



# Cruiser Log

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## Appendix from "The Viking Goes to Sea"

*The following article, written many years ago by Admiral Al Soiland, is taken from newest publication of Pacific Coast Yachting Association (PCYA). In recent years, PCYA has sponsored two principal events in separate regattas, rotating between four areas on the West Coast: the Carr Trophy for sailing crews and the Barusch Trophy for powerboat predicted log racing. The Castagna Trophy is awarded to the winning team of the two contestants from each association of PCYA competing in the Barusch contest.*

During the late war, yachting generally suffered by virtue of the fact that a great many of the men belonging to the clubs had gone into the Navy, and it was not until the conclusion of hostilities that yachting again came into its own.

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Through the efforts of some of the active yachtsmen on this coast, a harmonization of yachting interests has been successfully concluded during the past three years. This was accomplished first by the different clubs in the distantly separated communities grouping themselves into club associations; thus, in the Pacific Northwest, the various clubs bordering on Puget Sound in both the United States and Canada organized the Pacific International Yachting Association. Meanwhile, on San Francisco Bay, the clubs had pooled their interests under the name Pacific Interclub Yacht Association and were succeeding admirably in promulgating the sport in a mutually satisfactory manner.

The yachtsmen of the South Coast, having learned from their northern friends the advantages they had derived by a cooperation of individualized interests, organized their own clubs into the Southern California Yachting Association. The benefits of this association were at once apparent by an increase in club memberships, by interclub fraternalism, and by an increased public interest in the sport. Impressed by the success and growth of the three coast associations, a conference was called by representatives from each of the local associations to consider the advisability of creating a central body, which would act as an advisory board and a clearing house for the entire Pacific Coast yachting fraternity. After due deliberation of accredited delegates from all sections of the coast, this movement was successfully negotiated in San Francisco early in January, 1923. The outcome of the meeting was the formation of an all-coast

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## North American Cruiser Association

For help or information, visit our web site at  
<http://www.predictedlog.org>

It provides a resource for boaters looking for information, to learn more about predicted logging or NACA, or to find a member organization near them.

Feel free to call any of us with your thoughts and ideas!

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## Letter from the Editor

Although I enjoy my "job" as Editor/Publisher of *Cruiser Log*, it is not an easy task, and I need your help in creating something that you will continue to enjoy reading. Here are some things you may not know:

1. Because the pages are printed on 11 x 17 paper and then folded over, the number of pages of each issue must be in multiples of four (4).
2. News, articles, stories, information, and anything else that is suitable for printing is needed to fill these pages. I do not grade for spelling, grammar, and punctuation, so all you have to do is send these items to me. I'll do the rest. The fewer items submitted for publication, the smaller the newsletter.
3. If your association and its members are not mentioned in the Association News section, please ask your secretary to e-mail or snail mail your newsletters to me. This is my primary source for information. Individuals are also encouraged to send any news or gossip.
4. If you have any comments about an article that appeared in a previous issue or want to voice your opinion about anything, please send them to me for the Letters to the Editor section.
5. When there are empty pages, I sometimes spend hours searching for material that might be of interest. I also look for "fillers" that

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### New, New *Cruiser Log* Publication Deadlines

#### Submit by:

January 15  
 March 15  
 May 15  
 July 15  
 September 15  
 November 15

#### For publication in:

February  
 April  
 June  
 August  
 October  
 December

If you miss a deadline, your article will be published in a future issue.

## Trivia

Cape Disappointment, Washington, is the foggiest place on the West Coast.

Flying squid have been known to launch themselves up to 150 feet out of the water, landing right onto the decks of passing ships.

Catalina Island's Tuna Club, in Avalon, California, is the nation's oldest fishing club. It was founded in 1889.

California is the birthplace of offshore oil drilling, with the first well drilled off Summerland in 1896. However, enthusiasm for offshore drilling vanished (at least for a while) after a devastating oil spill off Santa Barbara in 1969.

*Letter from the Editor  
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- might be needed to complete a page, such as the trivia listed above.
6. The stories and articles in each newsletter do not magically fit onto each page; I arrange and re-arrange, ad nauseum, until it all fits and creates an easy-to-read newsletter.
  7. I cannot begin the page composition process until I receive all articles for the issue. This is why the deadlines (listed on Page 2 in each issue) are so important. I try to block out a certain amount of my time after the deadline date (listed on Page 2 in each issue), during which I am able to put the newsletter together.

With input and help from all of you, we can continue to enjoy and improve *Cruiser Log*.

Here's the Reader's Digest version of this Letter from the Editor: Now you know how it works. If you want something to read in the next issue of *Cruiser Log*, you need to send "stuff" to me by the deadline (listed on Page 2 in each issue).

Elaine Townsend  
Editor/Publisher

## Commodore's Corner

I would like to remind everyone to check the NACA web site, <http://www.predictedlog.org>. There you can see the schedule of events of the 2005 NAI that St. Petersburg Yacht Club has put together. Looks to me that they are doing a great job!

You can also check the scoring of all the member clubs across the country. Another job that is being done very well, thanks to Craig Ryan.

I have not heard the latest on the Alaska 1000; however, I know that the Southern California Cruiser Association representative to the NAI, Tom Scott, is now on his way to Washington and will compete if there are enough entrants to make a race. Everyone, please keep us informed so we can pass along the latest news.

Tracy Wichmann passed the word that the year-book is being readied for the printer, so it won't be long now.

I hope that all are having as great a racing season as we are here.

Bill Findley  
Commodore

### Future NAI Events

- 2005 St. Petersburg (October)
- 2006 IPBA
- 2007 San Diego
- 2008 WLECA
- 2009 NECA/NCA
- 2010 PLRANC

## Association News

**NECA** - Chuck Rubin, who won the 2004 NACA St. Petersburg trophy, will represent NECA at the 2005 NAI in (where else?) St. Petersburg, Florida.

Art Capstaff, Jr. is active in starting a predicted log organization at Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead and has organized a joint contest with NECA this summer.

Bob Fiorentino has put together a great cruise, starting July 8, 2005, that can be taken as a one- or two-week journey. The one-week cruise turns back from Conanicut Marina, Jamestown, Rhode Island, and ends in Sandwich Marina on July 16th. The two-week cruise goes as far as Sag Harbor, New York and Essex, Connecticut and ends on July 21st at Cuttyhunk. If enough boats participate, there will be a predicted log contest from Boston Harbor to Scituate on July 8th.

**SDCA** - The San Diego Log Newspaper has declared Elaine Townsend “a legend in her own time”. The boating newspaper has recently given predicted log racing some great coverage; read all about it at <http://www.thelog.com>. The easiest way to find the article about Elaine, published 04/01/05, titled, “Elaine Townsend: ‘Road Rallies on the Water’ Are Her Specialty”, is to enter her name under “Search the Log News Archives”. She also contributed, along with David Weimer, to another article titled, “Powerboaters Rally ‘Round for Racing”, published 04/15/05.

Bob Alberts isn’t having any trouble with his new boat, *Sandbar*. In the March contest he piloted his way to first place, with 0.3161 percentage error.

Jim and Betty Hutchinson, back on the water with their new boat, a Cabo sportfisher, did not fare as well; their score was posted as “classified”.

Did You know?

Fifty percent of all doctors graduate in the bottom half of their class.

## Barusch/Castagna

Pacific Coast Yachting Association is in the midst of planning its annual grand regatta for 2005. The Harry Barusch/Joe Castagna West Coast Predicted Log Racing Championship and the Jesse Carr Sailing Championship will be held in Marina del Rey, California, from June 23 - 25, 2005.

The regatta will be hosted by Del Rey Yacht Club and co-hosted by California Yacht Club. Management will be by Santa Monica Bay Power Fleet, with assistance from Southern California Cruiser Association.

A capable and eager committee has been assembled: Barusch/Castagna general chairman is Marty Livingston, and Roberto Cordero will head the Carr. A much larger fleet is expected this year for the Carr race. Being noted sailors, Paul Artof and Roberto Cordero will put on a fun and exciting race.

The predicted log contest will be raced by the two top 2004 racers of each of the seven Pacific Coast associations and the 2004 winner. They will skipper some of the best boats in the area. The course will cover beautiful Santa Monica Bay and will be a challenging contest for the skippers.

The cocktail parties, BBQ, and dinners at Del Rey Yacht Club and California Yacht Club should please everyone. You do not have to be a contestant to join us in the festivities and meet old and new friends. Just make a reservation. Contact Marty Livingston at (310) 305-1635 or e-mail [exodus52@aol.com](mailto:exodus52@aol.com)

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## 2005 Barusch/Castagna Contestants

### Santa Monica Bay Power Fleet

Burnell Blockhus  
California Yacht Club

Herb Dover  
California Yacht Club

### Southern California Cruiser Association

Bill Findley  
Catalina Island Yacht Club

Craig Ryan  
Hollywood Yacht Club and Shoreline Yacht Club

### San Diego Cruiser Association

Garry Adalian  
Coronado Cays Yacht Club

Bill Doherty  
Mission Bay Yacht Club and Southwestern Yacht Club

### International Power Boat Association/North

Bill Menees  
Port Orchard Yacht Club

Ken Klett/Marv Elbon Team  
Queen City Yacht Club

### International Power Boat Association/South

Jerry Downer  
Gig Harbor Yacht Club

Richard Timmerman  
Queen City Yacht Club and Poulsbo Yacht Club

### International Power Boat Association/Gulf of Georgia

Bob Good  
Thunderbird Yacht Club

Patrick Frampton  
Vancouver Rowing Club

### Predicted Log Racing Association of Northern California

Jerry Goldman  
San Rafael Yacht Club

Haluk Akol  
Berkeley Yacht Club

### Last Year's Winner

### International Power Boat Association/North

Bob Lindal  
Queen City Yacht Club

**Pacific Coast Yachting Association  
Harry Barusch/Joe Castagna/Jesse Carr  
June 23-25, 2005 Marina del Rey, California**

Hotel Accommodations:

Special arrangements have been made for you at:

Marina International Hotel & Bungalows  
4200 Admiralty Way  
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Standard rooms \$99.00 per night plus tax  
Bungalows \$119.00 per night plus tax

Amenities:

Free parking (clearance 5'10")

Free airport shuttle

Restaurant & Bar

Pool

0.4 mile from Del Rey Yacht Club

1.1 mile from California Yacht club

In order to take advantage of these rates, you must call the hotel at 800-529-2525 by May 26, 2005. Tell them that you are making reservation for the Del Rey Yacht Club Group #12478

Other hotels and motels close by:

Marriott \*

4100 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA (310) 301-3000  
Rooms start at \$200.00 per night plus tax.

Best Western Jamaica Bay Inn - motel \*

4175 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA (310) 823-5333  
Rooms start at \$219.00 per night plus tax.

Holiday Inn Express – motel

737 Washington Blvd Venice, CA (310) 821-4455  
Rooms start at \$139.00 per night plus tax.

Ritz-Carlton Marina del Rey \*

4375 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA (310) 823-1700

\* Within walking distance of yacht clubs.

**Pacific Coast Yachting Association  
2005 Barusch/Castagna/Carr Championship  
Hosted by Del Rey Yacht Club , Co-hosted by California Yacht Club  
Santa Monica Bay Power Fleet, and Southern California Cruiser Association.**

REGISTRATION - RESERVATION FORM

NUMBER ATTEND	DATE	HOUR	EVENT	COST	TOTAL
	6/23/05	1700	No Host Bar, Cocktail party with Hors d'oeuvres at DRYC	None	0.00
	6/23/05	1750	Order Saturday Box Lunches	\$12.00	
	6/23/05	1900	Evening BBQ at Del Rey Yacht Club	\$15.00	
	6/24/05	1800	No Host Bar, Cocktail party with Hors d'oeuvres at California Yacht Club.	None	0.00
	6/24/05	1800	California Yacht Club Famous Seafood Buffet	\$37.50	pay direct
	6/25/05	700	Coffee, Juice and Rolls, etc. at Del Rey Yacht Club	None	0.00
	6/25/05	1800	Awards Dinner at Del Rey Yacht Club	\$50.00	
			Beautiful Monogrammed Fabric Brief Case	\$25.00	
TOTAL ENCLOSED					

Make reservations above for California Yacht Club's Famous Friday night Seafood Buffet  
( \$37.36 all inclusive). Pay for buffet at California Yacht Club.

Please complete the information below for each person in your group. This information will be used to prepare name badges and event admittance.

- 1 Name to be shown on Badge
- 2 Indicate if Boat Owner, Contestant, Navigator, helmsman, crew, observer, scrutinizier, or guest
- 3 Indicate Association: PCYA, SMBPF, SCCA, SDCA, PLRANC, IPBA South, IPBA North, IPBA Gulf of Georgia, DRYC, or CYC
- 4 Indicate If Officer of a Nautical Association or Club
- 5 If attending Awards Dinner indicate: "M" for meat; "F" for fish; "C" for Chicken.

(1) NAME	(2) POSITION	(3) ASSOC	(4) OFFICE

Please make checks payable to SMBPF. Return this registration and your check to:  
HERB DOVER, Treasurer SMBPF  
612 Seclusion Lane, Glendale, CA 91207

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE RETURN BEFORE MAY 15, 2005 \*\*\*\*\*

Direct any question to Martin Livingston  
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**2005 Barusch/Castagna Team  
Cruiser Navigation Championship  
Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, June 23, 2005**

1530-1700

**Del Rey Yacht Club** Registration for all skippers, crews, and guests. Name tags will be issued and banquet tickets will be distributed.

1730-1900

**Del Rey Yacht Club** No-host cocktail party with complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served in the Puerto Vallarta Room for skippers, crew, boat owners, observers, scrutinizers, and invited guests.

1900

Welcoming remarks by PCYA, SCCA, SMBPF, CYC, and DRYC commodores.

1930

Drawing for boats and assignment of observers and scrutinizers.

2000

Skippers, navigators, owners, and race officials will meet to review contest and rules. Box lunches to be ordered at this time.

2000

Observers, scrutinizers, and race officials meet for review of contest and rules.

**Friday, June 24, 2005**

0900-1300

Measured mile speed trials. Observers and scrutinizers to be on board or arrange temporary substitutes. Skippers turn in predicted contest speed to committee at DRYC by 1400. Arrange to be at a telephone, so you can be assigned a finish time..

1800-1930

**California Yacht Club** Cocktail party, no-host bar with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Dinner is available in the dining room.

**Saturday, June 25, 2005**

0700-0800

**Del Rey Yacht Club** Skippers meeting. Predicted logs to be turned in to the committee. Pick up box lunches. Complimentary coffee will be available.

0800-1400

Run contest.

1800-1930

Peel-off and no-host bar with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

1930-2130

**Del Rey Yacht Club** Awards dinner in Main Dining Room. Final Peel-off. Seating for all participants and guests. **Reservations required.**

**Sunday, June 26, 2005**

0900

PCYA Board of Directors meeting in DRYC, Puerto Vallarta Room.



**NAI 2005**  
**St. Petersburg, Florida**  
**Schedule of Events**

**Tuesday**  
**October 4, 2005**

1400                      Check-in and Pre-registration

**Wednesday**  
**October 5, 2005**

0900 - 1200              NACA Bridge Meeting  
1200 - 1330              NACA Bridge Lunch (includes spouses)  
1400                      Check-in and Registration  
1800                      Cocktail Party and Boat Drawing in Ballroom

**Thursday**  
**October 6, 2005**

TIME?                      Time Trials  
1400 - 1700              NACA General Meeting  
                                Skippers Meeting  
                                Observers/Scrutinizers' Meeting  
                                Gendelman Trophy Winners Meeting  
1900                      Casino Night at Bayfront

**Friday**  
**October 7, 2005**

Free Day

**Saturday**  
**October 8, 2005**

Time?                      NAI Contest  
1800                      NAI Results Banquet



## Encourage a friend to join the North American Cruiser Association... *Today!*

Membership in NACA keeps everyone who is interested in Predicted Log Contests well informed about the sport throughout North America. Competitors from thirteen member Associations compete for National Trophies simply by competing in their local contests. The champion from each organization competes in the North American Invitational, hosted by a different organization each year.

Your dues entitle you to receive the *Cruiser Log* (the NACA newsletter), the Annual Yearbook that lists all NACA members and their addresses, along with information about the member organizations, and the NACA Handbook that details the national rules for Predicted Log Contests as well as the perpetual trophies.

To join the North American Cruiser Association or renew your membership, complete this membership form and mail it with your check to:

**Bob Ehlers, Acting Executive Secretary**  
**1135 Alexandria Drive**  
**San Diego, CA 92107**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club or Other Boating Organizations \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your check payable to: **NORTH AMERICAN CRUISER ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL DUES:           **\$10.00**

CONTRIBUTION:       \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your contributions enable us to maintain the perpetual trophies and provide other services to our Member Associations.

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organization known as the Pacific Coast Yachting Association.

This association is actively interested in promoting every phase of yachting for the greatest good of the sport itself. It will attempt to regulate and sanction dates for race meets and regattas, which will conform to the best interests of all, and so arrange that each event will be accessible to every other section of the coast. It will also assist to create championship events, which will carry the approval and authority of the entire coast yachting fraternity, its ultimate purpose being to place the science and sport of yachting upon the highest Corinthian plane.

## Reading Test

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## NACA Objective

The objective of the North American Cruiser Association is to promote the sport of Predicted Log Contests in North America. Pursuant to this objective, NACA will:

1. Publish and distribute a periodic newsletter known as the *Cruiser Log*, which shall contain news and information pertaining to the sport.
2. Schedule and coordinate an annual "North American Invitational" (NAI) Predicted Log Contest.
3. Sanction contests of member associations that are to be scored for NACA points.
4. Maintain and publish scoring and standings of Predicted Log contestants participating in NACA sanctioned contests.
5. Provide perpetual and suitable keeper trophies and other awards for winners of such North American Predicted Log series and events as may be established by NACA.
6. Establish "Recommended Contest Rules" for NACA sanctioned Predicted Log Contests.
7. Generally be responsive to the needs and requirements of member associations and of the sport of Predicted Log Contests.
8. Support boating and Corinthian yachting in general.

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