



# CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

WINTER 2012

## 2012 EVENTS

March 10th  
OPENING DAY  
Long Beach  
Yacht Club

April 21st  
AFFILIATES BBQ  
and AUCTION  
Wilmington

May 12th  
TIKI TIME  
PARTY  
At the MURPHY'S  
Glendale

June 2nd  
COMMODORE'S  
CRUISE  
Catalina Island

June 30th  
BBQ TIME  
At PAM & GERARD'S

July 22  
OLD FASHION DAY  
Marina del Rey

August 11th  
SEAFEST  
Long Beach

August 25th  
MARINA PACIFICA

September 15th  
NEWPORT WOODEN  
BOAT FESTIVAL

October 13th  
KILLER SHRIMP  
Marina del Rey

*We visit :*

## *IYRS, International Yacht Restoration School Newport, Rhode Island*



*IYRS. Students learn the art and science of wooden boat building while completing a two year college course.*

*From the Bridge:*

## *Commodore, LARRY WALKER*



Recently fourteen of our fellow CYAers returned from an extended weekend in Mystic, Connecticut. We were there to attend the International Change of Watch in which one of our own, Christine, was elevated to International Commodore. She is only the second woman to ever hold this post behind Scottie Dobson in 1998. We were by far the largest contingent, an indication of how proud we all are of her accomplishment. Congratulations, Cris!

The USA fleet put on a terrific program for us. Included was a tour of the Herreshoff Museum, containing dozens of significant historic boats and old ship plans. We also saw the Mystic Seaport Museum, a repository of all manner of boating history and the International Yacht Restoration School. Perhaps the highlight was a walk-through of the restoration of the only remaining whaling ship, the Charles W. Morgan, built in 1841. Sunday afternoon we ventured offshore on the University of Connecticut's boat "Enviro-lab III" for a lighthouse and Connecticut coastal cruise.

Our 2012 boating year will kick off with **Opening Day** breakfast at the Long Beach Yacht Club on March 10. Their dock renovation now underway should be ready for our boats by then.

Many of our favorite events will return: **Affiliates Auction/BBQ, Old Fashion Day in the Park, Seafest and Marina Pacifica.**

Several new gigs are also planned:

\* **"Tiki Time"** at the Murphy's. We're all invited to Kevin and Claudia's beautiful home on May 12 where we will nibble on hors d'oeuvres around their magnificent tiki bar.

\* **Lunch at Killer Shrimp.** This will be an 11:30am gathering Oct 13 at the popular Marina del Rey "Killer Shrimp" restaurant. After eating, three of our boats, Sparkle, Mindful and Hel-Port II will give those interested a short cruise around MdR harbor.

Please help us start the year off right by attending **Opening Day.** Watch for the invitation coming soon. I hope to see you all there.

Larry Walker, Commodore

# EDSON STROLL

1929 TO 2011

*Marina del Rey and the Southern California boating community have lost a friend and long time boating advocate and marine surveyor. Besides being a CYA member for many years, Edson Stroll, was a licensed captain, expert witness for court cases, OSHA emergency first responder, EPA environmental license holder and known for in-depth surveys and marine accident reports.*

*Prior to his involvement in the boating industry, Stroll had a very active career as an actor. After serving in the US Navy, he went to New York City and studied acting and singing with the American Theater Wing, receiving a Fulbright Scholarship for Voice performance as well as a contract with NBC.*

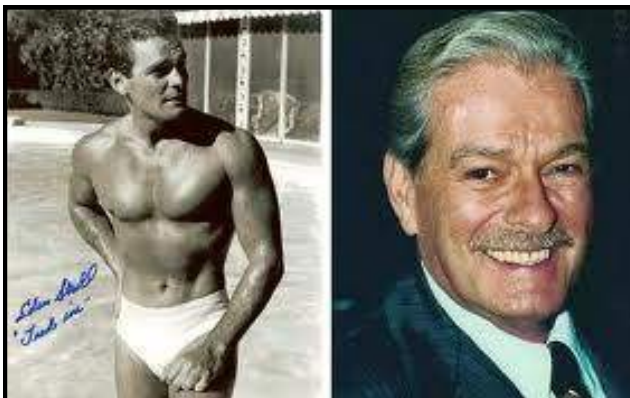


At the 2010 Affiliates BBQ

*His stage credits reflect three seasons with the New York Shakespeare Festival and Broadway's stage companies of : Stalag 17, Shangri La, Fair Game, Carousel, Oklahoma, Showboat, Three Wishes for Jamie, Pajama Game, On the Town, The Heiress, Bells are Ringing, and the Best Man.*

*If that was not enough, his TV and film credits are as follows: The Twilight Zone, GI Blues, Death in the Arena, Marines Let's Go, Congressional Investigator, Hawaii Five-O, Virginian, Ironsides, Sea Hunt, Gunsmoke, Hogan's Heros, Snow White and the Three Stooges, and a 4 1/2 year starring role as playboy crew member Virgil Edwards on McHale's Navy. He also played recurring roles in Dallas, Simon and Simon, Dynasty, Hotel, and Murder She Wrote.*

*He is survived by Anita Winters and his pet Yorkies, Eddie and Sugar baby.*



As Prince Charming in  
Snow White and the Three Stooges

## Welcoming New Members ~

**Patricia and Jon Collins,** Marina neighbors to Don Kennedy, Patricia and Jon own the 32 foot wooden trawler built in 1970 by American Marine, WENDY LYN. Besides sharing a passion for wooden boats with Don, they also share a long drive to the marina. Both the Collins and Kennedy families live in the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The Collins call the small town of Exiter their home when they are not down on the boat. Exiter is east of Visalia between Fresno and Bakersfield. Some of us got to spend several days with them last month when, along with Don, they were part of our Southern California group in Mystic Seaport.



Patricia with Teri and Jon with Larry at Int'l. Change of Watch in Mystic



Patricia and Jon receive their affiliates flag from Christine July 2011.

**Naomi and Richard Strand,** were recently “discovered “ by Larry Walker who went to Newport and brought them a CYA application. The Strand’s keep their freshly restored, 40 foot 1949 Mathews, EUPHRATES, in New Port harbor. She has a fresh pair of GM Crusader V8s for power. Dick is planning to bring the boat up to Long Beach for our “Opening Day” in March so we will get a chance to drool all over her fresh britework.

The Strands also have quite a drive to enjoy their boat. They live in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dick says Naomi and 9 year old Lincoln love to be on the water, so hopefully they will make the trek regularly. Dick is a retired Radiologist and Naomi is an RN. I’m looking forward to getting to know the Strands. They have had some interesting experiences like doctoring for the US Olympic team in Sydney in 2000 and Dick’s adult daughter winning the CBS Amazing Race in 2010. They also own a boutique resort in Belize.



Welcome aboard  
Dick and Naomi.  
and Lincoln.



**EUPHRATES**

**1949**

Lincoln takes  
the helm.



# CYA OPENING DAY

MARCH 10TH, 2012



~ Don't Miss A Day On The Bay With The CYA ~

## Annual Affiliates BBQ &

tion

APRIL 21st 2012, at California Yacht Marina, Wil-

*RAGS TO RICHES*



Kevin and Claudia Murphy host: **TIKI TIME** May 12th, 2012

What if you had this cool multilevel house in the hills that had steps and patios down one side and at the bottom level there was a pool and an outside patio room, bar, and an inside TIKI room with its own little TIKI bar all covered with TIKI stuff?...

Well, You'd throw a big TIKI party, that's what!

Don't miss this one, the TIKI room is COMPLETELY outrageous!

## COMMODORE'S CRUISE TO CATALINA

Commodore Larry is organizing a trip to Catalina for the weekend of June 2nd. Stay tuned for more details as this weekend gets closer. Let Larry know if you're interested in going. These Catalina trips are always a blast.

*Southern California Fleet  
CHANGE of WATCH  
Bluewater Grill  
November 2011*





# SCUTTLEBUTT

by cub reporter Rick Olson



We have our eyes on you.



\*\*\* **A Gift from the past....** Last September, directly after the American Legion Yacht Club event in Newport Beach, Larry Walker received a package from ALYC member and ex CYA member Jack Curtis. Jack and his dad had been member # 37 of the CYA back in the 70's. They had owned a 1922, 50 foot Rathon, named IDLE HOUR. Jack commented that he had enjoyed seeing the CYA boats at the Wooden Boat Festival and as promised he was sending us his 35 year old CYA burgee that he had flown on IDLE HOUR so long ago. Jack commented



1922 IDLE HOUR

that it was always fun to cruise with a fleet of CYA classic yachts. The southern fleet has decided to keep Jack's old burgee and use it for ceremonial purposes.



DIXIE BELLE

\*\*\* **News from Richard Gardner.** 714 292-9002/  
mvdeerleap@earthlink.net

\*\*\* During a recent conversation with Slim, I found out that both DIXIE BELLE (a 1921, 26 foot harbor launch similar in looks to an all wood



HELLO BABY

antique Duffy) and HELLO BABY ( a 1941, 19 foot, Chris Craft barrel-back speed boat) are for sale. These are two great small boats that Slim has had for years. He says, "I'm just getting older and don't have time for them anymore". Both boats are in storage in his Long Beach warehouse and could be available for viewing at any time by Slim's son



Charles. Prices are negotiable but Slim suggests that he is motivated to find them new homes. See pages 223 and 233 in the photo album.

\*\*\* Also, Slim is putting together his summer cruising calendar for DEERLEAP and wants to remind people that he and Carolyn do charters. He still has dates available. A week aboard DEERLEAP is \$5000 for one couple or \$8000 for two couples. This includes everything except air fare to get to Canada. Carolyn is a great cook and she prepares three delicious home cooked meals a day. She always wants suggestions as to what her guests want for meals. The cruises wander



MV DEERLEAP

through the upper coastal British Columbia islands stopping at various small towns and ports. There is fishing, smooth waters, seafood, cocktail hour, movies, new people, and spectacular scenery, and it is all "up close", rather than the offshore "cruise ship" style vacation. The Gardners have been up there for years now and have made many friends. When DEERLEAP comes to town it is always an occasion for the "locals". It is fun to meet them and other cruising boaters too. This immersion into the Canadian cul-



ture is one of many exciting things about these adventures. Elissa and I, with friends Mark and Sheila, have had wonderful relaxing cruises with them twice. It is a really wonderful way to have a scenic vacation on the water.

**\*\*\* Christmas Parade.** Ron and Cathy's Christmas parade party was fun again this year. They are already planning another one for next Christmas on December 8th.



HUNTINGTON HARBOR

Thanks Ron and Cathy. \*\*\*



CHRISTMAS PARADE

**\*\*\* Getting there is half the fun department.** One of the best parts of going to the Int.ernational Change of Watch weekends are the

travel and extra things you can do with CYA friends while out of town. Mystic is about 2 hours south of Boston, so we all flew into Boston's Logan Airport. Teri and Larry flew in on Tuesday. Christine, Pam, Gerard, Elissa and I flew together on Wednesday. So did Rob with Ann and Jim with Hawk, on different flights. Don Kennedy, with Patricia and Jon Collins in tow, arrived on Friday. Nine of us spent Wednesday night at the historic old Lenox Hotel in Boston. On Wed. late afternoon five of us called Larry at the hotel and said we would meet in the Bar in about twenty minutes. We all packed into my rental car for what was to become Mr. Toad's wild ride. Heading out into the rainy Boston rush hour traffic and maze of tunnels we headed south on 93 to pick up westbound Hwy. 90 per instructions from the rental car guy. I should have been nervous when he didn't know where the Lenox Hotel was and had to look on a map. A half hour later, 10 miles south of Boston in Quincy, we turned around to go back. Commodore Cris and Elissa called the concierge at the hotel and got directions and a promise of a drink upon our arrival. Cutting in and out of traffic, sliding sideways on an onramp, and generally a lot of tailgating and chaos, got us back to Boston and to the hotel. Unfolding Gerard, Pam, and Christine out of the back seat I heard mumbling about "never again" and "getting a taxi". Our complimentary drinks were awaiting us and all was well once inside the hotel lobby. The Lenox Hotel was opened in 1901 by the Waldorf Astoria owners and is a Boston landmark. It has housed stars and dignitaries that would make any of the world's great hotels jealous. At the suggestion of the concierge (he gave us wonderful service and a lot of freebies too) we dined at a neat



DINER AT STEPHANIE'S

little restaurant, Stephanie's, walking distance from the hotel. When we were seated at our dining table, the server brought us a free round of Dark and Stormy's. Elissa had been telling the concierge that last time in Boston I had enjoyed them so he called ahead and ordered a round for us "on his tab". Now

that's special service. Rob and Ann arrived at the restaurant in time to join us for a second round. \*\*\*

**\*\*\*** The next day Elissa and I headed south by car stopping in



LENOX HOTEL



Providence, Rhode Island and several exciting small Connecticut towns along the way to Mystic's Steamboat Inn. The rest of the troops took off around Boston, going to the USS Constitution, The JFK Museum, and the famous Union Oyster House for lunch. Somehow they all made the 3 pm train to Mystic Seaport. Unplanned, Elissa and I picked them up at the train station holding up signs that said Walker, Buck, Rohde, and Butz. \*\*\*



A note about the Union Oyster House. So much of the Northeast is very old, very Colonial, and historic. This restaurant has a golden history. The Union Oyster House building was built somewhere in the mid 1700's (the date was not recorded). As a restaurant, it opened in 1826 and has never closed its door, making it the oldest continuous operating restaurant in the US. From this building in 1771 Issiah Thomas spurred the revolutionary fires by publishing the newspaper "Massachusetts Spy". This was five years before Thomas Paine's "Common Sense". During the Revolutionary War the wives of Adams, Hancock, and Quincy would meet in this building with other wives to make uniforms for the troops. Statesman and Senator Daniel Webster dined at the Oyster House many times a week being known to consume as many as six plates of oysters. No wonder he was such a hell raiser in Congress. In 1796 Louise Phillippe lived upstairs while in exile from his home country of France. He later returned to France and became King from 1830 to 1848. The Kennedy family dined there often and has a private booth on the second floor with there name on it. ...but the most famous thing about the restaurant is that there in 1830 the toothpick was introduced to the US having been brought in from South America. As a promotion the restaurant manager used to pay Harvard Boys to dine there and overtly ask for a toothpick when done. \*\*\*

\*\*\* Elissa and I ventured on after the weekend in Mystic and roamed around the Connecticut coast. Ending up back in famous Newport, Rhode Island and by accident staying at another historic spot. A local couple suggested a wonderful bed and breakfast The Francis Malbone House.



This Inn was the home of merchant sea captain Francis Malbone and was built in 1760, again pre-revolution. He had a tunnel built from the adjacent wharf area to his cellar so he could bring in some goods and

avoid paying the excessive taxes to the British. After the War of Independence his younger brother was one of our first US Congressmen. The house is fully restored and has a book of detail and photos similar to the books many of you have on the restoration of your classic yachts. The original condition of the



*building was awful. Now, it is a 5 star amazing bed and breakfast with wonderful service. Midweek in midwinter, our room with a view and a real wood burning fireplace was only \$119.dollars a night. What a great winter bargain. \*\*\**



*\*\*\* Pam and Gerard also did not return home after Mystic. They went to see Pam's old friend in Saybrook and then on to New York City. From there they*



*headed South to Florida and hooked up with ex Southern Cal CYA member Yvette Glick who now lives there. It will be fun to hear of their trip when we see them next. \*\*\**



**An Apology :**

*\*\*\* I did a dumb thing while staying in Mystic. I want to extend an apology to all my traveling companions and especially to my wife Elissa for disturbing the peace. I certainly scared myself and I'm*



*sure I scared all of you too. I fell off the long dock, into the Mystic River, alone, at 1:30 am on Saturday morning, water temperature about 35 degrees. The dock was about four feet above the water level and I couldn't get out on my own. After bellowing awhile, finally, I woke Teri Walker who called 911. Thank you Teri for being my guardian angle and saving my life. The paramedics got me out of the river and Elissa and I went to the Hospital in an ambulance where they did a lot of tests and thawed out my hypothermic body. I know your asking how did he do a dumb thing like that? I'll tell you in person later if you like. Anyway I'm fine now but that was one of those times that changes one's life. I probably won't drink any-more...well, no that's not going to happen. But, I realize that an instant of bad judgment can be a game changer. I apologize to everyone. My Bad! —Rick \*\*\**

# INTERNATIONAL CHANGE of WATCH MYSTIC SEAPORT, CONNECTICUT. January 2012



CRIS GETTING HER STARS

*Introducing:  
Classic Yacht Association  
International Commodore-  
CHRISTINE ROHDE*

*Congratulations "Christine" During the Change of Watch held at Mystic Seaport, Cris Rohde became the Commodore for the entire International Classic Yacht Association. This major accomplishment was witnessed by 13 Southern California Fleet members that traveled to Mystic to attend the weekend and support Christine. She is only the second women to reach this position. Here at home we have gotten used to having Christine's leadership and organizational abilities. We are happy to see her leading the International organization.*



"HAVING FUN IN MYSTIC"



GERARD HORSING AROUND



STEAMBOAT INN



In Mr. Butz bathtub. Don't ask why.



IN THE 20'S AT NIGHT, ONE MORNING IT WAS 7 DEGREES. BURRRR!



MYSTIC RIVER





CRIS WITH JIM AND MARGIE PAYNTON FROM SEATTLE



COMMON ROOM AT STEAMBOAT



JIM AND HAWK AND FLYING FISH?



BEV PARTRIDGE FROM NO CAL FLEET



CRIS WITH WOODEN DUCK



Friday's trip to the HERRESHOFF MUSEUM, Bristol, RI. and the INTERNATIONAL YACHT RESTORATION SCHOOL, Newport, RI



75 FT. DEFIANT SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THE AMERICAS CUP IN 1992

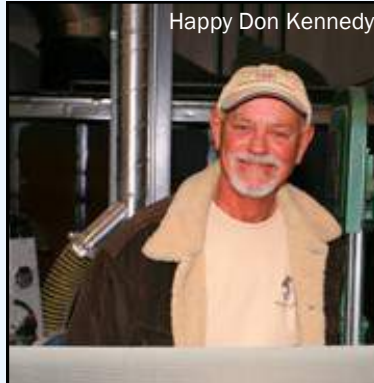


HERRESHOFF 149 YEARS OF BOAT BUILDING HISTORY





The boat design greatness of Capt. NATHANIEL HERRESHOFF



Happy Don Kennedy



Capt. Nat's Workshop



CARBON FIBER



Students first project is the restoration of a 12' 4" BEE TLE CAT. 4000 BEETLE CATS were built since the 1920's. Sleek hull made this a popular boat on the Atlantic coast.



PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, ENGINES, SYSTEMS.



GERARD CHECKS OUT ONE OF 7 MOCK-UP HULLS



AFTER THE BEETLE CAT STUDENTS GO ON TO LARGER PROJECTS





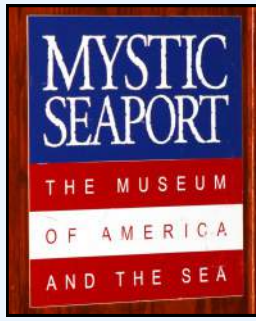
# I Y R S



BIGGEST PROJECT AT IYRS IS THE RESTORATION OF THE 1885, 131 FOOT SCHOONER CORONET. AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF WOOD IS GOING INTO HER MASIVE RIBS. SEE [CORONET1885.COM](http://CORONET1885.COM) FOR MORE DETAILS.



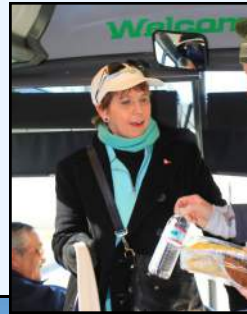
# INTERNATIONAL CHANGE OF WATCH BANQUET



SOUTHERN CAL GANG



# UCONN OCEANOGRAPHY BOAT CRUISE



University of  
Connecticut





Cold winter sunset looking west over Newport Bay. Newport, Rhode Island

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