

CLYC January 2025 Deckhands of the Month!

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Glen and Holly Biondi have been active and engaged members of our club for the past three years. Their dedication to volunteering and offering their boat for various excursions has made them an integral part of both our club and community.

Glen and Holly played a significant role in making the Parade of Lights a huge success over the past few years. Holly has not only served as a parade judge but has also worked closely with me to improve the judging process for both the club and participants. Glen generously volunteered his time at Holiday Harbor, ensuring that all boats were docked safely and that participants had up-close views of the boats, all while prioritizing crowd safety. This was a new aspect of the parade this year, and it was a resounding success.

Beyond their ongoing commitments, Glen and Holly are always quick to step up whenever an unexpected need arises. They don't wait to be asked—they look around, recognize where help is needed, and jump right in. This dedication extends not only to our club but also to the other clubs they actively support.

Whenever they are in town, they fully immerse themselves in club activities, always embracing the theme of every event. Their enthusiasm, spirit, and laughter bring joy to our community, and we are grateful for all they do.

Meet Glen Biondi

Glen grew up in New Jersey with his two brothers. Born with cystic fibrosis, he underwent a double lung transplant at the age of 30 and has been a true warrior ever since. In 2023, Glen celebrated the 30th anniversary of his double transplant, and true to their style, the milestone was celebrated in grand fashion with fun and friends.

As one of the longest-surviving lung transplant recipients in the nation, Glen is incredibly humble and never seeks attention, but his strength and resilience continue to inspire everyone around him.

An avid sports fan, Glen remains loyal to his childhood teams from the New York/New Jersey area. After earning his degree from Seton Hall University in 1986, he moved west to Oceanside, CA, where he worked at Callaway Golf in Carlsbad while enjoying the beautiful California lifestyle.

Glen later obtained his contractor's license and worked alongside his brother, who also lives in Canyon Lake, before deciding to take time off to study for the Bar Exam. In 2000, he became a licensed attorney and has since built a successful 25-year legal career, assisting many Canyon Lake residents through various legal challenges.

In 2011, Glen and Holly relocated to Canyon Lake, where they purchased their dream home on Inspiration Point and quickly became active members of the community.

Meet Holly Biondi

Holly was born in Orange County, the youngest of 5 daughters. She spent her early years in Rossmoor/Los Alamitos before her family relocated to Ohio for her father's job. After several years, they moved back to California and settled in La Verne, where Holly graduated from high school.

Holly has always had a passion for interior design and real estate. She has held her real estate license for 35 years and also pursued studies in interior plant design.

She is highly competitive and has competed in bodybuilding competitions for the past 11 years, remaining dedicated to health and fitness. In her early 20s, she moved to Menifee, where she welcomed her daughter, Courtney. Now a proud grandmother, Holly and Glen cherish their time with their two handsome grandsons.

Holly's dedication to helping others is one of her greatest strengths. She and Glen have built a strong network of friends and are known for being the kind of friends everyone wants to have.

Glen & Holly: A Perfect Match

Twenty-five years ago, Glen and Holly met on a blind date set up by friends. Their connection was undeniable, and in 2002, they were married on a yacht in Newport Harbor.

Together, they cherish special moments with their grandsons and share a love for traveling. Whether it's Hawaii, Mexico, or the Caribbean, you can always count on them having a great time wherever they go.

The CLYC and our community are incredibly fortunate that Glen and Holly have chosen to call Canyon Lake home. Their active involvement, generosity, and enthusiasm make a lasting impact on our "Little Bit of Paradise."

Thank you, Glen & Holly, for all that you do!

Sailor Six Questions & Answers:

1. How long have you lived in Canyon Lake? **14 years**
2. How long have you been a member of the CL Yacht Club? **3 years**
3. If you were stranded on an island, where would you want to be? **Exuma Bahamas**
4. What YC event do you look forward to the most? **Parade of Lights**
5. Favorite water activity? **Floating & Drinking**
6. Does your boat have a name? If not, what would you call it? **Stars and Stripes**