

The Forecast



Opening Day 2024



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May 2024



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From the Commodore

By Commodore John Sugden

The VYC 2024 Opening Day celebration is now in our wake. By all accounts it was a grand success. I was relieved that it all went off without a hitch, except for the cannon – that went off anyway.

Thank you to all who participated in preparing the detailed, almost choreographed, timeline, and all who participated in the rehearsal the night before and in the actual event. If I were to change anything at the rehearsal, I would have spent more time with the cannoneer, stressing that “fire” comes after “three.”

I hear that the Dock Parties were also a lot of fun. We fretted over how we would adapt given the closures caused by the Dock Project - cancel, move to the lawn, where to put the band, the food, the people? I am glad it worked out.

We, the Bridge, were not able to stay for the dock parties. As is tradition, we left to attend Opening Day celebrations at neighboring clubs, Pierpont Bay, Harbor Island, and Pacific Corinthian. We also attended Opening Days at Anacapa and Channel Islands Yacht Clubs the following day. I would like to thank all five clubs for their hospitality and for making us feel very welcome.

Some of their members made compliments to the effect that VYC’s



Opening Day was the right mix of formality, levity, and brevity. Music to my ears. Our visits gave us some ideas on how to make next year even better and of course we will have the new docks.

Speaking of docks, the DRC keeps me in the loop regarding this huge project’s progress. We now have the Building Permit from the City of Ventura and are looking at the devilish details, adding more lighting, upsizing wire to handle greater future loads, fastenings, cleats, the positioning of the ADA gangway and staging areas. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, especially Dave Boatner, we will get there.

Meanwhile, the Bridge and various committees continue to address issues as they arise, including updating rules pertaining to the Docks, House and Grounds, the Bylaws, and goals for the Juniors Program.

This week begins the Wet Wednesday series. *Buena Vista’s* skipper has invited me back as crew and I truly look forward to the weekly joist against mother nature and those brave souls who race against us. I encourage all of you to get out there.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John Sugden'.

John Sugden

Vice Views

By Vice Commodore Don Clark

The tradition of Opening Day in Harbors and Yacht Clubs emerged in the early 19th century in England. (This Opening Day is not to be confused with Baseball's Opening Day; in case you were wondering.) The tradition originated to mark the end of winter, the beginning of the boating season and to launch the club's vessels back into the water. It was also customary to fire the cannon, breaking any lingering ice and declaring the harbor free of the hazard. While firing the cannon at ice isn't necessary here in Southern California, we do it anyway. Our club is lucky enough to have a cannon and a cannoneer.

We kicked off Opening Day weekend with a rehearsal on Friday afternoon. The Bridge, Board and volunteers stepped through the program, practiced the verbal handoffs, and our presenters got the lay of the land. It was unpleasantly cold and windy outside – but we heeled into the forecast, hopeful for a nicer weekend.

Saturday morning arrived and it was beautiful outside; warm and sunny, with a light breeze, and the mood at the club was festive with lots of pre-program chatter. Bob Beck was our excellent emcee, the youth program sailors presented the colors, the speakers all hit



their marks and the cannon fired precisely when it was supposed to. We finished right on time to release the crowd so they could sweep upstairs to enjoy the spread of tasty treats and our well-stocked bar.

A short time later, John and Iris, Dwight and Katie, and Belinda and I piled into

John's land yacht and the six of us made our way to the ceremonies of a few local clubs to represent VYC. We attended Opening Day at Pierpont Bay, Pacific Corinthian, and Harbor Island Yacht Clubs. While we missed the VYC dock parties, we did make it back in time for chili. On Sunday, we attended the Anacapa and Channel Islands Opening Day ceremonies. We received a lot of positive feedback from people who attended our ceremony. They enjoyed our program, found the food delicious, and appreciated the hospitality and warmth of our members. There were also positive comments about our Nantucket Red pants and bow ties. Admittedly, the "Reds" on Opening Day are growing on me. Last year I thought, "Okay this is fun." This year I thought "Oh, not again." But the feedback was so positive. What do you think? I'd like to hear your thoughts, "Reds," no "Reds" for the Bridge next year? (This will be a test to

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Tails From the Rear

By Rear Commodore Dwight Rowe



Preparing for sea. Now that Port Captain Drew has declared the harbor is free of ice and Commodore Sugden has declared the yachting season open, it's time to prepare our crews for life at sea.

In the age of sail, captains played a crucial role in preparing sailors for life at sea. Here's how they typically did it:

Recruitment and Selection: Captains would often recruit sailors from ports or through agencies. They would select individuals based on their experience, skills, and physical fitness.

Training: Once aboard the ship, new sailors would undergo training to learn the ropes, literally. They would be taught how to handle sails, tie knots, steer the ship, and perform other essential tasks. This training was typically conducted by experienced crew members or boatswains. Did I mention Bowlines?

Familiarization with Ship: Captains would ensure that sailors were familiar with the layout and operation of the ship. This included knowing the location of important areas such as the galley, sleeping quarters, and emergency equipment (and where the rum is stored).

Safety Procedures: Sailors would be trained in safety procedures to handle emergencies such as storms, fires, or medical emergencies. They would learn how to use lifeboats, deploy safety equipment, and follow orders during crises.

Discipline and Routine: Captains enforced discipline and established routines to maintain order and efficiency aboard



the ship. Sailors would be expected to follow a strict schedule for tasks, watches, and rest periods.

Navigation and Seamanship: Captains would teach sailors navigation skills such as reading charts, using navigational instruments,

and understanding tides and currents. Seamanship skills, such as handling rigging, anchoring, and navigating through different weather conditions, were also essential.

Teamwork and Communication: Sailors were taught the importance of teamwork and clear communication, as operating a sailing ship required coordinated efforts from the entire crew.

Health and Hygiene: Captains were responsible for maintaining the health and hygiene of the crew. Sailors would be instructed on practices to prevent illness and injury, such as proper sanitation, food preservation, and basic medical care.

So, it was then and most of this pertains today. Personally, I'm going to work on crew discipline!

BTW, thank you all who worked so hard on our beautiful Opening Day bash. Collectively we knocked it out of the park. And big thanks to all who came and celebrated. Bryan Drew was right. There was plenty of ice at the bar. . .

Dwight Rowe

Wind and Tidings

By Braedon Baum

Mid-February to mid-April was an extremely busy timeframe for our program, with at-home and away events almost every single weekend. All throughout, we have had volunteers step up and victories to celebrate.

March came in like a lion, but did **not** leave like a lamb. Our team travelled to Cal YC for the first of the *Harken Challenge Series* on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd, which featured winds up to 28 knots and saw rain pelt our racers. But it also presented an opportunity for parents of our race team to volunteer: the Tinker family, whose 7-year-old, Camille, is on our Green Fleet team, offered to tow our coach boat, *Steadfast*, for the first time. They filled in at the last moment when another family had to back out of the event. It was also at



Camille Tinker

Harken #1 that our lone Champ Fleet racer for the event, Olivia Stephens, who made this only her second Champs event, placed 3rd in the 12-and-under division of the fleet! Racing in the Del Rey Harbor entrance, the 30-something youths composing the Champs fleet

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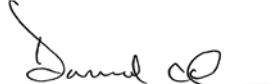
Vice Views

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gauge how many of you read my column.)

Many thanks to our members and staff who helped make our Opening Day program such a success. We can all be proud of this year's event, steeped in tradition by clubs around the world, bringing members together to celebrate their love of boating and the start of a new season on the water.

I hope to see you at the club and on the water.


Don Clark

Forecast Deadline Reminder

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



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

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faced the extremely non-typical SO-CAL forecast, with whitecaps even behind the harbor's detached break wall!

Calmer conditions prevailed on March 9, VYC's Cleanup Day, with parents, kids, coaches, and VYC members working together through the whole day to better our program through repair and general maintenance. All five trailers received new carpeting and cushioning for their bunking; boats were washed and scrubbed; the shed was swept and vacuumed; and our new gear, courtesy of donations from the Ventura Youth Sailing Foundation, was sorted. The inside of the Junior's Shed looks like an open-floorplan house now! I'd like to give special thanks to the VYC members who assisted the Juniors that day: Jr. Staff Commodore Garrett Baum; Junior Program Chair Christina Baum; their daughter, Trevor-Kane; member Jim Wise and member Mike Leary. In addition to all this, our engine room now doubles as a hanging locker for our race-level rigging, as well as buoys and ground tackle.

The next weekend, our team traveled to Morro Bay Yacht Club for *The Big Rock Regatta*, the 5th of the *Carrie Series*. Forecasts of high 60s and winds up to 9 knots were met—quite the difference from just two weeks prior. Parents volunteered yet again to deliver our coach boats to and fro, greatly assisting our coaching staff over the weekend of the 16th and 17th. Our two Champs racers for the event raced just inside of



VYC Team Harken



Clean Up Day



Champs - Big Rock Regatta

the Morro Bay Harbor mouth, which saw the occasional wave break right in the racecourse! Both Emmet Hnat and

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Olivia Stephens saw their first top-10 finishes, and both had a personal race best of 7th place!

The end of March was quiet for the Juniors, with only practices to fill the time, but April 6's Opening Day saw Juniors volunteer to present the colors for our amazing ceremony! Junior Members Blake Martin, Reagan DesBaillets, and Logan Nordahl led the procession, with Coach Chase Shockley and me guiding. The next day was our April Sunday Funday, where sixteen youths went out for scavenger hunts on the water, miniature

races and burgers!

The rest of our year is even more jam-packed with events both at home and away: Summer Camp begins in just 60 days, 21 hours, and 14 minutes (but who's counting?); our CFJ race team—the breakout in teenaged sailing—starts practices in July; and our Opti team will host tryouts for the fall semester in August. With regattas and other summer events sprinkled into the mix, more opportunities for volunteers and victories will be realized!

General Manager

By Nick Moller

New Saturday Grill Night.

For some time now Saturday Grill Night has been a sore spot. Low attendance, if any at all. Inconsistent availability and an overall lack of support. Saturday has been dwarfed and outshined

by his neighbors on either side. Friday Night Dinners and Sunday Munchies, both successful and well attended.

Well little Saturday Grill Night won't stand for it any more. Saturday Grill Night is now standing up and making people notice.

We will still offer and book private parties, but the available Saturday Nights are changing. Gone is the old menu, and in its place is a smaller, "Bar and Bites" style menu. Think happy hour or small plates. A few less items and all at low prices. Order one of everything and share with friends layout.



Similar to Friday Night we will rotate and have a regular change of affordable, lower priced menu items.

We'll continue to schedule BYOB BBQs, Trivia Nights, Presentations, Movie Nights and other interesting, fun and

engaging themes.

Starting now, think of Saturdays as "the new night at VYC, the fun night, the cool night."

Friday and Sunday are established nights at VYC. Their stronghold shall remain.

But Saturday is where we can have fun! We can do things differently. For all those that are wanting something new...here's your chance.

Nick Moller



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A Lift to the Party! History of the VYC Elevator

By Katie Rowe, VYC Historian

For forty years, there was one way to get to the second floor of the Ventura Yacht Club – the stairway. When Paul Swanson was Commodore in 2004, there had already been talk amongst the membership about installing an elevator. Paul took the concept to heart, and through his persistent and optimistic promotion, the decision was made in 2006 to construct an elevator in our building. This represented a turning point in the club. Commodore Alex Blankfield wrote in the January 2006 *Forecast*, “We as a club are now dedicated to making it possible for everyone to have equal access to our upstairs dining room.” That spirit of inclusion and commitment swept through the membership with many members stepping up to launch the project.

Two project planning groups were formed. Katie Johnston chaired the fundraising subcommittee, along with Judy Cunningham, Dotty Massa, and Irene Stanton. The second subcommittee, responsible for design and implementation, was headed by Paul Swanson and included Don Mills, David Potter and Avery Stuart.

By the end of 2006, most of the anticipated budget of \$125,000 was realized through contributions from over 90 VYC members. However, in



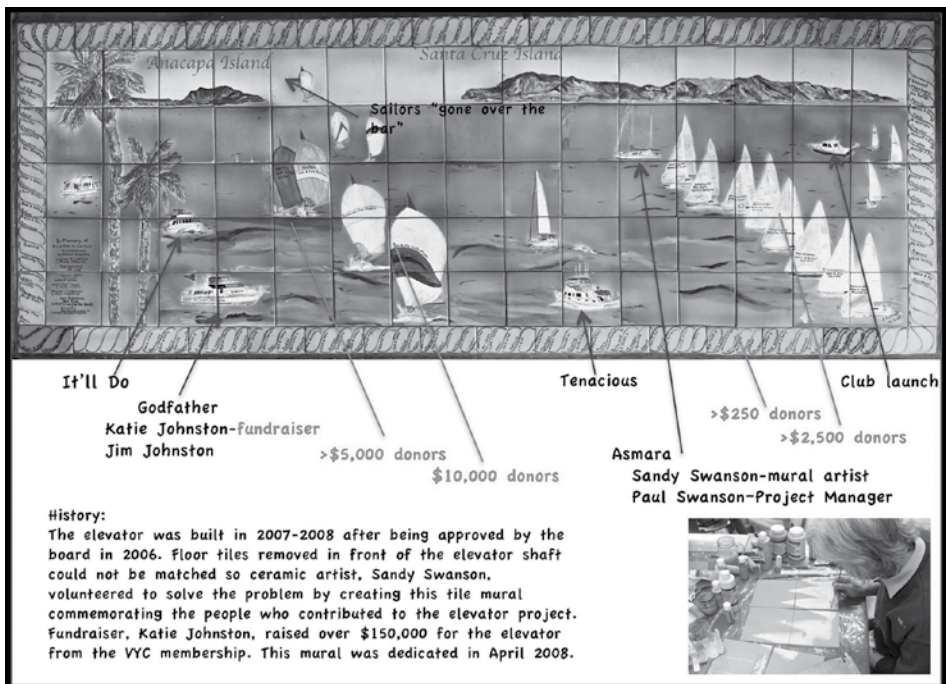
(L to R) Judy Cunningham, Katie Johnston, Dotty Massa and Irene Stanton fundraising for the elevator project.



(L to R) Paul Swanson, Katie Johnston and Don Mills at the 2007 elevator groundbreaking.

early 2007, the planning team learned that additional excavation costs would

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Elevator sign with legend.

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significantly increase the anticipated budget to finish the project. Club members overwhelmingly voted to continue supporting the elevator project with club reserve funds making up the difference. Over the next few months, Paul Swanson (project lead) provided ongoing jobsite coordination with numerous contractors, while Don Mills provided essential engineering expertise. By early 2008, the coordination team felt confident that the elevator could be operational before our April Opening Day.

Final costs for the elevator rose to almost \$200,000. Katie Johnston,

VYC Treasurer, spearheaded a critical funding push by organizing an auction to raise the necessary funds. Further, to cut costs, many generous and industrious VYC members completed the finish work details. Commodore Jeff Stansfield acknowledged the efforts of these VYC club members in the February and March 2008 *Forecasts*. Katie Johnston was surprised with flowers for her years as Treasurer and resourceful fundraising efforts. Paul and Sandy Swanson, Robin Matt, Don Mills, Gary Bright, Larry Works,

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History of the VYC Elevator

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John Grether and Neil Frasier were recognized for picking up brushes and rollers to cheerfully apply 10 gallons of donated paint.

One of the outstanding elements of our elevator is the way contributors are recognized. Originally, a brass plaque was planned, but Sandy Swanson, a talented ceramicist, proposed the idea of hand painted tile, with images of the islands, the ocean, and sailboats owned by key contributors. Sandy painted, glazed and fired each tile, then Paul installed the tiles just days before the April dedication.

The elevator project was completed in time for the April 5, 2008, Opening Day. At the elevator dedication ceremony, Eula Robbins cut the ribbon, and Commodore Jeff Stansfield proposed this toast, "May this elevator go up and down for many years to come, and safely carry all those who need a lift to the party."



Sandy Swanson's hand-made tile mural today.

So, the next time you are at the club, take a moment to revisit the elevator landing and appreciate the vision, efforts, and artistry of our members who lifted the elevator project from the ground floor to accessible heights.

Sources: various *Forecast* editions from 2006-2008

The Ventura Yacht Club: A Story of the First 80 Years, by Dena Mercer

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Friday, May 24

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

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

MENU

Seafood Kababs, Grilled Flank Steak,

Couscous, Seasonal Veggies,

Broccoli and Cheddar Soup, Mediterranean Salad

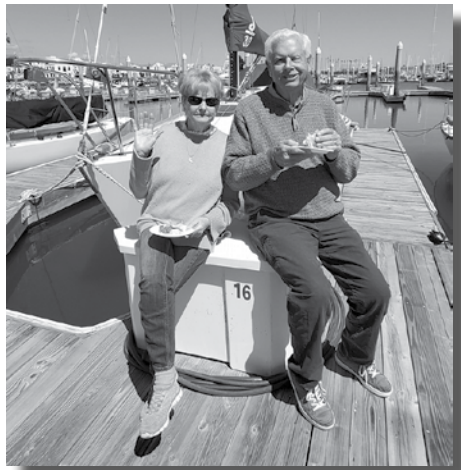
Assorted Cakes for DESSERT!

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.



Opening Day 2024 Photos



More Opening Day 2024 Photos





Ventura Yacht Club OPEN HOUSE

Sunday,
May 5, 2024
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Meet friendly members
Tour the clubhouse & facilities
Discover the variety of member activities

Ventura Yacht Club
1755 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura

RSVP - 805.642.0426

Membership Report

By Peter Acutt

The month of April has seen an uptick in membership activity, in fact it's been a very busy month, starting off with a wonderful **Opening Day**. Thanks, and congratulations to all who put in so much effort to make this not just possible but fantastic. It's a great VYC tradition and the weather



could not have been more accommodating. The classic moment when "*The harbor is declared free of ice and open to boating*" followed by the second cannon blast! The formal reception was as usual a five-star event followed by a very successful dock party, despite the strange view with all the empty B, D & E docks!

With the boating season now open and running we look forward to seeing more activities in and around the club and the water.

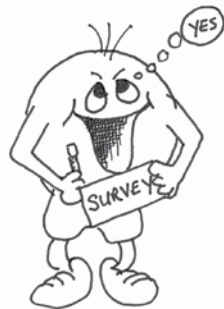
The Wet Wednesday skippers' meeting and the "Starting Mania" were both well attended and indicated great start to the season with a lot more boats/skippers signed up, so we anticipate a very active Wet Wednesday and overall racing and cruising season.

Two big events are in the current pipeline.

◆ Our annual **OPEN HOUSE** is just around the corner, **Sunday, May 5 from 1-3 p.m.** We look forward to welcoming a great many folks who have shown an interest in VYC and what we are all about. Please spread the word and round up family, friends, and associates. We will also be

doing a drive to the community.

◆ Your membership committee has prepared and recently sent out a "**MEMBER SURVEY**" via e-mail with the following goal: "*To determine overall member satisfaction, to identify areas that need attention and improvement, to prepare the club for the future in meeting the needs and expectations of our members.*"



We hope you will all take a few minutes to complete the survey. This will be greatly appreciated as we work and plan for the future of our great

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club. On completion of the survey the committee will report back with a summary of the findings and present an ACTION plan to members.

We are delighted to introduce five new



members and extend a very warm welcome on board. In addition, we extend a further welcome to **Raymond & Denise Ridley** as they have converted from Trial to Regular.

New Trial Members Graig & Martha Landfair

Craig grew up in Ventura graduating from Ventura High School.

He was a founder and COO of Hampton Fitness in Ventura and was also President of York Fitness/Barbell in York, PA and is the current owner of York Fitness Int'l. In addition to being CEO of World Martial Arts based in



Little Rock, AR and COO of American Taekwondo Assn. (ATA).

Martha is a CA Licensed Acupuncturist and herbalist here in Ventura.

Martha and

Craig have been married for 41 years with five adult children and nine grandkids.

New Regular Members Luke & Renee Richards

Luke and Renee both grew up in Colorado and moved to California to start their careers. They both work for the government as Federal Employees.

They settled in



Oxnard in 2016 and during COVID took up an interest in sailing as an outdoor activity.

And yes, wouldn't you know it, they fell in love with sailing.

VENTURA YACHT CLUB

MEMORIAL DAY

BBQ



**BBQ RIBS, CHICKEN,
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GARLIC BREAD, GARDEN SALAD,
APPLE PIE & ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT**

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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MAY 19

Social Report

By Tracie West

Spring has Sprung at VYC. This last month we enjoyed a lovely Easter Brunch. Thanks to Mary Beck, VYC staff and all the volunteers that helped create a special day for everyone. The decorations were fabulous and the brunch was delicious!

Opening Day was a huge success. Thank you to so many of you that worked for days to create such a special day!

This month we are looking forward to another lovely brunch celebrating all of you wonderful Mothers. See flyer on page 24.

Our Memorial Day BBQ is coming up at the end of this month. Please see the flyer on page 21 for more details.

We can always use help planning our social events. Please join us the second Sunday of every month at 2 p.m.



Be sure you're in 2024's

July 21 - 26

More Easter Photos






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Celebrate Mother's Day with a delightful brunch
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12 May 2024 | **10:00 a.m. Cocktails**
11:00 a.m. Brunch

**Made-to-Order Omelet Bar,
Ham Carving Station, Waffle Station,
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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.

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Saturday,

May 18

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

\$12++

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

Race Report

By the Race Management Team



The First Wet Wednesday – April 10 – Starting Mania

Our first Wednesday on the water was anything but MANIA. It was a remarkably beautiful evening with almost no wind and very calm seas. We were only able to have two starts because of the light winds, but everyone had fun and learned something about starting in light airs. I was fortunate to get on one of the club's ribs to take a few photos!

Lady Driver Race

We had to postpone our Lady Driver Race because of a bit of nasty weather. We re-ran the race the following weekend on April 21. The results will be in the June report.

The New Flag Delivery!

Our small yet mighty *Leo Robbins* on station April 10 Wet Wednesday, showing the new flag mast protocol.



May Racing

◆ **May 19 – Commodore Classic** – <https://theclubspot.Com/regatta/ectgo6sx6b> – **Entry fee is waived for this event – thank you for your hard work Commodores!**



One random leg race will be chosen from the course chart in the Sailing Instructions. Each entry shall have a Commodore or a Staff, Rear, or Vice Commodore as the helms-person. There will be only one class using the RAW (Rating Adjustment Worksheet) on our *Clubspot* page. PHRF Area A random leg handicaps will be used, although PHRF member-

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Race Report

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ship is **not** required for this race.

Rating Adjustments Worksheet: RAWs must be completed and returned no later than the skippers' meeting, Sunday, May 19, at 8:30 a.m. These may be submitted by email to wc@warrencasey.com or in-person. Adjustments will be applied and announced at the skippers' meeting. Dave Boatner will be our PRO for this event! Questions about this event, please contact **Dave Boatner or Warren Casey.**

◆ May 27 – Blue Water Series

#1 – <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/CvYDMrqD0n>

The first race will start on the morning of May 27 from Pelican Bay Anchorage on Santa Cruz Island at the end of this VYC cruise. We will race back to the club. The **RAW** (Rating Adjustments Worksheet) must be completed and returned no later than May 24 to Warren Casey, wc@warrencasey.com. The RAW can be found on the Clubspot page: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/CvYDMrqD0n>. The resurrected Blue Water Series is the oldest yacht racing event in Ventura. It will consist of three races returning home from scheduled cruises to Santa Cruz Island. There will be one class sailing together, with or without spinnakers.



June Racing

◆ **2024 Governor's Cup Race** - <https://Theclubspot.com/Regatta/58ygenv4sv>

This race is open to current members of any yacht club. A random leg course of at least 18 miles for each class will be chosen from the course chart in the Sailing Instructions. The "Sunset Rule" will apply.

Happy Sailing!

YYC Racing webpage: <https://venturayachtclub.org/5619-2/>

YYC Racing Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1015985196505205>

ASBCYC (Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs) **Google Calendar:** <https://shorturl.at/jrI79>



VENTURA YACHT CLUB
MAY
WET WEDNESDAY

DINNER 6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

MAY 1

**HAMBURGER BAR, POTATO WEDGES,
COLESLAW, GARDEN SALAD**

DINNER: \$19.00++; SALAD AND DESSERT: \$10.00++

MAY 8

**MEAT LASAGNA, VEGETABLE LASAGNA,
CAESAR SALAD, GARLIC BREAD**

DINNER: \$16.00++; SALAD AND DESSERT: \$10.00++

MAY 15

**FISH TACOS,
BEANS, RICE, TORTILLA SALAD**

DINNER: \$20.00++; SALAD AND DESSERT: \$10.00++

MAY 22

**SPAGHETTI AND MEATS BALLS,
CAESAR SALAD, GARLIC BREAD**

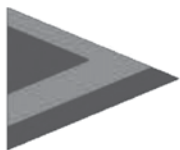
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MAY 29

**PHILLY CHEESESTEAK SANDWICHES,
POTATO WEDGES, SUMMER SALAD**

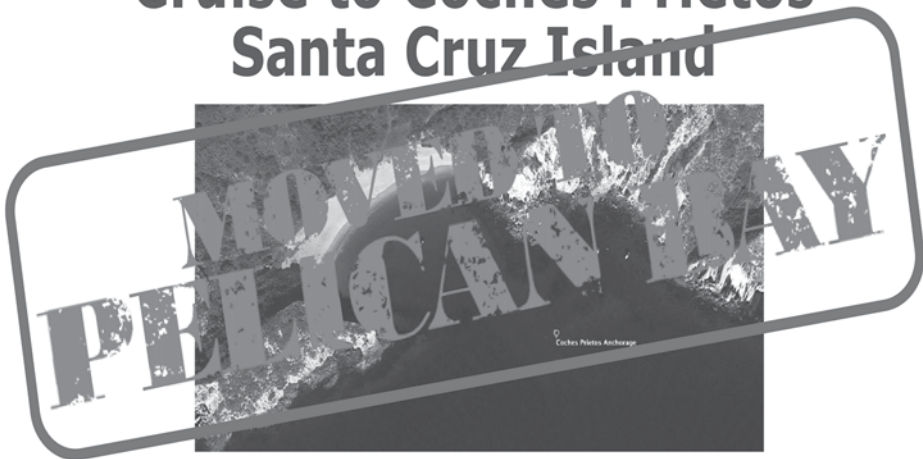
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May 24 - 27, 2024

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Weather updates will be sent before the cruise.

If conditions appear unfavorable, Pelican Bay is an alternative.

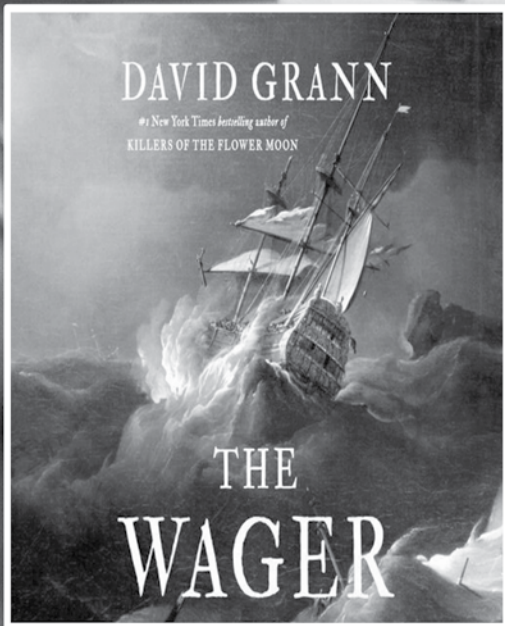
Remember to obtain landing permits from the *Nature Conservancy* if going ashore.

Sign up for weather updates by May 24

Email: hlarsen412@gmail.com or jrbxtasea@yahoo.com

VYC BOOK CLUB

May's Book



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

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May 8
6:00 p.m.

Vagabond Sailor: Corsican Connection

By Jim Eisenhart

Leaving La Spezia on the Italian mainland we were up early for the 90-mile jump to Corsica, which would be *Adagio's* first significant offshore passage. She did not disappoint in the brisk 25 knot



***Adagio Med* moored.**

northwesterly. We made landfall at the town of Macinaggio on Cap Corse, the finger-like peninsula that constitutes the northern tip of Corsica.

Corsica is a fiercely independent province of France with a mostly Italian culture. An unruly stepchild, according to the mainland French. Maybe so. I had been duly advised (warned?) that when in Corsica, I should purchase and fly the Corsican flag above the French tricolor on my flag halyard. We complied. This is a good time to note that Corsican souvenir shops displayed a lot of evil looking knives that went well beyond the requirements of any domestic kitchen. Plus, we all on *Adagio* agreed that the Corsican flag (which features the silhouetted and banded head of a Moorish version of Che Guevara) looked kind of cool in a Jolly Roger, pirate sort of way. And who among us does not want to be a pirate?

The Corsican coast was rugged, mountainous, and a lush green from the spring rains. On my folding bike I headed

up into the rural interior on a narrow, steep, switch backed road. Resting on the steps of a nameless weathered stone church I had a sweeping vista of the town and harbor below and the cobalt blue, whitecapped

Tyrrhenian Sea. There was no life other than a lone hawk that circled below me, oblivious to my presence. The sensation of remote solitude amid great natural beauty was only magnified by having arrived at this anonymous location by sailboat and bicycle. No cruise ship, Trip Advisor or tour guide necessary.

Unmemorable Med Mooring

Motoring down to Bastia, we had our first, and not last, awkward experience with Med mooring. We got in, but not without dinging the immaculate dark blue hull of our neighbor's 46-foot sloop. He was not aboard, but we left a 2-inch, white, and highly conspicuous scuff on the hull that would not rub out. The young dock attendant on the quay, who bore no blame for our miscue, suggested that we should probably report it to the marina office. I had no intention of being a hit-and-run Med moorer, although the

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VYCARG
VYC AMATEUR RADIO GROUP

N6VYC

By **Dave Boatner**

While supporting fun on the air and in-person learning activities, our VYC radio group is get-

ting together regularly. Ventura Yacht Club Amateur Radio Group (VY-CARG) has recently been granted a group radio call sign, N6VYC. This call sign is used when the 'club' is on the air. Our next radio net event is May 2 at 7 p.m. on 146.970 MHz, check-ins are welcome. Our upcoming monthly in-person meeting on May 9 at 7 p.m., upstairs at VYC is a great learning opportunity to build tiny HF radios, guidance, and kits courtesy of Mike Doman, AJ6BA. Join us for the fun and expand your understanding of this great hobby, amateur radio.

Vagabond Sailor: Corsican Connection

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thought briefly crossed my mind. If so, I reasoned, we would have to dispose of this witness. This being Corsica, something like this could no doubt be easily arranged and probably happened all the time. I'm just thinking...

The first lesson in Med mooring is, "Thou shalt not ding, dent, or otherwise disfigure thy neighbor's fiberglass." And if done repeatedly, this will annoy your insurance company let alone annoying your neighbor, if the damaged boat was occupied, for the duration of your stay. *Adagio's* fiberglass I soon deemed aesthetically expendable and usually something that a guy in a marina could remedy for 50 Euros with some epoxy, a buffer, and a cold beer. The short-term solution for us on *Adagio* was to go very, very slow and have lots of fenders out plus a few in hand to cushion the inevitable bumps.

Fortunately, if there's one constant

about Med mooring, it is that when you approach your mooring, your dock neighbors will drop whatever they're doing, or even drinking, and jump to help you secure your vessel. To my undying personal gratitude, this would prove to be the norm throughout the Mediterranean and must be grounded in the mutually understood universal truth, "There but for the grace of God. . ."

Not until much later would I appreciate that Med mooring, like many other aspects of cruising, was a highly situational undertaking. It was not given to formalistic technique but rather more about mastering the feel of your boat – particularly in reverse. This would be done while monitoring wind speed and direction, boat speed and other traffic in the finger. My competence would come with time, much trial, and lots of error. And no stinking bow thruster!

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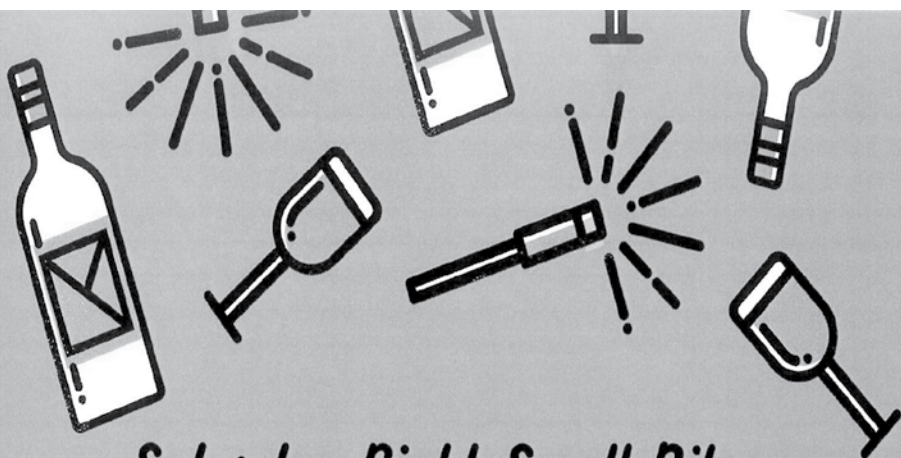
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VENTURA



YACHT CLUB



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

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\$10.00*

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

EGGS RANCHERO

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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.

The Forecast

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May

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

May 3

**Asada Tacos, Chicken Tacos, Shrimp Fajitas,
Rice, Beans,
Albondigas, Tortilla Salad,
Tres Leches and Churros for Dessert**
Dinner: \$25.00⁺⁺; Soup & Salad: \$15.00⁺⁺

May 10

**Rosemary Garlic Ribeye, Blackened Salmon,
Golden Potatoes, Roasted Veggies,
French Onion Soup,
Apple Pie for Dessert**
Dinner: \$27.00⁺⁺; Soup & Salad: \$15.00⁺⁺

May 17

**Prime Rib Carving Station,
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Brown Rice,
Crab Bisque, Chicken Caesar Salad,
Assorted Desserts**
Dinner: \$28.50⁺⁺; Soup & Salad: \$15.00⁺⁺

May 24

Monthly Birthday Dinner

May 31

**Tri Tip, California Chicken,
Rice Pilaf, Mixed Veggies,
Seafood Chowder, Santa Maria Salad,
Cookies and Ice Cream for Dessert**
Dinner: \$26.00⁺⁺; Soup & Salad: \$15.00⁺⁺





May Birthdays



Jim Albert, May 1.
 Noelle Chacón, May 1.
 Susan Gentzle, May 3.
 Mary Jean Valdes, May 3.
 David Klatt, May 5.
 Ernest Thorpe, May 5.
 Lynn Martin, May 7.
 Scott Nordeng, May 9.
 Jim Graves, May 10.
 Scot Grierson, May 10.
 Dotty Massa, May 10.
 Ed Burnett, May 14.
 Warren Casey, May 14.
 Adam Yates, May 14.
 Catie Calderwood, May 16.
 Debra Treiberg, May 16.
 Sheilla Leiman, May 17.
 Dwight Rowe, May 17.

Bill Kohut, May 18.
 Bryan Shaw, May 18.
 I.R. "Rob" Miller, May 19.
 Nancy Vaniotis, May 19.
 Bonnie Neilson, May 20.
 Luke Richards, May 20.
 William W. Crew, May 22.
 Laurice West, May 22.
 Miguel Valdes, May 23.
 John Nordin, May 25.
 Larry Thompson, May 25.
 Jean Crew, May 26.
 Rafael Francke, May 26.
 Dee Lockwood, May 26.
 Hildegard Selbrede, May 26.
 Susan Van Gemert, May 29.
 Iris Van Hemert, May 30.
 Anita Imsand, May 31.

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