



CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

WINTER, 2008

2008 EVENTS

March 16
OPENING DAY

April 26
AFFILIATE'S
BARBEQUE -
LANDLUBBER'S
AUCTION

May 17
PREDICTED LOG
RACE

June 20-22
COMMODORE'S
CATALINA CRUISE

July 5-6
SEA FEST

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OLD FASHIONED
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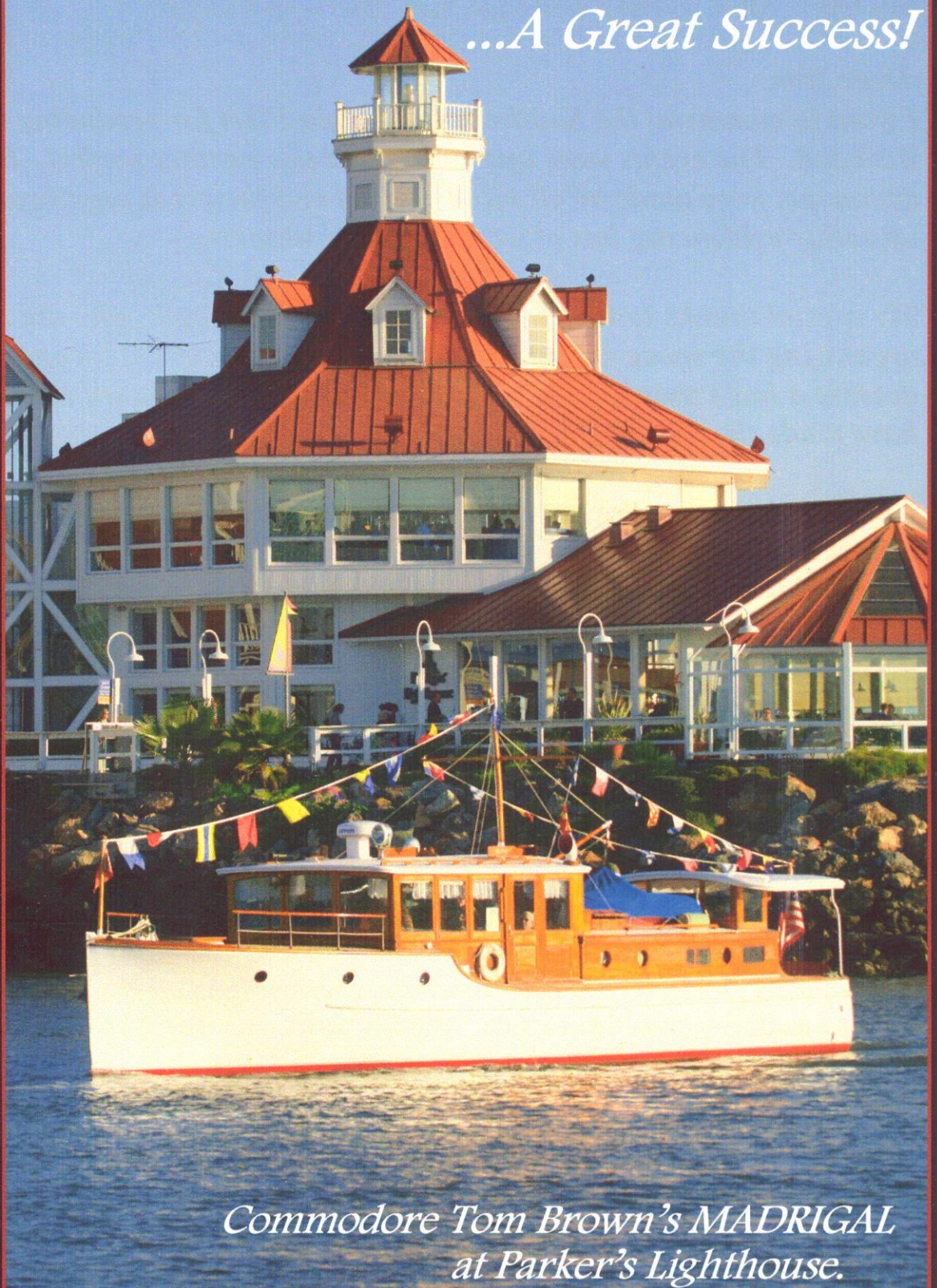
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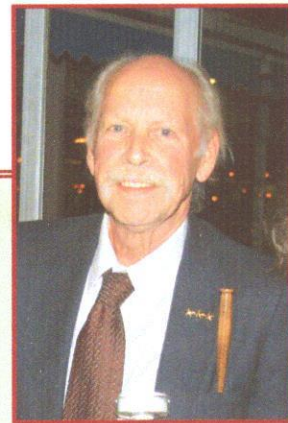
January 2008
NATIONAL
CHANGE OF WATCH
San Francisco Fleet

*National Change of Watch
...A Great Success!*



*Commodore Tom Brown's MADRIGAL
at Parker's Lighthouse.*

From The Bridge, Commodore, Tom Brown



Hi Everyone,

A few days after the National Change of Watch I received this very nice letter. All of you who worked so hard, deserve to read this:

Dear Tom,

I want to commend the Southern California Fleet for producing a wonderful weekend. The events were interesting and the weather perfect. Lots of positive comments were made by all those present and the event organization went very smoothly evidencing lots of work by your committee.

My special thanks to Christine Rohde and Cathy Yatch, who did a super job of organizing the space and the Saturday evening event. Mike and Janie Horton deserve a huge thanks for hosting the cocktail party aboard MIRIAM. I would have made the trip for that alone!

I'm sure that there are many others that worked on the event and deserve our thanks. I hope you will convey the thanks of all the members of the CYA to your fleet and to those who worked so hard to make the weekend a success.

Sincerely,

David Gillespie

National Commodore

I would like to add a thanks to Rick Olson for a list of contributions that goes on and on. A thanks to Peter Riess for organizing Thursday nights electric boats, emceeding at the Banquet, and along with Anna Erving and Christine setting up the hotel arrangements. To Jim Butz for making sure everyone not only got to Catalina on Friday but more importantly got back. To Linda Robinson for her work with Parker's Lighthouse to put on and outstanding cocktail party. And a special thanks to our ambassador from Mexico, David Medrano, for averting an international incident during the banquet when I asked our Canadian friends to pledge allegiance to our flag.

We are all looking forward to Opening Day on March 15th at the California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey. Rumor has it that the entire fleet of Marina del Rey Chris Crafts will be in attendance, sporting many new modifications and upgrades.

Best Regards, Commodore Tom

National Change of Watch ...A Great Success!

-by Rick. Olson

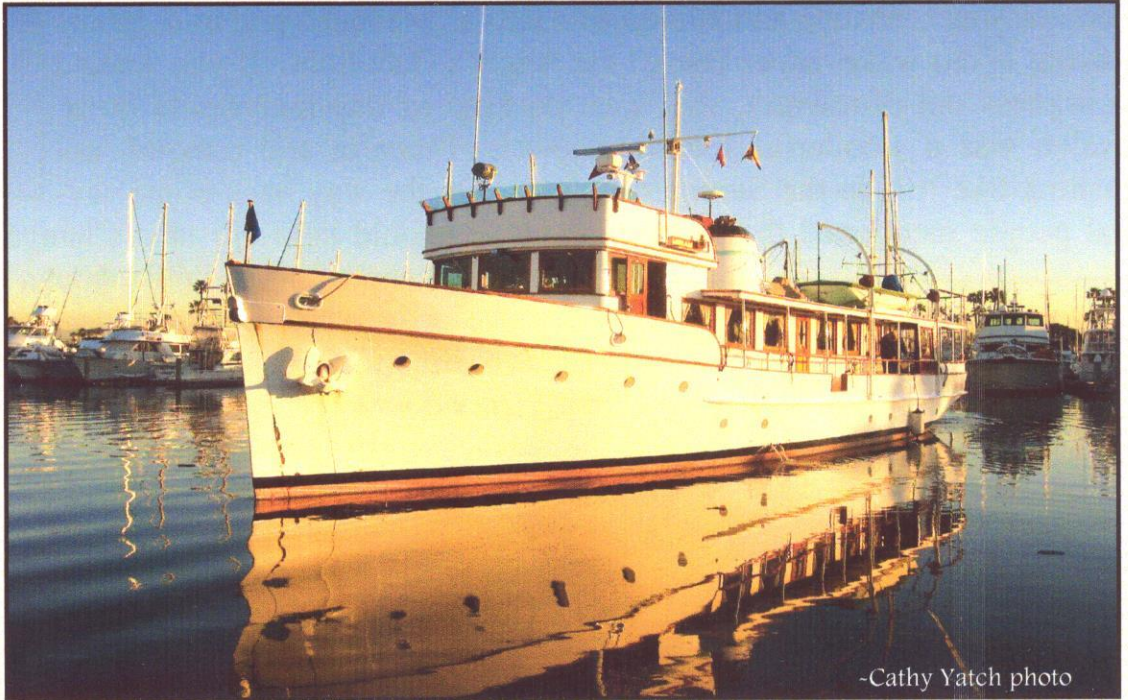
We did it! With a little help from the weatherman.

Of course, thanks to everyone who participated and helped. It really was a team effort and fun to work with such a great group of friends. Commodore Chris "Miss Organized" held us all together. Our guests were extremely pleased.

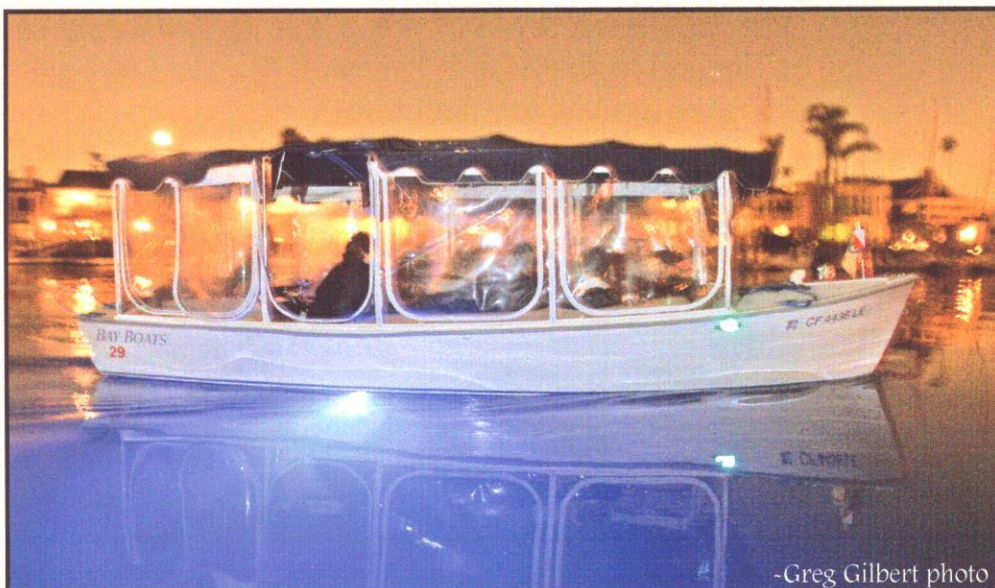
The Thursday night cocktail party and electric boat cruise certainly kicked off the weekend in a great way. Mike has done wonderful things with MIRIAM since he has owned her. All weekend, people was drooling over her paint and varnish work. I have had the pleasure of cruising on her several times and she is absolutely a great boat. With that setting, and Janie as super hostess, the evening was perfect..

Just as the party was peaking we off-loaded everyone and put them on five rented Duffy cocktail cruisers.

Many of our guests had never been on a electric launch before and were amazed at the nice smooth quiet running. Equally they were impressed with our unique Naples Island canals, lovely homes, and reflective smooth Alamitos Bay backwaters. At one point we were cruising our little fleet of five electric boats abreast of each other across Naples Bay. Each



-Cathy Yatch photo



-Greg Gilbert photo

boat has an electric blue light that shines out under the water. The five boats in a line with all of the harbor lights reflecting on the water is a beautiful impressive sight. I'm so glad we decided to do this. It seems that CYA members from around the country thought it was a good idea too as fifty of them showed up a day early to attend.

National Change of Watch

Adjusting to the change to the San Pedro Catalina Express terminal, I had made a set of driving instructions that said to take the first right at the far side of the Vincent Thomas Bridge. With a van full of guests I left the hotel and headed out over Terminal Island. As I went over the first bridge over the LA River, I thought to myself, "I wonder how many people will think this is the Vincent Thomas Bridge". My instructions had neglected the fact that there are two bridges.

Sure enough, when we arrived at the terminal, Elissa was already on the cell phone talking to people who were lost on Terminal Island. Eventually we got all 36 of our members on the Express and off to Avalon. It was a crystal clear, calm, sunny and warm, winter morning. Besides passing Christine and Bill on SPARKLE, we had a pod of dolphins playing in our wake as we passed the Angle's Gate light. If you wanted to impress out-of-towners, this was the kind of day that would do it. Avalon was a wonderful sparkling jewel. Peaceful and tranquil, not bustling like it is in the Summer months. On the way back home several people mentioned that they thought we should hold our next Change of Watch in Avalon.



That may be something to think about.

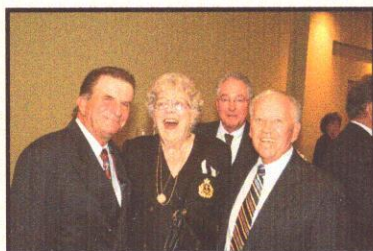
We arrived back at the Hilton in time for a quick rest and then we were off again to the Hackworth Insurance sponsored, "Welcoming" Cocktail Party at Parker's Lighthouse Restaurant. Linda, Chris, Cathy and their helpers had it set up beautifully and there was quite an array of



yummy appetizers. The vista of the Queen Mary across the

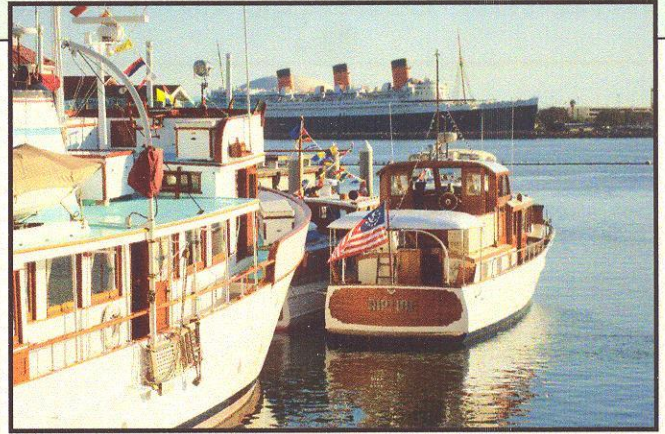
channel, candle light, and the camaraderie of old friends, gave the room a especially warm glow.

The Saturday nights formal "Change of Watch Banquet" was a very nice affair. Good food and drinks, lovely people, speeches and awards, bits of humor, and of course the recognition of the 2008 Bridge. The high point of the evening was the awarding of Life Membership to Jim and Martie Butz. This well deserved recognition, of 20 years of service to the CYA, had been kept a secret. When awarded to a surprised Jim Butz, he was very honored and just about speechless.





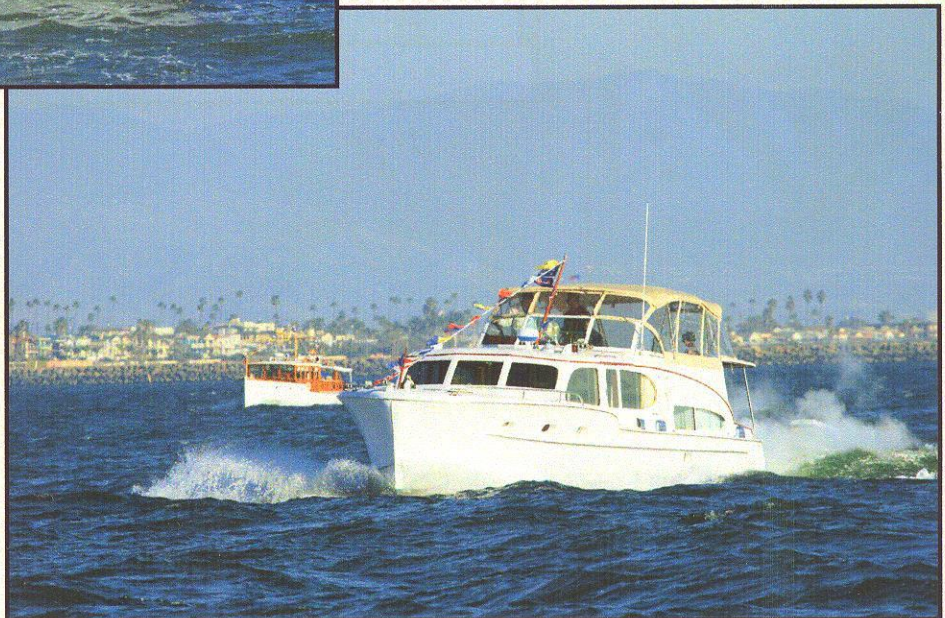
Meetings, shopping, sightseeing, or just hanging out on any of four classic yachts, MADRIGAL, RIPTIDE, SPARKLE, or MIRIAM, filled the extra hours of the weekend. The yachts were open for visitors and stationed within walking distance of the hotel at the Pine Avenue Pier. Thanks to members who brought their



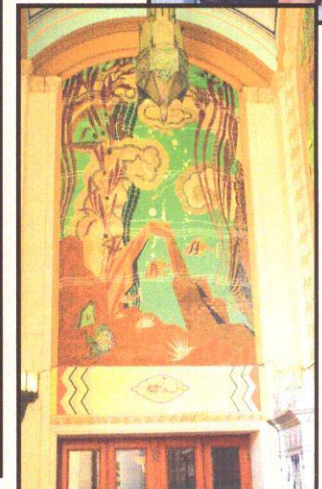
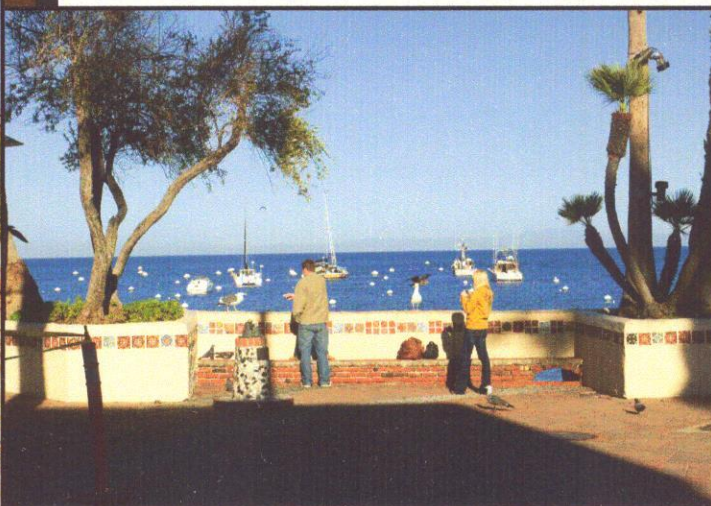
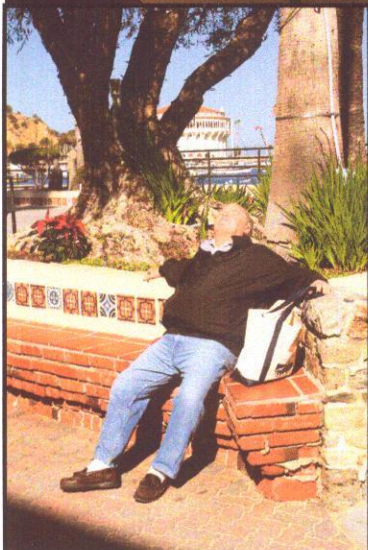
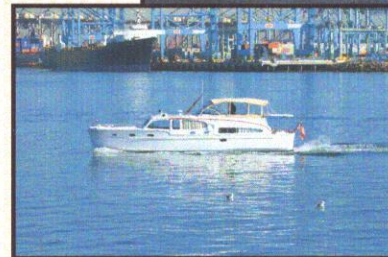
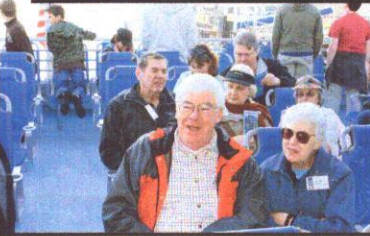
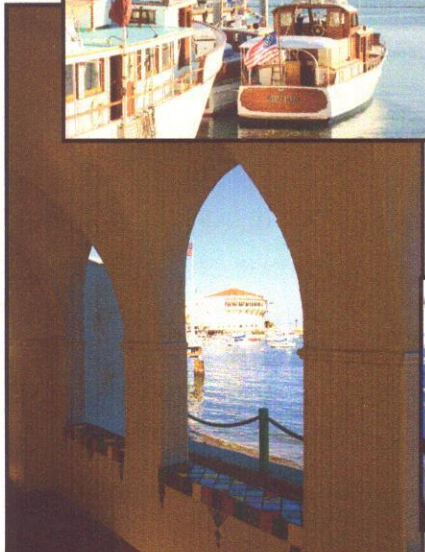
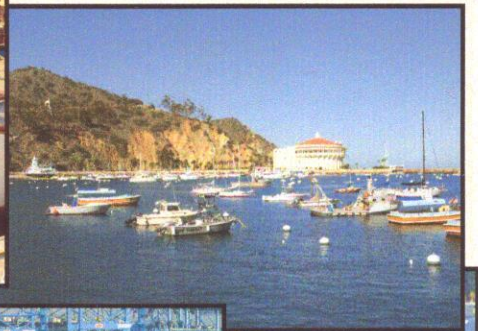
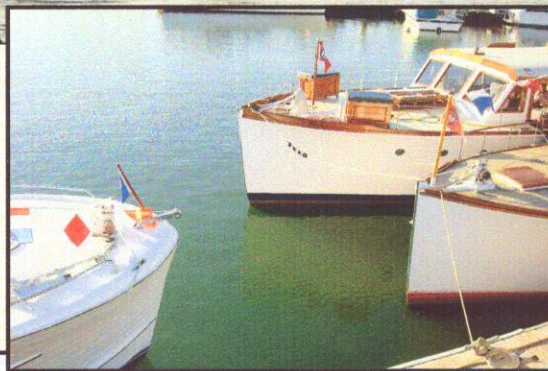
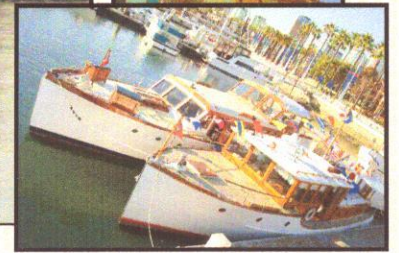
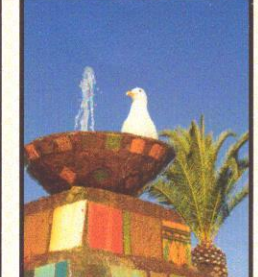
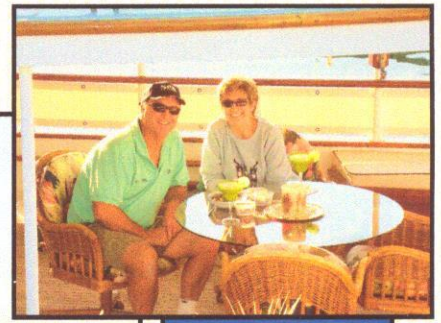
yachts over. It was a special treat to have boats for our guests to visit and relax on.

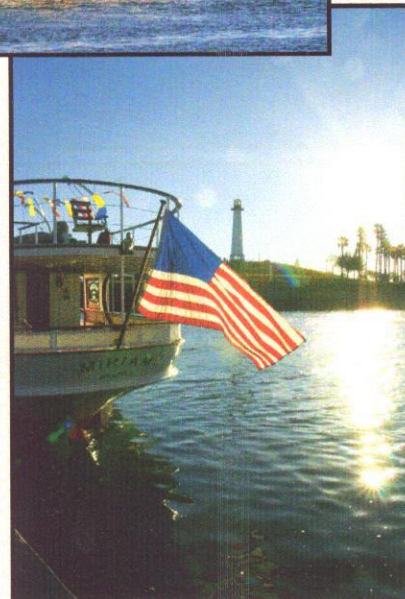
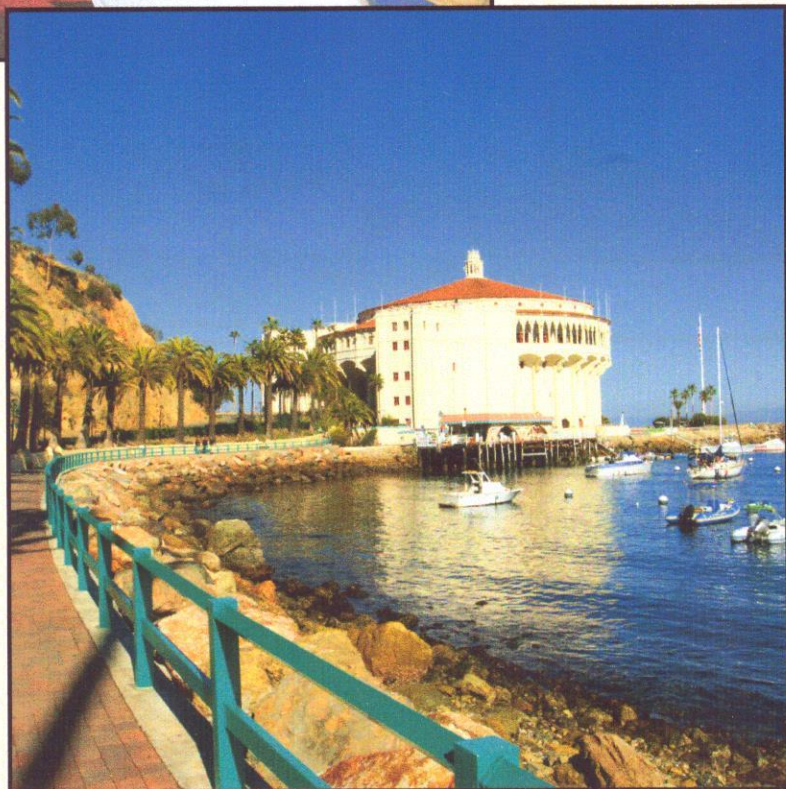
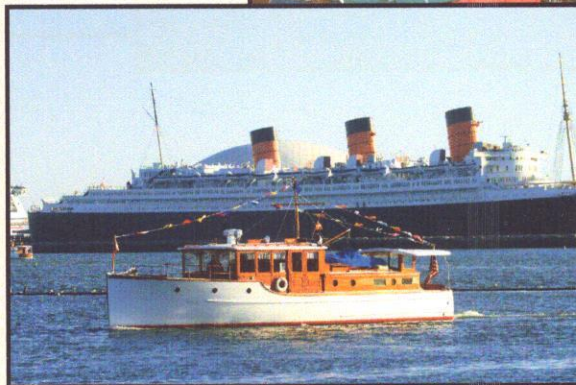
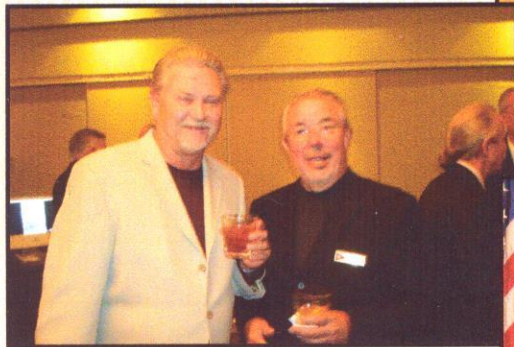
Closing out the weekend was the Sunday afternoon harbor cruise leaving from the pier and returning about two hours later. Even for Southern California we were lucky. Considering that we were out on the water three times in

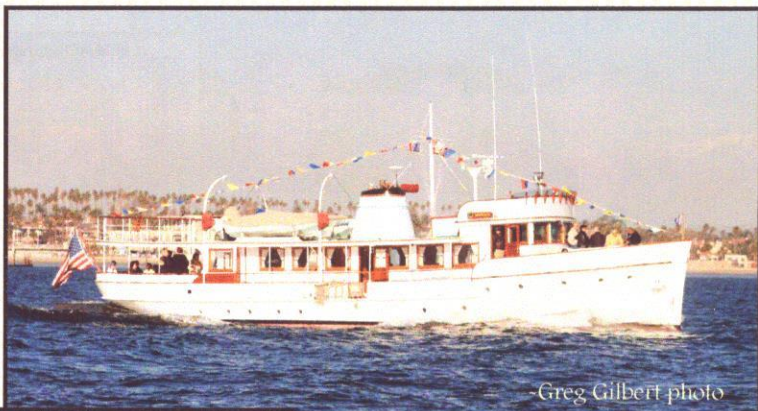
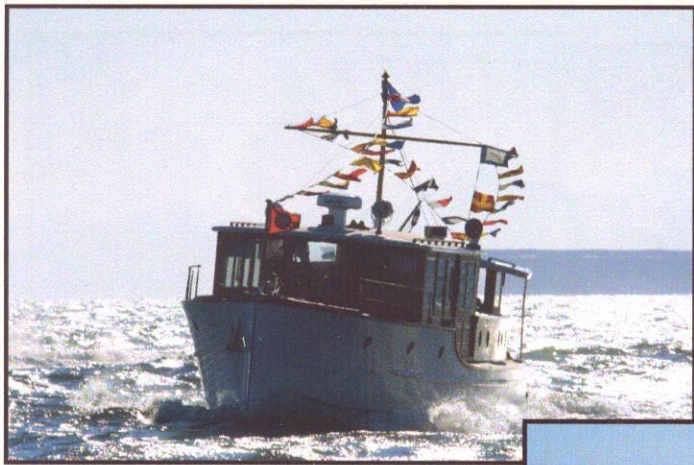
four days, it was wonderful to have such good weather in January. The boats looked great on the water in the bright sun and wind blown spray. A fine way to end a terrific event. The weekend could not have been better. Our guests from much colder homes were treated to four days of Southern California's glorious warm sun.



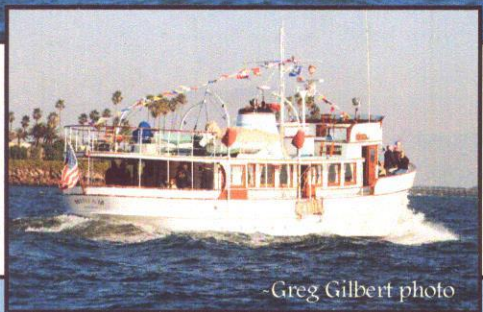
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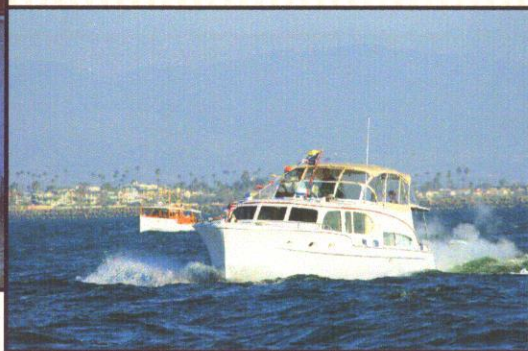
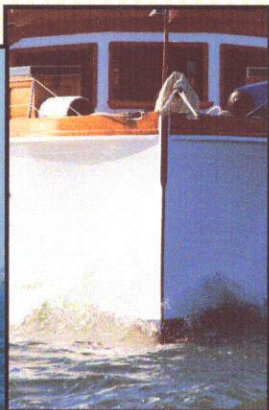
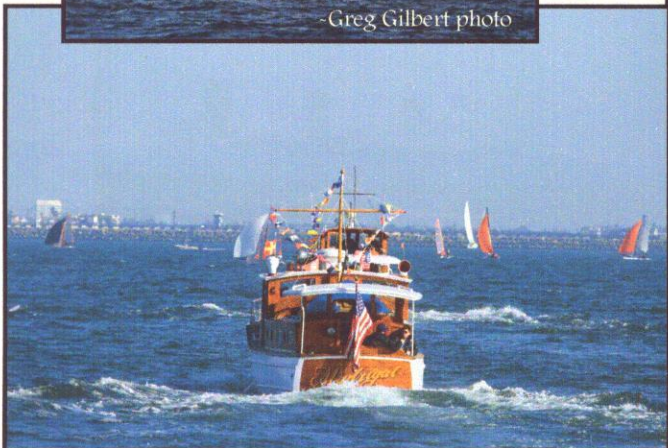
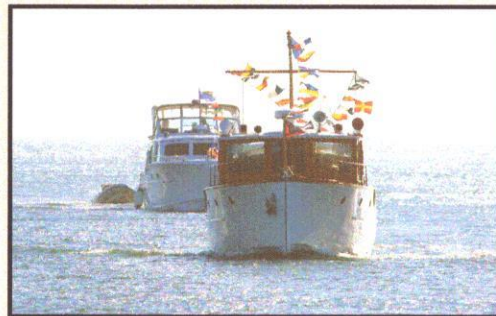




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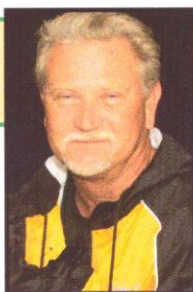


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RICK OLSON, Cub Reporter



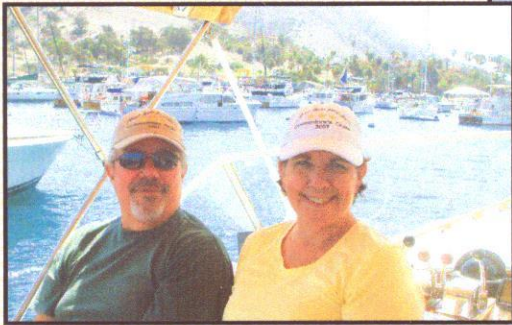
*** "Timing is everything". When we left San Pedro's Catalina Express terminal headed for Avalon, our 36 excited CYA guests were treated to a lovely sight. It was a 1950, 48' Chris-Craft going the opposite way down the channel. In the bright morning sun the blue water sparkled and so did Christine's yacht "Sparkle" with and Bill at the helm. They were on their way from Marina del Rey to the Pine Avenue Pier for the Change of Watch weekend. We could not have planned it better, perfect timing. *** "I love it when a plan comes together". The National Change of Watch was discussed during every board meeting throughout 2007. We batted around ideas, said "what if we" a hundred times, took on responsibilities, and each contributed where we could. Eventually a plan came together and we all pulled in the same direction until the weekend came and went. WOW! What an huge success it was. The Southern California fleet has something to be very proud of. All of our guests had a fine time. Thank you to everyone that participated. *** Anna and Bill Erving's yacht Alura II has been sold with a lot of help from Peter and Dennis. Fact is, Peter and Dennis have really been there for Anna when she has needed help. Way to go guys, your awesome! Alura II was purchase by Paul and Sandy Fredricks from Thousand Oak, and the boat was moved to Channel Island Marina. Anna bought them a CYA membership as part of the sale and they attended the National Change of Watch banquet as Anna's guests. Neat people I hope many of you got a chance to meet them and I hope that they will make their way to some of our other 2008 events. This is their first boat and I'm sure they will need some mentoring. *** "It can be a small world". On Saturday afternoon during the Change of Watch, Stan Nelson from Seattle asked if I could do him a favor. He wanted to look at a boat that he had seen listed for sale. It was a 50 foot Bertram Cruiser that had been a personal boat of Richard Bertram when it was new and used by him for cruising in Europe. Stan had always wanted a Bertram of this design. Elissa, He and I, and his wife Robin, went and met the broker. We drove and then walked onto the dock and to the yacht's slip. As I reached the boat and saw the name "Namaskar" and realized that I new this boat. I had photographed it a few years back as part of a photo shoot I did for the Long Beach Yacht Club. "Namaskar" was in the goodbye fleet when the 'Deerleap" left for Seattle. When we went inside, there on the table was a CYA Photo Album and several of my pictures. It seems

that Richard Gardner had done much of the interior woodworking on a recent refit and at that time made sure owner "Karen" had a Photo Album. What a pleasant coincidence. ***

"The Terrible Loss of DOROTHEA". For those of you that attended last years Change of Watch in Seattle, there was a presentation given by long time CYA member and Project manager for "Motor yacht Dorothea" Malcolm Munsey. Dorothea was undergoing an extensive and very professional refit including a whole new interior. She was getting new tanks, all new wiring, new plumbing, complete engine rebuilds, complete paint, and more. Several CYA members were involved. Built by Vic Franck's Yard in 1967, the 107 foot Dorothea is all wood and had clocked over 150,000 mile while going completely around the world. On Friday, November 2nd, Dorothea met with a horrible tragedy. 220 miles off the coast of Costa Rica she caught fire and was abandon by her crew of five when the fire became hopeless. The fire started deep below deck and spread up her mast and engulfed the bridge. The Captain worrying about propane tanks and 400 gallons of gasoline near the mast, plus 7000 gallons of diesel below decks, ordered the crew into the life boats. He said, "When you step off a boat 220 miles off of Central America, there is only one thing on your mind, you're dying". Sensing two locator beacons, the Coast Guard diverted two drug intervention aircraft who were nearby. One plan spotted the burning yacht and the lift rafts. They were picked up first by a Panamanian fishing trawler and then seven hours later transferred to the frigate USS HALYBURTON. None of the crew were injured. Not only was this a loss for those directly involved, it was a loss for the whole Seattle boating community. Dorothea was the largest yacht to ever come out of the Lake Union Vic Franck yard and a fixture in Seattle boating. ***

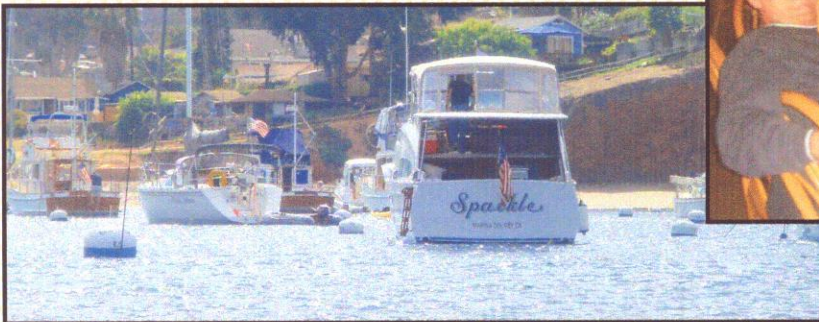


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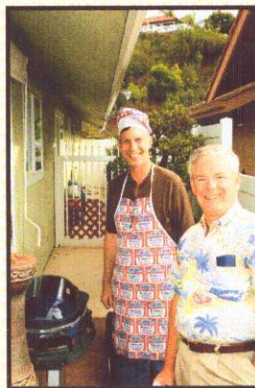
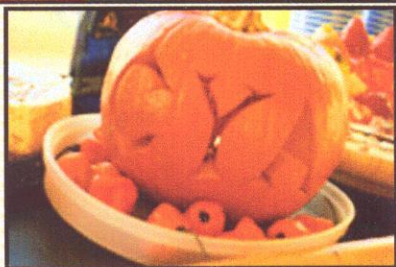
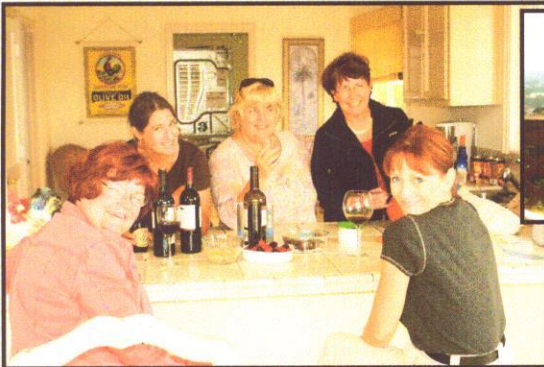


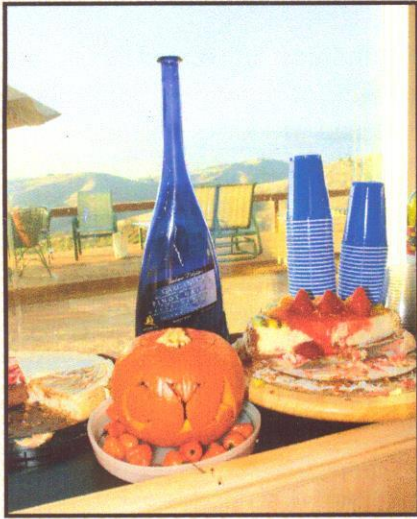
Last September, after a weather delay of one week, **Enchantress, Madrigal, and Sparkle** spent a weekend at the Isthmus. This was Christine's Commodores Cruise. For Cris it brought back special memories of going there as a child on her parents boat.

As luck would have it there was another classic yacht in the harbor which was soon befriended. Teri and Larry Walker and yacht **Gracie** were soon conscripted into the weekends activities and eventually into the CYA. Here are a few of Christine's photos from that weekend.



In October our annual fall Desert Fest weekend was changed to a party at Anna and Bill Erving's home in San Clemente. With Halloween just around the corner we were still able to enjoyed a pleasant afternoon in the fall sunshine. They have a tremendous view of Dana Point and the coastal hills from their kitchen, living room, and patio.





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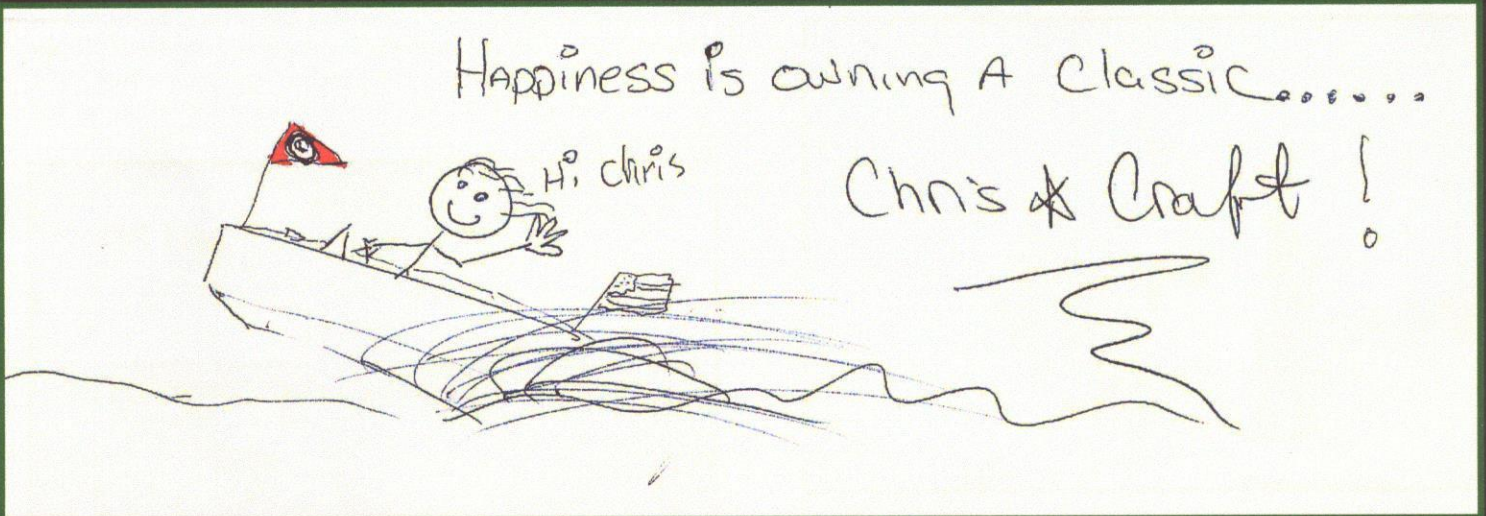
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*They are brass with the
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Classic Art from Tommy O'Brien -

We're pretty sure that when Tommy sent this to Chrisitne he never expected that he would see it in print. Surprise! We think this was too cute to pass up.



A Day of Classic Yachting on the Tigre River



by Peter Riess

In December, I had the good fortune to visit the wonderful city of Buenos Aires, Argentina. I was invited as the guest of Mario Iocolano and his wife Veronica to stay with them in their home in the Recoleta section of that great city. Through Mario's family connections, I spent a great deal of time at the Yacht Club of Argentina (YCA), both in Buenos Aires and in the suburb of San Ysidro.

While at YCA San Ysidro, I was invited by one of the members, Coco Jensen, to spend a day with his family on their 47' 1947 classic powerboat. Coco is actually a world class small boat sailor, who bought the powerboat looking for comfort and speed when he was not sailing.

Mario, Veronica and I arrived at YCA bright and early on a sunny Sunday morning and went to the appointed meeting place, a dock located within the 100 acre yacht club owned property. Several large wooden classics went by without stopping. Finally, the most beautiful boat in the harbor approached, with Coco at the helm. We stepped aboard, made introductions (including a pair of Scotties named "Port" and "Starboard", one with red collar, one with green), and set off for the Tigre River. It did not take long to see just how special this yacht is. She had been totally restored at the yard owned and operated by the YCA (which has a full-time staff of 100). New turbo Yanmar's give her a cruising speed of 20 knots and a top speed of an astonishing 30 knots. At 20 knots, it was so quiet in the cockpit you could carry on a normal conversation, although since everyone else spoke Spanish, I didn't have a clue what was being said most of the time. As we turned a corner in the channel, we entered the Tigre River. Coco served champagne and tradi-



Peter at the flybridge helm on Tigre River

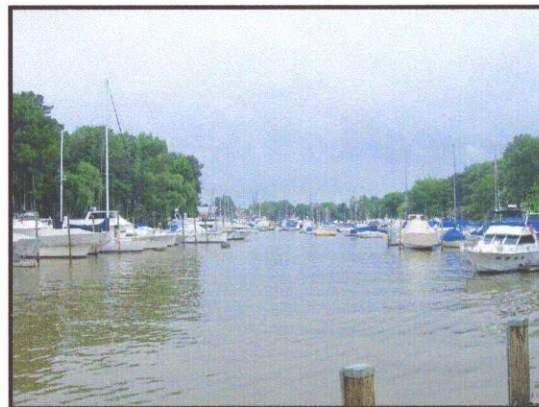
tional empanadas (a meat turnover which is a staple in the Argentine diet).

There are literally hundreds of branches of the river, with mile after mile of cottages lining both sides. There are no roads and groceries are purchased from barges that pull right up to the docks. These cottages were built years ago for people to escape the heat of the city. Mario spent childhood summers on the river, and he still loves it.

We tied up for lunch at "Aku Aku", a riverside bistro with docks. Ten of us had a full meal, including wine and dessert, for less than \$100.00US. The food was great, and as is the style there, lunch lasted over three hours. You can't be in a hurry there, rushing is not a concept that is understood or tolerated by the locals.

Lunch ended, and we returned to our boat. By late afternoon, traffic was heavy on the river. We had to back away from the dock quickly, and the props stirred up a huge cloud of mud. Turns out the river runs between two and five feet. Most boats in that section draw as little as 18 inches. Good thing that it is so protected.

We raced back to YCA at almost 30 knots, throwing a HUGE wake, which most of the locals appeared not to notice. Yachting is like driving a car down there. You go as fast as you can, turn when you like and



seem not to notice anyone else. All in all, I can't wait to go back and do it all over again!

Note: The Yacht Club of Argentina has several thousand members and is a world class yacht racing organization. It has a huge private harbor and facility including its own boat yard as pictured below. YCA has its own division for owners of historic power boats.



Southern California Fleet Welcomes New Members ~

GRACIE

Larry and Teri Walker

Welcome to the CYA. Our group first met these nice folks while on the Commodores Cruise to the Isthmus. They plied them with wine and appetizers and before you could say "classic yacht" they were signed up. We are so glad to have you and your cute GRACIE with us.

The walkers hail from Pacific Palisades and keep the boat in Cabrillo Marina. The yacht is an Ed Monk Sr. design and was built in Seattle.

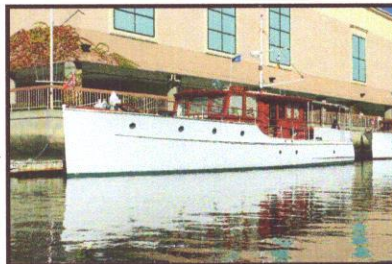
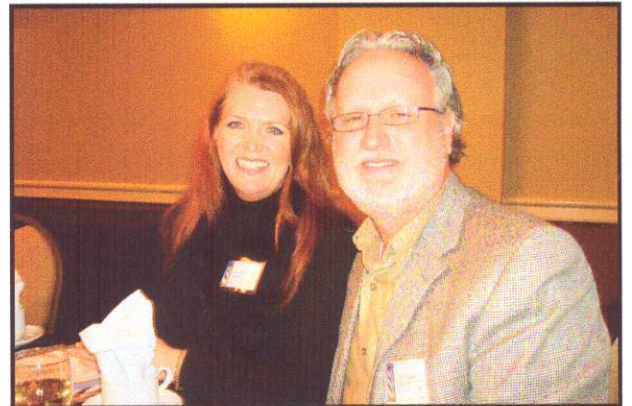


1950 — 36 FOOT — Bud Fodor

ALURA II

Paul and Sandy Fredricks

Welcome to the CYA. Paul and Sandy recently purchased Alura II from the Erving's. Anna made sure that they were given a CYA membership as part of the sale. This is the Fredrick's first yacht and they seem excited about working on her and enjoying her. We, of course, are all familiar with Alura II as it has been a member yacht for many years. We look forward to becoming friends with the Fredricks and hope they find that they enjoy being CYA Southern Fleet members.

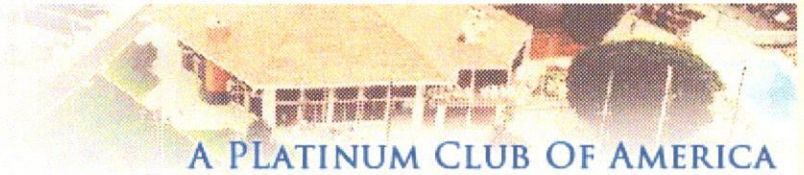


1929 — 54 FOOT — Lawley

2008 OPENING DAY, March 16th

See the California Yacht Club, Marina del Rey
Hosted by Sobre Las Olas

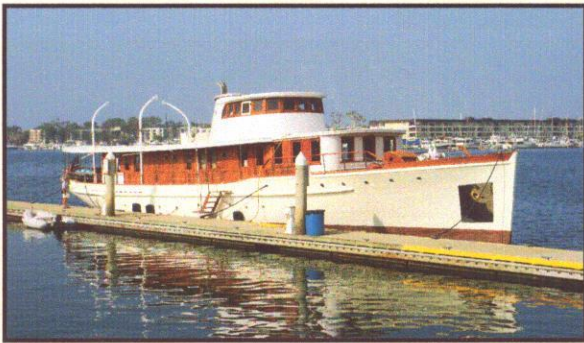
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Come and enjoy a California Yacht Club catered Champaign Breakfast aboard Sobre Las Olas. Served at 10:00 am 'till 11:30 am. Opening Day ceremony to follow. Then enjoy the afternoon socializing aboard other participating yachts.

~ Slips available ~

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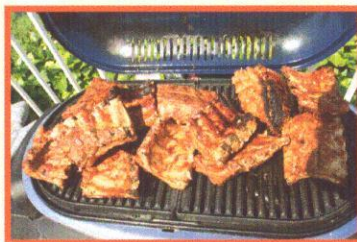
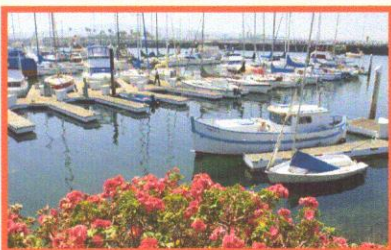


ARE YOU READY FOR SOME RED ?

Affiliates Barbecue, and Landlubber's Auction

April 26th, 2008, 11:00 am

at the California Yacht Marina, Wilmington.



..... **Wear RED !!**

Look for separate invitation in your mail or call, Rick Olson, (626) 915-5721

More Upcoming Southern Fleet Events:

PLR THE PREDICTED LOG RACE, 2008

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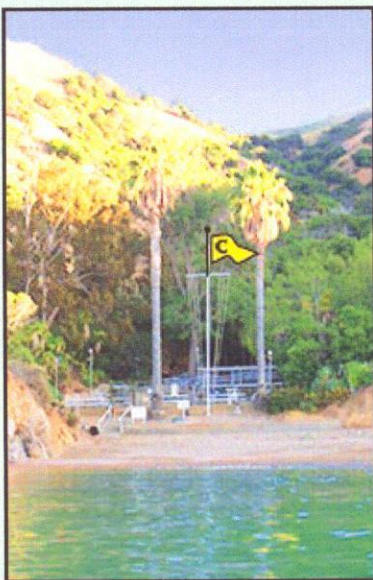
May 17th, 2008, from the Cabrillo Marina in San Pedro Dockside Barbecue to follow the Cruise.

A great reason to get out and cruise your boat or hitch a ride on a friends. Join us! Nice Spring weather, good chance to see the other yachts underway, technically interesting, sometimes contentious, and always fun.

The most important new event of the year !

COMMODORE'S CRUISE To CATALINA ISLAND'S EMERALD BAY

JUNE 20TH-22ND. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CORSAIR YACHT CLUB'S FACILITIES AT EMERALD BAY. WE ARE ABLE TO GET GUARANTEED MOORINGS AND JOIN THEIR BARBECUE ON THE BEACH.



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Our modest outdoor facility, located in the beautiful cove of Emerald Bay, is the 2nd home to a small fleet of 75 Southern California boaters. The white sands, complex reefs, and luscious kelp make a home for many underwater creatures, which is why Emerald Bay is considered one of the best dive spots in California. After a single visit, many boaters quickly come to see why Corsair Yacht Club is considered to be the *"Best Little Yacht Club in the World!"*

-Taken from the CYC web site.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! EMERALD BAY IS ONE OF THE PRETTIEST SPOTS ON THE WHOLE ISLAND. BEING ABLE TO GO OVER IN THE SUMMER KNOWING THAT WE HAVE RESERVATIONS, IS A WONDERFUL TREAT.



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