



Hey Corsairs!

I have an important question: How many of you are planning to attend the Corsair Labor Day Cruise featuring the "Girls on Grill" led by Karla Zimmerman? Please join us as we all sip on a drink from the punchbowl created by Scott and Whitney Hammond and dance to the music of the 80s. Feast on the Sunday morning dump brunch hosted by Joe Churilla and Kelly Manning. Don't forget to bring an item to contribute to the brunch--eggs, potatoes, or your favorite breakfast meat. And of course, join Dinghy Poker hosted by Kelly and Warren Stone. The raft-up at Tim Kyelberg's boat afterwards will be just the place to be! Later plan to have a relaxing time in the cove, making pizza or barbecuing on your own. Check out the flyer on the website to get further details. It promises to be a fun-packed weekend, as usual.

Now let's review our recent events. The July picnic dinner meeting in the park was just 4 weeks ago, so why does it seem so distant? Two words: Cruise Week. But before I talk about Cruise Week, I must mention that the picnic in El Dorado Park was a fun afternoon with an evening concert led by Larry Curtis, a former Corsair member. The weather was perfect and the food delicious. Thanks to the many people who helped make sandwiches and salads, donated desserts and helped set-up and clean. Judy and I loved seeing the Corsair kids play in the park as the band played a salute to the Corsairs. Very special. Very relaxing.

Secretary and Cruise Week Director, Bob Eberwine, put together a successful week of daily activities. It began on Monday with a day in Avalon. This was planned and scheduled by Mark Israel. We all rode the Cyclone speed boat and either golfed, shopped, or visited the museum and gathered for lunch at the Sand Trap later in the afternoon. Meanwhile, as we played at Avalon and Two Harbors, Harris and Linda led a group of Corsair boats on a three day Cruise to Santa Barbara Island. Perfect weather we were told.

On Tuesday morning we were treated to a tour of the USC Wrigley Marine Center where we learned about the sustainability programs being operated and studied by enthusiastic young scientists who live, work, and study there. A raft-up behind Bob Eberwine's boat for drinks and appetizers was a perfect way to end a beautiful day.

On Wednesday the Corsairs met in Emerald Bay where Dave Gibbs hosted the Predicted Log Dinghy Contest. Our winner was Randy Boelsems and the Gecko Gecko crew.

On Thursday we all enjoyed the hospitality of the Blond Voyage II *In and Out Raft-Up*. The pastrami sandwiches and refreshments provided a good time for all! A wonderful tradition. Later in the cove we had a Chili Cook-Off. There were 14 very tasty and creative entries which made the judging very difficult but provided a meal for all who attended! Congratulations to Cheryl Witteveen who won the People's Choice Award.

Our Corsair Juniors were very involved throughout the week. Thank you Ally and Ryan Misterly for providing game night with Judy Glaister, jewelry making with Kelly Stone, and water fun on Sandy Beach. Another original idea was the Emerald Bay Swap Meet hosted by Harris Gabel. It was the beginning of what could become an annual event at the island, at either Emerald Bay or Two Harbors. On Frida several Corsairs joined Al Kim as he organized a morning of snorkeling which received rave reviews.

The Friday night dinner at Harbor Sands was a success for the second year in a row. The food was excellent! This event requires a great deal of organizing with the fees going towards the Corsair Club's annual contractual obligation. Many thanks to all those who attended and those who helped decorate and especially Bob Eberwine for putting it all together.

Saturday morning began with the annual pancake breakfast hosted by Don and Laura McLennan. The traditional pancake recipe was successfully passed down from John Woods and was as delicious as ever. Pancakes were cooked and tossed to perfection. You should have seen Jacque Lorch toss pancakes and Marjie Page catch them over and over again. It was hilarious. Find the video--it's out there. This breakfast led to the August monthly meeting which was followed by bingo with Donna, Ally, and Ryan Misterly, a very multi-talented family.

The day continued with an afternoon dedication of the new Wayne's Walk Plaque, organized by Charlie Rothstein and Susan de la Pena. We were honored to have Toni Baldwin, Wayne's wife, join us. It was her first time back in 10 years. Corsair members shared many stories about both Wayne and Toni that provided a glimpse of Corsair's deep history and their love of the best little yacht club ever!

Gary and Eileen Fowler made an excellent version of the Catalina Buffalo Milk for their punch bowl. Delicious, but you needed only one. Did someone tell that to a few of our members? I know Betty and Judy were having a lovely time! Dinner was then hosted by Anne and Dennis Lynaugh of *Welcome Aboard*. Thanks for your generosity, Dennis and Anne. This was the first firing of the new and improved pizza oven. Dennis and crew delivered some amazing pizzas.

Other memorable events from cruise week include: 1) A bluefin tuna poke compliments of Evert Witteveen and Robert Anderson. You must hear the adventure of how this 92 pound fish was caught off the west end; 2) A hot wings contest showcasing Steve Mees, Warren Stone, and Jacque Lorch eating chicken wings cooked in sauces of increasing heat intensity; 3) Kelly Stone posting new pictures of members and events on our photo board. Take a look at it while at Labor Day. Kelly is amazing! Her pictures always showcase the warmth and fun of our Corsair family; and 4) Sandi and Mike Doell organizing a card game with proceeds going to the club funds. Lots of laughter and very generous.

I want to thank Fleet Captain Steve DeWitt and Annette Shaver-DeWitt for all of their work for maintaining order and cleanliness in the cove throughout the long Cruise Week Schedule of events. They are wonderful and devoted Corsairs who deserve all of our appreciation.

That's more than enough for now. I hope to see you all at the Labor Day Cruise.

Sincerely,

Commodore John

And of course hooray to Bob Eberwine--a Master Cruise Director!

