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COMMODORE'S COMMENTARY

Lisa Hopper

Happy November. Halloween party was amazing. So many to thank! Karen for her amazing halloween buffet. Dorothy and Patsy who did such an awesome job of decorating. Sheryl and Rick for a fine job of bartending. Ugly Fish back where it belongs thanks to PBYC participation in sailathon. If you missed the presentation in October meeting, you missed a great mockumentary. Highly recommend googling it and play on You Tube. Race was lightly attended but as per usual we treated the racers to a great race and after race festivities. Oh yea, almost forgot, It's heeere. Finally our new bar cooler had arrived!!! thanks to jeff H for taking delivery in my absense. Many hands make light work!!

Lisa Hopper
2016 PBYC Commodore



See more [Halloween party photos](#).



VIRTUES OF VICE COMMODORE

Jeff Olmstead

How the Ventura Harbor Patrol saved the day, and my deck.

In October, I had noticed an increase in bird poop on my boat and surrounding dock area. When I arrived at the harbor late on the Friday night before Sailathon I went to bed quickly. As I was drifting off to sleep I put down a couple of slight noises on my deck as dew collecting on the rigging and dripping onto the deck. Alas, in the morning I awoke to a deck and dock covered with poop, and realized that the noise I had heard was from a bird roosting in my rigging and pooping all night long. I spent an hour that morning scrubbing it off (it had probably been collecting there all week) so that my boat would look presentable for my Sailathon crew, and pondering how to discourage the “mad bomber” if it came back that night. One other time this happened for four or five consecutive weeks, so I figured this bird had developed a habit of roosting on my boat.

Sure enough, just before I was going to bed Saturday night I heard the familiar “plop plop” of my little friend doing his business yet again. When I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter, it wasn't St. Nick that I saw, but a cormorant calmly perched on my masthead, preening and

looking around like he owned the boat, not me. I was determined not to let it foul the deck yet again. My first strategy was to stay inside the boat (so it wouldn't poop on my head) and rock it from side to side in hopes of disturbing the demon bird enough that it would find a more stable perch. After about five minutes of this (peeking out every minute or so) with no effect, I decided to brave the downpour. Donning a hat, I went up on deck and started rocking the boat from the base of the mast, where I thought I could get more leverage. This not only had no effect, the darn bird seemed to get more comfortable the longer I rocked the boat.

Now I was getting mad. I broke out my wash-down nozzle and hose and tried to wash the flying limpet from the masthead. Alas, the pressure wasn't great enough to reach that high. I decided on a third tactic: changing the location of his perch to see if it was the masthead that he liked or the apparently prime location. I secured below decks for a late-night harbor cruise, started the engine, and cast off. The bird stuck fast out to the turning basin. I started steering a tight zigzag course, rocking the boat as I had at the dock. Nothing. I motored to the entrance channel hoping there might be more wind there that would discomfit the devil into searching for calmer waters. No luck.

Then I had a fourth idea. The Harbor Patrol has a powerful water monitor on one of their boats, right? It would reach 40 feet or so vertically with ease, wouldn't it? Only one way to find out. I motored over near their dock and called them on the VHF radio. The officer on duty answered right away and I explained the situation as clearly as I could, given the odd nature of it and late hour (about 11pm by now). He seemed a bit perplexed at first (wouldn't you?) but said he would come down to the dock and look.

From the dock, he could see the bird easily in the combined light of my masthead anchor light, flashlight, and various shore lights. After a few moments in which he likely contemplated the absurdity of the situation, he said, "Sure, I'll fire it up." In a few moments, he had a graceful arc of water crossing the entrance channel to the Keys. It looked just the right height, so I put my engine in gear and edged slowly toward it. I ducked my head just for a moment as the mast went through the spray, to keep the water out of my eyes. Looking up again, I thought the bird was still there, so I doubled back for another run. But the officer said, "He's gone, isn't he?" I was slightly disbelieving after all this trouble, but a more careful examination with my flashlight showed only the VHF antenna at the masthead. (My Windex blew away long ago and I never replaced it. Hmmm, maybe that would help keep the birds away.) Success!

I thanked the officer for his help and started back to my dock, keeping a close eye out for that bird to see if it would just circle around for a while, follow me back to the dock, and resume its roost. It didn't return that night, but Sunday morning while at the Sailathon skipper's meeting, I did see a cormorant perched on another masthead near my boat. He stayed away from my boat though, and I could spend the morning preparing the rest of the boat for Sailathon. I had five crew, including one possible new member (Sharon Elvin's friend Robin), two outrigger club members plus the wife of one, and one of my Maritime Academy classmates. Even though we probably got the prize for being passed by the most boats (all of them, and probably at least twice each), we had a good time and completed four laps. Despite the somewhat choppy sea and lack of wind on the return leg, even my queasiest crew member didn't succumb to the "technicolor yawn."

Epilog: The bird was back this past weekend, but I shook it off at the dock Friday night and scared it off by motoring out to the turning basin Saturday night. I have a feeling this tale is not over yet. My fifth idea starts with a slingshot and a bucket of bolts.

Jeff

RACE COMMITTEE



Richard Countess

TWO HARBOR FALL SERIES

We had nine boats enter the first race of the series on October 22nd. With a southerly light wind at the start I gave both spinnaker fleets and the ORC fleet a 13 nm race that went upwind around oil platform Gina and back to Ventura harbor. We had limited visibility at the start due to heavy fog (see accompanying photo) that caused Brian Stanton on his trimaran NO REGRETS to lose track of the start line and finally cross the line 20 minutes late. The 13-nm course, that in good winds would have taken most of the boats less than three hours to finish, took over 4.5 hours for the majority of the boats. Bill Gibbs' 47 foot catamaran WAHOO found their own private hole that allowed NO REGRETS to catch up and pass on the leg from Gina to the Ventura Harbor Whistle buoy. Larry Listing's J-35 PREDATOR finished first in the three boat (all of which rated 75) Spinnaker A fleet. Brent Swanson's Islander 29 VELERO corrected out to first place in the Spinnaker B fleet, followed by Mike Hopper's J-22 MAJIC DRAGON and Shelly Johnson's Irwin 35 ZOARCES, both boats with the exact same corrected time 55 seconds behind VELERO. [See full race results.](#)

I would like to thank the following club members: Jeff Heath for assisting Susan and me on the race committee boat; Gerald Davies, Jeff Olmstead, Rick Lunsford, and Patsy Recla for finishing boats; Lisa Hopper for preparing hot soup for the post-race festivities at the club; and Patsy Recla and Sharon Elvin for bar tending. The next race in the series will be hosted by Anacapa Yacht Club on November 12; and the final race will be hosted by PBYC on December 3rd, for which I will need volunteers to assist Susan and me on the race committee boat as well as volunteers to work a two-hour shift on the finish line.

CAREGIVERS SAILATHON

PBYC hosted the skippers meeting for this charity event with a packed house on Sunday October 23rd. I believe there were two dozen boats that sailed or motored or paddled the counter-clockwise triangular course that started at noon in the vicinity of the Ventura pier and ended at 2 PM. Then it was back to Anacapa Yacht Club for the post race festivities. Thanks to the great turn out from club members, PBYC retains the UGLY FISH trophy for having the most participants of any yacht club. The event raised approximately \$14,000 for Caregivers that provides assistance to the elderly of Ventura County.

MISCELLANEOUS

The ASBCYC race calendar for 2017 is currently being reviewed by member yacht clubs and should be finalized by the end of November. Thanks to the efforts of PBYC honorary member Graham Dawson and Ventura Yacht Club's race chairman Denny Dwire, the Chips race mark, that was in danger of sinking (see accompanying photo), was hauled over to VYC on October 29th for refurbishing.

UP-COMING LOCAL RACES

- Nov. 6 AYC/PCYC's TGIS Fall Series #3
- Nov. 12 AYC/PBYC's Two Harbor Fall Series #2
- Nov. 26 VSC's Wild Turkey Classic Plastic (pre-1971 boats)
- Dec. 3 PBYC/AYC's Two Harbor Fall Series #3



PREDATOR was first place in the Spinnaker A fleet.



VELERO was first place in the Spinnaker B fleet.



Majic Dragon and Zoarces were tied for second place in the Spinnaker B fleet.

MAJIC DRAGON



ZOARCES





SU'S TIDBITS

Su Countess

Continuing on with Jeff's bird poop theme, we know it's winter when the down comforter goes back on the bed, when both cats sleep with us, and when the coots return to Westlake Lake. Coots (mud hens) are a small, squat, black water fowl with orange beaks, an irritatingly loud voice, and a passion for grass. Eat grass, poop grass all over the grass, dock, and walkway. Poop kills grass, weeds grow, and homeowners erect coot fences which deter but do not prevent the coot invasion. They are migratory and travel in what I call "crowds." Crowds of coots seem to number in the hundreds or more all in one place. Last year ours was the newest, yummiest grass in the neighborhood. This year our cross-water neighbors just completed an extravagantly expensive landscape project which we hope will entice the coots to leave our grass alone. Jeff, we saw that cormorant atop POWDER MILK's mast.

The Caregivers Sailathon was a blast. Caregivers said we beat Anacapa Yacht club 10 boats to 4 to keep the Ugly Fish Trophy. The Lunsfords and Reclas came with us on SYMPHONY. The wind was very light and south-ish at the start. It took us 27 minutes to run the first lap. The 6th lap was less than 15 minutes even though the wind died just as we were approaching the 2:00 pm limit and were a few boatlengths from the start/finish line. I swear we willed our way over that line and cleared it by maybe 3 boatlengths. WAHOO lapped us at least twice. Bill won the most laps for a multihull even though he said Hall Stratton's A-Cat did more laps. Hall did not report his laps to Caregivers. Two VYC boats, UHAMBO and ASYLUM, tied for most laps by a monohull. The two canoes won for most laps by a people-powered craft, and NELLA, Kim and Dale Morris' powerboat, won in that category. The best part of the day was that Caregivers netted around \$14,000.

By now you all have received your membership renewal letter. If you have not, the reason could be that you moved and didn't let me know. Please remember to keep me updated on any of the information that goes in the Roster; such as address, email, boat slip. Thanks. As I mentioned last month, receiving dues promptly helps PBYC plan another great year for 2017. Also, please consider volunteering for the many activities and committees that make up your PBYC. Thanks.

One of my favorite things about dues renewal season is hearing from folks we have not seen in a while. I got the following from Paul Martson, who is now affiliated with [J-World in Puerto Vallarta](#):

"I still have the PBYC burgee flying on VANISHING GIRL. You'll see, if Latitude 38 publishes us in the Ha-Ha. We are starting a day late, but will catch them. Oh! I forgot to mention. We set a new record for Santa Cruz 50's to Hawaii. Under 8 days! (Pacific Cup). We have been living in Bucerias Mexico (outside of Puerto Vallarta) since June. It was a hot summer, but not too rainy. We've set up a great place on the beach next to the La Cruz Yacht Harbor, and I've been spending time readying the J/World PV office for the upcoming season. Speaking of, I am in Marina del Rey getting VANISHING GIRL ready for the Ha-Ha, and then a cruise from Cabo to

PV. All with J/World students aboard! So I am pretty damn happy. I still read the PBYC correspondences and have fond memories of you and the gang. But jeez. I don't think I am coming home anytime soon! In summary, the most important thing I can say is: Think of us if you and Richard get to Mexico anytime in the future. And feel free to refer anyone who would like a sailing vacation to contact us. We have some really great offerings coming up, to places like Punta Mita and Careyes. Small world - PBYC Staff Commodore Buzz Hauber and his brother, Russ, live in Bucerias ...”

Paul is second from the left in the photo below.



WEEKEND O. D.	NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 6-10 PM	SATURDAY 5-10 PM	SUNDAY 2-5 PM
PELKA	NOVEMBER 4,5,6	BARTOSH	OLMSTEAD	ANNIS
HOPPER	NOVEMBER 11,12,13	REED VIM POTLUCK	HOPPER FALL SERIES #2 (AYC)	TACKE
LUNSFORD	NOVEMBER 18,19,20	HALLER	ADRIANSEN CLUB MTG DINNER BY STAGER	CLARK
NO OD	NOVEMBER 25,26,27	NO HOST HOLIDAY	NO HOST HOLIDAY	NO HOST HOLIDAY
WEEKEND O. D.	DECEMBER	FRIDAY 6-10 PM	SATURDAY 5-10 PM	SUNDAY 2-5 PM
HEATH	DECEMBER 2,3,4	COUNTESS	SKARR FALL SERIES #3 (PBYC)	GIBBS WINE SUN
STAGER	DECEMBER 9,10,11	PELKA	MATHIEU	DAWALD JOINT BOARD MEETING
OLMSTEAD	DECEMBER 16,17,18	ELVIN	STAGER PARADE OF LIGHTS POTLUCK	HEATH
NO OD	DECEMBER 23,24,25 30,31,JAN 1	NO HOST HOLIDAY	NO HOST HOLIDAY	NO HOST HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10. Nancy Roland
- 11. Todd Binkley
- 14. Marilyn Schuler
- 18. Paul Martson

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 3. Los Padres Ski Club meeting, evening
- 6. Daylight Saving ends
- 8. VOTE!
- 11. Veteran's Day
- 11. VIM Thanksgiving Pot-Luck at PBYC
- 12. Fall Series Race #2, AnYC hosts
- 19. PBYC Board & Annual meetings, PBYC elections, dinner by Karen Stager
- 24. Thanksgiving

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1. Los Padres Ski Club meeting, evening
- 3. Fall Series Race #2, PBYC hosts
- 8. CIWSA meeting, 5-9
- 11. Joint Board Meeting
- 16-17. Ventura Harbor Parade of Lights
- 25. Christmas Day
- 25. Hanukkah
- 31. New Year's Eve

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