



#### View From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd, Commodore

hoy everyone!

Another month has just flown by and the deadline for writing this article did not come at a convenient time; I am restoring a maple butcher block table–in the kitchen. The recent weather forecast for the Sierra was for snow and it looks like it snowed in my kitchen. I guess I should have hooked up the shop vac to that little hose thing on the sander. Even though it is not convenient now I will do what is expected and write this article.

I think that is what the membership is going through too-and signing up for Friday socials, brunches, and Halloween Dinners, is not convenient just now. I shouldn't have to lean on members who need to make up service credits or do a hail-mary all member mass email to staff a Friday social. For Club events to continue all of us members need to step up and volunteer or events will be cancelled. Vice Commodore, **Bret Clark**, will be talking about the vacancies in Time To Sign Up in his article.

Despite the shortage of volunteers for future events, this last month there was a potluck, an Ocean Race, a Wet Wednesday, and a brunch.

I can't report on the potluck and the Ocean Race, but I did attend the Wet Wednesday and the brunch.

Both events were at risk of being cancelled for lack of volunteers for some of the tasks but because members stepped up they were successful.

Director Matt Farmer stepped in for Power Fleet Captain, Mike Ginn, as OD for the September Wet Wednesday and even though it was not wet, at least not on the water, 15 people enjoyed a lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and cookie dinner prepared by Lee and Debbie Swenson and Ken and Sharon McDaniel. Members Jim and Jan Smith helped with the bar and clean-up. Our last Wet Wednesday on the water is usually in October. Hopefully we can muster a couple of boats for one last time for the year.

I seemed to be challenged in the kitchen-my sawdust dilemma at home

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and at the Club I signed up to cook brunch in September. Up until a week before the brunch there were no Cooks, and we would have to cancel otherwise. With a lot of help from Brenda Noakes, Terry and Phil Whitney setting up, cooking and doing the dishes, Steve DeRose and Mark Plassard covering the bar, and Connie Bruton helping with Clean-up we had brunch. Michael Dobrzensky captured the moment. (Photo below)



Bill McInerney was OD for the brunch and helped make the event a success. You probably did not know that when you go to get a roll of paper towels, or any other dry good in the Clubhouse, it has been Bill that keeps things stocked. Thank you Bill, we're going to miss you on the Board next year.

Maybe now would be a good time to mention that for events with meals, most of them are prepaid through the Member's Section page on the website, but all meals are shared costs and everyone, including help, pays their share of the cost of the meal.

Be sure to see THANK YOU SLYC VOLUNTEERS in the Foghorn.

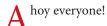
Don't forget your Responsible Beverage Server (RBS) certification to satisfy the requirements of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control will be expiring sometime in the next year or so. Certificates are good for three years. We will all have to be recertified prior to the expiration date to remain valid. Hopefully we will all get recertified so we can all work behind the bar at Club events and keep things going.

The snow in the Sierra has all melted, but the sawdust in my kitchen isn't going anywhere.



#### **Vice Views**

by Bret Clark, Vice Commodore



#### Time to Sign Up:

We started off the year with plenty of people volunteering for duty. This has resulted in no activities being cancelled so far. As I look into October and November, however, there are several openings that have yet to be filled. Please check out Time to Sign Up and sign up for open slots. This is especially true if you have not volunteered twice this year. If everyone did just their two service requirements, we would have more than enough coverage for all of our events. That being said, if you see an opening and you already have completed two or more services, please consider filling it. I would hate to have to cancel an event due to lack of volunteers.

#### **Finance Committee Update:**

The Finance Committee has met several times during the summer to make recommendations to the board regarding the general fiscal shape of the club. This year's Finance Committee was composed of Kristen Rasmussen, Ron Pigeon, Jack Luxton, Dan Cashier, and Bob Hurd. The Committee analyzed the past year's income and expenditures. In 2023, our the difference between our income and expenses was \$59,207. Based upon our year-to-date analysis in 2024, we expect to once again have a net positive difference. This is good news given that there are several Capital Improvement Projects on the horizon, including the Galley Refresh project. This project alone (which will begin in January 2025) has a budget of \$80,000. We also analyzed all future Capital Improvement Projects. Based upon this analysis, we believe that the \$302,323 that we have in assets will cover the costs associated with these projects as well. I have included two pie charts below which describe how we generate revenue and what we spend our revenue on.

As you can see from the Income pie chart, the largest source of income is in dues. Although the bar, boating, and ship's store make up a significant percentage of revenue, they also have expenses associate with them.

Looking at the Expenses pie chart, our building expenses and lease and insurance make up the largest portion of our expenses. These areas have also been the most affected by high inflation during the past three years. We have made efforts to ameliorate increases by analyzing our expenses and making changes when possible. This has resulted in savings of over \$10,000 per year.

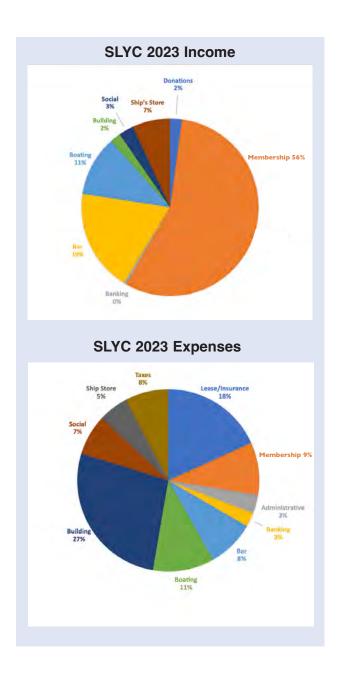
The Finance Committee made the following recommendations to the board during it's September board meeting which were accepted:

- Maintain 6 months of cash in the checking account. Stagger the remaining funds into 3 staggered CD's that come due every~4 months.
- 2. Create the 2025 budget based upon rolling the 2024 expenditures + 3.5% cost of living adjustment.
- 3. No dues increase for 2025.
- Reassess the fiscal state of the Club once the Galley Refresh Project is completed.

Please remember to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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

—Bret ψ





### Jr. Staff Commodore Report

by Ken San Filippo, Jr. Staff Commodore

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## 2025 New Member Applications – Information and Timeline of Dates

As we plan for the 2025 new membership applications, please take the time to review the following information to become familiar with the new member application process and timeline of dates.

If you have someone in mind or asked to be a sponsor for membership to the club. Please note the dates and sponsor responsibilities. I have also added informal informational night dates to be available at the club to talk with any potential members. (Dates are provided under interested in becoming a member.)

Information for the 2025 membership drive will be published in the October Foghorn, the Scuttlebutt an informational flyer will be posted at the club as well as a link posted on our club's web page.

## New Membership information / Timeline and Dates

The 2025 New Member selection committee will consist of **Bob Hurd** as the Committee membership chair and five flag members TBD.

Club applications will only be available at the in-person application meetings. Jan 16 and Jan 21 @6:30pm. Bring your laptop to download the application or sponsor form. (Forms will be posted only the night of the 2 meetings.)

Due to a 200 Flag member cap – openings for new members are unknown until after the club's membership dues payment for 2025 closes on 12/31/2024. Although I am projecting 4-6 openings. The board will be confirming membership openings at the February 6, 2025, Board meeting.

Due to club membership timeline constraints, the time frame process is tight from the application stage to the interview time to meet the March board approval of new members. With a short timeline the following two application meeting dates are scheduled for Thursday Jan 16 and Tuesday Jan 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the SLYC. Applicants and sponsors only attend one of the two meetings. Application/sponsor forms to be downloaded at the meeting(s).

Those interested in becoming a member or have questions on the following dates please give Commodore B. Hurd, 2025 membership chair, a heads up in advance via email or text, to be available at the club's evening social events to informally answer

questions/discuss the applicant process on the following dates 10/18, 11/15, and 12/6.

FYI—New members are not required to attend any of these 3 listed informational nights. Please pre contact Commodore, Bob Hurd 2025 membership chair if you have a potential applicant prior to coming to the dates listed.

The new member process and requirements changed per bylaws in 2023 and in 2024 applications went paperless.

New members to apply must have 2 sponsors, one of the two sponsors will need to have known the applicant for a minimum of 1 year. Note: Sponsors cannot recommend new members until after their 3rd year of membership.

Both sponsors must be willing to help mentor the new member with the required 6 onboarding events to complete during their probationary flag membership year, not the 2 required service time commitments.

Sponsors (Honorary or Flag members) must be Members in Good Standing, club members for 3 or more years and one of the two sponsors must have known the applicant a minimum of one year and must be able to attest to the applicant's volunteerism, boating experience, and participation if applicable in Club activities as a guest, and a willingness to assist with the new member mentoring/and the required 6 board approved onboarding (OB) events. (OB list to be provided to new members at the orientation meeting.)

Members can sponsor only one applicant per year. (refer to item 3.)

New members are probationary Flag members their first-year contingent on completing the 6-onboarding events requirement prior to November 6, 2025. (JSC will monitor progress during the probationary period.)

Two application meetings are scheduled at the club – applicants with sponsors attend only 1 of the 2 meeting dates.

Applications provided only at the meeting – note members/ sponsors bring a laptop will need to download the forms while at the meetings scheduled for Jan 16 and 21 at the SLYC. (must attend one of them.)

Perspective members, and spouse, must attend the application meeting with their sponsor(s). Bring a laptop.

#### **Important Dates: SLYC**

Friday Social October 18, November 15, and December 6 – These are general interest talks – not required to attend – sponsors please give Commodore Hurd, 2025 membership chair a heads up via email/text – to be available to meet potential applicants who have an interest in applying for membership. A laptop will be needed for the January meeting.

Thursday 1/16 and Tuesday 1/21/2025, Application Meetings at 6:30 pm at the SLYC. Applicants and Sponsors need to attend only one of the two meetings. (Application/sponsor forms to be downloaded at the meeting) Need laptop.

Friday 2/7/2025 by 8 pm, completed new member application from the applicants including their sponsors forms must be received as a PDF file 2/7/25, 8pm by Jr. Staff Commodore, Bob Hurd, 2025 membership chair.

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Applications are to be send as one PDF attachment via email send to Jr. Staff Commodore, membership chair Bob Hurd rbrt@gmail. com Note - Jr. Staff Commodore will confirm receipt of application to applicant.

Sunday 2/16/2025, applicants selected for an interview will be contacted by Jr. Staff Commodore (Bob Hurd) via email with an interview time slot.

Saturday 2/22/2025, Interviews scheduled at the club in person (Time to Be determined /10 am - 4 pm).

Wednesday 2/25/2025 Jr. Staff Commodore, membership chair after receiving selection confirmation from selection chair -notifies all applicants via email and phone contact of their membership status. Members selected are tentatively approved until the board officially votes on their probationary membership at the 3/7/25 board meeting.

Thursday 3/7/2025, Membership chair forwards members selected to the SLYC board for approval. Note per bylaws approved in 2023, new members will be considered probational flag members their first year and must complete during their probational period 6 onboarding events per an approved plan (TBD with the member and Jr. Staff Commodore membership

chair) this is in addition to their two required service time commitments.

Saturday 3/8/25, 10:00 -12:30 PM at club – (check in 10 am /Brunch 10:30) A required new member orientation meeting is scheduled for the new members selected (not sponsors). A brunch will be served with a meet and greet social time with the flag officer team. In addition to the orientation to the club, new members' onboarding (OB) activities requirements will be discussed (a board approved designated listing of OB events will be provided). The OB plan due April 30 to JSC – activities need to be completed prior to Nov 6, 2025. Members will also receive their club's name tags, card key access and a picture will be taken for the club directory. New members are required to pay their one-time initiation fee and SLYC annual dues at this event.

By Mid April – B.Hurd, will contact new members as a follow up specific to any questions / concerns to complete OB form.

Saturday 4/12 or 19 /25, Noon – projected date – 2025 club calendar not approved until Dec 2024. New members will be asked to attend – the 88th annual San Luis Yacht Club Opening Day held at the club so that they can be introduced by the Commodore to the membership, sponsors present would be nice but not required.

Best, —Ken ↓



## From the Rear Commodore

by Pat Mullen, Rear Commodore

Greetings fellow Club Members!

It's been a busy summer with a lot of club and boat maintenance. Some of our new members, like Lily and Jason

Curtis, did onboarding activities reviewing club mechanical systems and helping with Chase boat maintenance. (Pictured below) Lily and Jason helping with engine and oil checks on Chase boat. Also, recently Marty Fuller replaced the worn shrouds on our club sailboat, "Second Wind." That's Marty climbing up into the spreader bars on the mast to install the new shrouds! Marty also recently rebuilt the port winch on Second Wind after it failed during a Wet Wednesday sail. Give Marty, Lily and Jason a big thank you, next time you see them. It's volunteering like this that really makes our club so special. Sign up or reach out and volunteer, you will get back way more than you give.

Cheers, —Pat ↓







↑ hoy SLYC Members.

When you have charted your course, hoisted the sails, and secured the galley, the diesel engine is shut off and all you hear is the wind and the boat moving through the water—That's how the weekend, 2-night, trip to Santa Cruz Island started. It was perfect.

It became a little less perfect as the wind and sea increased. The conditions at our first anchorage on Friday afternoon, Prisoner's Harbor, was more windy than ideal, but we fixed that. We moved around the end of the island to Yellowbanks and its shelter from the wind. With incredibly clear water and a clean sandy bottom we could see rays as they buried themselves in the sand under the boat and a great numbers of pyrosomes (think pickles of the sea). We had excellent conditions for kayaking and paddleboarding. While we had wind on the Friday out to the island the Sunday

trip back to Santa Barbara was the opposite, still and flat. This did provide excellent dolphin-watching conditions.

Thank you, **Marty** and **Lettie Fuller** on "Amigos", **Michael Dobrzensky** on "Wind Star" and **Kevin Williams** on "Voyager II" for making this trip possible for all of us.

By the time you read this the last of the 2024 Cruising Events has already happened and now we are planning for 2025. If you have any suggestions or thoughts about a cruising event for 2025 please share them with me. The "big" trip next year is the group cruise to the BVI at the end of March. At this time I expect we will have at least 5 boats. I'll be having a 2025 BVI Trip meeting sometime in October, so keep your eyes and ears open.

See you on the water. —Kristin ↓







### **New Burgees**



Sylvia Dodd completed a burgee exchange with the Cape Fear Yacht Club in Willington, NC.



Pat McGowen completed a burgee exchange with the Falmouth Yacht Club, Falmouth, MA.



Jack Pierce exchanged a burgee with Canyon Lake Yacht Club, Canyon Lake, CA.



Bob Hurd exchanged burgees with Little Ship Fleet Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA.



Mike Davis exchanged a burgee with Westpoint Yacht Club, Redwood City, CA.



## **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'NeillSunshine Committee

## **Thank You September Volunteers**



6 Friday Social

-Bret Clark, OD

Bar Hosts: Karen Hiatt

Rick Bertram

Food Host/Clean-up: Dennis Law

Jim Fuller

8 Ocean Race

—David and Patty Ouellet, P.R.O. Race Committee: Joan and Ron Perkins

Lily and Jason Curtis

Leanne Drummond

Chase Boat: Rod Valine

Bill Dyer

11 Wet Wednesday-On the Water

-Michael Ginn, OD

Bar Hosts: Jim and Jan Smith

Ken McDaniel

Chief Cook: Debby and Leland Swenson

Cook Helper: Sharon McDaniel

13 Friday Social

—Michael Ginn, OD

Bar Hosts: Karl Blum

Ellen and Michael Sheffer

Food Host/Clean-up: Ellen and Michael Sheffer

Carolyn Blum

15 Sunday Brunch

-William McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: Steve DeRose

Mark Plassard

Chief Cook: Bob Hurd

Assistan Cook: Brenda Noakes

Crew: Doug Anthony

Connie Bruton

20 Friday Social

-Bret Clark, OD

Bar Hosts: Gary and Alex Joralemon

Food Host/Clean-up: Jim Fuller

27 Friday Social/Potluck

-Kristin Rasmussen, OD

Bar Hosts: Reid Hester

Food Host/Clean-up: Mary Janowicz

Molly Montgomery



## **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.

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.

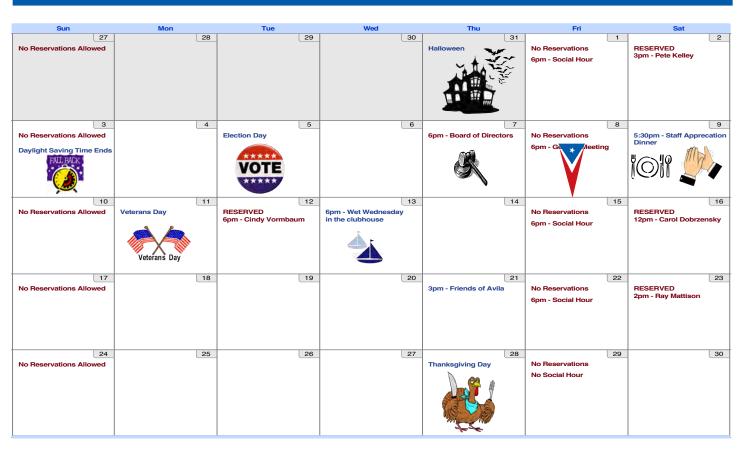
www.rbstp@abc.ca.gov.



## **Events Calendar OCTOBER**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Reservations Allowed	30	1	2	6pm - Board Meeting in Club House	No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	Rasmussen Vinyards
No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races #6 (last of season)	7	8	Wet Wednesday 1pm - On the water 7pm - Dinner	10	No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	Zongo Cup RESERVED 5pm - Leanne Drummond
No Reservations Allowed	Columbus Day	15	16	3pm - Friends of Avila Pier	No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	19
No Reservations Allowed	21	22	23	RESERVED 3pm - M Scott	No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	6pm - Halloween Dinner / Dance
No Reservations Allowed	28	29	30	Halloween 31	No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	RESERVED 3pm - Pete Kelley

## **Events Calendar NOVEMBER**



## **Bar Host/OD Schedule**

#### November 2024

1 Friday Social

-Carter McGowen, OD

Bar Hosts: Susan and JJ Cutts Francoisse

OPEN (1)

Food Host/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

8 General Membership Meeting

—Bret Clark, OD

Bar Hosts: OPEN (2)

Crew/Clean-up: Denise Reynolds

OPEN (1)

9 Staff Appreciation Dinner

-Matthew Farmer, OD

Bar Hosts: OPEN (2)

Chief Cook: Paul Schiro

Assist. Cook: OPEN (1)

Cook Crew: OPEN (1)

Clean-up: Paul and Eileen Sverchek

OPEN (1)

13 Wet Wednesday

-Carter McGowen, OD

Bar Hosts: Barb and Joe Boud

Pat Cusack

Chief Cook: Carol Nylander

Cook Crew/Clean-up: Georgina Pease

15 Friday Social

-Carter McGowen, OD

Bar Hosts: Bernenice Parsons

Doug Parish

Food Host/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

22 Friday Social

—Willam McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: Steve Johnson

OPEN (1)

Food Host/Clean-up: Tina Radovich

Eion and Claire Dufy



#### October 2024

4 Friday Social

—Kate Gillespie, OD

Bar Hosts: Linda and Bill Thoma

Makenzie Blodgett

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Kathy Dahl Kunkel

OPEN (1)

9 Wet Wednesday-On the Water

-Carter McGowen, OD

Bar Hosts: Judy Bellis

OPEN (1)

Chief Cook: Scott and Karen Negri

Cook Crew/Clean-up: Pat Cusack

11 Friday Social

-William McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: Cindy and Jason Vormbaum

OPEN (1)

Food Host/Clean-up: Pat Cusack

OPEN (1)

18 Friday Social

-Bret Clark, OD

Gary and Alex Joralemon

OPEN (1)

Food Host/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

25 Friday Social/Potluck

-Matthew Farmer, OD

Bar Hosts: OPEN (2)

Chief Cook: OPEN (1)

Assist. Cook: OPEN (1)

Crew/Clean-up: Steve Goto

OPEN (1)

26 Saturday Halloween Dinner/Dance

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Mark and/or Christine Machala Bar Hosts: Mary and Marshall Witkowski

Chief Cook: Lily Curtis

Assist. Cook: OPEN (1)

Crew/Clean-up: Eion Duffy

Mary and Marshall Witkowski

Terry Whitney

OPEN (1)



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