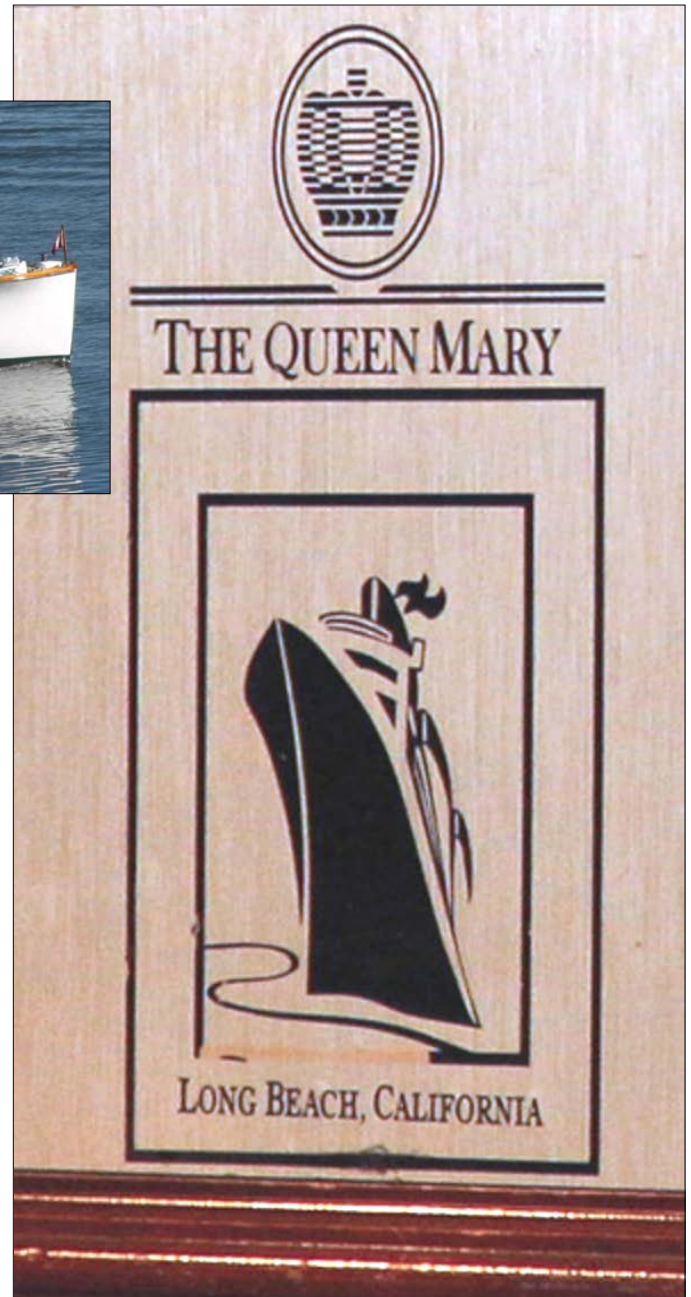


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# Classic Yachting

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



*Annual CYA Board of Directors  
and CYA Members weekend  
Long Beach, CA, USA – January 2013*

# 2013 Classic Yacht Association Flag Officers



**Commodore Frederick "Ted" Crosby**

Staff Commodore Christine Rohde

Vice Commodore Shawn Ball

Rear Commodore Randall Olafson



## **Commodore's Report – From the Bridge of *Nisca***

**By Ted Crosby, CYA Commodore**



Welcome Classic Yacht Association to the 2013 season. Congratulations to all the Fleets on having elected new Bridge Officers and Board Representatives. Here is hoping all the Fleets have successful openings and many rendezvous!

I wish to put in a word for CYA Staff Commodore Christine Rohde. Seldom have individuals such as Cris taken a cause to the extent we have witnessed this past year. Thank you, Cris. My task has been made easier, and my gratitude extends to the others on the Bridge .. Shawn Ball, CYA Vice Commodore; Randall Olafson, CYA Rear Commodore; and to all the Fleet Bridge Officers and Fleet Representatives/Board Members (16 in all) elected or appointed to positions. I look forward to making 2013 an even better year and enjoying many new stories in our newsletters. Thank you, Ann Hay, for making that possible and thanks also to our webmaster, Rick Etsell.

If you open a chapter in the history of the sea or recreational boating, most of what you see has to do with working class boats, tugs, and fishing boats. But on occasion, photos appear from sailing and rowing regattas of the spectator fleets and privately owned cruisers and runabouts. Modern day regattas have the same photos, but the numbers of wooden boats in those photos has decreased while the ratio of 'resin-wood' to wooden boats has increased (I have personally never seen a 'resin-wood' tree but there sure are a lot of those kinds of boats). The past Classic Yacht Association's Photo Album illustrates each boat's present and early history. The dwindling numbers of wooden boats and their value to boating history makes the CYA Photo Album all the more important. Every older boat has had another life, or many lives. Having an organization such as the Classic Yacht Association to represent your yacht, workboat turned yacht, and runabout has proven valuable to many of us and may have become a way of life for some of us.

In our next Photo Album there will be more photos, more perspectives, and more history in print than ever before. A concerted effort is being made to include as much background and individual history as feasible in a publication of this size. At issue is the listing of the boats owned by those affiliated with CYA. The international CYA Bridge decided at both the 2012 Mystic and the 2013 Long Beach meetings to post all Affiliate boat photos, histories, and other information on the CYA website.



A concerted effort will be necessary again this year to add members to our Fleet rosters. Membership is open to everyone. Owning a classic or vintage era wooden power boat is not the only attraction to being a member of the Classic Yacht Association. As an Affiliate member you can appreciate and enjoy efforts to preserve and maintain older wooden boats as well as participate in all CYA activities.

As many of you would agree, we manage to have fun doing the preservation and maintenance work. After all, what do you do with a Classic or Vintage boat? Surely, not just sit on it! I must confess sitting is good for the soul, but think of all those places to go, people to visit, and all without the expense or complicated bureaucracy. Come May, I can't wait to drop off our mooring or to weigh anchor and begin this year's adventure. Most of us prefer to travel by boat to a prized anchorage or to meet at a cove or club. After all, you are bringing your accommodations with you. The magic to the recipe is 'Just Add Water!' The magic to the CYA is 'Just Add Members!'

After the Fleet sponsored events such as PNW Fleet's Bell Street Rendezvous, Mystic's Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous, Northern California's Lighted Boat Parade, Victoria's Classic Boat Festival, or Southern California's Brunch Rendezvous & Cruise, there may be time for everyone to get together for one more all inclusive banquet. Every year those able to get away meet in January for the CYA Annual Meeting & Banquet. This year's meeting was in Long Beach, California, held aboard the *Queen Mary* (a CYA Honorary Member). This coming year's meetings and banquet are in San Francisco. Once again it will be time to reaffirm the purposes of the Classic Yacht Association. While we might just have a small party or two there will likely be an airing of stories of the sea untold but not forgotten. I can't imagine the task at hand for the committee in charge of the Change of Watch events for the coming year, but the "China Cabin" in Tiburon was a real eye opener in 2009. Each annual meeting has been unique and successful in every way.

To make your membership worthwhile, each Fleet along with the CYA Board of Directors is keeping our organization's activities public while looking to retain private and simplistic communication. Our website allows for personal and public communication. Today's internet has become a far reaching instrument. It is the public presence of all types of organizations. We hope to fulfill a pledge of privacy for our membership yet remain transparent to those who visit our

website. Our aim also is not to be completely bound to the web – after all someone has to apply the varnish, change the oil, and scrub the waterline.

Keeping your confidence in the Classic Yacht Association needs strong leadership. I hope for continued growth in our economy, and that the Classic Yacht Association's five Fleets are ready to put you and your crew to work as our Ambassadors promoting history afloat. I am very grateful to be your Commodore for the coming year.

Respectfully, Frederick 'Ted' Crosby, CYA Commodore



## CYA Board of Directors weekend report – January 2013 by Christine Rohde, CYA Staff Commodore

WOW! Southern California was almost overwhelmed by the incredible turn out for our 2013 Change of Watch and Board Meetings held aboard the *Queen Mary* in Long Beach. We were anticipating 60 or 70 attendees, and were thrilled as the numbers climbed each day to reach over 100! Our hearty SC Fleet core of about 15 people worked tirelessly for months, and covered every detail. From the numerous notes and emails of appreciation (so nice to receive!) everyone had a spectacular time! Of course our 80+ degree sunny weather didn't hurt!

I must say once again to each of you – **if you have not yet attended a CYA Change of Watch weekend, put it on your calendar today** – January 17-19, 2014, in Northern California. I keep likening it to summer camp in January. Reuniting with long-time friends, and making new ones each year. Just very special and fun! Of course the Board Meetings, conducting the business of CYA, and the Change of Watch Banquet to elevate our new bridge are the "reasons", but the camaraderie and socializing is where the real sharing takes place.

Being aboard CYA Honorary Member *RMS Queen Mary* was a fitting backdrop to our meetings and banquet. Staying aboard, many arrived on Thursday, greeted by our

Warner Brothers movie/TV studios and the HOLLYWOOD sign.



Heading to Catalina, we were escorted out of Long Beach harbor by Ron and Cathy Yatch aboard their 1953 Chris-Craft *ComOcean*. Once on Catalina, several of us took the inland tour and were treated to see bison (left over from the 1930's cowboy movies filmed there); others toured the famed casino and ballroom, THE place to party particularly during the swing era! Of interest also was the local "green" pigeon and seagull control – a falconer hired by the city, whose beautiful birds simply fly across town periodically, and the very intimidated "undesirables" disappear for up to a week. On the return trip to Long Beach, dolphin swam with us for awhile and played and jumped in the ship's wake – always a thrill.



members who presented welcome bags to each. We later adjourned to enjoy cocktails in the art deco Observation Bar (our informal gathering place each evening). Friday offered either a day cruise "26 Miles Across the Sea" to Avalon on Catalina Island, or a fun and fact filled tour to

After a tour of Hollywood sights and famed sign on their way to Warner Brothers, our group of 26 lunched at the studio commissary.

A guided two-hour jitney ride through the back lot included "star looking" (though not sighting), and visits to the sets of the "Ellen Show" and recreated coffee bar from "Friends."

The *Lane Victory*, a 1942 Victory Ship, was the venue for the Friday night welcoming party. We took over their Museum Room located in what was once the ship's hold, now filled with fascinating memorabilia of the important work these ships performed. A beautiful table of tasty treats and a lively bar encouraged new and renewed friendships. We also toured the ship's engine room and other innards. We were told the ship's personnel conduct an education program offering certification for several types of ships' engineers. Their Captain provided copies of a book about the US Merchant Marine and a CD showing the rendezvous of the *SS Lane Victory* and the *USS Iowa* in San Pedro, CA, this past summer. Your Fleet Directors have these books for your Fleet.

heading back home ... until next year in San Francisco hosted by the NC Fleet!

A special personal thank you to our core team who made it all possible, led by Larry Walker: Teri Walker, Rick and Elissa Olson, Stephen Sheridan, Gerard and Pam Buck, Jane Aucreman, Ron and Cathy Yatch, and Scott and Linda Robinson. Great work each of you – we had a really fun time putting it all together!



After the Board Meeting Saturday morning, we visited Long Beach Yacht Club for a delicious brunch, saw the original handsewn CYA burgee proudly displayed in their stairway, after which



many cruised Alamitos Bay aboard member yachts *Blanche*, *ComOcean*, *Lark*, *Gracie*, and *Jolly Rogers*. *Portola*, home based at LBYC, was also open – and pristine - for folks to visit.

As part of our 2013 club business, I'm looking forward to working on creating greater CYA visibility through a public relations outreach effort, collaborating with people from several fleets. In addition to a presence in appropriate boating periodicals, we will be working on gathering outreach suggestions, opportunities, and putting together tools for all of us to use to reach and teach people about CYA and how important we are to the history and future of fine, old, power-driven pleasure craft. Please share with us what materials you would find useful, and ways you find successful in meeting and creating interest in drawing in new CYA members, so we can share with all fleets.



The highlight of the weekend of course was the Change of Watch Banquet Saturday night, held in the 1940's art deco Royal Salon of the *Queen Mary*. We were delightfully entertained by Rick and Elissa Olson – in very proper tuxes – who were the Masters of Ceremony. The many long time CYA leaders and Life Members who were present were introduced and thanked. Following a delicious dinner, Change of Watch was conducted, with stars and officer flags passed down without mishap. We have a

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who responded to Southern California's "build it and they will come"; and one last thank you to Ted, Shawn, and Larry, to each fleet representative, and especially our exceptionally hardworking appointed officers who truly are our ties that bind!

VERY STRONG new CYA Bridge and I personally congratulate each of them. It's going to be a terrific year! Commodore Ted closed the evening with a few very positive words of wisdom!



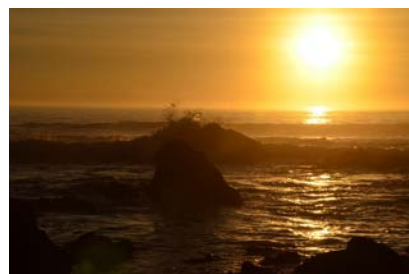
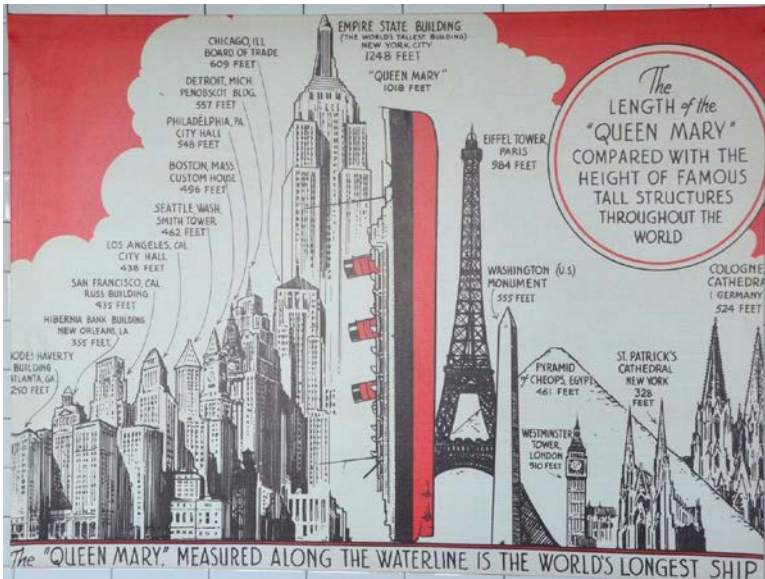
Larry Benson, Ted Crosby, Cris Rohde

Sunday's Board Meeting addressed a number of important issues before us, and after concluding the business at hand, the weekend was adjourned just before noon. Many then visited the newly arrived (to southern California) WWII battleship *USS Iowa* for the afternoon before

Sincerely  
Christine Rohde  
CYA Staff Commodore







# CYA Grants Two Awards at Annual Meeting

by Margie Paynton, CYA Historian

It was fitting to be aboard the CYA Honorary Member vessel *Queen Mary*, and in Long Beach, California, birthplace of the Classic Yacht Association, for the awarding of not one, but two of CYA's highest honors. There are special requirements detailed in our Association's Bylaws for Honorary Member and Life Member; these are not handed out frivolously or even frequently, since they entail demonstration of contributions either to our Association or to the historic maritime community. It is with pleasure that we honor these recipients this year.

The **Northwest Marine Propulsion Museum** was voted an Honorary Member. Located in Seattle and operated by Mike Wollaston at his Ewing Street Moorings, the museum is a collection of more than 50 engines including steam, early diesel and gas, and all in running condition! They range in size from small singles for dinghies to large tugboat diesels, and carry such well-known builder plates as Easthope, Atlas, Sterling, Crown, Hercules, Royal, and Scripps – indeed a testimony to preserving maritime history. Mike Wollaston (left in photo) was presented the Museum's CYA Honorary Member plaque by Ken Meyer (PNW Director, right in photo) at the PNW Change of Watch, held on February 16, 2013.



[Editor's note: The website of the NW Marine Propulsion Museum is <http://www.ewingstreet.com/museum.htm>. Thanks to PNW Fleet member Dave Ellis, the following videos are available on YouTube.com (search for each video by name) showing a few of these old engines being run after being restored by Mike and/or Museum volunteers, with a good number of CYA members looking on admiringly.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yc5slqJ36fg> – Atlas Motor Runs  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqhOOTV7XaU> – Easthope Starts & Runs  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beIT9Y-nQo> – Briggs & Stratton Starts & Runs  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fpzV3ev6gs> – Marine Propulsion Museum]

**Michael and Peggy O'Brien**, CYA member 319, were made Life Members of our Association, recognizing their unflinching zeal and commitment to classic boating. Mike and Peggy joined CYA in 1980, during CYA's infancy in the Pacific Northwest. Since that time, they have been personally responsible for recruiting and signing the majority of new members to the Canadian Fleet along with others in the Pacific Northwest Fleet. Mike has served in leadership roles locally and internationally, holding flag offices for both the Canadian Fleet and the CYA Bridge. He truly 'has the disease', owning three classic vessels since 1978, writing extensively for boating publications, completing a course in wooden boat building at the Silva Bay Shipyard School in 2002, serving on the Membership Committee of CYA, and in his spare time building and/or restoring small wooden boats. CYA is proud to bestow this honor on Mike and Peggy O'Brien. Since the O'Briens were unable to attend the 2013 CYA Change of Watch in Long Beach, California, Mike accepted this award later in January in Canada.



[Editor's note: Mike and Peggy O'Brien enjoy cruising on their 50' 1928 Schertzer *Euphemia II* and enjoyed a recent well-deserved mid-winter trip by airplane to the warm climes of Panama.]





## 2013 CYA – Fleet Officers

### Canadian Fleet



Garth McBride, **CAN Fleet Commodore** – 1926 Martinac, *Olmaha*  
Donell McDonell, **CAN Fleet Vice Commodore** – 1932 F. W. Morris, *Merva*  
Shirley Howdle, **CAN Fleet Rear Commodore** – 1912 Grandy, *Adelante*  
Robin Hutchinson, **CAN Fleet Staff Commodore** – 1920 Y. E. Kobayakawa, *Sannox*  
Not pictured:  
Wolfgang Duntz, **CAN Fleet Treasurer** – 1926 Vancouver Shipyards, *Wanderer*  
Randall Olafson, **CAN Fleet Director and CYA Rear Commodore** –  
1948 MM Davis & Sons, *Double Eagle*

### Northern California Fleet



Mont McMillen, **NC Fleet Rear Commodore** – 1930 Stephens Brothers, *Cielito*  
George Homenko, **NC Fleet Vice Commodore and NC Fleet Director** – *Catherine E*  
John Di Lillo, **NC Fleet Commodore**  
Les Cochren, **NC Fleet Staff Commodore** – 1958 Owens, *Rivercat*, and 1925 Matthews, *Fantasea*  
Not pictured:  
Beverly Partridge, **NC Fleet Treasurer**– former owner, 1925 Matthews, *Fantasea*  
Nancy Clothier, **NC Fleet Corresponding Secretary** – 1940 Lowell Netherland, *ESLO*  
Shawn Ball, **NC Fleet Recording Secretary and NC Fleet Director and CYA Vice Commodore**  
– 1954 Stephens Brothers, *Sea Gal*

## USA Fleet



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

Ted Crosby, USA Fleet Secretary/Treasurer and USA Fleet Director and **CYA Commodore**  
– 1924 William Hand Jr., *Nisca*

Steve Wilen, USA Fleet Membership Coordinator – former owner 1924 Smith & Williams, *Kensington*

## Southern California Fleet



Jim Butz – 1928 Bath Iron Works, *Black Douglas*

Christine Rohde, SC Fleet Treasurer/Historian and SC Fleet Director and CYA Staff Commodore  
– 1950 Chris-Craft, *Sparkle*

Larry Walker, SC Fleet Staff Commodore and SC Fleet Director – 1950 Ed Monk Sr., *Gracie*

Steve Sheridan, **SC Fleet Commodore** – 1932 Fellows & Stewart, *Lark*

Gerard Buck, SC Fleet Vice Commodore – 1937 Fellows & Stewart, *Hel-Port II*

Cathy Yatch, SC Fleet Secretary – 1953 Chris-Craft, *ComOcean*

Jane Aucreman, SC Fleet Recording Secretary

Rick Olson, SC Fleet Photographer – 1939 Percy See Ltd., England, *Moose Hunter*

Also pictured:

Steven Scott, SC Fleet Rear Commodore



# Pacific Northwest Fleet



Annual PNW Fleet Awards!




- Genevieve Carlson, PNW Fleet Staff Commodore – 1951 Chris-Craft, *Cinnamon Girl*  
 Jessica Freeman, **PNW Fleet Commodore** – 1939 Richardson, *Peaceful*  
 John Shrader, PNW Fleet Vice Commodore – 1942 Monk, *Savona*  
 Dorin Robinson, PNW Fleet Rear Commodore – 1929 Vic Franck Boat Co., *Cle Illahee*  
 Not pictured:  
 Ginger Garff, PNW Fleet Secretary – 1941 Chris-Craft, *Swietenia*  
 Chip Kochel, PNW Fleet Treasurer – 1962 Owens, *Aloha*  
 Ken Meyer, PNW Fleet Director – 1937 Carr & Stone, *Patamar*  
 Bob Birdseye, PNW Fleet Director – 1930 Franck & McCrary, *Comrade*  
 Ann Hay, PNW Fleet Membership Chair and PNW Fleet Director – 1939 Matthews, *Pied Piper*

The **2014 CYA Board of Director Meetings and Change of Watch Banquet** will be held in California over the weekend of **January 17-19, 2014**. Hosted by the Northern California Fleet in San Francisco, the weekend promises to be informative, productive, and full of fun for all CYA members. Watch this space, your mailbox, and your mailbox for more information. Put the weekend on your calendar!



CYA Blazer Pocket Patch  
 with dual red and blue pennants  
 \$25 each including shipping  
 Contact Margie Paynton, CYA Historian



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 Ron & Cathy Yatch, and many others.  
 Cover photo of *Lark*, 1932 Fellows and Stewart,  
 owned by SC Fleet Commodore Stephen Sheridan.

# NEW CYA members – welcome!

## New Classic member:

Dave and Karn Miller  
**SEA NYMPH II**  
46' 1946 Grandy  
PNW Fleet  
Bremerton, WA  
Robert Wheeler, Sponsor



## New Vintage member:

Roger and Annette Kjonno  
**JACARANDA**  
42' 1950 Chris-Craft  
PNW Fleet  
Seattle, WA  
Ann Hay, Sponsor



## Classic reinstatement:

Walter, Janet, Bridget and Erin Schulz  
**WITCH**  
50' 1929 Elco  
USA Fleet  
Portsmouth, RI



## Associate member:

Peter and Sheryl Guyon  
**PLUMDUFF**  
71' 1996 Admiral Marine  
PNW Fleet  
Seattle, WA  
Ann Hay, Sponsor



## New Affiliate members:

Daniel Skira  
**LOUDOUN**  
24' 2012 Daniel Skira  
USA Fleet  
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