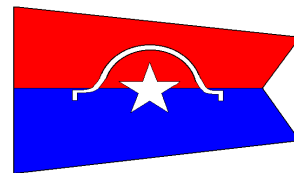


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From The Helm

Clayton Perry, Commodore



Howdy fellow boaters! I can say that the campaign trail is almost over for City Council and am I ever glad no matter what the outcome.

Having said that, as Commodore and a part of the board, we are going in the right direction. We have new folks signing up to join the club, the roof has been worked on and the ceiling tiles replaced, and we have some great upcoming activities. In addition, we are on the verge of getting a new five year lease that we have been working on with the Marina which will be a great help in us looking for new improvements to the club facility. I do want to apologize for not getting our new membership and reciprocal privilege cards out to each member. We figured it out and will get them out to you soon so that you can put more

cards in your wallet..... I want to particularly recognize all the board members: Vice Commodore, Roy Cantu; Membership, Hati Cantu; Secretary, Joe Pyle; Treasurer, Terry Cleveland; Rear Commodore for Sail, Arnie Wilenken; Rear Commodore for Power Terry Hooper; Social Directors, Susan Hooper and Michelle Van Fleteren; Clothing Chair, Greg Theisz; Webmaster, Laura Theisz; Ship's Log, Rinny Lipsett-Jenkins; Club Administrator, Tammy Ogletree; and Philip Costa, Past Commodore. They have been working hard to provide you with the programs and activities that you are paying for on a monthly basis—we want to make sure you're getting value for the money you're putting into it. So if you see them around, tell them thanks for their volunteer service and if you can, give them a helping hand. Thank you Rinny Lipsett-Jenkins who

has agreed to take on publishing our monthly Ships Log! And thanks to Rear Commodore for Sail, Arnie Wilenken, for replacing our burgee stanchion name plates on the yard arm and for installing new storage containers for them inside our facility! Our membership is growing and we need to keep growing, so if you know of anyone that may be interested, please refer them to our website that has information on our club and an application form. Past Commodore, Philip Costa, is organizing this year's Rockin' the Balls event in July and it should be a doozy. So get your boats in shape (if it's not already) and be ready for all the fun in the water and sun this summer and get involved in your club!! As always, please let me, or anyone on the board know if you have any questions or concerns.

*Fair Winds and Motors,  
Commodore Perry*

Fair Weather afore the Mast

Arnie Wilenken, RC Sail



I have lots to share on our upcoming sailing activities. Before proceeding however, I have an update on our recent "Fiesta" Regatta. We were pleased to see more sailboats "show" for this event, particularly two from our sister club, LCYC.

As you're well-aware, our sailing events rely heavily on wind conditions. Even the largest turnout falls at the mercy of the wind. While the wind for our March "St Patrick's" Regatta was light at best, we were blessed with a 12 to 14 MPH breeze with gusts up to 20

MPH making for an exhilarating regatta! Two competitors, Phillip Davis ("Shiraz") and Gus Medellin ("Canyon Wind") from LCYC put on a wonderful "match race" show for us all day. While "Canyon Wind" narrowly finished ahead of "Shiraz" in all three races, "Shiraz" ended up taking 1st place overall for this regatta on PHRF "corrected" time. The real drama credit however goes to our Chase Boat crew, skipper Mike Finleon with Phillip Costa and Andrew Dempster. Aboard a Boston Whaler graciously provided by our friends at Canyon Lake Marina, the drama developed while they were

placing the windward "mark". As if winds weren't enough of a challenge, water breaking onto the boat and an inoperative bilge pump forced them to swap boats "mid-race". Much thanks to our Chase crew for smartly-handling their "crisis" and to our Race Committee volunteers, Al King, Teresa Tomlin, and Noel Nichols visiting from a sister yacht club in New York, for assisting me. Our "Jamaican-Me-Crazy" Regatta is slated for Saturday, May 27th. Our website homepage "Upcoming Member Events" section has



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Social Scene

Michelle Van Fleteren and Susan Hooper, Social Directors



What a fantastic night "Fiesta on the water" was this year! We had a fantastic band Rock-N-Soul who kept us rockin the whole night & beyond. We would like to thank the "beyond" to **Rick Brun** for paying the band \$200.00 to stay and party with us on the water for just a while longer.

"Thank You" **Rick Brun** for a Rockin Good Time!

The food was ok: can we just say Delish!

Thank you **Bryan Lindsey & Terry Hooper** for Sizzling up those fantastic fajitas.

All in the water with the best folks around.

A Good Time was had by All! Thank You to **Bryan & Joy Lindsey** for helping break down the band.

Big **Thank You** to the Members who helped so much with the clean up. You make our jobs easy!

So we're bumping it up a Notch from Sizzling Fajitas to Jerk Chicken for our Jamaican -me-crazy Social and Party.

On the water On May 27th 2016

Social hours at the HCYC Club from 6:00 to 7:30 - we will be providing appetizers at that time .

We will be serving Jerk Chicken & Wings, Jamaican Rice and Black Beans.

We will be listening to the sounds of Jamaica from Reggae Bands - Free'Dem Sesh, Saltwater Slide & Condition 5.

So come party with us at the Yacht Club because as Bob Marley said; **every little thing is going to be all right!**

Yeah Mon!

*See you at the lake,*

*Social Director*

*Michelle Van Fleteren*

*Susan Hooper*



RC Sail continued from page 1

details, along with registration and NOR info. We're also sponsoring another "Movie Nite", Friday, May 26th (night before the "Jamaican-Me-Crazy" Regatta), featuring "Master and Commander, Far Side of the World", starring Russell Crowe. Bring your favorite snacks and enjoy a fun night of adventure on the high seas! Show starts this month at 7 PM "sharp".

Our Youth can also find enjoyment with our boating "lifestyle". While our Sunfish "fleet" is a good way for beginners to get the "feel" for sailing, I'm thinking about the feasibility of taking our youngsters out on some of our larger sailboats to see what it's about in a casual, relaxed environment.

We have two Sunfish ready for our members and their family to take out. Sign-up Log is posted in the Clubhouse adjacent to the restrooms. Please see Arnie Wilenken for any questions about taking one of them out for a spin. We've also planned a Sunfish "demo" next month so be sure to watch the website for details.

*Arnie Wilenken*

*Rear Commodore for Sail*

Terry Hooper - RC Power



This Summer looks like fun ya'll! Last month Smoke on the Water BBQ team (made up mostly of HCYC members) took home 3, count 'em!! three trophies at the Cranes Mill Cook-off supporting the Folds of Honor Foundation and donated all monies back! Mark your calendars for next year if you didn't make it.

June is our next big Power event out at the western curve of E wing with the Jet-Pack rides food and good times on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there.

*Terry Hooper*  
*Rear Commodore*  
*for Power*



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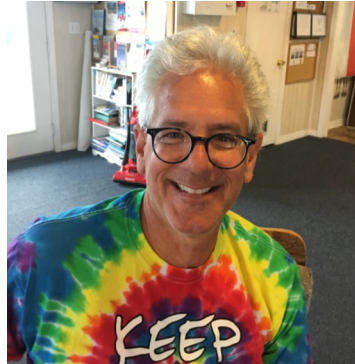
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## Nautical Humor

### A Toast to the Captains of Canyon Lake

This is to the captains of Canyon Lake  
And to the first mates for bikinis sake

To the future raft-ups yet to come  
This is to my drunken boating bums

This is to the sailors of lost palms dock  
And to the others, you know who they are, that we mock

This is to our boats that we've skillfully slipped  
And to all the boats we might have clipped.

And to all that roll in our wake  
We are the captains of Canyon Lake

Mike Jouffray



## Southern CA Sailing, by Arnie Wilenken



On Saturday, April 1st, I joined my former racing team to crew in this year's "Border Run" race off the Southern California coast. This year's "Run" included two courses, both starting out of Newport Beach, CA with one ending at Dana Point, the one we entered and the other going to San Diego. Saturday morning greeted us with nearly cloudless skies and light swells at about 15 seconds out of the northwest. Approximately 50 boats entered this year's "Run" in 11 classes. It was a scenic view with all the sails maneuvering above the start line waiting for their class start "guns". Our sailboat, Avalon, a 2011 Dufour 375 was entered in the "PHRF Cruz B Non-Spin"

class with four other boats. We were however the heaviest boat in our class with a displacement of approximately 15,500 pounds. Avalon sails best in winds over 15 to 20 mph so she was underpowered with the 5 to 8 mph winds on this race day.

While the majority of teams followed the coastline to the finish line off Dana Point on basically a southeastern course. We chose to take advantage of what little wind there was by heading off-shore for a few miles before "falling off" to a broad reach towards the finish line. That tactic appeared sound as we were able to sail that tack the 14 miles to Dana Pt. With most of the other competitors well-inshore from us, it was difficult to determine our position amongst the others. As we converged towards the Dana Point we could pick out the others in our class. For a couple hours, we were able to either pull ahead or at least stay with them. However with about three to four miles to the finish line, the winds eased down and we sadly watched our competitors slowly slide ahead of us enough to benefit their handicap. Of the five boats in our class, the last four finished within 27 minutes on this 14 mile course. We ended up taking 5th in our class, a mere five minutes behind the fourth boat in our class. So while being "tail-end charlie" isn't that pleasant, we stayed with the pack considering the paltry winds on race day.



## Rockin News!



Ahoy!

The fourth annual Rockin' The Balls is just around the corner! The July 15<sup>th</sup> event is free, open to the public and provides a great venue for music, food, sun and fun! We have four bands booked for a full day of fun. This year we will have a twist. Once everyone returns back to the dock safely, we will have a small intimate encore secession with Gary Glen and the 20X band.

Currently, we are seeking sponsors for the event. This is a great opportunity to promote your business. We also would like others to get involved and join in the fun to help with the event.

If you are interested in advertising your business or would like to help the event in any way please let me know.

**See You On The Water**

**Philip Costa**

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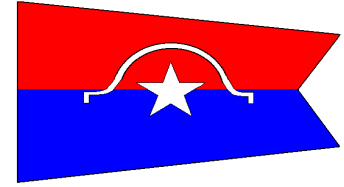
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21	22	23	24	25	26 May Movie Night Master and Com- mander: Far Side of the World Starring Russell Crowe 7:00 pm	27 2017 HCYC "Jamaican-Me- Crazy" Regatta  Dinner & Party with Band 7:00 Social 7:30 Dinner
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	Notes:		

