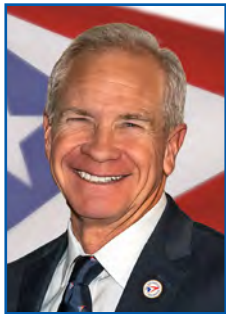


the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Pat Mullen,
Commodore



safety in Avila Beach and Port San Luis, and to improve the community and serve our members' nautical and social involvement. Help me lean-in to this; to have fun, engage and support a fun and happy atmosphere of service. Call me anytime.

Cheers,
—Pat 

A hoy everyone. Here comes the summer! As we transition into full summer mode at the club, we're building off the momentum of some great club activities so far including Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, Club Clean-up Day, Opening Day, Kentucky Derby Days, Wet Wednesdays, Potlucks and Friday Socials. They have all been terrific! Let's keep that momentum going by making sure we sign up to volunteer and ensure the rest of the year is full of fun and well-staffed activities! This month we have our second Ocean Race on June 7, and the Santa Barbara Sail and Dock Party on June 20th. You don't want to miss that cruising event. And Cheeseburgers in Paradise on July 4th and the Boat Parade are just around the corner! As I am writing this, I just returned from attending the May Wet Wednesday dinner at the club.

It was yet another wonderful event! We had close to 50 attendees, a fabulous grilled chicken dinner by Chefs **Martin** and **Debi Testa**, dinner crew help by **Karen Negri**, bar hosting by **Bob Engel**, **George** and **Pam Risher** and a terrific program by Cruising Captain **Mike Davis**. We also had lots of good suggestion noted for future cruising trips like the Great Lakes, Catalina, Mexico, the South Pacific, and Croatia among others. Lots of fun, a great vibe and a lot of good cheer. As it should be!

To that point, I want to personally say thank you to each of you that help keep our club vibrant, fun, active and engaged. We are in the business of serving our members—by our members, for our members. We do this focused on improving the yachting and boating communities and water



Vice Views

by Kristin Rasmussen,
Vice Commodore

A hoy. As the sailing season gets underway, I recently had the chance to tag along while a couple of new members completed their orientation aboard "Second Wind" and learned the procedures for using her. It was a great reminder of what a wonderful asset this program is for our club and members.

If you enjoy sailing—or simply enjoy being out on the water—be sure to participate in and support the SLYC Second Wind program.

"Second Wind" is the club's 30-foot Catalina MK III, offering members both the opportunity and inspiration to sail right here in beautiful San Luis Bay. Members who wish to use and support the boat program contribute just \$250 annually, helping maintain this valuable club resource for everyone to enjoy.

The boat also serves an important role in sailing education, as "Second Wind" is used to teach ASA 101 classes right here in our own backyard. Anyone interested in learning to sail can find upcoming ASA 101 classes through Cuesta College Outdoor Recreation Sailing Program.

For members participating in the program who already know how to sail, "Second Wind" can be reserved for scheduled outings. The Boat Committee

June 2026 Volume 81 Number 6

View From the Bridge	1	Cruising News	4
Vice Views	1	From the Director	5
Sr. Staff Commodore Report	2	From the Secretary	6
Fleet Report	2	Event Calendars	8-9
Port Report	3	Bar Hosts/OD Schedule	10
Power Report	3		

works with members to assess sailing experience and determine whether participants are ready to skipper the boat on their own or should sail with an approved skipper while building additional experience.

Speaking for myself, I'm not yet approved to take "Second Wind" out without an experienced skipper aboard—but I still happily support and use the program. And one of the best things about "Second Wind" is that you don't even have to sail her to

enjoy her. You could reserve a beautiful afternoon, take the water taxi out, sit peacefully on the mooring in San Luis Bay, and simply enjoy being on the water.

If you're an SLYC member and haven't yet had the opportunity to experience "Second Wind", we encourage you to reach out to a member of the Second Wind Committee. We'd be happy to help you schedule a sail and introduce you to one of the club's most enjoyable programs.

—Kristin 



Sr. Staff Commodore Report

by Bob Hurd,
Sr. Staff Commodore

A hoy Members.

As a past Commodore you get one free dinner a year, at the annual Commodore's Dinner. I've been Commodore twice, but I still only get one dinner. But this year I missed out and instead attended my daughter's birthday party, which included attending a sumo competition—The 26th Annual US Sumo Open in Long Beach.

From 11 to 3 competitors of varying weights, lightweight less than 187 pounds to heavyweight greater than 254 pounds, and two women, wrestled for the title in their weight class and the overall winner in the openweight.

I laughed all day long. Now it might have had something to do with the Kirin Ichiban beer that was readily available, but I think it was that none of the wrestlers looked anything like the classical traditional Japanese wrestlers I expected. They were obese American men, many with tattoos. The lightest wrestler

weighed 138 pounds and at the opposite end was one wrestler that weighed 620 pounds (that's him in the photo below).



(Flyer from the previous year)


When the lightest and the heaviest met in the ring in the openweight competition the weight difference was 482 pounds, which the announcer pointed out. The big guy won with one belly thrust sending the little guy flying.

I might go next year.

I've been talking about filling out the slate of officers for 2027 and your photo on the wall of past Commodores with a baby step a director or one of the captain positions.

Maybe I should be emphasizing the free dinner angle.

Contact me and let's not only talk about how good you would look next year wearing a blue blazer as an officer on Opening Day but that free dinner.

See you at the Club,
—Bob 



Fleet News

by J.J. Francoisse,
Sail Fleet Captain

A hoy Sailors.

The ocean racing season at San Luis Yacht Club opened on May 3rd as three boats lined up off Cal Poly Pier for the Avila Cup—the traditional kick-off to the offshore calendar.

Racing under PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet), boats of different designs compete on corrected time, with slower boats

receiving a time allowance that levels the playing field. This year's fleet: Kevin Williams's "Fear Knot" (Holder 20, PHRF 126), Roger Briggs's "Second Wind" (Catalina 30, PHRF 192), and Phil Borgardt's "Renaissance" (Westsail 32, PHRF 204). In a display of sportsmanship, Kevin Williams voluntarily reduced Fear Knot's rating from 186 to 126—giving up some time allowance in the interest of fair and competitive racing for the whole fleet.

The racing committee had its own drama before the first gun: the iStart Pro Race Starter's horn refused to fire—a defective battery, discovered at the worst possible moment. The Race Committee tracked down the part, made the swap, and the system is now back in service for Ocean Race #2 on June 7. On the water, the day exceeded expectations. San Luis Bay is notorious for glassy, windless mornings, but a genuine breeze filled in early, allowing the committee to open with a 4.94 nm offshore course. As the afternoon progressed and the hoist

deadline drew near, courses were shortened to 2.44 nm for Race 2 and a brisk 1.18 nm sprint for Race 3—keeping the fleet racing without running anyone out of time.

Race 1 rewarded the longer distance in classic PHRF fashion. “Fear Knot” crossed first in 1:06:51 (corrected 56:29), taking the win on both elapsed and handicap time. Behind her, “Renaissance” edged out “Second Wind” on corrected time—Borgardt’s Westsail 32 correcting to 1:04:53 against Briggs’s 1:08:51. Heavy, long-keel designs tend to find their groove over distance, where their PHRF credit has more miles over which to accumulate, and Race 1 proved the point. Result: 1st “Fear Knot, 2nd “Renaissance, 3rd “Second Wind”.

As the courses shortened, the dynamic shifted. In Race 2, “Second Wind” recovered to claim second over “Renaissance” (corrected 1:40:12 vs. 1:42:18), and the same order held in Race 3—a quick sprint that “Fear Knot” completed in 14 minutes and 29 seconds, earning a corrected time of exactly 12 minutes flat. Kevin Williams and “Fear Knot” swept all three races to claim the 2026 Avila Cup with a perfect 3 points (1-1-1). “Second Wind” finished second overall with 7 points, “Renaissance” third with 8. Congratulations to all three crews, to the racing committee for keeping things running, and to everyone at SLYC who launched the season in style.

Fair winds,
—J.J. ⚓



Port Report

by Ray Mattison,
Port Captain

Hi folks. The University has yet to go forward with scheduling the launch of their instrument storage buoys off the Cal Poly pier. This is important to the Club as the four buoys are in an area in which we currently race. Of course the judges work off the end of the Cal Poly pier until Avila is complete.

Most of the meeting was devoted to the “Beach BreakaWave Rodeo.” It will go forward on Avila Beach next to the SLYC Clubhouse September 25th and 26th.

Ben Londe, Cal Poly Rodeo Coach, gave an interesting presentation with a map of the “beach rodeo.” This Beach Rodeo is a version of the one held in Pismo Beach in prior years. I asked him if he could appear before us and he wasn’t available for a Board meeting in May. We could invite him to Wet Wednesday or a Friday nigh—he is a charming authentic cowboy.

The rodeo must take both the tide and public access into account. It does so by putting the judging stand “on the ocean side” between the ocean and the roping area.

The arena/pen is between the stand and the Avila sidewalk. Starting at the Club House the beach use area extends to the creek. The action will be fully enclosed in a fenced arena.

They expect 3000 to 4000 rodeo fans. There will be a concert thereafter at the golf course. While providing some parking; no matter how you calculate it parking will be tight. None of the Commissioners seemed opposed to the popular student/cowboy rodeo event; following through was delegated to the harbor manager and the police. More on this as the rodeo approaches.

See you all next month!
—Ray ⚓



Power Report

by David Butcher,
Power Captain

A hoy! The first race of the season was amazing. Thanks to **Michael Ginn** for captaining “Chase” and I assisted as the crew. The weather and water were just right, but guessing the sailing teams were hoping for a little more wind.

The next race is coming up fast: June 7th. Veteran “Chase” skipper **Jim Fuller** will be taking the helm, and he’ll be joined by new yacht club member, **Roger Emmons**, stepping up as crew. Welcome aboard, Roger.

Fair winds and following seas!
—David ⚓





Cruising News

by Mike Davis,
Cruising Captain

Ahoy Sailors. This month we have the SLYC Santa Barbara Sail & Dockside Party on Saturday, June 20th. Members will sail from about 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. After sailing, join the Dockside Party aboard the Sailing Vessel “Amigos”, located on Marina 2, slip ST-2, beginning at 5:30 PM. A big Thank You to **Lettie and Marty Fuller** and **Linda and Darrel Rundstrom** for hosting the party on “Amigos”!

The dockside party (starting at 5:30 PM) will include a taco dinner, taco fixings, beans, rice, chips, dessert and margaritas. A \$10 cash donation will be requested. Please RSVP to Mike at cruisingcaptain@slyc.org or sign the ‘Signup Sheet’ at the Clubhouse.

We are also getting ready for the 4th of July and the annual Avila Beach Boat Parade!

Decorate your boat or watercraft with red, white and blue and line up at the Cal Poly Pier at 11:30 AM. The parade starts at 12 noon and cruise around the Avila Beach Pier.

Cheeseburgers in Paradise will be served from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, tickets are available on the Member’s Prepaid Events webpage.

The 16 h Annual Zongo Yachting Cup 2026 ocean race from Morro Bay to Port San Luis, Avila Beach is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2026. For more information, please go to <https://zongocup.com>

Please contact me if you have any questions and thoughts at cruisingcaptain@slyc.org or 8058786817. Thank you.

—Mike



Santa Barbara Sail & Dockside Party

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Sailing from 11:00AM to 4:00 PM

Tacos & Margaritas at 5:30 PM
\$10.00 Donation

Taco fixings, sides, margaritas & desert will be provided.

Enjoy the SLYC Santa Barbara Sail Day and Dock Side Party with fellow yacht club members, beginning with Sailing from about 11AM to 4PM.

After Sailing, Join the ‘Dockside Party’ aboard sailing vessel “Amigos”, located on Marina 2, slip ST-2, beginning at 5:30 PM.

Please RVSP to Mike at cruisingcaptain@slyc.org or Sign the ‘**Signup Sheet**’ at the Clubhouse for the Dockside Party.





From the Director

by Marcia Scott,
Director 3 and Social Chair

A hoy. The Kentucky Derby annual watch party has come and gone, and what a two-minute Race for the Roses it was! Golden Temple ran from the back of the pack to cross the finish line first, giving us all an exciting finish to cheer for. The horse was also trained by the first female trainer ever to win the Derby—a bit of history in the making. The clubhouse was filled with amazing energy, festive hats, dapper suits, and bow ties. So many great photos were taken, but I chose a few to include—the pineapple fruit centerpiece made by Lily Curtis, a group of attendees on the deck, and me with fellow members Laurie Rainwater-Quinn and Margo Fraser. Emcee Sean Schuur kept us engaged and on track. Lily Curtis hand-painted martini glasses with the SLYC logo to make our top two prizes extra special. Congratulations to our winners—Best Outfit was awarded to Blanche Hollingsead and Best Race Pick awarded to Cindy Luxton. And speaking of food, we were deliciously fed by cooks Sheila McCann and Tom Baxter. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a race day to remember!



Also in May was the Commodore Dinner where current and past Commodores gathered for a recognition dinner. Chief Cook Yvonne Jordon prepared delightful appetizers and an amazing sit-down dinner that made everyone feel special and appreciated for their service. A highlight of the evening was hearing Commodores in attendance share snapshots and memories from their year of service. Thank you to all who made this event special —(photo of the crew on the right).



Coming up soon is our annual Cheeseburgers in Paradise BBQ on July 4th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come celebrate America's 250th birthday with us! The bar will be open, the Easy Breezes band will be playing, the boat parade will be cruising by, and bacon cheeseburgers will be hot off the grill. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale now on the SLYC website under Upcoming Prepaid Events.

If you're a planner and like to get events on your calendar early, here's a look ahead at upcoming social activities:

- Halloween Dinner & Dance—Saturday, October 24, 6:00–8:30 p.m.
- Sunday Brunches—August 16 and October 18
- Scandinavian Smorgasbord and Veterans Day Observation during Wet Wednesday in November
- Holiday Sing-Along and Tree Decorating Social—first Friday in December



There are still volunteer opportunities available for these future events. If available, please consider signing up on the SLYC website under Volunteer Signups 2026!

A few personal notes—I'm sad to miss Cheeseburgers in Paradise this year, but excited to share that I'll be traveling to Prague, Austria, and Amsterdam with my daughter and granddaughters. I firmly believe in one of my life mottos: When your adult child invites you to travel, you drop everything and go. So I'm happily taking my own -advice.

As for my March rotator cuff surgery, I'm now in physical therapy and making steady progress. I am typing with two hands again and my shoulder is beginning to feel like a shoulder again! I'm not cleared to sail just yet though. As my surgeon put it, one rogue wave and instinctive reach could undo all the progress. The horizon is in sight, however, as I'm hoping to participate in the SLYC Day Sail in Santa Barbara on June 20th and the Santa Cruz Island sail August 21st-23rd.

As always, everything is more fun on the waterfront at SLYC. If you have questions or would like to get involved—whether planning, cooking, or decorating—I'd love to hear from you.

Fair winds and following seas until we see you at the Club.
—Marcia ⚓



From the Secretary

by Kyle Soucy,
Secretary

overnight. I love sleeping above deck/outside with the breeze (I was stingy on running AC the first half of the week).

Items that proved useful—would bring or use again:

- Apps used: Garmin Boating, BoatyBall, Anchor Alarm
- Bluetooth speaker
- Large, thin, quick dry towels (Amazon)
- Headlamp when running the dinghy at night
- Colorful ducktape to mark the dinghy and the center point of the helm
- Facebook Group: BVI Charter Chat
- Anna Mullen and Branden Dewyer as crew

Where are we going next?

—Kyle ⚓

Ahoy Members. Post BVI Trip Review:

We had a fabulous trip! Excellent weather—Average wind: 10 knots (could have used 13-15); 80s during the day and 70s



Commodores Dinner 2026











Kentucky Derby Watch Party








Emcee Sean Schuur with the "Best Outfit" contestants at the Kentucky Derby Watch Party

Events Calendar JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 No Reservations Allowed	1	2	3	4 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	5 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	6 RESERVED 5pm - Rainwater-Quinn
7 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Race #2 	8	9	10	11	12 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	13
14 Flag Day  No Reservations Allowed 10am - Brunch	15 RESERVED 4pm - Fuller	16 1pm - Wet Wednesday on the water 	17 2pm - Friends of Avila Pier RESERVED 4pm - Mullen	18 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	19 SBar Sail N' Dock Party 	20
21 Father's Day  No Reservations Allowed	22	23	24	25 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	26	27
28 No Reservations Allowed	29	30	1	2 6pm - Board Meeting in the Club 	3 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social Hour	4 Independence Day 11:30am - Cheeseburgers in Paradise

Events Calendar JULY 2026



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

Bar Host/OD Schedule

June 2026



5 Friday Social

—JJ Francoise, OD
Bar Hosts: Ken San Filippo
Thom Dimmitt
Food Help/Clean-up: Kate Gillespie
Tammy Casiano

12 Friday Social

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD
Bar Hosts: Bret Robinson
Kristin Blecha
Food Host/Clean-up: Thomas Tucker
Joan And Ron Perkins

17 Wet Wednesday

—Ray Mattison OD
Bar Hosts: Barb Boud
Shawn Harper
Chief Cook: Jim and Arlene Peterson
Crew: Carina Sayles



19 Friday Social

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**
Food Host/Clean-up: Linda and Bill Thoma
Makenzie Blodgett

26 Friday Social/Potluck

—Kristin Rasmussen, OD
Bar Hosts: Michael Nordstrom
Paul Waldron
Food Host/Clean-up: Kent Burnett
Shelley LaMon



4 Saturday-Cheeseburgers in Paradise

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Sylvia Dodd
Lesley Santos
Chief Cook: Lauri and Josh Rainwater-Quinn
Cook Crew: John Sorgenfrei
Terry Whitney
OPEN (1)
Clean-up: Steve and Ann Hansen
OPEN (1)



10 Friday Social

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Karen Hiatt
Dan Harper
Food Host/Clean-up: Margo Fraser
Carina Sayles

15 Wet Wednesday

—JJ Francoise OD
Bar Hosts: Dick Strachan
J Johnson
Chief Cook: Melissa Watkins
Cook Crew: Tony Goetz

17 Friday Social

—Marcia Scott, OD
Bar Hosts: Gary Joralemon
OPEN (1)
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

24 Friday Social

—Marcia Scott, OD
Bar Hosts: Tom and Janine McNeill
OPEN (1)
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

31 Friday Social/Potluck

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: **OPEN (2)**
Kitchen Crew/Clean-up: Jeff or Sasha Szytel
Kent Burnett



July 2026

3 Friday Social

—TBD, OD
Bar Hosts: Ali Stephenson
Darren Howey
Food Help/Clean-up: Douglas Twisselmann
Tiz Tomalin





San Luis Yacht Club

Officers, Staff, and Committees 2025



Officers

Commodore Pat Mullen	805-305-3364 commodore@slyc.org
Vice Commodore Kristin Rasmussen (Volunteer: TimeToSignUp)	805-471-7127 vicecommodore@slyc.org
Rear Commodore Carter McGowen (Facility)	805-550-6072 rearcommodore@slyc.org
Secretary Kyle Soucy	978-621-2716 secretary@slyc.org
Treasurer Lily Curtis	219-299-9087 treasurer@slyc.org
Port Captain Ray Mattison (Liaison to the Port)	805-544-1945 portcaptain@slyc.org
Sail Fleet JJ Francoise (Racing)	909-561-6746 fleetcaptain@slyc.org
Power Fleet Captain David Bucher (Chase Boat)	805-215-9995 powercaptain@slyc.org
Cruising Captain Mike Davis	805-878-6817 cruisingcaptain@slyc.org

Directors

1 - Eddie O'Brien	831-620-5472 Director-1@slyc.org
2 - Patrick Corrigan	(509) 998-6290 Director-2@slyc.org
3 - Marcia Scott	805-440-3662 Director-3@slyc.org

Staff Commodores

Bob Hurd	805-550-9071 SStaffCommodore@slyc.org
Bret Clark	805-704-2608 IStaffCommodore@slyc.org

Staff

Bar Manager John Hrdlicka	707-287-7680 johnhrdlicka@hotmail.com
Boatmaster Darby Neil	541-508-9078 Darbyneil3@gmail.com
Burgees Bob Rollins	805-712-7729 brollins@charter.net
Editor (Foghorn) Donna Ellison	805-440-9369 foghorn@slyc.org
Historian Pete Kelley	805-595-2526 pedrokelly@gmail.com
Galley Manager Mika Richardson	805-471-7768 mika.richardson2021@gmail.com
Purser Denise Reynolds	805-748-3064 Dmreynolds987@gmail.com
Quartermaster Jana Barter (Ship's Store)	805-550-5013 slomocean123@gmail.com
Sunshine Committee Kathleen O'Neill	805-550-5010 koneill555@gmail.com
Webmaster (Scuttlebutt) Michael Dobrzensky	805-801-4988 webmaster@slyc.org

Committees

Finance—Kristin Rasmussen	See "Vice Commodore"
House—Carter McGowen	See "Rear Commodore"
Membership—Bret Clark	See "Staff Commodores"
Steering—Bob Hurd	See "Staff Commodores"
Nominating—Bob Hurd	See "Staff Commodores"
Social Director—Marcia Scott	805-440-3662 social@slyc.org