

# the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



## View From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,  
Commodore

A hoy everyone! The Fourth of July is a celebration of the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. We celebrated this day in honor of our independence with a boat parade and cheeseburgers—in paradise.

Thank you to **Sheila McCann**, **Tom Baxter**, **Rod Valine**, and **John Sorgenfrei** for cooking the cheeseburgers and making the salads. **Sylvia Dodd** and **Ray Mattison** held down the bar and **Andy** and **Cynthia Anthony** and **James Mattison** took care of clean-up. Port Captain **Tom Swem** was thankful that the event came together albeit at the last minute and was a success because of all the volunteers.

The buns for the burgers came from **Sheila McCann's** House of Bread in San Luis Obispo and they were better than anything you can find in the local grocery store. You should try the House of Bread Bakery Café.

Our Fourth of July celebration also included a boat parade with several Club boats—see the report in the Foghorn from Cruising Captain **Kristin Rasmussen**. I participated in the parade and was able to enjoy a ride on “Patricia II” and the generosity of her Master **Dave Ouellet**.

Social Chair **Brenda Noakes** had arranged with Jordan Hevle at Banner Airways for their 1942 Stearman to make a fly-over during our celebration but the low fog at the Oceano Airport prevented him from being able to take off. Maybe next year.

Be sure to see THANK YOU SLYC VOLUNTEERS in the Foghorn.

You might have noticed I am taking a break this month from saying much about Members in Good Standing and Club service. There are only a few members who have not responded to their letter from the Commodore.

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In lieu of Members in Good Standing, there are other fun topics to cover this month instead.

Vice Commodore **Bret Clark** in his article this month covers two of those topics; Officers for 2025 and opportunities in Time To Sign Up.

Remember when you became certified as a Responsible Beverage Server (RBS) to satisfy the requirements of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control? Well, our certificates are good for three years. We will have to be recertified prior to the expiration date to remain valid. Hopefully we will all get recertified so we can all work behind the bar at Club events and keep things going.

Traditionally August is slower time for the Board of Directors; a time to enjoy the summer weather and the Clubhouse. I hope to see you down at the Clubhouse.

—Bob



## Vice Views

by Bret Clark,  
Vice Commodore

A hoy everyone! During my first year as a member of the Club, Staff Commodore, **Raymond Hopkins**, who was Vice Commodore at the time, saw Michelle and me working behind the bar. Ray managed to get me to volunteer as our Bar Manager through flattery and persistence. The next year, I started on the board. Over the past 10 years, I have held 7 positions with the board, and during some years, I held multiple positions. Reflecting on my time on the board, I can honestly say that it has been very rewarding, sometimes a little challenging, but always worth the time.

### A Call From Your Club:

We are currently in a bit of a crisis in leadership at the Club. While we have been able to fill board vacancies over the past several years, we lack people who are interested in Rear, Vice, and Commodore positions, as well as the key position of treasurer. Senior Staff Commodore, **Mike**

**Davis**, is chairing the Nominating Committee this year and they will be making a recommendation to the board for the 2025 SLYC Officers Slate. I strongly encourage you to consider serving on the board. My recommendation is for you to start as a director or one of our captain positions. These positions will allow you to gain a better understanding of the club and how decisions are made. If you would like to discuss any of the positions, please reach out to Mike or me.

### Time to Sign-up:

As a reminder, please be sure to only sign up for one duty slot per membership. This means that if you and your spouse are planning on volunteering together for bar duty, for instance, you and your spouse's names should appear on one line. Please note that a membership may only be given one service credit per duty type per event. If you have any questions, please contact me. I will be cancelling duplicate sign-ups so that we can ensure that we have our events staffed and that our volunteers get credit. In addition, if your plans have changed and you can no longer volunteer for a date that you have already signed up for, AND if it's more than one month away, please contact me and I will remove your name from Time to Sign-up. If it is less than one month away, please find a replacement. Also, be sure to contact the OD so

that they know who will be volunteering in your place.

While the first half of the year was well-staffed, for the most part, there are still quite a few opportunities in the second half of the year. We have the following openings during August and September:

August: Bar Host (8/2, 8/9, 8/11, 8/14, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30), Food Host (8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30)

September: Bar Host (9/6, 9/20, 9/27), Food Host (9/6, 9/20), Race Committee (9/8), Chief Cook, Assistant Cook and Crew (9/15 Brunch), Kitchen Help / Clean-up (9/27)

Those are just the openings in August and September. There are also several openings later on during the year. Please be sure to sign up for at least two duties during the year so that your membership remains in "Good Standing."

Please remember to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Bret Clark

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*I hope to see you at the club or on the water.*

—Bret 🚣



## From the Rear Commodore

by Pat Mullen,  
Rear Commodore

**G**reetings fellow Club Members! Man, I love summer! It's been so nice in Avila and at the club lately. While I honestly love every season for certain reasons, I have to say summer is probably my favorite. I like being near the water, on the water, on the ocean, on the lake, etc. And not much puts me in a better mood than messing with boats; sail boats, motor boats, catamarans, monohulls, pontoon boats, and dinghies. Speaking of which, I just added a used Walker Bay 8 to the fleet. Such a cool little hard sided dinghy. Small but I like I can throw it around by myself, haul it in a pickup, row it, sail it and motor it. So fun...cheap and easy. The simpleness of it is what I love about it.

Okay, on to more Rear Commodore stuff. Super shoutout to **Phil Whitney** for fixing our broken window on the west side of the clubhouse. You may recall seeing it all taped up with blue painter's tape recently. Phil came in and fixed/reglazed that window and helped Monica Miera, who handles our club cleaning and janitorial service, by resetting the garbage disposal. Thanks so much Phil! Also, another shoutout to **Dan Pease** for fixing the stripped door stops on the French doors that go out to the deck. They were all

stripped out and hanging loose and Dan came in and fixed them with solid anchors into the hollow doors. Phil, Dan and Monica are great examples of the folks who help keep our clubhouse operating well, ship shape and clean! Give them a thanks, fist bump or high five next time you see them.

Our awesome galley remodel team of lead **Marty Fuller**, **Steve Dahl**, **Gary Cox**, **Dennis Dempsey**, and **Bret Clark** are doing a terrific job of helping me keep our remodel effort moving forward. The galley will have a more functional "commercial" vibe and quality with all stainless steel, industrial flooring, open shelving etc. The galley will be closed in January and February 2025 for the work to be done. This month our first tangible step was taken with the installation by the Gas Company of a new larger capacity gas meter. I still geek out on this kind of stuff and think it's pretty cool. On July 15 Marty and I met James from the Gas Company who checked all our appliances, calculated the new loads when we add a tankless water heater and then installed a new meter. (See the photo), and note the larger 1 1/2 inch service line coming off the top vs. the older 3/4 inch line on the meter to the left. Finally, Scott O'Brien Fire Extinguisher service completed our annual fire extinguisher service on July 2. Stay tuned for more detail in future Foghorn articles.



New meter installation

*Cheers,*  
—Pat 🚣



# Fleet News

by David Ouellet,  
Sail Fleet Captain



**H**ello sailors. We are in the 3rd race into the Avila cup series. I decided to mix things up a bit and brought my 48 Sea Ray Sedan up from Ventura to use as a committee boat and be in the boat parade for the 4th (photo above). The benefit of using a committee boat is the early winds are outside the bay area. There is usually a change of wind direction from the inside (Cal Poly Pier) to the outside past the end of the jetty and a corresponding dead zone in-between. It is very frustrating on many races because of the unpredictable wind direction and strength. We anchored the committee boat on the outer area to get consistent wind at the start line and we were blessed with a great day of wind for all races.

Unfortunately, the 1st race had to be abandoned because the far I mark lost its anchor and blew into Shell Beach area. The next 3 races went off well. The race committee enjoyed the amenities on the Sea Ray. The races results are on the web page here [https://www.slyc.org/Racing/info/2024\\_Results/Ocean/Avila\\_PHRF\\_7-14-2024%20scored%20117%20redo%202.html](https://www.slyc.org/Racing/info/2024_Results/Ocean/Avila_PHRF_7-14-2024%20scored%20117%20redo%202.html)

Photo 2 is the skippers meeting at 9:30 the day of the race to organize for the day. Photo 3 shows the great day of racing we had. The new boat to race was the “Fat Cat” which is replacing the “Allegra” which was lost to the storm in April. The overall winner for the day was “Fat Cat” in their first race. Most racers said the day was the best wind conditions that they can remember.

*Happy boating!*  
—Dave ⚓



Photo 2



Photo 3



# Cruising News

by Kristin Rasmussen,  
Cruising Captain

**A**hoy fellow yacht club members. We had a 4th of July Boat Parade! The day turned out to be beautiful as the decorated boats lined up at the end of the Cal Poly Pier. Thank you to **Dave and Patty Ouellet**, **Bill and Kate McInerney**, **Mike and Carrie Ginn**, **Greg and Andrea Jackson**, **Barry Stewart**,

and **David Williams** for the festive and patriotic display on the water. Unfortunately, due to the business of the day the Harbor Patrol was not able to lead us on our parade route. I really appreciate that they tried and took the time to let me know they couldn't make it in the middle of their very busy morning.

The next cruising event is the Santa Barbara Sail Day and Dockside Party on August 10th. Thank you to **Marty and Lettie Fuller** and **Darryl and Linda Rundstrum** for once again hosting the Dockside Party. If you plan on attending RSVP to me at [cruisingcaptain@slyc.org](mailto:cruisingcaptain@slyc.org) or sign up at the club on the posted Sign-up Sheet. Even if you are not sailing that day but would like to attend the Dockside Party, please let me know.

August 23rd we're headed out to Santa Cruz Island for sailing, hiking, and general fun. More details will be coming but if you have any questions reach out to me at [cruisingcaptain@slyc.org](mailto:cruisingcaptain@slyc.org).

*See you on the water.*

—Kristin 



# 2024 New Member Onboarding Activities



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### New Members 2024



Charles & Debra Barfoot



Jason & Lily Curtis



Robert & Karen Engel



JJ Francoisse & Susan Cutts Francoisse



Eddie & Wendy O'Brien



Melissa Smith



Paul Waldron



Melissa Smith



Debra & Charles Barfoot



Charles & Debra Barfoot



Jason Curtis



Robert Engel | Eddie O'Brien | JJ Francoisse








Lily Curtis

# Thank You Volunteers









<b>Friday 6/28/24 Social and Potluck</b>					
<b>Officer of the Day</b> Kristin Rasmussen	<b>Bar Host</b> Erica Strickland	<b>Bar Host</b> Karen Hiatt	<b>Kitchen Help/ Clean-up</b> Sally Krenn	<b>Kitchen Help/ Clean-up</b> Wendy and Bob Lucas	
<b>Thursday 7/4/24 Cheeseburgers in Paradise</b>					
<b>Officer of the Day</b> Tom Swem	<b>Bar Host</b> Sylvia Dodd	<b>Bar Host</b> Ray Mattison	<b>Chief Cook</b> Sheila McCann Tom Baxter	<b>Cook Crew</b> Rod Valine	<b>Cook Crew</b> John Sorgenfrei
<b>Cook crew</b> Andy Anthony	<b>Clean-up</b> Cynthia Anthony	<b>Clean-up</b> James Mattison			
<b>Friday 7/5/24 Social</b>					
<b>Officer of the Day</b> Michael Ginn	<b>Bar Host</b> Ellen and Michael Sheffer	<b>Bar Host</b> Tom Capen	<b>Food Host / Clean- up</b> Ellen and Michael Sheffer	<b>Food Host / Clean- up</b> Carrie Ginn	
<b>Wet Wed 7/10/24 - On Water</b>					
<b>Officer of the Day</b> David Ouellet	<b>Bar Host</b> Melissa Watkins	<b>Bar Host</b> Iris Swisher	<b>Chief Cook</b> Richard Strachan	<b>Cook Crew</b> Jeff Watkins	
<b>Friday 7/12/24 Social</b>					
<b>Officer of the Day</b> Mike Davis	<b>Bar Host</b> <b>Steve Johnson</b>	<b>Bar Host</b> <b>Tom Capen</b>	<b>Food Host / Clean- up</b> Tina Radovich	<b>Food Host / Clean- up</b> Ski Kiminski	
<b>Sunday 7/14/24 Ocean Race</b>					
<b>Race P.R.O.</b> David and Patty Ouellet	<b>Race Committee</b> Marcia Scott	<b>Race Committee</b> Bill Deviny	<b>Race Committee</b> Chris Deviny	<b>Race Committee</b> Eddie and Wendy O'Brien	<b>Race Support (deliver lunch)</b> Peggy Golden
<b>Chase Boat</b> Michael Ginn	<b>Chase Boat</b> Carrie Anne Ginn				
<b>Friday 7/19/24 Social</b>					
<b>Officer of the Day</b> William McInerney	<b>Bar Host</b> Kristin Blecha	<b>Bar Host</b>	<b>Food Host / Clean- up</b> David Williams	<b>Food Host / Clean- up</b> Joan Perkins	

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# Events Calendar AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	31	1	2 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	3 No Reservations
4 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races #4 	5	6	7	8 6pm - Board Meeting in Club 	9 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	10 Santa Barbara Sail/Dock No Reservations
11 Kids Day 8:30am No Reservations Allowed 	12 RESERVED 7:30am - Carter McGowen	13	14 2pm - Wet Wednesday on the water  7pm - Dinner 	15 3pm - Friends of Avila	16 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	17 No Reservations
18 No Reservations Allowed	19	20	21 RESERVED 4pm - Patrick Corrigan	22	23 Santa Cruz Island Trip No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	24 No Reservations
25 Santa Cruz Island Trip No Reservations Allowed	26	27	28	29	30 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	31 No Reservations

# Events Calendar SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Reservations Allowed	2 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	3	4	5 6pm - Board Meeting in Club 	6 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	7
8 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races #5 	9	10	11 2pm - Wet Wednesday on Water 7pm - Dinner  	12 TENTATIVE 3pm - Denise Reynolds	13 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	14 RESERVED 2pm - Karl Blum
15 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch 	16	17	18	19 3pm - Friends of Avila	20 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	21
22 No Reservations Allowed	23 6pm - Friends of Avila	24	25	26 4pm - Trivia Night 	27 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	28 RESERVED 12pm - Doug Anthony
29 No Reservations Allowed	30	1	2	3 6pm - Board Meeting in Club 	4 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	5 Rasmussen Vinyards 



# Bar Host/OD Schedule

## August 2024



## September 2024

2 Friday Social  
—Mike Davis, OD  
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**  
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Brady Moore  
**OPEN (1)**

9 Friday Social  
—Bill McInerney, OD  
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**  
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Karen and Gary Silva  
Dennis Law

11 Sunday-Kids Day  
—Kate Gillespie, OD  
Head Cook: John and Kay Semon  
Assist. Cook: Nate Nunno  
Kitchen Help: Phillip Borgardt  
Sally Krenn  
**OPEN (1)**  
Crew: Kristin Blecha, Sasha and Jeff Szytel,  
Wayne Hamari  
**OPEN (1)**



14 Wet Wednesday-On the Water  
—Mark Corella, OD  
Bar Hosts: Mark Corella  
**OPEN (1)**  
Chief Cook: Gregory Ross  
Assistan Cook: Debbie Collins-Johnson  
Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: Connie Bruton



16 Friday Social  
—Tom Swem, OD  
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**  
**OPEN (1)**  
Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

23 Friday Social  
—Mark Corella, OD  
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**  
Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: Albert Censullo  
**OPEN (1)**

28 Friday Social/Potluck  
—Kate Gillespie, OD  
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**  
Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: Karen and Gary Silva  
**OPEN (1)**



6 Friday Social  
—Bret Clark, OD  
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**  
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

11 Wet Wednesday-On the Water  
—Michael Ginn, OD  
Bar Hosts: Jim and Jan Smith  
Ken McDaniel  
Chief Cook: Debby and Leland Swendson  
Cook Helper: Sharon McDaniel



13 Friday Social  
—Michael Ginn, OD  
Bar Hosts: Karl Blum  
Ellen and Michael Sheffer  
Food Host/Clean-up: Ellen and Michael Sheffer  
Carolyn Blum

15 Sunday Brunch  
—William McInerney, OD  
Bar Hosts: Steve DeRose  
Mark Plassard  
Chief Cook: **OPEN (1)**  
Assistan Cook: **OPEN (1)**  
Crew: Doug Anthony  
Connie Bruton  
**OPEN (2)**



20 Friday Social  
—Bret Clark, OD  
Bar Hosts: Gary and Alex Joralemon  
**OPEN (1)**  
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

27 Friday Social/Potluck  
—Kristin Rasmussen, OD  
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**  
Food Host/Clean-up: Mary Janowicz  
**OPEN (1)**



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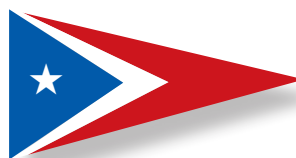
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