



**Current News of the Northern California Fleet of the  
Classic Yacht Association**

**SUMMER ISSUE**

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**From the Bridge of Ranger** *by Bill Wells*



*Fleetwood on San Francisco Bay*

Another technological milestone for the CYA, we now have a facebook page. I think you have to create a facebook account ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)) to access it but there is no charge and it seems to be a good way to communicate. You can post photos or comments as well as link youtube videos or other links to the page. When you are in facebook, type in Classic Yacht Association and the page will pop up. Many of my friends have business pages on Facebook and there are a few Delta related pages that might be of interest.

We have had a great year

of classic yachting so far. Steve Kadzielawa and Tom Clothier spearheaded the Opening Day on the Bay event. Your Commodore was conscripted to work on the committee boat so was not in the parade but I did get some decent photos as the classics went by. Afterwards the boats assembled at Treasure Island for a picnic.

Member Tony Gliedt along with Joe Bevaqua the manager of Perry's Boat Harbor

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**Stephens Rendezvous** *by Shawn Ball*

What turned out to be one of the best attended CYA events in years, the Stephens Rendezvous, was held on June the 11<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup> at the new Stockton Waterfront Marina. A total of 26 boats attended over the 3 day period. 21 boats tied up at the docks for both nights, three boats attended for one night and two boats were there for only a few hours on Saturday. The event dinner on Saturday night was held at the dockside restaurant at Chitiva's Restaurant, which so graciously closed



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**Forget Me Knot Wreath Laying Memorial**—submitted by Rear Commodore Les Cochren

Every year I think about how we remember those who sacrificed so much in the name of freedom. As a brother and an uncle, I can only imagine what a family feels when someone so young is called to service by our country. When I travel and I see a young man in uniform I say a silent prayer for his return. My words can't express the feeling that I see on the faces of strangers touched by our "Forget Me Knot Wreath Laying Ceremony". Of equal importance are the WWII Veterans, who are honored as the great generation, and who are dying at a rate of more than 1200 a day. This year's event will have a simultaneous wreath laying event at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers in Grafton, Illinois conducted by Jefferson Barracks Veteran Memorial Cemetery.

Here are the details of this year's event: From Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Classic Yacht Association are requested to make the journey from all parts of the Bay and Delta to Sacramento to show your support for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. We are encouraging on-lookers to wave the American Flag at the Classic Yacht Regatta from the banks of the river as they travel to Sacramento.

Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> –1800 hrs. (6:00 pm.). At the Marina Club House of the Sacramento Marina there will be a Pot Luck dinner for organizers and participants to meet and greet.

On Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 930 hrs. (9:30 am.) to 1500 hrs. (3:00 pm.) in the Marina parking lot the California Auto Museum will sponsor a Car Show with approximately 8-10 cars for public viewing. Refreshments will be available for the organizers and participants in the Sacramento Marina Club House. At approximately 1130 hrs. (11:30 am.) the parade will begin and the Natomas High School Drum Corps will play at the Marina fuel dock for the yachts that are departing up the Sacramento River. The U.S. Coast Guard will escort the regatta of Classic Yachts up river to the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers. A decorated Hornblower paddle wheel cruise ship will join in the boat parade, along with the Sacramento Delta Youth Maritime Association. The three Wreath carrying yachts will proceed downstream from the American River, turn after passing the bridge and idle back up stream to position themselves in front of the Rio City Cafe.

The reviewing stand will be on the balcony of the Rio City Café. Individuals present will be the Honor Recipients and guests; members of the US Submarine Veterans; designated members of the Classic Yacht Association; designated members of American Prisoners of War – Department of California; a U.S. Air Force Recruiter; the California Honor Guard; members of the ACFE; members of the U.S. Coast Guard; and designated members from the California Auto Museum, the Sacramento Marina, students from Natomas High School, employees from West Marine; Community Leaders, and the

Event Organizers and Sponsors. At 1245 hrs. (12:45 p.m.) the Color Guard from Natomas High School ROTC will march from the Embassy Suites along the docks and up the ramp and onto the reviewing stand. At 1300 hrs. (1:00 p.m.) The ceremony will begin with the Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, and Presentation of Honors. Eight Bells will ring at 1330 -1:30 with the Presentation of the Wreaths for all World War II Veterans, all Veterans, and Special intentions for loved ones of the deceased. The ceremony will close with the California Honor Guard playing Taps.



**Les Cochren** speaking to 2nd and 3rd Graders from William Land Park elementary school. They loved their paper boats that they entered into the "Great Wooden Boat Race" at the Sacramento marina. A great deal of care and attention was paid to keeping the colors inside the line as they painted their boats. Kind of like keeping the varnish off chrome. As is the unfortunate case with some of the classics, a few of their boats sunk. The children named their paper boats after things and people they liked. Captain Burgee's "I Wood if I Could" (The Northern California Fleet's Coloring Book), was an effective teaching tool for classic boats.

**Save the Date!!**  
**Classic Yacht Association**  
**Change of Watch**  
  
**Corinthian Yacht Club**  
**Belvedere, CA**  
**November 21st.**

An invitation will be sent to all CYA members in the Fall.

Les Cochran, event coordinator.

invited the fleet for a cruise in to Perry's for the Delta Loop Festival. The sponsors moved the event from the first weekend in May to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May to try to insure better weather. Prior to the weekend the weather had been hot and beautiful so I removed my winter heaters from the boat and cruised over from Oxbow without a jacket and only short sleeve shirts. By Saturday afternoon it had turned chilly and rainy, but fortunately, Sue took pity on me and brought me a jacket from home so I did not freeze to death.

On Friday evening George Homenko and Candice Gable had several of us aboard *Catherine E* for dinner. Tony barbecued hot dogs and carne asada on Saturday afternoon. They were both very popular and, not surprisingly, went quickly.

Saturday evening thirteen of us headed to the recently reopened Lighthouse Restaurant for an excellent dinner. As the dishes were cleared a Rolling Stones cover band took the stage and did a great set of Stones classics. They even looked like the group in their 1970's or 1980's persona. It was Doug and Shawn Ball's tenth wedding anniversary and a cake appeared that was enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning folks began to bug out. Perry's has a great harbor but the entrances are shallow so deeper draft boats need to go in and out at high tide, which was

about noon on Sunday. We made the trek back up to Oxbow without incident and headed home to enjoy the rest of the afternoon. Boats participating were *Catherine E* (Homenko / Gable), *Susan Gayle* (Bernhard), *Sue Ann* (Hanna / Reilly) and *Ranger* (Wells).

Shawn Ball chaired a fantastic Stephens Rendezvous this June. A total of 26 classic boats attended the event at the new Stockton Downtown Marina coming from all over the Bay and Delta. I took *Ranger* over from Oxbow on Thursday but I had to go back to Sacramento Thursday evening to take care of some business so I left her tied to the dock at the marina. When I returned on Friday, Stockton area port captain Art Johansson (*Marlin*) and prospective member Alex Thompson (*Florenzia*) were tied to the dock along with Doug and Shawn Ball's *Sea Gal*.

Throughout the day boats arrived, sometimes three or four at a time. The twenty knot wind blowing directly on the dock added an extra measure of fun. Due to the number of boats most of us had to Med tie. Everyone had to break out their extra lines and fenders to keep the vessels from banging together at the dock. I am happy to report that no boats got a scratch over the three days. Conditions such as we faced on this weekend serve as a reminder to make sure we all carry an adequate supply of assorted dock lines and fenders. Remember also, when you grab a hand rail on a boat grab it

near the base, if you grab the top and pull you can easily damage the rail due to the extra leverage you create.

Doug and Shawn hosted a cocktail party on Friday evening and Anne Baird from the state legislature came by and presented a proclamation to Theo Stephens recognizing Stephens Brothers boat builders for their accomplishments. Rear Commodore Les Cochren arranged for this exciting part of the event.



Excellent *Who's that lady?* work Les!

On Saturday, many area residents stopped by to admire our boats and trade sea stories. Terry McDonald co-owner of 5 Star Marina (the original home of Stephens) came over from across the channel in his patio boat and took a group of us over to the marina to check out the old buildings and marine railway. The Haggin Museum was open and many folks went over there on tours to see the Stephens exhibit.

Liz and Carlos Chitiva closed their excellent waterfront restaurant to the public on Saturday evening. An all girl singing group "Hot Ticket" enter-

tained with songs of the early and mid twentieth century. They managed to work in most of the boat names into their repertoire. After their performance everyone enjoyed an excellent fajita dinner. Later in the evening several hearty souls stayed for the salsa dance lessons.

Sunday morning we were invited aboard the 149 passenger cruise boat *Island Girl* for a continental breakfast after which folks began to

head out. It was a great weekend and thanks to Shawn for all her hard work. The city of Stockton was very happy to have us there and the marina staff bent over backwards to accommodate our large group.

Please join me in welcoming new members Stuart Kiehl with *Renegade* and Scott Andrews and Susan Takami with *Makato*. They all attended the Stephens Rendezvous with their boats coming from the Bay. We look forward to all of them being active members.

If you have not joined us recently please consider some of the upcoming events. Jim Sweeny NC member and International Staff Commodore has a couple of events pending in the near future. Please check the included calendar and contact Jim or the other event chairs if you are interested in attending any of these fun times.

# 2010 Stephens Rendezvous by Shawn Ball

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its doors to the public for our event. The “Andrews Sisters” performed hits of the 30’s and 40’s for our entertainment. Afterward Chitiva’s reopened to the public and Salsa lessons and dancing commenced. Eighty-eight yachts-people and their guests were there for dinner.

In years past the Stephens rendezvous was attended only by power boats. This year was a first as a Stephens sailboat, a 1949, Farallon Clipper, *VIP* came, and its owner, Don Taylor, enjoyed the event so much that he promised more sailboat attendance at the next event. What a beautiful sight! We also had the one and only house boat constructed



Maryann Rickard, made a grand appearance.

The following is the list of those boats that attended: *Allure, Beauty, Bella Barca, Cathrine E, Colleen, Eagle, Egret, Eslo, Flamingo, Florencia* (now nicely restored), *Killara, Lavendero, Makoto, Marlin, Merganzer, Nancy Lee, North Star II, Ranger, Renegade, San Souci, Sea Gal, Siren, Sue Ann, Susan Gayle, VIP,* and *White Swan*.

Guests who attended by land yacht included the irrepressible Beverly Partridge, Helen Ariza, Chris Paula, Bob Noorlander, Maargot Noorlander (guest of Charlie Rickard), Josh (nephew of Susan Bernhard), John Mackey and Rear Commodore Les Cochran and Darleen. The Stephens family was

represented by third generation Theo Stephens and his wife, and Barbara Stephens and her husband.

On Friday night a cocktail party and delicious pot-luck dinner was served on the dock. Before the festivities Ann Baird from Assemblywomen Allyson Huber’s (10<sup>th</sup> Assembly district) office presented the proclamation to the Stephens Brothers Boat Builders and the proclamations was then presented to Theo Stephens. Copies were made by Les Cochran and passed out to all the Stephens yacht owners.

Saturday was a leisure day with a trip to the old Stephens Foundry and Boat Yard, trips to the Haggin Museum, and downtown Farmers Market. During the day the public was invited to inspect our yachts and board as it was possible.

Sunday morning a continental breakfast was

held aboard the *Delta Discovery*. The boat was generously donated by Heather Ingram, owner and events planner of Delta Discovery Cruises.

Most of the participants began to leave the docks around noon on Sunday headed back to the bay and other parts of the Delta. *North Star II* and *Eslo* remained tied up until Monday morning to begin their weeks cruise through many of the delta ports of call. Reports are that a substantial number of golf balls were lost playing the course at the Ryde Hotel. The players, however, in this annual tournament from *Eslo* and *North Star II* took the top three



*Sea Gal—Doug and Shawn Ball*

of aluminum that Stephens ever made. *Lavendero*, now cared for by Charlie and



*Rick and Aldeana Saber*

places.

On behalf of co-chair Commodore Bill Wells and myself I want to thank everyone for their participation in this event. You all made this a most successful and memorable event.

# Rovin' Reporter

by Clara Yeats Aseltine

Your Rovin' Reporter reports that Opening Day in the Delta was

April 17<sup>th</sup> but our fleet did not participate in the parade around Bethel Island this year. Nevertheless, ESLO

and HILTOTII just couldn't stay away – a matter of habit, I guess. CATHERINE E couldn't stay away as well and you RR joined them via asphalt cruiser. SUSAN GAYLE was in the parade, however, and we waved as she passed by the Rusty Port Hole. A good time was had by all, but gourmet meals were not on the agenda!

Next, of course, was Opening Day on the

Bay and what a great day it was – seven beautiful boats in the



*San Louie-Richard and Jonelle Sullivan*

parade, ESLO, BEAUTY, NORTH STAR II, PAT PENDING, COLEEN, FLAMINGO and EAGLE all struggling to keep in line at the very slow pace set by the lead boats. Our usual about fifteen minutes at the head of the parade was

a long fifty minutes this year.

Our post parade gathering was back at Treasure Island so we were all nicely docked by one o'clock. The weather could not have been more perfect. There was lots of meeting and greeting after the long winter's inactivity, but soon food began appearing on the dock and what an array it was! Our world famous pot luck did not disappoint us although Nancy's



*Eslo-Tom and Nancy Clothier and Niko*

delicious Taco Salad had a short life before landing on the dock – a tragedy! There were other great salads,

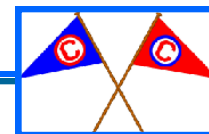
three kinds of chicken, sausages, shrimp and luscious strawberries. Suddenly we realized there were NO DESERTS. Mavis wasn't fazed, but the chocoholics felt deprived even though we were reminded that one year there were nearly all desserts (the joys of pot luck). Patrick, however, saved the day when he produced from the galley of COLLEEN not one, but two desserts. Never have I seen a carrot cake and a teramisu disappear as quickly!!

Soon it was time to head for home ports – a little easier from T.I. so boats seemed to linger a little longer this year.

Now it is July and our fleet agenda is in full swing. I look forward to seeing you at the next event.

*Clara Yeats Aseltine*

## CYA Clothing Report *by Les Cochren*



It is always fun to have CYA clothing to wear at the various events or just lounging on your boats. (Maybe not when varnishing). We have two embroidery companies that have our logos on file and so you can order any item from their catalog and get it customized. They will also add the name of your boat.

The Embroidery Factory, 6000A Egret Court, Benicia, CA 94510-1255, (707) 746-7625 (Shirley)  
[www.embroideryfactory.com](http://www.embroideryfactory.com)

American Logowear, 603-B East Bidwell Street, Folsom, CA 95630 (916) 983-8800  
This company will put the logo on your own clothing for about \$10.00

### **What ever became of BOUNTY?**

Jim Sweeney reports that all structural repairs, modifications, and hull survey are complete.

**BOUNTY** left Westmore Marine's dry dock on April 30th and is now berthed at San Rafael Yacht Harbor dock #3 between **Tule Lady** and **North Star II**. The Gray Marine engines and jacket water coolers were landed aboard after the hull was waterborne. Final engine alignment now awaits the receipt of new line shafting components expected to arrive this week. In the meantime the steering system has been reassembled and a new pilot house sole, engine room hatches, water pump foundations, fuel filter foundations, and battery foundations are being fabricated and installed. Reconstruction of propulsion fuel and water piping, engine controls, instrumentation, fire extinguishing, and electrical systems will follow.

**IDA MAY**, still looking for engines, was towed over to a new covered berth in Loch Lomand in April.

**MAGNOLIA DAWN** (1929 Dawn). I recently had an opportunity to see and inspect an in-process restoration of a 45 foot Tri-cabin raised deck cruiser built by Dawn Cruisers, Inc. Not a great deal is known about this boat building company of Clason Point, Bronx, New York City. except that it

was established in 1906 by three members of the Donnelly family, who were active members of the Bayside Yacht Club. In addition to pleasure craft, during the wars the shipyard built boats for the army and small craft for the Navy. The company was acquired by the Wheeler family in 1948 and renamed Wheeler Yachts. The yard was destroyed by fire in 1963.

This yacht, while not a member of the CYA, when finished, will be berthed in Alabama. Current restoration is being done in a private warehouse in Greeley, Colorado. The work on the yacht is excellent despite the fact that the wheelhouse cabin overhead was raised several inches all away around to accommodate the height of the owner and a solid roof was installed over the aft deck. Apparently the boat, in a complete state of disrepair, was purchased for \$1.00. Cost of this restoration is unavailable but the twin V-8 Merc Cruisers that now will power this yacht ran a cool 30 grand.

I don't know about all Dawn cruisers but this one has very narrow side decks, unlike what we are used to on the Stephens and other yachts of the era. The trade off, of course, are cabin widths probably a foot wider than the other boats.

Unless I missed a few, I found 5 other Dawn yachts in the CYA, listed

by age; **Parader** (38', 1927), **Annette's Rozzy** (42', 1928), **Ono** (48', 1929), **Petral** (48', 1930) and, **Sunrise New York** (45', 1930).

In mid May I was joined by Vice Commodore Patrick Welch and we set out to tour a few of the local boatyards in search of **WANDA**. Our trek took us to Sausalito, the last known location of the yacht and in the course of things we discovered two other classic yachts that are not members of the CYA. Actually Steve Kadzielawa talked to me about **SARAH B**, a 30 foot, 1951 Stephens sedan cruiser owned and restored by Mike Linder owner of Bayside Boatworks, Inc. in Sausalito. This is a beautiful boat that is a credit to classic yacht preservation, and with an owner who also runs a boatyard, **Sarah B** should have a long well-maintained life span.

**Wanda** was not to be found at Bayside so after our inspection of **Sarah B** we were directed next door to Richardson Bay Boat Yard where **Wanda** had been hauled and there we talked a bit to yard owner, Ross Summers. He told us that **Wanda** had left the ways in March and had been moved to KKW boat yard in

Richmond

Patrick and I drove over to KKW in Richmond and found **Wanda** in an open slip with evidence of a lot of maintenance going on. Ross' yard (the same yard that hauled **Pat Pending**, by the way) had restored the yacht completely from the deck to the keel. The cabin teak was nicely re-varnished and all of the hull damage repaired and painted. What is left (and there is a long way to go from here) is the rebuilding of all of the exterior decks, the replacing of the overhead over the rear deck, and the restoration and refinishing of what looks to be the entire interior. Still nothing for the faint of heart. Yet the derelict a few of us saw on the Petaluma River two years ago has come back with a bang. Congratulations to the new owner, Andrew Roettger. We look forward to **Wanda** rejoining the fleet!

### **CLASSIC CURRENTS**

*Bill Wells, COMMODORE*

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**Dept of Boating & Waterways – (now) Cal Boating**

“Director **Ray Tsuneyoshi** has been an outstanding leader for over nine years, but now Ray is sailing away and we wish him fair winds. He was truly a friend to members of



*Colleen—Patrick Welch*

PICYA and the boating community. Thanks again to Ray.” (From Doug Hipsley, past president of RBOC).

**RBOC** The proposed “Coastal Marina Permit” by California State Water Resources Control Board would apply to all bay area harbors **has been avoided for now**. Estimates were up to \$250,000 annually to comply with the new regulations. It appears that the “Clean Marina Program” run by the marina industry may be adopted in its place. Please stay informed of this issue – see [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org) This **would** affect your mooring !



*North Star II—Alan and Barbara Almquist*

**The Delta still Threatened** There is still much activity promoting the **peripheral canal** (OK, they have a new name for it – Water Conveyance) but the end result is the same. A “**2-Gate Fish Demonstration Project**” at Old River and Connection Slough has been **put “on hold”** for 2010. **Our protests if they are loud enough do get results.** Please take note that in Governor-hopeful Meg Whitman’s “Meg 2010” Policy Agenda page 17, as governor, she would support both the canal and 2 Gate projects.

**The Yachting Yearbook 2010 Cover Photo contest** winner is CYA’s “Thunderbird”

**The PICYA LOG** is published every two months. The “LOG” is also available on line at [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org) Articles or dates of club activities are requested but a two month lead time is required –Please send all news items to the editor, Johnnie Owen [jowen@teal.net](mailto:jowen@teal.net) **Johnnie wants articles!**

**Scholarships.** This is a reminder that there are four \$2,500 scholarships available for 2010. Relatives of PICYA club members are eligible. For entry information please go to

[www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org) –The deadline for submitting your application is June 30.

**The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Wheel Chair Regatta** will be held on Saturday **Sept 25**. This event is usually based at the Encinal YC in Alameda. Any change to this location will be announced later on. Usually several hundred of our veterans attend. All help is welcomed by the event coordinators including boats. Donations to this event (tax deductible) should be made payable to PICYA Wheelchair Regatta and mailed to 1001 Bridgeway PMB 450 Sausalito CA 94965



*Renegade—Stuart Kiehl*

**The PICYA Website is quite up to date now [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org) Most sign-ups can be done online!** Member club events and links to other boating groups are listed.

**The Next PICYA Meeting** is May 3 at Oyster Pt YC. If anyone would like to attend please get in touch with Mavis or Dick Engfer who will assist you with reservations – The cost of a good dinner is \$22.50 per person.

**Questions** – If you don't find the answers to your questions on the website, please contact Dick Engfer and he will try to locate a person in the organization who might be able to help. [hiltotii@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hiltotii@sbcglobal.net)

Updated April 22, 2010  
Mavis & Dick Engfer

## Coming Events

SAN RAFAEL, CA

July 10, 2010

Marin Yacht Club Classic Car and Yacht Show. *Contact: Jim Sweeney (415) 459-8681, [james.sweeney3@comcast.net](mailto:james.sweeney3@comcast.net)*

TIBURON, CA

August 13-15, 2010

Corinthian Yacht Club Classic Yacht Show. *Contact: Jim Sweeney (415) 459-8681, [james.sweeney3@comcast.net](mailto:james.sweeney3@comcast.net)*

SACRAMENTO, CA

September 17-19, 2010

Forget me Knot Festival (honoring veterans) *Contact: Les Cochren (916) 985-9489, [rivercats@msn.com](mailto:rivercats@msn.com)*

ISLETON, CA

September 25-26, 2010

Delta Wooden Boat Festival at Perry's Boat Harbor / Gliedt's Boat Shop.  
*Contact: Tony Gliedt (925) 516-8717 [gliedtcabinets@hughes.net](mailto:gliedtcabinets@hughes.net)*

BELVEDERE, CA

November 21, 2010

Change of Watch. *Contact: Les Cochren (916) 985-9489, [rivercats@msn.com](mailto:rivercats@msn.com)*

SAN RAFAEL, CA

December 11, 2010

Holiday Parade of Lighted Yachts. *Contact: Alan Almquist (916) 505-3680, [ajalmquis@yahoo.com](mailto:ajalmquis@yahoo.com)*