

The Forecast

Parade of Lights 2024



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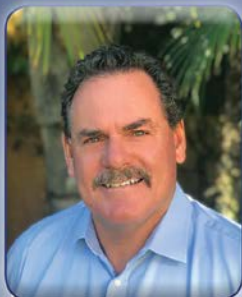
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From the Commodore

By Commodore John Sugden

December 15, 2023:
Parade of Lights
tonight. Christmas in 10
days (not ready). New
Years Party in 16 (really not
ready). Excited but a bit
nervous about the new job -
Commodore.

One step at a time.

My email is abuzz with
traffic between our new Race
Chair, Warren Casey, and our new Rear
Commodore, Dwight Rowe, among
others, regarding the skipper and crew
training seminars in January and March.
What a brilliant idea to encourage new
racers. Teach them what they need and
want to know. Watch for the flyers for
the finalized dates. Plan to attend.

Dave Boatner has had recent success
lighting the proverbial fire to push the
dock project along. We are aware that
delays may conflict with our use of the
marina when the boating season starts
this spring. On the bright side, as dis-
cussed at last night's Finance Commit-
tee meeting, the changed timeline has
improved our financial situation slightly
because some of our investments will
mature before payments to the contrac-
tor are due.

I am confident that the docks will
be done with a minimum of fuss so
that we can focus on what comes next.
Topics include more family-oriented
activities, adding to our food service,
developing new revenue sources for the
Junior's Program, and planning, for the




long term (mitigating en-
ergy costs) and for the really
long term (lease renewal/
clubhouse improvements).
I encourage you, the mem-
bers, to come to the Board
meetings and share your
ideas. The Board Agenda
includes time for gallery
comments, and we are an
easy group to talk to. No
public speaking experience required.

I plan to hold a training/orientation
meeting with the Board in early Janu-
ary. We have a couple of new members
(Dave Morris and Peter Acutt) and the
idea is to highlight the club's govern-
ing and controlling policies, including
the Bylaws, House and Grounds Rules,
Finance Manual, Dock Rules, and the
HR Manual, so that everyone feels com-
fortable and confident as we begin our
monthly Board meetings in January.

I am personally pleased to bid 2023
an expeditious Adios. We faced signifi-
cant challenges superimposed upon the
club's post COVID renaissance. I had
the great pleasure of being part of "Team
Baum" and I want to again thank Gar-
rett, our outgoing Commodore, for his
tireless dedication.

Finally, I am pleased to welcome
2024, my 70th year and my 30th as a
member of VYC. Here's to a happy,
healthy, and peaceful New Year.


John Sugden

Vice Views

By Vice Commodore Don Clark

Happy New Year! Do you think we should have a grace period of a week or so to wish people a Happy New Year before it starts getting a bit awkward? If someone wishes me a happy anything, I'll take it any day of the year! I hope your December Holidays were warm and festive. At the club, early in December we had the traditional Change of Command ceremony where we identified the new Bridge and Board Members and took our oaths. There was also the presentation of the annual awards. I have to say my favorite moment was Don Mills receiving the Don Mills Service award. So appropriate! A week later, we hosted the Staff Appreciation Dinner. The Bridge and Staff Commodores treasure this event where we cook, serve, and cleanup while the VYC crew and their families enjoy a meal as a thank you for all their hard work and dedication to the VYC membership. The last event of the month, the Parade of Lights in Ventura Harbor, was well attended, with a warm breeze, clear sky and more boats on parade than I've seen in years. *The Leo* didn't disappoint with her hula skirt and hip swaying decorations to match the theme – Hula Holiday.

As I ease into my new role for 2024, I'm looking forward to attending my first Social Committee meeting to see what kinds of exciting events the group has

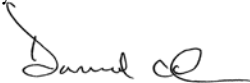


planned. Activity related to the Dock Replacement Project will continue ramping up to identify where the boats on B, D, and E will be located during construction of the new docks slated to begin March 1. Currently, it looks like a mix of homes in the Keys and Safe Harbor Marina will be docking the VYC fleet

during construction. The Marina Management Committee has put a lot of time into the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on our website – and they should answer nearly all your questions. If you don't find the answer, call the office and they will get the answer for you, and we'll continue to update the FAQ, so everyone benefits. There are links for the FAQ on the VYC Website and the "In the Know" weekly email distribution. You can also go "old school" and request a paper copy from the office but be aware that the paper version doesn't update like the website with the newest information.

Soon, we'll begin planning for Opening Day and developing the project list for maintenance and beautification efforts for the club grounds. I have already received a few ideas. If you have something you'd like to see us work on, please reach out. 2024 looks to be great year...

Happy New Year and I hope to see you at the club!


Don Clark

From the Rear

By Rear Commodore Dwight Rowe

Thank you all for voting and allowing me to become Rear Commodore. I'll strive to serve with integrity and honesty, with a little fun thrown in just to stir things up a bit.

I'd like to share a little bit about me. . .

It was a sunny Ventura day some 57 years ago when I set out on a short voyage all by myself.

I was 10 years old and my father, Ralph Rowe (VYC Commodore 1980), and older brother, Bruce, had built an El Toro-style dinghy in the garage. They decided, however, that the boat would not have a centerboard, opting instead for a leeboard. Only problem, Bruce hadn't finished the leeboard in shop class. On the day I set sail for the first time, there was no leeboard or centerboard. Without the ability upwind, let's just say I became keenly aware of what it's like to wash up on a lee shore. It was -- a humbling experience.

I grew up at Ventura Yacht Club learning the ropes, er, lines from many great sailors. Leo Robbins, Chuck Miller, Art Giddings, Cag Graham, Gary Buck, Howard Young and Mel Lennox, were among my mentors. For a time, I had a Hobie 14 that I kept on, what was then, the tiny guest dock at the club. The club manager at the time was a friend to the



TAILS FROM THE REAR

*Dog graphic courtesy of
Warren Casey*

younger members and used to run Portsmouth handicap racing for small boats in the harbor. All varieties of small sailing craft were represented. I delighted in finishing first most of the time in my Hobie—until I met my nemesis (and soon to be best friend) Warren Casey. He figured all he had to do was

to jump in the water, capsize my boat, swim back to his boat, and finish the race, while I was fighting for my life.

In our early teens, Warren and I started the first Laser fleet in the county with a few of our friends. Back then, we were sailing five days a week: two days on bigger keel boats, and three days on the Lasers. Good times. I fondly remember the Blue Water Series races. They started at VYC and would stop at

an anchorage on Santa Cruz Island. Party all night and race back the following day. I remember 50 club boats in Pelican or Little Scorpion.

When I was 17, Staff Commodore Bill Gelvin took me to Hawaii onboard the *Lori Lynn*, a 44-foot wooden cutter, with his family. That was a great summer with Bill and his family and Bill Kohut and Eric Rigney on *Getel*, a beautiful 32-foot ferro-cement cutter. We nearly

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2023 Ventura Harbor Parade of Lights

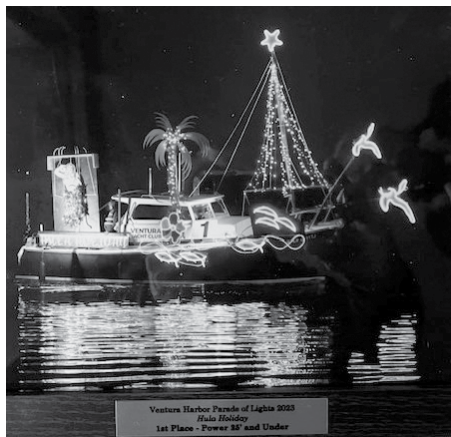
By Rena Mills

In addition to VYC's entry of the *Leo Robbins* for this year's "Hula Holiday" Parade of Lights on December 15 and 16, there were four other Ventura Yacht Club boats entered by members Dave Merrick, Sean Guiltinan, Avery Stewart and Doug Littell with Adam Yates.

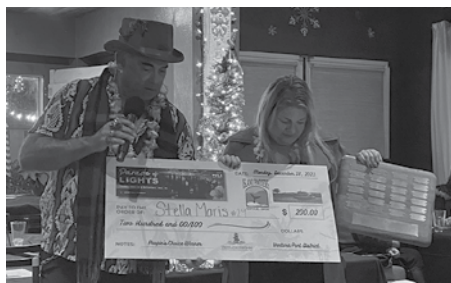
Three entries were winners! Dave Merrick took the People's Choice award with a \$200 prize, which he will be donating to the Junior's sailing program. Sean Guiltinan took 2nd Place for Sailboats Over 30 Feet and the *Leo Robbins* took 1st Place for Power Under 26 Feet.

The event this year had over 50 boats participating—the largest amount anyone can remember. There were hula dancers, volcanoes, lots of palm trees, dancing butterflies and plentiful lights.

Thank you to all the VYC volunteers who helped with the *Leo Robbins*: Jan Lawson, Dave Merrick, Jim Albert, Dave Boatner, Jim Graves, Craig Leverault, Dean Prophet, Rena and Don Mills were constructors. Didi Martin drew the lovely/lively hula dancer, Dawnita Fend-



***Leo Robbins* official photo showing 1st Place for Power 26' and Under.**



ley fashioned the sparkly hula skirt, and Belinda del Pesco painted our theme sign.

From the Rear

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sunk on the return trip, and I'll be forever grateful for that Whale pump Kohut loaned us. Saved our lives.

For years after that I sailed on other members' boats and eventually got *Kite*, an Olson 30 which I raced extensively with my father and best friends, Warren and Arthur McNary.

After marrying the love of my life, Katie, we had two kids, Benjamin and

Laura, who both went through the Junior's Sailing Program. We eventually purchased our Olson 40, *Buena Vista* and sailed to Hawaii on the Pacific Cup race out of San Francisco.

So, as you can tell, I have spent many years in and around the club and look forward to the next three years of service to the club as a member of the Bridge.

Dwight Rowe

Ventura Yacht Club

Meet the BRIDGE



Sunday
January 7, 2024

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Join us for a **Member Only**
soiree to mix and mingle with our
2024 Bridge

General Manager

By Nick Moller

I hope 2024 brings you a year filled with happiness and joy.

Looking back I can tell you that my 2023 has memories of both happiness and sorrow, sadness and laughter, highs and lows.

I can also tell you that now is not the time for reminiscing. There's simply too many good times and potential great memories on the horizon.

The 2024 Bridge, Board and Committees along with myself and the VYC Crew are prepared to make 2024 another great year. There will be some changes and challenges. There will be continued traditions. And there will be some new items as well.

But enough with all this idealism and optimism, let's talk winning and losing. Saturday January 13 starting



at 6 p.m. the Thrill of Victory and the Agony of Defeat will be on full display. The steaks have never been so high. With a grand prize worth over \$100.

Trivia Night is here. Or it's back, or it's happening again, or it's.....

well, it's trivia night hosted by me! Three rounds of competition. Topics covering: sailing, sports, food, history, TV, music and more.

Hopefully you were paying attention as you read this, because the answer to one of the trivia questions was given.

Good luck.

See ya at the club.

Nick Moller

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January
**MONTHLY
BIRTHDAY
DINNER**
Friday, January 26
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Member Welcome and Birthday Announcements approximately at 7 p.m.

MENU

Top Sirloin, Chicken Piccata,
Stuffed Tomatoes, Mediterranean Salad,
Angel Hair Pasta, French Onion Soup
Assorted Cakes for DESSERT!

Dinner \$25.00++ Soup & Salad \$15.00++

Don't forget, if it's your birthday or you're a Staff Commodore please notify the office if you're attending. 805-642-0426 Thank You.



Membership Report

By Peter Acutt

The longest night is behind us, the caroling is all done and we are all aglow with the warmth and love of family and friends, savoring the blessings of the Christmas and Holiday seasons. The new Bridge and Board are installed and ready to make 2024 a stellar year.

There are a number of drives and new initiatives that we the membership committee will be working on. We look forward to another year of fun-filled events both on and off the water to enhance your club experience. We encourage you to bring friends, family and associates to the club to explore all the benefits VYC membership brings. We have a very unique and deep history in the area, along with a truly stunning location to meet and socialize. The more active we all are in all the club activities, *the more we put in the more we get out.*

We certainly have a bumper group of new members to introduce along with congratulations to the trail members, Rick and Terri Wall, who have switched to regular membership they are already very active in the club.

Member UPDATE: Beginner Racing Seminar – *Where Boats Meet!*



As boating is deeply rooted in our DNA, we are delighted to take one step forward towards our boating heritage for all.

Following up on the increased interest in on-the-water competitive sailing during the '23 Wet Wednesday series, the Race Committee will be running a beginning course in sailboat racing. These are for both the Class A&B racers who want to hone their knowledge and skills along with the C- Class (*aka Social Cruiser Racers*) novice or semi experienced.

Keep an eye out for more details in the *Forecast* and all other club communications and noticeboard. They are open to everyone, skipper, crew, experienced or not, for both club and non-club members. So, share with your friends and associates who may be interested in signing up.



Rick and Terri Wall

New Trial Members Eric & Therri Allison

Eric and Theresa (Therri) are both natives of Ventura, having grown up as neighbors and both attended Cal-Poly. They have a 16 year old daughter.

Therri went on following her master's in architecture to work in San Diego on many high-rise projects. Returning to Ventura to marry and is now the Facilities Director at VUSD.

Eric started off in the Ventura County DA office then purchased Allison's Country Café from his Mom but eventually ended up in one of his two loves "Flying" – the other being boating – and



became a professional pilot in light and regional jets. However, the vocational aspect of commercial flying extinguished his passion for that and it is now turning to the second, the ocean where he feels

he always belonged.

They have a 20-foot Century C/ Console fishing boat. He is looking forward to their association with VYC members to help him be a safe and more skilled boater, to fuel his love of boating.

Eric has always wanted to become a VYC member and is delighted that it has finally happened.

New Trial Members Walter Beckwith & Kimberly Rain (Miner)

Walter grew up as the son of a wooden boat builder, so he has boats in his blood. He started sailing at a tender young age in the cold, dark waters of the North Atlantic. His summers were spent sailing and rowing between the many islands along the coast of Maine and then hibernated during the winters, dreaming of the sea. (Possibly the Pacific!)

Rain moved to California as a boisterous 18-year-old and has been in love with the ocean ever since. She has an affinity for spiky sea creatures. She can



often be found kayaking out of the harbor with the sea lions.

They are both in the scientific fields. Walter was once an archaeologist and is now a writer for *Science Magazine* and Rain is

in the Earth Sciences.

They live across the water from the club in Portside along with a rescued cattle dog named Darby. Walter crewed for Wet Wednesday and plans to continue at every opportunity. They are looking forward to participating in ALL the club activities.

New Trial Members Joe & Jeri Dunham

Joe and Jeri have lived in Ventura for many years with boating being part of their lives since they first met. They started out in 8' Sabots, moving up through Snarks to a McGregor 26 sailboat. Joining a boating club in Long Beach and becoming immersed in boating with many trips to Catalina, exploring every cove. Eventually they acquired a Pacific Seacraft Orion 27 named *Mintaka*.

Joe retired from law enforcement, facilitating their move to Ventura which gave them the opportunity to then explore the Channel Islands and even further afield into Mexico.

On moving to Ventura, Jeri worked



for Ventura Isle Marina, evolving into the role of Marina Manager for 15 years.

Jeri is now the Regional Project Manager bringing her marina experience to Safe Harbor Marinas. Joe has been dedicated to the security at the Ronald Regan Library

in Simi Valley for the past 22 years.

Their current boat is a Pacific Seacraft 24 *Minka* with their anchor firmly set in VIM. They are looking forward to being part of the VYC community. They are also eager to participate in events, regattas, and many other programs along with meeting a host of new friends with the same enjoyment in life and boating.

New Regular Members Neal & Luana Morrison

Neal and Luana love sailing, a key ingredient in their relationship, which started in college at UC San Diego. Neal introduced his college sweetheart to the wonderful world of cruising and the magic of the Channel Is-

lands. Neal has been sailing his whole life even when living in Wyoming, thanks to his dad's (Don Morrison) love of the sea.

They moved to San Francisco in 1990 to pursue careers as video producers, and are still living in there today, with their son Cruz (16), who is on his High School sailing team skippering FJs.



The family is active in sailing on the "Bay" on their 35' Santana based in City Harbor SFO. They also enjoy a diverse range of other activities, from camping, skiing, and biking, along with the vast arts and mu-

sic culture available in San Francisco.

In addition, they have been fortunate to have traveled extensively, with most travels highlighting beautiful coastlines.

Neal, Luana and Cruz look forward to becoming members of VYC and enjoy many years of sailing the Channel Islands in the family boat!

New Trial Members Stephen & Alex Steric

Stephen and Alex, along with their daughters, Skylar (6) and Scarlett (3), are a family with a deep connection to the sea, bolstered by their entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to mental wellness.

Stephen is an innovative entrepreneur deeply involved in AI technology with his forward-thinking approach. He has a love for problem-solving and exploration, qualities that also drive his passion for boating. His cherished childhood experiences of boating from Channel Islands Harbor have inspired him to introduce his own family to the joys of the sea.

Alex, a successful mental health therapist and entrepreneur, runs her own



private practice and is strongly supportive both professionally and at home. Alex's enthusiasm for new adventures complement the family's aspirations perfectly.

Skylar and Scarlett share their parents' excitement

for the water. Skylar's inquisitiveness and Scarlett's delight during their seaside outings are heartening glimpses of the future sea adventurers in them.

The Steric family is currently in the market for their first family boat planned for next year. This step symbolizes more than just fulfilling a lifelong dream for Stephen; it represents a new chapter of adventure, learning, and togetherness for the entire family on the open seas.

New Regular Member Alex Wilbanks

Alex grew up racing at Cedar Point, Connecticut in all types of boats from dinghies to junior offshore keelboats. This led to race coaching including a summer exchange at the Royal Gothenburg YS in Sweden.

More recently, he actively races with his family George and Ann, in their J/105, *Revelation* and their J/24, *Señor Happy* and races as helmsman on a Shields out of Monterey Peninsula YC.

He recently purchased an Olson 30 *Hot Betty* and looks forward to competing in the local VYC and costal events between Ventura and the Bay area along



with being active in the clubs' social events.

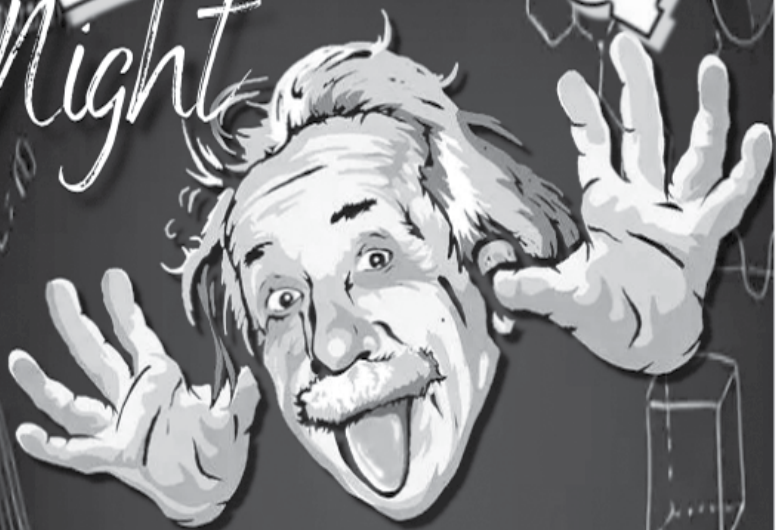
Alex lived in India for three years during his twenties while working in development finance consulting – during this time he also rode 30,000 miles by motorcycle.

He has held a number of roles in the natural resource management and

financial services industries.

After receiving an MSc degree from UC Davis in International Agricultural Development he went to work in corporate strategy for a large farming and consumer goods company. He lives in Santa Barbara.

Trivia Night



Bring your team
1st Place: waived fixed participation
\$100 value

SATURDAY
JANUARY 13
DINNER 6PM
TRIVIA 6:30PM

MINESTRONE \$4/\$6
CAESAR SALAD \$6
SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS \$12
PIZZA BY THE SLICE \$3

Port Captain

By Bryan Drew

Dear Corinthian Members, As we approach the winter months, we kindly remind you to take necessary precautions to secure your boats. Ensure that dock lines are snugly secured to minimize shock loads, canvas and sails are adequately wrapped with at least three wraps on roller furlers, and employ your personalized methods to withstand the Ventura winds.

A crucial reminder is that VYC property is leased from the Port, designating it as Private Property. Our Legal Team has confirmed this status. Individuals who are not members, their guests, or invited professional maintenance personnel are considered trespassers. We have encountered specific issues, including unauthorized restroom use, theft, and instances of kayakers violating our facilities after hours, breaching the Private Property boundaries we diligently pay for.

Members are advised that tying up a dinghy or kayak without proper identification may prompt our staff and crew to investigate potential trespassing. To streamline this process, we encourage you to display a VYC Burgee or decal on your property, saving both our team the effort and you from being treated as a trespasser.

Please be mindful that the Guest Dock is the designated area for temporary tie-ups in accordance with VYC rules. The Waterfront team and Office manage a schedule for the Guest Dock,

so it's advisable to check with the office in advance for availability.

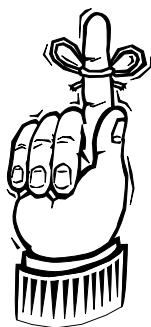
In terms of the marina, the commencement of the B&D dock replacement has been rescheduled to March 1, 2024. Further details can be found on the VYC website. For members seeking a new slip, it is essential to emphasize that ensuring your vessel fits the requested slip is the responsibility of the applicant, not VYC. If an awarded slip is declined, even if it fails inspection, including size, the applicant is accountable for one month of the slip fee, along with other applicable fees. Despite the signed application specifying the vessel size, this has been a recurring issue with new members.

As the season takes a brisk turn, relish the warm club atmosphere and camaraderie. Enjoy.

Forecast Deadline Reminder

Forecast articles, flyers, ads and photos are due the **15th of the month prior to publication.** (i.e. Content for the February *Forecast* is due January 15.)

Please send content to Cindy Daly at cmdaly@pacbell.net and also copy the VYC Office on the email. Thank you!



History of the VYC Topiary

By Katie Rowe, VYC Historian

We drive in to our yacht club, look for a spot and park. We see and recognize the vehicles of friends and look forward to saying hello. Another clue to who is on site is an Officer's Flag on the flagpole, signaling the presence of one or more Commodores (current, Vice or Rear) on the premises. We leave our vehicle and perhaps chat with a friend in the parking lot. Eventually, we go into the clubhouse or down the dock ramp to our boats.

I invite you, however, next time you arrive at the club, to take a moment to look to the right as you pass through the gate. You'll see what I think is the most charming feature on the grounds. Is it a dragon? A serpent? This fanciful topiary is indeed a sea serpent and is the creation of our club member Don Mills. The inspiration began with a visit Don made to Corona del Mar many years ago. On a bluff overlooking the Newport Harbor entrance he observed a topiary garden of sea mammals including frolicking porpoise and dolphin silhouetted above the blue sea beyond. He was impressed and inspired. He thought that something similar at Ventura Yacht Club



Don Mills next to serpent face where he observed some "wind burn" damage to the new growth.



Don Mills pruning topiary demonstrating pruning the new fins that are sprouting along the backbone.

would be interesting and enhance the landscaping.

Don envisioned how a topiary garden could be created along the southerly fence. Back then, there was a row of nine shapeless shrubs that had never been trimmed or trained in any way.

The shrubs are identified as Hollywood Juniper or *Juniperus Torulosa*, that have long twisting branches with rich green foliage. The tools used to create the initial topiary in 2008 were a Sawzall, loppers, and basic principles of pruning and shaping from the art of Bonsai. The first step was to select the branches to be saved and position them as desired by bending and holding in place with twine and wire

to commence the training. The next step was to remove the excess branches. Every serpent needs a face. When the rubber balls for eyes were stolen, Don used the cut-off ends of prune juice bottles, painted red inside. Don describes the process of maintaining the topiary as an ongoing experiment. I call it creative genius.

Clearly, this years-long project took patience, vision, care, and more than a

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Social Report

By Tracie West

Happy New Year! Hoping you and your families had a lovely Holiday Season! We definitely had a lot of fun at the club.

Thank you Monica Boatner for arranging all the festivities at the boat parade and the special visit from Santa and his lovely elf! (Dave and Cate) Thank you for volunteering! Both nights the Parade of Lights were absolutely spectacular!

As you are reading this I imagine we are all recovering from an incredible New Years Eve 24-Karat Casino Night. Thank you Mary Beck for the decorations and live music, Iris for the pop up tent and cigar bar and Cristina Baum, Nick and VYC staff for arranging the delicious all night appetizers and champagne.

The Social Committee is looking forward to planning more fun events this year! If you aren't already on the Social Committee please join us. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome. We meet every second Sunday at 2:00 p.m.



History of the VYC Topiary

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dash of fanciful humor. These qualities illustrate the breadth of heart and passion that Don has brought to every VYC project on which he has been involved. So, please pause for a moment the next time you drive into our club and appreciate the beauty, fun, and perseverance that this gift from our own Don Mills represents.

After nearly 40 years as Ventura Yacht Club Historian, Don Mills has decided to step back from the role. I have agreed to attempt to fill those shoes,

which I will do by relying heavily on Don's vast experience, knowledge, and expertise on the club and its roots. If you have an idea or interest in a topic related to our club's history: people, boats, events, facilities, or other aspects of the harbor or club, let me know, and I will research the topic and share the story in the *Forecast*. I am honored to fill the role of VYC Historian. (*This article contains excerpts from Don Mills' March 2015 Forecast article "VYC's Topiary Garden of Sea Serpents"*)

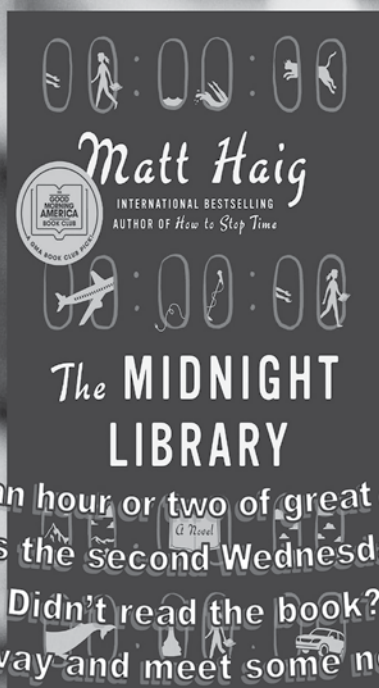


Staff Appreciation Dinner Photos



VYC BOOK CLUB

January's Book



Come enjoy an hour or two of great conversation
with your friends the second Wednesday of the month.

Didn't read the book?
Come anyway and meet some new friends.

January 10

6:00 p.m.

VYC's Amateur Radio Group

Story by *Belinda Del Pesco & Mike Doman*, Photos by *Kay Neumann*

VYC members are invited to participate in our Amateur Radio (or Ham Radio) group - known as VYC-ARG (Ventura Yacht Club Amateur Radio Group). We were lucky to get the pirate-flavored Arg in our club call sign! We're all pirates after all!

Ham radio, or amateur radio, is the use of the radio frequency spectrum for non-commercial exchange of messages, private recreation, contesting, wireless experimentation, self-training and emergency communications...and its a good exercise for your brain.

The National Association for Amateur Radio was founded in 1914, and there were more than 6000 amateurs on the air by 1917. Today, there are about 800,000 Ham Radio operators in the US alone.

You may be wondering: If I have VHF Radio on my boat, why would I use a Ham Radio? Why would anyone be interested in getting certified to use a Ham radio when we have the internet, cell phones and VHF Radios on our boats?

Marine VHF allows you to communicate between vessels within line of sight, depending on the height of your antenna, but the curvature of the earth's surface will restrict communication to about 16 – 20 miles. Amateur Radio operators using 2m handhelds can bounce their radio signal off of local repeaters usually mounted on the



Scott Sampson and Miguel Valdez (Top), and Belinda and Sandy Sampson soldering/ building twin lead antennas for portable use on boats, hikes etc.

top of local mountains that receive the signal then re-broadcast it at much higher power greatly extending range to possibly 100 miles. The Santa Barbara Yacht Club installed a repeater on Mount Diablo on Santa Cruz Island for use of all "yacht club amateurs" in the Channel Islands.

Amateur radios are fun...not confined to "channels" like marine radios, Ham radios use "bands" which are contiguous ranges of radio frequency. A ham radio will fit in your pocket, and travel with you on hikes, boat trips, car rides and the like.

Amateur Radio Operators have a long history of serving their communities when disasters strike, knocking out cell phone towers, over-taxing 911 systems and fiber optic networks (as they were during the recent Lahaina fire on Maui).

If you're interested in attending a Ham Radio Group meeting at VYC, we meet in the dining room at the club every second Thursday at 7:00 p.m., often with radios, antennas and related gear to discuss components, operations, upgrades and trouble shooting. We also host a monthly Radio Net you can tune into if you're already a Ham Radio operator every first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 146.970 frequency -0.6 127.3 Oxnard WB6YQN. You can also find VYCARG on Groups.io

Calling all VYC members!



First Thursday of the Month

Monthly Radio Network

7:00 p.m.

Frequency 146.970 Offset -0.6MHz Tone 127.3Hz

Second Thursday of the Month

HAM Radio Meeting

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Upstairs Dining Room

Every Saturday in February

HAM Radio Class

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Upstairs Dining Room



VYC

2024 Cruises

SANTA BARBARA HARBOR March 22 - 24

ANACAPA CRUISE April 27

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE May 24 - 27

FATHER'S DAY CRUISE June 14 - 16

JULY FOURTH CRUISE July 4 - 7

VYC's ANNUAL CATALINA CRUISE July 21 - 26

LABOR DAY CRUISE August 30 - September 2

COLUMBUS DAY CRUISE October 11 - 14



Race Report

By Warren Casey

VYC's Facebook Racing Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1015985196505205>



Our first two racing events in 2024 are not races, but seminars for sailors who are new to racing and/or would like to learn more about the rules of racing. The first Beginner Racing Seminar starts on January 27 at 9:00 a.m., with the second seminar taking place on March 10. See page 26 for more information about these seminars.

NOTE: In the November's issue of the *Forecast*, we printed the wrong date for the **Governor's Cup**. The correct date is **Saturday, June 8, 2024 (not the 10th)**.

News of Changes to the first three



Wet Wednesdays:

◆ **Wednesday,**

April 3, 2024 – Wet Wednesday Skipper's Meeting and Pizza

◆ **Wednesday,**

April 10, 2024 – Starting Mania Wet Wednesday

– Just as many starts at R2 as we can do in a selected time limit – Then back to the club for dinner

◆ **Wednesday, April 17, 2024** – MOB Wet Wednesday – Everyone must do a Man Over Board drill on the first leg of the race.

◆ **Wednesday, April 24, 2024** – Wet Wednesday typical racing begins! More info will be coming soon! Happy Racing!



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Beginner Racing Seminars, “When Boats Meet” #1 & #2 – Introduction

Seminar #1 – January 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Seminar #2 – March 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

With the uptick in interest in racing from family cruising sailors, we thought it would be helpful to hold an introductory racing seminar. These seminars are open to anyone, captain or crew, club member or non-member, experienced sailor or novice who is interested in a beginning course in sailboat racing. The seminars will focus on preparing for our VYC Wet Wednesday racing series and our returning Blue Water Series. Our teaching and syllabus will be based on a great book: “Getting Started in Sailboat Racing” by Adam Cort and Richard Stearns. You can find it on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/3O9sOFb>. Our trainers/teachers are experienced west coast award-winning sailors from VYC. All attendees will receive a US Sailing Racing Rules Pamphlet, various handouts, and enjoy a continental breakfast!

These seminar are FREE.

More information is coming soon and will be posted on the club's racing webpage: <https://venturayachtclub.org/5619-2/>



Our trainers/teachers:

- ◆ Braedon Baum
- ◆ Dwight Rowe
- ◆ Dave Boatner
- ◆ Ryan Cox



A sampling of the first seminar's subjects:

- ◆ Reading the NOR (Notice of Race) and SI (sailing Instruction)
- ◆ Basic Racing Rules with safety in mind
- ◆ Rating rules ie: PHRF
- ◆ The race course
- ◆ Safety equipment essentials
- ◆ Crew Management
- ◆ Boat set up
- ◆ Sail Selection

A sampling of the seconds seminar's subjects:

- ◆ Starting
- ◆ Windward leg and weather mark rounding, & tactics
- ◆ Downwind leg, leeward mark rounding, & tactics
- ◆ Finishing
- ◆ Boat speed upwind, downwind, reaching & wind speed

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Rome, Corsica, Elba, Monaco & The Tyrrhenian Sea

By Jim Eisenhart

In mid-April, I had *Adagio* put back in the water in Gaeta between Naples and Rome. The Italian coast north of Gaeta in the Tyrrhenian Sea is not that spectacular and offered little in the way of attractive anchorages or harbors until I reached Elba. But the small islands some 25–50 miles offshore seemed enticing. If you play it right, you can island-hop to Elba and into the Ligurian Sea, which were *Adagio's* home waters.

Off Isola Giannutri I anchored next to a young British couple with an infant on a 50-foot Oyster. Having purchased the boat in the UK, Harold and Anne were headed home to Hong Kong via the Suez Canal and the Indian Ocean. I could not fathom traveling that distance with a young child any more than they could understand my singlehanded cruising. In sharing our mutual incomprehension of our respective lifestyles over proper English tea on their vessel, we found a common bond of sorts in our flouting of conventional wisdom but in a civilized manner. Encounters with sailors like Harold and Anne who were doing their own thing have always inspired me.

The next day I found a tight cove or large grotto on the island and anchored there. The following morning, I rowed ashore in the 60-degree water that I deemed too cold for me to swim in. Returning from my run, I found four teenage Italian girls swimming in the cove. Humbled once again.

Easter in Rome

I wanted to stop in Rome of course.

And a strong sirocco from Africa, this one with reddish-brown dust, compelled me to do so. Do these winds really get this far up north? I was berthed in the non-descript town and marina of Ostia, about 30 minutes by train from Rome. Rome does not have a marina or harbor per se apart from its commercial port to the north. I spent a rainy, dreary Easter Sunday walking the streets of Rome, which was alive with tourists. The Pope, for some reason, declined my request for an immediate private audience.

Elba is sizable, mountainous, and—in the early Mediterranean spring—lush and verdant. The island is deeply indented with many anchorable golfos (gulfs) and more than a few upscale marinas, which were very reasonably priced. In my opinion, Napoleon should have remained here, savored his exile, and thereby avoided Waterloo and his ultimate depressing exile and death on desolate St. Helena. And yes, you can visit his residences here.

I spent a week on the east and south coasts, alternating between anchorages and marinas on Elba. I could have easily spent a month on this beautiful and culturally rich island. In Marina di Campo I was moored offshore for a couple of nights with my neighbors Phillippe, Ian, and William on a 40-foot Beneteau. In the evenings I would hitch a ride into town on their large dinghy for dinner. This attractive town somehow combined being both a very popular tourist attraction and an active commercial fishing

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harbor.

The west end of Elba proved to be a good jumping-off point for the passage to Corsica to the west. This 75-mile broad reach was *Adagio's*

first good sailing run of the season. During this transit I passed some 10 miles to the north of Montecristo Island, as in *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas. I had been and currently was listening to the audiobook (all 53 hours) of this classic novel.

Until I saw the island on my chart plotter screen, I had assumed that it was a fictitious creation of the author. Isolo Montecristo soon visually emerged as a small, cone-shaped, obviously volcanic island. The cruising guide and Dumas both agreed that the island was dotted with numerous grottos—in one of which the novel's protagonist, Edmond Dantès, found a fabulous fortune in gold and jewels. Think like winning a 19th century mega lottery. According to *The Italian Pilot*, no anchoring or going ashore was allowed except for two days a year. Hmm . . . but I needed money to make my mark on the upcoming French Riviera. Let's put it this way: if I did go ashore and found some leftovers, you can bet that I would not be mentioning them in this narrative.

Corsican Return

The wind was blowing a good 25 knots out of the east as I approached the large city of Bastia on Corsica's east coast. Uncertain about the winds in the harbor,



West End of Elba with Squall

I radioed one of Bastia's marinas. "Fine, calm," he replied. "Come on in." I should know by now that this was a stupid question. It was like asking a restaurateur

if his food is any good.

Well, as I entered Bastia's breakwater, the wind was not so fine. It was gusting over 15 knots inside the harbor, exceeding my self-imposed Med mooring limit of 10 knots. I asked the harbormaster if they had a tender for a dock assist, to which he curtly replied, "Non, Capitaine." The young dock assist guy on the quay subsequently motioned me to back into the concrete quay with the 15-knot wind on my beam. There was absolutely no way I was doing this. I waved him off. Fortunately, there were no other vessels on the quay. I threw the helm hard over and swung the starboard side of *Adagio* up into the wind and, with five fenders out, against the quay. There was a good-sized jolt but no harm. I chucked the fellow my lines and directed him where to tie me off. I then politely asked if I could stay here abeam the quay for two nights, and he obliged me.

The lesson here is that in this slow time of the year, Mediterranean marinas do not often have their A Team on the docks if they even have anyone at all to assist you. This means that you may need to firmly direct them what you want to do, where you want to do it, and what they need to do. But do it nicely.

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In Bastia I sat out a 30-knot mistral for the duration, and then it was up to Macinaggio, where *Adagio* had first made Corsican landfall back in the

spring of 2016. Nothing seemed to have changed in the three years I had been gone, which is a good thing. In Spain over this period, they might have built at least a half dozen new high-rise condominiums.

On a run up the scenic coast and then inland, I jumped a rock wall and shortly thereafter was startled by sharp, vicious barking. I froze, waited, and listened while picking up a large stick. A lot of good that would do me. The barking continued, and I figured (hoped) that unless the dogs were somehow restrained, they would have been on me by now. I continued to walk tentatively down the dirt jeep track. Shortly, to my relief, I saw three large white dogs who were in a secure enclosure, much to their continued very vocal vexation.

The next night I anchored at the very top of Corsica, the Cap Corse, to arise before sunup the next day and get a jump on the 90-mile crossing of the Ligurian Sea. This would take me back to the Italian Côté d'Azur. I have become partial to predawn departures; the conditions are almost always calm and peaceful, with scenic sunrises. It was nice to motor slowly out of the anchorage with a hot cup of coffee in hand on this brisk, cool Mediterranean morning.



Monaco

Arriving in Ventimiglia Harbor in Italy in the early evening, I found myself just a few miles east of San Remo and 20 miles from the

Monaco border.

Monaco, Meh . . .

It was a cool, gray, drizzly day when I motored slowly through Monaco's huge outer harbor, which constituted much of the small nation's coastline. It struck me as remarkably unimpressive. The city looked overbuilt and lifeless with monochromatic, densely packed high-rise apartments and condos built up against a steep mountain backdrop. Perhaps if *Adagio* had been a larger, more resplendent yacht and I had a royal pedigree, I might have had a different reception and more positive experience. This, however, did not strike me as something to aspire toward. I moved on into France.

But alas, I did not have a Mediterranean France cruising guide or pilot. I had naively assumed that I would be able to purchase an English-language one in France or Italy. Once again, my trusty iPad, iPhone, and unerring Navionics display would have to do. Call it an unwarranted, cocky self-confidence, but I had now reached a point where I reasoned that all I really needed to do was watch the weather, stay alert, and then just show up at a marina or anchorage. In this northern Mediterranean off-season, I would invariably find accommodations or a calm uncrowded anchorage.

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— Brownies and Ice Cream for Dessert —

Dinner: \$21.00++ Soup, Salad & Dessert: \$15.00++

JANUARY 12:

Carnitas Tacos, Fish Tacos,

Rice and Beans, Southwest Salad, Chicken Tortilla Soup

— Tres Leches & Churros for Dessert —

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JANUARY 19:

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Green Beans, Twice Baked Potatoes, Chicken Caesar Salad, Cioppino Soup

— Bread Pudding for Dessert —

Dinner: \$27.00++ Soup, Salad, & Dessert: \$15.00++

JANUARY 26:

Top Sirloin, Chicken Piccata, Angle Hair Pasta,

Stuffed Tomatoes, Mediterranean Salad, French Onion Soup,

— Assorted Cakes for dessert —

Dinner: \$25.00++ Soup, Salad, & Dessert: \$15.00++



January Birthdays



Andrew B. Clark, January 1.

Floyd Hester, January 2.

Dan Danska, January 4.

Carolyn Vanbenthuyssen, January 4.

Alex Wilbanks, January 4.

John Berry, January 6.

Pierre Gastonguay, January 6.

Susan Nelson, January 6.

Diane DiConti, January 7.

Jason Seidler, January 7.

Heidi Francke, January 8.

Jan Hester, January 8.

Robert Haberer, January 9.

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Gregory Frank, January 20.

Jim Suley, January 20.

Rudy Nodar, January 21.

Sam Daley, January 22.

Mike Leary, January 22.

James Wise, January 22.

Sheila Reilly, January 24.

Susan Nodar, January 26.

Ken Collin, January 27.

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