

In the Eye

News from Hurricane Gulch Yacht Club

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From the Commodore

As the year comes to a close, it is truly a blessing that we, as a club, can look back over the past months and recall more good times than bad. As a matter of fact, I can't really think of anything that would classify as a bad memory. Our cruises, especially of late, have been very well attended and filled with pleasant memories. Our dinner meetings have all been successful and more importantly a pleasant gastronomic experience. On top of every thing else, thanks to Connie our Treasurer, we are still solvent!

Next year's Board is fortunate in that it will take over the helm of a club filled with enthusiasm and good cheer; a membership firmly anchored in the Corinthian Spirit. As Commodore and active yacht racer, I have an opportunity to interact significantly with the membership of many of our sister clubs and can say unequivocally that we are unique in our focus and application of the yachting spirit. It has been an honor to serve as your Commodore this past year.

It is clear that our club will continue to grow in the future and will maintain that strength of organizational synergy, which is the hallmark of a truly successful and meaningful assemblage of persons; a group focused on experiencing the glories of the ocean and nature through their yachting endeavors. – *Mario Barron*



Mario and Teresa



Club Event News

HGYC Boat Parade Award

From Kim and Marc Bacon - BIG EASY "We received an award for most original." Let's see the pictures, Kim!

Board Installation Dinner and Dance Saturday Jan. 12

With a DJ at the Double Tree Hotel (you can walk home to the boat!). Not only do we thank the 2007 Board, and welcome the 2008 Board, but also sign up for the next year's event committees and purchase cool new HGYC clothing. We find out who the Mermaid and Yachtsman of the Year awards go to, and share their stories.

Really Nice Fall Events – Yeah!

Great fall events we had! Our first brunch at Holiday Harbor clubhouse in November thanks to Jeff LaBarre. We will be trying this again. The Board picnic weekend in September at Two Harbors very well attended. Super hike up the hill, great pictures of everyone, a grand tour of the whole USC and chamber facility – thank you Doug! Avalon always nice in November, especially when partying aboard the Treanor's new ship. And new mini-golf winners, who need to fend us off during the next Avalon trip in March.

Sign up to be on an event committee
and help make fun things happen in the club!
Contact Doug Iversen

Club News

Benedid News

from Tim Racisz 9/5/07:

I got this message from Jorge Benedid. I suspect he is moving his boat to Long Beach to be closer to where he races. This makes sense since his boat only motors at 3-4 knots and the trips to and from Long Beach were intolerably long. He will remain a member of HGYC since he uses our club as an easy way to participate in racing.

Jorge Benedid [\[mailto:benedid@sbcglobal.net\]](mailto:benedid@sbcglobal.net):

SunChaser US 32509 soon will be berthed in a new location, precisely at Long Beach Shoreline Marina in the city of Long Beach. Our slip will be V-35, right in front of the Shoreline Yacht Club. More info coming soon!!

Membership News

Welcome to the many new members since March:

- The Whelpleys, we finally met in October, as they brought their new Hardin 45, *Exotique* into town. We want to see the beautiful ship!
- 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*. Their little dog was the talk of the town at the September BBQ.
- Cris and Vickie Eulert - Sparkman and Stephan's 34, Holiday Harbor. Sponsored by Mario. Saw them at the brunch, and then again at the Avalon dinner. Welcome!
- Mike (and Yeager) Downing - Irwin 43, Holiday. That little Yeager walked all the way up the mountain with us in September. What a trooper!



David & Angelica Karcher with a cute fireplug.
Below is Mike Downing and Yeager



Captain Ralph Perez News

Ever sail along the Sir Frances Drake Channel in the Caribbean and see someone in an inflatable dinghy trying to get right smack in front of you? Chances are that is Yacht Shots BVI. They're professional yacht photographers. That's way more qualified than Captain Ralph below but he is willing to come out to take your picture just the same. Shown below, Captain Ralph made his first trip to Avalon on August 18th via his new Seadoo GTX Limited in less than an hour. It also takes him four minutes to launch from the time he leaves his driveway. Contact Ralph at ralphhperez@cox.net



Who wants HGYC clothing?
New hats, polo shirts, and T-shirts available at
the January dinner.
See the new fleece jacket design too!

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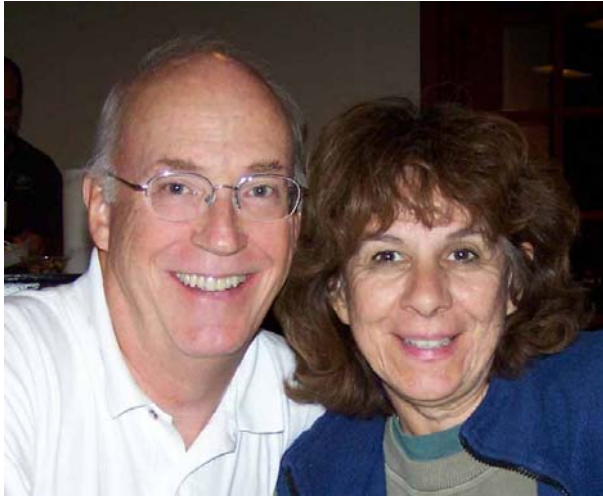
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Cheers to 2008 Board Members

- Commodore - Jeff LaBarre
- Vice Comm – Doug Iversen
- Rear Comm – Joe Roubal
- Port Captain – Roger Murry
- Treasurer – Teresa Barron
- Cruise Captain – Gillian Groves
- Secretary – TBA still looking for volunteer
- Newsletter – Leslie Roubal

Thank you 2007 Board

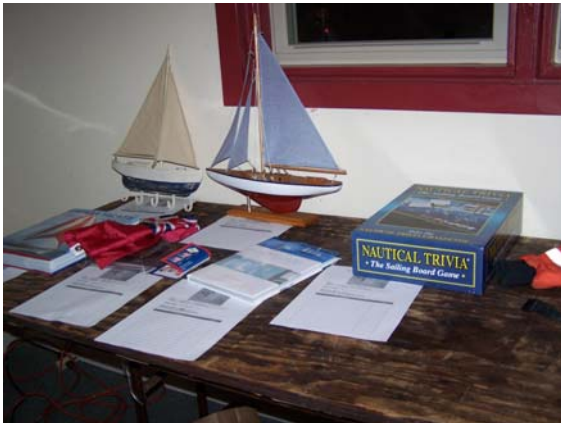
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New members, Bill and Geri Lee



Darling decor of October dinner committee



Great ideas and things for auction at September dinner



Many of us inside the hyperbaric chamber



September picnic



The Mexico Voyage #2 of Lucky Lady too

posted daily by Joe Boyle, WDC8110@sailmail.com



Day 31, Ensenada, Mx, 570 nm to La Paz, 151 nm from home Today it's back to standard time in the Northern Baja. We gained an hour of sleep. We needed it.

Day 32, Spent half of the day getting our Mexican Ham Radio License. We are now officially XE2-KI6BXN...Sharon did get a compliment on her Spanish today. She is doing great.

Day 33...the fellow with the seaplane stopped by to give us the aerial picture of Lucky Lady too. What a fabulous shot.

Day 41...before we even got out of the Bay of Ensenada, I saw, a panga, a cruise ship & a whale. Within another half hour I saw another panga, another cruise ship & another whale. That's it folks.

Day 42, Bahia Del Rosario(Pt Baja), 529 nm to Cabo San Lucas... Mr blue bird on my shoulder, well it wasn't a blue bird but it was cute. As I came back on deck, after a break, there was a little bird keeping Sharon company. He stayed with us for a few hours.

Day 44...The winds were already at 12 kts. Just got going when our third crew member, Auto, jumped overboard. He didn't really he was hanging on and hiding. Somehow the switch was thrown inadvertently. Got him working again. That was a scare...at Bahia Blanca, the wind was 15/20 kts. We turned into the 12 ft + seas and did we pound. Right then and there the Shafer Furling Boom paid for itself. It was now down to the last reefing point. ... we got an unbelievable show from the surfing dolphins. It would have been a \$10,000 video if we could have gotten it. With the sun behind the 12/15 ft waves the dolphins were surfing. We could see a half dozen of them under the water back lit through the waves. Never seen anything like it.

Day 46, Bahia Blanca. We got a lobster for \$6.00...I mean fresh. The fisherman came by and asked if we wanted any lobster. Just one we told him. So much! It was lobster tacos for dinner. Eat your heart out.

Day 51 & 52, Bahia Tortugas, 395 nm to Cabo San Lucas It has been easier for us to anchor than it would be to pick up a mooring or going into a slip. Five minutes before our anchoring point I get the anchor ready. Sharon goes up and lets the anchor and fifty foot of chain out when we stop. After it takes hold she lets the rest of the chain out. I put the bridle on, that's it. I hope continues to be easy.

Day 55, Thanksgiving, 246 nm to Cabo San Lucas. Now we have the whole anchorage to ourselves. Lucky Lady too and her crew are spending Thanksgiving Day. Sharon has cranberries and all the fixings ready to go. Have a Very Happy Thanksgiving. We are thanking God for this wonderful trip and our many, many blessings. When I was a little kid, we would have Thanksgiving at my grandmothers. My Aunt Mary, who worked at Whitman's Chocolate, would always give us some Whitman's Chocolate after dinner. I had eaten my last Russian chocolate, when I got a second surprise from Sharon. She gave me a gift wrapped box of Whitman's Chocolate. Made my Thanksgiving complete. Not completely complete because we miss all our family and friends. Hope our boating friends enjoyed Thanksgiving at Catalina Island as much as we did last year.

Day 61 0 nm to Cabo San Lucas (they got there OK)

Day 70, Bahia los Muertos...pod of more than a dozen whales, more than I have ever seen. Saw three whales tails

Day 72, Sharon's birthday...Sharon enjoyed the kayak today. Our new fender/step worked well for Sharon to get into and out of the kayak. Sharon told me that that was the best birthday present I could have given her. I said, "Does that mean we can take the ring back." NO!"

