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**JAMES LEE, Commodore**



*At the Super Bowl party at the Club, I was deeply moved as the entire Upper Deck fell silent for the National Anthem. Hats off, hands over hearts, we stood together until the final note, followed by a resounding cheer. It didn't matter which team you were rooting for—at that moment, we were united, celebrating not just the game but the camaraderie of our KHYC community. A huge thank you to our Social Chair, Robyn Solimando, for organizing yet another fantastic event. And to everyone who brought their special chili recipes for the contest—wow! I tasted them all and realized I need to seriously up my chili game. Congratulations to our well-deserving winner, Jennifer Donahue!*

*I also had the pleasure of attending Port Royal Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball at R10 Social House, and what an incredible evening it was! Seeing their new Flags and Directors welcomed for 2025 was inspiring. PRYC and KHYC share a common vision—filling the harbor with good times, great friendships, and true Corinthian spirit.*

*Our Valentine's Day Dinner was another resounding success! The Upper Deck was glowing with candlelit tables, elegant decorations, and members and guests dressed beautifully, celebrating love in all its forms. A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful staff, especially Chef Marcos for the delicious menu and Lupe Marquez for the romantic décor.*

*The photo backdrop was a lovely touch, capturing memories of a truly special evening.*

*This sense of unity carries into exciting news from our Strategic Planning sessions held on February 11-12. With the expert guidance of members Lori Heffelfinger and James Jackman, our Club leadership, along with diverse voices from our membership and General Manager, worked together to develop a strategic framework for our future. This plan outlines a vision and the steps to achieve it—an essential milestone as we continue moving forward, especially in the wake of COVID.*

*The numbers tell an incredible story—our Club has experienced a 205% growth in total revenue over the past five years. That's a testament to how much people want to be part of KHYC! But with growth comes the challenge of adapting, and we are committed to aligning our organization, systems, and processes to ensure our Club remains the shining example it already is in Redondo Beach.*

*I ask for your patience and support as we embark on these initiatives. KHYC is built on a strong foundation of pride and community, and at the end of the day, we get the job done—together. None of this would be possible without the passion and commitment of our members. I am continually humbled and inspired by the family legacies, achievements, talents, and incredible diversity that make this Club so special.*

*Thank you for being part of this journey. See you at the Club!*

Front cover photo by Diana MacDougall

GENERAL MEETING MARCH 21.....PLEASE ATTEND!

Editor Note: There is a hidden picture somewhere in this edition. The first person to find and email me at Telltale@KHYC.org with a screenshot of where, will get a prize...good luck!!



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**Club Clean-Up**

**Saturday March 22**

**Docks at 8 AM, Clean up at 9 AM**  
**Lunch will be provided to workers**

**St. Patrick's Party at KHYC**  
**FRIDAY, MAR. 14TH**  
 Family Fun! Guests Welcome!  
 5-6 pm Treasure Hunt for Kids  
 6-8 pm Dinner Served  
 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner  
 Adults \$37 +tt  
 Kids 12 & Under \$25 +tt  
 Additional Kids Menu Items \$15 +tt  
 RSVP by March 10th to office@khyc.org  
 COME GET YOUR GREEN ON!  
 Hosted by KHYC Cruising & Family Fleets



While it's still fresh in my mind, I want to thank everyone who contributed to our recent Valentine's Day dinner party on the Upper Deck of the club. We had sixty members attend, and from our table, it looked like we were all having a wonderful evening. Deb and I shared and enjoyed the Prime Rib and the Swordfish, both of which

were delightful, as were the festivities and the company. Thank you to all who planned, arranged and attended this delightful evening.

It's exciting to see the 2025 Race Season picking up speed, with the Del Rey Yacht Club's Malibu & Return Race and the Santa Monica Bay Race already in the history books. Special thanks for all the planning completed by our Race Committee fleet to organize and operate our race support boats, start and finish our races. Our Spinnaker Series kicked off on March 15 with Spinnaker 1, the Stony Special. Results weren't available by press time, please but check it out on the website. If you're new to racing, or haven't yet been out there, please let us know. We'll get you out on a boat, and you'll be hooked!

Membership, as you know, is always a key focus for the club. While we are eager to get from about 500 members now, to our limit of 550, it's vitally important that we continue to serve our existing members

including, perhaps especially, those of you who we see less often than we would like. At our recent Strategic Planning sessions, we articulated five bold steps for the club to prosper in the future. One of them is Member Engagement, for which we've formed a steering committee to lead the recruitment efforts with the USC team, as well as an effort to reach out to our current members in an ongoing effort to ensure the club is delivering.

I consistently hear the club described by long term members as part of their extended family. It's a big family, which is one of the reasons we wear name badges. But there's another equally important reason: name badges are part of our efforts to maintain our liquor license! As a 501(c)(7) corporation, we're an organization that exists for our members, not for the public. That's why you can expect staff to remind you, if you happened to forget it. If the liquor board happens to wander in, and they see people without badges, who they determine not to be accompanied by members up to six per membership, our liquor license is at risk.

I mentioned last month that we're going to be issuing yellow badges to new members, so they can easily recognize each other as peers, and so they can easily be recognized by those of us who have been around so we can welcome them and introduce them around. Please keep an eye out for yellow badges, and help welcome them to our wonderful and unique community.



**NIGHT WATCH FLEET**  
by: Joni Ackerman

The annual installation of officers took place on February 4, 2025, with Commodore James Lee officiating. He installed Skipper Joni Ackerman, First Mate Betty Leinen and Log Keeper Linda Marland. Purser Helen Flanagan will be installed at the March meeting. The Commodore gave the fleet an overview of great things to come during his year.

The fleet discussed plans for group outings and possible speakers for in house programs. Dates are being determined. Everyone is looking forward to a fun and productive year ahead for the fleet and the club.



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Regular/Dual 498 (includes 37 Seniors)	Resignations	Status Changes
Flag 22	Patrick Fast (D)	John Powers D-N
Junior Flag 13	Michael Nuzzi (D)	Alexander Krause JF -F
Junior 46	Carter Gage (N)	Dylan Dean Jr. -JF
Non Resident 70	Christopher Andrews (F)	
	Jack Burns (D)	
	Sandra Keefer (N)	
	Stella Libby-Auday (R)	



**Music Program**  
By: Julie Moore

Aiden, Senior in high school and club member, will be performing March 7th, April 4th, and April 11th from 5:30-7:30. He's performing for tips only.

## REAR COMMODORE KATIE GONZALEZ



2025  
LEADERSHIP

Last month, 16 of us cruisers embarked on an unforgettable 10-day island-hopping adventure sailing around the beautiful British Virgin Islands. With amazing weather and an incredible crew, the trip couldn't have been better.

The journey began in Tortola, where our group picked up two 45-foot catamarans. From there, the adventure unfolded with stops at some of the BVI's most iconic spots. The first sail took us to Norman Island and the famous Willy T's, followed by a visit to Cooper Island. Next, we made our way to Virgin Gorda, exploring Spanish Town, The Baths, Bitter End Yacht Club, Saba Rock, and Oil Nut Bay.

The trip wrapped up with a few nights at Jost Van Dyke, featuring clear warm water to float in, fresh lobster dinner at Sidney's in Little Harbor, a classic BBQ at Foxy's in Great Harbor, and plenty of painkillers at the Soggy Dollar Bar in White Bay. A special thanks to Lisa and Marty Falk who had painkillers waiting for us when we arrived at Soggy Dollar.

Activities ranged from scuba diving at dive spots RMS Rhone, The Dogs, and The Indians, to paddleboarding, snorkeling, hiking and savoring delicious meals together. Buying fresh lobsters from local fishermen to cook on our boats and Rum Runner frozen drinks delivered by dinghy with dog Drake were group favorites. And of course, we all enjoyed lots of laughs and camaraderie.



**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.

## THE GALLEY



*Chef Marcos*



### 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@khvc.org](mailto:office@khvc.org)  
 Subject line: Dinner Reservation or Event RSVP

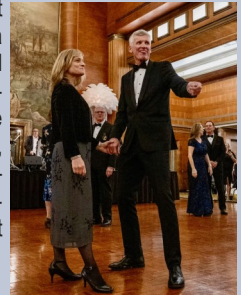
On January 18th, 214 members and guests gathered for a spectacular evening aboard The Queen Mary to celebrate the annual Commodore's Ball. This cherished event honors our club's Staff Commodores and their years of dedicated service since the club's inception in 1960. The Grand Salon, beautifully decorated and filled with attendees in tuxedos and formal gowns, exuded elegance. A notable highlight was the musical salute by our piper, Glen Thompson, and Commodore James Lee, which added a memorable touch to the evening.

The event was graced by dignitaries from several esteemed yacht clubs, including Port Royal Yacht Club, Eastport Yacht Club, Del Rey Yacht Club, California Yacht Club, Los Angeles Yacht Club, Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach, and Southshore Yacht Club. Their presence enhanced the festive atmosphere.

A delightful surprise featured a choreographed dance to "Fly Me to the Moon," brilliantly executed by Jr Staff Commodore Andy Beggs, Suzanne De Stefano, Vice Commodore Denny Browne, Debbie Browne, Rear Commodore Katie Gonzalez, PRYC Rear Commodore Dan Gonzalez, Commodore James Lee, and Eastport YC Vice Commodore Jennifer Ellefson. Impressively, this performance was perfected over months of preparation, astonishingly without a single rehearsal with the live band.

It was an honor to introduce the Staff Commodores for the First Dance, accompanied by the romantic tune "Love Is Here to Stay." The couples included Bob White and Elizabeth ('99), Mark Hansen and Deborah ('01), Mac McClellan and Joan ('03), Burr Hope and Francie ('06), Janine Thompson and Glen ('08), Jim Murrell and Diane ('12), Lisa Falk and Marty ('13), Dennis Groat and Denise ('14), Bob Duncan and Nancy ('16), Kelly McMartin and Tracey ('18), Greg Ronkainen and Joni ('19), Lee Coller and Lorraine ('20), Francie Hope and Burr ('22), and Andy Beggs and Suzanne ('24). The live band led by Danny Freyer enveloped the evening in a nostalgic ambiance.

The night was further adorned with feathered table centerpieces, a photo booth, a champagne toast, and over 40 rooms booked by attendees, making it an unforgettable gathering and a magnificent celebration. Special thanks to Robyn Solimando for leading the planning committee and to Joe Solimando, Julie Moore, Lisa Falk, Eagle Sams, Wes Irwin, Jamie Galagher and Rich Lizza for their wonderful assistance in making this event a success!



**FIRST MATES**  
by: Kathy Smith

The First Mates had a fabulous Officer Installation Luncheon on the upper deck in February. Outgoing Skipper Carole Stonich set the mood with a Valentine's Day theme, and our Galley staff did the rest with passed appetizers and a delicious meal! Long-time FM sommelier, S/C Norie Martin, ensured that the wine & champagne flowed as we toasted our incoming officers for 2025. Commodore James dined with us and addressed the group; he reminded us of all the things we love about KHYC: the great view, the activities, the volunteers, and all the people! (How about that great Commodore's Ball?!) Carole provided a brief FM history, telling the group that the First Mates began as the "Petticoat Fleet" back in the day, primarily to act as a welcoming committee and to provide refreshments. Some things have changed... a LOT! Phew!

Incoming Skipper April Pitcairn presented her team: Secretary Kathy Smith, Treasurer Barbara DeCuir, Sommelier Norie, Joan Smith & Silvia Taylor for outside activities, and Clara Jett as member-at-large. Unfortunately Clara was ill and was not able to attend. April has a great year planned for us! A highlight was the annual presentation of the 2024 GAL Award; GAL stands for Great All-around Lady and is given to someone who supports our fleet in major ways. This was the 50th year of the GAL, as it began in 1974 when the late Dottie Busby gifted the group with the first award. For only the second time in fifty years, the GAL was given to TWO individuals: Tracy Noble and Bobbi Promise! These two ladies have spearheaded the annual decoration (and DE-decoration) of the club at Christmastime for years, with high energy and excellent organization, in addition to coming to our aid in many other ways since they joined KHYC. They have been friends since high school, too! Scott Promise did the honor of presenting the flowers to Tracy & Bobbi. Congratulations, Bobbi & Tracy!

We were later serenaded by James with his ukulele that just magically appeared; it was a great ending to a fun meeting! Women are always welcome to come to our meetings on the first Wednesdays of the month around 11am. Please contact Kathy Smith (kmws@aol.com) if you would like more info and want to be put on the email list.



## 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.....Castillon 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

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Affectionately known as the “Wrighty Tribe,” meet Nicholas (Nick), Sally, and their four children: daughters Ruby, 18, Beatrix (Trixie), 16, and identical twin sons Rafferty and Ferdinand, 13.

Nick and Sally, both originally from England, crossed paths in New York—Sally arrived in 1999 for a six-week stint, and Nick followed a year later. The rest, as they say, is history! They settled in Summit, NJ, where they raised their family for 13 years. In August 2021, a serendipitous job opportunity brought them to the South Bay.

It was Ruby who first introduced the family to the yacht club. A member of her Junior Varsity sailing team in New Jersey, she joined the King Harbor Youth Foundation as a sophomore at Mira Costa High School. She quickly became a fixture in the Thursday night Twilight races and represented KHYC at numerous regattas, including WOW/WAH and Long Beach Race Week.

Realizing that KHYC was more than just a sailing venue, the entire family soon joined. They describe the club simply as “family.”

Now, the Wrights are integral members of the club. While Trixie prefers dry land, her twin brothers have taken to the water, earning numerous accolades. They are among the youngest to complete the challenging overnight SB2KH race and have dominated the scoreboard in the Opti fleet. They're also inspiring peers at the Thursday Twilight races and the Tom Collier Annual Regatta.

Even Sally has embraced the sailing spirit, gearing up to be the Skipper of the Women's Sail Fleet for 2025. Her involvement is a testament to the club's welcoming and transformative nature.

When they're not at the club, the Wright family loves to travel the globe, continuously making new friends and exploring new places.



PLEASE JOIN US!

## KHYF OPEN HOUSE FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

KING HARBOR YACHT CLUB

3:00PM - 7:00PM

FOOD | LIVE MUSIC | FAMILY FUN | GREAT AUCTION ITEMS!

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## SOCIAL CHAIR

by: Robyn Solimando



# BUNCO NIGHT!

MARCH 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](mailto:homesolimando@yahoo.com)

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



Recent BUNCO winners

YAY!!!

# CHRF RACE

By: Suzanne Cottrell



CHRF Sunday Races-2, 02/09/25

PRO: Fred Cottrell

CHRF #96

Course: 4

# Accounted For: 8      Projected Finish Time: 14:02:40      Last Updated: 16:23:54      Wind Factor 0.683  
 First Start: 13:00      Wind Speed: Light      Course: 4      NM: 4.7      Number of Racers 7

Sail #	Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper	Club	Rtg	Class	Target Start Time	Actual Start Time	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	sec/mi	Ind. WF	Adj. Rtg	New Avg Rtg	O/A Rnk	F Rnk
87358	Sunday Flyer	Martin 242	Julie Coll	KHYC	659	F	13:11:00	13:11:03	14:07:20	0:56:17	719	0.917	491	611	1	1
1009	Renegade	Beneteau 10R	Browne/Faucet	KHYC	507	M	13:23:00	13:23:07	14:16:18	0:53:11	679	0.747	464	492	2	
42757A	Tigger	J 33	Suzanne Cottrell	KHYC	487	F	13:24:30	13:24:31	14:18:45	0:54:14	692	0.703	473	489	3	2
46470 SP	Velociraptor SP	B25	Udo Kolter	KHYC	541	M	13:20:15	13:20:38	14:22:41	1:02:03	792	0.683	541	534	4	
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23812 SP	Prima SP	Olson 30	Mark Scharoun	KHYC	535	M	13:20:45	13:20:49	14:27:48	1:06:59	855	0.626	584	547	6	
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Finishers for our Sunday CHRF Race are:

1st place Julie Coll  
 2nd place Denny Browne.

We had seven boats and four women at the helm. Pretty good turn out for a Super Bowl Sunday!



## SUPERBOWL 2025 Chili Contest Winner

**KHYC 2025 SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER of CHILI CONTEST**  
 Submitted by JENNIFER DONAHUE

Chili Recipe Feb 2025

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2.5-3lbs ground beef 85-90% lean
- 2-3 jalapenos minced
- 2 large (28 oz) cans of whole or crushed tomatoes
- 1 15.5 oz can each: pinto, kidney, black beans
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 each: green, yellow, red bell pepper chopped
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1/3+ cup chili powder
- 1 tablespoon Cumin, smoked paprika, salt
- 1 teaspoon ground pepper

**PREPARATION:**

1. Melt 2 Tablespoons of butter in a large skillet to brown ground beef, add jalapenos.
2. Transfer Beef to Crock Pot
3. Add Chili powder, Cumin, Paprika, Salt and Pepper on top of Beef
4. Add tomatoes and beans to Crock pot
5. In Skillet, cook chopped onion, peppers and garlic until softened
6. Transfer veggies to Crock Pot
7. Cook on Low for 5 hours and serve with shredded cheddar cheese



## MERCHANDISE

by: Clara Jett



Opening day is just around the corner, and we may have what you need for this special day at KHYC. We have white polo shirts with a pocket, white and royal ball caps, men's club ties, club bullions and you may need a burgee when showing off your boat. Of course, we also have sweatshirts, royal & navy polos, many color ball caps, women's and men's vests, baja and blue/grey blankets to wrap up in during these cold nights, canvas bags, and a few windbreakers. If interested, email me.

# RACE MANAGEMENT FLEET

By: Dorian Harris

**Congratulations to the KHYC racers who participated in the Del Rey Yacht Club regatta.**

- \* Pier Pressure, on February 2, 2025. In the Performance Division, Class B4
- \* Triggerfish V, skippered by Jr. S/C Andy Beggs, finished in third place, Class B5
- \* Bella Vita, skippered by S/C Marty Burke finished third in class
- \* Guac Amore helmed by Kent Lowell, Cruiser Division, Class CB, who finished fifth in class

### CHRF February 9th results:

- \* First place Julie Coll, Sunday Flyer
- \* Second place Denny Browne, Renegade
- \* Third place Suzanne Cottrell, Tigger

### \*\*Upcoming Races\*\*

March 15th: Spin 1 Stoney Special

A race approximately 10.3 NM. An ASMBYC High Point Race.

Check the Race page for information on upcoming races!

### 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

### \*\*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.



OPENING DAY IS APRIL 6TH

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL



## CRUISING FLEET

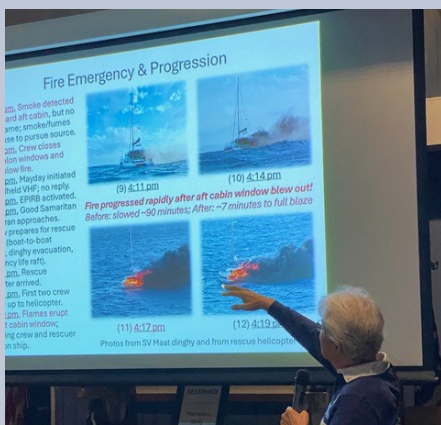
by: Katherine Folkman

Last month the cruising fleet hosted a safety at sea presentation by Martin Lopez that described the fire and helicopter evacuation that he and his crew experienced off the coast of Mallorca, Spain. Approximately 50 people attended and were treated to a detailed description starting with discovering smoke on their 40 ft chartered catamaran, how they did their best to smother the fire while they awaited rescue, the expertise of the Spanish Coast Guard crew, and the challenges after being shoreside as they had no passports, no money, no credit cards, and only the clothes they were wearing. The boat ultimately was engulfed in flames and sank. Martin noted that staying calm, having a solid crew, staying with the boat as long as possible, use of the EPIRB to get help (VHF is line of sight communication only), and previous safety training were essential to their survival. Eric and Barbara DeCuir, from our Coast Guard Auxiliary, supported and recommended safety training courses for us all. If you missed the briefing, you can find the slide presentation on the Cruising Fleet Page of the KHYC website.

The Cruising Fleet's Family Fleet are supporting the Club St. Patrick's Day event on Friday, March 14th. There will be a treasure hunt for the kids, corned beef and cabbage and some festive activities. Please join us and come get your green on!

The Cruising Fleet board has been working on a fun-filled schedule of events for spring and summer and will distribute the calendar of events at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 11th downstairs in the Cole Room. 6pm no host cocktails, 6:30 potluck, 7pm meeting. Fleet dues are \$20 and all are welcome to join in!

Laurel & Jess Gutierrez, Bernie Gruber, Gary Marshall & Dolly Hsia, Martin & Deb Lopez





# KING HARBOR YOUTH FOUNDATION

by: Suzanne De Stefano

Please join us in congratulating Isla Cooper who was recently honored with the prestigious Diane Armstrong Memorial Perpetual Trophy by the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs. Isla was selected for this distinguished award in recognition of her embodiment of the “Corinthian Spirit” in all aspects of sailing. Both on and off the water, Isla shares her passion for the sport with her teammates and competitors alike. Her dedication, positive attitude, and leadership serve as an inspiration to all and we are incredibly proud of her accomplishments!



Award Winner Isla Cooper

Our KHYF sailors have been putting their skills to the test over the past seven weeks, participating in back-to-back regattas, traveling from Newport to San Francisco. Additionally, they have been rewarded for their exceptional fundraising efforts with some lighthearted fun where they got to use Coach Joe like a Shark Piñata and roast their coaches in a truly entertaining fashion. Great job sailors and a special thank you to all of our families for their unwavering support.



Coach Joe, Shark Pinata

Please be sure to join us for the 2025 Open House Fundraiser, our most important event of the year, taking place at KHYC on Sunday, March 30th. This exciting event will feature delicious food, live music, and an array of fantastic silent and live auction items. For more details, please visit [KHYF.org](http://KHYF.org) or scan the provided QR code (page 6). We look forward to seeing you there!

## BLAST FROM THE PAST!

BY: Tracey McMartin - KHYC Historian



This spring King Harbor Yacht Club will celebrate its 65th Opening Day. Looking back, on the front page of the 1964 TellTale, “The formal dedication of the King Harbor Yacht Club facilities, the culmination of years of dreaming, planning, and working by KHYC members will take place on April 19.” In a follow-up dedication day article in the May 1964 TellTale, a committee of ladies “helped by each fleet captain’s wife and numerous volunteers, served 10,000 hors d’oeuvres, each individually prepared by a multitude of imaginative members.” It was noted that “some 900 people drank 540 bottles of champagne.”

Then King Harbor Yacht Club hosted an Opening Day Regatta on May 16 and 17. Many classes were expected to participate: Snipe, Thistle, Finn, Geary 18, Lightning, Super Satellite, Mercury, Lido A, Lido B, Omega, Enterprise, Multi-hull, OR, MORF, PHRF A, PHRF B, Pacific Cat, Catalina Cat, Shock 25, Dragon, Feather, Cal 28, Cal 24, Challenger, Victory, Cal 20, Kite, Pengion, Sea-bright, Naples Sabot, and Win’ard Sabot. Racing was held both inside and outside the harbor.

Watching the races from the new clubhouse must have been wonderful.



# FISHING FLEET

By: Mary Dotz

The fishing fleet, led by Fleet Captain, Frank Hassell, held its annual kickoff meeting February 3rd. Several exciting events are in the planning stages for 2025. March 3rd meeting will feature Ed Zamora of Promar fishing tackle. Ed is an expert when it comes to local inshore fishing tactics and he brings plenty of tips and tricks for success in our local waters. The Southern California fishing season opener is April 1st, and the fleet plans to get out on the water with local boats for some fishing fun. May is the annual MDR halibut derby and the fleet will have a practice run for Santa Monica Bay halibut. The annual family surf fishing derby (all ages welcome) is on tap for June 14th and other local outings are coming together for the summer months.

The guest speaker series for 2025 is shaping up with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, CDFW, and the California Conservation Association, CCA, on tap to discuss new regulations and changes to marine protected areas for 2025. Additionally, representatives from 22nd Street Sport Fishing in San Pedro and Redondo Beach Sport Fishing will discuss locally based sportfishing trips and targeting seasonal fish. Hook Up Baits and Just Fishing by Pete will join us for one of our upcoming meetings to discuss gearing up for the season and local tips and tricks.

Staff Commodore, Greg Ronkainen, started his 2025 fishing year off right. While on a family trip to Waikiki, Greg came away with a beautiful blue marlin, stripers and Mahi Mahi.

The regularly scheduled Fishing Fleet meetings are the first Monday of the month, adjusted for holidays. The next formal meeting will be Monday, March 3 at the upstairs round table. The evenings begin with no host cocktails at 6:00, light fare at 6:30 and at 7 pm the meetings commence. Please reach out to Frank Hassell if you want to join in on the fishing fun. Boat ownership is not required.



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### 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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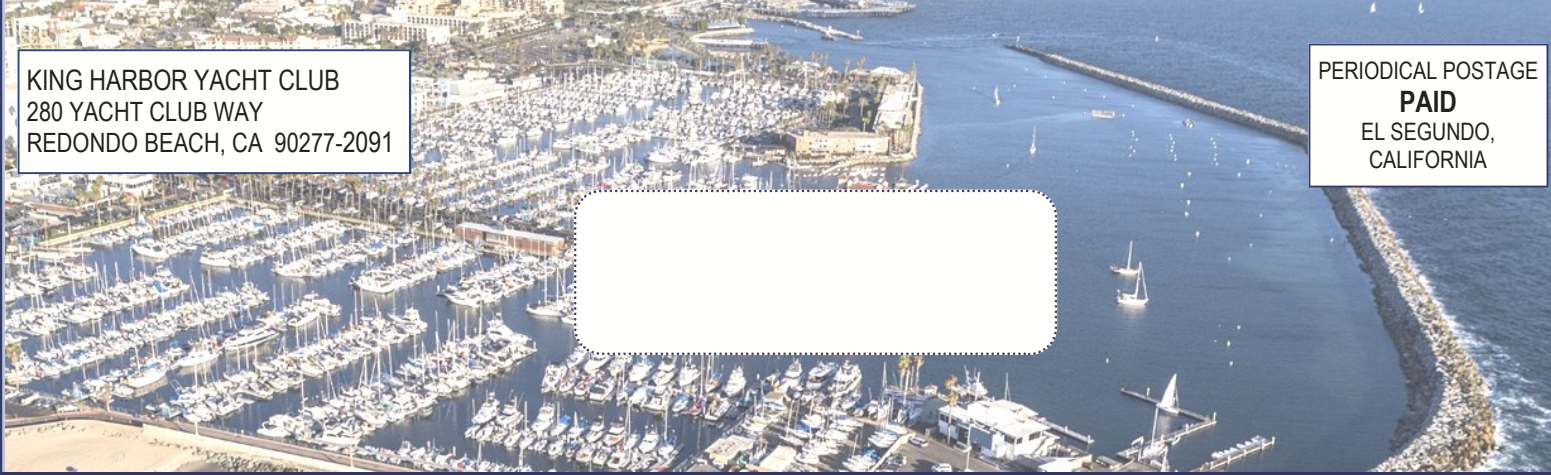
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<b>GALLEY: 9am-2pm</b> 2 Commodore's Brunch 9am - 1pm	<b>MARTINI MONDAY BRATS/HOTDOGS</b> 3  Fishing Fleet 7pm	<b>HOT SANDWICHES</b> 4  Night Watch 6pm	<b>LIGHT FARE: 4-8pm</b> 5 First Mates 11:30am  <b>MEXICAN TRAIN</b> 1pm  Sicity Flotilla Mtg 6:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>GALLEY: 4-8pm</b> 6  Emeritus 11:30 am	<b>LIGHT FARE: 4-8pm</b> 7  Aiden Music 5pm	<b>GALLEY: 9am-2pm</b> 8
<b>GALLEY: 9am-2pm</b> 9	<b>MARTINI MONDAY BRATS/HOTDOGS</b> 10  Wine Group 6pm  Cal 20 Fleet 6:30pm	<b>HOT SANDWICHES</b> 11  Cruising Fleet 6pm	<b>LIGHT FARE: 4-8pm</b> 12  <b>MEXICAN TRAIN</b> 1pm KHYP Board Mtg. 6:30-7:30PM Fleet Cptn Mtg 6:30pm	<b>GALLEY: 4-8pm</b> 13  Emeritus 11:30 am  Race Mgmt-CFR 6:30-8pm	<b>LIGHT FARE: 4-8pm</b> 14  <b>St Patrick's Day Party</b>	<b>GALLEY: 9am-2pm</b> 15  <b>TELLTALE DEADLINE</b>
<b>GALLEY: 9am-2pm</b> 16	<b>MARTINI MONDAY BRATS/HOTDOGS</b> 17  KHYP Board Mtg 7pm	<b>HOT SANDWICHES</b> 18  Coast Guard Auxiliary 7pm-10pm	<b>LIGHT FARE: 4-8pm</b> 19  <b>MEXICAN TRAIN</b> 1pm  Book Club 5pm  Wine Tasting 6:30pm	<b>GALLEY: 4-8pm</b> 20  Emeritus 11:30 am  Race Mgmt-CFR 6:30-8pm	<b>LIGHT FARE: 4-8pm</b> 21  General Meeting 7pm	<b>GALLEY: 9am-2pm</b> 22  US Sailing Lvl 1  CleanUp 8am-1pm
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<b>GALLEY: 9am-2pm</b> 6  <b>OPENING DAY!!!</b>	<b>MARTINI MONDAY BRATS/HOTDOGS</b>	<b>HOT SANDWICHES</b>	<b>LIGHT FARE: 4-8pm</b>	<b>GALLEY: 4-8pm</b>	<b>LIGHT FARE: 4-8pm</b>	<b>GALLEY: 9am-2pm</b>

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 More calendar information is available at <https://khyc.org> and in the weekly club e-mail messages.  
 THE TELLTALE is posted on the website prior to the first of every month.