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# Classic Yachting

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BY AND FOR ALL THE FLEETS OF THE CLASSIC YACHT ASSOCIATION



*With CYA members in Germany, Australia, Canada, and the USA,  
this edition of our newsletter is dedicated to our traditional international celebrations.  
Highlighted in this edition is the 2011 International CYA Board of Director Meetings, Change of Watch  
Banquet, and general membership weekend which was held in [Victoria, Canada](#), this year.  
Enjoying the rich warmth of wood ... and the enduring warmth of friendship.*

## 2011 Classic Yacht Association Flag Officers



Left to right: Commodore Larry Benson , Vice Commodore Christine Rohde,  
Staff Commodore Mike O'Brien, Rear Commodore Ted Crosby



### **From the Bridge of *Thelonius***

**By Larry Benson, CYA Commodore**



First of all, my thanks and congratulations to our Canadian Fleet for putting on a first-class International Change of Watch weekend. Great accommodations at the venerable Empress Hotel, an excellent banquet at the Union Club, a very pleasant welcoming reception at the Maritime Museum, plus all the other details that made this a truly memorable event. Congratulations and THANK YOU! to all involved.

The meetings went quite smoothly, with no major controversial matters on the agenda. Somehow, I assumed that I'd be a spectator through the Saturday meeting and expected to begin my official duties on

Sunday. So I was quite surprised when, toward the end of the Saturday morning meeting the election of new officers occurred and Commodore O'Brien handed me the gavel. Hopefully my astonishment wasn't too obvious.



The one item of new business that should be of wide interest to all CYA'ers is a proposal to expand our criteria for regular membership. Those of us who attend classic boat shows see many wonderful vessels that don't fall into the category of "power-driven pleasure boat". Forest service boats, tow boats, fishing boats, mission boats – boats that once were working boats but have retired and have been lovingly adapted as pleasure craft. A committee has been formed to address this issue, the results to be reported at next year's Board of Director meeting (to be held in Mystic Seaport, Connecticut, USA Fleet). I would very much like to hear your opinions and ideas on this – favorable or not.



A magical "Mystic" night

I offer my personal thanks and congratulations to Past Commodore Mike O'Brien for his many accomplishments during 2010. Not only did Mike do an exemplary job as International CYA Commodore in 2010, but he concurrently served as Commodore of the Canadian Fleet.

I am honored and humbled to be International Commodore for 2011.

Larry Benson  
CYA member #931  
PNW Fleet



Map of Mystic Seaport area



# Wasn't that a Party!

by CYA Staff Commodore, Mike O'Brien

The drizzle drizzled but did not dampen the spirits of the almost eighty CYA partiers attending the first ever AGM/CoW in Victoria, B.C., CANADA!

We salute our visitors from the Californias (there are two we are told – north and south), the Pacific Northwest, and our three east coast reps, Tony and Barbara Fisher from Nova Scotia and Ted Crosby from Connecticut.

The Friday tour of [Government House](#), the home of the Queen's representative in B.C. by double decker bus, was a great thrill for thirty-five folks who took advantage of the opportunity to have a guided tour of this historic structure. The knowledge base and hospitality of the docents and the surprising invite to tea were a regal thrill. The current Lieutenant Governor (that's pronounced "left tenant") is Steven Point, a member of the [Stó:lō nation](#) and an hereditary chief.



Lunch at the Officer's mess on the [Pacific Naval Base](#) provided a welcome break with breathtaking views across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the Washington State Olympic Mountains. A tour of the funky naval museum and a guided ride around the base rounded out a busy day.

The traditional Friday evening wine and cheese party was held at the [B.C. Maritime Museum](#) with complimentary wines and a vast array of appetizers to fend off the growlies from a long day of sight seeing.

Saturday morning meetings were held in record time, due not entirely to Commodore O'Brien's masterful management but also the lack of heat in the room!! Oh well, the problem was solved for day two of the AGM and we were all able to take our scarves and gloves off.



The Saturday tour of Victoria was highlighted by [Craigdarroch Castle](#), the spectacular home of the Dunsmuir family. Robert Dunsmuir was a poor Scottish immigrant to Canada who made his first fortune in coal mining in the Nanaimo area. The Dunsmuir home has served many purposes since its construction in 1890, including a military hospital and the site of Victoria College, the predecessor to the University of Victoria. It is now maintained as a heritage home and tourist attraction.

[Hotel](#). This business men's club was formed in 1879 and moved into its current location in 1913. Special thanks to our master of ceremonies for the evening, Randy Olafson. In his suave and smooth manner, he kept all of the speakers and introduced guests to the time table – no mean feat with this voluble group!

We ended the day with a spectacular dinner at the historic [Union Club](#) next door to the [Empress](#)





The Victoria drizzle was replaced with howling winds and blowing rain on Sunday afternoon but the thirty or so brave souls who took one more double decker ride out to the [Canoe Cove Marina](#) in Sidney found themselves in bright sunshine and calm seas for the Commodore's cruise. *Merva* (skillfully captained by shipwright Rob Abernethy in the absence of owner Donell McDonell), *Sojourner* with Bruce and Patti Grey at the helm, *Saga* the newest member of Canfleet with the Loucks guiding her, and *Euphemia II* with now Staff Commodore Mike and Admiral Peggy O'Brien tending the lines had a great little afternoon cruise in the Gulf Islands.

Wasn't that a party!! And we all know that the Commodore has to rely on the local fleet members to bring it off. So, just let me close by thanking Dave and Patricia Cook for huge support and stepping in wherever needed, Cherry Ekoos for bartending, Ted Aussem for design, layout and publishing work, Wolfgang Duntz and his super assistant Sylvia Adams for keeping track of the finances, John West for arranging transport and supplying contacts at the Base, Mike Ogden for stuffing envelopes and making up Board books, Bruce Grey for the music and mostly Pat Hutchinson and Peggy O'Brien, the dynamic duo, the ultimate tag team!

When Peggy was indisposed, Pat jumped in and made all of the initial contacts and venue arrangements and when Pat was off cruising and then indisposed, Peggy picked up the reins and organized the myriad details from food to frolic. What a team! Congratulations and many thanks from the now happily retired Commodore.

Thanks for the memories and we will see you all in [Mystic](#) in 2012.

Mike O'Brien  
CYA member #319  
CAN Fleet



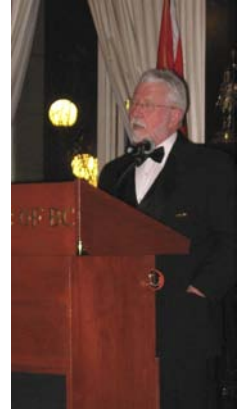
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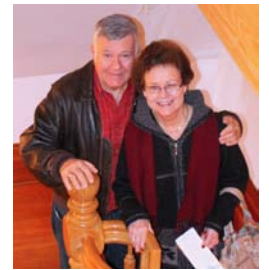


The **2012 International CYA Board of Director Meetings and Change of Watch Banquet** will be held in historic Mystic, Connecticut, over the weekend of **January 13-15, 2012**. Hosted by the USA Fleet, the weekend promises to be informative, productive, and full of fun. Watch this space, your mailbox, and your mailbox for more information. Put the weekend on your calendar!

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# 2011 International CYA Weekend





## 2011 CYA Fleet Officers

### Northern California Fleet



Left to right:

John Di Lillo, NC Fleet Rear Commodore

Les Cochren, NC Fleet Vice Commodore – 1958 Owens, *Rivercat*

Patrick Welch, NC Fleet Commodore and NC Fleet Director – 1929 Blanchard, *Colleen*

Not pictured: Shawn Ball, NC Fleet Secretary – 1954 Stephens Brothers, *Sea Gal*

Not pictured: Tom Clothier, NC Fleet Treasurer – 1940 Lowell Netherland, *ESLO*

Not pictured: Beverly Partridge, NC Fleet Director – 1925 Matthews, *Fantasea*





## Southern California Fleet



Christine Rohde  
SC Fleet Commodore  
and SC Fleet Director  
1950 Chris Craft, *Sparkle*



Larry Walker  
SC Fleet Vice Commodore  
1950 Ed Monk Sr., *Gracie*



Stephen Sheridan  
SC Fleet Rear Commodore  
1932 Fellows and Stewart, *Lark*

Not pictured: Cathy Yatch, SC Fleet Secretary – 1953 Chris Craft, *ComOcean*

Not pictured: Jim Butz, SC Fleet Director – 1928 Bath Iron Works, *Black Douglas*



## Canadian Fleet



Bob Shaw, CAN Fleet Commodore – 1937 C. A. Malcolm, *Amanha*

Robin Hutchinson, CAN Fleet Vice Commodore – 1920 Y. E. Kobayakawa, *Sannox*

Dave Cook, CAN Fleet Rear Commodore and CAN Fleet Director – 1941 David Edward Cook, *Alondra*

Not pictured: Ted Aussem, CAN Fleet Secretary – 1922 Hoffar Motor Boat Co., *Privateer*

Not pictured: Wolfgang Duntz, CAN Fleet Treasurer – 1926 Vancouver Shipyard, *Wanderer*

Not pictured: Mike O'Brien, CAN Fleet Director – 1928 Schertzer, *Euphemia II*



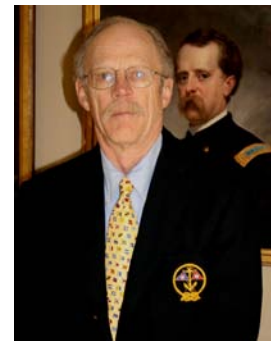
## Pacific Northwest Fleet



Left to right: Bill Woodard, PNW Fleet Rear Commodore – 1935 Vic Franck, *Sea Queen*  
 Genevieve Carlson, PNW Fleet Vice Commodore – 1951 Chris Craft, *Cinnamon Girl*  
 Diane VanDerbeek, PNW Fleet Commodore – 1929 New York Launch, *Olympus*  
 Not pictured: Ginger Garff, PNW Fleet Secretary – 1941 Chris Craft, *Swietenia*  
 Not pictured: Chip Kochel, PNW Fleet Treasurer – 1955 Chris Craft, *Hi'ilani*  
 Not pictured: Ann Hay, PNW Fleet Staff Commodore – 1940 Matthews, *Pied Piper*  
 Not pictured: Larry Benson, PNW Fleet Director – 1953 Admiral Marineworks, *Thelonius*  
 Not pictured: Margie Paynton, PNW Fleet Director – 1940 Chris Craft, *Maranee*  
 Not pictured: David Huchthausen, PNW Fleet Director – 1957 Stephens Bros., *Zanzibar*



## USA Fleet



Chuck Glaser, USA Fleet Commodore – 1945 Trumpy, *Shiloh*  
 Ed Dombroskas, USA Fleet Vice Commodore – 1957 Lyman Boat Works, *Inevitable*  
 Ted Crosby (and grandfather), USA Fleet Secretary/Treasurer and USA Fleet Director  
 – 1924 Portland Yacht Yard, *Nisca*

## New CYA members – welcome!!

### New Affiliate Member:

Tim and Pat Boddy, Northern California Fleet, Sausalito, CA, Bill Wells, sponsor

### Reinstatements:

Gery and Paula Conover, *Miss Asia*, 63' 1923 Consolidated, Regular Member, USA Fleet

Carla Gernhofer, c/o Hagerty Marine Insurance, Affiliate Member, USA Fleet

Jim and Sandra Wright, *Second Penny*, 45' 1929 Mojean & Erikson, Affiliate Member, USA Fleet



### New Regular Members:

Peter and Meredith Wagner

*Yonder*

43' 1928 Hoffar Beeching

Pacific Northwest Fleet

Port Ludlow, WA

Ann Hay, Sponsor



Bruce and Patti Grey

*Sojourner*

33' 1939 Rittner Boatyard

Canadian Fleet

Ganges, Saltspring Is., BC

Mike O'Brien, sponsor



Barry and Dawn Loucks

*Saga*

35' 1934 Hasagawa

Canadian Fleet

Sidney, BC

Mike O'Brien, sponsor





**Pat Hutchinson and Peggy O'Brien**

Co-coordinators of the January, 2011, CYA weekend in Victoria, B.C.  
Hotel arrangements, Board of Director meetings, invitations and registrations,  
tours, parties, the Change of Watch Banquet, Sunday's cruise, etc, etc!

**Thank you!**

**USA Fleet upcoming public event:** July 23-24 ... the Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous will be held at Mystic Seaport, Connecticut, with over 50 sail and power boats, awards, demonstrations, food and fun, and a three-mile boat parade down the Mystic River.

**PNW Fleet upcoming public events:**

May 6-8 – Olympia Wooden Boat Festival, Ed & Suzie Docherty, [ednsuzie@comcast.net](mailto:ednsuzie@comcast.net)


June 3-5 – Gig Harbor Antique & Classic Yacht Festival, Bill & Elsa Woodard, [billnelson@msn.com](mailto:billnelson@msn.com).

June 3-5 – Edmonds Waterfront Festival, Bob Birdseye, [bird2bk@yahoo.com](mailto:bird2bk@yahoo.com).

June 17-19 – Bell Street Pier Classic Rendezvous, Seattle, Chip & Kristin Kochel, [cokel5@msn.com](mailto:cokel5@msn.com).



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