



View From the Bridge

by Bret Clark, Commodore

hoy everyone!

The year is drawing to a close and my time as Commodore will end with it. The year has passed very quickly for me. As I look back on the year, I see that much was accomplished and also that there is still much to do. I can say that the Club is in solid fiscal shape, our members are participating in more activities, and our location "at the foot of the pier," is secured for the next twenty years. You also recently elected a 2024 Board that has the right amount of experience and fresh ideas to make the 2024 season a great one!

Thank you!

Your 2024 board has many returning members. This includes **Mike Davis**, **Ken San Filippo**, **Bob Hurd**, **Pat Mullen**, **Kate Gillespie**, **Mark Corella**, **Tom Swem**, **Dave Ouellet**, **Mike Ginn**, **Kristen Rasmussen**, **Bill McInerney**, and me. I would like to thank them for being willing to serve in 2024. I also would like to thank them as well as **Joe Montgomery** and **Tom McNeill** for their years of service on the board. It takes so many people to keep this club running. In addition to the board our 2023 Staff kept the bar stocked and burgees up, ensured that we could represent SLYC with an array of clothing, and that we could always make change when things were purchased, kept "Second Wind" in ship-shape condition, sent us cards, kept us informed via the website, Scuttlebutt, and Foghorn, and chronicled the year for posterity. We celebrated the 2023 Staff at the Staff Appreciation Dinner on November 11. I want to thank **Paul Schiro** and his crew for the fantastic dinner that he cooked.

In Retrospect:

At the beginning of the year, the board established its initiatives, and while we accomplished some of those, and made progress on others, there is still more work to be done. Next year, I plan to work with incoming Commodore, **Bob Hurd**, to get an approved plan and timeline for the Galley Remodel and Bar Remodel. Because the galley and bar are used year-round, we likely will establish a timeline that brings the galley down in early 2025. Our plan is to have the galley and bar down for a minimal amount of time near the beginning of the year when the club is used most lightly.

Returning Members/New Membership Drive:

By now, you should have received your 2024 membership invoices. Treasurer, Mark Corella, and Secretary, Kate Gillespie have worked hard to ensure that you were sent the invoices and will work hard to ensure that any changes that you indicate to your address, phone number, etc., will be updated in our directory. When you send in your invoice, please be sure to sign up for your volunteer service. You can do so at (https://www.timetosignup.com/sanluisyc/folder/11321). Jr. Staff Commodore, Ken San Filippo will be heading our New Membership drive which will start in January. If you know of people who would be good additions to the Club, please encourage them to come to the Club during our events and consider sponsoring them for membership.

As this is my last Foghorn article as Commodore, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve in this role. It has been an honor...

Nautically,, −Bret ↓

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Vice Views

by Bob Hurd, Vice Commodore

hoy!

It's December and I should be writing my last article for the Foghorn except that at the November 3 General Meeting the twenty-five percent quorum was met, Staff Commodores **Karen Hiatt**, **Michael Dobrzensky**, and **Bill Dyer** counted the ballots and announced that the entire slate of officers for 2024 had been elected, including me as Commodore—for the second time.

In the January Foghorn I will try to outline my goals as Commodore for 2024, but for now I am the Vice Commodore for another month.

There have been several events at the Club since the last Foghorn including the October 27 Friday Social/Halloween Potluck, the infamous November 3 General Meeting, the November 8 Wet Wednesday with awards for the Ocean Races, and the November 11 Staff Appreciation Dinner.

The Scuttlebutt encouraged members to wear costumes to the Halloween Potluck and there were a lot of fun costumes. My favorite was **Michael Nordstrom**'s hillbilly with bad teeth, sideburns, and a serious mullet. The Potluck included beef, chicken and pork filling, with both hard and soft shells prepared by **Barry Stewart**, **Marty Fuller** and **Tim Waag**. Members brought all the sides. Generous tips help keep the potlucks going.

Hors d'oeuvres for the General Meeting were a variety of amazing creations by **Debbie Collins-Johnson** and gave the event an air of sophistication. **Mary Matakovich** assisted Secretary **Kate Gillespie** with checking in members and handing out ballots.

Ocean Racing this year has been headed up by Sail Fleet Captain **Dave Ouellet** and the big turnout for the Wet Wednesday awards reflects the job he did this year. We are very fortunate to have Dave again in 2024 as Sail Fleet Captain and look forward to another great year on the water. Oh, and Dave will likely win the Howie O'Daniels award for logging the most nautical miles again.

The awards for Ocean Racing was the headliner for the Wet Wednesday event but the "light dinner" promised in the Scuttlebutt turned out to be a Scandinavian extravaganza of food headed up by Carol and Simo Nylander, with contributions from Georgina Pease, Sandra and Jesper Nielsen, and several others. Bar Hosts were Karen Silva and Barrie Cleveland.

The Directory includes a list of all the Staff, members who do so much but don't get so much recognition. On Saturday, November 11 the Club showed our appreciation to our staff with an incredible dinner prepared by **Paul** and **Tracy Schirio**. I know the focus should be on the Staff but before I get to that I want

to say the dinner was incredible. The menu included a salad with fresh mozzarella, chicken piccata with a lemon caper sauce and green beans with almonds, and dessert. Paul and Tracy were assisted in the kitchen by **Deborah Swenson** and **Sharon McDaniel**, and **Tina Radovich** and **Kevin Williams** helped with the overwhelming job of clean-up. Bar Hosts were **Ken McDaniel** and **Leland Swenson**.

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In the cover letter with your 2024 dues was an update to the Annual Service Requirements.

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 for brunch or dinner, or preparing a light meal for a Wet Wednesday and/or lunches for Race Committee twice, or serving as a Bar Host twice, (Note: Certification Regulations Mandated for Bar Hosts by the ABC) Note: For more information on the AB 1221 Law (Responsible Beverage Service Training Program Act of 2017) or serving as food host or assistant cook twice, or Supporting two racing activities (i.e., Race Committee, Chase Boat operations or maintenance), or participating in two significant Club maintenance activities, or the time that members spend obtaining their ABC Certification the first time.

Alternate tasks approved only by the Commodore, Bob Hurd. All approved alternate activities require at least a 3 hour commitment.

A change that the Board of Directors is contemplating is A Flag Member, defined as an individual or a couple, can only receive one service credit a day.

Historically, service to the Club for most members meant hosting bar two times. Adding Food Host/Clean-up to receive service was in response to how much work it was for a bar host to open/close the bar, restock the bar, clean-up,—and provide hors d'oeuvres, not to receive two credits in one night/event. Our hope is that this change will spread out the service done and lessen the need to request volunteers for vacancies.

It has also been pointed out that we would get a "two for" when a couple signs up for a single duty resulting in an enjoyable evening/event for everyone.

See you at the Club... $-Bob \ \mathbf{\mathring{\downarrow}}$



ello all you Sailors.

Well, the 2023 racing Avila Cup series is over. This was my first year as Sail Fleet Captain and it was a very interesting year. I cannot express how unique the winds are on any given Sunday in Avila Bay. As you'll see in some of the photographs, we didn't have much wind and then in other cases we almost had too much wind. For those sailors who like a video summary here is the link and QR code to **Michael Dobrzensky**'s video we showed on the Wet Wednesday awards ceremony. (Photo awards)



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The first race we had very little wind, and in the video you can see it took a while for the boats to get over the start line to even get the race going. The second race of the

season we definitely had wind, there was some great sailing this day. The wind in Avila Bay can start blowing from Pismo which we call a Pismo Wind and then change to the usual wind direction coming from the northwest. The last race we had the two lead boats take very different courses. "Allegra" was ahead, "Second Wind" took a risk and headed on a long

NW tack. We all thought they were going to Morro Bay but at the outer mark "Second Wind" had made up time and was in the lead. For more video details see **Roger Briggs** video on YouTube here:

https://youtu.be/XPkAzPd4ti0?si=79tLiYZ0F79mrswt

Unfortunately, the sailing instructions hold the race time to 2 hours, so the above race didn't count due to the boats taking more than 2 hours to cross the finish line. This happened twice this year, so we are going to extend the race time to 2.5 hours for next year.

This race season "Second Wind" and "Allegra" battled for 1st place throughout the season.

The final outcome was very close with "Allegra" in first, "Second Wind" in second, "Voyager 2" in third and "Blondie" in fourth places.

We always can use help on the race committee or lunch detail so please sign up for next year, through the link: Time to Sign Up.

I would like to thank the racers; race committee volunteers and the chase boat volunteers for making this San Luis Yacht Club Avila Cup Series a great season. We are looking forward to next year.





Sail Fleet Captain, Dave Ouellet presenting the the "Avila Cup" tropy to Darrel Rundstrom and Marty Fuller.



Members dining at the awards night event.



Power Report

by Pat Mullen, Power Captain

hoy!
What a great year of fun, boating and being back on the water! I had such a good time getting to work with our wonderful Chase Boat volunteers. We had a super team of new club members as well as some more seasoned members who all helped skipper and crew Chase Boat during the Ocean Races. Thank you Jack Luxton, Mike Ginn, Bill Dyer, Kristin Blecha, David Butcher, Nick Frost, John Stocksdale, Randy Kingsbury and Bob Hurd. All helped skipper and

crew "Chase" during the June, July, August, September, and October races. A sincere thank you for your help and partnership this year! For others, come out and join us next year for a fun way to be more engaged and help out. You'll have a blast and learn a ton with our cool club Chase Boat and crew!

Mike Ginn will be our Power Captain next year and will do a terrific job. Reach out to him if you'd like to help, or want to learn how to crew or skipper Chase Boat. It's a fun way to learn more about boating and support our club races. It's a cool time, just ask any of those listed above.

Finally, don't forget our Community Involvement Committee. It's another great way to support our club and the Avila Community. We will again be doing beach cleanups, promoting other local Avila non-profits, and looking for new ways our club can help support and improve Avila and Port San Luis. Let me know if you'd like to be on this committee with me in 2024.

Have fun, $-Pat \stackrel{\checkmark}{\downarrow}$



Jr. Staff Commodore Report

by Ken San Filippo, Ir. Staff Commodore

ello SLYC Members.

2024 New Member Applications – Information and Timeline of Dates

For advance planning purposes.

As we plan for the 2024 new membership applications, please take the time to review the information posted on our club's web site to become familiar with the new member application process and timeline of dates, including potential new member information nights.

2024 membership information has been posted on our website since October.

If you have someone in mind or asked to be a sponsor for membership to the club. Please note the dates and sponsor responsibilities as posted on the club's web page.

For the 2024 membership drive, I have added new member informational interest nights and I will be available at the club to talk with any potential members regarding the membership process. The remaining dates available align with club activities and are slated for December 1 and January 1.

Please feel free to reach out to me Jr. Staff Commodore to answer any questions you may have or arrange to meet with prospected new members.

Note: informational interest nights—potential new members are not required to attend the informational nights.

2024 Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge (PBP) & Penguin Girls Toe Dippers (PGTD)

Get ready or our annual club event, January 1, 2024, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to celebrate the New Years Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge at noon or participate in a new club tradition started in 2023 by **Georgina Pease** and participate with the Penguin Girls Toe Dippers for those who prefer not to take the plunge.

Come join us for a splash, dip, laughter, conversation, good food and good company. Last year over 75 members participated in the Polar Bear event, enjoying the first day of the new year and looking forward to their wishes and dreams of the coming year.

Staff Commodores **Ken San Filippo** and **Barry Stewart** will be hosting the event and will be providing hot food like chili and bean soups and the bar will be open to keep your glasses full for all to enjoy the day.

New Years Day crew consists of bar hosts **Ali Stephenson** and Sylvia **Dodd**, for the morning shift and **Susan Waag** and **Denise Reynolds** for the afternoon shift with **Tim Waag** as Kitchen host.

We encourage members who come to the club on New Years Day to bring a side dish. appetizers or a dessert. Chili, hot soups, and baked potatoes with the works will be supplied by the club.

The plunge and toe dipping is at high noon, group pictures will be taken prior to the plunge at the club entrance at 11:45 by **Michael Dobrzensky**.

As a reminder for memories of the 2024 Avila Beach Polar bear Plunge, t-shirts will be available to purchase from **Mary Matakovich** who will have a table out on the sidewalk in front of the seawall, proceeds go to Friends of 40 Prado Homeless Center and Friends of Avila Pier.

Hope to see you there.



From the Rear Commodore

by Joe Montgomery, Rear Commodore

reetings Yacht Club members.

Pull out the Christmas decorations, go find an impressive tall tree, bring in the holiday cheer with "JAZZ ALLEY REVUE" performing your favorite Christmas tunes with an uplifting jazzy spirit live at the club on December 1st, 1800 to 2000hrs. Sounds like a pretty busy month of the year. For me, actually, it's my most enjoyable.

This will be my last year serving you as your Rear Commodore. I've been on the board for four years. Two years as a Director, and two years as your Rear Commodore and will be taking a break from my duties. I'm going to attempt to finish writing my memoirs regarding a 35 year career in the motion picture industry in Hollywood... Having the opportunity of being the first civilian to fly in a F16 Jet breaking the sound barrier. Interviewing Chuck Yeager, the first person to break the barrier. Filming the 40th anniversary

of D-Day on Omaha Beach, where my cousin was killed and whom I'm named after. Working with President Ronald Reagan as his personal cameraman during that time and staying at the 15th century Ashford Castle in Ireland, my room was just one door from Nancy and Ronalds'. I had a small camera taking many stills as well; however, the secret service entered my room and removed all of my stills. Having a late dinner with then, Secretary of State George Shultz who replaced Alexander Haig. George told me all about the slaughter of Irish nuns, that had just occurred, in Central America. On another assignment, Chasing Pablo Escobar, the drug czar of Columbia, there was no work in Hollywood because of actor SAG and writers WGA were on strike. Still, there was a mortgage to pay, and mouths to feed so off I go to South America for six weeks being chased by the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) spending weeks in the jungles of Peru and dodging bullets that came my way. Not all jobs were like the ones I just described. Working with Blake Edwards (Pink Panther movies) was sheer delight.

Now, for a new subject, I want to thank **Dan Pease** for stepping up to completing the restoration of three tables and one broken bar stool, thanks Dan. Cudos to **Catherine Ulrich** and **Molly Montgomery** for the banner, good food and decorating effort for our veterans.

I'm going to close now before my computer explodes.

Smooth Sailing,

-Joe \checkmark



Wishing a safe and exciting journey to our yacht club members taking off for the Bahama's in December

-Cruising Captian, Michael Ginn

Halloween 2023



Photo collage by Michael Dobrzensky

Sunshine Committee



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.

Kathleen O'NeillSunshine Committee

Events Calendar

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Reservations Allowed	27	28	29	5pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse	No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	4pm - Decorating Contest Tree Decorating-Potluck 6pm - Lighted Boat Parade
No Reservations Allowed	4	Reserved Bill Dyer	6	3pm - Friends of Avila	No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	Bahamas' Cruise: Exumas / Abaco
Bahamas' Cruise: Exumas No Reservations Allowed		12	13	Reserved 3pm - Mark Machala	No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	Reserved 1pm - Mary Matakovich 6pm - Friends of Avila
No Reservations Allowed	18	19	20	3pm - Friends of Avila	No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	6pm - Friends of Avila
No Reservations Allowed 10am - Second Wind Reception Mixer	Christmas Day	26	27	28	No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	5pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse
New Year's Eve No Reservations Allowed	New Year's Day 12pm - Polar Bear Plunge	2	3	5-7pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse	No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour/ Tree Untrimming	6

Events Calendar

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
New Year's Eve No Reservations Allowed	New Year's Day	2	3	5pm · Board Meeting in Clubhouse	No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour/ Tree Untrimming	6
No Reservations Allowed	8	9	1pm - Wet Wednesday in Clubhouse	11	No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	6pm - New Board Old Dinner
No Reservations Allowed	Martin Luther King Day	6pm - Friends of Avila Pier	17	6:30pm - New Membership Application Meeting	No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	20
No Reservations Allowed		6:30pm - Friends of Avila Pier 6:30pm - New Membership Application Meeting		6pm - Friends of Avila Pier	After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	6pm - Commodore's Dinner
No Reservations Allowed	29	30	31	6pm - Board meeting in Clubhouse	No Reservations After 3pm 6pm - Social Hour	3

Bar Host/OD Schedule

December 2023

1 Friday Social

Bill McInerney, ODBar Hosts: Gary Ross

Bill and Linday Thoma Food Hosts/Clean-up: Kevin Williams

Makenzie Blodgett

2 Saturday Cookie and Tree Decorating - Potluck

-Bob Hurd, OD

Bar Hosts: Matthew Farmer

Lindalee Fromm

Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: Sally Kren

Jim Blecha



8 Friday Social

-Bob Hurd, OD

Bar Hosts: Ellen and Michael Sheffer

Karl and Carolyn Blum

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Ellen and Michael Sheffer

Lindalee Fromm

15 Friday Social

-Bill McInerney, OD

Bar Hosts: Ellen and Michael Sheffer

Garth Kelly

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Ellen and Michael Sheffer

Albert Censullo

22 Friday Social

-Tom McNeill, OD

Bar Hosts: Janine McNeill

Kathy Metcalf

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Brian Metcalf

John Sorgenfrei





January 2024

1 Monday Polar Bear Plunge

-Ken san Filippo, OD

Bar Hosts (Morning) 10-1pm: Ali Stephenson

Sylvia Dodd

Bar Hosts (Afternoon) 1-4pm: Susan Waag

Denise Reynolds

Chief Cook: Barry Stewart

Assistant Cook/Clean-up: Tim Waag

5 Friday Social & Tree Undecorating

-TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Keith Pellemeier

Bingo Farmer

Food Hosts/Clean-up: David Erbstoesser

OPEN (2)

10 Wet Wednesday

-Kristin Rasmussen, OD

Bar Hosts: Rick Bertram

Darin Spiegel

Food Hosts/Clean-up: David Erbstoesser

Margo Fraser

12 Friday Social

-Ken San Filippo, OD

Bar Hosts: Brandon and Delaney Spiller

Shad Springer

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Warren Ristow

OPEN (1)

19 Friday Social

-Bret Clark, OD

Bar Hosts: Brandon and Delaney Spiller

Shad Springer

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Shad Springer

OPEN (1)

26 Friday Social/Potluck

-TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Rick Bertram

Darin Spiegel

Food Hosts/Clean-up: David Erbstoesser

Margo Fraser

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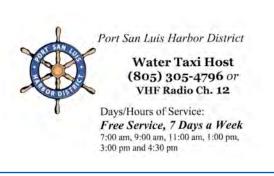


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