



CLASSIC TIMES

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OUR 50TH YEAR



"Canvased" SEA BOARDER

- photo from Jim Kroeger

@ **WINTER REST**



Canvas Conversations

An Adventure in Canvas Cleaning

Unlike most of our vessels in the Fleet, So Cal's 40' Flag Ship SEA BOARDER is covered by a full one-piece canvas. It is a blessing and a curse. It protects the varnish but it is a monster to put on.

This autumn's Silverado Fire left the SEA BOARDER covered in ash – on top of many years of environmental dirt, salt, and some moss at the water line. It was truly filthy. Too large for laundromat washers, the quest to have it cleaned became difficult. No industrial washing companies would accept it. No sail cleaners would agree to washing a canvas. A series of referrals and denials ensued.

It is with great relief and pleasure that the *Classic Yacht Association* is referred to **Ken Cooper**. He is a sail plotter at Ullman Sails in Santa Ana and he sure became my hero. His sail and canvas cleaning is a side business. "I kept unfolding more and more of the SEA BOARDER canvas when I was working on it. I had no idea that it was that large of a one-piece canvas! The more the canvas was opened, the true trouble areas started really revealing themselves. It was an interesting assignment!"



You can see on this issue's cover that Ken did an absolutely amazing job.



If you are in need of canvas cleaning you can reach Ken Cooper @ 949-525-2576. If you are in the area of the **Marina Shipyard**, Ullman Sails' satellite location can also put you in touch with him.

Although other CYA fleets have the privilege of boat houses or boat sheds, the Southern California Fleet does not. Why?



BLANCHE is our only Fleet vessel that is "under cover" at her slip.

Seventeen years ago, before she left her Seattle home and was trucked to Southern California, she had been sheltered in a boat shed. BLANCHE's Owner Linda LeMoncheck said they searched the Los Angeles County waters for a private rather than public dock or homeowners' marina. At that time, they found space in the privately owned Marina Pacifica Boat Slips Marina and got permission from the owner to cover this beauty. Her full canvas canopy is supported by aluminum poles attached to its U-dock.

Although they have occasionally thought of relocating BLANCHE, the risk of losing this arrangement quickly changes their mind.

Tammy Hampton is known as the "Cover Girl" and offers advice thru her website:

<https://www.canvas-boat-cover-and-repair-advisor.com>

This is an all-woman business so during this era of the So Cal Fleet with two Lady Commodores on the Bridge, this story may be of special interest.

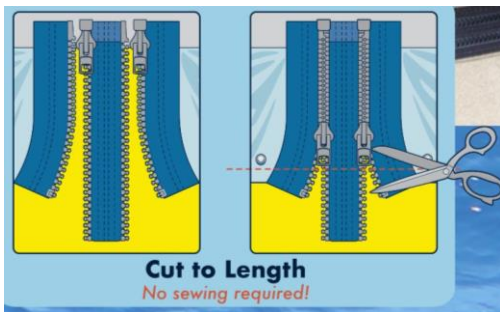


Lake Lanier

Practical Inventions For Your Canvas

"This zipper will make your boating life easier"

When repeatedly approached with the same client problem, Tammy invented the "Ex-Tend Boat Zipper" which she refers to as "an exciting new solution to shrinking boat canvases."



The EZ-Xtend adds 1" instantly where needed with no sewing required and can be mated together to fill wider gaps between zippers.

Testimonials Tell It Like It Is:

"Dear Inventor of Easy Extend Zippers, You are a genius! You are my hero. After actually breaking a finger struggling with my canvas, I bought three of them from you last week. I just installed the first one by myself. I am a 53-year-old woman. It was easy. Now I can close the canvas on my 30 foot cruiser. Thank you, thank you!!!"
- Delighted Customer

Another practical invention for your canvas

If your boat has multiple canvases zipped together, you might be interested in the "Drip Shield" Tammy created to protect air and rain from penetrating where the zippers join.



Tammy "Cover Girl" Hampton is located in Georgia and we spoke by telephone. The fresh water of Lake Lanier on the Chattahoochee River drains from the Blue Ridge Mountains. Although landlocked, it is home to the **largest inland marina in the world.**

From runabouts, speedboats, and pontoons, to house boats two stories tall, "if it fits on the lake you will see it." Tammy says the largest vessel is probably 49'.

Wooden Boats

Asked if the lake had a wooden boat population, Tammy drawled, "We sure do." The wooden boats aren't left on the lake but pulled out onto lifts and trailers.

Many of the wooden boats are Chris Crafts. And then Tammy said this: "And there is a 43' mahogany Chris Craft named CHRISTINA on the lake that *belonged to Humphrey Bogart.*"

When its restoration began, there was a tree growing up through the boat.

*But that is another story
for another day.*





Commodore Roar

- by Janet Beggs, 50th Commodore

"Mr. Rogers – Boat Lover"



Many in our membership are of the children's era of MR. ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD. We recall his calm voice, his gentle life lessons. Mr. Rogers was often greeted with "I don't mean to bother you but I wanted to say thank you." He would respond, "Did you grow up as one of my neighbors?"

Did you know Mr. Rogers was actually a minister and started the children's program as a way to serve children and families through television?

Before a Senate Subcommittee that threatened to cut funding to public television, Mr. Rogers testified: *"This is what I give. I give an expression of care every day to each child, to help him realize that he is unique.... I feel that if we can only make it clear that feelings are mentionable and manageable, we will have done a great service for mental health."*

Boats Good For Mental Health ♦ Mr. Rogers A Boat Lover

Grandfather Rogers told young Fred that if he didn't smoke or drink until he turned 21, he would buy him a boat. They both *lived up to their word*.



Episode 16: Mr. Rogers arrives at his house with some lumber scraps and uses nails to hammer some of the pieces together to make a boat.

Episode 1019: Mr. Rogers arrives with a toy boat from the Neighborhood Store.

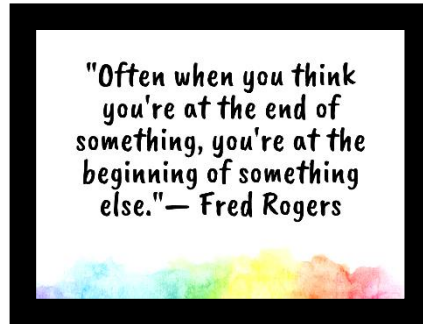
After sharing a film of himself boating with his sons, Mr. Rogers takes the toy boat outside where he floats it in a tub of water and sings *"Sometimes People Are Good."*



There is a **"Mr Rogers Scenic Boat Tour"** in Orlando, Florida.



Now we have arrived at January 2021, a beginning. So here are some timely Words Of Wisdom (or as I like to call them WOWs) from Mr. Rogers:



So hopefully we are at the beginning of the end of the 2020 pandemic and looking forward to beginning something new and wonderful.



It's time to toss out that 2020 calendar and I say Hurrah! to that !! Get out your brand new 2021 calendars and check out our "Upcoming Events" on Page 8. Please reserve these dates and plan to attend – whether you come by yacht or land yacht.



Across the nation, people have re-discovered boating but no one does it quite like the

Classic Yacht Association!

Your Bridge has planned a Yachting Season which includes some **Boat Shows** that we confirmed are on calendar. The schedule also focuses on our rendezvous style gatherings of boats and people at and on the docks. This year we have created the **Compass Rendezvous** in each of the 4 compass directions. These gatherings are to encourage more participation in our North and South fleet members and to open up some new horizons or cruising goals for all. All of the Compass Rendezvous are accessible by Land Yacht as well so are something that all can participate in.



News From The Bridge

2021 SO CAL BRIDGE



Commodore	Janet Beggs
Vice Commodore	Dianna Ettl
Rear Commodore	Rick Olson
Staff Commodore	Jim Kroeger
Recording Secty	Cris Clark
Treasurer	Elissa Olson
Fleet Historian	Rick Olson
Fleet Membership	Jim Kroeger
Yacht Registration Rep	John Peckham
CYA Directors	Rick Olson + John Peckham



YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN CYA

This will be your last news magazine unless you renew.

In Other News From The Bridge

We have officially pledged/planned to ally with the **Maritime Preservation Trust** (“MPT”) as we feel the organizations are simpatico and we can enhance each other’s causes. MPT already actively provides the “education” portion of our common mission. MPT recruits and mentors interested youth and trains them in restoration, maintenance, navigation, and crewing classic wooden vessels. These students are exactly the sort of enthusiasts CYA seeks for membership and hope will one day bring more vessels into our So Cal Fleet or become potential buyers for our vessels in the future.



We plan to coordinate our efforts of promotion with shared or neighboring booths at events such as the Newport Beach Wooden Boat Festival at the Balboa Yacht Club and the Father’s Day Wooden Boat Show at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum.



I humbly acknowledge and gratefully thank the 2020 Bridge for their devoted service to the Southern California Fleet and also for the personal friendships we have continued to develop.

They have been great to work with.

On behalf of the Fleet, I thank each of them for agreeing to continue their service during 2021.

Commodore Janet Beggs



In celebration of our 50th anniversary, **Classic Times** will feature our founding yachts that are still in the So Cal Fleet
~ COLNETT, CONQUEST, RANGER, VERA LEE II ~

◆ Conquest ◆



Founding Member No. 13, and one of the Southern California Fleet's original 13 charter yachts, CONQUEST, owned by David & Margaret Waite, is moored at the Cabrillo Yacht Club in San Pedro. This 1929 50' vessel was designed by Stephens Brothers in Stockton, California.



Legendary Personalities

CONQUEST has been owned by a flapper whose ghost is now said to haunt a Washington hotel, participated in a World War, hosted First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, made a Playboy Playmate of the Month look reasonably nautical, and housed a seasick parrot.

Livable ◆ Lovable

Most recently CONQUEST has been a great family boat and Catalina cruiser. She is a boat of great memories and great hospitality.

CONQUEST is one of the few vessels in the fleet that is only driven from the fly bridge. What about inclement weather? Well, that's what sailors are made of!

CONQUEST Gifted to Maritime Preservation Trust

Skipper David Waite announces that the paperwork has just been completed to give CONQUEST to the Maritime Preservation Trust Foundation.



The interior fabrics have been changed from green to classic navy and the green exterior is currently undergoing the same color change.



Regarding transfer to the Trust, David says, "We want to make sure the boat is stewarded well into the future. We have maintained and upgraded her and want to be sure it continues."

"It's the right time for us to do this," as the Waites spend much of each summer on the East Coast when CONQUEST *should* be cruising the harbors and running to Catalina. "This year the boat wasn't run from June to October. . . . [As a vessel of the trust, she can now] be used by other parties while we are back east during the summer months."

"Making a charitable donation is beneficial for a lot of reasons." The Trust requires that a "consortium", or sponsoring team of people who want to contribute, be created for each vessel to help with fundraising and costs. David says that although the Trust uses the word "consortium", he prefers the word "community". "We will continue to contribute to CONQUEST's maintenance and upkeep" but he plans to invite previous owners and CONQUEST's fans and neighbors to join in.

"Classic Yacht Association and Maritime Preservation Trust has a natural synergy. These beautiful old watercraft require training and expertise." He is happy that the capable hands of the Trust will help "to campaign the boat and draw attention to CYA."

CONQUEST will remain at dock at the Cabrillo Yacht Club.

Members Page

Bobby Got A Boat !

Bobby & Carol Green have been shopping to size up from their trailerable 1930s gentleman's racer and 1940s runabout.

Bobby, who has always said he was most interested in a Shain-built Monk, is now the excited new owner of FOREVERMORE, a 1945 Shain/Monk. "I went up to Seattle several times to look at her, and I just fell in love. The purchase included a boat house on the canal by Lake Union so it looks like she'll be staying up North and I'll be enjoying her up there, at least for now."



COMING UP!

Another Big Year for

TRIMMER SHIP

IN 1948

THE great interest in our boats at the Seattle Show and the orders placed with us since the first of the year prove conclusively the increasing popularity of our designs and indicate the best year in Trimmer Ship history.



HURRY! HURRY! Make your choice for a 1948 Trimmer Ship before it is too late.

SHAIN MANUFACTURING CO.

GA. 8614
2520 Westlake N.
SEATTLE 9, WASH.

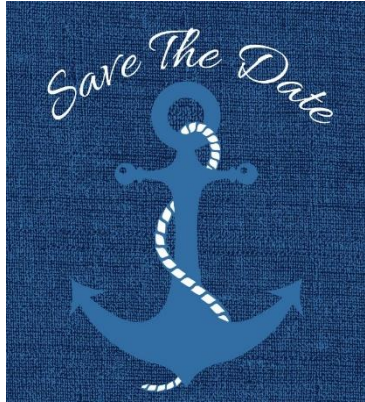
Beautiful "Trimmer Ship" design bow and stern

FOREVERMORE is a 1945 56' "Trimmer Ship" style built in Lake Union's Mike Shain Shipyard under the Monk name.

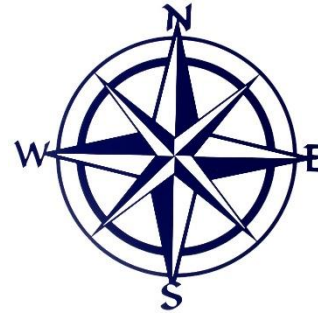
Shain is remembered primarily for his unique streamline Trimmer Ships with their reverse "ducktail" or "turtleback" transoms, arced canoe prow and teardrop port lights.



Upcoming Events – Save The Dates



Here are some “save-the-dates”
for the 2021 Summer Schedule
Mark your calendars now !



Introducing
Compass Point Rendezvous
reachable by land or sea

April 18	OPENING DAY	@ Huntington Harbor Yacht Club
May 14-16	Compass Rendezvous - West coordinating with our friends at the Art Deco Society	@ Avalon Harbor off the Casino / Catalina Island
June 13-14	Wooden Boat Festival Our mission of education – welcome visitors	@ Balboa Yacht Club / Newport Beach
June 20	Compass Rendezvous – North Our mission of education – welcome visitors	Father’s Day Wooden Boat Show @ Channel Islands Maritime Museum / Oxnard
July 25	Old Fashion Day in the Park Our oldest event – welcome visitors	@ Burton Chace Park / Marina del Rey
Aug 14-16	Compass Rendezvous - East Relax and enjoy	@ Marina Pacifica Long Dock / Long Beach
Sept 18-19	Compass Rendezvous - South Relax and enjoy	@ Marina Park Guest Slips / Newport Beach
Oct 9	Compass Rendezvous – Bonus Launch to Lunch + Harbor Flotilla	@ Ballast Point Long Dock / Long Beach
Nov 7	Change of Watch	@ a wonderful venue to be determined

Upcoming Events

Fleet vessels welcomed to arrive Saturday, April 17



April 18, 2021

via land or sea



Huntington Harbor Yacht Club ♦ Upper Level

- 10:30 Brunch Begins
- 12:00 Program Begins
- 1:00 Sabering the Cake
welcoming newest vessels
RANGER + HAVEN + FOREVERMORE
- 1:30 Blessing of the Fleet & Harbor Cruise

*Classic yachting attire is requested
Guests are welcomed
Invitations will be mailed*

Coordinated by Rear Commodore Rick Olson

*Moor off the Catalina Casino
and attend the Avalon Ball*



May 14-16, 2021

via classic yacht or ferry

Details are still being developed but we are already coordinating with the Harbor Master and with our friends at the **Art Deco Society** who creates this event.

Although we may stay self-contained on our picturesque vessels, we advise that you attend and begin to prepare for the infamous **Avalon Ball** by developing your vintage attire. ♦ Members and Friends may also want to come over on the Catalina Express and reserve a hotel on the island so plan ahead.

"The Avalon Ball is a fantastic journey into the past when Big Bands played for huge audiences and were broadcast to the nation. The Avalon Casino Ballroom opened its doors on May 29, 1929. The Art Deco Society of Los Angeles' Avalon Ball takes place annually in the Ballroom's anniversary month and attracts 700 vintage dance and music enthusiasts from all over the world, who dress to the nines to immerse in glorious Art Deco opulence as they glide across the 10,000 square foot dance floor (one of the last to exist!) - surrounded by romantic ocean views."

We will advise regarding event costs and reservations by e-mail blast when we get the information.

Coordinated by Wayne Ettel

In The News



As of January 1, 2018, California began a phase-in-by-age law that requires all boat and Personal Water Craft operators to pass a boater safety course and to carry the California boater card. The law is being phased in over several years.

Vessel operators who are required to have the California Boater Card must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer. Not carrying your California Boater Card when it is required can result in a fine.

As of the dates shown below, boaters will be required to carry a boater card, unless they meet certain exemptions.

California Harbors & Navigation Code Section 678.11(b) contains the following phase-in schedule based on operator age:

January 1, 2018 Persons 20 years of age or younger
January 1, 2019 Persons 25 years of age or younger
January 1, 2020 Persons 35 years of age or younger
January 1, 2021 Persons 40 years of age or younger
January 1, 2022 Persons 45 years of age or younger
January 1, 2023 Persons 50 years of age or younger
January 1, 2024 Persons 60 years of age or younger
January 1, 2025 All persons regardless of age

HOW DO I GET MY BOATER CARD?

Study and pass the \$34.95 online course.
Print your Certificate of Completion.
Get your California Boater Card.

IS THERE A FINE IF YOU'RE NOT CARRYING A BOATER CARD?

Initial conviction: a fine of not more than \$100. Second conviction: a fine of not more than \$250. Third or subsequent conviction: a fine of not more than \$500.

WHY AREN'T PEOPLE WHO RENT MOTOR BOATS IN CALIFORNIA REQUIRED TO HAVE A CARD?

According to 2013 California Recreational Boating Accident Statistics, of all the vessel accidents that occurred in the state that year, only 9% involved rental vessels. The boating industry indicated that rental agents generally provide boater safety training as part of the rental process.

Really?



Lifetime Boating Card

Seemed Like a Good Idea –



FLASHBACK 1986 ♦ THE GREAT LAKES – LAKE ERIE

This is part of the devastating result of a United Way fundraiser. Intending to break a Guinness World Record, a balloon artist envisioned launching 2 million helium balloons. Volunteers with blistered fingers gave up at 1.5 million. They said the balloons were biodegradable and would decompose at about the same rate as an oak leaf (although in reality that's 4 years). They also said the balloons would ascend until air pressure popped them. However, Lake Erie's "Lake Effect" is a notorious and dramatic changer of weather conditions. An icy chill blew in, bringing with it a cold front that would push the balloons toward the ground while still inflated. But they didn't just come down on Cleveland streets. They fell into rivers and lakes and onto farmlands. They littered Lake Erie. They ended up in Canada. Airports were closed. And a Coast Guard search for capsized fishermen failed when it became impossible to spot lifejackets among the bobbing balloons.

Memorium

Dick Stephens

California's renown builder of custom classic yachts passed away Christmas Eve morning, three months after a celebration of his 100th birthday on the Delta in Stockton, California.



The Southern California Fleet has enjoyed not only a number of the yachts he built, but a friendship with the man himself. Several had the opportunity to visit him in his wooden-clad and varnished home on the Delta that, the moment one saw it at the end of a cul-de-sac, one immediately thought "a boat builder must live here."

A condolence card was sent on behalf of the Southern California Fleet.

The Fleet also expresses special condolences to our member Rusty Arias who cultivated a very special friendship with Mr. Stephens and did a great deal to ensure his legacy.

The skippers and crews of our southern fleet of *Stephens* yachts are now entrusted with a task with even more importance – doing our best to preserve and share these very special vessels.



Our friend Dick Stephens passed away peacefully. I want to thank all of you for making this year's Stephens Gathering on his 100th birthday particularly joyful for him and his family as a result of our restoration of FOLLY 11, his favorite boat. He was a special human being who did incredible work in his life, and in the process made his community, state, and nation a better place. RIP my friend! - **Rusty Arias**

I'm a bit dumbfounded as I sit aboard LONE RANGER, and appreciate all the beauty he brought into this world. And if you think about all the people he brought pleasure and fine craftsmanship to, enlightening their lives. And Rusty, thank you for bringing him the praise he deserved and bringing him into our lives. His memory will live on through all of us.

- **Jonathan Lennard**



I am so sorry to hear of the news of Dick. It was an honor getting to know him and

his family the last few years. He has truly left a lasting legacy to the boating community that I know will continue to survive. I will be flying the *Stephens burgee* on Opening Day in honor of Dick and his wonderful shipyard. God bless him. - **Jim Kroeger**

This is sad news indeed. It was a pleasure a few years back to be able to express to Dick over the phone my appreciation for the hull design and layout of ENCHANTRESS (originally TISTAB). His memory will live on in the beautiful craft he created and the pure joy they bring to our lives. God speed Dick Stephens.

- **Drew Miser**

<< **Photo:** ENCHANTRESS, ATHENA, SEA BOARDER @ Marina del Rey

Name Game

Interesting / Ironic / Insane



"Oh, somebody might still want to buy it. I'll put it on-line as a listing."

**IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**

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"Line Laddie" ♦ HAVEN crew off Catalina Island

- photo by Gary Conwell