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Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bret Clark,
Commodore

A hoi everyone!

A brief Look Back...

May was a very busy month for the Club! The first Friday of the month saw the start of Farmer's Market in Avila. Our members braved the crowds to enjoy great weather, and a Cinco de Mayo – themed social. The following Saturday marked the third annual Kentucky Derby Days event. Once again, I would like to recognize **Andrea Jackson** for her work in bringing this event to the Club! Her crew, consisting of **Silvia Dodd, Ali Stephenson, Greg Jackson, Marcia Scott, Georgina Pease, Dave and Patty Ouellet**, and O.D., **Lily Curtis** ensured that the event was a success. The Saturday after this event brought our Commodore's Dinner. It was great to see so many former Commodores including our oldest living Staff Commodore, **Del Hollinger**, who had to walk from nearly the highest point in Avila to the clubhouse because parking was so limited. A special, "thank you," goes out to **Yvonne Jordan-Secord** and her crew for the Beef Bourguignon meal.




Looking ahead...

I would like to thank those of you who have signed up for volunteer duties in June. There are many openings still available for the remaining

months. I would like to remind those members who have yet to complete a service requirement that they will need to complete one by June 30th in order for their membership to remain in good standing. If you would like to know the status of your volunteer credits, please select the 'Members' page and login. It will take you directly to the Volunteer Credit page. If you see your name in yellow, you have not yet received credit for your first volunteer duty and risk your key card being deactivated in July. I also request that all of our members look at Time to Sign Up (<https://www.timetosignup.com/sanluisyc/folder/12024/>) and try to sign up for at least one additional activity during the second half of the year. We have more than enough members to staff all of our remaining activities, assuming that each membership volunteers for two different events.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our July Cheeseburgers In Paradise 4th of July celebration. I will be setting up reservations for the Cheeseburgers in Paradise event in Square in the next week. Be sure to prepay to reserve your spot so that we will be able to properly plan for food for the event and ensure that there is space for you. As always, if you have any issues paying for the prepaid events using Square please contact me and I can help!

If you have any questions or concerns about the club and the course that we are on, please be sure to drop me a line. I will do my best to be transparent, informative, and open to opinions as we continue to chart through new waters.

Nautically,
—Bret 



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Vice Views

by Pat Mullen,
Vice Commodore

Greetings fellow Club Members.

Last month I went to the opposite end of the yachting spectrum, more of a small boat cruise. I joined four friends for a seven-day canoe and backpacking trip down the Green River to the confluence with the Colorado. We spent four days canoeing the rivers and three days backpacking into the Maze District of Canyonlands National Park. It was hard work but oh so much fun! The canoeing was blissful going along with the current, scenery to die for, and thrilling to run some of the small riffles and rapids. We pulled out of the river at Spanish Bottom, just before Cataract Canyon and more serious rapids. I love our yacht club and the fact that whether it's a



full size sailboat or an Old Town Canoe...messing around in boats is just plain good for the soul. I hope to see you out on the water or joining one of our club's cruising activities soon.

Our galley refresh is now in the final "punch-list" phase with the committee finishing up the many final to-do items. Special thanks to **Paul Sverchek** and Contractors Glass Company for installing the new window in our galley! (photo on right) It is such an improvement and looks terrific. Also, thank you to **Jeff Szytel** for the new RO water



filtration system for the bar and coffee station. These two members truly reflect our club's volunteering spirit by helping with these refresh projects for the benefit of all.

On Thursday, May 15, **Dennis Dempsey** and **Marty Fuller** reinstalled the galley dishwasher back in its new location. This is one of the last appliance items and with a new island and plate cart we are nearing the end of the project. You may also have noticed the extremely nice new pots, pans and kitchen utensils and tools. A special thank you to **Marcia Scott** and **Lily Curtis** for helping refit the galley with new and better equipment.

One last reminder, you need to complete at least one service credit in the first half of the year, so sign up on TTSU now.

Cheers,
—Pat



From the Director

by Eddie O'Brian,
Director 1

Hello.

BVI Bound: My First Ocean Sailing Adventure

This past March, I had the incredible opportunity to embark on my very first ocean sailing adventure—an unforgettable voyage through the stunning British Virgin Islands aboard a chartered 43' Bali catamaran.

Sailing out of Tortola, we spent our days exploring the surrounding islands, each offering its own unique charm. From tranquil anchorages and turquoise waters to lively beach bars and postcard-worthy sunsets, it was the kind of trip that makes you fall in love with sailing all over

again—or for the very first time, in my case.

But it wasn't all calm seas and rum punches! We experienced just about every kind of weather Mother Nature could throw at us, including an exhilarating leg where we powered through 31-knot winds and driving rain. For a newcomer to ocean sailing, it was both intense and exhilarating.

A special thanks to Bob and Dave, who generously gave me time at the helm. Their patience and encouragement made all the difference and gave me the confidence to truly engage with the sailing experience rather than just ride along as a passenger.

This was truly an adventure of a lifetime, and I can't recommend the BVI trip highly enough to all our club members—whether you're a salty veteran or a complete beginner. The camaraderie, the learning, and the sheer joy of sailing in paradise is something every sailor should experience at least once.

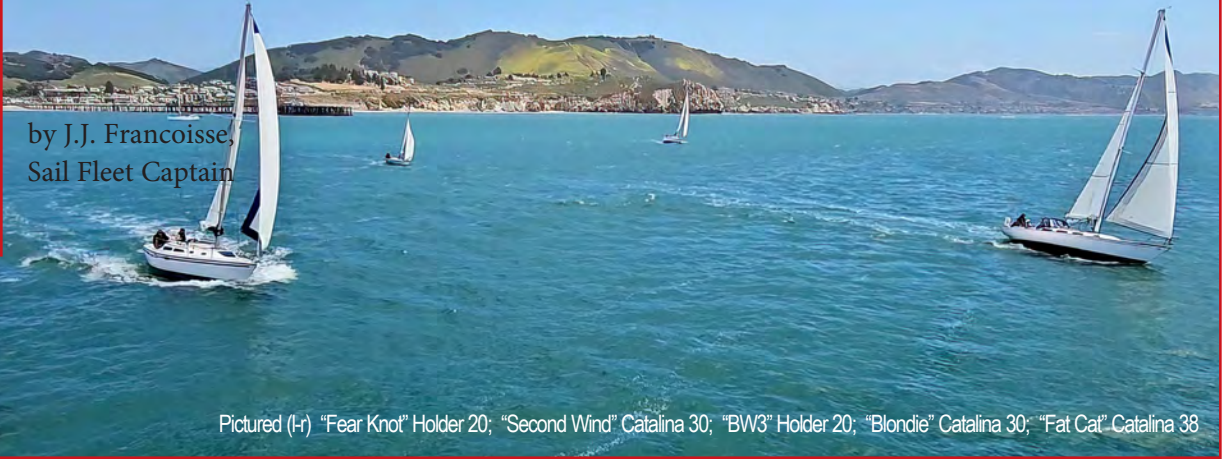
Here's to many more adventures ahead—fair winds!

Sincerely,
—Eddie



Fleet News

by J.J. Francoise,
Sail Fleet Captain



Pictured (l-r) "Fear Knot" Holder 20; "Second Wind" Catalina 30; "BW3" Holder 20; "Blondie" Catalina 30; "Fat Cat" Catalina 38

Hello fellow sailors and SLYC members!

SLYC Kicks Off Racing Season

The first race of the sailing season got underway on May 4 (see photos on page 4 and photo above) with six boats registered to compete in what turned out to be more challenging conditions than anticipated. The fleet of this first race featured a diverse mix of vessels, including Catalina 38, Westsail 32, Catalina 30, and the nimble Holder 20. Every season, SLYC welcomes all boats in an effort to increase the size of its sailing fleet. Before the competitors could even cross the starting line, "Renaissance," the Westsail 32 skippered by Phil Bogaert, experienced transmission failure while making her way to the starting area. She and her crew were provided assistance and safely returned to her mooring.

At the 9:30 skippers' meeting, the Harbor District's mast presented a rare sight that morning: two red triangles flapping in the strengthening wind—the universal signal for a gale advisory (see picture on right). Despite the warning, crews gathered for what may become something of a tradition, posing for a group photo in front of the signal flags. These moments of sailing fellowship, especially in the face of challenging conditions, remind us why we're part of this community of sailors.

With safety in mind, the race committee made the decision to restrict the course to the inner waters of San Luis Bay. By midday, their caution was validated as whitecaps began forming even within the relative protection of the breakwater. Sails reefed, crews tethered, the competition remained fierce even on the shortened course, with boats and sailors tested not just against each other but against the elements as well.

The racing featured two distinct courses. Race 1 covered a distance of 3.18 nautical miles on Course 15, while Race 2 ran a shorter 1.78 nautical mile course with two laps. In Race 1, **Kevin Williams** on "Fear Knot" showcased superior boat handling in

the challenging conditions, finishing first with a corrected time of 0:26:26. **Pat Mullen** followed in second place, while **Randall Rundstrom's** "Fat Cat" rounded out the top three. **Pat Mullen** came back strong in Race 2, claiming victory with an impressive corrected time of 0:17:25. Rundstrom moved up to second place, pushing **Kevin Williams** to third.

The final standings in the Monohull Division were dominated by consistent performances across both races: 1. **Roger Briggs** aboard "Second Wind" (Catalina 30), 2. **Kevin Williams** aboard "Fear Knot" (Holder 20), 3. **Randall Rundstrom** aboard "Fat Cat" (Catalina 38), 4. **Maxime Jeanneau** aboard "bw3" (Holder 20), 5. **Kate McInerney** aboard "Blondie" (Catalina 30). Notably absent from the race was "Renaissance" skippered by **Phil Bogaert**, who experienced technical difficulties.

This event, as all other races, would not be possible without dedicated volunteers. **Mark Plassard**, **Dave Ouellet**, and

Bruno Giuffrida formed the core Race Committee team for Ocean Race 1, setting up operations at the Cal Poly Pier where they managed the 11:00 AM race start following the 9:30 AM skippers' meeting by Hartford Pier. **Michael Ginn** and **Randy Kingsbury** crewing the chase boat were standing ready to place the race markers and assist if needed. Meanwhile, **Corissa Burnett** ensured everyone stayed energized by coordinating lunch support for the volunteers. **Mike D.** snapped great shots of the action as the races unfolded

and calculated the final results. Consider joining us for the next races by signing up now on our TTSU volunteer scheduling system. Races usually take place on the first Sunday of the month, from May to October.

Stay tuned for next month's post where we'll feature the memorable moments and results of our second Ocean Race. Until then, fair winds and following seas—or perhaps just slightly calmer ones for our next outing!

—J.J.



Photo by Michael Dobzensky

May 4 Ocean Race #1



Photo courtesy of Lisa Wilkerson



Photo courtesy of Lisa Wilkerson



Cruising News

by Kristin Rasmussen,
Cruising Captain

Ahoy SLYC Members.

2025 BVI Sail

Dear Members,

Cruising includes many things.

Provisioning 6 40+ foot catamarans with 45 people for 8 or 9 days is no small task. On day zero, the day we were getting our boats, we had a grand time piling our various items before being able to deliver them to our boats while staying out of the sun and away from the bugs. Each boat was responsible for its own meal planning and shopping.

As with just about anything, even the best-laid plans can go awry. One of the things about sailing is that it helps to have the wind

from a direction that will allow you to sail effectively in the direction you want to go. A nice thing about modern-day sailboats of sufficient size to house 6 to 8 sailors is that they come with an engine. Often on our BVI trip, the direction of our float plan didn't correspond to a day with favorable winds. But that did not deter us from completing our mission and enjoying it.



"Life's Been Good" motoring to our next destination

—Kristin 



The crews collecting outside Dream Yachts Charter's base office



"The crew of Grand Blue" enjoying the destination

Kentucky Derby-Watch Party



“The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports”

The third annual watch party for “the most exciting two minutes in sports”—the Kentucky Derby, was held at the SLYC Clubhouse on May 3rd.

Once more, ladies donned their fancy hats, and gentlemen their dapper dudes, to watch the “Run for the Roses”. Thirty-seven members and guests attended, enjoying food fit for the occasion, including a variety of sandwiches, salads, desserts, cheeses, fruits, and **Georgina Pease’s** famous Pineapple Tower. Our bartenders, **Sylvia Dodd** and **Ali Stephenson**, offered, in addition to our “usuals”, the traditional race libation mint julep or a Woodford Spire (cranberry, lemonade, and bourbon—people who try it come back for more!).

We also had some surprise “Wedding Crashers”—a group from a San Diego yacht club, who were here to attend a wedding on the Central Coast, and took advantage of our fine view, great weather, and bar from the deck before heading to their Los Osos farmhouse venue. Reciprocal hospitality is always a good thing.

While on the big screen the pre-races and ceremonies played out, everyone got a chance to complete a race ticket for which horses would Win (1st), Place (2nd), or Show (3rd). **Kristin Rasmussen** was the big winner—a free drink!—correctly identifying all 3 horses. **Lettie Fuller**, getting 2 out of 3 horses, also received a glass of her choice.

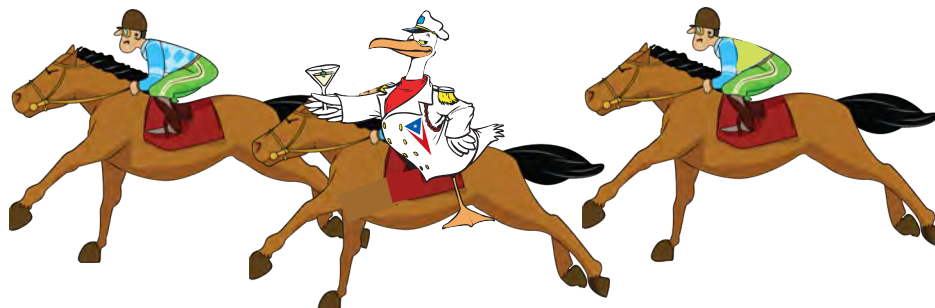
Our just-for-fun game, Show Horse or Show Boat, tested knowledge of whether a name was that of a Kentucky Derby Winner or an America’s Cup winner:

Magic.....Winner of the 1870 America’s Cup
Paul Jones.....Winner of the 1920 Kentucky Derby
Mischieff.....Winner of the 1881 America’s Cup
Vagrant.....Winner of the 1876 Kentucky Derby
Orb.....Winner of the 2013 Kentucky Derby

Congratulations and another glass to **Mika Richardson**, who got all five correct! How’s your knowledge of these showy racers?

Announcing all the good tidings was **Jason Curtis**; **Lily Curtis** was our OD, and **Bret Clark** came to the rescue with technical help. Food was organized by **Greg** and **Andrea Jackson**, Social Director **Marcia Scott**, and **Georgina Pease**, with **Dan Pease** carrying the heavy stuff. Assisting with the decorations was **Patty Oulette**, who also served as Doorkeep, while **Dave Oulette** was Bouncer. And yes, **Bob Hurd** did improve on his outfit.

The weather was agreeable, better than the mud the Derby winners had to slog through, and it looked like a good time was had by all participants.



—SLYC Member
Andrea Jackson

Bar Host/OD Schedule

June 2025

6 Friday Social

—Pat Mullen, OD

Bar Hosts: Mike Nunno

Jeff Blauer

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Nancy Alvarado

Mike Nunno

13 Friday Social

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD

Bar Hosts: Karen Hiatt

Patricia Hood

Food Host/Clean-up: Sandra and Jesper Nielsen

Molly Montgomery

18 Wednesday-Wet Wednesday

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Barb Boud

Margaret Censullo

Chief Cook: Martin and Debra Testa

Crew: Jesper Nielsen

20 Friday Social

—Tom Swem, OD

Bar Hosts: Gareth Kelley

Richard Scangarello

Food Hosts/Clean-up: Robin Kisinger and Tom Tucker

John Maulhardt

27 Friday Social/Potluck

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD

Bar Hosts: Shawn and Dan Harper

Kitchen Help/Clean-up: John and Mary Janowicz

Eoin and Claire Duffy



July 2025

4 Friday-Cheeseburgers in Paradise

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Sylvia Dodd

Patrick Corrigan

Chief Cook: **OPEN (1)**

Cook Crew: Sean Schuur

Mark Hawes

Kyley Soucy

OPEN (2)

11 Friday Social

—Matthew Farmer, OD

Bar Hosts: Bingo Farmer

Bruno Giuffrida

Food Host/Clean-up: Tammy Casiano

OPEN (1)

16 Wednesday-Wet Wednesday (on the water)

—TBD, OD

Bar Hosts: Steve Williams

Cassandra Bethard

Chief Cook: Melissa and Jeff Watkins

Cook Crew: Richard Strachan

18 Friday Social

—Kristin Blecha, OD

Bar Hosts: Bingo Farmer

Debbie Collins-Johnson

Food Host/Clean-up: John Maulhardt

OPEN (1)

25 Friday Social/Potluck

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD

Bar Hosts: Cassandra Bethard





Steve Williams

Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Karen Silva







Chris Deviny



Events Calendar JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>1</div> <p>No Reservations Allowed</p> <p>Ocean Race 2</p> 	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <p>6pm - SLYC Board</p>	<div>6</div> <p>No Reservations</p> <p>6pm - Social Hour</p>	<div>7</div> <p>No Reservations</p>
<div>8</div> <p>No Reservations Allowed</p>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <p>1pm - Wet Wednesday on the water</p> 	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div> <p>No Reservations</p> <p>6pm - Social Hour</p>	<div>14</div> <p>Flag Day</p> <p>No Reservations</p>
<div>15</div> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>No Reservations Allowed</p>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <p>Juneteenth</p> <p>3pm - Friends of Avila Pier</p>	<div>20</div> <p>No Reservations</p> <p>6pm - Social Hour</p>	<div>21</div> <p>No Reservations</p>
<div>22</div> <p>No Reservations Allowed</p>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <p>Reserved 4pm-9pm Lettie Fuller</p>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <p>No Reservations</p> <p>6pm - Social Hour</p> <p>7pm - Potluck</p> 	<div>28</div> <p>No Reservations</p>
<div>29</div> <p>No Reservations Allowed</p>	<div>30</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <p>6pm - SLYC Board</p>	<div>4</div> <p>Independence Day</p> <p>No Reservations</p> <p>12pm - Cheeseburgers in Paradise</p> 	<div>5</div> <p>No Reservations</p>

Events Calendar JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 No Reservations Allowed	30	1	2 6pm - SLYC Board 	3	4 Independence Day No Reservations 12pm - Cheeseburgers in Paradise 	5 No Reservations
6 No Reservations Allowed	7	8	9	10	11 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	12 No Reservations
13 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Race 3 	14	15 1pm - Wet Wednesday on the water 	16 2pm - Friends of Avila Pier	17	18 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	19 No Reservations Santa Barbara Sail & Dockside 
20 No Reservations Allowed	21	22	23	24	25 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	26 No Reservations
27 No Reservations Allowed	28	29	30	31	1 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	2 No Reservations



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