



# CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet FALL, 2010

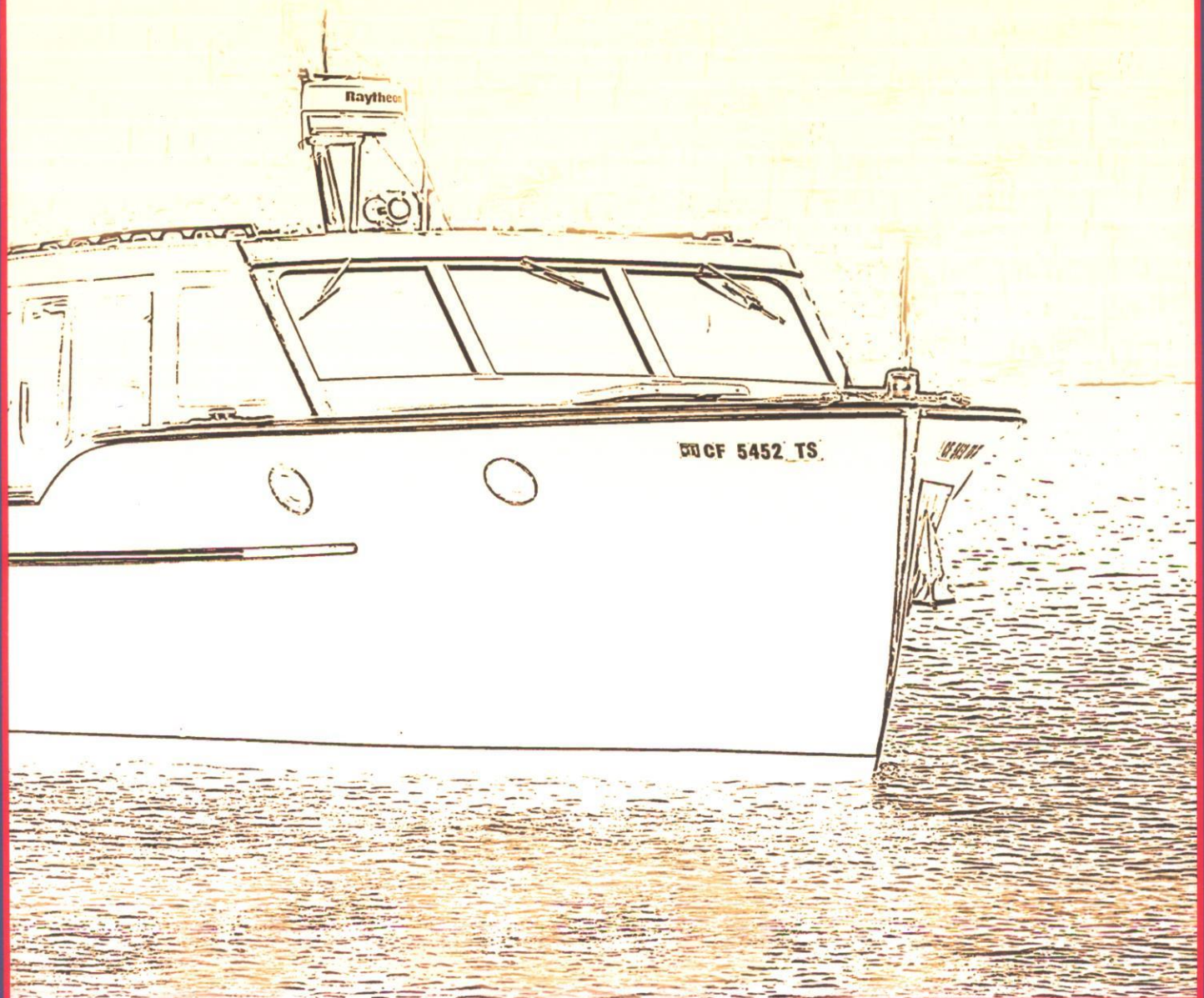
*\*Fun New Event \*first time-don't miss it!*

## ***Pine Street Fall Rendezvous***

*and the Southern California Fleet November 19th-21st*

***Change of Watch*** *November 20th*

*Dinner at Gladstone's Restaurant*



## Commodore's Corner, Christine Rohde



*After a summer that weather-wise never really arrived, the 80 degree day of our Ports 'O Call brunch and Los Angeles Harbor cruise in September seemed to make up for it in one day – what a great day, coordinated by Rear Commodore Larry Walker.*

*It's been a challenging year, 2010, and we already miss Dennis and Peter who have moved north to the Pacific Northwest. Although, at this writing, Riptide is still on Southern California waters! During the weekend of Old Fashioned Day in the Park, I was happy to assume the Commodore role for Dennis. I want to sincerely thank our active and willing bridge for ensuring every event was well attended, fun and successful! I really had little to do with it.*

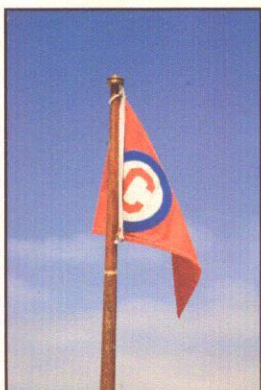
*Our annual Change of Watch will be fairly informal. We will have several of our Classics tied up at the Long Beach Pine Avenue Pier for the weekend. Cocktails on the boats followed by dinner at Gladstone's will be fun. In the restaurant we will have the announcement of our annual awards (Yachtsperson, Heather Perkoff, and the infamous Bird Rock recipients), as well as the formal installation of our Bridge for 2011. We are looking forward to a great turnout as this is often the only event some of you attend each year. Come out for the day and have fun.*

*Expanding our membership continues to be an ongoing quest. The Bridge has put together an impressive mini-newsletter which will be available for each of you to take and share with anyone you feel may be interested in joining CYA. We need each of you to keep an eye open for possible new Classics. We have created a "teaser" for boats you might see that are prospective new members. This teaser includes the mini-newsletter and a membership application folded into our commemorative CYA highball glass, in a zip-lock bag, ready to leave on someone's aft deck. It includes an invitation to contact us and get on our mailing list, as well as, inviting new people to some of our 2011 events. Thank you to Cathy and Rick for making this reality!*

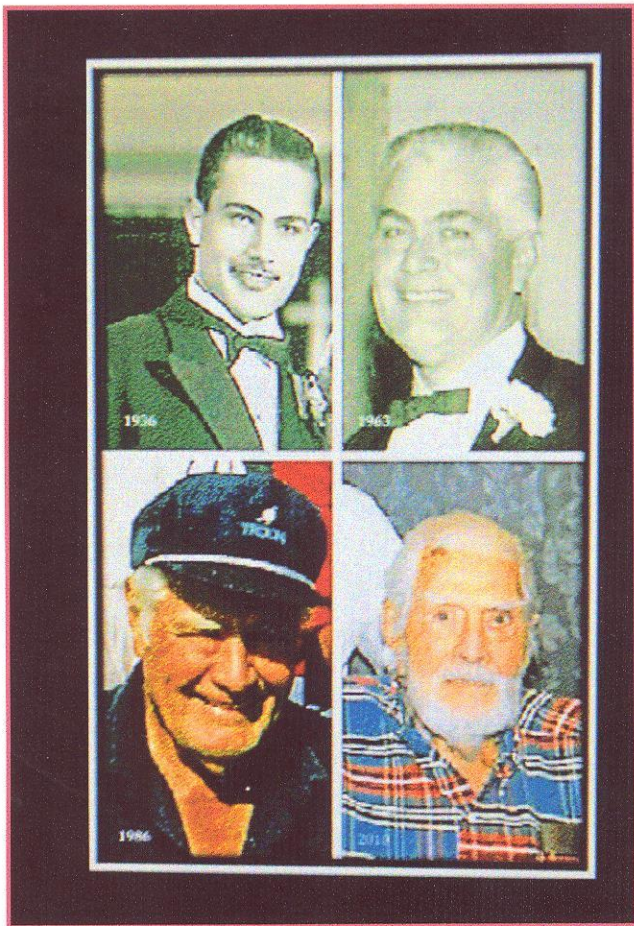
*If each of you brought in a new member, we would have a robust membership. Remember you don't need to be crazy enough to actually own a Classic to share in the fun!!*

*This year has flown by – may I wish each of you a joyous holiday season and a more bountiful 2011. If you want a truly memorable experience, attend the International Change of Watch in Victoria, BC, Canada in January. It's great! Thank you to my Bridge and to you for the privilege of serving as your Commodore for 2011.*

*- Commodore Cris*



# Thol O. Simonson 1912-2010



*It is with great sadness that I share with you the loss of another of the Charter founders of the Classic Yacht Association. Thol Simonson was a pioneer in the wood boat preservation movement. He was instrumental in creating the organization that has become our "second family", and which has grown to all shores of our continent. Thol joined his dear wife Lillian on October 10, 2010.*

*I know each of you join in sharing our prayers and condolences for the entire Simonson family, who carry on Thol's and Lillian's legacy of caring for classic yachts.*

*He will be dearly missed.*

*Lovingly,*

*Christine Rohde*

*International Rear Commodore,*

*Southern California Fleet Commodore*

Charter and Life Member of the CYA, Thol Simonson's list of credits is very nearly endless. In 1971 when he helped found the CYA he had already been a member and past commodore of the Hollywood Yacht Club for 38 years. He was member of the Power Squadron for 69 years, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary for 67 years, and a member of the Long Beach Yacht Club for 49 years.

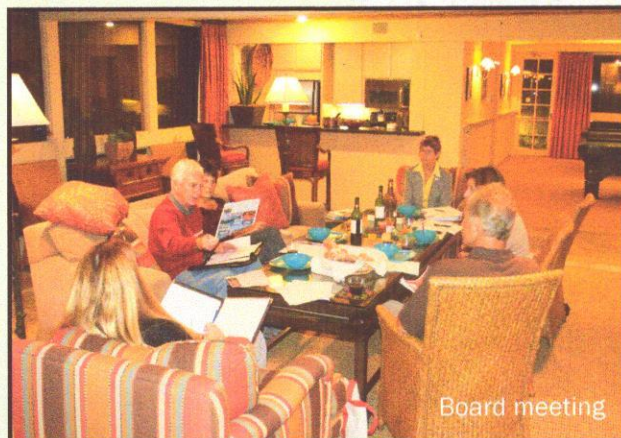
Thol collected over fifteen predicted log race championships including seven trips to the Alaska 1000. He received countless state, local, and Coast Guard boating awards and achievements. If this was not enough, Thol and Lillian raised four sons, while owning and restoring numerous classic yachts, speed boats, and runabouts. At the same time he was gaining fame in Hollywood as a special effects genius. He eventually became manager of the Special Effects Departments for the United Artists and Goldwyn studios.

Here is a taste of Thol's success in the TV and Movie business. In 1953 RKO Cameraman Hal Stein recommended they bring in Thol "Si" Simonson to improve the special effects for a new TV show they were shooting. "The Adventures of Superman" had been in production for one year but the making "superman fly" effects were going poorly. Actor George Reeves was in jeopardy of being killed by the clumsy harness and conspicuous wires. Si was hired to save the day, which according to the Superman web site, is what he did beyond anyone's expectations.

## *You're Southern California Fleet Bridge.*

### How your club works:

We have a Bridge. It is a group of elected officers and dedicated members whom you trust to make decisions regarding the operation of your club. If you have never been connected to a formal yacht club before, as I was when I joined CYA, this is a bit of a mystery. These are the bridge officers or flag officers as some clubs call them. An officer moves up in rank each year, he replaces the man in front of him, and is replaced by the person behind. This is commonly referred to as running the chairs. We have the Commodore as chief officer, the vice-commodore as next in rank, and the rear commodore as the third elected officer. Last years Commodore is referred to as the Past Commodore or Staff Commodore. Supporting the flag officers are the remainder of the bridge, secretary, treasurer, fleet captains and port captains, and in our case (as we are a multi-fleet organization), 2 international directors whom represent us in dealing with the international organization. New officers are installed at the traditional Change of Watch event at the end of each year.



Your 2011 bridge consists of:

Commodore -- Christine Rohde

Vice-Commodore -- Larry Walker

Rear-Commodore -- Stephen Sheridan

Staff-Commodore -- Dennis Ballard

Treasurer -- Christine Rohde

Secretary -- Cathy Yatch

Fleet Captain/Newsletter editor -- Rick Olson

International Director -- Jim Butz

International Director -- Christine Rohde

Because of the size of our organization we allow our board meetings to be run very loosely which makes them a lot more fun and actually works well to easily discuss the matters at hand and make decisions. We usually have a light meal and glass of wine before the meeting starts. This is a fun social time to "catch-up" with boating friends. The Commodore runs the meeting from a predetermined agenda of reports and old and new business. We discuss upcoming events and still follow Roberts Rules in regards to making motions and voting on significant items. Any member is welcome to attend the board meetings and comment on the clubs operation. This is encouraged.

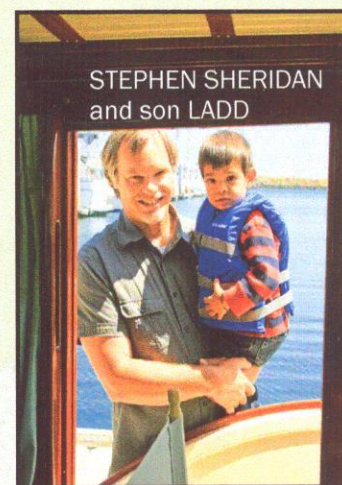
Years ago as an affiliate member, I used to attend the meetings solely for fun. It was a reason to go visit with my friends and also see what was coming up on the CYA calendar. As time went on, I got more involved in event planning and things I enjoyed like this newsletter. No matter what your involvement, I would recommend that you attend some board meeting just for the social fun of it. Meetings are the third Thursday of each month and they move around from place to place to help equalize everyone's driving. We try to produce a meeting location schedule, but it is a moving target and remains flexible. The best way to know where a meeting will be is to talk to any board member and find out where the next one is.

### *The 2010 Southern California Fleet Bridge in Action:*

Aside from putting together our annual schedule, two interesting twists for our fleet occurred. Firstly, in June, our very active members Peter and presiding Commodore Dennis announced their immediate move to Washington. And Secondly, we realized that the August SEAFEST event had been cancelled by Shoreline Yacht Club.

The board decided to honor Peter and Dennis at their last event "Old Fashioned Day in the Park" in July and to move everyone up a chair on the Bridge for the rest of 2010 and continuing on into 2011. Plus, we will be welcoming Steve Sheridan in as Rear-Commodore during the Change of Watch.

There was also much discussion about the need to try and replace the now missing SEAFEST event. Larry Walker and Ron Yatch volunteered to start looking for other venues on rather short notice. We discussed going back to the long dock at Ports O'Call and perhaps planning something on our own for the Shoreline /Rainbow Harbor/ Pine Avenue Pier area.



July and August came and went with successful events at Marina del Rey and Marina Pacifica. By this time Larry Walker had organized an overnight stay, brunch, and harbor cruise for September at Ports O'Call in San Pedro. Ron Yatch was working hard on a Pine St Pier event for October or November.

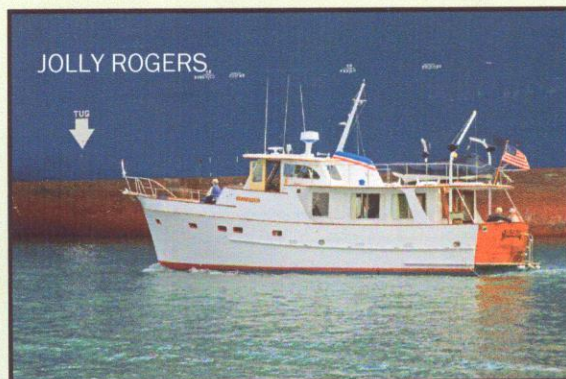
September and October meetings and a host of e-mail letters, and we had the Pine St Pier Fall Rendezvous weekend scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you very much to Ron Yatch. However, this left us with nothing scheduled for our Change of Watch. Could we hold a change of watch two weeks later and expect to get members to come? Did we have the energy left to plan, organized and set up and formal Change of Watch Dinner? (This stuff takes a lot of effort to make happen). Where could we have it was also an issue as we had no reservation? The idea was bantered about of having it on the same weekend as the Pine Street Rendezvous. It seemed like a winning plan, especially after we spoke to the folks at Gladstone's Restaurant and found that they were willing to push a bunch of tables together and let us have our Change of Watch party. This year will be a bit less formal than we are used to, which will be ok, especially considering that Christine and Larry have already been at their 2011 posts since July. You have already received invitations for this.

So that is how it works. The bridge tries to be proactive and plan every detail out in advance. However, some years we just have to react to our circumstances and try to set up the most fun events that we can. This can have wonderful results. SEAFEST may be back on the calendar for next year but I expect that we will also make this Pine Avenue Pier event an annual deal, probably with a separate Change of Watch as we have done in the past. Humm, maybe this is where "a bridge over troubled waters" came from. I hope you all will try and make it to at least one board meeting next year, just for the fun of it.

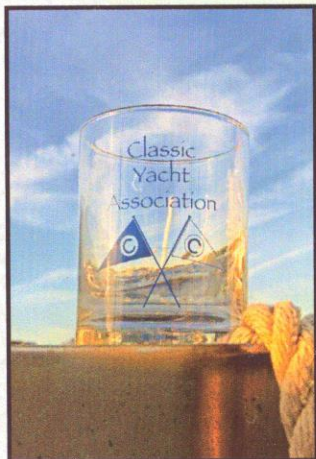
### *Another Challenge for the 2010 Bridge:*

The search for new members.

With so many members selling their yachts or moving them away our numbers have significantly dwindled. What could be done to bring in new members? Whom can we approach? There aren't that many old boats left. It was agreed that affiliate members are the area where the club is actually growing. We have great new affiliate members like the Kevin and Claudia Murphy (Arrivederci) and Don Kennedy (Jolly Rogers). Could there be more "old wood boat fans" out there that might be interested in CYA? In reality about the only thing that an Affiliate Member can not do is hold office in the International organization. They even have their own flag.



Our goal is still to find and encourage membership from owners of qualifying boats. However we wish to get to know some other folks that share our common interest in "preserving fine old power driven pleasure craft". The board has generated a tool to help us contact some of the older wood boats that are scattered throughout our local marinas. A four page flier has been made that explains what the CYA is all about. It is introductory in nature and has a nice cover letter from Commodore Christine explaining the Southern California fleet and CYA history. It has photos, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses to help interested parties "get in touch". We encourage people to e-mail us to get on our mailing list. It tells about what we do and informs boat owners that we will be inviting their participation in some of our 2011 events. The plan for the flier is that it will be folded and put into one of our CYA highball glasses. This then will fit nicely into a zip lock bag that can be left on the stern of a prospective member's boat.

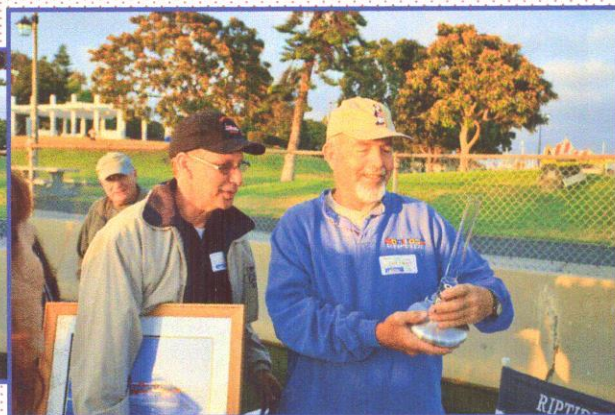
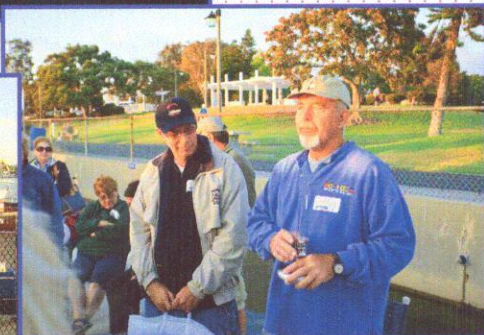
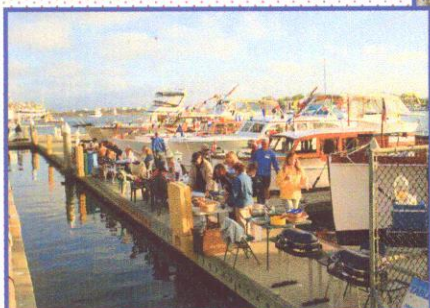
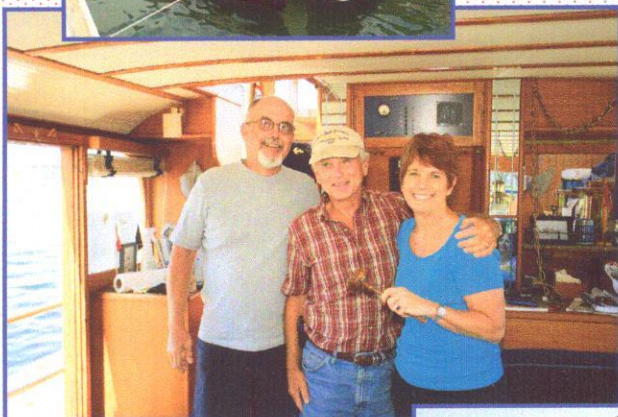
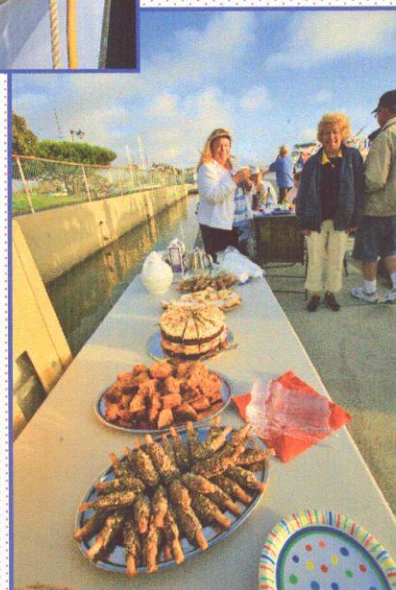
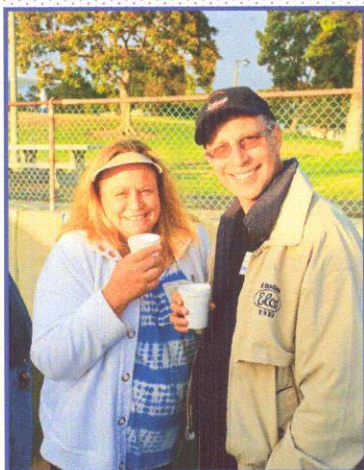
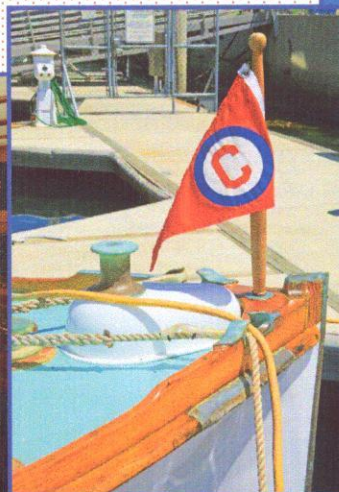
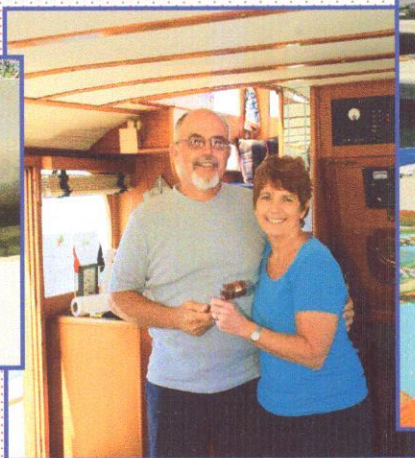
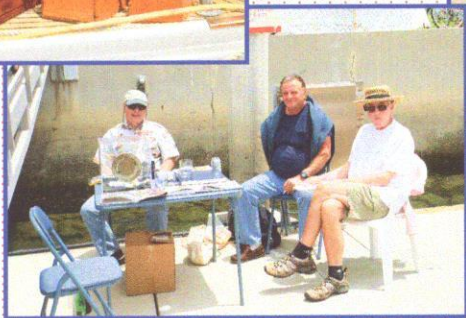
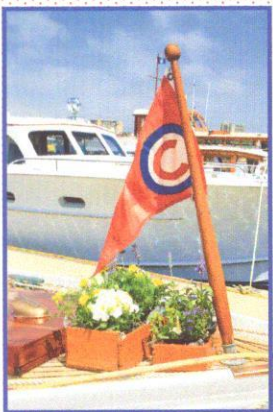


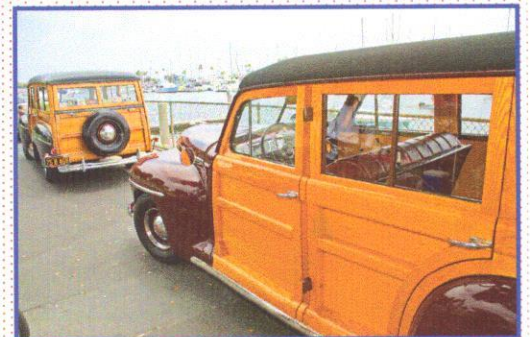
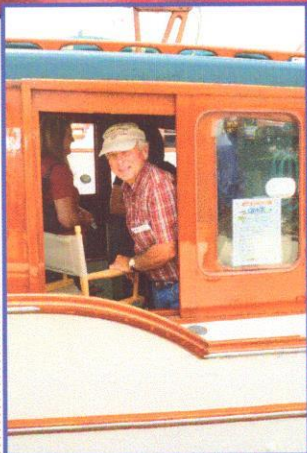
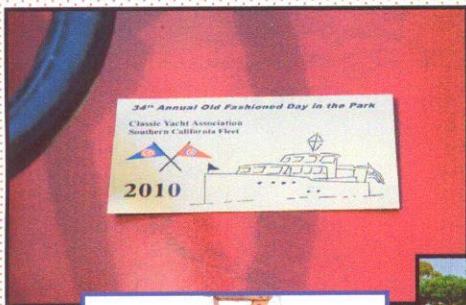
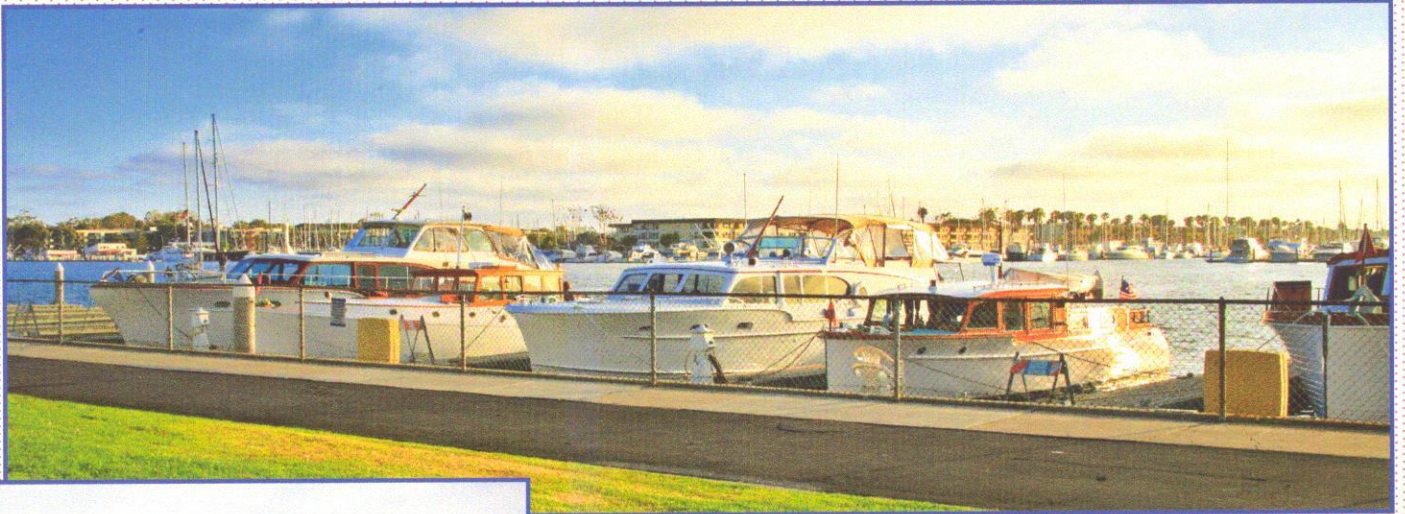
We are hoping that by informing boaters about the CYA story, they will have their interests peeked, and if we actually invite them to attend an event next Spring they will be more inclined to go. Also, having our glass around on their boats will keep us in their minds.

What we need from you is distribution. The fliers and glasses will be available at the Change of Watch or by contacting any of our bridge members. We hope everyone will take at least a couple and place them in the cockpits of some boats that you feel might be worthy of CYA affiliation. Please say, "hi" to the boat owners if you get the opportunity. Vintage and Classics of course but even nice old wood trawlers or wooden 60's yachts that might enjoy CYA are appropriate. Please keep track of the boats that you contact. We will want to invite the same people to events next year so we will need to know whom to follow up with.

# 2010 Old Fashioned Day in the Park Burton Chace Park, Marina del Rey

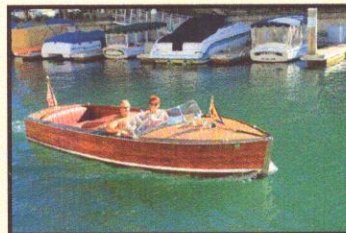
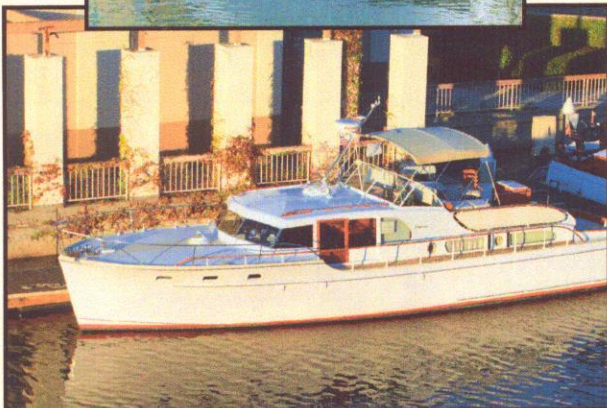
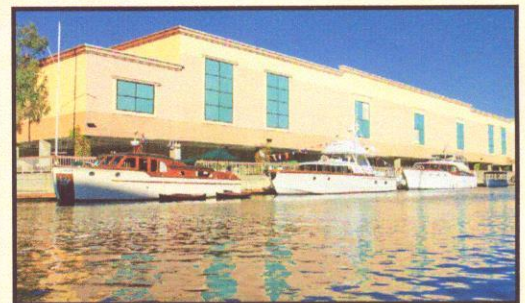
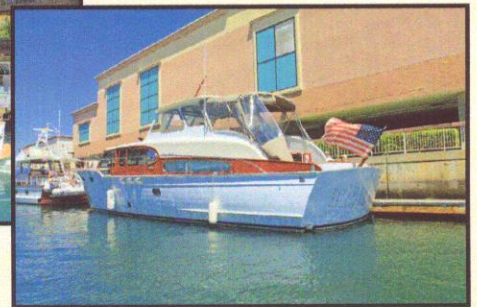
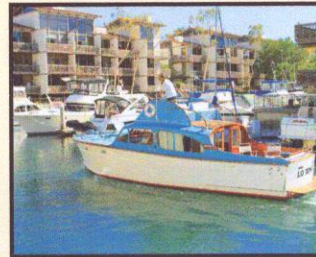
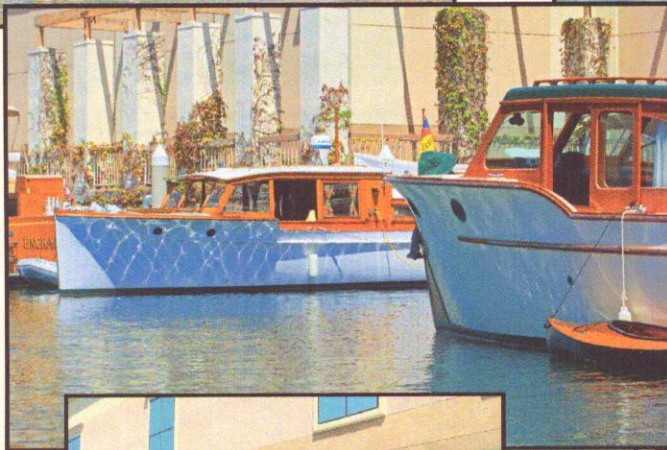
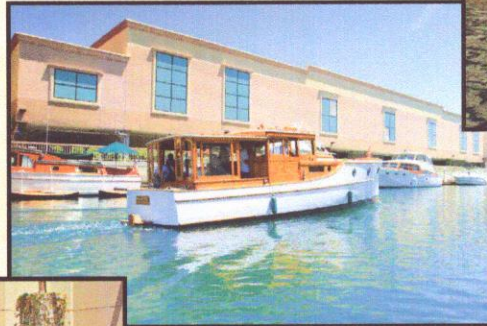
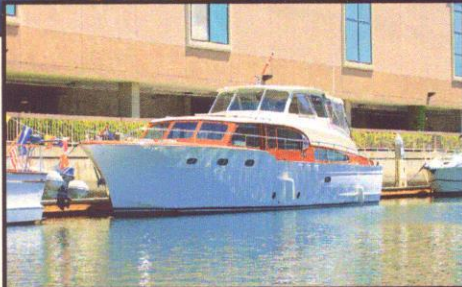
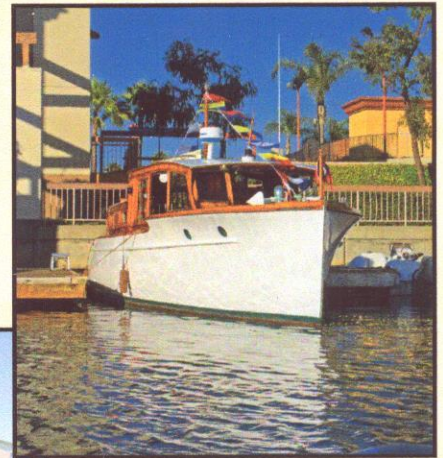
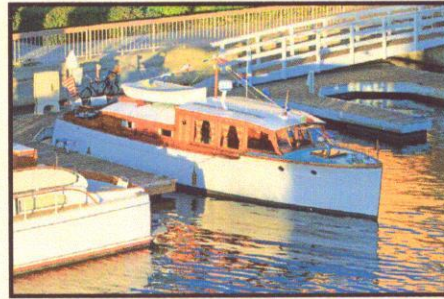
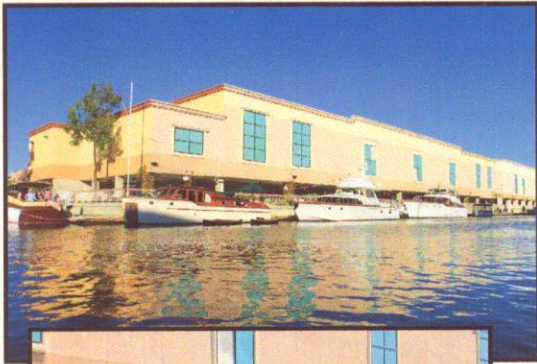
RIPTIDE's last event in Southern California. It was hard to believe. A farewell diner was held on the dock for Peter and Dennis. Tri-tip and pork loin, salads and sides, and an unbelievable dessert table care of Ms. Vickie. Gifts were given and many hugs of goodbye.



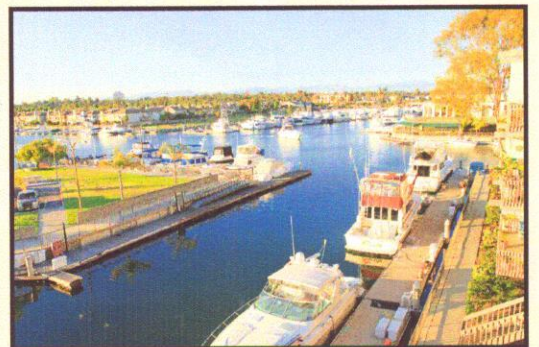
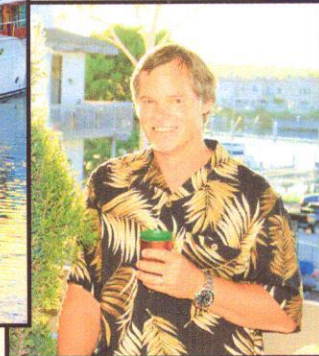
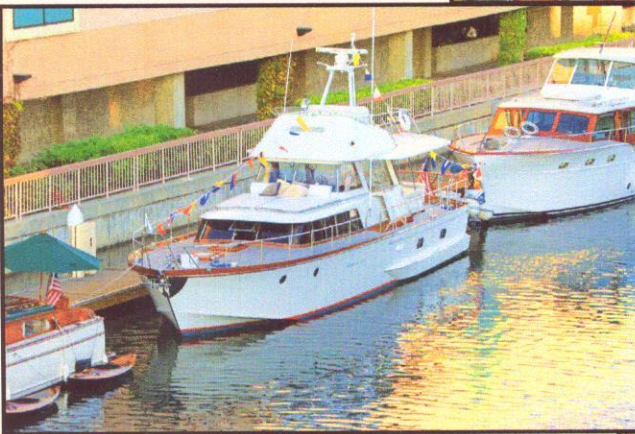
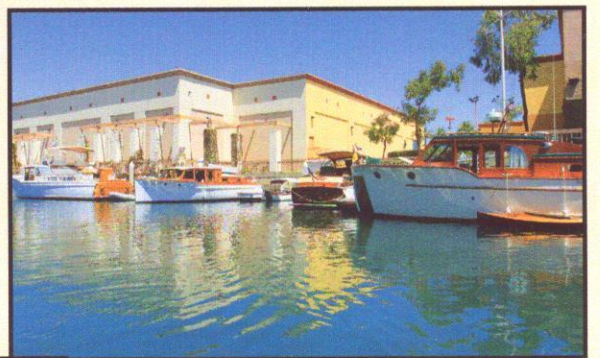
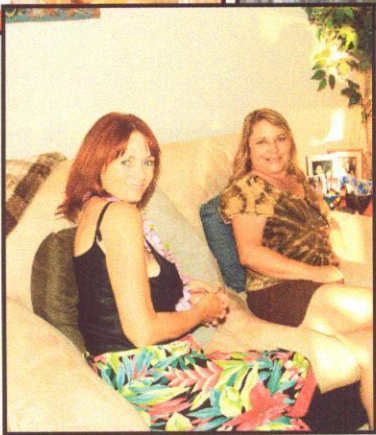
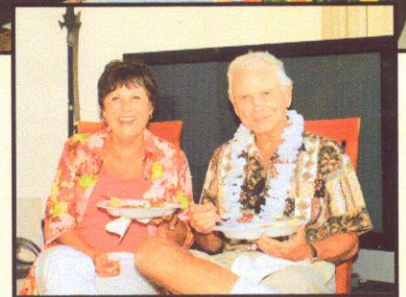
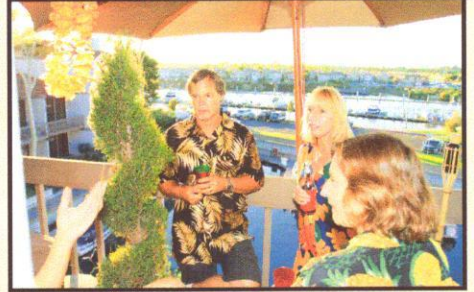
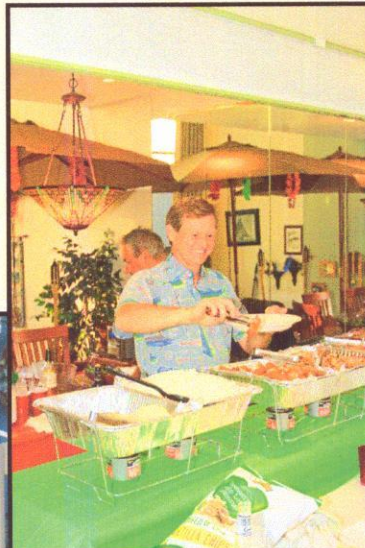
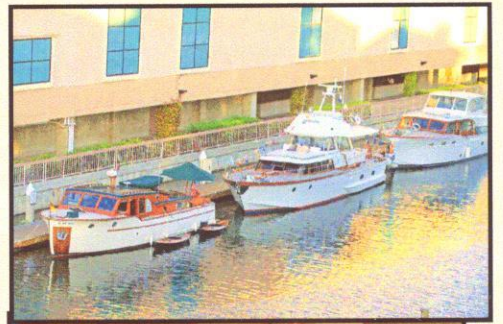
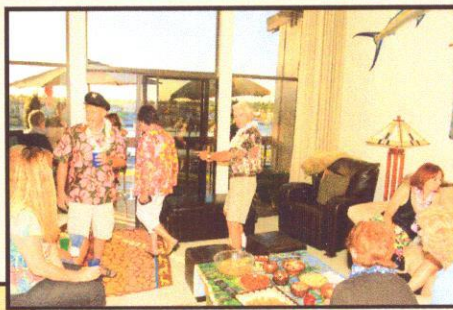
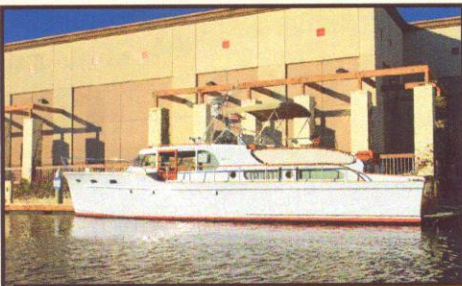


# *Marina Pacifica*

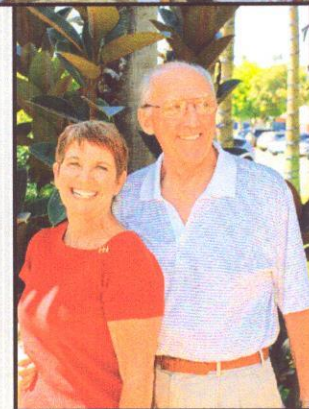
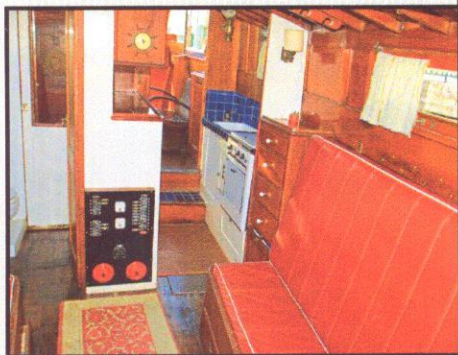
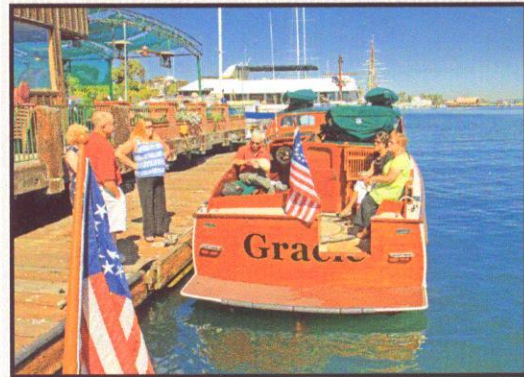
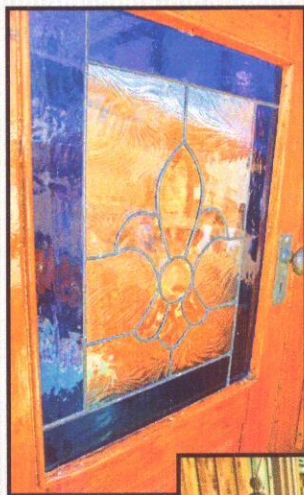
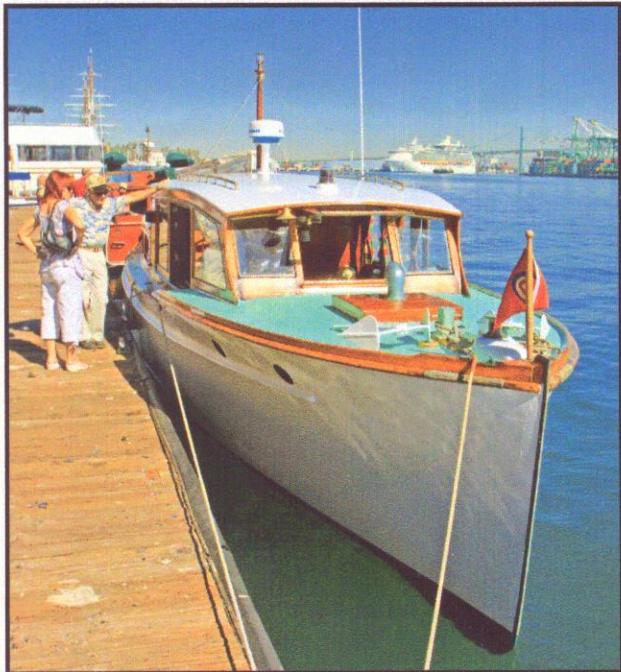
## *Drew and Marian's Island Luau*







# Ports O'Call Brunch and Cruise



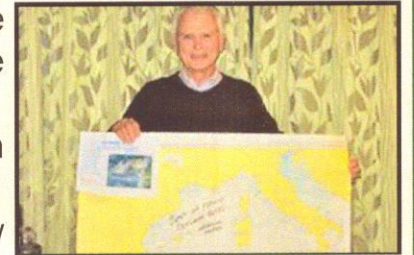
## SCUTTLEBUTT - Late breaking news from CYA

RICK OLSON, Cub Reporter

\*\*\* Scott Robinson reports that his 44 foot 1940 ELCO KEEWAYDIN has been sold to a couple from Toronto, Canada. The boat is due to leave from Sunset Aquatic around the end of November. Scott and Linda's goal of selling their home and boats here and moving back home to Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, is coming true. Good luck to them but sad for us losing great friends and another CYA boat.



\*\*\* Teri and Larry Walker recently returned from a 2 week Mediterranean cruise along the coast of Italy. During the cruise the crew had a large map where they marked the ports they were visiting each day. At the end of the cruise they raffled off the map. Each passenger was given a ticket. They called the winning number and it was Larry's. The map is soon to be hanging in the Walker's home. Go Larry! \*\*\*

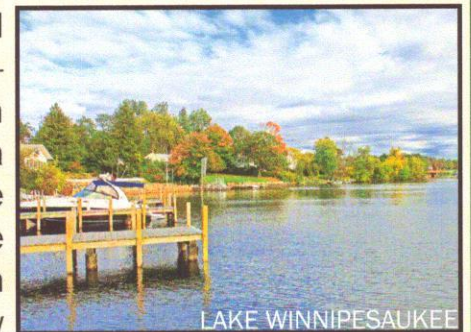


Larry Walker wins the Cruise Map

\*\*\* Elissa and I just returned from a nine day vacation in the New



England states. Our goal was to see the fall colors of the changing foliage. The locals refer to fall tourists as "Leaf Peepers". The scenery was glorious. We especially liked the Maine Coast, rough and craggy. It was beautiful, but looked like a dangerous place for inexperienced boaters. There are a lot of great little seaport towns that are quaint and so much less crowded than the California coast. While in New



LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE



Local Winnepesaukee Boater

Hampshire we visited Wolfeboro, past and future home of Scott and Linda Robinson. When we pulled into town we



called Linda back in Long Beach and just said, "If you were in Wolfeboro where would you go to get a beer?". Surprised by the call she didn't know who was calling her. She answered, "just about anywhere". We went to the Wolfeboro Inn and then to the Upper Deck for more drinks and Clam Chowder. It seems like a friendly delightful little town on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee. We see why they like it there.

\*\*\* While we were back East I made it my quest to find the Perfect "Dark and Stormy". Kevin Murphy turned me on to this drink while visiting on ARRIVEDERCI during the Marina Pacifica weekend. It is a concoction of Dark Rum, Ginger Beer, and Lime juice. It is known for being an Atlantic Coast drink from the Bahamas but also popular in the North East. I thought that it would be a fun quest to sample as many as I could while there. One Bar Man in Boston uses Indian MONK rum and even makes his own ginger beer. Very refreshing! (See side bar for Kevin's recipe).

\*\*\* One good recipe deserves another. See side bar again for Christine's killer "White Bean Chili". When Cris said she was going to make it for our last Southern Fleet board meeting, I really didn't know what to expect. It sounded weird, White Bean Chili? It turned out to

be terrific, like a creamy cheesy chicken stew , served with crusty dipping bread. Try it, you will love it. \*\*\*

*It was a “DARK and STORMY” night ~ Kevin Murphy*

- 1 part Cruzan “Black Strap” Rum
- 2 parts Cock and Bull “Ginger Beer”
- add the juice of a half of a Lime

*Serve over Rocks in a tall glass with a wedge of lime garnish.*

*White Bean Chili ~ Cris Rohde*

1# great northern (white) beans, rinsed

6 cups chicken stock

1 cube concentrated chicken broth, dissolved in chicken stock

Combine in large pot and simmer, covered, 2 hours

(or use 3 cans great northern beans, drained with 4 cups chicken stock)

2 yellow onions, chopped coarsely

Sauté onions in 1 T vegetable oil, until translucent

Add:

6-8 cloves minced garlic

4 t dried oregano

2 t crushed cumin

2 t cayenne pepper

1 7oz. can chopped Ortega chilies

Add:

2 cups cooked and shredded white meat chicken

Simmer for 30 minutes.

Can be keep refrigerated up to 48 hours at this point, or freeze.

**When ready to serve**, bring to a rolling boil and add:

4 cups Monterey Jack cheese, grated

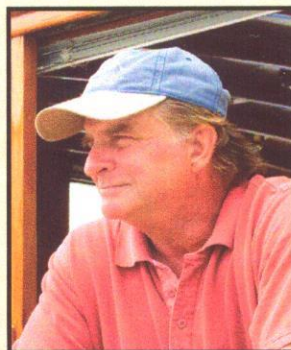
1 cup sour cream

**Heat until cheese is melted. Ready to serve.**

**Serve with green salad and crusty bread.**

\*\*\* Master craftsman and long time Southern Fleet member, Garrett “Hawk” Hawkins is looking to pick up some boating projects. After maintaining SEADOG and rebuilding BLACK DOUGLASS for Jim Butz, he has been working in the Chandlery at Colonial for the last few years. He would love to get back into some hands on boating projects, especially on some classic yachts or other wooden boats.

BLACK DOUGLAS

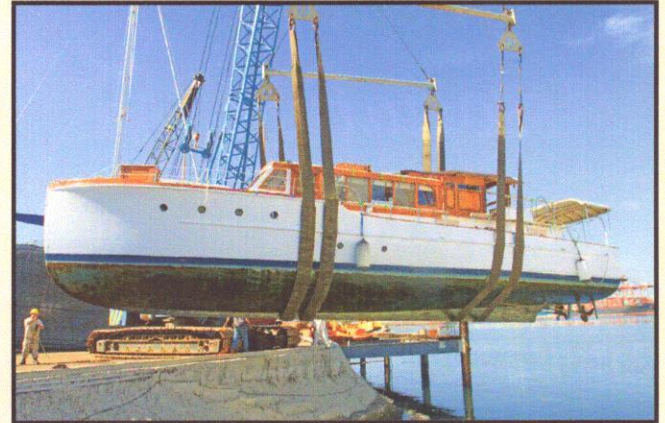
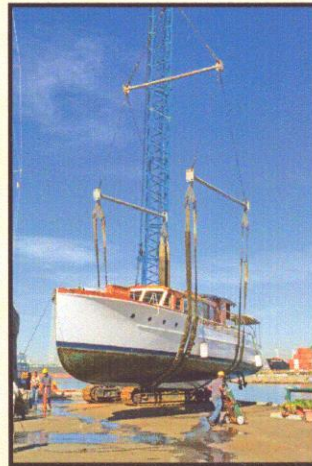
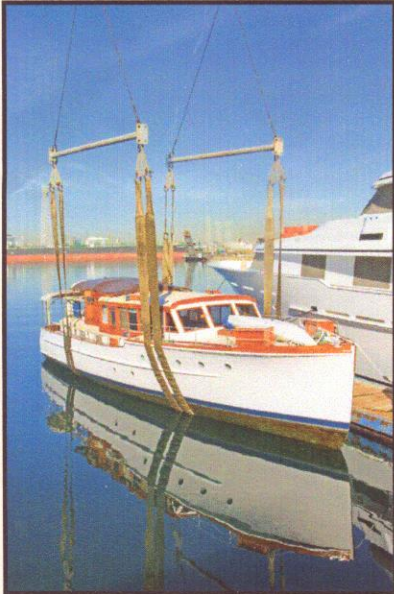


Hawk is willing to consult, advise, help, or work independently on your project. Normal rates are about \$35.00 per hour. Call him or e-mail him to discuss your needs. Hawk is a real pro and would be happy to bid your job and discuss the correct approach to a quality repair or upgrade.

\*\*\* Although watching the last drops of California Water drip off of RIPTIDE's keel was a bit sad, it was also exciting to see her heading off onto the next phase of her long life.

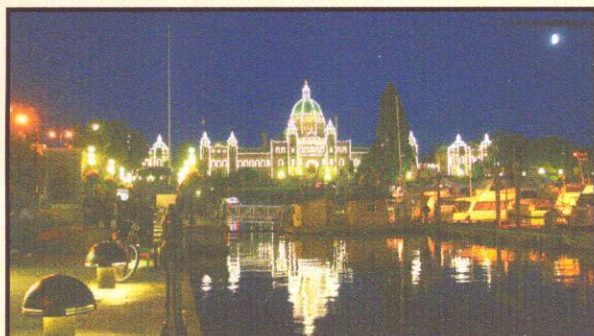
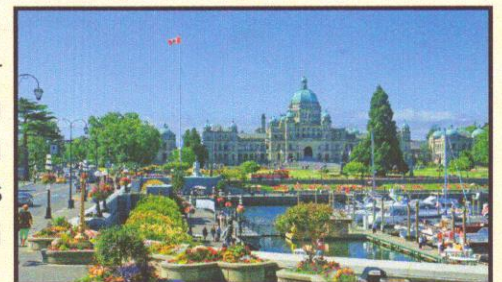


It was exciting for Peter and Dennis as their move was really going over another hurdle. They were due to leave the following morning with a moving truck and car to move the

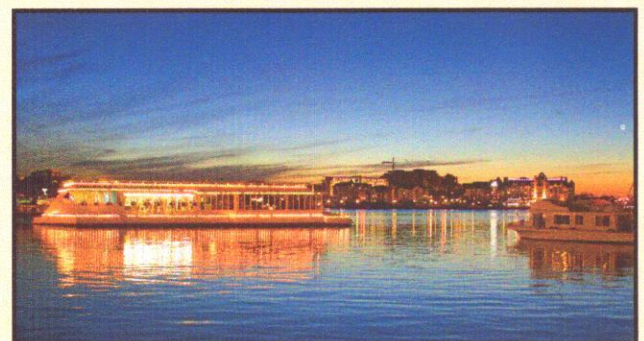


final load of their belongings up to the new house in Washington. Jim Butz and friends from France, Anna Erving, Scott Robinson, Ron Yatch, and myself were there to see 53 foot RIPTIDE slung and lifted out. She will be trucked north through Nevada on her way to Seattle. Because of height limits Dennis had to remove the wheelhouse and secure it aft for the trip. It was quite a sight to see her hanging from a 100+ foot crane. She has gone from the floor of the 1939 NY Boat Show to racing on the Hudson River under the hand of Howard Johnson. Twenty years on the Great Lakes, a TV career in California during the 1980's, a dozen years as flagship for the Southern fleet, and now off to Puget Sound. What a life!

\*\*\* **Two things to promote:** Firstly, please try to attend our upcoming event and Change of Watch at the Pine Avenue Pier on November 20th. Come during the day and stay for the dinner at Gladstone's. It's just a quick walk from the boats. Secondly, I want to encourage people to attend the International Change of Watch weekend to be held in January in Victoria, BC, Canada. These are always outstanding fun weekends. Victoria is an exciting small city. Everyone is welcome, affiliates too. Our invitations from the Canadian fleet should be arriving soon. \*\*\*

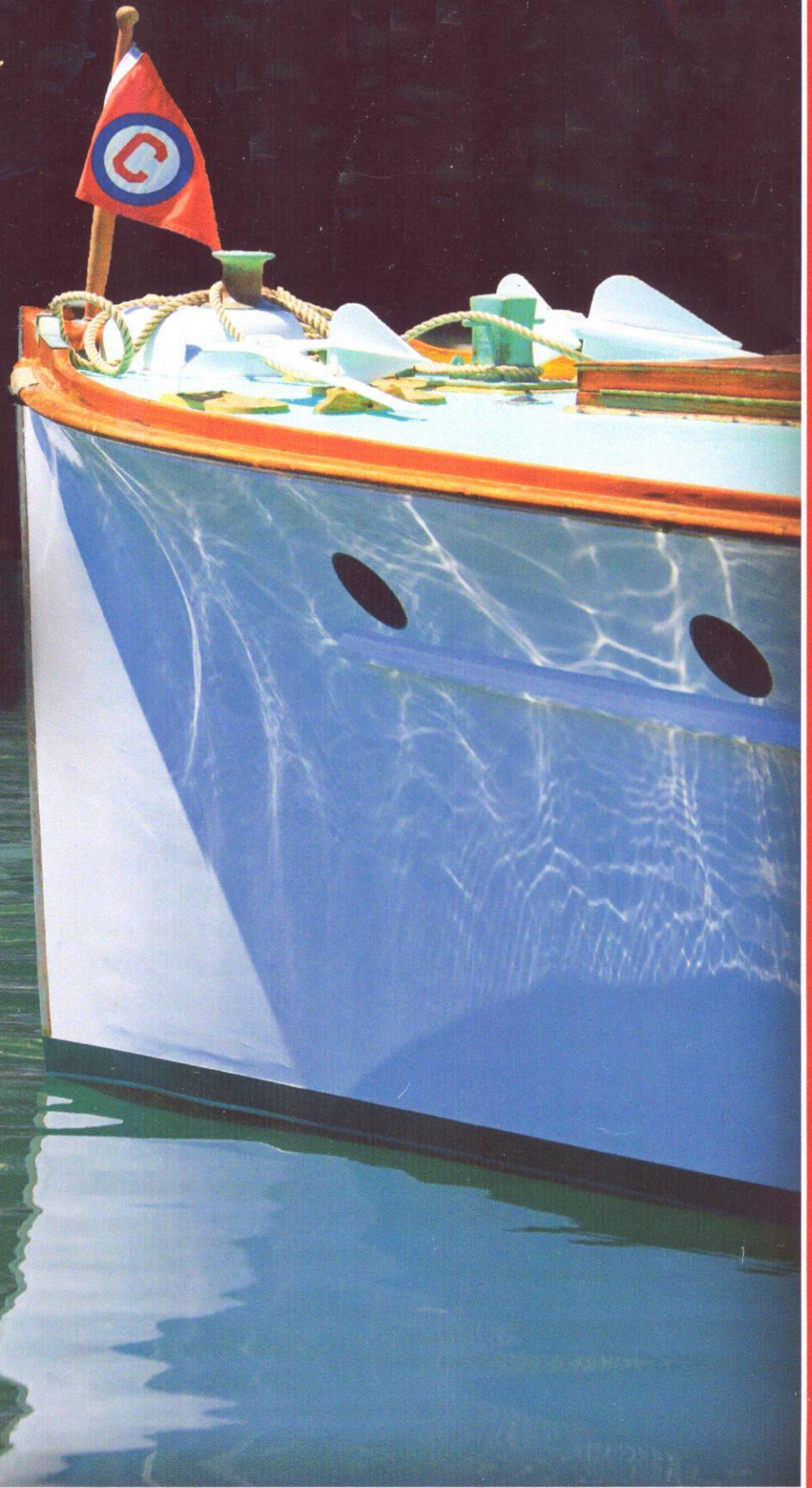


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