

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,
Commodore

A hoy everyone!
For those two astronauts on the International Space Station waiting on a ride home on the Boeing Starliner the last month must have been painfully slow. For me it has flown by.

There was a potluck, an Ocean Race (see Fleet Captain **Dave Ouellet's** article) and the Board of Directors meeting was postponed a week because both Vice Commodore **Bret Clark** and I were out of town. There was a Dock Party in Santa Barbara (see Cruising Captain **Kristen Rasmussen's** article) and there was a fun Wet Wednesday. There was also a Steering Committee meeting.

The August Wet Wednesday was everything that I could hope for on a beautiful summer day; a fun sail and a good dinner afterwards. (see collage on page 3) "Second Wind" and "Fat Cat" went out for an afternoon sail and found 25kt wind outside but nothing inside. On "Second Wind" **JJ Francoise, Steve Johnson, Randy Kingsbury, and Tom McNeill** reefed to make for a comfortable sail. On "Fat Cat" **Marty Fuller** pushed a little bit and had an exhilarating sail with **Dick Strachan, Michael Dobrzensky** and me. Afterwards, **Debbie Collins-Johnson and Greg Ross and Patricia Ryan** served Cioppino for the 30 or so lucky enough to be there. Director **Matt Farmer** co-hosted the bar and **Connie Bruton** cleaned-up. Treasurer **Mark Corella** did double duty as OD and bar co-host.

Be sure to see THANK YOU SLYC VOLUNTEERS (page 6) in the Foghorn.

We are seeing many of the Club members who fell behind on their service credits volunteering for events and that is good to see. Thank you.

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At the Friday Social on August 16 we reciprocated with Jack Pierce and his wife from the Canyon Lake Yacht Club (page 5) and exchanged burgees.

Also, that same evening Albert Pedrazza from the Treasure Island Yacht Club, in the San Francisco Bay, and his son Steffan visited. Steffan lives in Nipomo and we might see him at the Club sometime.

The Steering Committee, composed of past commodores and chaired by Senior Staff Commodore **Mike Davis**, met with 14 Staff Commodores attending dinner and an open discussion. It was an opportunity for me to give the committee a report on progress this year and elicit an open discussion. The Staff Commodores assembled included: **Darrel Rundstrom**, 1989; **Pat McGowen**, 1998; **Karen Hiatt**, 2025; **Mark Machala**, 2007; **Michael Dobrzensky**, 2009; **Bill Dyer**, 2013; **Ray Mattison**, 2016; **Mary Matakovich**, 2017; **Barry Stewart**, 2019 and 2020, **Mike Davis**, 2021, **Ken San Filippo**, 2022; **Bret Clark**, 2023; and me, 2011 and 2024. **Mike Davis** with help from Vice Commodore **Pat Mullen** and Junior Staff Commodore **Ken San Filippo** served a lasagna dinner and **Marty Fuller** tended bar. I thought the open discussion was productive, and several of the ideas discussed will be presented to the Board for consideration.

One of the ideas discussed is moving our Friday Socials to Saturday from the beginning of May through August when the Avila Beach Farmer's Market runs. If you have an opinion on this, please send me an email at commodore@slyc.org.

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 couple of years. 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.

I thought that August would be a slow time, a time to enjoy the summer weather and the Clubhouse but it wasn't. Maybe September will be SLOer. I hope to see you down at the Clubhouse.

—Bob



Vice Views

by Bret Clark,
Vice Commodore

A hoy everyone!

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 September and October, 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.

Santa Barbara Sail Day:

I would like to thank Staff Commodore, **Michael Dobrzensky** and **Carol Dobrzensky** for hosting **Michelle, Brittany**, and Staff Commodore, **Mike Davis** aboard “Wind Star” during the Santa Barbara Sail Day. The weather was great; the sea state was calm, and the wind was light, but heavier than forecast, so we were able to sail all day. The only thing better than the weather, was the great food and conversation that we shared. Unfortunately, we were unable to stay for the after-party aboard “Amigos”, so I will leave it to another attendee to provide a report on that portion of the day. We have been attending these events for many years now and each one has been great fun. If you have the chance next year, please try to attend!

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

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



Jr. Staff Commodore Report

by Ken San Filippo,
Jr. Staff Commodore

A hoy Members.

Status Update of New Members Onboarding Activities

I hope most of you are taking advantage of this nice weather out on the bay sailing and participating in the many club events scheduled this summer.

In 2023 our club bylaws were revised for membership; new members are probationary Flag members their first-year contingent on completing the 6-onboarding events requirement, in addition to our two-service time requirement for all members to stay eligible in the club.

New members select from a variety of onboarding club events approved by the board with the objective for the new members to gain insight and awareness of the operation of the club and participate in the numerous water activities other than Friday night socials.

Members, **Charles** and **Debra Barfoot**, **Jason** and **Lily Curtis**, **Robert** and **Karen Engel**, **JJ Francoise** and **Susan Cutts Francoise**, **Eddie** and **Wendy O’Brien**, **Melissa Smith**, and **Paul Waldron** have all been active since Opening Day and many of these new members are close to completing their onboarding requirement prior to the November 1st deadline.

I like to thank the sponsors and the following Flag officers for assisting these new members with their onboarding events: **Tom Swem** Port Captain, **David Ouellet** Sail Fleet Captain, **Mike Ginn** Power Fleet Captain, **Kristin Rasmussen** Cruising Captain, **Pat Mullen**, Port Captain, **Bret Clark** Vice Commodore, and **Bob Hurd** Commodore.

In last month’s Foghorn I had included a collage of numerous events our new members are participating these last few months to complete their onboarding requirements: PSL meetings, SLYC board meetings, Chase boat, Ocean races, beach cleanup, ASA/Boaters certification.

As we plan for the 2025 new membership applications, if you have someone in mind or asked to be a sponsor for membership to the club.

Applicant information and dates for the 2025 membership drive will be published (October) in the Foghorn, the Scuttlebutt and a flyer will be posted at the club as well as a link posted on our club’s web page. **Bob Hurd** will be taking over the membership drive after January 1, 2025.

Best,
—Ken ⚓



From the Rear Commodore

by Pat Mullen,
Rear Commodore

Fuller, Steve Dahl, Gary Cox, Dennis Dempsey, Bret Clark, and me are working to keep our remodel effort moving forward. The remodeled galley will have a more functional “commercial” vibe and quality with all stainless-steel cabinets, industrial vinyl flooring, open shelving, new tankless water heater, professional finishes, etc. Some preconstruction work is planned for this fall including upgraded piping and plumbing and other prep work that won’t impact club use. The galley will be closed in January and February 2025 for the construction remodel work to be done. Some work has already begun like the recently completed installation of a new larger capacity gas meter. Stay tuned for more detail in future Foghorn articles.

Cheers,
—Pat

Greetings fellow Club Members!
Only four more months until our galley remodel begins! Demo of our old cabinets will begin right after the Polar Bear Plunge on January 1, 2025. Our awesome galley remodel team of **Marty**

Wet Wednesday





Cruising News

by Kristin Rasmussen,
Cruising Captain

A hoy fellow yacht club members. We had a wonderful Sail and Dockside Party in Santa Barbara on the 10th of August. Thank you, Marty and Lettie Fuller and Darryl and Linda Rundstrum for hosting all 27 of us on “Amigos”, and your dock.

The day cleared of clouds relatively early and the gentle winds moved the boats along for a leisurely afternoon sail that included dolphins joining us to ride the wake. After returning to the harbor, we gathered on “Amigos” for a taco bar, margaritas, and conversation.

As I write this, the plan for the annual sail to Santa Cruz Island is coming together. Next month there will be more stories to share.

Looking forward to the remainder of cruising events for 2024 on October 5th, we will be land cruising to my family’s vineyards and winery in Paso Robles for an afternoon of wine and relaxation, maybe. We may well be into harvest and crush so all things may not be neat and tidy but it would provide for an informative visit. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Club, or you can email cruisingcaptain@slyc.com to RSVP for the Winery Cruise.

See you on the water.

—Kristin 🚢



“Wind Star”



“Amigos”



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

Upcoming Event

Southern California Yachting Association
September 28TH & 29th, 2024

SCYA's 33rd WOMEN'S BOATING EVENT
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New Burgee


Canyon Land Yacht Club
Canyon Lake, California



Jack Pierce and his wife exchanging Burgees with Commodore Bob Hurd at the club.

Thank You (August) Volunteers

Friday 8/2/24 Social

Officer of the Day Mike Davis	Bar Host Ken and Angela Brokaw	Bar Host John Wallace	Food Host/ Clean- up Brady Moore	Food Host/ Clean- up	
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Sunday 8/4/24 Ocean Race

Race P.R.O. David Ouellet	Race Committee Leanne Drummond	Race Committee Bill Deviny	Race Committee Chris Deviny	Race Commit- tee Charles and Debra Barfoot	Race Sup- port (deliver lunch) Corissa Bur- nett
Chase Boat Michael Ginn	Chase Boat Randy Kingsbury				

Friday 8/9/24 Social

Officer of the Day Bill McInerney	Bar Host Melanie Topp	Bar Host Brittany Tomasko	Food Host / Clean- up Karen and Gary Silva	Food Host / Clean- up Sandy Gillespie	
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Sunday 8/11/24 Kids' Day

Officer of the Day Kate Gillespie	Head Cook John and Kay Semon	Assistant Cook	Kitchen Help Phillip Borgardt	Kitchen Help Catherine Ulrich	Kitchen Help Sally Krenn
Crew Jeff and Sasha Szytel	Crew				








Wet Wed 8/14/24 - on the water

Officer of the Day Mark Corella	Bar Host Mark Corella	Bar Host Matthew Farmer	Chief Cook Gregory Ross	Assistant Cook Debbie Collins-John- son	Kitchen Crew / Clean-up Connie Bru- ton
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Fri 8/16/24 Social

Officer of the Day Tom Swem	Bar Host Steve Matych	Bar host Dave Tennant	Kitchen Crew / Clean-up Lynne Schlenker	Kitchen Crew / Clean- up Tammy Casiano	
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Events Calendar SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Reservations Allowed	2 LABOR DAY	3	4	5 6pm - Board Meeting in Club 	6 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	7 RESERVED 4pm - Randy Kingsbury
8 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races #5 	9	10	11 2pm - Wet Wednesday on Water 7pm - Dinner  	12 3pm - Denise Reynolds	13 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	14 RESERVED 2pm - Karl Blum
15 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch 	16	17 Lorem ipsum	18	19 3pm - Friends of Avila	20 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	21
22 No Reservations Allowed	23 6pm - Friends of Avila Pier	24	25	26 4pm - Trivia Night CANCELLED 8pm - Schnitzel Prep	27 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour Potluck Schnitzel/Octoberfest	28 RESERVED 12pm - Doug Anthony
29 No Reservations Allowed	30	1	2	3 6pm - Board Meeting in Club 	4 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	5 Rasmussen Vinyards 

Events Calendar OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 No Reservations Allowed	30	1	2	3 6pm - Board Meeting in Club House 	4 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	5 Rasmussen Vinyards 
6 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races #6 (last of) 	7	8	9 2pm - Wet Wednesday on the Water 7pm - Dinner 	10	11 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	12 Zongo Cup RESERVED 5pm - Leanne Drummond 
13 No Reservations Allowed	14	15	16	17 3pm - Friends of Avila Pier	18 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	19
20 No Reservations Allowed	21	22	23	24 Tentative 3pm - M Scott	25 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	26 6pm - Halloween Dinner / Dance 
27 No Reservations Allowed	28	29	30	31 Halloween 	1 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	2 RESERVED 3pm - Pete Kelley

Bar Host/OD Schedule

September 2024



6 Friday Social
—Bret Clark, OD
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**
Food Host/Clean-up: Dennis Law
Jim Fuller

11 Wet Wednesday-On the Water
—Michael Ginn, OD
Bar Hosts: Jim and Jan Smith
Ken McDaniel
Chief Cook: Debby and Leland Swendson
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: **OPEN (1)**
Assistan Cook: **OPEN (1)**
Crew: Doug Anthony
Connie Bruton
OPEN (2)



20 Friday Social
—Bret Clark, OD
Bar Hosts: Gary and Alex Joralemon
OPEN (1)
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

27 Friday Social/Potluck
—Kristin Rasmussen, OD
Bar Hosts: Reid Hester
OPEN (1)
Food Host/Clean-up: Mary Janowicz
Molly Montgomery



October 2024

4 Friday Social
—Kate Gillespie, OD
Bar Hosts: Linda and Bill Thoma
Makenzie Blodgett
Food Hosts/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

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: **OPEN (1)**



11 Friday Social
—William McInerney, OD
Bar Hosts: Cindy and Jason Vormbaum
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

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 (2)



26 Saturday Halloween Dinner/Dance
—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Mark and/or Christine Machala
Bar Hosts: Mary and Marshall Witkowski
Chief Cook: **OPEN (1)**
Assist. Cook: **OPEN (1)**
Crew/Clean-up: Eion Duffey
Mary and Marshall Witkowski
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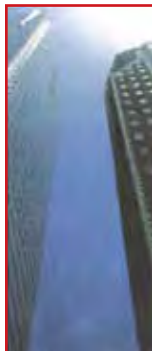
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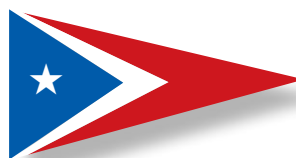
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