



# CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

SUMMER, 2010

## 2010 EVENTS

July 23-25  
OLD FASHIONED  
DAY IN THE PARK  
MARINA DEL REY

SEAFEST  
-CANCELLED-  
Looking at alternatives

August 21-22  
MARINA PACIFICA  
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LONG DOCK

September 17-18  
WHITE ISLAND  
RENDEZVOUS  
tentative dates

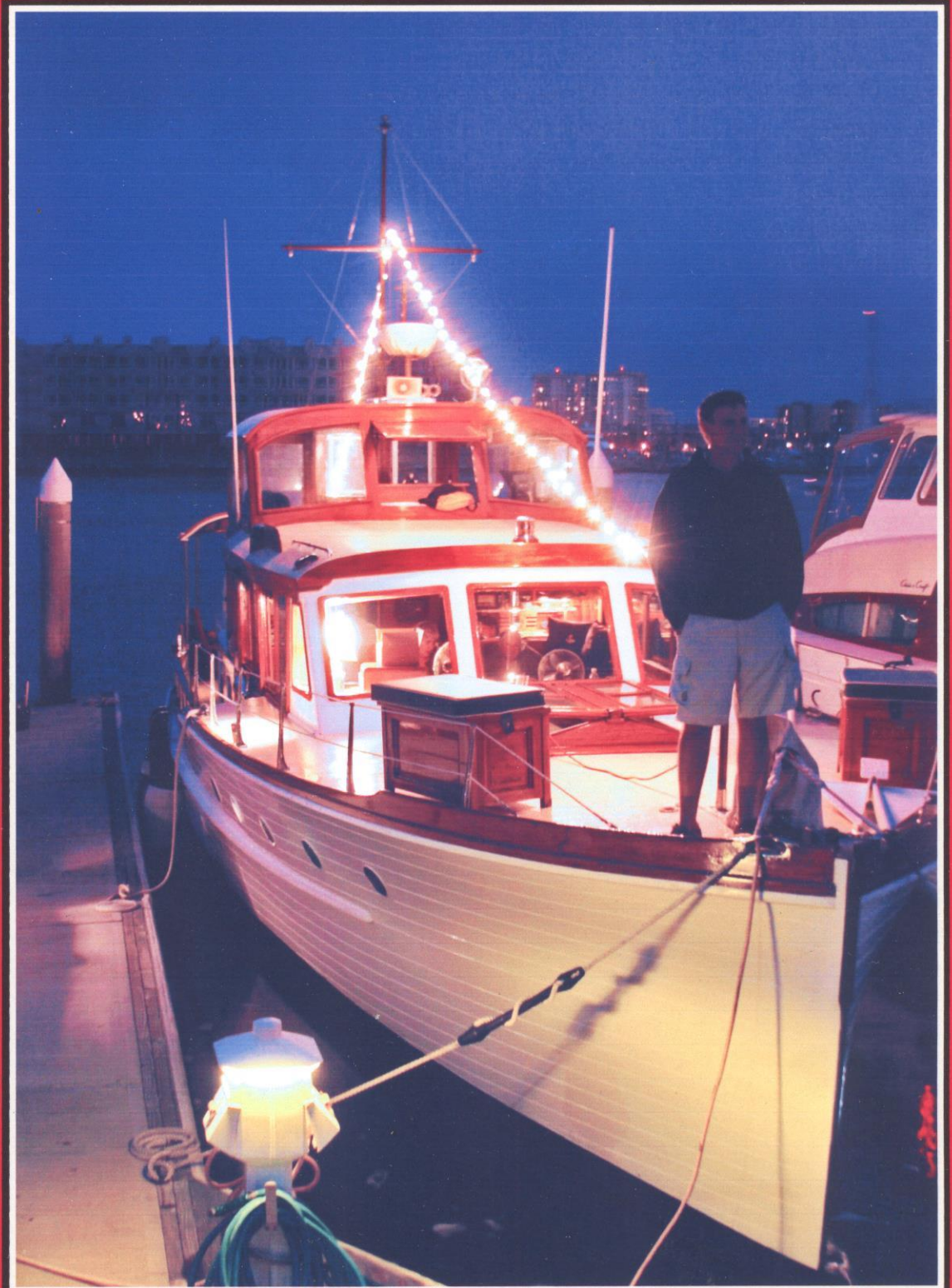
October 15-16  
CATALINA ISLAND  
CRUISE  
Tentative date

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SOUTHERN CALIF.  
FLEET  
CHANGE OF  
WATCH

CYA  
INTERNATIONAL  
CHANGE OF  
WATCH  
VICTORIA  
B.C. CANADA

REMEMBER:  
IF YOU DON'T PAY  
YOUR EXORCIST  
YOU'LL GET  
REPOSSESSED

~ FAREWELL to RIPTIDE ~  
*Peter and Dennis Moving to Seattle*



*Peter Riess on bow of RIPTIDE, Marina del Rey 2009*

## *Commodore's Report* by Rick Olson, newsletter editor

I am writing this on behalf of Commodore Dennis. As many of you already know, Dennis Ballard and Peter Riess have relocated to Port Orchard, Washington. We wish them the best in their new home. They will be sorely missed here in the Southern California Fleet. They have quite a list of CYA accomplishments since joining our fleet in 1998. For quite a few years they have been discussing making a move after Dennis retires. Dennis retired as of June 30th. Congratulations Dennis. Peter got a new job in Seattle so wam-blam they're gone. Their RIPTIDE will be moved north by truck sometime later this summer. They both will be flying down to attend their last Old Fashioned Day in the Park weekend later this month so we will all be able to wish them well and say our good-bye's.

We can only imagine the level of stress and the complications of moving out of state after being in the same home for more than twenty years. We hope the transition goes smoothly. Vice-Commodore Christine Rohde and Rear-Commodore Larry Walker will be splitting the duties for the remainder of the year.

The spring events have gone well this year. Larry and Teri Walker hosted a wonderful Opening Day at the Port's O'Call Restaurant in San Pedro. On a lovely sunny day in March over 40 members celebrated the beginning of the boating season. Many of us got to cruise on yachts that we had not been on before. Elissa and I were guests on Jed and Linda's fine 1928 yacht, BLANCHE. With its awesome interior appointments and electric "hybrid" drive this is a very fine boat.

The Affiliate's Barbecue and Auction in April was very successful. Our turnout was somewhat lower than previous years but the enthusiasm level was high. Everyone had fun. Perhaps it was the wacky doctor costumes or maybe the special alcohol treatment center punch. This year's auction hit an all time record for the club. This was due to some spirited bidding and some wonderful donations from our members. Added to the normal mix of nautical treasures were dinners, cruises, and even a weekend stay at Lake Arrowhead.

We turned out for the Tom Brown Memorial Predicted Log Race on a windy day in May. Although everyone was ready to get out on the water regardless of the wind, we changed the log race plan. Instead, we just took an extended harbor cruise followed by the BBQ on the dock. This was much more relaxing for the guests and the skippers didn't have to work so hard at staying on course and speed.

**Membership Drive:** I would like to encourage everyone to participate and be on the lookout for other people with wooden boats who might enjoy the CYA fellowship. Invite your friends and dock-mates to the Marina del Rey Old Fashioned Day weekend. The loss of Peter and Dennis's RIPTIDE is just another blow to the Southern Cal Fleet. Years ago when MV DEERLEAP moved north we said, "what ever will we do" ! We lost JOYSEA, GOLDEN TIME, SILVER KING and others. Then along came new boats and members like RIPTIDE, SPARKLE, MINDFUL, COMOCEAN, and GRACIE to fill the gap. New members bring in new ideas and the changes can be good for an organization. There are a lot of non-qualifying wood boats like Don Kennedy's 1970 JOLLY ROGERS, and the Murphy's, 1966 ARRIVEDERCI, that make great affiliate members. These people aren't going to come to us, we need to invite them to attend. When they do come around to check us out, we need to reach out to them and give them a friendly hand in learning what fun it is to participate in the CYA.

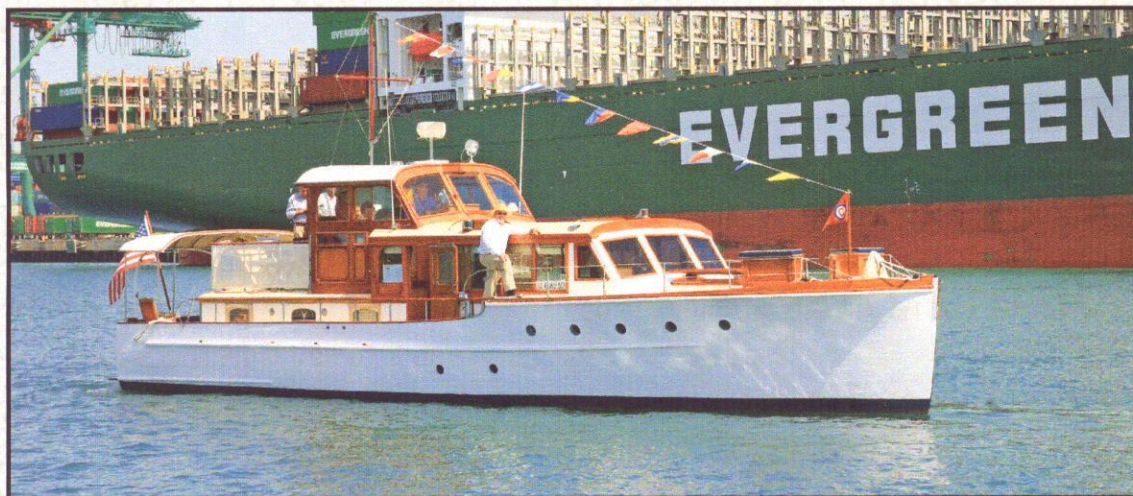
-Rick Olson

# RIPTIDE

1939 ELCO

*DENNIS BALLARD  
& PETER RIESS*

A Tribute to Two Fine  
Gentlemen  
And Classic Yachtsmen.

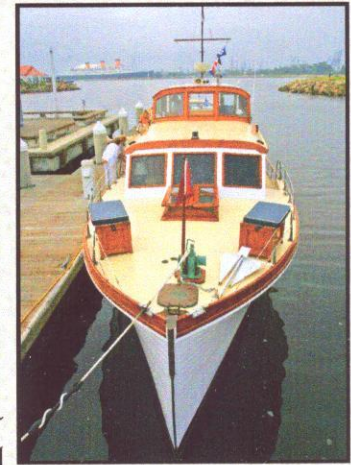
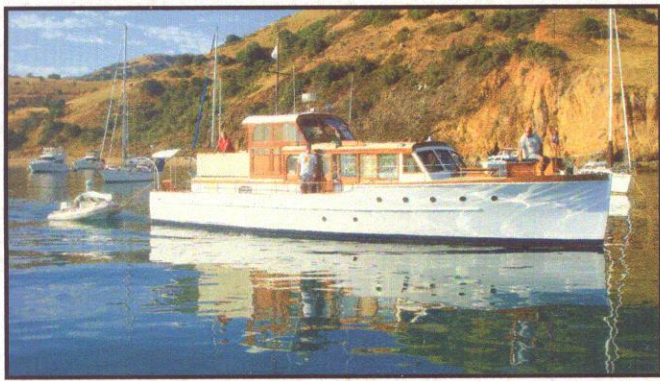


Member "All-Stars", Peter Riess and Dennis Ballard have made a serious contribution to CYA and especially to the Southern California Fleet. I suspect that their impact on the CYA isn't over yet. As new members of the Pacific Northwest Fleet they and their awesome yacht RIPTIDE will undoubtedly become important members there too.

In 1997 Peter and Dennis came to their first CYA event at Marina Pacifica long dock. They had a cute 1941 34 foot Chris Craft named RIPPLE V which they had just finished restoring. I'm not sure who made the initial contact with them but I suspect it was the Medranos as their yacht ONO was berthed not far from where RIPPLE V was being kept. Peter and Dennis hosted members on and off Ripple V during the weekend, and it became obvious that they were charming hosts and immediately liked. Little did we know that we were meeting two guys that would become such important "players" in CYA.

During the 1998 National Change of Watch held on the Queen Mary "Scottie Dobson- National Commodore", they paraded with the Southern Fleet boats and seemed to really be taken in by being part of the CYA. Peter had grown up on the East Coast and been involved in yachting and yacht clubs with his father since a little boy. It wasn't long before these guys were attending every event and every board meeting. Their influence in how the club was being run became apparent when Peter decided to run the chairs of the bridge officers in 1999. He became Rear Commodore, then Vice and our Fleet Commodore in 2001. Following those successful years he was nominated to the national bridge and 3 years later became National Commodore at the Change of Watch in 2004 held in San Pedro at the Los Angeles Yacht Club. Peter also served as National Director for the SC Fleet for many years.

Dennis followed suit by becoming SC Fleet Rear-Commodore in 2002, Vice in 2003, and SC Fleet Commodore in 2004. In 2001 he convinced Rick Olson to become co-authors with him for the now famous CYA photo album. The photo album project had been bouncing around



the CYA for ten years. San Francisco fleet members, and the subsequently PNW fleet members had attempted to complete a book on all the yachts of the CYA. In 2001, after much arm twisting by Dennis, Rick Olson and Dennis Ballard proposed to the National board meeting in Sausalito that they be allowed to take on the project. Rick Olson, knowing how hard the job would be, was heard to say that the worst thing that the board could say was "yes". Two years later, in 2003, Dennis and Rick presented a completed hard bound book to the national meeting. Dennis was the major history and picture gatherer and his tenacious persistence made that book happen. He sent over 1500 e-mails and countless phone calls in the process of gathering data. In addition he and Peter traveled extensively going to other fleet events and making many new friends

In 2009 Dennis agreed to become fleet commodore for the 2nd time and now is in the midst of his 3rd term at the helm of the Southern California Fleet. These are compassionate, friends in need, kind of guys. This was most obvious while watching how they helped out during the sicknesses and passing of or members Bill Erving, Scottie Dobson, and Tom Brown. Peter and Dennis are kind men with a lot of heart who have made friends throughout the entire CYA organization.

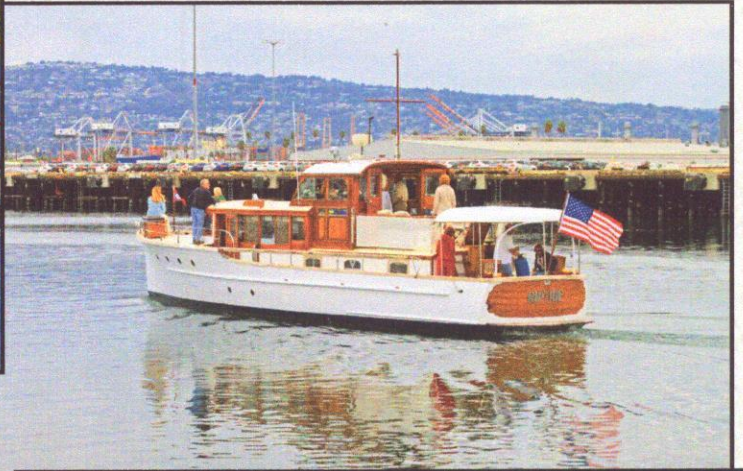
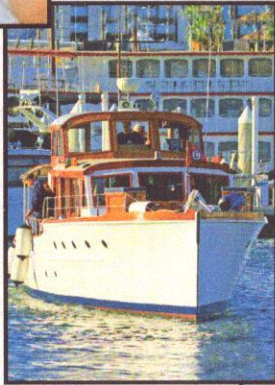
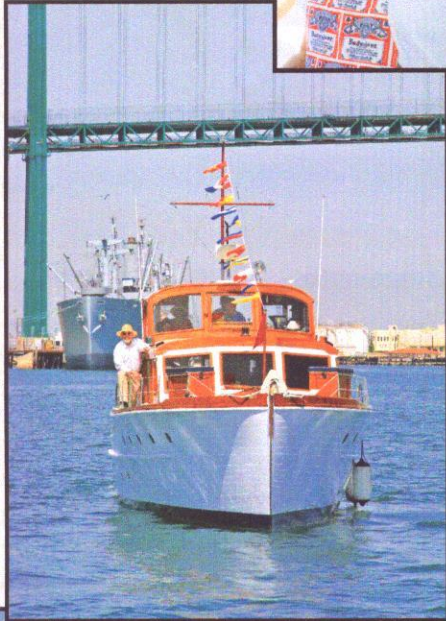
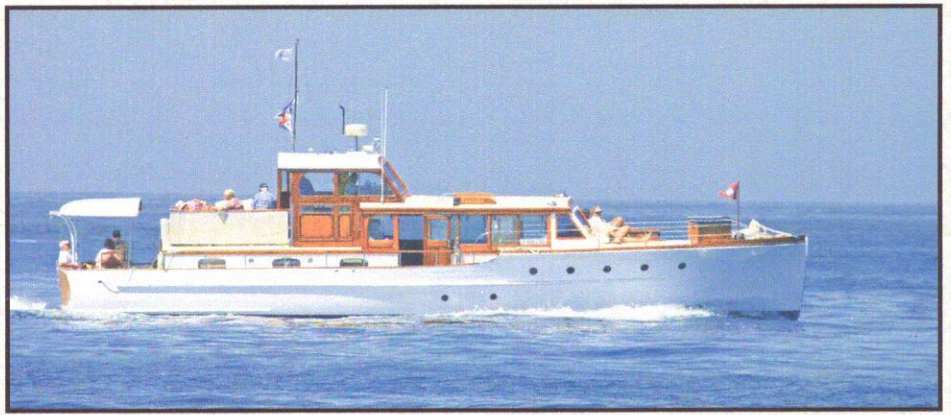
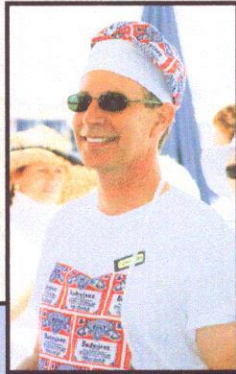
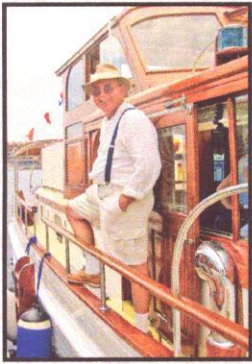
If all this management wasn't enough. They took on RIPTIDE as a project. Purchased around the millennium, the 60 year old RIPTIDE was a basket case. Gray and unkempt she had been neglected for years and pieces of dry-rotted wood were falling off of her. The common reaction they got was "have you lost your minds". As the month of hard work rolled by she actually came back to life. Every time we saw her she was appreciably better. Dennis's wood craft and Peter's will power pulled her up from the brink to the fine working yacht she is today.

It wasn't long before RIPTIDE was host to breakfasts, parties, cruises, meetings, and fun. She is not a museum piece, she is a boat that is used every weekend. RIPTIDE has been the fleet and

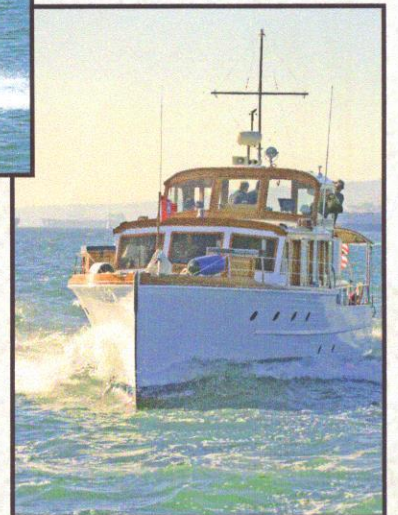
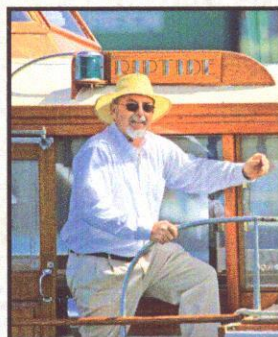


National Flagship five times. People come and go in our lives and in the lives of our organizations. What a profound effect these two gentlemen have had on the Southern California Fleet. Thank you very much for all that you have done for us and good luck in the Northwest.

We will miss RIPTIDE and we will miss you both so much.



Crazy About  
**RIPTIDE**

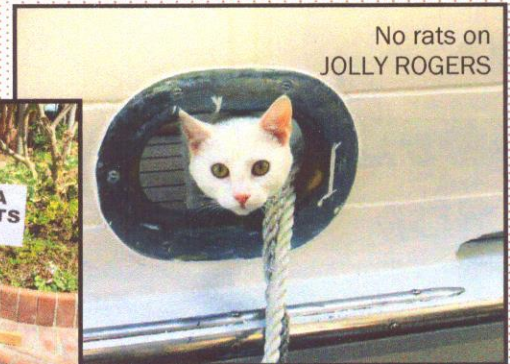
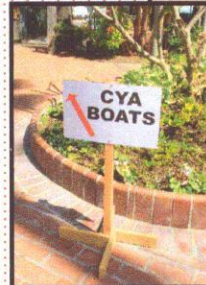


# OPENING DAY, March 2010

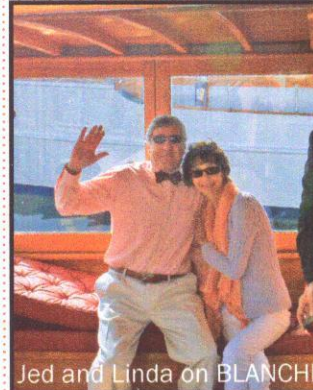
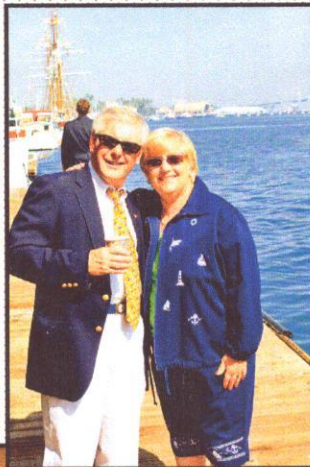
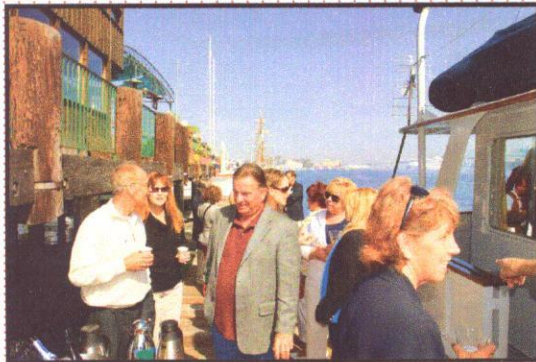
## Port's O' Call Restaurant, San Pedro



Steve Sheridan's LARK

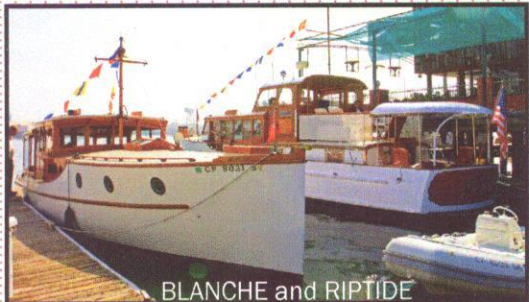
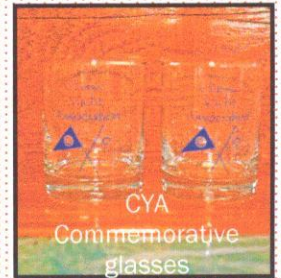


No rats on JOLLY ROGERS

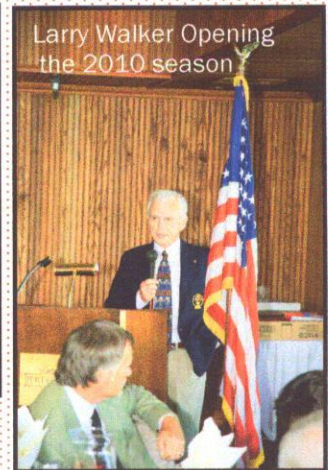


Jed and Linda on BLANCHE

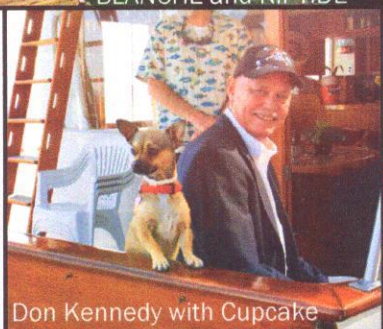
A very good day with friends



BLANCHE and RIPTIDE



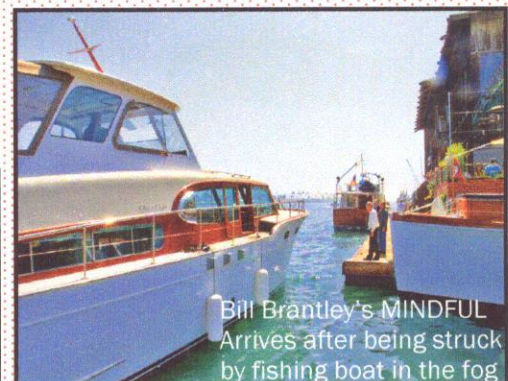
Larry Walker Opening the 2010 season



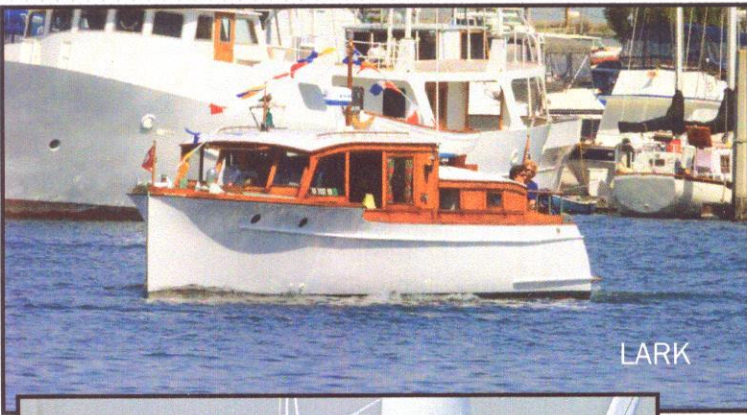
Don Kennedy with Cupcake



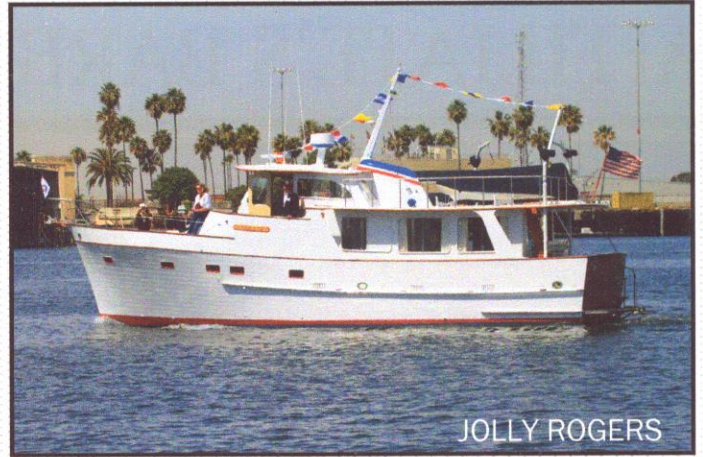
Tall Ship TOLE MOUR passing during brunch.



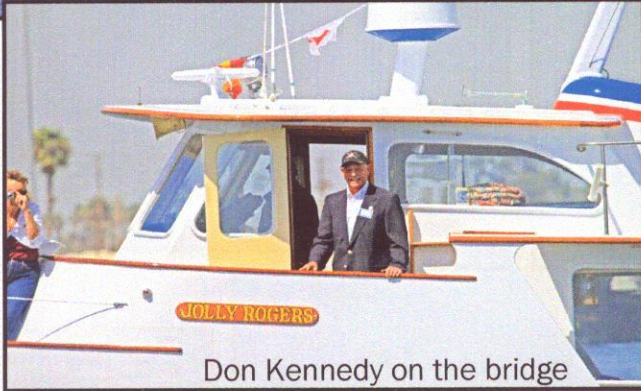
Bill Brantley's MINDFUL Arrives after being struck by fishing boat in the fog



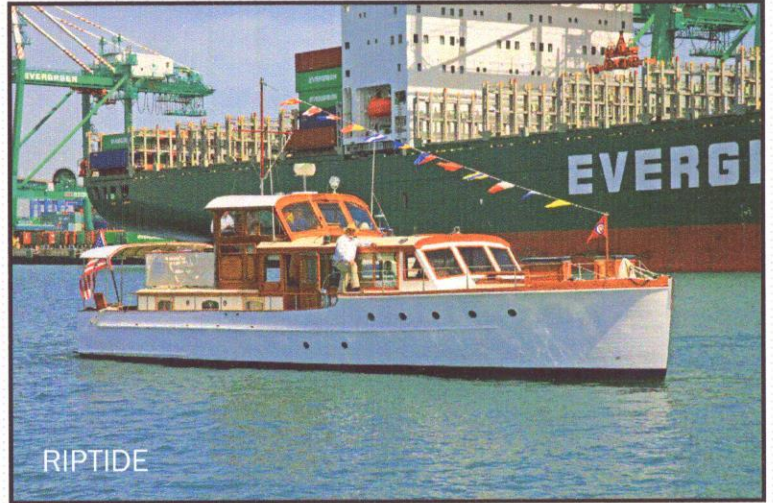
LARK



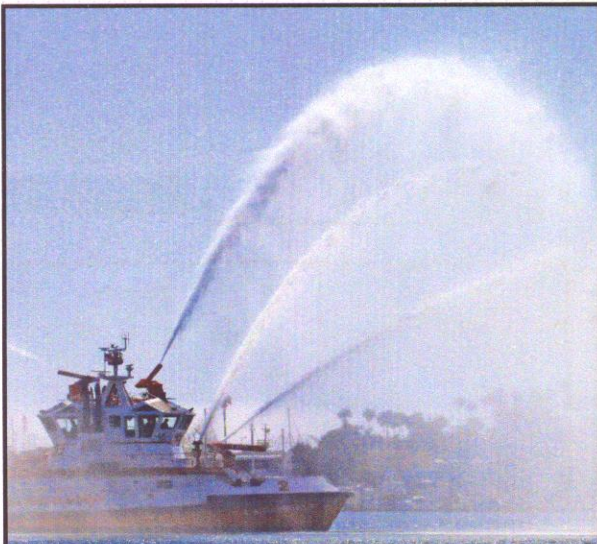
JOLLY ROGERS



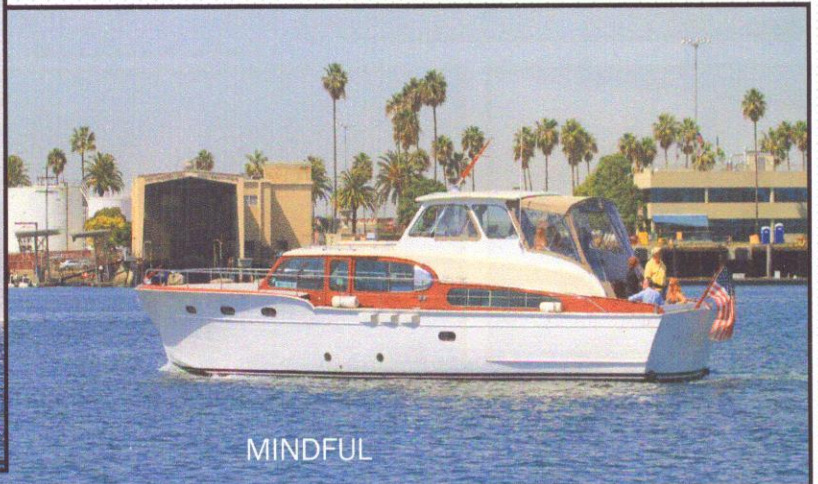
Don Kennedy on the bridge



RIPTIDE



Los Angeles Fire Boat #2 —  
Provided a great water show for us as we  
paraded down the San Pedro main channel

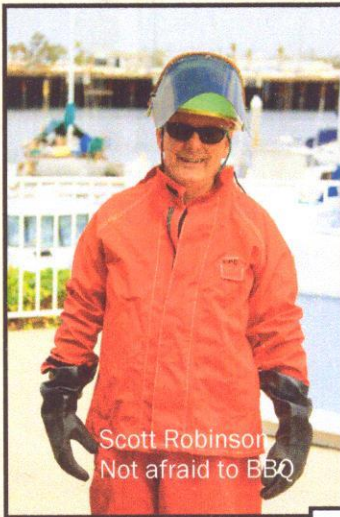


MINDFUL

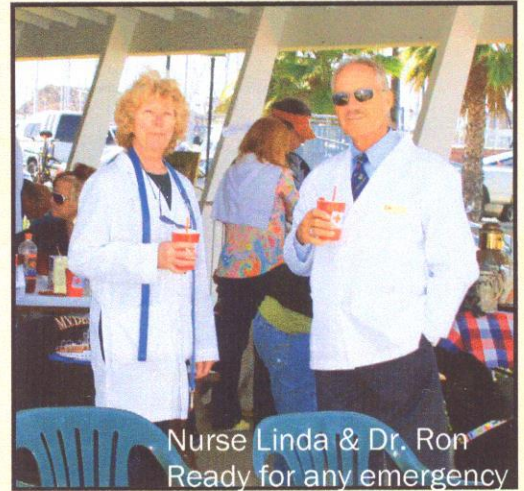


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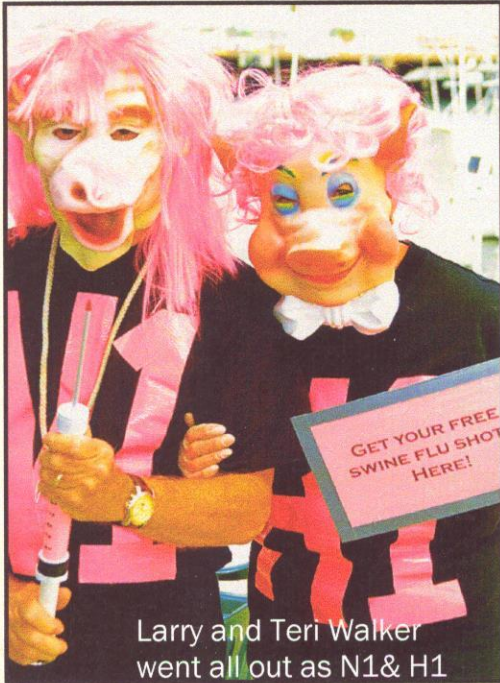
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**SOUTHERN FLEET HOSPITAL**  
 FOR THE YACHTING INSANE



Scott Robinson  
 Not afraid to BBQ

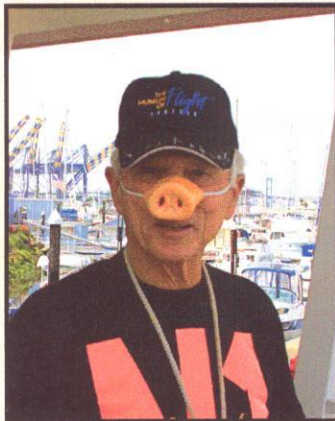
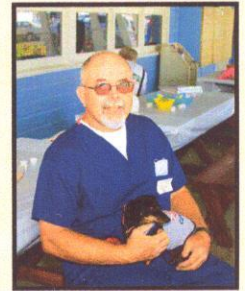
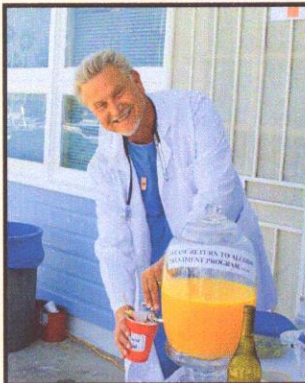


Nurse Linda & Dr. Ron  
 Ready for any emergency

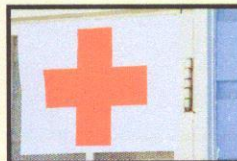


Larry and Teri Walker  
 went all out as N1 & H1

GET YOUR FREE  
 SWINE FLU SHOT  
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Jane,  
 Bruce,  
 & Chris



ALCOHOL  
 TREATMENT  
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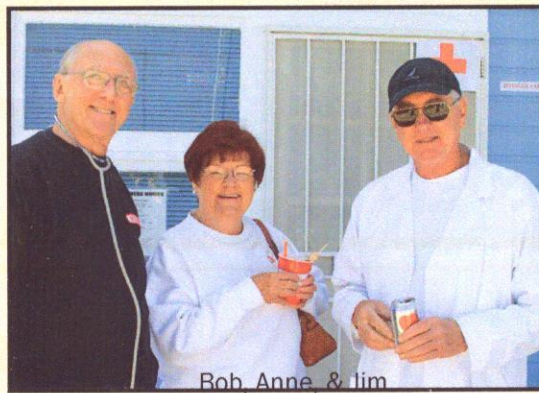
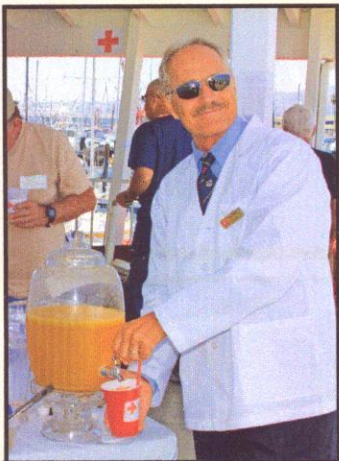
Jane prepares the pills



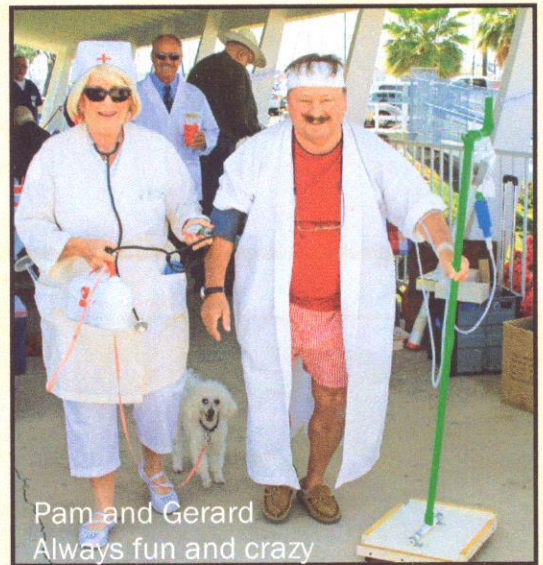
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 SURGEON



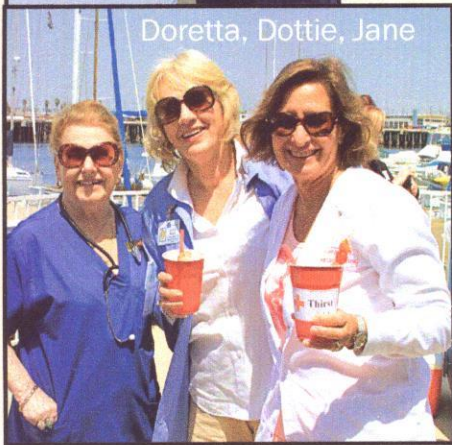




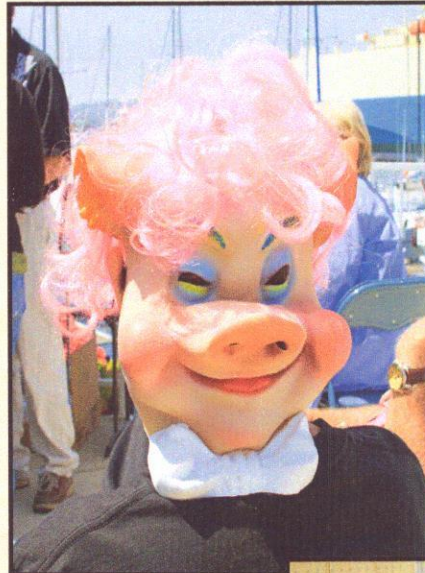
Bob, Anne, & Jim



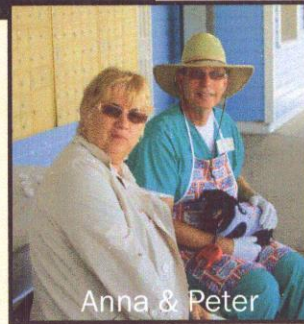
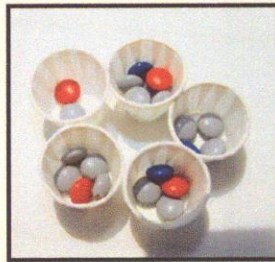
Pam and Gerard  
Always fun and crazy



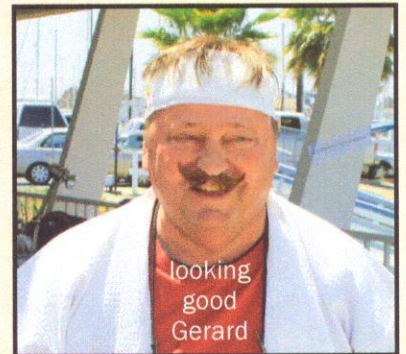
Doretta, Dottie, Jane



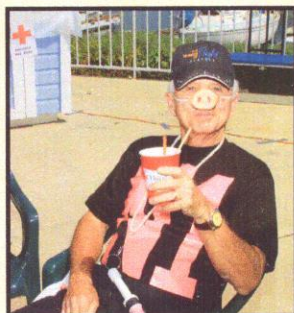
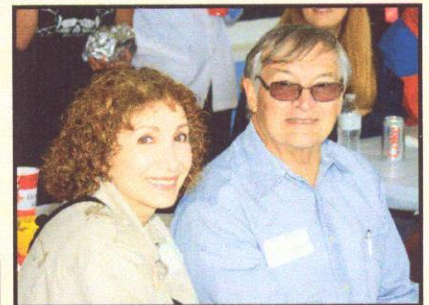
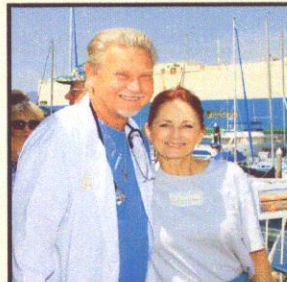
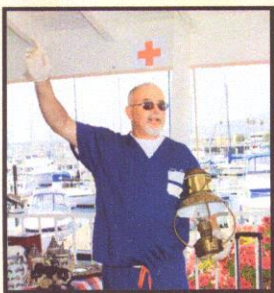
New Affiliates  
the Rivers



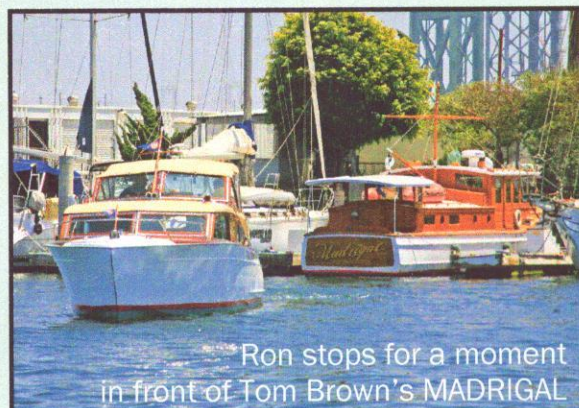
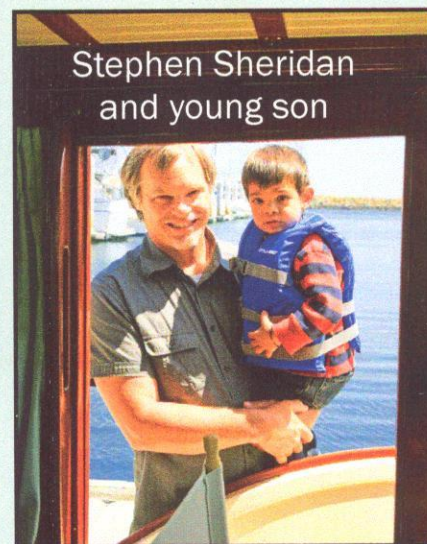
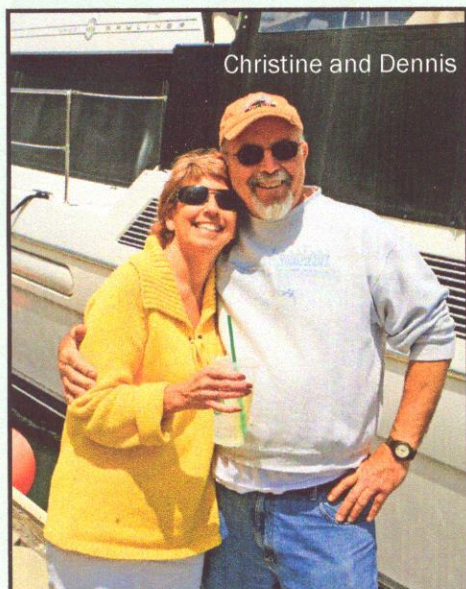
Anna & Peter

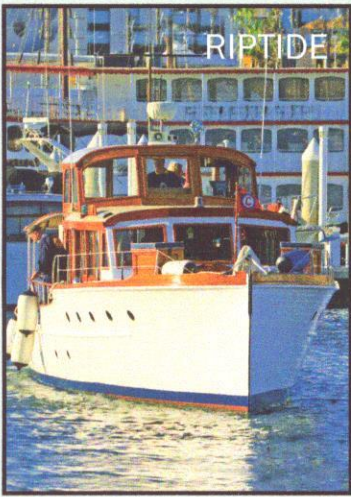


looking  
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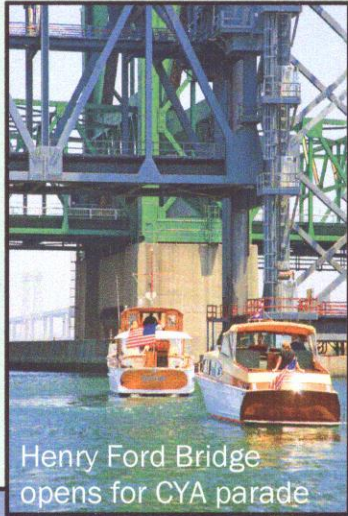


# TOM BROWN MEMORIAL SPRING CRUISE

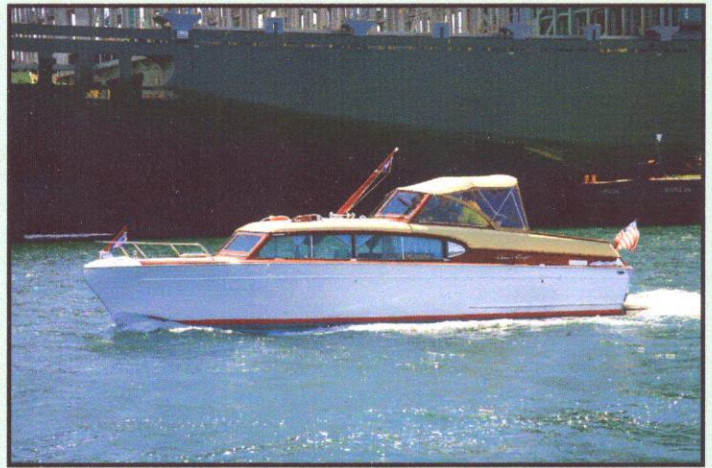




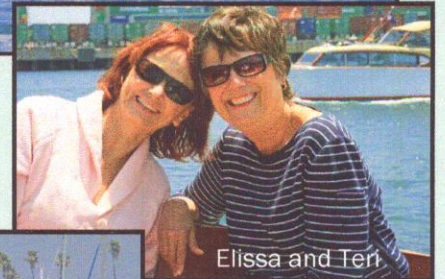
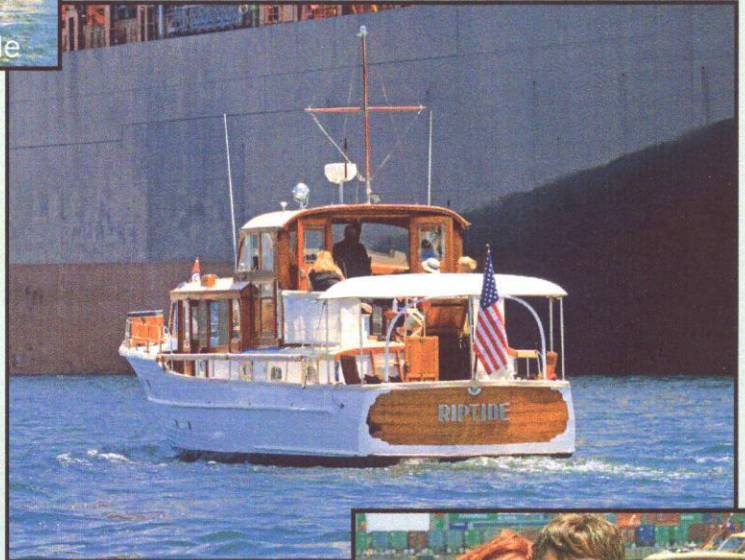
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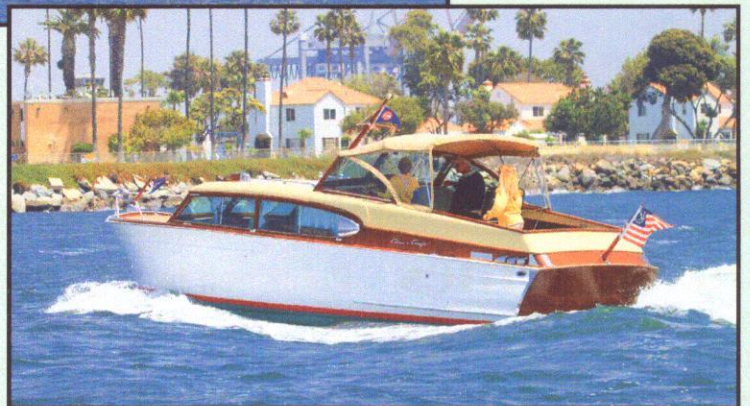
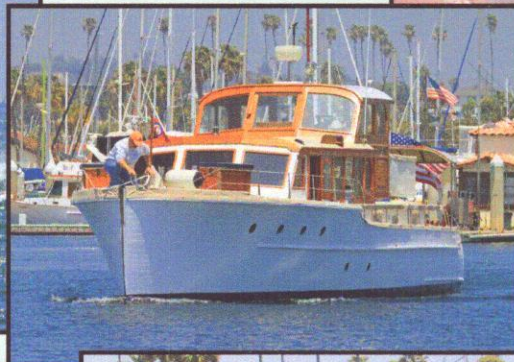
Henry Ford Bridge  
opens for CYA parade



COMOCEAN  
up on plane



Elissa and Teri



RIPTIDE - Heading North



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