

# the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



## View From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,  
Commodore

A hoy everyone! This past month I have been receiving a lot of emails about service. Maybe it is because of the reminder in the frequent Scuttlebutts about service requirements.

### Heads Up

Each membership must have completed at least one of your annual service requirements by June 30! Otherwise, you could be subject to having your card disabled among other disciplinary actions.

Club Bylaws Chapter II, Section III “In order to be a ‘Member in Good Standing’, Flag Members must complete at least one volunteer service prior to June 30 unless excused by the Commodore.”

Questions?

Contact Commodore **Bob Hurd**

And I didn’t receive as many emails as I should have given how many members have not only not completed one service by June 30 but completed zero service in 2023. That is right zero service.

You can find information on service requirements in the Club By-Laws, “The service requirements are posted on the SLYC website and are included in the yearly dues statement. A member who is unable to complete their service requirement for health or personal reasons may be excused.”

Let’s change the subject and talk about members who do volunteer for the Club.

Social Chair **Brenda Noakes** has been trying to write a thank you card to members that volunteer for events and at the last Board meeting she suggested that instead we thank volunteers in the Foghorn. Look for a new feature in next months Foghorn where we thank the members who have volunteered in the last month.

Two fun events in the past month, the Cannelloni Dinner and the Kentucky Derby Day, were successful because of the volunteers who organized them and made them happen. Thank you, **Mary Bucher**, for all of the effort she put into the Cannelloni Dinner—I hope it becomes an annual event. Thank you, **Andrea and Greg Jackson**, for another fun Kentucky Derby Day and I am looking forward to next year—and a new hat.

While we are talking about volunteers who do a lot, **Donna Ellison** has published the Club’s monthly newsletter the Foghorn since before I was Commodore the first time in 2011. Please join me in taking a moment to wish all the peace and comfort possible for Donna, whose husband **John Duffy** unexpectedly passed away.

To paraphrase Merriam-Webster, a volunteer is a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service such as fulfilling the 2024 SLYC Flag Member’s Annual Service Requirements.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support and help me.

—Bob 



“A life is like a wave. It is made of components of the world around it, and it takes physical form as a wave, or a person, or anything else alive, for some amount of time. Once it breaks, its component parts do not cease to exist. They disperse and return to the sea, and the cycle continues..”  
— *Unknown Author*

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## Vice Views

by Bret Clark,  
Vice Commodore

**A**hoy everyone!  
I am pleased to report that I have installed a new amplifier and a more streamlined system for you to enjoy music, television, and use the microphone at the Clubhouse. Over the next month, I will be creating new documents to describe how to use it. Suffice it to say that you will no longer need an electrical engineering degree to listen to music, or watch TV or content on the projector. If you have any feedback about how it could be easier to use, please feel free to contact me.

### Time to Sign-up

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



## From the Rear Commodore

by Pat Mullen,  
Rear Commodore

**G**reetings fellow Club Members!  
As Rear Commodore, I usually talk about maintaining our clubhouse and related club maintenance items. However, this month I'll depart briefly from that to mention our first Avila Cup Ocean Race which took place on May 5th. Sail Fleet Captain **David Ouellet** may have more in his column, but I wanted to mention it as well, as we are primarily a sailing yacht club and therefore ought to be talking primarily about sailing, racing, cruising, etc., etc! And since I participated in it it's top of mind. Also, we had our first all-women crewed team. The first race of the season is always highly anticipated among the sailors participating and the race team. The first race is when you get all the jitter's out and have to dust off your rusty skills and get back into the swing of racing. It is so much fun. This race day sadly we did not have **Darrel Rundstrom** and **Marty Fuller** on "Allegra" since Allegra was lost in the February storm this year, but they've purchased a new boat so should be racing by our next race.

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.

### Foghorn

It is often, that we do not fully appreciate the work that people do behind the scenes to make things happen in our lives. Given Foghorn editor, **Donna Ellison's** recent loss, Commodore Hurd and I decided not to ask Donna to do this month's edition. As we started to edit and put together this month's edition, we struggled mightily with the task. We were both relieved when Donna stated that she would like to continue to publish this month's edition as she has done for the past 17 years. After our failed attempts to rise to the standard that she has set, I must say that I have even more appreciation for the work that Donna Ellison does each month so that you can enjoy this publication!

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

—Bret ⚓

Still, we were fortunate to have four boats racing; "Renaissance" skippered by **Phil Borgardt**, "Blondie" skippered by **Kate McInerney**, a 20' Holder skippered by **Kevin Williams**, and our club boat "Second Wind" with me, **Greg Jackson**, **Roger Briggs** and **Bill McInerney**. The winds were fickle, flat calms then howling around the far marks, but the racing was great and competition fierce. We struggled with a broken boom (Holder 20), a dislocated finger (**Randy Kingsbury** on "Renaissance"), hitting the far marker while rounding and having to take a penalty turn (me on "Second Wind") and an overheated engine ("Renaissance"). However, with all the excitement the coolest thing of the day was the new all women's team killing it by winning the majority of the races and taking first place for the day! Congratulations to skipper **Kate McInerney** and her crew of **Kristin Rasmussen**, **Anna Mullen** and **Brittany Tomasko**. When they passed us on that first race of the day we knew they were going to be tough competition!

We've had a full slate of events this spring in the clubhouse, and it continues to serve us well. We are moving forward with our galley remodel team working on plans for renovating the galley and related areas. We are also moving forward on reupholstering the bar bolster soon, and scheduling waxing of the clubhouse floor. Stay tuned for more info.

*Cheers,*  
—Pat ⚓



# Fleet News

by David Ouellet,  
Sail Fleet Captain

Hello all sailors!  
Well, the first race of the year is in the books we had lots of wind and four boats.

“Blondie” came with an all-women’s team which won the race for the day. Captain **Kate McInerney** mentioned the weekend before the Women’s crew practiced in winds stronger than race day. Their experience and teamwork showed in the race condition that day.

The first race we decided to send the sailors out to the far mark, and it was a great race. The wind continued to pick up, so the second race was a short race inside. The third race the wind really was blowing over 20 knots at times, we had two boats that had some trouble. The holder 20 broke its boom on a downward



Women’s team celebrating a win.

leg. Renaissance had a crew member injured which had to drop out of the 3rd race and then had a mechanical problem. The club’s boat went to the recuse on the Holder 20 (broken boom) and towed her back to the launch dock. “Renaissance” needed assistance so race committee sent the Harbor Patrol to tow her back to the mooring area. It was a very busy third race, “Blondie” and “Second Wind” managed to finish the race under the windy

conditions. At the end of the Cal Poly Pier we picked up a new member of the race committee, this very friendly Pelican that decided to hang out with the race committee and help judge the boats. For more photos and video on the race please go to this link <https://www.slyc.org/Racing/info/racingphotos%201.html> and click on Ocean May 5 video or photos. Thanks to Michael Dobrzensky for the photos and calculating race results.

For the result details and points for race day go to this link [https://www.slyc.org/Racing/info/2024\\_Results/Ocean/Avila\\_PHRF\\_5-5-2024%20final.html](https://www.slyc.org/Racing/info/2024_Results/Ocean/Avila_PHRF_5-5-2024%20final.html)

I want to thank all the member’s that helped on the race committee and “Chase” boat. It was a great day of sailboat racing in a variety of conditions.

*Fair winds to all!*  
—David

## Avila Cup - May 5, 2024



### Overall for the Day: Monohull Division

Sailed: 3, Discards 0, To Count 3, Rating System: PHRF, Entries: 4, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	HelmName	Boat Name	SailNo	Class	PHRF	Club	R1 5/5	R2 5/5	R3 5/5	Total	Nett
1st	Kate McInerney	Blondie	4670	Catalina 30	192	SLYC	2.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	6.0
2nd	Kevin Williams	Fear Knot	116	Holder 20	186		1.0	1.0	5.0 DNF	7.0	7.0
3rd	Pat Mullen	Second Wind		Catalina 30	192	SLYC	3.0	2.0	2.0	7.0	7.0
4th	Phil Borgardt	Renaissance	598	Westsail 32	204	SLYC	4.0	4.0	5.0 DNF	13.0	13.0



Racing fleet for Avila Cup May 2024. Chase boat on left.



## Cruising News

by Kristin Rasmussen,  
Cruising Captain

**A**hoy members!  
A few of us had a nice time at the Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show in Redwood City, California. It was fun to see the new boats and dream about having one of your own. One of my favorites was a very beamy 40-foot Beneteau Oceanis with dual helms and individual displays.

We also had a wonderful experience with the people at the Club at West Point. The club itself is a young club established in 2018. The bar area is brand new opening just this year. The

people we met there were very welcoming. I appreciate the hospitality and recognize that many went out of their way to welcome us as visiting yacht club members. We were able to conduct a burgee exchange and get a few pictures.

The next event that I am helping with is the Beach Clean-up Day in Avila on Saturday June 8th. This is in support of our community so please join ECOSLO, Revive Dive, and the Central Coast Aquarium in celebrating World Oceans Day on Saturday, June 8th from 9am-11am. For those members that can help we'll meet back at the club after clean-up to rest with a little food and drinks. If you can help please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-oceans-day-cleanup-avila-beach-tickets-885718165877#:~:text=World%20Oceans%20Day%20Cleanup%20%2D%20Avila,at%209%3A00%20AM%20%7C%20Eventbritesignup>. Please forward your confirmation to me so I can get a headcount for the club. This is not a club service credit, but a community service critical to our community.

Then we are on to the 4th of July Boat Parade.

*See you on the water.*  
—Kristin



## Port Report

by Tom Swem,  
Port Captain

**H**ello to all seasoned members and new members alike.  
Given that many PSLHD meetings deal with basic operational issues at the Port, for this publication I'd like to give you an overview of the history of Port San Luis.

The Avila Beach area was used by the Spaniards and Portuguese many centuries ago. It is rumored that Juan Cabrillo came into

the natural harbor for fresh water and to rest after a rough passage around Point Conception. Richard Henry Dana also used the natural headlands to anchor up out of the wind, resupply and trade with the local Chumash Indians.

In 1873, John Harford built the Harford wharf. Using horses, he offloaded schooners and imported cargo from the big city. He sold the goods in San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara County. Ships carrying supplies, mail and passengers laid alongside the Harford Pier. Harford eventually sold his enterprise to Charles Goodall for \$30,000 including the land west of San Luis Creek all the way to the Port.

In 1876 the Marre Hotel was built at Port San Luis where passengers would rest up while waiting for passage on the next ship. The narrow gauge railroad was built in the 1880's, carrying both passengers and cargo. Between 1893 and 1913 the federal breakwater, funded by congressional action, had been built to provide a safe anchorage at

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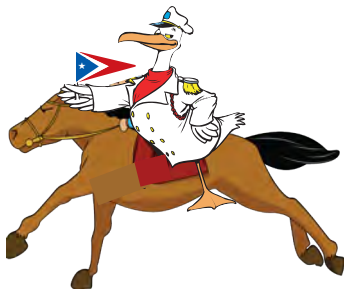
the wharf. Cattle and agriculture goods were exported to the big cities, lumber and dry goods were imported to the area. The narrow gauge railroad ran out onto the wharf to carry cargo back and forth to market.

Smugglers used the Port for illegal nighttime movement of liquor. The G-Men had a hard time catching the persons involved as it was a community effort and outsiders were not welcome. Large quantities of liquor came ashore in the area now know as Pirates Cove. The local commerce fell on hard times at the onset of the Depression and the Port fell into disrepair. The old wooden wharf (Harford Pier) was worn and there was no money to keep in good repair. The railroad and pier were sold to Elton Tognazzini in 1942 for \$17,265.

In 1954 the citizens of southern San Luis Obispo County voted to create and fund a Harbor District for the Port San Luis Area. It was hoped that this action would provide for a method to fix up the old facilities and create some commerce for the south county. Five Harbor Commissioners were elected and the harbor was given new life. In 1955 the State Legislature granted the Harbor District the area's tidelands in trust. The State owns the waters out to three miles and usually manages this resource. Very few grants being given, this, indeed, was another chance to improve the Port's dilapidated facilities. Tognazzini sold his property, including the Harford Pier, to the Harbor District for \$500,000 in the late 1950s, using a loan from the State Department of Boating and Waterways.

—Tom 

## SLYC Kentucky Derby Watch Party



Collage by Michael Dobrzensky

# Thank You SLYC Volunteers



## THANK YOU SLYC VOLUNTEERS

### Friday 4/19/24 Social

Officer of the Day Pat Mullen	Bar Host Nick Frost	Bar Host David Butcher	Food Host/Clean-up Diane Frost	Food Host/Clean-up Charlotte Butcher
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### Friday 4/26/24 Potluck Social

Officer of the Day Bret Clark	Bar Host Janine Lamond	Chief Cook Barry Stewart	Clean-up Mary Janowicz	Clean-up Eddie and Wendy O'Brien
Clean-up Charles and Debra Barfoot				

### Saturday 4/27/24 Cannelloni Dinner

Officer of the Day Bob Hurd	Bar Host Patrici Hood	Bar Host Georgiana Peterson	Chief Cook Mary Bucher	Asst Cook Andrea and Greg Jackson
Asst Cook Jason Vork	Clean-up Terry Whitney	Clean-up Jesper Nielsen		

### Friday 5/3/24 Social – Cinco de Mayo

Officer of the Day Bret Clark	Bar Host Kyle Martin	Bar Host Noreen Johnson	Food Host/Clean-up Tom Baxter	Food Host/Clean-up Steve and Cheryl Dahl
Food Host/ Clean-up Sheila McCann				

### Saturday 5/4/24 Kentucky Derby Day

Officer of the Day Dave Ouellet	Bar Host Sylvia Dodd	Bar Host Ali Stephenson	Chief Food Host/ Clean-up Andrea Jackson	Food Host/Clean-up Mary Bucher
Set-up Decorations Greg Jackson	Set-up Decorations Georgina Pease			

### Sunday 5/5/24 Ocean Race

Race P.R.O. Dave Ouellet	Race Committee Mark Plassard	Race Committee Steve DeRose	Race Committee Matthew Roberts	Race Committee Marcia Scott
Race Support (Lunches) Corissa Burnett	Chase Boat Michael Ginn	Chase Boat Jack Luxton		

### Wednesday 5/8/24 Wet Wednesday

Officer of the Day Michael Ginn	Bar Host Karen Hiatt	Bar Host Barrie Cleveland	Chief Cook Sandra Nielsen	Asst Cook Marcia Scott
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### Friday 5/10/24 Social

Officer of the Day Pat Mullen	Bar Host Nancy and Jeff Blauer	Bar Host Nathan Nunno	Food Host/Clean-up Nancy and Jeff Blauer	Food Host/Clean-up Jill Nunno
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### Friday 5/17/24

Officer of the Day Carter McGowen	Bar Host Makenzie Blodgett	Bar Host Linda and Bill Thoma	Food Host/Clean-up Scott and Karen Negri	Food Host/Clean-up Sandra and Jesper Nielsen
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# Events Calendar JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
26 No Reservations Allowed	27 Memorial Day 	28	29	30 Tentative Reservation 4pm - Cindy Markham	31 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	1 No Reservations Allowed
2 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races #2 	3	4	5	6 6pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse 	7 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	8 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Sail Day at Port (CANCELLED) World Oceans Day Cleanup Avila Beach 9am - 11am
9 No Reservations Allowed 1pm - Brunch 	10	11 Tentative Reservation 5pm - Debby swenson	12 1pm - Wet Wednesday on the water 6pm - Dinner 	13 Reserved 12 pm - Christine Machala	14 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	15 No Reservations Allowed
16 Father's Day  No Reservations Allowed	17	18	19	20 3pm- Friends of Avila	21-22 SLYC River Rafting Weekend No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	
23 SLYC River Rafting No Reservations Allowed	24	25	26	27	28 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	29 No Reservations Allowed
30 No Reservations Allowed	1	2	3	4 Independence Day 12pm - Cheeseburgers in Paradise 	5 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	6 No Reservations Allowed

# Events Calendar JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 No Reservations Allowed	1	2	3	4 Independence Day 12pm - Cheeseburgers in Paradise 	5 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	6 No Reservations
7 No Reservations Allowed	8	9	10 2pm - Wet Wednesday on the water 7pm - Dinner  	11 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	12 No Reservation After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	13 No Reservations
14 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races #3 	15	16	17	18 3pm - Friends of Avila	19 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	20 No Reservations Santa Barbara Sail/Dockside Party 
21 No Reservations Allowed	22 6pm - Friends of Avila	23	24	25	26 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	27 No Reservations
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	31	1 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	2 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	3 No Reservations Zongo Cup? 



# Bar Host/OD Schedule

## June 2024

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7 Friday Social  
—Pat Mullen, OD  
Bar Hosts: Bingo Farmer  
Anthony Reynolds  
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Kelly and Hal Hannula  
Don and Kathy Hannula

8 Saturday Coastal Clean Up Day  
—Kristen Rasmussen, OD  
Bar Hosts: Lily Curtis  
**OPEN (1)**  
Chief Cook: **OPEN (1)**  
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Kathy and Denis Kunkel



12 Wet Wednesday-On the Water  
—Mike Davis, OD  
Bar Hosts: Gregory Ross  
Gareth Kelly  
Chief Cook: Martin and Debi Testa  
Crew: Karen and Bob Engel



14 Friday Social  
—Bill McInerney, OD  
Bar Hosts: Dan and Shawn Harper  
**OPEN (1)**  
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Annette Hackman  
Doug Parish

21 Friday Social  
—Michael Ginn, OD  
Bar Hosts: Dan and Shawn Harper  
**OPEN (1)**  
Food Host/Clean-up: Carrie Anne Ginn  
Jim and Jan Smith

28 Friday Social/Potluck  
—Kristen Rasmussen, OD  
Bar Hosts: Karen Haitt  
Kristin Blecha  
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Jim and Jan Smith



## July 2024

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4 Cheeseburgers in Paradise  
—Tom Swem, OD  
Bar Hosts: Slyvia Dodd  
Ray Mattison  
Chief Cook: **OPEN (1)**  
Cook Crew: Rod Valine  
John Sorgenfrei  
**OPEN (1)**  
Clean-up: James Mattison  
**OPEN (1)**



5 Friday Social  
—Michael Ginn, OD  
Bar Hosts: Ellen and Michael Sheffer  
Tom Capen  
Food Host/Clean-up: Ellen and Michael Sheffer  
Carrie Ginn

7 Wet Wednesday-On the Water  
—Daivd Ouellet, OD  
Bar Hosts: Melissa Watkins  
Irene Swisher  
Chief Cook: Richard Strachan  
Cook Helper: Jeff Watkins



12 Friday Social  
—Mike Davis, OD  
Bar Hosts: Steve Johnson  
**OPEN (1)**  
Food Host/Clean-up: Tina Radovich  
**OPEN (1)**

19 Friday Social  
—Bill McInerney, OD  
Bar Hosts: Kristin Blecha  
**OPEN (1)**  
Food Host/Clean-up: David Williams  
**OPEN (1)**

26 Friday Social/Potluck  
—Kate Gillespie, OD  
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**  
Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**



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