

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Chris Barrett,
Commodore

Cheers Mates.
Happy New Year! As your new Commodore my main objective is to get people on the water as much as possible. This includes me. A great start will be to attend the Lake Races starting in February. All we need is some rain to make sure the lakes are mostly full of water and navigable for boaters. If nature will cooperate, we can all enjoy the beautiful environment Lopez Lake and Santa Margarita Lake have to offer. Small boat sailing is a great way to introduce your kids and grandchildren to the joys of being on the water. Speaking of small boat sailing, the Small Boat Committee continues to work with the Harbor District to gain an agreement for us to store a few small sailboats under the clubhouse and launch them at the mouth of San Luis Creek. Stay tuned for details on this important new way to conveniently access the water and go for a sail. Also, San Luis Yacht Club is sponsoring a Sea Scouts chapter, known as a "Ship". The Sea Scouts Ship is a program developed by Boy Scouts to provide a safe and fun way for 13 to 19 year-old boys and girls to pursue their curiosity in all things related to boating. If you have a child, grandchild or know of a young person who may be interested, this is for them. They can just come check it out then decide. Meeting and event times will be announced soon.

The Club Social events are important too. As your Commodore, I am grateful for the support you provide. I am especially grateful for the Club members who volunteer



Commodore Chirs Barretts' trimaran, "Ruby Mae", in Morro Bay.

to work hard to make each event a success. The members who show up and help put on the brunches, dinners, dances, races, cruises and work parties are the heart and soul of the club. In the words of Staff Commodore Jay Chapel, "They are the foundation, or in this case, the pilings that the club rests on." Your dues buy you membership, but that's not really belonging. Volunteering for social, cruising or racing events will give you a feeling of belonging. There are many opportunities to volunteer your time and effort to support San Luis Yacht Club. Pick an activity that interests you, ask a fellow member to join you and come help make this year successful. You will be glad you did.

On a final note, Club annual dues are due on December 31st. If you haven't submitted your 2018 dues, please take a minute to send your payment promptly. Dues can be paid by credit card during club events, just let the Officer of the Day (OD) know and they'll be able to process you payment.

My best to you, always,
- Chris 🚢

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Vice Views

by Barry Stewart,
Vice Commodore

Ahoy SLYC!
As a true volunteer organization, we must rely on our flag members to contribute more than just dues. In the recent past your response has been generally very good.

We have transitioned to the online “Time To Sign Up” system on our club website, SLYC.org, (under the members section) over the last couple years.

It is super quick and easy to sign up to volunteer for many activities.

A couple of members are at sea, or otherwise “off the grid”, and don’t have quick access, but all have telephones, so call me if you need help, or have lost your members password.

I hope you will all consider making a resolution to regularly volunteer and participate in club activities for 2018.

We are well aware that some members are not as “nautically inclined” as they once were. Fortunately SLYC offers opportunities for sharing your various social, musical, culinary, artistic, industrial, and organizational talents in order to fulfill your membership obligations.

We are putting together and sponsoring a Sea Scout “Ship”, organizing the building cleanup party, making plans to hold water safety events and Regattas, improve the various sailings and boating skills of our members, and organize cruises and social events.

Reminder—Members acting as “Chief Cook” or “Head Cook” at a club meal fulfill “Member in good standing” obligation without a second duty.

Many members do far more than minimums. We hope that you will be one of them.

In any event I will endeavor to lighten the load and work with you to have smooth sailing in 2018.

Nautically,
– Barry ⚓



Jr. Staff Commodore Report

by Mary Matakovich,
Jr. Staff Commodore

Ahoy Mates!
Looking forward to serving as your Junior Staff Commodore! It is my responsibility to oversee the New Member Application process. Our process is very straightforward. I will convene a Membership Committee, with the approval of our Commodore Chris Barrett, at the January Board of Directors’ Meeting. Once approved, the committee will meet and review the application process and procedures and be ready to host the required Orientation Meetings at the Clubhouse. The applicants are required to attend one of the Orientation Meetings, either January 24 at 1800 or February 3 at 1100. The applicant must attend with one of his/her two sponsors. The Orientation Meeting will provide an overview of the club’s expectations of its members, a brief history of this all-volunteer club, the

application deadline and interview process. The deadline for final approval of new members for 2018 will occur at the March 1 Board Meeting.

The most-asked question is: How many openings will there be? Not until the end of January will we have our number of openings, as this is based upon the current members’ notifying the Board of their intentions along with paying their dues. The numbers vary from year-to-year. Please don’t let this question get in your way of sponsoring an individual you know who would be a “quality” addition to our club. We are looking for well-rounded individuals, with sailing/boating/water experiences with “can-do” attitude towards ensuring that we will meet our club’s objectives and have fun in the process.

In the meantime, please invite your applicant(s) to the clubhouse for our scheduled events and/or just bring them to the clubhouse for a visit. It’s good to have the applicant familiar with our club and able to get-to-know us in advance of filling an application.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please feel free to ask any Board member or myself. We are here to encourage applicants to apply to be part of this organization.

At your service,
– Mary ⚓

P.S. The Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge is always a great way to start off the year! Thanks for joining in the fun!





Cruising News

by Lettie Fuller,
Cruising Captain

Stracham, Kristen Rasmussen, Jim Gilletly, Jean Dyer, Bill Dyer, Jerry Crawford, Barbara Crawford, Tom Hill, Mark Hawes, Mark Harkness, Pat Harkness, Melanie Cleaveland, Roger Briggs, Marty Fuller, Lettie Fuller, Will Power, Wayne Lippold, Marci Lippold, and Melissa Guise. (pictured below)

As your Cruising Captain in 2018, get ready for another great year of cruising events, read the scuttlebutt and summary of events planned for this year. I hope to see all power boaters, and sailors out on the water this year. Go to the SLYC.org website under cruising and read upcoming events.

If you have new ideas for cruising events let me know.

Happy sailing,
– Lettie 🚢

Ahoy Mates. We had an amazing cruising year in 2017, and we wrapped up the last cruise of the year by going to La Paz, Mexico and sailing in the Sea of Cortez from November 12-18. We had 22 members from the Yacht Club, 4 nonmembers, 4 catamarans and 1 sailboat. We were blessed with wind, fish, warm water, and great memories. We could not ask for better conditions overall. Come to the first Wet Wednesday in January for a slideshow of the trip to La Paz.

The following members and nonmembers that attended the trip were:

Steve Johnson, Ray Mattison, Pat Mullin, Ron Pigeon, Michael Dobrzensky, Sylvia Dodd, Iris Swisher, Dick



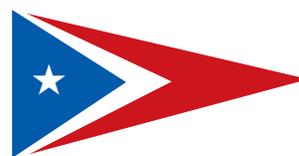
Power Report

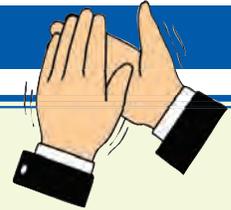
by Mike Davis,
Power Captain

teaching me the ropes with the Chase boat and Board duties. I look forward to working with the Chase Boat volunteers and appreciate your continued support by signing up for the Crew and Captain openings for the upcoming year. As your 2018 Power Fleet Captain, I'm excited about serving the club and being more involved with the club and its members.

– Mike 🚢

Happy New Year SLYC members! I am proud to serve on board for the first time as your Power Captain and do my part to help the club. I want to personally thank Jim Gilletly and Barry Stewart for





Article courtesy of pasoroblesdailynews.com

LOCAL DOCUMENTARY WINS ACCOLADES

Posted: 12:55 pm, November 23, 2017 by News Staff

Of Marshes and Morros tells the true story of local community members who band together to protect and restore the Morro Bay estuary by creating the Morro Bay National Estuary Program. The film took home the award for Best Documentary Short in both the San Luis Obispo and Los Angeles International Film Festivals. It also won the prestigious Best Cinematography award and was chosen from thousands of entries to show live at the festival in Los Angeles. Now that the documentary has been featured at film festivals as far away as Siberia, the story has come back home. You can view it on the Morro Bay National Estuary Program's website at www.MBNEP.org/videos.

Of Marshes and Morros was created and produced by two lauded local creators—cinematographer **Simo Nylander**, who also worked on the award-winning *Bō tso*, and local on-air and digital media host Tom Wilmer, who has won awards for his podcast, *Journey s of Discovery*. Mr. Nylander and Mr. Wilmer were inspired by their belief that, “Morro Bay is a natural treasure we can’t afford to lose.” They hope that the film will inspire people to become active stewards of bay. Believing strongly in this story, they reached out for donations, pitched in their own money, and sought and received project funding in the amount of \$3,000 from PG&E and \$5,000 the Morro Bay National Estuary Program to help complete the project.

In praise of the film, Morro Bay National Estuary Program Executive Director Lexie Bell says, “Of Marshes and Morros captures our community’s dedication to a clean and healthy Morro Bay—a place where people and wildlife can both thrive. The bay’s designation as an estuary of national significance has galvanized support for efforts to restore eelgrass beds, monitor water quality and protect creek habitats. The history of Morro Bay and the community effort to protect this beautiful, unique place informs our work every day. I hope everyone who sees this film will be proud of our collective history and hopeful for a vibrant and resilient future Morro Bay estuary.”

The Morro Bay National Estuary Program brings together citizens, local governments, other nonprofits, agencies, and landowners to protect and restore the Morro Bay estuary. The Estuary Program has been conducting monitoring and research, restoring natural habitats, and educating residents and visitors on how to keep Morro Bay clean and healthy since 1995. Learn more about the health of Morro Bay and the lands that surround it in the 2017 State of the Bay report at www.mbnep.org/state-of-the-bay.



François Gabart Sets Solo Round-the-World Record

Article courtesy of www.latitude38.com

On December 18, after 42 days, 16 hours and 40 minutes at sea, 34-year-old French sailor François Gabart shattered the solo round-the-world record, knocking nearly six and a half days off countryman Thomas Coville's already impressive record from last year aboard *Sodebo Ultim*'. Even more impressive than setting a new solo record in such decisive fashion, Gabart has come within less than two days of setting a new outright round-the-world record, logging the second-fastest circumnavigation ever, solo or crewed. On his first attempt, with a minimum of drama, François exceeded even the loftiest expectations and made it look easy as only he can do. With a victory in the Vendée Globe (2012-13) on his first attempt, as well as the Route du Rhum, the 'Golden Boy' has now tasted success at each of the very highest levels of the sport of solo ocean racing, arguably supplanting Michel Desjoyeaux as the greatest of all time.

After a blindingly fast, almost perfectly sailed lap of the globe, Gabart and his 100-ft trimaran *Macif* arrived back in Brest, France, to a hero's welcome on Sunday. Escorted back to the dock by hundreds of spectator boats, François was humbled by the welcome that he received. "I have been literally swept off my feet by the emotion, by their presence, which helped me keep going to the end. To see all these people, all their energy, makes you feel so good, after seeing so few people in the last 42 days. It's a little hard at first. It takes you by surprise, but it's wonderful."

Since beginning his record attempt on November 4, Gabart has passed many milestones and set a number of records. When descending the Atlantic, Gabart hooked into a well-placed low-pressure area with an area of high pressure in front. With strong breeze and flat water ahead, Gabart had a wide open race track to push *Macif* to the limit, registering a 24-hour record of 851 miles, a staggering figure that added nearly 100 miles to his own solo 24-hour record. Shortly thereafter, he set a new outright reference time from the starting line in Ouessant to the Cape of Good Hope of just 11 days, 20 hours, 10 minutes. Congratulations François!



Photo by Alexis Courcoux

Pale Kai Outrigger Newcomers Program



Pale Kai Outrigger offers an introductory paddle course in March for those brave souls that want to try a new ocean experience. Schedule and details will be forthcoming on our website at palekai.org. Practices are on weekend mornings and the cost is \$100 for two months of training. All practices are in Morro Bay for safety reasons and all paddles and equipment are provided. All you need is to be able to swim and have a good attitude.

Photos from Staff Appreciation Brunch - "Thanks"



Kathy Johnson and Charlene Souza serving it up at the Staff Appreciation Brunch.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Club Member **Mark Plassard** who recently tied the knot with **Evie Truxau**. Next time you see them at the club, wish the couple all the best!



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.



— Kathleen O'Neill
Sunshine Committee

Events Calendar

JANUARY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 New Year's Eve No Reservations Allowed	1 10:30am - Polar Bear Plunge @ NOON 	2	3	4 6pm - Board 	5 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	6 No Reservations Allowed
7 No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch served by BOD	8 RESERVED 3pm - Friends of Avila Pier Meeting	9	10 6pm - Wet Wednesday 	11	12 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	13 RESERVED 1pm - Erbstoesser Gathering
14 No Reservations Allowed	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	16	17 RESERVED US Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 6-8:30pm	18	19 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Dinner 	20 RESERVED 2:30pm - Commodores Annual Dinner  
21 No Reservations Allowed	22	23	24 6pm - New Members Orientation	25	26 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	27 RESERVED 9am - Zwinger CC Home Vintners 12-4
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	31	1 6pm - Board 	2 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	3 No Reservations Allowed New Members Orientation Womens' Sailing Convention

Events Calendar

FEBRUARY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	31	1 6pm - Board 	2 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	3 New Member Orientation No Reservations Allowed Womens' Sailing Convention 
4 Womens' Sailing Convention No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch 12pm - Lopez Race 	5	6	7	8	9 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	10
11 No Reservations Allowed	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Valentine Dinner 	17
18 No Reservations Allowed	19 	20	21 US Coast Guard Auxillary Flottila 6-830pm 6pm - Wet Wednesday 	22 New Member Interviews	23 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	24 New Member Interviews
25 No Reservations Allowed	26	27	28	1 6pm - Board 	2 No Reservations After 3PM 6pm - Social Hour	3 No Reservations Allowed

Bar Host/OD Schedule

Barry Stewart, Vice Commodore



January 2018

5 **Friday Social and Tree Un-Decorating**
—Chris Barrett, OD
Bar Hosts: Melenie and Warren Ristow
Janet Leonard

7 **Sunday Brunch**
—Bret Clark, OD
Chief Cook: OPEN
Assist. Cook: OPEN
Crew: Steve OPEN
Bar Hosts: Mark Plassard
OPEN

12 **Friday Social**
—Jeff Bucher, OD
Bar Hosts: Jim Fuller
Bingo Farmer



19 **Friday Dinner**
—Jeff Bucher, OD
Chief Cook: OPEN
Assist. Cook: OPEN
Crew: OPEN
Bar Hosts: Shad and Shelly Springer
Bingo Farmer

26 **Friday Social**
—Barry Stewart, OD
Bar Hosts: David Erbstoesser
Margo Fraser

February 2018

2 **Friday Social**
—Chris Barrett, OD
Bar Hosts: Mike and Shannon Larabee
Craig Bernard and Kelly Boland

4 **Sunday Brunch**
—TBD, OD
Chief Cook: OPEN
Assist. Cook: Cori and Kent Burnett
Crew: OPEN
Bar Hosts: Janet Leonard
Bonnie Gardner

16 **Friday Valentine's Day Dinner**
—Mary Matakovich, OD
Chief Cook: OPEN
Assist. Cook: OPEN
Crew: OPEN
Bar Hosts: Charlotte and Tom Robak
OPEN



21 **Wet Wednesday**
—Ken San Filippo, OD
Chief Cook: OPEN
Assist. Cook: Hank Johnston
Bar Hosts: Marney and Roger Briggs
Craig Bernard and Kelly Boland

23 **Friday Social and Potluck**
—Mike Davis, OD
Bar Hosts: Patrick McGowen
Carter McGowen



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