

CLASSIC TIMES

Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

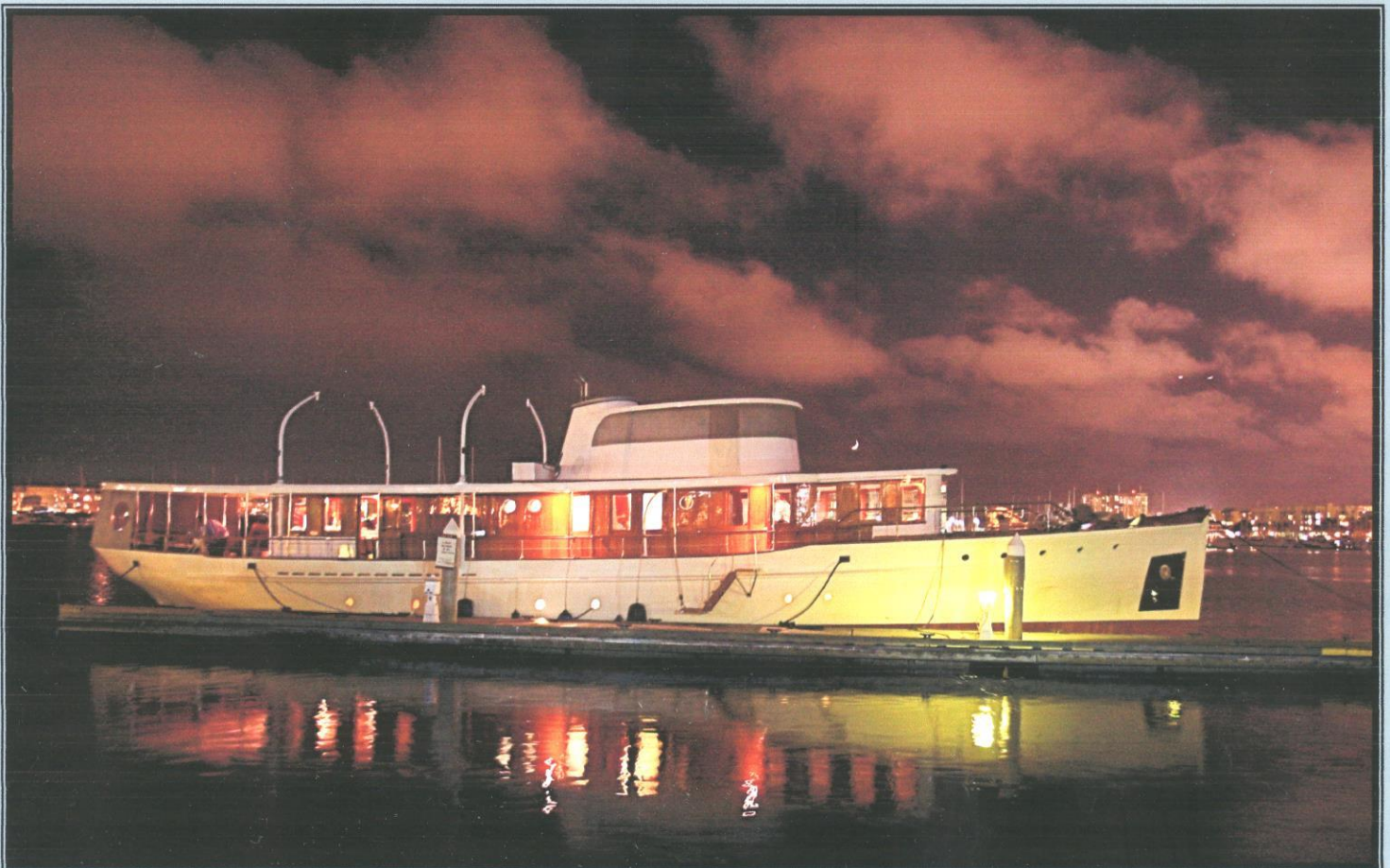
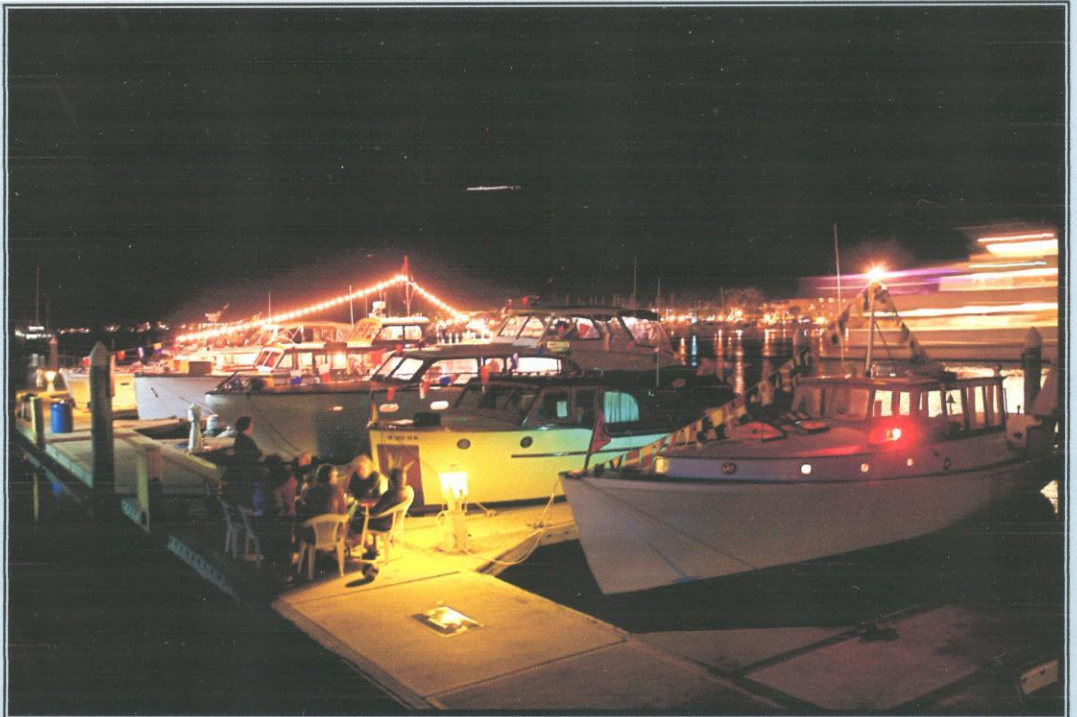
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Nighttime Magic at Marina del Rey—2009

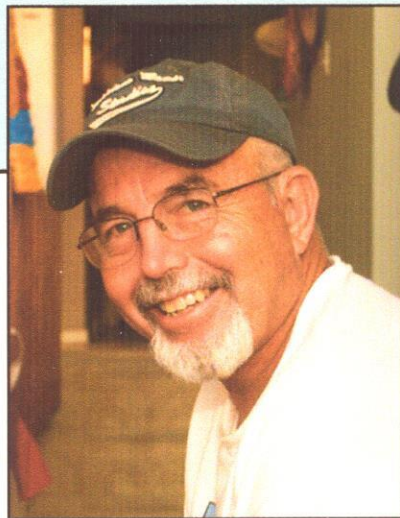
2009 End of Year EVENTS

DECEMBER 5TH
Southern California
Fleet
CHANGE OF WATCH
"22St LANDING"
Christmas Theme

**TODAY'S BOATING
TIP-**
Boaters with the
wrong footwear,
suffer
the agony of defeat.



Note from the Bridge, Commodore, Dennis Ballard



The Summer is over and Autumn is here already. Where did the season go? We have all been affected by the fires this season and our boats have been great refuge from the smoke. In June, some of us braved the trip to Emerald Bay and back. The turnout was good and our hosts Corsair Yacht Club were very accommodating. Some members even went sailing with our hosts, and found the Ashbrook sail race much fun. Everyone attended the barbeque, and welcomed dry land after the relentless rocking was taking its toll. There was no fog this year, but little sunshine either. Drew Miser and Marian did a great job with a cocktail party aboard *Enchantress* on Saturday afternoon. Sunday saw us all leave rather early to find four to six foot swells. Gracie had a slow start after she snagged a mooring line, rescued by Steve Sheridan who braved the chilly water to free her. Steve had spent some time Saturday under water with a seam calk project on *Lark*. Steve Catalano captained *Madrigal* for ailing Tom Brown, and she was a welcome sight, completing the group of five boats. *Riptide*, *Gracie*, *Enchantress*, *Lark* and *Madrigal* represented the fleet.

July was a busy month for our fleet, as we readied our boats for back-to-back events. Old Fashioned Day in the Park is Los Angeles County sponsored and our boats are open to the public that last Sunday of July. By late Saturday our fleet numbered 9 for this event. *Gracie*, *Riptide*, *Sparkle*, *Enchantress*, *Sobre Los Olas*, *Hel-Port II*, *Intensive Care*, *Mindful* and *Black Jack* were at the docks. Saturday evening saw the fleet spread down the dock as we barbequed and drank Rick Olson's latest drink creation. Jim Butz and helper Owen Bullen worked the cars, steam driven machines and modelers on Sunday. A steam powered launch added to the classic theme of the day as she blew her whistle and got much attention. The one thing we all missed this year was Tom Brown docking *Madrigal* into his slip, coming in at a good clip and then a quick reverse just in time. We all were aware that Tom Brown was in a fight for his life as lung cancer was his adversary. The following weekend, August 1st. SeaFest was sponsored by Shoreline Yacht Club and the City of Long Beach. The event saw as many ACBS boats as our classic yachts. Scott and Linda Robinson worked very hard to make this a great event. Situated on the prime dock were *Riptide*, *Gracie* and *ComOcean*, flanked by our new members Kevin and Claudia Murphy's *Arrivederci*, and *Enchantress*. To all of us on the dock, we found the loud speakers playing new age jazz all night a little much, and I used a trusty can of WD40 to silence the squealing dock rollers. We were all invited to Shoreline Yacht Club for a cocktail party and dinner Saturday night. After a great dinner, results of the yacht club judging were presented. To nobody's surprise, Ron and Cathy Yatch's *ComOcean* took a very well deserved first place, while Scott and Linda Robinson followed with their *Century* taking 3rd place.

Shortly after this event I visited Tom Brown at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank. I filled him in on fleet events and his spirit was good. He thanked everyone for the card we all signed at MDR earlier in the season and was much appreciative. He asked me to be his liaison to our fleet and I in turn kept him in the loop.

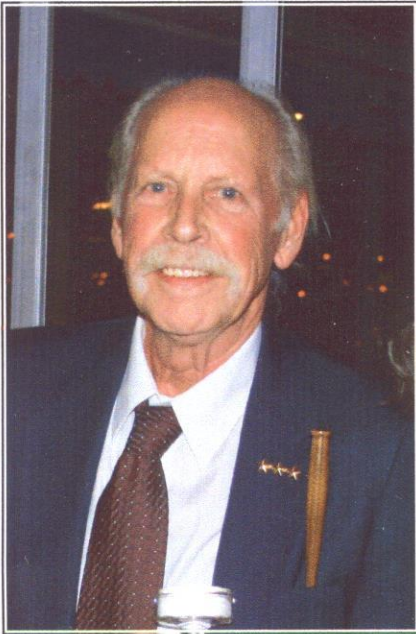
Just before the next event, more bad news hit our fleet. Ron Yatch was in the hospital and in intensive care. We all waited anxiously to hear from Cathy on Ron's condition. At Marina Pacifica we were pleased to find Ron was stable, but not out of the woods yet. This year was the lowest attended Marina Pacifica on record. We had a whopping 3 boats and a short visit from *Blanche*, with *Gracie*, *Riptide*, and *Enchantress* representing our fleet. The highlight was as usual, the fantastic party that Drew and Marian arranged at Drew's beautiful condo across the channel. With a Fiesta theme we all drank much tequila and ate great Mexican food. Bravo Drew and Marian for that special treat. August ended with the news of Ron Yatch's improvement, which was welcome indeed.

The season ends with the sad news of Staff Commodore Tom Brown' passing over the bar. His kind smile and merry demeanor will be missed by all of us.

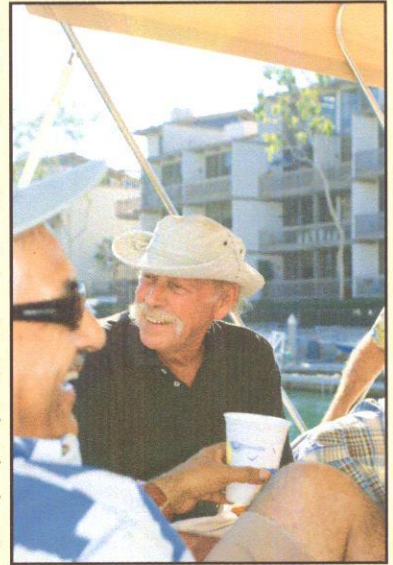
I'll close now by saying what an honor it is to serve as your Commodore, through the good times and the bad.

Smooth Seas and Fair Winds my friends.

TOM BROWN 1935—2009



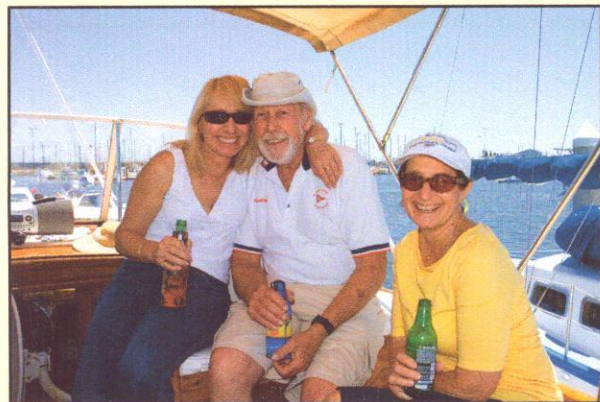
Tom Brown was married for 53 years to his sweetheart, Peggy. Their happy union produced three kids, son Tom Jr. and daughters Lori and Judy. Born on January 23rd, 1935, he passed over the bar September 17th, 2009. Tom served as a negotiator and consultant for the Teachers Union from which he retired about 15 years ago. Besides being one of the best yachtsmen around, Tom was an aircraft pilot and built two planes in his Burbank garage. His building expertise went beyond planes, as he finished 2 homes and a large cabin. We all knew of Tom's navigation skills and that he was a wonderful caretaker of his pride *Madri-*



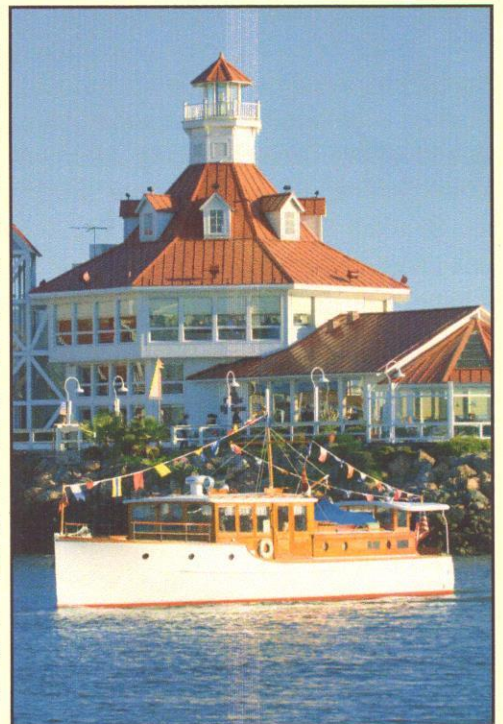
gal, but few knew his talents went far beyond that. He was an avid sailor, and restored a wooden classic sailboat while working on *Madrigal*. He flew his planes in the Mohave Desert and had a few close calls. After retirement, Tom became interested in boat modeling and made several plank-on-frame models. His model of the *H.M.S. Bounty* is truly of museum quality. His craftsmanship was also remarkable in the instrument box with an inlaid veneer compass rose he created for *Madrigal's* helm. Our Tom Brown was truly a self-reliant all-around stand-up guy.



Over the last ten years, we all have been privileged to have him in our midst, and serving with him in the CYA was a true pleasure. At our National Change of Watch in 2008, Tom was instrumental as fleet Commodore in making every thing happen smoothly. When asked to be rear commodore in 2005 he told me that it was his turn to volunteer. It was only his failing health that kept Tom from joining us these last months. Always ready with a quick joke, or a story that



had a humorous take on a situation, Tom was a local CYA hero. Like Martie Butz, Scottie Dobson and Bill Erving before him, his smile will be missed around the CYA Southern Fleet.



Emerald Bay Cruise by Christine Rohde

Father's Day weekend in June brought a small but hearty contingent to enjoy our second annual Commodore's Cruise to Emerald Bay on Catalina Island. We made more new friends in Corsair Yacht Club, and also renewed friendships from a year ago. Again this year we had strange weather. You may remember last year we had hot dry winds all weekend! This year was a roly weekend with unusual south swells coming in broadside. Breakfast aboard *Riptide* on Saturday necessitated our keeping a quick hand on maple syrup and juice glasses lest they be tossed to the floor! Skipped by Steve Catalano, *Madrigal* arrived Saturday morning, and we were all concerned about Tom Brown's not being well enough to come along.

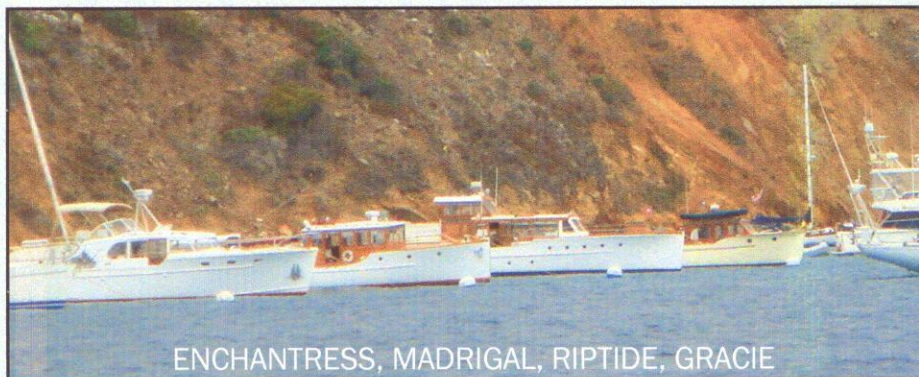
Our beautiful Classics were easy to spot as this year the harbor patrol lined us up side by side on moorings near the south end of the bay. We had *Enchantress*, *Madrigal*, *Riptide*, *Gracie*, and *Lark*.

Several of us were privileged to enjoy to "quiet" afternoon of sailing in Corsair's Ashbridge Classic – which filled the afternoon due to almost non-existent wind for the first half of the race (power is not a bad thing - CYA!!). I was aboard a 36' Irwin *Jacquot Bateau* termed the "bathtub" for its decidedly "non-racing" style. The French owner, Jacque, and his brother Martin, and Kevin were the experienced crew; I know enough to stay out of the way. Being the last to finish the race last year, we had what should have been a significant handicap of 47 minutes. However, as we came about to head for the starting line, the wind died and it took almost the whole 47 minutes just to reach the start!! Once we got some wind we made up time and by the time we rounded Eagle Rock at the west end, we were ahead of 4 other boats, and closing on a competitor which had the "handicapper" aboard – friendly barbs of competition were exchanged, and the race back was close!! Drew and Marian were aboard "*Flyer*" – a true racer, which easily bested all; but a newly formed all ladies crew placed an impressive second! It was a fun opportunity to experience another "another" side of yachting!!

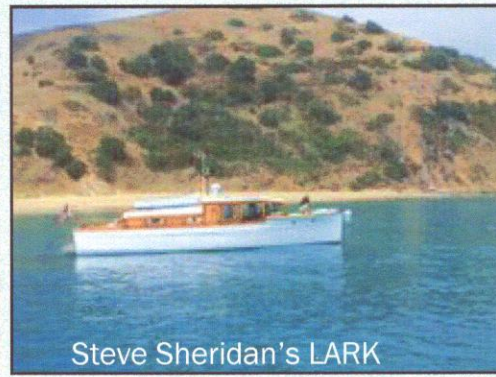
We all celebrated beachside with an evening BBQ at the Corsair facility and enjoyed their "unending" punch bowl! "*Flyer*" and crew, including Drew and Marian, were congratulated and awarded their trophy. I went to say hello to Rick Beauregard, last year's commodore, and enjoyed renewing friendships and remembering last year's late evening visit to *Sparkle* to party, and enjoy Rick Olson's scotch.



Riptide headed out early on Sunday morning, weary of rolling, and hit even more swells all the way back. A couple swells even tossed the drawers in the saloon open, knocking over the table. Julie Allomong and Peter DeWolf, along with Dennis at the helm, held on in the pilot house; Peter and I braved the deck behind. Peter's mother's miniature dachshund "Liepshin" curled up in my lap most of the trip home. She's a trooper! I must say it was a bit unnerving a couple of times when in a trough we could not see over the crest of the swell. However *Riptide* took the seas very well and we made it home in good time. Despite the rocking, it was a great weekend.



ENCHANTRESS, MADRIGAL, RIPTIDE, GRACIE



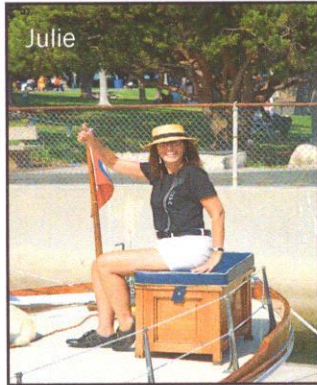
Steve Sheridan's LARK

OLD FASHION DAY in the PARK ~ Marina del Rey

by Christine Rohde of Sparkle, in collaboration with Jane Aucreman



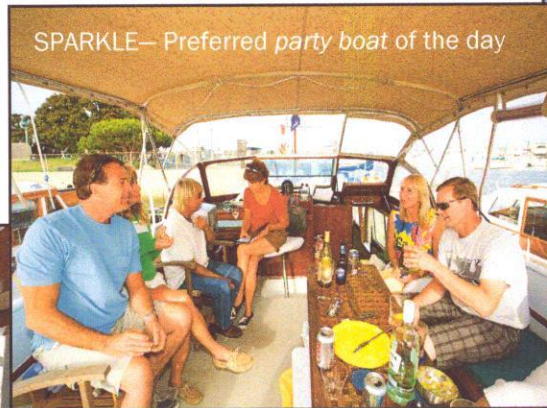
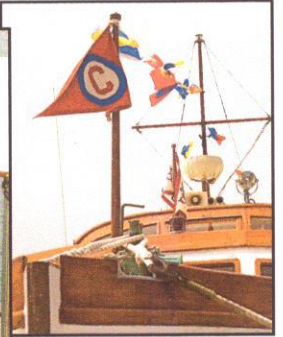
"Cool" steam launch



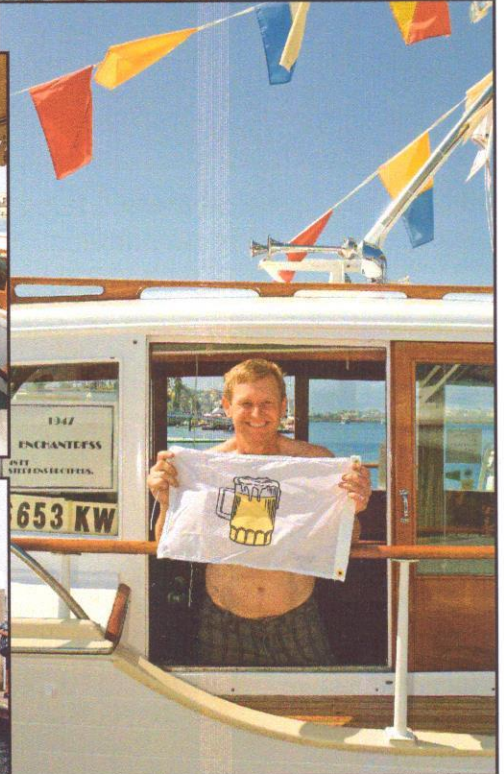
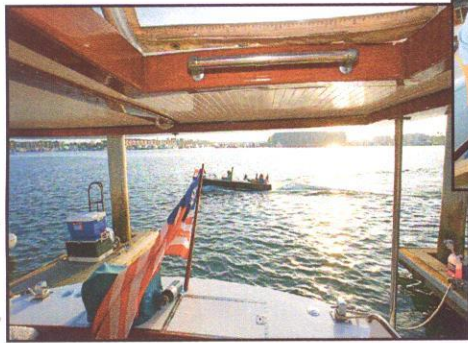
Julie



INTENSIVE CARE



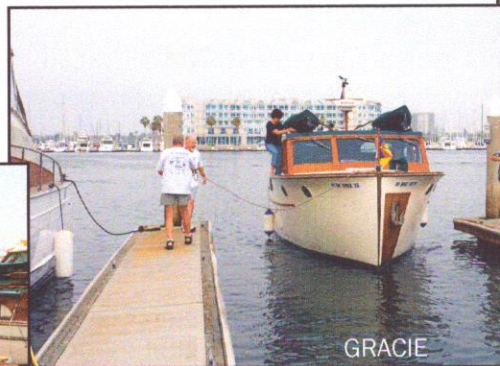
SPARKLE— Preferred party boat of the day



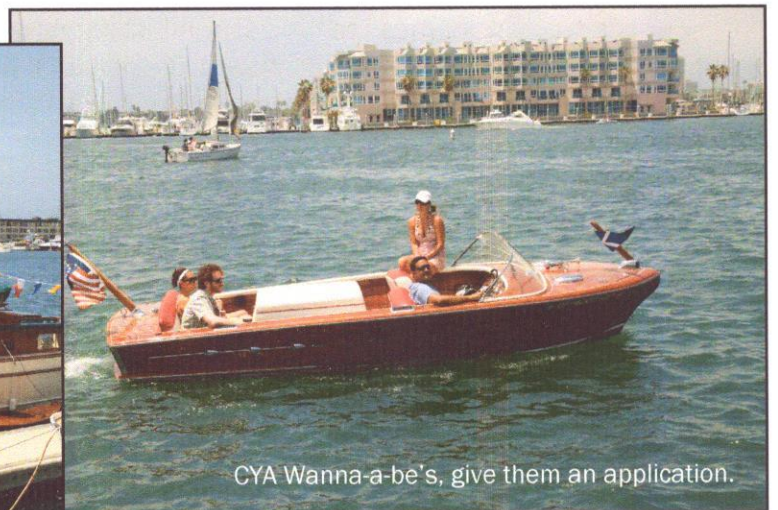
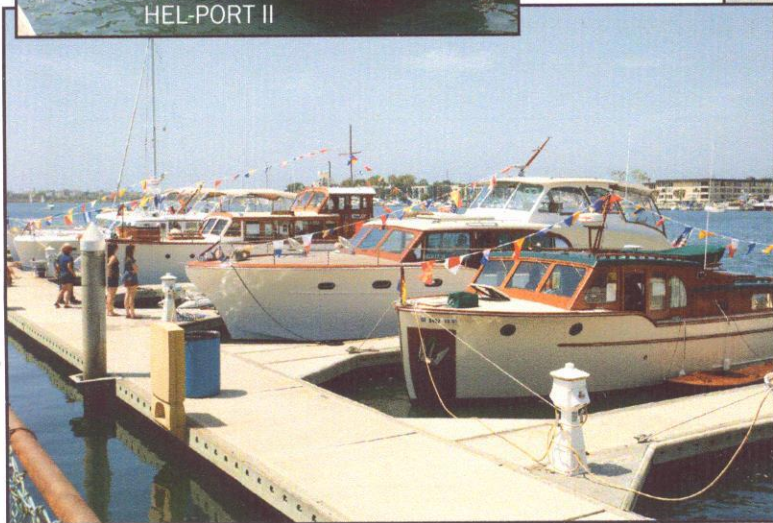
Drew on ENCHANTRESS—
Sometimes a picture speaks for itself.



HEL-PORT II



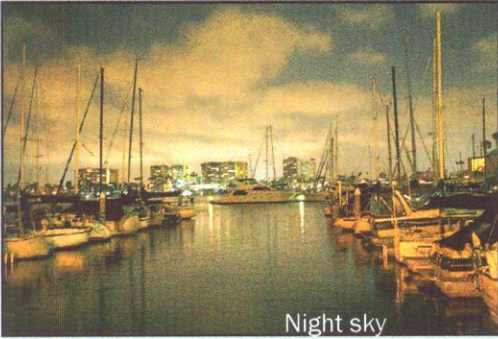
GRACIE



CYA Wanna-a-be's, give them an application.

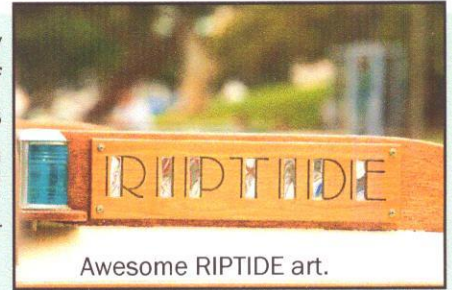
OLD FASHION DAY in the PARK

For 33 years we've been gathering our classic yachts in Marina del Rey to step back in time for an Old Fashion Day in the Park. The majority of boats arrived on Friday, enjoyed a quite afternoon, and then most of us walked over to California Yacht Club (home to Sobre Los Olas) to feast on their renowned Friday night seafood buffet. Walking was a good thing!!!



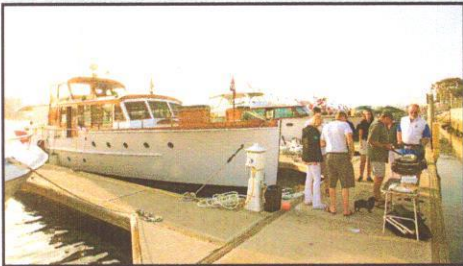
Night sky

Once back and "exercised", we continued to enjoy our socializing.

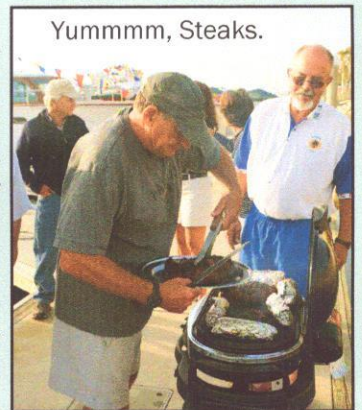


Awesome RIPTIDE art.

guys on a diet?). We all missed the concert in the park that we have been privileged to enjoy the last couple of years, and hopefully next year our date will coincide with their schedule and we can again set up tables on the docks for a community pot luck and enjoy the music.

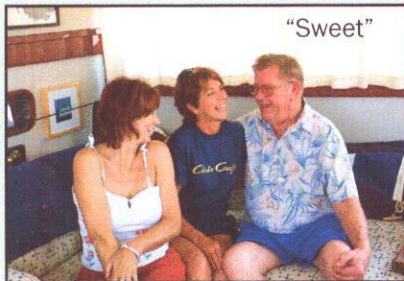


Sunday was a great day to show the community our commitment to the preservation of these maritime treasures. We were happy to have Sobre Las Olas, Gracie, Riptide, Mindful, Enchantress, Sparkle and Hel-Port II, and the beautiful Chris Craft runabouts Black Jack from Channel Islands, and new to many of us, Intensive Care, which Jim Butz brought for the first time in many years. We greeted lots of visitors with a new interest in wooden boats, as well a friends who dropped by to say hello.



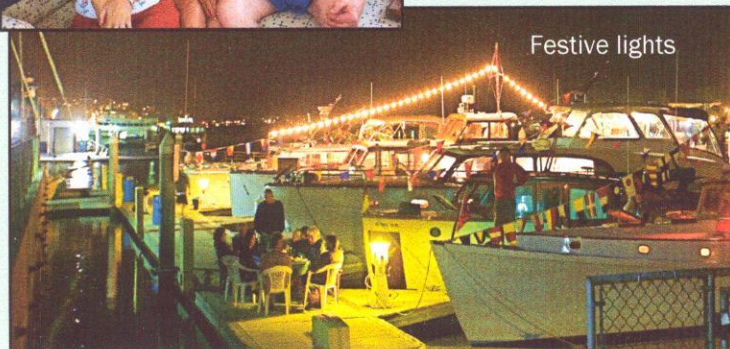
Yummmm, Steaks.

It was a treat to have Gerard's daughter, husband and kids visiting from France for the summer. The kids enjoyed a dinghy ride around the marina. As always the steam launch was a crowd pleaser, the little 1915 launch Lark cruised by to say hello (we're hoping they will rejoin CYA), and the variety of vintage cars are always fun to inspect. A very special treat was Bruce Dobson's visit to Sparkle (and others) and the opportunity to spend some time hear even more great stories of CYA years and events past.

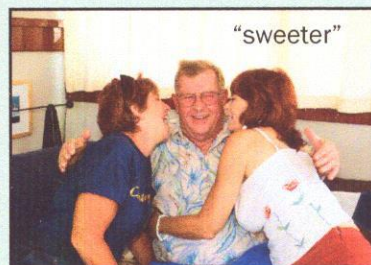


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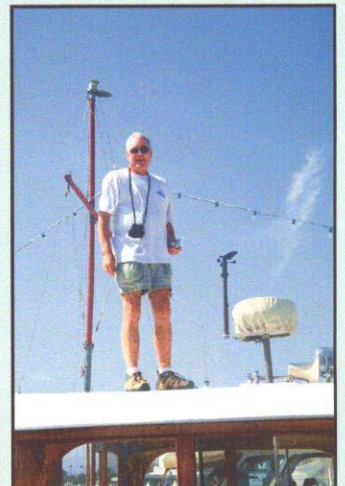
After the gates to the public were closed, Old Fashion Day officially ended as always with the familiar sound of Rick Olson's blender mixing up his famous and much anticipated, delicious Mudslides. Monday morning was clear and calm for the boats to head back to their various ports.



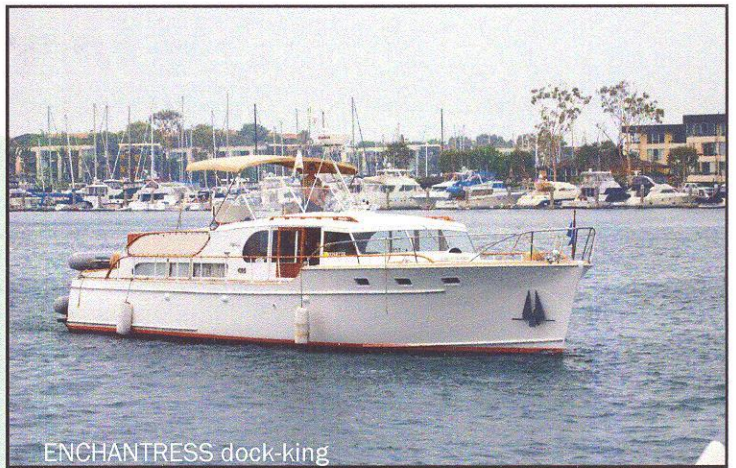
Festive lights



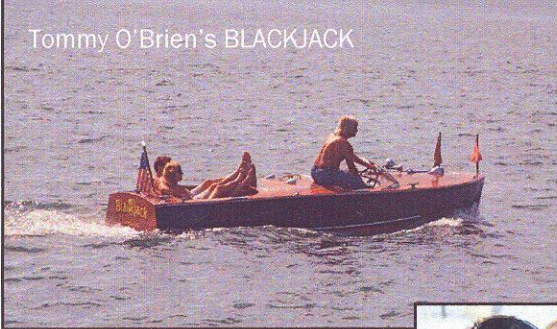
"sweeter"



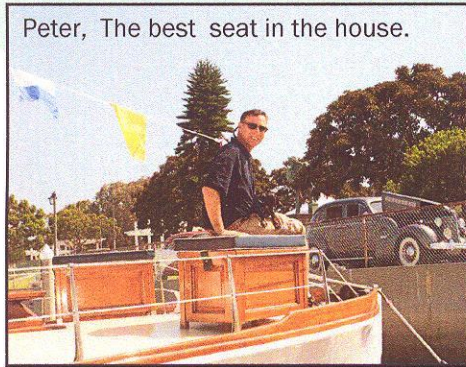
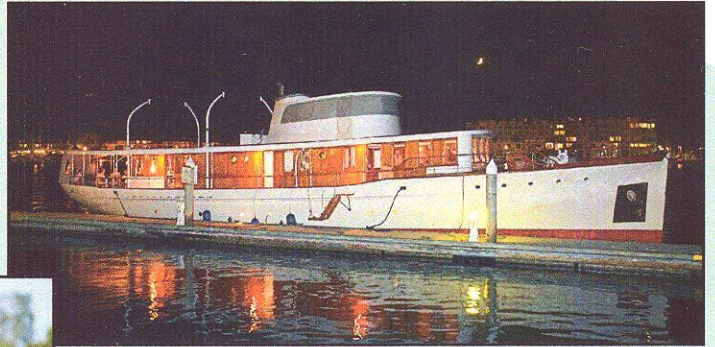
Jim Butz, "dare-devil" cabin walker.



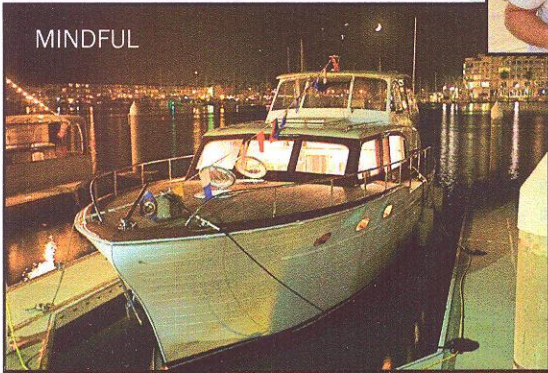
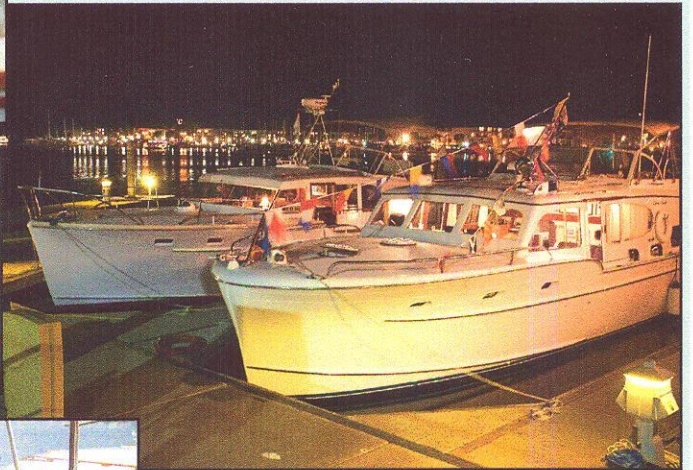
ENCHANTRESS dock-king



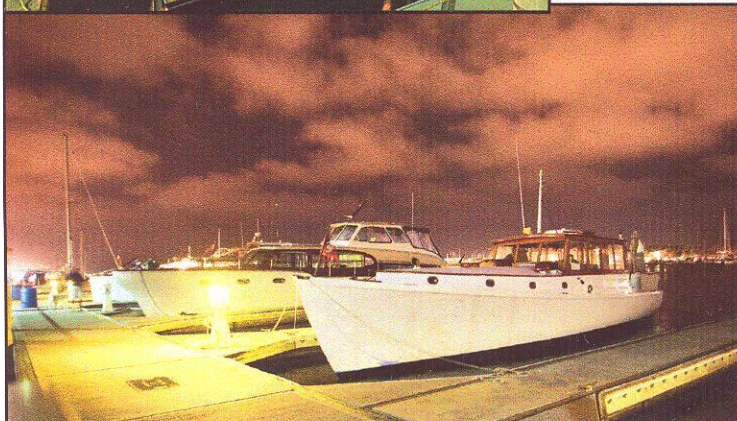
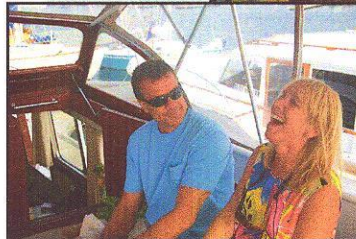
Tommy O'Brien's BLACKJACK



Peter, The best seat in the house.

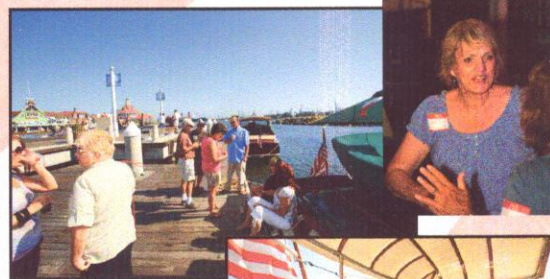
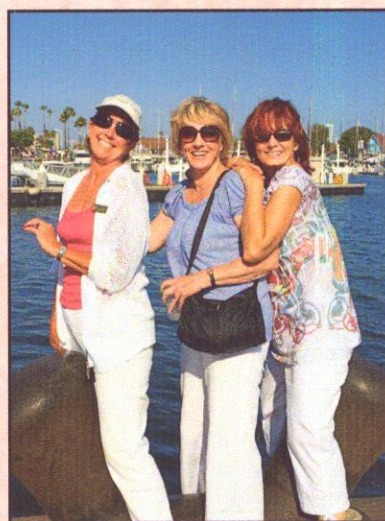
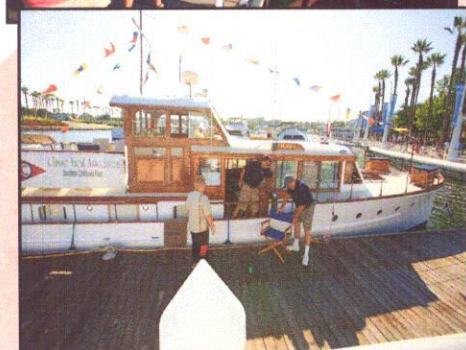
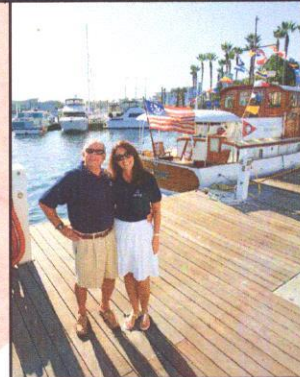
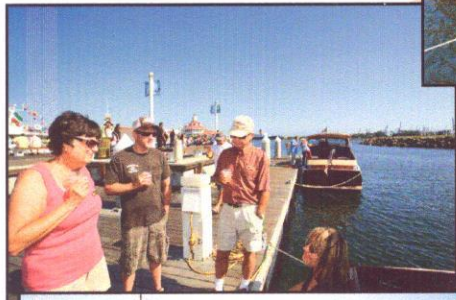
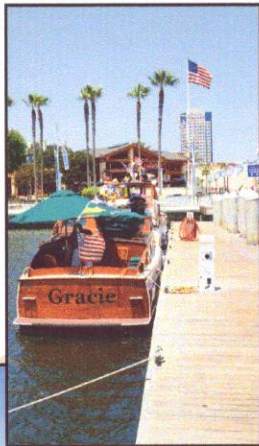
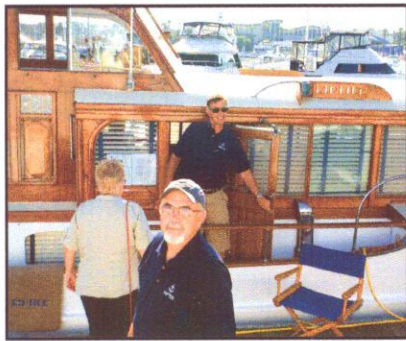


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SOBRE "super star"

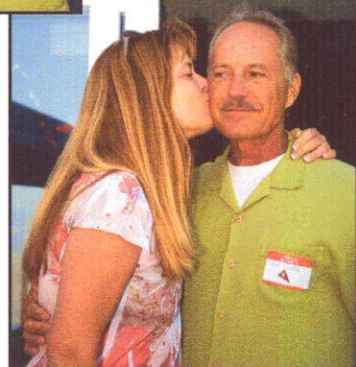
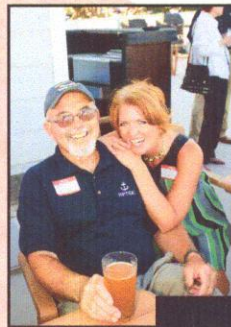
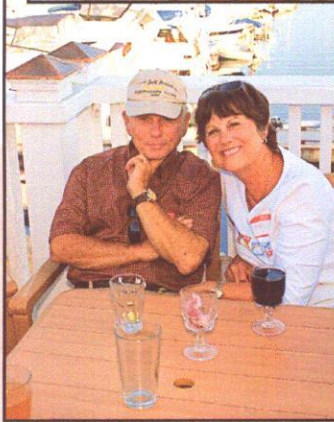
Long Beach SEAFEST



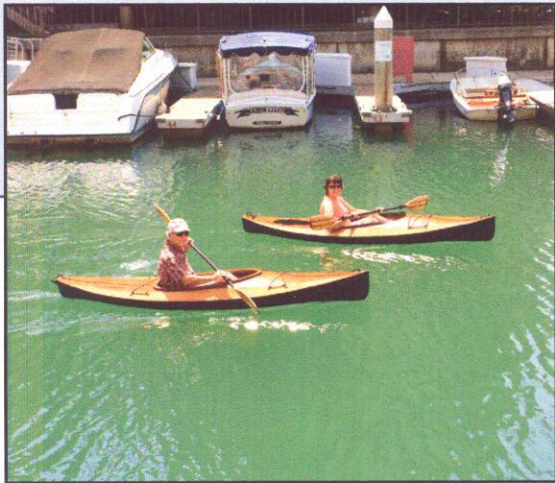
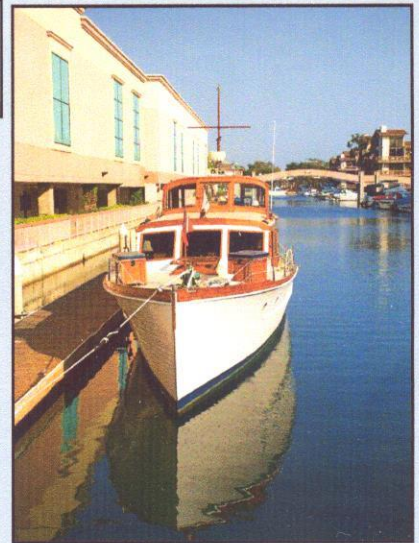
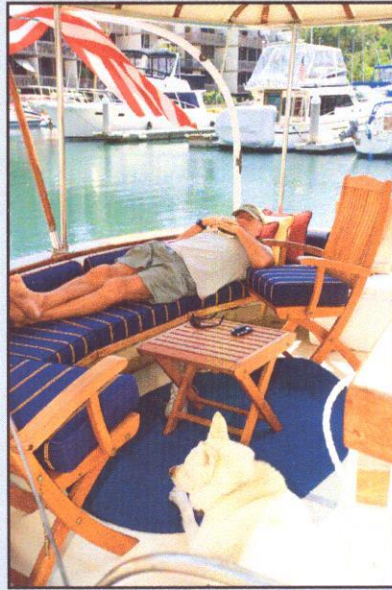
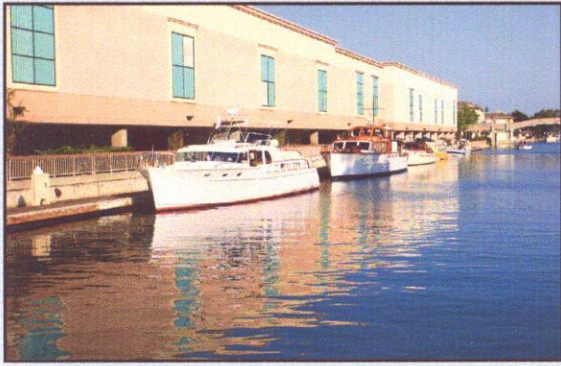
Our annual bash at Rainbow Harbor co-sponsored by CYA, Shoreline Yacht Club, and ACBS was, as expected, a great weekend. After only a few years this has become one of our yearly "big" weekends. Special thanks to Scott and Linda Robinson who are our inside connection at Shoreline and the magic that makes this happen. The Shoreline Bridge and members open their doors to us and show us a good time. Each year seems to get better then the last as we all learn what seems to "work" the best

This year we all docked at the Pine Avenue Pier keeping us away from the chaos around all the bars and Rocket Boat in the Rainbow inner harbor. It's much more peaceful when we take over the whole pier and make it our spot. A good turnout of vintage speed boats and antique cars filled the lawn area. Saturday afternoon Rick's "French 75" cocktails on the pier stimulated us for the walk to Shoreline YC building for happy hour and a delicious dinner. Shorelines outdoor upstairs deck has become a CYA favorite place to "hang loose" for the evening.

Awards are given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, "Best in Show". Scott Robinson's Century was awarded 3rd, perennial favorite, Kevin and Claudia Murphy's ARRIVEDERCI was awarded the 2nd place trophy, (Kevin and Claudia have just joined the CYA as affiliate members and were given their Affiliates flag during the cocktail hour). The first place award went to the always flawless COMOCEAN owned by Ron and Cathy Yatch. Ron keeps this boat perfect and is a popular choice for this award. Congratulations Ron!



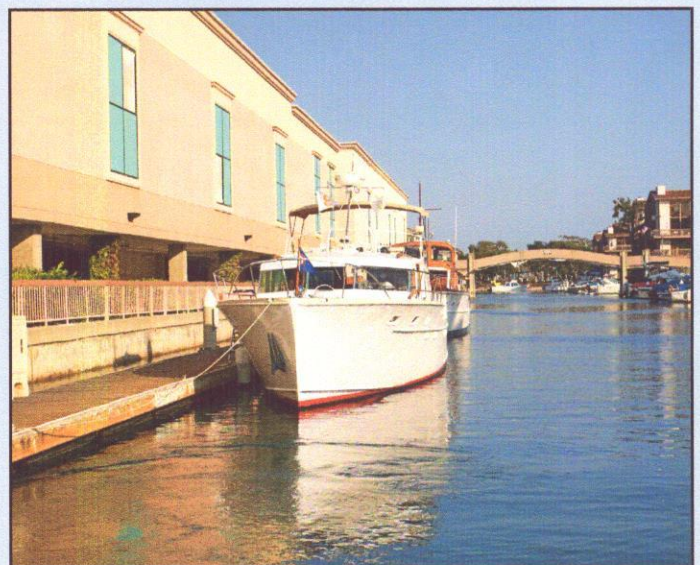
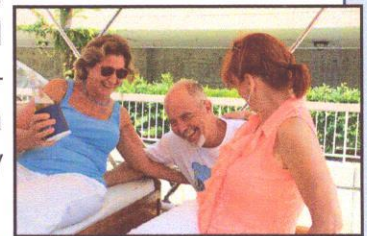
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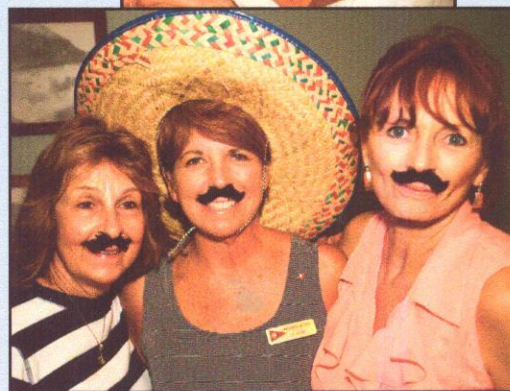
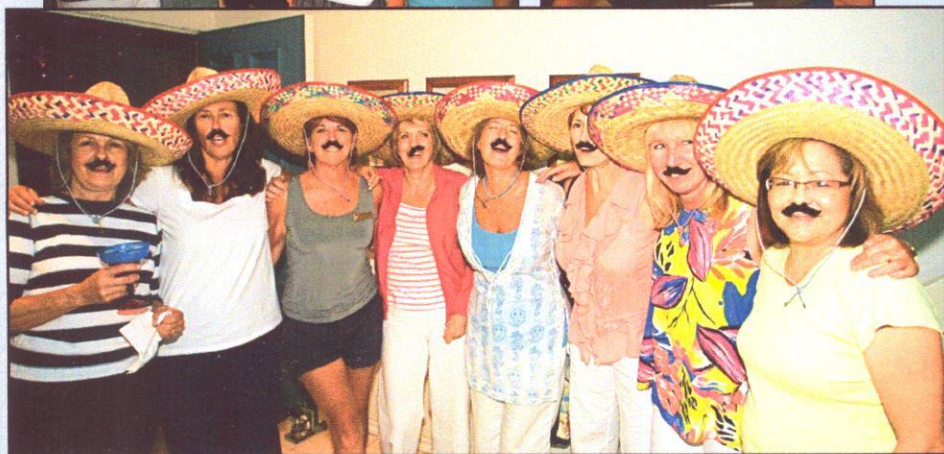
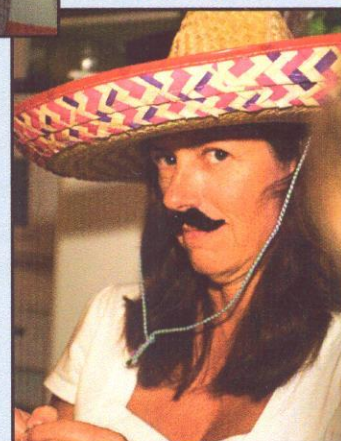
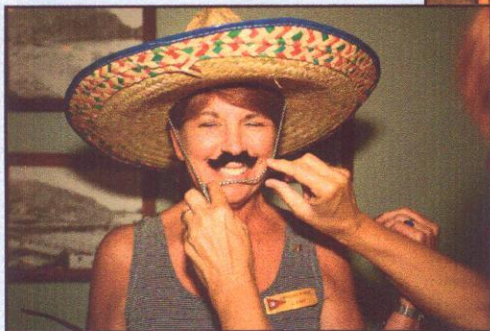
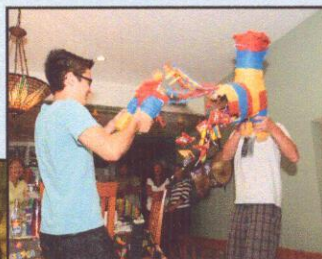
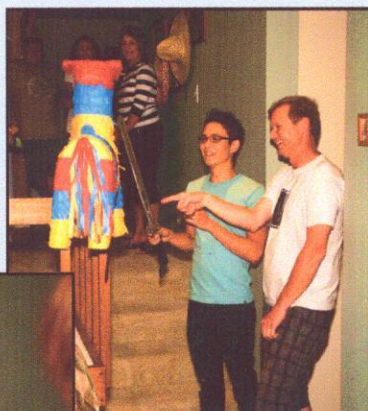
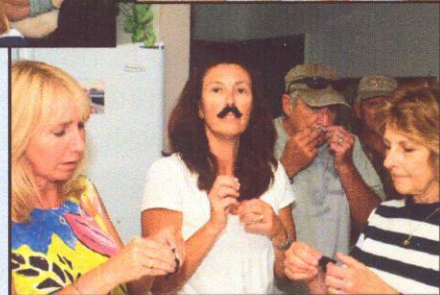
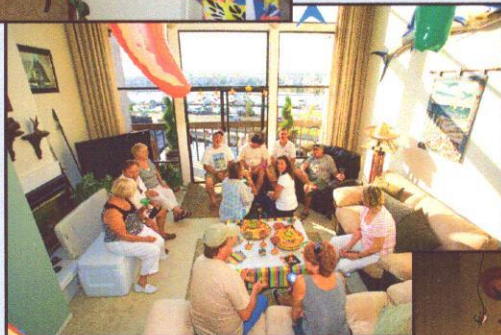
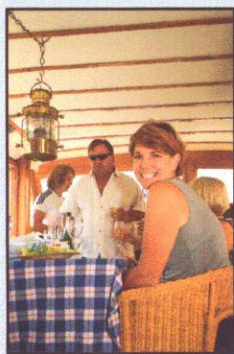


Marina Pacific is all about relaxing. Summer is starting to wind down and the calm water of the Marina Pacific Channel just seem to lend themselves to lunch followed by a nap.



Also of course, one must save their strength for the evening party upstairs in Drew Miser bay view condo. Drew and Marian put on quite a feast. This years fiesta theme was a hit. Who doesn't love Mexican food.? Margaritas and Crevezas are a must, then Marian started wandering around with a tray of "shots", and this party really got going. Sombros, mustaches, and even a piñata for fun. Way to go ! You guys really know how to party. Mucho Gusto!





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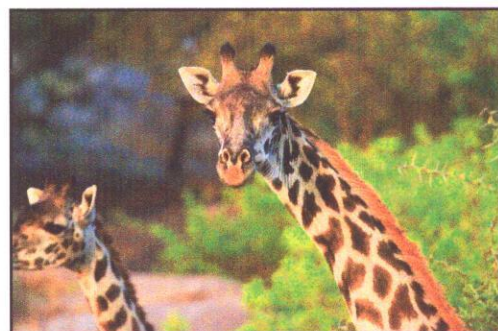
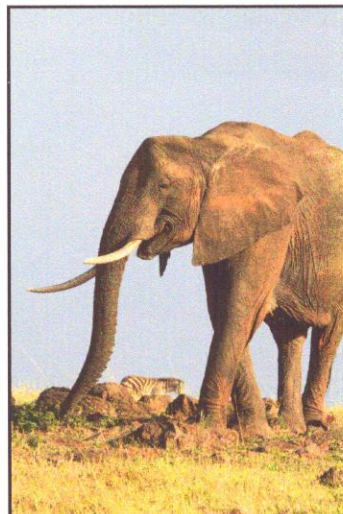
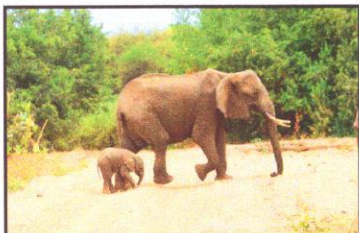
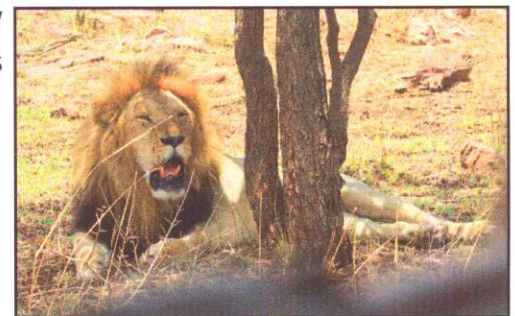
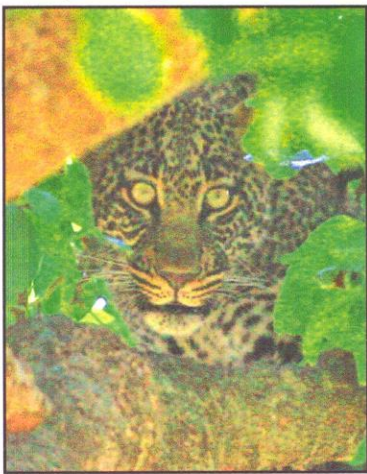
RICK OLSON, Cub Reporter

*** Mariners eyes department: Bob Swaim long time member and friend to the CYA, (OLD AGE, BLACK DOUGLAS, and SPEAK EASY), has had eye surgery to remove thick cataracts that had made him virtually blind. He is seeing again and we are so happy to hear that he is doing better.



*** Rob Blayden is now also going through cataract surgery. When we spoke recently he had left eye done and was going back on Oct 20th for surgery to the right eye. We wish him well. He and Anne are going to Spain in November and expect that Rob's vision will be doing pretty well by then. *** This brings up the point: When boating we are exposed to a lot of UV radiation which can result in eye problems. Wear you sunglasses and try to protect those "peepers", they are the only ones you have. *** Commodore Dennis Ballard has proposed changing the name of the Predicted Log Race to the "Tom Brown Memorial Predicted Log Race", in honor of Tom's memory. Tom as well as being a participant and regular winner of the event was involved in trying to iron out a set of rules that would make it fair to everyone. I wholeheartedly support Dennis in this. It is an appropriate change to help us remember our good friend Tom. *** An A for effort, a D for spelling. Here is a cute story from Bruce Dobson. In 1983 Bruce's father, Clifford Dobson, then National Commodore, wanted to honor Thol Simonson with "Life Membership". A hand lettered plaque was made up by some unremembered volunteer. It was a beautiful piece of calligraphy except that the maker misspelled "Commodore" as "Commadore" in four separate places. If this was not bad enough, in 1987 when honoring Cliff and Delpha Dobson with their life membership plaque. Richard Gardner went aboard the Simonson's yacht in Alamitos Bay and borrowed the certificate for Bruce's brother Dale Dobson to replicate. Dale did a beautiful job including replicating the spelling error four more times. If that wasn't enough, in 1996 when life membership was granted to Bruce and Scottie Dobson. Then National Commodore Jim and Martie Butz borrowed the second certificate to use as a pattern. Martie's step father made a exact copy right down to the now tradition of misspelling *Commadore*! *** Elissa and I have recovered from our African adventure

and are now happily Mr. and Mrs. Olson. Everyone has been asking for pictures. Although our trip has little to do with boating, I will take the liberty here to show a few of the 5000 or so photos that I took in Africa. ***



Introducing: New Southern Fleet Members

DON KENNEDY, Holiday Harbor, Wilmington

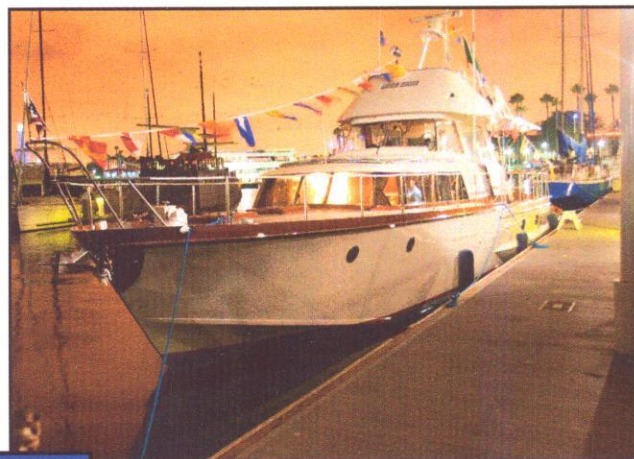
Don lives up in the Sierra's in Springville, but spends quite a bit of time in Wilmington on his boat Jolly Rogers. Although not old enough to qualify as a CYA classic yacht she is a beautifully kept all wood trawler with a very traditional look. She is 46 feet and built by American Marine from a DeFever design. Don's shipmate is the cute little dog "Cupcake".



JOLLY ROGERS—1970

KEVIN and CLAUDIA MURPHY, Shoreline Village, Long Beach

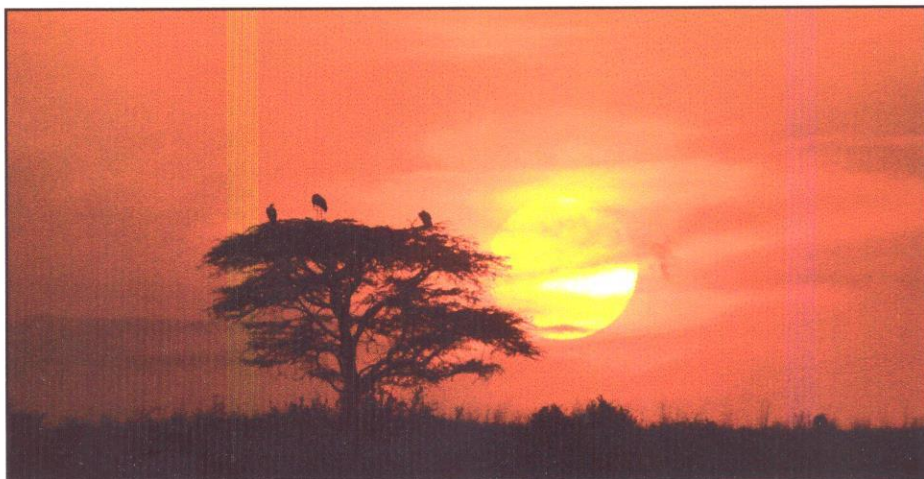
Glendale based Claudia and Kevin keep their awesome 1966 Baglietto in Shoreline Marina. They have participated in the CYA/ACBS SEAFEST weekend for several years now and were glad they have decided to join the CYA. The 1966 Arrivederci is like a time capsule from the 60's. It is so period sexy, Italian, and modern that one can envision James Bond sitting in the cabin having a Martini with Goldfinger and Ms Galore. The center of the bar stools pop out to form ice buckets to keep the Champaign cool. Trip-out. We look forward to their attending more events.



ARRIVEDERCI—1966

TOM MERRILL, Marquesas Way, Marina del Rey

Tom is our mystery member. Welcome aboard from all of us. Tom's secretary called Christine after the Old Fashion Day in the Park event, requesting a membership application. He has sent us a check, and now is an official Affiliate member, although none of us have yet to meet him. Aren't surprises fun. Please feel free to attend some events so we all can meet you.





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