

Happy Midwinters!!
(Better luck next season, Rams!)



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Commodore's Corner ***Rick Dinon***

Midwinters is here!!! Time to shake out the bats from the sail covers, check your MOB gear, shoot a little McLube on the blocks, put some Subway and Bud in the frig, gather up your crew, kick the moss off of your dock lines, and **GO RACE!**

What a great time to check your gear, get the cobwebs out



of your head, join your friends and earn some bragging rights at the club. I mean, that's why we have sailboats, right? So, let's go sail! You don't need an expensive race boat, nor a gold-plated Americas' Cup crew to participate; just needed is a willingness to learn and follow directions. And, if you don't have a boat, there are plenty of skippers looking for crew; check your local yacht club. Take a look at the Midwinters' event notice and plan your activity. More importantly, have some fun doing it!

<http://scyamidwinterregatta.org/>

One perk of this job is getting to see some of our member club events. My wife and I went to San Diego Yacht Club to see the running of the Harold Adams Cup. This is a team competition for mostly high school age sailors. Eighteen teams competed over two tough days for trophies. The first day had little wind; the second day made up for the

first. Anyhow, it was really energizing to watch their extremely close competition in FJ's on the water and hear their impassioned review of tactics and plans on the docks between heats. Great job SDYC and the participating teams!

Let's get out on the water!

--Rick

**[Click Here for the 2019
Opening Day Schedule!!!](#)**



2018 ASPBYC Junior Yachtsperson of the Year Justin Zmina, with the 2019 ASPBYC Junior Staff Commodore Scott Holcomb (L) and 2019 ASPBYC Commodore Steve Gierke (R). All CBYC members!

Rules & Racing Seminars

1800 - 1900
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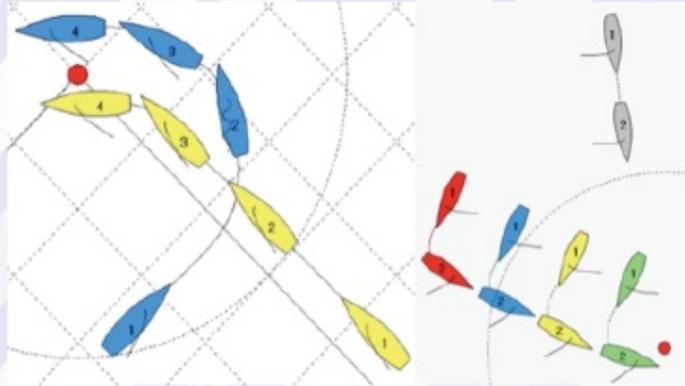
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Seminar

The CBYC

Rules & Racing Seminars are returning
January 2, 2019.

They will be held EVERY Wednesday
through March, 27, 2019.

Mark your calendars!



An interactive presentation of tactics and rules, we will start out with the fundamental rules and progress from there.

The schedule will be announced monthly.

The "Maxi" Model Boats will return!

211 West 22nd Street San Pedro, CA 90731

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PHRF of Southern California



Well maybe not so short...

A Short PHRF History

To understand performance handicapping in Southern California, it is necessary to go back in time over 50 years to 1947. Imagine the yachting society of that era. World War II had ended only a few short years before. Fiberglass boats

were still at least ten years away from initial production. The high aspect ratio sloop rig would not appear for a few more years. The yachts of that era were heavy displacement

ketches and schooners, moderate displacement cruising sloops and yawls, sleek Meter boats, R-boats, and others. The racing craft, when not actually engaged in class racing, raced against each other using one of the measurement handicapping systems of that time (all spin-offs of the Universal Rule developed by Nathaniel Herreschoff in 1901), primarily the Cruising Club of America (CCA) Rule on the East Coast, and the Ocean Racing Fleet (ORF) Rule on the West Coast. One of a kind boats and non-racing craft were not rated. There was a need for a handicapping system that would rate all types and sizes of boats...a system that would be easy to administer at nominal cost.

The organizers of the first race from Newport Beach, California to Ensenada, Mexico in 1947 had the desire to encourage as many yachts as possible to participate. Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) appointed yachtsman Hal Adams, to develop handicaps for the race that would potentially give all of the entrants a fair chance to win. It was called Arbitrary Handicap Racing. Hal gave each yacht a time allowance per mile based on its anticipated performance, and made adjustments based on past observed performance. About the only time the handicap system was used was for the Ensenada Race. Hal Adams served as the only handicapper for twelve years, until he retired in early 1959. SCYA assigned Frank Dair to the position of Handicapper, to organize the yachtsmen racing in the Arbitrary Handicap Fleet into an association similar to the existing Ocean Racing Fleet. To secure a rating, it was necessary to participate in three races. The results of these races established a speed comparison from which a time allowance could be established.

In 1959 officers of the organization were proposed and a set of by-laws were drafted. The name of the new association was to be the PACIFIC HANDICAP RACING FLEET (PHRF). The word "arbitrary" did not appear in the by-laws. Except in the case of a new boat, the handicaps were based on a boat's observed performance. Instead of one person handling all of the handicapping, an elected committee would rate the boats. Annual dues were \$3. Within one year of the first meeting, the membership grew to over 350. PHRF Ratings were used in the Newport Beach to Ensenada Race, instead of the Arbitrary Handicap Fleet Rating and the PHRF system was born!



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**The Latest from
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NOSA Seminars are NOT safety seminars. They are intended to provide you with

information on race planning, how to sail the course and logistics in Ensenada. Happy Hour starts at 6, seminar starts at 7.

February 20	7:00 PM	Pierpont Bay YC	Ventura, CA
February 20	7:00 PM	Del Rey YC	Marina Del Rey, CA
February 28	7:00 PM	Bahia Corinthian YC	Corona Del Mar, CA
TBD		Dana Point YC	Dana Point, CA
TBD		Silver Gate YC	San Diego, CA
TBD		Long Beach YC	Long Beach, CA

NOTICE

US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirement 4.3.2 for Coastal Races states that “at least 30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two members of the crew, unless racing single-handed, including the person in charge, shall have attended a half-day, one-day, or two-day US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years, including online courses when available, or other courses as accepted by US Sailing or other national authority.”



If you have ever dreamed of a cruise to exotic Mexico with friends and planned on having lots of fun in an organized, coordinated group down the coast of Baja, this is your event!



With warm breezes, beautiful following seas, and soft sand ashore, you will experience the magic of the Baja Peninsula. You will cruise to different ports accompanied by fifty other power cruisers of like mind. In each port, you will be hosted to fabulous receptions and activities all coordinated by the CUBAR Committee of San Diego Yacht Club. This biennial event specifically planned for power boat cruisers makes getting to La Paz, Mexico a load of fun with lots of support.

The CUBAR Committee invites you to a kickoff and fundraising dinner on **Saturday, May 18, 2019** at the San Diego Yacht Club. Learn more information to help plan your trip and to prepare your boat.

Please visit the official website at www.cubar.org to join the Interest List and find out more.

Cruise Underway to Baja Rally

www.cubar.org

**If you wait until the end of the week to 'click here,'
the 2019 Race Calendar *should* be up!**



2019 ASMBYC HIGH POINT RACES

#	Date	Day	Event	Yacht Club
1	January 5	Saturday	Malibu and Return	DRYC
2	February 2	Saturday	Spin 1 Stony Special	KHYC
3	March 2	Saturday	Berger 2 Santa Monica Bay	DRYC
4	April 7	Sunday	Harris Regatta	CYC
5	May 19	Sunday	Pacific Cup Deepwater #1	CYC
6	June 22	Saturday	Chuck Stein #1	PMYC
7	July 13	Saturday	Tom Collier Regatta	KHYC
8	August 3	Saturday	Spin 5: Matt Walsh	KHYC
9	August 18	Sunday	Vic's Great Circle	SMWYC
10	September 21	Saturday	Spin 6: Windward/ Leeward	KHYC
11	October 6	Saturday	Castillon Classic Regatta	RBYC
12	December 5	Saturday	Christmas Regatta	KHYC

From the Vice Commodore

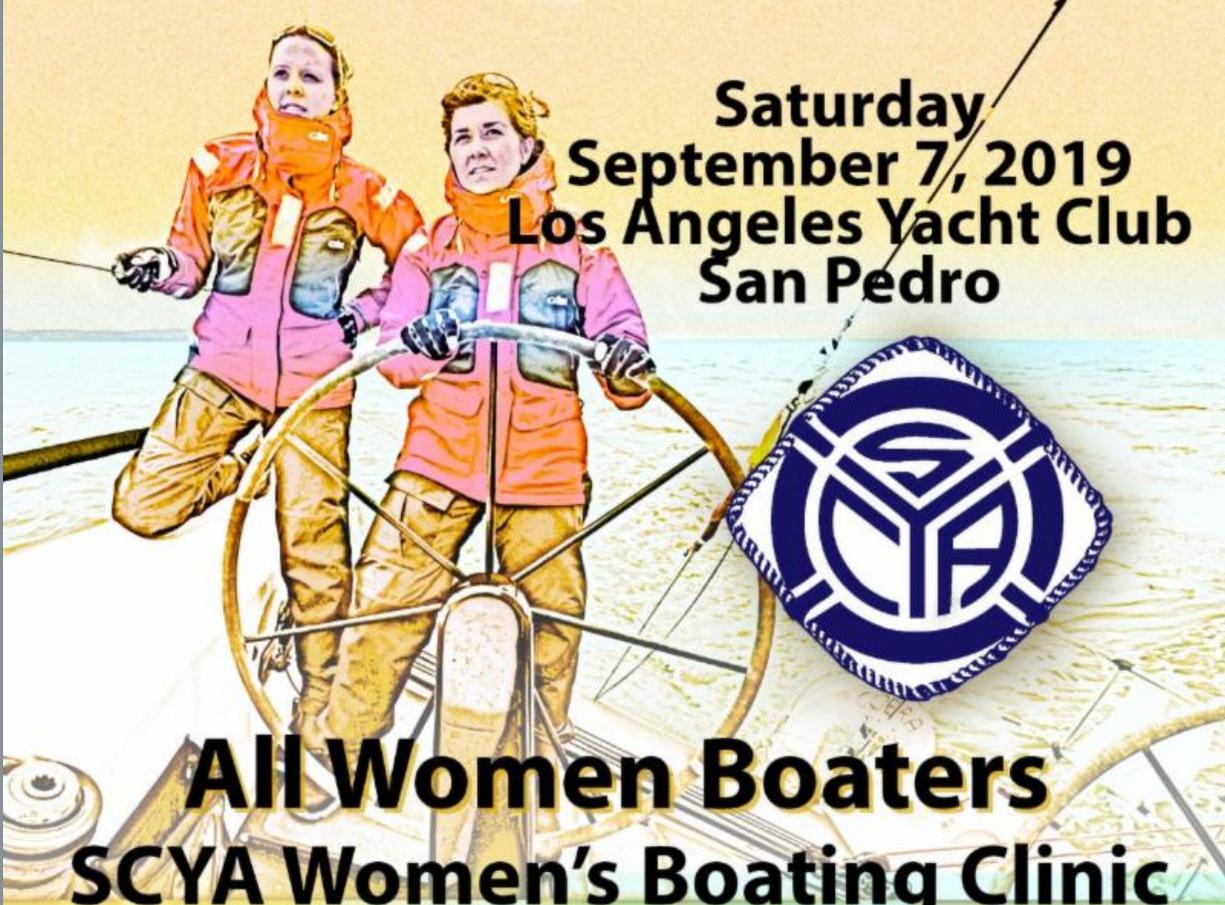
John Marshall

Rear Commodore Bill McNamara and I hosted the SCYA Rear Commodores' Seminar and Brunch at South Shore Yacht Club in Newport Beach on January 27th. It was fun to share ideas, get started on networking with each other and enjoy a wonderful presentation on the alphabet soup of acronyms representing all the different sailing organizations in California.

Both Bill and I were energized by the good turnout of brand new Rear Commodores and the many ideas they were willing to share with each other. One of the great ideas that was proposed is to create a "Knowledge Base" hosted on SCYA's web site for yacht club officers who are seeking answers to questions like, "How to grow Membership", "Opening Day Protocols" and "Reciprocal Privileges Between Yacht Clubs". This would certainly enhance SCYA's value proposition to our yacht club members. And that's exactly why we

operate a Service Center for our member yacht clubs.
Here's wishing all of you a fantastic 2019 with fair winds and following seas!

---John

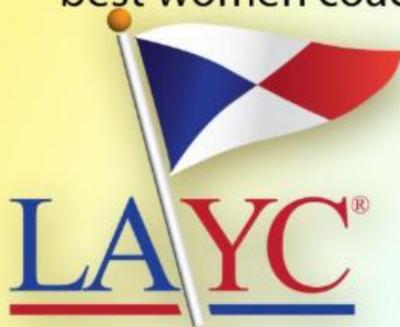


**Saturday
September 7, 2019
Los Angeles Yacht Club
San Pedro**



**All Women Boaters
SCYA Women's Boating Clinic**

On the water and classroom instruction on sail and power boat topics will be provided. Taught by the best women coaches in Southern California.



Los Angeles Yacht Club
285 Whalers Walk
San Pedro, CA 90731
8:30AM to 5PM

For further information see SCYA.org or
contact Kathy St. Amant at asmbyc2018commodore@gmail.com
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**Political Environment
Invites Rough Waters
for Anglers**

After every election, California's recreational fishing community would be wise to assess the political environment in our State Capitol to determine what impact it will have on fishing and an outdoor industry that generates over \$4.6 billion in economic activity each year.

For starters, California has one of the costliest fishing licenses in the United States. When this is combined with increasing limitations on when and where one can fish, California's fishing participation rate continues to rank dead last in the country. This distinction is underscored by the reality that annual fishing license sales have declined over 55% since 1980, as the state's population has increased over 60%.

Sadly, the State Legislature is no more attentive to this crisis. Once again, in 2018 they failed to reform the state's costly and antiquated license program that has experienced declining sales and revenue. They rejected real solutions like establishing an annual fishing license that is valid a full 12-months from the date of purchase, as opposed to a failing one that expires on December 31st of each year. If they are deserving of any credit, it should be for stalling an effort to ban lead fishing tackle.

As disheartening as all this is to political observers, there is a glimmer of hope that the state is poised to act in 2019. However, this depends on our newly elected Governor Gavin Newsom. In early 2018, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Director asked for CSL's assistance in organizing a "R3 stakeholder group," a panel of sportfishing leaders tasked with developing a strategic plan to Retain, Recruit, and Reactivate angler participation. The director's report should be released soon and meaningful reforms are possible, provided the report provides a real critical analysis of the problem and offers specific solutions. If not, it will collect dust on some DFW bookshelf, and rightly so.

What does the future hold for recreational anglers with the election of Governor Newsom and Democrats gaining two-thirds of both houses of the State Legislature? With this super-majority, Republicans can no longer block anti-hunting and fishing legislation, and Democrats can override most any veto by the governor. This means that the importance of political advocacy organizations like the California Sportfishing League will take on added importance if we are to protect your right to fish and enjoy the great outdoors. The bottom line is this: real reforms are possible only if Governor Newsom takes the initiative. Until proven otherwise, we are going to give our new governor the benefit of the doubt that as a businessman he will figure out what others have not — reforming California's failing fishing program means more sales and more revenue for fishing and environmental restoration programs. Why not be bold? Real solutions have been tested in many other states and their participation rates are on the rise. If Newsom fails to act, as did his Republican and Democrat predecessors, hold tight. We forecast rough waters for California anglers for years to come!

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Rookies and Veterans Clash in LBYC's 55th Annual Congressional Cup

The Long Beach Yacht Club Congressional Cup regatta, April 3 to 7, 2019, promises rousing competition, as past champions Ian Williams, GBR, and Johnie Berntsson, SWE, return to face challenges by newcomers

Will Boulden, AUS, Nicklas Dackhammar SWE, and Nick Egnot-Johnson, NZL; along with

the most decorated Ficker Cup titleholder in history, Scott Dickson, USA.

Six skippers have been named to the field so far, to compete in the 55th running of the five-day event, which culminates with the winner receiving the coveted Crimson Blazer. Three-time Congressional Cup victor Ian Williams will return with a bid to recapture the title he last won in 2017. Ranked No. 1 in the world of match racing, Williams is a six-time World Champion and formidable opponent.

Johnie Berntsson also comes back with the hopes of repeating his Congressional Cup victory of 2009. Last year he nearly did: scrapping his way through the Ficker Cup qualifier, and making it all the way into the Congressional Cup semi-finals.

Making his Congressional Cup debut is Nick Egnot-Johnson, who received a personal invitation from Tolle and LBYC Commodore Camille Daniels at the conclusion of the Grand Slam Series in September, when he aced that four-part program of Grade 2 events. Just 20 years old, Egnot-Johnson promises a solid threat to his older, more established rivals.

Also new, from the land down under, is Will Boulden of Perth; winner of the Harken International Youth Match Racing Championship and ranked No. 9 in the world. Nicklas Dackhammar, another Congressional Cup greenhorn, is ranked No. 8, and recently captured the World Match Racing Tour's Regata de Portugal Trophy.

Rounding out the lineup is Scott Dickson, USA, a member and Director at LBYC. Dickson is no stranger to the podium, and is a 13-time winner of the Ficker Cup; a Grade 2 match racing event founded in 1980 to honor legendary America's Cup yachtsman Bill Ficker. This year marks Dickson's 19th representing LBYC in Congressional Cup, as he hopes to improve on his personal best of 2nd place, in 1998.

Two more skippers will be named, and joined by two final contestants who will earn their berths in the 2019 Ficker Cup qualifier March 29 to 31.

Spectators can enjoy live race action from a vantage point on Long Beach' Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, with expert commentary and camaraderie, free of charge, April 3 through 7. Matches are held directly off the pier between the hours of 11:30AM and 5:00PM daily.

Live-streaming coverage introduced by LBYC last year will return; bringing the Congressional Cup to viewers around the globe. Tolle said expanded coverage of racing and special features, "will entertain an even bigger audience."

The Congressional Cup was founded by LBYC in 1965 and is recognized as the 'grandfather' of modern world-class match racing. One of the leading yacht clubs in the nation – celebrating its 90th anniversary this year – LBYC set the standard for premier-level match racing worldwide, and pioneered the concept of on-the-water umpiring.



SCYA 's 2019 Commodore Rick Dinon is a stand-up guy--- here he is at yesterday's general meeting at a Del Rey Yacht Club. 62 of the 65 reserved guests battled the heavy downpour

and the 405 to make it ...thank you for your dedication--- see you next month! (Bring your own platform shoes...)



See You in March!

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