

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,
Commodore

A hoy everyone!
For inspiration for this, my first *Foghorn* article as Commodore in 2024, I looked back to see what I wrote in 2011 when I was Commodore (I don't think it is plagiarism if I wrote it). I did not find much inspiration, but I do see that I still think a lot like I did back then.

In 2011 I started by defining what my duties as Commodore are, and it didn't surprise me because I was thinking of starting off 2024 with my duties.

According to the Club's Constitution:

"The Commodore's duty is to take command of the squadron, to preside at all meetings, and to enforce the rules and regulations of the Club. The Commodore shall enforce all provisions regarding the conduct of the various officers of the Club, conduct of the Club members and general provisions for the Club's welfare. The Commodore shall call special meetings of the Club or Board of Directors, whenever the Commodore deems it necessary, or upon the written request of five Flag Members in good standing. The Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of all committees."

In 2011 I went on a tangent with the squadron, but I won't do that this time.

With my duties defined, what will my goals be for the next year? As a starting point, just like in 2011, I looked again to the Club's Constitution.

The objectives of the SLYC are to:

1. improve the port facilities of Port San Luis.
2. develop Yachting in the Port San Luis region.
3. attract visiting Yachtsmen from other ports to Port San Luis.
4. benefit Avila Beach.

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Not much has changed since 2011 and to improve port facilities, we need to convey to the Port what improvements we would like. **Tom Swem**, 2024 Port Captain, will ensure that there is good communication with the Port. You can help Tom by thanking him for attending Port meetings and letting him know how you think the Port is doing and what improvements you would like to see at portcaptain@slyc.org.

We will develop yachting in the region and attract boaters from other ports with our ocean races, Sail Day at Port San Luis, the Fourth of July Boat Parade, Zongo Cup, and most importantly through our partnership with Cuesta College to provide Sailing Classes. These classes cover basic sailing theory, parts of the boat, crew communications, tacking, jibing, sail trim, man overboard, docking, safety, and more. Classes are taught in accordance with the American Sailing Association (ASA) and result in an ASA 101, Keelboat 1, sailing certificate. I would like to see us offer more classes, such as ASA 102, Keelboat 2; ASA 103, Basic Coastal Cruising; and ASA 104, Bareboat Cruising (so you can skipper a boat on a Club cruise to somewhere like the Bahamas). 2024 Sail Fleet Captain, **Dave Ouellet**, fleetcaptain@slyc.org, and 2024 Cruising Captain, **Michael Ginn**, cruisingcaptain@slyc.org, need your help with these objectives.

Just like in 2011, another way to develop yachting in the region is to continue with our Wet Wednesday program. Wet Wednesdays are one of my favorite Club activities. I envision them year-round with May through October on the water. I will be looking to one of our Directors to coordinate Wet Wednesdays. If you know of a fun or interesting presentation that would work well for a Wet Wednesday, let me know, commodore@slyc.org.

Again, just like I thought in 2011, if the Club works to benefit Avila Beach, we will also be benefiting the bigger community we live in. We can do this through activities like Kid's Day, and Wet Wednesdays, and supporting Friends of Avila Pier and Pali Kai Outriggers.

My own personal goals for 2024 include: get to know more of you, which will happen when Club activities get more of you involved; complete some of our capital replacement projects; provide a list of Frequently Asked Questions (e.g. who do I call to get a replacement key

card?); race; and most importantly—have fun.

In future *Foghorn* articles I hope to discuss dues, Club finances, service expectations, and more.

Thank you to all of you who will support and help me through 2024. I will carry out my duties and I am excited with all the possibilities and confident it will be a great year.

See you at the club...

—Bob 



Vice Views

by Bret Clark,
Vice Commodore

Food Host/Clean-up:

This duty was created last year. It involves purchasing heavy hors d'oeuvres (pizza, sandwiches, tacos, salads, etc.) at your own expense and providing them for our Friday Socials. It also involves cleaning up the Clubhouse at the end of the event.

Race Support:

People may support our races by providing sandwiches for the racers and committee, or assisting the Sail Fleet Captain, or the Race P.R.O. with the races.

Head Cook:

Serving as Head Cook for one of our brunches or Saturday dinners.

Clean-up Day:

Assisting Rear Commodore, **Pat Mullen** on our annual Clean-up Day.

Other Duties:

Other duties approved by the Commodore.

Time to Sign Up:

I hope that you have signed up for at least one service duty already. If you haven't yet, please go to the Time To Sign-up site (<https://www.timetosignup.com/sanluisyc/folder/11321>). In order to sign up for Bar Host you must be RBS-certified.

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 

Hello Again?

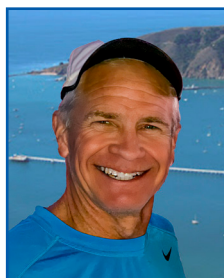
I am really looking forward to serving as your Vice Commodore this year. Former Vice Commodore **Bob Hurd** did such a great job as my Vice Commodore last year, that I would like to try to repay him by supporting him as well as he supported me. One of the benefits of serving in a job multiple times is that the learning curve is not so steep. I will strive to do a good job in supporting Commodore Bob Hurd by monitoring Time to Sign-up, ensuring that our events are staffed, overseeing Wet Wednesdays, chairing the Finance Committee, organizing Opening Day, and preparing the calendar for next year.

Volunteerism:

All Flag Members have received their invoices along with a letter by Commodore Hurd. In the letter, the 2024 Volunteer Requirements are listed. They are also listed on the SLYC website's Members section (SLYC.org). Please note that you need to complete one service requirement prior to June 30 to be a "member in good standing." Here are some of the ways that you can fulfill your volunteer duties:

Bar Host:

Work one of our scheduled events behind the bar. You must be RBS-certified to be behind the bar when it is open.



From the Rear Commodore

by Pat Mullen,
Rear Commodore

albeit mostly lake and ski boats, since I was 10 years old. I became more interested in sailing vs. power boating when I joined the club and since then have pursued my ASA 101, 103, 104 and 114 certifications. I did most through Santa Barbara with club members and one in San Diego. If you are interested in doing one of these classes, reach out to me and I can fill you in on how much fun they were to take, as well as earning the certification. It really was fun and pretty easy. Since joining the club, Laura and I have enjoyed participating in many sailing and club activities included going to the Sea of Cortez, San Juan Islands, Chesapeake Bay, San Diego and most recently the Bahamas. Hit me up about these if you are interested in going on a future cruise.

Our club really does depend on all of us volunteering, so reach out, lean in and participate. I guarantee it will help you get the most out of our club and have the most fun enjoying the activities and fellow members.

I look forward to seeing you around the club!

Smooth Sailing,

—Pat 

Greetings fellow club members and happy 2024!

We had a great club year in 2023 and just being back from our club sail to the Bahamas, I am looking forward to an even better 2024. This year I am transitioning from Power Captain to Rear Commodore so I will be working with all of you to keep our club facilities in great shape, clubhouse clean and equipment all working properly.

For background, my wife Laura and I joined the club in 2015. I have lived in SLO County since 1982. I have been involved in boating,

2024 SLYC OFFICERS

Commodore.....	Bob Hurd
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Cruising Captain	Kristen Rasmussen
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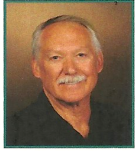
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Events Calendar

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 New Year's Eve No Reservations Allowed 	1 New Year's Day 12pm - Polar Bear Plunge/ Womens Toe Dippers 	2	3	4	5 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour/ Tree Untrimming 	6
7 No Reservations Allowed	8	9	10 1pm - Wet Wednesday in Clubhouse 	11 6pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse 	12 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	13 6pm - New Board Old Dinner 
14 No Reservations Allowed	15 Martin Luther King Day 	16	17	18 6pm - Friends of Avila Pier 6:30pm - New Membership Application Meeting	19 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	20
21 No Reservations Allowed	22	23 6:30pm - New Membership Application Meeting	24	25	26 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	27 6pm - Commodore's Dinner 
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	31	1 6pm - Board meeting in Clubhouse 	2 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	3

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Bar Host/OD Schedule

January 2024

- 1 Monday **Polar Bear Plunge**
—Ken San Filippo, OD
Bar Hosts (Morning) 10-1pm: Ali Stephenson
Sylvia Dodd
Bar Hosts (Afternoon) 1-4pm: Susan Waag
Denise Reynolds
Chief Cook: Barry Stewart
Assistant Cook/Clean-up: Tim Waag
- 5 Friday Social & Tree Undecorating
—Bob Hurd, OD
Bar Hosts: Keith Pellemeier
Bingo Farmer
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Christine Henry
Noreen Johnson
- 10 Wet Wednesday
—Mike Davis, OD
Bar Hosts: Rick Bertram
Darin Spiegel
Food Hosts/Clean-up: David Erbstoesser
Margo Fraser
- 12 Friday Social
—Ken San Filippo, OD
Bar Hosts: Brandon and Delaney Spiller
Shad Springer
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Warren Ristow
Janet Leonard
- 19 Friday Social
—Bret Clark, OD
Bar Hosts: Brandon and Delaney Spiller
Shad Springer
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Phillip Borgardt
Randy Kingsbury
- 26 Friday Social/Potluck
—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Rick Bertram
Darin Spiegel
Food Hosts/Clean-up: David Erbstoesser
Margo Fraser



February 2024

- 2 Friday Social
—Ken San Filippo, OD
Bar Hosts: Gary Ross
Thom Dimmitt
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Warren Ristow
Christine Henry
- 9 Saturday Cookie and Tree Decorating - Potluck
—Ken San Filippo, OD
Bar Hosts: Gary Ross
Cindy Markham
Food Host/Clean-up: Betty Gillespie
Michael Taylor
- 14 Wet Wednesday
—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Thomas Hill
Bingo Farmer
Chief Cook: Kathy Metcalf
Assist. Cook: Kay Semon
Kitchen/Clean-up: Brian Metcalf
Kay Semon
- 16 Friday Social
—Bob Hurd, OD
Bar Hosts: Patrick McGowan
Molly Montgomery
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Brenda Noakes
- 15 Saturday Valentine's Dinner and Dance
—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Reid Hester
Joe Caradonna
Chief Cook: Yvonne Jordan Secord
Assist. Cook: Peter Secord
Crew: Ruth and Tom Donnelly
Clean-up: Julie Caradonna
OPEN (1)
- 22 Friday Social/Pot Luck
—Tom Swem, OD
Bar Hosts: Carter McGowan
Patrick McGowan
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Catherine Ulrich
Philip Borgardt



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