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Classic Yacht Association, Southern California Fleet

SUMMER 2012

2012 EVENTS

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AT SHORELINE

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at the Murphy's

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Southern Fleet
CHANGE of WATCH

January 19th, 2013
International
CHANGE OF
WATCH
Queen Mary

COMMODORE CHRISTINE ATTENDS SEATTLE'S GREAT "BELL STREET RENDEZVOUS"



Photos courtesy of Linda Evans, for more see:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/lgevans/sets/72157630131765720/>



There are some large antique boat shows like Victoria, Tahoe, and Mystic. The largest produced by the CYA is Bell Street with about 50 yachts. Cris reports that she had a wonderful weekend. There has been talk since her return about organizing a group from Southern California to go together next year. Air fare runs about \$300 round trip, sometimes less.

From the Bridge:
Commodore, LARRY WALKER



Hello everyone,

Those of you attending Opening Day got a briefing on our early planning as hosts to the International Change of Watch coming up next January 18th to 20th. Let me bring everyone up to date on our plans so far. The Queen Mary will serve as the center of the event. Our out-of-town guests (plus locals if you want to be in the center of everything) will be staying at the QM in beautiful fully paneled art deco rooms. We've been offered a nightly rate of \$139 for deluxe rooms which includes port-hole views and the run of the ship.

The ICOW board meetings will be aboard the ship, as well as the Saturday night formal dinner and COW. The latter will take place in the Royal Salon, a gorgeous, spacious ballroom right out of the 30s.

Many of our friends will be arriving on Thursday so they will be ready for Friday's full day of activities. We're still in the thinking stage regarding Friday's outings, but we are seriously considering several: Tour of the Battleship Iowa and a visit to the San Pedro Maritime Museum; a tour of the WarnerBrothers movie/TV studio and a visit to the highlights of Hollywood; and perhaps a day trip to Avalon. The venue has been selected for the Friday night welcoming party, we will be gathering in the museum room aboard the Lane Victory, the WWII victory ship berthed in San Pedro.

On Saturday, following the board meeting, we'll gather at the Long Beach Yacht Club for lunch, then board our member boats at the club's dock for a tour of the Long Beach harbor.

At this point, we are not planning any organized events for Sunday. We think, with all the things to see and do around Long Beach, people might enjoy a day on their own. Plus, many will heading home that day.

Remember, we ENCOURAGE our own SC members to participate in any or all the above activities. It will be fun, plus will let our guests know how engaged we are in CYA activities.

More to follow as we approach this mid-January gala affair.

Best regards.

Larry Walker, Commodore

SAVE THESE DATES ~

August 11th

Rainbow Harbor at Shoreline Village

Arrive Friday if you can. Dinner at one of the local restaurants. Show the boats and relax on Saturday. Cocktails and dinner at the Shoreline Yacht Club on Saturday night.

August 25th

Drew's Picnic at Marina Pacifica

Arrive Friday if you can. Dinner at the "Forbidden City" or one of the other fine local restaurants. Saturday relax and socialize. Saturday evening cocktails and Drew's famous picnic in the sky at his awesome high rise condo, followed by the long cruise home—seventy-five feet across the channel to the boats.

September 15th

Cabrillo Marina "Get Together"

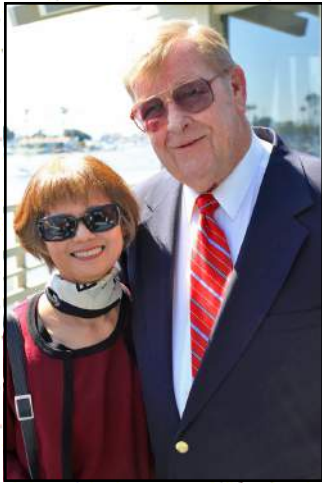
Because of the cancellation of the Newport show we are gathering at Cabrillo instead. Plans for this new event are just being formulated. Watch for the invitation in the mail or via e-mail. We have use of the long dock where Riptide used to be plus use of the club house and BBQ at Steven Sheridan's marina close by.

October 13th

TIKI TIME at the Murphy's

What if you had this cool multilevel house in the hills that had steps and patios down one side and at the bottom level there was a pool and an outside patio room, bar, and an inside TIKI room with its own little TIKI bar all covered with TIKI stuff? Well, You'd throw a big TIKI party, that's what!

Opening Day ~ Long Beach Yacht Club, March, 2012

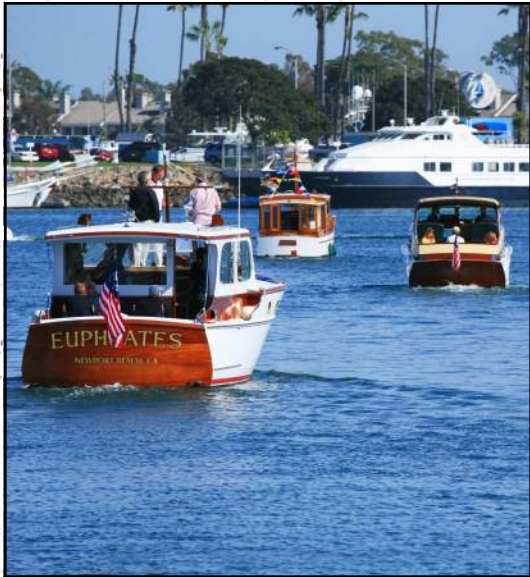


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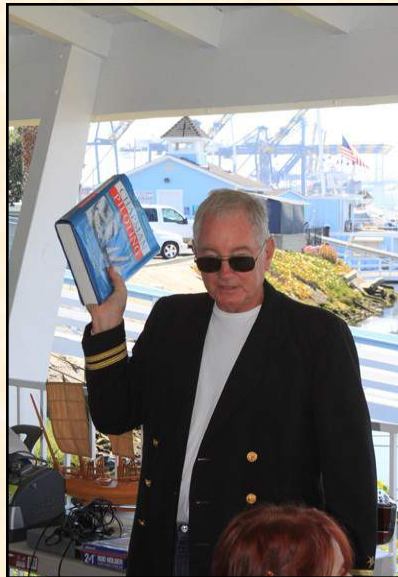






AFFILIATES BARBECUE, April 2012

A small but mighty band of auction veterans attended the annual CYA fund-raiser auction and BBQ. The "Rags to Riches" theme allowed for quite a variety of costuming choices. There were many good auction items this year and the club raise about \$2000 dollars to help fund this years activities.



KILLER SHRIMP CRUISE, May 2012

Lunch at Killer Shrimp Restaurant and a harbor cruise in Marina del Rey. A great way to spend a warm Spring afternoon. Yes, made even better because we cruised on two vintage CYA Yachts, SPARKLE and MINDFUL.

When Larry found that the new Killer Shrimp had a guest dock it seemed like a nice opportunity to organize a cruise. We passed by other CYA boats HEL-PORT II and SOBRE LAS OLAS along the way. Wonderful, I'm betting that we will do this again.



COMMODORE'S CRUISE, June 2012

The Catalina trip was a chance to give our boats their first good run of the season. Attending were Gracie (Walkers), Enchantress (Drew and Marion) and Euphrates (Dick Strand).

The highlight was undoubtedly our Saturday gathering aboard Euphartes for pre-dinner cocktails and conversation. Dick brought along six friends, four doctors, his accountant, and his boat broker. We knew no calamity could befall us this weekend with all this professional talent around! Anyway, we all got so engaged in chatter, good food and drink and listening and singing along with banjo music, that we forgot to go to dinner! First, Frank started up with his banjo, singing Irish pub songs and such. Then the rest of us joined in (when we knew the words). Before this gaiety ended, I think all of Two Harbors was singing along!

Sunday morning we bade each other goodbye and headed home into perfectly calm seas, knowing we'd had an experience that was entirely "unique."

- Larry Walker



PAM and GERARD'S BBQ, June 2012

Many thanks to Pam and Gerard for hosting another fund raising barbeque for the CYA Southern Fleet. They throw one hell of a good party. Great sangria, beer, wine and socializing was followed by a vast array of salads and sides. The main course this year was sliders off the BBQ. Turkey, Salmon, or Beef with all the condiments. Plus a great table of desserts. Yummy! What a way to raise \$500 for the club. Awesome!



SCUTTLEBUTT

by cub reporter Rick Olson



Stories, news, and opinions from around the fleet

*** Hello everybody. All of the photos and histories of your member boats have been forwarded to the editor of the photo album project for his use in construction of the next edition of the CYA photo album. At this time we don't know what progress has been made but we look forward to hearing about it at the International Change of Watch next January. The proposed book is to be laid out in a historical, decade by decade, format not segregating the yachts by fleet like the last book. Our Southern California submissions were made on time per request from book editor.

Because of this effort, I had many great pictures of Southern Fleet boats segregated into one spot on my computer. I thought that you all might like to have a copy of this collection so included in this newsletter is a disc with the all the submissions that I sent in to the book editor. You will notice that affiliate boats are not included on this disc. This is intentional, however, not a prejudice against anyones yacht. What to do with affiliate boats has been a bone of contention since way back in 2002 when Dennis Ballard and I were putting together the last CYA album. We all enjoy are affiliate members and many of their boats are regular participants in our CYA events. However they do not fit the criteria for Classic or Vintage classes of membership as set down by the CYA by-laws. Who knows what future by-law changes will be made and when. The Vintage class didn't even exist when the last photo album was done. Since the start of this current project, it has been understood that affiliate boats would not be included. Space was an issue and the historic nature of the book design did not go further then 1959. Recently there has been much discussion about the fairness of this. Either point-of-view can be argued in a reasonable way. As it stands, Affiliate boats will not be included. I have notified the book editor that if this policy changes, we have several Southern Fleet affiliate yachts (like Arrivederci and Jolly Rogers) that appropriately we would want to have included.

*** When digging through past years of photos I ran across this photo of Cathy and Ron...This was shot on board Enchantress while anchored at Island White the oil island right off Belmont Shore. We used to have an event there every year but it seems to have faded away. Perhaps we can look at it again for next year. It is a pleasant spot and certainly easy to get to. The afternoon of this photo we had been going boat to boat, eating everything in site and watching the sun go down behind the city. Fun!



*** Our superstar International Commodore Christine, attended the great CYA event held each June in Seattle. The Bell Street Rendezvous. Here are a few more photos that photographer and CYA friend Linda Evans took while there. This event draws about 50 Classic powerboats as you can see. There has been some discussion about forming a Southern California contingent to attend Bell Street next year. Sounds like great fun. I will be bringing this up next year when we start planning our 2013 calendar. Think about a little CYA June vacation next year with your So Cal friends. Enjoy!



Another interesting thing about going to Bell Street is that many of the yachts have to pass through the locks to go from Lake Union and Lake Washington to the Puget Sound. They typically pass through the locks on Friday afternoon in a group and then a major fleet of them parade by Myrtle Edwards Park and the Seattle waterfront about 5 pm on their way to Bell Street.



Ballard Locks



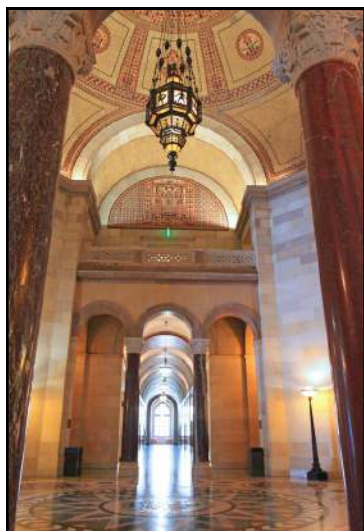
*** Sadly, Teri and Larry lost their dog Hailey. She was old and had several things going wrong. Over the years she had attended many events on board GRACIE and was a long time family friend. Seen here she's peaking over the transom last year at the Newport show. RIP Hailey girl.

*** For my birthday Elissa gave me a surprise. She took me to the far away city of "Los Angeles". Don't laugh. Just let me ask you when was the last time you spent a weekend in LA exploring our city. I never had. Of course I'm new in town. I've only been here 55 years. Certainly I've been downtown. Sure I blow into the city to a sporting event, concert, or restaurant...then blow back out heading for the suburbs as fast as I can. When we travel out of town we walk and explore wherever we go. I try to do a little research ahead of time so I'll see the best stuff. Why don't we do this in our own backyard? In recent years I've mentioned to Elissa that someday we should go into the city and really get to know it.

Done! Elissa took charge and made reservations for us at the Kyoto Hotel in Japan Town. Very nice place with rooftop gardens and Pacific Rim modern styling. I won't go into a lot of detail about our two days of adventures, but I highly recommend trying it out. There are nice areas and crappy areas but you figure that out pretty fast. LA is as walkable as San Francisco or Boston and not scary. No gangs of thugs or zombies attacked us. Everybody was nice. High points: the fantastic historic Biltmore Hotel, Disney Concert Hall and gardens, Bradbury building, LA public Library, Times Newspaper building, lunch at "Philippe's" inventor of the beef dip sandwich in 1908, and going to the 27th floor observation deck of City Hall. All Great!



City Hall



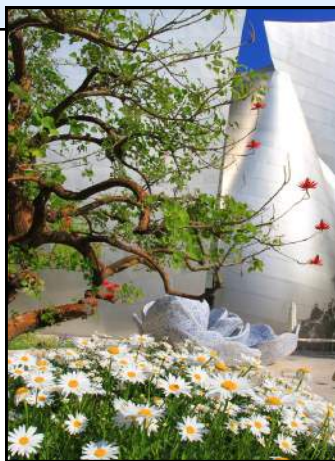
LA Library Atrium



Bradbury Building



Angels Flight,
Disney Hall Gardens



Biltmore Hotel

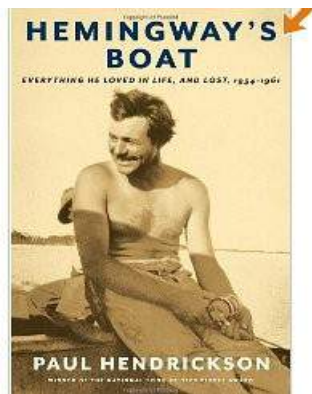
*** Tommy O'Brien has been bringing Leah (I hope I spelled that correctly) to CYA events for several years now. At Pam and Gerard's BBQ during the evening this fun couple announced that the were engaged. I'm sure I speak for all your southern fleet friends, CONGRATULATIONS ! Be very happy !



*** About a year ago I ran across a photograph of Ernest Hemingway's boat PILAR. (Pilar is a popular Spanish women's name meaning loyal, romantic, and supportive). I really knew nothing about Hemingway and I was surprised to note that he had a power boat back in the 1930's. A boat that we now refer to as a Classic Yacht. I'll be damned!

Recently I heard a radio interview with an author, Paul Hendrickson, who has written a book called, HEMINGWAY'S BOAT. Now, I generally don't read much, but I was motivated enough to go to [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and order the book, \$18.81. I also ordered the complete book of Hemingway's short stories. I figured if I'm going to explore this guy I better figure out why he was so popular.

Ernest Hemingway was a man's man. He immersed himself in war zones, African hunting, sports fishing for Marlin off the coast of Cuba or Bimini, or ranching in Montana and Idaho. In 1935 he purchased a new 45 foot cruiser from Wheeler Yachts, Brooklyn, N.Y. They delivered it by rail to Key West. This book is about his boat, his life around the boat, and the art of writing fiction. Like many great artists, he has a rather unusual personality. Known for being bitter and mean he also was friendly and charismatic. He loved being on his boat, and that's alright with me.



I would highly recommend this for any reader especially if you're a wooden boat fan.





Meet the QUEEN MARY *Home of next January's* *INTERNATIONAL CHANGE OF WATCH*

For more than 30 years the Classic Yacht Association has installed its new officers on the annual Change of Watch weekend. Hosting these weekends is rotated between the different fleets. The weekends also host the two days of annual Board of Directors meetings.

Over the years these events have grown to exciting social weekends where members from different fleets get to know each other and share in some interesting special tours and sight seeing around the host town. Jim Butz has been known to say, "that if you didn't do anything else with CYA you should go to the COW weekends". They alone are worth the price of membership. Elissa says it's all about the fellowship. Each year you meet new people and become friends, then the next year you see them again and now your old friends. I like the stuff you do over the weekend. Stuff like the International Yacht Restoration School, the California Railroad Museum, or Paul Allen's War Birds Air Museum. Great !

Next January we host people from around the country in Long Beach on the Queen Mary. This great classic is a great venue for this plus we may be taking groups to a Hollywood studio, the Battleship Iowa, the LBYC, and harbor tours, and more. We need all the Southern Fleet members to pitch in and lend a hand. It will be a lot of fun and there will be much to do. Plan to be involved on January 18th-20th 2013.



The art deco world
of the Queen Mary



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