

# NEWSLETTER

November 2013

## Words from the Commodore



I was born and grew up in a little town called Bicester, about 60 miles northwest of London in the UK. I completed my bachelor's degree at Brookes University, Oxford and trained as a Mechanical Engineer with emphasis on design. My first taste of maritime involvement was when I joined the Sea Scouts. I thought they were better than the regular Boy Scouts because they had more water sports activities and their uniforms looked smarter. Soon after my apprenticeship with British Leyland Auto was completed, I went to New York and stayed a week in the summer of 1986, living with a group of students at the YMCA. In my pocket was my life savings of \$500 and a scribbled telephone number. The number was of a Detroit head hunter

that placed engineers in the auto industry. I called the employment agent collect and was invited over to try my luck being placed. Using most of my savings I flew to Detroit, known as the motor city, and rented a car.

They found me a job designing door seals on a GM project. I lived in Michigan for over ten years and traveled around the world through my job.

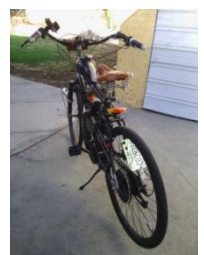
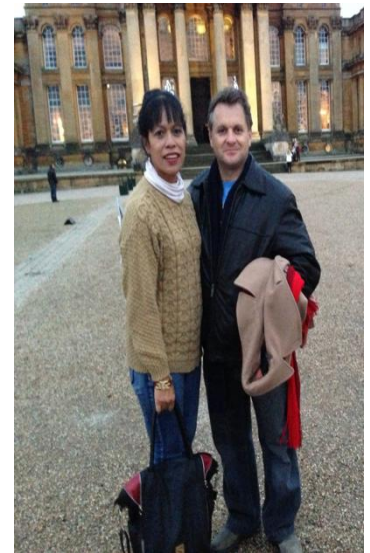
Things have moved up since that meager start. I now have my own business, Francis Management and Consulting Inc., a consultant in the aerospace industry. I bought a 43' Beneteau sailboat in 2006. With no past experience and very little training in sailing, I would get very nervous every time I left the slip. I barely owned the boat less than a year when I started going out with my now wife Julie. I met her on a friend's boat while I was in Avalon. Julie and I took a few days off and sailed all the way to the Channel Islands. When we arrived to the Channel Islands we anchored close to Santa Cruz Island at Smugglers Cove. I had never sailed that far nor even anchored a boat beforehand. Of course I put on a brave face. Julie thought I was admiring my boat as I kept looking back at it when we landed on the island and went hiking. Little did she know that I was checking to see if the boat was moving toward the rocks on the beach. Today, I am a much more experienced sailor and a true lover of the ocean.

When I am not sailing, I take a land yacht, a classic VW Camper, with a 5.7 liter Chevy engine, exploring the great outdoors. I also drive off road at the local mountains for fun with a 4 wheel drive truck. When the weather permits, I ride around on my motorcycle or my Honda scooter. I raced cars at local tracks. I enjoy building and designing. I recently designed and built a moped for one of our sons, Kevin, to drive around UCLA. He does not want to deal with the traffic and parking around the school.

I am blessed to have a partner, Julie, who enjoys the outdoors as much as I do. She supports me in all my endeavors, including the responsibilities of the Commodore position at Marina Venice Yacht Club. It has been a great challenge but yet rewarding experience to have this opportunity to be the Commodore. I have enjoyed meeting new friends and keeping old ones. I will cherish all the great memories I have made and new ones I will create with fellow members of the yacht club. I extend my appreciation and sincere gratitude to all the members and the Board of Directors who all helped in making 2013 one of the best years for Marina Venice Yacht Club. It has been voted as the **3<sup>rd</sup> BEST YACHT CLUB of 2013** on the West Side of Los Angeles!!!

Commodore

Mike Francis [Commodore@mvy.org](mailto:Commodore@mvy.org)



# In The Month of October

## Buccaneers Day Two Harbors October 5<sup>th</sup> Report from the Fleet Captain

We had a great Isthmus mooring until we had to take our boat around to Cat Harbor because a gale-force NE wind condition was predicted. Kristi and Lenny also came directly to Cat Harbor and were glad when high waves hit Isthmus Harbor the next morning. Gisele came over on the Catalina Express and we all dressed in the pirate attire, went to land and had a great time dancing, looking at other costumes and meeting fun people.

-Brad Turpak



## October 11<sup>th</sup> Membership Dinner “New York New York”

The Birthday Celebration was another fun event. We had great music provided by Uncle Monkey and terrific food put together by Jeannie Schwulst. Those celebrating birthdays were Brad and Linda Terpak, Julie and Mike Frances, Peter Griswold, Roz Finkelstein, and Dan Wunsch. People were dancing up to the time the band had to stop. A big thank you to those that help to set up or clean up including Michael Joy, Susan Allen, Kyle Ishimatsu, Brad and Linda Terpak and Tom Dumas. Don't miss the

next celebration on November 22nd, those with birthdays during Oct. Nov. or Dec. attend FREE

## October 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party

Fear, Joy, Laughter, wonder, envy, and shock are all emotions our members felt during this year's Halloween party. Geoff Maingart beat the Commodore's levitation act, and the provocation of comparing stomachs with the Chippendale (Peter Griswold) beat the commodore's moral. Geoff took the loot and won a \$25 voucher of club spending for the best talent as he played his very scary violin. Chippendale dancer Peter and sad clown Jeannie won prizes for the best costumes. We dined on wonderful delights brought for the pot luck dinner members in attendance. This was a successful night with laughter and friendship.





**Happy Hour at the Club**

Every hour is happy hour here at the MVYC, come join us for lowered price per drink during 5 – 7 PM Mon-Sat, and 4 – 8 PM Sun.

- Canned Beer \$2**
- Wine \$3**
- Cocktails \$5**



**Bridge and Board of Director Ballots Are out**

The ballots to select the 2014 board have been mailed to you all. Please fill out and mail back. Please make sure they are in the mail by 11/12. You will be selecting either Ray J. Pages or Brad Terpak for Vice Commodore. Choose one only. We have eight people running for a Director seat but only seven positions available. Please mark a maximum of seven candidates, Most of the director candidates are new for this year. It is only Michael Joy our current PR Director, Paul Wineman our Judge Advocate and Farouque Mazra that are returning to keep their seats. All ballots must be in for counting no later than 5pm 15th November (mail votes place in mail min. 3 day prior). Below are the candidates. Any addition person wanting to be included has the option of presenting to the Commodore their name along with 15 members (Primary memberships) signatures. I must receive these (by hand or email) no later than noon 5th November. They must also qualify as specified in the by-laws.



I look forward to assisting the new board in 2014.  
Commodore

<b>Commodore</b>	Mike Quinn
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Brad Terpak
	Ray J. Pages
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Jeannie Schwulst
<b>Secretary</b>	Linda Terpak
<b>Treasurer</b>	Julie Francis

### Select Seven Max Candidates

Frank Washburg
Gisele Rebeiro
Kevin Malmberg
Michael Joy
Paul Wineman
Scott Carter
Vassie Naidoo

## Up Coming Club Events

**6:30 pm 15th November - General Membership Meeting**

**7:30 pm 15th November – Membership Dinner**

**7:00 pm 22nd November – BoD Meeting**

*Presentation: The Way Forward, a yacht club survival course*



### Marina Venice Yacht Club Chamber Music Series Presents:

Sunday-December 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 at 7:30

*Schumann Quartet Op. 41, #3 in A Major*  
*Brahms Quartet Op. 51 #2 in a minor*

\$30 Donation includes wine, champagne and hors d'oeuvres  
\$20 Donation for YC members and MCC residents

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! WE WANT YOU!**

**-Operation Boat Parade-**

Contact the Commodore Mike Francis [Commodore@mvyc.org](mailto:Commodore@mvyc.org)



Calendar of Events

# November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Social Sunday/Toast masters (G1)  Performance: Sarah Daye					1	2
3  SS/Toastmasters (G1)	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Social Sunday/Toast masters (G1)  Performance: Sarah Daye	11	12 <b>We Need</b>  <b>Your Vote</b>	13	14	15 Membership Dinner 7:30pm	16
17 Social Sunday/Toast masters (G1)  Performance: Sarah Daye	18	19	20	21	22 BoD Meeting 7:00pm	23
24  Social Sunday/Toast masters (G1)  Performance: Sarah Daye	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Marina Del Rey Farmers' Market

The Marina Del Rey Farmers' Market will offer fresh, locally-grown organic and conventional fruits and veggies. Also available are prepared and packaged foods, hand-crafted products and much more!  
Thursdays 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Marina "Mother's Beach" (Parking Lot)

## Cruise's 2013

Unfortunately our cruises have come to an end for the year 2013. But don't let that stop you from enjoying the marina, come by the club and talk about boats!!

## Members Corner

### Welcome Our New/Returning Members Of September!

Zaven and Mona Hagopian  
David and Jennifer Ritch.

We are glad to have you as new members of the MVYC! We look forward to seeing you at the club for social activities and on the water fun! Check out our calendar of events, or just stop on by. We look forward to seeing you at the club!

### -----Membership Profiles-----



## VOTE BRAD TERPAK!!!

I was born in Endicott New York home of IBM. Spent most of my childhood there and decided on the Navy instead of college. Deciding on the Navy, I trained to be an aircraft electrical mechanic. While spending 4 years in the Navy, 2 of which were in Bermuda, we were able build a 24' power boat with the help of the hobby shop and that's where I fell in love with boats and the ocean.

After the Navy I returned home and started college where I met my wife Linda. We got married and decided I needed to find a good job and IBM was not hiring at that time. Neither Linda nor I had been in California, but with \$500 and an old car we drove out. We settled in Burbank and I was lucky to get a job as airline mechanic with Flying Tiger Line. They moved to LAX and I worked for them 24 years and also bought an old house on an acre of land in Newhall for \$20,000. We raised 2 children and had horses and motorcycles. I also had a motorcycle and raced in the desert for many years.

Flying Tiger Line was bought out by Federal Express leaving me very fortunate since FTL was in financial trouble. I worked for FedEx 23 years and bought my first boat when the kids were young and taught them to water ski at Castaic Lake. We also went to Catalina bravely on that first 17' boat. When the kids were grown and left the nest we were able to buy a 40' power boat and been keeping it in MDR. We mostly cruise to Catalina, but have been to San Diego and Ensenada several times. We wanted to join a club to meet people and have fun. A friend took us to a few clubs and we liked Marina Venice best. We joined 3 years ago and I first became port captain, then fleet captain. As fleet captain I planned 6 cruises this year. I was also the committee boat for 2 years for sail boat races. Next year I would like to be Vice Commodore. My vision of the future of our club is to have a lot of fun events both on and off the water. Hopefully we will be able to get a lot of members that participate in the events and enjoy our club. I am looking forward to meeting new people and enjoying my old friends.

\*This is not Endorsed by the MVYC



**MVYC  
2014**

**RAY J  
for  
VICE**

**COMMODORE**

**VOTE YES FOR  
Ray j. Pages**

I am Ray j. Pages running for Vice Commodore of MVYC and I approve this message.

### Member Appreciation

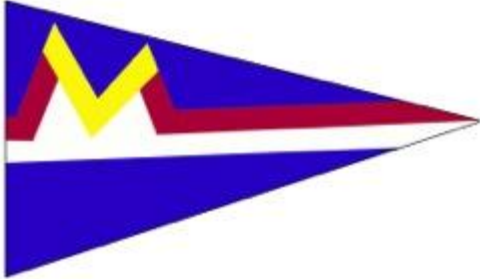
To those that volunteer their time to make this club a better place.

## Social Sundays



The club maintains open hours between 4-7 PM every Sunday night. This offers an opportunity for the community to see what our club offers, as well as mingle with our members. Feel free to invite friends and fellow members, and enjoy our club. New members are now issued temporary name tags, it's important to identify these members and welcome them to the club. Please introduce yourselves to potential members and provide them with a view of our club.

## Contact Us



We like to hear from all of our club members if you have a story or want to expose yourself some way shape or form we would love to hear about it.

To have articles included in our next month's newsletter email the editors:

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-Or-

Sheila Butler at [sheilabutler81@yahoo.com](mailto:sheilabutler81@yahoo.com)



*Just a reminder, if you would like to advertise your business card in the MVYC newsletter \$10 monthly or \$100 annually please forward*



*your business card to Sheilabutler81@yahoo.com and  
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MARINA VENICE  
YACHT CLUB

4-7pm

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