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OUR 50TH YEAR



"Watercolor Convoy" CONQUEST and ATHENA

- photo by Rick Olson

CONVOYING

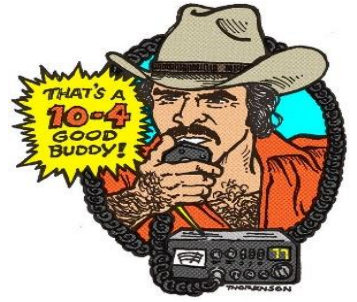
2020 Yachting Season Calendar – see page 5

Cover Story

CONVOYING

Convoys were started so that multiple trucks could run together at a high speed with the rationale being that if they passed a speed trap the police would only be able to pull over one of the trucks in the convoy. When driving on a highway, convoys are also useful to conserve fuel by drafting.

Our convoys at sea are great for easy navigation, trouble shooting, and spectacular photo opportunities. They also draw positive attention to the Classic Yacht Association.



DID YOU KNOW?

Burt Reynold's most prized possession was a boat! After the filming of *Deliverance*, the canoes were chopped up by the movie set crew, but Burt managed to rescue one. He always said it was his most prized possession.



"Misty Morning Convoy"

- photo by Diana Ettel

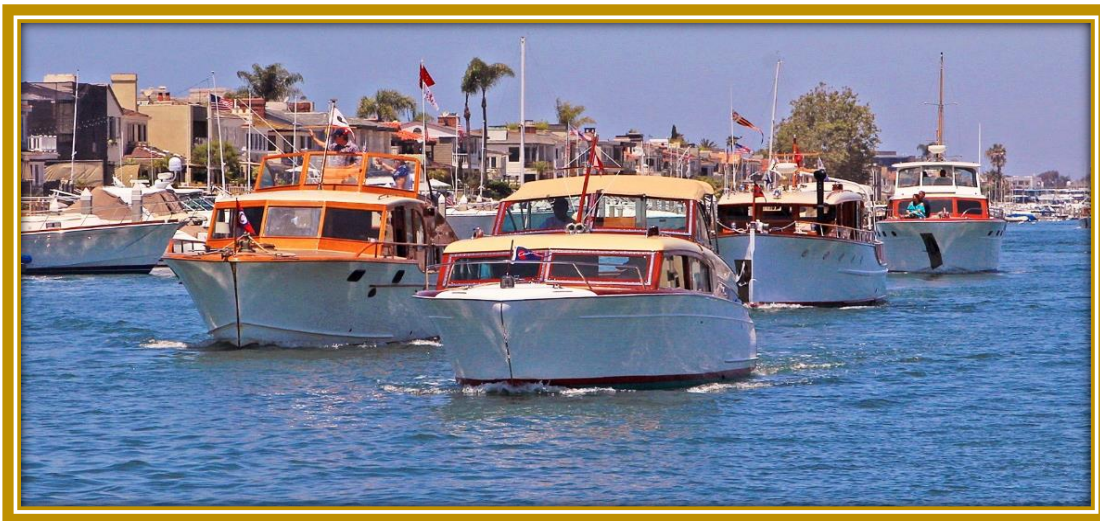
CONQUEST and ONO traveling down the coast to the Wooden Boat Show in Newport Beach, California. CONQUEST is owned by Dave and Margaret Waite and won Best in Show. ONO is owned by Rick and Elissa Olson. The photo was taken from the deck of ATHENA which won First Runner Up and is owned by Wayne and Dianna Ettel.



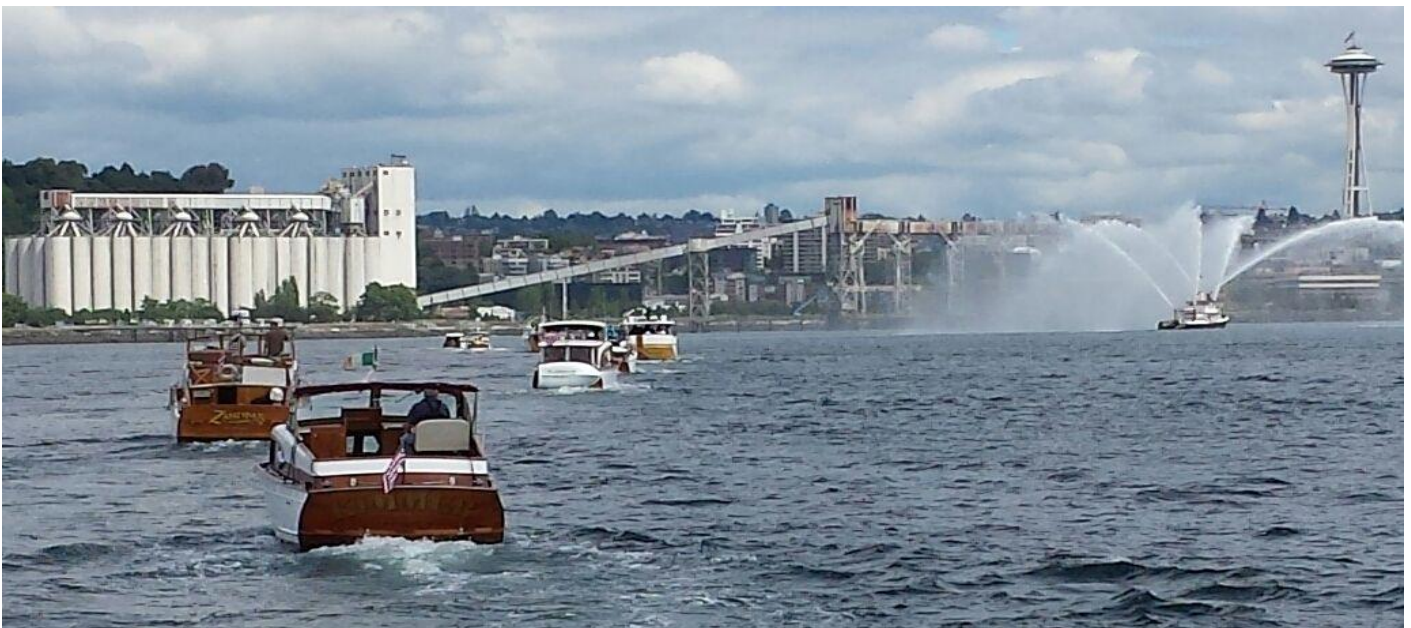
LONE RANGER 2 + JOIE ♦ off Catalina
– drone image from Jonathan Lennard



“From the stern of ComOcean” ♦ Huntington Harbour
– photo by Cathy Yatch



“Opening Day 2019” ♦ SEA BOARDER, COMOCEAN, PHANTOM, ONO ♦ Huntington Harbour - photo by Jim Kroeger



“Space Needle Parade”

- photo by Ron Yatch (who likes to cruise alone to avoid the chop)



Commodore Roar

- by Janet Beggs, 50th Commodore

"2020 People in 1920 Boats"



Commodore Roar welcomes you to the



We are 2020 people in 1920 boats

And we'll be celebrating that ironic milestone at *"Tea by the Sea"* our first cruise-in event of the yachting season

That was to be my topic for this issue, but suddenly the Coronavirus hit our shores and 2020 became a whole new moment in history. I was expecting this issue to be published with stories of Opening Day and the Ranger Renewal Ceremony, but these events have been cancelled once Governor Newsom "convinced" us that we are Safer-At-Home. So an elbow bump greeting to you all!

On the following page is our Calendar for the 2020 Yachting Season – published as it was planned. We are hopeful that *"Tea by the Sea"* will occur, although the date may change. In fact, all dates may change and we will keep you informed by e-mail when those decisions must be made.



In the meantime, our Skippers have been taking advantage of this mandatory time of safe distancing, holed up in their respective vessels, puttering away. **John Peckham** points out that *"those of us with wooden boats already have N95 masks"* and **Rear Commodore Rick Olson** instantly sent a selfie.



And others are reporting that they are taking this time to read *"Boys in the Boat"* which we learned so much about at CYA Int'l Change of Watch in Seattle.

Albert Einstein said, *"The monotony and solitude of a quiet life stimulates the creative mind"*. Imagine the burst of creativity that will come from our sequestering!

We have such a wonderful summer planned with lots of special 50th Anniversary touches and look forward to seeing you very soon. Stay safe. Be Well.



Classic Yacht Association



Calendar for the Southern California Fleet's 2020 Yachting Season

Date	Event	Coordinated By
April 5 (Sunday Brunch) (boats may arrive April 4)	OPENING DAY @ Huntington Harbour Yacht Club <i>welcoming this year's newest yachts Ranger + Haven</i>	Rick Olson rickofoto@gmail.com
April 18	Ranger Ceremony @ Santa Barbara Maritime Museum	Dan Flynn dan@srcremation.com
May 2-3	Rendezvous @ San Pedro Downtown Cut + "Tea by the Sea" 1920's style + Crock Pot Potluck Dock Dinner	Rick Olson rickofoto@gmail.com Dianna Ettel wdettel@gmail.com
June 6	BBQ + Nautical-No-Junk Auction @ Waite Home /Palos Verdes	Margaret Waite dmwaite@cox.net
June 13 (Saturday) (arrive June 12; depart June 14)	Wooden Boat Festival @ Balboa Yacht Club	Rick Olson rickofoto@gmail.com
July 26 (Sunday) (arrive July 24; depart July 27)	Old Fashioned Day at the Park @ Marina Del Rey	Cris Rohde sparklechristine@gmail.com
August 14-16	Rendezvous @ Marina Pacifica Friday Dock Party by Janet Beggs Saturday Potluck @ Drew Miser's	Jim Kroeger jimkroeger@sbcglobal.net
September 5-6	Fleet Week @ Port of Los Angeles	John Peckham spaceway1999@yahoo.com
September 13	Dick Stephens 100th birthday @ Stockton	Rusty Arias rareas@calstrat.com
October 2-4	Catalina Jamboree Weekend @ Howland's Landing	John Peckham spaceway1999@yahoo.com
November 7	51st CHANGE OF WATCH @ [TBD; great sites being considered]	Dianna Ettel wdettel@gmail.com

FASHION | FOCUS

Well, with two Lady Commodores this season, you must appease us on this topic. But we are finding that the shirts and caps designed by John Peckham and Janet Beggs serve so many useful purposes. (1) What do I wear? Easy! Just put on a navy polo with the Classic Yacht Association logo. (2) They really are comfortable and now a summer white shirt is also available. (3) When we are on the docks or out together at dinner, our classic polo shirts and caps draw positive attention to the club and start conversation.



We have these items custom made on a per-order basis. Please contact Staff Commodore John Peckham directly with your order inquiry.



What could be more “classic” than a classic navy blazer sporting a Classic Yacht Association patch? Jacket patches are \$30 and customized name badges are \$12. Contact Cris Rohde.



What about my fashionable feet? Over the past two years your Commodore has been in conversation with Sperry about creating a custom navy deck shoe with our CYA logo on the side. They have always been enthusiastic but it doesn’t seem to make it past some internal department. Last summer the supportive and super comfortable Sketchers Flex Appeal in red has become very popular with our boaters. We mention it here because – not only do we love these shoes – but they also have been drawing a lot of positive attention. Even Officers of the U.S. Navy were intrigued by them. Shop your local Sketchers store for this: Flex Appeal in the Men’s or Women’s Dept.

FASHION
FOCUS



What shall I wear for Old Fashioned Day at the Park?

Over the past many years of this event the exhibiting boaters have often dressed in period clothes. This year in support of our 50th anniversary marketing, we are suggesting that all CYA members and invited guests make an effort to wear a “boater”. We will not be requiring any continuity in this beyond the suggested style, so shop your local hat shops and on-line to find the boater that is best for you. See you in July!



Upcoming Events



*Celebrate 2020
in 1920's style*

@ San Pedro Downtown Cut
Vessels arrive May 2 for a
Relaxing Rendezvous Weekend

May 3, 2020

*"Tea by the Sea" on the dock at 4 PM
followed by Crock Pot Potluck Dock Dinner*

◆
1920's style is encouraged
just because it's fun and makes timeless photos
coordinated by Vice Commodore ◆ Dianna Ettel

June 6, 2020



*BBQ +
Nautical
No Junk
Auction*

*a food and fun get-to-gather for all
to add to our Fleet treasury*

Bring your interesting and auctionable
nautical items
~ and bring your checkbook ~

~ details developing ~

Hosted by David & Margaret Waite
at their Palos Verdes home
(check your CYA Roster for address)

June 13, 2020



**NEWPORT BEACH
WOODEN BOAT
FESTIVAL
BALBOA YACHT CLUB** 

vessels arrive June 12

CYA participation coordinated by
Rear Commodore ◆ Rick Olson

Celebrate our 50 Years @ our Fleet's oldest event



**Old Fashioned Day
at the Park**

**Burton Chace Park
Marina del Rey**

coordinated by
Miss Sparkle ◆ Cris Rohde

July 26, 2020

Vessels may arrive July 24; depart July 27

Past Events

CYA CHANGE OF WATCH ♦ SEATTLE

CYA Directors **John Peckham** and **Rick Olson** represented the Southern California Fleet at the Classic Yacht Association's International Change of Watch held January 2020 at Lake Union in Seattle, Washington. Other members of our fleet attending were Commodore **Janet Beggs**, Vice Commodore **Dianna Ettel**, **Wayne Ettel**, **Dan Flynn**, **Cris Rohde**, and **Elissa Olson**.

*- photo by Janet Beggs
from the bow of GRYFALCON*



"Seattle Starbucks Selfie"

*- photo by Dianna Ettel
- Starbucks gift card from Jim Kroeger*



SC Fleet's Sir John Peckham holds the red flag of CYA International Vice Commodore

Seattle Through the Rick Olson Lens



Chihuly Garden and Glass



Space Needle



Univ of Washington Boathouse Tour



Commodore Landry's amazing
"Big Blue Boathouse"



DISCOVERY



the decks of MALIBU



GRYFALCON



ARGONAUT II

Member Spotlight

A long-time friend of DEERLEAP which is now part of the PNW fleet, we are pleased to welcome **Loren & Shawna Burch** as new members of the So Cal Fleet. Last summer they



attended Opening Day and Old Fashion Day at the Park, cruising home on ATHENA and SEA BOARDER. Living in a most intriguing home in Pasadena that houses antique cars and a complete railroad system amongst other wonders, Loren is well known in the antique car community and has done upholstery for Jay Leno . . . as well as DEERLEAP. Shawna currently has her eye on this BABY GIRL –



Not currently a member but a 1994 Commodore and previous owner of WANDERLUST, a 1938 Chris Craft and BLACK JACK, a 1941 Chris Craft run-about, **Susan O'Brien**, has reached out to us via the CYA website. Now living in Oxnard, she says she does “see a few classics docked around.” Susan recently joined the Board of the **Channel Islands Maritime Museum** and lets us know about their **Father's Day** event “that includes an in-the-water display of wooden sail boats, classic woodies and old cars and, on occasion, a trailered run-about.” Although we are not able to officially add this event to this year’s calendar, you are welcomed to reach out to Susan if you would like more information:

beachandmarina@att.net

UPDATE: Susan has renewed her membership! We now have representation in Oxnard County!!! Michael Beebe joins Susan in membership.



Some of us move up the flags and some of us move *waaay* up in footage. **Gary & Kathleen Conwell** have moved up from their 22'

SCOOTEROO to their recently acquired 42' HAVEN, a 1947 mahogany hulled Owens. The previous owner found her in disrepair in the Sacramento Delta, refurbished her in 2007, cruised under the name “Mz B HAVEN”, and often visited us at our Marina del Rey docks during Old Fashioned Day at the Park. She has now been relocated to join our Newport Beach flotilla. Welcome HAVEN ! We look forward to convoying with you this summer.



Haven

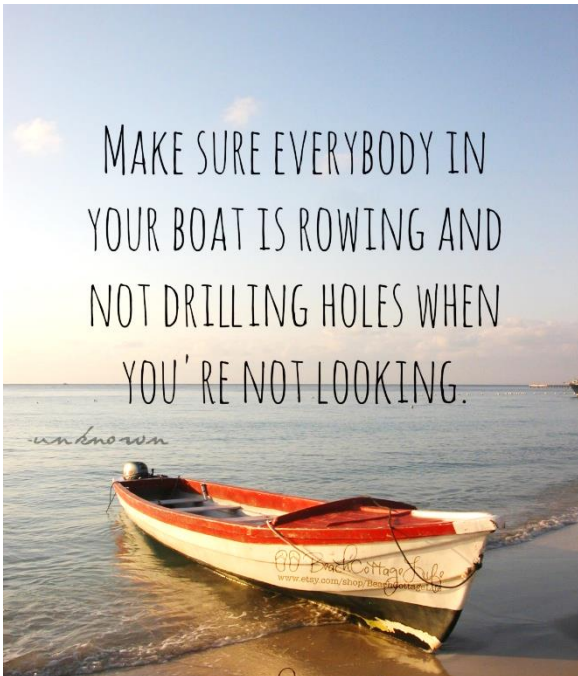


News of the North

The Southern California fleet expands north! We now have significant representation in **Santa Barbara County** with RANGER, Dan Flynn, and the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. We have also received the renewed membership of Susan O'Brien & Michael Beebe in **Oxnard County**. Susan is on the Board of the Channel Islands Maritime Museum.

ONO earns \$2,000 for charity!

Elissa Olson, a member of the **Shakespeare Club** of Pasadena, donated a cruise on ONO in support of the club's scholarship fund. To avoid a battle amongst people who generally behave like ladies, Captain Rick offered a second cruise. Twenty people will now experience the ambiance of classic yachting life. Who knows where that could lead?



ROVING REPORTER

As Father's Day approaches,

here are some

Words of Wisdom

from fathers of the So Cal Fleet:



"If you make a friend of a child, you will have a friend for life."
- **Janet Beggs**

This is advice, I suppose, and an explanation of his lifestyle from my friend "the Commodore ." It was always unusual and flamboyant and involved opera, railroads, airlines and eventually a captain on a boat in Newport. When asked about his life he replied "All the world is a stage, and we must all play our part!"
- **Jim Butz**

My grandfather always said "It is just as easy to fall in love with a rich man as a poor man." Here is my interpretation of that! It is just as easy to fall in love with a dog that does NOT shed, as one who does. I only meet Poodle-mixes, and therefore NO shedding dogs in my house!!!
- **Cris Clark**

"If you can't find the time to do it right, when are you going to find the time to do it over?"
- **Wayne Ettel**

"Fishing is no fun unless you fall in the river now and then."
Earl Olson, my dad. I've passed it along to my sons too.
- **Rick Olson**

"Never catch anything you can't throw back" which was followed by "A whiskey for me and the boy!"
- **John Peckham**

" There are no bad cars only bad deals ..."
The sage meaning was that under the right circumstances with necessity at the door, and when the price is right for you go for it and you won't be sorry. Brand and status are irrelevant. Andy Yatch was usually right.
- **Ron Yatch**



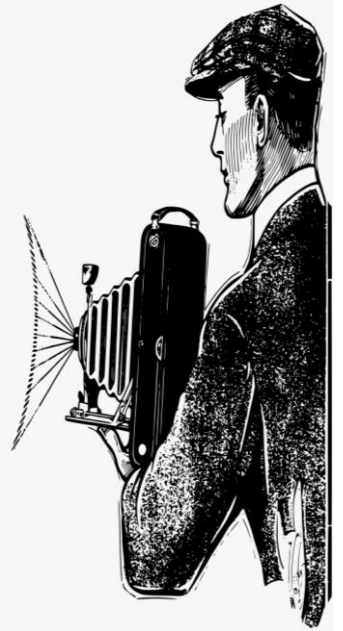
Photo Assignment

Fleet Photographers
– that really means all of you ~

To be included in the photo credits of the next issue, **Classic Times** is seeking your yachting photos featuring the American Flag.

Please provide by e-mail to your Editor at janetbeggs17@outlook.com

Thank you!



Name Game

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Classic Yacht Association



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50th Anniversary white polos are now available: John Peckham

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CYA celebrates its 50th Anniversary with special activities throughout 2020.

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“Wing Tip” ♦ traveling to CYA International Change of Watch

- photo by John Peckham