

CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

May 2005

2005 EVENTS

**Dec. 18 Naples
Christmas Cruise**

**January 15 & 16
2005 NATIONAL
CHANGE OF
WATCH**

**MARCH 20th
OPENING DAY**

**April 23
AFFILIATES'
BARBECUE
&
LANDLUBBERS'
AUCTION**

**May 21
NAPLES CRUISE**

**June 25
PREDICTED LOG
RACE - LA. Harbor &
Long Beach**

**JULY 23 & 24
OLD FASHIONED
DAY IN THE PARK**

**AUGUST 21
MARINA PACIFICA**

**OCTOBER 24
COMMODORES
CRUISE**

**NOVEMBER 5
SC FLEET
CHANGE OF
WATCH**

**NEXT MEETING
May 19th
BUSINESS MEETING
LONG BEACH Y.C.
7pm**

Affiliates Barbecue and Auction

Each year when I reinvent this party with a new theme, I always wonder how it will go. Will anybody show up? Will people "Get" the theme, or think it's dumb? Will it rain has been on my mind most of the years. Will I forget some key element in the myriad of details that it takes to get an event together? Will people have FUN?

As we started to get set up that morning all this was running around in my brain. Then, Anna Erving showed up dressed like Lucille Ball right from her famous chocolate factory scene. WOW, Anna what a costume! Outstanding and outrageous, just perfect. Thank you so much for going for it. I knew the moment that I saw her that everything was going to be OK.

I have learned over the six years that I have hosted this event that, "If you build it...they will come". I just set the stage for the event and this group of friends know how to come together and have a good time.

Many TV stars were present. Some notables were Archie and Edith Bunker (the Langs), Trapper John and his Mrs. (the Swaims), Dr. Quinn (Doretta Anfinson), The Mash group of Radar (Chris) Hawkeye (Rick) and Elissa as (Hotlips Houlihan).

And starring our Commodore as Lucy. All had fun, good food and another successful auction raising about \$1000. for our fleet treasury.

Special thanks to: Doretta for putting up all those TV posters; to chefs Owen Bullen and Bill "Budman" Erving for their fine job at the grills; to money handlers Anne Bladen and Linda Robinson; to Chris and Elissa for handling the lunch tickets, and to our great and funny auctioneers Jim Butz and Dennis Ballard. Also, to all who stayed and helped to clean up. Hurrah! And to all who participated.

Thanks, Rick



Scuttlebutt

By Cub Reporter
Rick Olson



Several weeks before our "Opening Day" event, **Chritine Rohde** made up an address list of all current fleet members and formatted it for making labels. She was nice and e-mailed many of us copies for mailings we might have. Thanks Chris! Unfortunately, when she didn't get her April Classic Times, we all found out she had left her own name off the list. OOPS! Maybe she's trying to beat **Bob Swaim** out of the Bird Rock Award. Sorry Chris, clerical errors don't count.**** Reminds me of the time when **Skip Phillips** showed up with a boatful of guests for an event that had been held a week earlier.******Yvette Gulick** has purchased a home on a small lake in Florida. She says that she is two miles from the beach and is now trying to figure out how to get her boat, **Haven**, to Florida. It is a very long trip through the Panama Canal.*****Don Lang** has a new e-mail address for the newsletter. Any info you want in the newsletter can be sent to cyanewsletter@cox.net.****After the BBQ/Auction, **Anna, Bill, Elissa and Rick** had a tour of and nice visit with **Sean and Jeff** on board the **Sobre Los Olas**. It is a huge project restoring a 100 foot yacht. They are making much progress and work continues every day. Much of the cabin structure is now in natural varnished wood restored from the white painted look that we remember. The awesome galley is complete and they just installed many recessed spot lights into the overhead. They look forward to doing a lot of entertaining on board.****At the Affiliates BBQ it was good to see a few friends that we don't see often enough. Sandy Binkowski, Dorretta Anfinson, Tom & Peggy Brown, Holly Farrell, and Tom Kirkpatrick. Thanks to all who attended.***Peter Riess just purchased a 12 foot inflatable with a 50 hp Honda outboard. WOW! Peter is "feelin' the need for speed".

A LITTLE MORE HISTORY ABOUT OUR ROOTS

Editor's note: The following was submitted to The Classic Times in late 2000. If you would like a copy of the Southern California Fleet By-Laws, contact Ye olde editor.

Martie,
I am submitting the following for your consideration. If published in our newsletter, it would be appropriate under the heading of "Letters to the Editor."

With appreciation for the kind thoughts intended, the article "So Cal Fleet Makes History," appearing in the last issue of *Classic Times*, inferred that our Southern California Fleet never had by-laws prior to September, 2000, and that my father, **Cliff Dobson**, was somehow the torchbearer for us to finally reach that goal. However, the history of CYA paints a somewhat different picture.

In actuality, the Southern California Fleet did have by-laws from the very beginning, in the form of the Articles of Incorporation, dated October 28, 1970. Credit for those guidelines goes to CYA's 13 Charter Members and, in particular, **Bob Ekoos** (SC #1).

From 1970 to 1983, the Classic Yacht Association and the Southern California Fleet were one and the same. As members were added, first from the Bay area and then from the Pacific Northwest, all business was conducted in Southern California (Long Beach) by bridge officers from our local area. For a time, Southern California was called the "home fleet" and representatives from NC and PNW were called "fleet captains," but the members from north of us could not hold voting offices in the Association. In 1979 formal "fleet" status was granted to Northern California and the Pacific Northwest, followed by both Canada and Alaska in 1980. Still, all the bridge officers remained members of the Southern California Fleet.

This state of affairs came to a head in 1982 when the Northern California Fleet refused to send their dues to the Association, rightfully claiming that they paid their money but had no vote in the business affairs of CYA. Old timers recall 1982 as being the "Year of Discontent" and the conflict nearly put CYA asun-

der. It was **Cliff Dobson** who brokered a compromise amongst the fleets, the results being a National Board of Directors with proportioned representation from all fleets, as we have today.

Thus, effective January 1983, the National Board of Directors began their governance under the By-Laws of the Association. This left the Southern California Fleets without guidelines for its local operations.

In 1990, during his first term as fleet commodore, **Lynn Gulick** formed a committee on "traditions." **Slim Gardner** was the chair, although **Cliff Dobson** did most of the writing. The committee compiled a list of traditions to commit to the written page and the Southern California Fleet formally adopted several of them. The list, however, was not comprehensive and was never completed.

Credit **Susan O'Brien**, fleet commodore in 1994, for providing the initial impetus for the fleet by-laws that we just adopted in September. Her last official act as commodore was to hand me a stack of papers with the assignment to write a cohesive set of local guidelines, but that assignment remained fallow for several years. Then, following the format of the National By-Laws, and incorporating the Traditions from 1990 plus other miscellaneous documents, a proposed set of by-laws was presented to the SC Fleet in 1998.

For almost two years that proposal sat "in committee." Finally this year, Rear **Commodore Martie Butz** organized a new committee that molded the proposal into the by-laws we just enacted. The document is only five pages long, with 2,248 words, but it took us 17 years to get that job done! And, no one in this Association can be happier about its adoption than me.

Bruce Dobson

YOUR BRIDGE

Who Are Those Folks ???

By Christine Rohde

Scott became a boat owner at an early age. By age 10 he had fixed up an old row boat, and when pressured to trade his huge pet turtle to a friend, had the presence of mind to point to an old outboard motor in the corner of the garage. "I'll trade for that!" I would guess he'd had a couple of ventures having to row into the wind!! He kept that first boat for several seasons, and sold it for the sizable sum of \$160.00.

Born in Cambridge, Mass. January 5, 1950, some of Scott's favorite early times were spent in his Mom's rowboat on the lake and napping in the bow tucked into his life jacket. His parents were boating enthusiasts with their boat at the Ipswich Bay Yacht Club. Their boating included the lake as well as the Atlantic shoreline.

After 28 years on the East Coast, Scott came to Southern California in 1979 to seek his "fortune" in aerospace. While at Rockwell he worked on the space shuttle Atlantis. He also spent some time at Douglas Aircraft before settling in with the Space Systems Division of Boeing in Huntington Beach.

Newport Beach was his first home, where his 1969 Donzie 2+3 speed boat was docked outside his front door. A big change from the cold of New Eng-

land. He was without a boat from '81 to '93, when he purchased a Century Resorter, a tournament "serious" ski boat, and became involved with ACBS (The Antique & Classic Boat Society). He is currently 2nd Vice President, and has been treasurer for a number of years.



Vice Commodore
Scott & Linda Robinson

Scott and Linda met through a dating service and immediately shared the same roots and history, as she is from New Hampshire. For the true "test",

Scott brought her home to meet his lab "Bundy" and a family was formed. Scott realized one day he wasn't happy seeing two different names in the ACBS directory, -- and proposed. Two years in the planning, they were married July 26, 1996 aboard the "Great Escape" a 1926 Hubert Johnson cruiser on Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire. "Great Escape" is destined to become a new CYA member soon.

In 2002, they joined CYA and started a 2 year search for just the right boat. Scott remembered admiring those beautiful old wooden boats on the lakes, and when they found Keewaydin in South Saint Paul, Minnesota. Linda's only requirements were that it floated and the engines ran. It was much more than that! After a cross country trip and with the willing camaraderie and tremendous work of many friends, Keewaydin was "presented" at the CYA Opening Day festivities in 2004. An appropriate debut for the then Rear Commodore!

Naples Cruise May 21st

Come one, come all to the Naples Cruise and Dockside BBQ

Mark the date, **May 21st**, for the Third Annual Naples Cruise. We will assemble at the *Old Age*, Alamitos Bay (Long Beach), at 11:00 am. From there, our intrepid little band of boats (**Bob and Alice Swaim's *Current Wave***, **Jim Butz's *Intensive Care***, **Peter Riess' and Dennis Ballard's *Ebbtide***, and a rented Duffy, if needed) will depart and take a slow cruise through the Naples canals. Snacks and drinks will be consumed during the cruise (which will last approximately 2 hours) followed by a dockside BBQ.

Bill Erving will be preparing his famous beer'n'brats on the grill. Please bring either a side dish, salad or desert to share. Paper goods will be provided.

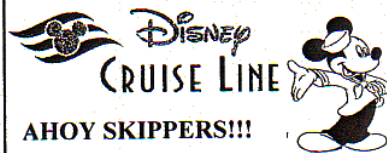
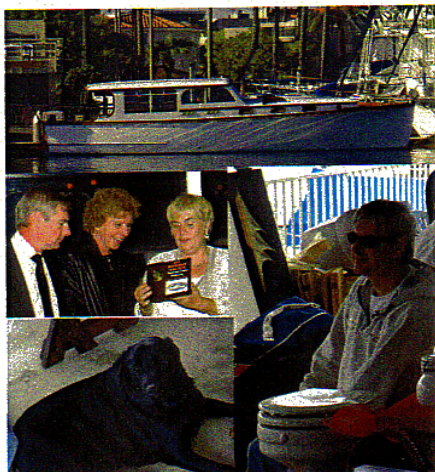
Please **RSVP to Peter Riess** at 213.430.6259, by **May 19th**. Also, if you want to bring a boat that fits through the canals, please do so!!

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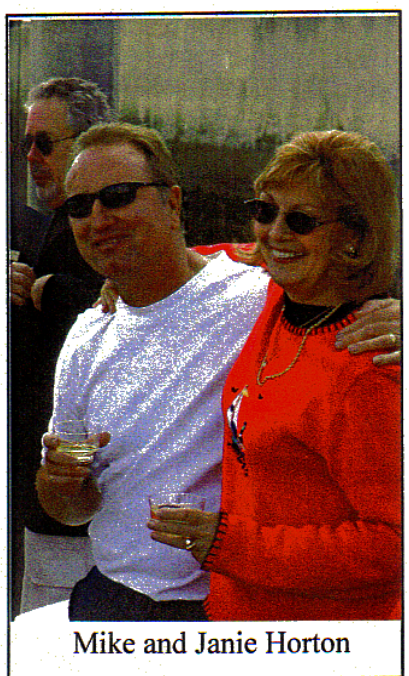
AHOY SKIPPERS!!!

Help Disney Cruise Line celebrate Disneyland's 50th Anniversary. You're invited to join a celebratory flotilla marking the inaugural West Coast Voyage of the Disney Magic from the Port of Los Angeles **SATURDAY, MAY 28 AT 5 p.m.** This colorful flotilla with horns blaring and flags flying will escort the majestic Disney Magic out to sea. To find out more about this once-in-a-lifetime celebration, please call **(714)817-5000** Please respond by May 15. Boat owners with motorized sea craft who participate will receive a special thank you from the Walt Disney Company

Mark Your Calendar
May 19-Business Meeting
LBYC 7pm
May 21-Naples Cruise
& Dock Party
June 16-Business Meeting
LBYC 7pm
June 25-Predicted Log Race
& Dock Party

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Mike and Janie Horton

AND THEIR BOAT-MIRIAM

