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## **BAHIA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB INTRODUCES LINDSEY KRUEGER AS ITS 2009 HONORED SKIPPER & BCYC LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA EVENT SCHEDULE**

**NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF. – April 2, 2009** – Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club (BCYC) is pleased to introduce Lindsey Krueger as its 2009 Honored Skipper and its Ambassador for the 2009 BCYC Leukemia Cup Regatta.

**Lindsey Krueger** is a local 14-year-old who was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) in October 2008, and began chemotherapy treatment at Loma Linda University Hospital to lower her white count and raise her red counts. Lindsey remained in the hospital for the next six weeks through Halloween. Just a few months later, Lindsey is taking the miracle drug called Gleevec, which will help her remain cancer-free for the remainder of her life. Quite the star, Lindsey sings and acts and is a member of the performance group "In the Mix." She also played young Kelly Clarkson in the popular music video "Breakaway." Lindsey is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader, on the Honor Roll and has a 10-year-old cat named Hanna.

Lindsey represents The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society activities at all of the BCYC 2009 fund-raising events including:

### **2009 Leukemia Cup Regatta Event Schedule:**

**Friday, May 1, 2009 – BCYC Junior Bingo Night - @ BCYC**

**Friday, May 8, 2009 – Electric Boat Poker Run**  
Tickets are \$30 per person

**Saturday, May 16, 2009 – A Very Busy Weekend!**  
LIYC Poker Run @ LIYC  
Classic Sail Boat Regatta @ BCYC  
Mobster's Ball (Gambling-Auction) @ BCYC

**Sunday, May 17, 2009 – BCYC Leukemia Cup Regattas**  
Junior One-Design Leukemia Cup Regatta,  
PHRF One-Design Leukemia Cup Regatta,  
Lorin Weiss Regatta  
(Race information is posted on the BCYC website)

The Leukemia Cup Regatta series is about more than boats and crews racing. It's thousands of sailors who have elevated their competition to a whole new level - **they race to save lives.**

In [2008](#), the sailing community raised more than \$3.675 million at 38 Regattas, bringing the overall campaign results to more than \$26 million since 1993. More than 9,600 participants took part in the 2008 series nationwide, with 3,700 total sailors, 1,900 boats and 975 sailors who raised funds to "raise more than a sail." BCYC remains one of the largest contributors to the Regatta series; in 2008 BCYC sponsors and fundraisers with two members in the national Top Ten National funds bracket.

The Leukemia Cup Regatta is a series of sailboat competitions to raise funds to advance the mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. BCYC has included non-sailing events for boat enthusiasts by broadening the events to power boat, electric boat and classic sailing boat enthusiasts.

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Event **National sponsors** include: West Marine, Mt. Gay Rum, Sailing World Magazine, model maker Ken Gardiner, Sunsail, North Sails and marine artist John Mecray. **Local sponsors** include *The Log Newspaper*, True Wind, The Crean Foundation, and Star Clippers, Precision. All events for The BCYC Leukemia Cup Regatta are open to the public.

For more information about the BCYC Leukemia Cup Regatta, contact Nancy Levy at 949-645-9898 or Pat Dwight at (949) 454-6149; The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at (714) 881-0610. Donations for any interested racers and their sponsors are welcome. Reservations or inquiries should be directed to: Nancy Levy at 949-645-9898 or call Pat Dwight at 949-454-6149.

### **ABOUT BAHIA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB**

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club was founded in 1958 and is now celebrating its milestone 50th anniversary year in 2008, and was the recipient of the prestigious "Yacht Club of the Year" award in 2008, awarded by the Southern Calif. Yachting Association. BCYC offers a family atmosphere where power or sailboat owners share a first-class facility offering comfortable amenities and a well-rounded calendar of events. The Club also received the 2005 Annual Yacht Club of the Year, and was also recognized as the Outstanding Yacht Club in Senior Class in 1994, 1995 and 1996 and 2003. BCYC offers cruising, entertainment, social activities and an outstanding Junior Sailing program year-round. BCYC members enjoy worldwide club privileges, with reciprocity in yacht clubs around the world. For more information, please call (949) 644-9530 or visit: [www.bcy.org](http://www.bcy.org). Details: contact Bill Long at (949) 476-2788.

### **ABOUT THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY**

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society®, headquartered in White Plains, NY, with 68 chapters in the United States and Canada, is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. LLS's mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Since its founding in 1949, LLS has invested more than \$600 million in research specifically targeting leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. Last year alone, LLS touched more than 2.5 million contacts with patients, caregivers and healthcare professionals.

For more information about blood cancer, visit [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org) or call the Society's Information Resource Center (IRC), a call center staffed by master's level social workers, nurses and health educators who provide information, support and resources to patients and their families and caregivers. IRC information specialists are available at (800) 955-4572, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Photos available upon request.

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