

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,
Commodore

A hoy everyone! We've had a busy month since the last Foghorn with the Commodore's Dinner, Friday Potluck, Wet Wednesday, amazing volunteers, Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, an epic storm, and we have tidied up our membership database.

The Commodore's Dinner is traditionally held on the third week of January and is the responsibility of the Commodore Elect. This year I chose to prepare the dinner ourselves and not hire a caterer.

I cannot thank **Andrea** and **Greg Jackson** and **Cindy** and **Jon McKellar** enough for helping to take my hairbrained quixotic idea of cooking dinner for almost 50 and making it happen (I guess I didn't learn because I did the same thing in 2011).

17 Staff Commodores (note they are not past Commodores) enjoyed a meal that included Salad, Boeuf Bourguignon, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Dessert. Andrea prepared the salad and ran the galley so efficiently. The McKellars pre made the mashed potatoes and heated them up in boiling water and grilled the green beans on the flattop. The Boeuf Bourguignon was pre made too, so the preparation time was minimal.

Kevin Daily tended the Bar and **Patrick Corrigan**, **Paul** and **Eileen Sverchek**, and **Michael** and **Sandy Nordstrom** did the clean-up. Social Chair **Brenda Noakes** handled the décor for the evening.

You should consider being Commodore for a year so you too can partake in this annual dinner event.

The last Friday in January was another overwhelmingly successful potluck put on by the **Barry Stewart/Marty Fuller** team. I don't remember what it was but it was good.

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Wet Wednesday was on Valentine's Day this year—see Cruising Captain **Kristin Rasmussen's** article.

A routine Friday Social on February 16 showed how our Club helps each other when one member could not fulfil their Food Host/Clean-up duties—**Val** and **Sandy Gillespie** stepped in with food and **Gary Ross** and **Angelica Fitzmorris** handled the clean-up. Member **Dave Tennant** traded Bar Host duties with another member who was under the weather. It is this kind of support that makes this Club so valuable to be a part of.

The Valentine's Dinner Dance was not without it challenges with low signups and the live musician Manny English calling in sick at the last minute, but that did not deter **Yvonne Jordan Secord** from making the evening a fun success. Yvonne was assisted in the kitchen by her husband **Peter Secord** and **Tom** and **Ruth Donnelly**. The menu included delicious appetizers (Ruth's dip was killer), a main course of pasta alfredo with tender chicken breast, balsamic glazed roasted vegetables, caesar salad with homemade croutons and dressing, bread and a delectable array of sweet desserts. **Joe Caradonna** and **Reid Hester** tended the Bar and **Julie Caradonna** and **Don** and **Patrice Eley** took care of the Clean-up. Social Committee members **Brenda Noakes** and **Terry Whitney** decorated the Club to rival the Madonna Inn.

The treat of the evening was Jason and Lily Curtis, prospective members, DJ and Karaoke performance. Brenda Noakes stepped up when Manny English cancelled, and she contacted Jason and Lily. There was a lot of dancing and a lot of fun.

February 4 saw a terrible storm hit Port San Luis with three boats breaking from their moorings and ending up on the beach, including **Darrel Rundstrom** and **Marty Fuller**, who lost "Allegra." A fourth boat sank at her mooring. Our thoughts go out to Darrel and Marty and everyone effected by the storm.

The last topic I wanted to cover this month is that our Membership Database is now up to date and synched with our Quickbook accounting which allowed us to know just how many openings we have for new members this year.

I hope to see you on the water or at the Club.
—Bob 🚢



Vice Views

by Bret Clark,
Vice Commodore

Ahoy everyone!
I am looking forward to seeing you at Opening Day this year. You may think that it is a bit premature for me to be talking about an event that happens in April, but a lot of planning goes into it and we have already begun preparations. We will need a strong volunteer group to assist Rear Commodore, **Pat Mullen**, with Clean-up Day on April 6.

Opening Day:

We will be celebrating our 87th anniversary this year. I will be sending an invitation to Opening Day to you via email near the beginning of March. In the meantime, you should save Saturday April 13th for the event. As in the past, the event will start at 11:00 with music and hors d'oeuvres. Music will be provided by Manny English and I am working on a special musical guest... stay tuned! **Commodore Hurd** will begin the formal festivities at 12:00. Please plan on staying after the Opening Day Ceremony. Manny English will be providing music afterwards and I understand that Staff Commodore, **Barry Stewart** is planning on barbecuing some food for those who stay late.

Volunteer Report:

I would like to thank those of you who have signed up for your two volunteer duties this year. Looking ahead into March and April, we are looking very good. Here are the openings in the next two months:

March:

Saturday, 3/16 (St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance) – Bar Host (2), Clean-up (2)

Friday, 3/22 (Friday Social) – Bar Host (1), Food Host/Clean-up (1)

Friday, 3/29 (Friday Pot Luck) – Kitchen Help/Clean-up (1)

April:

Friday, 4/12 (Friday Social) – Bar Host (2), Food Host/Clean-up (1)

Friday, 4/26 (Friday {Pot Luck) – Kitchen Help/Clean-up (1)

I also encourage you all to look at the Friday (5/3) Cinco de Mayo—Themed Friday Social. Currently we have no volunteers set up for this event. It would be great to have a few members get together to make this night a fun one!

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

Greetings fellow Club Members!
April 6th is our annual Clubhouse Cleanup Day, sign up now on TTSU. It's fun and you'll earn club volunteer service credit. Whenever I participate in club events, I meet the neatest people!

We have such a cool club, I learn more about it every day and the members who help make it work. Have you noticed the new tabletops on some of our old clubhouse tables? **Dan Pease** has been quietly refurbishing our old tables, strengthening and rebuilding the understructure and fabricating completely new oak tops. It is saving the club thousands of dollars and they'll last for years. I joined Dan for a day last month as he finished the fifth table he's done. It is beautiful and extra strong woodwork, and takes many hours to refurbish each table. Dan is a great guy and I've had such fun getting to know him and what he's doing for the club. Check out the new table tops next time you're there and tell Dan thanks when you see him.

Last year's Rear Commodore, **Joe Montgomery**, also has been helping me learn the ropes and how to take care of our equipment, such as keeping safety and fire systems up to date, checking and repairing any damage from storms, clubhouse use, etc. We've had fun getting to know each other better while we're volunteering at the club. One day last month we did some info turnover and information sharing while



Dan Pease attaching new top to rebuilt base in his home shop

joining Joe for a day out on his 35' Tartan sailboat, "Dances with Waves." Joe had a great time as did the other members who joined him including **Gary Cox, Steve Davis, Phil Borgardt**, and me. It was a great day on the water for all of us,

and I continually learn more from Joe, and the others who help our club run.



Joe Montgomery at the helm of "Dances with Waves" with Steve Davis

Our club was literally built by volunteers, so reach out if you'd like to help with any of our projects and I hope to see you on April 6th!

Cheers,
—Pat 



Cruising News

by Kristin Rasmussen,
Cruising Captain

Ahoj members!
Thank you to **Micheal Dobrzensky** for putting together a wonderful SLYC Bahamas Cruise presentation for the February Wet Wednesday. This included a description of the float plan in the Exumas followed by many videos and photos from the cruisers. There was much laughing and oohing and awing by all.


Thanks to **Kathy and Brian Metcalf, Kay and John Semon** we enjoyed a perfect meal finished with chocolate for Valentines Day.

I shared an updated list of cruising events planned so far, including details about the Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show and an update on the BVI Cruise for March of 2025. I am compiling list of interested members who would like additional information and/or updates for events such as:

- Pacific Sail & Power May 16th – 19th
- Port San Luis Day June 8th
- River Rafting Cruise June 21st to 23rd
- 4th of July Boat Parade
- Cruise to Santa Cruz Island August 23rd-25th
- BVI Cruise in March of 2025

March 23rd - April 1st

If you would like to be added to a list for information and updates on any of the cruising events please send an email to cruisingcaptain@slyc.org.

I hope to see you on the water.
—Kristin 

New Burgees!

**Staniel Cay Yacht Club,
Bahamas.**

Provided by Reid Hester.



**Fort Worth Boat Club,
Fort Worth, TX.**

Unfortunately, the burgee was left without information about the donors. If the donors would like to contact me at Brollins@charter.net, I will add their name to the Burgee.

St. Martin/St.Maarten Adventure



St. Martin/St. Maarten Adventure

In January, some SLYC members encountered excellent sailing and weather conditions on the French/Dutch island of St. Martin. **Tom McNeill** captained the 46 foot brand new CATANA catamaran chartered from Dream Yacht Charters in Marina de L'Anse Marcel. Tom and his wife, **Janine**, were accompanied by life-

long friends, **Brian and Kathy Metcalf**. There were four ocean loving couples on the four berth luxury yacht.

The day of arrival, Janine and Kathy spent the day shopping in Grand Case for boat provisions. They filled three full grocery carts to ensure there was enough food for the week at sea. There were a few confusions in the French to English translations (like buying cuttlefish instead of cod) but, as it turned out, the crew had fabulous conditions for cooking and eating gourmet meals onboard. There was a fabulous cajun restaurant in Grand Case where the crew gathered for a first dinner and then spent the night at a quaint hotel.

Dream Yacht charters did a great job of familiarizing the crew with the ins and outs of the catamaran. All provisions and belongings were loaded and we enjoyed our first night on the boat in the Anse Marcel Harbor.

The first sail was to Sandy Ground Bay on Anguilla Island. The crew fell into their natural roles whether it was galley chef, anchor boy, bartender, sail tender, map planner... without too much

direction from the captain. The staterooms and lounging zones were fabulously comfortable.

From Sandy Ground Bay, the crew sailed to Prickly Pear Island. A thrilling boat ride in the dinghy through a wave set took them to a deserted island set up with lounge chairs and interesting flora and fauna to explore. Later in the day another amazing sail to Crocus Bay where a game night onboard made for a lot of laughter.

Scrub Island was the next sailing destination the following morning. A wild landing in our dinghy on Scrub Island provided another small boat thrill. An afternoon sail down to Tintamarre

Island was where they picked up a mooring for the night. Tintamarre is a natural preserve with turquoise waters.

A sail to Orient Bay to anchor anew, provided lots of entertainment like watching kite surfers and a variety of interesting yachts (like the Adam and Eve yacht piloted by a naked crew).

The last sailing day was around the circumference of St. Martin

landing in Grand Case Bay. A dinghy ride took them into town where the cajun restaurant was revisited for a last night's meal.

All in all it was a dream boat with a dream crew in the best of conditions for sailing!

—Submitted by Tom McNeill (written by a crew member)



Wet Wednesday February 14 – Cruising Presentation



Commodores Dinner – January 27, 2024



Upcoming Events



ST. PATRICK'S DAY Dinner/Dance



Saturday, March 16th 2024
6 P.M. Social 7 P.M. Dinner
Music by Manny English
(Solo Musician)

The event is prepaid via online
limited seating (50) at \$25 per person

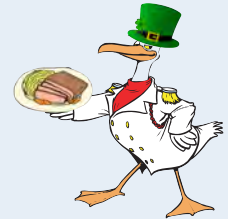
Members Chef Barry Stewart/Marty Fuller
and crew will be providing the meal,
one that all will enjoy.

Hope you can join in on the fun.
As a reminder, this is a prepaid event,
so please sign up early online.

YOU MUST SIGN-UP/PAY BY MARCH 13TH

MENU:

- Flat cut Corn Beef Brisket,
slow simmered with
...traditional spices
- Carrots
- Cabbage
- Potatoes
- Onions
- Bread/butter
- Dessert and
Irish Cream
- Green Beer available



KENTUCKY DERBY "RUN FOR THE ROSES"

Watch Party



Saturday, May 4th 2024
2:30 P.M. TO 5:00 PM
\$15 per person



Light lunch will be served

Bar will offer Mint Juleps in addition to usual Bar menu

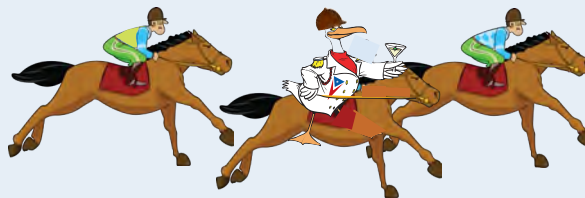
Dress:

Ladies: Fancy flowered hats encouraged

Gents: Your usual Club Casual or more

Club TV will be tuned to the races and we'll run the table-top
Avila Cuplette boat race game

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 30th (This is a pre-paid event)



Events Calendar MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 No Reservations Allowed	26	27	28	29	1 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	2
3 No Reservations Allowed	4	5	6 6pm - Board meeting in the Club 	7	8 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	9 10am - New Member Orientation Brunch 3:30pm-7:30pm Civic Ballet Nutcracker Screening
10 Daylight Saving Time  No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch 	11	12 6pm - Wet Wednesday in Clubhouse (Cancelled) 	13	14	15 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	16 St Patrick's Dinner/Dance 
17 No Reservations Allowed St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20	21 3pm - Friends of Avila Pier	22 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	23 6pm - Jazz Band (Cancelled)
24 No Reservations Allowed	25	26	27	28	29 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	30
31 Easter Sunday No Reservations Allowed 	1	2	3	4 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	5 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	6 8am - Clean-Up Day at Club 

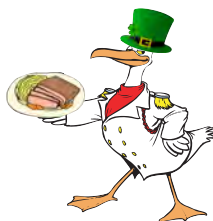
Events Calendar APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Easter Sunday No Reservations Allowed 	1	2	3	4 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	5 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	6 8am - Clean-Up Day at the Club 
7 No Reservations Allowed	8	9 RESERVED 6pm - Cindy Vormbaum	10 6pm - Wet Wednesday in the Club 	11	12 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	13 11am - Opening Day 
14 No Reservations Allowed	15 Tax Day 	16	17	18 3pm - Friends of Avila Pier	19 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	20
21 No Reservations Allowed	22	23	24	25	26 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	27
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	1	2 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	3 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	4 RESERVED 11am 2:30pm - Kentucky Derby Watch Party

Bar Host/OD Schedule

March 2024

- 1 Friday Social
—Ken San Filippo, OD
Bar Hosts: Jeff Blauer
Nick Frost
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Nancy and Jeff Blauer
Diane Frost
- 8 Friday Social
—Bret Clark, OD
Bar Hosts: Thom Dimmitt
Cindy Markham
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Kelly Hannula
Don and Kathy Hannula
- 10 Sunday Brunch
—Kristin Rasmussen, OD
Bar Hosts: George Risher
Bonny Gardner
Chief Cook: Ryan McKellar
Assist. Cook: Jon and Cindy McKellar
Crew: Doug Anthony
Michael Larrabee
Martin and Debbie Testa
Betty and Marc Gillespie
- 15 Friday Social
—Mike Davis, OD
Bar Hosts: James Mattison
Karl Blum
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Carolyn Blum
OPEN (1)
- 16 Saturday St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance
—Kristen Rasmussen, OD
Bar Hosts: Jeffrey Stewart
Kevin Daily
Chief Cook: Barry Stewart
Assist. Cook: Marty Fuller
Crew: Lettie Fuller
Debbie Collins-Johnson
Patrice Eley
Clean-up: Nancy Stewart
OPEN (1)
- 22 Friday Social
—Tom Swem, OD
Bar Hosts: Reid Hester
OPEN (1)
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Warren Ristow
OPEN (1)
- 29 Friday Social/Potluck
—Kristen Rasmussen, OD
Bar Hosts: Tom McNeill
Janine Lamond
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Sharon Rosenfeld
OPEN (2)

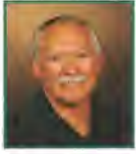


April 2024

- 4 Friday Social
—Tom Swem, OD
Bar Hosts: Dave Tennant
Judy Bellis
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Freeman Tidaback
Andi Tennant
- 6 Saturday Clean-up Day
—Pat Mullen, OD
- 12 Friday Social
—Mike Davis, OD
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**
Food Host/Clean-up: Kevin Williams
Melissa Smith
- 13 Saturday Opening Day
—Michael Ginn, OD
Early Setup Help: Val Gillespie
OPEN (1)
Bar Hosts: Sylvia Dodd
Ali Stephenson
Jon and Cindy McKellar
Kitchen Help: Kevin Williams
Clean-up Help: Kevin Williams
Patrick Corrigan
- 19 Friday Social
—Pat Mullen, OD
Bar Hosts: Nick Frost
David Butcher
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Diane Frost
Charlotte Butcher
- 26 Friday Social/Potluck
—Bret Clark, OD
Bar Hosts: Tom McNeill
Janine Lamond
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Mary Janowicz
OPEN (2)
- 27 Saturday Dinner-Cannelloni
—Bob Hurd, OD
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**
Chief Cook: **OPEN (1)**
Assist. Cook: **OPEN (2)**
Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**



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