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**March 2024**



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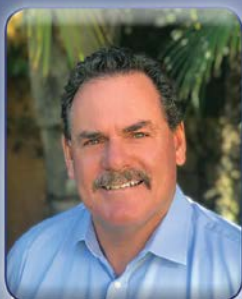
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# 2024 Ventura Yacht Club

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# 2024 VYC Committees

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
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| <b>Insurance</b>             | Don Clark, <i>Chair</i>                          |
| <b>Junior's Program</b>      | Christina Baum, <i>Chair</i>                     |
| <b>Marina Management</b>     | Bryan Drew, <i>Chair</i>                         |
| <b>Membership</b>            | Peter Acutt, <i>Chair</i>                        |
| <b>Membership Enrichment</b> | Sean Gultinan, <i>Chair</i>                      |
| <b>PHRF Representative</b>   | TBD  |
| <b>Predicted Log Race</b>    | Ed Kutchma, <i>Chair</i>                         |
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| <b>Race</b>                  | Warren Casey, <i>Chair</i>                       |
| <b>Social</b>                | Tracie West, <i>Chair</i>                        |
| <b>Ventura Cup</b>           | TBD  |
| <b>Webmaster</b>             | Belinda Del Pesco                                |



# From the Commodore

By Commodore John Sugden

**T**he most difficult decisions for me as Commodore are those that affect costs to our members. I want to explain the authority and process to address concerns raised now that we have billed you at the new rates.

The yacht club, like other corporations, is governed by its Bylaws. They are the fundamental rules that empower the club to act on behalf of the members. They are difficult to amend or alter. Any changes require a two-thirds vote. In fact, they have not been amended since May 18, 2018.

Our Bylaws consist of eleven Articles. The relevant Articles for this discussion are Articles IV, V and VI.

Article IV defines the powers of the Board of Directors. It states that the Board sets club policy and directs club business, appoints officers and agents, and may adopt rules for the management of club business.

Article V provides for Executive Officers, including the Treasurer and such other officers as may be customary. Article VI provides for appointments to specific committees, such as Budget, Finance, and Audit, to advise the Board and/or to carry out specific tasks and projects assigned by the Board.

The Finance Committee's role and duties stem from these Articles. It is ably chaired by the Treasurer, Rena Mills, and composed of voting club members,



including Staff Commodores with extensive finance/accounting/business backgrounds. Our Bridge also routinely attends the monthly Finance Committee Meetings.

The Finance Committee's role and duties also stem from rules created by the Board under Article V, called the Financial Policy Manual.

This Manual's purpose is to facilitate the policy of financial accountability and defines the procedures for the budget process, calculating fees and charges, slip and dry storage rates, and liveaboard fees, among other tasks, to assist the Treasurer, the Club Manager, and the Board.

The Finance Manual states that the timetable for calculating changes in fees and costs to our members starts in early fall each year and that the data are from objective sources. For example, Section VI requires that the Board establish the fees to be charged for services to members, including utility fees, based on CPI adjustments for the twelve month period ending on September 30 of each year and Section VII requires that a survey of the published berth rental rates, dry storage rates and liveaboard fees in the Ventura and Channel Islands harbors be done annually, in September, and that we charge based on 75 percent

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# Vice Views

By Vice Commodore Don Clark

**W**e are straddling the in-between stage of the old year and new year. We've successfully come through the holidays and returned our lives to some sense of order, and we're starting the new year to gear up for what's ahead. Sometimes traction to get things going takes a little time.

We hosted a successful Meet the Bridge event in January. If you recall, the Yacht Club picks up the bar tab at this gathering, so we can gage attendance by the reduction of beverage inventory. By all accounts, it was well attended - and everyone had a good time. The upstairs was buzzing.

The Valentine's Dinner and Superbowl parties were also packed with VYC members. The Social and Membership committees are continuing to move at light speed. Peter Acutt and the Membership Committee in conjunction with our youth program will be in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade and they'll be magically floating a fleet of Opti's along the parade route. The Parade is on March 16 at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Ventura. The route is Main Street between Lincoln Drive and Fir Street. The Social Committee has an Irish themed dinner for Friday night, March 15.

While many of the events at the



club are for entertainment, fun and to enjoy one another's company, occasionally though, we must do a little housekeeping and this year the Annual Clean-up Day is Scheduled for Saturday, March 9. Can you participate? We would love to see as many people as possible come out to

help work on the list of to-do's. Some years the place is packed full of members ready to work and other years are lightly attended. Outside there are quite a few areas to wire brush and paint, while indoors there are cleaning, polishing opportunities for everyone and with a lot of help, the work should go fast. The kitchen crew will take care of lunch for all who contribute.

The Bridge is hard at work planning an Opening Day for you even though that's about the time Bellingham begins the dock replacement work. We will do our best to balance the dock replacement project with one of the most important and anticipated events of the year - our Opening Day - and we'll make the festivities worthy of VYC. We still expect to have "Dock Parties!"

I hope to see you at the club.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Clark".

**Don Clark**





# Tails From the Rear

By Rear Commodore Dwight Rowe



**I**n irons *A sailboat that loses headway and stalls while coming about due to the wind being directly ahead.*

The first racing seminar, held on Saturday January 27, was a great success. The need for this kind of training is necessary because the racing program in our area (and indeed around the world) is quickly losing its headway – like a sailboat in irons. There is no lack of interest in sailing from the public, but actual participation in the sport is waning. I was thrilled that we had over 60 attendees at our first beginning race seminar. This tells me that there is a thirst for racing knowledge out there. I believe we have discovered a real need that VYC can fill by offering quality training on sailboat racing and safety to people in our community who truly want to learn.

More about the seminar:

First, I gave a rundown on important safety topics. Then, Braedon Baum instructed the group on reading a notice of race, sailing instructions, and basics on how to navigate the course. Ryan Cox jumped into the rules, beginning with some definitions – port, starboard, leeward, windward, etc. Then a discussion on right of way rules – when boats meet, and finally, he explained about what all those flags are for on the committee boat. Dave Boatner spoke about boat speed and sail selection. One



of Dave's points was that boat

preparation is key to success – 90% of winning is crew work! Some of his key takeaways: Yelling is slow, Ways to win the race, Lucky, Faster, Smarter – it's easier to win

if you are smarter and faster. (you forgot good looking, Dave).

To Peter A's delight we gave out 17 new member packets at the event.

The seminar was followed up with a great barbecue burger lunch that was enjoyed by all. We spent the remainder of the day showing off our boats to the attendees and answering questions and telling tall tales. Good times. The next seminar is Sunday March 10 at 9 a.m. Topics will include a brief review of the first seminar, followed by

- starting and finishing
- windward leg and weather mark rounding and tactics
- downwind leg, leeward mark rounding and tactics
- boat speed upwind, downwind, and reaching.

If you are interested, please sign up for the seminar on the VYC Racing web page. We will be having another barbecue burger lunch! Many thanks

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# From the Commodore

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of the averages.

The Manual then requires the General Manager to create and present the proposed new annual Operating Budget to the Board at the November Meeting (Section IV (B)) to be adopted at the January meeting (Section IV (C)).

After the approval, club members receive their first bill for any increased costs starting at the beginning of the new year.

Unfortunately, the Bylaws and Policy Manuals sometimes do not specifically address all issues. One such issue is the cost of utilities for the dock and now the dry storage permittees. These costs continue to increase and the trend by the for-profit recreational marinas is to pass them on to the renter.

We of the Finance Committee and the Bridge have been part of this debate and I can see both sides. At this stage, we have compromised by passing on only a percentage of these costs to our members.

My goal is to make sure we follow the rules that govern this club, that we act rationally and evenly, and that we avoid creating the impression that we favor one group over some other. I hope this dive into the minutiae of club management addresses any concerns. If not, per Section X of the Finance Manual, entitled "Concerns," please contact me.



John Sugden

## Forecast Deadline Reminder

**F**orecast articles, flyers, ads and photos are due the **15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.** (i.e. Content for the April Forecast is due March 15.)



Please send content to Cindy Daly at [cmdaly@pacbell.net](mailto:cmdaly@pacbell.net) and also copy the VYC Office on the email. Thank you!

## Tails From the Rear

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to all who helped put this on, including Warren Casey who organized this event, Braedon Baum, Ryan Cox, Dave Boatner, Peter Acutt, Sean Guiltinan, Dan Cahn, and the VYC staff.

The cruising fleet is heading for Santa Barbara March 22-24 and that should be a great time. Maybe they could have a little wager on who gets home first. Perhaps a nice bottle of tequila?

So, I guess local sailing is **not** in irons, at least not this year with so many events going on and the abundant boating energy filling our sails.

Check out the Ventura Yacht Club Racing page on Facebook. Lots of cool stuff happening around the country with our sailors. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1015985196505205/>

Happy sailing.



Dwight Rowe








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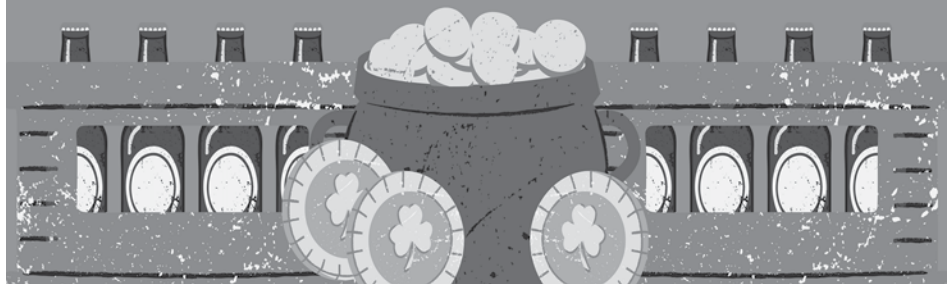


# IRISH DINNER



CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE,  
POACHED SALMON WITH IRISH BUTTER SAUCE,  
NEW POTATOES, PEAS AND CARROTS,  
POTATO LEEK SOUP, IRISH PUB SALAD,  
SODA BREAD  
BAILEY'S CHEESECAKE AND ASSORTED DESSERTS  
\$27.00++

**MARCH 15**  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**





# General Manager

By Nick Moller

**S**ailor stories. Hurricane force winds, engulfing swells and treacherous conditions. While these engaging stories do paint an amazing picture they don't always tell an accurate story. The same can be said with fishing tales. How big was your catch?

Around the clubhouse I often hear stories which do not reflect fact. Stories about the dock replacement project, the scope of construction, the funding and finances of this project and the overall club's finances, Opening Day and many other events. And while there are some great stories, there are at times critical, important and meaningful accuracies left out.

Some of these "less than accurate" tales have ended memberships, scared off prospective new members, caused worry, concern and confusion and unnecessarily spread incorrect information.

For anyone looking for accurate information, truth and facts, there are means to obtain them. Attend a Board meeting, schedule a meeting with the Finance Committee or review statements in the office.

I can confirm these hard facts. Ventura Yacht Club is well positioned for all things expected and planned,



and has financial plans in place for things that are unplanned. While no future is guaranteed, the future at VYC is strong. No unforeseen "sailor story" will undo or undermine what has been established.

Looking ahead to Opening Day the planning is underway, lead by the Bridge, Board and Opening Day committee. I will be attending Shoreline Yacht Club's Opening Day in Long Beach prior to our event to get a firsthand experience of an Opening Day in full celebration with all the pomp-and-circumstance.

I'm looking forward to my first Opening Day here with all of you on April 6.

See you at the club.

(additionally, I'll be attending another Opening Day on March 28 at Chavez Ravine. Go Dodgers)





**The  
VYC  
CLEAN-UP  
DAY**



**MARCH 9, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**



**Opening Day is oh so close!  
Join us in making our club  
shine and sparkle for the new  
season.**

**Demonstrate your VYC  
pride by helping with the  
preparation.**

**We'll need help with a plethora of tasks, so  
bring your skills, your can-do  
attitude, and work up an appetite.**

**You're volunteering to make our club  
look beautiful AND for a free lunch!**



# Membership Report

By Peter Acutt

**S**ome late February weather kept us all hunkered down, but the typical Ventura weather is working hard on a comeback, opening up all manner of possibilities for boating, water and club activities. Despite the weather, that never stopped boaters now did it. The club has been super active, another month chock-a-block full of events and activities including some memorable themed evenings.

A HUGE word of congratulations and THANKS to Dwight R./Warren C. and their TEAM for organizing and delivering one top class Beginners Race Seminar, the second in the series is scheduled for Sunday March 10 – not to be missed. This event was also a great opportunity to showcase VYC as it was an open event. We had 17 folks indicate and interest in joining VYC along with a great number indicating an interest in Wet Wednesday and the VYC race schedule.

Who does not remember childhood parades and how much fun they are, then to top it off, to “Be in the parade” is even more fun. WELL, with the St Paddy’s Parade just around the corner we are looking for “Family” volunteers to have the kids sail down Main Street in rigged OPTI’s under adult supervision. The parade down Main street Ventura is on Saturday, March

16 starting at 10:00 a.m. - noon. The goal is to promote VYC, in addition to promoting the wonderful world of sailing to both kids and adults. If you are able to join us, we’d be delighted and if you could reach out to Lisa Mirisola on 818-606-1577 or lisamirisola@gmail.com it will be greatly appreciated.

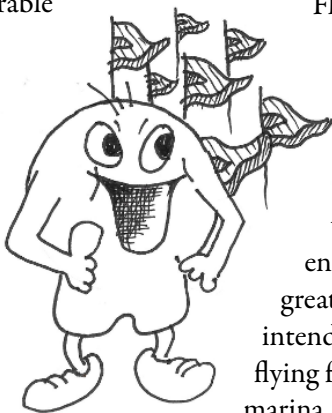
Member UPDATE:

Fly the VYC burgee:

Now, with spring just around the corner and more folk out and about on the water and walking the promenade wouldn’t it be great to see a sea (no pun intended) of VYC burgees flying from every boat in our marina.

Let’s all show the pride in our club by flying the club burgee from our boats on a permanent basis, there is no stronger message to visitors and outsiders than a display of flags. If you have misplaced yours or if it’s a tad weather beaten – a good sign of pride – get with the office and they will be happy to sell you a bright new VYC burgee.

Once again, we are pleased to introduce two new Regular members, Kathy and Mike Dawson, and Jeremy Whatley. We are also pleased to have Joe and Jeri Dunham converting from trial to regular membership, welcome to the family.





# Regular Members Kathy & Mike Dawson

**M**ike and Kathy both grew up in Carpinteria but following graduation followed very different paths. Kathy raising a family and traveling extensively with the three kids in tow. Mike enjoyed many hobbies from mountain biking, to fishing on his Bahia Davis boat. He also raced extensively at Bonneville – holding two land-speed records to boot. He is also an Appalachian Trail hiker.

Beware of school reunions – in 2003 they reconnected and married, building their home in Ojai where they still live and enjoy entertaining family and friends. Mike introduced Kathy to the world of ocean fishing, and she is now “Hooked – line and sinker.” Kathy



has had many years as a Law Firm Administrator. Mike spent many years working his way up in a Specialty Crane firm in Goleta. They are now the hard-working owners of Big Red cranes in Ventura. Mike is also very active in the

Carpinteria Lion's Club.

In their rare downtime they love to travel – the U.S. Virgin Islands are a favourite destination. They enjoy their large family and friends as well as their five young grandkids.

They look forward to meeting new friends at VYC, the getting back to fishing and generally being back in water activities with their newly acquired boat the *Good Fishma* (III).

## Regular Member Jeremy Whatley

**J**eremy grew up in Mississippi on a 2,000-acre Mississippi mixed production farm, with corn, cows, chicken and other stuff. From a military, law enforcement and medical family.

He started out his career as a Sheriff with his dad. He then moved to and spent ten years as a missionary in Haiti.

Life then changed direction and he now is the owner of a HVAC, boiler maker and general contracting compa-



ny. Some 15-years back he became a government contractor in high security contracts around the world. He has settled now on the California west coast running construction sites and is currently working at Vandenberg.

He has been active in sailing for many years and currently owns *Main Squeeze*, a Newport 41'5, in the Channel Islands Harbor. He is looking forward to getting into the active sailing scene at VYC.



# 2024 OPENING DAY APRIL 6

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Continental Breakfast

9:25 a.m. Opening Ceremony

Reception to Follow

12:00 p.m. Dock Parties with Live Music

4:30 p.m. Traditional Chili Supper

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# Wind and Tidings

By Braedon Baum

The weekend of February 17-18 was marked by the arrival of yet another storm to VYC, but brighter beginnings were occurring just south of us in Marina Del Rey, with our Youth Race Team representing us at Del Rey Yacht Club for the *Optimist Midwinters*, part of the *Carrie Series*. Beginning that weekend, our race team hit the ground running for what will end up being a seven-regatta circuit in just five months! In fact, by the time you're reading this, our team will be back down in Del Rey at California Yacht Club for the first of the *Harken Challenge Series*. Then, two weeks later, we'll be in Morro Bay for the *Big Rock Regatta*, and on and on we go!

Punctuating our youth racers' practices at home and races abroad will be our ever-popular *Saturday Training Events* and *Sunday Fundays*. These are events that have been hosted monthly for many years now, and while we're never tired of hosting such fun-filled events, I've been asked – with an increasing rate, courtesy of Warren Casey's *Beginner Racer Seminars* – just when we are going to get adults out on the water outside of our big-boat races. While a dedicated adult learners' program is still in the works, we will be introducing something I hope many of you can take part in: **Family Funday!**

On March 24, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., VYC Youth Sailing will host a special day dedicated to the families of our



club, from Junior Members to Regular Members, to learn how to sail! The day will feature lessons in rigging and derigging, sail trim, and maneuvers. Whether you sail every weekend or are new to the water, get connected with your kids through the best sport out there: sailing! Don't worry mom and dad, we promise that even old (sea) dogs can indeed learn new tricks! To register for this event, contact me at [youthsailing@venturayachtclub.org](mailto:youthsailing@venturayachtclub.org) or (805) 515-6135. Space is limited, so sign up soon!



# March **MONTHLY BIRTHDAY DINNER**

**Friday, March 22**  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

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

## MENU

Tri Tip, Chicken Kebabs,  
Wild Rice, Roasted Veggies,  
Pecan Salad, French Onion Soup

*Dinner \$27.00++ 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.





# Burgee Update

By Leslie Barnes, VYC Vexillologist

There are two new additions to the upstairs burgees. Trial members Michael Eickhoff and Kimberly Keller have donated a Sheboygan Yacht Club burgee from the shores of Lake Michigan where they lived. The burgee can be located on the ocean side wall of the dining room. You can't miss the large golden "S" on navy background.

Another new burgee in our collection is from the Royal Ocean Racing Club of London, UK. This was presented to the club by relatively new members Dan and Lisa Marisola from their trip to London this past year, and this burgee is also on the ocean wall with a white seahorse on navy and of course a royal crown.

When you're at the yacht club with children or grandchildren, see how many different animals they can find on the burgees, and /or royal crowns, fruits or letters. This could keep them busy for



a while, and don't forget we are always looking to display new burgees as your travels may allow. (Do check whether we currently already have it or not). We're definitely, trying to increase the Junior's collection downstairs over the TV with all their competitors.

Also, this February all the burgees downstairs have been cleaned and replaced, and by the publication of this *Forecast* all the burgees upstairs will have been cleaned and ship-shape as well. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the cleaning on February 19. (See photo above.)



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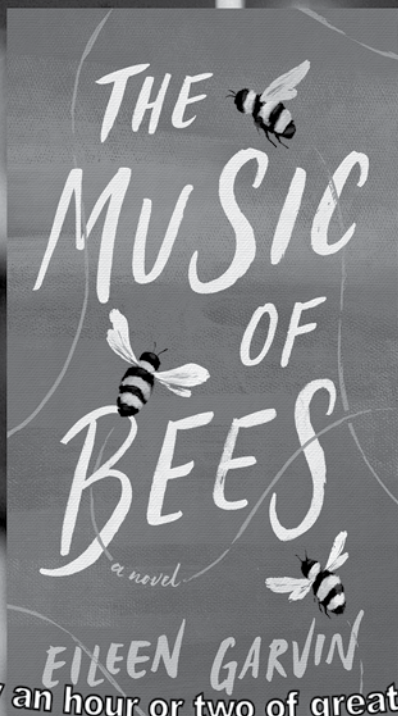
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# VYC BOOK CLUB

## March'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.

March 13  
6:00 p.m.



# Burgee Exchange

By Christina Baum

**T**he tradition of exchanging burgees between yacht clubs has its roots in the early days of yachting, which emerged as a leisure activity among the wealthy in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The practice of exchanging burgees likely began as a gesture of camaraderie and friendship among yacht clubs. When yachts from different clubs encountered each other during races, regattas, or social events, it became customary for them to exchange burgees as a symbol of goodwill and to commemorate the occasion.

Exchanging burgees also served practical purposes. Yachtsmen often traveled long distances, and the burgee of their home club could serve as a form of identification or introduction when visiting other clubs or harbors. Additionally, displaying burgees from various clubs on a yacht's rigging became a way for sailors to showcase their travels and connections within the yachting community.

Over time, the tradition of exchanging burgees has become deeply ingrained



**Jim Wise (left) presented the Yacht Club de France's burgee to then VYC Commodore, Garrett Baum.**

in yachting culture and is upheld by sailors around the world. It continues to be a way for yacht clubs to forge bonds, celebrate shared interests, and promote friendly competition on the water.



**Dan and Lisa Mirisola**



prohibited.

Dan and Lisa Mirisola toured the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) adjacent to Green Park in London in De-

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# Yacht Club Flag Traditions

By Katie Rowe, VYC Historian

One of the distinguishing features of Ventura Yacht Club is the gaff-rigged flagpole. Raised in 1967, it majestically stands at the central entrance to our club grounds. Why do yacht clubs use a gaff-rigged flagpole? What is the proper way to fly flags on one? Let's explore this.

The use of flags as communication between ships dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Back then, ships at sea or in port would use flags to signal their identities and to display their affiliations. Due to the volume of sail carried by the rigging of early sailing vessels, the national ensign (the flag flown on a maritime vessel to indicate nationality) could not be clearly viewed if it was mounted at the top of the mast. The nearest practical position to fly the national ensign was the gaff. Over time, the peak of the gaff became the highest place of honor to display the national ensign on a sailing ship.

Onshore, flagpoles with a gaff represent the mast of a ship, and are used by navies,

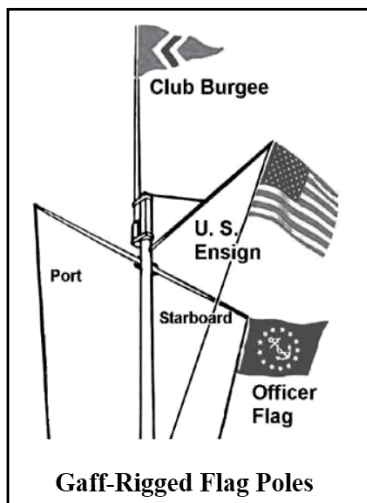


Diagram of a  
Gaff-Rigged Flagpole



Gaff-Rigged Flagpole at VYC

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## Burgee Exchange

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cember. The historic RORC was granted a Royal Warrant by King George V in 1931, currently has over 4000 international members and is known for long distance ocean racing, like the Fastnet race held since 1925. ROYC led development of the IRC rating system and in 1999, the first IRC National Championship was held. In 2014, the RORC joined with the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Cowes to provide two membership options. The

St. James clubhouse in London offers guest rooms, dining and bar facilities, but is not directly on the Thames River. The clubhouse in Cowes on the Isle of Wight near South Hampton is on the English Channel.

Leslie Barnes is VYC's official burgee caretaker. If you travel and exchange burgees, let her know and she may be able to find a place within our club's burgee display.



# Yacht Club Flag Traditions

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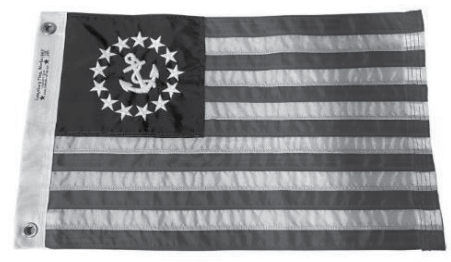
boaters and yacht clubs around the world. On a gaff-rigged pole, the national flag is flown from the gaff and the yacht club burgee is at the masthead. It may seem contrary to the rules of traditional flag placement to fly the national flag from the gaff where it flies below other flags. However, in this context, long-standing nautical tradition defines the peak of the gaff as the place of highest honor.

At VYC, officer flags are flown from the port yardarm. The custom of flying flags indicating an officer's presence originated at the New York Yacht Club in the 1870's and is modeled after the rank flags in the United States Navy. Our club Commodore flies a blue flag with a white design, the Vice Commodore uses the same design on a red field, and the Rear Commodore has the same design in red on a white field. The officer flag design depicting thirteen stars and a fouled anchor is borrowed from the United States Yacht Ensign. This is a flag that replaces the national flag on boats as a means of identifying vessels, especially in international waters. The remaining eight VYC flag officers also have distinct flags associated with their roles (their names are on the first page of the *Forecast*). Our club flies these flags on the starboard yardarm typically during ceremonial events such as Opening Day.

The VYC staff faithfully raise the U.S. flag and VYC burgee every morning and lower them at dusk. The current Bridge plans on consistently raising their respective officer flags when they arrive at the club so that members know who



**VYC Officer Flags**



**U.S. Yacht Ensign**

is on site. You may see a small table-top version of an officer's flag is placed on dining tables during particular VYC events. These miniature officer flags designate a table for a bridge officer and guests.

The presentation of flags at VYC is one way that our club demonstrates and displays its respect for time-honored nautical traditions.

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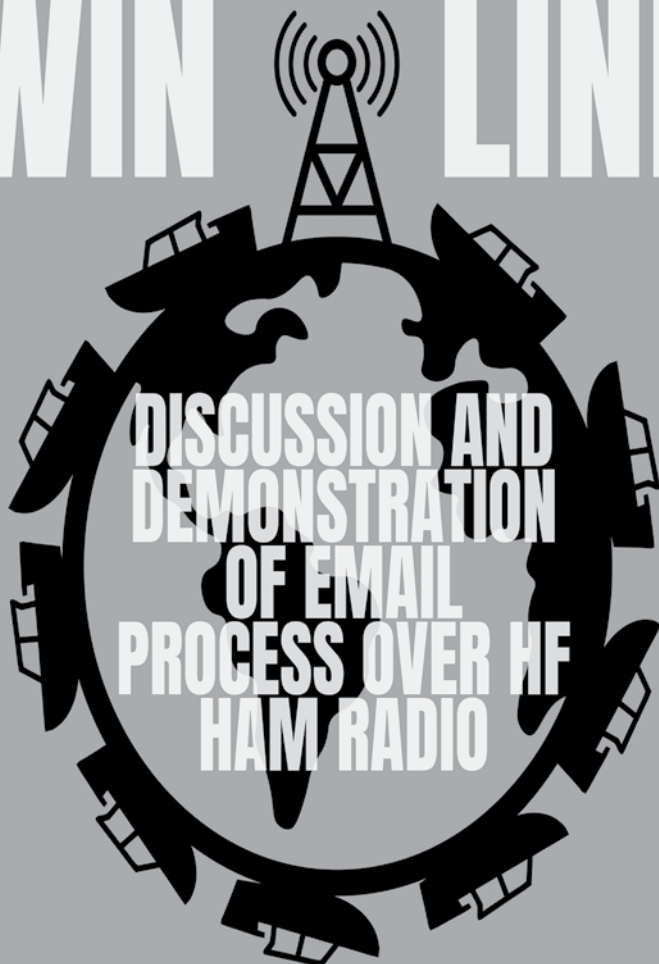
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# WIN LINK



## GLOBAL RADIO EMAIL

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**14** THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
MARCH **UPSTAIRS VYC**

***PRESENTED BY VYC AMATEUR RADIO GROUP***



RESRVATIONS REQUIRED BY APRIL 2  
24 HOUR CANCELLATION POLICY

BRING  
YOUR  
BASKETS  
AND  
CAMERAS  
EGG HUNT



EASTER  
BUNNY  
AT  
12 P.M.  
FAMILY FUN

# EASTER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

10 a.m. Mimosa and Bloody Mary Bar  
11 a.m. Brunch

Mini Bagels and Croissants (+ Toppings Bar),  
Smoked Salmon, Ham Carving Station,  
Eggs Benedict, Potato Casserole,  
Chia Seed Parfaits, Shrimp Cocktail  
Huevos Rancheros, Scrambled Eggs, Waffles

Brunch: \$28++

12 and under: \$15++

**CLUB CLOSED AT 3P.M.  
-NO SUNDAY MUNCHIES-**



# Social Report

By Tracie West

**D**ia Duit – Did you know that means “Hello” in Irish? I just learned that, and it seems fitting as we get ready to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day here at the club with a Friday Night Irish themed dinner (See flyer on page 9).

Easter falls on the last Sunday of March this year, and we’re looking forward to a visit from the Easter Bunny and the club’s fabulous Easter Brunch!

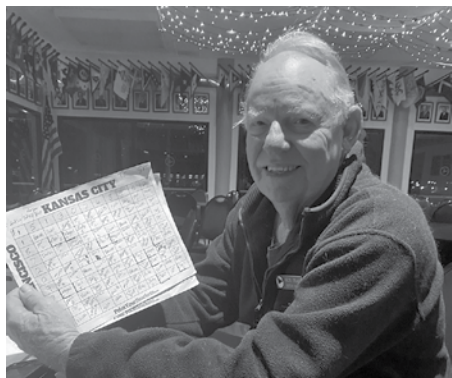
Last month the Social Committee had so much fun sponsoring several events:

Roman Holiday was the theme for the Valentine’s Dinner. Christina Baum chaired the event and was assisted by Garrett Baum and Tracie and Emilie West. Chef and his staff made an amazing meal complete with bread baskets on the table and gelato cones for dessert.

Super Bowl Sunday was a blast! Thank you to Tracy Stewart for helping decorate and creating the Commercial Bingo, Judy Cunningham for organizing the appetizer and dessert contest, and Neil Fraser for running the annual Super Bowl pool.

Lastly, thanks to Heidi Francke for chairing the Mardi Gras Dinner, and to her decorating crew including Judy Cunningham and Susan Bozarth.

Please join us for this month’s social events; we look forward to celebrating with you. And, join us at our Social Committee meeting the second Sun-



day of each month at 2:00 p.m. , where you can hear about and help plan our upcoming events.

“May the Leprechauns be near you this month spreading luck along your way, and may all the Irish Angels, smile upon you.” – Irish Blessing

Happy Spring!



NEW AND IMPROVED

# TRIVIA NIGHT.

Saturday  
March 23  
6 p.m.

\$17++  
LIMITED MENU

Italian Beef & Peppers Sandwich  
or  
Garlic Butter Salmon Pasta  
served with  
Soup & Salad

PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!  
FUN FOR ALL  
DON'T MISS THIS



# BURN YOUR

# OWN BURGER

MARCH 30

5:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.



MLB Opening Weekend - dress in your team gear



## TOPPINGS BAR

- BACON ONION JAM
- BLUE CHEESE
- CARAMELIZED ONIONS
- GRILLED JALAPENOS
- BACON
- AVOCADO
- MIXED GREENS
- MUSHROOMS
- SWISS
- CHEDDAR
- PEPPER JACK CHEESE
- GRILLED PINEAPPLE
- CHILI BEANS
- ANIMAL STYLE SAUCE

## BYOB



# 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**







## Beginner Racing Seminar #1 at VYC

*By Peter Acutt*

**W**ith the uptick in interest in racing from family cruising sailors, the club thought it would be helpful to hold an introductory racing seminar. This was last undertaken in the '60s so high time to rejuvenate this effort.

The seminars are open to anyone, captain or crew, club member or non-member, experienced sailor or novice who would be interested in a beginning course in sailboat racing.

The first seminar was held on Saturday, January 27 and was extremely well presented along with being very well attended. We exceeded our wildest expectations as we had 58 registered attendees, of which 35% were VYC members. Of the attendees 40% were boat owners topped off with 39 indicating an interest in crewing! In addition, we had 17 attendees indicating an interest in joining VYC – another expectation and goal exceeded.

The material covered was very professionally structured and presented.

Basic sailing/boating safety was very



simply put and clearly presented. All boaters need gentle nudges every now and then, as complacency sets in all too easily. One of the highlights was Ryan Cox's presentation of the basic racing rules and was visually displayed with the use of the white board and "boats." One participant summed it up, "Oh wow I had a general idea about the rules but

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## Beginners Racing Seminar #1 at VYC

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realise how much I still did not know. In fact, I have been guilty of a few transgressions and did not realize it." Probably a few others as well.

We are now looking forward to the second in the series March 10, already with a very substantial number registered, if you are not yet signed up go to VYC's webpage: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/o8jBWwwjee>. We also look forward to an increase in sailing activities with more boats on the starting

line, with a deep pool of interested crew all bodes well for the upcoming racing season.

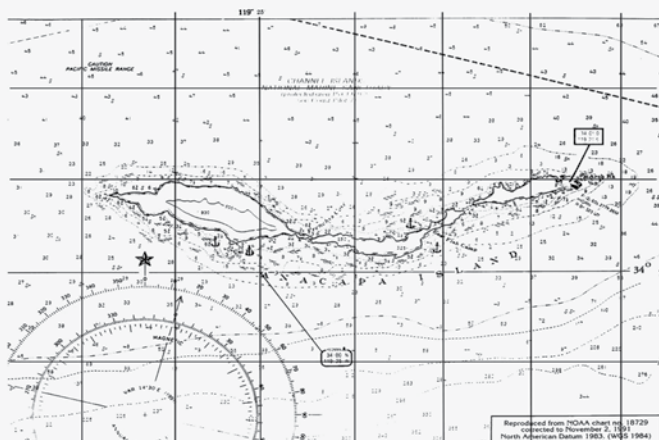
CONGRATULATIONS and a huge shout out and appreciation for all the time and effort put into this event by Dwight Rowe and Warren Casey and their team of instructors. Their efforts were backed up and supported by Nick Moller and his team for the set-up and the superbly well supported hamburger lunch.





# Anacapa Day-Cruise 2024

**Saturday, April 27**



Let's All Invite Fellow Members That Do Not Have Boats Along for the Day!

- Arrive Anacapa Island by 1000.
- Anchor at Frenchy's or Landing Cove depending on weather conditions; dinghy over to go ashore, explore tide pools, lunch, visit other boats, enjoy the anchorage, relax.
- 1530 – Return to Ventura. “Fun Race” back for sailors  
Option: Some may want to head up to Smugglers and spend the night.
- Monitor Channel 71 when you leave Ventura Harbor.

Contact Joel Bozarth (805)428-0725 or Hans Larsen (818)324-6734  
for more details or information.



# Port Captain

By Bryan Drew

**G**reetings fellow members and especially the permittees of our beautiful marina!

As we step into March, we embark on the Dock Rebuild Project as a Yacht Club community. Thus far, the Board and its committees, with invaluable input from Dave Boatner and Jeff Beller, have spearheaded the remarkable results in this complicated project. Kudos Mates!

This month, it's the big push to have all things ready for our construction start date of April 1. A huge thank you to our members with boats on B, D, and E docks for clearing out dock boxes and slip equipment promptly; and having all the paperwork in by February 20 was fantastic! Those with dinghy dock storage have been diligent in preparing the area for construction— THANKS!! It's important to note that Bellingham's start date of April 1 is crucial; any remaining permittee items could potentially delay our multi-million dollar

contract. I'm certain no one desires that sort of attention within our membership.

We extend our gratitude to the cooperative individuals in the Keys for hosting some of our yachts at their homes for a few months (great job Jeff B!). This presents an awesome opportunity for our VYC Corinthian ethos to attract these Keys residents to join VYC, fostering camaraderie in this venture.

Thank you also to our members who do not have boats on the construction docks; your support and consideration are integral to the imminent success of this rebuild.

Furthermore, a friendly reminder that USCG Documentation Renewal for a year remains \$26. Any other offers above that, or from third-party "suppliers," are not endorsed by your reliable Port Captain.

Cheers, and I look forward to seeing you on our docks!

## VENTURA HARBOR BOAT & SELF STORAGE



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- ALL 1ST FLOOR



# CRUISE TO SANTA BARBARA

## MARCH 22 - 24



Mark your calendars now to join VYC and VSPS at Santa Barbara Harbor for a weekend of fun exploring Stearns Wharf, wandering up State Street, dining, cocktails, or just hanging about. As we get closer, we will make plans for get togethers such as cocktail hours and/or potlucks. For those unfortunates without boats, you are welcome to drive up and join us on Saturday for whatever shenanigans we manage to put together.

It's a bit different this year in that Santa Barbara is requiring an on-line document to be filled out and returned to them prior to final payment. We did it already and it took all of five minutes and is as simple as can be. You will need a copy of your ID and boat documentation or registration. One of the questions is the length of your vessel, and they want the OVERALL length. Simply go to <http://santabarbaraca.seamlessdocs.com/f/HarborVisitorSlipPermit>. You fill it out online and submit it. You will instantly get a PDF file of your Visitor Slip Permit. Please print it out and have onboard your boat.

Rates for the visitor slip is **\$1.75 per foot per night**. All monies need to be collected through VYC by check or cash (not on your club account) by Sunday, March 3, 2024. All payments and permits must be submitted by March 3 to Santa Barbara Harbor. If for any reason (like weather issues) the trip needs to be cancelled, Santa Barbara will hold our money to reschedule another date. This does not apply to individual boats, but to the group as a whole.

For questions, contact Joel Bozarth at 805-428-0725 or Hans Larsen at 818-324-6734.



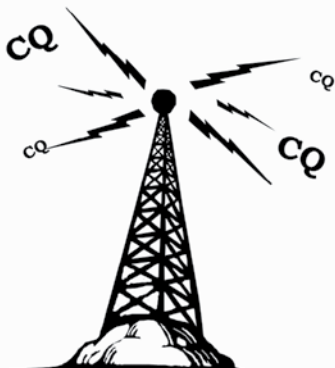


## First Thursday of the Month

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

**March Topic:** Winlink

**April Topic:** Micro Field Day Preparation

# California Boater Card

**B**y 2025 everyone will eventually need a California Boater Card to operate a boat with a motor.

These two websites offer qualified FREE courses for you to take:

◆ **US Boat Foundation -**

<https://www.boatus.org/california/>

◆ **California Div of**

**Boating and Waterways**

<https://cld.bz/1NixEGo>

Then it's only \$10 to the state Department of Boating and Waterways and they will send you a card.

YYC's Board of Directors encourages **ALL** members to take a boating safety course and get your California Boater Card.

**PS:** If you have taken the US Sail and Power Squadron ABC course in the last three years this qualifies for the course. However, you still need to go to the California Division of Boating and Waterways to get the California Boater Card.





# Having a Party? Tired of Cleaning UP?

**Call the Ventura Yacht Club and  
have your party or function here!**

**New Pricing  
for 2024**

**O**ne of the great benefits of membership is that you have access to a great facility for weddings, anniversary celebrations, birthday parties – you name it. The club is available for your friends and family members who are having a party. All you have to do is be a sponsor.

**Reasonable prices and Great location!!**

## Club rental fees:

### Club Facilities Fee (Non-staffed events)

#### Member-hosted only

13 to 25 persons: \$150

26 to 50 persons: \$225

51 to 75 persons: \$275

76+ persons: \$450



No regularly scheduled club food service or events will be cancelled for these member hosted, non-staffed events. Outside caterers or staffing is prohibited. Rental times from 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. only, not to exceed five hours. Events extending beyond 5 hours will be billed double.

### Club Usage Fee (VYC staffed events)

#### Member-hosted parties

13 to 50 persons: \$150

51+ persons: \$250

#### Member-sponsored parties

Under 50 persons: \$450

50 to 99 persons: \$650

100 persons or more: \$950

### Bartender and catering available.

**Bartender charge for member-hosted parties: \$30 per hour.**

**Bartender charge for member-sponsored parties: \$45 per hour.**

A **refundable** clean-up and repair deposit of \$300 is required with the private party application. Cancellation of less than 72 hours before the event is subject to the forfeiture of 50% of deposit.

**The best place in town to have a party and you save the  
headaches of hosting in your own home. Call the club at  
642-0426 for more details or to make a reservation.**





# Vagabond Sailor - A Challenging Sail or One of Those Times I Wished I Was Somewhere Else

By Jim Eisenhart

**A**s I left Porquerrolles, a delightful small island off the south coast of France, the wind was forecast by the weather boffins to be out of the southeast at 15–17 knots. It should have been a perfect, stimulating broad reach in the cool spring weather. I planned to sail some 60 miles and anchor in the lee of a steep, narrow island just east of the large bay of Marseille. Well, the wind kept picking up, as did the seas, and the sun was soon obscured by ominous dark skies with a low ceiling, drizzle, and maybe 150 yards of visibility.

The wind slowly built up to 35 knots, with gusts approaching 40 knots, out of the due east with the nastiest 5-to-6-foot steep, short-period chop I'd seen in the Mediterranean. I should have reefed sooner, but now it was too late to do anything except run dead downwind with an open mainsail. An accidental jibe separated the topping lift shackle at the boom end which, while not a problem in itself, soon became one when the wildly swaying topping lift wrapped itself around the headsail and its foil. That wrap meant that my attempt to roller reef the headsail stalled at about 50 percent furled. It was too rough for the autopilot to hold the helm. Hand steering was necessary, and these were definitely safety-harness conditions. I made sure that my portable VHF radio was snug in my foul-weather jacket pocket. Take three deep breaths and repeat.

I aborted going between the steep island and coast, figuring it might produce a funnel effect with really strong winds. “Stay in the open water,” I reminded myself. My first rule in a blow is to avoid a lee shore at all costs.

One option was to make for the large bay of Marseille, which required rounding to the leeward of a steep headland. My other option would be just to ride the storm out into the large Gulf of Lion and assume the wind would calm down after sunset. But I was quickly getting physically and mentally tired. In that anxious state of indecision, my radar picked up what appeared to be several large commercial fishing boats headed into the Gulf of Marseille. Opting for the presumed security of following the herd, I chose to tail one of them. When entering strange harbors in uncertain conditions, this is usually a safe and expedient tactic for me. Rather, of course, it is the default opposite of a tactic. I also cautioned myself that large commercial fishing boats had more stability in beam seas like these than *Adagio* under sail.

I was hoping the wind would be divergent rounding the headland of Cap Croisette. This was not to be. It merely wrapped around the headland, although the seas had abated. *Adagio* was broad reaching now with the engine on to maintain stability and forward momentum

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# Vagabond Sailor - A Challenging Sail

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without an effective headsail. The wind was still 30-plus knots in the bay.

Without a cruising guide, and in no position to Google the bay on my mobile devices, I was left to my interpretation of the chart plotter image to find a spot to anchor. It was way too windy to even consider entering a marina.

The famous Château d'If, the island prison of *The Count of Monte Cristo* fame, soon emerged ahead

out of the haze as a small islet with a conspicuous crenelated fortress. I recalled that the protagonist Edmond Dantés escaped by swimming ashore in a full gale.

I resolved not to replicate his experience.

Today the harbor on Château d'If hosts a Défi de Monte-Cristo swim each summer from the château to the mainland—a distance of 7 kilometers. This is similar to San Francisco's annual Escape from Alcatraz biathlon, which I had completed over 10 years ago, with a swim of only 3 kilometers. Both surely are on the calendar of must-do events for aspiring international felons who are not aware that island prisons in the Med are a thing of the past.

I chose a spot to anchor well inside the gulf up against the east cliffs in 15–20 knots of wind. Tucking in as close as I could under the cliffs, I dropped the anchor in 20 feet of water. Struggling with the mainsail, I got it down but still had 15–20 percent of the headsail flapping

frenetically. This was not good for the sail . . . or what was left of my tranquility.

This flapping headsail must have caught the attention of the French harbor patrol. Within the next hour two, yes two, French harbor patrol boats approached *Adagio* within a half hour of one another and asked if I was OK and needed assistance. “Non, merci,” I replied.

I considered humoring them and asking if they had any Grey Poupon, but I was not sure if this dated American humor worked in France. Besides, these folks obviously took their jobs seriously, for which I was grateful, and I did not want to mock their efforts.



**A friendly visit from the French Harbor Patrol in Marseille.**

The harbor patrol guys said the wind would worsen. My wind app said it would die. We were both right. Within an hour the wind built up to 25–30 knots for two hours and then died precipitously at 9:00 p.m. to virtually zero for the balance of night. It had been a long day, and everything was wet including me. Seven hours at the helm had left me exhausted.

The lesson? Reef early. I must relearn this lesson every couple of months taking heed of Joseph Conrad's admonition, “any fool can carry on, but a wise man knows how to shorten sail in time.”

This challenge and others like it test my resolve and self-reliance. In that I try

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# Vagabond Sailor - A Challenging Sail

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to find meaning. Or that is at least what I keep telling myself. Then again, maybe this is just post-male-menopausal pseudo-macho BS.

When all else fails, I just ask myself, "What would the intrepid Captain Steuben of The Love Boat have done in this situation?" Probably leave the bridge (Was he ever actually on the bridge?), retire to the main salon, have a stiff martini or two, and humor the passengers. Unfortunately I rued that I had picked the wrong year to quit drinking. It affected my sleeping.

The next morning dawned clear, calm, and sunny. Surveying my new surroundings, I noticed multiple sailboat masts in the distance on an island near the Château d'If. Picking up the anchor, I motored over to discover a relatively new marina development (not on my chart display) on a man-made island in the middle of Marseille's bay. The marina proved to be protected and secure, and I was able to side tie to a concrete quay with a sense of profound relief. Once moored, I unwrapped and refurled the fouled headsail and secured the errant topping lift. This marina had a water shuttle aptly named *Edmond Dantés* that takes passengers to the old-town harbor in Marseille about a mile away.

I enjoyed Marseille and found it to be a bustling, less pretentious version of Paris. But for the two days I was there, a northerly mistral kept up at 20–25 knots inside the bay.

## Into Spain

The next day was forecasted to be calm, and for once the forecasters had

guessed right. I had a 100-mile motor to shortcut the gaping Gulf of Lion, which would take me just south of the Franco-Spanish border. When I sortied, as the French would say, at 5:00 a.m., it was dead calm in the pale, predawn light.

The sailor's adage that the wind blows either too much or not at all in the Med was once again affirmed. I would add only that this rings especially true in the spring and fall.

On this clear and sunny day there appeared much more sea life than I'd experienced before in the Mediterranean. I observed a half dozen ocean sunfish, lots of birds (OK, seagulls), a couple of broaching tuna, and even a pod of 20 or so lazily swimming dolphin. It seemed that all of nature's creatures were rejoicing in the calm, sunny weather.

The challenge that day was getting into a secure bay before dark since a strong tramontana, a northeast wind out of the gulf, was forecast for early the following day. I arrived off Cadaqués harbor at 9:30 p.m. just after dark after pushing *Adagio's* engine.

Night arrivals in unfamiliar harbors with an urban area behind them create the challenge of distinguishing between the lights of the city and the often much less bright and conspicuous harbor or buoy lights. *Adagio* and I slowly felt our way into Cadaqués Harbor, seeking to avoid the usual suspects—small, moored boats and unlit buoys with floating lines attached. I dropped the anchor as soon as the depth reached 35 feet, opened a can

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**"VYC Ski Cruise, Remnants and Relics" - Jeff Beller, Mike Stuzane and Jim Eisenhart at Mammoth in February.**

## Vagabond Sailor - A Challenging Sail

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of tuna, and when finished, promptly went to sleep.

The next morning, I was up before dawn to get a head start south along the Costa Brava before the forecasted

tramontana really built up. The irony doesn't escape me that on calm days I would often find myself stressed trying to get somewhere to avoid stressful and difficult weather on the following day. The avoidance of struggle in life or sailing can itself be a struggle. Inshore the wind was 15 to 20 knots behind me. Five miles offshore, the weather app was showing 30 knots plus.



### The Costa Brava: I Think I'll Pass.

The Costa Brava, which translates as the "Wild Coast," was disappointing from my offshore vantage point. Short stretches of rugged, rocky cliffs

alternated with sandy beaches, which were always backdropped by nondescript, architecturally sterile and dated high-rise condos and apartments. This contrast between the coast's wild, scenic beauty (for which it was originally named) and its present wild, unconstrained development repeated itself all the way for 80 miles to Barcelona. Would anyone like a cheap time-share?



# SATURDAY LUNCH

11:30 to 2:00 p.m.

## GRILLED CHICKEN, SALMON OR SHRIMP SALAD

Grilled chicken, salmon or shrimp on a bed of fresh organic greens with tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, avocado and feta cheese. Served with your choice of blue cheese, ranch, thousand island or balsamic vinaigrette. Chicken \$13.00. Salmon \$15.50 Shrimp \$15.00

## CHEESEBURGER OR GARDEN BURGER

Our 6 oz burgers are freshly made from premium Angus Santa Carota grass fed beef and are non-GMO, hormone and antibiotic free. Garden burger made fresh.

Served with your choice of French fries, onion rings, coleslaw, or potato salad. **CB-\$15.00 GB-\$13.00**

## GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER

A top shelf, natural, gluten free 6oz grilled boneless chicken breast smothered in Swiss cheese and topped with two slices of freshly cooked bacon (cheese and bacon are optional).

\$14.00

## VENTURA YACHT-CLUB SANDWICH

Avocado, bacon, turkey, ham and Swiss cheese top this delectable toasted sandwich. \$13.00

## FISH OR SHRIMP & CHIPS

Freshly breaded with a signature spiced batter. Fish \$15.00 Shrimp \$15.00

## BAJA FISH OR SHRIMP TACOS

Two freshly battered fish tacos with a special baja sauce & avocado pico de gallo. \$15.00

Two freshly battered Shrimp tacos. \$15.00

Served with your choice of side.

## SOUP OF THE DAY · CUP \$3.50 BOWL \$6.50

## CUP OF SOUP AND HALF SANDWICH \$11.00

All items subject to tax & tip

# VENTURA



# YACHT CLUB



# SATURDAY NIGHT GRILL

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

STEAMED CLAMS .....\$15.00

SHRIMP COCKTAIL .....\$13.00

VYC CRAB CAKES .....\$16.50

VYC SALAD - Organic greens, avocado, bacon & feta cheese.....\$10.00

Add chicken \$5.00      Add Shrimp \$6.00      Add Salmon \$7.00

SOUP DU JOUR - CUP ..... \$3.00, BOWL .....\$6.00

*Grill Includes Salad Bar, Baked Potato & Garlic Bread*

CHEF'S MONTHLY SPECIAL.....Market Price

TOP SIRLOIN (10 oz).....\$21.00

SALMON (8oz).....\$22.50

FISH OR SHRIMP & CHIPS OR ONION RINGS.....\$17.00

CHICKEN BURGER.....\$17.00

HAMBURGER OR GARDEN BURGER.....\$16.00

## Extras

Side Onion Rings/Fries.....\$2.50      Add Avocado...\$2.00

Coleslaw/ Potato Salad...\$2.00      Add Bacon.....\$2.50

Split Plate.....\$2.00

ICE CREAM SUNDAE.....\$2.50

ALL ITEMS SUBJECT TO TAX & TIP



# VENTURA YACHT CLUB

## *Sunday Breakfast*

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*All breakfasts include coffee, orange juice, toast, jellies, and fresh salsa.*

### **EGGS BENEDICT**

*Chef's special recipe – Choose the traditional with ham, or try it Florentine with spinach  
Served with hash browns \$15.00*

### **BREAKFAST BURRITO**

*Scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, cheese, and your choice of one meat.  
Add extra meat: ham, bacon, sausage, or chorizo (add \$1.00) avocado (add \$1.00)  
\$10.00*

### **TWO EGGS - ANY STYLE**

*Any style eggs, cooked to order - Served with hash browns and your choice of ham, bacon, or sausage  
\$12.00*

### **EGGS RANCHERO**

*Corn tortillas and cheese topped with two eggs over easy, and smothered with a fresh grilled  
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Breakfast .....0800-1230

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Friday .....1600-2130

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Tuesday - Sunday.....0900-1700

**Meeting Notice:** The Annual Meeting of the Membership is held on the fourth Friday of October at 8 p.m. Regular Meetings of the Membership are usually held on the fourth Friday of the months of January, April, July, August, and September and are held after dinner. The Board of Directors usually meets the third Thursday of every month except December at 7 p.m. Notice of a change to Regular Meetings of the Membership, or of a change to Board of Director meetings, and Notice of Special Board of Director meetings will be via the VYC website Master Calendar.

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# MARCH



## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

**MARCH 1**

**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Fish Tacos, Carnitas Tacos,**

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**MARCH 8**

**Pork Chop Piccata, Citrus Mahi Mahi,**

Spring Vegetables

Chicken and Broccoli Cream Soup,  
Caesar Salad, Pesto Farfalle Pasta,  
Bread Pudding and Assorted Desserts

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

**MARCH 15**

**IRISH DINNER**

**MARCH 22**

**MONTHLY BIRTHDAY DINNER**

**MARCH 29**

**Prime Rib Carving Station,**

Chateau Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Caesar Salad, Clam Chowder,  
Brownies and Ice Cream

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# March Birthdays



Dean Prophet, March 1.  
Debbi Torbet, March 1.  
Blake Martin, March 2.  
Joan Thorpe, March 2.  
Anthony Jesu, March 3.  
Ron McCrea, March 5.  
Mike Stuzane, March 5.  
Kimberly Whitaker, March 5.  
Lydia Hopps, March 6.  
Robert Beck, March 7.  
Emmet Hnat, March 7.  
Anthony (AC) Rizzotti, March 8.  
Nick Rizzotti, March 8.  
Jim Eisenhart, March 9.  
Craig Leverault, March 9.  
Steve Smashey, March 9.  
Elyn Dembowski, March 10.  
Robert Nahm, March 12.

Dave Witham, March 13.  
Carole Burgess, March 14.  
Cyndy Danska, March 14.  
Linda Velthoen, March 15.  
John Lilly, March 16.  
Celeste Malott, March 16.  
Diane Olson, March 22.  
Katie Rowe, March 22.  
Sandra Swanson, March 23.  
Ivan Cox, March 24.  
Claudia Gottstein, March 24.  
Lisa Mirisola, March 25.  
Susan Bozarth, March 26.  
Katherine Lunsford, March 27.  
John Whitaker, March 27.  
Doris Munson-Leverault, March 28.  
Marsha Spille, March 28.  
Ed Dobraniecki, March 31.

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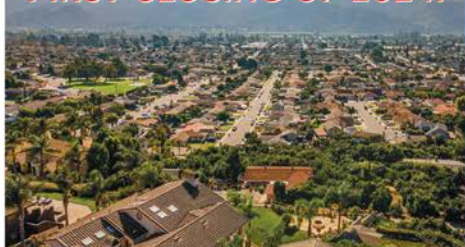
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