



the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bret Clark,
Commodore

A hoy everyone!

With gratitude...

I would like to thank Vice Commodore, **Pat Mullen**, for stepping up and leading the Galley Refresh Project. We have recognized four “Super Volunteers” (**Marty Fuller**, **Dennis Dempsey**, **Gary Cox**, and **Steve Dahl**) in the past, including Opening Day, but their contribution to the success of this project cannot be understated. One of the last items on our list was to have a working reverse osmosis system for water in the club. I am happy to report that **Jeff Szytell** donated and assisted with the installation of this system. We now have filtered water available at the coffee bar as well as behind the main bar. Please note that only water will come out of the soda gun behind the bar.

I would also like to thank Staff Commodore, **Barry Stewart** for his continuing advocacy of and planning for the monthly pot lucks. They have been the best attended regular events that we have had over the past several years.

Looking forward...

I hope that you will join us for our Cheeseburgers in Paradise annual 4th of July event. There will be live music, a photo booth, and a boat parade this year. Remember that space is limited, so be sure



to reserve your space by going to the Member’s section of the slyc.org website and select “Upcoming Events.” You may also pay via credit card at one of our social events.

As I look at sign-ups for the second half of the year, I see that there are still many volunteer opportunities available. If you have not completed a service credit, you are currently not a “Member in Good Standing.” Please sign up for your two service duties and inform me about the dates that you selected, and I will change your membership status. To date, 369 volunteer slots have been filled by volunteers using Time to Sign-up. There are currently 40 memberships that have yet to complete one service credit or have yet to contact me with a plan as to how they will meet their service requirements. Please check the Volunteer Credit List located in the “Members” section of the slyc.org website and ensure that you have received credit for your service to the club.

Lastly, please be sure to check for updates about our ASA 103–Coastal Cruising class that will be exclusively open to our SLYC members and taught by our own Sail Fleet Captain, **J. J. Francoise**. This course has an online component and a practical component that will be taught aboard “Second Wind”.

Nautically,
—Bret 



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Vice Views

by Pat Mullen,
Vice Commodore

Greetings fellow Club Members. Contact me if you want any of the old “historic” galley plates or bowls. Let me know by July 15th if you would like some of the place settings of the old heavy dishware. We will allow members to take all they would like for a minimal donation to the club. Any dishware left over after July 15th will be donated to a local charity or non-profit.

The galley refresh is wrapping up! By now hopefully you have had a chance to see or use the new galley, new coffee station, new outside sink, new plates, new utensils, new pots, new pans new cookware, and new shelving. It should give us many years of good, reliable service.

A final thank you to our galley refresh committee of **Marty Fuller, Dennis Dempsey, Gary Cox and Steve Dahl**. These four have done the lion’s share of the galley work and we all owe them a huge thank you! And for the dozens more of our members who helped with many other galley refresh tasks, thank you all for being there for our club and demonstrating our club volunteer spirit! We could not have done this work without you.

Enjoy the summer and our club, this is one of the best times of the year to be relaxing out on the deck.

Cheers,
—Pat ⚓



Rear Commodore Report

by Tom Swem,
Rear Commodore

Ahoy SLYC Members. Yes it’s now July 2025 and things at the Yacht Club are moving forward wonderfully. The first item to share is that our Galley Refresh project is almost complete. Currently the dish washer is installed and is functional (still working out some small issues). Again I want everyone to thank all our members who have stepped up to help with the Refresh; **Bret Clark, Pat Mullen, Dennis Dempsey, Steve Dahl, Marty Fuller, Gary Cox, Greg Jackson, Jack Luxton, Cindy Markham, David Butcher, Nick Frost and Barry Stewart**... Fantastic member participation.

Next I wanted to remind our membership that when you reserve the clubhouse for your special event you need to be aware that all of your trash must be properly disposed of. Prior to your event if you could check to see if the Yacht Club garbage containers are full. If full, you will need to either coordinate with the garbage company for a “Special Pick Up” the next morning or bag up all your trash and take it with you... DO NOT put it into the Avila Beach trash containers or dumpsters as the Harbor District strongly suggested “we not do that again”.

Lastly, I wanted to include a little something from Mercedes’ and my cruise with Viking River Cruises... We spent most of a month doing the Grand European Tour—Budapest to Amsterdam. Our



fantastic vacation started in Budapest when our luggage didn’t show up... It finally showed up 4 days later in Vienna Austria... then all was good. We had friends that lived in Europe so we had the opportunity to get personal tours with friends in Wursburg, Vienna, and Amsterdam. Some wonderful sites and history.

Under the title of “Do you remember where you were when...”, we were doing a walking tour of the City Center and the Cathedral in Cologne. While we were in the Cathedral, as the Priests were beginning the Mass, it was announced that Pope Francis died. They escorted all of our tour out to the town square and they rang all their bells (including the dramatically large one) 88 times for the Pope’s age... a very moving experience.

Finally, I had an opportunity to present our Captain of the Viking Ship, Lofn, with one of our Burgees. He was very pleased. This is a highly recommended cruise.

Cheers,
—Tom ⚓





Port Report

by Carter McGowen,
Port Captain

Hi folks.
Here is the Port Report from the May session. During the Closed Session, Will Friedman was chosen as the new Harbor Director. He will be paid at the top of the salary range (compensation to be determined at a later date).

The Lighthouse Keepers were awarded grant funding, which will be used to refurbish the cistern on site. They will also be celebrating their 135th Anniversary! Be sure to check out their summer concert series as they are selling out fast.

The Fiscal Year 25/26 preliminary budget was the big topic of conversation. Link to budget packet: <https://tinyurl.com/y897uz8d>

Their current budget will cover any operating loss for this fiscal year—approximately \$356K operating loss projected. The Harbor Commission stressed that revenue generation ideas need to be found to make up future operating losses in coming years. The port has \$200K left in reserves currently. The 25/26 budget will be approved at the June 24th meeting.

See you all next month!

—Carter



Fleet News

by J.J. Francoisse,
Sail Fleet Captain

Hello fellow sailors and SLYC members!

Thrilling Three-Part Series on Ocean Race Day #2

The San Luis Yacht Club's Avila Cup delivered an action-packed day of sailing on June 1st, with six boats competing in the Monohull Division across three races in varied conditions. "Renaissance", skippered by **Phil Borgardt** was back after transmission repairs completed since the May edition of Ocean Race series. The "Second Wind" forestay and headsail furling mechanism were also attended to just days before the Sunday race, allowing the SLYC-owned Catalina 30 to join the regatta on the starting line. **Kevin Williams** aboard "Fear Knot" emerged as a major force to be reckoned with, demonstrating consistency and skilled boat handling throughout the day, and capturing first place in all three races with his Holder 20. His lead was clear from the start, finishing Race 1 with a corrected time of 50:45, followed by victories in the shorter windward-leeward courses of Races 2 and 3. It was one of those days where everything clicked for "Fear Knot"!

The competition for second and third places proved much closer, with several position changes throughout the day. **Roger Briggs** in "Second Wind" (Catalina 30) ultimately secured second overall with 7.0 points, sailing consistently with finishes of 2nd, 2nd, and 3rd across the three races. **Rundstrom** aboard "Fat Cat" claimed the final podium spot with 8.0 points, highlighted by an impressive second-place finish in the challenging long-distance Race 3. His Catalina 38 showed good speed in the varied conditions, particularly excelling in the 4.84-nautical-mile final race.

Despite NOAA's forecast calling for variable conditions—often

interpreted as light, shifting winds and glassy patches of water—the fleet was treated to superb sailing, with steady breezes ranging from 10 to 15 knots throughout the day. All races started promptly, with the fleet showing good racing interactions and sportsmanship. In addition, the day's racing format provided an excellent test of different sailing skills. Race 1 covered 3.18 nautical miles with a 10:45 start time, while Races 2 and 3 offered shorter windward-leeward courses of 2.85 and 4.84 nautical miles respectively. The varying distances and course configurations meant sailors had to adapt their tactics throughout the day. **Phil Borgardt's** "Renaissance" (Westsail 32) finished fourth overall, while the remaining positions were split between **Maxime Jeanneau's** "BW3" and **Kate McInerney's** "Blondie", both showing competitive spirit despite challenging conditions for their respective boat types.

Clubhouse Debrief & Racing Rule Updates

Back at the clubhouse, racers engaged in a productive post-race debrief, resulting in several key decisions that enhance clarity and fairness in future races, especially in the light of the newly implemented Sailing Rules 2024-2028.

- **OCS Triangle Restriction:** In the final minute before the start, the area On the Course Side (OCS) of the start line is now restricted. Boats may not enter this zone during the last minute of the countdown.

- **Dip Re-Start Option for Early Starters:** If a boat crosses the start line early (OCS) but had approached from the correct pre-start side, it may execute a dip re-start—sailing back below the line and re-crossing—or may round the pin and start again properly.

- **PHRF Ratings Simplified:** SLYC continues to implement the PHRF handicap system to ensure fair competition among a diverse fleet ranging from the nimble Holder 20 to the heavier Catalina and Westsail designs. However, the group reaffirmed using simplified PHRF ratings based on two criteria only: the geographic zone (Southern California) and general boat type, thereby avoiding over-complication for the local fleet.

With six entries and three completed races, the Avila Cup

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provided excellent sailing experience for competitors and spectators alike. The variety of boat types and close racing in

several positions made for an entertaining day on the water. Next race: July 13 for Ocean Race 3rd edition!

See you on the water!
—J.J. 

Avila Cup - June 1, 2025

SLYC - Cal Poly Pier

Overall for the day: Monohull Division

Sailed: 3, Discards: 0, To count: 3, Rating system: PHRF, Entries: 6, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	HelmName	Boat Name	SailNo	Class	PHRF	Club	R1	R2	R3	Total	Nett
1st	Kevin Williams	Fear Knot	116	Holder 20	186	SLYC	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0
2nd	Roger Briggs	Second Wind		Catalina 30	192	SLYC	2.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	7.0
3rd	Rundstrom	Fat Cat		catalina 38	114	SLYC	3.0	3.0	2.0	8.0	8.0
4th	Phil Borgardt	Renaissance	598	Westsail 32	204	SLYC	4.0	4.0	6.0	14.0	14.0
5th	Maxime Jeanneau	BW3	210	holder 20	186		5.0	6.0	4.0	15.0	15.0
6th	Kate McInerney	Blondie	4670	Catalina 30	192	SLYC	6.0	5.0	5.0	16.0	16.0

R1 - Monohull Division

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Finish time, Time: 104500, Distance: 3.18

Rank	HelmName	Boat Name	SailNo	Class	PHRF	Club	Start	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	BCR	Points
1	Kevin Williams	Fear Knot	116	Holder 20	186	SLYC	104500	11:45:36	1:00:36	0:50:45	186	1.0
2	Roger Briggs	Second Wind		Catalina 30	192	SLYC	104500	11:55:08	1:10:08	0:59:57	365.874	2.0
3	Rundstrom	Fat Cat		catalina 38	114	SLYC	104500	11:55:11	1:10:11	1:04:08	366.818	3.0
4	Phil Borgardt	Renaissance	598	Westsail 32	204	SLYC	104500	12:05:59	1:20:59	1:10:10	570.591	4.0
5	Maxime Jeanneau	BW3	210	holder 20	186		104500	12:09:43	1:24:43	1:14:52	641.031	5.0
6	Kate McInerney	Blondie	4670	Catalina 30	192	SLYC	104500	12:11:48	1:26:48	1:16:37	680.34	6.0

R2 - Monohull Division

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Finish time, Time: 122500, Distance: 2.85

Rank	HelmName	Boat Name	SailNo	Class	PHRF	Club	Start	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	BCR	Points
1	Kevin Williams	Fear Knot	116	Holder 20	186	SLYC	122500	13:03:37	0:38:37	0:29:47	186	1.0
2	Roger Briggs	Second Wind		Catalina 30	192	SLYC	122500	13:08:03	0:43:03	0:33:56	279.333	2.0
3	Rundstrom	Fat Cat		catalina 38	114	SLYC	122500	13:04:32	0:39:32	0:34:07	205.298	3.0
4	Phil Borgardt	Renaissance	598	Westsail 32	204	SLYC	122500	13:11:19	0:46:19	0:36:38	348.105	4.0
5	Kate McInerney	Blondie	4670	Catalina 30	192	SLYC	122500	13:12:25	0:47:25	0:38:18	371.263	5.0
6	Maxime Jeanneau	BW3	210	holder 20	186		122500	13:12:09	0:47:09	0:38:19	365.649	6.0

R3 - Monohull Division

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Finish time, Time: 132500, Distance: 4.84, Course: 7 (2 laps)

Rank	HelmName	Boat Name	SailNo	Class	PHRF	Club	Start	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	BCR	Points
1	Kevin Williams	Fear Knot	116	Holder 20	186	SLYC	132500	14:26:59	1:01:59	0:46:59	186	1.0
2	Rundstrom	Fat Cat		catalina 38	114	SLYC	132500	14:25:47	1:00:47	0:51:35	171.124	2.0
3	Roger Briggs	Second Wind		Catalina 30	192	SLYC	132500	14:32:22	1:07:22	0:51:53	252.736	3.0
4	Maxime Jeanneau	BW3	210	holder 20	186		132500	14:37:03	1:12:03	0:57:03	310.793	4.0
5	Kate McInerney	Blondie	4670	Catalina 30	192	SLYC	132500	14:38:54	1:13:54	0:58:25	333.727	5.0
6	Phil Borgardt	Renaissance	598	Westsail 32	204	SLYC	132500	14:41:58	1:16:58	1:00:31	371.744	6.0



Fear Knot



BW3



Second Wind



Blondie



Fat Cat



Renaissance

SLYC Race Committee June 2025



Kentucky Derby-Watch Party 2025



Bar Host/OD Schedule

July 2025

4 Friday-Cheeseburgers in Paradise

—Lily Curtis, OD

Bar Hosts: Sylvia Dodd

Patrick Corrigan

Chief Cook: Lauri Raninwter Quinn

Cook Crew: Sean Schuur

Mark Hawes

Kyley Soucy

Jason Vork

OPEN (1)

11 Friday Social

—Matthew Farmer, OD

Bar Hosts: Bingo Farmer

Bruno Giuffrida

Food Host/Clean-up: Tammy Casiano

Gregory Ross

16 Wednesday-Wet Wednesday (on the water)

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Steve Williams

Cassandra Bethard

Chief Cook: Melissa and Jeff Watkins

Cook Crew: Richard Strachan

18 Friday Social

—Kristin Blecha, OD

Bar Hosts: Bingo Farmer

Debbie Collins-Johnson

Food Host/Clean-up: John Maulhardt

Amber Tierney

25 Friday Social/Potluck

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD

Bar Hosts: Cassandra Bethard

Steve Williams

Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Karen Silva

Chris Deviny



August 2025

1 Friday Social

—Tom Swem, OD

Bar Hosts: Richard Scangarello

Gary Joralemon

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Sheila Baxter and Tom McCann

8 Friday Social

—Kristin Blecha, OD

Bar Hosts: Don or Patrice Eley

OPEN (1)

Food Host/Clean-up: Don or Patrice Eley

Neil Tardiff

15 Friday Social

—Bret Clark, OD

Bar Hosts: Debbie Collins-Johnson

OPEN (1)

Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: Cynthia Anthony

Connie Bruton

17 Sunday Brunch

—Lily Curtis, OD

Bar Hosts: Jason Curtis

Marsha Scott

Chief Cook: Ryan McKellar

Assist. Cook: Douglas Anthony

Crew: Steve DeRose

Mark Plassard



20 Wednesday-Wet Wednesday

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Chad Ianneo

Pat Cusack

Chief Cook: Gregory Ross

Assit. Cook: **OPEN (1)**

Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Lauri Rainwater-Quinn



22 Friday Social

—Kristin Blecha, OD

Bar Hosts: Amber Tierney

Don or Patrice Eley

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Don or Patrice Eler

Mary Bucher

29 Friday Social/Potluck

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**

Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Neil Tardiff

OPEN (1)



Events Calendar JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 No Reservations Allowed	30	1	2	3 6pm - SLYC Board 	4 Independence Day No Reservations 12pm - Cheeseburgers in Paradise 	5 No Reservations
6 No Reservations Allowed	7	8	9	10	11 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	12 No Reservations
13 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Race 3 	14	15 1pm - Wet Wednesday on the water 	16 2pm - Friends of Avila Pier	17 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	18 No Reservations Santa Barbara Sail & Dockside 	19
20 No Reservations Allowed	21	22	23	24 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Pottluck 	25 No Reservations	26
27 No Reservations Allowed	28	29	30	31	1 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	2 No Reservations

Events Calendar August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 No Reservations Allowed 	28	29	30	31	1 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	2 No Reservations
3 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Race 4 	4	5	6 6pm - SLYC Board 	7	8 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	9 No Reservations
10 No Reservations Allowed	11	12 5pm - Tentative Reservation Corrigan	13	14	15 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	16 No Reservations
17 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch 	18	19 1pm - wet wednesday on the water 	20	21 2pm - Friends of Avila Pier	22 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	23 No Reservations Santa Cruz Island Trip 
24 No Reservations Allowed	25	26	27	28	29 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	30 No Reservations
31 No Reservations Allowed	1 Labor Day 	2	3	4 6pm - SLYC Board	5 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	6



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