

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bret Clark,
Commodore

A hoy everyone!

Looking Back

We had our second brunch of the year this past month. **Ryan McKellar**, and his crew (**Doug Anthony**, **Mark Plassard**, and **Steve DeRose**) provided a great meal to a little over fifty members. **Jon McKellar** and **Jason Curtis** worked the bar and ensured that we were well-hydrated. Treasurer, **Lily Curtis** served as O.D., and **Terry Whitney** assisted with decorations and set-up. Our next brunch is scheduled for October 10.

Please be aware that you need to sign-up and prepay for all of our paid events (brunches, dinners—Valentine’s, St. Patrick’s Day, Halloween, Cheeseburgers In Paradise, Kentucky Derby Days and others) in advance of the event. In order to get an accurate head count to the crew, we will generally cut off sign-ups 3-4 days prior to the event.

General Membership Meeting

I am preparing for our annual Steering Committee Meeting. During this meeting, the wisdom and perspectives from former Commodores are shared. This helps to inform any proposed changes that the membership may vote upon during our General Membership Meeting. Senior Staff Commodore, **Ken SanFilippo** has been working with the Nominating Committee to develop a slate of officers for next year’s board. This year’s General Membership Meeting will be on Friday, November 11 at 1800 hours at the Clubhouse. Please be sure to check emails, the Foghorn, and Scuttlebutt for more information about the slate and any other voting propositions.

On the Water

At the time of this writing, many of you are preparing for the Santa Barbara to Santa Cruz Island Sail on August 22-24. I wish that I could go, but since Cuesta just started its fall semester, I have work commitments.

Sail Fleet Captain, **J.J. Francoise**, is currently working on getting dates and a participant list for an ASA 103 course aboard “Second Wind”. I am really excited to see more of our membership with this certification as they work towards their Bareboat certification. J.J. and I have also discussed potentially offering a Celestial Navigation course (ASA 105). If you are interested in that course, please let me know.

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.

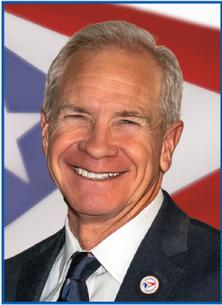
Nautically,
—Bret ⚓



"A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor."
- Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Vice Views

by Pat Mullen,
Vice Commodore

Norwegian Sea, Barents Sea and Greenland Sea to arrive here on our Norwegian mail and passenger ship, the Trollfjord. Along the way we visited many picturesque fjords, villages and glaciers. We thoroughly were enchanted with the country and coastline and the Tromso Yacht Club. It is cold here even in August, it's in the high 20s and low 30 degrees Fahrenheit. However, we have had 24 hour sun this time of year!

For our club, please sign up on TTSU to help us fill some vacancies, our club depends on all of us participating and it keeps it fun! See you soon.

Cheers,
—Pat 🚢

Greetings fellow Club Members.
Ahoy from Svalbard, Norway; 78 degrees North Latitude, 15 degrees East Longitude. High up in the Arctic. We just transited the



Tromsø, Norway Yacht Club. Their club is in a beautiful old lighthouse building on the breakwater of the old harbor.



Reine is a picturesque fishing village in the Lofoten Archipelago area of Norway above the Arctic Circle.



Svalbard was a fantastic Arctic community and adventure hub, however, polar bears are a real fact of life here where visitors, like me and Laura, are not allowed outside of the village marked with these signs without being armed or having an armed guide.



Ocean Race #4 - August 3rd



ASA 103 Challenge Certification

Now at SLYC: ASA 103 Basic Coastal Cruising Certification for Experienced Sailors

You mastered the fundamentals of sailing on keelboats? Gained experience cruising 25–35-foot boats in coastal waters? ASA 103 Coastal Cruising (American Sailing aka ASA) is surely the advanced certification you have your eyes on. SLYC now offers experienced sailors who completed ASA 101 Basic Keelboats a fast track to achieving the ASA 103 Basic Coastal Cruising certification through challenging both the on-the-water practical standards and the written knowledge test.

The ASA 103 certification builds directly on your existing sailing foundation, introducing the advanced techniques required to confidently skipper a cruising sailboat in moderate coastal conditions. The certification process combines written examination with hands-on practical evaluation covering the following topics: boat systems and operations, advanced sailing techniques, docking and anchoring, navigation and weather, safety & seamanship.

Since March '24, American Sailing (AKA American Sailing Association – ASA) offers an ASA 103 Online Prep Class at no charge (contact me for promo code) to SLYC members, a self-paced digital 4–6-hour course covering most essential concepts covered by the written knowledge test. Together with the official ASA manual Coastal Cruising Made Easy, this online prep will provide the basis for a two-hour in-class ground review provided by SLYC prior to the written examination. Next, an on-the-water skill challenge (about one afternoon) aboard our 30ft Catalina Second Wind will complete the process and grant you ASA 103 certification seal.

Send a picture of your ASA log book with ASA101 seal along with your ASA number to fleetcaptain@slyc.org. You will receive free of charge the access code link for American Sailing's Online Prep Class ASA 103 mentioned above. Once we gather a small group of candidates, we will conduct an in-person review class, take the written exam, and schedule the on-water skill test. Upon successful completion of these requirements, SLYC will send American Sailing your paperwork and the certification will be issued. If this call for candidates is successful, we can anticipate a similar approach to the ASA 104 certification, culminating with the coveted International Certificate of Proficiency (IPC), often required when sailing in the Mediterranean.

Let's keep sailing forward—smarter, safer, and farther.

J.J. Francoise
Sail Fleet Captain

Bar Host/OD Schedule

September 2025

5 Friday Social

—Carter McGowen, OD
Bar Hosts: Shawn Harper
David Murray
Food Host/Clean-up: Neil Tardiff
OPEN (1)

9 Friday Social

—Matthew Farmer, OD
Bar Hosts: Karl and Carolyn Blum
David Murray
Food Host/Clean-up: Kate and Dana Gillespie
Neil Tardiff

17 Wednesday-Wet Wednesday (on the water)

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Bob Engel
OPEN (1)
Chief Cook: **OPEN (1)**
Cook Crew: Steve Williams



19 Friday Social

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

26 Friday Social/Potluck

—Pat Mullen, OD
Bar Hosts: Cindy and Jason Vormbaum
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Bob Lucas
Janet Leonard



October 2025

3 Friday Social

—Carter McGowen, OD
Bar Hosts: Joe Cardonna
OPEN (1)
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Karen Silva
Tom and Ruth Donnelly

10 Friday Social

—Tom Swem, OD
Bar Hosts: Joe Caradonna
Darin Spiegel
Food Host/Clean-up: Julie Caradonna
OPEN (1)

15 Wet Wednesday

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Barb Boud
George Risher
Chief Cook: Karen and Scott Negri
Cook Crew/Clean-up: Ron Pigeon



17 Friday Social

—Kristen Rasmussen, OD
Bar Hosts: Shad and Shelly Springer
Brandon and Delaney Spiller
Food Host/Clean-up: Makenzie Blogett
Linda and Bill Thoma

24 Friday Social

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Mike Nordstrom
J and Kathy Johnson
Food Host/Clean-up: Sandy Nordstrom
OPEN (1)

25 Saturday - Halloween Dinner/Dance

—Lily Curtis, OD
Bar Hosts: Mark Machala
Jason Curtis
Chief Cook: **OPEN (1)**
Assist. Cook: Darby Neil
Crew: John Sorgewnfrei
OPEN (3)



Events Calendar SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 No Reservations Allowed	1 Labor Day 	2	3	4 6pm - SLYC Board Meeting 	5 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	6
7 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Race 5 	8 Notice of General Membership Meeting	9	10 RESERVED 3pm - 10pm Reynolds	11	12 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	13
14 No Reservations Allowed	15	16 1pm - Wet Wednesday on the water 	17	18 2pm - Friends of Avila Pier	19 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	20
21 No Reservations Allowed	22 Tentative Reservation 3:30pm - 10pm Waag	23	24	25	26 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	27 RESERVED 11am - 6pm Karl Blum
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	1	2 6pm - SLYC Board Meeting 	3 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	4

Events Calendar OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	1	2 6pm - SLYC Board 	3 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	4
5 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Race # 6 (last race) 	6	7	8 Absentee Ballot Requests Due 	9	10 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	11
12 No Reservations Allowed	13 Columbus Day 	14	15 1pm - Wet Wednesday on the water 	16 2pm - Friends of Avila Pier	17 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	18
19 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch 	20	21	22	23	24 Absentee Ballots Due No Reservations 	25 Halloween Social Hour & Potluck 
26 No Reservations Allowed	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	1



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