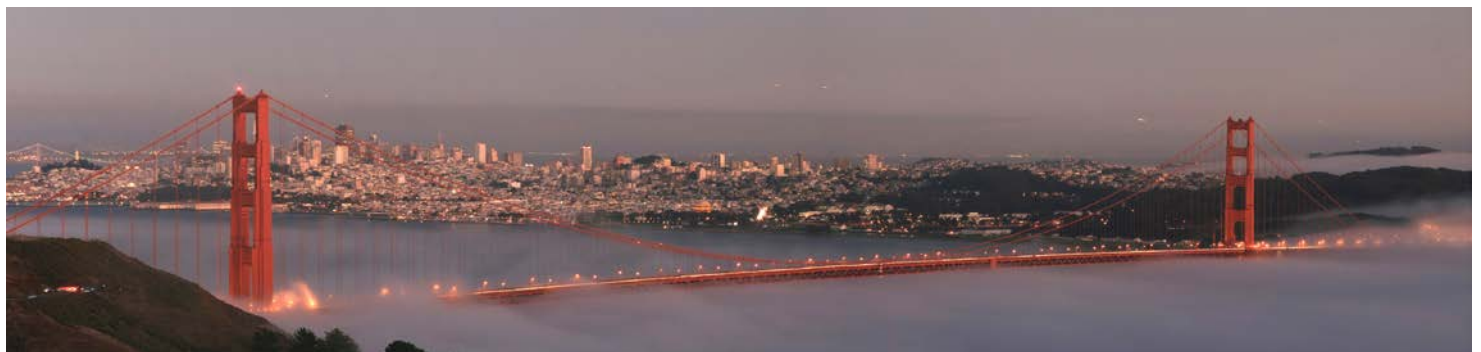


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Classic Yachting

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



*San Francisco, USA – January 2014
CYA Board of Directors weekend
Annual Board Meetings and Change of Watch Banquet*

2014 Classic Yacht Association Flag Officers



Commodore Shawn Ball

Staff Commodore Frederick "Ted" Crosby, USA Fleet

Vice Commodore Randall Olafson, Canadian Fleet

Rear Commodore Ken Meyer, PNW Fleet



Commodore's Report – "An Awakening"

By Shawn Ball, CYA Commodore

From the Bridge of *Sea Gal*



Having been a fleet commodore in the Northern California Fleet, I have some knowledge of what it takes to run a local fleet in CYA ... quarterly meetings, official functions displaying the CYA banner and the waving of the hand, then there's the behind the scenes operations of the work that few people see and very few people do. It is always the same old "worker bees" getting the job done. I've had an opportunity to get a first hand look at that part of the job because I am usually one of the "worker bees." But I had no idea of the "behind the scenes job" that goes on to make all of CYA, an entire organization of five fleets, run smoothly. As the incoming CYA Commodore for 2014, I took only a few days, possibly only hours to find that out, thus the awakening.

For someone who has very little knowledge of technology, I am fast becoming proficient on the computer ... well maybe not proficient, but I'm better, and I can text a mean text as well as any teenager. But before I go any further, I take this opportunity to thank everyone who put so much work into making the CYA Change of Watch events in San Francisco a success. Many thanks to George Homenko, Candace Gable, Susan Takami, Scott Andrews, and Steve and Cheryl Kadzielawa for all their footwork on the event. There is a special thank you due David and Lynn Olson for donating their time and beautiful yacht *Acania* for the wonderful cruise around San Francisco Bay and under the Golden Gate Bridge. It is always a pleasure to cruise the Bay. Thank you to all who participated in and enjoyed the event.

Our Board of Directors and Appointed Officers are often criticized for what appears to be a lack of interest in accomplishing small tasks to move our organization forward. Let me assure you this is not the case. Never before have I realized the work that goes on daily between so many of our elected and appointed officers. We must all remember that the same people are doing all of this work voluntarily and generally year after year. Some are getting burned out and need a break while others just need a helping hand. Yet each of these "worker bees" still intends to support the organization to their fullest. This is where you, our fleet members, enter the picture.



Many of you may not know that our Roster, which we all depend on to have easy access for communications between members and fleets, is produced in house. The member "worker bee" who was producing the booklet has resigned, as his intention was only to hold that position for one year. He originally took the position to build an online membership database for CYA and did not intend to produce the Roster. However, after creating the database, he and Ann Hay produced the Roster for several years. Last year he tendered his resignation. We are grateful for his help and wish him much rest in the coming years. Ann Hay has graciously agreed to produce the Roster this year, but with duties as CYA Newsletter Editor cannot take the added responsibility for the Roster in the future.

I've had members say to me in the past they would have loved to have worked on a project, but didn't know we needed any help. Therefore, I am sending out an SOS call to all members for a qualified computer person willing to take on the task of Roster Editor and work closely with the Board and Ann Hay in producing this wonderful little booklet that keeps us all in touch. Perhaps you have a teenager, who is computer savvy, but not (yet) interested in classic boats; I can't think of a better way to bring them into the fold, can you?

Henry Ford said, "If you think you can, if you think you can't, you're right." I believe that with all my heart. I have challenged myself to become more computer knowledgeable in the coming year with the possibility of greater involvement in the workings of our organization. I believe in our mission and what we stand for as an organization and I believe that together as an entire fleet of fleets we can resurrect, preserve, and maintain these beautiful old girls.

I challenge you with the same challenge given to another famous person by his father, "Why not you Russell, why not you?" That's right, the young quarterback of the Seattle Seahawks, Russell Wilson, only two years in the league and twenty-five years old, but able to lead his team to a Super Bowl victory. Well, "why not you fleet members, why not you?" I look forward to your acceptance of this challenge and working with you.

Shawn Ball
Commodore, Classic Yacht Association



Staff Commodore's Report

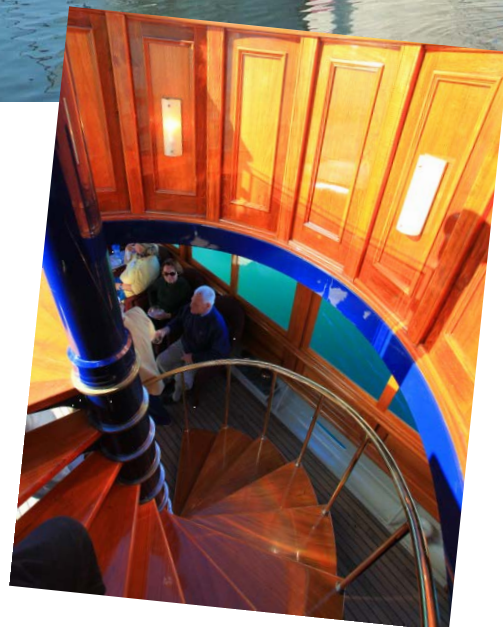
by Ted Crosby, CYA Staff Commodore

What seems like just a couple of years ago, I was asked if I would like to be the USA Fleet Director. Dana Hewson was the USA Fleet Director at the time. I was not really up to speed on what was expected of a Fleet Director but replied I would be happy to. After all, there is nothing like being a Fleet Officer when your membership is steadily declining and there are few possible candidates to hold the offices other than yourself. I have held more than one office at a time. Somehow I've managed to hold local USA Fleet and CYA Bridge Offices all at the same time ... four, to be candid. I am now the CYA Staff Commodore and still hold three local USA Fleet offices. I'm not trying to bore you all with the mundane side of owning a classic boat but it happens the years flew by and the USA Fleet is surviving, the CYA is thriving, and the other CYA Bridge members are taking the day to day affairs in stride and asking for more from our members and doing more themselves. So, I think I can say with some degree of encouragement that the Classic Yacht Association will be around for some time.

While at the CYA Change of Watch and General Meetings in San Francisco last month my wife, Becky, and I were a part of the group at all the occasions. It started with the Beach Blanket Babylon Review, the most outrageous hack on society we have ever seen! We've been to the Moulin Rouge, Casino de Monte Carlo, and have yet to find something as funny and 'over the top'. Well, maybe once.

In retrospect, that one other time that was 'over the top' happened Saturday afternoon of that same weekend before the Change of Watch Banquet. Once aboard *Acania* for the afternoon's cruise, Becky managed to find the perfect seat, the view at the top, perfect weather, charming company, the whole enchilada. (That's Steve Wilen hob-knobbing with Becky .. dubbed the two "top deck lounge bunnies" .. they sat there the whole trip!)

But, I'll admit, we all found the day perfect. We were spared the typical fog or cold sea breeze long enough to cruise the bay, Angel Island, and outside the Golden Gate Bridge. The bay was smooth and placid as we sipped wine and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres while basking in the glamour of *Acania's* splendour, newly restored by owner Dave Olson. Is this what is known as a perk? You betcha!



A special, onetime occasion must also be recognized. With champagne chilled and ready, I asked the Captain if an initiation might be possible. His immediate response was "YES" and off we went to the Golden Gate Bridge. We set about mustering all neophytes who had never been under and outside the Golden Gate. To my surprise look at the photo below of how many CYA people lined up! Here they are on the foredeck of *Acania* in bright San Francisco sunshine as we head back towards the Golden Gate and back into the Bay. Let's see, do we have enough champagne for you readers who have not yet been outside?

I would like to thank those who "braved" the waters outside the Golden Gate that day since it had proved too much for the America's Cup Contenders on another day. Congratulations to Mont McMillen, *Cielito*, for braving the course. Here is photo proof that he was out there!



Our very heartfelt thanks to George Homenko and Candace Gable (see photo on the front cover) of the NC Fleet for arranging this amazing weekend!

On a more serious note, our members are the Classic Yacht Association and we have lost some dear to us who will be much missed by all. Tom O'Brien, SC, Thelma Cutler, AK/PNW, Michael Herbert, PNW, Bill Woodard, PNW, charter member A.H. 'Buzz' Olson, SC, Beverly Partridge, NC, and Jerry Rendell, CAN, possibly others. It has been their efforts to promote and sustain the CYA that make this organization what it is today. No matter how big a part or how small a part you think you play, even the smallest contribution, a brush full of varnish, an afternoon at a show, makes all the difference. Think positively and make your efforts felt.



Fair winds to Beverly Partridge, NC Fleet

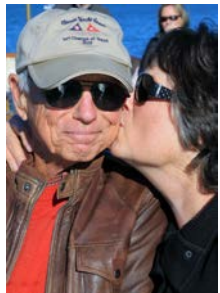
Our friend, Bev Partridge, slipped away peacefully on the morning of November 23, 2013, after a swift illness with cancer. Always with a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye, Bev served two full terms as a Northern California Fleet Director on the CYA Board. She filled many NC Fleet Officer positions over the years, including NC Fleet Treasurer well into November last year. She attended every NC Fleet event she could get to and attended almost every CYA Board weekend even when she wasn't on the Board. She loved CYA! Her husband Bob had been through the NC Fleet Officer chairs, so you know Bev was right there helping out. She lived a full and active life and never seemed to tire. She was the office manager in Bob's law firm, was a member of PEO International <http://www.peointernational.org/> for over 60 years, a member of CYA and Ballena Bay Yacht Club, and was an avid bridge player. She enjoyed her Tahoe cabin and her many fun filled travels. Born in Battle Creek, Michigan, she was the special daughter of Daniel & Thelma Squier, sister of Robert Squier, and dear wife of Robert Partridge. She is survived by her daughter Teresa Jones, her son Jim Partridge and his wife Edie, her sister-in-law Pat Walsh, cherished by 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Bev and Bob Partridge joined CYA in 1980 as member #269. For many years they owned the 1925 Matthews *Fantasea*, which Bev kept for several years after Bob passed away. Beverly will be missed sorely by all of her friends in all five CYA fleets. Godspeed, Bev.



2014 CYA Board of Directors Weekend

Only in San Francisco





1971 NATIONAL COMMODORES
 ROBERT EKROOS 1971 & 1972 SC
 ROZZ OLSEN 1973 SC
 JACK McHAIR 1974 SC
 CERI SAGH 1974 NC
 PETER LYON 1975 SC
 JAMES BERIG 1976 SC
 ROY NEWTON 1977 SC
 BILL BRADY 1978 SC
 DAVE ALMQUIST 1978 SC
 MIKE LOWER 1979 SC
 IAN NANCE 1980 SC
 LLOYD ELLIOTT 1981 SC
 MAX PESTECOST 1982 SC
 CLIFF DOBSON 1983 & 1984 SC
 GREG GILBERT 1985 PNW
 RICHARD GARDNER 1986 SC
 JOHN ANDERSON 1987 SC
 NEWT CUTLER 1988 & 1989 AK
 JAMES PATTON 1990 PNW
 LYNN GILLOCK 1991 SC
 ALAN ALMQUIST 1992 SC
 DAVE ELLIS 1993 PNW
 JIM BUTZ 1994 SC
 CHARLIE RICKARD 1995 NC
 STEVE WIEN 1996 PNW
 DON ETHERIDGE 1997 AK
 SCOTTIE DOBSON 1998 SC
 MONT MATHEN 1999 NC
 DAVID WALKER 2000 PNW
 DAVID MEDRANO 2001 SC
 MARTIN McHAIR 2002 NC
 MICHAEL OSWALD 2003 PNW
 PETER BLESS 2004 SC
 GEORGE BOMENKO 2005 NC
 ANDY DEAT 2006 PNW
 DAVID GILLESPIE 2007 USA

PRESENTED BY
NEWT CUTLER - ALASKA FLEET 1990



CYA Grants Two Awards at Annual Board Meeting

by Margie Paynton, CYA Historian

Tom and Nancy *CLOTHED* in Life Membership

The best kinds of volunteers are the ones who don't expect any accolades or acknowledgment for service to the greater good. And so, the occasion of this year's CYA Change of Watch in San Francisco was the perfect *cover* for bestowing CYA's highest honor on two unsuspecting individuals – Northern California members Tom and Nancy Clothier (member #445).

The Association Bylaws are clear: "...members who have outstandingly served the Classic Yacht Association at the [local and] International level." Under the *cloak* of secrecy, the CYA Board heard the nomination by the Northern California Fleet and voted unanimously to honor Tom and Nancy.

The Clothiers joined CYA in 1984 with *Zulu*, a 1934 32-foot one-design vessel built by Adolph Bostrom in Oakland, CA. By 1987, Tom had begun his journey through the chairs for the NC Fleet, ultimately being Fleet Commodore in 1990. In 1992, the Clothiers purchased and restored *ESLO*, a 1940 47-foot one-off, raised deck, double-ender built by Lowell Netherland of San Francisco. Tom later served as NC Director on the CYA Board from 1995-96, and Fleet Treasurer from 2008-2012. He also currently serves as Fleet Historian. Meanwhile, Nancy became Editor of the NC Fleet Newsletter in 1995, and has served on the CYA Membership Committee since 1999.



The success of CYA and of any fleet depends on the volunteer efforts of all of its members, but it thrives when there are those like Tom and Nancy, who have remained dedicated to the cause of CYA. Dare we say it? Life membership is *tailored* to the Clothiers!!

Haggin Museum receives CYA Honorary Membership

"In recognition of its commitment to the preservation of historical records of the Stephens Brothers Boat Builders" reads the plaque to be presented to the Haggin Museum in Stockton, California. The CYA Board of Directors voted unanimously this past January to honor the museum that received the Stephens Brothers records in July of 1980. CYA Life Member Bob Hamilton, in a recent phone conversation, remembered talking with Dick Stephens about the possibility of saving the records for future generations. A deal was struck, and a museum was found that was willing to receive them. On a hot, humid, July day, the call came: "Come get this sh**!" Bob recalls, "By the end of the day, we had filled my ¾ ton van with boat plans, papers, photos, and other archives, mainly of pre-war yachts, and delivered them to the Haggin Museum." The rest, they say, is history.



Loafers, 1929 Stephens Brothers, owned by CYA member Howard Settle, member #47, CYA member since 1971

The Haggin Museum website for Stephens Brothers boats: <http://www.hagginmuseum.org/stephens/>. A wikipedia article about Stephens Brothers boats is here: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephens Bros. Boat Builders](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephens_Bros._Boat_Builders).

Welcome, and thank you, Haggin Museum, for maintaining and keeping these valuable records of Stephens Brothers boats alive for present owners and future generations of pleasure boating enthusiasts!



2014 CYA – Fleet Officers

Canadian Fleet



Donell McDonell, **CAN Fleet Commodore** – 1932 F. W. Morris, *Merva*
Shirley Howdle, **CAN Fleet Vice Commodore** – 1912 Grandy, *Adelante*
George Egerton, **CAN Fleet Rear Commodore** – 1927 Arbuthnot, *Mysterion*
Garth McBride, **CAN Fleet Staff Commodore** – 1926 Martinac, *Olmaha*
Not pictured:
Randall Olafson, **CAN Fleet Director and CYA Vice Commodore** –
1948 MM Davis & Sons, *Double Eagle*

Northern California Fleet



John Di Lillo, **NC Fleet Staff Commodore and NC Fleet Treasurer**
Susan Takami, **NC Fleet Vice Commodore** – 1929 Stephens Brothers, *Makoto*
George Homenko, **NC Fleet Commodore** and **NC Fleet Director** – *Catherine E*
Shawn Ball, **NC Fleet Recording Secretary, NC Fleet Director, and**
CYA Commodore – 1954 Stephens Brothers, *Sea Gal*
Nancy Clothier, **NC Fleet Corresponding Secretary** –
1940 Lowell Netherland, *ESLO*
Also pictured: Christopher James, **NC Fleet Rear Commodore** –
1960 Stephens Brothers, *Kona Trader*



Southern California Fleet



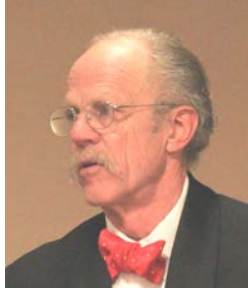
Elissa Olson, SC Fleet Rear Commodore – 1929 Dawn Boat Co., *Ono*
 Rick Olson, SC Fleet Vice Commodore and SC Fleet Photographer – 1929 Dawn Boat Co., *Ono*
 Gerard Buck, **SC Fleet Commodore** and SC Fleet Director – 1937 Fellows & Stewart, *Hel-Port II*
 Also pictured: Steve Sheridan, SC Fleet Past Commodore – 1932 Fellows & Stewart, *Lark*
 Not pictured:
 Cathy Yatch, SC Fleet Secretary – 1953 Chris-Craft, *ComOcean*
 Jane Aucreman, SC Fleet Recording Secretary
 Christine Rohde, SC Fleet Treasurer/Historian – 1950 Chris-Craft, *Sparkle*
 Larry Walker, SC Fleet Director – 1950 Fodor/Monk, *Gracie*

Pacific Northwest Fleet



Jessica Freeman, PNW Fleet Staff Commodore – 1939 Richardson, *Peaceful*
 John Shrader, **PNW Fleet Commodore** – 1942 Monk, *Savona*
 Dorin Robinson, PNW Fleet Vice Commodore – 1929 Vic Franck Boat Co., *Cle Illahee*
 Bob Wheeler, PNW Fleet Rear Commodore – 1953 Monk/Cummings, *Carousel*
 Chip Kochel, PNW Fleet Treasurer – 1962 Owens, *Aloha*, 1955 Chris-Craft, *Hi'ilani*
 Not pictured:
 Ginger Garff, PNW Fleet Secretary – 1941 Chris-Craft, *Swietenia*
 Ken Meyer, PNW Fleet Director and CYA Rear Commodore – 1937 Carr & Stone, *Patamar*
 Bob Birdseye, PNW Fleet Director – 1930 Franck & McCrary, *Comrade*
 Ann Hay, PNW Fleet Director, PNW Fleet Membership Chair, CYA Newsletter Editor, and
 CYA Roster Editor – 1939 Matthews, *Pied Piper*

USA Fleet



Ted Crosby, **USA Fleet Commodore/Secretary/Treasurer**, USA Fleet Director, and
CYA Staff Commodore – 1924 William Hand Jr., *Nisca*
Ed Dombroskas, USA Fleet Staff Commodore – 1957 Lyman Boat Works, *Inevitable*
[The USA Fleet welcomes boats from the USA's and Canada's midwest and east coasts,
and the southern USA, as well as boats from all corners of the globe.]

NEW CYA members – welcome!

New Classic members

Mike and June Jackson
GEM
26' 1932 Stimson Marine
PNW Fleet
Edmonds, WA
Jessica Freeman, sponsor



Eamonn O'Nolan and Catherine Walsh
CONTENT
62' 1930 Fellows & Stewart
CAN Fleet
Vancouver, BC
Randy Olafson, sponsor



Peter Stoneberg; Read; Hurst; and Grand
FAR NIENTE
86' 1939 DeVries/Feadship
NC Fleet
Sausalito, CA
John Di Lillo, sponsor



Edward and Merry Persichetti
LATITUDE
32' 1929 Blanchard
USA Fleet
Rehoboth, MA
Mergie Paynton, sponsor



V3Services (John Burgin, Captain)
WANEMARDO
42' 1937 Anderson
USA Fleet
Mt. Pleasant, SC
John Di Lillo, sponsor



Classic Additional Vessel

Diane E. Lander
MARIAN II
42' 1928 Lake Union Dry Dock
PNW Fleet
Seattle, WA
Dorin Robinson, sponsor



New Vintage Members

Michael and Audrey Topliss
MADERA
52' 1953 Stephens Bros.
CAN Fleet
North Vancouver, BC
Michael O'Brien, sponsor



John Ramos
MARIANA
46' 1950 Stephens Bros.
NC Fleet
Alameda, CA
John Di Lillo, sponsor



William and Sara McGonagle
HERITAGE
40' 1947 Grandy
PNW Fleet
Bainbridge Island, WA
Richard Randall, sponsor



Classic Reinstatements

Barry and Angelle Fairall
TOWNLEY ISLE
36' 1930 Menchions Shipyard
CAN Fleet
Duncan, BC

Peter Johnson and Christine Foley
TIVERTON
40' 1927 Stephens Bros.
NC Fleet
San Francisco, CA

New Affiliate Members


Christopher Judy
ANITA
56' 1956 Chris-Craft
PNW Fleet
Tacoma, WA
Jim Paynton, sponsor

Connie Martindale
DORIBA
42' 1970 Pacemaker
SC Fleet
Playa del Mar, CA
Christine Rohde, sponsor

Affiliate Reinstatement

Rexx King and Phill Lipman
SC Fleet (no vessel)

NOTE: The 2015 January CYA Board of Directors meetings and CYA Change of Watch Banquet will be hosted by the PNW Fleet. All CYA members are welcome to attend! Watch this space and your email and your mailbox for more information.


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Cover photo (by Ann Hay) of *ESLO* 1940 Lowell Netherland,
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Cover photo (by Rick Olson) of Candace Gable and
George Homenko, organizers of the 2014 CYA Board
of Directors weekend in San Francisco, CA, USA

