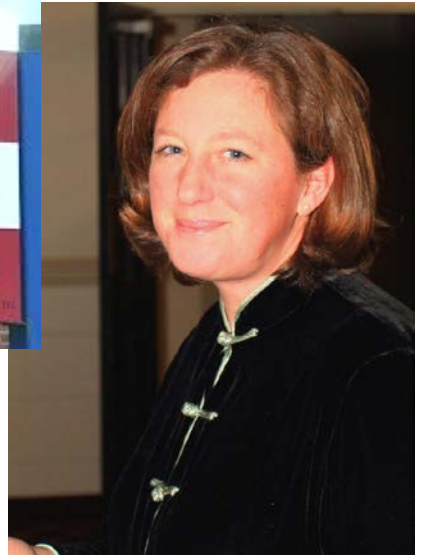


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Classic Yachting

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



*Annual CYA Board of Directors
and CYA Members weekend
2012 – Mystic, Connecticut, USA*

2012 Classic Yacht Association Flag Officers



Commodore Christine Rohde

Vice Commodore Ted Crosby

Staff Commodore Larry Benson

Rear Commodore Shawn Ball



Commodore's Report – From the Bridge of *Sparkle*

By Christine Rohde, CYA Commodore

What an honor to be your international Classic Yacht Association Commodore for 2012!!

For those of you fortunate enough to have ventured forth to Mystic, CT, it was a magic, (cold), and memorable weekend. The details are related elsewhere herein, but I must offer here my very special thanks, especially to Shannon McKenzie (how did she manage to be everywhere to take care of us??) and to Dana Hewson of Mystic Seaport, hosts extraordinaire, and to the entire USA Fleet, led by Ted Crosby, and Chuck and Eva Glaser, for their exceptional planning, creative thought, and execution!! For any of you considering attending our annual event – go for it!!! [Editor's note: that's Shannon McKenzie on the cover of this newsletter.] Renewing old, and making new friends in CYA is incomparable! And in our Board meetings, we accomplish the very important business that keeps CYA on course and current.



This year celebrates my 10th year as a CYA member and, as I'm sure is not uncommon, this has brought a very special second family to me. CYA has become an integral part of my life. Scottie and Bruce Dobson took me under their wing and bolstered my confidence and abilities to follow in Scottie's footsteps and her charge to me to become, after her, our second lady Commodore.

There have been a number of changes in CYA in that time, but I think the most far reaching was the decision in 2005 to extend membership beyond our founding members' date limit of December 31, 1942, to include boats launched through the end of 1959. That change allowed me (and of course *Sparkle*) to become a Vintage member, eventually to become a Director, and now, having gone through the chairs, to become your Commodore.



At our international Board Meetings in Mystic, your Board continued to move forward in the greater interest of CYA. In brief, our accomplishments of the weekend include:

The term "Regular" member has been eliminated, in favor of simple membership categories of Classic, Vintage, or Associate member based on boat ownership – and of Affiliate member for those not owning a qualifying boat.

A provision was approved to allow owners of boats launched after 1959 to apply for Vintage membership if they otherwise meet CYA basic criteria and their vessel can demonstrate "historical significance". Also, the requirement that a vessel be originally designed as a "pleasure yacht" has been removed, thus making it easier for our friends owning, for example, repurposed corporate yachts, mission boats, or forestry patrol vessels to apply for CYA membership.

To create uniformity of identity, our Affiliate burgee will now be the same pennant shape as Classic (red) and Vintage (blue) burgees. It will continue to have a white background. New burgees can be purchased by Affiliate members by contacting CYA Historian Margie Paynton.

Recognizing a major component of our CYA communications, reaching out to new members, public relations, and as our "image to the world", we are undertaking development of a professional website to help us be more interactive and accessible. We have a strong core committee and welcome any of you who can help us reach this goal. However, we could not do this without the generous and talented work of Rick Etsell, with his thankless dedication in creating and hosting our website for many years, who has nearly single-handedly brought us to this point of being able to take that next 'leap'!! Thank you Rick!!

We are also moving forward rapidly to publish a new and enhanced CYA Photo Album. Spearheaded by the very talented David Huchthausen, this new book will be formatted by decade, will include information about major boat builders, designers, and yards, as well as CYA history. Each of you should have received an email, or mailed information, about providing facts and photos regarding your member boats. Each fleet has a designated coordinator to whom your information needs to be submitted. David's deadline is July 10, 2012, so I'm sure your fleet representative will be in contact with you and would appreciate your input before the end of June. The success of this photo book depends upon your individual contributions! Don't be left out.

These are the latest updates on what's happening with your Board. We represent you, so please communicate with your Fleet Directors and offer any ideas or comments you may have.

I also want to thank so many of my very special Southern California Fleet members who traveled to Mystic not only to enjoy a terrific weekend, but to share in a very special honor for me – Thank you all!!! You're the best!!

I'm looking forward to an active 2012, and am honored to be your Commodore!
Smooth sailing.
Your Commodore,
Christine Rohde



CYA Board of Directors weekend report – Mystic 2012

by Ted Crosby, CYA Vice Commodore



I thought of Mystic and summer days and then, again, what do visitors to Mystic in January find to do? As summer progressed into fall, the January 'plan' began to come together. The Annual Meeting of the international CYA Board of Directors would be held on January 14 and 15, 2012. Fortunately, those members coming from the west coast to Mystic were anxious to arrive. All in all, 27 CYA members arrived on

Thursday, January 12, so as not to miss the Friday 0800 departure aboard the bus to Rhode Island for a day tour. Little did we know that there's a Dunkin Donuts shop on almost every corner – enough for everyone.

Arriving first at the Herreshoff Marine Museum in Bristol, RI, around 0900 we were treated by three museum staff to the extensive history of the legendary legacy held by the Herreshoff family starting in 1863 with the blind boat builder John Brown Herreshoff and culminating in the modern America's Cup racing circuit.



Examples of Herreshoff success still ply the east coast and most maintain a racing configuration and few have engines. Our tour also included a short lecture in the model room upstairs followed by time to roam free in and on the collection of boats inside for the winter or on permanent display. Take the virtual online tour at www.herreshoff.org.

Back on board the bus we were soon across town at the International Yacht Restoration School's Bristol Campus (IYRS), home to their new composite and systems programs. Here a new class graduates every 15-20 weeks with skills in engine, electronics, and systems integration fully accredited to ABYC standards. I wonder if my own systems installation could have benefited from this course or will end up there in the near future. The nine month composites technology course provides their graduates with skills to design, build, and repair the fiberglass boats produced today although there was even a fiberglass car under development. In some ways I've come to grips with the fact there are resin-wood 'trees' somewhere and that I'll have to develop a knowledge of how to graduate to using them .. not too

soon, though. I do have to adhere to some traditional materials!

Bristol, RI, by the way, is home to the USA's oldest and most spectacular Fourth of July Parade that consumes the town for a whole week.

Lunch was soon at hand after a short ride to Newport's The Moorings restaurant. I remember sitting with Pam and Gerard Buck as Pam had an Ahi (tuna) moment in front of the fire. We then set off on foot for a brisk walk to the IYRS Newport Campus. Once we assembled, our guide Clark Poston took us around the revamped power house to see the projects underway. If you've visited the northeast, no doubt you have seen the almost unsinkable 12' Beetle Catboat. Virtually all the early (1921-) Beetle Cats were iron fastened, which meant after 40-50 years they were ready for a rebuild. IYRS's first and second year students are schooled in the rebuilding process by disassembling and rebuilding the cats 'as new'. Other projects are undertaken at IYRS, as well. One of these being the 131-foot *Coronet* restoration underway in a building outside the main IYRS school building.



Coronet, launched in 1885, circumnavigated the world several times as a privately owned yacht and remained in her original state until 1995 when it became necessary to consider rebuilding her entire hull.

Newport at our stern, we headed back to Mystic (this was still day one) to the USA Fleet's cocktail party at the Riverwalk Restaurant! Everybody came round for the evening of heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar along with hundreds of past CYA Bell Street photos (PNW Fleet) and Rick Olson photos lugged east with him (SC Fleet). He even managed to volunteer the hotel's DVD player!

Saturday usually requires an early bell, 0600, to be on time for the 0800 start to the Annual Board Meeting, but Larry Benson had no trouble adjusting the time so that we could get breakfast at the meeting and manage a 0900 call-to-order. Our ranks were full with 11 Board Members and several other CYA members attending. After deliberating boat design and membership classification, 2011 Commodore Larry Benson, presiding over his last meeting as CYA Commodore, handed the gavel to 2012 Commodore Christine Rohde (SC Fleet). Shawn Ball (NC Fleet) was nominated and welcomed as the new 2012 CYA Rear Commodore. The 2012 CYA

Vice Commodore is Frederick “Ted” Crosby (USA Fleet). Saturday's meeting adjourned at 1200, and we were joined by mates and other CYA members for a hearty hot lunch before heading off to the Mystic Seaport's cavernous boat and engine collection held inside the Collections building. If you are curious about small boats, this exists as the best collection containing



examples of nearly every design and builder as far back as the turn of the 20th century. From the boat and engine shed, we were privy to a private tour of the Collections area housing marine photographs, scrimshaw, paintings, models, carvings, etc. It's here that plans have been collected from most known marine architects rivaling those collections at various university and maritime museums. The entire Rosenfeld photograph collection is provided to visitors on video. By now, having seen the Herreshoff and Mystic collections, we were beginning to grasp the scale of Mystic's collections. And now it was on to the *Charles W. Morgan* (1841), the second oldest US ship afloat

today (the other being the *Constitution*, 'Old Iron Sides'), for a guided tour by Quinton Snedeker and Dana Hewson (USA Fleet). To date, the work



completed includes the reframing of the keel and stem, and replacement of many of the frames and much of the hold's ceiling. The work can be monitored from the Seaport's website, www.mysticseaport.org.

We were all ready by 1800 for the evening's Banquet in the River Room of Latitude 41 Restaurant. USA Fleet Commodore, Chuck Glaser (*Shiloh*) and his heralded First Mate and decorator, Eva Glaser, welcomed us for the evening's pomp and circumstance. The President of Mystic Seaport, Steven White, rose to meet the occasion with a short speech followed by dinner (and yet another

'ahi' moment) and dessert. The Change of Watch Ceremony is held each year at the Banquet to formally welcome the newly elected Officers of the international CYA Bridge .. Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore. After formally pinning (or is it sticking?) the Officer's lapel pins on each other, the Officer's Flags were handed to the Bridge Officers for the coming year and Commodore Cris Rohde gave us her steaming plan for the coming year. Next year's Annual Board Meeting and Banquet are to be held in the Los Angeles area.

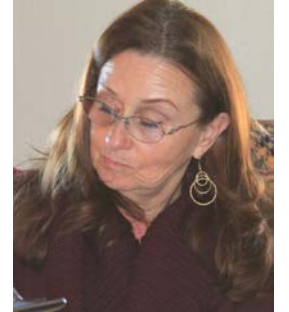
Sunday came all too soon. Most of Saturday's 11 Board members managed to make the 0900 meeting gavel for the second session. Cris Rohde's agenda complete, the meeting adjourned ahead of time, and we moved on to lunch aboard a bus enroute to the afternoon's cruise on Long Island Sound aboard Project Oceanology's research vessel *Enviro Lab III*. We were in search of seals, but found ourselves on a lighthouse tour as well, passing by New London Light (the nation's oldest), Ledge Light, and North Dumpling Light owned by Dean Kaman the inventor of the Segway. Not a seal was seen, most likely due to the heavy winds and rough seas the prior two

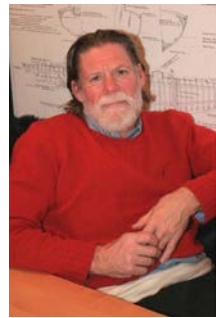
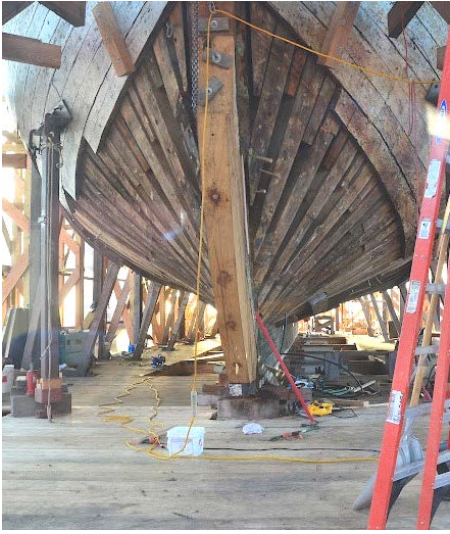


days. We continued from Fisher's Island Sound, Latimer's Reef and Noank's Morgan Point Light, ending up back in the warm bus for a short ride back to the Whalers Inn in Mystic. At this point the formal weekend itinerary was over and all were off to dinner and to traveling home the next day.

I regret missing the Change of Watch and Annual Meeting six years ago when it was held at the Seaport, but found that the guidance once again provided by Shannon McKenzie and Dana Hewson to be the crowning achievement of success. To have so many friends that you might see once a year at hand, while all of us were extended the privilege of private tours into the back rooms of museums and collections, is to be treated as royalty! May we always be so blessed.







2012 CYA – Fleet Officers

Southern California Fleet



Larry Walker, SC Fleet Commodore – 1950 Ed Monk Sr., *Gracie*
Steve Sheridan, SC Fleet Vice Commodore – 1932 Fellows & Stewart, *Lark*
Gerard Buck, SC Fleet Rear Commodore – 1937 Fellows & Stewart, *Hel-Port II*
Not pictured:

Christine Rohde, SC Fleet Staff Commodore, Treasurer, Historian – 1950 Chris Craft, *Sparkle*
Cathy Yatch, SC Fleet Secretary – 1953 Chris Craft, *ComOcean*
Christine Rohde, **SC Fleet Director** and **CYA Commodore** – 1950 Chris Craft, *Sparkle*
Jim Butz, **SC Fleet Director** – 1928 Bath Iron Works, *Black Douglas*

Pacific Northwest Fleet



Genevieve Carlson, PNW Fleet Commodore – 1951 Chris Craft, *Cinnamon Girl*
Jessica Freeman, PNW Fleet Vice Commodore – 1939 Richardson, *Peaceful*
John Shrader, PNW Fleet Rear Commodore – 1942 Monk, *Savona*
Diane VanDerbeek, PNW Fleet Staff Commodore – 1929 New York Launch, *Olympus*
Not pictured:

Ginger Garff, PNW Fleet Secretary – 1941 Chris Craft, *Swietenia*
Chip Kochel, PNW Fleet Treasurer – 1962 Owens, *Aloha*
Margie Paynton, **PNW Fleet Director** – 1940 Chris Craft, *Maranee*
David Huchthausen, **PNW Fleet Director** – 1957 Stephens Brothers, *Zanzibar*
Ken Meyer, **PNW Fleet Director** – 1937 Carr & Stone, *Patamar*

Northern California Fleet



John Di Lillo, NC Fleet Vice Commodore

Patrick Welch, NC Fleet Staff Commodore – 1972 Stephens, *Triple Crown*

Les Cochren, NC Fleet Commodore – 1958 Owens, *Rivercat*, and 1925 Matthews, *Fantasea*

George Homenko, NC Fleet Rear Commodore

Not pictured:

Shawn Ball, NC Fleet Recording Secretary – 1954 Stephens Brothers, *Sea Gal*

Nancy Clothier, NC Fleet Corresponding Secretary – 1940 Lowell Netherland, *ESLO*

Tom Clothier, NC Fleet Treasurer – 1940 Lowell Netherland, *ESLO*

Beverly Partridge, **NC Fleet Director** – former owner, 1925 Matthews, *Fantasea*

Shawn Ball, **NC Fleet Director** and **CYA Rear Commodore** – 1954 Stephens Brothers, *Sea Gal*

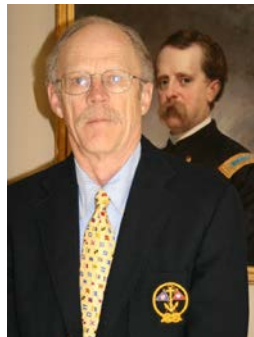
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<http://www.valcomnews.com/?p=5693>.

Way to go, NC Commodore Les!



USA Fleet



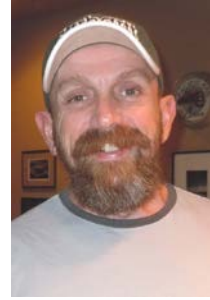
Ed Dombroskas, USA Fleet Commodore – 1957 Lyman Boat Works, *Inevitable*

Ted Crosby, USA Fleet Secretary/Treasurer – 1924 William Hand, *Nisca*

Chuck Glaser, USA Fleet Staff Commodore – 1945 Trumpy, *Shiloh*

Ted Crosby, **USA Fleet Director** and **CYA Vice Commodore** – 1924 William Hand, *Nisca*

Canadian Fleet



Robin Hutchinson, CAN Fleet Commodore – 1920 Y. E. Kobayakawa, *Sannox*
Garth McBride, CAN Fleet Vice Commodore – 1926 Martinac, *Olmaha*
Donell McDonell, CAN Fleet Rear Commodore – 1932 F. W. Morris, *Merva*
Not pictured:
Bob Shaw, CAN Fleet Staff Commodore – 1950 Allen Shipyard, *Tsona*
Mike O'Brien, **CAN Fleet Director** – 1928 Schertzer, *Euphemia II*
Randy Olafson, **CAN Fleet Director** – 1948 MM Davis & Sons, *Double Eagle*



The **2013 CYA Board of Director Meetings and Change of Watch Banquet** will be held in sunny southern California over the weekend of **January 18-21, 2013**. Hosted by the Southern California Fleet, the weekend promises to be informative, productive, warm, and full of fun for all CYA members. Watch this space, your mailbox, and your emailbox for more information. Put the weekend on your calendar!

CYA spring public events, reported by CYA Fleets:

USA Fleet upcoming public events:

June 29-July 1 – 21st annual Wooden Boat Show at Mystic Seaport includes all types of wooden boats, skills demonstrations, Tribute Dinner, etc, www.thewoodenboatshow.com.
July 28-29 – the Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous at Mystic Seaport with over 50 sail and power boats, awards, demonstrations, food and fun, and a three-mile boat parade down the Mystic River through Mystic's famous 1920 bascule bridge – Ed Dombroskas.



PNW Fleet upcoming public events:

May 12-13 – Olympia Wooden Boat Festival – Ed and Suzie Docherty.
June 1-3 – Gig Harbor Antique & Classic Yacht Festival – Randy Mueller and Ann Hay.
June 1-3 – Edmonds Waterfront Festival – Bob Birdseye and Terrill Powell.
June 15-17 – Bell Street Pier Classic Rendezvous, Seattle – Chip and Kristin Kochel.

NC Fleet upcoming public event:

June 8-10 – Stephens Rendezvous, Stockton Waterfront Marina – Shawn Ball

Email/online delivery of this newsletter is being considered, tho a print copy will continue to be mailed to those who wish. Watch your email and your mailbox for more information.

NEW CYA members – welcome!

New Classic members:

James Poirson
EL MISTICO
45' 1927 Ballard Marine
PNW Fleet
Shelton, WA
Ann Hay, Sponsor



Thomas Bottenberg
MARLIN
46' 1928 Kneass
Northern California Fleet
Alameda, CA
John Di Lillo, sponsor



Rick and Elissa Olson
MOOSE HUNTER
14' 1939 Percy See Ltd.
Southern California Fleet
Alamitos Bay, CA
Don Lang, Sponsor



Tom Burnett
GLENIFFER
40' 1912 W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd.
Canadian Fleet
Saltspring Island, BC
Mike O'Brien, Sponsor

Rod and Gwen Dunbar
CHARLES H. CATES
38' 1913 A. Linton Co.
Canadian Fleet
Vancouver, BC
Mike O'Brien, Sponsor



Lynne Reister
MISS LAKEWOOD
37' 1940 Grandy
PNW Fleet
Seattle, WA
Larry Benson and Ken Meyer, sponsors



New Vintage members:

Richard and Naomi Strand
EUPHRATES
40' 1949 Matthews
Southern California Fleet
Newport Beach, CA
Christine Rohde, Sponsor



New Vintage members (cont):

John and Jane Lebens
SUELLEN
37' 1951 Hascall
PNW Fleet
Portland, OR
Mike Keane and David Wisdom, sponsors



Chip and Kristin Kochel
ALOHA
40' 1962 Owens Tahitian
PNW Fleet
Seattle, WA
Jim Paynton, Sponsor



New Associate members:

Roger and Janice Palmer
ENCORE
45' 1961 Chris Craft
PNW Fleet
Seattle, WA
Ann Hay, sponsor



John and Ellen Murphey
STURDY GAL
43' 1971 Vic Franck Boat Co.
PNW Fleet
Bellevue, WA
Ann Hay, Sponsor



New Affiliate member: Robert Grenier and Wendie Berge
BACCHUS
39' 1971 Hudson
PNW Fleet
Seattle, WA
Ann Hay, sponsor



CYA Blazer Pocket Patch
with dual red and blue pennants
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