

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,
Commodore

A hoy everyone!
I thought there was a Tom Jones song called Spring Is in the Air, but I just looked it up on Google, and his hit song is Love Is in the Air. It doesn't matter, Spring Is in the air. It feels like the weather has changed and it is time to get out from wherever you've been cooped up.

Every Spring, the Club is very active, and this year is no different, with many upcoming events on the calendar: Clean-Up Day, Opening Day, a Cannelloni/Cannoli Dinner, Potlucks, Kentucky Derby Day and more.

That is not to say we haven't been busy the past couple of months with the New Board/Old Board Dinner, Commodore's Dinner, Valentine's Dinner, New Member Orientation, Brunch, St. Patrick's Dinner, and the wildly popular Potlucks.

In the Foghorn I try to recognize the many volunteers who make our club events so successful.

Friday night Potlucks continue to be big crowd pleasers thanks to **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller**.

See Junior Staff Commodore **Ken San Filippo's** article about the New Member Orientation Brunch.

The Brunch on March 10 was a fun event with **Ryan** and **Chandler McKellar** teaming up with **Jon** and **Cindy McKellar** to cook a delicious arrangement of food with help from **Martin** and **Debi Testa**, **Betty** and **Mark Gillespie**, **Mike Larrabee**, and **Doug Anthony**. **George** and **Pam Risher** hosted bar and **Kristin Rasmussen** was OD.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated on Saturday, March 16, with **Barry Stewart**, **Marty Fuller**, **Debbie Collins-Johnson**, **Patrice Eley**, and **Lettie Fuller** preparing a traditional corned beef dinner with cabbage,

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potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread and more. Bar hosts that festive night were **Jeffrey Stewart** and **Kevin Daily** and **Kristin Rasmussen** was OD—again. **Nancy Stewart** led the clean-up effort.

With so many activities on our calendar be sure to watch the frequent Scuttlebutts for information and visit the Club's website for more information and to pay for prepaid events.

This Spring I want to shine some light on Member Annual Service, which you can fulfill in many ways and is defined in several places, including the Club Website—excerpted below:

2024 SLYC Flag Member's Annual Service Requirement

- Serving on the Board of Directors, its Staff or Committees, or
- Serving as Head Cook for a meal or brunch, or
- Supporting two racing activities (i.e., Race Committee, Chase Boat operations or maintenance), or
- Performing any of the following activities twice:
- Serving as a Bar Host twice, (Note: Certification Regulations Mandated for Bar Hosts by the ABC. For more information on the AB 1221 Law (Responsible Beverage Service Training Program Act of 2017 go to <https://www.abc.ca.gov/education/rbs/>) or
- Serving as food host or assistant cook, or
- Participating in significant Club maintenance activities, or
- Obtaining an initial ABC Certification, or
- Alternate tasks approved by the Commodore.

Note:

- A Flag Member, defined as an individual or a couple, can only receive one service credit a day
- All approved alternate activities require at least a 3 hour commitment.


If you are unable to fulfill the obligation you have signed up for, "it is your responsibility" to find a replacement and then notify the Officer on Duty (O.D.) for the event you have signed up to do. Refer TTSU log on Club Web Site.

Please note that there have been changes in some of the jobs you can volunteer for. As an example, on Potluck nights we do not have Food Host/Clean-up and instead

have Kitchen Help/Clean-up. On a normal Friday Social Food Hosts bring hors d'oeuvres and clean up. On a Potluck night Kitchen Help volunteers do not bring hors d'oeuvres – they help in the kitchen and clean-up. For any event Clean-up volunteers are among the last people to leave after all of the trash has been taken out, the tables cleaned, and the floors swept.

Your Officer of the Day should be providing you with a reminder in advance of the event you volunteered for with important information about what is expected of you. If you do not understand or have a question about your job please ask your OD.

I hope to see you at one of the upcoming events and look forward to your continued support.

—Bob 



Vice Views

by Bret Clark,
Vice Commodore

Opening Day:

April is a busy month for the Club and your board. We are currently preparing for our 87th Opening Day. In preparation for it, Rear Commodore, **Pat Mullen** will be getting his crew together for our Clean-up Day on April 6. Commodore, **Bob Hurd** and I will also be representing our Club at several SCYA – member Opening Days this spring.

Volunteers:

We are still looking for volunteers to fill slots in April and May. Please check out Scuttlebutt or Time to Sign-up for open dates and duties. Please note that a membership (which includes spouses and domestic partners) should only sign up for one type of duty per event. For example, this means that you should not sign up for two bar host slots on a particular Friday Social. If you have questions about volunteer duties, please be sure to reach out to me.

Nutcracker:

I would like to thank everyone who was able to come out to the clubhouse and watch the Nutcracker this past month. If you think that we should make this an annual event, please let me know. A special, “thank you,” goes out to **Andrea and Greg Jackson** for the lovely flowers that they brought.

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 

A hoy everyone!
I am looking forward to seeing you at Opening Day this year. Invitations have been emailed to all members, a link to the invitation has been placed in Scuttlebutt and is also available via slyc.org. In case you have missed it, here is a copy:

*Commodore Robert Hurd
And the Flag Officers of
The
San Luis Yacht Club*

*Cordially invite you to attend
Opening Day Ceremonies
Saturday, April 13, 2024
1100 – Hors d'oeuvres
1200 – Ceremony*

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 *Celebrating 87 Years* 

443 Front St., Avila Beach, C.A. - "At the foot of the Avila Pier"

San Luis  Yacht Club



From the Rear Commodore

by Pat Mullen,
Rear Commodore

Greetings fellow Club Members!
By the time you are reading this, our April 6th annual Clubhouse Cleanup Day may be just happening or past. We have a great crew of volunteers signed up—thank you all so much! And a great list of projects we will have cleaned, shined, and polished. I can't wait to share with you next month how much we accomplished and how much fun we had!

I hope to see you all at Opening Day, April 13. It should be a great day at the club. If you are interested in helping with our community involvement committee, please let me know. We have some good neighbor ideas we'd like to pursue helping improve the Port San Luis and the Avila Beach areas. If I see you at Opening Day, tell me if you'd like to help on our community activities.

Dan Pease has done a terrific job refurbishing our club tables as I mentioned last month. He is nearly finished rebuilding all the tables in the club. Be sure to thank him when you see him and

do check out how nice all the table tops in the club are now and how good they look.

We were again able to get some time on the water this past month sailing with last year's Rear Commodore, **Joe Montgomery**, his wife **Molly**, and their son **Damon** and some friends. We had a great time sailing on a beautiful and sunny day, and I always learn so much from Joe. Below is a picture of us having a ball laughing, sailing and just having fun with family and friends on Joe's Tarten 3500, "Dances with Waves".

Cheers,
—Pat



Pat Mullen, Rear Commodore and Joe Montgomery on his boat "Dances with Waves"

Upcoming Events

KENTUCKY DERBY "RUN FOR THE ROSES"

Watch Party



Saturday, May 4th 2024

2:30 P.M. TO 5:00 PM

\$15 per person

Light lunch will be served

Bar will offer Mint Juleps in addition to usual Bar menu

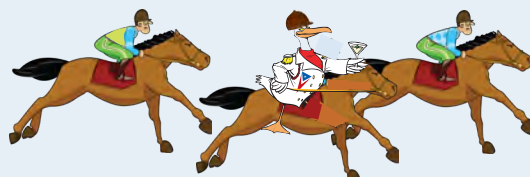
Dress:

Ladies: Fancy flowered hats encouraged

Gents: Your usual Club Casual or more

Club TV will be tuned to the races and we'll run the table-top Avila Cuplette boat race game

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 30th (This is a pre-paid event)





Jr. Staff Commodore Report

by Ken San Filippo,
Jr. Staff Commodore

Hello Members.
I am pleased to announce the 2024 new members to the San Luis Yacht Club.

Charles and Debra Barfoot, Jason and Lily Curtis, Robert and Karen Engel, JJ Francoisse and Susan Cutts Francoisse, Eddie and Wendy O'Brien, Melissa Smith, and Paul Waldron.

New members were welcomed at an orientation/brunch hosted by the club officers on Saturday March 9. The new members received their name tags, pass keys and took their picture for our directory. Information specific to the club operations and events were presented by individual flag officers. In addition, guidance was provided to assist them in completing their on-boarding events as a probationary member their first year in the club.

A special shout out to the sponsors who assisted the new member(s) in attending the application meeting with the applicant as with helping them complete the application.

Finally, a special thank you to **Paul Schiro** and his crew who put on the wonderful brunch with tasty eats. The Bar hosts **M. Fuller** and **B. Stewart**, flag officers **B. Hurd**, **B. Clark**, **P. Mullen**, **T. Swem**, **M. Davis**, **M. Ginn**, **D. Quelett**, **K. Ramussen**, and helpers **L. Fuller**, **J. Stockdale**, **M. Dobrzensky** who all made this orientation a successful event.

Best,
—Ken ⚓

San Luis Yacht Club

**New Members
2024**


Charles & Debra Barfoot


Jason & Lily Curtis


Robert & Karen Engel


**JJ Francoisse &
Susan Cutts Francoisse**

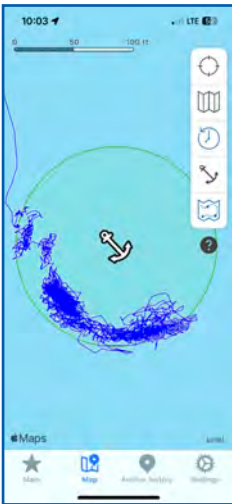

Eddie & Wendy O'Brien


Melissa Smith


Paul Waldron

Bahia de Banderas (Bay of Banderas)

The Boys in the Boat – The Sequel A week sail in Bahia de Banderas (Bay of Banderas)



From February 6-12 SLYC members **Tom McNeill** and **Randy Kingsbury** enjoyed a week of warm weather, whale encounters, roly anchorage, tacks and jibes (intentional). Our proudest moment was finishing 2nd place in the Cruiser Class during a Wet Wednesday race hosted by Marina Nayarit in La Cruz. The week of fun was in the Bahia de Banderas (Bay of Banderas), where Puerto Vallarta, MX is located.

The weather was wonderful...warm and clear, ~80F, pleasant winds ranging 15-25 knots, as we criss-crossed the

Bay. The mist from spouting whales was everywhere. On several days we had to make urgent tacks when a whale unexpectedly surfaced less than 100' feet away, and on a collision course. When possible we stayed a safe, respectful, and legal distance from the enthusiastic whales, but sometimes the whales had a different idea.

The week was spent aboard a comfy Beneteau Oceanis 381 located in marina of La Cruz de Huanacastle Mexico. The boat was well stocked with local foods, lots of beer, and some other fine refreshments to use as a pain killer if the need arouse. An overnight trip to Punta de Mita was an enjoyable rambling day-sail but the night was hindered by rolling seas and shifting winds...fortunately the anchor held! By morning the winds had died down and a dinghy ride to town for an authentic Mexican breakfast was in order. Overall it was chance to escape the local stormy weather and embrace the beauty of Mexico.

—Submitted by SLYC Member,
Randy Kingsbury



New Member Brunch – March 9

Thank you, Chef **Paul Shiro** and crew, **C. Markham**, **M. Quaglino**, **J. Diaz**, **A. Nunno**, and **K. Pellemeter** who hosted the 2024 new member brunch at the club Saturday March 9 with 40 members in attendance. The brunch menu was wonderful and as always, our club Chef Paul Schiro provides a tasty meal that all enjoyed.

—Ken San Filippo,
Jr. Staff Commodore





From the Boatmaster

by Greg Jackson,
Boatmaster

Hello Members.

Our club owns 2 boats. The fleet consists of:

“Second Wind” a Catalina 30, and “Chase” our power boat.

“Second Wind” is currently supported by 26 members. We are always looking to get more members involved.



“Second Wind”



“Chase”

As part of this support, we have a group of members who volunteer their time to maintain the systems and to help make her available for the club members use. These volunteers do all the repairs that would normally be sent out to outside facilities at the normal repair rates.

In 2023 we updated navigation gear by installing an Axium 9 Raymarine unit with a new instrument housing and wiring.

We did the normal engine oil and filter services, belt replacement, and annual checks.

“Second Wind” has stood up to our winter storms well so far, this year.

After the 2nd of the big storms, the Harbor Patrol advised **Bill Dyer** that one of the bridles securing “Second Wind” has frayed. Bill called me and I went out and checked and added a extra line.

I got the materials together and **Dan Pease** manufactured 2 new bridles that I will install soon. Thank you Dan!

With this year’s heavy rains, I found we had leaks.

So far this year I have removed the 4 openable ports on the coach roof and replaced them with newer style ports.

Removed the forward deck hatch seal, cleaned, and reinstalled so it stayed in place and is usable.

I had SLO canvas make us a new cover for the same forward deck hatch.

Bill McInerney and I removed all the carpets, dried them at home and stored them till we have all leaks sealed.

By the time this is printed **Pat Mullen**, and I will have sealed all deck hardware we can, to stop the water intrusion we had this year.

As part of our community outreach, “Second Wind” is made available to Cuesta College, for a sailing class taught by **Eoin Duffy**.

This year’s classes have already started the weekend of March 8.

She is also sailed by Club members in the Avila Cup races, which are set to start May 5th.

Members who support our boat can be checked out to sail her and you can contact Eoin Duffy about classes. Most information is on the Club’s web page.



If you have ever owned a boat, you know the maintenance is ongoing and continuous but needed to protect our investment.

I will to keep you updated as we progress, always feel free to ask me any questions you have.


—Greg 



Events Calendar APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Easter Sunday No Reservations Allowed 	1	2	3	4 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	5 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	6 8am - Clean-Up Day at the Club 
7 No Reservations Allowed	8	9 RESERVED 6pm - Cindy Vormbaum	10 6pm - Wet Wednesday in the Club 	11	12 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	13 11am - Opening Day 
14 No Reservations Allowed	15 Tax Day 	16	17	18 3pm - Friends of Avila Pier	19 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	20
21 No Reservations Allowed	22	23	24	25	26 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	27 4 pm - Dinner Cannelloni and Cannoli 
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	1	2 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	3 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	4 RESERVED 11am 2:30pm - Kentucky Derby Watch Party 

Events Calendar MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	1	2 6pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse	3 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	4 11am - Club Reserved for Kentucky Derby Setup 2:30pm - Kentucky Derby Watch Party 
5 Cinco de Mayo  No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races #1 	6	7	8 1pm - Wet Wednesday on the water 	9	10 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	11
12 Mother's Day  No Reservations Allowed	13	14	15	16 19th Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show	17 3pm - Friends of Avila Pier No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	18
19 19th Pacific Sail & Power No Reservations Allowed	20	21	22	23	24 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	25 No Reservations
26 No Reservations Allowed	27 Memorial Day 	28	29	30	31 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	1 No Reservations

Bar Host/OD Schedule

April 2024

- 4 Friday Social
—Tom Swem, OD
Bar Hosts: Dave Tennant
Judy Bellis
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Freeman Tidaback
Andi Tennant
- 6 Saturday Clean-up Day
—Pat Mullen, OD
- 12 Friday Social
—Mike Davis, OD
Bar Hosts: JJ Francoise
OPEN (1)
Food Host/Clean-up: Kevin Williams
Melissa Smith
- 13 Saturday Opening Day
—Michael Ginn, OD
Early Setup Help: Val Gillespie
OPEN (1)
Bar Hosts: Sylvia Dodd
Ali Stephenson
OPEN (1)
Kitchen Help: Kevin Williams
Clean-up Help: Kevin Williams
Patrick Corrigan
- 19 Friday Social
—Pat Mullen, OD
Bar Hosts: Nick Frost
David Butcher
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Diane Frost
Charlotte Butcher
- 26 Friday Social/Potluck
—Bret Clark, OD
Bar Hosts: Tom McNeill

Janine Lamond
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Mary Janowicz
OPEN (2)
- 27 Saturday Dinner-Cannelloni
—Bob Hurd, OD
Bar Hosts: Patricia Hood
Georgiana Weiss Peterson
Chief Cook: Mary Bucher
Assist. Cook: Andrea and Greg Jackson
OPEN (1)
Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

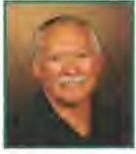


May 2024

- 3 Friday Social Cinco de Mayo
—Bret Clark, OD
Bar Hosts: Kyle Martin
OPEN (1)
Food Hosts/Clean-up: **OPEN (3)**
- 4 Saturday Kentucky Derby Day (Watch Party)
—David and Patty Ouellet, OD
Bar Hosts: Sylvia Dodd
Ali Stephenson
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Mary Bucher
Andrea Jackson
Set-up/Decorations: Greg Jackson
Georgina Pease
- 8 Wet Wednesday
—Michael Ginn, OD
Bar Hosts: Karen Hiatt
Barrie Cleveland
Chief Cook: Jim and Jan Smith
Cook Helper: Marcia Scott
- 10 Friday Social
—Pat Mullen, OD
Bar Hosts: Nancy and Jeff Blauer
Nathan Nunno
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Jill Nunno
Nancy and Jeff Blauer
- 17 Friday Social
—Kate Gillespie, OD
Bar Hosts: Makenzie Blogett
Linda and Bill Thoma
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Scott and Karen Negri
OPEN (1)
- 24 Friday Social
—Bill McInerney, OD
Bar Hosts: Patricia Hood
Georgiana Weiss Peterson
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**
- 31 Friday Social/Potluck
—Kristen Rasmussen, OD
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**



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