

Pacific Coast Yachting Association



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Barusch-Castagna Championship



The Commodores of PCYA, SDCA and SGYC present the Barusch Perpetual Trophy to Fred Cole of IPBA

The 2015 Barusch-Castagna predicted log championship contest and its preliminary events were held from June 17-20th by the San Diego Cruiser Association and hosted by Silver Gate Yacht Club in San Diego. The championship contest was held on Saturday, June 20th followed by an Awards dinner that evening at SGYC. Six boats competed. The Barusch Perpetual Trophy was awarded to the overall winner, Fred Cole representing IPBA. Fred, aboard Casa Del Perro III, had a cumulative error of only 0.4669% - less than ½ of 1 percent. Fred plans to keep the Barusch Trophy at Port Orchard YC until next year's event. In 2nd place was David Weimer of SDCA with a cumulative error of 1.1367% , followed in 3rd place by Ed Denaci of SDCA with a cumulative error of 1.5518%. As SDCA had the only team entered, they won by default the Castagna team championship trophy. There was great attendance and a fine meal served at the Awards Dinner Saturday night at SGYC.

PCYA Holds Its Mid Year Meeting



PCYA held its Mid-Year Meeting on Friday, June 19th at Silver Gate Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Barusch-Castagna Championship. The meeting was well attended, with 12 of our member associations represented. A financial report was presented. We discussed the 2015 Barusch-Castagna Championship and plans for the 2015 Carr Regatta, as well as PCYA's 2016 plans for our Annual General Meeting, Carr Regatta and Barusch-Castagna Championship.

CARR CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA SET

The Carr Regatta is set for August 13-16 at Tacoma Yacht Club in Tacoma, WA in conjunction with the Cal 20 Class Championship. Thirty plus boats are expected to compete from all along the West Coast and even one team from Hawaii is expected. The Jessie L. Carr Captain and Crew Trophy will be presented to the skipper and each of the crew of the winning championship class boat in the Cal 20 Class Championship. The regatta finals are set for Saturday & Sunday, August 15-16. See: <http://tacomayachtclub.org/site/Cal%2020%20Fleet%208.html>

PCYA's 2016 DATES SET

PCYA's 2016 Annual General Meeting
Saturday, January 16, 2016
at a Yacht Club (TBD) in San Francisco.

**The 2016 Barusch-Castagna
Championship** will be held
June 15-18, 2016 at Del Rey Yacht Club in
Marina del Rey, co-hosted by Hollywood
Yacht Club and the local Power Squadron,
sanctioned by SCCA and hosted at
Del Rey Yacht Club .

2016 Carr Regatta is set for
September 26-October 2 in
conjunction with the J/70 Worlds
to be held in
San Francisco Bay.

OPENING DAY PARADE ON SAN FRANCISCO BAY



On Sunday April 26th, 2015 the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) hosted its 98th annual "Opening Day on the Bay". This year's boat parade theme was "Youth in Boating". The

parade featured over 100 historic workboats, fireboats, towboats, classic and contemporary boats, both sail and power, competing for trophies in several categories. PICYA chartered the newly renovated Hornblower Spirit, which held the judges, dignitaries and over 200 spectators from the PICYA's many member clubs. In addition to the parade and blessing of the fleet, PICYA was honored to have on board the committee boat, Rear Admiral Joseph Servido, this year's Grand Marshall and Commander of the Coast Guard's 11th District as well as Captain Gregory Stump, who was one of the judges and is Commander Coast Guard San Francisco. The weather that day was perfect and all enjoyed the day and the fabulous decorated boat parade.

Ethanol 15 in Marine Engines Raises Concerns

The following is an excerpt of an article from the National Boating Federation, a non-profit national advocacy group for recreational boaters:

“All recreational boaters and boating organizations across America, now is the time to respond and support Boating United and the National Boating Federation in our fight against E-15. The EPA recently announced its plans to increase the country's ethanol mandate to historic levels. That's right, despite the science and facts about the harms of ethanol, the government is doubling-down on its handout to corn farmers and ethanol producers.

But the government can't just quietly inflate the levels of ethanol in our fuel without hearing first from the public. They have to collect comments until July 27th—the easiest way to submit a comment, and tell the EPA to reverse course, is **right here, right now** with Boating United.

To make matters worse, in a gift to the ethanol industry, the White House is handing them a \$100 million check to install blender pumps across the US. These are the pumps equipped to dispense E15 and higher blends at your local gas stations. You've got that right; the government is doing everything it can to force E15 into our fuel. Unless we stop them.

If you are afraid of what ethanol can and will do to marine engines, water quality and the environment, **then you need to comment.** (And while you're at it, you'll be asked to send a quick note to your legislators to encourage them to step in and stop the EPA.) If recreational boaters fail to speak up now, you better believe E15 will be at your corner station before you know it. And that's bad for boating and for business. “

SEATTLE YACHT CLUB'S 2015 OPENING DAY

Seattle Yacht Club held its Opening Day ceremony followed by a magnificent boat parade on May 2nd. The parade theme was “myths and monsters”. Over 200 boats, many elaborately decorated with the parade theme participated with thousands of spectators watching from rafted boats or along the banks of the “cut”. Our own Jr. SC Bruce Campbell served as the parade Director.



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