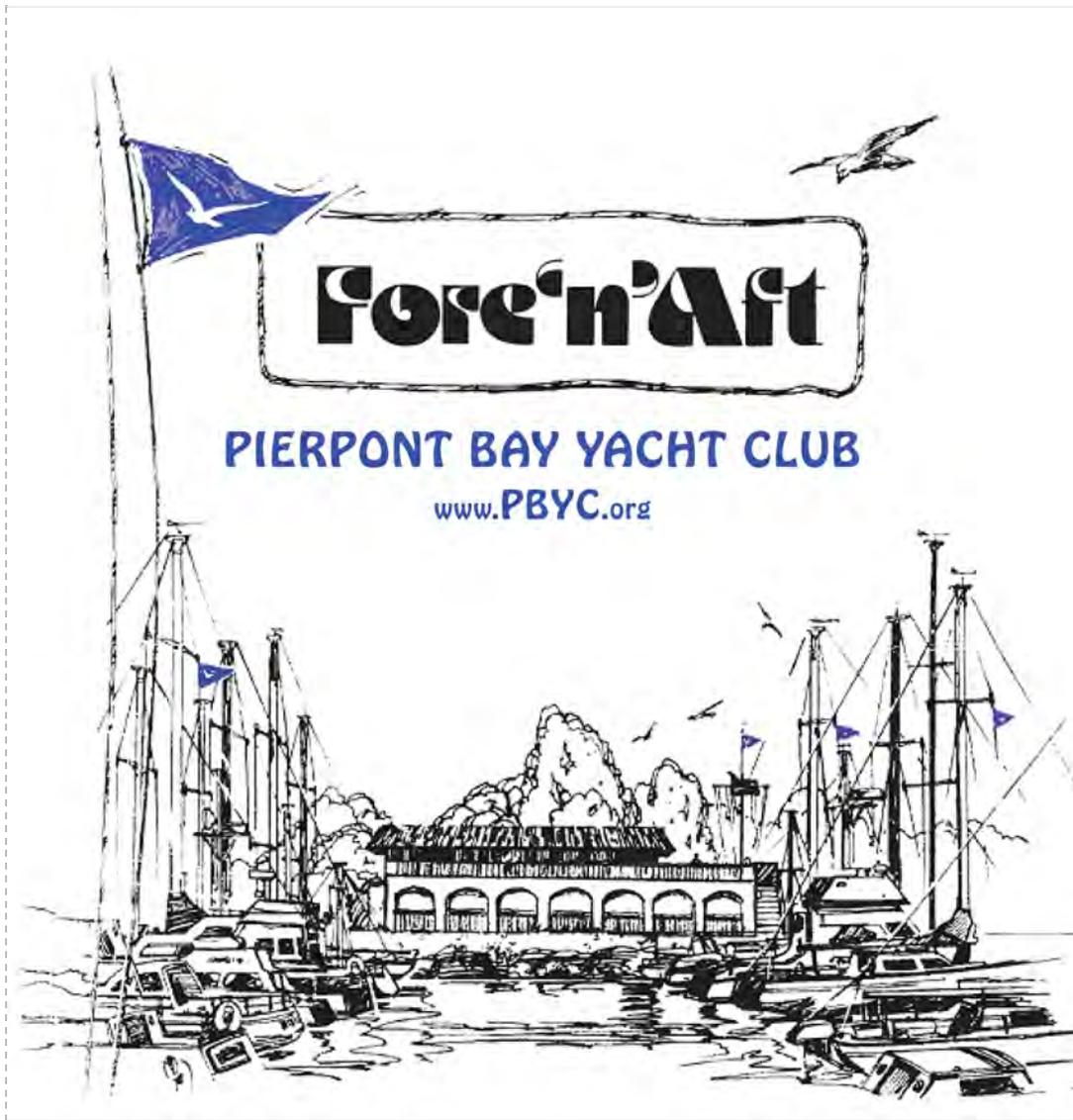


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COMMODORE'S COMMENTARY



Lisa Hopper

Happy March.

So February has been put to bed. I mentioned many of the events in my last column so I won't repeat. We ended the month with a brief general meeting during which Sheryl Lunsford was nominated by me and unanimously awarded the Golden Anchor. I can't even begin to iterate everything she has done this past month. On the other end of the spectrum with the utmost affection, Jamie Clark was awarded the Fouled Prop in absentia for not getting the Fore 'n Aft out for February as of this writing. Thanks Jamie! I am grateful for one more month that I am sans the Commodore's bling. Rounding out the important stuff, Maggie Hood's guest Mark drew the Pelkas from the Blue Ball of Happiness. While I'm sure they will be devastated to find they missed out on the \$25.00 bar tab, I'm guessing their Washington vacation took away a bit of the sting.

This month our Rear Commodore, Cindi Mathieu, stepped down. I am personally disappointed that I won't have the opportunity to work with her this year, but appreciate her decision and look forward to seeing her and Le at the club. Past Rear Commodore, Karen Stager has agreed to step in for official events. My thanks to both Cindi and Karen for their contributions and invaluable support.

On to March!!

Coming in like a lion and going out like a lion. PBYC will be a happenin' place this month and into April. March 5th is the first spring series race. I'll be in the club preparing something warm for the racers when they come in off the water. Richard

and Su Countess will be tending the starting line aboard Symphony and Richard is making sure the finish line is manned. And Judy Nolde will be on the bar. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help.

The following weekend our resident wine aficionado, Bill Gibbs, will be back behind the bar treating us to pours from his wine collection. Always a fun Sunday with good wine, food, and even better friends.

March 19th is the second in our spring series trio of races. I'll be looking for someone to whip up soup for the racers and Richard Countess will need folks on the finish line and on the committee boat. Let us know if you will be available.

Race work on Saturday will be rewarded on Sunday. After our morning Board meeting, the Countesses will be preparing their famous corned beef and cabbage for the general member meeting and St. Patrick's Day party. Last year was really fun. Don't forget your limericks.

Club Scrub is the following Saturday in preparation for April 2nd, Opening Day at PBYC. Club scrub is definitely an all hands on deck affair. If you bring your old towels and some elbow grease, I'll bring the pizza. This year we get a treat in that the sliding glass doors will already be crossed off the list thanks to our new cleaning crew. Yea!

Finally April 2nd as I said is Opening Day. Once the Opening Day committee has convened, we will be soliciting help with food prep, getting the chairs set up and fielding the last minute details. In the meantime, get those blue blazers and white pants ready. Come Saturday at 11:00 we can all breathe, enjoy the festivities (including the introduction of our distinguished guests, Crown Royal in hand), and reap the benefits of our efforts.

Again, my heartfelt thanks for everyone's support of PBYC. Remember many hands make light work!

Lisa Hopper,
2016 PBYC Commodore



VIRTUES OF VICE COMMODORE



Jeff Olmstead

The harbor closure has certainly affected all our sailing activities this month. Even the outrigger club wasn't able to paddle outside the harbor while the entrance was closed. They seem to be making progress on dredging the entrance channel, though. Let's hope that El Nino doesn't show up with a vengeance in March and build another shoal at the entrance as happened a few years ago, when they had to dredge twice in one winter.

Sorry for missing the February meeting but I had already planned to attend the Austin Juggling Festival and visit my brother there at the same time. I didn't set any world juggling records, but saw three good juggling shows and set some personal bests. Let's all try to set some personal bests in sailing this year, too, or at least get out on the water and have some good times. There are two races in the spring series coming up this month, so it's not too early to get started. See you out there.

Jeff





RACE COMMITTEE



Richard Countess

Spring Series

PBYC invites you join us for our Spring Series which will consist of three coastal races with no throw-outs. The first race is scheduled for March 5. The second two races are scheduled for March 19 and April 9. The start signal for the first class is scheduled for 1100 hours on each race day, and the course lengths will vary from 6 to 23 nm. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers Meeting, which will be held promptly at 0830 hours on each race day. The entry fee for the series is \$80 (\$70 for USSA members). For individual races the entry fee is \$30 (\$25 for USSA members). Daily trophies will be presented at the attitude adjustment period following each race; series trophies will be awarded after the last race.

Spring Series Race #1

We had large (at least 8 foot) waves breaking across the Ventura harbor entrance for the first race of the Spring Series held on March 5 which caused us to shorten the course outside the harbor at the Whistle buoy with boats recording their own finish times. With the wind at 8 knots from the southeast at the start, I gave both Spinnaker fleets the same course around Platform Gina. This 12.4 nm course provided an upwind leg to Gina and a direct downwind leg to the Whistle buoy. Racers reported seeing whales and wind speeds in excess of 20 knots making for a very fast race. Dave Boatner's J-25 RIVAL was the first boat to finish with an elapsed time of 1 hour and 43 minutes and corrected out in first place by four and half minutes over the second place boat in the Spinnaker A fleet, FAT TUESDAY, a Schock 35 co-skipped by Carlos Brea and Dan Higson. Jim Albert's C & C 37 PARADISE FOUND was the winner in the Spinnaker B fleet with an elapsed time of 2 hours and 6 minutes. I would like to thank Judy

Nolde and Verne Haller for assisting Susan and me on the race committee boat; Jeff Olmstead, Rick Lunsford and Rob Skaar for volunteering to work the finish line if boats had finished inside the harbor at the Palm tree; Lisa Hopper for preparing hot pea soup for the post-race festivities; and Judy Nolde for bar tending. [Full race results are available on PBYC's web site.](#)



Symphony leaving Ventura harbor for the first race of the Spring series



Crew members from Rival



Crew members from Fat Tuesday



Crew members from Paradise Found

Racing Marks

Due to recent storms, the Fishsticks buoy (Mark A) broke away from its ground tackle and will need to be replaced. PBYC honorary member Graham Dawson will be assisting members of the local yacht clubs in assembling a team to replace the buoy as well as service the Chips mark that is very low in the water.

Miscellaneous

Susan and I served on a protest committee for the SCYA Mid-winters regatta sponsored by Channel Islands Yacht Club on February 20th. We heard a request for redress against the race committee based on a conflict between the Sailing Instructions course diagram depicting the finish line and the Rule book definition of "finish." It was an interesting hearing. The four judge panel were unanimous in awarding finishing times to all boats in that class even though one boat sailed downwind through the finish line and the other boats sailed upwind through the finish line. Hint: Read the definition of finish in USSA's Racing Rules of Sailing.

Upcoming Local Races

March 5 PBYC's Spring Series #1

March 12 AYC's St. Patrick's Day Regatta

March 13 AYC/PCYC's TGIS Winter Series #4

March 16 AYC's Wet Wednesday races begin

March 19 PBYC's Spring Series #2

April 9 PBYC's Spring Series #3

April 16 VYC's PHRF Regatta #1

April 16/17 AYC's Channel Islands to Newport Beach

April 27 VYC's Wet Wednesday races begin

April 30 PCYC's PacCor Cup #1: McCune Distance Race

Richard Countess,
Staff Commodore & Race Chair

SU'S TIDBITS



It seems I am always asking you for help. PBYC members are known for stepping

up to the plate when needed. I was so pleasantly surprised by the response to the request for bar duty help the weekend of February 13th. Well, here it comes again.

Planning for the 2016 Island Series is getting underway and we need help for every part of it. The first task is soliciting sponsors, especially new ones. I have lots of documentation on what we have done in the past, so volunteers won't be winging it. Then there is the job of putting together the Notice of Race booklet, fitting in all the sponsor ads among the text, having the booklet printed, and mailing it. The first race of the Island Series is the Hardway Race on June 4th. We aim to have the booklets mailed a month ahead. In order to do that, we also need to decide on T-shirt selection and pricing for the entry form. That means a lot of decisions must be made about all three races. Then there's Saturday evening and Sunday food to be coordinated, race committee and finish line personnel to be rounded up, trophies to be selected and purchased, T-shirt designs to be solicited and shirts purchased. It may not take a village, but it certainly does take the entire club to maintain our reputation for running the best races. Please let me know what you can do to help. Thanks.

Richard and I spent the last weekend in January at San Diego Yacht Club attending a two-day advanced judges seminar. As a US Sailing certified National Judge, I am required to re-certify every four years which entails attending a seminar, passing an exam, and submitting four years worth of judging experience. It was an intense weekend. I knew several of the attendees having worked with them in the past. Two are on the SCYA Appeals Committee which committee I am privileged to have been asked to assist a couple of times. SDYC has a beautiful facility and the club provided morning and afternoon drinks and munchies free. Even it's elevator is impressive. Richard is a US Sailing Club Judge and was a little out of his element at an advanced seminar. However, I frequently need to use him on protest committees since I am the only certified judge in our area. It was good experience for us both. We got to use our newly honed skills to hear a request for redress at the SCYA Midwinter Regatta at Channel Islands Yacht Club on February 20th.

See you soon at PBYC - The Place to Be!

Su Countess,
Staff Commodore, Records Administrator & Birthday Chair

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 16. Cindi Mathieu
- 19. Brian Kerr

MARCH CALENDAR

3. BNI Meeting, morning
3. Los Padres Ski Club Meeting, evening
- 5. Spring Series Race #2**
10. BNI Meeting, morning
13. Begin Daylight Saving
17. St. Patrick's Day
18. VIM Seminar, Mike Pyzel 6:30 pm
- 19. Spring Series Race #3**
- 20. Board meeting 11:00 am; General Meeting & St. Pat's Brunch 1:00 pm - Dinner by the Countesses**
25. Good Friday
- 26. CLUB SCRUB begins at 9:00 am**
27. Easter Sunday

APRIL CALENDAR

- 2. OPENING DAY**
7. Los Padres Ski Club Meeting, evening
- 9. Spring Series Race #3 rescheduled from February 13th**
14. CIWSA Meeting 5-9 pm
- 14. PBYC Night at the Bistro 6:15pm**
22. VIM Chili Cook-Off
23. Passover
- 23. Board & General Meetings, Dinner by Sharon Elvin**

CLUB HOST BAR SCHEDULE

PLEASE: If you cannot attend bar, contact your OD to make arrangements for a replacement. Also, always check the online [calendar](#) for any changes.

WEEKEND O. D.	MARCH	FRIDAY 6-10 PM	SATURDAY 5-10 PM	SUNDAY 2-5 PM
OLMSTEAD	MARCH 4,5,6	NOLDE	NOLDE RACE DAY	NOLDE
LUNSFORD	MARCH 11,12,13	LUNSFORD	ROLAND	GIBBS WINE SUNDAY
HEATH	MARCH 18,19,20	HEATH VIM SEMINAR	PELKA RACE DAY	OLMSTEAD 1PM CLUB MTG/ ST. PAT'S PARTY DINNER BY COUNTESS
ELVIN	MARCH 25,26,27	RENTAL	HOPPER CLUB SCRUB	ELVIN

WEEKEND O. D.	APRIL	FRIDAY 6-10 PM	SATURDAY 5-10 PM	SUNDAY 2-5 PM
ADRIANSEN	APRIL 1,2,3	SKAAR	NOLDE OPENING DAY	HEATH
HEATH	APRIL 8,9,10	BARTOSH	NOLDE RACE DAY	HOOD
PELKA	APRIL 15,16,17	CLARK	PELKA	ANNIS
STAGER	APRIL 22,23,24	LUNSFORD VIM SEMINAR	STAGER CLUB MTG DINNER BY ELVIN	TACKE
HOPPER	APRIL 29,30, MAY 1	REED	GIBBS	OLMSTEAD

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