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*Can you believe we had 257 attendees at our New Year's Eve Party? We ended 2024 on a high note with a series of lively events: the Kids Christmas Party featuring Santa's grand arrival by boat, our Member Holiday Party complete with karaoke,*

*and more than 400 members and guests enjoying the festivities during the Boat Parade. As we step into 2025, we're maintaining this momentum with a sold-out Commodore's Ball, with 212 attendees. This is truly the perfect start to the new year.*

*This brings me to an important announcement. At the General Meeting on February 21st, I will present the current financial status of our Club, explain our operational structure, and discuss our management practices in the broader context of other clubs. We are navigating similar challenges and market dynamics as others, but many of our strategies are exemplary.*

*I strongly encourage all of you to join us at the General Meeting. It's not only a chance to stay informed but also a fantastic*

*opportunity to engage more meaningfully with the Club. If it's been a while since your last visit, I'm sure you'll be pleasantly surprised by our enhanced services, amenities and new faces.*

*We are also proud to announce that KHYC has been honored with the SCYA 2024 Senior Club of the Year Award for the third consecutive year. Thank you, Rear Commodore Katie Gonzalez, for expertly assembling the award submission. The awards banquet showcased our scenic Upper Deck with a spectacular sunset and the delightful offerings from our Galley. And, as always, the wine selection expertly curated by our amazing bartender, Richard Lizza, was a highlight. This award is a testament to the spirit and dedication of our wonderful volunteers and staff.*

*At the Commodore's Ball, I shared this thought. Altruism is good for you. It not only enriches your heart but also can extend your life, a sentiment supported by research. It's a powerful lesson for all ages, reminding us of the value in putting others first and the impact of setting a positive example.*

*At King Harbor Yacht Club, our strength lies in our incredible volunteers. To each of you, I extend my deepest gratitude.*

## Note from the Editor : Look for the Sneak Peek

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**King Harbor Yacht Club**  
**2025 Spinnaker Series**

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- #1 Sat, Mar 15 Stoney Special\*
- #2 Sat, Apr 12 Transharbor/BergerStein#4\*
- #3 Sun, Jun 8 Eagle Rock to MDR/BergerStein#7\*
- #4 Sat, Jun 14 KHYC to CBYC\*\*
- #5 Sat, Aug 23 Windward Leeward
- #6 Sat, Sep 13 Matt Walsh\*

\*ASMBYC Highpoint Series  
\*\*Around-the-Point Series

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I've been looking at Membership through the lens of acquiring new members, and I'm now realizing that member acquisition is only a subset of the best membership experience. Joining the club is just the beginning and I've

realized that our members have different ideas about how they love interacting with the club and the ocean, just as our new members do. So, I've asked the fleet skippers, and they've agreed to let me come to their next meeting to see if we can match up their interests with those of interested potential members. A passionate fishing fleet member, for example, has a much better story for a fishing enthusiast than a passionate sailor.

I also wanted to let you know that new members will receive a **yellow name badge** on joining, so they can easily recognize their peer group, but more importantly, so our long term enthusiastic members can introduce themselves and welcome them into the club, get to know them a bit and help them navigate their new surroundings. It's a great way to meet new members, enjoy their enthusiasm and help them find their way around.

On that subject, we're still on the lookout for a new Membership Chair, as Pat Light is stepping back after several years of success. Thank you, Pat! **If you have interest, please get in touch.**

We have another exciting race season getting ready to kick off on **January 25** with the first Sunday CHRF Race. For those interested in racing, or just improving their sailing skills, the CHRF race is a great fun and low-pressure experience. Spinnaker Series begins with the Stoney Special on March 15. This year, our Spinnaker Series racers will be able to race in one vent co-branded with DRYC. Racers will be able to compete in one race and get credit in the Spinnaker Series and Del Rey Yacht Club Stein Series for sailing the same trace.

Twilight Racing begins on April 10, again broken up into "First Half" and "Second Half" series scoring with overall winners announced at the KHYC Awards.

I also want to remind racers at the beginning of the year of the High Point Series, which provides bonus point scoring for competing out of the harbor, and the Around-the-Point series, which is a collaboration between

- June 14 – King Harbor to Cabrillo (KHYC and CBYC)
- August 9 – Queen Mary Regatta (KHYC and Shoreline Yacht Club in Long Beach), and
- August 30 – The Outlaw Regatta (Santa Monica Windjammers and Seal Beach)

This is a going to be another great year for racing, and if you're interested but not yet active, let one of us know. We'll try to get you on a boat or help you get entered in your own boat.

**NIGHT WATCH FLEET**  
by: Linda Marland

Our January Night Watch Fleet meeting was small, but very productive. Joni Ackerman is our new fearless skipper!

We had a great discussion of possible activities for 2025. Robyn Solimando suggested a trip to the Pasadena Showcase Home in May. She will be getting more information about that after the Commodore's Ball. Tanya Rosser has again volunteered to lead us on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Long Beach Aquarium that was so popular last year. Laurel Gutierrez is looking into a visit to the Getty Museum. One of us volunteered to ask Pat Light for a tour of the Mammal Rescue Center in San Pedro.

We're also hoping to have some fun activities during the meetings—spa pampering, knot tying, paint and pour, (that involves wine!), etc. Join us on the first Tuesdays of the month: 6:00 Social time, 6:30 Potluck dinner, 7:00 meeting. See you at the Club!!!



**EIGHT BELLS**



Jerry "Jack" Hunter passed on January 7, 2025 at the age of 88. Jerry was an active sailor and club member for the last 50+ years. In addition to sailing, Jerry was an avid tennis player, motorcycle enthusiast and Bay Club member. Jerry also authored several books which have been read in the yacht club's book club. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to King Harbor Youth Foundation. His Sail Away will be held at a later date.

**SUPER BOWL PARTY!!!!**

**SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 9, 2025**  
**SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
**8 ANNUAL CHILI CONTEST WITH PRIZES!**

**2:30 PM START TIME**  
**2:30 PM Chili Drop Off**  
**3:30 PM KICKOFF!**

**LITE FARE & FOOTBALL MENU – BIG SCREEN TV**  
*Wear Your Team Jerseys for Your Own Photos!*

WATCH THE PLAYOFFS HERE ON THE BIG SCREEN		
Jan. 11-13	Jan. 18-19	January 26
Wild Card	Divisional	Conference

**King Harbor Yacht Club**  
280 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach

Robyn Solimando is looking for chili entries for the chili contest at the Super Bowl Party. Let her know if you're interested.







# REAR COMMODORE KATIE GONZALEZ



# 2025 LEADERSHIP

The care and management of KHYC's docks and yards fall under the Rear Commodore's Flag. These areas are vital to our club's functionality and aesthetics, and I extend my gratitude to the dedicated members that volunteer each year in the positions that help monitor and maintain them. This work is ongoing and time-intensive but ensures that KHYC continues to be a place of pride and enjoyment for all members.

Many yacht clubs do not have the extensive docks and dry moorage amenities that we are fortunate to have. To ensure these facilities are used properly and fairly, I will highlight a few key sections of the KHYC Policy Book relevant to the docks and yards.

### 1. Logbook

All vessels whether docked, or parked temporarily at KHYC, must register in the Logbook by their owners upon arrival. The Logbook is on the desk at the club entrance on the north side of the clubhouse. Trailered vessels or trailers cannot be left overnight without the Port Captain's approval and Logbook registration. The 2025 Port Captain is S/C Lisa Falk.

### 2. Dry Moorage License Agreement & Documentation

Members with a dry moorage license must submit a newly signed license agreement yearly, along with current insurance and registration. All vessels and trailers in licensed spaces must be listed on the agreement and have a KHYC ID sticker affixed in a visible location.

### 3. Yard Cleanliness and Usage

- KHYC dry moorage is not for storing unused or inoperable vessels.
- Please keep your assigned space clean and free of prohibited items, such as bicycles and storage containers other than a dock box. Bicycles must be

parked in one of the KHYC provided bike racks while visiting the club. Overnight bicycle storage is not permitted anywhere on KHYC property.

- If you no longer use your vessel that is assigned a dry moorage space, please consider vacating the space to accommodate members on the waitlist that regularly use their vessels.

### 4. 2025 Dry Moorage and Overnight Dockage Fees

The Board has established the following 2025 Dry Moorage Fees:	
VESSEL SPACES	2025 Dry Moorage Fees
Large vessel spaces	\$8 per lineal foot (fee effective 1/1/2025)
Below fees effective 3/1/2025	
SUP outside rack	\$20

Other Storage	
SUP indoor rack	\$25
Kayak outdoor rack	\$25
Opti outdoor rack	\$25
Sabot indoor rack	\$40
Laser outdoor rack	\$40

The Board has established the following 2025 Overnight Dockage Fees for stays exceeding the complimentary nights outlined in KHYC Policy Book Section 6.4:  
**KHYC Member Vessels: \$1.50 per foot, per night and Non-Member Vessels: \$2.00 per foot, per night.**

*Let's work together to keep our docks and yards in excellent condition. Thank you for your cooperation and stewardship of these essential club amenities.*

### MEETINGS

**BOARD MEETINGS:** third Monday at 7:00 PM. Open to all members.

**GENERAL MEETINGS & TOWN HALLS:** the Friday after the Board meeting at 7:00 PM.



*Chef Marcos*



## THE GALLEY

### UPPER DECK/BAR\*

**MONDAYS - Brats/Hotdog Bar**  
**TUESDAYS - Hot Sandwiches**  
4:00 - 8:00pm  
**WED & FRIDAY: Light Fare**  
4:00 - 8:00pm

### LOWER DECK/PATIO

**THURSDAY: Dinner & Light Fare**  
4:00 - 8:00pm\*\*  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY:**  
Breakfast & Lunch 9:00am - 2:00pm

\*BAR HOURS  
Mon. thru Saturday 4-10pm • Sunday 3-10pm

DINNER MENUS are included in the weekly emails & posted on the club website

**\*\*Reservations are recommended but not required**  
Please make your reservations via email to [office@khy.org](mailto:office@khy.org)  
Subject line: Dinner Reservation or Event RSVP



## CRUISING FLEET

by: Katherine Folkman

The Cruising Fleet had a festive ending to 2024 with four King Harbor boats cruising to Newport Harbor to watch the Holiday Boat Parade. We had an additional 20 or so members drive down and join us to dine at the American Legion while watching the parade. On the second evening, a group of us boarded a Duffy skippered by Brian Hanhart to see the view of the parade from the water. Fun was had by all, and we definitely plan on going back this December!

Our January meeting began with swearing in the new officers, Fleet Captain Katherine Folkman, Fleet Secretary Barbara Lewak and Fleet Treasurer Rich Boyle. We had a great turnout and came up with some fun ideas for our 2025 Cruising Calendar. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions on ways for us to promote cruising, enjoy time on the water and at the club.

In lieu of our formal meeting on February 11th the fleet will host a 7pm presentation on the Upper Deck by member Martin Lopez titled "Mallorca Fire at Sea." I'm sure it will be an exciting presentation, and important information will be shared on how to best prepare for and handle a fire on board. All KHYC members and guests are welcome to attend this important presentation.

Members of the Cruising Fleet will decorate for the club St. Patrick's Day dinner held on Friday, March 14th.

The next formal meeting will be held on Tues, March 11th. We begin at 6pm with no host cocktails, 6:30 potluck, and 7pm meeting in the Cole Room. Fleet dues are \$20, and all are welcome to join in the fun!



## FIRST MATES

by: Kathy Smith

The First Mates gathered in late December to de-decorate the club from its Christmas glory. We had a pretty good turnout, considering that it's always a somewhat depressing job; as always, we managed to make it as pleasant as possible. Tracy Noble and Bobbi Promisel directed the group, as usual, and we are indebted to them for their superb organizational skills and energy!

The fleet did not have a meeting in January, but we will gather again on the first Wednesday in February for our annual officer installation, as incoming Skipper April Pitcairn and her team take the FM helm for 2025. The luncheon meeting will be held on the upper deck. All women in the club are welcome to join us. No RSVP is needed; just show up with money for the luncheon and we'll find a place for you!



## CAL 20 FLEET

It's been a while since Cal20 Racers had their last race of 2024. The Christmas Regatta was on Dec 7th. The fleet showed 5 boats strong for our one-class race. Winds were very light, but it was a beautiful day to be on the water. Patience and concentration were key. This was easily the longest (in time) Cal20 race of the year. Our Cal20 boats were a part of the full 34 ship armada in slow motion on a very calm Santa Monica Bay. Burr and Kurt on *Deja Vu* took first place as they edged out Ray and Gary on *Wave Dancer* at the very end. Dave and Joe snuck up and almost stole 2nd place on *Penelope*. Jason and Andy on *Obnoxious* and Michael & crew on *M2* rounded out the field right behind. True one-class sailing! Jim Filar was out there cheering us on from *Annie*.



Cal20 Fleet barely had time to clean up (sober up?) when they started their annual Christmas party the next night. It's worth joining the Cal20 Fleet JUST to attend this party. There were crazy amounts of fabulous food such as tamales, smoked salmon and the juiciest turkey this side of a ripe orange. The sides and desserts set the bar high. The party was very well attended by our full fleet. It

helped that Richard and Donna picked out a great selection of wine to accompany the food. The evening ended with a "no holds barred" White Elephant gift exchange. Lots of stealing, 'cause there were lots of great gifts offered by our generous fleet members. This also doubled as our last Fleet meeting of the year, deciding on officers and collecting dues. The Cal20 Fleet is set up for a very successful 2025. More Cal20 boats will be shipshape and that includes adding regular weekly sailors... so please Join Us !! We meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the big round table upstairs.

# RACE CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

Sun. 02/09.....CHRF Spin/Non-Spin

## MARCH

Sat. 03/01.....South Bay Tour Berger/Stein3\* (DRYC)

Sat. 03/15.....Stoney Special/Spin 1

Sun. 03/16.....CHRF Spin/Non-Spin

## APRIL

Sun. 04/06.....KHYC Opening Day

Thurs. 04/10.....Twilight Series begins

Sat. 04/12.....Transharbor Berger/Stein3\* (DRYC/KHYC)

Sat. 04/19.....Ken Hoover Opti/Day #1

Sun. 04/20.....CHRF Spin/Non-Spin

Sun. 04/20.....Ken Hoover Opti/Day #2

Fri. 04/25.....Newport to Ensenada Race (NOSA)

## MAY

Sat. 05/10.....Bud Gardner Bowl #1 of 2

Sun. 05/11.....Bud Gardner Bowl #2 of 2

Sun. 05/18.....CHRF Spin/Non-Spin

## JUNE

Tues. 06/03...June Cup Women at the Helm (PRYC)

Sun. 06/08.....Eagle Rock MDR/Berger/Stein7/Spin3\* (DRYC/KHYC)

Sun. 06/08.....CHRF Spin/Non-Spin

Tue. 06/10.....June Cup WAH (PRYC)

Wed. 06/11.....Dinghy Twilights begin

Sat. 06/14...KHYC2CBYC/Spin4/ATP1 (KHYC/CBYC)\*\*

Tue. 06/17.....June Cup WAH (PRYC)

Tue. 06/24.....June Cup WAH (PRYC)

## JULY

Sat. 07/12.....Tom Collier Regatta\*

Sat. 07/19.....CHRF Spin/Non-Spin

Fri. 07/25 ....Santa Barbara King Harbor (SBYC/KHYC)

## AUGUST

Sat. 08/09...Queen Mary Regatta ATP2\*\* (KHYC/SYC)

Sun. 08/10.....CHRF Spin/Non-Spin

Sat. 08/16 .....Pirate Regatta (PRYC)\*

Wed. 08/20.....Dinghy Twilights ENDS

Sat. 08/23.....Spinnaker Series 5

Sat. 08/30...Outlaw Regatta ATP3\*\* (SMWYC/SIBYC)

## SEPTEMBER

Thurs. 09/11.....Twilight Series Ends

Sat. 09/13.....Spinnaker Series 6

Sat. 09/20.....Jarvis Hamilton Memorial

Sun. 09/21.....CHRF Spin/Non-Spin

## OCTOBER

Sat. 10/04.....Castillion Classic

Sun. 10/05.....His n' Hers #1

Sun. 10/12.....His n' Hers #2

Sun. 10/19.....His n' Hers #3

Sun. 10/26.....CHRF Spin/Non-Spin

## NOVEMBER

Sun. 11/09.....CHRF Spin/Non-Spin

Sun. 11/09.....KHYC Awards Ceremony

\*ASBYC HIGHPOINT RACE

\*\*KHYC Around the Point Series

## RACE CHAIR

S/C Dorian Harris .....310-259-1040  
dorian.harris628@gmail.com

NOTE: Racing info is also posted on KHYC website <https://khydc.org>

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Jim and Diane Murrell joined the King Harbor Yacht Club in 2002. Previously members of the Redondo Beach Yacht Club, they already knew many people at the Club. Jim's first Huckleberry Sailboat, an Albin 25, was docked on F dock. Several Club members suggested that he could join KHYC, store his sailboat in the yard, and it would cost much less than his in-water slip. They joined the next day, marking the beginning of 23 rewarding and enjoyable years.

They were married at the club in 2005 in the beautiful Upper Deck. Jim found that one of the great benefits of KHYC was the ability to visit any day, at any time, and always find friends. The yacht club has added a significant social dimension to their lives. They have spent countless New Years', Fourth of Julys, and other events at KHYC. Jim, who grew up on the shores of Lake Ontario in upstate New York, has been a competitive sailor for much of his life. His passion for racing sailboats flourished with the weekly Thursday Twilights and weekend series at the club, which were tremendously enjoyable. Being surrounded by other boaters with similar interests was a significant advantage of Club membership. They participated in six World Championships with members of King Harbor Yacht Club as crew.

Jim ascended the ranks, starting as a Director in 2007 and becoming Commodore in 2012. His tenure as Commodore was both interesting and fulfilling. He recommends that anyone interested in contributing to the organization, which plays a major role in their social lives, should consider serving as a Committee Chair, Fleet Captain, or Director. It's a rewarding experience that offers deep insights into the Club's operations. When his career in the printing industry was affected by the rise of digital media, Jim found a second career as a yacht broker, with many clients coming from the yacht club.

Jim and Diane are grateful to the King Harbor Yacht Club for many years of cherished memories and look forward to many more!



## CONGRATULATIONS



Staff Commodore Francie Hope  
Night Watch Fleet's  
2024 Woman of the Year!

Thank you Francie for all you've done in support of everything that makes KHYC so special—both in 2024 and over the long term. Your contributions and leadership over the past 30 years are too numerous to list but include fleet participation, being an accomplished Cal 20 and Sabot racer, chairing a variety of committees, serving as Director, Fleet Captain, and helping to reopen the club after Covid 19. As Garden Chair (2019 -2025) you've led efforts to beautify the club exterior which we all appreciate. 2020 saw you begin your 3 year journey culminating in leading KHYC as Commodore in 2022.

THANK YOU Francie,  
AND CONGRATULATIONS!!



SOCIAL CHAIR  
by: Robyn Solimando



# BUNCO NIGHT!

FEBRUARY 25, 2025

PLAY BUNCO EVERY 4TH TUESDAY!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

- ◆ Bunco is very easy to play—we'll teach you
- ◆ This is a NO MONEY game—just fun!
- ◆ Dinner option at 6:30pm / game begins at 7pm
- ◆ Dinner/Drinks charged to member account
- ◆ MUST RSVP to Robyn Solimando: homesolimando@yahoo.com

NOTE: a minimum of 12 people are needed to play with maximum of 36 people.



# KHYC CLUB OF THE YEAR!!!!

By: Katie Gonzalez

KHYC was awarded the 2024 Club of the Year Trophy at the SCYA Award ceremony



## FAMILY FLEET

by: Amy Cooper

COME ONE, COME ALL!  
**VALENTINE  
CARD MAKING  
PARTY**  
FEBRUARY  
THURSDAY **13** 5-7PM  
KING HARBOR YACHT  
CLUB  
**JOIN US WHILE WE  
NIBBLE AND CREATE**  
CRAFTS AND GOODY BAGS FOR ALL OF OUR  
FAVORITE KHYC KIDS  
SUPPLIES INCLUDED OR BRING YOUR OWN TO  
SHARE!



## MERCHANDISE

by: Clara Jett



Happy Valentine's Day. This month we are featuring Pat Light. Where do I start, she is membership, Xmas parade chair, plus many other functions in the club. She is wearing the new look, a short brick color sweatshirt, which also comes in black. Fluffy vests, scarfs, and ball caps are also available.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024



# RACE MANAGEMENT FLEET

By: Dorian Harris

The racing season is underway. Del Rey Yacht Club hosted the first race of the season on January 4, The Malibu/Topanga & Return Race. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE COMPETITORS!!

KHYC skippers placing are as follows:			
CLASS D	3rd	Triggerfish	Andy Beggs
	6th	Renegade	Denny Browne
	9th	Wahoo	Paul Zambriski
CLASS E	5th	Bella Vita	Marty Burke
	6th	No Way	Don Souther
CLASS CA	1st	Soul Shine	Scott Haisman
CLASS CB	4th	GuacAmore	Kent Lowell

UPCOMING RACES	
JANUARY 26	CHRF
FEBRUARY 9	CHRF
FEBRUARY 22 & 23	SCYA WINWINTERS DF95

Check the Race page for upcoming races!

**\*\*Race Management Fleet – Calling All Members\*\***

A successful race or series cannot be achieved by one person alone; it requires a strong team. Each member of the team plays a vital role. The team positions include Principal Race Officer, Wind Reader, Scorer, Sounder, Line Sighter, Spotter/Recorder, Signaler, Timer, and Support Boat Operator, among others.

If you're interested in being on the water to support our racing program with a great group of fellow members, please join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Meetings will be held in the conference room at 6:30 p.m.

For additional information contact RMF Skipper, Dorian Harris SC.

## Wanted!

A Few Good Drivers!



Have Fun! Help Your Club!

Racing season is almost upon us and we need a few more drivers of Phantom to help start and finish the races.

Some boating experience is desirable, but we'll train you on how to handle Phantom (it's easy!)

If interested in learning more, please contact Steve Izant at: sizant726@gmail.com

# YOUTH FOUNDATION

By: Suanne De Stefano

We concluded our 2024 season with an amazing night celebrating our junior sailors at the Winter Awards Banquet. It was so special to see all of the kids dressed up and have our KHYF families enjoy time together. This event is a highlight for everyone, especially for our young sailors who have grown so much and were acknowledged for their hard work. You can see the pride in their eyes and the smiles on their faces knowing that all of those tough times on the water made them stronger. In addition to our fearless Opti sailors being recognized for their strengths, we also awarded our annual trophies to the following sailors for an outstanding season:

- Opti High Point Winner: Sailor Mays
- CFJ High Point Winner: Joaquin DesRochers
- Keelboat High Point Winner: Joaquin DesRochers
- The Kinney Perpetual Most Improved Sailor: Sonora Staloch
- Wilson Perpetual Trophy Best Overall Junior Performance: Sailor Mays
- KHYF Sportsmanship Award: Isla Cooper
- Fran Boldt Perpetual for Outstanding Girl Sailor of the Year: Reese Lieser
- KHYF Outstanding Sailor of the Year: Joaquin DesRochers

Congratulations to all of our sailors and we're excited to see what you accomplish this year!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following events:

- MARCH 15-16: Los Angeles | Sail Grand Prix
- MARCH 30: KHYF Open House Fundraiser
- APRIL 26-27: Ken Hoover Opti Regatta hosted at KHYC
- May 10-11: KHYF MOMosa Opti Team Race Invitational at KHYC

Check out KHYF.org for details about our programs and keep an eye out for opportunities to attend SailGP at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro!



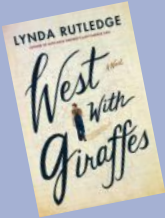




# BOOK CLUB

by: Rafael Fernandez

In January we reviewed "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. An emotional, spiritually stirring novel, inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America. Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away while living in a home for the Elderly. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave: "Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes" wrote Woodrow, as he was recalling his life changing adventure while writing the notes that generated this book.



It was 1938 and the Great Depression was lingering. Hitler was threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans were longing for wonder. They found it in two giraffes who miraculously survived a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What followed was a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel was the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow Wilson Nickel. Inspired by true events, the story weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, West with Giraffes explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it was too late - Said Lake

Union Publishing on the book cover.

Personally, as an ex dog "owner" of Alexander (The Grate-Dane), I totally related to Woodrow's feelings for the giraffes and of the giraffes for him: "the grace of animals". It reminded me of how, after my 13 year old dog "Alex" died, it took me years before I had the strength to throw away his metal leash which I kept hanging behind one of my closet doors... Every time I opened that door I heard the "jingle" of the leash and my mind would flash back to Alex's happy brown eyes looking at me when he heard that jingle, knowing that we were going for a walk and "a chat" in Central Park... He really was my friend!

Meanwhile the upcoming reviews schedule stands as follows:

February: "The Fire Escape Belongs in Brooklyn" by Chuck Casio

March: "The Long Walk" by Slavomir Rawicz

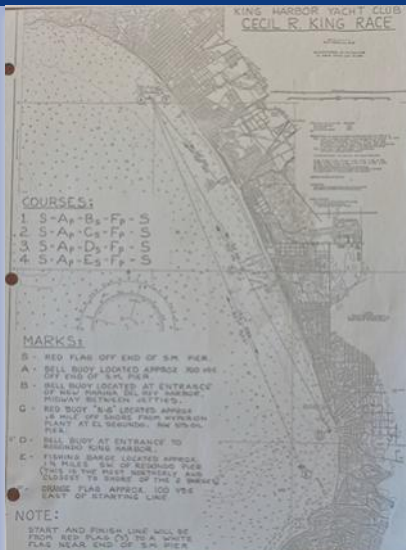
April: "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver

## UPCOMING REVIEWS:



## BLAST FROM THE PAST!

BY: Tracey McMartin - KHYC Historian



This is a 1962 race chart for the King Harbor Yacht Club Cecil R. King Race, an inverted-start race using the Portsmouth handicap rating system run by KHYC in the early days of the yacht club's history. This was graciously provided by member Carroll Whitney, the first Secretary of the Club in 1960.

In 1985, the KHYC Board of Directors accepted and approved the Deed of Gift for the "Neal Anderson Perpetual Trophy For Junior Racing In The Cecil R. King Race." From the Deed of Gift, "This trophy is dedicated in memory of Neal Anderson who spent countless hours in handicap data collection and analyses to provide fair competition in local and national Portsmouth handicap events. Neal was especially admired by the young sailors at King Harbor Yacht Club and their interest inspired the establishment of this trophy." From 1981 to 2006, the Cecil R. King Regatta was actively raced by juniors. The names of the junior sailors who won the regatta can still be found on the perpetual trophy in the clubhouse downstairs. After 2006, the deed of gift was updated to encourage junior sailors to participate in the current KHYC inverted start race using the Portsmouth rating system. The trophy is now the "Neal Anderson/Cecil R. King Perpetual First to Finish Juniors Tom Collier Regatta for Hope," the current Cure Cancer Cup for the Tom Collier Memorial Trophy.



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On top Soul Shine and Triggerfish V. Next 2 races are coming up in March. For complete standing and high point details please visit <https://www.asmbyc.org/high-point-series>

# 2025 ASMBYC High Point Series

## Front Runners (Six races or more to become a Qualifier)

Place	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	Home Port	Overall Scores
1	Soul Shine	Scott Haisman	KHYC	KH	130
2	Triggerfish V	Andy Beggs	KHYC	KH	107
3	Cuchulainn	Robert Dekker	SCCYC	MDR	100
4	Javelin	Daniel Murphy	CYC	MDR	100
5	Rascal	Kathy St. Amant & Monica Ct	SCCYC	MDR	100
6	Cricket	Bettina Martin	FWYC	MDR	100
7	Revo	Brack Duker	CYC	MDR	100
8	Sunshine	Leonard Gordon	SCCYC	MDR	100
9	Bella Vita	Martin Burke	KHYC	KH	95
10	GuacAmore	Kent Lowell	KHYC	KH	95

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For more info, please call 310-305-SAIL(7245) or email: [info@bluepacificyachting.com](mailto:info@bluepacificyachting.com).

### SAIL AWAY PROGRAM

The King Harbor Youth Foundation has a CAL20 and Martin 242s available for charter. For more info, go to [khyf.org](http://khyf.org) and (in the menu options) click on → SAIL AWAY for documentation and registration requirements.

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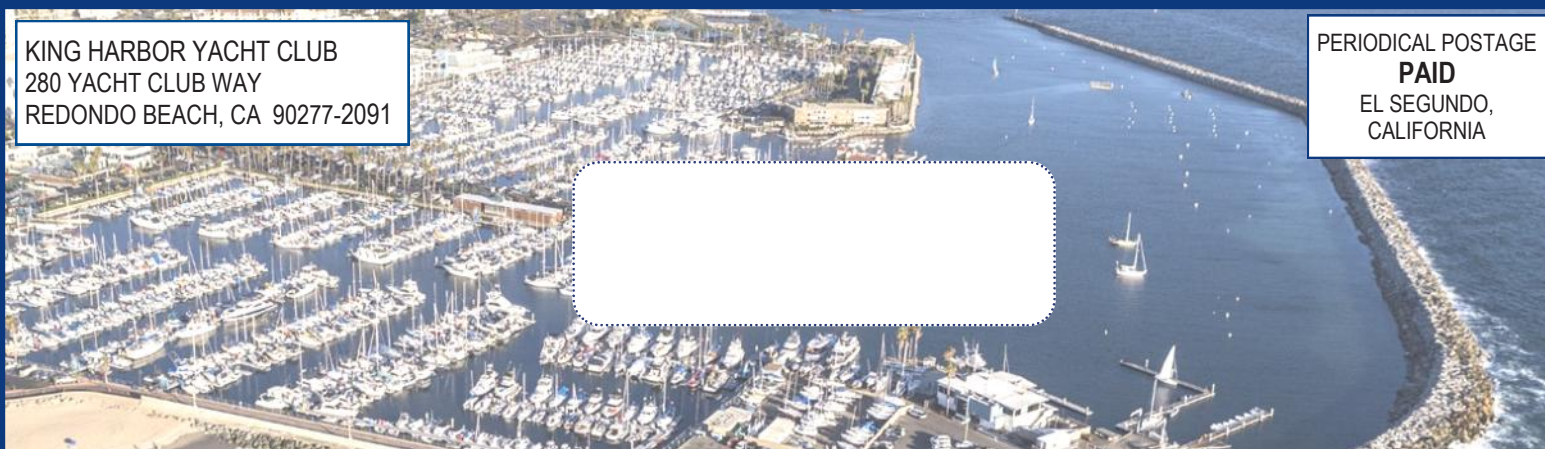

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