

CLYC April 2024 Deckhands of the Month!

Aprile McKinnon

This month's Member of the Month is **Aprile McKinnon**. April has lived on the Lake for 11 years. She is a South Bay native with deep roots in Southern California. But, once she visited Canyon Lake, she knew this was going to be the new place she called "home". Aprile and her son Shaun have made the community their home and all of us their friends.

Aprile quickly became a Canyon Lake "rockstar" in many ways. The CLYC wanted to express our appreciation and deeply felt gratitude for her support of our club. Aprile was vital to us in getting our news and events publicized and, in many ways, raised awareness about our club to help encourage and attract new members. Over the last two years, Aprile has helped to resurrect this Club with members now totaling nearly 400. She has always been quick to cover an event and take amazing photos to help capture important memories.

As most of you know, Aprile has performed at many Canyon Lake functions but most recently she sang the National Anthem at our Opening Day Blessing of the Boats 2024. It was an amazing performance and brought the significance of the day home.

Thanks again to Aprile for always being a club supporter. Without her commitment and experience, our events would not have been as special. We look forward to having Aprile part of our club for many years.

To show our appreciation, the CLYC board members Commodore Rob Mora, Vice Commodore Dave Carter, Yeoman Kat Dempfelmier, and Membership Chair Cindy Silk-Gonzalez took Aprile and her partner Mark Jones to dinner and drinks at the Lodge. While enjoying dinner, the board members asked Aprile a few questions to help the club get to know her a little bit better. This is a new segment that we are calling the Sailor Six.

Sailor Six Questions & Answers:

1. How long have you lived in Canyon Lake? **11 years**
2. How long have you been a member of the CL Yacht Club? **7 years**
3. If you were stranded on an island, where would you want to be? **Bora-Bora**
4. What YC event do you look forward to the most? **Sunset cruise**
5. Favorite water activity? **Slow sunset cruise**
6. Does your boat have a name? If not, what would you call it? **Joy Till Dawn**