



CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

SUMMER, 2008

2008 EVENTS

July 25-27
OLD FASHIONED
DAY IN THE PARK

August 1-3
Long Beach
SEA FEST

August 15
RENDEZVOUS
With TALL SHIPS
In SAN PEDRO

August 16-17
MARINA PACIFICA

September 20-21
WHITE ISLAND
RENDEZVOUS

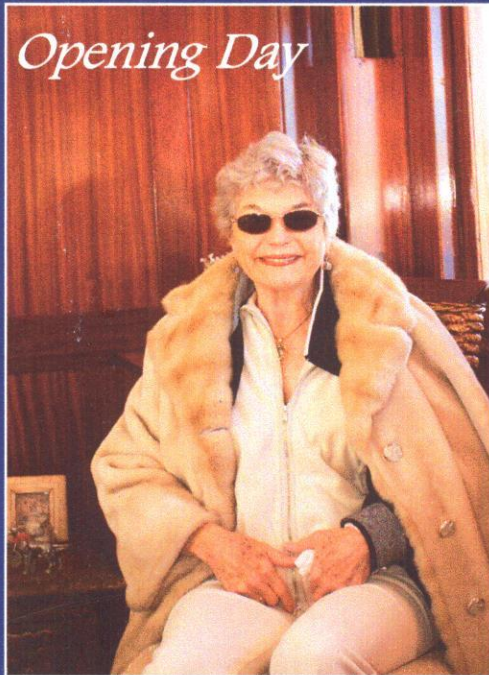
October 24-26
CATALINA ISLAND
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January 2008
NATIONAL
CHANGE OF
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Northern California
Fleet,
TIBURON, CA

Spring Events Revisited.

Opening Day



SCOTTIE DOBSON, past SC Fleet and National Commodore, former National Director and Historian, and all around great gal, looking very "Hollywood" on Opening Day. Story page 6

Predicted Log Race was postponed. In its place, a cruise to honor our memory of long time Southern Fleet member and good friend BILL ERVING. Page 8.

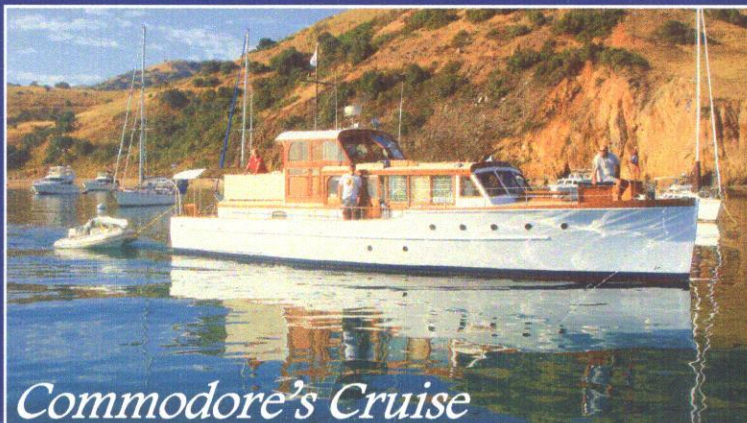
Affiliates BBQ and Landlubbers Auction



All RED was theme for annual BBQ and Auction. Doretta, Elissa, and Janie having fun in red. Photos page 5



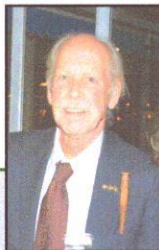
Bill Erving Memorial



Commodore's Cruise

As guests of the CORSAIR YACHT CLUB, seven CYA boats cruised to beautiful Emerald Bay on Catalina Island. Cris Rohde photo Story page 10

From The Bridge, Commodore, Tom Brown



Filling in the blanks for Commodore Tom Brown.-RO

Hi all. I was out of town and now Tom is in Spain (-is he running with the bull's?) So, I thought that I could anticipate what he might have said if he and I had gotten together. I hope he doesn't mind me filling in the blanks. -RO

First, Tom has expressed his enthusiasm about all the participation we have had at our events this spring. It is good to see some new members coming out and joining us. Thanks to everyone who participated and to all that helped put on these fun events.

Secondly, we have a busy summer schedule filled with our most notable and public events: Marina del Rey, Long Beach Seafest, and Marina Pacifica. This year we have added a new twist on the Marina Pacifica weekend. On Friday morning before Marina Pacifica the tall ships arrive and parade into L.A. Harbor. We have been invited to participate in this great show. Four or five of our CYA yachts have already said that they were coming out, Madrigal being one of them. I know Tom would encourage everyone's participation in this and all of our summer events. If you can not bring your own boat, hitch a ride on someone else's and enjoy the day.

Our Emerald Bay weekend with the Corsair Yacht Club proved to be a very fun time. Being away from the dock at "The Island" was nice for a change. Crossing the channel was a little stressful because of the fog but that is part of boating. The Corsairs enjoyed having us as their guests and have invited us back for next year as part of their Ashbridge Sail race weekend.

As approved by the CYA Board of Directors, a Fleet is being established in Canada, Below is a copy of the press release announcing this additional fleet. Congratulations Canada!

Press Release

The Classic Yacht Association has as its primary purpose the promotion of the preservation, restoration and maintenance of fine, old, power-driven pleasure craft. There are over 350 members making up five fleets including Southern California, Northern California, the Pacific North West, Alaska and the USA fleet.

At its annual meeting in January 2008 in Long Beach California, the CYA approved a resolution changing the constitution and by laws to reflect an international character.

In keeping with that goal, International Commodore David Gillespie is proud to announce the granting of a new charter to the **CANADIAN FLEET**. There are currently 20 members of the fleet with vessels ranging in age from the 1913 classic Charles H. Cates to the vintage 1952 Chris Craft, Gin Fizz.

The formation of the new fleet was led by International Rear Commodore Mike O'Brien from Victoria, and Pacific North West fleet Staff Commodore, Canada, Bob Shaw from Vancouver. A first annual meeting at which a Bridge will be elected is planned for the fall of 2008.

Membership in the Canadian fleet is open to all residents of Canada who are owners of Classic or Vintage yachts as defined in the CYA by-laws which are available on the web site at www.classicyacht.org.

For more information, contact Mike O'Brien at info@classicyacht.org

LA Festival of Sail

We've been invited to a most unusual and amazing photo op!!! At 10 a.m. Friday morning, August 15th the Coast Guard barque "Eagle" and a contingent of other tall ships will be entering Angels Gate to visit Ports O' Call for the weekend. This event is sponsored by the LA Maritime Institute (LAMI) among others. Visit lafestivalofsail.info.

There will be a welcoming array of boats to escort the ships in, and along with the classic sailboats of the Wooden Hull Yacht Club, the Classic Yacht Association has been invited to join in the festivities.

The organizers have asked that we provide them with all the "usual" statistics and bios of our boats so that they can announce the boats as they arrive. Cris Rohde is the coordinator. Please let me know if you can attend. They've asked for commitments by July 10th. You can email me at christine@aarts-architects.com, or call 310 578-8222. It will be the perfect beginning to Marina Pacific, in Alamitos Bay the next day!



FESTIVAL OF SAIL LA 2008

DON'T MISS THE TALL SHIPS! AUG. 15-17

Featuring the US Coast Guard *Eagle*, the *HMS Surprise* (featured in the movie "Master & Commander"), the *Bounty*, plus a dozen other sailing vessels!

August 15th - 10 am - Grand Parade of Sail

Festival Hours:
August 15th Noon - 7 pm
August 16th & 17th 11am - 7 pm

Bring the whole family!

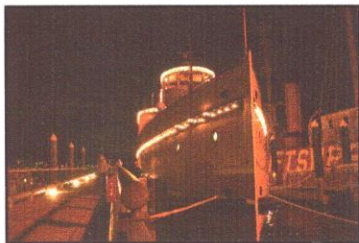
- Visit tallships of all sizes
- Live entertainment
- Children's activities
- Food and merchandise for sale

Enjoy the majesty of the tallships as they visit the Port of Los Angeles — America's Port. For more information, call (888) LAMI808 or visit www.lafestivalofsail.info.



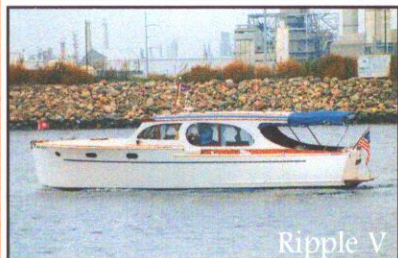
SCUTTLEBUTT RICK OLSON, Cub Reporter

*** Ron Yatch has sent me photos of his recently sold Chris-Craft STARWATCH. It has had a new custom trailer built for it and they have stripped off the bottom paint and repainted the bottom the same soft light green that was on the cabin top. Looks great and is on display in Louisiana. *** Peter Riess reports that he is now retired and has lots of time to spend down at the marina. Congratulations Peter. *** Retired and yachtless Jim Butz has plenty of time to travel. He missed our great cruise to Emerald Bay because he was traveling with his French friends in the northeast with stops in Boston and New York. *** Prior to our Emerald Bay Cruise I was invited to do a presentation on the CYA for our new friends from the Corsair Yacht Club. Elissa and I attended their monthly dinner meeting. I spoke and showed slides to a lively, funny, happy group of about 70 Corsairs. They seemed to enjoy learning about CYA. It was getting on to about 10 o'clock so I asked them if I should stop, they said no and encouraged me to keep going. Many folks hung around and asked questions after the meeting. *** When I was preparing my slides for the Corsair meeting I included some photos of our CYA honorary members. In order to make sure I had my facts straight I happened to google the Seattle based Virginia V steam ferry. The text I read on Virginia V mentioned she was part of the "mosquito fleet" a term that I had heard for years but didn't understand. It happens that in the period between 1870 and the growth

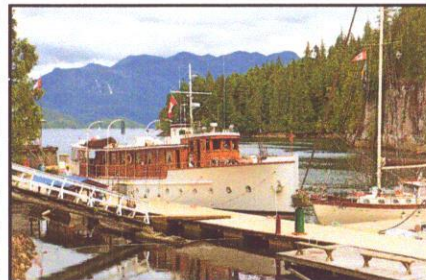


of the rail system, America's waterways were swarming with ferries of all nature. Roads, cars, and carriages were so uncomfortable that the civilized way to travel anywhere was on the water. These ferries flitted about on our waterways like a swarm of mosquitoes above a pond, thus the term "mosquito fleet" was born. The most amazing thing about what I had read was that at one time America had 256,000 steam ferries buzzing around our lakes, rivers, and ports. Now there are only two left that are operational, the Virginia V and one on the East coast.

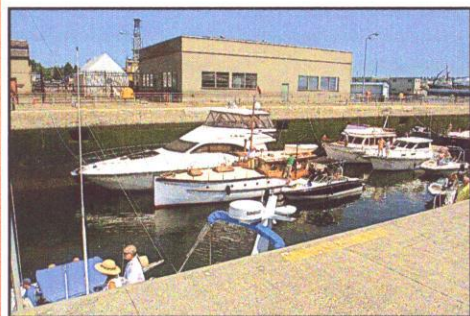
Amazing! *** Jim and Hawk recently were invited up to Friday Harbor, WA, by new SEADOG owner Les Gunther. They got to see the progress on the refitting of SEADOG. She is completely gutted and is getting new engines and interior. A great yacht getting even better. *** Peter and Dennis's first boat Ripple V has recently been broken up. Another lost classic; what a shame. This 26 foot Chris Craft was very cute and led to them purchasing RIPTIDE and becoming such a significant part of the CYA. ***



*** Elissa and I have just returned from a terrific vacation cruising on board the 1929 DEERLEAP in the Canadian islands about 250 miles north of Vancouver. Owners Richard and Carolyn Gardner have the yacht up there for the summer. We went in by float plane and met them in Echo Bay. Cruised a week and ended up in Port Hardy at the northern tip



of Vancouver Island. As we were leaving we met Slim's son Charles and grandson Christopher in the airport as they were coming in while we left. For those of you that remember them, Christopher is not a little boy anymore. In the fall he starts high school in a special advanced program at Cal. State University Dominguez Hills. *** While on the way home from Canada we spent a night in Seattle. By accident we ended up in a rather new little bar on 5th Avenue called "Vessel". When we mentioned our recent cruise on a classic yacht, the engaging owner, Clark explained how the bar's name came about. His saloon is in the historic 1926 Skinner building. In 1916 Skinner and Eddy Corporation opened a shipyard in Seattle which soon became one of the nations largest. In WWII they built 75 ocean going vessels. Thus the name "Vessel" was chosen when the bar opened. If you're ever in Seattle try them out. They have great bar men and a terrific list of original cocktails. *** We had another coincidence while in Seattle.



After going up the Space Needle for the first time in 20 years we took a trip over to see another sight that we had never seen, the famous locks that open from Lake Union to the Puget Sound. They were fascinating as they raft up boats of all sizes together in the lock, drain the water and let them pull out one at a time to be on their ways and out to sea. I was surprised and happy to see a classic yacht in the locks while we were there. It was PNW National Director, Greg Gilbert, on WINIFRED, his 1926 Lake Union. We spoke briefly by hollering across the lock. He was on the way to the PNW event called the "South Sound Cruise" which was that weekend. He likewise was surprised to see me. *** Over and out, -RO

CYA Member #1 Passes Away.

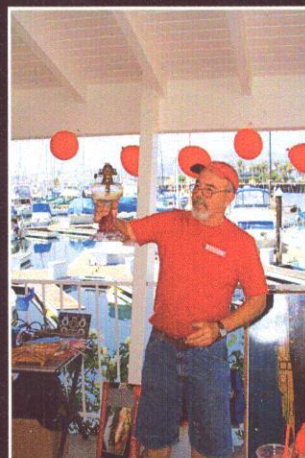
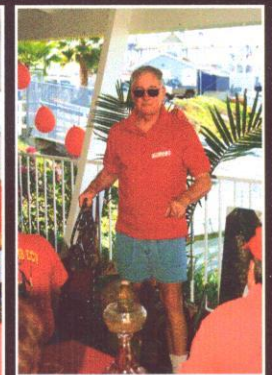
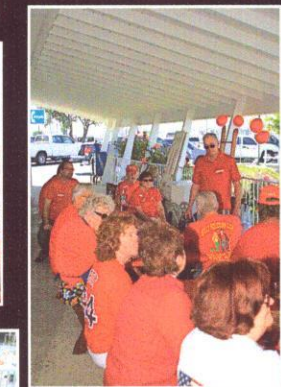
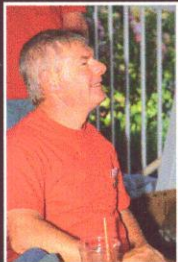
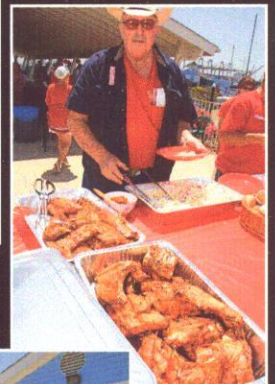
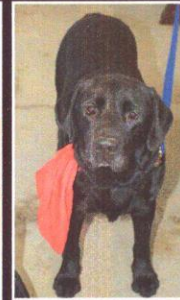
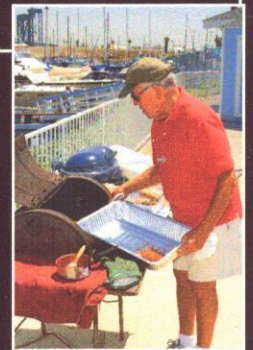
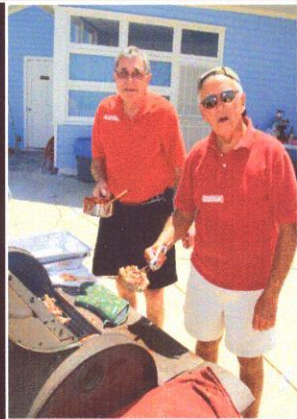
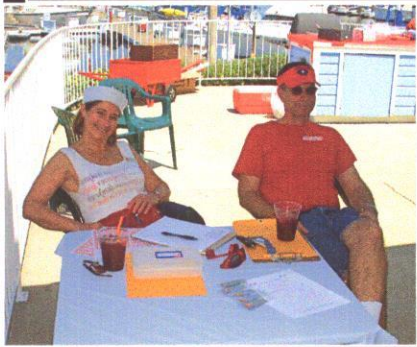
Sadly we mark the passing of CYA founder Bob Ekoos. He died of heart failure in early June. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Cherry and his family and friends. Bob and Cherry moved away from Southern California years ago. They have been living in Nanoose Bay on Vancouver Island in Canada. Because of this most of us from Southern California were never able to get to know him well. We shook his hand at various CYA National Change of Watch meetings but our conversations were pretty limited. He was a nice man.

The seed idea of forming the CYA came from Bob. In 1970 he began approaching pre-war yacht owners in and around Long Beach regarding forming a club. With Bob's leadership the original thirteen charter members formed the CYA in 1970 to promote and encourage the preservation of fine, old, power-driven pleasure craft.

Bob was so pleased with the growth and continued interest in CYA. He realized that although responsible for planting the seed, hundreds of other classic boaters have been responsible for the growth of the organization. Bob will be missed, but what a legacy he has left behind. Every restored classic yacht owes him a debt of gratitude. Ten or twenty...err, why not fifty years from now his name will still be remembered in connection with the CYA and classic boating. We should all be so lucky.

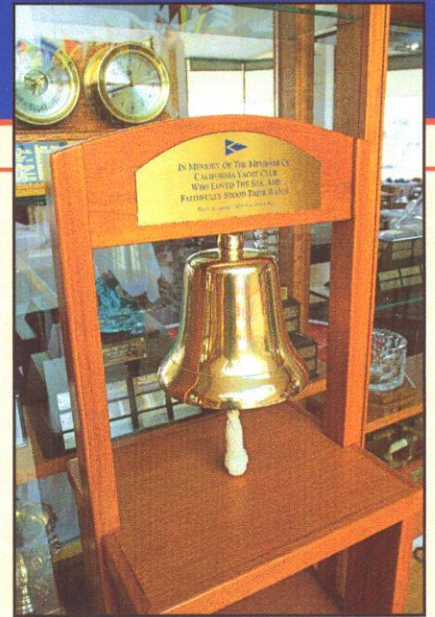
Affiliate's Barbecue and Landlubber's Auction~

There just isn't too much to say about this great annual event. The theme was "RED", we were all overfed, and Vice Commodore Sean had to buy the head. Enough said! You really have to be there next year.



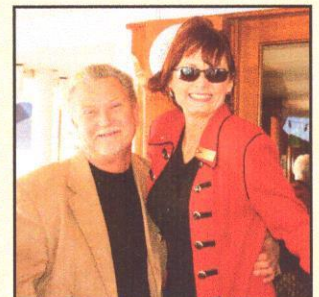
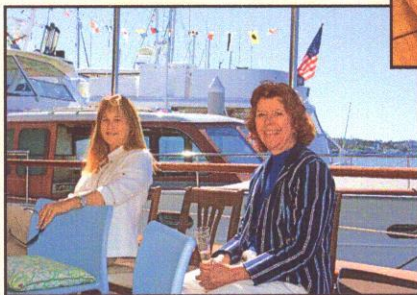
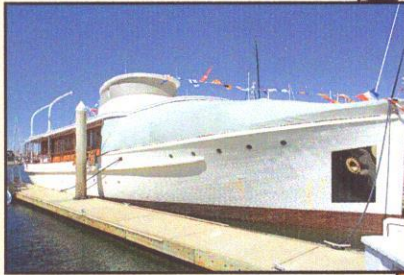
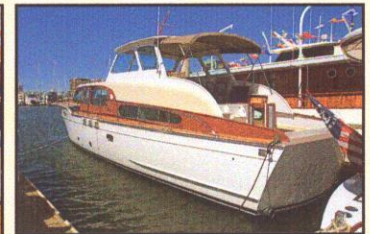
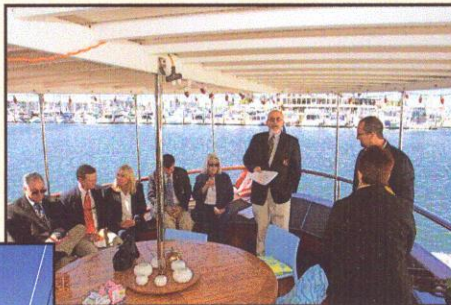
Opening Day 2008

-by Rick Olson



As last year, Sean Connolley and Jeff Ganter were again kind enough to host Opening Day on their 106 foot Sobre Los Olas. Sobre has been moved from the berth in Wilmington where we met last year to its permanent home at the beautiful California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey. She has one of the outermost slips at the marina in a gangway full of large yachts and hundred footers they refer to as "Battleship Row". The classic Phoenix (formerly Old Age) is just down the line about ten boats away.

The regulars were all in attendance along with some old friends and new faces that we don't see too often. Bruce and Scottie Dobson made the trip from San Clemente to be with us. It's always good to see them. Bob and Helen Windham with friends from the LBYC were there to toast in the new season. New members Larry and Teri Walker (Gracie), Paul and Sandy Fredricks (Alura II), John Eraklis (Phoenix), and Stephen Sheridan (Lark) were also there. Great to see all the new members! Also, special thanks to Bill and Cris for bringing MINDFUL and SPARKLE, and to our hosts Sean and Jeff for a nice day on board.





A note from your Historian , ~Christine Rohde

When I took on the duties of Southern California Historian, there were great shoes to fill. Scottie Dobson is an institution to this Fleet and this Organization, and both she and Bruce have worked tirelessly to archive the treasures that we own and cherish. I only had an inkling of the importance of each fact and detail of our accomplishments. While it is essential to gather and archive the ongoing activities of the Fleet, it is much more.

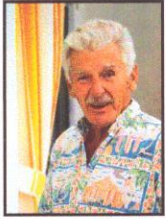
What we are doing now with our member yachts is the history we wish we had from the past 40, 60, 80 years. I've discovered that part of the historian's role is to nurture and keep the "histories" of each of our boats current in the archives of the Fleet and the Association.

I really discovered this talking with Margie Paynton, National Historian, about an application this past year. What became clear is that with each application there is the opportunity to document in the archives what changes, improvements, voyages, adventures have been enjoyed in a boat's history.

What I also realized is that when I wrote up all my work on Sparkle for my insurance renewal, why not just send that in to Margie to drop in Sparkle's file. It's an easy way to keep National up to date with all the little things you do – things that can be missed with an update only when you buy or sell a boat.

Sooooo Take a few minutes on occasion to jot down what's going on and what you've been doing, and send or email it to me. I'll keep it for our own files, and send on to National for our permanent archives. Thanks for your dedication. Cris Rohde, Historian christine@aarts-

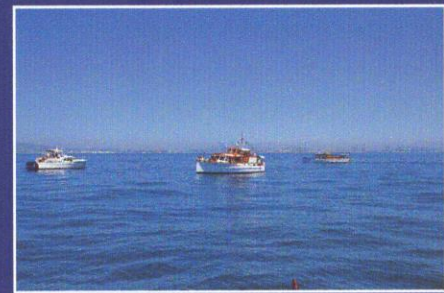
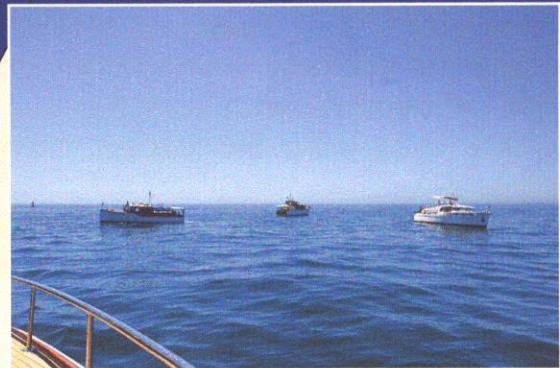
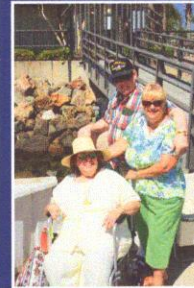
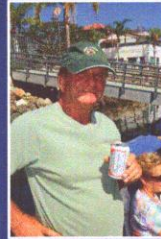
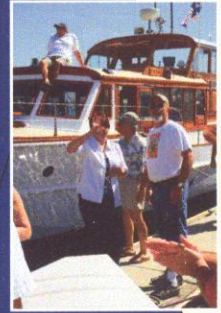
Bill Erving Memorial Cruise

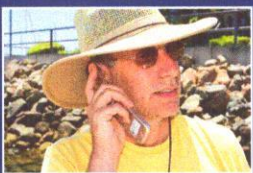
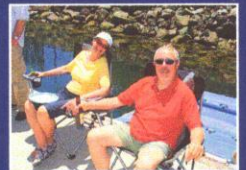
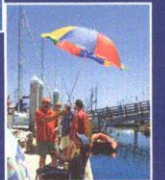
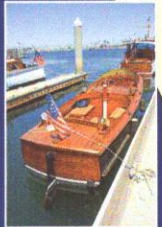
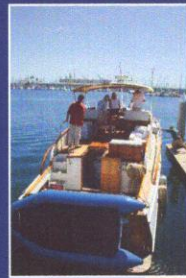


Earlier this year my good friend Bill Erving passed away. Sad yes, but after his debilitating aneurism and his extended hospitalization with very little quality of life, it was his time. I was not alone in having Bill as a friend. Many of us would say the same thing. Although a quiet man he was friendly and had a certain charisma that made people like him. He was easy to like. He was real. There was never an arrogance about him. Even his drink of choice Budweiser was straightforward. Bill was often seen with a can of Bud in his hand. Even that was an endearing trademark.

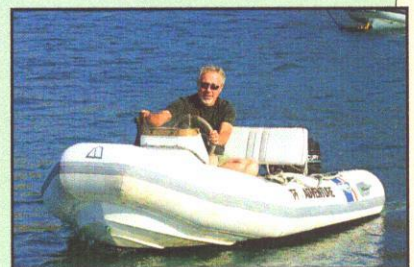
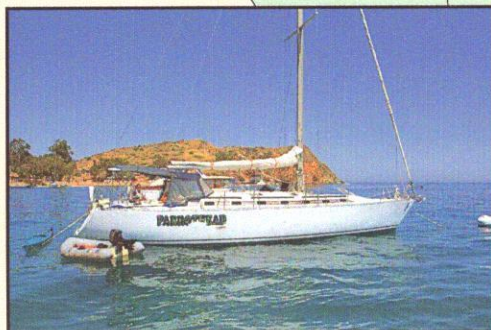
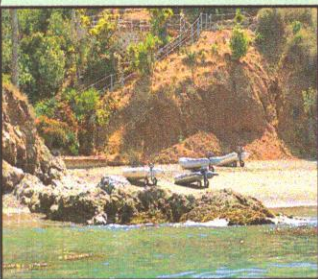
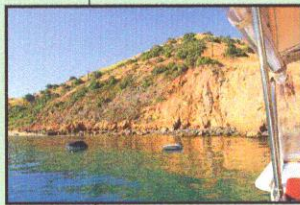
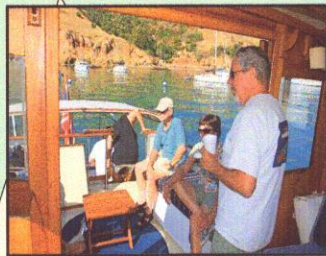
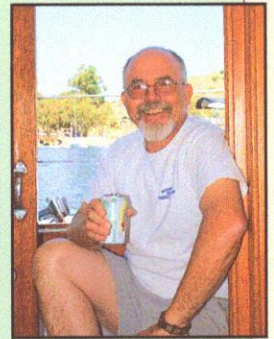
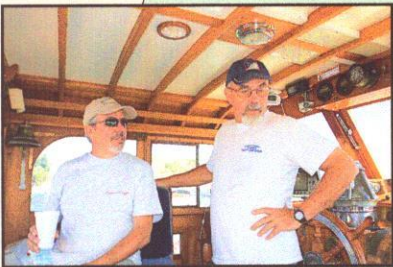
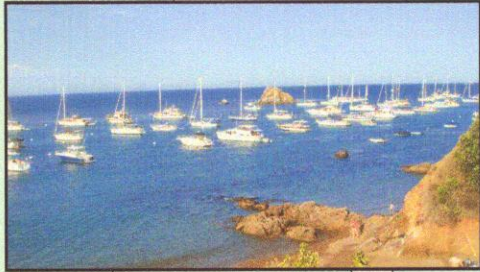
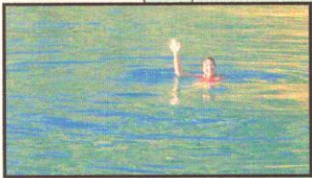
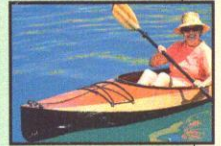
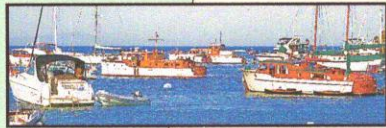
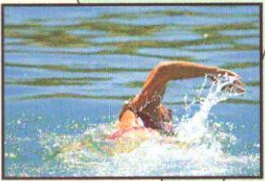
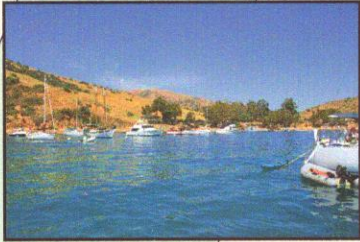
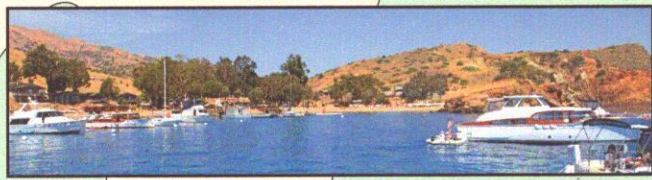
During Bill's last year, being hospitalized without any ability to think or reason and with no ability to take care of himself, certain instinctive reactions were noticed. Anna found that he still liked looking at boating magazines. Sometimes he couldn't turn the pages but he would stare at the photos and seem to enjoy them like something deep down still remembered. One of my favorite stories, as told by Dennis Ballard, was of a time when they put a can of Bud in his hand and when Dennis lifted his can Bill reacted instinctively by lifting his. One wonders what his damaged mind really could understand.

I know that Bill would have been happy with his farewell cruise. It was a beautiful spring morning with lightly rolling, glassy seas. The ocean sparkled as the classic yachts ran happily through it. We all rounded the L.A. light and passed through the Angel's Gate and out to the open ocean. Although thinking of Bill, it was hard not to be joyous on a day like that. It was an appropriate way to say goodbye to a fine yachtsman. Many of us will have trouble passing the L.A. Light without pausing for a moment and remembering our friend Bill Erving.





Emerald Bay



Commodore's Cruise to Emerald Bay, Catalina

June 20-22, 2008 ~Cris Rohde

Well, Emerald Bay is all it was cracked up to be. The Commodore's Cruise was three days of relaxation, boating, partying, making new friends, and especially enjoying the company of old friends. What a perfect time.

The Corsair Yacht Club invited the CYA So. Cal. Fleet to join them at their facilities at Emerald Bay courtesy of camaraderie of Commodore Tom Brown. This was a real treat, and six of our boats took up the invitation. Arriving on Friday along with *Madrigal*, of course, were *Riptide*, *Gracie*, *Enchantress*, *Mindful* and *Sparkle*. An excellent representation!

Emerald Bay is located about 4 miles west of the Isthmus, and may be the nicest mooring spot on the island with emerald clear water showing off the sandy bottom with rock fish and garibaldi swimming among the kelp. There are over 100 moorings protected behind Indian Rock and its reef. After lunch on Friday for Rick & Elissa, Jane, Cris and Bill and *Mindful* cabin boy for the weekend George on board *Sparkle*, Jane went for a swim up the bay to the beach. After a couple of hours - and cocktail time approaching - Bill was getting very concerned. When asked, Cris just shrugged - "It's Jane, she'll be fine!!" and sure enough about 30 minutes later she appeared at Sparkle's stern to maneuver up the ladder. Dinner and socializing ensued on all the classics!! A very warm wind made the evening almost tropical.

Saturday morning found us all on *Riptide* for an always delicious breakfast - Riptide has quite the productive gourmet galley! Chef Dennis in residence!! A short board/business meeting followed, then to the serious business of the day - talk, sip, party, Jane went swimming, kayaking, lunch later, talk, sip, party!! Bill Brantley and Steve Catalano to the t/t *Mindful* traveled to the Isthmus to pick up Steve's wife Maryann from the Catalina Flyer, and seemed to return in record time. Bill and Cris then cruised the t/t toward the west end and discovered some amazing caves, cliffs and sandy beaches.

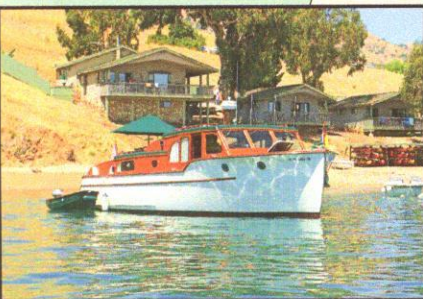
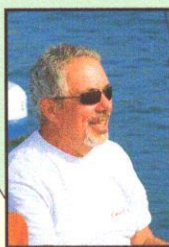
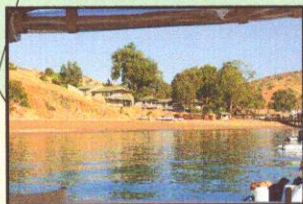
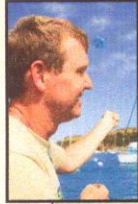
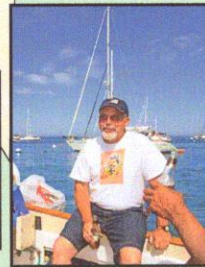
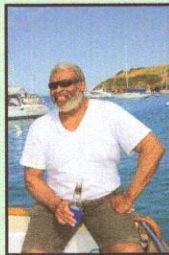
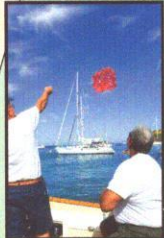
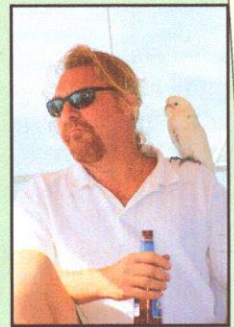
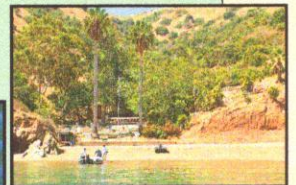
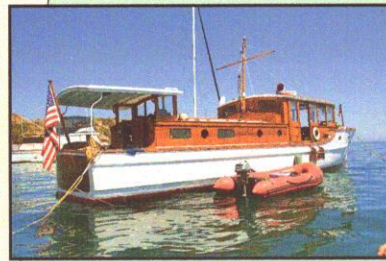
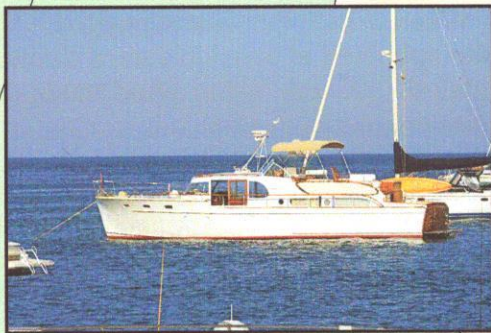
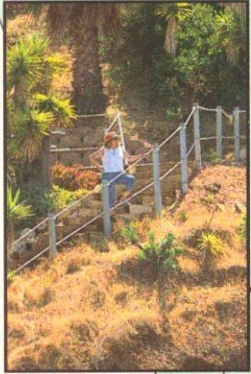
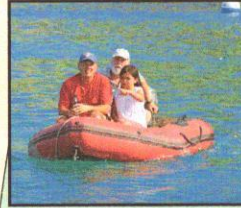
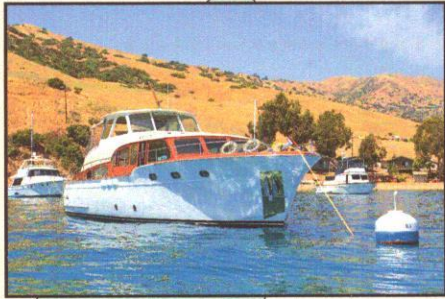
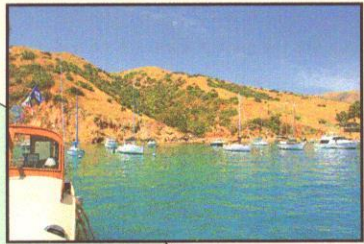
Drew and Marian entertained all on *Enchantress* for the cocktail hour(s) with their typical abundant spread of goodies, after which we ferried up to shore for dinner with Corsairs at their Cove.

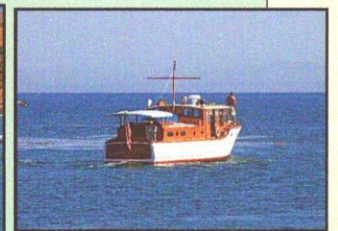
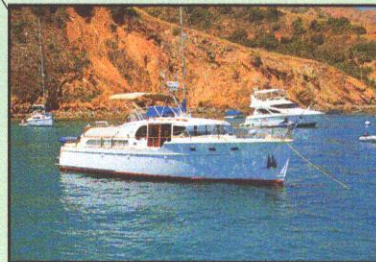
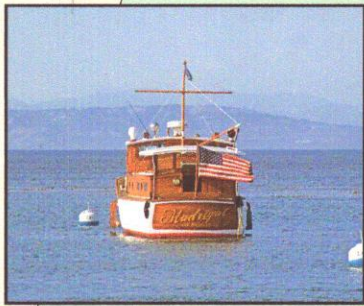
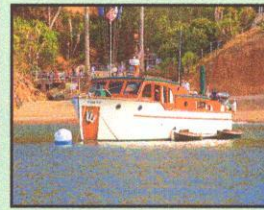
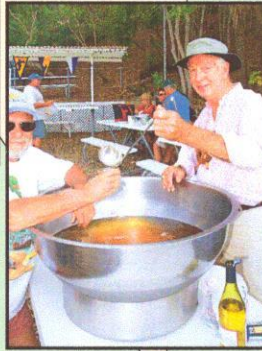
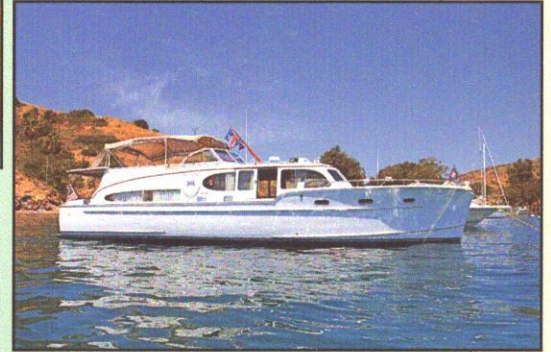
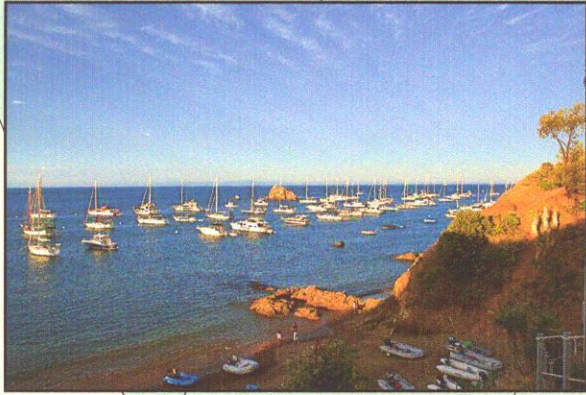
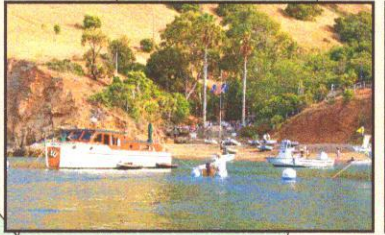
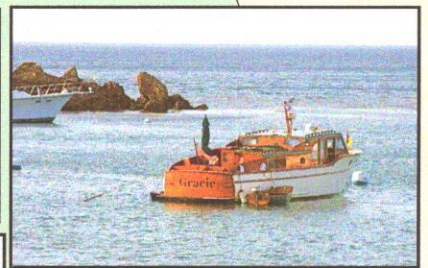
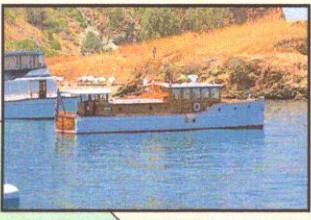
Corsair's Cove is truly the beautiful spot on the bay. It has a white sandy beach, BBQ pits, picnic tables, showers and restroom facilities, an Eagle's Nest from which you can look down on the entire bay. A fabulous rum punch magically appeared at 1700 hours on Saturday, courtesy of the Corsair's (further fortified by our contribution of Capt. Morgan's Rum). We enjoyed the punch while we cooked our own dinner on their (really hot) fire pits. It was great meeting new friends and share in celebrating the winner of their Saturday sailboat race, an award to a young Junior Corsair, and the exchange of burgees between CYA Commodore Tom and Corsair Commodore Rick. There was also a mutual commitment of what fun everyone was having and that we will calendar an encore "same time next year". We all heartily seconded that motion!

Sparkle seemed to become party central, and after a lively evening we were please to welcome Corsair's Commodore and dinghy-mates to continue the festivities.

Sunday morning *Gracie* took off early, as did *Riptide* and *Madrigal*. Jane went for a swim, and we had breakfast on *Sparkle*, joined by Drew and Marian. Also had a couple of guys with a nice Huck-ins that was anchored to the south stopped by to admire. We may have another new member!

It was a sunny warm morning, and the perfect close to a fun filled weekend. *Sparkle* and *Mindful* headed out about 11 a.m. It was a sunny departure, but I think we all hit pea soup fog about half way back - it continued all the way into Marina del Rey - thank goodness for Rick's expertise, and radar and GPS. It was a little strange to see a container ship in front of us disappear into the fog bank!! But everyone had an amazing great time, and we thank Commodore Tom for arranging the weekend and the new friendship of the Corsairs.





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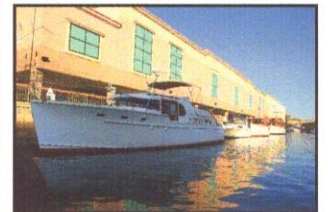
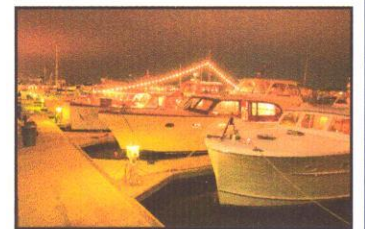




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