



CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

WINTER 2013

2013 *Events Schedule*

March 23rd
OPENING DAY
Newport Dunes

April 27th
AFFILIATES BBQ
and **AUCTION**
Wilmington

June 22nd
COMMODORE'S
CRUISE
Catalina Island

June 29th
BBQ TIME
At **PAM & GERARD'S**

July 28th
OLD FASHIONED
DAY in the PARK
Marina del Rey

August 10th
RAINBOW HARBOR
Long Beach

August 24th
MARINA PACIFICA
Alamitos Bay

September 14th
HOLIDAY HARBOR
MARINA BBQ
Cabrillo

October 12th
or TBA
TIKI TIME
At the **MURPHY'S**
Glendale

November 9th
CHANGE of WATCH

- International Change of Watch -
One hundred and nine attend a near perfect weekend.



JOLLY ROGERS at ICOW Harbor Cruise

*Comments from the helm of LARK
Commodore, Stephen Sheridan*



The winter of 1986 was a time to remember. I discovered “Lark”, a 38 ft. bridge deck cruiser “on the hard” in an old dry storage yard in Wilmington. I was an optimistic 26 year old with lots of “Do It Yourself” visions and not so much common sense. I climbed aboard a derelict boat with graying teak, no engine, and light coming between the bottom planks. What a charm this old girl had. Ever since that cold winter day I have been enchanted by her.

Over the years her restoration progressed and waned based on my crazy career path and financial situations, “Lark” has been my teacher, my therapist, and occasionally my home. Now she’s paying me and my family back with rich life experiences.

I attended “Old Fashioned day in the Park” and viewing all the CYA yachts hoping one day to join such a prestigious group. I remember in Cabrillo, gazing down at “Riptide” from the walk above and dreaming of the day I could get “Lark” at least close to that condition..

Then it happened! Peter Riess and Dennis Ballard from the “Riptide” approached me and with their coercing I joined CYA. I might say it took multiple attempts.

So there I was attending my first CYA “Old Fashioned Day” event cruising down the “Marina del Rey” main channel. Off in the distance there is “Sobre Las Olas” in all her 105’ of glory, “Riptide”, “Madrigal”, “Gracie”, “Mindful”, “Sparkle”, “Enchantress”, “Hel-port II”, all glistening in the July morning light. “Lark” and I were there. We fit in too, and I still am making improvements. She’s getting better all the time.

There’s nothing quite like seeing a group of Classic Yachts together at “Cherry Cove” or lined up bow to stern at the long dock at “Marina Pacifica”. I love seeing the looks on people’s faces as they stare at this unusual and beautiful site. Even the kids, especially the kids. That amazes me the most. The kids have a sense that these old yachts are special, they don’t really know why, they just know.

The Classic Yacht Association is composed of many wonderful people and their boats. I am so proud to be the 2013 SC Fleet Commodore. I’m not sure how this happened.

We have great events coming this season as the calendar has filled starting with a quite unusual “Opening Day” in Newport Beach. We will be joining an event which includes four Classic Car Clubs, a Pleine Art exhibition, fashion show, wine tasting, brunch and a CYA harbor cruise. Sounds like a great way to start our new season! Please attend this so we can make a good showing.

Thank you everyone for all your help thus far and congratulations on a successful ICOW!!!
I encourage everyone to participate all year
and by all means bring your yachts!

Sincerely,

Stephen Sheridan
SC Fleet Commodore



INTERNATIONAL CHANGE of WATCH

Hosted by the Southern California Fleet

On board the RMS QUEEN MARY.

Setting the record straight, we had 107 or 108 or was it 109 people attending the ICOW (depending on who's counting and what part of the four day weekend it was). Lets just say we had a mob of folks. Everything went just about perfectly! There were so many aspects to the event and so many things that could have gone wrong...we were very lucky, and well, we were very good.

THE WEATHER WAS ASTOUNDINGLY PERFECT.

THURSDAY: *As people began arriving at the QM on Thursday afternoon we were still scrambling to assemble the gift bags and sort out all the nametags. Our check in table became a hub of activity with many of our members lending a hand. Meeting and greeting our newly arriving guests was fun and a good central point for them to get information, feel welcomed, and hook up with friends. We had so many wonderful helpers that it was easy for Ron, Scott, Gerard, and Rick to sneak away and attend to some important business in the Observation Bar. Lets get this party started.*

The Observation Bar gathering gained strength as groups of friends began joining us. Soon all were catching up with folks that they hadn't seen for awhile. Around 9PM several groups left to have dinner at either Sir Winston's or the Chelsea Chowder House restaurants.

FRIDAY: *A beautiful morning breakfast in the Promenade Café followed by the day's busy activities. On his way to drop off his yacht at the LBYC for Saturdays harbor cruise, Stephen and little Lad made a crowd pleasing Queen Mary cruise-by in LARK.*

Group one— *About thirty guests headed by Cris and Bob, were off at 9 AM to the Catalina terminal for their day trip to Avalon. Much to the excitement of those onboard, Ron and Cathy escorted the Express out of the harbor in COMOCEAN. It was a gorgeous sunny glass smooth day to go to the island.*

Group two— *Thirty more loaded into our vans for the trip to Hollywood and to the Warner Bros. studio tour. Larry and Elissa narrated the sightseeing as Rick and Scott drove the route up past the Paramount studio, Hollywood Blvd, the Hollywood hills, and to the lookout point below the Hollywood sign. Slithering down the twisty streets past Lake Hollywood and on to Warner Bros. We had lunch at WB studio café and gift shop. The VIP tour was interesting. Our enthusiastic guide Amanda, took us through sound stages, show sets, prop rooms, and a back-lot street tour. The studio is huge. Soon we were back in the vans returning to the QM in time to pick up those returning from Catalina at 4:45 PM.*

Welcome cocktail party on the Lane Victory-

Pam and Gerard welcomed Friday's guests arriving on the QM with gift bags, information, and well wishes. At 6 PM Scott and Rick started shuttling people over to the Lane Victory for the cocktail party. Jane and Teri, Stephen and June, Ron and Cathy, along with a gaggle of helpers had turned the rather rough but authentic Museum Room on the Lane Victory, into a wonderful cocktail lounge with a nice bar and a smashing array of food. By the time the last

load of visitors arrived, the party was in full swing. This was a perfect venue for people who are enchanted by the history and lore of the sea. Memorabilia is everywhere and the Retired Merchant Marines Veterans were cordial and opened the gift shop, the engine room, and the bridge for us to explore. This is the first time that all the guests are together. Very fun!

SATURDAY: Along with continental breakfasts, two days of very productive Board of Directors meetings were chaired by our own Intl. Commodore Christine Rohde and the incoming Intl. Commodore Ted Crosby, in the Queen Mary's "Board Room".

LBYC Lunch and Cruise- A lovely luncheon was set up by Pam and Gerard at the home of the CYA, the Long Beach Yacht Club. Guests were able to arrive early so they could visit some of our fleet's boats that were displayed on the LBYC long dock. In attendance were BLANCHE, COMOCEAN, GRACIE, JOLLY ROGERS, LARK, and PORTOLA.

The hit of the lunch were Pam and Gerard's innovative table decorations. Compasses, ships wheels, fishing reels, model boats, and more made these some of the most fun center pieces ever. During lunch our guest speaker Betsy Davis spoke to us about her involvement with the "Center for Wooden Boats" on Seattle's Lake Union. Betsy is the Director and informed us of the mission and programs that the center pursues. She also spent time discussing her 1914 classic yacht Glorybe and how it was rebuilt after being burned and sinking during the big Seattle Yacht Club fire in 2002. Glorybe was rebuilt by students of a local community college shipwright program. Betsy says Glorybe is now ready for her next hundred years. Following lunch many of our guests were taken on a harbor cruise of Alamitos Bay in our fleet's boats and Charles Licha opened up magnificent PORTOLA for tours and viewing.

ICOW Banquet- The highpoint of any Change of Watch weekend is the Banquet and Change of Watch ceremony itself. The Queen Mary's Royal Salon was the setting. One hundred and nine sat for dinner at the beautifully decorated black with white table settings. Elissa's center pieces featured Peacock feathers, Orchids, floating candles, and live goldfish. Christine's classy gold and black agenda cards polished off the "look". Rick Olson emceed the evenings activities with presentations from Larry Walker, Christine Rohde, Randall Olafson, Ted Crosby, Larry Benson, and Elissa in tuxedo, tails, cane, and Fedora.

Christine and Ted received their traditional Change of Watch orders "I request to be relieved of duty, I relieve you, I am relieved" from Staff Commodore Larry Benson. This is the official Change of Watch and as described by Larry Benson, dates back to before the Spanish Armada. Pins and flags are exchanged, photos taken, and a several gifts are exchanged before the conclusion of the evening and the inevitable return to the Observation Bar.

SUNDAY: Sunday morning meetings went well and some guests began checking out of the Hotel to get going on their trips home. A good number however decided to stay and travel on Monday. Many of these took advantage of the time to see the Battleship USS IOWA on Sunday afternoon and to just spend more time visiting the Queen Mary.

All in all it was an extraordinary weekend. We received many thoughtful and complimentary follow up thank you notes in the following weeks.

We did it!

International Change of Watch Photo Gallery

Photographs by Cathy Yatch, Mark Marion, and Rick Olson



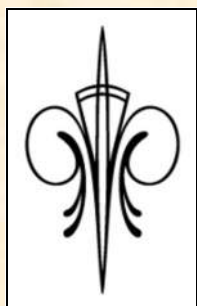
Portola





Royal Salon





SCUTTLEBUTT by Rick Olson, cub reporter

*** Great news! There is a strong rumor that the 1925, 62 foot, Blanchard built yacht, **Silver King** will be saved. **Silver King** spent the first 76 years of her life in Southern California waters. Some of you probably remember her when Joe Rose had her. I do. You may have read about her in the last International Newsletter. Left in a shipyard in the East she was abandoned and in rapidly deteriorating condition. Literally days before she was to be broken up, a new owner stepped in and has committed to her complete rebuild. *** Every five years we host the International Change of Watch here in Southern California. Many of our guest commented on the event we staged with statements like, "We raised the bar." and "The best one ever". We are not in any competition to outdo each other, but it is nice to get that kind of feedback. Lets just say that I didn't hear a single complaint and everyone seemed to be having a real good time. It is fun planning something of this scale, hard work and stressful too, but so satisfying when it comes off well. It's a great relief when it's over, especially when one considers all the things that could have gone wrong but didn't. Many thanks to everyone who participated as workers or guests, and lots of well deserved pats on the back. Thanks to Larry Walker for keeping us all going the right direction through the whole year. We couldn't have had a better CEO. Way to go Larry! *** A special thanks to Don Kennedy along with Patricia and John Collins. When we figured out how many visitors we had for the harbor cruise they agreed to make a special trip down from their homes in the Sierra's. **Jolly Rogers** participation really took the pressure off the other four yachts involved in the cruise. Way to go Don! *** While on the subject of the International Change of Watch weekends, next year it is in the San Francisco area hosted by the Northern California Fleet. Put it on your calendars and plan to go. Elissa and I have driven up to the last three that were in the bay area: Sausalito, Fishermen's Wharf, and Tiburon. All three were fabulous events and I'm sure that they will have some good things for us to do. While in the Bay Area we have visited several yacht clubs, the SF Maritime museum, the Marina Mammal Rescue Center, the Liberty ship Jeremiah O'Brien, the California State Railroad Museum, Old Town Sacramento, several fabulous harbor cruises, and the City of San Francisco itself, as well as the cool north bay towns of Sausalito and Tiburon. ...and this time we don't have to do all the work! *** Steven and Deborah Scott were all geared up to attend the whole ICOW weekend on the Queen Mary and they both got very sick. Steven is our new Rear Commodore for 2013. Way to go Steven! Apparently the purchase of their first classic has been delayed because of mechanical problems with the yacht. They must be so frustrated. Keep trying you guys, it will be all worth it when you're cruising on her. *** We recently heard from Dr. Dick Strand in Arizona. Hello Dick. He was inquiring about our calendar for 2013 so he could arrange to bring **Euphrates** up to some more of our events. That is encouraging news as his beautiful Matthews would be an asset to any of our weekends. *** Commodore Stephen Sheridan is working on a new venue for our Opening Day celebration at the Newport Dunes Marina. Way to go Steve! We will be tied in with the Newport Dunes Rendezvous event which sounds terrific. We had a very nice Opening Day in Newport about a dozen years ago at the Newport Maritime Museum. Thinking way down the line, in five years when we again host the ICOW, perhaps Newport would be a cool place to go. We seem to be gaining ground there, hopefully we can build some good relationships and Newport connections. In 2001 we held ICOW at the Newporter Hotel and the COW Banquet onboard the 100 foot 1930 classic yacht **Electra**. *** Last year Commodore Christine attended the premier PNW Event in Seattle, The Bell Street Rendezvous. She came home raving about the good time she had. Bell Street is

PNW the signature event and they turn out 50 to 60 classic yachts for the weekend. Bell Street Marina is the waterfront right in the heart of Seattle. Elissa and I have had this on our radar for many years, perhaps it is the year we will get to go. There was some talk last summer about gathering a contingency of Southern Cal. Fleet members to all go together. Traveling as a group is so much fun. Lets talk about that and see if we can make it work. *** Happily, Pam says she is doing well and her hair is growing back. Isn't she cute! She and Gerard helped out during the entire ICOW weekend and Pam seems to be feeling better. In the chaos of getting everything done, I don't think they got enough credit for the fine luncheon that they set up at the LBYC. It was lovely. I hope everyone appreciated the innovative and wonderful table decorations. Way to go Pam and Gerard! *** Special thanks to Charles Licha and his family for allowing us to visit **Portola** during the LBYC luncheon. Thanks to Cris for contacting Charles' daughter and setting it all up. I happened to be sitting at the same lunch table as Charles. It was fun to hear some of his stories. He is still as feisty, funny, and energetic as I remembered. Very nice to have you with us again for a day. **Portola** is absolutely stunning! This historic Fantail yacht looks brand new. Probably better than new would be more descriptive. What a wonderful treat to see her again and to share her with our visitors. Way to go Charles! ***

*** It is always fun to see our bi-fleetal (belonging to two fleets) friends. Peter and Dennis and Richard and Carolyn came south from Washington to attend the ICOW weekend. Thanks for coming and still supporting your "other" fleet. *** The **Lane Victory** cocktail party was awesome too. The party committee headed up by Teri, Jane, Stephen, Cathy, and others did a bang up job of turning a slightly shabby room into quite a



lovely lounge. Good food and drinks, friendly folks, and a historic setting. Exactly what the welcome cocktail party is all about. Way to go Ladies! *** If you haven't visited Ron and Cathy's Flickr page, you should. Cathy came home with 1600 photos from the weekend. She and Ron sorted the best ones out and posted them on Flickr. I hope everyone picked up some of Cathy's event buttons. The little details like that made this truly an outstanding event. They made fun table decorations too. Way to go Ron and Cathy! *** A special two thumbs up to my terrific wife Elissa. From great gift bags to goldfish table decorations, from your Hollywood narrative to your Tuxedo appearance, all outstanding. Way to go Elissa! You're the best. *** Scott and I spent much of the weekend in the vans. Thanks so much for being heavily involved in making this weekend a success. Nothing would have worked out if we hadn't gotten the people to the right places at the proper times. Way to go Scott! *** CYA's new Rear Commodore, Randy Olafson, and family attended the weekend on the Queen Mary. Curiously, Josephine and son Sean flew home to Vancouver while Randy drove home. Come to find out, Randy bought Josephine a 2003 Lexus while in Southern California. He said, "My wife gets whatever she wants because she is a 10, so I bought her a 10 year old car". Her new SC430 convertible is a wonderful car, I hope it serves her well. ***

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN- They say a picture tells a thousand words. We had seven great events last summer and fall. Enjoy a quick look back, reminisce about the fun times and plan to attend again next year.

- Southern California Fleet Photo Gallery -

Old Fashioned Day in the Park



Rainbow Harbor and Shoreline Yacht Club

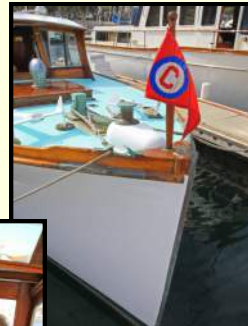
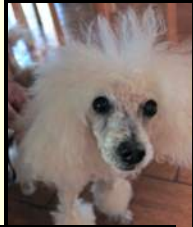


Marina Pacific





Cabrillo Barbecue



Tiki Time at the Murphy's



Change of Watch, LBYC





--- Spring Event Planner --- Watch for invitations in your mail.

CYA OPENING DAY

in conjunction with **THE RENDEZVOUS**
AT NEWPORT DUNES RESORT
*Classic Cars, Rolls Royce, Packards, Fashion Show, Plein Art Sale,
Brunch, and Classic Yachts of Course.* **March 23rd, 2013**



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

Annual Affiliates BBQ & Auction

APRIL 27th, 2013, at California Yacht Marina, Wilmington

This year's theme: RANCHERO DAYS

*Just a little fiesta, a little down on the Rancho, a bit of Old West Cowboys
and Indians, Cinco de Mayo is a week away, Early California, anything goes.*

COMMODORE'S CRUISE TO CATALINA

*Commodore Stephen is organizing a trip to Catalina
for the weekend of June 22nd. Stay tuned for more
details as this weekend gets closer. Let Stephen know
if you're interested in going. These Catalina trips
are always a blast. Catalina Rocks!*

- Pam and Gerard hosted CYA fundraiser BBQ -

May 29th, 2013 — Saturday

*Harry Truman had a sign on his desk that said,
"The Buck Stops Here".*

I'd rather have one that says, "I stop at the Buck's!"

*Pam and Gerard put on a great party for us every year and all the
proceeds go to the Southern California Fleet. Plan to go for the
wonderful dinner and drop a few "BUCKS" in the jar for your CYA.*



Ron and Cathy Yatch hosted Christmas party and Huntington Harbor Christmas Boat Parade

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