



# Anacapa Yacht Club Mainsheet

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## Commodores Report:

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Ahoy All,

November is here and gone. I really can't believe another month has flown by so fast. It has been our most thankful month. If you missed Doug Fajardos Thanksgiving meal. You missed one of our clubs premiere treats. Doug enjoys giving back to its members and sailing environment. Thank you Doug and I hope you know we enjoy what you do for us and our beliefs.

November has been a fast month, the weather has been, windy, dry, wet and challenging both on the race course and for our members on the water. Out Patient sailed in the Two Harbors number three, we got beat up in winds blowing over 14 knots. Out Patient also sailed in the Gal and Guy series were Lisa Rizzo from Custom Embroidery of Ventura joined me to win the last race of the series with winds blowing over 14 knots as well. Then the following day, club member Stacy Peterson joined me to sail in the Thank God it's Sunday race, we raced in down pouring rain and gusty wind conditions to keep Anacapa Yacht Club in the hunt for the Ventura County High Points. I would also like to give thanks to Huba Huba for showing up in the rain and windy conditions. But the hardest race we have done this year is the Wild Turkey Classic Plastic, where we experienced winds over 30 knots. The biggest walk away from this is no matter what the weather is predicted, you always have to sail the wind you are in. Meaning, Sailfow and Weather Underground predicted winds light and variable. We took off the heavy air sails to compete against the challenging fleet. We ended up sailing in 14 knots with 24 gusts. Later it went to 32 gusts and we didn't have the sails on board to be competitive. Yes we took a 3<sup>rd</sup> for the race, but we jeopardized the boat and the safety of the crew. Nothing is more important than your crew. If it would have blown above what we sailed, things could have been worse. Racers and Cruisers always have to be prepared for the worst conditions.

Well as the month winds down, I am looking forward to December. The Whales start migrating south in larger groups and we have more time off from racing to enjoy what means the most to us; family and friends. I will leave on that note.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club and/or on the water events.

Randy Alcorn  
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# Vice Commodores Report:

BILL BRAYTON



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I have to start my last article of the year as Vice Commodore with a cliché I have seen so many times in newsletters such as this one.

WOW! Where has the year gone? We have had so many wonderful events put on by so many wonderful club members. All of you have contributed to all of us to make the AYC experience totally awesome. November has been a bit of a slow month with just a few events. We started out with a great dinner on 11-11-11 by Trish and Randy and ended with our traditional Thanksgiving dinner set out by Doug Fajardo. These dinners and all the events in between were well attended.

It's time to look forward to December and the holiday season.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> is our annual (this month everything is annual) AYC Christmas Party/Gift Exchange/Potluck. The club is providing a baked ham as a main dish. Please bring a side dish to serve 5-10 folks. Also bring wrapped gift of no more than 20 dollar value for the gift exchange. This is always a fun time.

Again this year we are continuing our long time tradition of supporting Toy for Tots. Please don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for the cause. Our Commodore reminds us that the older children from 12 and up seem to get overlooked at this time of year.

This year on December 10<sup>th</sup> Tina and I will be hosting the annual AYC parade of lights party at our boat on K dock in Channels Islands Marina. This will be a potluck event and we are going to provide a main dish of pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw. Look for more details upcoming in your weekly reminder emails.

December 17<sup>th</sup> will be our annual dinghy lights tour. For those that have never participated the evening goes something like this: We meet at the at 6 pm for cocktails and to organize those that need a ride. Then we head out for a tour of the harbor to check out all the beautifully decorated homes. After the dinghy tour it's back to the club for a selection of hot soups and warm drinks. Some folks have rented or brought an electric boat.

The rest of the month the club is very quiet. We will be dark for Christmas and for New Years Eve. That being said we may talk to a few folks about a New Years Cruise to the islands. Last year we attempted to organize a cruise and several boats were committed to going and unfortunately we got rained out. If that happens again this year we will do the same as last year we will do the same as last year and have a get together at the club house. Stay tuned for details.

## **Save the Date!**

January 21, 2012

We are proud to announce the Commodores Ball will be at the Pierpont Inn once again this year. Details to follow.

As always it's a pleasure to work with each and every one of you.

Have a wonderful month of December.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to all!

Your Vice Commodore  
Bill Brayton

## SPONSOR'S PAGE

### The Clubhouse Sports Bar & Grill

The Clubhouse Sports Bar & Grill was started 16 years ago to be my semi-retirement, which has not worked out quite the way I envisioned it, I now work more hours than I ever did, after 22 yrs in the defense industry as a mechanical engineer and an Information Services Manager I decided I needed something that kept me close to home and off the road.

Owning my own business has had its ups and downs, fortunately more ups. It has been very rewarding to nurture a small business over the years; I have made a lot of great friends because of it.



The Clubhouse has morphed into a local bar known for a young crowd at night, mellow happy hours, quality lunches and big breakfasts on Sunday during the football season. We have 4 pool tables that support weeknight league teams and free pool on Tuesday with a night tournament starting at 8pm. Daily drink, along with Monday Night football specials abound. We have Dart Boards, metal dart league teams, free shuffle board, juke box, bar top games and 17 TV's to round out a place "where the big kids go to play" kind a atmosphere. We are open 7 days a week, 11am to 2am, during Sunday football we open at 9:30am. We show every game.



Most at the Yacht Club know me more by my boat name "\$hoestring", named after the budget in which I had at the time to buy and fix her up. I have raced her in many weekend races in the past and started racing her in Wet Wed's in 1986, the year I purchased her from a repossession, I crewed on other boats before that as my Choey Lee ketch was not competitive, but great for exploring the islands.

My crew and I look forward to Wed's night racing and wish it was year round, Anacapa Yacht Club should be very proud of its members, as they provide a very worthwhile asset to the harbor and community.

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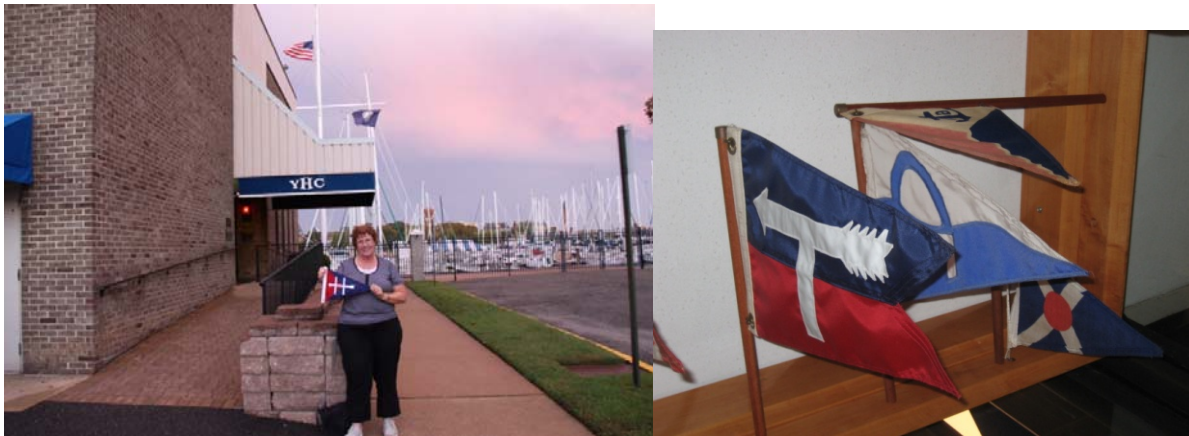


## Bobbi and Don's Vacation

In October Bobbi and I spent 14 days on the east coast. We spent two days in Annapolis, Maryland, going to the Annapolis Boat Show and the Naval Academy. Then we spent seven days in and around Williamsburg, Virginia, followed by three day in Washington D.C. On this trip we visited three yacht clubs and exchanged burgees with them.



Bobbi is standing outside the main building of the **Norfolk Yacht and Country Club** in Norfolk, VA. It is a huge club, the main building (out of four) would fit all four Ventura County yacht clubs in it. We never did find the bar.



Bobbi is outside of the **Hampton Yacht Club** in Hampton, VA. It is a friendly club with both a formal dining room and a good size bar area with food service. We ate dinner in the bar and ended up sitting right under our own AYC burgee.




Bobbi is holding the **Capital Yacht Club** burgee in front of the Naval Memorial in Washington D.C. We visited the Capital Yacht Club our first night in D.C. and did not have our camera with us. The member's the friendliest of the three clubs. When we arrived about seven members were sitting on picnic benches on their patio, overlooking their marina drinking wine and beer. They invited us to join them and we talked about sailing for the next two hours while enjoying some good wine. They also have nice bar and dining room in the club. It is a must club to visit while in D.C.



# December 2011 Yacht Club

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 <b>Christmas Party Potluck</b>
4	5	6	7 	8	9	10 <b>Parade of Lights Potluck</b>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 <b>Dingy Lights Tour - Soup</b>
18 	19	20	21 <b>Happy Hanukkah</b> 	22 Winter Begins 	23	24 Christmas Eve

25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31 
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# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nicolas Coster	12/3
Lamyai Listing	12/14
Cindy Schlageter	12/15
Marsha Landreth	12/16

Did we miss your birthday? E-mail us at  
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