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# Southwestern Yacht Club

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#### Bar Hours

Sunday-Thursday	11:30am-9:00pm
Friday & Saturday	11:30am-10:00pm

#### Happy Hour

Monday-Friday	5:00pm-6:00pm
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#### Breakfast Menu

Saturday & Sunday	8:00am-11:30am
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#### Lunch Menu

Wednesday-Thursday	11:30am-2:30pm
Friday-Sunday	11:30am-3:00pm

#### Bar Menu

Monday-Tuesday	11:30am-2:30pm
	5:00pm-8:15pm
Friday-Sunday	3:00pm-5:00pm

#### Dinner Menu

Wednesday-Thursday	5:00pm-8:15pm
Friday-Saturday	5:00pm-9:00pm
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## Clubhouse Information

### General Manager

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### Office Hours

9:00am - 5:00pm

### Dinner Reservations

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## Cover

**Welcome to the crew of *Quascilla* in Honolulu 1957.** (See SWYC History Article inside)

Front row: Gerry Shafer, Stephanie Baker, Seymour Paul.  
Back row: Evelyn Shafer, Dave Goffeney, Martha "Mops" Baker (skipper), and navigator Joe O'Hanlon.

*Names courtesy of Stephanie Baker.*

## 48-Hour Cancellation Policy For Club Events

In order to avoid a charge to your account for a Club event that you are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation at least two days prior to the event. Thank you.



## From The Bridge

by *Commodore Mary Haller*

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Opening Day is almost upon us and I just can't wait to see our club and marina decked out in all their finest glory! For those of you who are newer to the Club, this three-day celebration is an event not to be missed. The Closing of a yacht club for the season, and the subsequent Opening Day Ceremonies, are time-honored traditions which manage to incorporate our respect for yachting protocol and our fondness for parties into one big, celebratory package!


The weekend kicks off on **Friday, April 17** with our traditional, family-style spaghetti dinner, in honor of **Bob & Agnes Sullivan**. During dinner, our Port Captain, **Ron Dixon**, will look for ice on the harbor (it's wonderful how we always manage to find even just a little, at just the right time), we lower the Club's burgee and declare the Club closed for the season. This year, dinner will be followed by a very special Story Telling hour. Some of our long-time members, as well as some of our newer members, will be sharing stories relating to Southwestern's history. I'd like to thank **Don Freeman** for developing and helping to organize this great concept that I hope will become a part of our closing night traditions. On **Saturday, April 18** we host our traditional Dock Judging Contest (and Parties). It really is a magnificent sight to see all of the boats in our marina dressed up in the Club's burgee and signal flags. The judges will be out, looking to ensure that all of the boats are dressed appropriately; and while they can't be bought, they do always seem to enjoy the libations, oops; I mean hospitality offered by our members! Saturday night's entertainment will be provided by the very fun band, *Gary Seiler & the Coastriders*. Opening Day ceremonies commence **Sunday morning**, followed by our open house reception, and wrap up in the afternoon with our traditional Boat Parade.

This year commemorates Southwestern Yacht Club's 90th anniversary. Each and every member is not only invited, but absolutely encouraged to participate! I

hope to see you all there, joining me in a toast to our wonderful club.

Now, on to the more serious business of the Club; I am pleased to report that the Annex renovation project remains on schedule and within budget. While the lack of rain hasn't been a boon to Southern California's water supply, it has helped keep our project moving along on track. Thanks to the expertise of our General Contractor **Victor Lund**, we've managed to implement some cost-saving measures which have offset and allowed for the addition of some functional design modifications, most of which involve doors, windows and lighting. I'd like to thank General Manager **Craig Wong** and Treasurer **Allen Shumate** for their meticulous oversight of the project financials. And of course I'd like to heartily thank **Craig**, as well as Facilities Director, **Bob Soderberg** for their day-to-day supervision of the project.

The ETA on total project completion remains early May, but we have been assured that our lawn area will be available when the **Easter Bunny** drops by on Easter Sunday, April 5. We will of course, be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt, and kids of all ages and sizes are invited to participate in the fun...that means you too, S/C **Nick Caldwell!**

One last item; Last, but not least. I keep saying Southwestern is a family, a community. And part of being a community is helping your friends and family when they need it. I would like to extend a special note of appreciation and heartfelt thanks to **Candy Hoffman** and her son **Rob**. I know it may not be particularly fair to single out just one person, especially since we have so many wonderful and helpful members. But, as they say, sometimes when you see something, you need to say something. And in this case **Candy** and **Rob** were able to help out in a way that reminded me yet again of why I'm so proud to not only be a member of Southwestern, but the Commodore of such a fantastic Club! 



# Welcome Aboard



by Rear Commodore Drew Bernet  
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**S**pring has sprung, Opening Day is upon us, and we have more new members who are looking forward to joining the fun and Corinthian spirit at Southwestern Yacht Club.

Before I introduce you to the newest members, I would like to mention something of one the committees I liaise to. You may have noticed at many of your Club events, there are members pretending to be **Roland Hansen** cameramen - posers if you will. They are members of the SWYC Photo Committee. Some even carry "Press" cards. They are carrying on the tradition of **Roland** in making sure that significant events at the Club are recorded for posterity. The committee is working on a semi-public space where photos of Club events will be posted. If you desire coverage of a Club-sponsored event, please contact **Jack Thorpe**, the committee chair (check the roster) at least a month ahead of your event and let him know the details.

I have a correction to my March article. I incorrectly listed **Barbara Balch's** first name as Marsha. My apologies.

Please welcome the following new members to the Club.

New Flag member **Kyle Kutze** describes himself as an avid waterman. I will let you decide. A native San Diegan, he surfs, sails, fishes and waterskies. When in the Marine Corps he deployed in a slightly larger watercraft, LHD-2 the *USS Essex*. Now in addition to being a San Diego Fireman (another water connection), he is an Officer in the US Coast Guard Reserve. **Kyle** is interested in Cruising and the Junior Program. He is a volunteer with the Burn Institute and is also a youth Camp Counselor at their annual Camp Beyond the Scars. **Kyle's** sponsors are **Linda Lynn** and **Jerry Legerton**.

Regular member **Nansea (Blackford) Wolff** is pleased to rejoin SWYC having been a member a number of years ago. She left the Club when her former husband passed away and says leaving was a big mistake. **Nansea** retired from Sharp Cabrillo as a Quality Assurance Administrator. She is remarried to **John** who celebrated his 90th birthday at the Club a few years ago. They live near the Club and

look forward to socializing with old friends and new. Their sponsor, **Frieda Sprague**, says there are a number of grandchildren in the family who will be good candidates for the Junior program. Their other sponsor, **Gerri Lewis**, is a regular with **Nansea** at the SWYC Bridge Club.

Sea Trial participants **Jerry** and **Lynette Matheny** hail from San Antonio, Texas where they own and operate AmeriTex elevator services. They are interested in SWYC because they have visited and dined at the Club several times with new friends **Allen** and **Marcie Whichard**. They frequently escape from the pressures of running a small business by coming to their vacation residence in Loma Portal. **Jerry** has sailed on the Atlantic coast and crewed on race boats here in San Diego. While they do not currently own a boat, they hope to change that in the future.

Part time Ocean Beach resident **Keith Springer** is owner and president of Springer Financial Advisors in Sacramento. He intends to make OB his second home having recently purchased a home there. **Keith** has been actively involved in charitable activities in his hometown. While not currently owned by a boat, (sorry, I meant a boat owner) he has owned a variety of power boats from a 16' outboard to 36' twins and is actively looking for his next boat.

We all enjoy a good sense of humor and Competition Member **Shala Youngerman** certainly has one because her application indicates that the Present Location of her boat is: Table. A closer read of her application shows that the boat's LOA really is 36"(inches) because her boat is a CR914 which is a very popular radio-controlled racing sailboat. Racing and coaching racers is what **Shala** does professionally. She has raced all over the world in everything from Hobie cats to large racing sloops. She is an internationally ranked match racing skipper as well as a USCG certified captain. You may recognize her as being part of the SWYC team which won the 2014 Linda Elias Women's One Design Championships. Her sponsors, Vice Commodore **Sandra Sherman** and **Ian Trotter**, have sailed with her since the early '90s and know she will be an active Competition Member of the Club.

See you at the Club! ⚓





# Port Captain's Report

by Port Captain Ron Dixon  
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## MEET YOUR DOCKMASTER - Frank Taliaferro "A" Dock and Small Boat Yard



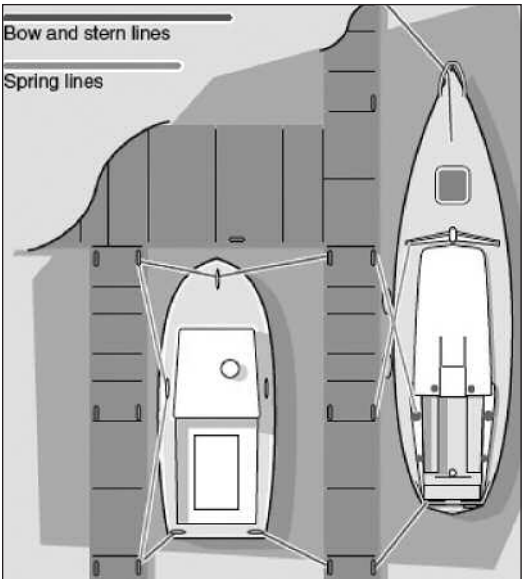
**M**y boating experience began before I was born when my mother drove a boat in a water ski race around the Coronado Islands while she was pregnant with me. I had dinghies early but started sailing a Hobie 14 when I was 12 years of age. I then started waterskiing behind a Whaler when I was 14 years old and progressed through many different types of fast boats well into my adult life. My wife who comes from a family of local sailors suggested we buy a sailboat. We purchased a PC (Pacific Class) which we still enjoy now. We also purchased a Duffy electric boat which we use to cruise around the bay with friends.

I am currently Port Captain and Commodore at the La Playa Yacht Club. I have a great deal of experience in property management for many decades. I continue to be involved in building, as well as maintaining structures and machines. I usually know what to do when there is an emergency with equipment or infrastructure, and I have the tools to get the job done.



## FROM YOUR PORT CAPTAIN

### Docking With Spring Lines Part 1



Courtesy of "The West Advisor" West Marine, Inc.

**By Greg Jones**

*You don't need a bow thruster to gracefully bring your boat alongside or to leave the dock, you just need to master the use of spring lines.*

Most boaters use spring lines when tied up to the dock to limit fore-and-aft movement, but that's not all they're good for. They can also be used to take much of the drama out of docking and to help you get into or out of a tight space with ease. Once you grasp the few principles involved, you'll be able to use the force of the prop to pivot the boat around the spring line. Even in contrary currents or with a wind blowing you onto the dock, it all comes down to balancing opposing forces.

### Spring Line Basics

Spring lines run diagonally forward or aft from the boat at a shallow enough angle to limit the boat's fore-and-aft movement. Sounds simple enough, but spring-line terminology can be confusing. A forward spring line is tied to the dock forward of where it is tied to the boat; it stops the boat from moving aft. An aft spring line stops the boat from moving forward, and it's tied to a point on the dock aft of where the line is attached to the boat. Whatever cleat on the boat the spring line is attached to will become the pivot point for your maneuvers. Spring lines can be attached at the bow, at the stern, or in the middle of the boat, at the mid-ship or spring cleats. The force of the prop against the spring line will cause the boat to rotate around that pivot point. Don't expect your first few attempts to go smoothly. Docking well does take practice. But the following tips could help you avoid some of the more common problems

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## News from the Social Scene

Keith Robertson, Social Committee Chair



It's hard to believe that April is here already! Where does the time go? Longer days mean more time on the water and more social events for your enjoyment.

We ended March with the first ever Southwestern Yacht Club Dog Show which featured several breeds and personalities of pooches. This was a very entertaining event for both humans and canines alike. Thanks to **Karen Jongeward** for chairing this fun event.

To start April off right, one of the club's favorite bands, The Cat-illacs, will play on Friday the 3rd for your dancing and listening pleasure. Opening Day weekend is fast upon us which we all look forward to as Commodore **Mary Haller** opens the yachting season after a long winter close. (ha ha!)

The coastal areas of the American Southeast are known as the "Low Country" due to the low and below low elevations of that charming part of our country. On April 25, we will have a 'Low Country Boil" which is a favorite of locals in the Southeast. I had the opportunity to enjoy an authentic boil several years ago on my dock on Harbor Island which was put on by some friends from South Carolina. You can expect various seafood delicacies along with Andouille sausage, corn on the cob, potatoes and other goodies served family style on long tables. Members with children will especially enjoy this event as it's OK to be messy!

As the weather gets warmer, look for more great events sponsored by your Social Committee and the dedicated committee members.

See you around the club! 



## Port Captain's Report... *Continued from page 3*

people run into when they first try getting on and leaving a dock using spring lines.

**Check your cleats.** Your boat's cleats need to be properly sized and securely attached. At a minimum you need four cleats, one on each side of the bow and stern. Midship cleats are very useful, especially on boats over 20 feet in length. If your boat lacks them, installing a pair (backed properly) is a simple upgrade.

**Your spring lines should be as long as the boat, plus a few feet.** They should be made of nylon, which stretches under tension to reduce shock loads, and large enough to grasp easily.

**When leaving a dock, double the spring line back to the boat.** When you're getting ready to cast off, take the spring line off the dock cleat and run it around the base of the cleat before bringing the bitter end back onboard. Cleat off the end or hand it to the crew member who'll be in charge of that line. When the time comes to release the line, no one needs to be on the dock. A crew member need only release the bitter end and pull the line aboard as quickly as possible.

**Make prop walk work for you.** Most boats have right-handed props (when looking at the propeller from the stern, it spins clockwise in forward, counterclockwise in reverse), which "walk" the stern of the boat to port in reverse. Prop walk can be used to help get off the dock, particularly when springing the stern out first.

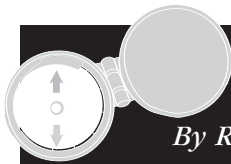
**When you apply throttle, do it gently.** Wait until the spring line is taut before you apply enough throttle to begin the maneuver.

**When you're coming alongside the dock, make sure the crew keeps clear and stays on the boat.** To avoid serious damage to stray body parts, make sure that fenders are the only things that ever come between your boat and the dock. Heroic leaps, dockline in hand, may provide comic relief if all goes well, but they can also result in serious injury. All crew members should learn to accurately heave a line to someone on the dock and practice this skill until it becomes second nature.

*"Whenever your preparations for the sea are poor; the sea worms its way in and finds the problems."*

- **Francis Stokes**





# Predicted Log

By Ralph Salerno, SDCA Commodore

October 18th our next to last contest of the year, Harbor 3/4, started under cloudy skies and cool temperatures. The 13.3 n. m. contest consisted of four check points and two route points with a new wrinkle; “the observer shall provide the achieved Start and Check Point times upon request.” With this information, skippers could calculate their speeds and adjust accordingly. Starting at CB 18, the eight contestants headed to the south bay, passing R/P 1, CB 20 and C/P I CB 21. A run to CB 26 for C/P II, and then a long trip down to Coronado Cay’s CC-“1” channel entrance day mark, for C/P III. A turn to port brought them to another day mark Private “A”, R/P 2, then up the bay to C/P IV, CB 26“A”, and then a 3.56 n.m. leg to the finish at Navy Mooring buoy 19. There was not much traffic on the harbor; however the Navy decided to open up the floating barrier on North Island while some of us were attempting to pass the area, creating some angst amongst the skippers involved.

After the race, the participants rendezvoused at Southwestern Yacht Club for lunch and the results of their endeavors. Commodore **Chris Brzezinski** was on hand to enjoy the repast and present trophies to the winning skippers. The competition was exceptional with only 0.575 % of error between the first place finisher and the sixth place finisher. **Ed Denaci**, aboard *Microship II* scored a 0.4690 for first place and into the prestigious .500 club. Sixth place went to your **scribe** bringing *Ancora* in with a 1.0440 tally. In eighth place was **Mike Elovitz** steering *Lovit* in with a count of 3.4689. **Mike** had **Gerald Hudec** as a guest while we had aboard **Bill Roush** and **Craig Tannahill** as prospective entrants into the world of Predicted Log. Our last event of the year, Harbor 4/4, occurred on Saturday, November 15th and will be reported in the next issue of the Mooring Line.

For more information regarding this sport or an opportunity to take a test ride, call **Ralph Salerno** at 760-758-7798. ⚓

## SAVE THE DATE!

Vice Commodore’s Party, Saturday, June 6

An evening of dinner, music and a fun view of Sandra’s life.

Southwestern Yacht Club  
 Howie Helmbrecht Memorial Dock Fishing Tournament  
 Sunday, May 17, 2015  
 Open to Members and Guests of ALL Ages!

**SCHEDULE:**  
 Lines in water 8:00am  
 Lines out of water 3:00pm  
 Final Weigh In 3:15pm

**CATEGORIES:**  
 Girls & Boys 6 & under  
 7 – 10  
 11 – 13  
 14 – 16  
 Ladies & Men 17 & older



**ENTRY**  
 No Sign Up Required  
 No Entry Fee

**QUALIFICATIONS**  
 A catch fish must be legal size.  
 Sharks and Rays, Age 10 and under. First Place Only.  
 Fish must be caught from SWYC docks,  
 boats moored at docks, or from SWYC property

**FREE BAIT AVAILABLE!**  
**FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE PRIZES!**

**LUNCH**  
 Lunch served from noon – 1:30pm  
 Complimentary Hot Dogs & Burgers will be provided for  
 tournament participants only.  
 Casting Contest after Lunch, Under 18 and 18+ (weather permitting)

Co-Chairs: Bernie Jaffe (619) 299-5255  
 Larry George (619) 857-6051



90<sup>th</sup> OPENING DAY Weekend  
 April 17- April 19, 2015

### Schedule of Events

#### Closing Night Ceremonies—Friday, April 17

11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Regular Lunch Service  
 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner/Closing Ceremony  
 Post Dinner Story Telling Hour

#### Dock Judging Contest—Saturday, April 18

7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Breakfast Buffet in Bar  
 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dock Judging Contest  
 7:00 p.m. Entertainment with Gary Seiler & the Coastriders

#### Opening Day Ceremonies-Sunday, April 19

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet in Bar  
 10:00 a.m. Opening Day Ceremonies  
 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Refreshments/Champagne  
 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bar Menu available  
 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Boat Parade



## Martha Baker's Transpac Race

By S/C Roy Benstead - SWYC History Committee

This race, the 20th organized by the Trans Pacific Yacht Club is held every two years on odd numbered years. 1957 was a “Bellwether” year for the race and for Southwestern Yacht Club, as the following will show. There were 34 boats entered in the race ranging from John Scripps’ 89-foot *Novia del Mar* from San Diego Yacht Club to Dix Brow’s 38-foot *Mistress* from Coronado Yacht Club.

Among the 313 sailors competing in the race were some of the most famous names in yachting of that era. They were all members of “Who’s Who” of Yachting. 14 of them were women.

One of these was **Martha Baker**, owner and skipper of the 42-foot schooner *Quascilla* from Southwestern Yacht Club.

**Martha** joined Southwestern Yacht Club in 1956. She had founded the “Flag Shop” in Newport Beach in 1945. In 1951, she moved to San Diego and opened the “San Diego Flag and Sail Shop” in Point Loma. It was initially in the loft above San Diego Marine Exchange. The club’s **Kathy Kreysler** and her son **Bill Jr.** both worked there. It was **Bill’s** first job at the age of 12; sweeping the floor. A young local aircraft engineer also got his early training in sailmaking there and used the loft after work at night to make his own sails. He later became one of the country’s top sailmakers. **Martha** moved her sail loft across the street to a building owned by **John Tanner** and became “**Martha Baker - Sailmaker**”, and began concentrating on her life’s dream -- to Race in the Transpac from Los Angeles to Honolulu.

After successfully racing in all of the qualifying events up and down the coast, her entry was approved and *Quascilla* was present at the starting line at noon on July 4th 1957, bound for Honolulu. Her crew consisted of **Joe O’Hanlon** as navigator, **Dave Goffeney**, **Seymour Paul**, **Evelyn** and **Gerald Shafer**, and **Martha’s** daughter **Stephanie**, who was the youngest person to be an official crew member in the history of the Trans Pac. When **Martha** was asked why she was bringing a 12-year-old girl as an official crewmember, she replied “Who can afford child care for three weeks. I am bringing a deck of cards and a game of “Cootie” to keep her occupied.” **Stephanie** did her share of

being on watch as well as spending some time at the helm.

This race became known as the “Year of the Great Cruise”. The weather was delightful. The seas were moderate; and everything was relaxed – including the winds. *Quascilla* became part of a new ancillary organization known as “The Transpacific Stragglers Club”. **Martha** later filled the self-bailing cockpit with seawater to make a paddling pool for **Stephanie** just to stop her from asking “Are we there yet?”

*Quascilla* spent four days in the biggest hole in the ocean with absolutely zero wind, but finally made it at 5:13 AM on July 23rd, with an elapsed time of 18:20:13:29, ahead of two others who elected to power in.



*Quascilla is welcomed into Honolulu at the end of the Transpac Race - 1957*

**Martha** may have finished last but she was always first in the eyes of the members of Southwestern Yacht Club, for she was the first female owner/skipper in the race’s history as well as the first entry in history from Southwestern Yacht Club.

Who was that young aircraft engineer who practiced sailmaking at **Martha’s** loft? None other than Lowell North!

And who won that 1957 Transpac? It was the “Skip” Calkins designed yacht “*Legend*”, a 50-foot light





displacement fin-keeled vessel skippered by Charles Ullman. Its win was so big that it was banned from the 1959 and 1961 races for “Being Outside the Norm.” But the die had been cast. A new generation of light displacement yachts would soon take over. The Transpac would never be the same again, in more ways than one.

*Quascilla*, built in 1924 by the Blanchard Boat Company in Seattle is still afloat and in top shape after 91 years of sailing the ocean. Her homeport is Morro Bay in Central California.

**Stephanie** is the only survivor of the crew today and lives happily married to world famous yachtsman and sailmaker “Skip” Elliot, in Newport Beach, California.

*Footnote: Chris Caswell, Bill Kreysler, Lynn Montgomery and Stephanie Baker Elliot, contributed to this article. The Mooring Line extends the yacht club’s thanks to them all.* ⚓



*Quascilla under full sail*

## Race Management



*by Judd Lather, Committee Chair*

**H**ello again from Race Management. We recently completed the SCYA Midwinter Regatta and the third race in our very own Cabrillo Series. I’m sure I sound like a broken record, but we really couldn’t do any of this without the fantastic group of volunteers that come out again and again to help the racers race.

Thanks again to **Jim Lonergan** for the use of *Casa Del Perro III* during the Cabrillo Series. He and **Cathy Lonergan** treat everyone exceedingly well, especially during the late nights finishing boats after sunset. **Trudy & Mike Pearlman** and *Black Pearl* hosted the Race Committee during the Midwinters. Thank you, we couldn’t have done it without you.

The Midwinters requires two additional boats. This year, **Don Stouder** captained *Macanudo* as the leeward mark

set boat, and **Dominic D’Amico** brought his own boat out for windward mark set duties. Other Race Committee volunteers included **Keith Robertson, Mark Newcomb, Dick Hartman, Clark Simensen, Christine Harvey, Lynne Eddy, Angie Bartosik, Terri Kleist, and Jack Fisher. Steven Bakalis** served again as PRO, assisted by **Chris Brzezinski**.

Cabrillo III saw light winds at the start. Race Committee members **Keith Robertson, Chris Brzezinski, Lynne Eddy, Clark Simensen, Angie Bartosik** and **Shelly Raming** patiently waited for the wind increase. PRO **Steven Bakalis** served triple duty, racing back to the club after the start to set the south mark, then rejoining *Casa Del Perro III* for her finishing duties that afternoon and evening with **Jim Lonergan** and **Jan & Harry Zanville**. Thanks for everything you do, **Steven**. ⚓

*SWYC extends sincere condolences to the families and friends of*

**Life Member**  
**Russ Horner**  
February 7, 2015

**Life Member**  
**Elizabeth Campbell**  
March 3, 2015

**Honorary Member**  
**Vice Admiral Robert Coogan**  
March 9, 2015

*Last Call*

# Valentine's Day at



STWYC!



# Junior News

by Junior Commodore Jack McGraw



Summer 2014 registration is open! Some classes fill up very fast and there are a limited number of spaces available, so sign up early to guarantee your spot. Hopefully you have received either an email or paper mailing with the summer brochure. If not,

you can always view the information online at [www.southwesternyc.org/juniors](http://www.southwesternyc.org/juniors) or email [juniors@southwesternyc.org](mailto:juniors@southwesternyc.org).

The spring season has arrived in San Diego bringing nice sunshine and wonderful sailing conditions. The final Perry was held in Coronado Yacht Club which would determine who qualified for Bemis; the top two boats between Perry #3 and Perry #4 qualify. In addition to that, the last Perry determined the results for the Perry series. After teaming up with a sailor from SDYC, Johannes McElvain and I are really excited to represent both SWYC and SDYC at this event at Wianno Yacht Club on the Cape.

Next up on the High School schedule was the Golden Bear Regatta sailed out of Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay, right next to the Oakland Bridge. Although the

mornings had light winds and tricky conditions, the breeze filled in during the afternoons. Sailors brought tons of foul weather gear as this regatta is sometimes quite cold. There was a bunch of great racing, and Point Loma High pulled off their first win of the season. **Mercedes McPhee** and I have been trying some new techniques with our boat speed in the months leading up to the event, and it really paid off. Also from SWYC, **Trey Muschamp** sailed an awesome event in Silver fleet.

Every year, opti sailors from SPYC come stay with families from Southern California for Sabot Nationals. In February, those Sabot sailors travel to Florida to compete in the Valentine's Day regatta. Representing SWYC this year was **Aidan Hoogland**. Congratulations on finishing 26th out of 95 boats! To this day, I am sailing against the kids that I sailed against when I was in 5th grade doing the St. Pete Exchange. It is a wonderful first opportunity to meet new sailors on the national level. After competing at more and more national events, I have learned to truly appreciate everybody that I have sailed against and met. **Aidan**, I hope you also shared some of those experiences!

That just about wraps this month's section of the *Mooring Line*. Happy travels and may the winds be ever in your favor! ⚓

## SWYC Active!!!

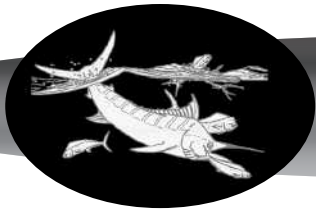
by Ryan Hunter [ryanstask@gmail.com](mailto:ryanstask@gmail.com)

Trying to get into shape for 2015 or are you a regular runner/biker/walker already? This past February 15th witnessed the birth of the club's newest group which, for now, we are calling "**SWYC Active!**". We are organizing running, biking, swimming and walking events each month for 2015. Our inaugural event was a success with about 12 members participating in a 10K/5K run/walk along the bay starting at the club followed by a lovely brunch on the deck. Thank you to all that participated! We hope to continue the runs/walks every 3rd Sunday of the month going forward along with other special events that have already been populated in the club calendar including a cycling event in April and



SWYC's very own sprint triathlon (as soon as the water warms up!) Check the front desk for a sign-up sheet.

Please contact me if you'd like to join in the fun or help organize events. Let's whip this club into shape! ⚓



# Reel Fun

by Harry Okuda



**W**OW! A 307# super cow tuna. A once-in-a-lifetime fish for **Bob Woodard**. It took **Bob** a little over two hours to subdue the tuna. **Bob & Junior** were on a long-range trip on the *Red Rooster III* in February to

the banks way below Cabo San Lucas.

SWYC is again holding our Benefit on the Bay Bottom Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 2, 2015. As a previous participant you know what a great day of fun and fellowship this is. Once again we will kick things off with a full buffet breakfast at the mandatory registration from 5:00-7:00am at SWYC. There will be a shotgun start at 7:00am and weigh in ends at 4:00pm. See rules & regulations for special sailboat and Mission Bay exceptions. All fish weighed in end up on the table; you cannot get fresher fish than that unless you are eating sushi on your boat. Cocktails, appetizers, dinner, awards, raffles and auctions take us into the evening making it a very full day. We look forward to your participation in this year's event.

In February, **Miguel Martinez, Steve Methey, Tom Olson** and **Skete Simmons** fished on the *Journeyman* out of Puerto Vallarta. They caught a lot of yellowfin tuna. **Miguel's** personal best was a 140# yellowfin tuna.

I Went out with **Clay Darrow** on his boat, *Orca* last month and caught a couple of nice halibut.

Notable fish weighed in in February: **Bob Woodard Sr** 9.70# bonita & 24.35# bluefin tuna, **Robb Lane** 23.8# bluefin tuna, **Bob Woodard Jr** 23.80# bluefin tuna, **Harry Okuda** 27.5# bluefin tuna, 7.95# bonita & 10.80# halibut, **Jon Epsten** 4.10# rockcod, **Steve Greene** 3.70# rockcod, **Mickey Cooper** 3.25# rockcod, **Favion Simmons** 12.10# yellowtail, **Skete Simmons** 15.85# yellowtail, **Tom Olson** 21.20# yellowtail.

Events to remember: SWYC Bottom Fishing Tournament, Saturday, May 2; Dock Fishing Tournament, Sunday, May 17; Halibut Tournament, Saturday, June 7. ⚓



*Bob Woodard Sr. with his 307# yellowfin tuna.*



*Bob Woodard Sr. to see if he caught a super cow. It was!*



*Harry Okuda & Clay Darrow with a couple of nice halibut.*



*Bob Woodard Jr. with a nice wahoo.*



## SWYC Sail Fleet



by  
*Mike McNabb,*  
SWYC  
*Sail Fleet Captain*

**2**014 marked a great racing year with three SWYC Skippers and their boats winning overall championships in their classes. Hats off to these skippers and crew. They represent SWYC as the best of the best.

**STAGHOUND, Alex Oberschmidt** – PHRFSD Class I Champions

**EL SUENO, Brad Alberts** – PHRFSD Class 3 Champions, CRA Class 3 Champions, 1st Place PHRFSD Offshore Mini-Series, SWYC Offshore Yacht of the Year, CRA Yachtsman of the Year, SWYC Yachtsman of the Year

**POCO LOCO, Mike and Kathy Roach**, CRA, Class 4 Champions and SWYC Inshore Yacht of the Year.

**The Cabrillo Series** kicked off with races I and II. In Class 1, *Stagbound* placed with two 3rd places, *Sea Maiden* (**Carolyn** and **Sandra Sherman**) took 1st in Class 4 for CAB II and *Casamar*, (**Dave Baer**) placed 2nd in Class 5 for CAB I.

**The CRA Winter Series** showed *El Sueno* placing 1st Class 3 in race 1, *Sea Maiden* placing 1st and 2nd in Class 4 and *Moose & Squirrel* (**Chris Winnard**) placing 1st in Class 5 for race 1.

In the **SCYC Midwinters**, *Stagbound* placed 2nd in Class I, *El Sueno* placed 3rd in Class 3 and *Poco Loco* placed 3rd in Class 4.

In the SWYC Racing Fleet, **the Sullivan Series** was completed with 1st Overall to *Comfort Zone* (**Tony Michaels**), 2nd *Mi Juguete* (**Ron Bush**) and 3rd *Lagniappe* (**Don Garber**).

Interested in racing, but haven't done it? Come out with the SWYC Racing Fleet. Contact **Jeff Rodriquez** at [jrod2718@gmail.com](mailto:jrod2718@gmail.com) or 520-360-1860 and he'll get you set up.

Mark These Dates: **Oceanside to SD – May 24, Charity Bay – June 14 and Three Mark Fiasco – August 1.**

Also SWYC is hosting the **U.S. Sailing Disabled Championships, August 27, 28, 29.** It takes a lot of volunteers to put on these races, so if you are interested in helping, contact **Carolyn Sherman.** These races are phenomenal.

Look for **"Sail Fleet Presents."** The first three programs have had a great turn out and **Jeff Woods** has more interesting programs coming up...check the SWYC website and Halyards for programs and dates.

If you are a New Member at SWYC, check out **Sail Fleet.** It's easy. Just call the office and tell them to sign you up. If you are interested in sailing, racing or crewing, you should be a member of Sail Fleet. Annual dues are only \$20 and you can charge it to your club bill. ⚓

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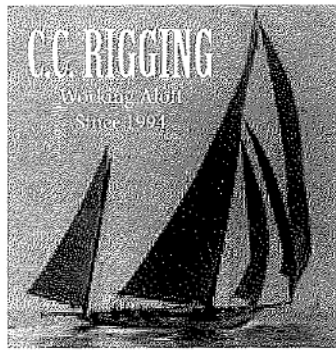
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