

THE COYOTE'S BAY

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COMMODORE'S LETTER

It has been almost a year since COVID-19 entered our lives; through quarantines, and shelter-in-place orders, it feels as if our lives had suddenly been yanked away from us. Indeed, it was rather strange not having an installation dinner or Commodore's Ball this year, not to mention participating in the change-of-watch ceremony via Zoom and wearing masks for the board-of-directors annual photo, but these things are petty compared to what else the pandemic has taken from us.

The past year has taught us just how much in our daily lives we take for granted—not only social events, such as joining our fellow members at the club for a drink or dinner, but simple acts, like shaking hands, hugging a friend, dining out, or going to the movies. For those of us with older relatives, or family members who live out of town, this past year meant forgoing the traditional family visits and vacations. And while many of us are fortunate to have family close by, others have gone months without seeing parents and other extended family.

We Coyote Point Yacht Club members are a family—united not by blood, but by a common love for boating and water sports. It is this shared love and passion that has kept us going throughout this crisis. And while at the moment, we may not be able to go on cruises together, or race with non-household crew members, boating still remains our stress relief outlet in these trying times. We find solace on the water, for salt water heals all wounds, and find time to reconnect with those in our household.

As trying as these times are, they have to eventually come to an end, for even the worst storm at sea has to abate at some point (or, in the words of Victor Hugo, "Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise.") I look forward to the day when we can once again socialize at our beloved club and enjoy one another's camaraderie, after all, (to quote Sister Sledge, "We Are Family.")

~Catherine

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ERRATA

The Youth sailing committee was incorrectly listed in last month's newsletter. The committee consists of Carly Cozart, Mark Neumann, Stephanie Anderson and instructor Kevin Kirberg.

Owen Anderson was incorrectly listed as a member of the committee. Owen is the club's webmaster.

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

Welcome to:

**Mike & Gina Binnard*

Mike and Gina met in college where they were both on the sailing team. For the last few years, they had been chartering boats from Club Nautique and have done a few bareboat vacations. "All of those adventures reinforced our dreams of owning a boat," said Mike. "We started looking at Yachtworld about a year ago, and in October found the boat we've been waiting for." The boat was shipped from Florida and now resides in Coyote Point.

**Kristen & Zain Talley*

We moved from San Diego to the Peninsula a year and a half ago for better work opportunities; Zain's in public safety, and Kristen works in tech. While we hope to own a real boat in the future, for now, we just own a blue single scull named Belafonte. In San Diego, Kristen was a member of the rowing club next door to Mission Bay Yacht Club, so we spent much of our free time on the water or hanging around Mission Bay. We've been missing our old community of thalassophiles, so we're really excited to join CPYC this year and get back out on the water!



ABOVE: Gina Binnard (Mike not pictured)

ABOVE RIGHT:
Kristen & Zaine Talley

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER SAILS

2nd and 4th Sundays through mid-March



All sailing events are held in compliance with county and state COVID-19 restrictions. Boats must be single-handed, or sailed with members from the same household. Sign-up online.

John Pitcher Memorial Regatta
March 6, 2021

Open to All Coyote Point Marina Tenants

No Club Membership Necessary

Race start approx. 13:00

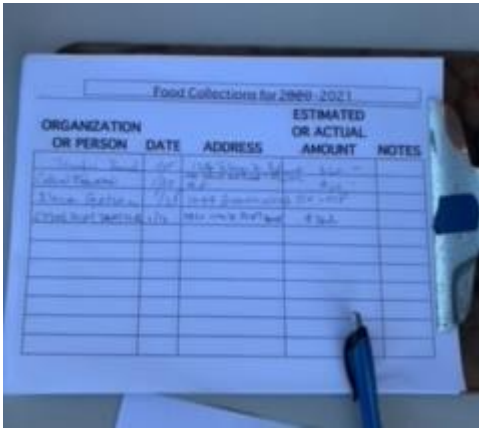
Register on the CPYC Website!
 or e-mail regatta@cpyc.com

To comply with county health requirements, boats must be single handed, or crewed by members of the same household.

CPYC CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Greg Soydemir

To help increase CPYC community outreach, a canned food drive was organized in January. The food drive was spearheaded by Greg Soydemir's son, Emre Soydemir, to help those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. The items collected filled two medium size moving boxes and thanks to CPYC, the event was a success! All food items collected were donated to St. Francis and United Samaritans Foundation.



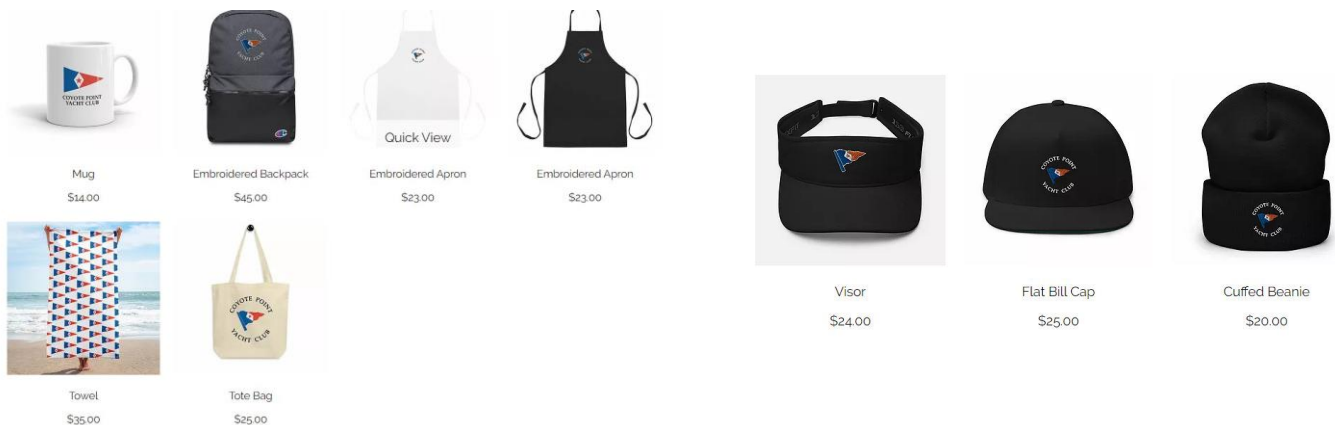
CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Coyote Point Yacht Club is looking to form a cruise committee for 2021. We are looking for members to lead and join the cruises for 2021. Everyone from seasoned cruisers to newbies is invited to join the committee. Please email the best time to meet virtually during the week of February 7-13 to mramsbey@gmail.com

The first planned cruise out will be to South Beach Yacht Club in April (county and state health regulations permitting)

SHIP (STORE) AHOY!!

The Coyote Point Yacht Club Ship's Store is now live online. We have partnered with a print-on-demand service, so we are able to offer a much wider variety of items in addition to the traditional polos and hats. All items can be purchased through the Coyote Point Yacht Club website <http://www.cpyc.com/shop>. We will still maintain a few physical items in our inventory, which we are currently restocking. A few of the newer items are shown below. .



THE BEST SAILING/RACING MOVIES to STREAM

Catherine Miskow

Rainy winter days coupled with being stuck at home, it really is enough to make you miss sailing. We were one of the lucky clubs in that we were still able to make our racing season materialize in spite of the pandemic. If you are looking to cure the winter blahs, and you long for the thrill of the race, here are a handful of recommendations for movies about yacht racing.

**Morning Light* (2008)

Fifteen young sailors compete for 11 spots on the TransPac racing boat. This documentary tells the story of a group of intrepid and determined young men and women, on the cusp of adulthood, as they embark on life's first great adventure. Racing a high-performance 52-foot sloop in the TRANSPAC, the most revered of open-ocean sailing competitions, the crew of "Morning Light" matches wits and skills in a dramatic 2300 mile showdown against top professionals.

**Wind* (1992)

Best described as "Top Gun meets the America's Cup," *Wind* tells the fictionalized story of a US sailor who wants to reclaim the cup from the Aussis. In 1983, yacht sailor Will Parker (Matthew Modine) leads an American crew financed by millionaire Morgan Weld (Cliff Robertson) to defeat during the America's Cup race against an Australian crew. Determined to get the prize back, Will convinces Morgan to finance an experimental boat designed by his ex-girlfriend Kate's (Jennifer Grey) new beau, Joe Heisler (Stellan Skarsgard). When the boat is completed, the Americans head to Australia to reclaim the cup.

**Turning Tide (En Solitaire)* (2013)

A racer's attempt at the Vendée Globe gets slightly sidelined when he has to stop in the Canary Islands for repairs and winds up with a stowaway aboard. Threatened with disqualification if the stowaway is discovered, skipper Yann Kermadec must grapple with lying to his shore team while also handling the pressures of the race. (In French with English subtitles)

**Maiden* (2018)

The documentary tells the story of the first all-female team in the 1989-90 Whitbread Around-the-World race. A combination of chase-boat footage, original news footage, as well as on-boat cameras make this film almost as good as racing the real thing...without getting seasick.

Do you have any favorite sailing films that you want to share? (Fiction or documentary) Or any other films related to boats and boating? Let us know by commenting on our club member Facebook page.

