



the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Mary Matakovich,
Commodore

Happy New Year! Happy 80th Anniversary!
Isn't it amazing that we are in our 80th year as a club. Think of all the memories! We still have our beautiful clubhouse at the base of the Avila Pier in Avila Beach. We have 200 Flag members, 16 Honorary members, 3 Active Military, and 27 Associate members.

We have a year full of exciting activities to celebrate this 80th year. We are kicking-off the year on New Year's Day by participating in the Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge at 1200, east side of the pier. See **Margie Hurd** for the club's plunge details. The club will complement your plunge with a celebratory meal hosted by Social Chair **Dorie Zwinger**, signature drinks prepared by Rear Commodore **Barry Stewart** and **Margie Hurd**, a plunge vintage t-shirt and even a club tattoo. (See photo of **Jeff Stewart** on page 5.) A great way to welcome in this new year!

Our Board of Directors is prepared to serve you by addressing our Constitution's objectives:

- ↳ Improve the port facilities of Port San Luis
- ↳ Develop yachting in Port San Luis
- ↳ Attract visiting Yachtmen from other ports to Port San Luis
- ↳ Benefit Avila Beach

We plan at our first Board meeting, January 5, 1800 at the clubhouse to generate a list of outcomes which will guide us through the year and will determine for you whether we are making progress toward the club's objectives. You have charged us with that responsibility and we will take

it seriously. You are welcome to join us. I've posted the agenda on our office door and on our website; so, you will know what we will be discussing at the meeting. There is also a Public Comment section at the beginning of the meeting; which is for anyone to come and speak about anything not on the agenda. I want you to be aware of this option to communicate with the Board. Our Cruising Captain **Lettie Fuller** will present a proposed cruising schedule in conjunction with Sail Fleet Captain **Kristin Rasmussen's** proposed racing schedule.

January is a month of Firsts: Our first Brunch, January 8, is a Potluck. Bring a side dish. The main course will be provided by the New Board. This is an opportunity to thank the 2016 Board for their service to the club. Our first Wet Wednesday, January 11, will highlight our history as a club; read the Wet Wednesday (page 4) notice for details. Our first New Members' Orientation dates are set for January 25 and February 4. Please read the Junior Staff Commodore **Ray Mattison's** Report (page 3) for the details. Sponsoring a new member is a very important responsibility we have as Flag members. Please do it! Sponsor a new member!

Congratulations goes out to our Royal Flush Crew: **Marty Fuller, Dennis Dempsey, Dan Pease, John Diaz** and **Ken San Filippo**, along with **Margie Hurd** and **Dorie Zwinger** who raised the funds for this project, for the completion of the first bathroom remodel. Great job! The shower is ready for our New Year's Day plungers! Thank you for your diligence!

A Big Thanks goes to **Sandy and Val Gillespie, Mike Ritter** and **Darrel and Linda Rundstrom** for representing our community and our yacht club on the Port San Luis Harbor District Avila Pier Study Advisory Committee (SAC). They have spent their time and energy providing their input to the Port's consultants, who are developing a Feasibility Study to determine if this community has the ability to raise \$17M to rehabilitate the Avila Pier. The study will be public the end of February. **Jim Blecha** and I also serve on the SAC as Port Commissioners and as yacht club members.

I ask that you please join the Board of Directors and Staff in supporting our club with your great attitudes towards club service, and participation in our activities.

My best to you, always,
- Mary ↳

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Vice Views

by Chris Barrett,
Vice Commodore

Ahoy! I begin this year as your Vice Commodore and I know I'll have a good time and will have lots of support from my fellow Officers and all members of SLYC. I look forward to this year fulfilling the duties of Vice Commodore. In future *Foghorn* articles I'll describe some of those duties. I'm also looking forward to enjoying socializing at the Clubhouse and getting on the water. Currently, my focus is on making sure the Club's Time-To-Sign-Up web pages are up and running smoothly so that Flag Members can get their names onto the calendar's volunteer signup dates of choice. If you have questions or need help signing up, please give me a call and I am happy to help. At this time of year, the Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary

and I are focused on tracking the Club 2017 dues payments coming in. As of late December, we have received dues payments for 116 out of our total 200 Flag Members. We have also received dues for 15 out of 29 Associate Members. The reason we are tracking this is because there are a several people interested in becoming new members of our Yacht Club. Once we have a complete count of renewing Flag members, we will know how many vacancies we can fill with new members. The Membership Committee is eager to do their job and start screening prospective members, but they really need to know how many new members to admit. If you have not submitted your dues for 2017, you're overdue. Those of you who are overdue, please help us put this task to rest by getting that check in the mail right away. Thank you! When I'm not taking care of Club business, I am thinking of ways to go sailing. I look forward to watching the brand new Small Boat Program get launched this year. This will create a new way for members to get on the water in Avila Beach with less hassle and far less of the usual logistics challenges small boat sailors face when getting out on San Luis Bay. Please stay tuned for more details as the efforts of our enthusiastic Small Boat Committee bear fruit in 2017.

Fair Winds,
—Chris ⚓



Rear Commodore Report

by Barry Stewart,
Rear Commodore

Happy New Year SLYC Members. I went sailing a few days ago to contemplate the coming year here at SLYC. A bit of my thoughts...

Thank you once again for entrusting me with the duties of Rear Commodore, which are generally to assist our other two commodores by statute, and to oversee the clubhouse by assignment, as well as to assist the other directors. I have been generously assisted thus far by Port Captain Ken San Filippo who has the great attribute of living in Avila and having been Rear Commodore last year.

There are many desires requests and expectations on the part of our membership as it relates to our Clubhouse, as well as a tradition of providing marine related and local community groups some access as well. But we will not be able to do or accommodate everything that is asked of us,

and either funding limitations, scheduling conflicts or Board judgments will sometimes result in an unpopular NO answer.

I will try not to have my *Foghorn* articles mostly be nagging about cleaning kitchens, glasses, grille, dishes and floors etc. But after casual and formal usage, sometimes the place is left truly a mess and no one takes responsibility. I will try and do my share to keep that to a minimum. We may or may not get new tables and chairs etc. and we have to set priorities for repair replacement and maintenance on many things you don't notice until they aren't working or available.

We truly do have a goal to prudently accommodate as much activity and involvement as we think wise, and will endeavor to be fair to competing interests. Our low club prices and dues structure along with our Volunteer membership participation is generally enough to "keep the lights on and the door open" but not to be lavish in any way. Along those lines, we are hoping for active and generous participation in our 80th anniversary year and any special events and fundraisers that arise, so that maybe this year can be a bit special. Our Commodore Mary has high hopes and has put a lot of effort into planning 2017 activities and priorities. Please consider going the extra mile for your club this year.

See you at the Club and on the water,
—Barry ⚓





Jr. Staff Commodore Report

by Ray Mattison,
Jr. Staff Commodore

Time for New Member Applications

To apply for a new Flag Membership in 2017 the new member and at least one of the two required sponsors must attend one of our scheduled Orientation Sessions to obtain an application and, later, appear for a personal interview at one of the scheduled times (see below). This is mandatory and there is no other way to apply absent a showing of good cause for special treatment and approval thereof by the Board. Once the applicant completes the orientation they are given an application and a deadline for submission. Each applicant must be recommended by two Flag Member-sponsors. Thereafter the Membership Committee selects those applicants it chooses to interview. They then bring their nominees to the Board of Directors for a final vote. Our by-laws are simple and only two and one half pages long — every applicant is expected to read and understand the rules of the game. There will probably be at least a few openings — we won't know for sure until January of 2017.

Orientation Sessions:

Wed. 1/25/17 1800; Sat. 2/4/17 1100

New Member Interviews:

Thurs. 2/23/17 1800; Sat. 2/25/17 1100

I am the “Junior Staff Commodore” for 2017. Uneasy lies the crown! It is the responsibility of the Junior Staff Commodore to oversee the new member application process. Over the past five years the Board has deliberately standardized the application process by assigning a certain weight to several important attributes. The club is for sailors who will be willing to do their share in this all volunteer organization. Generally, we are looking for highly recommended people with an actual history of boating (from kayaks to schooners) and volunteer service.

For a Little Trivia:

Did you know that, since the 1800's every Yacht Club in the world follows the same structure: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, etc.? I just finished serving as 2016 Commodore and now become the Junior Staff Commodore while 2015 Commodore Ray Hopkins moves to Senior Staff Commodore. 2014 Commodore Tom Swem gladly moves out the door. So, when our new Vice-Commodore, Chris Barrett, starts his term he has made a four year commitment to serve on the Board of Directors.

No one told me any of this when I agreed to be the Cruising Captain in my second year as a member; and, I still have two to go. It has expanded my horizons in such unexpected ways, I have learned so much, and I have made so many new friends: I don't regret a minute of it (except for the #!*% entry system that drove us crazy earlier in the year). One of those new friends is Mary Matakovich, our new Commodore. She will be an exceptional Commodore and it is an honor to serve with her.

—Ray



Power Report

by Jim Gilletly,
Power Captain

“Hello and Happy New Year to all of our SLYC members and families! Also, Happy 80th Anniversary to the SLYC! First...Just a quick introduction. My name is Jim Gilletly. For the relatively short time as an SLYC Flag Member, I have had the privilege to serve on the 2016 SLYC Board

of Directors as Director 3. This year I am excited to serve the SLYC as the 2017 Power Fleet Captain. I would like to personally thank Barry Stewart for all of his amazing work as Power Fleet Captain for the past few years. Barry has been incredibly gracious with his time, knowledge, and commitment to the boating activities organized by our club. He has also been instrumental in developing a true team of certified chase boat and water taxi skippers and crew. Thank you Barry for all that you do and we all look forward to you assuming your new position as the 2017 Rear Commodore. As the 2017 Power Fleet Captain, I look forward to providing the best service I can for the SLYC and to help with the continuance of the SLYC boating events and traditions that we all have been so fortunate to be a part of.”

—Jim





Fleet News

by Kristin Rasmussen,
Sail Fleet Captain

*Article written by
Leanne Drummond,
Former Sail Fleet Captain*



Greetings All. Well as 2016 comes to a close, along with my tenure as Sail Fleet Captain, I am looking forward to the new sail season with Kristin Rasmussen leading the Race Committee.

We remain in a bit of a quandary as to what to do with the usual lake race series, given the water levels at Lopez

currently. Watch this space though as Kristin will update on race options in the new year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the club members who have helped with the races over the last two years and encourage you all to join us at the end of the Cal Poly pier, and wherever else we might be running races, for a fun day on the water.

–Leanne 



Kristin Rasmussen: Anchor for the 2017 race season.

Upcoming Events



Wet Wednesday - January 11, 2017

The Wet Wednesday program for January 11 will include a 30 minute film, "THE HISTORY OF THE SAN LUIS YACHT CLUB" including a panel discussion with:

- Herb McBratney – Commodore 1937, 1938
- George Duclou – Commodore 1947, 1948
- Gerard Parsons – Commodore 1949
- Parnell Tilley – Commodore 1950
- Del Hollinger – Commodore 1965, 1967

Brian King will introduce the film and add a brief historical perspective as well.

New Burgee

Riverside Yacht Club, Greenwich, Connecticut

This burgee was sent to the Yacht Club from Walley Benjamin in memory of his brother Hank Benjamin.

– Jeff Liberman, Burgees



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Holiday Sing-a-Long Photos



Sunshine Report

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.



Happy Birthday Del Hollinger!

“Please join me in honoring Del Hollinger who turned 90 years old November 29th. He was Commodore in 1965 and 1967 and remains active in the Club and in life in general. He still square dances every week, goes running on a regular basis, and recently drove his own 5th-wheeler as far east as West Virginia, then south to Louisiana, and then home. He and his dear wife Hilde of 63 years loved traveling together and visited every state in the Union, most of them several times. Two years ago they drove 10,500 miles on a trip in the U.S. Hilde passed away on Christmas Eve one year ago. She is deeply missed.

Del and Hilde loved sailing and sailed their 29-foot Ericson sloop back and forth to Hawaii in 1989. They participated in many regattas and three international flattie championships. He has a couple of hundred sailing trophies. Del moved to San Luis Obispo County in 1937 and started using the Yacht Club in 1940 as a Sea Scout where he was trained in seamanship. He learned all his knot tying at the Clubhouse such that, when he joined the Navy, they did not have to teach him knot tying. He is part of the greatest generation ever and served as a radioman in both WW II and in the Korean War. He was a registered Civil Engineer who worked 37 years for the State Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, which was later renamed Cal Trans.

Del has two daughters, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Del concluded our conversation, saying that he likes to challenge himself continuously and that he does not want to slow down or give up on anything. He has a perpetual smile and positive attitude and is a true inspiration for all of us.”

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen O'Neil, Sunshine Committee



Bette Benjamin

Bette Benjamin is undergoing treatment for lymphoma and would appreciate get well cards. We all wish her well during her recovery.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen O'Neil, Sunshine Committee



Events Calendar

JANUARY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day No Reservations Allowed 9:30am - Polar Bear Plunge 	2 New Year's Day observed	3	4	5 6pm - Board 	6 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour/tree undecorating 	7 No Reservations Allowed
8 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Potluck Brunch-Thanks Old BoD Welcome New BoD	9	10 6pm - Wet Wednesday Film 	11	12	13 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	14 Reserved - AB Comm. Foundation 12-3pm 6pm - Commodores' Dinner
15 No Reservations Allowed	16 Martin Luther King Day 	17	18	19 Reserved - Matakovich 2-9pm	20 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Dinner 	21 Reserved - Krenn 2-9pm
22 No Reservations Allowed	23	24 New Member Candidate Orientation	25	26	27 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	28 Reserved - Zwinger 9-4pm 6pm - Old Board/New Board Dinner
29 No Reservations Allowed	30	31	1	2 6pm - Board 	3 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	4 No Reservations Allowed New Members Candidate Orientation

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Events Calendar

FEBRUARY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 No Reservations Allowed	30	31	1	2 6pm - Board 	3 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	4 No Reservations Allowed New Member Candidate Orientation
5 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch 12pm - Lopez Race 	6	7	8 6pm - Wet Wednesday 	9	10 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	11
12 No Reservations Allowed	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16	17 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Valentines Dinner 	18
19 No Reservations Allowed	20 President's Day 	21	22	23 Interviews: Closed 6-8pm	24 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	25 Interviews: Closed 6-8pm
26 No Reservations Allowed	27	28	1	2 6pm - Board 	3 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	4 No Reservations Allowed



Bar Host/OD Schedule

Chris Barrett, Vice Commodore



January 2017

- 1 **New Year's Day**
-Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge
—Barry Stewart OD
Chief Cook: OPEN
Assist. Cook: OPEN
Bar Hosts: Marjorie Hurd
Barrie Cleveland
- 6 **Friday Social-Tree Un-Decorating**
—Ramon Hopkins OD
Bar Hosts: Bingo Farmer
Jay Chapel
Jim and Perris Bernardo
- 8 **Sunday Potluck Brunch**
—Mary Matakovich, OD
Chief Cook: OPEN
Assist. Cook: OPEN
Crew: Jim and Perris Bernardo
Bar Hosts: Bingo Farmer
Matthew Farmer
Jay Chapel
- 11 **Wet Wednesday**
—Jeff Bucher, OD
Chief Cook: Pat and Lonnie Hood
Assist. Cook: OPEN
Crew: Martin and Debi Testra
Bar Hosts: Mike Davis
Doug Anthony
Martin and Debi Testra
- 13 **Friday Social**
—Chris Barrett, OD
Bar Hosts: Steve English
Ed and Chris Henry
Janet Leonard
- 20 **Friday Dinner**
—Scott Erwin, OD
Chief Cook: OPEN
Assist. Cook: OPEN
Crew: Mark Hawes
Bar Hosts: Mike Davis
Jeff Stewart
Keith Pellemeier
- 27 **Friday Social/Potluck Dinner**
—Bret Clark OD
Bar Hosts: Gary Joralemon
Craig Bernard and Kelly Boland
Pat and Carter McGowen
Brenda Noakes

February 2017

- 3 **Friday Social**
—Melanie Cleveland, OD
Bar Hosts: Steve English
Carter McGowen
Pat McGowen
Brenda Noakes
- 5 **Sunday Brunch**
—Ron Pigeon, OD
Chief Cook: OPEN
Assist. Cook: OPEN
Crew: Marcia Scott
Bar Hosts: Janet Leonard
Cherrie Arthur
Thomas Strait
- 8 **Wet Wednesday**
—Jeff Bucher, OD
Chief Cook: Dave and Sharon Williams
Assist. Cook: OPEN
Crew: Mark Hawes
Bar Hosts: Ed and Chris Henry
George Risher
Craig Bernard and Kelly Boland
- 10 **Friday Social**
—Scott Erwin, OD
Bar Hosts: David Erbstoesser
Rick and Theresa Bertram
Margo Fraser
- 17 **Friday Dinner - St Valentines**
—Lettie Fuller, OD
Chief Cook: OPEN
Assist. Cook: OPEN
Crew: OPEN
Bar Hosts: OPEN (3)
- 24 **Friday Social/Potluck Dinner**
—Jim Gilletley, OD
Bar Host: Ernie DeGasparis
George Risher
Tom and Janine McNeill





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