



CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

SUMMER 2014

2014

**REMAINING
EVENTS**

**August 9th
PINE AVE PIER
RAINBOW HARBOR
Long Beach**

**August 23rd
MARINA PACIFICA**

**September 20th
BRUCE DOBSON
MEMORIAL
HOLIDAY HARBOR
BARBECUE**

**October 17-19th
COMMODORE'S
CRUISE
Catalina Island**

**November-tba
CHANGE
OF
WATCH**

**December 13th
HUNTINGTON
HARBOR
CHRISTMAS
PARADE
at
COMOCEAN's dock**

**January 2015
INTERNATIONAL
CHANGE
OF
WATCH
tba
CANADA**

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

NO CORKAGE ~

*Karl & Lori Kreutziger
Newport Beach
1954-36 foot
Chris-Craft Commander*



ATHENA~

*Wayne & Dianna Ettel
Wilmington
1929-47 foot
Stephens Brothers*

HUMBLE ~

*Victoria Fash
Newport Beach
1902-52 foot
English Gentleman's
Launch*



***VERA LEE II~ Carol Williams
Alamitos Bay, 1940-34 foot, ELCO***

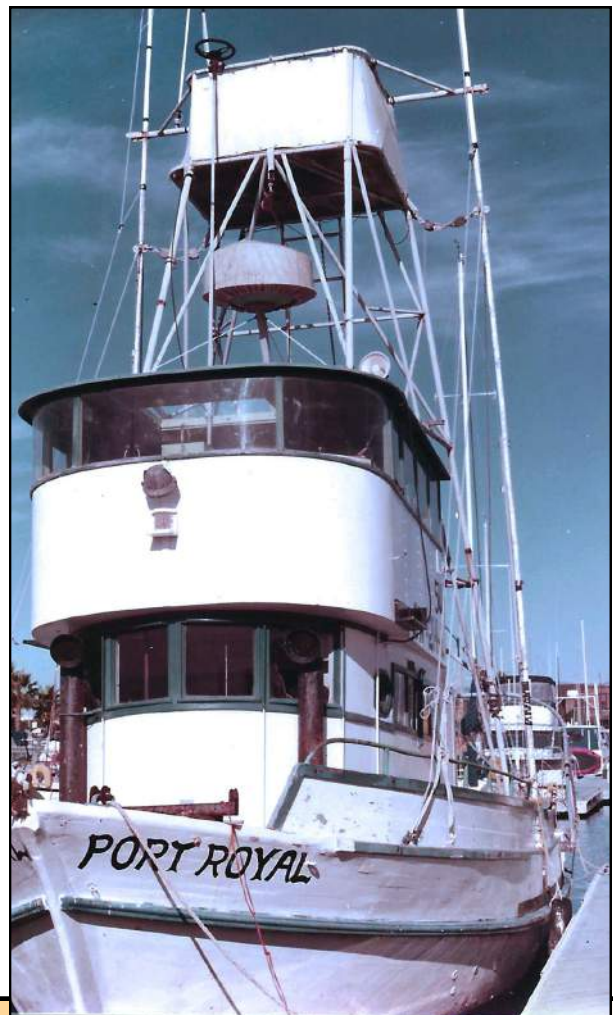
From the Bridge:
Commodore, GERARD BUCK



It is with great pleasure and humility that I am your Commodore for 2014. With Rick Olson as your Vice Commodore and Elissa Olson as Rear Commodore you have a strong bridge with years of knowledge, participations, and traditions.

I am often asked, “How did you get into boating”? Well, as a child in Paris (France not Texas) the Tuilerie Gardens near the Louvre was our playground, and in this beautiful park was and still is a large basin where children push their little sailboat away, to be taken by the winds into uncharted waters while the children rush around the basin pushing their boats again for another crossing. I did this as a boy. After years of well spent youth and a move to the US, “boat fever” still lay dormant in me. In 1968 I moved to LA from the East Coast. After much time spent at the beach my dormant “boat fever” reappeared. I bought a 17 foot fiberglass boat which I launched at Paradise Cove; you could do that then. A 17 foot Boston Whaler was next, I still have her. That boat took me fishing several times to Catalina and all around Santa Monica Bay. My Whaler was one time stolen in Marina del Rey and recovered several weeks later by yours truly (but that’s another story)

We are now in the mid 80’s and an ad in the LA Times for a 42’ commercial wooden fishing boat got my attention. I called and was directed to the West LA Law School Maritime program where I met Steve Bellows, a large man with a voice to match and a great knowledge of boats and all things nautical.



We went to Oxnard to look at the PORT ROYAL. “She is in need of a lot of work”, he said. I spent a week, “NOT THINKING”, and then I bought the PORT ROYAL. I went through the boat from end to end. Took off the crow's-nest and all the rusted piping. Painted everything and ended with a pretty great sea boat. I took friends fishing and diving to the Channel Islands, eventually meeting a commercial fisherman who helped me get the boat ready for some serious fishing. I would drive from LA after work and arrived by 1:30am on Sunday Morning, we would leave the dock and cruise all night to the flats, fish all day and come back Monday. We did ok but didn't catch enough fish in one day to keep my commercial fishing license. It was great fun though and always challenging. I had the PORT ROYAL for 7 years.

- Gerard



SCUTTLEBUTT

by cub reporter Rick Olson

Rick O. – *retired*



*** **So Sorry!** ... We have not had a Southern Fleet newsletter since last Fall. I will try to do a better job in the upcoming year. Here is the "Excuse Department". Besides now having three boats to deal with, in the last 6 months, I retired, having completely reconfigured and sold the business that I had for thirty-three years. That is supposed to give you a lot of extra time right? Well, we put on Opening Day and the CYA Affiliates BBQ/Auction, did a mountain of work on ONO... oh yeh, and had a heart Pacemaker installed to boot.

Life is great, but there hasn't been a lot of newsletter time.

*** A special thanks to **Pam and Gerard** for another wonderful BBQ at their house in Northridge (Sherwood Forest). It's a long haul out there but they do a great job and all the proceeds from the event are donated to the CYA. They served up a feast of fine French cuisine and American BBQ. The Buck's have two new adorable puppies which really stole the show that evening.



*** **Limp'n Larry Walker** is getting a hip replacement on August 4th. He will probably be well recovered by the time you all read this. Best to you Larry and a speedy recovery. Gracie looked great at Old Fashioned Day with fresh paint and varnish. See back page.



*** I believe that most of you are aware of the passing of Life Member **Bruce Dobson**. His family is having a memorial, "Celebrating the Spirit of Bruce Dobson", on August 16th at the Tequila's Restaurant in San Clemente starting at 4:30 in the afternoon. There will be a separate e-mail on this. No RSVP is necessary or you can contact Bruce's grand-daughter Amber at amber.dobson@gmail.com.

On September 20th we will be having a burial at sea for Bruce's ashes during our CYA event at Holiday Harbor Marina, in Cabrillo, San Pedro. Members of the Dobson family will be joining us for the day. Boats will leave the dock at 10:30 am and return for our regular BBQ and social event afterwards. The day will be dedicated to the sharing memories of Bruce and Scottie. While we enjoy food and drink with friends.

*** **Dick Strand** has sold EUPHRATES to the Sutton Bay Golf Club in South Dakota where she will be the flagship on Lake OAHE. This comes as no surprise, but South Dakota? Couldn't you pick someplace a little closer? Sutton Bay is ranked one of the top 100 golf clubs in the US. Take a look at this beautiful place. Suttonbay.com Even more surprising is that Dick says that he and Bob Hersh are looking for another boat. A bigger one.



*** A special "Thank You" to **Christine and Gerard** for representing us in May at the Marina del Rey "MARINAFEST" Community Fair & Boat Show. Both Sparkle and Helpert II were on hand and we had a display booth. Earlier in the year they also manned the display at the LA Boat Show's in-the-water section at Marina del Rey. It's good to get our CYA name in front of the public as much as we can.



On June 7th, the Balboa Yacht Club held their First Annual **WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL**. It was an outstanding success with nearly 50 boats in attendance. Five CYA yachts made the trip and enjoyed the hospitality of the BYC. Wonderful wood boats power and sail were on display. The club thought of everything, 4 men on the docks helped us land, each yacht was assigned a concierge to take care of its needs, corporate sponsors provided wonderful programs and gifts, and all the staff seemed truly enthused to have us there. They even had off site parking with a shuttle making regular trips. About 1000 people visited the show. Next year the event will be held again on June 6th. I will be going and I strongly urge you to participate in this neat event. I would like to see an even larger group from the CYA.

This years CYA were: *COMOCEAN, GRACIE, MINDFUL, ONO, EUPHRATES.*



CYA INTERNATIONAL CHANGE OF WATCH. January 2014.

Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco ~ by the Northern California Fleet.

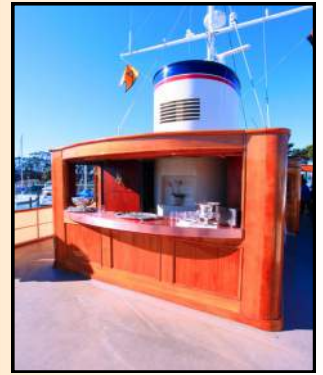
Arriving early for Change of Watch is always a good thing. The NCF had a Thursday evening planned for us that culminated in the outrageous stage show "Beach Blanket Babylon". Friday we wandered Fisherman's Wharf then to the welcome cocktail party hosted by NCF at the local pub "JACK'S". Jack's immediately became the local gathering spot near the hotel.

Board of Directors meetings were held both Saturday and Sunday mornings. The CYA International Change of Watch banquet was Saturday evening with it's regular dose of formality mixed with good humor. Note the goofy Admiral's hat that was presented as a surprise to Incoming CYA Commodore Shawn Ball. Tom and Nancy Clothier were awarded CYA's highest honor "Life Membership" for several decades of service to the organization.

Saturday afternoon we were given a really special treat. A San Francisco Bay cruise on the freshly restored 130 foot yacht ACANIA. ACANIA is truly a magnificent yacht. David and Lynn Olson took no shortcuts on this project. Their previous boat LINMAR was fabulous but is not in the same class with ACANIA. Of interesting historic note ACANIA was once owned by Al Capone. The workmanship and finish on ACANIA is totally "Jaw Dropping". Leaving from the Saint Francis Yacht Club we cruised the bay around Angel Island and then under the Golden Gate Bridge. On a warm clear winter day this was an unforgettable experience.

For you new members, I highly recommend that you take advantage of one of these ICOW weekends. They are every January on the Martin Luther King holiday weekend and open to all members. The location rotates around the five fleets. Watch for an invitation in your mail around November.





International Commodore
Shawn Ball

CYA~SCF OPENING DAY.

After a lovely brunch in the Queensview Room at the Parker's Lighthouse Restaurant we walked to waiting CYA boats at the Pine Avenue pier. Tours were provided on the school tall ship the TOLE MOUR by Capt. Mark Waddington.



QUEENSVIEW ROOM



Jon Collins visits the Blood Mary Kiosk



Cris introduces new member Carol Williams



**Parker's
Lighthouse**



Connie Martindale with burgee



School Ship TOLE MOUR



AFFILIATES BBQ and AUCTION *Windy weather hampered the BBQ this year but didn't hamper our members spirits. We moved the tables around to the backside of the Cal Yacht building and carried on regardless. After a lunch of Baby Back ribs and fixings we settled into our annual auction. The days fun theme was "dress for the job you would like to have" and led to some creative costumes.*



National Geographic Explorers, Rick & John



Scott the Good Humor Man brought ice cream for everybody



Gerard the Pro Surf Dude



Danica Patrick, Doretta stopped by for lunch



Elissa as Chef BOYARDEE

38th Annual, OLD FASHIONED DAY in the PARK

Marina del Rey's spacious new docks provided the venue for our annual boat and car show. Several of our regulars couldn't make it this year due to other obligations. Drew said, "It was the first time in 22 years that ENCHANTRESS has missed". New members Wayne and Diana Ettel brought their gorgeous ATHENA and Jim Kroeger was back, after 5 years off, with the steam launch SOUTHERN BAY. Two breakfasts and two dinners on the dock help supply food to go with the steady flow of refreshments. Everybody pitched in and assisted Christine in the well executed event. A nice crowd of polite people enjoyed our boats.



Southern Bay



Gerard and brass



Car owners breakfast on the dock





Gerard with Lori and Karl Kreutziger



Award winners the Ettel's and the Buck's



ATHENA

Diana and Wayne Ettel



WELCOME NEW SOUTHERN FLEET MEMBERS

Carol Williams ~ *VERA LEE II*

VERA LEE is one of our CYA's earliest members. Originally purchased new by Larry Mc Dowell, she has been a CYA boat from the early 70's. She was passed along to Larry's daughter, Helen Windham, and always kept at the Long Beach Yacht Club. A few years ago Helen had a heart attach on the dock in Catalina. Helen is OK, but realized she couldn't take care of the boat anylonger, so the boat went up for sale. When Carol purchased the boat late last year she joined the CYA. Carol had no previous experience with classic yachts and said she wanted to do a full restoration on the boat. Well, we are pleased to see that Carol is the "real deal". The yacht has been in Marina Shipyard for several months and is getting a full make-over, including being stripped to bare wood, refinished, and new teak decks. We can't wait to get you and your NEW boat to an event.



VERA LEE II - 1940 - 34 FOOT - ELCO

Wayne & Dianna Ettel ~ *ATHENA*

ATHENA is a very perfect restoration. Wayne is the owner and operator of his Wilmington Boatyard, **BOATSWAYNE ETTTEL**. and completed the restoration for the Argus Foundation. It makes sense that this yacht be of extremely high quality, as it represents his business. Terms like perfect and flawless are easy to say about this yacht. Even the engines look like they were installed just yesterday. boatswayne.net
We look forward to getting to know Wayne and Diana better at future CYA events.



ATHENA - 1929 - 47 FOOT - STEPHENS BROTHERS

Victoria Fash ~ *HUMBLE*

Victoria and fiancée Colin Hellmuth brought HUMBLE over from England to cruise the calm waters of Newport Harbor. When we asked Victoria if she could come to Marina del Rey we assumed that she had some sort of trailer or transporter. Being new to Southern California and not really knowing the distances involved she asked her skipper if HUMBLE could make the trip. After laughing for a half hour he informed her that Humble could not make the 60 mile trip up the open Pacific Coast. We are glad to have HUMBLE as part of our fleet even if we will just have to come to Newport to visit her. Humble was completely restored in 2002 at which time she won the Osland Trophy, England's highest honor for a wooden boat.



HUMBLE - 1902 - 52 FOOT - ENGLISH GENTLEMAN'S LAUNCH

Karl & Lori Kreutziger ~ *NO CORKAGE*

Karl and Lori hit a home run with this one. They found NO CORKAGE in Fair Haven, Michigan, not far from the Chris-Craft factory in Algonac where the boat was built in 1954. As only the 4th owners it is obvious that all the owners have cherished and cared for the boat. Before leaving the Mayea Marina on Lake St. Clair Karl worked with the shipwrights there and replaced hundreds of hull fasteners. Upon bringing the boat to Newport, the topside was completely stripped, stained, sealed, and received 10 coats of varnish. Already well known and popular in Newport Harbor, No Corkage has been used in a TV commercial and has won a Yacht club award. As you can see in the photos below, 1954 on left and current on right, she has been kept true to the builders design.

NO CORKAGE is a fast boat with twin 454 Chevy V8s that were installed in the 1970's. We look forward to seeing her at speed. Black seems right for this bad boy.



NO CORKAGE - 1954 - 36 FOOT - CHRIS-CRAFT COMMANDER

Thank you for joining the CYA. By definition we are dedicated to the promotion, preservation, restoration, and maintenance of fine old power driven pleasure craft.



Larry and Teri Walker's, **GRACIE**
7AM on the way home from Marina del Rey.