

## View From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,  
Commodore

A hoy everyone!  
Writing this one last From the Bridge I wondered, what did I say back in January 2024 at the beginning of the year?

I started by defining what my duties as Commodore are and the objectives for the Club, both of which are defined in our Constitution.

Over eighty people attended the General Membership Meeting on November 8 and heard me say that the State of the San Luis Yacht Club is good.

I said one way of measuring the state of the Club is how are we doing in accomplishing our objectives.

*The objectives of the SLYC are to:*

1. improve the port facilities of Port San Luis.
2. develop Yachting in the Port San Luis region.
3. attract visiting Yachtsmen from other ports to Port San Luis.
4. benefit Avila Beach.

We are doing well towards accomplishing our objectives.

1. We are active participants in the harbor, attending Harbor District meetings.
2. With Cuesta College we provide ASA Basic Keelboat classes and sponsor races
3. We see yachtsmen from SCYA clubs especially on Opening Day and we maintain a guest mooring
4. We actively support Friends of the Avila Pier, Central Coast Aquarium, and more in the Avila Beach community

There are other ways to measure the State of the Club including:

- A full calendar of events and most of the time we fill the volunteer assignments
- Our bar bolster and our tables have been repaired and we are about to start a project in the galley

- Club finances are good and a reflection of this is while the cost of everything around us goes up we will not be raising the dues for next year—see Vice Commodore **Bret Clark**'s article in this Foghorn about your dues.
- Second Wind and the Chase boat are well maintained and utilized.
- The seven new Flag Memberships approved at the last Board Meeting are a testament to our membership process—see Junior Staff Commodore **Ken San Filippo**'s article in this Foghorn about membership in 2025.

Some years there is a concern whether we will reach a quorum (twenty-five percent) for the General Membership Meeting, but not this year.

I would like to thank the following members who helped with the General Membership Meeting: **Bret Clark, OD; Susan Cutts, J.J. Francoisse, and Randy Kingsbury, Bar; and Pat Cusack and Denise Reynolds, Clean-up.**

Food for the General Meeting this year was an experiment with enough Fiesta-in-a-Boxes from Vallarta Supermarket in Santa Maria. There was enough food for everyone and **Andrea and Greg Jackson, Pat Cusack and Brenda Noakes** helped. The Tres Leches cake was a hit.

Staff Commodores **Karen Hiatt, Michael Dobrzensky, Bill Dyer,** and Mary Matakovich all helped with the election of officers for 2025 and **Kristin Rasmussen** filled in for the Secretary.

There was other well attended events in the last month including the Staff Appreciation Dinner and the Wet Wednesday.

Staff attending the appreciation dinner included: Boatmaster **Greg Jackson,** Burgees **Bob Rollins,** Historian **Pete Kelley,** Sunshine **Kathleen O'Neill,** and Webmaster **Michael Dobrzensky.**

For the staff dinner I was helped in the galley by **Paul Shiro** and **Peggy Golden.** **Matt Farmer** was OD, **Ali Stephenson** and **Randy Kingsbury** hosted bar, and on clean-up **Paul** and **Eileen Sverchek** and **Alan Dudley** and **Kyle Soucy.**

The November Wet Wednesday was a success with over 60 people enjoying Scandinavian themed food including; meatballs, potatoes, lingonberry gravy, and

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ginger cookies by **Carol** and **Simo Nylander**; herring and schnapps by **Jesper** and **Sandra Nielsen**; rice pudding, 2 cakes and 2 salads by **Georgina Pease**; and a charcuterie board by **Steve** and **Cheryl Dahl**. **Carter McGowen** was OD, **Joseph** and **Barbara Boud** and **Mary Witkowski** tended bar. This event has potential to become a full dinner maybe next year.

As I said at the General Membership Meeting, the state of the Club is good. Your next Commodore, **Bret Clark**, will do an great job.

Thank you to all of you who supported and helped me through 2024. I will look back confident that I did a good job and had a lot of fun.

*See you at the Club.*

—Bob 



## Vice Views

by Bret Clark,  
Vice Commodore

**A** hoy everyone!

### November Mailer:

You should have received your dues invoice and Commodore's letter by now. In addition to listing the ways that you can pay for your membership dues, the letter also outlines a new service opportunity.

### Dues Payments:

You may pay your dues several ways:

- **Online:** pay via Square at the following site ([san-luis-yacht-club.square.site](http://san-luis-yacht-club.square.site)) or by the link on the Member's page on the slyc.org website, or by using the following QR code:



All that you need to do is select the items (Flag or Associate Membership or Second Wind, if applicable) and pay via credit card.

- **At the Club:** pay during any Club-sponsored event.
- **Check:** mail a check back to the club.

Please be sure to pay your invoices by December 31 to ensure that you are not assessed a late fee and your membership remains current. Also, please be sure to inform us of any changes to your mailing address, phone number, email address or boat information so that we keep our records current and publish the correct information in the 2025-member directory.

### Volunteer Sign-ups and Opportunities:

Please sign up for your two volunteer duties when you pay your dues. You may access Time to Sign-up by going to [slyc.org](http://slyc.org) and clicking on the Member's page. As you know, you must be RBS Certified to sign up for bar duty. The Officer of the Day for your duty will reach out to you approximately one week before your scheduled duty with the details of the event and to coordinate the food options.

### Club Calendar:

If you go to the website ([slyc.org](http://slyc.org)) and click on the 'Calendar' link, you will see the activities planned for this year. Please join us for the Polar Bear Plunge on January 1. Please remember to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Bret Clark

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*I hope to see you at the club or on the water.*

—Bret 



## Jr. Staff Commodore Report

by Ken San Filippo,  
Jr. Staff Commodore



**A** hoy Members.

### 2025 Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge and Penguin Girls Toe Dippers

Get ready for our annual club event, January 1, 2025, 10 am to 3pm to celebrate the New Years Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge at noon or 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 the officers on duty hosting the event and will be providing hot food like chili, beans, soups and baked potatoes, the bar will be open 10-3pm to keep your glasses full for all to enjoy the day.

New Years crew bar host consists of **Tom Dimmitt** and **Sylvia Dodd** 10-1pm, **Pat Corrigan** and **Gary Ross** 1-4pm. We do need additional help on Polar bear day—i.e.: Food hosts (snacks only) and cleanup hosts 11-2 pm, your service time for the Polar Bear Plunge counts for 2025. Please go to the Time to Sign up page.

We encourage members who come to the club on New Years

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Day to bring a side dish, appetizers or a dessert. Chili, beans, hot soups, hotdogs 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 2025 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.

*Best,*  
—Ken 



## Fleet News

by David Ouellet,  
Sail Fleet Captain



Hello Sailors.

It was a great turn out for the award ceremony for the Avila Cup. Traditionally the last Wet Wednesday of the year is the award ceremony for the ocean races for the Avila cup. There was a Scandinavian/Norwegian dinner that night. We had a great season this year. The first race of the season there was a newly formed women's team that took the day. The second race of the season had a wide variety of winds. That race started off with little-wind and then two boats got into trouble due to high-winds before the end of the race and we only got one race off for the day. **Michael Dobrzensky** put together and played a great video of highlights of the year and results of each race. Here's is the link if you would like to watch the video.

<https://tinyurl.com/rhhny28k>

I want to thank all the skippers and crew for coming out and racing this year. At times we had 5 boats in the race which is a great fleet for our location and size of the club. Part way through the season we had "Fat Cat" join our races, the new boat of Darrell and Marty.

The winner of the Avila cup is: "Second Wind" the club boat with **Roger Biggs, Greg Jackson, Bill McNerney, Pat Mullen**.

This is the first time the club boat has won the Avila Cup. I have a lot of great memories of being Sail Fleet Captain watching and organizing the last 2 years of ocean races. **JJ Francoise** will be taking over as Sail Fleet Captain next year. I want to thank all the members that came out to help on race committee and **Michael Dobrzensky** for photos and race results. It's always an interesting time with each race. Your all invited to sign up next year to be on Race committee and watch the races at the end of the Cal Poly Pier.



*Wishing you all fair winds and following seas.*

—David 

# Friends of Avila Pier (FOAP) Fundraising Event



Friends of Avila Pier (FOAP), Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit all-volunteer organization that was formed for the purpose of raising awareness and funds to renovate and maintain the Avila Pier. On October 24th, the FOAP board of directors - Marcia Scott, Ron Pigeon, Judy Kaatz and Mary Matakovich - hosted a sold out, successful event inside the yacht club. The event was sponsored by PGE and SLYC and netted over \$10,000 which will support the ongoing pier renovation and reopening efforts, including boat landing! The event sparked significant interest, attracting new volunteers and donors, and increasing contributions beyond the event. Donations continue to arrive, reflecting the community's enthusiasm to support the pier. Notably, the Donor Plaque Program, recognizing donors of \$1000 or more with a plaque on the renovated pier, has gained attention. For more information on the Plaque Program visit the FOAP website at [avilapier.org](http://avilapier.org).

Many SLYC members and local businesses donated their time and resources for the event. Featured speaker was Suzy Watkins, Director of the Port San Luis Harbor District, with a pier renovation update. Live music was provided by Suzie Ritchie, local award winning song artist. Food was prepared by SLYC members Lily Curtis and Terry Whitney, with sufficient leftovers for attendees at the Friday yacht club social to enjoy. In addition, Dolphin Bay Executive Chef Chris Shackelford provided appetizers. Wine was donated by Sinor-LaVallee Winery,

Peloton Cellars, Rasmussen Vineyard, Opolo Vineyards, and Fess Parker Winery. SLYC member Kristin Rasmussen poured beverages with a smile. Local artists Drew Davis and Colleen Gnos displayed artwork, and local photographers/authors Lisa Wilkerson and Paul Karlen debuted their newly published book, Avila Beach, California, with percentages from art and book sales donated to FOAP. SLYC members Margie Valine and John Sorgenfrei donated their time and expertise to create a public service announcement (PSA) that was aired on our website, social media and KSBY. FOAP President Marcia Scott was interviewed by Dave Congalton to market the event. Margie and Rod Valine, along with Bob and Karen Engel, provided cocktail-style tables adorned with handcrafted pier-themed centerpieces created by Ron and Debbie Pigeon, transforming the clubhouse into a festive gala venue. AND all attendees received a complimentary special Support Our Pier t-shirt with an image of the pier in its full glory with fishermen, bicyclists, runners and walkers. FOAP extends its deepest gratitude to the SLYC Board of Directors, members, and all contributors who made this event possible. Your continued support helps ensure the renovation and reopening of the Avila Pier, preserving it as a cherished landmark for generations to come.



## New Burgee



We have added another burgee to our inventory!  
**Kyle Soucy** and **Alan Dudley** completed an SLYC Burgee exchange with the Tokyo Yacht Club on October 11th.

Burgees-Bob Rollins

## Annual Holiday Potluck - Friday, December 13, 2024

Greetings from Staff Commodores Ken San Filippo and Barry Stewart

Come join us on Friday December 13th for Social hour 6pm and the annual holiday potluck 6:45pm with the club chefs Barry Stewart and Marty Fuller cooking the turkeys and hams.

The Officer on duty for the event is Ken San Filippo, bar hosts are Thom Dimmitt, Eddie O'Brien and Mike Nordstrom.

SLYC members attending the event are to provide side dishes and desserts.

Bring a side to share. Gravy, stuffing/dressing, potatoes, casseroles, pies, bread, vegetable dishes, cranberry sauce, etc. are all encouraged.

Per club tradition, will have a tree decorated the week prior and will have some ambiance with the fireplace and some decorations.






## Thank You November Volunteers

- 1 Friday Social  
—Carter McGowen, OD  
Bar Hosts: Susan Cutts, JJ Francoise,  
Cindy Luxton
- 8 General Membership Meeting  
—Bret Clark, OD  
Bar Hosts: Susan Cutts, JJ Francoise,  
Randy Kingsbury  
Food Help: Andrea and Greg Jackson  
Clean-up: Pat Cusack, Denise Reynolds
- 9 Staff Appreciation Dinner  
—Matt Farmer, OD  
Bar Hosts: Ali Stephenson, Randy Kingsbury  
Cooks: Bob Hurd, Paul Schiro, Peggy Golden  
Clean up: Paul and Eileen Sverchek,  
Kyle Soucy, Alan Dudley







- 13 Wet Wednesday  
—Carter McGowen, OD  
Bar Hosts: Barbara and Joe Boud,  
Mary Witkowski  
Chief Cooks: Carol and Simo Nylander  
Cooks: Jesper and Sandra Nielsen,  
Georgina Pease, Steve and Cheryl Dahl  
Clean up: Georgina Pease
- 15 Friday Social  
—Carter McGowen, OD  
Bar Hosts: Bernice Parsons, Doug Parish
- 22 Friday Social  
—Willam McInerney, OD  
Bar Hosts: Steve Johnson  
Food Host/Clean-up: Tina Radovich  
Eion and Claire Duffy



# Events Calendar DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Reservations Allowed	2	3	4 RESERVED 5pm - Patrick Corrigan	5 6pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse 	6 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour / Tree Decorating 	7 RESERVED 5pm - Bill and Linda Thoma
8 No Reservations Allowed	9	10 Tentative Reservation 3-9:30pm - Bill Dyer	11 RESERVED 4pm - Lettie Fuller Rotary	12 RESERVED 10:30am - PSL Staff RESERVED 5pm - Tom Swen	13 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour/Potluck Turkey and Ham	14
15 No Reservations Allowed	16	17	18	19 3pm - Friends of Avila	20 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	21 RESERVED 4pm - Mary Matakavich
22 No Reservations Allowed	23	24	25 Christmas Day 	26	27 No Reservations No Social Hour	28
29 No Reservations Allowed	30	31 New Year's Eve 	1 New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge Baked potato bar, Chili and Hot dogs 	2 5pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse 	3 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	4 6pm - New Board, Old Board Dinner

# Events Calendar JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 No Reservations Allowed	30	31 New Year's Eve 	1 New Year's Day 10am - Polar Bear Plunge Baked potato bar, Chili and Hot dogs 	2 6pm - SLYC Board Meeting in Clubhouse 	3 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour and Tree Undecorating 	4 6pm - New Board, Old Board Dinner 
5 No Reservations Allowed	6	7	8	9	10 No Reservations	11
12 No Reservations Allowed	13	14	15	16 6:30pm - New Membership Application Meeting	17 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	18
19 No Reservations Allowed	20 Inauguration Day Martin Luther King Jr. 	21 6:30pm - New Membership Application Meeting	22	23 6pm - Friends of Avila Pier	24 No Reservations	25
26 No Reservations Allowed	27	28	29	30	31 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	1

# Bar Host/OD Schedule

## December 2024



6 Friday Social/Tree Decorating  
—Matthew Farmer, OD  
Bar Hosts: Kristin Blecha  
Mark Machala  
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Jim and Sally Blecha  
Thomas Donnelly



13 Friday Social  
—Ken San Filippo, OD  
Bar Hosts: Thom Dimmitt  
Michael Nordstrom  
Cook: Barry Stewart  
Marty Fuller  
Clean-up: Jon McKellar  
Sandy Nordstrom  
**OPEN (1)**

20 Friday Social  
—Tom Swem, OD  
Bar Hosts: Gareth Kelly  
Lindalee Fromm  
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

4 New board/Old Board Dinner  
—TBD, OD  
Bar Hosts: Tom and Janine McNeill  
Chief Cook: **OPEN (1)**  
Assist. Cook: **OPEN (1)**  
Cook Crew/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**



10 Friday Social  
—Bret Clark, OD  
Bar Hosts: Karen Haitt  
Paul Waldron  
Food Host/Clean-up: Annette Hackman  
**OPEN (1)**

17 Friday Social  
—TBD, OD  
Bar Hosts: Reid Hester  
Rick Bertram  
Crew/Clean-up: David Erbstoesser  
Margo Fraser

24 Friday Social  
—Ken San Filippo, OD  
Bar Hosts: Gary Ross  
Randy Kingsbury  
Crew/Clean-up: Don and Kathy Hannula  
Hal and Kelly Hannula

31 Friday Social/Potluck  
—TBD, OD  
Bar Hosts: Patrica Hood  
Georgiana Peterson  
Crew/Clean-up: Melenie Ristow  
Hal and Kelly Hannula  
**OPEN (1)**



## January 2025

1 Wednesday Polar Bear Plunge  
—Ken San Filippo, OD  
Bar Hosts (Morning 10-1): Thom Dimmitt  
Sylvia Dodd  
Bar Hosts (Afternoon 1-4): Gary Ross  
Patrick Corrigan  
Cook: Ken San Filippo  
Assist. Cook/Clean-up: Barry Stewart  
Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**  
Food Host (snacks): Tim and Sue Waag  
Michael Taylor



3 Friday Social/Tree Undecorating  
—Bret Clark, OD  
Bar Hosts: Cindy Luxton  
Marcia Scott  
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**



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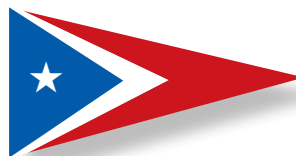
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