



CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

2005 EVENTS

Dec. 18 Naples
Christmas Cruise

January 15 & 16
2005 NATIONAL
CHANGE OF
WATCH

MARCH 20th
OPENING DAY

April 23
AFFILIATES'
BARBECUE
&
LANDLUBBERS'
AUCTION

May 21
NAPLES CRUISE

June 23
PREDICTED LOG
RACE - LA. Harbor &
Long Beach

JULY 23 & 24
OLD FASHIONED
DAY IN THE PARK

AUGUST 21
MARINA PACIFICA

OCTOBER 24
COMMODORES
CRUISE

NOVEMBER 5
SC FLEET
CHANGE OF
WATCH

NEXT MEETING
APRIL 21
BUSINESS MEETING
LONG BEACH Y.C.
7pm

AFFILIATES BBQ LANDLUBBERS AUCTION

ANNOUNCING !! "FAMOUS CHARACTERS FROM TV"

The all NEW *AFFILIATES BBQ SHOW* with the special guest stars; **Jim Butz** and **Dennis Ballard** doing their now famous *LANDLUBBERS AUCTION*, also appearances by **Owen Bullen** and **Bill Erving** with their double barbecues. Featuring many characters from 50 years of TV, and of course hosted by the suave **Rick Olson** and the fabulous **Elissa Cruz**. Plus, Treasurer extraordinaire **Anne Bladen** and talented **Linda Robinson** as "the helper".

Saturday morning at 11am, April 23rd, 2005

At the CYA fantastic outdoor studio, otherwise know as the California Yacht Marina patio in Wilmington.

Who: You, that's who. CYA members, your friends and guests and anyone that is looking to have a great time and a great lunch.

Where: CALIFORNIA YACHT MARINA, Wilmington

Why: It has long been the tradition for affiliate members to host this Spring Barbeque as a way of thanking the Yacht owners for letting us tag along burning their fuel and drinking there champagne.

April 23rd is approaching fast, so make plans **TODAY** to be there.

For slip availability, please contact Jim Butz.

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Opening day-Great time had by All



Commodore's Corner

WOW!!! What a great day.....I want to thank **Christine, Elissa and Rick**, along with the many members who came to Opening Day, without their hard work and your participation it would not have been such a great success. The weather cooperated and the sun was bright the skies blue and everything came off with out a snag. What a beautiful sight to see the LBYC dock completely filled with our beautiful boats, **Miriam, Rip-tide, Alura II and Blanche**. A thanks to the members who brought their boats, as this always makes the events so special. After the wonderful Brunch the boats left the dock for a parade in Long Beach Harbor.

I hope to see all of you at our BBQ and auction on April 23. Remember to bring your appetite, items to auction off, and your friends. Bill and I are excited that his sister Mary will be here from Alabama to join us at this event. Please invite friends and share this great organization with others.

I am sure we are all working hard to get our boats in shape for the coming season. I know the weather has slowed the progress on **Alura II** but with some sunny days I know Bill will be hard at work with his many

projects for this year.

With our new classification "Vintage" many other boats are now qualified as members of C.Y.A. ...Keep your eye open and pass the word to these folks. You can direct them to our web site at www.classicyacht.org for more information

and applications. I will have our new brochures at our next event for everyone to hand out. . When you make a contact please get their name and phone number so we can follow up with them. Please pass this information to **Christine Rohde**, as she is our Membership person.

I hope everyone is having a great Spring!!

Anna



THE LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB AND OUR CYA ROOTS

By Bruce Dobson



Our Opening Day ceremonies March 20 at the Long Beach Yacht Club was a very nice af-

fair, with thanks to those who organized the event and thanks to those who participated with their presence and their classics. As always, being at the LBYC also reminds us of our CYA "roots."

On March 20, we ate our lovely brunch in the same room where the Classic Yacht Association was first organized in September of 1970.

Bob Ekoos (CYA #1) had invited twelve classic boat owners to an organizational meeting. They adopted a set of by-laws, approved the design of the original CYA burgee, and settled on the name "Classic Yacht Association." And that was it! –

except that each person threw \$5 in the hat for a starting treasury and everyone went into the bar to celebrate the "birth" of CYA.

As we walked upstairs to our brunch on March 20, did you notice the CYA burgee hanging in the stairway? That is the original burgee, gifted to LBYC by **Bob Ekoos** on November 20, 2001. Accepting the burgee on behalf of LBYC was **Commodore Bob Windham** (SC #861), son-in-law of the late charter member **Larry McDowell** (CYA #6) who had made the motion to accept the burgee design back in 1970. In 1970, **Bob Ekoos'** late son **Kirk**, then twelve years old, had designed the burgee, and by coincidence, November 20 was also Kirk's birthday.

On March 20, did you have the opportunity to meet or greet **Mike Horton** and/or **Randy Simonson**? Both of their parents were charter members of CYA: **Don and Dee Horton** (CYA #11), and **Thol and Lillian Simonson** (CYA #10). Dur-

ing the organizational meetings in the 1970s, **Dee and Lillian** would sit in the LBYC lobby talking babies and doing knitting while the men were upstairs doing "important" things. We've come a long way **Commodore Anna Erving!** Speaking of Anna, did you get aboard the **Erving's Alura II**? Then called **Sea Doll II**, she was one of the charter boats owned by charter members **Buzz and Anne Olson** (CYA #2).

Long Beach Yacht Club was also the venue for the first ever CYA on-the-water event. That took place on May 23, 1972, when 21 classics paraded through Long Beach Harbor, followed by a luncheon at LBYC. Also in 1972, the first CYA Change of Watch took place at LBYC on December 20, but in those days it was called the Flag Officers Dinner Dance.

Every so often, it's nice to remember some of these things lest we forget our CYA roots.

Scuttlebutt

By Cub Reporter
Rick Olson



This is a new column that we hope you'll enjoy. Please let Don Lang or Rick Olson know if you have anything to include in future editions.

Some serious notes:

Carolyn Gardner had surgery in January on a tumor near her auditory nerve in the side of her head. Apparently they zapped it with a multiple laser blast. She was up and around in a few days and having fewer headaches. There is no brain surgery that is minor but she is doing well. Isn't modern technology wonderful. Get well Carolyn and much love from all.

Bill Erving has Prostate Cancer. It was discovered early and he is doing well. They have implanted rice size radioactive pellets in his prostate and are killing the cancer from the inside out. Bill reports that he feels good but complains he can't sand and paint all day because of a lack of energy. Have a speedy recovery Bill.

Marilyn Simonson has fallen and broken her arm. Get well soon.

Other Notes

Peter and Dennis have a new crew member, "UMA". A well behaved two year old Dalmatian. They assure us that there is no truth to the rumor that **RIPTIDE** will be painted fire engine red. **Dennis** is back at Warner Bros. He has a new job where he can apply his carpentry and hardware skills but he is working long hours. **Den** says he has 3 years, 9 months, and two weeks till retirement. **Peter** is sporting a new set of wheels. A Mazda 6 wagon with 235 hp and a six speedtrans.

Zoom, zoom, zoom Peter.

Speaking of new cars, **Kathy Yatch** was recently seen "looking good" in her new Chrysler Crossfire...Zoom for her too.

Yvette Gulick gets the award for farthest distance traveled to attend the Opening Day. She came from her residence in Florida. Nice to see Yvette. She and Dan took her Owens to Catalina last month. Her pictures showed only three boats in the bay at Two-Harbors and the weather was beautiful.

Rick and Elissa are in their second month of dance lessons. Look out Fred and Ginger!

"**Janie to the bridge**" was the regular call on board **MIRIAM** as she lead the harbor cruise on Opening Day. Good to see newlyweds

Mike and Janie participating in our first event of 2005.

Great to see **Jed and Linda** at opening day with their exquisite **BLANCH**. We hope they will attend regularly.

OLD AGE is displaying a new accessory. A "For Sale" sign. She has been a mainstay of the southern fleet for years and Bob says that he is not in any hurry to sell and would like to find a buyer for her in this area.

Great to see **Jeff and Sean** at Opening Day. They report that they are still making good progress on the restoration of **SOBRE LOS OLAS**. They hope to begin bringing her to events next year. That will be exciting for us and especially for them as they have never had her out of her slip. We look forward to that day.

Jim Butz reports that his box business is selling packaging to a number of Napa Valley winery clients. How fitting!

Although **Don Lang** was not able to attend the last board meeting, his ears must have been burning, as his first newsletter was subject of much conversation. Great job Don, everybody loved it.

Cub Reporter

More Affiliates Day.....

Classic Yachts and Classic TV
Since Television became popular in the 50's we have been introduced to some great TV characters. When I first began planning this years BBQ I considered "Happy Days" as a theme. However I soon realized that I probably would have ended up with thirty-five people in black leather jackets being the "Fonz". My idea soon evolved into TV kids from Spanky and Our Gang to Bart Simpson or Malcolm in the middle. Then the idea evolved again when I wanted to include great TV Characters like; The Incredible Hulk,

Kojack, Mr. T, Big Bird, or perhaps Herman Munster. So many possibilities! Thus, we ended up with, "FAMOUS CHARACTERS FROM TV".

Let yourself be a bit wacky and dress up like a TV character. Be ready to play some TV trivia and most of all be ready to have a fun time like we have in past years. Enclosed is a partial list of TV shows to get you thinking. The internet is a great source for ideas and pictures.

**and now
a word from our SPONSOR.**
As you know the Landlubber's Auction is our only Southern Fleet fund

raiser. But that shouldn't bother you. The first three letters in fund are FUN and that is what the auction is really all about. The club makes some money while we have a good time and that is the most painless way possible. . The last few years our auction has been very successful because of your great donations and your willingness to dig deep into your pockets and buy things. Please help us do this again by bringing some worthwhile merchandise for our members to bid on.

Thanks, Rick O.

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