



## STILLWATER YACHT CLUB

## THE STILLWATER COVE'ER

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

August 2011



The SYC is off to a great start this season. The **Humma Humma** party, in the Dining Room for the first time, was a big success, as was

the **SYC Members' Dinner** two weeks later.

Even though we've moved to the other side of the pier, the **Beach BBQs** have been well attended, lots of fun... and we still have four more (two of them having special themes—read the article!)

The most gratifying success so far has been our **Youth Sailing and Water Sports** program, managed by Richard Outten. We have two excellent instructors, some of our weeks are maxed out with ten students, and all the kids are having a ball. If you ever want your spirits lifted, go down to the pier on a weekday afternoon (before August 12) and ask the kids if they are enjoying their lessons.

My favorite annual party is the **Roundup** on **September 4**, the night before Labor Day. Paula and I love to dress western, eat barbecue and dance to a great band. *Indian Village* is a hidden treasure in Pebble Beach. Don't miss it.

Be sure to reserve **November 12** for the **Commodore's Ball**. Your best girl will dress up in her finest and we men will squeeze into our tuxes. There will be great food, plus dancing like we did thirty-forty years ago. I hope all of you are enjoying this season as much as I.

Terry Russey  
Commodore

## Roundup Dance at Indian Village Sunday, September 4, 2011, at six o'clock

Cowgirls and cowboys will take over *Indian Village* on **September 4**. Our annual **Labor Day Roundup Dance and BBQ** will feature dancing to the music of the *Mike Marotta Band* with Cathy Williams, a roaring bonfire and mouth-watering BBQ. Dinner will feature barbecued Tri-Tip, smokehouse ribs and chicken. Wine, beer, soft drinks, bottled water and many other amenities are included for your evening enjoyment. The cost is \$45 per person.

Please wear your Stetson, jeans and boots. When you arrive, you will be deputized at the check-in table. Sailors from the Labor Day Regatta (earlier that day) will transform themselves into cowboys/cowgirls and join us. *Indian Village* is located just inland off 17 Mile Drive behind the Gingerbread House on Dunes Drive south of Bird Rock Road.

This is a very popular event. Please remit your \$45 per person check by August 26 to: Stillwater Yacht Club, P O Box 561, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. That will insure adequate food for everyone. See U there!

## SYC Special Events

The first (Ports O'Call) of our two scheduled **SYC Members' Dinners** was a huge success on **Saturday, July 9**. The 150 people in attendance included our guests from the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, who are a fun bunch. The next **SYC Members' Dinner** is scheduled for **Friday, October 7** (please note date change) and it will be held in the *Beach Club Dining Room*. This will be our **Pier Closing Dinner**.

For those members signed up for the **Fleet Week Cruise** in San Francisco on **Saturday, October 8**, please review details on these events on the **SYC** website [www.sycpb.org](http://www.sycpb.org) or call Kay Sullivan.

**Other events:** The **July 30 Beach BBQ** will include having astronomers on hand with telescopes to help us observe what is anticipated to be one of the best meteor showers of the year. Plan to stay with us a little later as hot drinks and cookies will be served. On **September 17**, **SYC Pirates** will rule the beach, so dig out those eye patches and wooden legs.

There is a **SYC Member Happy Hour** scheduled for **Wednesday, August 24 from 4-5:30 PM**. Come join us for the camaraderie and the fun!

### Save The Dates:

**Beach BBQs**  
**August 13**  
**September 17**  
**October 15**

**Commodores Ball**  
**November 12**  
**6:30 - 10:30 pm**  
**Beach Club**

### Generous Members Donate to the SYC's Youth Program

A highlight of last month's **Humma Humma** party was the auction of naming rights to the new Flying Junior (**FJ**) that is used in our **Youth Sailing and Water Sports Program**. After Auctioneer Peter Baldwin got the bid up to \$2,000, a generous offer by Steve Diamond, Peter then suggested that tables could pool their resources and increase the bid. Kay Sullivan, sitting with the Diamonds, got their table to increase the bid to \$4,000, to be shared by Steve and Marti, Terry and Kay Sullivan, Chuck and Claire Jacobson, and Greg Linder. The new **FJ** will be named "Marti."

## 2001 Youth Sailing & Water Sports Wrap-up!

This summer, the turnout for the **Youth Sailing & Water Sports**

program has been phenomenal! During ten weeks of scheduled classes, our signups will exceed seventy students, with the majority attending five-day sessions. The strong attendance will help to provide **SYC** funds to continue updating our equipment. It's great to see a new generation actively enjoying the waterfront! Visit the "Youth Sailing 2011" photo galleries on our website to view our students.

On **Saturday, August 13**, we will be having the first annual **Youth Sailing & Water Sports BBQ**. All students who participated in the program are invited to attend. From **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**, there will be food, fun, games and, of course, water sports!

Please respond to Rear Commodore Richard Outten ([watersports@sycpb.org](mailto:watersports@sycpb.org)) so we will have an accurate count of those who wish to attend.

## SYC Website has Current Info

Director Bon Abercrombie has reorganized SYC's website, added a lot of information and keeps it current. Whenever you want any information about our yacht club, the first place to look is [www.SYCPB.org](http://www.SYCPB.org)

## What a great party!

First, a confession: The **Humma Humma** was never my favorite party. Volunteers would set up and decorate about 30 tables and 150 chairs... only after the caterer had driven his truck the length of the pier, unloaded his cooking grills and carving stations, and driven his truck back to the parking lot. At sunset the fog would come in and freeze my guests. By the time I carried my food to the table, it would be cold. And then someone would catch a heel on the pier and fall.

At this year's March Board Meeting a couple of directors (Paul and Kay, I think) suggested that we move the **Humma Humma** into the dining room. Too good to be true, I thought, as the specter of corkage fees and plus pluses overloaded my calculator.

Even without the typical \$5,000 room charge, our initial quote from the Pebble Beach Company was \$126 per person, an infinitely greater number than what we charge for our **Beach BBQs**.

But Jim Fuqua is nothing if not determined. He worked out a deal with Kyle Wareham, whereby the **SYC** would lose just \$1250 if we charged \$55 per person. And we would have better food, better weather and a happier Commodore.

So we described the "new" **Humma Humma** in the summer issue of the **Cove'er**, which we emailed to all members for whom we have an email address. We sent hardcopy **Cove'ers** to the other members...but no invitations with a tear off form. As of four days before the party, we had 31 sign-ups. (We had based our projections on 165 attendees.) So we split up the roster and Directors placed a phone call to each of our 262 **SYC** members. On Friday morning Jim and I went out on a limb and guaranteed to pay for 140 attendees. As of 1:30 p.m. the day of the party, we had 110 paid registrations and a few other members who promised to pay at the door. At dinnertime, 156 people (far more than had even hinted at attending) lined up for two types of oysters, tilapia, prime rib, and lots of sides. When we ran out of oysters, Kyle ordered more from the Lodge. It seems that we can never have enough oysters, especially when we don't know how many people will come.

The **Peter Meuse** quartet showed their versatility by playing Caribbean and Hawaiian music on the patio and during dinner, then switched to dance music. The dance floor was crowded and everyone had enough wine (which, by the way, was an incredible purchase by Mr. Fuqua and his sommelier, Bon Abercrombie.) Thanks go to the Pebble Beach Company for putting on a great party. For the past couple of weeks, members have been giddy about how much fun we had.



### Stillwater Yacht Club 2011 Officers & Directors

#### Commodore:

Terry Russey

#### Vice Commodore:

James Fuqua

#### Rear Commodore:

Richard Outten

#### Staff Commodore:

Kay Sullivan

#### Secretary: Peter Baldwin

#### Treasurer: Gary Hornbuckle

#### Port Captain: Charles Kurtmen

#### Fleet Captain: Richard Clark

#### Fleet Surgeon: Richard Dauphine, MD

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