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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Noah Sundance

2018 Vice Commodore; 2019 Commodore

Hello and Happy New Year from the office of the Commodore. I'd like to take a second and wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. We are closing out a great year at CPYC and I think that we can do even better in 2019. I'm really looking forward to working with all of you in the coming months of 2019.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the club and on the docks.

Sincerely,
Noah

MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF COMMODORE

January 2019

Looking back over the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the 2018 Board of Directors for all of their hard work - it's not easy being a volunteer! It was a very interesting year for me both personally and professionally, and if the team hadn't stepped up the way they did, it would have been extremely difficult to boot. I am also very grateful for all of the contributions by Carly Cozart, as she really went above and beyond in significantly increasing revenues from both Youth Sailing and Private Party Rentals. I know it was a lot of work for someone who has another full time job.

Judging by our Crossover Board of Directors meeting last month, I can tell you that 2019 is getting off to a great start. The Board finally (!) approved a bocce ball court, we will soon have access to an online ship store where we can customize our own schwag, and the Club Calendar is already filling up with great cruise outs, races and social events. (continued on p. 2)

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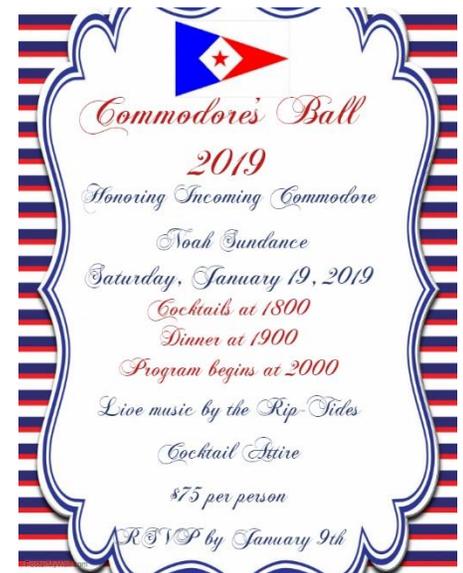
STAFF COMMODORE'S MESSAGE (cont)

We have a great group of volunteers in both director positions and as committee members, and we plan on presenting an updated Constitution in spring. Thanks are also due to the 2018 Nominating Committee for their efforts over the past couple of months in putting together our 2019 Board.

I am currently halfway around the world having celebrated the holidays with extended family I haven't seen in 10 years. As excited as I am to be in Southeast Asia (and to do some tropical island sailing!), I miss my CPYC family. I appreciate all of the support I received as Commodore, and am so happy to have so many good friends here, as well as to have made so many new ones. Looking forward to seeing many of you when I get back for the Commodore's Ball on January 19th!

Happy New Year to All!

-yvette

UPCOMING EVENTS**REAR COMMODORE'S MESSAGE**

Catherine Miskow

Happy New Year to all. To say that CPYC has played a big part in my life would be an understatement. For those of you who don't know me well, I am a second generation "legacy" member; my parents were members of CPYC back in the 70s and 80s--you might say that I've been around the club since before I was even born! My Mom sailed until she was 8 months pregnant with me, and the boat I grew up on is still in the marina, just under a different name.

As Rear Commodore, I will be in charge of the on-the-water activities, one of my favorite aspects of the club. Last year, I managed to attend every cruise out (it helps that my fiancé, Mark Bettis, was the cruise chair for 2018!), and even raced in a few regattas and Sunset Sails. When I wasn't sailing in the races, I was "racing the sailors" aboard *Cardinal Rule*, and catching some great action shots of the boats, some of which became regatta trophies.

My goal this year is to get as many members as possible involved in these fun activities, as well as to introduce members of the community to the wonderful world of boating and sailing. Our 2019 Cruise Chair, Emily Kimmel, has lots of fun destinations planned for us this year, including Half Moon Bay, Napa, Marin, and many more. Steve Swanson, our Regatta Chair, has set up our regatta schedule—mark your calendars for the first Saturday of each month. We also have our Winter Sails series, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of January, February, and March, with our usual Wednesday night Sunset Sails resuming in April. Boating is a sport for all ages—if you have children ages 8-13, or know someone who does, they are perfect candidates for our Youth Sailing Summer Camp. I, myself, am a youth sailing alumna (way back in the day) and can attest to the value of the program.

I will continue to edit the newsletter, as well as assist the secretary with the social media aspect of the club. I look forward to the year ahead—see you on the water!



REGATTA WRAP-UP

Steve Swanson

2018 was another active year for CPYC racing. 20 boats competed in at least one race in the three series: monthly regattas, Shorteez and the Winter Rabbit series. In addition, several boats competed in other area races sponsored by the interclub series, single-handed sailing society, YRA and the Islander 36 association. The popular Wednesday evening Sunset Sails attracted many outsiders to crew on member boats.

The year started off with the Brrr Rabbit race on New Year's Day. Four skippers and their crews crawled out of bed and shook off the residuals of partying the night before and hit the water. *Paradigm*, *Vita è Bella*, *Hot Ice* and *Zingara* enjoyed 2 – 3 hours of mild combat under comfortable conditions, and the year was off and running.

Several of us (Allan Orr and Jeff Hansen on Sweet Grapes, Luther and Bob Izmirian on *Paradigm*, Mike Haddock and Lara Gammill on *Hot Ice*, and Steve and Jocelyn Swanson on *Zingara*) signed up for the Three Bridge Fiasco in January; the conditions at this time of year are typically characterized by strong currents and light winds. The appeal of this race is pouring over the current tables and planning a race strategy to ride with the current, or at least minimize getting sucked backwards at various times during the day. The 2018 race was indeed a fiasco as only four of 359 registered boats finished. The winner was a Moore 24, *Immoral*, crewed by John Gray and Matt Van Rensselaer. Matt, son of Steve and Janelle, learned to sail in is an alumnus of the CPYC junior sailing program. Four boats with an identical PHRF rating of 189 competed in the Spring Shorteez Regatta, but unfortunately, the fall Shorteez had to be cancelled due to smoke from the Camp fire. The overall monthly race results were *Paradigm* coming in first overall, followed by *Vita è Bella* and *Smooth*. Results of the 2018 Racing season will be announced at the Sierra Point Brunch cruise.

2018 CRUISING WRAP-UP REPORT:

Mark Bettis; 2018 Cruise Chair

It was a great year for Coyote Point Yacht Club's cruising program. Participation increased over the previous year, new boat owners joined in, many beverages were consumed, and a great time was had by all. A total of 32 boats (8 power and 24 sail) participated in 10 organized cruises. We had between 1 and 18 boats per cruise, with Marin Yacht Club again being the largest draw.

Cruising awards will be presented January 20 at our brunch cruise to Sierra Point Yacht Club. This is a new venue for this event, as we break from the traditional Oyster Point Yacht Club destination.

After two years as Cruise Chair I'm ready to take a break, and Emily Kimmel has graciously agreed to take over in 2019. Emily has participated in numerous CPYC cruises, and I'm looking forward to continuing to participate actively next year under her leadership. Remember, good things happen on CPYC cruises!!

LIGHTED BOAT PARADE a RESOUNDING SUCCESS

"Seeing the smiles on the children's faces as they see Santa Claus or Elsa emerge from a boat makes it all worth while. If we made at least one child smile, I consider this event to be a success."

~Catherine M.

On December 15, 2018, CPYC once again held its holiday lighted boat parade for the community. Over 100 members of the club and the community came to enjoy holiday cheer. Seven boats participated in this event; narration of the parade was "broadcast" via a sound system from the club, bringing in many more people from the surrounding neighborhoods. Children squealed with glee as Santa Claus and Elsa arrived by boat. Inside, visitors were treated to live music provided by the Peninsula Musical Arts Association Community Singers, and lots of holiday sweets and treats. Favorite boats were chosen by the attendees of the event. Third prize went to *Bluewater*, a catamaran; second prize went to *Seadancer*, and first prize went to *Panda Angler*. Photos and video of the parade can be viewed on the club's Facebook page.

Special thank you to CuriOdyssey museum for advertising the event in conjunction with their IlluminOdyssey exhibit, and to Catherine Miskow, for organizing the event for a second year.

DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT (CPYC) HISTORY: PART 2*Catherine Miskow*

(In November, I wrote about the history of the Coyote Point Recreation Area. This month, I will continue the feature with the history of the yacht club.)

When San Mateo County developed Coyote Point and dredged the harbor in the 1930's, a group of yachtsmen, who had been mooring their boats all around the Peninsula, were encouraged to move to San Mateo. This little group met in the harbor behind Coyote Point and recognized the need to have a more formal organization. On July 20, 1941, about 45 of these boaters decided to form a club, initially holding their meetings at the old San Mateo City Hall on B-street. The original burgee, a red and blue split triangle with the letters "C" and "P" on each half, was designed from scrap material, and served as the club's ensign until the merger with Palo Alto Yacht Club in 1997. Oscar Thayer served as the Commodore for the first three years; the original board included, among others, a certain Andy Byrd (for whom the Byrd Pursuit Race is named) and a Gustav Barth (the Barth race namesake). Andy Byrd then learned about a 5 acre plot that was available for sale for \$1200; the members of the club put up \$25 per person, and had shares in the club.

The original clubhouse was designed by club charter member Oscar Thayer, and constructed on a jetty that sat in the basin. After three years of construction, the membership officially moved into the new clubhouse for their first meeting. By 1965, the membership had outgrown the old building, and plans were underway for a new, more modern clubhouse. Dues were raised, and in 1967, a long-term plan was presented to the membership. Everyone assisted in fundraising and building the new facility, and, by February of 1967, the members had raised \$150,000 for construction of the new clubhouse.

Groundbreaking for the new clubhouse was held on September 23, 1967. The first floor (the Regatta Room) was designated for the "Ladies Auxiliary." Hanging on the wall leading up to the second floor was a large ship's wheel that came off an old Navy gunboat. The club was officially opened on March 2, 1968, with the new board of directors being installed at the same time.

As with most projects though, inflation stepped in, and the final total for the project came to \$2000 beyond what was projected. Members again pitched in, with the Ladies Auxiliary hosting fashion shows and brunches; members also had the option to purchase brass plaques for a chair on the upper deck. On July 4th, 1975, the last of the bonds were paid off, the final payment on the mortgage was made, and the club was officially debt free; this is why the club's birthday had traditionally been celebrated on July 4th.

A "Ladies Auxiliary" of the club existed from 1943-1984. At the time, the Auxiliary was primarily a social group for the spouses of the members, with women undertaking fundraising and benevolent projects. One of their biggest events was the annual fashion show (in which I participated as a very junior model in 1979). There were occasional "yachty" events as well, such as the annual PowderPuff Regatta, reserved for female skippers. With the shifting sentiment of the 1970s, however, many felt that the spousal members were being relegated to a second-class status in the club; still, others felt that with the mortgage having been paid, there was no longer a need for huge fundraisers such as the fashion show. The CPYC Ladies Auxiliary formally disbanded in 1985, with social and fundraising duties now handed over to the Board of Directors.

Coyote Point Yacht Club celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2006, and hopes to continue to grow well into the future.