

# Anacapa Yacht Club Mainsheet

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## Commodores Report:

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Ahoy AYC members,

Anacapa Yacht club is starting off with a bang; we have some great events coming up this month. The Commodore's Ball is going to be held aboard the Scarlet Belle paddle wheeler on February 28<sup>th</sup>, for a romantic harbor cruise with dancing and ushering in the new Bridge and Board. It will be the event not to be missed. I would like to thank all of you for your support and enthusiasm for the 2009 calendar of events and racing schedule. This year is going to be a great year with lots of fun activities and many good times in the club and out on the water. As your Commodore for 2009, I plan on taking an active roll in developing new members. I will encourage each and everyone of you to reach out to friends, crew, and new people in the area that share the common interest of sailing, racing, cruising and clubhouse socials, to invite someone new to join you for a Friday night dinner or for a race out the water or even for a cruise out to the islands or up to Ventura. The only way to change is to step out of our comfort zone and share what we do with others.

As our membership grows and develops we must take time to realize mentoring will be a big part of incorporating our new members into the AYC family. So I will call on those of you who perform duties and pair you up with a new member so they can learn what you do. This will give us the flexibility of not having to rely on the few but to count on the whole to fill in where and when needed. So think of this as a year of training and preparation for our new members to advance into the ranks of the Board and Bridge. This is what a club does to encourage its membership to build knowledge, club spirit and pride for what AYC stands for in our community. We are the premier sailboat racing club in the Channel Islands Harbor; so lets do what we do so successfully and let the good times roll and make 2009 a year for the record books, not only in terms of bringing home trophy's from the race course but in building new friendships, lifting up others and encouraging them to try something new.... As always from what I have learned throughout my life; in order to lead you must first be willing to serve others. I am looking forward to serving each and every one of you to the best of my abilities.

Best regards to you all,

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Anacapa Yacht Club  
Commodore  
Joe Underwood

## Vice Commodores Report:

**GARY GODMAN**



Ahoy all AYC members,

We've had a great start for the new year. The first club dinner was a smashing hit. Jerzy Poprawski treated us with a sumptuous dinner of pork stuffed with plums and lots of fixin's. Forty members and guests arrived to chow down and share in good camaraderie. The second dinner, prepared by "Pete and Gloria Casamassima, prepared our second hit meal – a good Italian dinner with candles and music. It is not easy to lose weight with all these great meals. I'm the next one up for dinner O.D. It's going to be hard to match these first two meals, but I'll be trying.

Randy Alcorn organized an impromptu whale watching event on Sunday Feb. 18. Whales had been spotted around the far side of Anacapa Island. Five boats participated, three from AYC. Dave Gorney's, No Compromise and Second Fiddle (from Ventura) and my boat, Alcyone headed out in the morning. The Santa Ana wind increased as we approach Gina. Alcyone turned around when it reached 27 knots, not wanting to chance the wind getting still stronger. We waited at our slip until about 1 pm, when we felt fairly certain that the wind was easing. By this time, Alcyone, along with Randy Alcorn's Out Patient, the Swartz's Puff On ventured out. No Compromise reported encountering a pod of whales just beyond the big westerly island of Anacapa. Out Patient headed towards Arch Rock, while Alcyone and Puff On headed to the west end of the island. We reached the island about an hour and a half before sunset, not enough time to go looking for whales, so we turned around and came home in the dark. Was it a success? No Comp saw several whales. The rest of us had a good day on the water..

Don't miss the Commodore's Ball on Saturday, Feb. 28. Joe Underwood is making this a very special event, more so than usual, by having it on the Scarlet Belle, the big paddle-wheeler in our harbor. You should already have received the invitations.

### Upcoming Friday night dinner ODs and club events

Fri.	Jan. 23	Club Dinner	Gary Goodman
Fri.	Jan. 30	Club Dinner	Cecile Schwedes
Fri.	Feb. 6	Club Dinner	Crosby & Laura Swartz

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Fri.	Feb. 13	Club Dinner	Neil Weinrich
Fri.	Feb. 20	Club Dinner	Randy Alcorn
Sat.	Feb. 28	Commodore's Ball	Joe Underwood
Fri.	Mar. 6	Club Dinner	Chris Tucker

## Rear Commodores Report:

**DOUG FAJARDO**



This last month not a whole lot happened at the club... being “winter”, even in Southern California there is a tenancy to stay at home and... Aw, who am I kidding? If it isn't raining, we're doing maintenance on our boats, or sailing. It has been remarked that Sailors tend to have more respect for the weather than any other group of boaters – but we can't pat ourselves on the back and become too complacent, or mother nature will slap us in the face for our impertinence! This is the time of year when the weather changes at a drop of the hat, and the weather guys at NOAA go bald. I know – last weekend I drove a Catalina 27 (named “IO” - I just bought her :-)) up from Dana Point. There were high surf advisories all over the place, along with some wind – but what I saw was 'glass'. It could have easily gone the other direction though, and I certainly made sure I had an alternate plan in case things were too rough. The moral here is to always show the sea the respect she demands, and plan for **any** kind of weather.

The new year has begun, and with it a new version of the Racing Rules of Sailing. If you haven't looked at the changes yet, there is still a chance... The **SCYA RRS 102** course will be held on January 31, at 1pm, at Channel Islands Yacht Club. This year the course will, of course, emphasize the changes in the RRS. The changes are not overwhelming, but they **do** affect every racer on the water. See you there!

For those who want to know how a race should be run, or want to understand what all the various flags and horns and other signals mean from a race committee boat, I strongly suggest the **SCYA Race management course** on Feb 28, at PCYC. (Pop Quiz:: What other signals besides a horn (or other noise) and flags can a race committee boat display?)

Looking forward, March 14<sup>th</sup> will be the St. Patrick's Day race – this will be the first AYC race of the season. Lets try to get everyone out for this early event!

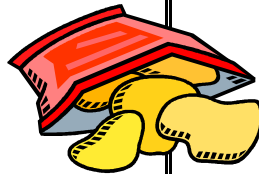
On a personal note, I am happy to announce that I have just purchased a new Catalina 27 (tall rig), currently named “IO” (as in the moon of Jupiter). Current thought is that since she is an upgrade from my previous boat “Broomstick”, that I will rename her to “Flying Carpet” sometime soon.

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## Super Bowl XLIII Party

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1:00 PM

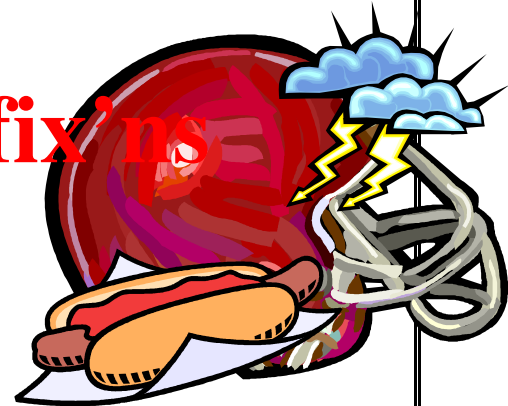


**Hot dogs with all the fix'ins**

**Chili**

**Beer Special**

**Chips & Dips**

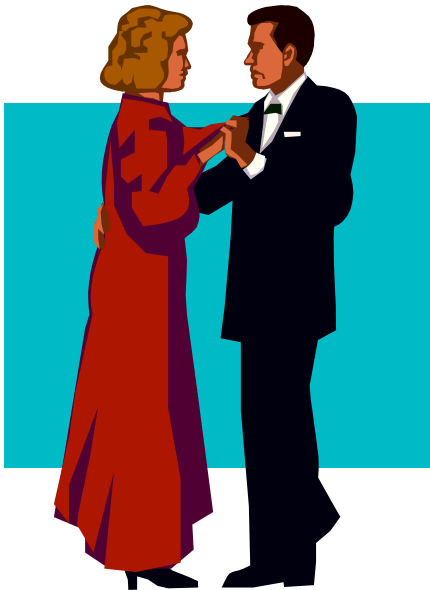


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# Commodore's Ball

Feb 28th



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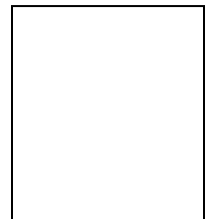
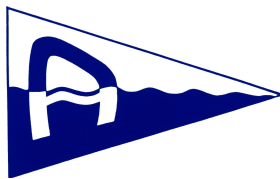
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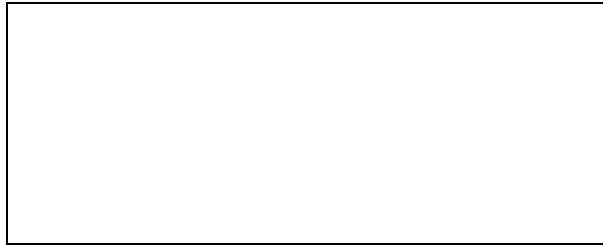
# Birthday all of us at AYC

2-6 Roger King  
2-7 Hank Corcoran  
2-22 Juanita McNish

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**West Marine**

**Pirates Grub n Grog**

**Victoria Pub & Grill**

**Pirates Lair**

**Sailtime**

**Ulman Sails**

**Bollywood Cafe**

**WiFi Harbor**

**Anacapa Yacht Club**

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