

Editors Note: This issue of the April 2026 Periplus celebrates it's 50th Anniversary. I present the very first edition featuring the work of original members Hanna Hewston (Editor), Herb Hewston, and Jodi Reese (Future Commodore).

I hope you enjoy it. - S/C John Gaddis

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Periplus

A written sailing direction existed on the Mediterranean Sea several hundred years before Christ. This was "The Periplus of Scylax," written between the 6th and 4th Centuries, B.C. Its contents were similar to the modern sailing directions. It furnished the navigator information on distances between ports and navigational aids; and it cautioned him against dangers. Data on port facilities were also included, as well as other useful information. For example, it advised the mariner that there were good natural harbors on the Island of Pharos, but that no water could be found there.

The above is an excerpt from Dutton's NAVIGATION AND PILOTING, Page 4, Paragraph 103. We think our PERIPLUS will be no less helpful to the mariners of Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. (H.H.)

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Thanks to Hannah and Herb Hewston, working with Jodi Reese, we have the PERIPLUS, which henceforth will be the official newsletter of the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. I think that all will agree that our new masthead is really a work of art! The PERIPLUS will serve to announce details of coming events: parties, cruises, races, and so forth. Be sure to read it regularly!

The Installation Dinner on April 30th was very successful. It was well attended, the food was good, the music was danceable, and best of all, there was abundant good fellowship. Mary Woodcock and Wandine DeVane did a fine job on arrangements and reservations. We were honored to have Oxnard's Mayor Kato as well as Ventura County Supervisors John Flynn and Ed Jones in attendance. Officers of the Channel Islands Yacht Club, Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, and Ventura Yacht Club were also present. Harry DeVane outlined the main goals and objectives of PCYC, and Harry and the Advisory Board were honored for their work in establishing this fledgling club.

Commodore's Comments Continued

Acting Judge Advocate Ray Reese installed the first officers and presented their insignia and official flags. As your first Commodore, I was happily able to present our first two awards: the first to Beverly Hamilton, who gave us our name; and the second to my daughter Susan, who designed our original burgee. Special thanks must also go to Patsy Gibson and Mary Hendriksen for acting as hostesses, and to Wally Pettus for the table flowers. Thanks also to all the others who came and helped to make the evening a success.

The club owes a hearty thanks to Maxine and Bob Dryden for hosting our family picnic on the beach Saturday, May 1st. The weather was perfect and our members came out in goodly numbers--especially gratifying since it was the morning after the Installation Dinner! The excellent arrangements were made by Ralph and Sandra Askew and Dave and Patsy Gibson.

Together with Vice Commodore Bob Salisbury and Axel Carlsson, I attended Opening Day ceremonies at both Pierpont Bay Yacht Club and Ventura Yacht Club. I believe both of these clubs will fully support our aims.

Our next regular Board of Directors meeting will be held at Axel Carlsson's home at 2533 Barry Street, Camarillo, on Friday, May 21st, at 8:00 p.m.

Cruise chairman Ron Birdsall is planning our first cruise to Coches Prietos for the long Memorial Day weekend. Don't forget, you'll need a landing permit if you want to go ashore.

Our Facilities Committee, headed by Joe Szabo, is continuing to work with the management of the Anacapa Isle Marina to see if we can arrange a temporary home for PCYC. We've appeared before the Harbor Commission to outline our needs for a permanent home, and are currently awaiting a reply to our request for a meeting with the Harbor Department staff.

Let's all help with Harry DeVane's membership drive. Tell your friends about our exciting new club. Encourage them to join us.

See you all on the Memorial Day Cruise. GOOD SAILING!

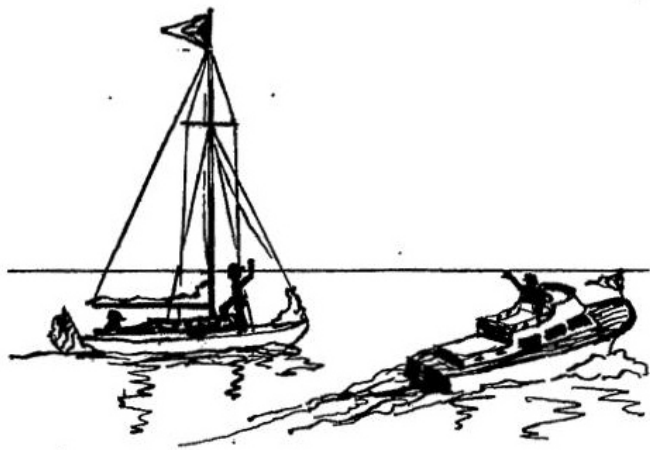
Floyd B. Woodcock, Commodore

MEMBERSHIP

We have thirty-four charter members paid-in-full at this writing, and several requests for application blanks as a result of our fine installation affair and the May 1st family picnic. Our goal of fifty charter members by the end of May is definitely within sight.

Harry DeVane, Membership Chairman

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE



The offshore contingent of the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club will initiate the cruising season with a gala Memorial Day weekend jaunt to Coches Prietos Cove, Santa Cruz Island, May 29, 30 and 31 (Saturday through Monday).

If the weather is calm, a bee-line course is best; however, if the wind is heavy and the channel is up to its usual sloppy behavior, sailboats are advised to make

for the East end of the island, then follow the curve of the island to Coches. All boats should stay clear of Anacapa Channel in heavy seas.

Sailboaters interested in a guaranteed comfortable crossing in good company are invited to get up with the birds and join our sloop NAIAD (AM radio only), clearing the CI bridge at 0600 for the trip over under power. Call us at 985-1059 if you'd like company on the way over.

Power folk (persons with twin screws aft) interested in the joy of the convoy are invited to cruise over with Joe Szabo's CHIMACO (AM, CB, VHF), clearing the bridge at 0900. Please call Joe at 985-1645 to join the fleet.

Communications are a must for a safe trip over, but in this last year of medium-frequency AM, I'm not sure who has what and if it works. Therefore, all hands are requested to monitor 2182 (AM), channel 13 (CB), and channel 16 (VHF), depending upon your equipment.

Those desiring to go ashore above the high water line are reminded that permits should be obtained from the Santa Cruz Island Company, 515 S. Flower Street, Los Angeles, Ca. 90071 (phone 213/485-9208). Both annual and 30-day permits are available.

Something special is being stirred up to occur during the cruise, but I'm sworn to secrecy. So if you're coming, if you need a ride, or if you have room for extra crew, let us know (call me or leave a message on the tape at 985-1059) so we can see that enough _____ is prepared.

LAST ONE TO COCHES IS DRAGGING HIS ANCHOR!

Ron Birdsall, Cruise Chairman

PERIPHERALS

The attractive leaflets publicizing PCYC which made their debut at our dinner party April 30th represent the combined efforts of Jodi and Ray Reese and Hannah and Herb Hewston. Our Commodore has a good supply and every member should have some to give to prospective members.

Peripherals Continued

Sandra Askew says she was delighted to see so many children and teens at our May 1st picnic, most of them we met there for the first time. It was a happy time, thanks to all who came and to the Drydens for their hospitality.

Nate Lichtbach reports that his Fishing Derby Schedule will start with a June event. Ralph Askew is currently working out a sailing/racing program for PCYC.

Deadline for items to be included in PERIPLUS should be in the editor's hands by the 20th of each month. This publication is the voice of PCYC and every member will be heard. Please mail your items to Hannah Hewston, 2455 Jamestown Court, Oxnard 93030, or phone them in to 805/985-6255.

"THE BURGEES ARE COMING! THE BURGEES ARE COMING!" Port Captain Kai Hendriksen has ordered a supply which should arrive very soon. Kai reports that they will probably sell for \$5.00 each. Be sure to get one before the Memorial Day Cruise.

ON THE SOCIAL SCENE

Our first Installation Dinner is behind us, and as a great number of you know, it was an unqualified success. Thank you, all the members who came, and it was a pleasure meeting your friends. We hope they will join us as members.

Special thanks go to Wally Pettus and Elsie Lichtbach for the table decorations. We know a great deal of time and running around went into finding the right containers for the flowers. The tables were a pretty sight greeting us as we first arrived at the Lobster Trap. Patsy Gibson and Mary Hendriksen were our very charming hostesses, greeting members and guests with a smile and a friendly welcome.

It seems everyone enjoys a picnic, from the very young upward. May 1st was a sunny day for about fifty-five of us who enjoyed the hospitality of Maxine and Bob Dryden, who set out bbq's at several strategic spots around their beach home. In addition to the Dryden's hot coffee, beer and soft drinks were provided by the club and rounded up by the Askews and the Gibsons. We thank them and all who helped make our first picnic a happy time.

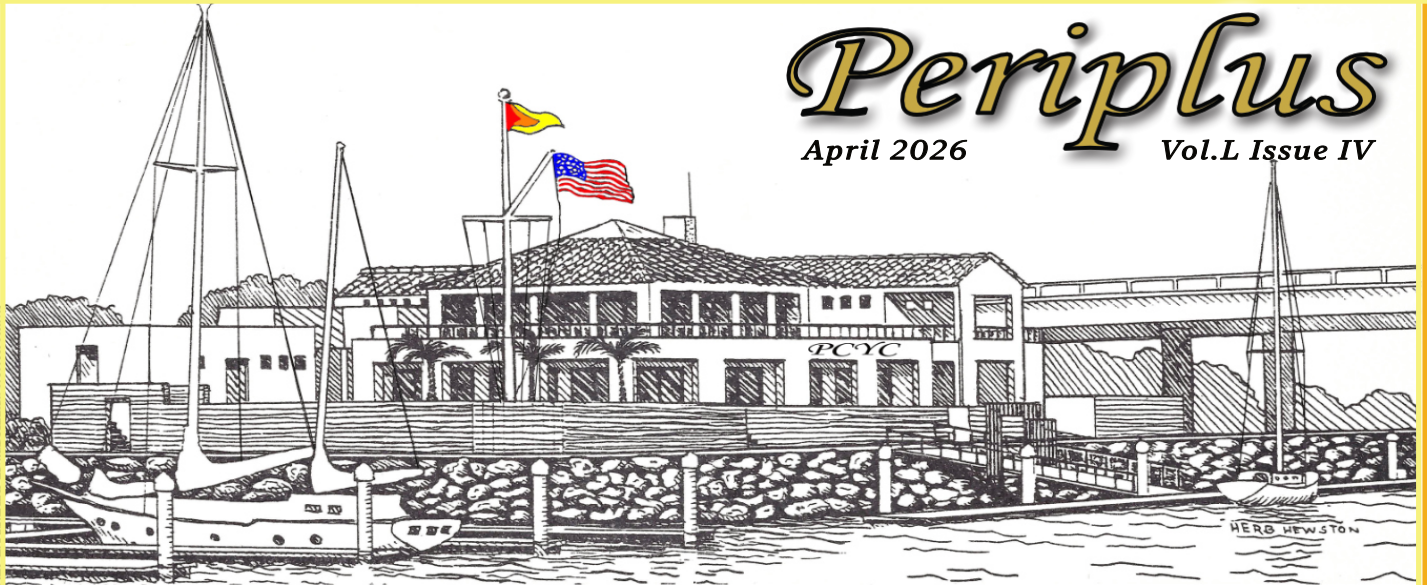
We need your ideas. What would you like to do socially? Please call me and let me have your thoughts. We want to make this a great year. And if there are any volunteers for the social committee, we promise not to work you too hard or too often.

Mary Woodcock, Social Chairman

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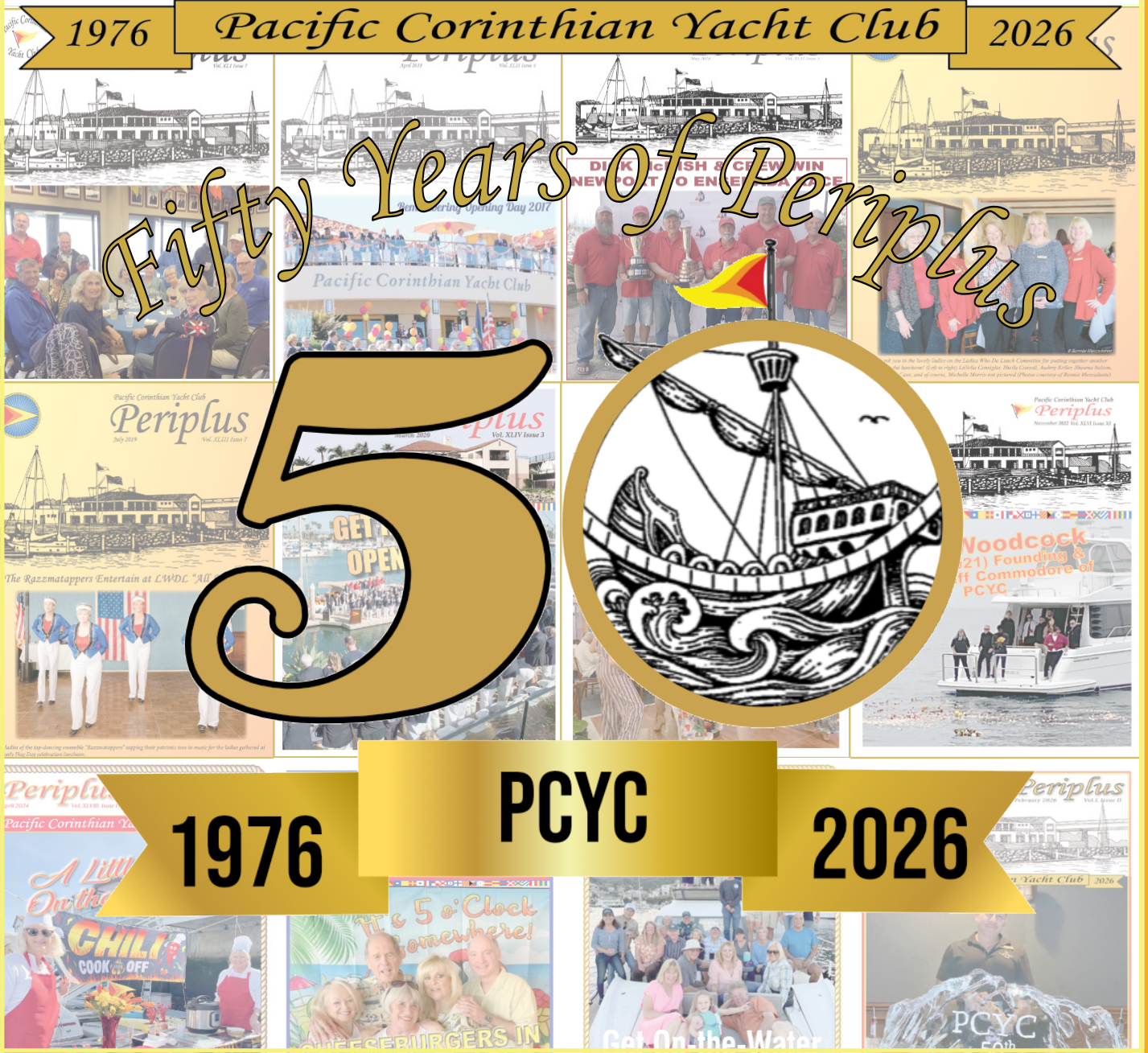
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Meaning of Periplus

The word periplus stems from Greek, meaning 'journey' and also means a circumnavigation or sea voyage around a coastline. The use of a periplus, or journal, dates back to the second century and was a document listing in order, the ports and coastal landmarks, with approximate intervening distances, that the captain of a vessel could expect to find along a shore. In that sense the periplus was a type of log, similar to the modern day ship's log.

We use the term for our Club newsletter since it is the documentation of our travels at the Club and offshore and provides a historical record for us to reminisce and share with others. It is our shared and unique history as club members.

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**COMMODORE
VASILY BELOZEROFF**



Dear Fellow Club members:

We are moving along nicely through the spring season – as you are reading this, we are actively preparing for the opening day. I hope you have all penciled the date of April 11 into your calendars and, like me, are counting days to the ceremony.

In the meantime, the recent Board meeting reviewed our insurance coverage, which we routinely do in the beginning of each year to make sure our structure and everything in it is protected from damage or theft, and that all our

activities in the club and on the water are also protected from accidents.

Last but not least, the Board has reviewed our restaurant minimal spending policy and voted to increase the time window for the minimal spend from 2 months to 3 months, effective July 1. I appreciate the Membership committee coming up with this proposal and explaining to the Board the importance of more flexibility in restaurant spending. As a result, the total spend over a year will remain the same, but you have more time spend it. I hope this small adjustment will be welcomed.

Vasily

From "Ladies Who Do Lunch" Committee:

To the Ladies of PCYC

We're getting ready for our "Ooh La La Afternoon in Paris" Luncheon on April 9th, and we're planning a sale of gently used handbags! If you have a handbag that's in great condition but no longer fits your style, we'd be thrilled to have it for our sale! All the money from the sale will be used to enhance PCYC's amenities and programs. Please bring your donation to the front desk as soon as possible but not later than April 8th, Thank you for your support!

**Leah Lucas
Event Chairperson**

*Ladies Who Do Lunch
Invite you to...*

**OOH LA LA
AFTERNOON IN PARIS!!**

Thursday, April 9th 10:30 AM

\$35 Inclusive

*I Love Paris in the Springtime!!
See you in Paris!!*

**To assist the Front Desk, please make your reservation as soon as possible.
Reservations will be open for PCYC members only March 11 - March 25.
Guest reservations may be made beginning March 26.**

Spring Fashion Trends by Nordstrom



**VICE COMMODORE
KIMBERLY ALFORD**

Hi Everyone!

We are a yacht club steeped in tradition and one important tradition is engaging our members to volunteer. From an evening as an Officer of the Day to helping decorate various holidays, to Chairing a Committee, ensuring our Bylaws and Memberships are followed to a T, to assisting the Board & Bridge, our success throughout the past 50 years couldn't have been done without all of you!

I am so amazed at the amount of new events and volunteers in our 50th year of yachting fun! As members are added, new ideas and events are created, we are proving that the tradition of success will continue for another half a century or more!

Special thanks to our new members who are actively involving themselves with Committee(s), hosting member events and lending their boats. You know who you are and so do we!

We are also fortunate to have a super staff assisting us at the Front Desk, taking our food orders, helping us on the dock, and bringing us a service with a smile every time we visit.

I encourage all of you to take the time to thank your fellow members and our PCYC staff when you see them at the club. I guarantee it'll make someone's day very special.

With Much Gratitude,.... Kimberly

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our St. Patrick's Day dinner was an amazing evening, thanks to my wonderful committee member **Karen McCarley** for all her beautiful decorations and hard work. A special 50th anniversary game was played for members that read the Periplus articles by **Doris Melillo**. Congratulations to those that won gifts for answering the questions correctly! It was a wonderful party and a late night of dancing and celebrating St. Patrick's Day with all of you amazing PCYC members.

I also would like to take this moment to thank all of the PCYC staff and **Chef Rafael** for all their hard work. The soda bread with corn beef and cabbage captured rave reviews!

See you at our next event! **Melinda Horwith**





**REAR COMMODORE
DAN GUINNIP**

Hello Everyone,
I am very happy to see everyone participating in this year's club events and building camaraderie throughout our membership. We have a lot of wonderful members, and it is great when we all get to know each other and share good times. I feel very fortunate to be part of the PCYC family and thank all of you for your continued support.

We ended February with a special whisky tasting event led by PCYC member **JR Lal**. It was a lot of fun and very informative. Based on such great feedback, we immediately scheduled our second whiskey tasting event with JR. Thank you JR for sharing your knowledge and love of whisky with us all !

Following the TGIS race on March 1st we had live music on the upper patio to entertain the racers and club members. It was a lively affair with **SherriMerry**, who did a great job of engaging the audience.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day a few days early with a full-house Saturday event featuring Irish fare, lots of green and a fun DJ. Did anyone find that pot of gold ?

The NCAA men's and women's tournaments brought March Madness to the club where members were able to track their favorite teams (or unknown underdogs) through the brackets. Throw in some fun food and drink items and it was a slam dunk !

April will be a busy month, leading off with Easter Sunday brunch. Bring the family and leave the cooking to PCYC.

Ladies Who Do Lunch will celebrate Ooh La La – Afternoon in Paris on April 9th. Check out the spring fashion trends from Nordstrom.

Opening Day will be held on Saturday, April 11th. Hope to see all of you there in (summer) uniform.

And don't forget to join us after the TGIS race on Sunday, April 26th for live music and dancing. Let's welcome our racing guests with PCYC hospitality they will remember !

See you at the Club !
Dan Guinnip

SAVE THE DATE!

**Let's
FIESTA**

Featuring the Latin Sounds of Heart & Soul Band

Saturday May 2nd	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Music! Food! Dancing!
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WHY OPENING DAY IS IMPORTANT S/C JOHN GADDIS

For many of our newer PCYC Members, our upcoming Opening Day will be their first real yachting ceremony. What's it all about? What can we do to participate? What is the appropriate yachting attire? Why is it such a big deal?

Opening Day presents our newer PCYC Members an opportunity to really appreciate the satisfaction of belonging to a world class yacht club. It also reminds our veteran members of the prestige they enjoy by belonging to one of the finest clubs in the yachting community.



In the north eastern portion of the U.S., fall and winter meant that yachting came to a halt as the waters froze and boats had to be removed from the water and stored and sheltered from the ice and snow. When spring arrived and the ice began to melt, yachtsmen refurbished and prepared their boats for the new yachting season. It became a tradition for yacht clubs to celebrate the beginning of the new yachting season with an Opening Day Ceremony.

This year the PCYC Opening Day is Saturday, April 11. Even though we are the lucky ones who are able to enjoy boating all year, we, as an internationally recognized yacht club, continue the tradition of conducting an Opening Day Ceremony.

On Opening Day, PCYC will host guest Bridge Officers from most of the yacht clubs in Southern California, as well as VIPs from the local government and yachting organizations. It

is important that all of us who are members of PCYC understand that our Opening Day is first and foremost for our own members. Our ceremony is fun and designed so that all of us can enjoy our great club. The dinner and dance following the ceremony is our party and the visitors are our guests. Mark your calendars now and join the fun.

Part of the fun is wearing the traditional yachting attire on Opening Day. For our newer members who may not be familiar with the PCYC yachting attire, the following will explain the day's dress code.

Attire for opening day is the summer uniform which features a single or double breasted blazer in navy blue, white trousers or skirts and is worn with white shoes. On blazers, the Club Bullion is worn on the left pocket one inch below the top of the pocket. (PCYC bullions are available at the Front Desk and should be worn by every member.) PCYC name tags are worn on the right hand breast of the blazer in a position horizontal to the top of the pocket on the left breast. Ladies may select traditional white dress blouses to compliment the blazer.

Members attending and not participating in the ceremony may wear any nautical themed attire.

Remember, our PCYC Opening Day is your day to celebrate being a member of this great club.

Excerpted from "Yacht Club Traditions" originally drafted by Jerry Goldberg, Commodore 1997



PCYC ON THE WATER SCOTT VON LANKEN

There are so many ON WATER and other events happening over the next few months, now is the time to get your calendar caught up.

- **April 11** – PCYC Opening Day Bristol Boats. We have 10 amazing boats from the PCYC fleet participating this year. Come Aboard!!
- **April 24-26** – a weekend Cruise to Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara Yacht Club (landlubbers welcome)
- **May 9** – The PCYC Electric Chili Cookoff. Join the Electric Fleet for a fun day eating Chili from various stations in the Channel Islands Harbor
- **May 22-25** – Cruise to Marina Del Rey and the Del Rey Yacht Club (landlubbers welcome)
- **June 13** – open to All Club members– Mystic Whaler tour and Sail. Sign up NOW!! This event will sell out!!
- **June 20** – open to All Club Members – Day trip and Picnic to Santa Cruz Island. We will

visit Prisoners Harbor on Santa Cruz Island. All Club members are welcome!!

- **June 26-30** – Cruise to Long Beach and the Long Beach Yacht Club(landlubbers welcome)
- **July 10-14** – Cruise to Catalina – Two Harbors/Cat. Harbor(Landlubbers welcome)
- **July 18** – open to All Club Members – Day Trip to Anacapa Island (via Island Packers)
- **July 31-August 8** – So. Cal Harbor Hop (Avalon, San Diego, King Harbor)
- **September 11-14** – Cruise to Newport Beach Harbor
- **September 19** – Cruise to Santa Cruz Island
- **October 15-19** – Cruise to Avalon Catalina
- **November 28** – Night Cruise to Ventura



PORT CAPTAIN SAM WOLFE PCYC FLEET DISPLAY

A reminder that all PCYC members are invited to be part of the 2026 PCYC Fleet display. Submissions are welcome for all boats – sail, power, and fishing. Please submit one or two 8" x 10 " color photos of your boat, including the boat's name. All selected photos will be professionally framed and tagged for display in the Crow's Nest.

For more information or to submit your photos, please contact the front desk.





LA JENELLE RON DREHER

The **La Jenelle** started life in the 1940s as a passenger liner in the glory days of ocean-going travel. She later sailed as the Bahama Star in the Caribbean. The ship played a historic role in rescuing hundreds of passengers from the burning ship named the Yarmouth Castle. Ironically it was the fire aboard the Yarmouth Castle that led to safety reforms that made the La Jennell no longer economically viable without a massive investment for a safety retrofit.

The ship was now in economic limbo with hopes of becoming a tourist attraction similar to the Queen Mary. While her fate was being determined she dropped anchor outside Hueneme harbor. During this time, she had only two crew members aboard to keep a watchful eye and keep her safe.

On April 13, 1970 a strong northwest gale came into the Santa Barbara channel. With only one anchor down, two crewmen aboard and a lee shore, the building steep seas quickly overpowered the once proud ship. With the anchor dragging her fate was sealed.

She ended up on her side on Silver Strand beach. Curious onlookers, and trespassers quickly stripped the ship of fittings and furnishings. Once a fire started, her fate was sealed.

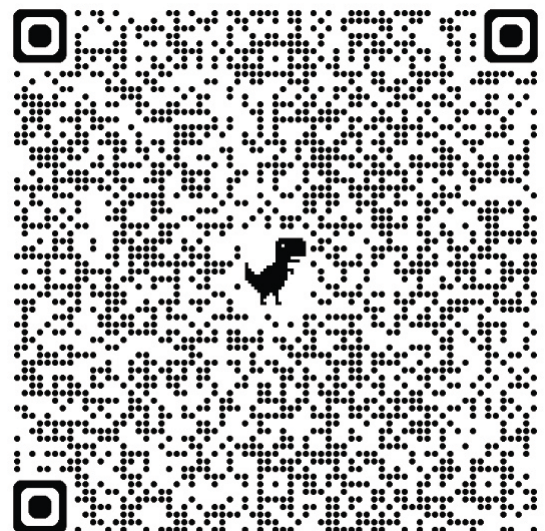
State and federal authorities came up with a practical solution to scrap the ship in place. La Jenelle would become a part of the coastal protection system to silver strand and the Hueneme harbor entrance. Parts of the ship were cut up and released to the ocean bottom west of platform Gina.

The story of the La Jenelle reminds me of the wise words of Felix Reisenberg; ***"The sea is selective, slow in recognition of effort and aptitude, but quick in sinking the unfit."***



*La Jenelle lies on it's side off Silver Strand Beach in Oxnard
April 13, 1970*

For more details and pictures,, use this QR code.





PCYF NEWS S/C ROBERT ALEXANDER

A Message from the President of PCYF

A Splash of Purple: Carrying Forward the Legacy of Captain Jane Thomas

As we transition into April, the Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation (PCYF) finds itself in a season of both remembrance and renewal. While last month my article focused on the planning of our upcoming summer programs, this month I turn to remembrance of **Captain Jane Thomas**.



Remembering a Pillar of Our Harbor

On March 15th, many of us gathered at the Channel Islands Yacht Club, wearing a "splash of purple" to celebrate the extraordinary life of Jane Thomas. Jane was a vital part of the PCYF family, serving with dedication on our Board from 2019 to 2025.

Jane was a true force on the water. A USCG 50T Licensed Captain, she co-founded the CIWSA and was a fierce competitor aboard her sloop, WAILANI. But for us at PCYF, her greatest contribution was her passion for mentoring young sailors. She didn't just want to see boats on the water; she wanted to see confident, skilled, and passionate young people at the helm.

In the spirit of Jane's tireless work ethic, PCYF is moving forward with a busy spring. Following our March 21st sail day, we are currently completing the date for our April Sail Day. We will share those details as soon as they are set. Our summer schedule and pricing are now live, and we are seeing a great response. It is the support of our members and the legacy of leaders like Jane that allow us to keep these programs thriving.

With gratitude,

Robert Alexander
President, Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation
Fair winds and following seas,

**ATTENTION ALL PCYC MEMBERS,
POWERBOATS & SAILBOATS!!**

PCYC Cruise to Santa Barbara April 24-26

Join us for a 3-day cruise to Santa Barbara, where we will have full reciprocal privileges at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Landlubbers are welcome to join us on Saturday for a group Kayak/Paddleboard tour of the Harbor, Lunch on the Sandspit in the Harbor as well as dinner at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

This will be a memorable weekend. Planning is underway for daily Happy Hours, a Kayak/Paddleboard tour of the Santa Barbara Harbor, a beach party lunch on Saturday, and a group dinner at Santa Barbara Yacht Club on Saturday evening. If you are interested in joining, please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs at PCYC, call the Front Desk (805-985-7292) or send an email to fleetcaptain@pcyc.org.

Please let us know the following when you sign up:

- Your name
- Your contact phone number
- Boat name
- Boat length
- Boat beam
- Landlubber Saturday activities
 - Kayak/Paddleboard Harbor Tour
 - Lunch on the Sandspit in the SB Harbor
 - Dinner at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club

The Santa Barbara Harbor Master and Marina have been notified already and PCYC members will have priority for slips in the Santa Barbara Marina.

See you out on the water!
Scott Von Lanen
PCYC Fleet Captain
Fleet Captain Power



PCYC ON THE WATER S/C PATTY MCINNES, LIFE MEMBER

Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation and Sailing programs in the early 1990s

After the “Permanent Facility Years” of operating PCYC in the new clubhouse, there was a focus on building the Club’s sailing program and the long-discussed need for a youth sailing program.

As Commodore in 1992, I assembled a team including **S/C Floyd Woodcock, V/C Gene Whitt, Director Don Dusette, Judge Advocate Don Yokaitis and Fred Vance** to found the Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation. My vision for the Foundation was that it would be a non-profit entity, so that donations would be tax-deductible, to encourage PCYC members to donate to the program over the years. Secondly, I designated the name as Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation to, hopefully, sustain support of Club member volunteers to keep the organization alive.

I wrote the non-profit application for the IRS and drafted the vision statement and Articles of Incorporation. **S/C Floyd Woodcock** wrote the Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), as he had for the Club. **Don Yokaitis** provided guidance from the legal point of view.

The team worked on the initial documentation, planning and development. As Commodore in 1993, **Gene Whitt** helped get the youth program off the ground with the first youth sailing lessons. Over the past 34 years, the Club members have donated financially, run the programs, given sailing lessons, maintained the boats and have taught literally hundreds of young people to sail through the PCYF program

To build the Club’s competitive sailing program in 1992, the Pacific Corinthian Yachting Cup Race was initiated. **V/C Gene Whitt, Director Don Dusette and Connie Sedacca** were key people who designed and ran this new race. I unveiled a beautiful poster at Opening Day and invited sailors from visiting yacht clubs to participate. The race attracted sailors from Marina Del Ray and other Southern California yacht clubs. The winner of the first race in 1992 was Windjammers Yacht Club and a member of the crew (the heaviest one!) won his weight in Mumms Champagne to take back to their club.

Also, in 1992 the Classic Yacht Race was run for the 15th year. It had been created, run, paid for and promoted by **Dick and Juanita McNish**. It was a major sailing event for the Club then, as it has remained to this day. In honor of the McNish’s dedication, I was pleased to rename the race “**The McNish Classic Yacht Race.**”

The boating composition at the Club has changed dramatically since the 1990s. As an example, in the 1992 membership Roster there were no electric boats, 167 power boats and 53 sail boats. In the 2025/2026 50th Anniversary Roster, there are 108 electric boats, 104 power boats and 25 sail boats.





50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE DORIS MELILLO

(Continued from March with edited notes from first Commodore Floyd Woodcock, additional suggestions from S/C Patty McInnis, plus information from Periplus articles.)

"The Struggle to Survive" Years 1990 to 1994:

In 1990 Commodore Jack Meserve and Vice Commodore Cathy Scott manned the front desk during the transition into the new Clubhouse. In 1991, then as Commodore, Cathy and Vice Commodore Patty McInnes lead the effort for the first time, to find a Club General Manager. It was a nationwide search. They hired Tom McDonough, who had previously managed large country clubs. He brought professional experience to the Club and was an excellent chef as well. His 'Breakfast at Brennans' were delicious Sunday morning events, especially when he cooked Bananas Foster.

Then the economy was a problem, as George H. W. Bush had learned in 1992. PCYC was not immune from the effects. As our members and others trimmed their spending of recreational dollars, our membership took another downturn. The need for serious new membership acquisition became a reality for PCYC. Throughout the on-going cost cutting efforts, there were also new sailing programs and successful membership drives introduced.

The members looked for ways to cut expenses. The dining room prices had risen markedly. They had put off needed dues increases to placate financially stressed members. Various incentive schemes for new membership were tried. Commodore Cathy Scott started Ice

Breakers for Friday nights in the bar, which were very successful. International dinner nights offered interesting menus in the main dining room. Birthday/Anniversary dinners were started during this period and members brought their friends and family to the Club to celebrate together.

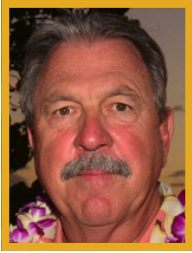
As the economy improved, new members joined and added their enthusiasm and support to the Club.

One of the lessons of this "Struggle to Survive" period had been the need to welcome and embrace the new members. They were to become the future of the Club.

Leadership during this period included Commodores Jack Meserve ('90), Cathy Scott ('91), Patty McInnes ('92), Gene Whitt ('93) and Jim Parriott ('94). They had steered us through some serious "Struggle to Survive Years" with the Club's membership-attribution, as well as its financial, and management difficulties.

Check the May PERIPLUS for more on PCYC's historical information. Also see S/C Patty McInnes's article on the creation of the Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation (PCYF) on page 15.





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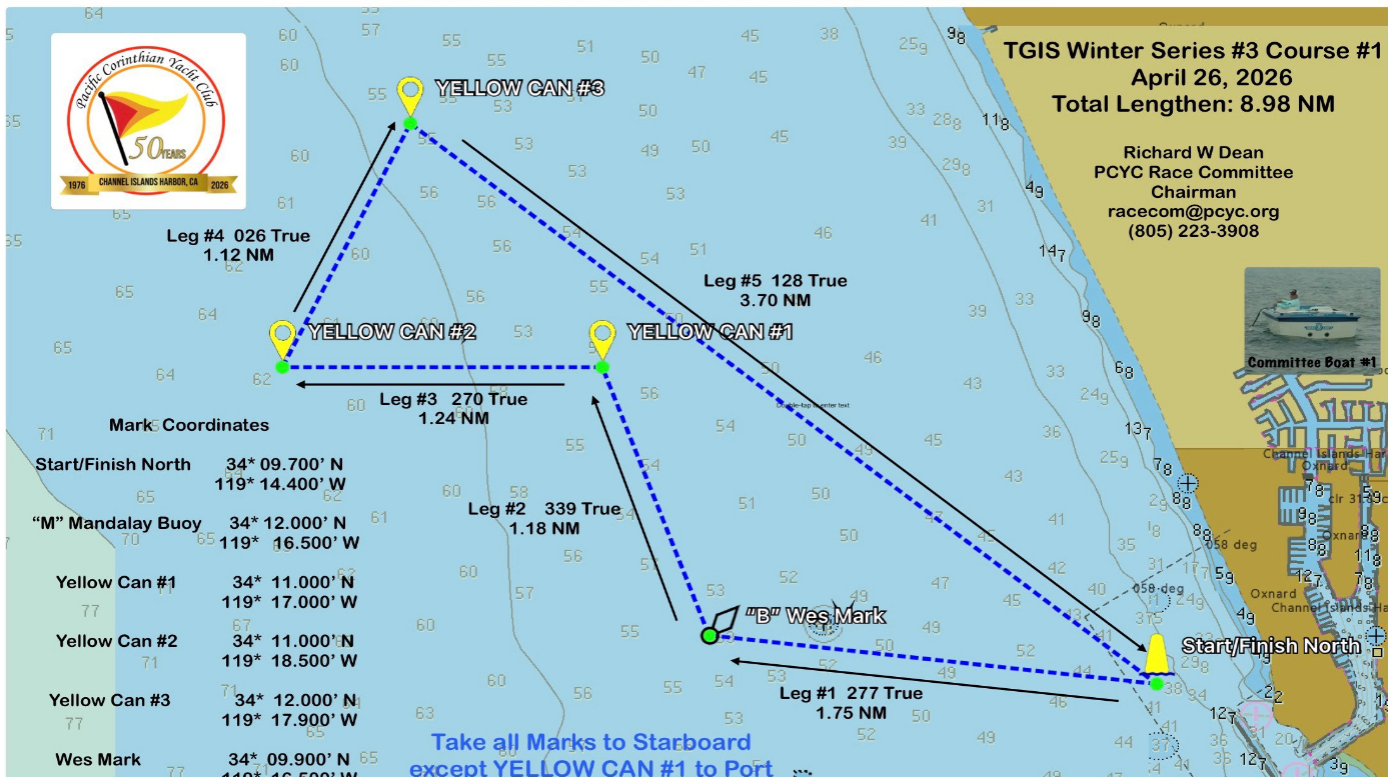
Race : **TGIS WINTER SERIES #2**

Date: **Sunday, March 1, 2026**

Class: A-Fleet										
COURSE= 2		DISTANCE= 7.12			START TIME= 12:00:00					
BOAT	Skipper	SAIL	PHRF	COURSE		START	FINISH	ELAPSED	CORRECTED	PLACE
NAME		#	RATING	LENGTH	Handicap	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	
CIRRUS	Wood/Hopper	7918	39	7.12	00:04:37	12:00:00	13:14:27	01:14:27	01:09:50	1
SO LONG	Cris Hancock	27672	198	7.12	00:23:29	12:00:00	13:38:35	01:38:35	01:15:06	2
BANDALOO	Lauren Copus	1380	174	7.12	00:20:38	12:00:00	13:39:48	01:39:48	01:19:10	3
NO COMPROMISE	Dave Gorney	100	104	7.12	00:12:20	12:00:00	13:31:35	01:31:35	01:19:15	4
SQUARED AWEIGH	James Jewell	77202	79	7.12	00:09:22	12:00:00	13:40:23	01:40:23	01:31:01	5
CHERIO'S	Dave VadBunker	27	234	7.12	00:27:46	12:00:00	DNF	DNF	DNF	
SELAVY	Bill Schenberg	7321	195	7.12	00:23:08	12:00:00	DNF	DNF	DNF	

TGIS Winter Series #2 was sailed on March 1st. The results are shown above. The final race in the TGIS Winter Series will be sailed on April 26, 2026. The course chart is shown below, and this race looks to be an exciting one!

TGIS Winter Series #3 Course Addendum



St. Patrick's Celebration

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Michael Hogan 1	Leonard Eriksson 12	Brian Kelley22
Michele Losey 1	Victor Beverson 13	Howard Goodman.....24
Eva Rutman3	Nancy Klein 13	Bill Kahn24
Les Shapiro3	Joan Logan 13	Peter Hopps24
Phillip MacPhail4	Rachel Mashhoud..... 13	Gayle Feinstein25
Roland Woerner5	Barbara Lesley 14	Joseph Graziano25
John Semedik6	Patricia Younis 16	Cathy Moffet25
Don Yokaitis7	Kathy Janega-Dykes 17	Rosemary Allison26
Kent Blazy8	Jeff Meyer 17	Joseph Dykes.....26
Philip Mundy8	Nancy Skidmore 17	Myrna Wing27
Gilberto Valdesuso8	Barry Freeman 18	Juliana Wilson28
Daniel Zimmerman8	Dusty Arcari 19	Paul Clay28
Susan Haase9	JR Lal 19	Wyman Dunford29
Christina Newman.....9	Richard Peace20	Cherie Galaviz29
James Dal Pozzo 10	Lyndsay Timpson20	Linda Weilbacher29
Margery Specht 10	Tammy Alexander 21	Marge Baxter30
Ronald Galaviz 11	Raffi Najarian 21	Charles Caro30
Linda Hagelis 11	Barbara Quigan 21	Greg Real30
Bodo Meschkat 12	April Nickerson22	Joe Telles.....30
		Judith Valdesuso.....30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Marc & Debora Hoffman2	James & Maggie Mason 16
Douglas & Teri Sojka 5	Charles & Ann Jourdan 21
Brett & Debbie Bannerman.....11	Daniel & Betsy Toomey 25
Peter & Donna Poulson 16	James & Martha Baskerville 26



Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 3:00p Bridge CN 4:00p Wine Wednesday	2 12:00p Ladies Book Group 4:00p Thirsty Thursday BB 6:30p Bridge CN	3 3:00p Bridge CN	4
5 PCYC Easter Buffet	6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 3:00p Bridge CN 4:00p Wine Wednesday	9 12:00p Ladies Who Do Lunch 4:00p Thirsty Thursday BB 6:30p Bridge CN	10 3:00p Bridge CN	11 PCYC OPENING DAY
12 7:00a-Commodore's Boat Parade 9:00a-12:00p Breakfast MDR	13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 3:00p Bridge CN 4:00p Wine Wednesday	16 4:00p Thirsty Thursday BB 4:30p Marina Meeting BR 6:00p Board Meeting BR 6:30p Bridge CN	17 3:00p Bridge CN	18
19 9:00a-12:00p Breakfast MDR	20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED	22 3:00p Bridge CN 4:00p Wine Wednesday	23 4:00p Thirsty Thursday BB 6:30p Bridge CN	24 3:00p Bridge CN Santa Barbara Cruise	25 Santa Barbara Cruise
26 TGIS#3 9:00a-12:00p Breakfast MDR 4:00p Live music & Dancing Santa Barbara Cruise	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 3:00p Bridge CN 4:00p Wine Wednesday	30 4:00p Thirsty Thursday BB 6:30p Bridge CN		

KEY: MDR - MAIN DINING ROOM P - POOL & POOL PATIO BB - BILL'S BAR MO - MARINA OFFICE
 BR - BOARD ROOM BP - BILL'S BAR DECK CN - CROWS NEST D - DOCK

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