

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bret Clark,
Commodore

A hoy everyone!
As I write this, it is the week after Opening Day. I still have a smile on my face from the day's festivities and a slight headache from the mistakes that I made pronouncing some of the dignitaries' names. For those of you who weren't in attendance, this year, we borrowed a tradition from other SCYA clubs which involves the presenter drinking a shot for each mistake made or caught during their Opening Day presentation. Opening Day this year saw more than 110 people who wanted to participate. I cannot tell you how much it warms my heart to see the Club back! A special, "Thank you," goes to Vice Commodore, **Bob Hurd**, for the work that he did in planning the day. Many members took to the dance floor to "dance" off the food that **Debbie Collins-Johnson**, Staff Commodore **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller** provided—A barbecued chicken, bread, and vegetable feast. Staff Commodore **Michael Dobrzensky** has created a montage of pictures (see collage on page 7) from Opening Day.

I would like to thank **Jeff Bucher** for serving as Bar Manager the past seven years. Having served in that capacity, I know that the job requires a lot of work, but that there is always someone who would like to talk to you about what

they like or dislike about the bar J. Before he left the position, Jeff and I discussed bar costs and I approved the new pricing that we now have. The new pricing is fiscally sound and will make it easier for bar hosts to charge the correct amount for drinks. I would also like to welcome **John Hrdlicka** as our new bar manager. John and his wife **Whitney** are both in the wine industry and are excited to be taking on this new role.

I hope that you know that your board is open to new ideas and activities. If you have something that you think that the Club should do or offer, please contact me. I am happy to report that this is how our Earth Day Clean-up and Kentucky Derby Days events started. Thank you to **Pat Mullen** and **Andrea Jackson** for their interest in spearheading these two events.

We were well-staffed for the events through May—Thank you to all of the members who have volunteered to date.



Packed house for Opening Day!

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As I look at the activities planned for the second half of the year, I see that there are opportunities to serve as Food Hosts/Clean-up in June, and many openings for the remaining months. I would like to remind those members who have yet to complete a service requirement that they will need to complete one by June 30th in order for their membership to remain in good standing. I also request that all of our members look at Time to Sign Up (<https://www.slyc.org>).

timetosignup.com/sanluisyc/folder/10389/) and try to sign up for at least one additional activity during the second half of the year. We have more than enough members to staff all of our remaining activities, assuming that each membership volunteers for two different events.

If you have any questions or concerns about the club and the course that we are on, please be sure to drop me a line. I will do my best to be transparent, informative, and open to opinions as we continue to chart through new waters.

Nautically,
—Bret 🚢



Vice Views

by Bob Hurd,
Vice Commodore

A hoy!
I had fun on our Opening Day.

There is a saying I like, “Periods of activity are followed by periods of inactivity.”

After more than three months of diligently working to complete everything on the to do list for Opening Day, and enjoying a successful Opening Day, I am ready for some inactivity.

Opening Day is not just checking off tasks on a to do list though, it is a celebration of a new season, a new beginning, an enormous effort by a lot of people, and something that could be felt in the room that day.

It started with the Grizzly Youth Academy cadets presenting the colors, negotiating their way through a crowd that well exceeded our capacity, trying to keep the flag poles from hitting the low roof trusses (luckily the fans were not on) and planting a gun in a cake. They did what was asked with decorum and professionalism. I was teary eyed when I thanked them and said that they made me feel good. They give us hope in this world today.

Next, Manny English did a Jimi Hendrix rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner and confirmed that we were not bound by conventional ways, and we followed that up with my reading of a prayer under the auspices of my ordination by the Universal Life Church – you too can be ordained – it is fast easy and inexpensive.

Back to tradition, we recognized our lost sailors in the last year (**Ray Cassiano, John Hiatt, and Staff Commodore Jim Henry**) with an eight bells ceremony with Staff Commodore **Barry Stewart** ringing the bell.

Continuing with tradition, Staff Commodore **Mark Machala** presided over a tribute to our veterans with a medley of all the service anthems.

Commodore **Bret Clark** introduced your officers for 2023, and then we went unconventional—again.

Two weeks before our Opening Day, Bret and I saw the Anacapa Yacht Club require any officer who mispronounced a name during introductions take a drink of rum.

I learned that I have never pronounced **Jeff Bucher’s** (past Bar Manager) name correctly and it only got worse as we worked our way through introducing Staff, dignitaries, and guests from other yacht clubs.

Bret and I were accused of drinking for the sake of drinking, but we took this whole thing very seriously—really.

On Opening Day, the following Awards for 2022 were presented:

Jay and Judy Chapel Award	Marty Fuller
Herbert McBratney Award	Ken San Filippo
Chiseler’s Award	Gary Cox
Volunteer of the Year Award	Greg Jackson
Howie O’Daniels Award	Dave Ouelett

(mispronounced by Vice Commodore and misspelled it on the perpetual award – two drinks)

Commodore **Bret Clark** queried his officers, Sail Fleet Captain **Dave Ouelett**, Power Fleet Captain **Pat Mullen**, Cruising Captain **Mike Ginn**, and Port Captain **Tom Swem**, and after it was confirmed that the harbor was ready, **Marty Fuller** fired the cannon (we had warning signs this year).



The enormous effort of a lot of people who helped Opening Day happen included, and I am sure to miss someone:

Check-in: Secretary **Katie Gillespie**, Staff Commodore **Mary Matakovich**

Hors d’Oeuvres: **Debbie Collins-Johnson**

Bar Hosts: **Sylvia Dodd, Ryan McKellar, Jon McKellar**

Early Set-up: **Anna Mullen**

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Food Help: **Nancy Alvarado**
Clean-up: **Cindy McKellar, Chandler McKellar**
Flags: **Dan Pease**
Social-Decorations: **Brenda Noakes, Terry Whitney**
OD: **Mike Ginn, Staff Commodore Bill Dyer**
Photography: **Michael Dobrzensky**

We were graced by the following dignitaries on our Opening Day this year:

Suzy Watkins: Director, Port San Luis Harbor District
Mary Matakovich: Commissioner, Port San Luis Harbor District
Jim Blecha: Commissioner, Port San Luis Harbor District
Dale Thomsson: Staff Commodore, Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club

Lee Coller, Lorraine Coller: Southern California Yachting Assoc.
Elena Yuasa: Navy Yacht Club Long Beach
Lisa Marie Medlen: Commodore, Channel Islands Yacht Club, and husband **John**
John Burgener: Commodore, Morro Bay Yacht Club
Kendall Welch: Social Director, Morro Bay Yacht Club

Opening Day was a whole lot of fun.

One last thing, if you are looking for a report on the potluck last month, remember I am in a period of inactivity, and until the next Finance Committee meeting or I have to administer Time To Sign Up, I am taking a break.

See you at the club or on the water.
—Bob 📍



From the Director

by Tom McNeill,
Director 2

A hoy!
Ahoy Club Members

April was a productive month. The club clean-up day was a huge success with lots of members participating. The club looks great! Since the clean-up day was on April Fool's Day, **Marty Fuller** thought it would be funny to clean up **Michael Dobrezensky** with a good old-fashioned hosing down. I'm including my favorite picture of the day of a wet Michael.

Opening Day was also very well attended, and the club was at capacity, including visitors from other clubs and the Port Authority. Our Commadore, **Bret Clark**, and our Vice Commadore, **Bob Hurd**, made the day extra fun with their comical banter. The food was wonderful, the presentations were well done, the music was entertaining, and the drinks were free.

Barry Stewart, Marty Fuller, and **Greg Jackson** have been working on "Second Wind" and she is ready to sail.

Here's to the start of a good year on the water and in the club!

—Tom 📍



From the Rear Commodore

by Joe Montgomery,
Rear Commodore

A hoy!
April 1st, our annual clean up day where members arrive early and some stayed late. I was impressed with the turn out, a whopping 49 members showed up with their sleeves rolled up and ready to go. Some of you brought your own dusters, rags and good cheer. Many to do lists, were out on the table, as each of you could select your chore for the day. Happy to report, no accidents were reported—No falling off ladders, or falling out of windows. Donuts were provided by **Molly Montgomery**, along with Apple Fritters. I don't know how many of those fritters actually made it to the table, there Molly's favorite. **Pat McGowen** gave a wine

seminar at the end of the day. Sharing a number of varietals Zinfandel, Petite Syrah, Petite Verdot, our own home made Savingnon Blanc and a Zinfandel Port. All the wines, were made by **Gary Cox, Pat McGowen, Phil Bourgart**, and myself. I list myself last because I do the least amount of work. Cheese from France, Normandy, Australia, and Ireland crackers and proscuitto too, appeared on a platter.

It was great fun and a big thanks from me, to all who sacrificed their Saturday morning. And now for the fun part, I am going to attempt to list the names of all who were present. Not in alphabetical order, so here it goes.

Susan Waag, David Williams, Georgina and Dan Pease, Jack Luxton, Steve Goto, John Maulhardt, Carol and Michael Dobrzensky, Sharon Williams, Mike Nordstrom, Tom Rabak, Karen Hiatt, Cindy Markham, Marcia Scott, Lilianna Curtis, Kristin Blecha, Jason Vork, Charlotte Robak, David Erbstoesser, Paul Waldron, Nick and Diane Frost, Randy Kingsbury, Jesper Nielsen, Simo and Carol Nylander, Marty Fuller, Dennis and Paula Dempsey, Kyle Dublin, Madison Martin, Margie Hurd, Tammy Casiano, Matthew Roberts, Bryan Friedman, Phil Borgardt, Katherine Ulrich,

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Val and Sandy Gillespie, John Sorgenfrei, Dave and Andi Tennant, Chad Butcher, Molly Montgomery, John Diaz, Phil Whitney.

Wow, so there it is. Hope I didn't miss anyone. Fair weather to you all.

Smooth Sailing,
—Joe 🚤



Power Report

by Pat Mullen,
Power Captain

A hoy!
Man, we had a nice day on the water with our first Chase Boat training class this past month! It was a gorgeous sunny spring morning on April 13 when new members **Randy Kingsbury** and **Phil Borgardt**, joined me and **John Stocksdale** for our first Chase Boat training of the year. We reviewed towing and trailering "Chase", checked all the required equipment from the checklist and then launched her at the Port San Luis Sport Launch where they sling the boat off the trailer and into the bay. Randy and Phil handled all of that with ease and then we boarded and headed out through the moorings off Dog Beach at Port San Luis. Randy and Phil took turns at the helm, skippered

approaches to both "Second Wind" and Renaissance to practice crew transfers, and then we headed out off Fossil Point past Avila where they inflated, set and retrieved one of our large race markers. It was a fun, busy and informative morning on the water. We then trailered Chase Boat, towed her to the wash rack cleaned her up and flushed the engine. Many thanks to experienced Chase Boat skipper **John Stocksdale** for helping lead the training, and to Randy and Phil for participating and learning how to run "Chase". We have two more Chase Boat training sessions scheduled at the end of April and in early May.

Also, a big thank you to all who turned out for our April 22, Avila and PSL beach and parking lot clean up day. We are fortunate our area is relatively clean so it was a challenge at some locations to find litter, but we had fun, showed up in force showing the community our Yacht Club cares about keeping Avila and Port San Luis clean. And we had a great time meeting and connecting with other club members. Our club's new Community Involvement Committee is looking into some other fun outreach activities for later this year so stay tuned and reach out if you have any questions.

Cheers,
—Pat 🚤



Cruising News

by Michael Ginn,
Cruising Captain

A hoy SLYC members!
I would like to start by recognizing **Kate McInerney**, **Anna Mullen**, and **Kyle Soucy** who attended the April 1, 2023, Sailing Convention for Women at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Newport Beach, CA. All three SLYC members greatly enjoyed the convention and will be sharing some photos and additional information during an upcoming Wet Wednesday at the club on May 10, 2023.

The month of May has two fun SLYC Cruising events planned

(See flyer on page 5)—including the Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show May 4-7, 2023. The show will be at the West-point Harbor in Redwood City, CA. The San Francisco Giants will be hosting a 3-game series against the Milwaukee Brewers for baseball fans who may also want to catch a game.

Later in the month on Saturday, May 20, 2023, we will launch an adventure from the Santa Barbara Harbor to the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club in the Channel Islands Harbor. Please contact me at cruisingcaptain@slyc.org with any questions and to confirm your participation in the May cruising event.

We also have a fun local beach day planned for June 17, 2023. (See flyer on page 5) for more information on our first annual DINGHY DAY event in Avila Beach! Check out all of the club's 2023 cruising events on the Cruising webpage and please let me know if you have any questions.

Look forward to seeing you at the club and out on the water!

Happy sailing,
—Michael 🚤



Kyle, Anna and Kate during a diesel engine class at the Women's sailing convention.

Upcoming Events



Sail Santa Barbara to Channel Islands Harbor Saturday - May 20, 2023



Get ready to set sail with our San Luis Yacht Club members from Santa Barbara to the Channel Islands Harbor where we will gather for lunch with our fellow boater friends at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club (PCYC).

The PCYC is the Channel Island Harbor's only full-service yacht club in a picturesque waterside setting to enjoy harbor views while socializing, dining, or simply relaxing.

The PCYC offers an excellent selection of menu items with a professional chef and staff to serve everything from a quick bite to formal cuisine. The bar, lounge area and spacious heated upper deck are perfect for getting together with our boating friends.

PCYC welcomes reciprocal members of recognized yacht clubs who have a current membership card from our home yacht club. Upon arrival and check-in, PCYC will provide guests with a guest badge whereby they are welcome to enjoy all of the club amenities. Charges in the dining room, bar, and the gear locker are to be paid with credit card as they do not accept cash.

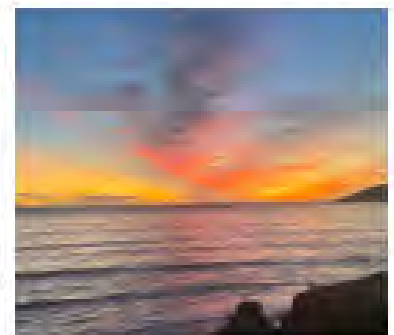
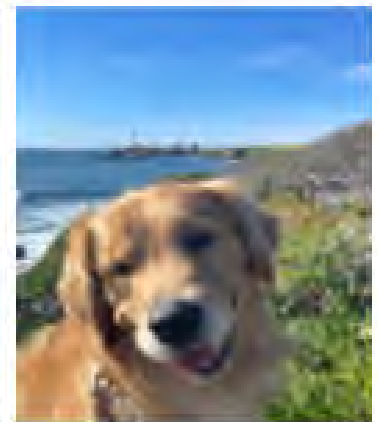
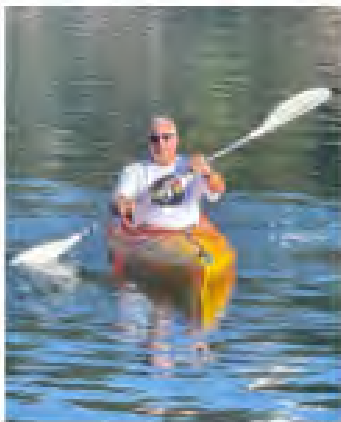




Kayak, SUP, Hobie & Dinghy Day, Avila Beach CA Saturday - June 17, 2023

Plan on having some fun at our local paradise beach with popular water toys like kayaks, stand up paddle boards (SUPs), Hobie Wave's and even our dinghy's. Everyone is welcome to come out and play at the beach even if they don't have a water toy to share.

We will launch from Port San Luis and Fisherman's Beach to go play on the bay, paddle over to the Lighthouse for tide pool exploring, and end the day with a BBQ back at the yacht club.



SLYC Opening Day 2023



Photo collage by Michael Dobrzensky

SLYC Spring Clean-up 2023




Events Calendar

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 No Reservations Allowed	1	2	3	4 NorCal Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show 6pm - Board Meeting in Club House 	5 Cinco de Mayo  No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	6 12pm - Kentucky Derby 
7 NorCal Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show No Reservations Allowed	8	9	10 Wet Wednesday 	11	12 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	13 Commodore's Dinner 5pm Cuesta Sailing 101
14 No Reservations Allowed Mother's Day  Cuesta Sailing 101	15	16	17	18 3pm - Friends of Avila	19 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	20 Sail Santa Barbara to Channel Islands Harbor Cuesta Sailing 101 Tentative 3pm - Elle Ross and Steve Goto
21 No Reservations Allowed Cuesta Sailing 101	22	23	24	25	26 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	27 No Reservations Allowed Tentative ASA 103 Course
28 No Reservations Allowed Tentative ASA 103 Course	29 Memorial Day  MEMORIAL DAY	30	31	1 6pm - Board Meeting in Club House 	2 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	3 No Reservations Allowed

Events Calendar

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 ASA 103 Course No Reservations Allowed	29 Memorial Day 	30	31	1 6pm - Board Meeting in Club House 	2 No Reservations After 6pm - Social Hour	3 No Reservations Allowed
4 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races 	5	6	7	8	9 No Reservations After 6pm - Social Hour	10 Cuesta sailing 101 No Reservations Allowed
11 Cuesta sailing 101 No Reservations Allowed	12	13 Wet Wednesday 	14	15 3pm - Friends of Avila	16 No Reservations After 6pm - Social Hour	17 Cuesta sailing 101 Kayak, SUP, Hobie & Dingy Day-BBQ  No Reservations Allowed
18 Cuesta sailing 101 Father's Day  No Reservations Allowed	19	20	21	22	23 No Reservations After 6pm - Social Hour	24 No Reservations Allowed
25 No Reservations Allowed	26	27	28	29	30 No Reservations After 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	1 No Reservations Allowed

Bar Host/OD Schedule

May 2023

5 Friday Social – Cinco de Mayo

– Tom Swem, OD

Bar Hosts: Fred and Shannon Bond

Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)



6 Saturday – Kentucky Derby Day

– Bob Hurd, OD

Bar Hosts: Sylvia Dodd

Ray Mattison

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Terry and Phil Whitney
Mary Bucher



10 Wet Wednesday

– Kristin Rasmussen, OD

Bar Hosts: Martin and Debbie Testa
Jon and Cindy McKellar

Chef Cook: Jim Smith

Cook Helper: Marcia Scott



12 Friday Social

– Bret Clark, OD

Bar Hosts: Linda and Bill Thoma
Makenzie Blodgett

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Makenzie Blodgett
Steve Goto

19 Friday Social

– Bill McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: George Risher
Kyle Martin

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Cori Burnett
OPEN (1)

26 Friday Social/Potluck

– Micael Ginn, OD

Bar Hosts: Robin Tucker and Tom Kisinger
Dan Harper

Food Host/Clean-up: Shawn Harper
Carrie Ginn



June 2023



2 Friday Social

– TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Robin Tucker and Tom Kisinger
James Madison

Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

9 Friday Social

– Pat Mullen, OD

Bar Hosts: Dave Tennant
OPEN (1)

Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

14 Wet Wednesday – On the Water

– Tom McNeill, OD

Bar Hosts: Janine Lamond
Ray Madison

Chef Cook: Dennis Law

Crew: Mardee Whithouse



16 Friday Social

– Bret Clark, OD

Bar Hosts: Pat Mullen
OPEN (1)

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Anna Mullen
Laura Mullen

17 Saturday PSL Sail Day BBQ

– TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: OPEN (2)

Chef Cook: Marcia Scott

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Tammie Casiano
Robert Lucas



23 Friday Social

– Bill McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: Mark Machala
OPEN (1)

Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

30 Friday Social/Potluck

– TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: OPEN (2)

Kitchen Help/Clean-up: OPEN (2)



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