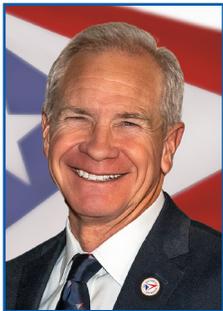


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Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Pat Mullen,
Commodore

A hoy everyone. Is it just me? Or do you also immediately feel a warm breeze, slower vibe and your blood pressure lower when you walk inside our yacht club? I just exhale a little easier inside. Every time I open that door and walk in, I am transported to a another place. Somewhere similar to the Caribbean, the BVI, the Sea of Cortez, the USVI, the Bahamas or just Mexico. I start to hear island music play in my head; Kenny Chesney, Bob Marley, etc... And I smile a bit easier, my shoulders relax, and I'm transported to a happier and more carefree place than when I entered. I hope you feel that, too. It's a special place.

Speaking of special places and our members, did you happen to catch club members **Mike** and **Jill Nunno** as Santa and Mrs. Claus in the SLO Christmas Parade? They were the real deal and delivered all the Christmas cheer and presents from atop the SLO Fire Department's Antique Fire Truck. They do get around and they also help out the club by storing our Chase boat at their property.

New Year's Day brought a packed Polar Bear Plunge to the club, read Vice Commodore **Kristin Rasmussen's** note with **Michael Dobrzensky's** cool photos. And this month, there are a lot of fun things happening at the club.



Mike and Jill Nunno as Santa and Mrs. Claus in the SLO Christmas Parade.

In addition to our regular socials, we have new membership activities, our Valentines Day event, and some onshore "cruising" events shaping up like a trip to Sensorio on March 7.

I look forward to seeing you around the club so please let me know how things are going and what we can do to help make our club even better.

Cheers,
—Pat



Vice Views

by Kristin Rasmussen,
Vice Commodore

Happy New Year Members! We kicked off the new year with a damp and drizzly day at the beach—but that didn't stop the excitement. Members and guests gathered for the 14th Annual Polar Bear Plunge, cheering on the brave souls who took the icy dip. Several members chose a slightly tamer option with our own Penguin Dip, proving there's more than one way to start the year with spirit!

After the plunge, everyone warmed up thanks to **Pat Cusak's** wonderful spread of chili, cornbread, and baked potatoes. **Barry Stewart** and Marty Fuller braved the rain at the grill to serve up delicious chicken. A big thank-you to **John** and **Mary Janowicz**, who kept things running smoothly with food prep, supplies, dishes, and clean-up. Behind the bar, **John Sorgenfrei** and **Reid Hester** kept morning spirits high before **Ally Stephenson** and **0** took over in the afternoon. With an almost full clubhouse, it was a busy day—and everyone did a fantastic job keeping up with the lively pace.

By afternoon, the sun began peeking through the clouds, and members and guests enjoyed relaxing on the deck—an uplifting close to a fun and festive start to the year.

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On the volunteer front, thank you for doing such a great job signing up for your club duties. Your participation keeps our club running smoothly. At the time of this writing, only a couple of Kitchen Help/Clean-Up spots remain open in March. For April, we still need several

Food Host/Clean-Up or Kitchen Help/Clean-Up volunteers. If you have any questions about how to sign up, what a volunteer role involves, or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead at SLYC!
—Kristin 



Cruising News

by Mike Davis,
Cruising Captain 2026

A hoy Sailors, I am happy to share two upcoming events being held in March and start planning for the 2026 Newport International Boat Show and Martha's Vineyard Trip in September.

Field of Light at Sensorio, Paso Robles, CA—March 7th

We plan on meeting up at Sensorio for one of California's largest immersive art exhibitions on Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM PST.

Walk easy paths through more than 100,000 glowing bulbs, like bioluminescent flowers from a jewel-toned fantasy land. Explore several solar-powered exhibits that merge light and music technology with dreamy color in a sensory experience you have to see to understand. From magical family moments to unforgettable date nights to unique corporate events, let Sensorio illuminate your evening.

Experience all seven immersive exhibits, including:

- NEW! FOSO (Fiber Optic Symphony Orchestra)
- Field of Light
- DIMENSIONS by HYBYCOZO
- Light Towers
- Gone Fishing
- Fireflies
- Woven Glow

Includes access to live music, outdoor dining and drink options, and the event lawn.

Sensorio is located at 4380 CA Highway 46, Paso Robles, CA.

<https://www.sensorio.com>

Members can purchase \$65.00 per person (discounted) general admission Total Glow tickets from the SLYC Member's Prepaid Events webpage. Deadline: Friday, February 20, 2026.

2026 Women's Sailing Conference, Long Beach, CA —March 20-22

Registration is open now for 2026 Women's Sailing Conference sponsored by the National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA) and Southern California Yachtin Association (SCYA) on March 20-22, 2026 in Long Beach, California. Regular registration is \$500 through February 18th, after which late registration increases to \$575 and ends March 19th. NWSA members receive a \$45 discount. Schedules, instructor bios, class details and registration can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/womensailing2026>

This two-day experience designed for women sailors of all experience levels will combine both chalk-talk and on-the-water activities, hosts a "mini regatta", up-leveling general knowledge, technical and leadership skills and cultivate community, camaraderie, and the spirit of giving-back. The San Luis Yacht Club will reimburse members attending up to \$150 of your registration fee (with a \$1,500 limit for all members).

Newport Boat Show & Martha's Vineyard, Newport RI – September 17-20

One of the largest and most prestigious boat shows, spans over seventeen acres with multiple show sites in historic downtown Newport, Rhode Island. Walk the docks and admire a spectacular display of shiny new sailboats and powerboats. We also plan to visit Martha's Vineyard, an island 7 miles off the coast of Massachusetts, by Ferry. We are starting to make plans now. <https://www.newportboatshow.com>

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please contact **Mike Davis**, SLYC Cruising Captain at cruisingcaptain@slyc.org or 805-878-6817.

—Mike 





Power Report

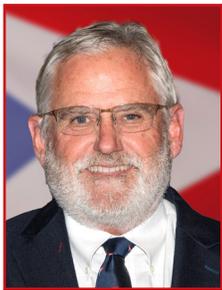
by David Butcher,
Power Captain

A hoy!
My name is David Butcher; my wife Chan and I were excited to join the Yacht Club in 2023. This year I am happy to be the Power Captain and look forward to an exciting 2026 race season.

Thanks to last year’s Power Captain, **Mike Ginn**, the boat is in good shape. I will be prepping the boat and trailer to make sure everything is ready for this year. Working on “Chase” boat for the races is a good time and it counts for two of your volunteer requirements. You set up the race buoys, help the race committee as well as provide safety and support during the race.

The races this year are May 3, June 7, July 12, August 2, September 13 and October 4. If you would like to get training on “Chase” boat or have any questions, please email me at powercaptain@slyc.org or call/text me at 805-234-4882.

Happy Sailing,
—David



Sr. Staff Commodore Report

by Bob Hurd,
Sr. Staff Commodore

A hoy Members.
Have you ever thought about being an officer of the San Luis Yacht Club? We are going to be looking to fill spots on our board for 2027 and I would like you to think about stepping up and taking one of them.

If you have never been on the board of a volunteer organization you might be hesitant to commit to being an officer, especially if you are a relatively new member. But there are lots of benefits to being a Club officer:

- Directly participate in the governance of the Club—help it flourish
- Learn about yourself and build valuable relationships
- Gain a sense of community within the Club
- Opportunity to give back to the Club

Have I piqued your interest? Good. Contact me and let’s talk about how good you would look with your smiling face on the Officer’s page of the Club website.

Thank you and see you at the Club.
—Bob



From the Secretary

by Kyle Soucy,
Secretary

A hoy Members.
I’ve been a member just a couple of years short of my entire time living in California—8 years a member. It’ll show itself after a few drinks at the BAH: AJ and I hail from the lovely, currently

snowy, state of Massachusetts. We took sailing lessons at the Santa Barbara Sailing Center and got our ASA 114 Cruising Catamaran sign off in San Diego with Commodore **Pat Mullen**. We’ve yachted 3 times with SLYC: Maryland, Bahamas and BVIs. We’re re-visiting the BVIs at the end of April—taking some family and friends (hopefully Marcia left some rum for us). I was Sail Fleet Captain back in 2019 and raced this past season on “Blondie”. If you don’t see me around often, I work full time as a pharmacist at Atascadero State Hospital and part time at Costco Pharmacy (helps pay for this expensive sailing hobby). B.O.A.T. = Break Out Another Thousand. Looking forward to supporting the Club again as secretary in 2026.

Thanks,
—Kyle



From the Director

by Marcia Scott,
Director 3

has brought me lasting friendships, more time on the water, and a sense of community. Please say hello when you see me around the club—I always enjoy getting to know more about fellow members, whether on deck or at a club event.

And on that note, in addition to my Board duties, I serve as your Social Chair, planning our dinner dances and Sunday brunches. Members are required to RSVP for these events by pre-purchasing tickets on the SLYC website under prepaid social events. Tickets for the Valentine's Dinner and Dance are on sale now, St. Patrick's will go on sale in February, with additional events opening for purchase as their dates approach.

Anchors aweigh!
—Marcia

Ahoy Members. I shared my introduction in the January Foghorn, so I'll keep this brief. I'm proud to have been a club member since 2016 and am honored to be joining the Board this year. Being part of this yacht club

Welcoming in 2026!



Bar Host/OD Schedule

February 2026

6 Friday Social

—Carter McGowen, OD
Bar Hosts: Kyle Martin
Patrick McGowen
Food Help/Clean-up: Don and Kathy Hannula
Hal and Kelly Hannula

13 Friday Social

—Matthew Farmer, OD
Bar Hosts: Bruno Giuffrida
Bingo Farmer
Food Host/Clean-up: Steve Williams
Edward Henry

14 Saturday Valentine's Dinner/Dance

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: David and Patty Ouellet
Brittany Tomasko
Chief Cook: Michael Taylor
Assist. Cook: **OPEN (1)**
Crew: Terry Whitney
Brenda Noakes
Clean Up: Sally Krenn
Richard Scangarello
OPEN (1)



20 Friday Social

—Carter McGowen, Marcia Scott OD
Bar Hosts: Karl and Carolyn Blum
Frank and Mika Richardson
Food Host/Clean-up: Melissa and Jeff Watkins
OPEN (1)

27 Friday Social/Potluck

—Mike Davis, OD
Bar Hosts: Tom and Janine McNeill
Darin Spiegel
Food Host/Clean-up: Melenie Ristow
Mary Butcher



March 2026

6 Friday Social

—Carter McGowen, OD
Bar Hosts: Patrica Hood
Georgiana Peterson
Food Host/Clean-up: Brenda Noakes
Christine Henry

13 Friday Social

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD
Bar Hosts: Patrica Hood
Georgiana Peterson
Food Host/Clean-up: Julie and Joe Caradonna
Janet Leonard

14 Saturday St. Patrick's Dinner and Dinner

—Kyle Soucy, OD
Bar Hosts: David and Patty Ouellet
Patrick Corrigan
Chief Cook: Barry Stewart
Assist. Cook: Marty Fuller
Cook Crew: John and Mary Janowicz
Darby Neil
Clean-up: Tim Radovich
OPEN (1)

20 Friday Social

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Ken San Filippo
Karl and Carolyn Blum
Food Host/Clean-up: Janet Leonard
OPEN (1)

27 Friday Social/Potluck

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD
Bar Hosts: Cindy and Jason Vormbaum
Thomas Hill
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Bret Robinson
Kristin Blecha
OPEN (1)



28 Saturday New Member Orientation Brunch

—Mike Davis, OD
Bar Hosts: Cindy Luxton
Chief Cook: Ryan McKellar
Assist. Cook: Cindy and Jon McKellar
Crew/Clean-up: Steve DeRose
Mark Plassard



Events Calendar FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Reservations Allowed	2	3	4	5 6pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse 	6 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	7
8 No Reservations Allowed	9	10	11	12	13 New Membership Applications Due No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	14 Valentine's Day 6pm - Valentines Dinner & Dance  
15 No Reservations Allowed	16 Presidents' Day 	17	18 6:30pm - New Membership Committee Meeting	19 2pm - Friends of Avila Pier	20 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	21
22 No Reservations Allowed	23	24	25	26	27 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	28 10am - 4pm New Member Interviews - Clubhouse is Closed

Events Calendar MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Reservations Allowed	2	3	4	5 6pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse 	6 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	7 5pm-8pm Sensorio "Field of Lights" Cruise
8 Daylight Saving Time No Reservations Allowed 	9	10	11	12	13 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance 
15 No Reservations Allowed	16 St. Patrick's Day 	17 6pm - Wet Wednesday 	18 2pm - Friends of Avila Pier	19 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	20	21
22 No Reservations Allowed	23	24	25	26 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	27 10am - New Member Orientation Brunch 	28
29 No Reservations Allowed	30	31	1	2 6pm - Board Meeting in	3 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	4