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Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bret Clark,
Commodore

A hoy everyone! I cannot believe that April is here already! As I write this, your board and other members are preparing for our 86th Opening Day. Rear Commodore **Joe Montgomery** has organized our annual Clean-up Day, which is on April 1, and Vice Commodore **Bob Hurd** has invested countless hours planning the Opening Day activities. I can assure you that the day will be a special celebration of the history of our Club as well as its future. Your board members will be welcoming you to the event starting at 11:00 on Saturday, April 15. The bar will be open and appetizers will be provided. Our formal program will begin at 12:00. After the Opening Day program has concluded and the Port is declared, “Open,” you all are invited to stay and listen to Manny English’s music. Later in the afternoon, Staff Commodore, **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller** have generously offered to cook some food to keep the celebration going.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members to the Club! At the March board meeting, the board approved the New Membership Committee’s recommendation to add the following new members to the Club (listed in alphabetical order, see photos on page 5):

- ⚓ **Kristin Blecha**
- ⚓ **Phil Borgardt and Catherine Ulrich**
- ⚓ **David and Chan Butcher**
- ⚓ **Nick and Dianne Frost**
- ⚓ **Randy Kingsbury**
- ⚓ **Jack Luxton and Cindy Markham**

Jr. Staff Commodore, **Ken San Filippo**, organized the New Member Orientation, which was attended by all new members and several board members. A special, “Thank you,” goes to **Marty** and **Lettie Fuller** who tended bar and **Terry Farris-San Filippo** who provided tasty appetizers. Thanks to Staff Commodore, **Michael Dobrzensky**, pictures of our newest members are located on the wall below the clock in the Clubhouse. I will be publicly recognizing our new members on Opening Day.

Our Social Chairs, **Terry Whitney** and **Brenda Noakes**, continue to provide fun and exciting social events for our membership. Although I couldn’t attend the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Dance, I did in spirit. So far this year, we have had three events and have sold out each of them. Staff Commodore, **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller** cooked copious amounts of traditional St. Patrick’s Day fare and attendees danced to Manny English’s music.

On the Water

I wish that I could tell you that I have been out on the water, but the weather has really stunted my plans. My plan was to get down to “Happy Hour” during spring break and do some sailing, but we seem to be in a continuous cycle of rain. But, I did manage to make it down to Santa Barbara to do some work on the interior of the boat. For me, just stepping off the dock and onto the boat, even if it is just to do work, is therapeutic and calming...

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!
With this Vice View for April, I have written four of the monthly articles out of twelve for the year—how can it be going by so fast?

So far this year I continue to work to assist the Commodore, chair the Finance Committee, keep Time To Sign Up up to date and help track service credits, and a whole lot of other things but most of my time recently has been organizing our Opening Day Activities.

I am excited to report that many of the details for Opening Day are coming together, including: awards, catering, music (Manny English), color guard, flowers, invitations, and too many other things to list.

When I was Commodore I remember throwing a wreath off of the Avila Pier in honor of Club Members who passed the previous year was especially moving for me. With the Avila Pier under construction, we will not do the wreath this year, but I hope we can begin doing this tradition next year.

Getting back to Time To Sign Up, I am impressed with how well this program works and how our membership is stepping

up to do all the tasks that make our events so much fun.
In April there are openings for Food Host/Clean-up for Friday social on 4/21/23 and the potluck on 4/28/23. Also, in April I will add tasks that we will need help with on Opening Day.

In May there are openings for Food Host/Clean-up for Friday social on 5/5/23 and two Bar Hosts for the new Kentucky Derby Day event this year. I am looking forward to this event and have purchased tickets. Be sure to get yours before the event sells out.

June will be the first ocean races of the year and there are openings on Time To Sign Up for the various tasks to put on the race.

When you are hosting bar, preparing a meal, or cleaning up, please be sure to thank your OD, who like you is a volunteer.

And when you are cleaning up please be sure to make sure the kitchen is clean, including the griddle on the stove (yours truly missed that after the Valentines Day Dinner).

The Finance Committee has met a couple of times but due to technical difficulties (me and Zoom) we do not have anything to report yet.

Thank you all for helping make our Club so much fun.

See you at the club or on the water.

—Bob 📍



From the Rear Commodore

by Joe Montgomery,
Rear Commodore

A hoy!
Another wet month for us all here on the Central Coast. Molly and I have been dealing with fallen trees and power lines down so it put us behind on pruning the vineyard. I managed to escape for a few days and go sailing at Moss Landing, a two and a half hour beautiful drive, north...When I got back the weather improved so, I went to work, pruning our vineyard. The rows are somewhat long, and after working in the warm sun light for a few hours, I took a break. Laying down between the rows, looking up at the blue, crystal clear sky. I closed my eyes not moving for a few moments. The warmth of the tall grass made me sleepy. I dozed off briefly, lost in an abstract dream. Moments later, I

woke up, and found the blue sky covered with six turkey vultures flying in a close circle not far above my head. There heads were cocked downward looking at me as if they were bomber pilots zeroing in on their target... I laid there, curious of what could happen next. They kept flying, every time they finished a complete circle they dropped down another five feet! Now, they are about 15 feet above me. Finally, I decided the odds were too great and stood up, much to their dismay, as they flapped there enormous wings and headed into the sunset. I know this doesn't have much to do regarding SLYC; however, "Clean Up Day" does and it's rapidly approaching April 1st. I will be there assigning small to large jobs for each and everyone. I'll have all the cleaning supplies on hand. You'll get credit for each job. Don't forget to sign the Sign Up Sheets, so you get job credit. Looking forward to meeting the new members. Congrats to you all. And for those of you, who participate, there will be award winning home made wine for you to enjoy. Made by our own yacht club members, **Gary Cox, Pat McGowen, Carter McGowen, Dr. Phil** (new member) and me.

Kudos to **Dan Pease** for fixing the club tables. Thanks Dan.

Smooth Sailing,

—Joe 📍



Jr. Staff Commodore Report

by Ken San Filippo,
Jr. Staff Commodore

Ahoy SLYC Members.
I am pleased to announce the following 2023 new SLYC members:

Kristin Blecha

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David and Chan Butcher

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Phil Borgardt and Catherine Ulrich

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On March 4, 2023, all new members were provided an orientation at the club hosted by the Jr. Staff Commodore **Ken San Filippo**, Commodore **Bret Clark** and board members,

Pat Mullen, David Ouellet, Michael Ginn, and Tom Swem.

New members were given their passkeys, name tags, membership card, and had their picture taken for the directory along with submitting members information for the club directory.

Members were treated to a meet and greet social hour with appetizers and a light breakfast during the two-hour orientation to the club presented by various club officers.

A special thank you shout out to **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller** who served as bar hosts, **Lettie Fuller, John Stocksdale** and **Kristin Rasmussen** as greeters, **Michael Dobrzensky** club photographer and Chef **Terry Farris San Filippo** who made the delicious food for the event.

The goal of the orientation was to introduce the members to the club operations via usage of the club's web site reviewing various web pages that provides club information.

In addition, discussion focused on the required onboarding opportunities consisting of various SLYC on and off the water activities as well as a timeline these need to be completed.

As many of you may know new members per the bylaws passed at the November 3, 2022, annual club General meeting are probationary flag members for the year and are required to complete 6 onboarding club events with sponsors involvement.

Please welcome these new members, a collage of new member pictures are posted at the club (see photos on page 5). New members will be introduced at our 86th Opening Day, April 15.

Best,
—Ken 📍



Power Report

by Pat Mullen,
Power Captain

Ahoy!
I hadn't sucked on a garden hose to siphon something in quite a few years, but as I checked Chase Boat after some of the recent rains, I needed to remove some water that pooled on the cover. Not having a bucket or anything to bail with, I looked around where we store Chase Boat on **Mike** and **Jill Nunno's** back forty. I saw an old garden hose and, well, problem solved! After gagging



and swallowing some of that rain-mixed-with-junk water I was thinking maybe that garden hose wasn't the smartest idea I'd ever had. At least Chase was relieved now and in good shape. I also pulled her out and charged the batteries, ran the engine, aired the tires, etc.

A big thank you to all those new and existing members who signed up to help with Chase this year! I will be scheduling some Chase Boat orientation sessions for April and May, so look for an email from me with some dates for those orientation sessions.

Finally, our club's new Community Involvement Committee is looking into some fun outreach activities this year. One we are likely to be doing is to help with Avila and Port San Luis area clean-ups on Earth Day. Some of us plan to don our Yacht Club shirts on Earth Day this year, Saturday, April 22, 2023 and will be picking up trash, cleaning up parking areas, beaches and the like. Stay tuned for more info or reach out to me if you have any questions.

Cheers,
—Pat 📍



Cruising News

by Michael Ginn,
Cruising Captain

Ahoy SLYC members!
Hopefully all the March showers will bring tons of April flowers. I am thinking a wildflower road trip in April is a good idea as we have wine to pick up in Pozo!

The month of May has a couple of fun SLYC Cruising events too including the Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show May 4-7, 2023. The show is at the Westpoint 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 want to catch a game. Later in the month on Saturday, May 20, 2023 we will launch another adventure from the Santa Barbara Harbor to the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club in the Channel Islands Harbor. See information below for more details on both of the May 2023 SLYC Cruising events.

We also have many more adventures planned for our members. Including a December adventure to the Bahamas! Check out all of the club's 2023 cruising events on the Cruising webpage. Please keep an eye on the SLYC calendar too for activities you may be interested in attending and let me know if you have any questions.

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

*Happy sailing,
—Michael 🚢*



The Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show May 4-7, 2023

After a 3-year break due to COVID-19, the Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show is back-on and will again be a [San Luis Yacht Club](#) cruising event from [May 4-7, 2023](#).

<https://www.slyc.org/Cruising/cruising.html>

The show is at the [Westpoint Harbor in Redwood City, California](#), with an extensive in-water dockage for a large assortment of sail and power boats, plus on-land space for various boats and for booth exhibitors.

<https://westpointharbor.com/directions-to-westpoint-harbor/>

The location is in close proximity to a variety of restaurants and lodging that are within 10-minutes from the marina.

The San Francisco Giants will be hosting a 3-game series against the Milwaukee Brewers May 5-7, for baseball fans who may also want to catch a game!



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.



San Luis  Yacht Club

Welcome to SLYC's New 2023 Members



Kristin Blecha



*Phil Borgardt and
Catherine Ulrich*



David & Chan Butcher



Nick & Diane Frost



Randy Kingsbury



*Jack Luxton and
Cindy Markham*

February Potluck

The Postal Service has a saying, “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.” I bet they have missed completing their appointed rounds a few times with the weather the last three months but our intrepid barbecuers **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller** (photo below) didn’t let a little rain stop them from cooking for the potluck on Friday, February 24.

The February potluck was another well attended fun event and an indication that maybe we are passed the inactive pandemic times.



Barry and Marty barbecued pork loin and a whole bunch of members—I lost count at over 60, brought all of the side dishes. I made a coleslaw recipe from the Pantry Restaurant in downtown Los Angeles and did not have to bring any left overs home.

According to Time To Sign Up **Janine McNeill** and **Lauren Krup** hosted bar and **John** and **Mary Janowicz** and **Noreen Johnston** cleaned up. Director **Tom McNeill** was the Officer of the Day. I’m sure I missed some others who helped make the night a success.

The next Potluck is scheduled for Friday, March 31 and on Time To Sign Up we need one more person to sign up for Kitchen Help/Clean-up.

—Vice Commodore, Bob Hurd [📍](#)

March Brunch

On Sunday, March 5th, SLYC Members and guests enjoyed the first brunch event in three years. Members enjoyed a excellent egg, bacon, hash brown, biscuit and fruit brunch. Thank you to the 50 plus people that attended the event. Thank You to the Brunch Crew—Chief Cooks **Paul and Tracy Schiro**, Assistant Cook **Peggy Golden**, Bar Hosts **Mark Plassard** and **Steve DeRose**, Crew **Doug Anthony**, **Andrew Anthony**, **Noreen Johnston** and **Keith Pellemeier**, Brunch Social Committee **Terry Whitney** and **Brenda Noakes**! I look forward to the next event.

—Sr. Staff Commodore, Mike Davis [📍](#)



Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance



Photo collage by Michael Dobrzensky

Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance



Just like General Mills Lucky Charms Cereal with Marshmallows, the corned beef and cabbage **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller** made for our Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 18, was magically delicious and the music by Manny English would have made Lucky the Leprechaun dance like he was on the sugar high he must be on to sing his little jingle.

There was about 50 pounds of corned beef and about 50 guests. Originally limited to 35 the number was upped to about 50 on Barry's confidence that it was not too many. Beginning the night before Barry and Marty prepared various parts of the dinner. Mid-day on Saturday Barry and Marty finished the rest and put all the parts together at dinner time; the results were delicious. **Georgina Pease** added her Irish Soda Bread and served it up with a laugh.

The festive mood was just right with the decorations set out by **Terry Whitney** and **Brenda Noakes**.

Barry and Marty were helped in the kitchen by **Greg Jackson** and **Lettie Fuller**. The serving line was manned by

Ken San Filippo and **Phil Whitney** who made quick work of getting everyone a plate.

There would not be a St. Patrick's Day Celebration without an adult beverage and **Kevin Daily** and Jeff Stewart manned the bar (Jeff was supposed to help in the kitchen but was flexible and filled in where there was a need) and I was the OD.

Many hands make light work and that was evident in the kitchen at clean-up time and I lost track of who all helped out.

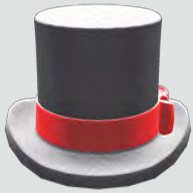
Of course Lucky the Leprechaun needs music to dance and we were lucky to have Manny English help us with fun music we could all dance to.

The 2023 St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance was another successful event with members tired of the pandemic coming down to the Club for some fun.

You should put it on your calendar for next year.

—Vice Commodore, Bob Hurd 🍀





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SLYC DERBY DAY

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(Editor's note) Former SLYC members, Kathy and Scott Erwin sent this story to Cruising Captain, Michael Ginn. My husband John Duffy and I have a house in Zihuatanejo, Mexico and by chance, we were sailing in the bay and cruised up to a sail boat and found—Kathy and Scott! They treated us to day sail and lunch! It was a beautiful day on the water.

“Wow, 18 months are under our belts cruising in Mexico and its nearly coming to an end here, as we plan our next big westward departure in a few weeks. We have fully embraced this life and location and are grateful Mexico coast and the Sea of Cortez has been such an amazingly easy cruising experience. Only a few last minute projects, guests, and provisions while we wait for cyclone season to be over in the South Pacific. Now I nostalgically contemplate the life changes of these profound 18 months. First and foremost are the amazing friendships created, some friends we met the first month while in Ensenada and some we met yesterday on the beach in Tenacatita. Cruisers are of a certain breed of people, our people! All are fun, outgoing, witty, adventurous, easy going, giving, respectful, smart, spontaneous, and all have a refreshing carefree spirit! What’s not to like. These friendly folks will just paddle or swim by, and stop to introduce themselves to become new friends. Next best are the new found activities and experiences that we have come across, most without any planning. The surfing was quite addictive and a new thrill for sure. Snorkeling and spearfishing were fun, and tasty hobbies. Hiking and exploring via dinghy is a great adventure. Inland travel has been a highlight, and an excellent cultural experience. Our desert adventures into the beautiful Sea of Cortez

were stunning, and we saw painted walls and petroglyphs from ancient tribes dating back to 100 BC, fun history. Also, the beauty for me, is quite profound. Hours under sail gazing at our beautiful ocean, with perfect wind on the rippling seas. We live right out here in and amidst mother nature’s spectacular creatures, plants, views and skies. The geography is always changing whether its desert, jungle, volcanic or long white sand beaches. So you see, this has truly been an alternative existence, as we deeply look outward and inward and appreciate life at its fullest!”

Thank you,
Kathy and Scott Erwin



Events Calendar

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 No Reservations Allowed	27	28	29 4pm - Steve Johnson (Reservation Pending)	30 Reserved 10am-4pm M. Matakovich Reserved 5:30-8:30pm Pale Kai	31 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	1 Annual Clean-up Day  Women's Sailing Convention Newport Beach
2 Women's Sailing No Reservations Allowed	3	4	5	6 6pm - Board Meeting in Club House 	7 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	8
9 Easter Sunday  No Reservations Allowed	10	11	12	13	14 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	15 Opening Day 
16 No Reservations Allowed	17	18 Tax Day 	19	20 3pm - Friends of Avila	21 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	22 SLYC Earth Day Beach Clean-up 8:30-12:30pm  Reserved 3pm-10pm A. Reynolds
23 No Reservations Allowed 3pm - Friends of Avila	24	25	26	27	28 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	29 Reserved 6-8:30pm Port San Luis Lighthouse
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 

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 4:30pm - Steve Johnson
14 No Reservations Allowed Mother's Day 	15	16	17	18 3pm - Friends of Avila	19 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	20 Sail Santa Barbara to Channel Islands Harbor
21 No Reservations Allowed	22	23	24	25	26 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	27 No Reservations Allowed
28 No Reservations Allowed	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

Bar Host/OD Schedule

April 2023

7 Friday Social

—Bob Hurd, OD
Bar Hosts: Brenda Noakes
George and Pam Risher
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Warren Ristow
Randy Kingsbury

14 Friday Social

—Bill McInerney, OD
Bar Hosts: Mike Nunno
Cindy and Jason Vormbaum
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Jill and Nate Nunn

15 Opening Day

—TBD, OD
Early Setup: Val Gillespie
Anna Mullen
Bar Hosts: Sylvia Dodd
Ryan McKellar
Jon McKellar
Clean-up: Ryan McKellar
Cindy McKellar
Kitchen Help: Nancy Alvarado
Serve Hors d'oeuvres: OPEN (1)



21 Friday Social

—Michael Ginn, OD
Bar Hosts: Karen Hiatt
Bonnie Gardner
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Carrie Anne Ginn
OPEN (1)

28 Friday Social/Potluck

—Tom McNeill, OD
Bar Hosts: Janine McNeill
Barrie Cleveland
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Paul and Eileen Sverchek
OPEN (1)



May 2023

5 Friday Social – Cinco de Mayo

—Tom Swem, OD
Bar Host: Fred and Shannon Bond
Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)



6 Saturday – Kentucky Derby Day

—Bob Hurd, OD
Bar Hosts: OPEN (2)
Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)



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
OPEN (1)

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
OPEN (1)



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