



CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

October, 2006

2006 EVENTS

March 18
OPENING DAY

April 29
AFFILIATES'
BARBEQUE
&
LANDLUBBERS'
AUCTION

May 20
PRECICTED LOG RACE

July 15
SEA FEST

July 22
OLD FASHIONED
DAY IN THE PARK

August 19
MARINA PACIFICA

September 29
WHITE ISLAND
RENDEZVOUZ

October 14
DESERT FEST

November 11
CHANGE OF WATCH

January 2007
NATIONAL
CHANGE OF WATCH

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Just to see if you're paying
attention:

—did you know,
Donald Duck cartoons
were banned in Finland
because he doesn't
wear any pants.

Old Fashioned Days in the Park 2006

from the viewpoint of: Garrett "Hawk" Hawkins

One hundred plus temperatures at home, hoping your air conditioner can keep up, or the comparatively cool high seventies to low eighties of Burton Chase Park in Marina Del Rey... It isn't much of a reach to decide where one would rather be, and members of the CYA Southern California fleet showed their customary good common nautical sense, fired up their boats, and escaped the heat to once again attend the Los Angeles County co-sponsored "Old Fashioned Days in the Park" event for 2006.

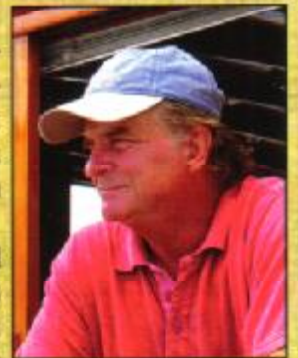
This year being the thirtieth anniversary of Old Fashioned Days one might have thought we would put on a little extra hoopla, but not so. It isn't necessary. The logistics of the event are so well planned by fleet captain Jim Butz, with the able assistance of Bob Swaim, Don Lang, and Owen Bullen (on the gate at the crack of dawn letting in the cars, modelers, and old-time engines), that the week-

end proceeds with a smoothness that leaves little more to be desired from the membership.

Attend-
ing vessels in-
cluded Tom &
Peggy Brown's
Madrigal, Jim
Butz's *Sea-Dog*,
Peter Riess' and
Dennis Ballard's
Riptide, Bill &
Anna Erving's

Alura II, Christine Rohde's *Sparkle*, Drew Miser's *Enchantress*, Gerard Buck and Pam Herbert's *Hel-Port II*, and the ever lovely *Ono*, owned by David and Sophia Medrano. In addition, we were very pleased to see Tommy and Susie O'Brien and son Patrick again, after too long an absence.

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Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Mates !! I first want to thank all who have attended our summer shows. In addition, I want to thank Anna Erving, Christine Rohde and Cathy Yacht for organizing our Marina Pacifica show. Everone had a great time, especially at Drew and Marion's party. Thanks for your hospitality. The Commodore's Barge finally made it to an event !!!



Please let me back up a moment. I have not mentioned Sea Festival. Our first annual Long Beach Sea Festival, a joint ACBS / CYA event. The CYA supported this event with Alura II, Madrigal, Enchantress, Riptide and ACBS boats Seawatcher, Wolverine and Arrivederci. This was a new event, and I wish to express my sincere gratitude for those who chose to support this event. I hope all of you had a chance to enjoy our host the Shoreline Yacht Club. I can only hope this will grow each year into a world class event.

Our Marina Del Rey event was a great success thanks to our event chairman, Jim Butz. All who attended were treated to a spectacular weekend complete with world class Jazz entertainment, Classic cars / Vintage engine demonstrations courtesy of Don Lang.

Anna & Bill Erving have said Desert Fest is the weekend of October 14th 2006 and I hope all members can attend. The Commodore's Cruise to White Island is in the works, but due to my going East next week it has put a hiccup in my schedule. The remaining events for the year are not cast in stone, except Change of Watch, November 11th at Long Beach Yacht Club, more to come.

I wish you calm seas and the wind at your backs.

Scott Robinson, Commodore

News from the Vice

I'd like to welcome our newest Affiliate Member, my best friend, Jane Aucreman. She's enjoyed many of our events, shared many a tasty morsel from her talented kitchen, and enjoyed getting to know



you. I know you'll enjoy her participation too.

Once again, way too short a season -- tho we're so lucky it sort of lasts all year here in Southern California!! We've had lots of terrific events, and now it's almost time again for Change of Watch.

Long Beach Yacht Club has been a most hospitable venue and we'll be gathering there again this year for installation of our new Bridge. November 11th is the date (changed from December 2nd).

We're planning on cocktails around 6:30 p.m., with dinner on the Bridge Deck served at 7:30. We have a busy year ahead. In addition to our many monthly events, we'll be planning for upcoming National Change of Watch hosted by our Fleet in January 2008.

Change of Watch is a fun time for ALL our members to get together. I would love the opportunity to get to know those of you who haven't been able to join the fun this summer, to start the new year in celebration. One of our goals is to increase our membership and share the fun we have, so think about inviting friends.

You'll be receiving invitations, but set the date aside now to join the fun, encourage and support our new Bridge, and have a great time.

Cris Rohde, Vice Commodore

MDR, from page one— Their classic Chris-Craft speed boat *Blackjack*, attracted appropriate attention. We also had two steam launches providing boat rides, and though we sadly missed Bob and Alice Swaim in pole position with their recently sold "Old Age", we did get to see the boat again for a couple of hours on Saturday morning on the long dock, in process of being resurrected by her new owner under her original name, "Phoenix" (Quite appropriate). We gave him an application.

the car guys, we still had a respectable showing of excellent vehicles;



Motor vessel PHOENIX

Saturday morning also once again saw Riptide's Peter Riess and Dennis Ballard providing us all with an excellent breakfast of blueberry pancakes and country bacon in memory of Heather Perkoff and Martie Butz. Saturday afternoon, in a departure from tradition, due to a concert in the park (by one of the hammiest singers one has had to listen to in some years), the barbecue was held on the dock rather than in the roofed-over barbecue area, and provided a much more intimate and less echo-y meal. It might be worthwhile to consider making this the new tradition.

On Sunday, participation by the car clubs, and attendance by the public proved somewhat lighter than usual, probably due to the hot weather. While we missed some of

and the good side of lighter public attendance is that for those of us who have to conduct the tours, they are far less onerous and exhausting. Still, our guests seemed pleased and entertained.

Our erstwhile commodore, Scott Robinson, though unable to bring "Keewaydin" due to a potential dampness problem resulting from the unfortunate confrontation of one of his props with a dock line; never-the-less showed up and did his duty, spending the entire day in the blazing sun selling our books and accepting donations. He was perhaps fortified in this by his wonderfully ridiculous South Seas hat and an ever-present libation of ancient and perhaps magical properties.



Wife Linda moved among the people and guests, being charming as always. Others of us were fortified by Rick Olsen, who in addition to doing his usual great job of photographing the event, went from boat to boat, plying us all with Mudslides (chocolate shake plus). We were also pleased to see Rob and Anne Bladen, and Don and Joyce Lang, usually riders on one or another of our bigger boats, who attended despite the absence of "Deerleap" or "Old Age".

Mike Horton and his marvelous wife Janie, owners of our current heavy hitter boat, "Miriam" also attended, though they weren't able to bring the boat due to a slight case of spongy fantail.

Still, all good things must end, and so, at first light on Monday morning those of us who had to make our way back south to L.A. Harbor, put to sea. It turned out to be a radar/navigation trial as fog closed in for less than one hundred feet of visibility for most of the trip back. Worthy of note is that Tom Brown and Madrigal were first into L.A. channel (with Sea-Dog close behind) despite a lack of radar.

At last radio contact, all vessels were nearing homeport without having gone aground or hitting the sea wall, and so we will look forward to seeing them all at our next event.

Hawk,
Aboard S.V. "Margo"



Susie, Patrick, and Tommy O'Brien



Was Jim Butz the model for statue?



Morning light



Oh!, Susie O'Brien



Saturday night dock party



Ramon and Owen



Gerard and Pam



Steam Power



Scott and Anna



Smiling Julie



Sunset



Dennis



A peek at Peggy



Alura II , party boat



Happy Cris



Lady in the hat wanted to know if this was the "Slacker Display" Too funny!



This year at MARINA DEL REY—

Scuttlebutt

By Rick O., Cub Reporter

SCUTTLEBUTT



*** "A penny for your thoughts?", asks Elissa, as I sit staring blankly at the monitor. "Oh honey, I need to write my Scuttlebutt column, and I'm just thinking about the last few events."

"I thought you were asleep?", she said. It seems like lately I spend more time

sleeping in front of the computer then working on it. Ha! nothing like a high-back leather swivel rocker and a computer to send a guy to dreamland. *** Michael Horton had surgery on his knee, best wishes Mike, we hope it is healing well and you're up and about. ***

Ochie, one of Anna Erving's little Pekinese friends, made an escape from the Cabrillo Marina. According to Bill, they found him in the "Brig" at Fort Mc Arthur. Actually, after an all points bulletin, he was spotted, unharmed, under a car near the fort. *** OLD AGE, now PHOENIX, was spotted cruising bye on Saturday morning during the Old Fashion Day, Marina Del Rey, weekend. She is looking beautiful, sporting a newly painted dark blue hull, and undergoing a large scale restoration. New owner, was flagged down and pulled in for awhile. Everyone said he was very friendly and enjoyed going onto some of the other classics.

*** Peter and Julie have been doggy sitting a cute little pup. "Baxter" is a little black Scottish Terrier. He looks like the pup on the Black and White scotch bottle. A bit of the highland liquor was consumed on Saturday night at Marina Del Rey in honor of his visit. The CYA canine affiliates are always a lot of fun. *** During the MDR weekend, CYA members were treated to a spectacular lightning show but fortunately no



rain. Major bolts of lightning were seen out over the ocean on Saturday night. Several fires were started on Catalina Island by lightning strikes. *** Big thanks to Ron and Cathy, and Drew and Marion for their work at mak-

ing Marina Pacifica a great event. Quite a few interested boaters got to see the yachts as a result of the banner and pre-event promotion. Members were treated to an awesome array of heavy hors d'oeuvres presented at Drew and Marion's now famous Saturday evening cocktail party. No one needed to have dinner after that spectacular feeding frenzy. ***



Tom Brown's Madrigal has a new addition to her helm. A smart looking inlaid wooden box that Tom built. It opens up to unfold his new GPS-plotter-radar. Apparently everyone that headed home from MDR on Monday morning spent several hours in some very dense fog. Madrigal made it home with good seamanship, a compass, and some good luck. Never again, now that she has more modern instruments. *** It looks like the Anna Erving Dock Diving Championship is on for the Desert Fest weekend. If you remember, Anna took the plunge "line in hand" during the log race event. The event competition rules are: rule # 1) competitors must have a dock line in hand during the dive. rule # 2) see rule # 1... Linda Robinson has already begun a vigorous practice diving schedule. On Saturday morning at Marina Pacifica she practiced her belly flop by falling off the back of Keewaydin. Such enthusiasm! *** We sure have fun!

Weekend harbor cruising is a mainstay of the boating community. Note the explosive growth of duffys and other cocktail cruise boats. If you wanted to take some friends out for a little boat ride in Alamos Bay, the channel at Marina Pacifica would undoubtedly be on the itinerary. It's calm green water and protection from the wind draws hundreds of weekenders. Imagine turning the corner and seeing our dozen beautifully restored classic yachts. WOW!





Ron Yatch on Marina Pacifica-

Marina Pacifica. Oh, Yah!

An ongoing event for the CYA group from So-Cal for some time now. However, to Cathy and I it spells something more.

Hot Weather.
Warm Water.
Cool Boats.
Cold Drinks.

So as you can see, Marina Pacifica runs the gamut of what's important in the summertime to a classic boater.

We first happened upon the event aboard our 33' Chris Craft 'ComOcean' about eight years ago, and we were hooked. We just thought we would be picking up groceries, but then we turned the corner into the Marina Pacifica stretch to find a new angle on boating, and a new group of friends. It was especially interesting to see that in the Southern California area, that we were not alone in our interest of 'somewhat less than mainstream' boating. So, in our usual fashion of jumping in, we docked the boat and stayed for our first Marina Pacifica weekend.

Years passed, and we came to know and love the other great boats from up-close inspection and first-person discussion. Names now infamous in the SoCal fleet, such as Riptide, Black Douglas, Alura II, Ono, Old Age, Sea Dog, Madrigal, Keewaydin, Enchantress, and some "Usual Suspects"- visiting interest vessels- such as Lo Tengo, Knot Yet, Lucky Dawg, and A Few Loose Screws.

After several years of attending aboard ComOcean, we decided we needed another Vintage boat to add to our input to this and other events.

We now bring our 30' Chris Craft StarWatch to the events as well, and enjoy the stories and questions of the boaters and folks who walk up to see all of our wooden craft tied serenely to the docks behind the mall, in the warm, still August water. I can tell you first hand one will hear some serious bloviating mixed in with a large dose of guffaws and yuks.

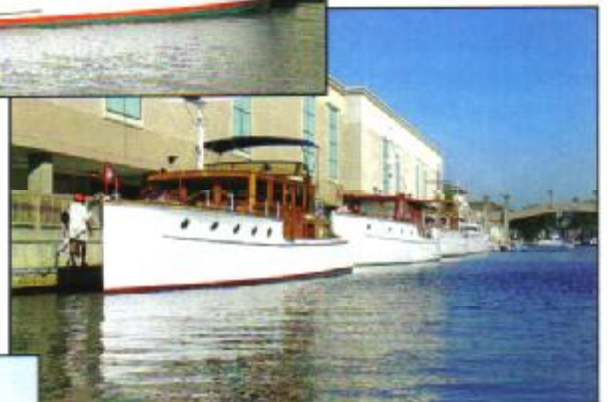
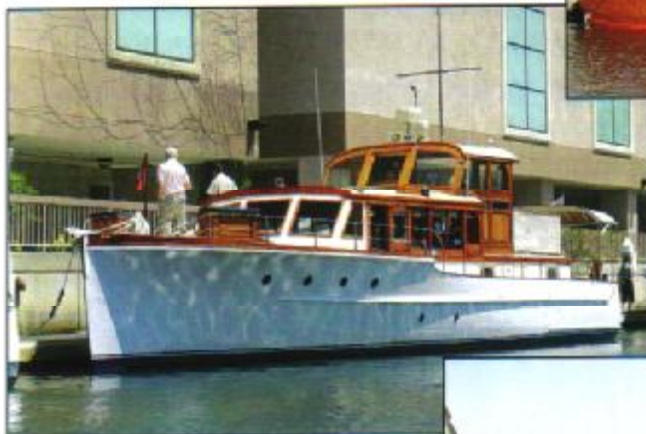
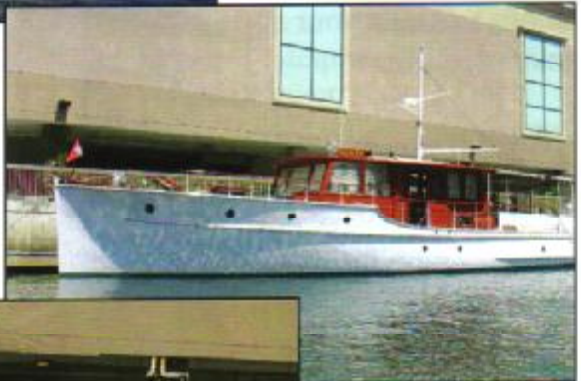
CYA Marina Pacifica keeps it Summer all year 'round at our house, by way of the dozens of photos we have taken over the years. We just throw in a C/D, click "slide show", and let 'em rip. So what if it's raining, it's August again.

We look forward to any CYA event, but Marina Pacifica has a formula that really works for me. I am so under it's spell, that I did the unthinkable at the last Marina Pacifica of August '06- I bought us another boat.....But that's a story for another day.

Ron Yatch



This year at Marina Pacifica—



Hello to the Clarence and Roma Shoemaker. The Shoemakers are renewing old members and have member number 99.

They have owned their yacht the "JOAN M. HENDERSON" since 1951. The boat was built in 1936 by Walter Pozanson, and is 44 feet in length. Roma and Clarence keep the boat in Alamitos Bay and they live in Carson, California. We're glad you have re-joined the group and are anxious to make your acquaintance.

JOAN M. HENDERSON, at one time, was used by the Coast Guard, for extensive underwater mapping (hydrographic survey) of Catalina Island.



Welcome to Claudia and Jim Walker and their yacht "WANDERER". The Walkers live in Pine, Arizona, and visit their boat at the Coronado Yacht Club, in San Diego about once a month.

Jim retired from the Phoenix Fire Department and moved to Coronado Island. They purchased Wanderer and started a complete restoration. It wasn't long before Jim was out of retirement and back to work, this time as chief of the Coronado Fire Department. After ten years there he retired again and they have moved back to Arizona.

Wanderer is a D. M. Callis design and was built in 1929.



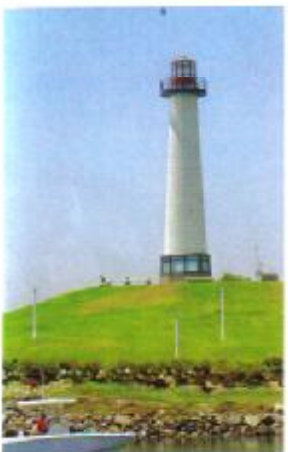
REMEMBERING A YACHTSMAN:

Kenneth Neptune passed away last December. He was CYA Charter Member # 7. The Southern Fleet sent flowers to the family at the time. His niece, Nancy, has written back to thank us and report that his yacht "COLNET" has been sold. She had no other details about it.

Ken purchased COLNET from the president of the Tuna Club after WWII and owned her for 60 years. She is a 42' Fantail Trawler built in



Rainbow Harbor, SEA FEST Photos:



Coming right up !!

DESERT FEST II

That's Right, the second annual party in the desert at Anna and Bill's new home and the International Lodge.

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October 14 th, call Anna Erving for any details

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Call International Lodge for room availability

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Oh, and remember to plan your dive for the

1st Annual Anna Erving dock diving Championship!!

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Mark Your Calendar

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**NOVEMBER 11th --CHANGE OF
WATCH**

Special Thanks to Dong Lang.

Don Lang has given up the position of newsletter editor. He has done a wonderful job producing the newsletter during the last two years. All of the formats and layouts have been given to Rick Olson, the new newsletter editor. Way to go Don ! And thanks for all your hard work. Take a rest, go play some golf.

Oh! And nice shirt too.

