

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Ray Mattison,
Commodore

In the midst of the festive and uplifting Fourth of July party at the club it struck me how much this group has been a positive and unexpected influence in my life. You do not make new friends at my age like you do when you are younger and the kids are around. Coleen and I have made more new and valued friends in the last five years than in the twenty before it.

The other thing I particularly appreciate this year is the “no politics” rule – the clubhouse is one of the few places you can escape the endless debate and discussion of the election. Come on by and talk about something else!



Our Fourth of July party was well attended and enjoyed. We had more ships in the parade than I can recall and the weather cooperated. **Stacey Cox, Steve Davis, Joe Chufar, Cindy Churchill, Wayne Hamari, and David and Sharon Williams** put on

a great event. We even ran out of “cheeseburgers in paradise”.

Santa Cruz Island Sail

I am so looking forward to our Santa Cruz Island sail 8/5-8/7. We are going to the beautiful and pristine Prisoner’s Cove. There is a lovely harbor and a dock we can easily access. I have never seen more sea life than you will find there. For example I was able to see three different kinds of octopi just sitting on the

dock. We will have between 8-10 boats. There will be a big party on Saturday on shore. Lettie is planning a wine tasting as well.

Remember, the Channel Islands ferry runs there every day from Oxnard. You could come out in the morning, party with us, and go back in the late afternoon.

You must advise our Cruising Captain, **Lettie Fuller**, if you are planning to attend. There is a certain amount of risk and danger in these affairs and it is important we know who we should be watching out for and who we do not want to leave behind.

Zongo Cup Race

Coming up is the Zongo Race on Saturday August 20th. They will start arriving from Morro Bay in early afternoon. The Club is open from 2-5 for drinks and snacks. Then the affair moves over to the Avila Resort for food and concerts. **Bob Cazier** has agreed to operate our chase boat to help transport folks back and forth – Bob often volunteers and has never declined a request for help and support. He is a “stand up” guy!

“Stand Up Guys”

Speaking of stand up guys, **Tom Swem** and **Ken San Filippo** have been so important to our success this year. Tom Swem is my consigliere. He reads and thinks about everything we do, he is an invaluable source of wisdom and judgment, and spends an unbelievable and unrecognized amount of time supporting the Club. Right now he is organizing our new officer/director nomination process with grace and personalized attention. At the end of the day everything is my responsibility and we have had a challenging year so far. Without Ken San Filippo I would be SOL. On a weekly basis he lets me know what is going on, what he is doing about it, and where we need to go. The Club House is an antique and a treasure and he has devoted loving care and attention to its operation and preservation.

The Royal Flush project is being well managed by Mssrs. Fuller and Dempsey. Of course it is going to be more complicated and more expensive – the club is 80 years old and nothing is level and etc. Thanks from all of us for ramrodding this crucial improvement to the Club.

Live long and prosper,
—Ray

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Vice Views

by Mary Matakovich,
Vice Commodore

Greetings! July brought a lot of excitement. We began with our Friday Social which was interrupted with a directive from the Sheriff's Department to evacuate the beach. Since the clubhouse is "on the beach," Director **Melanie Cleveland**'s crew had to close-down the Social Hour. Thanks to **Tina Solomon**, **Sharon Rosenfeld** and **Mary Matakovich** for being flexible and packing everything up; everyone was safe and sound. Then, on to paying tribute to our nation's independence with our annual 4th of July celebrations! The Avila Beach Civic Association's Pancake Breakfast started the day of with great eats, strawberries and all. Then, we all eased into the Doggie Parade on the promenade with over 60 dogs/masters dressed in their "holiday best" participating. Thanks to the great publicity of our Director **Melanie Cleveland** and Port Captain **Barry Stewart** providing the Water Taxi service for more than 13 boats, as they participated in the Boat Parade. It began at the base of the Cal Poly Pier and the course was charted by Cruising Captain **Lettie Fuller** at the helm. The Port San Luis Harbor District Harbor Patrol Boat led the way streaming water and away they went, looking their finest. In the meantime, the club was packed with the anticipated excitement of our "Cheeseburgers in Paradise" bar-

bequed by **Joe Chufar**, former Commodore **Steve Davis**, and **Gary Cox** with **Stacey Cox** managing the menu for over 100 participants. **Coleen Mattison** with Husband/



Commodore Ray coordinated the afternoon fun. Next, we followed-up with a "packed" Friday Social, which former Commodore **Tom Swem** reports to have been a record-high in attendance. Guess we all like to come to the clubhouse and enjoy the camaraderie. This month's Ocean Races were coordinated by **Kristin Rasmussen**, as Sail Fleet Captain **Leanne Drummond** who was off sailing in the Bahamas (can't wait to hear her tales). Thanks to **Pat Mullen** and **Jim Gilletly** for running the Chase Boat, as it was a very windy day for our sailors. Wet Wednesday served a great dinner by **Dennis Law** with a 1930 serving time for the 17 sailors who

enjoyed the evening sail. Our traditional French Dinner prepared by **Molly Montgomery**, **Karen Dorrance** and **Lindalee Fromm** was exceptional, especially with former Commodore/Winemaker **Pat McGowen**'s wine complementing the meal. Thank you Pat and **Karen** for donating your wine for this dinner. They were assisted by **Yvette Paletta**, **Dennis Sutton**, **Tom St. John**, **Doug Parish**, and **Pete Kelley**. Molly asked for a moment of silence for the people killed in Nice. **Dan and Georgina Pease** provided assistance with decorations and Nice mementos for the servers. **Joe Montgomery** played the French national anthem and our guest/singer **Viviana** (who donated her \$100 in tips to the club) joined in with her voice and accordion. It was a delightful evening for all — a little dancing too! Our month of July holds special memories!



Volunteer Sign-ups

This challenge continues this month. We still have openings in August and the rest of the year. Please, if you haven't taken the time to sign-up, do so. Reminder: please go to the website, click on Time-to-Sign-Up and it will take you to the year's calendar. We have openings for service in August for: Wet Wednesday (8/10) Cook; Friday Socials (8/12, 8/19, 8/20), and Ocean Race (8/14, 8/28) Race Committee. Please sign up or call me and I will assist you in finding a way you can support the club.

Did You Know?

SLYC Racer **Darrel Rundstrom** is representing our club at the Wine and Roses Charity Race in Santa Barbara August 20-21. We are counting on him to bring home the gold! Go Darrel!

Did You Know?

The Board voted to sponsor a table at the Central Coast Aquarium's annual "Catch" Dinner on September 10. The Board also voted to raffle off the eight seats @ \$10 a ticket for two dinners, meaning four couples will have an opportunity to attend the event. Raffle tickets are available from the ODs up until September 2, at which time the four winning tickets will be pulled. You need not be present to win. The money from the raffle will be donated to the Central Coast Aquarium. Buy your ticket by September 2. It's a wonderful evening on the Port Harford Pier with excellent cuisine presented by our members, **Debbie Collins-Johnson** and **Jay Johnson**.

Did You Know?

This past month we had five birthday cake leftovers in the

refrigerator and since our members did not finish them off, I decided to take them to the Prado Day Center, where they were received with open arms. Our club got credit for this \$50 cake donation to our County's homeless services center. B-day babies, thank you for sharing!

Did You Know?

Port Captain **Tom Sinnickson** received approval from the Harbor District to launch and land non-powered sailing vessels outside the buoy line, by the creek, on the beach in

Avila. After the Ocean Races, he and Director **Scott Erwin** sailed onto the shore beautifully and making it look effortless. Looking forward to more vessels enjoying this access. Do come to our Small Boat Committee Meeting on August 22 at 2000 at the clubhouse and participate in shaping our plan to develop our Small Boating Program, which will go to the Board in September for formal discussion and possible action. Join us!

My best to you, always,

—*Mary* 📍



Fleet News

Leanne Drummond,
Sail Fleet Captain

July's day of racing started off beautiful, the sun was shining with a soft breeze from the south. Although the weather forecast was predicting a pretty strong NW wind, at 9:30am I had my doubts. A good number of participants came to sail the day's courses. With the monohull division boats (larger boats) and the small boats (Hobies) they numbered seven in all.

The weather (wind) forecast did prove itself accurate.

As the race start time approached (12:00pm) so did the wind, continuing to fill in and build as the afternoon passed. On this day, we were able to complete three races in our series and the competition for "The Cup" is alive and well. "Diligence" (**Simon Smith**) came in first with "Allegra" (**Darryl Rundstrom** and **Adi Ringer**) in second and "Sea Symphony" (**Doug Anthony**) third. The (close) cumulative results are posted on the website

Thank you to the race committee volunteers, **Mike Ritter**, **Christina Deviny**, **Mary Matakovich**, **Terry Farris-San Filippo** and **Ken San Filippo**. Thank you to the Chase Boat crew, **Pat Mullen** (Captain) and **Jim Gilletly** for all their work.

The next race day is Sunday August 14th. Special thanks to Cal Poly for their generosity allowing us use of their pier.

Hope to see you at the races.

— *Kristin Rasmussen* (for *Leanne Drummond*) 📍



Power Report

by Barry Stewart,
Power Captain

Fellow SLYC members, our 2016 boating season is well underway.

Your boating support team efforts in July have so far included sending the well decorated Club Chase boat in the Avila Fourth of July boat parade, carrying the signal cannon, and a half dozen members. "Chase" was skippered by Bob Cazier and decorated by Director Melanie Cleveland, who also did our P.R. All boats blew horns, rang bells, and waved flags as the public waved and cheered wildly.

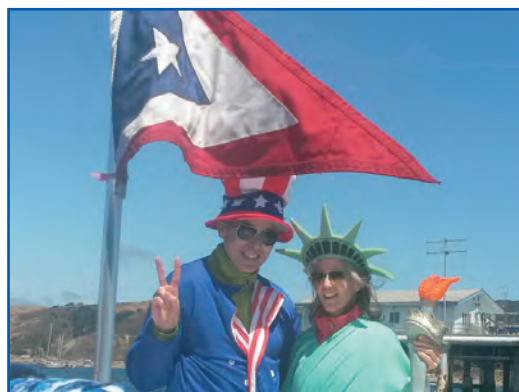
We had about 15 vessels participat-

ing, including the PSLHP Fireboat leading our procession, staffed by district personnel and bearing Cruising Captain Lettie Fuller serving as route planner and organizer. This year we also made a cruise along the port beach to provide entertainment to an additional segment of the public. Cheeseburgers, sides, and dessert were served at the club until supplies ran out.

My "Stella Maris" with a complement of nine, that

included three other flag members, was decorated by my brother Jeff and Mom Nancy. Avila fan extraordinaire Mike Davis sent live social media postings from the boat and the rest waved and played patriotic music.

After de-decorating and disembarking the crew for cheeseburgers, I anchored for the duration among several visiting vessels. A small fleet went to Pismo at sunset in clear weather to view the fireworks, but I stayed to watch them from the bay while catching some



Mike Lucero and Mary Carolyne Lucero (my sister and her husband) aka "Uncle Sam and Miss Liberty" on "Stella Maris".

bait for a 4:30 am fishing trip, and turned in for the night.

“Chase” was back in action on the 10th, supporting the Avila Cup races, skippered by Pat Mullen and crewed by Jim Gilletly. Thanks men. Well done.

Your Club also supported a cool but easily sailable Wet Wednesday evening with forty rides on the water taxi to and from moored vessels. There was an east (Pismo) wind, around 8 knots most of the time, but the fog never made it to our bay. We all enjoyed dinner at the club afterwards. Thanks to the mariners on “Slo Sloop”, “Windrunner”, “Folie aux deux”, and “Off the Hook” for utilizing the after-hours taxi.

On The Fishing Front

Local catch is still limited mostly to rockfish and ling cod, with yellowtail and halibut requiring trips to the channel islands as of this writing.

I have personally logged 100+ nautical miles so far this month, on five vessels, out of two ports and we haven't even

arrived at our annual Santa Barbara Event on the 23rd yet!

Myself and flag member Glenn Garrison, aboard Glenns' Ericson 27, “Miles of View”, have been “Conditioning” Rear Commodore Ken San Filippo to oceangoing sailboats, in anticipation of his participation in the New England two week cruise later this year. After a shaky start, he has tacked and worn ship in various sea states, learned to tell a halyard from a sheet, yied a bowline and catspaw and a slipped reef knot, belayed a cleat, flemished the falls, steered a course, stood watch, had about 17 miles of helm time, and undergone an at sea, under way, USCG vessel inspection, and learned sunglasses really help. Yes, we were wearing p.f.d.'s. Flares were in date and vessel documents were in order.

There should be two club ocean race days in August, and one Wet Wednesday, plus a Channel Islands 3-day cruise along with our regular summer social events and a board meeting.

Until next month—see you at the club.

—Barry ⚓

Sunshine Report/Sick Bay

Bob Hanson broke his hip in a bike accident, had surgery, and reports that he is doing fine now.

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.



Cheese Burgers in Paradise-4th of July Photos



Events Calendar

AUGUST 2016


































Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 No Reservations Allowed	1	2	3	4 6pm - Board (Fuller) 	5 Santa Cruz Cruise No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	6 No Reservations Allowed
7 Santa Cruz Cruise No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch 	8	9	10 6pm - Wet Wednesday 	11 12pm - Reserved Schiro	12 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	13 No Reservations Allowed 7pm - Dinner- Fish Fry
14 No Reservations Allowed 12pm - Ocean Race 	15	16	17	18	19 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	20 No Reservations Allowed 12pm - Zongo Cup
21 No Reservations Allowed	22	23	24	25	26 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Mexican Potluck 	27 No Reservations Allowed
28 No Reservations Allowed 12pm - Ocean Race 	29	30	31	1 6pm - Board (Erwin) 	2 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	3 No Reservations Allowed

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Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 No Reservations Allowed 12pm - Ocean Race 	29	30	31	1 6pm - Board (Erwin) 	2 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	3 No Reservations Allowed
4 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch	5 Labor Day  HAPPY LABOR DAY	6	7	8	9 East Coast Cruise  No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	10 3pm - Reserved M. Matakovich  
11	12  	13 	14   	15  	16 	17
18 East Coast Cruise No Reservations Allowed 12pm - Ocean Race 	19  	20 	21 6pm - Wet Wednesday 	22	23 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	24 7pm - Dinner 
18 East Coast Cruise	19  	20 	21   	22  	23 	24
18 No Reservations Allowed	19	20 2pm - Reserved M. Matakovich	21	22	23 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	24 2pm - Reserved J. Smith
25 No Reservations Allowed	26	27	28	29	30 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Favorite Recipe Potluck 	1 No Reservations Allowed

Bar Host/OD Schedule

Mary Matakovich, Vice Commodore



August 2016

- 5 **Friday Social**
—Tom Sinnickson, OD
Bar Hosts: John Maulhardt
Hal and Kelly Hannula
Richard and Iris Strachan
- 7 **Sunday Brunch**
—Tom Swem, OD
Chief Cook: Mary Butcher
Assist. Cook: Georgi Peterson
Bar Hosts: Mark Plassard
Steve DeRose
Cherrie Arthur
- 10 **Wet Wednesday**
—Scott Erwin, OD
Chief Cook: **OPEN**
Bar Host: Steve English
- 12 **Friday Social**
—Leanne Drummond, OD
Bar Hosts: Denice and Anthony Renolds
OPEN (2)



- 13 **Saturday Fish Fry Dinner**
—Jim Gilletly, OD
Chief Cook: John Roffoni
Bar Hosts: Chris and Dean Robinson
Greg and Pati Ross
Kirt Miller



- 19 **Friday Social**
—Ray Hopkins, OD
Bar Hosts: Neal and Carol Thom
Annette Hackman
OPEN

- 20 **Saturday Zongo Cup Social**
—Lettie Fuller, OD
Bar Hosts: Sylvia Dodd
Sandra Nielsen
OPEN



- 26 **Friday Social/Mexican Potluck Dinner**
—Lettie Fuller, OD
Bar Hosts: Cori and Kent Burnett
Shawna Roberts
Jillian Roberts



September 2016

- 2 **Friday Social**
—Ray Hopkins, OD
Bar Hosts: Neil and Carol Thom
OPEN (2)
- 4 **Sunday Brunch**
—Chris Barret, OD
Cook: **OPEN**
Assist. Cook: **OPEN**
Joe Chufar
Bar Host: Shad and Shelly Springer
Steve English
OPEN
- 9 **Friday Social**
—Barry Stewart, OD
Bar Hosts: Karl Blum
Steve and Liz Johnson
Gary and Alex Joralemon
- 14 **Wet Wednesday**
—Scott Ewrin, OD
Chief Cook: Pat and Dana Cusack
Bar Host: Hal and Kelly Hannula



- 16 **Friday Social**
—Mary Matakovich, OD
Bar Hosts: Tom Tucker and Robin Kisinger
Joe and Barbara Boud
Bonnie Gardner

- 17 **Saturday Dinner**
—Ray Mattison, OD
Chief Cooks: Linda Schlenker
Assist. Cooks: **OPEN**
Bar Hosts: **OPEN**
Server/Setup/Cleanup: **OPEN**



- 23 **Friday Social**
—Ron Pigeon, OD
Bar Hosts: Carl Blum
Kathy and Don Hannula
Connie Burton

- 30 **Friday Social/Favorite Recipe Potluck Dinner**
—Tom Sinnickson, OD
Bar Hosts: John and Mary Janowicz
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