



# CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

June, 2007

## 2007 EVENTS

March 17  
OPENING DAY

April 28  
AFFILIATES'  
BARBEQUE  
&  
LANDLUBBERS'  
AUCTION

May 19  
PREDICTED LOG RACE

June 15-17  
WHITE ISLAND  
RENDEZVOUS

July 6-8  
SEA FEST

July 22  
OLD FASHIONED  
DAY IN THE PARK

August 18  
MARINA PACIFICA

September 21-23  
CATALINA ISLAND  
Isthmus Cruise

October 13  
DESERT FEST

December 1  
CHANGE OF WATCH

January 2008  
NATIONAL  
CHANGE OF WATCH

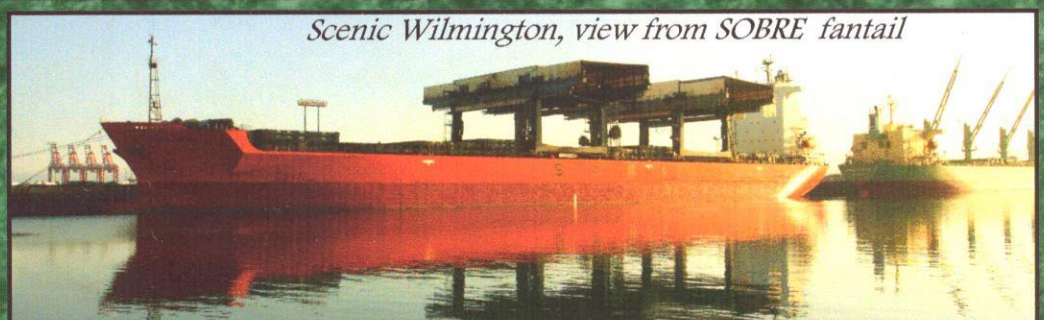
OBSERVATION  
I thought I wanted  
a career,  
turns out that  
I just needed money.

## "Sobre las Olas" Hosts '07 Opening Day

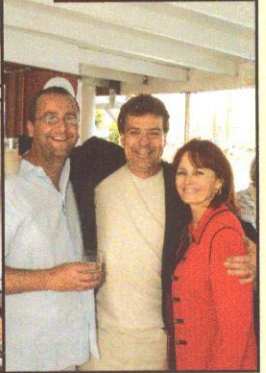
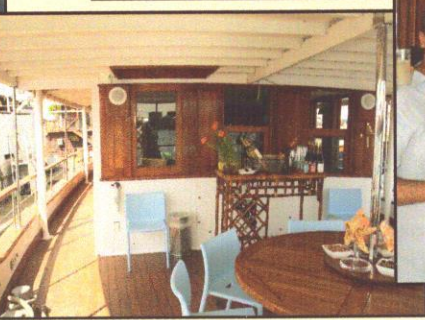
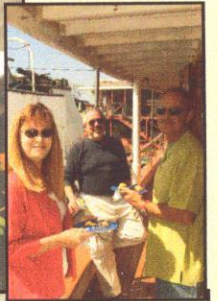
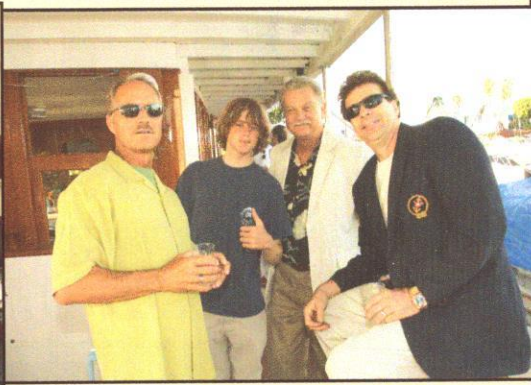
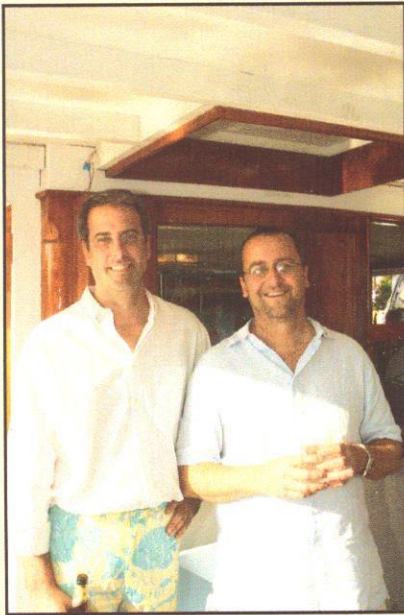
Many thanks to Sean Connolly and Jeff Ganter for a wonderful Opening Day party.

March 17th, 2007. A warm Spring-like afternoon graced the Opening Day reception on board Sobre las Olas. Most of us gathered on her spacious fantail although many wandered her decks admiring the progress that Jeff and Sean have made on her restoration. Lovely catered snacks were served from her dining room and many of us partook of a delicious Pineapple concoction that Sean had been brewing for several days.

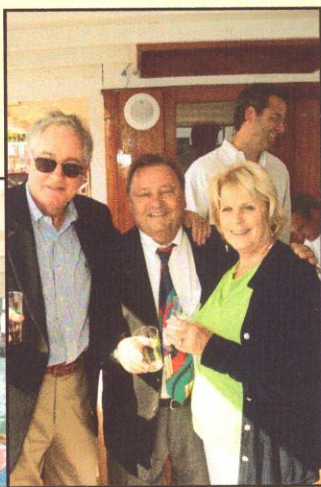
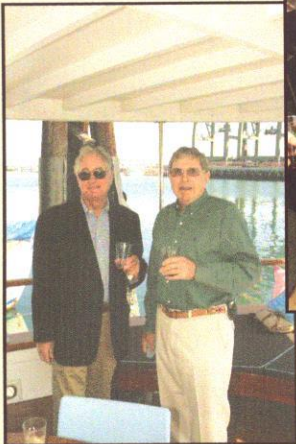
Brief remarks were made by Sean, Jim Butz, Commodore Christine, and others. The soul of the day, however, was just to relax, socialize, and look forward to the 2007 boating season. The forty attendees could not have had a prettier March day. It certainly is nice to live in Southern California rather than be someplace else shoveling snow.



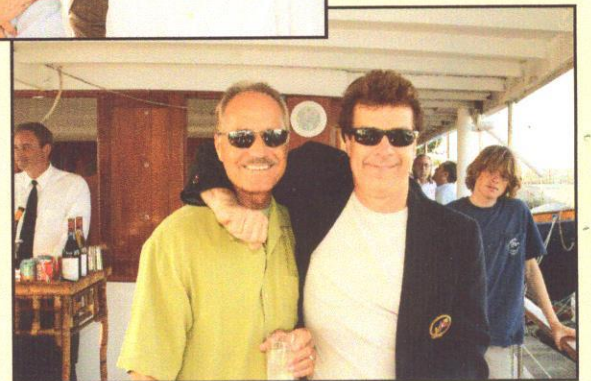
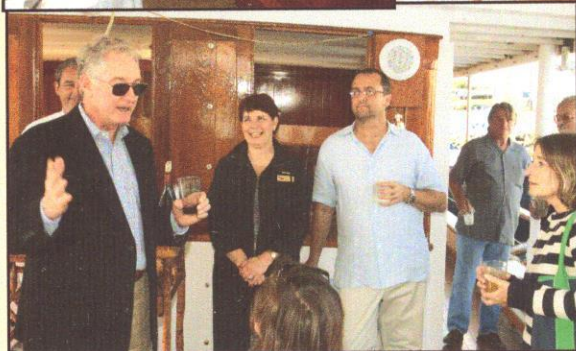




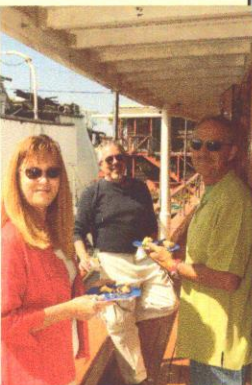
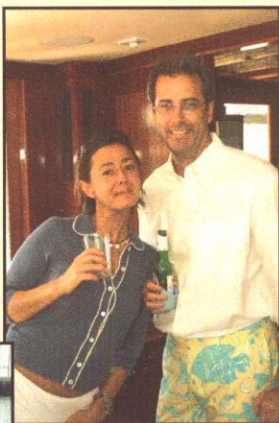
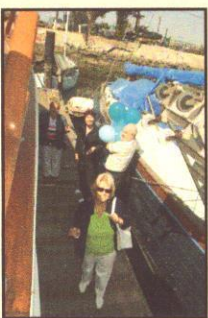
*— OPENING DAY PHOTOS —*



*March 18th,  
2007*







## COMMODORE'S CORNER

### A Great Start for 2007 !



#### COMMODORE'S CORNER

If you didn't get to the Affiliates BBQ and Auction – you missed a great one!! We all looked very smart in white – with animal print hats supplied by Rick and Elissa, and zebra, giraffe, lion animal finger puppets too! A really fun time and we netted near \$1,000 once again this year.

As Commodore I'm disappointed not to have "Sparkle" ready for the Predicted Log Race – my 6-8 week repair and repaint program of last October has turned into more than 7 months – can't be much now that isn't redone!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I've been doing this too long to really be so naive. But with a little luck – and concentrated work – we'll be ready to anchor off Island White for the weekend of June 15<sup>th</sup>. That was my last excursion in September before starting all this work.

Opening Day on Sobre Las Olas was a terrific time for all. Sean and Jeff are great hosts. The pineapple infused vodka was amazing. It was a treat for me to have my best friend from college visiting from San Antonio; Larry enjoyed the festivities and meeting many of you.

I'm now especially happy to welcome Sobre to Marina del Rey in their new berth at California Yacht Club. I understand it was a rough ride up on May 10<sup>th</sup> being towed at 3 mph. Sean tells me they were in need of all new glassware anyway. Now they're safely tucked in, with at least 6" on each side of their slip.

Sea Fest is coming up quickly. Please let Scott Robinson know if you will be bringing your boat so he can make accommodations. It should be a repeat of another fantastic weekend like last year.

My personal Wishes to you all – we're off to a great year, with many more events to come. I urge those of you who've not joined us in a long time – please treat yourself to a fun time – and remember – we have great events because of YOU!!

Next business meeting will be Thursday June 21 at Shoreline Yacht Club 7pm. We will be able to investigate facilities for National Change of Watch, and Sea Fest.

Commodore Christine



## SCUTTLEBUTT

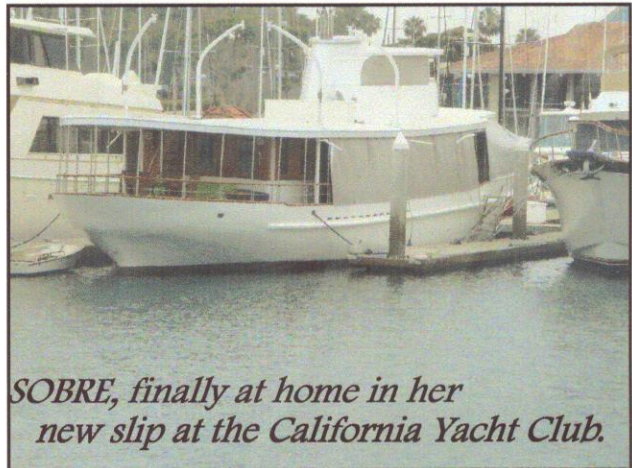
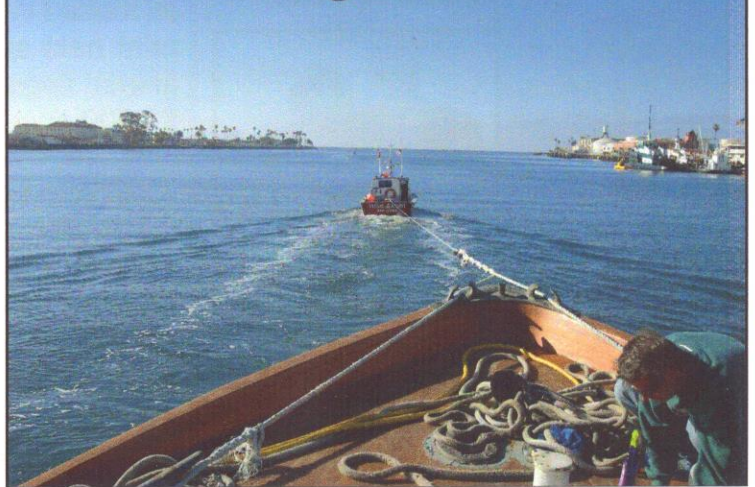
RICK OLSON, Cub Reporter



\*\*\* Congratulations to the National Newsletter staff headed by Dave Ellis and Greg Gilbert from PNW. The first newsletter produced under their watch was outstanding. They accomplished all of the goals set forth during the last national meeting. The magazine was all in color, timed as not to come out at the same time as fleet newsletters, printed in house on a copier that CYA has leased, and had a terrific new "look". The cover of this premier issue featured a full page shot of our own Peter and Dennis's great RIPTIDE. Way to go guys! \*\*\* Bill Erving is resting and recovering from the aneurism he endured in February. He is at the South Coast Medical Center just South of Laguna Beach. He has suffered some paralysis but it is too early to know what kind of recovery he will have. He thumbs through boating magazines, responds to questions, watches TV, and nods his head in response to questions. Anna, although under a huge stress, is upbeat and cheerfully visiting three times a day and keeping track of his care and the insanity that goes on in any modern hospital these days. Our best to Bill. Way to go Anna, you're Awesome! \*\*\* Peter and Dennis have been a big help to Anna, especially in dealing with the Erving's yacht ALURA II. The boat was due for survey and haul out which was done in spite of Bill's condition. Many thanks to them for helping Anna. Way to go Peter and Den! \*\*\* Sophia Medrano had a scare this winter when they found a tumor behind her right ear. It was very large and deep. They surgically removed it in January and although most tumors of this type of are cancerous, Sophia was fortunate that hers was not malignant. She had to endure a lot of pain but says she is recovering and feeling better. She looked good at the predicted log race and seems to be doing well. Way to go Sophia. \*\*\* Sean and Jeff have moved

with their SOBRE LAS OLAS to her new berth in Marina del Rey. This has been their plan since the restoration was started and she is finally home at the California Yacht Club. Although her engines are now operational, she was towed the 45 miles North from Wilmington by Vessel Assist in May. Peter and Dennis were along for the

*SOBRE las Olas being towed out of San Pedro*



*SOBRE, finally at home in her new slip at the California Yacht Club.*

ride with Jeff, Sean, and others. Sean says, that there are still so many things that are not working, that they weren't ready to try the voyage around Palos Verdes under her own power. The seas were rather choppy that day and they had a rather rough ride. I think we are all quite impressed with what these two have accomplished in the last few years. They're one step closer to their dream. Way to go Sean and Jeff! \*\*\* Our K9 ranks grow again. Julie and Peter have a new addition to their household, a three month old puppy named "Buddy". He is a



Akita-Shepard mix. We are all anxious to meet him...after he is housebroken. Congratulations, and way to go Peter and Julie. \*\*\* The June board meeting is scheduled for June 21, at the Shoreline Yacht Club. This new location should make for a fun meeting. We haven't been treated that well at LBYC as of late. Way to go Scott and Cris. \*\*\* Jim Butz is planning several trips. First his "BFD", Butz Family Drive, will be going to Monterey this summer. This annual family reunion has taken them to many places including last year's trip for fifteen to Italy. Later in the year he is meeting some of his French friends in Chicago and the traveling with them through the Northeast. In the fall, Jim will again be traveling, this time to France to visit more French friends. Way to travel Jim. \*\*\* The desert condos belonging to Peter and Dennis, Bill and Anna, and Peter and Julie are all sold. Apparently someone made an offer on the whole property that could not be refused. New owners want to make it a hotel. It's a shame as they put in so much energy in fixing them up. On the bright side it seems that they doubled their money, so way to go desert CYAers.



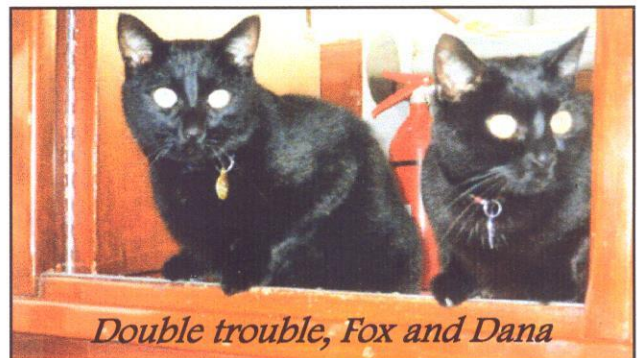
*MINDFUL at the Predicted Log Race*

\*\*\* Christine's SPARKLE went into the slip last fall for some minor repairs and paint. One thing (dry-rot around window frames) has lead to another and she is still being worked on. Although this is painful for Cris it has had the side benefit of Bill getting MINDFUL out to some of our events. It was fun to

see the big Chris Craft out during the Predicted Log Race. Looking good, way to go Bill and Cris! \*\*\* Cathy and Ron travel quite often to see great old boats. Port Orchard, Tahoe, and most recently to the 20th Annual Mount Dora Wooden Boat Show in Florida. Wow, what a show. They made friends with someone while there and ended up taking a 40 mile upriver run in his tri cockpit speedboat. Ask Ron to see his pictures. Way to go Ron and Cathy.

\*\*\* Richard Gardner reports that good progress is being made on the repower of Deerleap. Gardner engines are in place and external systems are being hooked up. He probably will not make much of the summer cruising season but intends to at least cruise August and make the end of the summer shows at Vancouver, and Victoria. The new engine room should be a real showplace with lots of polished brass, copper, and aluminum, plus chrome. The engine blocks are dark blue and both front and rear bulkheads are mirror finished stainless steel. Way to go Slim. \*\*\*

Christine reports that Fox the cat is doing fine again now that he has been home awhile. You'll remember his escapades eating raw crab on the San Pedro waterfront. Three weeks of pills got rid of all the parasites that he picked up on his adventure. He still freaks out every time the engines are started. Recently he tried to escape MINDFUL by climbing up one of the electrical wiring chases to the bridge. They found him very unhappy, wedged behind the steering wheel, tangled in wires, with his head poking out on the bridge. He says, "I try to be good but it's just not my nature". Way to go Fox. \*\*\*



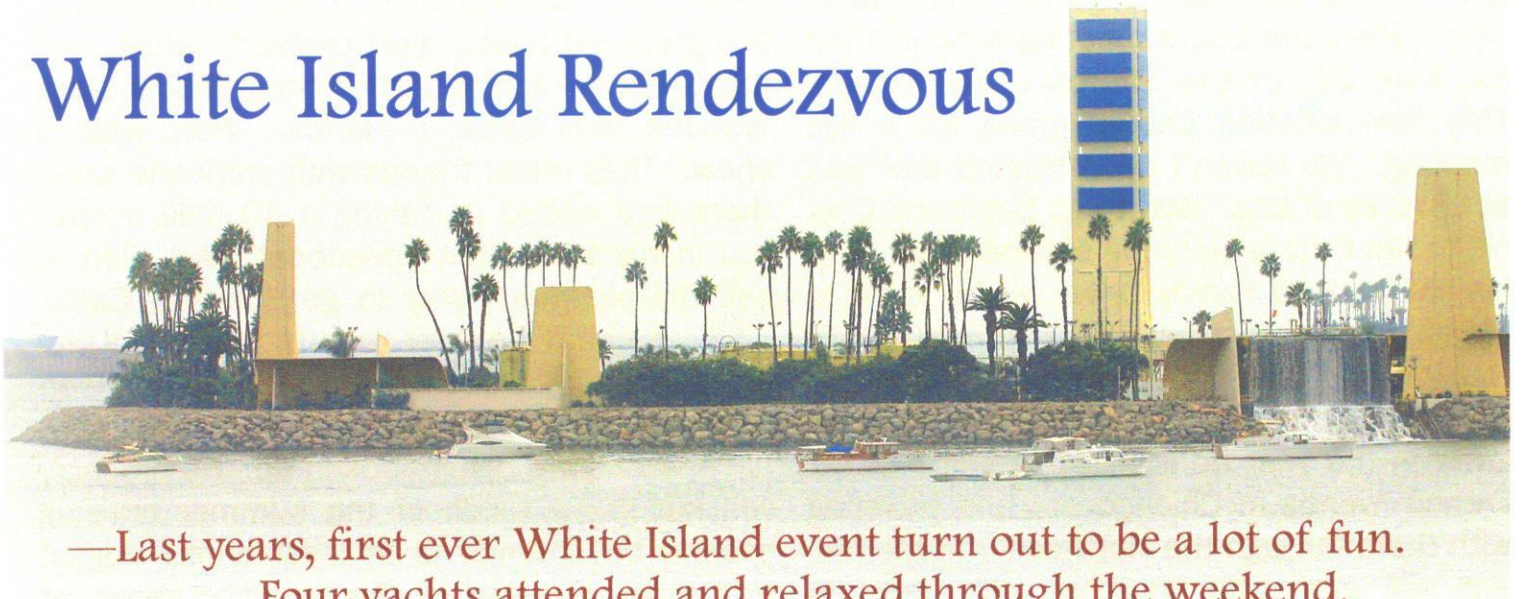
*Double trouble, Fox and Dana*



*Coming right up!*

June 15th -17th

# White Island Rendezvous

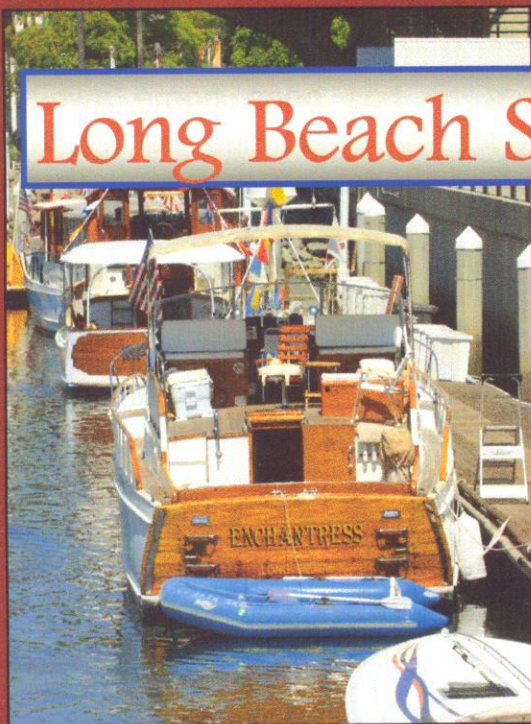


—Last years, first ever White Island event turn out to be a lot of fun.  
Four yachts attended and relaxed through the weekend.

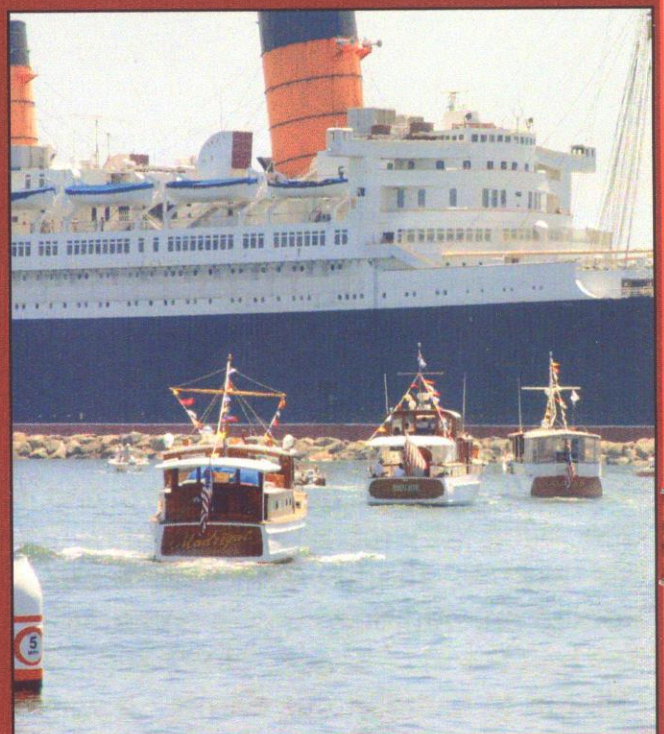
*For details contact: Commodore Christine Rohde at;  
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July 6th - 8th

## Long Beach Sea Festival



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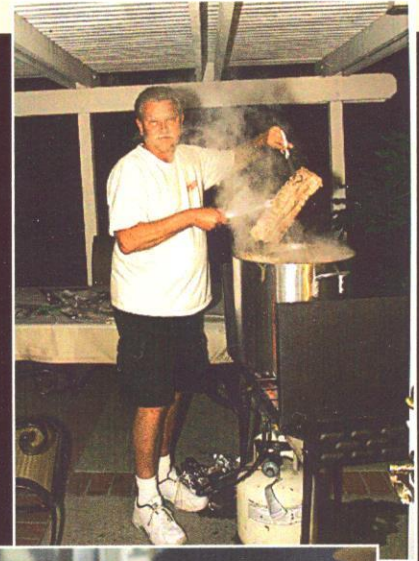
# *Amazing! Good weather for the Affiliates Barbecue? Must be global warming.*

Saturday, April 28th, dawned clear, calm, and warm. Surprise, surprise! Some of the previous years we have had cold, windy, and even rainy weather for our annual theme party, "Affiliates Barbecue and Landlubber's Auction".

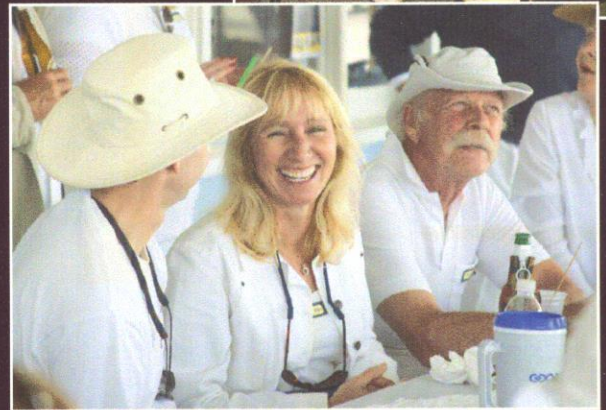
This years theme was a "all white party" with a few animal print hats thrown in just for fun. And fun it was! Most people wore all white and at times it looked like a convention of ice cream vendors. Bibs were issued during the meal to try and keep the BBQ sauce off everyone's pretty whites. Owen came through again and was head chef with Scott, Peter, and others helping out in the absence Bill Erving. Piles of delicious baby back ribs were complimented with cole slaw and a giant vat of gooey yummy baked beans. All 38 attendees ate till nicely stuffed. Rick's secret recipe punch had everybody smiling.

Dennis and Jim did their auctioneering best and raised about \$1100.00 for the club treasury. At first glance the donations looked like a pile of yard sale junk, but on more careful examination there were quite a few neat little treasures that went on the block. The bidding was brisk and many folks went home with nice things for their homes or boats. Tom Brown bought the traditional head that is the responsibility of the Vice Commodore to own for the year prior to taking up the Commodore's gavel. He paid \$65.00 for the honor of storing it till next year. It is such a bargain when you can get away without having to pay \$100.00 or more for that piece of CYA lore. We hope he doesn't become attached to it because he must donate it again next year for Sean to purchase.

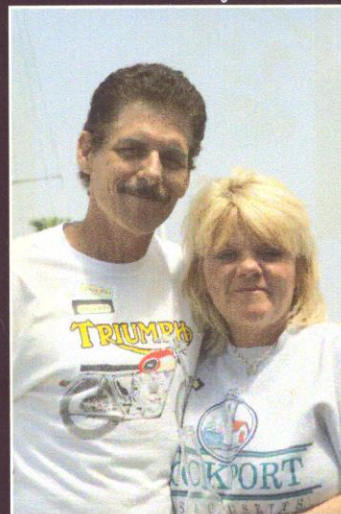
Yvette Gulick was in town to testify in a trial about an accident she had witnessed. It's always fun to see her. Bill Erving's son Mike was here from Maryland to visit his dad in the hospital so we all got to meet him and girlfriend Lois. A nice couple, thanks for coming. One might say that our little BBQ draws people from all over the country.



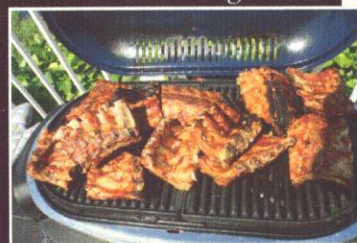
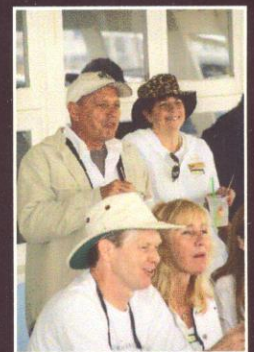
*Rick, cooking on Thursday night*



Everyone wears white



Bill's son Mike Erving and Lois

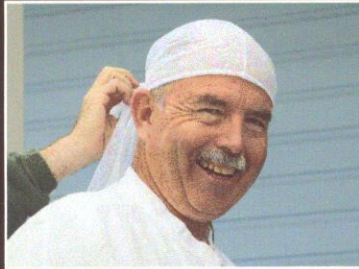


Ribs galore

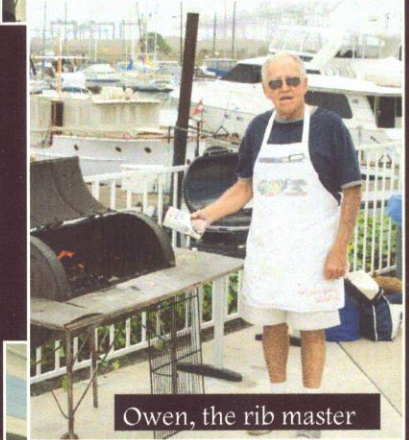
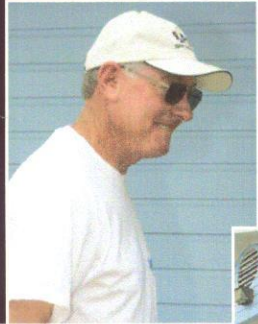
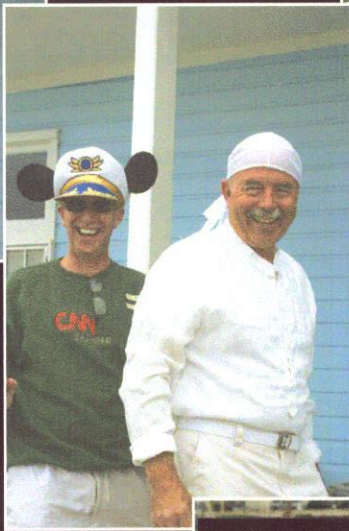


Fearless leader, Commodore Cris

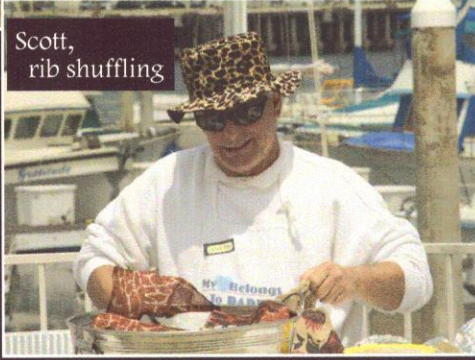




Pretty "Fly" for a white guy



Owen, the rib master



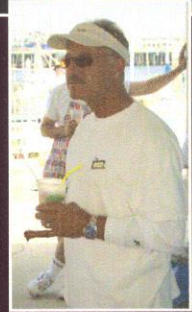
Scott, rib shuffling



Chef Peter



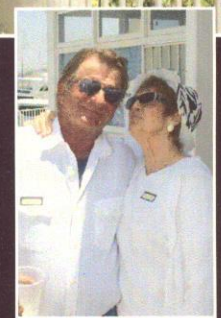
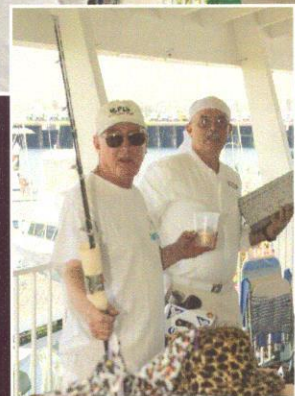
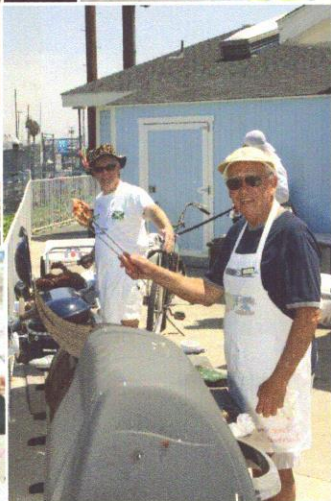
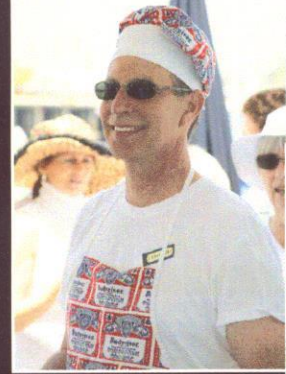
Janie



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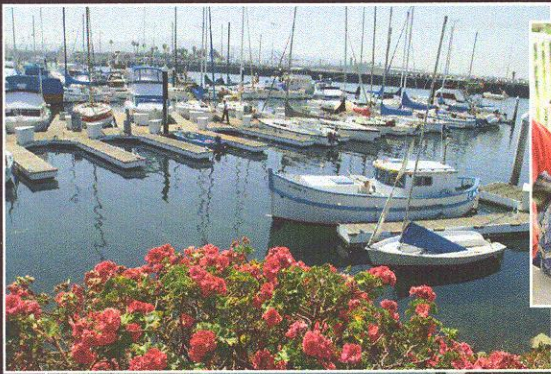


Auctioneers

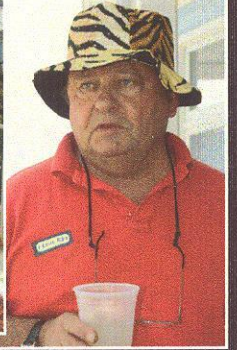


"throw me another one Scott, I'll catch it with the tongs".

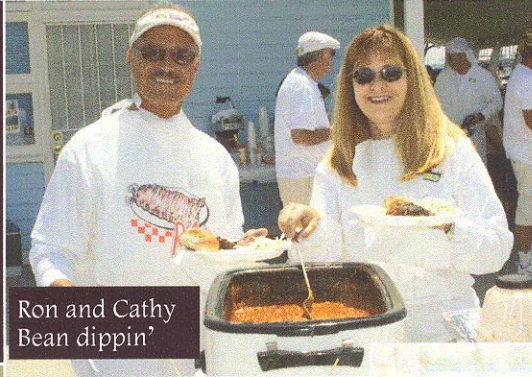




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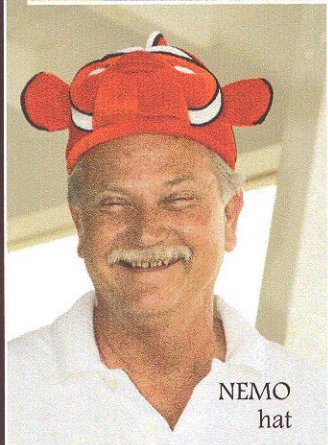
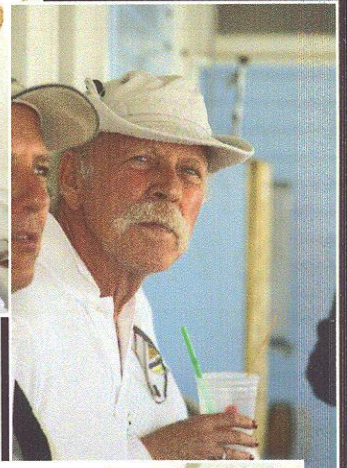
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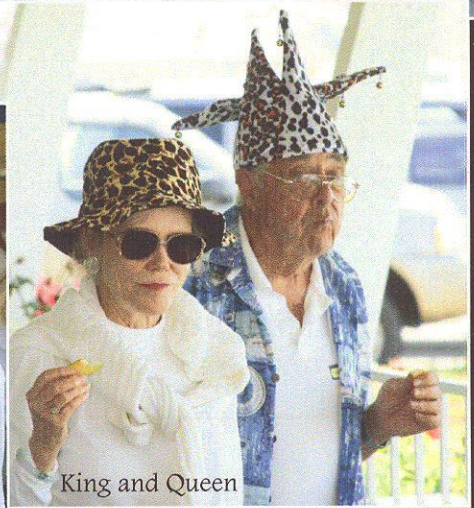
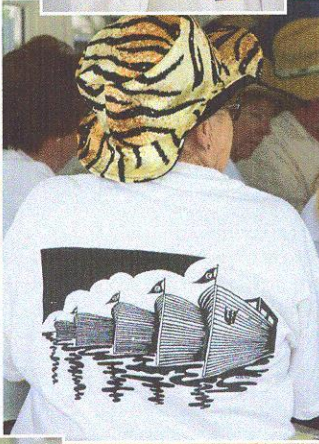
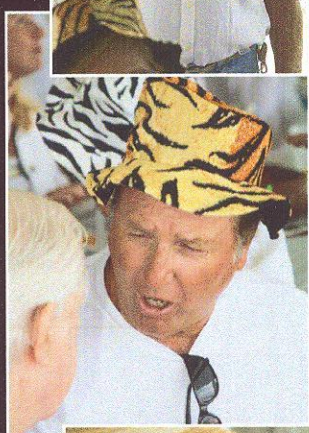
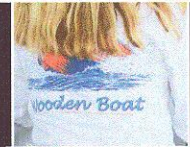
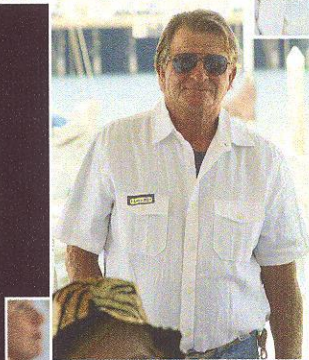
Ron and Cathy  
Bean dippin'



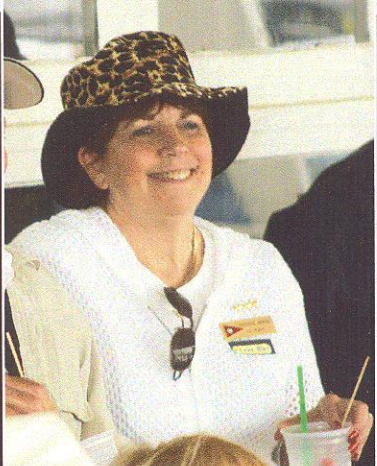
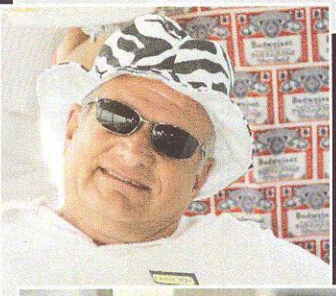
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NEMO  
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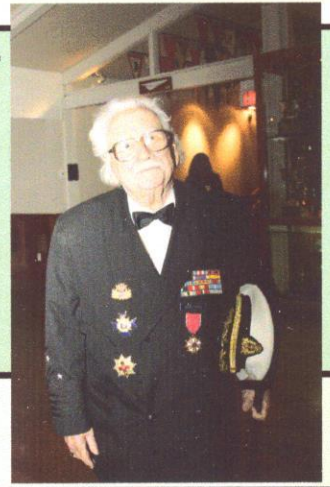


King and Queen

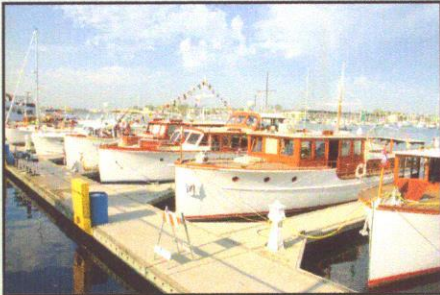




Sadly we announce the passing of Jim Butz neighbor, Lester Arellanes, the "Commodore". Commodore Arellanes and his wife Joyce have been regular guests of Jim at a variety of our events over the years. He was a colorful and interesting English gentleman and friend to the CYA. We will miss him. He died peacefully in his sleep in April and our best wishes go out to his wife, family, and friends.



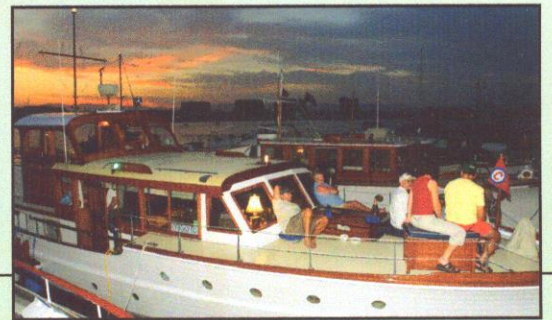
*Coming up later this Summer!*  
*"Old Fashioned Day in the Park" and "Marina Pacifica"*  
*Don't miss our two biggest boating events.*



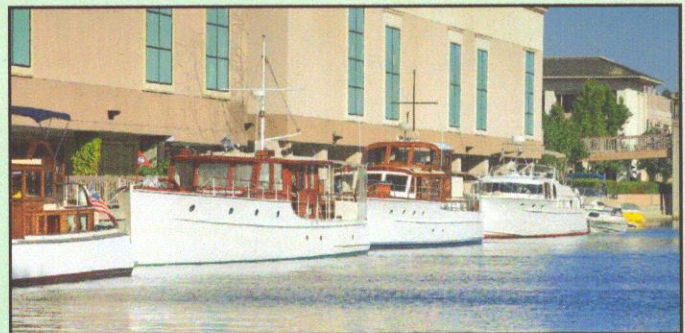
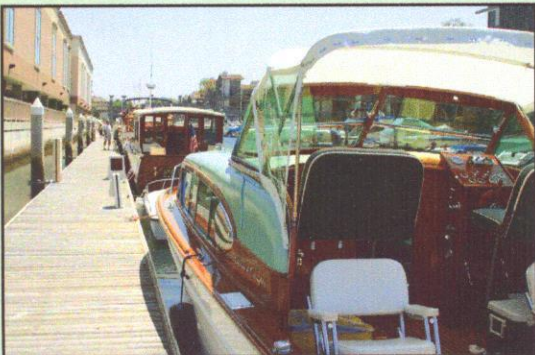
Marina del Rey in the sunshine

July 23rd, at Marina del Rey.  
Contact Jim Butz for more information. (626)335-8843

Marina del Rey at night



August 18th, at Marina Pacifica  
Contact Commodore Christine for more information. (310)429-3028





## SEADOG Stumbles into 2nd Log Race Victory

May 19th, 2007, Cabrillo Marina.

Rick Olson reporting.

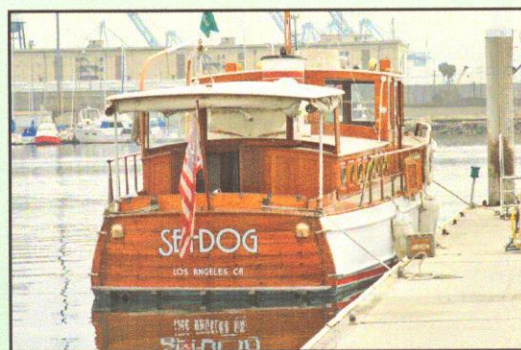
The yachts; COMOCEAN, RIPTIDE, MADRIGAL, SEADOG, AND MINDFUL accompanies by a couple of dozen guests, competed in the Southern Fleets third annual Predicted Log Race. Saturday morning dawned clear and warm for this years event. After coffee and muffins and a short board meeting onboard RIPTIDE, course maps were handed out and the brain work began. Every skipper/navigator took a time measuring and calculating what their predicted times would be over the four course legs that made up the race route. Top speed is not important, but following the course exactly, at the speed one predicts, theoretically gets you home at exactly the time you anticipated. This is done all without navigation equipment or the aid of a clock.

This years event took us out of Cabrillo Marina past the first marker, a green channel buoy, which was to also be the end of the course. From there it headed into the San Pedro channel past Ports-o-Call and to the second mark at the bow of Honorary CYA member the LANE VICTORY. Second leg was the longest back out of the same channel and into the open harbor behind the Federal Breakwater. This leg had it's end marker near the Long Beach Light at the seawall opening about 7 miles away. Again an about face then back along the inside of the seawall to third checkpoint near the Angels Gate light and finishing where it started right outside of the entrance to Cabrillo Marina.

This was a fun course because it was a bit longer then previous years which allowed for a comfortably long harbor cruise. An unintended consequence of all of the differences of speed and the reversal of directions

was that boats were regularly passing each other going opposite directions. This made for some fun photo ops and allowed for a lot of waving and playful taunting of ones competitors. The Classic Yachts looked wonderful as they cruised bye going the other direction. A dockside barbecue followed upon returning to port.

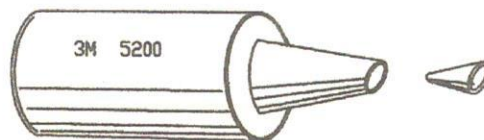
SEADOG eventually won the event with and unbelievable total time error of only seven seconds. This came as a big surprise to Jim and Hawk and even myself. As I had been time keeper on that yacht and had watched them struggle hopelessly throughout the day. They had made a gross miscalculation on the first and second legs forgetting that the maximum speed in the San Pedro Channel was 5 knots then hastily recalculating. They were way out of line and I guess equally way out off on other legs too. I suppose one set of errors washed the other and the end result proved to be correct. Having seen how far off they



were after one leg, I just noted the times at the marks and kept taking pictures. I was as shocked as they were when they won. It might have been the traditional SEADOG toast that they do upon returning from any voyage, "Cheated death once again"! that brought them luck.

I think their victory supports the wise old saying, "I'd rather be lucky then good!"

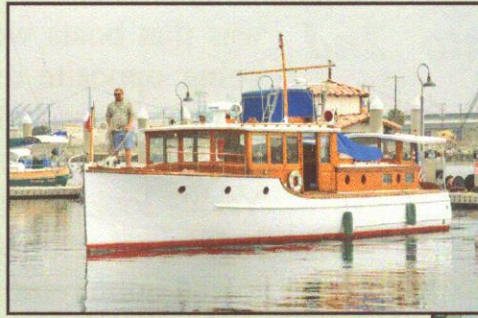
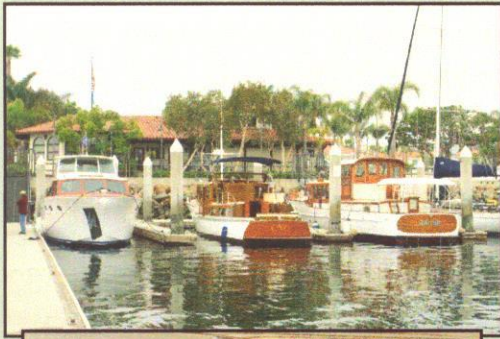
### Tips from the Bilge



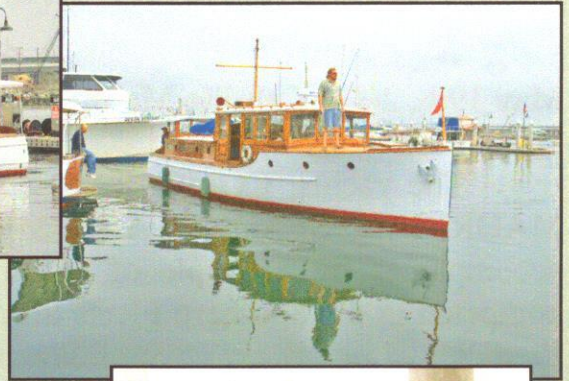
Want to save the unused 5200 ?  
Save the cut-off tip and shove it into  
the open end. Works better than tape.

From Tom Brown, He also suggests wrapping your varnish brush in foil and putting it into the freezer overnight. Keeps it fresh for the next days work.

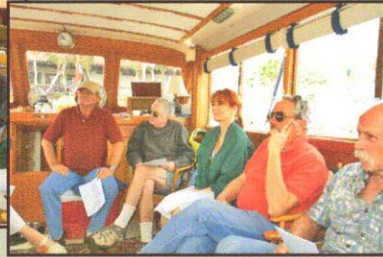




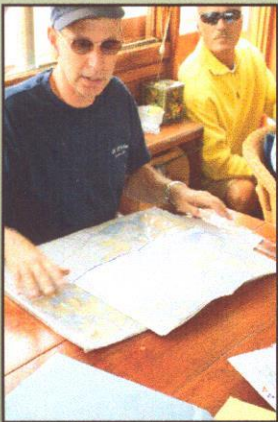
MADRIGAL arrives



Board Meeting on RIPTIDE



# LOG RACE PHOTOS



Peter explains the course



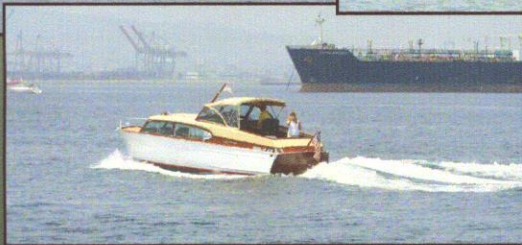
Brains hard at work



Rick walks the plank

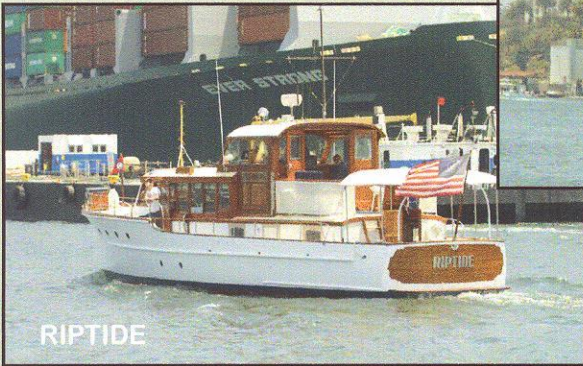


MINDFUL's lucky duck

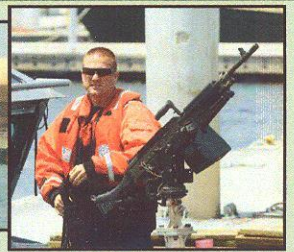
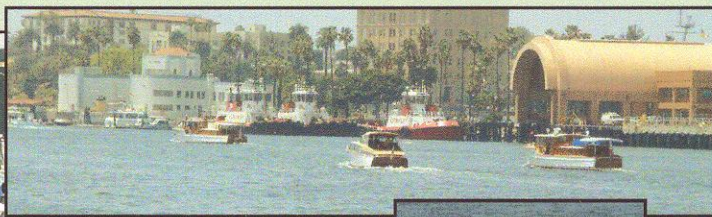


*Please note— NAME BADGES:*  
*Brass name badges are now available from Christine for \$7.00 each.*  
*They are available with either blue or red burgee emblems. 2 week delivery.*





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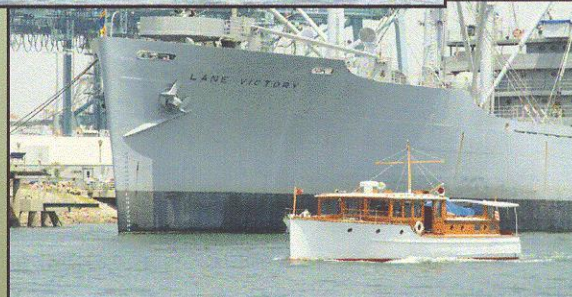
SEADOG, on her way to victory



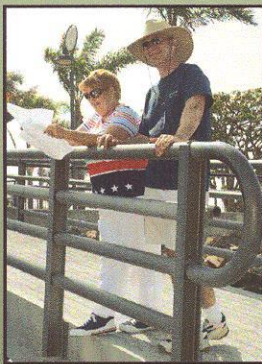
COMOCEAN'S best feature



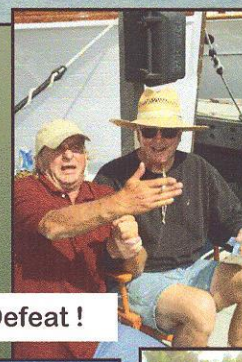
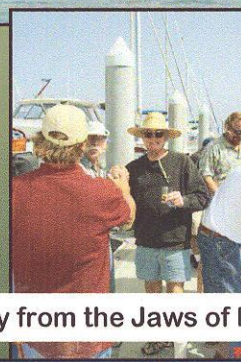
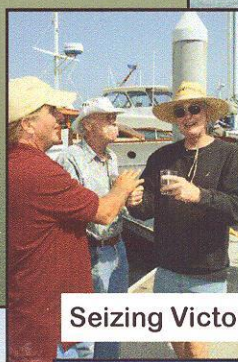
MINDFUL, fancy floor



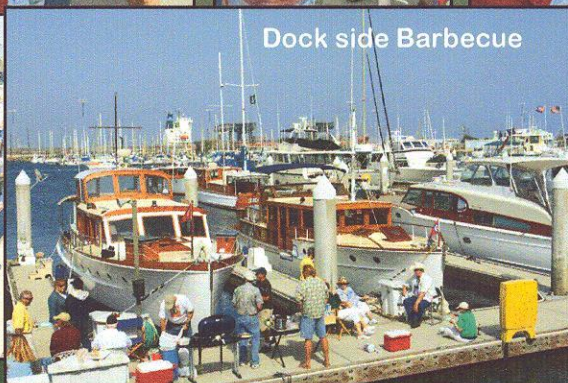
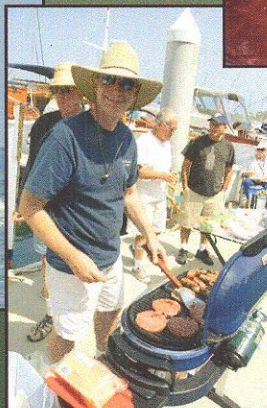
UMA drives with her nose while Peter waves.



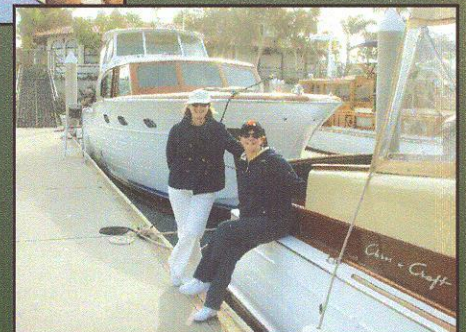
Anna announces results



Seizing Victory from the Jaws of Defeat !



Dock side Barbecue

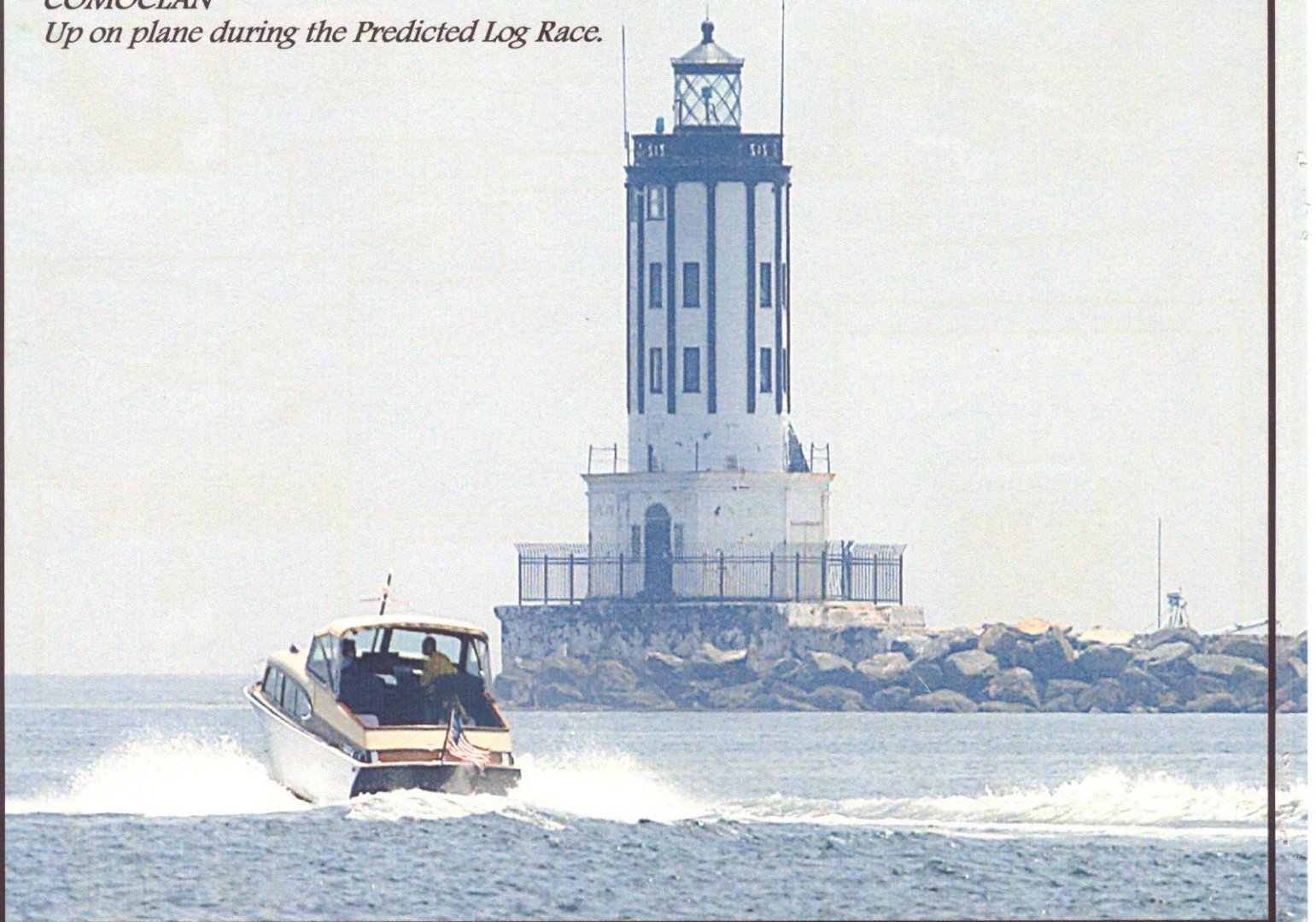


A couple of beauties, and two pretty girls too.



*COMOCEAN*

*Up on plane during the Predicted Log Race.*



Next January the *NATIONAL CHANGE OF WATCH* will be held in Long Beach California. Hosted by the Southern California Fleet, our members are excited by the prospect of putting forth a first class weekend.

Local members that have not been involved in a national event, we would encourage you to get involved. These terrific weekends are a great opportunity to meet and enjoy members from other parts of the country. This year it is easy for us as it is being held in our own backyard.

Our headquarters and meetings will be held at the beautiful Long Beach Hilton Hotel on Ocean Avenue. Various dinners and parties are being planned along with some general exploring of Downtown Long Beach. The rejuvenated Pike area, Pine Avenue, Shoreline Village, Rainbow Harbor, Downtown Marina and the Aquarium of the Pacific are all walking distance from the hotel. A special trip to Catalina Island is being planned for Friday as many of our guest will be arriving early.

Contact Commodore Christine at (310) 429-3028 or attend our next board meeting at the Shoreline Yacht Club if you would like to be involved. Plan to attend the activities and enjoy them along with our guest from other fleets.