

# WIND WORDS

Newsletter of the Convair Sailing Club

May • 2025

## Commodore's Corner

Dear CSC Members,

It was nice to see so many familiar faces at our Opening Day BBQ. Thanks to all that were able to join, and also Thank You to all the volunteers who helped make the event a successful one.

Later this month, you will see that our fleet will be reduced to 6 Victories and 6 Ensigns. We will then consolidate our 12 boats into the two left-most slips. We will vacate the far-right slip after Memorial Day and return that to the marina, thus eliminating a significant fixed cost for the club. The reduction of these 4 boats will also reduce repair expenses, diving costs, and insurance, in addition to the marina-related slip rental cost. We will then invest those savings in improvements to the rest of our fleet.

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## Ensign Free On The Bay Concerts Selected!

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## Opening Day BBQ



Rajeev Jain, Robert Skillings, John Hysler, Bob Keefe, Tom Bedford, Mark Sutton, Tracy Williams & Jeff Nelson

The 2025 Opening Day BBQ had a big turn out with over half the club in attendance. We met several new members and one family that plans to join this week.

Port Captain Mark Sutton declared San Diego Bay to be free of icebergs. And we bid farewell to both the pool and adjacent building which has hosted our Opening Day Celebration for years. We also conducted a tour of the fleet for two prospective members.

### Special Thanks For Help From:

Sue Macdonald	Rajeev Jain
John Hysler	Bob Keefe
Danielle Rose	Tom Bedford
Tracy Williams	Jeff Nelson
Jose Otero	Robert Skillings



And a special shout-out to Master Chef Robér de Carlsbad, whose culinary masterpieces delighted the crowd and caused this reporter to gain back all the weight he lost walking 10 miles a day to avoid cab fare in Tokyo.

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## High Winds For The Ensign Race

*Story by Robert Skillings*

April's Ensign race appeared to have plenty of wind on top of a rising tide (see Windy data below). They sailed Course A, which is slightly different now that the traditional leeward mark, FM19, was towed away by the US Navy (see Course A chart below).\*

Five boats sailed. The E192 drew Race Committee duty for this race. Winds were forecast at 8 to 10 kts with gusts up to 19 (more on this later). After one false start the race began with the E 192 taking the lead followed by the 1122 and 323 in third position. The E 192 made the turn at G19 followed by the 1192 and the 323. Their positions did not change during the down-

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\* WindWords' editorial staff acknowledges that we have already referenced two (2) data info-graphics and it's only the first paragraph. Regrettably, we are not done yet.

## Is It True About Icebergs In San Diego Bay?



We thought it was just a quirky story, but then we found this photo sent to us in December by CSC Club member Bill Burch! We don't recognize the boat but, if you look closely, you can see North Island in the background.



If we're going to get this much done, we'll need more extension cords!

### April Work Party

The April 5<sup>th</sup> event was an extremely successful work party! There was a lot to do and a tremendous amount was accomplished.

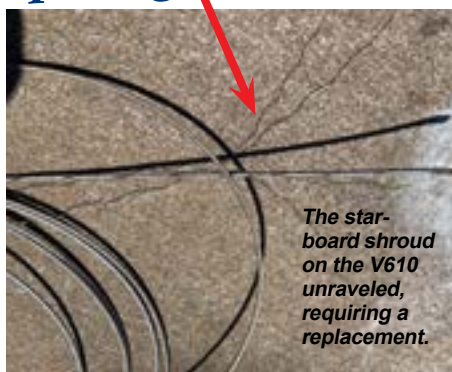
1. Lowered the mast on V647 and replaced the Starboard Upper Shroud
2. Lowered the mast on V611 and replaced both upper and lower lazy jacks
3. Secured the one loose strand on V610 Starboard Forward Shroud
4. Fiberglass sanding and touched up the paint on E2's cuddy
5. Removed Engine Mount 618 and put into storage
6. Seared the ends of close to forty lines across the fleet 611(4), 632(2), 634(3), 647(4), 648(1), 722(5), 192(4), 1122(3), 453(6).
8. Replaced hardware on E453

In early April, work continued on improving the entire fleet with two work parties.

Crews did everything from replacing shrouds to filling gas tanks.

Work began immediately on the V647 611, 647 and 610. Tools and a workstation were brought to the dock so that a replacement shroud could be built on-site.

### Sproing!



Lowering the mast is always a challenge but it's also the only way to replace a broken shroud or replace the lazy jacks.



One of the advantages of making your shroud cables on-site is that you can use the old one as a length model.

### New Line Cutter



Tom Bedford designed the line cutter's box to not only store the unit but double as a work surface.



The new line cutter got lots of use during the work party. Sam Willett could be seen moving from boat to boat with a list of frayed lines in need of repair.



Rajeev Jain and Hanz Kline team up to remove an engine mount from the V618.

Later they helped re-install the victory main sails and booms.





# A Sailor's Got To Eat!



The WindWords Epicurean Department deployed its staff to further its important research, investigating a series of CSC Compatible Bay Dining Experience. This month we voyaged all the way to the Bali Hai on the far reaches of the bay. We tied up at their new dock just north of the restaurant. The landing was simple since the approach was directly into the wind.



WindWords Executive Entertainment Concierge Jose Otero welcomed us at the dock gate, which is open during business hours. Chief

Rajeev Jain handled the menu, this time choosing a popular appetizer sample platter. Fermented Beverage Sommelier Tom Bedford selected an assortment of local IPAs. Service was fast and the food was excellent.



Jeff docked the boat. That's how easy it is!

The Bali Hai built this dock for people like us. They were incredibly welcoming. We got a personal tour from the owner who told us about the history of the iconic restaurant going all the way back to its construction in the '50s. They recently negotiated a long lease for the property and dock. Hay, maybe they will let us move there!?

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Above: The Bali Hai as seen from a sailor's perspective.

Below: They just completed construction on a new dock just waiting for you. It's so large that you can't even see the Ensign 2 at the far left end! The gate is unlocked during business hours.



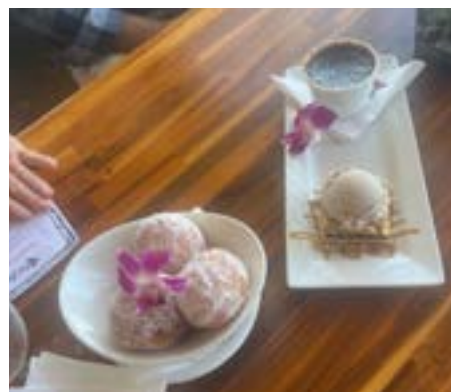
There is plenty of space for a large number of boats. The day we went there was one other boat.



We got a window table. Easy to do since there are so many of them!



We ate more than this but we forgot to take pictures!

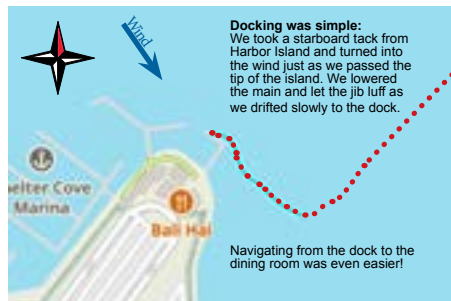


Wait! We got dessert too! Jose made us order it!



Above: The Bali Hai main dining room.

Below: This original construction photo shows the timbers in place forming the central support and the surrounding supports before the floors were added.



## No Longer Available



**L**oyal WindWord readers will recall that we alerted you to an opportunity to own your own boat, steer your own course, sail off into the sunset.

Sadly that ship has sailed. The Spinaker Guys sailing group noticed the boat's absence from the beach on North Island while doing reconnaissance sailing on the 192 while Terry was in Mexico.

### Don't Panic!

Tom Bedford was able to isolate a *New Opportunity* while vacationing near Lake Superior.



This sweet ride is available for just \$50.00 or best offer. 🐾

### As is. No warranties. No Returns!

Needs mast, boom, rigging, shrouds, rudder. Keel included. Some minor holes below the water line. Trailer included. **Seller is not responsible for parts that fall off during transport.** Clear title (provided you reside **outside** of Minnesota). Cash or Crypto only. *This boat cannot be sailed in Canadian waters.*

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## April Race Results

Boat	Skipper	SAT 15 Mar	SAT 19 Apr	SAT 17 May	SAT 21 June	SAT 19 July	SAT 16 Aug	Ocean 20 Sep	Throw Out Adjust	Total
1122	Hector	1	1							2.0
323	Paul	3	3							6.0
2	Tracy / Jeff	2	5							7.0
192	Terry	6	2							8.0
453	Bob	4	4							8.0
722	Frank	5	6							11.0

Series Scoring: Lowest total score for series wins!

DNC	Did not come	# boats + 1
DNS	Did not start	# boats + 1
DSQ	Disqualification	# boats + 1
DNF	Did not finish	# boats + 1
JNS	Justified not start	# boats + 1

### April Victory Race Standings.

Skipper	Place	Points
Bruce / Robert	1	11
Sandy Leon	2	12
Terry Edlund	3	18
Rajeev Jain	4	25
Doug Bass	5	28
Tom Bedford	6	33
Tabor's Pirates	7	36
Craig Unger	8	37
John K / Joe R	9	39
Omar & Amy	10	41
James Walker	11	51
Bob Lewis	12	53
Joe Curran	12	53
Gregory Herbster	14	69
Ryan Drobek	15	74
Dan Battiste	16	75
Fred MacDougall	17	76
Jack Cabeen	18	82

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## Ensign Free Concert Announcement!

**Last** month the *Ensign Social Club* stunned WindWords readers with the announcement of its 2025 *Free Concert On The Bay Sailing Adventure!*\* The Club has selected:

### Earth Wind & Fire

on July 6<sup>th</sup>

and

### The Beach Boys

on August 9<sup>th</sup>

### Seats Still Available!

"We have received a number of reservations and we still have room for more." Just click on the link below to get on the list. We will add your name to the email to keep you up to date on all the details. Non-member guests welcome. 🐾

\*A point of clarification: *The Ensign Social Club* will NOT be the ones performing. When we said "Free Concert" we were referring to actual famous musicians at the iconic Rady Shell.

Click On The Blue Text Below To Access The Sign-up Google Sheet.

If the link does not work, text "Concert" to 760-533-8706 and we will get back to you.





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Sam & Ashley Willet

Jose & Andrea Otero  
Tom Bedford

Jose, seen here reaching for a chocolate chip cookie, and Tom Bedford telling everyone *that's the one he wanted*.



Robert Skillings, Jerry Rapp, Jim Walker



Louis Swanepole  
Jose & Andrea Otero  
Due Maconald



Andrea Otero, Sandra & Harry Smith, Terry Edlund, Sam Willet  
and (in Pink) Danielle Rose



Mark Sutton explaining  
the potential for icebergs  
to Rajeev Jain.



Bob Lewis & Tracy Williams checking  
for icebergs where Mark was pointing.

**Background:**  
Robert Skillings  
Jerry Rapp  
Jim Walker

**Middle Ground:**  
Michael & Janet Snare  
Laure & Bob Lewis

**Foreground:**  
Harry & Sandra Smith



Opening Day Presenters: Rajeev Jain, John Hysler, Tracy Williams, Mark Sutton, Bob Keefe and Tom Bedford



11:05 AM and the Opening  
Day Committee wonders if  
the guests will show up!

Terry Edlund  
Andrea Otero  
Sandra Smith,  
Danielle Rose

Terry, describing his  
latest race in Mexico.



## Convair Sailing Club Board of Directors

*All Canvair Members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. They are held on Zoom the first Wednesday of each month. Contact Bob Keefe for a Zoom link.*  
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## Helpful Info.

Click on **Blue** text access:  
Convair's **New** Email:

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ConvairSailingClub-info@GoogleGroups.com  
Yes, it's a really long email address.

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I wanted to give an update on sails. We are nearing the point where we will purchase new Victory main sails. Once ordered, I'm told it will take a few months until they arrive. So please anticipate this upcoming improvement and change for our Victory fleet which, in addition to the new jibs added last year, will make sailing the Victories more fun. For those not already in the Victory racing program, if interested in joining, please reach out to our Chief of Racing Sandy Leon.

Regarding the Marina renovation, I'm told that we still have about 3 months until construction will begin. So for the time being, things will be pretty much as they have

been. As we get updates and are informed of changes, I will make a point to share all those details here in this column.

Please remember that our club relies on volunteer efforts to maintain our fleet. As you sail, please use care to avoid contact with other boats or collisions. Damages increase our repair costs and also put boats out-of-service. Fixing damages also consumes scarce volunteer time. So please drive our boats like you would your mother's car - using care to keep them clean and bring them back without any scratches!

*May the wind be with you!*  
*Tracy* 🐾

## Show No Fear!

Daniel Bonucci arrived with her instructor Mark Sutton and they started rigging a Victory. She was ready for her next sailing lesson.

The wind was whistling through the shrouds as we prepped the E 192. It looked like a great day for sailing. When we got out on the bay it looked even better! 10+ kts wind allowed for a quick trip to downtown and plenty of 20 to 25° heeling as we tacked upwind with spray coming over the bow! I don't remember who it was who asked, "I wonder what Mark and Daniel decided to do?"



A moment later we spotted them way down the bay where we had just sailed. They were practicing sailing with just the Jib!  
*Way to go, Daniel!* 🐾

## Repairs To The 192

Readers probably noticed that WindWords staff sailed the E 192 twice for stories in this issue. We also repaired two broken parts; the

traveler and two broken grommets on the main sail. *It's unknown whether we also broke the parts in question.* 🐾



wind run.

E 192 on PT tack rounded G21 first, hardening up to a close reach, heading toward Harbor Island. E 1122 rounded G19 2 to 3 boat lengths behind, and was able to close the distance enough preventing the 192 from tacking upwind. Both boats were close enough to effectively interfere with each other's progress.

Wind was gusty with occasional puffs causing both boats to heel. Both crews were hiking hard looking for puffs to keep boat speed up and point higher.

Midway up the bay both boats were still on starboard tack and slightly outside the deep channel. E 1122 was able to point slightly higher than E 192 causing the 192's track to fall directly behind 1122.

E 192 tacked to port and heading toward Harbor Island, The 1122 continued on starboard tack.

Nearing G19, the 1112 could not lay the line to the mark, tacked over to port, sailing parallel to the mark. In the meantime, the 192 had previously tacked back to starboard, sailed under 1122's course heading to the left of the mark, and put themselves in a position to challenge the 1122 for mark room

rights at the mark.

But the E1122 tacked to starboard on the starboard tack layline

for the mark and was able to round the mark before 192 reached the 3 boat circle. E 1122 rounded G19, jibed and headed toward the R20 gate. E 192 followed roughly 5 boat lengths behind. They held this lead for most of the downwind.

The 1122 rounded G21 and headed up to a close reach, heading toward Harbor Island. The 192 rounded roughly 5 boat lengths behind. They began a tacking duel that repeated 6 times as both boats headed up the bay.


Closing in on the area near Tom Ham's, the 192 tacked to port, heading toward Harbor Island, The E 1122 tacked to cover.

Approaching Tom Ham's, the 192 tacked to starboard, now on the starboard tack layline for the Finish line. The 1122, ahead by roughly 5 boat lengths tacked to cover.



Ensign Race Course A was recently shortened by the removal of the FM19 marker last year.

After racing for a bit over an hour and ten minutes, the 1122 crossed the finish line with 192 following shortly thereafter.

According to Tracy Williams, the original start order saw little change during the race and - in fact - the boats all crossed the finish line in that order. Congratulations to the 1122 and 192 for their first and second place finishes. 

## Missed Opportunity


Repairs to the E 2 required temporary removal of the "Lev-O-Gage®" from the cockpit.



For this reason it wasn't possible to record the degree of heeling experienced by the crew at the moment

**water started pouring over the gunnel and into the cockpit** during the last leg of the race.

In all fairness, their attention may not have been focused on the "Lev-O-Gage®" at that particular moment.

"I'd like to think I'd have looked at it," said Jeff Nelson, who was conveniently absent from the race. "But I'd have been hiking over the windward side like my teammates and thanking God it wasn't me at the tiller!" 



## **SAN DIEGO**

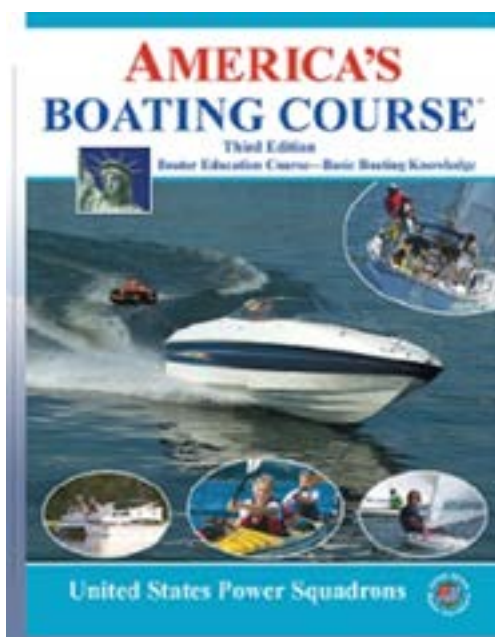
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