

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



View From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,
Commodore

A hoy everyone! Recently I listened to a story on KCBX about a Netflix documentary called Join or Die, “A film about why you should join a club...and why the fate of America depends on it.”

On their website, joinordiefilm.com, they explain the film: “In this feature documentary, follow the half-century story of America’s civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam, whose groundbreaking “Bowling Alone” research into America’s decades-long decline in community connections could hold the answers to our democracy’s present crisis.”

One review of the film says, “Join or Die. The phrase harks back to Ben Franklin’s call for unity among the colonies, appropriate given the film’s central message: a healthy democracy depends on citizens’ sense of connection to each other, and that sense depends on participation in organizations of all kinds, from churches to bowling leagues. The decline of these groups, the film argues, is linked to plunging faith in our system of government.”

I don’t think it is a stretch to see the similarities with our Club. Putnam’s research shows, “a 50% decline in the number of Americans who took any leadership role in any local organization and the number of times Americans attended a club meeting the previous year.”

Putnam has told audiences, “your chances of dying over the next year are cut in half by joining one group.”

So, am I saying you will die if you don’t sign up for your service requirements or volunteer to be an officer? It can’t hurt.

In the Foghorn this month, Vice Commodore **Bret Clark** shares the numbers of volunteer opportunities there are that you can sign up for—and maybe defer death.

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This past month we have had the several fun events including: a well-attended Potluck with schnitzel, an off the water Wet Wednesday, the last Ocean Race of the year, and the usual Friday Social events. Be sure to see THANK YOU SLYC VOLUNTEERS on page 5.

You can see when you look at the list of volunteers there were several events with no clean-up or food hosts. This is a recurring problem. With no food hosts for the Friday Social on October 18 we found some ancient pizza rolls in the Club freezer, heated them up and served them. Surprisingly, they were not that bad. Please look at the available opportunities on Time To Sign Up.

Remember, all our events are shared cost events—that means meals are shared costs and everyone, including help, pays their share of the cost of the meal.

If joining a club is good for your health, we should have a lot of interest in people becoming new members next year. Staff Commodore **Ken San Filippo** has headed up membership the last few years and the caliber of our new members reflects our process. We have already had one of the question/answer sessions with the Commodore on October 18. The next one is on November 15. You can find out everything you want to know about membership on our website <https://www.slyc.org/index.html> under MEMBERSHIP. The process begins after the first of the year and important dates can be found on the link on the website.

The 2025 Club Calendar is in the process of being created. If you would like to suggest an event or host a dinner, please contact an officer.

The General Membership Meeting of the San Luis Yacht Club will be held on Friday, November 8, 2024, in the clubhouse at 1800 hours. It is EXTREMELY important that you attend this meeting to ensure we have a quorum of 25%.

We have touched on Responsible Beverage Server Training in previous Foghorns. You must complete training from an authorized RBS training provider and pass an exam to renew your certification. I have heard from some members already who have been recertified—thank you **Tom McNeill** for example. In order to host bar, you will have to be certified.

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Look to the article in the Foghorn by Rear Commodore **Pat Mullen** for information on the upcoming galley project—replacing the flooring and cabinets.

I have inquired about hosting a free screening of the film, maybe on a future Wet Wednesday, to help with the health of our Club.

See you at the Club.

—Bob 



Vice Views

by Bret Clark,
Vice Commodore

Ahoy everyone!

Time to Sign Up

We started off the year with plenty of people volunteering for duty. This has resulted in no activities being cancelled so far. As I look into October and November, however, there are several openings that have yet to be filled. Please check out Time to Sign Up and sign up for open slots. This is especially true if you have not volunteered twice this year. If everyone did just their two service requirements, we would have more than enough coverage for all of our events. That being said, if you see an opening and you already have completed two or more services, please consider filling it. I would hate to have to cancel an event due to lack of volunteers.

General Membership Meeting

It is really hard for me to believe, but we are near the end of the year. I am looking forward to seeing you at our General Membership Meeting this month. The end of the year is a very busy time for your board. During the last few months of the year, we will be training our newly elected board members, populating next year's activities on our

calendar, setting up our sign-up system for volunteer duties to staff next year's activities, sending out invoices for dues, and crediting received payments for membership. The end of the year is a very busy time, indeed.

November Mailer

In early November, you will receive a mailer that includes a cover letter explaining any changes that affect the membership, volunteer duties and how to satisfy your obligation, and your dues invoices. Please thoroughly read through the packet. I am pleased to report that you will be able to pay your dues online via Square this year. Information about how to access the site will be contained in the mailer documents.

Looking Forward

A few months ago, I started working on the 2025 calendar for the club. This process involves analyzing past calendars and activities to build the new year's calendar. Although we started off strong this year with all of our events staffed by our volunteers, the past few months have been very poorly staffed. We have tried not to cancel events, but we really need your help to pull these events off. Moving into 2025, please be sure to complete your volunteer activities by their deadlines. The November Mailer will detail any changes to the number of volunteer service requirements and volunteer activities.

Please remember to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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

—Bret 




From the Rear Commodore

by Pat Mullen,
Rear Commodore

Greetings fellow Club Members.

As the year winds down, it is only two months until our galley refresh begins! The board approved the final design and budget in September, and at the October meeting decided only limited club activities will be scheduled for January and February until the refresh

is completed. Demo of our old cabinets will begin right after the Polar Bear Plunge on January 1, 2025. Our awesome galley refresh team of **Marty Fuller**, **Steve Dahl**, **Gary Cox**, **Dennis Dempsey**, **Bret Clark**, and me are doing final planning, ordering of material and beginning prep for the refresh. The refreshed galley will have a more functional "commercial" look with all stainless-steel cabinets, industrial vinyl flooring, open shelving, professional finishes, etc. Some preconstruction work is planned for this fall including deferred maintenance items and other prep work that won't impact club use. The galley will be closed in January and February 2025 while galley and bar work is being done. Stay tuned for more detail in future Foghorn articles.

Cheers,
—Pat 

San Luis  *Yacht Club*



Cruising News

by Kristin Rasmussen,
Cruising Captain

A hoy SLYC Members. The 2024 SLYC Cruising events concluded with the visit to Rasmussen Vineyards on Saturday, October 5th. It was a beautiful day in Paso Robles and those members who made it enjoyed plenty of wine, food, knowledge, and conversation.

Now we are on to 2025. I haven't set the calendar or identified all of the cruising events for next year, but there will be the old favorites such as the 4th of July Boat Parade, the Santa Barbara

Sail and Dockside Party, and at least one sail to Santa Cruz Island. Before we even get to those events we do have a big cruise to the BVI towards the end of March 2025.

The big trips, like the one planned for March next year, are the trips that bring our yacht club family close together. Suppose you find yourself walking through an airport lugging soft-sided collapsible luggage (needed for easy storage when you are sailing) wearing a shirt with the San Luis Yacht Club burgee that looks just like the shirt a bunch of other people in the same airport are wearing. Suppose you spend a couple of hours in a grocery store filling 4 shopping carts to the brim and then working together to store it all aboard your floating home for a week. Then after the traveling, the provisioning, the boarding, the stowing, and the disembarking you and your fellow sailors spend days on the water, in the water, and around the water experiencing and exploring a beautiful place together. There are always challenges and things out of your control but the good outweighs the bad. I hope to see you with us.

See you on the water.
—Kristin

Rasmussen Vineyards



Wet Wednesday



Passings

HANK JOHNSTON



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of member Hank Johnston, October 10, 2024. Hank was a member of the yacht club since 2010. He was the "Small Boat Master" 2022 – 2023.

The family will have a private burial on October 17, 2024. Friends are welcome to an open house that evening (Oct 17th), between the hours of 6 - 8 PM at their home (390 N. Las Flores Drive, Nipomo, CA), which would have been his 80th birthday.

Thank You October Volunteers



27 Friday Social/Potluck (September)
—Kristin Rasmussen, OD
Cooks: Barry Stewart, Marty Fuller, Steve Fuller, Steve Dahl, Rod Valine
Bar Hosts: Red Hester, Sylvia Dodd
Clean-up: Molly Montgomery,
Mary and John Janowicz

4 Friday Social
—Kate Gillespie, OD
Bar Hosts: Linda and Bill Thoma,
Makenzie Blodgett
Food Host: Cathy Dahl Kunkel

6 Ocean Race
—David Ouellet, P.R.O.
Race Committee: Chris and Bill Deviny,
Eddie and Wendy O'Brian,
Chase Boat: Jack Luxton,
Debra and Charles Barfoot
Race Support (Lunch): Reid Hester

9 Wet Wednesday
—Carter McGowen, OD
Bar Hosts: Judy Bellis, Cindy Markham
Cooks: Pat Cusack, Scott and Karen Negri,
Matt Farmer
Clean up: Pat Cusack

11 Friday Social
—Bill McInerney, OD
Bar Hosts: Cindy and Jason Vormbaum,
Food Host: Pat Cusack

18 Friday Social
—Bret Clark, OD
Bar Hosts: Gary and Alex Joralemon, Jeff Stewart



Reminder-Bar Hosting



Attention to all club members who wish to complete their club services as a Bar Host. All bar hosts and/or anyone who checks ID's, serves alcohol, serves as a cashier, manages, or trains those who are responsible for alcohol-related duties, must complete a California State Responsible Beverage Service Training (RBS) course.

Your training course must include the successful completion of an Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) administered RBS exam. **The certification requirements for AB 1221 must be renewed every 3 years.**

You will find an RBS Training course from one of the Department-approved training providers online and must pass the Department's alcohol server certification exam with a 70% or better.







The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) offers an online Responsible Beverage Service Portal! This portal provides access to all the tools you will need to ensure compliance with the mandatory RBS training requirements for Alcohol Servers, Licensees, and Training Providers.

www.rbstp@abc.ca.gov

Events Calendar NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 No Reservations Allowed	28	29	30	31 Halloween 	1 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	2 RESERVED 3pm - Pete Kelley
3 No Reservations Allowed Daylight Saving Time Ends 	4	5 Election Day 	6	7 6pm - Board of Directors 	8 No Reservations 6pm - General Meeting 	9 5:30pm - Staff Appreciation Dinner 
10 No Reservations Allowed	11 Veterans Day 	12 RESERVED 6pm - Cindy Vormbaum	13 6pm - Wet Wednesday in the clubhouse 	14	15 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	16 RESERVED 12pm - Carol Dobrzensky
17 No Reservations Allowed	18	19	20	21 3pm - Friends of Avila	22 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	23 RESERVED 2pm - Ray Mattison
24 No Reservations Allowed	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day 	29 No Reservations No Social Hour	30

Events Calendar DECEMBER

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
8 No Reservations Allowed	9	10	11 RESERVED 4pm - Lettie Fuller Rotary	12 RESERVED 10:30am - PSL Staff RESERVED 5pm - Tom Swen	13 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	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 	2 5pm - Board Meeting in Clubhouse 	3 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	4

Bar Host/OD Schedule

November 2024

- 1 Friday Social
—Carter McGowen, OD
Bar Hosts: Susan and JJ Cutts Francoisse
OPEN (1)
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

- 8 General Membership Meeting
—Bret Clark, OD
Bar Hosts: Susan and JJ Cutts Francoisse
Randy Kingsbury
Crew/Clean-up: Denise Reynolds
OPEN (1)



- 9 Staff Appreciation Dinner
—Matthew Farmer, OD
Bar Hosts: Ali Stephenson
Chief Cook: Bob Hurd
Assist. Cook: Paul Schiro
Cook Crew: **OPEN (1)**
Clean-up: Paul and Eileen Sverchek
OPEN (1)



- 13 Wet Wednesday
—Carter McGowen, OD
Bar Hosts: Barb and Joe Boud
Pat Cusack
Chief Cook: Carol Nylander
Cook Crew/Clean-up: Georgina Pease



- 15 Friday Social
—Carter McGowen, OD
Bar Hosts: Bernenice Parsons
Doug Parish
Food Host/Clean-up: **OPEN (2)**

- 22 Friday Social
—Willam McInerney, OD
Bar Hosts: Steve Johnson
OPEN (1)
Food Host/Clean-up: Tina Radovich
Eion and Claire Duffy



December 2024

- 6 Friday Social/Tree Decorating
—Matthew Farmer, OD
Bar Hosts: Kristin Blecha
Mark Machala
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Jim and Sally Blecha
OPEN (1)



- 11 Wet Wednesday
—Willam McInerney, OD
Bar Hosts: Barb and Joe Boud
Chief Cook: Scott and Karen Negri
Cook Crew/Clean-up: Pat Cusack



January 2025

- 1 Wednesday Polar Bear Plunge
—Ken San Filippo, OD
Bar Hosts (Morning 10-1): Thom Dimmitt
OPEN (1)
Bar Hosts (Afternoon 1-4): **OPEN (2)**
Chief Cook: Ken San Filippo
Assist. Cook/Clean-up: **OPEN (1)**



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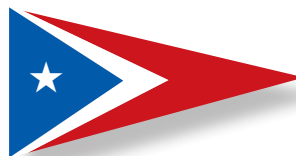
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