

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bret Clark,
Commodore

A hoy everyone! As I write this article, we are preparing for our General Membership Meeting. It is hard to believe that we are almost through another year. I will be working with the incoming Commodore to ensure a smooth transition from the 2023 board to the 2024 one. This includes passing information from people who held a 2023 position to those who will be taking on new duties in 2024 and training the new board members about club operations and their responsibilities.

Clubhouse Lease:

The most daunting task that I have had as Commodore this year (and the one that has weighed most heavily on me) is negotiating the lease for the Clubhouse. Work began over a year ago in anticipation of these negotiations. Then Commodore, **Ken San Filippo**, formed a Clubhouse Lease Committee consisting of himself, **Tom Swem**, **Kristen Rasmussen**, **Michael Nordstrom**, and me. Negotiations began in earnest during the middle of this year and have been recently finalized. Our final agreement is simplified, has more predictable rent increases, and clear language about how we will negotiate the next lease agreement. The best news is that we will not have to negotiate a new lease for another twenty years! I would like to thank Jr. Staff Commodore, **Ken San Filippo** for his leadership on this last year. Port Captain, **Tom Swem**, also deserves special thanks for working with the Port, providing insight to the committee, and sharing his expertise in real estate transactions. Director, **Kristen Rasmussen**, took on this extra task even though she was already

extremely busy. Lastly, I would like to thank **Michael Nordstrom** for his work in negotiating the final lease agreement this year. I hope that you will join me in thanking them personally when you see them next.

A Time of Thanks:

November always has been a month of reflection for me; a time where I try to identify all of the things that I am thankful for. At the Club, I am thankful for the 2023 Board of Directors. This group of people have worked hard to support new activities and to restore old ones. I will be recognizing the hard work that the Staff do to make this club run at the Staff Appreciation Dinner in November. The 2023 Staff are: **John Hrdlicka** (Barmaster), **Greg Jackson** (Boat Master), **Hank Johnston** (Small Boat Master), **Bob Rollins** (Burgees), **Donna Ellison** (Foghorn), **Pete Kelley** (Historian), **Denise Reynolds** (Purser), **Jana Barter** (Quartermaster), **Kathleen O'Neill** (Sunshine), and **Michael Dobrzensky** (Webmaster). On a personal note, I am extremely thankful for the support that my family provides. **Michelle Clark** and **Brittany Clark** would have accompanied me to more events, but Brittany has been especially busy since she was cast as Clara in this year's Civic Ballet of SLO's production of the Nutcracker. Michelle has been providing transportation to and from rehearsals and dance classes. I am extremely proud of Brittany's accomplishment... many reasons to be thankful...

As always, 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 

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Vice Views

by Bob Hurd,
Vice Commodore

A hoy!
In the month since my last Foghorn article there have been a lot of Club activities: trivia night, a potluck, **Mike Davis's** 55th Birthday party, the last ocean race of the year, awarding a PACNAP burgee, wine tasting, the last Finance Committee meeting of the year, and a Wet Wednesday.

On September 28, the first of what I hope will be an annual event, Trivia night, was well attended and a lot of fun. The **Fullers, Tenants, and Swems** put on a wonderful evening of Trivia with food and an open bar. Local Trivia Master Larry Peña led what he calls, Brain Stew Trivia, a pub-style trivia quiz. Larry is a professional writer, experienced quizmaster and insatiable Googler. The topics included current events, pop culture, language and wordplay, and the distinctive final Who Am I round. There was food, drinks, and prizes. I think everyone who came had a good time. Where else can you find so much fun on a weeknight evening. Watch for Trivia Night next year.

October means Oktoberfest, and **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller**, with **Tim Waag** and **Greg Jackson**, brought it to the Club on the last Friday in September with a potluck with Schnitzel. The sides brought by members ranged from potato salad to sauerkraut and more. **Georgina Pease** brought desert. **Quinn Plante** and **Matt Farmer** hosted bar, and **Tom Swem** was OD.

Mike Davis celebrated his 55th birthday at the Club with a large gathering, Mexican food catered by Efren's and live music by Manny English. **Barry Stewart, Marty Fuller, Greg** and **Andrea Jackson, Sylvia Dodd,** and **Brenda Noakes** all helped make the event a fun celebration.

The last ocean race of the year was held on Sunday, October 1, with "Second Wind" and "Allegra" competing. Officiating the race on the end of the Cal Poly Pier, Fleet Captain **Dave Ouellet** was assisted by **Michael Dobrzensky** and **Matt Roberts. Randy Kingsbury,** and me, ran the chase boat. **Shawna Rinker** provided delicious and fun lunches for the race committee and the chase boat crew. Thank you Shawna.

This past season there have been several boats at anchor in Avila and I have often wondered if anyone from one of them has ever tried to come to the Club. With the Avila Pier closed it would be hard for someone from a visiting boat to get to the Club—which is only open on Fridays. But one recent Friday, a young couple, Jess, Ben, and their dog Finegan from the "SV Noctiluca" came ashore in their dinghy and joined us for our Social night. **Jana Barter,** Quartermaster, got to talking to them and found out that they had rounded Points Conception and Arguello on their way north to Avila, and would be going south

on their way to the Latitude 38 Baja Ha-ha, rounding them again. Jess and Ben have sold all their land-based belongings, bought a boat and are embarking on a dream trip to Baja and beyond.

Jana remembered that the Club has an award rarely presented, the Points Arguello and Conception Navigation Award Program – PACNAP, initiated by Associate Member Glenn Rogers, and we took the opportunity to award one of the burgees to our visiting mariners.

THE SAN LUIS YACHT CLUB
POINTS ARGUELLO AND CONCEPTION NAVIGATION AWARD PROGRAM

Ever since the days of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, the first European sailor to explore the California coast, the waters around Points Conception and Arguello have been recognized as a formidable challenge. It was for ample reasons that ancient Spanish mariners referred to this area as "la Mandibula del Diablo" – "the Devil's Jaw." Most of those who successfully round these points today agree that the north-bound leg is the more difficult. Even the most experienced mariners do well to research and plan carefully before attempting this hurdle. But rounding the "Cape Horn of the West" is necessary for all those seeking to cruise the length of California's beautiful coast.

The San Luis Yacht Club is located in the first working port north of Point Arguello, in beautiful Avila Beach. We have established a special award program for members of reciprocal yacht clubs to recognize the significant accomplishment of a successful north-bound voyage around The Points.

The Points Arguello and Conception Navigation Award Program is intended to:

1. Create awareness that the sport of marine boating in general and especially in more challenging areas requires dedication to safety and ongoing acquirement of the skills of seamanship.
2. Recognize achievement of this voyage by highly qualified boaters and vessels capable of such an undertaking safely.
3. Encourage members of reciprocal yacht clubs to visit Port San Luis and the San Luis Yacht Club as a part of their coastal voyage.

Avila Beach – Port San Luis

Our home port is one of the most desirable Ports of Call on the California Coast! Avila Beach - Port San Luis offers great food, motel accommodations, and convenient access to local wine country, entertainment, and other attractions. Port San Luis offers fuel, a work dock with electric and water, marine mechanics, and overnight orders for boat parts not immediately available at Port San Luis. Mooring and Anchorage is readily available, and dinghy dockage is convenient.



The shuttle bus from Avila to Rasmussen Vineyards was the way to go to and from the wine tasting event organized by Cruising Captain **Mike Ginn,** and Director **Kristen Rasmussen.** No other method of transportation was anywhere near as fun as on the bus—so I have been told.

Rasmussen Vineyards is a small family run winery east of Paso Robles and the wine tasting, tours, and appetizers by **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller** made for a nice afternoon. This is another event that I hope, like Kentucky Derby Day and Trivia Night, will become annual events.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee this year I want

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to thank the members who served on the committee: **Mark Corella**, Treasurer; **Kristen Rasmussen**, Director; **Ron Pigeon**, Past Treasurer; members **Jack Luxton** and **Dan Cashier**. The Committee will be making a formal recommendation to the Board of Directors which will include an increase in dues, build reserves for 6 months of operating expenses and to cover the expected costs for capital replacement costs, improved financial reporting, and optimize returns on funds not needed short term.

Wet Wednesdays are one of my favorite Club events but when they are on the water, subject to the conditions and the weather. Wednesday, October 11, was forecast to be gale force winds gusting to 45kts. At 0800 that morning I thought about going to my boat but was dissuaded by the gale flag flying at the Harbor Office and that I could not imagine getting back to the pier in my dinghy. We cancelled the on the water portion of the event.

But that did not stop us from having fun at the Clubhouse that evening with a fully loaded baked potato dinner donated by **Karen** and **Scott Negri** and **Connie Bruton**. **Tom Capen** and **Barbara** and **Joe Boud** hosted bar and **Kristen Rasmussen** was OD.

At the October Wet Wednesday Judy Sheesley, Recreational Boaters of California Director and member of Morro Bay Yacht Club, gave a presentation on how RBOC engages in advocacy efforts on legislation and regulations, supporting proposals that would enhance recreational boating, and opposing proposals that would have a detrimental impact on the state's three million boating enthusiasts.

One proposal that RBOC opposed was the State legislature's attempt to balance the books of the Division of Boating and Waterways Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund deficit by raising boat registration fees by 300%. If you own a boat registered in California you can thank RBOC for your registration fees not going up.

Many other yacht clubs are "friends" of RBOC through donations. Your Board of Directors thought that a better choice would be rather than spending Club funds to let members make individual donations. Members attending that night raised \$106 to be donated to RBOC.

Vice Views would not be complete if I did not mention there are openings in Time To Sign Up but this time there are only two in the immediate future—one bar host and one clean-up for the October 27 Halloween Potluck.

See you at the Club...
—Bob 🇺🇸



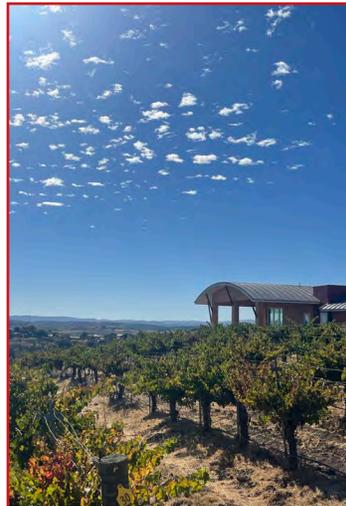
Cruising News

by Michael Ginn,
Cruising Captain

A hoy SLYC members! We have had some much fun during the last couple San Luis Yacht Club cruising events. Thanks to **Marty** and **Lettie Fuller** for hosting sailing captains and crews for happy hour and BBQ's onboard "Amigos" during the August 25-27 adventure from Santa Barbara to Santa Cruz Island. We had awesome sailing conditions and anchored at Smugglers for a couple of very fun nights. Lots of photos to share thanks to **Mike Davis**.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/CMU4dsF91pGwznc6>

Then in early October we took to a LAND-BASED cruise adventure in Paso Robles hosted by **Kristin Rasmussen** and her awesome family at Rasmussen Vineyard and Winery. We had about 25 yacht club members and friends participate in the wine tasting, wine making tour, and even had fun ATV rides around the beautiful vineyard. Also a special thanks for another great BBQ (or is it a grilling) by **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller** while we were at the winery. Lots of photos



Rasmussen Winery and Vineyard

to share thanks to **John Stockdale**. See more photos on the SLYC website.

Also, don't forget I am still working to schedule a tour of the Marre House in Avila Beach (date TBD) and we will also be scheduling a skipper's meeting with the crews for a review of the float plan on the Bahamas December 9-16, 2023 cruise.

Please let me know if you have any questions on any of our cruising activities and I look forward to seeing you at the yacht club and out on the water!

Happy Sailing,
—Michael 🇺🇸



From the Rear Commodore

by Joe Montgomery,
Rear Commodore

Greetings Yacht Club members.
It has been a fix and repair month at the Yacht Club. A broken window, west of the front door, broken light on the

deck by the BBQ, a mouse invasion that like the coffee we make. Lost keys. So just to let you all know all issues have been addressed, with much thanks to our club members **Gary Cox** for replacing the deck light and **Dan Pease** for making another table top out of beautiful Red Oak wood. Two tables have been completed and a third is on its way for completion soon. I think the club is looking ship shape; however, the windows are looking funky, (dirty) so if you are a member that needs to stay in good graces with the BOD let me know so you can get credit. That is all I have to report on for now. I think I'll start thinking about what I will be on Halloween...

Smooth Sailing,
—Joe 



Sunshine Committee



Remember to notify Kathleen O'Neill, Chairperson of the Sunshine Committee, of any illnesses, injuries, or surgeries of Club Members who may need some get well wishes and support from other Club Members. Please also notify her of the passing of any Club Member or their family members so that she may compose a tribute for them and send them a condolence card on behalf of the Club. As she and the Club always respect the privacy of Club Members, she will post a notice in the Foghorn about such illnesses, injuries, etc. only with the member's permission. Please contact Kathleen at 805-550-5010 or email her at koneill555@gmail.com.

— Kathleen O'Neill
Sunshine Committee

Reminder-Bar Hosting



Attention to all club members who wish to complete their club services as a Bar Host.

All bar hosts and/or anyone who checks ID's, serves alcohol, serves as a cashier, manages, or trains those who are responsible for alcohol-related duties, must complete a California State Responsible Beverage Service Training (RBS) course, by July 2022.

Your training course must include the successful completion of an Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) administered RBS exam. The certification requirements for AB 1221 must be renewed every 3 years.

You will find an RBS Training course from one of the Department-approved training providers online and must pass the Department's alcohol server certification exam with a 70% or better.

The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) offers an online Responsible Beverage Service Portal! This portal provides access to all the tools you will need to ensure compliance with the mandatory RBS training requirements for Alcohol Servers, Licensees, and Training Providers.

www.rbstp@abc.ca.gov.

Events Calendar

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Marre House Halloween No Reservations Allowed 	30	31 Halloween 	1	2 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	3 No Reservations After 3pm 5:30pm - General Membership Meeting 6pm - Social Hour	4 RESERVED 3pm - Ray Mattison
5 No Reservations Allowed Daylight Saving Time 	6	7 RESERVED 5pm - Pali Kai General Membership Meeting Election Day 	8 Wet Wednesday 	9	10 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	11 Cuesta sailing lessons Staff Appreciation Dinner  Veterans Day 
12 Cuesta sailing lessons No Reservations Allowed	13	14	15	16 3pm - Friends of Avila	17 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	18 Cuesta sailing lessons RESERVED 1pm - Steve Dahl
19 Cuesta sailing lessons No Reservations Allowed	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day 	24 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	25
26 No Reservations Allowed	27	28	29	30	1 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	2 4pm - Decorating Contest 6pm - Lighted Boat

Events Calendar

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 No Reservations Allowed	27	28	29	30	1 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	2 4pm - Decorating Contest Tree Decorating-Potluck 6pm - Lighted Boat Parade
3 No Reservations Allowed	4	5 Reserved Bill Dyer	6	7 5pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse 	8 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	9 Bahamas' Cruise: Exumas / Abaco.....
10 Bahamas' Cruise: Exumas / Abaco..... No Reservations Allowed	11	12	13	14	15 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	16 Reserved 1pm - Mary Matakovich
17 No Reservations Allowed	18	19	20	21 3pm - Friends of Avila	22 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	23
24 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Second Wind Reception Mixer 	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	30
31 New Year's Eve No Reservations Allowed	1 New Year's Day 12pm - Polar Bear Plunge 	2	3	4 5-7pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse (ZOOM) 6-8pm	5 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	6

Bar Host/OD Schedule

November 2023

3 Friday Social / General Membership Meeting

—Tom McNeill, OD

Bar Hosts: Janine McNeill

Kathy Metcalf

Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Brian Metcalf

Paul and Tracy Schiro



8 Wet Wednesday

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD

Bar Hosts: Karen Silva

Barrie Cleveland

Chef Cook: Carol Nylander

Cook Crew/Clean-up: Georgina Pease



10 Friday Social

—Tom Swem, OD

Bar Hosts: Berenice Parsons

Doug Parish

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Molly Montgomery

Catherine Ulrich

11 Saturday Staff Appreciation Dinner

—Mike Davis, OD

Bar Hosts: Ken McDaniel

Leland Swenson

Chef Cooks: Paul and Tracy Schiro

Assist. Cooks: Deborah and Leland Swenson

Cook Crew: Sharon and Ken McDaniel

Clean-up: Tina Radovich

Kevin Williams



17 Friday Social

—Bill McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: Richard Scangarello

Karen Silva

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Gary Silva

Warren Ristow



December 2023

1 Friday Social

—Bill McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: Gary Ross

Cindy and Jason Vormbaum

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Kate McInerney

OPEN (1)

2 Saturday Cookie and Tree Decoration - Potluck

—Bob Hurd, OD

Bar Hosts: Matthew Farmer

Brittany Tomasko

Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: Sally Kren

Jim Blecha



8 Friday Social

—Bob Hurd, OD

Bar Hosts: Ellen and Michael Sheffer

Karl and Carolyn Blum

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Ellen and Michael Sheffer

OPEN (1)

15 Friday Social

—Bill McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: Ellen and Michael Sheffer

Garth Kelly

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Ellen and Michael Sheffer

OPEN (1)

22 Friday Social

—Tom McNeill, OD

Bar Hosts: Janine McNeill

Kathy Metcalf

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Brian Metcalf

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