick Olson

BOOK REPORT: BLUE LATITUDES



An on-board guest was fascinated by SEA BOARDER's nautically inspired library and gifted this addition.

Carrying on with the Fall Edition's blue theme is this tale of tracing Captain Cook's footsteps and his historic adventures.

The author recounts his own adventure as he explores Cook's voyages and the exotic scenes the captain encountered which included tropical orgies, taboo rituals, cannibal feasts, and human sacrifice. Signing on as a working crewman aboard a replica of Cook's vessel, the author experiences both the thrill and the terror of sailing a tall ship. He follows in the captain's wake to places such as Tahiti, Savage Island, and the Great Barrier Reef, discovering that Cook's legacy has become tainted but reminding us of his true greatness.

More importantly, he explores Cook the man, "an impoverished farmboy who broke through the barriers of his class and time to become the greatest navigator in British history."

Harrowing and hilarious, insightful and entertaining, BLUE LATITUDES "brings to life a man whose voyages helped create the 'global village' we know today."

Captain James Cook's headed three epic journeys in the 18th century which turned out to be the last great voyages of discovery. His ships sailed 150,000 miles, from the Arctic to the Antarctic, from Tasmania to Oregon, from Easter Island to Siberia. Think about it - when Cook set off for the Pacific in 1768, a third of the globe remained blank. By the time he died in Hawaii in 1779, the map of the world was substantially complete.



Hawaii



Alaska



England:



New Zealand



New Zealand



Australia



Victoria



View from the Helm

by Commodore Dianna Ettel

The 2022 Yachting Season Is A Wrap!

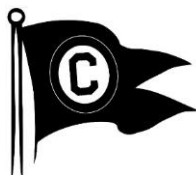
The event at the Long Beach Yacht Club was our most successful this year, with ATHENA, ONO, COMOCEAN, VERA LEE, DIONYSIS, and the runabout CARMEN in attendance. We had a large turnout for the Saturday dinner at LBYC, and Carol Williams arranged for us to have a private room. Huge thanks to Carol and Jerry Arceo for all their help in making this a wonderful weekend!

September was our cruise to Marina Park in Newport Beach. ATHENA, ONO and DIONYSIS made the trip, although ONO suffered what turned out to be fuel line blockage caused by aluminum shavings left in the fuel tank by a shipyard after they drilled the hole to place the fuel line. ONO made it to just outside the Newport jetty, where they were towed in by a tow boat. Once inside the harbor the tow boat lost power, and they had to anchor. ATHENA had arrived in the harbor at this point so we made sure to document this. After we were safely in our slip ONO made her grand arrival with the assistance of the Newport Beach Sheriff's boat. After Saturday lunch and cocktails at the American Legion Yacht Club as guests of Jim Kroeger, we loaded everyone on ATHENA for a sunset cruise of Newport Harbor, where we spotted NO CORKAGE out cruising. There was slip space at Woody's Wharf, so we tied up for dinner for a **true Newport nautical evening.**

We finished the year with our annual Change of Watch Dinner, or as the Bridge has called it, Stay of Watch or SOW. Our 2022 Rear Commodore stepped down mid-year, and with no prospective new Rear Commodore, we decided our best option was for the current bridge to repeat their positions next year. I want to thank Rick and Elissa Olson, Cris Clark, Janet Beggs, Jim Kroeger and John Peckham for their assistance this year and am glad to be working with all of you again next year.

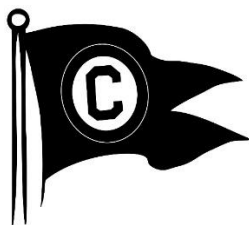
We are currently looking for a Rear Commodore for 2023. Our Fleet Bridge is running into the same problem as many clubs where people are reluctant to assume board positions. I know everyone has reasons – too busy, too active with another organization, done it before. I understand, I work a full-time job and have other interests than boating. We don't have that many events and members are very supportive with arranging and hosting these events. Please consider joining the flags.

Remember, ask not what the
Classic Yacht Association can do for you
– ask what you can do for YOUR club



Past Events - COW Dinner



All members of the Classic Yacht Association's Southern California Fleet were invited to attend the **Change of Watch** dinner which was held November 5, 2022 at THINK RESTAURANT in San Pedro. Commodore Dianna Ettel welcomed guests, spoke about the annual awards that remain in the deserving hands of their previous recipients, and thanked the members of the bridge who are continuing in their roles. Eight Bells were rung and Bill Brantley was memorialized.



Name Game

Interesting / Ironic / Insane



S  **RRY**
FOR WHAT I SAID
WHILE DOCKING

The Boat

BOAT QUOTES:

**We may have all come on different ships
But we're all in the same boat now.**

~ Martin Luther King Jr. ~



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with and without vessels.

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"Blue Skies @ Huntington Harbor"