



In the Eye

News from Hurricane Gulch Yacht Club

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From the Bridge

We thought we would share some highlights of Board issues in this news column, to encourage all members to give their feedback and help direct the club to new endeavors.

(1) Need Ideas for **Sept. Two Harbors Picnic**: Maureen organized wonderful scavenger hunts over the past years. We can do one again, maybe with teams, and mix up land and sea hidden items. Other ideas put forth include a dinghy race based on the predicted log race design (you guess the speed of your dinghy and time around a course. Then you put your throttle at such and such a speed, round several marks, cross your fingers over the finish line, and see how close you came to your own prediction.) We can add some bent rules to make it even more fun. Send ideas to Gillian.

(2) Need **guest speakers** and ideas for dinner activities: Great dinners of the past included members sharing voyage stories, astronomy knowledge, and racing adventures. Interesting guests have included ship electrician, Navy and Coast Guard, and affiliated clubs, such as Women's Sailing. Send ideas to Doug.

(3) It's that time of year again, to encourage participation on the **Board for 2008**. It's fun to be in the driver's seat of this organization and it feels good to help it continue to thrive and grow as a community. We continue to attract new members, so new blood on the Board would be welcome. Please contact Mario or Jeff if you would like to run for a Board position, or nominate someone.

(4) **Ideas for 2008**:
-- Should we hold an Opening Day for HGYC? Take the example from the Hollywood club? Maybe combine it with a fun intra-mural boat race, sail and power?
-- Should we stagger dinners between Fridays and Saturdays since we now have members who live far and wide and can't always get a half day off to make it on Fridays?
-- What land-based cruises January and February should we plan for? China town was fun, Greek restaurant was memorable, Pasadena Old Town is a treat. What should we try?



Banning House, the Isthmus, July cruise. Don and Patty Ott, Irma Williams, Joe and Leslie Roubal, Dave Williams, and Jeff LaBarre. Joined later by Treanors, Gillian Groves & Gerry Petersen, and the Murrys

Club Event News

April 27 HGYC/SCCA Marina del Rey

Many thanks to Jo Chiles for her brave resistance to the flu and procuring lovely gifts for the winners of our first sponsored predicted log race. She looked quite well and happy at the party at Marina del Rey Shoreline club that Saturday! Why aren't more of our HGYC boats in the race?

May 11 Dinner

Dinner Friday the 11th was not followed by our own races. They were postponed. Let's rally our forces in the fall.

May 25-28 Memorial Day Dana Point

Now that was different! Doug Iversen got us organized to join the raft up of MANY boats from Shoreline in the anchorage. Some of us did, while others slipped in the public docks. But we did raft up the dinghies in a HUGE scrum to share margaritas handed out with a VERY LONG pole and brought snacks to share, passed from dinghy to dinghy, with LOUD music blaring. Leslie was seen dancing for everyone on the stern of a yacht (she did know them...).

June 15 Emerald Bay

Gillian and Gerry counted 9 boats, both HGYC and Buccaneers. Great time had by all. But we didn't hear about catching any fish, Hans?

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HGYC Board Annual Picnic
Sept. 29 Two Harbors, Catalina
Bring a dish to share.

The Board brings the BBQ makings.

Club News

Seen Racing

Of course, Tim aboard the newly refurbished *Aries* is kicking butt out there. We hardly saw the winning racer as he arrived, slept, and left Dana harbor during our May cruise, but Ralph Perez sent a picture. Thanks! There was not enough wind for that race. We also heard Ray Tostado was in the same race cruising class, but it took so long that they gave away his reserved dock, so he slept a little somewhere else and turned around and headed home.

Mario and Jolly J certainly active. Send us news and photos everyone!

Membership News

Welcome to the many new members since March:

- Stephen and Colleen Hata on their big liveboard sailboat, *Honu*, in Holiday. They hosted cocktails on July 4th and have become fast friends with all the HGYC Holiday members.
- George and Susan Kettel, and *Twice Around*, on the CBYC side, referred by the Boyles. We all want to know more about twice around what and when...
- Bill and Geri Lee aboard *Hi Yo Silver*, on Holiday D dock, referred by Doug and Connie.
- Jon and Karen Sowers joined us from our Web site, so say hi to them on Cabrillo C dock aboard *Windsong*.
- Linda and Jim Wallace drive all the way from Bakersfield to sit and enjoy the cool graces of Chris Ferragamo's former boat, *Mellow Mood*.
- The Whelpseys, who we will meet in October, as they bring their new Hardin 45, *Exotique*, around from the East coast.
- David and Angelica Karcher joined us for the August dinner and joined on the spot!. They just bought Summer Wind from the Treanors, now called *As You Wish*.



Stephen and Colleen Hata on *Honu* – hosts on July 4th

Coastline Events

June Dinner: Ralph Perez - All is great - you can call me Captain Ralph now as I passed my exam. I recently obtained my USCG Captain's license - it was a great experience - Captain Woody is still offering our club a discount. If anyone desires more information they can contact myself, Captain Woody or visit the www.marinersschool.com website. This is the school Captain Woody spoke about at our dinner meeting. I'll be teaching at least one course now with Captain Woody.

Whether you've decided to get your Captain's License, upgrade to a Masters License or are just interested in advancing your boating knowledge to enhance your recreational enjoyment and safety on the water, Mariners School is the best course to take.



Harry Dickinson came to June dinner – so good to see him!

Cindy Murry brought dinner for everyone, unbelievably, since Roger was in the hospital with a horrible arm injury. She hadn't slept in days! But we saw them both hale and hearty, on the Catalina July cruise, and were last seen dancing that night...

Upcoming Events

Aug. 24-Newport: Bahia Corinthian has a lovely pool and club restaurant. So come by land or by sea to enjoy Newport. The Bozlers have talked often of the great canoe/kayaking at the river end of the harbor. Let's go

Aug. 27-Sept. 3: Continue the Newport cruise down to San Diego, or even Mexico. Join the Bacons on a long vacation.

HGYC is Invited – to join Buccaneer and CBYC boats on the annual Channel Islands cruise, Sept. 1 to 13. It is an adventure! Contact Hap Pudewa (562) 598-9320 pudewa-hap@adelphia.net or Bob Stuart (310) 833-3221.

Sept. 28-30: The “bridge” invites everyone in the club to cruise over to Two Harbors for the weekend. Friday cocktails, Saturday activities and contests, Saturday picnic BBQ ashore (we usually get there right after the cowboys leave, the buffalo cowboys).

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New members: Nancy with Randy Young, the Mercurios, and Kettels



New members, Jim and Linda Wallace, on Mellow Mood



July Isthmus dinner



July BBQ – very comfortable seats for the fireworks!



Happy 4th of July!



One small portion of the huge margarita dinghy raft up at Dana with Shoreliners



Dana Point party. Connie's brother, Albert, on the right helped Doug fix his boat and 2 other Shoreline boats! Hard to get the grease off the guys for Sunday dinner!



!&%\$#! there we were...The tough members of our club are out there fighting the elements to have fun. We are told that the waves obscure catamarans racing by, and the skipper you see on the right is Tim Racisz, of course. Thank you to Ralph Perez for the pics (he is crewing, we think)

More News From the Bridge

Our August dinner meeting was lively. Not only new members, Lees, to welcome with a burgee, but discussion about how popular we seem to have become. It is amazing how many new members have signed up since the beginning of the year. At the following morning's Board meeting, we decided to put new By-Law language up for a vote at the September meeting that would allow prospective new members to join if they are sponsored by a current member. Currently, the language has to do with a certain number of participations in club events. But we should take Doug Iversen's admonition to heart: We are a community and don't want to become just a paper membership club. Everyone needs to invite the new members to events and have them help on dinner committees, etc.

The membership at dinner also passed new By-Law language to add a new type of membership category, an Honorary Member, that we would like to extend to our harbormasters, among others. We currently have 5 categories, and now there will be a sixth, worded as follows:

Article 6(6) From time to time, the club may choose to provide honorary non-voting memberships to individuals who provide services or play an intimate role with the club. Such honorary memberships would not be intended for individuals who would normally join as boat owners or associate members. Such honorary memberships would be reviewed and extended or annulled annually.

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Who wants HGYC clothing?
Our stock is depleted.
RSVP the clothing evite or email to Leslie
Roubal for shirts and jackets.
We'll order a bunch of new hats too.

HGYC Docking Reciprocity at Cabrillo/Holiday Harbors

Jeff LaBarre investigated the guidelines to allow HGYC to offer other clubs reciprocal docking privileges, so that we could send out an annual notification to other clubs. This is necessary because now other clubs are not honoring reciprocity at their docks unless we are on their list (that is why we are not docking this year at the Bahia Corinthian Newport club). So here are the options to communicate to other clubs:

- Arrange guest slips at Cabrillo or Holiday through the Harbormasters.
- Sub-lease temporarily our own slips, perhaps when we are off on a cruise.

In both arrangements, a club member needs to coordinate with the Harbormaster and HGYC will pay the costs. The visitor needs to provide:

- a) 2+ days notice sent through an HGYC member
- b) boat registration and insurance proof/copies sent in advance.

