

Anacapa Yacht Club Mainsheet

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Commodores Report:

GARY GOODMAN



Ahoy AYC members,

April has been a very active month for AYCers! We hosted our Re-Opening Day ceremony in our new clubhouse. There were flurries of activities. Joe Underwood got permissions from the facility management and harbor authorities to use the patio and dock adjacent to the clubhouse. Charlotte Overton and Cindy Schlageter took charge of getting the food, tent awning, tables, and chairs. Mike Taylor put the Anacapa Yacht Club sign in front of the entrance and hoisted our battle flag on the rooftop flagpole. Randy Alcorn and crew put up the yacht club burgees. Crosby and Laura Swartz hung pictures. Doug Fajardo made a yard arm for my boat from which we could hoist flags. He also rebuilt a bookshelf display cabinet. Other members hung the past commodore pictures. These are just the things I remember at the moment. Everything was going on at once. It seemed as if every able bodied member was super busy. Wow.

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On Sunday, our Opening Day, there was a boat parade in the morning. Each yacht club had a boat with commodore near the beginning of the parade. Right after the parade, we brought my boat to the club-side dock to use the mast as a flagpole. Our Opening Day came off spectacularly. The food was excellent. We received numerous compliments from the officers of the other yacht clubs, specifically in regards to our getting our new clubhouse to be so presentable in such a short time. Others commented on the esprit de corps of our members. I offer my congratulations and thanks to all who participated in this event for a "Job Well Done."

We welcome new members Mark Ean and Elizabeth Testa, owners of *Wind Dragon*, an Erickson 35. Mark is both a licensed captain and a boat broker. Also we welcome Michael and Donna Lorenzen, owners of *Rambunctious* as new members. Keep bringing guests to dinner.

Doug and Kalin Dodge have a new sailboat, a Catalina 400 MkII. Doug, new member Mark Ean, and Secretary Joleen Darland brought the boat up from San Diego, stopping off at Catalina for an evening's rest. The scuttlebutt is "very roomy, very stable in 25 knots of wind". Doug, I hope you will soon have a Boat Opening Day ceremony.

Our Wet Wednesday race series is starting on May 5th. The clubhouse will again be overflowing with racers, the smell of barbecuing beef and chicken, raucous laughter, and "Good anytime at the Anacapa Yacht Club bar".

Sincerely,
Gary Goodman, AYC Commodore

Vice Commodores Report:

RANDY ALCORN



Another month has flown by. Where does the time go? Dinners, Racing, Opening Day Ceremonies. Not just necessarily in that order.

This month was opening day for the Ventura area Yacht clubs. It started out with getting our club in order so we could host guests and dignitaries from up and down the coast. We started out Friday night with Pizza, wine and beer. 16 people worked until 1030 hanging flags, pictures and cleaning out boxes from every corner we had stuff stacked into. Saturday some of us went to the opening day ceremonies while Cindy Schlageter and Charlotte Overton brought everyone together and had people working to get the rest of the things done so we could have a wonderful opening day with no complaints. And that is what we had, not a bad word was said about our new club house. Most of the comments were; how did we do it and how did this affect us? I could only say it was the members who are here that make us who we are today. and the club what it is. Thanks to all who showed up and worked until the late hours of the night getting things ready, I hope Cindy does a special thank you somehow, because it was like turning an old office space into a club in just a matter of hours. But we all know it didn't take a few hours, it took months to lay the floor plan and install the bar and galley and most of that we owe to Joe And Joanne Underwood for having the vision that turned a real-estate office into a club house a home we can associate with..

Opening Day Ceremonies, Ventura Yacht Club kicked off the weekend with an opening day program that set the bar, it was great and it was something to learn from. They had so many former Commodores they talked about how hard it was getting things done in the club; I know the feeling, as I step into office I have ideas and get a lot of "that is not how we do things around here." Oops, back to the VYC. One of the great things that they do is present an award to the Sailor who has done the most to promote sailing. Deke Klatt, who cut his teeth in sailing from our club, got the award, he is now a member of VYC and one of the hottest sailors in the world, he has sailed his J24 Jaded in the world nationals and won. He loves to work with kids and teach anyone who likes sailing what he knows.

Next it was on to Pierpont bay Yacht Club, another wonderful ceremony and only 10 members left to pull it all together, just watch out for that rum drink, it is a secret recipe and it packs a wallop. Wonderful job and great people and food.

After that we enjoyed the opening day of Harbor Island Yacht club, they are an Electric Boat club and have been around for a few years. A great bunch of people and a wonderful spirit. They asked us if we had any electric boats associated with our club and I could only say we were working on it, that we are doing a lot more Harbor cruising and it would be nice to have a few join so we could get around in style.

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Last on the list for Saturday was Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, I was actually surprised how young they are, and how many members supported the opening day. It was huge, but again when they read the guest list it was way more members that showed up compared to the guest. I have to say though, my favorite part was sitting down below the 1931, (I hope I got the year right) wooden yawl of Dick McNish's Cheerio II, talking with him about him and the history of the boat, Did you know that with all the flags he flies and all the McNish races he had entered, that one person has one more flag flying than Dick? It is his best friend and one of our own, Walter Russakof. The best part is, Dick and Walter are taking Cheerio II, Newport to Ensenada Race again, the average age on the boat is 76 and that is because Kevin Dickman draws the average down the most because he the youngest person on the boat at 54. I would also like to give credit to a couple more guys from our club, Silver Staff Commodore Neil Underwood and Pete Casamassima will be rounding out the crew. I don't know if any of you have raced against Neil, but he is a tough guy to stay ahead of when he is on trim. So his trim is in tune and they are ready. I unfortunately will be watching from the computer this year and waiting for the finishing times and crossing my fingers these guys win first overall.

Sunday started out with Anacapa Yacht Clubs opening day and what a wonderful day it turned out to be, some of us were there late while others showed up really early to put on the finishing touches, again Cindy and Charlotte really put on a spectacular party with all the trimmings. Again they would have to tell you who helped to pull it all together. But it was one of the best parties had by all.

Next was Channel Islands Yacht clubs 50th anniversary and the ASBCYC award to Tim Happening and crew aboard his Catalina 27 Tall rig for winning the High Point Series. Who could ask for anything more? I raced against Tim and crew last year and he was on a role that you couldn't stop. I have the utmost respect for him and his crew for what they went through getting to the top of the points series.

Last but not the least was the Navy Yacht Club, their Commodore is 85 and going strong, what a wonderful way to close a weekend, we sat around afterwards and cheered for Joe Underwood on the NYCCI version of Hollywood Squares, which Joe brought another trophy home under the AYC flag. Well I hope he plans to share it with us all, Champagne always sounds good.

Did I miss anything? Oh yah, I sent out an email giving credit to our female skippers, Did you know? Our women won three trophies in the Channel Islands Yacht Clubs Lady at the Helm Race? Cherri Taylor won third place on Maine Squeeze and Hillary Hoshhaw took First place on XS in the spinnaker class while Trish Castanon took first place in the slow boat fleet or non spinnaker class. Way to bring home the crystal!

You would think I would get tired of talking about racing huh? This weekend is the Newport to Ensenada race and we have only one boat entered this year. Mike and Cherri Taylor entered their Shock 35 Maine Squeeze. Last year they won their one design class and they will be the boat to beat, so everyone wish them all the luck and skill to stay ahead. Good Luck Mike and Crew.

The other race that is happening out there is the Border Run, SAIL TIME decided to sail this race. They are taking one of our skilled and competitive racers away from us. S.K Leong and his crew will be sailing his Hunter 36, 1521 in the SAIL TIME owners group.

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I would like to let all know we are planning on having a victory dinner the 30th of April for racers and crew members that are sailing this weekend. Not mention the AYC s hospitality team that will be waiting for them at the other end. Thanks Hank and Dave for taking care of our racers.

Dinners at the club have been the best; we have the most wonderful chefs and cooks out here. Every week has been a wonderful experience. Not only are you having a meal that is mouth watering, you are spending time with the people that enjoy doing the same things we like to do. Even the one weekend we didn't know what to do because of all the Holidays and opening day of Salmon Season, we did a pot luck where every brought a dish for 4-6 people. What started out as 8 people RSVPing, ended up with over 20 people bringing anything and everything to share.

Speaking of Dinners and to add Officer of the Day to the subject, May is right around the corner and I have prepared a chefs schedule and the OD's for wet Wednesdays. Our wet Wednesdays normally start out slow and build as the Month goes on. So I would like to double up the new people with experienced Bar Keeps.

Oh Yah, again, (man; can I keep going on or what?) The board listened to its members (see they really do) and voted to leave the dinners on Friday nights. It had to do with a lot of racers not being able to cook on Saturdays and the turn out being low. We may implement a Wet Wednesday type of fare that people can come hang out and cook a burger or piece of Chicken or something. Some of us may not be able to cook on a Friday Night and would prefer to take a turn on a Saturday or if we get someone who would like to volunteer their time at the bar on Saturdays'. AYC use to be open on Saturday's years ago and lots of people asked if we can do this again. We will see what happens and who is available. If you would like to volunteer and have a Saturday Afternoon available lets talk.

Chefs for the up and coming months

Apr 23rd	Club Dinner	Pot Luck
Apr 30th	Club Dinner	Randy Alcorn and Trish Castanon
May 8th	Cinco De Mayo Party	Ira Bigeleisen, & Debra Yanover
May 14th	Club Dinner	Mary Lou Everett
May 21st	Club Dinner	Lucho Rodriguez
May 28-30	Club Cruise	Pot Luck on the beach
June 4th	Club Dinner	Crosby & Laura Swartz
June 11th	Club Dinner	Gorney, David & Elyse Weise
June 18th	Club Dinner	Neil Weinrich
June 25	Club Dinner	Doug & Kalin Dodge
July 4th	Club Party	Gary Goodman
July 9th	Club Dinner	Chris Tucker
July 16th	Club Dinner	Bill & Tina Brayton,
July 23rd	Club Dinner	S.K. Leong,
July 30th	Club Dinner	Randy J Dolan

OD's for May and June

May 5 th	Joe and Cindy Schlageter training	Mary Lou Everett
May 12 th	Joe Underwood training	Randy Dolan

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May 19 th	Chris Tucker training Lucho Rodriguez
May 26 th	Joleen Darland
June 2 nd	Randy Dolan
June 9 th	Hank Corcorran
June 16 th	Eric Schlageter
June 23 rd	Bill Brayton
June 30 th	Dave MCue

I tried to not pull racers off the schedule; I think the rule was, if you did committee boat or worked the Bar on a Wet Wednesday, you got a point more than racers so you were not out of the points series.

Have a good safe season and by all means have fun.

Thanks everyone for your support
Randy Alcorn
Vice Commodore
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Rear Commodores Report:

DOUG FAJARDO



Opening day has come with a bang (Oh, my eardrums are ringing!) – it was heart-warming for everyone to see the support and effort everyone gave to getting the club into 'bristol shape' for the opening day ceremony. While here in sunny California the harbor doesn't close in with Ice, it **does** mean that racing season is open (sort of like trout season, except we use sailboats instead of fishing reels :-)

Up and coming: Wet Wednesday

Wet Wednesday racing starts on May 5th this year – the 2010 NOR and sailing instructions will be on the Anacapa website by the time this is published (<http://www.anacapayachtclub.com>; select 'Wet Wednesday information' from the top right corner. We have our business license and bar license, and lots of gas in the propane tank for bar-ba-que, so come on out and let's have some good fun!

Anacapa to Port Race: Saturday, May 22, 2010

The Anacapa to port race is always fun – while the course is simple, there are usually winds running from the anemic to the exciting as you cross the channel and go around the back of the island, which means sail management as well as tactics are important. There are no 'marks' to worry about - except for the Anacapa Island itself (no need to worry about doing a penalty turn if you hit the mark!). This is the first of our three-race Island Series, so come on out and have fun.

Commodore's Classic: Sunday, May 23, 2010

After our race on Saturday, the Commodore's Classic is on Sunday. In the past, we've had an entry crewed entirely by AYC Commodores, and then we made our presence known by having the most boats entered by any club. This year I'd like to suggest we continue that last tradition by getting as many past commodores out on the water as we can. Let's do it, and demonstrate for everyone that even though AnYC is small, we have a BIG presence on the water!

Cruising: Memorial Day Weekend (May 29-31)

Last year the ASBCYC (Associated Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs) sponsored a trip to Santa Cruise Island over the Memorial Day Weekend. So much fun was had by all that they are planning to do it again

(I understand that even the whales are invited back). The location is Prisoners Cove. The time is whenever you want over the weekend - boats will be out there all weekend, and activities will run from cave exploration to Games on Shore to Swimming to sight seeing to whatever you can think of!

RRS Quiz – Last month's answer:

The question last month was:

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A Catalina 27 and a Santa Cruz 50 are approaching the mark. How far out does the 2-length zone extend if:

- (a) The Catalina 27 is slightly ahead but outside?
- (b) If the Catalina 27 is closer to the Mark, but inside?
- (c) If there is doubt about whether a boat was overlapped when they enter the zone, what will a protest committee (and therefore you, the racer on the water should) assume?

The answer to a&b is based on the new definition of the 'Zone', which was introduced in the new 2009-2012 version of the Racing Rules of Sailing:

Zone The area around a mark within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the zone when any part of her hull is in the zone.

So the answers are:

*(First, I am slightly embarrassed – the question should have read ' how far out does the **3-length** zone, not 2 lengths!)*

(a) This one is a little vague, since it's unclear whether the Catalina 27 is closer because it's ahead, or the Santa Cruz 50 is closer because it's inside. If it is the Catalina, then the answer is: $27*3=81$ feet. If it is the Santa Cruz, then the answer is $50*3=150$ ft. The point here is that 'inside' or 'outside' doesn't matter in determining the size of the zone - important question is – which boat was closer to the mark?

(b) The Catalina is closer. Note that it does not matter whether the Catalina is inside or outside! The zone is $27*3=81$ feet

(c) RRS Section 18.2 says *“If there is reasonable doubt that a boat obtained or broke an overlap in time, it shall be presumed that she did not.”* So... If there is doubt that an overlap was attained, you should assume it was not. If there is doubt whether an overlap was broken, you should assume it was not. In both cases, this assumption is the 'safest' one, in terms of preventing a collision – which is the main point of the Racing Rules of Sailing!

RRS QUIZ – This month:

This is a real question that was asked of me, and it is a tricky one. I'd like to think that if I'm in this situation, I would most likely do the 'Corinthian' thing and let P1 in – but what does RRS say about it?


On one Wet Wednesday a boat (call it “P1”) was returning from the W mark, running downwind wing-on-wing, and approaching the end of the detached breakwater. Another boat (call it “P2”) was overlapped and slightly ahead, and not allowing P1 room to enter the harbor. Both boats are on Starboard tack, and “P2” was to the left of “P1”, making it the leeward boat. If I've described the picture clearly, this would put P1 at risk of running into the breakwater. Note that for our Wet Wednesday races, the breakwater is NOT a mark of the course.

A. What rights, if any, does P1 have to clear the end of the breakwater?

B. What actions or hails, if any, is P1 entitled to?

C. If the breakwater is made a mark of the course, how would your answers be affected?

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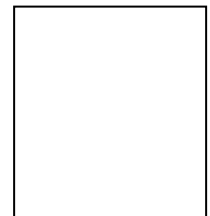
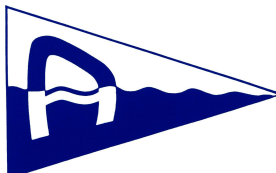
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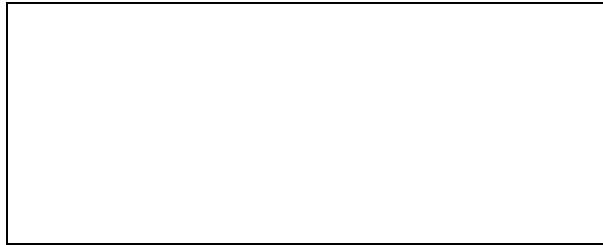
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Birthday from all of us at AYC

- 5-2 Colin Tucker
- 5-7 Richard McNish
- 5-13 Genie Goldberg
- 5-15 Joanna Randle
- 5-17 Joleen Darland
- 5-24 David McCue

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