

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bret Clark,
Commodore

A hoiy everyone!

2023 Events:

I would like to thank Cruising Captain, **Mike Ginn, Jeff and Mary Bucher, Sylvia Dodd, Ali Stephenson, Rod and Margie Valine,** and **Eoin Duffy** for making Cheeseburgers in Paradise a success! This event, like all of our other events this year, sold out. We served over 85 people as we celebrated the 4th of July this year. The clubhouse was still very full when the dance music began at around 1:30, and Mike, Sylvia, and Ali kept the bar open so that no one would get dehydrated.

This month, we will have our Ocean Race on August 6, Wet Wednesday on August 9, and our traditional Friday Socials. Please don't miss out on Jambalaya and Jazz on August 19. Rear Commodore, **Joe Montgomery** and his seven piece band will be entertaining our patrons and there will be two dinner seatings. Please reserve your space via Square at (<https://san-luis-yacht-club.square.site>). Also, please mark your calendars for San Luis Yacht Club's first Trivia Night on September 28.

I do regret to inform you that we had to cancel our second Kids' Day event in August. We first offered the event last year and it was a huge success! Unfortunately this year, the date that was chosen resulted in a lack of staffing and participants. The board and I whole-heartedly support this event because it provides activities that encourage our younger members and their families to get out on the water and participate in the club. I am looking forward to seeing it on our calendar for next year.

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As I write this, we are preparing to go down to Santa Barbara tomorrow for the Santa Barbara Sail and Dockside Party. **Michelle, Brittany, Chuck Schermerhorn,** and I are looking forward to a great day of sailing aboard "Happy Hour". An early, "Thank you!" to **Marty and Lettie Fuller** and **Darrel** and **Linda Rundstrom** for continuing to provide such a wonderful platform for the after-sail party aboard "Amigos"!

Committee Meetings:

On Monday this week, the Nominating Committee, chaired by Senior Staff Commodore, **Mike Davis** met. I would like to encourage all of you to consider serving on the board; you will learn much more about the Club and its history. Serving on the board for the past eight years has made me appreciate how truly special this club and its membership is.

On Tuesday this week, the Finance Committee, chaired by Vice Commodore, **Bob Hurd** met. They are currently analyzing our annual costs and replacement costs and will be making a recommendation to the Board by the end of September. The goal of the committee is to ensure that the Club is fiscally sound and that we plan for replacement/repair so that we do not have to have one-time assessments.

On Wednesday this week, the Steering Committee met. This committee, populated by our Staff Commodores, meets annually to provide the Commodore guidance about the direction that the Club is headed. I would like to thank **Mary Matakovich, Bob Hurd, Ken San Filippo, Val Gillespie, Michael Dobrzensky, Barry Stewart, Tom Swem, Ray Mattison, Karen Hiatt,** and **Bill Dyer** for their insight and support.

Lastly, at the time of this writing, we are well into negotiations on the Clubhouse lease. I hope to provide you with a report on this item in the September Foghorn.

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 🚢



Vice Views

by Bob Hurd,
Vice Commodore

A hoy!

You can almost always count on a weekday afternoon in the summer to have a nice time on the water in a boat on San Luis Bay.

Wet Wednesday on July 12 was one of those days. Three boats from the Club left their moorings and headed out to the wind for a sail. Leading the way on “Allegra” with **Marty Fuller** was **Dick Strachan, Tom Hill, Michael Dobrzensky,** and **Randy Kingsbury**. My boat, “Amelie”, followed with **Dave Burnett, Brenda Noakes, Greg Jackson, Jeff Bucher, Bill Dyer,** and **Jerry Crawford**. The third boat was “Second Wind”, skippered by **Barry Stewart** with **Kristen Rasmussen, Carrie Anne Ginn,** and **John Stocksdales**.

You can also almost always count on while being on my boat will be an adventure. By adventure I mean that something will happen, something will break, or something mechanical will go wrong. I can’t explain why, but something usually happens and makes for a good story.

Wednesday morning, I changed my fuel filters, after replacing the fuel supply line a couple of days before. The motor started right up, and I thought everything was good. I picked up everyone in my dinghy and was looking forward to a nice sail.

We weren’t even out of the mooring field when the motor stopped. The motor would start and run for a second and then stop. We put up sails hoping to be able to steer and avoid any moored boats, but the wind inside was fickle, so we took them down. While we messed with the sails, we also tried to figure out what was going on with the motor. There was no shortage of advice. There was fuel in the bowl of the fuel filter/water separator, so I thought there was fuel. Greg found that my idea of hand tight for the fuel filters was not tight enough and maybe a cause for air in the line. We tried bleeding the fuel system and after trying to start the motor several times ended up having to drain the muffler. That afternoon we did not figure out why the motor was not getting fuel.

I imagined trying to come back to the mooring later with no motor, maybe when the wind had built, so we opted to go back to the mooring. Barry gave Greg a ride on “Second Wind” back to my dinghy at the mooring and Greg brought it back to the boat to push us to the mooring. Greg helped with getting back on the mooring because I’m recovering from a serious injury to my left ring finger—but that was the story last month.

Back at the Club over dinner there were a lot of discussions about what was wrong on my boat. One theory that I began to think was the most likely was that I was out of fuel. The fuel gauge had not been working consistently for some time and I couldn’t be sure how much fuel was in the tank—and it did sound empty.

Dinner was an especially good Taco Salad prepared by **Judy Bellis** and **Cory Burnett**. **Ali Stephenson** tended bar and **Bill McInerney** was OD.

Wet Wednesdays are fun. You can join us at the next one on Wednesday, August 9.

All of our events are fun, and you can participate by volunteering for one of the openings available in Time To Sign Up.

Currently the following volunteer opportunities are available on Time To Sign Up:

August 9 (Wet Wednesday) Chief Cook, Kitchen Crew/Clean-up

August 18 (Friday Social/Potluck) Bar Host, 2 Kitchen Crew/Clean-up

August 25 (Friday Social) 2 Kitchen Crew/Clean-up

September 1 (Friday Social) 2 Bar Host, 2 Kitchen Crew/Clean-up

September 8 (Friday Social) Bar Host, 2 Kitchen Crew/Clean-up

September 13 (Wet Wednesday) Bar Host

September 15 (Friday Social) 2 Bar Host, 2 Kitchen Crew/Clean-up

September 22 (Friday Social) 2 Bar Host

September 29(Friday Social/Potluck) Bar Host

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered already this year. Let’s make sure all our events have all the volunteer spots filled.

Successful events have good food and the potlucks on the last Friday of the month continue to be outrageously successful because of the food. Barry and Marty, with their helpers, did it again in June with almost 90 people enjoying their delicious BBQ pork ribs. Keep bringing those side dishes—the variety has been impressive. Barry and Marty plan to serve pork loin on the last Friday in July. Count on another successful event—read crowded.

Following the problems with fuel on Wet Wednesday, the next time I went to the boat I put 15 gallons of diesel in the tank and tinkered with the wire to the fuel tank sender. Problem solved. The motor runs fine and the fuel gauge works again.

See you on the water.

—Bob



From the Rear Commodore

by Joe Montgomery,
Rear Commodore

A hoy!

The month of July is coming to a close and I had to be reminded to compose my article for the Scuttlebutt and the Foghorn. It seems every month is a quick flash in the pan. I guess I'm having too much fun. Hopefully, I will be bringing my boat down from up north to compete in the Zongo Cup,

weather permitting. I thought about sailing her down last week; however, the forty knot winds changed my mind. On another note, August 19th is approaching and that's the day for "Jambalaya and Jazz" event that you will not want to miss. Ticket sales are moving along briskly, so don't forget to sign up. Forty bucks per person and remember to mention what time you would like to be served, either the first seating at 6pm or 1800 hrs, or the second seating at 7:15pm or 1915 hrs. The sooner you sign up we can get a head count so we know how much food to prep. Live music by "Jazz Alley Revue", and **Wayne Hamari** in charge of dinner made some cool posters for the event. Our Commodore, **Bret Clark**, is taking reservations for this gala event—hope to see you all there. Also, if you need to put in some work time for the club, we could use a couple of servers to help. Cheers for now.

Smooth Sailing,
—Joe 🍷

Passings

Craig Steven Bernard

March 10, 1951-July 4, 2023



Shell Beach, California – Craig Steven Bernard passed away peacefully on July 4, 2023 in Oahu, Hawaii while on vacation with his family. Craig was born on March 10, 1951 in Los Angeles, CA to Wayne and Myralu Bernard. He was raised alongside his sister Laura MacEwan. He graduated from Arroyo Grande High School before going on to graduate from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a degree in Business. Craig worked for three years in Santa Barbara at Berti, Duncan, Hilliard and Co. During this time he earned his Certified Public Accountant License. In 1977 he moved back a little closer to his hometown and started his own practice in Santa Maria. Craig was a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Santa Maria and the Boys and Girls Club of the Central Coast. He loved to give back to his community. He valued family and friendships. When he was not working at his CPA firm he would spend his spare time doing what he loved—golfing, snow skiing, boating, traveling the world and attending his grandchildren's functions and sporting events. He resided in Shell Beach alongside his wife Kelly Boland. He found joy in tinkering around the house and yard, organizing his sheds, washing his windows, refinishing his teak patio furniture and visiting all of his neighbors. Cherishing his memory are his son Garrett Bernard and Daughter Brooksley Jones and Husband Evan and grandchildren Hayden, Gracie, Parker and Christian Jones and Bowen, Declan, Rennon and Evington Bernard.

We will miss you Papa Craig. We find comfort in remembering all of the guidance, strength and love that you shared with us. We are all so blessed to have had you a part of our lives. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Boys and Girls Club of the Central Coast and Rotary Club of Santa Maria. Those we love don't go away...they walk beside us every day.

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Link to Craig Bernard's Obituary:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sanluisobispo/name/craig-bernard-obituary?id=52510429>

— Kathleen O'Neill
Sunshine Committee



Power Report

by Pat Mullen,
Power Captain

A hoy!
“Chase” boat was well crewed and actively supporting our second Avila Cup Ocean Race on July 9th. It was a great sunny day on the water with everything from 20+ knots to totally becalmed in the doldrums. **Kristin Blecha** and **Randy Kingsbury** were our newest “Chase” operators and new club members this year! Kristin and Randy had **Bill Dyer**

and **Rod Valine** along as seasoned skippers to help support their first race on “Chase”. It was a great time and lots to do supporting the race, and setting and retrieving the marks, etc. Thanks to those four members for doing such a great job and running “Chase” for that race!

Our third Avila Cup Ocean Race is Sunday, August 6th. We’re excited to welcome another pair of talented new club members, **Nick Frost** and **David Butcher**, who will skipper and crew “Chase” for this race. We are looking forward to another good day of racing, sunny skies, and fair winds. The races are a great way to get out on the water and enjoy the ocean and help support our racers and race teams. If you have an interest in learning how to crew or skipper “Chase”, let me know. It’s a lot of fun and makes a big difference in supporting our club.










Cheers,
—Pat ⚓











Photo collage by Michael Dobrzensky

Events Calendar

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 No Reservations Allowed	31	1	2	3	4 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	5 No Reservations Allowed ZONGO CUP 3pm - Zongo Reception 
6 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races 	7	8 Wet Wednesday 	9 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	10	11 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	12 Cuesta sailing 101 No Reservations Allowed
13 Cuesta sailing 101 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch 	14	15	16 3pm - Friends of Avila Pier	17	18 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	19 Cuesta sailing 101 No Reservations Allowed 6pm - Jambalaya & Jazz 
20 Cuesta sailing 101 No Reservations Allowed 	21	22	23	24	25 Cruise: Sbar to Santa Cruz Island No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	26 No Reservations Allowed 
27 Cruise: Sbar to Santa Cruz Island No Reservations Allowed	28	29	30	31	1 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	2 No Reservations Allowed

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27 Cruise: Sbar to Santa No Reservations Allowed 	28	29	30	31	1 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	2 No Reservations Allowed
3 No Reservations Allowed	4 LABOR DAY 	5	6	7 6pm - Board Meeting in Club House 	8 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	9 Tentative Reservation 3pm - Ray Mattison
10 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Races 	11	12	13 Wet Wednesday 	14	15 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	16 Cuesta sailing 101
17 Cuesta sailing 101 No Reservations Allowed	18	19	20	21 3pm - Friends of Avila	22 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	23 Cuesta sailing 101 10am Rasmussen Wine Tour / Tasting  Tentative Reservation 11am - Kristin Belcha
24 Cuesta sailing 101 No Reservations Allowed	25	26	27	28 5pm - Trivia Night at the San Luis Yacht Club 	29 No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck (German) 	30 Reserved 9am - Mike Davis

Bar Host/OD Schedule

August 2023

4 Friday Social

—Pat Mullen, OD

Bar Hosts: John Wallace

Thomas Hill

Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

5 Saturday – Zongo Cup

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Margie Hurd

Ali Stephenson

OPEN (1)

Chief Cook: OPEN (1)

Assist. Cook: Eion Duffy

Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: Bob Hurd

OPEN (3)

9 Wet Wednesday – On the Water

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD

Bar Hosts: Joe Boud

Chef Cook: OPEN (1)

Assist. Cook: Douglas Anthony

Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: OPEN (1)

11 Friday Social

—Bill McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: Patrica Hood

Karen Hiatt

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Don and Patrice Eley

Georgiana Peterson

13 Sunday Brunch

—Tom Swem, OD

Bar Hosts: Cindy Markham

Jack Luxton

Chef Cook: Erika Strickland

Assist. Cook: Lena Friedman

Crew: Patrick Corrigan, Bryan Friedman,

Doug Anthony, John Sorgenfrei

18 Friday Social/Potluck

—Pat Mullen, OD

Bar Hosts: Richard Scangrello

OPEN (1)

Kitchen Help/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

19 Saturday Dinner - Jazz and Jambalaya

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Robin Tucker and Tom Kisinger

James Madison

Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

25 Friday Social

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Robin Tucker and Tom Kisinger

James Madison

Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)



September 2023

1 Friday Social

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD

Bar Hosts: Thomas Hill

OPEN (1)

Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

8 Friday Social

—Bill McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: Karl and Carolyn Blum

OPEN (1)

Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

13 Wet Wednesday (Taco Night)

—Ken San Filippo, OD

Bar Hosts: Anthony Reynolds

J and Kathy Johnson

Chef Cook: John Hrdlicka

Cook Crew/Clean-up: Connie Bruton

15 Friday Social

—Bret Clark, OD

Bar Hosts: OPEN (2)

Food Hosts/Clean-up: OPEN (2)

22 Friday Social

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: OPEN (2)

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Kim and Brad Cash

29 Friday Social/Potluck

—Tom Swem, OD

Bar Hosts: Quinn Plant

OPEN (1)

Food Host/Clean-up: Paul and Eileen Sverchek

Jay Chapel



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