Catalina Island Yacht Club

Board Meeting

July 3, 2021

At the Club and Zoom Video Conference

Officers/Board Members Present

Commodore Roland Rapp, V/C Steve Shea, R/C Gary Tolar, P/C John Wells, Jr S/C Carlos Chacon, David Baker (zoom), Bob Flaig, Larry Gottlieb, Mary Haller, Kirk MacInnis, Tim Salyer (zoom), Tom Thacker, Randy Weaver, Chris Wiltsey.

Members Present

Randy Barb, Mitch Bernardo, Nick Bozick, Stewart Brash, Kerry Bubb, S/C ML Buck, Paul Bushaw (zoom), Ashley Chapple, S/C Jeff Christiansen, Maureen Cocchi, Tom Collins, Pete Compton, Steve Davis, John Dougherty, Sam Easterday, Tom Fipp, Todd Gleason, Gary Granbery, Kathy Hamilton, S/C Dave Hoppe, S/C Dave Horst (zoom), Woody Hunt, Gavan James, David Johndrow, Dave Johnston, Marc Kamyab, Bob Kircher, Bob Kurz, S/C Michael Levitt (zoom), Ward Lewis, Dave March, S/C Jim McCampbell, George Padgett, Gary Richards, Bruce Rieser, Marshall Rogers, S/C Kenny Rozak (zoom), Bill Schmit, Bill Smyth, Georges Thiret, Gregg Thompson, Don Vodra, S/C Jim Wachtler, Michael Woods.

Guest Present

Jennifer Armstrong

Call to Order – Chairman Roland Rapp

Roland called the meeting to order at 1000 hours. Roland asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the June 2021 minutes which were distributed earlier after several drafts. Hearing no objections, they will stand approved as distributed.

Commodore/Chairman's Report – Roland Rapp

Roland gave update on hillside stabilization project noting that the Contractor we plan to use believes that late September or early October when the crowds are lower and the weather is still good is the optimal window to complete the project. Roland reported that we anticipate preparing a package to present to the City of

Avalon to approve this work which would also include a proposed extension of our current lease with the City.

Roland thanked Louie and Marcela Bozanich for hosting an impromptu dinner on Wednesday June 30th at the Club with a seafood extravaganza. Roland also thanked Keith and Kini Jorgensen for hosting Rockin Taco event on Friday July 2nd complimenting the outstanding live musical performance.

Vice Commodore's Report – Steve Shea

Steve reported that there has been a slight uptick in Covid cases in LA County since June 15th, but so far we do not need to wear masks as long as all our members are vaccinated.

Steve then announced that the new Lokket.com wifi antenna has been installed on our tower and from reports so far it appears to be working very well. Roland mentioned that he has the Lokket wifi on his boat and his signal / wifi speeds have been fast and consistent. Bob Flaig mentioned that he is on mooring 126 which is next to fuel dock and he is getting 45 Mbps download speeds on the new Lokket wifi with 4 users and no interruptions.

Roland also stated that the old club harbor wifi is still operating as it always has noting that it's bandwidth is shared by all users on that system. Randy Weaver asked if the Lokket wifi is also being used for the Member Clubhouse wifi. Roland confirmed that Lokket is providing 100 Mbps bandwidth to the Yacht Club for member use for FREE as part of our 3 year contract with Lokket.

Rear Commodore's Report – Gary Tolar

Gary reported that he made mooring assignments for 27 member boats this weekend on 17 moorings with lots of side-ties, but that he was unable to fill two 70+ ft mooring requests for the weekend. Gary thanked all of the mooring owners that helped make this happen.

Gary also noted that of the 70 member owned moorings, we have received authorization to assign 59 moorings including:.
23 forty-foot moorings
24 fifty-foot moorings
11 sixty-foot + moorings

He added that 32 of those 59 moorings are highly utilized by their owners, including all 11 of our 60 foot+ moorings. Thankfully through their generosity, they make these available to us whenever not in use but as we get into the summer, this availability reduces considerably. We anticipate that there will be weekends that we can't fill all the mooring requests, especially for larger boats.Entertainment chairs should consider this when selecting their committees, as members with larger boats might not get a mooring assignment. Despite having mooring priority, we cannot assign a mooring if it's not available.

Gary added that If you have a club-assigned mooring and need to change your assignment, side tie or arrival/departure dates, as stated in House Rule 27, these requests need to be directed through the Rear Commodore as the point of contact for club moorings and that you are not to contact the Avalon Harbor Department directly. Additionally, that the harbor check-out time is 9 AM, per the Harbor Dept. The Harbor Dept has reported that they have had to remind our members to get off the mooring. Failing to follow the House Rules or the Harbor Regulations can negatively affect our relationship with Harbor Dept and may compromise our ability to assign moorings in the future. If you have arranged for a late-check out with the mooring owner, please let him know.

Gary reported that he will be recommending a few changes to House Rules and Mooring Request procedures, to include limits on the number of Entertainment Committee boats.

Port Captain's Report – John Wells

John reported that our Father's day event was going great until the caterer realized that the Father's Day event is on Saturday the day before Father's Day. Kirk, Maureen, Steve Davis, and Todd Gleason ran over to Von's Grocery Store and saved the day by getting ingredients to make side dishes.

The next event was the christening of the Commodore's Boat, *Sally Ann* which included a visit from Neptune who presided over the ceremony.

John reported that the following weekend 60 people attended the Tequila Time party which was hosted by Billy Womack and Todd Gleason. Roland added that for the Tequila lovers in the club he has selected Casa Noble Anejo Tequila as the Commodore's cocktail for the season.

John mentioned that on Friday July 2nd we did a mooring-owner celebration via tenders recognizing the recent purchases by Gary Richards, Nick Bozick, & Jim Wachtler at each of their new moorings. Club provided free champagne as Roland acknowledged each of the proud new mooring owners.

John also mentioned that Roland will be the butcher carving the prime filet steaks for the Flag Officer Steak fry which sold out since one of Roland's first jobs growing up was working in a butcher shop.

Finally, John wanted to remind everyone to use the Shore Boat which the Club gives FREE vouchers for trips to and from the Club. Vouchers are good during entire summer yachting season for trips to and from the club on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

David Johndrow mentioned that he is bringing in a band called *The Wildcards* next weekend July 9-11th in to play a concert on the back of his boat *Happy Place* on Friday the 9th and again in the club for his *Nashville Nights* event Saturday the 10th . This is the same duo that played on his boat last year.

Then Roland acknowledged Todd Gleason for building a music stage in the front of the club that will be used this year for multiple live performances in the dining room.

Club Manager Report – Jennifer Armstrong

Jenny asked members to please use shore boats for events. Jenny asked Members to report any issues with the dock kids to her attention. Finally, Jenny thanked members for using the CIYC website to register their guests. Jenny reported that she is spending an hour a day on last minute guest badge paperwork which she would not have to do if Members would use the website for guest registration.

Tom Thacker asked if the website could be modified to allow up to 10 guests to register at one time vs the four that it currently allows. Bob Flaig reported that he would contract the web designer to make that change.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Weaver

Randy reported the new POS system has been operating since July 1st and it is operating properly. Randy stated the back end of the POS is not working yet, but he hopes to get it working by end of July. Randy then reported that he paid all of the insurance invoices which is our 2nd largest expense at the Club. Insurance went up 14% this year. Out of 8 companies we asked to bid our insurance, 7 companies would not give us a bid.   Randy stated we have $360K of operating capital. After spending $96k in capital for the tower work we still have $400K in capital due to the new members that Kathy Hamilton has added this year.

Randy stated that we are $30K over budget for the year. $5K of that is the float expense. Kirk MacInnis reported that the dinghy dock float was towed to San Pedro last Fall and despite being told by Vendor that it would be in dry dock, the float actually stayed in the water all winter. We paid for all new lights and electrical for the float, but that money was wasted since the float stayed in the water. Roland noted that he is not aware that anyone contacted the boat yard to schedule a haul-out or visited the float while it stored last winter until the spring-time and suggested that if we use a mainland-based yard to store the float this coming off-season that we assign specific members to periodically visit the site and monitor the work needed to be done.

Secretary's Report – Bob Flaig

Bob reported that he has developed a two-page board meeting check in sheet that is alphabetical and was passed around for this meeting. Members just need to put an X next to their name.

House Chairman's Report – Kirk MacInnis

Kirk reported that he met today with the Long-Range Planning Committee and they will be addressing the float issues mentioned above.

Foundation – Anthony Salcido

Anthony reported that the Foundation Board met earlier that day and added a new member Kathy Hamilton.

Bylaws Committee – Jr S/C Carlos Chacon

Carlos Introduced the Bylaws Committee recommended changes to the Bylaws, previously distributed to the Board, that in large part were intended to address the ambiguity of the administrative reporting responsibilities of the various officers and committees.

Bob Flaig noted that there is currently no organizational chart in the 2021 CIYC Roster.

The proposals presented as motions from the Committee were:

1. **Board Authority.** Proposal to add the following language to the end of section 7.1 *"The Board of Directors shall resolve disagreements between the COB and Commodore."* **The motion was tabled for further discussion.**

2. **House Chairman administrative reporting**. Proposal designed to establish an administrative reporting structure (none is referenced in the Bylaws) consistent with the clubs past practices by replacing the following language in section 10.1.2 that referenced the House Chairman and His/Her Committee "...shall report to the ~~Board of Directors~~ Vice Commodore." **The motion was tabled for further discussion.**

3. **Secretary and Treasurer administrative reporting.** Proposal designed to establish an administrative reporting structure for the Secretary and the Treasurer (none is referenced in the Bylaws) and for purposes of an org chart to move the Secretary and Treasurer from reporting to Vice Chairman to COB. For the Treasurer this would be consistent with the authority of the COB under 5.1 *(" …the Chairman of the Board shall be responsible for the business management of the club including those activities involving assets, expenditures and revenues…")*, and for the Secretary its more of a past practices concept. No specific language was proposed but the Board could consider adding a new 7.6.6 (Secretary) *"The Secretary shall report to the Chairman of the Board for administrative purposes"* and a new 7.7.4 (Treasurer) *"The Treasurer shall report to the Chairman of the Board for administrative purposes".* **This proposal was inadvertently omitted from the presentation and as such was not discussed or acted upon.**

4. **Judge Advocate Reporting.** Proposal to formalize the reporting role of the Judge Advocate as an advisor to the Board of Directors by adding *"to the Board of Directors"* as follows under section 7.8 *"The Judge Advocate shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for providing guidance and rendering opinions…"*. After discussion, **The motion was passed and therefore tabled pursuant to 18.2.1 by a vote of greater than 1/3 for resolution under 18.2.3 following publication under 18.2.2.**

5. **Bylaws Chairman selection.** Proposal intended to establish in the Bylaws the tradition of naming the Jr. Staff Commodore as the Bylaws Committee Chairman. Currently that is a function of the Chairman of the Board under 5.1.2. the proposal is to delete the words *", the Bylaws Committee"* from 5.1.2. and replace the first sentence of section 10.5 with: *"The Jr. Staff Commodore shall serve as the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. If for any reason the Jr. Staff Commodore is unable or unwilling to serve in this capacity then the Chairman of the Board shall appoint, with consent of the Board, an alternate Staff Commodore to serve in his place as well as the members of the Committee."* **After discussion the motion was tabled for further discussion.**

6. **Senior S/C class A not in member count limit.** Proposal intended to clarify that any Senior Staff Commodore A is excluded from the 180-member limit was previously approved by the Board on April 7th 2021 and published in the View. The proposal was to change section 3.63. part (1) to read as follows: "Senior Staff Commodore "A" which class shall pay 50% of Regular Membership dues shall be deemed to be a Regular Member retaining all the rights thereto but shall no longer be counted as a Regular member under paragraph 3.4."

   After discussion the motion was approved unanimously by the Board under 18.2.3 for immediate effect subject to ratification by the membership at the annual meeting.

7. **Codification of Maximum Membership**. Proposal to formalize in the Bylaws the tradition of limiting Regular Membership to 180 with limited exceptions by changing Section 3.4 to read: *"Regular Memberships shall be limited to ~~a number established by~~ 180 unless changed from time to time by a supermajority (66 2/3%) vote of the Board of Directors at any time or natural*

conversions of Associate Members. If the limit is increased for any reason, then the 180-limit shall revert upon attrition of the number added above 180."

After discussion the motion was passed and therefore tabled pursuant to 18.2.1 by a vote of greater than 1/3 for resolution under 18.2.3 following publication under 18.2.2.

8. **Alumni Membership Class** – This proposal was designed to create a new class of membership for long-term Regular members who are also mooring owners who have transferred their membership and mooring to their son or daughter thereby (i) promoting retention of moorings and membership within the club, and (ii) increasing revenue.

   The Bylaws Committee requests further review of this proposal from the proponents under the direction of the COB prior to presentment to the Board of Directors for approval.

   The proposed language addition is as follows:

   3.6.5 ALUMNI MEMBER: A Regular Member whose years of age and years of membership in the Club total 100 or more, and who has transferred their entire ownership of their mooring located in Avalon Harbor, as well as, with the approval of the Board of Directors and in accordance with Section 3.4.6 of these Bylaws, their equity Membership to an adult Son or Daughter, may request transfer to Alumni Membership. He or she shall be elected to Alumni Membership by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors and such transfers shall be limited to up to Two (2) Alumni Members per calendar year, with a total limit of Six (6) Alumni Members at any given time. The change to this class shall be nonreversible and they shall no longer be counted as a regular member under paragraph 3.4.

   3.6.5.1 The Alumni Member shall pay dues but shall not pay any assessments levied on other Members; they shall have use of the House and charge privileges, but shall not: 1) have voting or office holding rights 2) have an interest in the property of the Club, 3) have the right to request mooring assignments. 4) They shall be limited to authorizing guest privileges for any nonmembers to two guests and shall have no guest privileges during the three primary holidays: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

   3.6.5.2 The Alumni Membership shall terminate upon any of the following: 1) failing to pay their annual dues, 2) Resignation or Termination of their Son or

Daughter's Regular Membership, 3) Failure of the Son or Daughter to make available, upon a reasonable basis, their mooring.

3.6.5.3 Upon the death of the Alumni Member, their spouse may petition the Board of Directors to assume the Alumni Membership. A Significant Other is not eligible to assume the Alumni Membership.

The motion was tabled for further discussion.

Roland thanked Bob and Mary for putting together the Alumni membership bylaw proposal, noting that it was thoughtfully prepared and offers a unique way to reward long term mooring owners and keep the moorings in the CIYC Family and increase revenue for the club.

Membership – Kathy Hamilton

Kathy reported that as of July 1st we have 178 members which makes for 2 openings, and that she will be presenting two new prospects in Executive Session to become members. Kathy also stated that Ashley Chapple will be voted on in Executive Session to move from an Associate to a Regular member. Bob Flaig noted that Associate Members who convert to Regular Members before they are 40 years old do not count toward the 180-membership cap until they reach age 40 (which in Ashley case is not for 6 more years).

Kathy reported that we have two other prospective members with completed applications and $20K initiation checks in hand that will be on our waiting list.

Randy Weaver thanked Kathy for doing a great job to get us to full 180 members. This is the first time this has happened in 2 ½ years.

New item – S/C Dave Horst

Dave reported that he recently learned that the electronic version of the 85th year book from 2009 is available by Carolyn Yamaha who was Bud Scott's principal collaborator the compiling and publication of that 85th yearbook. Dave suggested that if the club would like to update this work for a 100th yearbook that the 85-yearbook can be edited and worked on starting now. Roland asked that any persons interested in working on such a project to please contact him.

Todd Gleason asked if Event Committee members have to pay for the dinner when in most cases the committee never eats during the event. John Wells stated that all events should be self-paying, but it is up to the committee to decide what they will charge for the event and if the committee wants to not pay since they are doing a lot of work then they need to price the event higher to pay for committee member dinners.

Roland then closed the regular meeting session.

Executive session

The Board convened for an executive session and approved new Members Ron Cassell and Pat Redfern. The board also approved moving Ashley Chapple from Associate to Regular Member status.

At S/C Jim McCampbell's request, the Board will pursue making high quality copies of the movie star cards for display at the Catalina Museum for the anticipated new CIYC display at the Museum.

The meeting adjourned at 1200hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bob Flaig, Secretary **Roland Rapp, Chairman**