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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,  
I hope this message finds you all well. With the year of our Club's anniversary unfolding, I wanted to remind us of many wonderful events planned by our dedicated volunteers on various committees – social, sailing, and cruising – all these events are great opportunities to celebrate our club's legacy and share our pride with friends. The 50th anniversary committee has done a great job setting the direction for this year, and I look forward to seeing us all contributing to these events and enjoying them – please inquire with the front desk about the updated calendar. I want to highlight the Commodore's Ball this year will be on the August 15<sup>th</sup> to mark the actual anniversary of the club and will have the 70's music theme. Many thanks to



Karen McCarly for taking the organizing role for this gala event, and you will hear more. Most at once, however, we have started our rehearsals for the Opening Day ceremony on April 11 – Susan Peck has kindly agreed to help orchestrate that, once again, so we are in good hands.

I am sending this brief note from my sailing trip in the beautiful British Virgin Islands – this year, we have chartered a 42' sailing catamaran and traveled from Tortola to Norman, Cooper, Virgin Gorda, and Scrub islands. I will be happy to share stories when I see you at the club.

Thank you all for your ongoing participation and support. See you at the Club, and on the water.

Yours,  
Vasily

**“2026 LUNAR NEW YEAR” CELEBRATION  
LAVELLA CONSIGLIO AND BETH FREEDMAN**

A beautiful red and gold dining room adorned in Asian décor greeted 108 PCYC members and their guests attending the “2026 Lunar New Year” Luncheon presented by the PCYC Ladies Who Do Lunch (LWDL) Committee on Thursday, February 12th. Chef Rafael and his kitchen staff, along with the Club's able waitstaff, served a lovely and refreshing Chinese inspired lunch.

The speaker for the occasion was Maki from Mazin Tai Chi in Ventura. Maki spoke to the group about “Tai Chi: The Key to a Balanced Life” and demonstrated some of the key movements and concepts of the Martial Art she practices and teaches. At the end of the luncheon, 32 PCYC members indicated an interest in having a Tai Chi Class that meets at the Club.

The “2026 Lunar New Year Luncheon” was

chaired by LaVella Consiglio and Beth Freedman with help from a very committed, enthusiastic and talented committee. Opportunity Baskets and Silent Auction items donated by Committee members and PCYC members at large were organized, enhanced and presented by Committee member Andrea Jackson. Money raised at LWDL events is used by the Club to enhance its amenities and programs. Special thanks to Andrea and to Committee members, Stacie Murphy, for the beautiful and delicious “Year of the Horse” New Year cookies she created and donated as gifts for those in attendance at the luncheon and Melinda Horwith for the unique and interesting center pieces she searched out and donated to the committee.

Looking forward: The next LWDL event is a luncheon on Thursday, April 9th being planned around the theme, “Ooh La La: Springtime in Paris”. Be sure to save the date!



**VICE COMMODORE  
KIMBERLY ALFORD**

Hello Fellow Members,

We've had a whirlwind of delicious fun at our club already in 2026!

My family joined PCYC in 2021 because we had just purchased vacant land and planned to build nearby. We thought the best way to get integrated into this beautiful community is by belonging to the largest yacht club in the vicinity. We have been more than pleased with the diverse social and yachting activities. The best part is the friendships that we've made within this Club.

I often find myself recruiting friends to the Club because it's another venue to have fun together. Thank you to Donna Gaddis for being instrumental in keeping our maximum membership number of 400 steady with existing and new members coming aboard.

I recently attended the Ladies Who Do Lunch -

Lunar New Year Luncheon and was very amazed by the Egg Drop Soup and Sweet & Sour Shrimp! In my opinion, both were better than any other place in Ventura County. Who knew that PCYC would also excel at cooking Chinese dishes?

Our Social Committee Chairs, Melinda Horwith and Karen McCarley, created a beautiful and delicious Valentine's Day Party. The Succulent Filet Mignon, Shrimp Scampi and perfectly broiled Lobster Tail with melt in your mouth Parmesan Mashed Potatoes were scrumptious. Seeing friends swaying to the croonings of Danny D and winning a gift bag of Justin wine was the cherry on top of this lovely event.

So, if you want to hang out and attend events with your friends more than 4 times a year at PCYC, encourage them to become members. They'll be happy they made that decision and you will be, too!

With Gratitude, Kimberly

## **SUPPORT YOUR CLUB AND PROUDLY WEAR YOUR CUSTOM 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY & CLUB BOUTIQUE GEAR THROUGHOUT 2026.**

**PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS ONLINE IN FOUR EASY STEPS:**

- 1. SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO [HTTPS://PCYCBOUTIQUE.ITEMORDER.COM/](https://pcycboutique.itemorder.com/)**
- 2. ONCE YOU HAVE ACCESSED THE ONLINE SITE, CHOOSE YOUR ITEMS, COLOR, AND SIZE**
- 3. CHOOSE ONE OF THE THREE EMBROIDERY LOGOS:**



**PCYC 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LOGO**



**PCYC STANDARD LOGO**



**LONGITUDE/LATITUDE LOGO**



**3. ADD ITEMS TO YOUR CART**

**4. SECURELY CHECKOUT YOUR PURCHASE WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE CLUB FOR PICKUP**



**REAR COMMODORE  
DAN GUINNIP**

Hello Everyone,

February kicked off with a Super Bowl watch party. A standing room only crowd cheered on in Bill's Bar and those who wanted to hear the TV broadcast watched in the dining room. Although the game was one sided, there was a variety of food and drink specials for all tastes and everyone went home a winner.

Ladies Who Do Lunch celebrated the Lunar New Year with festive red and gold decorations to kick off the Year of the Horse. An Asian themed menu and custom cookies were enjoyed by another full house. Next up in April – "Ooh La La" Don't miss it !!

Couples came together on Valentine's Day to fill the main dining room and celebrate love. The sounds

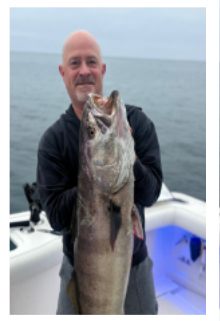
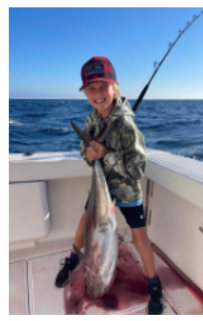
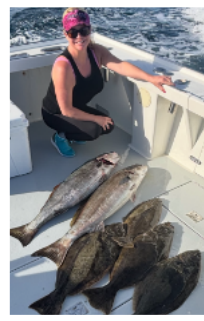
of Frank Sinatra filled the air, and a delicious meal was shared. The photo booth wall was a very popular stop and the dance floor saw a lot of action.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming March events including live music following the TGIS race on March 1st and a Saint Patrick's Day theme party on March 14th (Club will be closed on the 17th). Then join us for some special menus and viewing arrangements for March Madness at the end of the month.

As always, it is my pleasure to help bring these events to the club and I really enjoy the opportunities to meet club members and get to know all of you better. Keep your suggestions coming !



# SUMMER SLAM FISHING TOURNAMENT 2026



**KICKOFF COCKTAIL MEETING  
SATURDAY MARCH 16 AT 6:00PM  
CROWS NEST  
TOURNAMENT STARTS MARCH 14TH  
ENDS NOVEMBER 6TH**



## PCYC ON THE WATER SCOTT VON LANKEN

2 topics to bring to your attention this month.

**1. It's February 2026 and the 50th anniversary year at PCYC is in full swing.** There have been a couple of recent calendar changes. Please mark your personal calendars **NOW** for the on-water Cruising events for the year.

- March 14 - Cruise to Ventura Harbor for Lunch (landlubbers welcome)
- April 24-26 - Cruise to Santa Barbara & Santa Barbara Yacht Club (landlubbers welcome)
- 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
- June 20 - open to All Club Members - Day trip to Santa Cruz Island
- 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

## 2. Do you have your Boater Card?

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is conducting a Boating Card class. The next class will be held Saturday March 21, 2026, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. YOU need a California Boaters card in order to operate a boat in California waters. Everyone, regardless of age, must possess a California Boaters Card as of January 1, 2025. For PCYC Members who wish to rent out PCYC's Electric Duffy, a CA Boaters Card is required.

The Classroom Location: USCG Recruiting Center, 4202 S Victoria Ave, Oxnard, CA 93035. Cost is \$35.00/person. Make check out to "USCG AUX FL 7-2" A textbook and morning snack will be provided. Please bring your own lunch and a pen or pencil.

RSVP required by email as the classes fill fast and spell your name the way you wish it on the course certificate. Contact: USCG Auxiliarist Robert Hamming, [rhamming@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhamming@sbcglobal.net). More information on the CA Boaters Card can be found on the State's website, <https://californiaboatercard.com/about-the-card/>.

*Meet us at the end of the rainbow for*  
**PCYC's**  
*St. Patrick's Day Celebration*  
 Saturday, March 14th • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
*Dance 'til the shamrocks fall off with DJ music by Richard Gomez*  
**Menu:**  
*Fish & Chips*  
 Golden fried battered cod filets paired with crispy fries accompanied with lemon, malt vinegar & tartar sauce.  
*Pasta Shells*  
 Stuffed jumbo pasta shells with spinach & 3 cheeses topped with marinara sauce, paired with garlic bread finished with grated parmigianna regiano.  
*Old Fashion Corn Beef & Cabbage*  
 Slow cooked corn beef with cabbage, potatoes & carrots.  
*Dessert: Bread Pudding*  
**\$39++**



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE DORIS MELILLO – CHAIRPERSON



(Continued from February with edited notes from first Commodore Floyd Woodcock, plus information from Periplus articles.)

### "Permanent Facility" Years 1985 to 1989:

The early **Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club** members ultimately sold all required 1500 marina units to some 200 plus Limited Partners. They constructed the Pacific Corinthian Marina and Clubhouse for about \$1,700,000. All of this was completed by January 1985, less than 10 years from their inception.

On January 27th, 1985, the members held their Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony of the new "permanent facility" Clubhouse. **Commodore Eugene Dowd** stated in the January 1985 Periplus:

*"The impossible dream come true – a full-service yacht club and marina in less than ten years from the date conceived in the Woodcock's' living room. The culmination of the effort of our staff commodores and their respective organizations, plus the unflagging effort of the New Facilities Committee. . . . Through the determined effort of our members, we've achieved one goal after another, and now we have the true symbol. The real reason of these goals, our very own clubhouse each of us can point to with pride."*

At their January celebration, they served a memorable buffet to some 1000 people. They had two bands -- one upstairs, one downstairs. It was a Channel Islands Harbor spectacular!

Then these early members officially began operating under a 40-year lease in their new permanent home. They settled in to fulfill their dream to operate the premier yacht club at Channel Islands Harbor.

It took several years to break the habit of referring to their glorious new clubhouse as the "the permanent facility". It was hard to overcome the years of dreaming about it. With the new Clubhouse came bigger budgets, more staff, computerized bookkeeping, lots of expenses and headaches. One-by one they dealt with the problems and made things work. They went through another manager and even had a club-member as acting manager for a brief period.

This period brought the full realization that PCYC's Clubhouse was theirs to run and it was up to them whether it would succeed or fail. Painful adjustments to the dues and assessments were accomplished and PCYC settled into an operation which required about \$1,000,000 in annual revenues to succeed with a strong and active membership in support. Lots of operational bugs were worked out during this period.

The enthusiasm which propelled them to 500 members prior to the grand opening began wearing off and the Club experienced steady erosion in the membership. Their ability to continue the momentary peak of membership sales at \$5000 each faded as well. Membership appeared to be

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## FOOD & BEVERAGE COMMITTEE ROSEMARY TOBIN

The Food and Beverage Committee has reviewed the Member Survey very carefully. We are listening to your requests and suggestions.

Below are the upcoming changes to the Dining Room Menu for Spring:

### SPECIAL MENUS – ONCE A MONTH

Sunday, February 22 - Pot Roast everywhere all day  
Thursday, March 12 – Pasta Special: Pasta Three Ways

Thursday, April 16 – Sushi Night: small plates with variety – fish and vegetarian

Wednesday, May 20-Vegetarian Night: Vegetable Lasagna, Eggplant Stack

### DINING ROOM ONLY SPECIAL

Saturday Night, May 16 – Special Appetizer Menu

### SPRING MENU

Spinach Salad

Kobe Burger

Baja Shrimp Cocktail

Steak trio or duo: two or three different finishes

### BREAKFAST

Sunday Breakfast special is served all day 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cottage cheese to be removed from the menu

### WINE MENUS

There are full Wine Menus in the Upstairs Bar and the Downstairs Dining Room that lists all the wine we serve at PCYC. Ask your waiter to review the list.

Nespresso Coffee is available in the Bar.

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settling in at about 400 -- still a comfortable level for the Club.

Nevertheless, their reputation grew. Other clubs were awed by their success and PCYC became a sought-after place to visit and desirable cruise destination.

During these "permanent facility" years, the Club was very active with Sailing, Cruising, Racing, and Fishing schedules and other 'on-the-water' events, as well as on-going activities for: Ladies Who do Lunch; Social and Special Event Committees; Membership and House Committees, a PCYC Golf Club, a Bridge Club, a Scuba Club, the PCYC Capers theatrical group, and a Junior Members sailing/swimming program, all of which were organized, scheduled,

advertised and conducted by the members - the necessary ingredient to make things happen.

Most importantly, during these "permanent facility" years, the final payment on the Club Mortgage was made. To celebrate paying off of the Club loan, there was a Mortgage Burning Party in conjunction with the Quarterly Meeting on February 4, 1989.

The commodores leading the Club during these "Permanent Facility" years were **Eugene Dowd ('85), Don Like ('86), Bill Eadie ('87), Jerry Gaylord ('88), and Ron Hillblom ('89).**

*Check the April PERIPLUS for more on PCYC's historical information.*



**PCYF NEWS**  
**S/C ROBERT ALEXANDER**

The PCYF Board has been hard at work planning the 2026 season, and it is shaping up to be a landmark year for the Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation.

I am proud to announce the launch of our brand-new website. By the time this publication is printed, our refreshed site—featuring new colors, a new logo, and a new burgee—will be live. This update honors our organization’s rich history while moving confidently into the future.

We are also excited to announce our next Sail Day on March 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at a cost of \$70.

Our summer program will run from June 15 through August 7th offering eight weeks of camp at \$400 per week, with discounts available for additional weeks.

Thank You to Our 2025 Supporters

We gratefully acknowledge the following families and organizations for their support in 2025:

**Goodwin, Channel Islands Womens Sailing, Channel Islands Yacht Club, Kaufman, Younis, McCarley, McMichael, Wolfe, Harbour Island Yacht Club, McInnes, Couse, Dreher, King, Norsal Printing, Pankey, Dean, Scarbrough Financial Group, Inc., Wooldridge, Laidig, International Association of the Blue Gavel (IOBG Humanitarian Foundation), Shideler, Oxnard Harbor District (The Port of Hueneme), Weiss, Panossian, Miller, Blake, Tremblay.**

Thank you for your continued support.  
Fair winds,  
Robert Alexander



**50TH ANNIVERSARY VALENTINE’S DAY DINNER**  
**KAREN MCCARLEY**

Our 50th Anniversary Valentine’s Day Dinner was truly unforgettable, made all the more special by the 123 members who joined us to celebrate. Once again, Chef Rafael and his team delivered a fabulous meal, while Gwen and her staff provided impeccable, top-notch service throughout the evening. The music was outstanding, blending music that kept the dance floor lively and full.

Most of all, it was wonderful to see so many friends coming together to share the special occasion.

The ambience was spectacular, thoughtfully curated by my co-chair, Melinda Horwith. Her elegant touches included a special wine giveaway at each table that was much appreciated and leaving a happy winner at each table.

Heartfelt thanks as well to Gail Barrette, Sally Lefton-Wolfe, and Ellen Tonin for their help with decorations and for bringing Melinda’s beautiful vision to life.

See you at the next event! Karen McCarley



## THE OFFICIAL CLUB CANNON S/C BEN REINHARDT

*Opening Day, June 2, 1985, PCYC debuted the official Club cannon created and donated by George and Doris Buur. This is a re-print of a Periplus article from July 1985. Thank you Doris Melillo.*

George and Doris Burr's 195 lb. bronze cannon made its debut at PCYC's Opening Day, June 2, 1985. Club officers and visiting flag officers from many other yacht clubs were full of praise for this noisy but shapely offspring of the Buurs.

George devoted some 450 hours and a considerable sum of his own money to this project over a period of a year. His extensive research into 17th and 18th century cannons included photos from the Smithsonian Institution of such weapons of war, and library research in California and Minnesota. He then made a wood scale model in his printing plant in Santa Fe Springs.



*George and Doris Buur*

The actual cannon was made from a three-foot length of bronze casting 4 1/2 inches in diameter with a 1 1/2-inch hole.

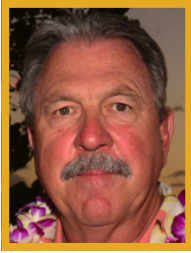
After fabricating the breech, turning and rounding the cannon's exterior on a lathe, George

concentrated on making the wheels and base out of clear oak, applying five coats of varnish.

Polishing the brass cannon and then baking it at a commercial paint shop, hacksawing wrought iron parts and heating those parts in his home barbecue, using Doris's hair blower to provide a forge, and even having a commercial painter later apply the black oxide coating – all part of the tedious but loving labor spent on this cannon. The little wedges locking the straps over the trunnion [either of the two cylindrical projections on a cannon, one on each side, for supporting the cannon on its carriage] were made from old brass printing rules, almost a hundred years old, found in George's printing plant.

The ammunition is 10-gauge blank shotgun shells. While the 17th and 18th century cannons could shoot a 9 lb. ball almost two and a half miles, George Buur has not tested his cannon with live ammunition. (Should our clubhouse ever require some kind of air conditioning, the cannon could quickly create some cross-ventilation.)

Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club salutes George and Doris Buur for their devotion and generosity in handcrafting our miniature 17th and 18th century cannon. Their gift will be a constant reminder to us now, and for future members, that Member No. 15, George and Doris Buur, have added significantly to the tradition and history of our great yacht club.



**FLEET CAPTAIN SAIL-RACE CHAIR  
RICHARD DEAN**



“PCYC is a Yacht Club, NOT a Golf Club!” Perhaps some of you remember hearing this mantra during Quarterly Meetings or in monthly Periplus Articles. Well, there is at least one thing that Golf Clubs have in common with Yacht Clubs. That is, the use of a “handicap”.

In Golf, the Golfer’s handicap is a rating system that attempts to “level the playing field” between

These races are called “ONE DESIGN” races since all boats in the race are of common design. This makes SKILL & STRATEGY the preeminent factor in winning. Alas, in areas with less flat water and a paucity of sail racers, participant sailboats with limitless, divergent characteristics must compete together in the same race. This is sadly true in PCYC Sail Races.

In our TGIS Winter Series #1 Race on Sunday, February 1, 2026, nine (9) sailboats registered to participate in that race. No two were remotely similar! How then do we reasonably expect to compete?

Remember in a race, skill and strategy should be the

determining factor in winning.

PACIFIC CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB										
Race :		TGIS WINTER SERIES #1				Date: Sunday, February 1, 2026				
Class: A-Fleet										
COURSE=2		DISTANCE= 8.31			START TIME= 12:00:00					
BOAT NAME	Skipper	SAIL #	PHRF RATING	COURSE LENGTH	Handicap	START TIME	FINISH TIME	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME	PLACE
CIRRUS	Wood/Hopper	7918	39	8.31	0:05:24	12:00:00	13:12:32	1:12:32	1:07:08	1
SO LONG	Cris Hancock	27672	198	8.31	0:27:25	12:00:00	13:38:46	1:38:46	1:11:21	2
SHE-SAID-NO II	Ron Dietel	156	163	8.31	0:22:34	12:00:00	13:41:07	1:41:07	1:18:33	3
OSEARA	Sean Gullinan	46646	102	8.31	0:14:07	12:00:00	13:35:24	1:35:24	1:21:17	4
BANDALOOP	Lauren Copus	1380	174	8.31	0:24:05	12:00:00	13:48:07	1:48:07	1:24:02	5
SQUARED AWEIGH	James Jewell	77202	79	8.31	0:10:56	12:00:00	13:35:51	1:35:51	1:24:55	6
SELAVY	Bill Schenberg	7321	195	8.31	0:27:00	12:00:00	13:53:22	1:53:22	1:26:22	7
CHEERIOS	Dave VadBunker	27	197	8.31	0:27:17	12:00:00	14:36:56	2:36:56	2:09:39	8
CHUBASCO	Angie Frausto	47072	198	8.31	0:27:25	12:00:00	DNS			

desperate players as an 85-year-old female just beginning golf and an 18-year-old male who has played weekly since the age of 12 AND, of course, everyone in between. By using a handicapping system, two players may reasonably compare their resultant scores.

Such is also the case in Sail Racing. Over many years, popular sailboat manufacturers and independents have created innumerable makes and models of sailboats with vastly different lengths, breadths, drafts, mast heights, sail shapes & dimensions, hull shapes, deck equipment, weight ratios, ad nauseam. In ports with lots of flat water areas, large populations, and significant interest in Sailing & Sail Racing such as Long Beach, San Diego, San Francisco, New York, Newport, RI, Annapolis, MD, etc., large fleets of the same model sailboats such as the J24, J70, Laser, RS-420 and such, race together in groups of 30-75 or more boats in one race.

Enter Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF), a handicapping system for Sail Racing. If one buys a specific model sailboat from any popular manufacturer, typically the boat is delivered with a suggested PHRF based on the standard equipment for that model boat. If you own a boat without a PHRF, or modify your boat characteristics, a Certification can be provided by Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Southern California. Membership and PHRF Certification may be obtained via their website at ["phrfsocal.org"](http://phrfsocal.org).

The PCYC Race Committee recommends that participants in our races have a current PHRF certification or, at a minimum, have an historically functional PHRF number developed over significant use in multi-class races.

A sailboat’s PHRF ultimately is a 1-3 digit number that is converted by spreadsheet calculation using

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the PHRF number assigned multiplied by the length of the course run in nautical miles. The resultant of this calculation is used to “correct” the actual Elapsed Time recorded at the race finish by the Race Committee. This “Corrected Time” is then used to compare each Participant’s Finish time and arrive at their Place in the Race.

Finally and simply, this calculation of “Corrected Time” determines who places first, second, third, etc. Please remember that Members and Non-Members alike are welcome to join the Race Committee during one of our races by contacting either Mark Slothower or me through the Front Desk...try it, you might like it!



### **PORT CAPTAIN SAM WOLFE YACHT CLUB RECIPROCALITY**

If you are planning on sailing to a reciprocal, don't forget to be PCYC's goodwill ambassador when you visit other destinations, making sure the PCYC burgee is proudly displayed on your boat. If you need a replacement burgee, notify the front desk at least 30 days before sailing.

Reciprocity is a desirable feature of yacht club membership. PCYC members frequently request the names and locations of yacht clubs with which we have reciprocity privileges when planning their trips. Unfortunately, some clubs do not extend privileges to members of other yacht clubs unless they arrive by yacht. You must contact that club ahead of time to make arrangements. Clubs extending privileges to PCYC members are listed in the back of the PCYC roster.

Yacht club reciprocity is usually a reciprocal agreement between private clubs allowing members of one club to access the facilities, docks, and dining services of another club while traveling,

often for free or reduced fees. These partnerships, common among members of the Yachting Club of America, typically require a formal letter of introduction from the home club, a current membership card, and sometimes adhere to specific limits (e.g., once per year).

Key aspects of yacht club reciprocals include:

- Access & Services: Access to amenities like restaurants, bars, showers, and lounge areas.
- Docking: Short-term, often overnight, docking privileges for visiting boats.
- Requirements: Most clubs require a Letter of Introduction from your home club's management
- Limitations: Rules vary, with some clubs restricting visits to once per quarter or requiring guests to live outside a certain radius

It is essential to contact the visiting club in advance to confirm their specific policies and to ensure they recognize your home club.



## OPENING DAY THOMAS A. KEARNEY

### OPENING DAY – A LANDLUBBER’S PERSPECTIVE

“Landlubbers.” Even the normally objective Miriam-Webster Dictionary, in one definition of the term, dismisses landlubbers as “clumsy.” But while all landlubbers are surely not clumsy, when it comes to all things boating this landlubber is unquestionably clumsy.



My notoriety as a landlubber first surfaced on Opening Day 2012, as I, bearing a generously proportioned Mai Tai (courtesy of Esmeralda), admired the Bristol boats aligned on our guest dock. Come to think of it, I probably resembled a Mai Tai as I made my way to the elegant Cheerio II, decked out as I was in my Opening Day uniform of blue blazer, white pants, red and blue-striped tie and white straw boater, the latter functioning much like the umbrella topping my drink.

Cheerio was owned by the legendary Dick McNish, the Odysseus of wooden boats universally known to our staff as “Jefe.” The

Cheerio crowd was mostly below decks, down the stairway. I soon painfully learned is not a stairway but a companionway ladder. As I went to join them, descending while facing straight ahead, back facing the ladder and fully erect, my right foot immediately slipped straight out from the top tread, causing me to fall and my buttocks

to thud, slinky-like, on every single descending tread. Landing in a heap like a post-mishap Wily Coyote, white boater dislodged, I waited in the stunned silence for an imaginary frying pan to clank on my exposed scalp. The Mai Tai, though, remained firmly in my right hand, umbrella secure and standing tall.

As I limped to the guest dock for the actual ceremony, tail between my legs, I contrasted my slapstick silliness on

Cheerio with the pomp and circumstance of Opening Day; the affable visiting dignitaries; our inspiring but singer-challenging National Anthem; the solemn recognition of our veterans’ service, the mournful eight bells lamenting those recently lost; the unexpected boom of the canon bringing the Club’s defibrillators to sudden attention; the invocation of safety at sea, fair weather and good judgment. All of these combining to announce the proverbial clean slate that a new season offers.

This Fiftieth Opening Day will, more than any before it, bridge past and future. The eight bells

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will carry more meaning than ever as they summon the memory of founders whose wisdom still informs. The laughter of those no longer with us will echo off the walls of our ballroom, mixing with the aroma of Yankee Pot Roast. The unblemished future will beckon us all, boaters and landlubbers, like the islands that grace our horizon and fuel our imaginations. We will all greet the new season, hoping the same hope, whispering the same prayer. And at the ceremony's conclusion, our Commodore will, like his predecessors before him, confirm that all the ice is in the bar, not the harbor, and then beseech the same "fair winds and following seas" that have propelled our fleet for the last fifty years.

While I may not know the difference between a stairway and a companionway, most of our landlubbers are no doubt competent and coordinated both onboard and elsewhere. Like

all members, they reflect the self-made, entrepreneurial ethos that exemplifies our Club and differentiates us from organizations whose members are driven not by the challenges of weather and wind but by the whims of a dimpled white ball. While landlubbers may not transport our burgee into harbors near and far, we serve as the metaphorical engine room that drives an enterprise that for 50 years has been a synonym for adventure and confrontation of the unknown.

On this Opening Day, like the forty-nine before it, we will all wear the white straw boater, man and woman, sailor and landlubber. We will all feel the Harbor breeze lift our spirits, carrying our dreams out to the expectant ocean. And the tolling eight bells will remind us that, for all our jaunty straw boaters and Mai Tai umbrellas, we remain only visitors in this paradise



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as they enter PCYC

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standing club tradition and grow with PCYC

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Choose Your Friday Night  
from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.



### While on Duty:

You will 'stand watch' in the front lobby of the Clubhouse  
from 1730-1830 (5:30 to 6:30) While  
standing watch you may enjoy a PCYC tradition,  
which entitles you to two (2) drinks

### Official Dress Uniform:

During your tour of duty, you are required to wear the  
Club's 'official dress uniform' for summer or winter:  
a navy-blue blazer (with the Club emblem i.e., bullion),  
the seasonal choice of white or grey pants during  
Winter season or skirt,  
white or black shoes, and white blouse or shirt.

### Responsibilities:

Check to see if there are any Club activities or Club events  
scheduled during the following week that might be  
of interest to those arriving at the Clubhouse. Be familiar  
with these events so you can encourage member  
attendance and participation

It is custom to wear your club uniform  
during watch. There are Blue Blazers to borrow at the  
front desk if needed.

Sign up at the Front Desk  
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Thank You To Everyone Who Served And Signed up!



## **ORCAS IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL RON DREHER**

I have been boating out of Channel Islands Harbor for thirty years, and one of the great joys of this area is the abundance of marine mammals — whales, dolphins, and, of course, seals. On one memorable trip, I had the rare privilege of seeing the apex predator itself: the orca. Orcas typically travel in pods, and this group was actively feeding off Arch Rock — an unforgettable and, at the time, unexpectedly infrequent sight in our local waters.



Over the past two years, however, I've noticed what seems like a clear increase in orca reports

in the Santa Barbara Channel. At first, I wondered if it was just anecdotal observations. Digging into recent observations and research, it appears they really are showing up here more often.

Here's what I've learned. The orcas we see in our region are mainly transient Bigg's killer whales that range up and down the California coast, hunting

common dolphins, seals, sea lions, and occasionally young grey whales. These "transients" (or Bigg's orcas) specialize in marine mammals, in contrast to the resident orcas of Washington State, which primarily target salmon.

The headline pod for our area is designated CA216, notable for a striking pale juvenile orca nicknamed "Frosty," formally cataloged as CA216C1. If you spot Frosty, there's a very good chance you're looking at members of the CA216 family.

Most sightings in the Santa Barbara Channel have been clustered from mid-winter into early spring, a period when upwelling boosts productivity and draws in the dolphins and pinnipeds that Bigg's orcas prefer. For those of us who call this channel home, it means that during these months we now have a better-than-ever chance of encountering one of the ocean's most impressive predators right in our own backyard.

If you do get out, and see Orcas, let me know. I can be reached at [Ron@tmrep.net](mailto:Ron@tmrep.net).



## **NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION MONICA SHIDELER**

The PCYC rang in the New Year in style with a festive and unforgettable New Year's Eve celebration. Guests enjoyed an evening filled with lively entertainment from the band Renegades 805, whose music kept the dance floor buzzing all night long. The celebration also featured exciting casino games, adding a touch of glamour and fun to the evening.

Attendees were treated to a delicious full-course meal, complemented by festive drinks shared

among friends old and new. As the clock struck midnight, everyone joined together for a celebratory champagne toast, welcoming the New Year with joy, laughter, and great company.

This wonderful evening would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the planning committee. A heartfelt thank you goes to Kay Richards, Melinda Horwith, Gail Barrette, Kathy Laidig, and Monica Shideler for creating such a memorable and successful event for our PCYC community.

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Valentine's Day Dinner



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# BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ann Richman.....	1	Mary Baldwin .....	12	Pam Roberson .....	21
David Barrette.....	2	Sandy Garone .....	12	Jim Milles .....	22
Daniel Wolfus .....	3	Bryan Nelson.....	12	Lisa Coons .....	23
Keith Beckwith .....	4	Julie Sherman .....	12	Mary Praiswater .....	23
Richard Vasquez .....	4	Regina Bette .....	13	Stewart Lyons .....	23
Sherry Gorelick .....	5	Juan Castro .....	13	Philip Nunn .....	23
Lisa Potter .....	5	Teresa Hernandez .....	13	Florence Beck .....	24
Denise Reeves .....	5	Brian Hill .....	13	Julieann Wooldridge.....	24
Bill Weilbacher .....	6	William Murray.....	14	Sherwin Frey .....	26
Keith Drummond .....	7	Roxana Nica .....	15	Patricia King .....	26
Shirley Goldman .....	7	George Reber .....	15	Sabrina Stephenson .....	27
Linda Allen .....	8	Michael Rutman.....	16	James Ratliff .....	28
Joseph Soler .....	8	Chad Brewer .....	17	Carolyn Takahashi .....	28
Adrienne Stone .....	8	Randy Smith .....	19	Char Holliday .....	29
R. Douglas Smith .....	8	Jim Vreeke .....	19	Nicholas Lentini.....	29
Patricia Beltran .....	9	Sandra Greenland .....	20	Raymond Barrette .....	29
Willy Reyneveld .....	10	Rima Raulinaitis .....	20	Howard Napske .....	30
Patty McInnes .....	11	Parnian Kummer .....	21	Brenda Yokaitis .....	30
Marianne Dunford .....	11	Connie Heagy .....	21	Karla Michaels .....	31

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Bryan & Shawna Nelson.....	2	Bill & Casey Schneberg .....	12
Paul & Sarah Vohland .....	3	Dennis & Geri Genova.....	18
Ted & Judy Price .....	5	Barry Paster & Joji Barris-Paster .....	24
Jerry & Susan Kaufman .....	10	Gene & Tina Rink .....	24
Donald & Isolda Luber .....	12		



# Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

# March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> TGIS #2 9:00a-12:00p Breakfast MDR	<b>2</b> CLOSED	<b>3</b> CLOSED	<b>4</b> 3:00p Bridge CN 4:00p Wine Wednesday	<b>5</b> 12:00p Ladies Book Group 4:00p Thirsty Thursday BB 6:30p Bridge CN	<b>6</b> 3:00p Bridge CN	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00a-12:00p Breakfast MDR	<b>9</b> CLOSED	<b>10</b> CLOSED	<b>11</b> 3:00p Bridge CN 4:00p Wine Wednesday	<b>12</b> 4:00p Thirsty Thursday BB 6:30p Bridge CN	<b>13</b> 3:00p Bridge CN	<b>14</b> Ventura Cruise 6:00 St. Patrick's Party
<b>15</b> 9:00a-12:00p Breakfast MDR	<b>16</b> CLOSED	<b>17</b> CLOSED	<b>18</b> 3:00p Bridge CN 4:00p Wine Wednesday	<b>19</b> 4:00p Thirsty Thursday BB 4:30p Marina Meeting BR 6:00p Board Meeting BR 6:30p Bridge CN	<b>20</b> 3:00p Bridge CN	<b>21</b> 12:00p Sip & Paint Class
<b>22</b> 9:00a-12:00p Breakfast MDR	<b>23</b> CLOSED	<b>24</b> CLOSED	<b>25</b> 3:00p Bridge CN 4:00p Wine Wednesday	<b>26</b> 4:00p Thirsty Thursday BB 6:30p Bridge CN	<b>27</b> 3:00p Bridge CN	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00a-12:00p Breakfast MDR	<b>30</b> CLOSED	<b>31</b> CLOSED				

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