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From the Helm

Commodore's Report

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2024 SCYA Commodore

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You consistently receive the Searchlight late because I am the one late with my column. Sorry about that! John Gaddis and our Rear Commodore, Jodi Masters-Gonzales, do a great job each month putting this together. We are starting to receive more articles and notices from you, our members. Please keep sending them in!

SCYA has the US Sailing International Safety at Sea Seminar coming up in a few weeks, hosted by Del Rey Yacht Club. We sold out! 68 boaters are coming from all over the US to take this course. Fall arrived this past week and brought cooler temperatures, but the ocean water is still warm. My mooring is waiting for Rascal to hook up this weekend at the Isthmus. A1 ... here we come! There are so many days remaining for boating activities. Get out there, get some lobsters, go fishing and feel the wind in your hair! As the days get dark earlier, our activities don't necessarily stop. Our safety considerations need to include that as the light fades stuff still happens. The opportunity for miscued safety actions will be amplified.

The Safety at Sea seminar provides a lot of information that can save lives. Knowing what to do when a fire starts, the boat is holed, someone falls off, the weather turns bad quickly, you are suddenly alone; these are just a few topics that are covered. Going into action without thinking about what needs to be done can be the difference between staying alive/afloat or the alternative. I am taking my third round of the seminar. The certificates are good for 5 years if you race offshore. Even if you don't race, the 5-year timeline to refresh your knowledge and skills is a good marker for everyone.

If you go out on your boat for an afternoon sail or you are heading across the ocean, this seminar is a game changer. The first time I took it I could not believe how much I did not know. I studied and tried things out on my boat before, but when the professional sailors stood up there and explained what can really happen, and what to do about it, I left knowing how unprepared I really was and felt I had gained so much knowledge from this event.

I don't think there are enough words that can be printed here to convince everyone who goes out boating to take this seminar. It says "International Offshore" in the title, but the contents can save your life 5 miles from shore. The next time you see one of these in your neighborhood, GO and take your family and crew with you. It could be YOUR life they save. The list for classes all over the USA can be found at <https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/safety-at-sea-courses-2022/>. You do not need to get the certificate, only the knowledge you gain is necessary.

The same weekend SCYA also has a Celestial Navigation Class put on by Master Mariner Mike Bleacher. He loves teaching his favorite subject and does this for us once a year. Del Rey Yacht Club will be hosting close to 100 guests brought in by SCYA on Oct 5 & 6th. Every boater in Southern California understands what our clubs mean to us, and what they do for all of us. SCYA's club members are constantly holding events for all of us. Send us yours! We will promote you!

With all the hats I wear for SCYA, one is the trophy chairperson. I don't think anyone that has held this position has had as active a year as I have. I just took a beautiful SCYA trophy that has not been awarded for quite some time to the trophy store. It will be placed on a beautiful new base to be rededed. The back of the base will carry the provenance of the trophy through the years while the front will have the new plates. We will be dedicating the trophy as the new Club of the Year Award: SCYA Racing Club of the Year. AND....

I have ordered a fantastic new trophy for the Club of the Year that will be deeded for the new category of SCYA Cruising Club of the Year. I cannot wait to see it. It is a custom design being made in Australia. I just took in the "new" 1800s sterling silver Frank Borzage trophy to a hand engraver. This is the one to replace the gorgeous trophy that was destroyed in the CYC fire. New bases are being designed and built for the new one and for the artifacts that did not melt away at CYC. The new trophy will have silver plates attached and engraved with all of the Star sailor's names who have been awarded this coveted trophy since 1930. Now, I "just" have to write, or rewrite some deeds of gifts.

I have so much more to tell you, but I don't want to put you to sleep. Enjoy your Fall boating activities, keep your tan going, and....STAY SAFE.

Kathy St. Amant

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DARE THE PIRATE'S LAIR

SCYA COMMODORE'S CRUISE

OCTOBER 18 & 19 & 20, 2024
CATALINA ISLAND YACHT CLUB

COORDINATE - CELEBRATE - EDUCATE - COMMUNICATE

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CATALINA ISLAND YACHT CLUB 100 YEARS 1924-2024

The poster features a central illustration of a pirate with a long white beard and a red bandana, holding a bottle of rum. The background is dark with a glowing orange and yellow light source, possibly a sunset or a fire. The text is in a stylized, yellow, outlined font. The SCYA logo is a diamond shape with a stylized 'S' and 'Y' inside, surrounded by the words 'COORDINATE - CELEBRATE - EDUCATE - COMMUNICATE'. The Catalina Island Yacht Club logo is a circular emblem with a red and white flag, the text 'CATALINA ISLAND YACHT CLUB', and '100 YEARS 1924-2024'.



A small number of the shirts will be available at the Commodore's Cruise!



From the Bridge

V/C Report

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One thing we've started doing this year are monthly zoom forums covering various aspects of yacht club governance. We've talked about budgeting, encouraging volunteers, the effect of the current economy, and politics in yacht clubs. In October we will hold a forum on community involvement.

Earlier this month IOBG district 10 held a seminar to talk about yachting protocols. It was well attended and covered everything from dressing the yacht to the 8 bells ceremony. In November we will hold a zoom forum covering similar material, based on what we've observed last year attended many opening days.

Coming on January 11th is the SCYA Installation and awards banquet. It will be held at King Harbor Yacht Club. Watch for the announcement of registration.

We are continuing to look for volunteers. If you are interested in helping out SCYA in 2025 please email vicecommodore@scya.org. Especially needed are people to help organize various seminars.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the Commodore's Cruise.

Lee Coller

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From the Bridge

R/C Report

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"First Mondays" for 2024 R/Cs

I created this series to provide current R/Cs (or equivalent roles) with continuing Corinthian leadership support and education on topics that are member-driven.

First Monday Goals for the SCYA Commodore Cohort of 2026:

- Part preparing for the year ahead and part continuing to gel as a cohort, so current R/Cs have a trusted resource to lean into as they continue moving forward through the Flags.

- Sessions will focus on topics ranging from Corinthian leadership to practical implementation of frameworks and tools to aid in effective management of the yachting organization.
- Speakers will be drawn from SCYA community and topics will be member-driven based on the needs of the current SCYA Commodore cohort.
- First Mondays will begin on Monday, October 7, 2024 and continue through the final Monday of the current cohort's Jr. Staff Commodore year (2027).

FIRST MONDAYS BEGIN OCTOBER 7th!

California Yacht Club Commodore, Sue Service, will be kicking-off SCYA First Mondays for 2024 Rear Commodores next Monday, October 7th from 6-7pm!

The topic is *Creating the Bridge Playbook*, an invaluable tool that Commodore Service created to help CYC stay on track with its traditions as it recovered and evolved post-pandemic—before the devastating fire and new ownership.

Learning objectives include:

- Harnessing the value of a Bridge Playbook for Corinthian yachting organizations—hold on to traditions while evolving, growing;

- Creating the Bridge Playbook—who to involve, what to include and why;
- Practical implementation of the Bridge Playbook—setting up your 2025 Bridge for success; and
- Measuring success and continuous improvement—setting expectations, measuring what works, and taking an iterative approach were needed.

**This training is value-add to SCYA membership.
Registration is required!**



This period was very busy! Between August and September, 2024, I held or attended more than 14 meetings. My report this month summarizes salient information from these meetings and other of my direct reports.

Club of the Year (CoY) & Trophies Committees

Two new trophies are in the process of being deeded for the two new award categories: Cruising Club of the Year and Racing Club of the Year. As a reminder, CoY binders are due at the November General Membership meeting. Information on CoY criteria is [available on the SCYA website](#). Direct inquiries to CoY Chairs, Sylvia and Tommy Wheeler, at forsylviaw@aol.com.

Harbor Associations (Liaison)

I attended the ASMBYC Rear Commodore Dinner @ PMYC (July 29, 2024) and ASPBYC Meeting @ Navy YC (August 5, 2024). At the ASMBYC meeting, discussion re: redundancy of carrying race insurance were had, as yacht clubs also carried insurance and are the organizing authority for race events. ASMBYC voted against renewing the insurance policy for 2025. ASPBYC meeting highlights include the Oct 5th Bay Cup, where club teams compete against each other. They are also soliciting volunteers to join the flag - the 1st step is Secretary/Treasurer. Shortly, they will accept nominations for our annual Yachtsman, Yachtswomen and Junior Sailor of the Year and the Annual Meeting will be at LA Yacht Club January 15. Direct ASPBYC-related inquiries to Dave Booker at dbooker4@aol.com.

Membership Committee

Club Nautico Baja was approved for Associate Membership in SCYA with an effective date of 1/1/25. It is anticipated that prospective member, Horizon Yacht Club, will be presented at the November 9, 2024 General Membership Meeting. Direct inquiries to Membership Chair S/C Anne Eubanks at anneeubanks@gmail.com.

Old Timers Event

The annual Old Timers Event was held on September 14th at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. Event Chair, Elena Yuasa, did a fabulous job planning this very successful event. Special thanks to Sylvia Wheeler, who filled in as SCYA Administrator for the day, and to BCYC for impeccable facilities and service. A recap on winners and storytelling highlights will appear in the October Searchlight.

Race Management Committee

On September 9, 2024, we held a five harbor kick-off meeting to coordinate the 2025 Race Calendar. SCYA member-driven suggestions were also brought forward, including making a preliminary calendar available as soon as possible. It was agreed that a preliminary 2025 SCYA Race Calendar would be published on the SCYA website—be on the lookout for that announcement.

Radio Communications Committee

In May, Charles Pascal was appointed by SCYA Commodore St. Amant on the recommendation of Dr. Richard Townsend as the new Chair of SCYA Radio Communications Committee. Charles is off to a tremendous start! He has plans to create a list of all Amateur Radio Groups within SCYA member organizations so they are able to connect with each other, hold annual FCC license examination preparation classes, and will be reviewing submissions and recommending the winner of the 2024 Maritime Order of the Golden Key Award. See below for [info on his upcoming entry-level Amateur radio Technician license class](#) for boaters on Dec. 7th and the [video he recorded](#) on special request for the Old Timer's meeting where he shares very interesting information on the Bayesian yacht accident. Direct inquires to Charles at radiopascal@earthlink.net or (310) 714-0524.

Paddle Sports

Committee Chair, Dave Lumian, attended the Olympics in

Paris where Team USA won two medals in canoe and kayak. Highlights included:

- Nevin Harrison of Seattle was in a photo finish winning a silver medal in the women's canoe single 200-meter race. She lost a repeat gold by a tiny fraction of an inch in a performance that saw both women break the world record in the sport!
- Evy Leibfarth of North Carolina won a bronze medal in women's canoe slalom race.
- The International Canoe Federation celebrated its 100th Anniversary at the French Canoe Federation House near the Olympic venue.
- He attended a terrific party at the Team USA House in Paris!

Regional Opportunities for SCYA Clubs:

- There will be regional ACA instructor updates in San Diego on October 26-27. All ACA instructors are required to renew their certifications every four years. More information is available on the ACA website.
- ACA state leadership reports that they will appreciate the opportunity to work with SCYA clubs on hosting canoe and kayak regattas and/or instructor training.
- If your club is interested in adding kayaking, canoeing and/or stand up paddling to its member benefits please contact Dave at dlumian@aol.com.

Community Sailing Committee

Committee Chair, Dave Lumian, also reported that every year, Cal Boating organizes two regional meetings of

community sailing/boating programs in the state. This is a terrific opportunity for networking and information for clubs interested in community sailing. The Southern California Meeting will be held at the San Diego-Imperial Boy Scout's Fiesta Island facility in San Diego on October 8 and 9. Contact Amy Rigby at amy.rigby@parks.ca.gov. Dave reports that Community Sailing has grown substantially during the last five years. Many clubs have seen a spurt in membership as people seek ways to access the water safely and affordably. Many SCYA clubs such as LAYC, ABYC and FYC have seen growth in membership by offering sailing training and shared use of club boats. If your club is interested in developing a community sailing program, please contact Dave at dlumian@aol.com.

As always, please reach out if there is any way we can help support the success of your club!

Much aloha and mahalo 🌺

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SCYA BOARD REPORT

Port Captain Report



- Oct. 5, 2024: Capt. Mike's Famous Celestial Navigation Three-Hour Tour **(SOLD OUT)**.
- Oct. 5 - 6, 2024: SCYA / US SAILING Safety-At-Sea **(SOLD OUT)**
- Oct. 18 - 20, 2024: SCYA Commodore's Cruise. Location: Avalon / Catalina Island Yacht Club. [Register here](#).
- Oct. 26, 2024 @ 10am: SCYA General Meeting (via Zoom) to provide 2025 Nomination Report. Request connection details from SCYA Service Administrator at service@scya.org.
- Nov. 9, 2024: SCYA Board Meeting (10:30am) & General Meeting (noon). Location: SLBYC.
- Dec. 7, 2024: SCYA Radio Communications annual FCC Technician license preparation and testing class. Location: SMWYC from 9am to 5:30pm. To enroll, contact Charlie Pascal at radiopascal@earthlink.net or (310) 714-0524.
- Dec. 14, 2024: SCYA Board Meeting Only (Christmas luncheon). Location: OYC.
- Jan. 11, 2025: SCYA Installation. Location: KHYC.



SCYA SPONSOR MESSAGE

Maritime Museum of San Diego



International Guild of Knot Tyers North America presents

THE ART AND CRAFT of KNOT TYING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th

★ View the Work ★ Meet the Artisans ★
★ Learn the Art of Ropemaking ★ Knot Tying Demonstrations & More! ★

ONE DAY ONLY

Contact: Theresa Smullen, Director of Marketing, tsmullen@sdmaritime.org, (619) 234-9153 x123

INTERNATIONAL GUILD OF KNOT TYERS NORTH AMERICAN CHAPTER INVITES PUBLIC TO EXPERIENCE THE ART AND CRAFT OF KNOT TYING AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM OF SAN DIEGO

One Day Only. Saturday, October 5th 10:00am – 5:00pm.

The Maritime Museum of San Diego's mission is to serve as the community memory of our seafaring experiences by collecting, preserving, and presenting our rich maritime heritage and historic connections with the Pacific world. The Museum is proud to announce the International Guild of Knot Tyers North American Chapter will bring the Art and Craft of Knot Tying to visitors and members of the Maritime Museum

of San Diego one day only Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A Registered Educational Charity, the International Guild of Knot Tyers was founded, with twenty-five members, in April 1982, as an association of folks with interests in knots and knotting techniques of all kinds. In succeeding years, the Guild has grown beyond all expectations and now has over one thousand members worldwide.

According to Raymond Ashley, Ph.D., K.C.I., President/CEO of the Maritime Museum of San Diego, "We are excited to share with our community the enormous talent of this special group of artisans enthusiastic about their knot-related work and eager to teach visitors the art of ropemaking and knot tying." The purpose of IGKT NA is to promote the art, craft, and science of knotting, its study and practice, and to facilitate communications among all North American members and between the IGKT-NA and IGKT. For one day only, Maritime Museum of San Diego visitors and members can view IGKT NA members' work, meet the artisans, learn the art of ropemaking, witness knot tying demonstrations and more. This unique opportunity is free with purchase of general admission.

The Maritime Museum of San Diego is open daily at Star of India wharf located at 1492 N. Harbor Drive between Grape and Ash Street. Visitors can explore the floating museum of ships along the north embarcadero and multiple below-deck exhibits with one general admission ticket. General admission self-guided tour prices for adults are \$24.00, seniors, military, and students 13-17 are \$18.00 and youth 3-12

\$12.00. Children under two are free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at sdmaritime.org or at the Museum Ticket Booth.

ABOUT THE MARITIME MUSEUM OF SAN DIEGO

The Maritime Museum of San Diego experience includes admission to a world-class collection of historic sailing ships, steam-powered boats, and submarine, each offering entertaining and educational exhibits. The 501c3 non-profit Museum enjoys an international reputation for excellence in restoring, maintaining, and operating historic vessels including the world's oldest active sailing ship, Star of India. Maritime Museum of San Diego is ranked as one of the nation's top attractions offering self-guided tours, docent guided-group tours, tall ship charters, year-round public events, educational programs, and a distinctive venue for corporate/private events. The Museum is open daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. along Star of India Wharf at 1492 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101-3309. <https://sdmaritime.org/>

New SCYA sponsors. Commodore St. Amant thanks our new sponsors and asks SCYA members to utilize them.



SCYA COMMITTEE REPORT

Inclusive Boating Committee



By SCYA IBC Chair, Marie Rogers
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After the success of the community participation at the Juneteenth celebration at California Yacht Club this year, this committee has decided to advance into a new direction. Owing to the amount of manpower necessary to put on these events, we have determined that clubs and organizations can now create their own events by using ours as template. With the SCYA website coming together, it feels more appropriate to offer our resources to member clubs who decide to reach out to us as they search for ideas. Currently, our Searchlight articles serve as this committee's report to the SCYA Board of Directors and to our member clubs. As soon as it's set up, we plan on having a list of books and articles, films and interviews on the subject of inclusion.

Thank you to all who have been and continue to be our supporters!



Pictured L-R: Marie Rogers, Jodi Masters-Gonzales, Wailani O'Herlihy, Kellie Hardick, Miriam Smith, and two Sea Gals!

SCYA COMMITTEE REPORT

Radio Communications



By SCYA Radio Communications Chair, Charles Pascal, radiopascal@earthlink.net, (310) 714-0524

On December 7, 2024 from 9 A. M. to 5.30 P.M, the SCYA Radio Communications Committee, along with the California Radio Amateur group will be conducting our annual Technician license class preparation which will provide testing for the FCC technician license.

The class will be held at the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club located at, 13589 Mindanao Way in Marina Del Rey.



- Would you like to have the capability to communicate with law enforcement during emergencies even if cell phones do not operate?
- When cruising, would you enjoy knowing your hand-held radio will have a range of 150 miles offshore should you need assistance?
- Operate your radio with race committee using frequencies, which are interference free?
- Would you like to gain advanced technical knowledge of how your radio operates so it could help you during an emergency?
- Would you like to join a group of Amateurs who are interested in radio communications?

The Technician Amateur license offers these possibilities and many more.

The class will be taught by Charlie Pascal, WB6CIY who has been chairperson for the Radio Amateur Group since 2008.

Mr. Pascal has successfully trained 10,000 students to pass FCC license exams. Pascal has received the Golden Key award for his instruction from SCYA in 2008 and 2020. Close to 300 California Yacht club members have received their Amateur license from Mr. Pascal.

The Technician license is your entry-level license for Amateur radio. To obtain this credential, students must pass a thirty-five multiple-choice exam containing FCC published questions.

The manual provided for this class will contain the information needed with easy-to-understand explanations, which you will need to obtain your technician license. It is highly important you study the manual before attending class.

The class will begin at 9 AM. And end at 5.30 P. M. with testing included. We will have breaks during the day and a one-hour break for lunch.

To enroll for this class, please email, radiopascal@earthlink.net or call Charlie Pascal at (310) 714-0524. The total cost for this class is \$120.

Mr. Pascal will provide information for you to obtain your Federal registration number from the FCC before you attend class.

We will close enrollment on December 5. Looking forward to seeing all of you in class!

P.S. View the video Charles produced on special request for the recent Old Timers meeting here, https://youtu.be/xhsKC_f0IaA. Unfortunately, we were unable to play it due to A/V and time limitations.

SCYA LIAISON UPDATES

California State Parks and California Coastal Commission



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LIAISON UPDATE #3

UPDATE: 09/21/24

OES Report #24-5289; NRC Report #1411260

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Date Incident Reported: 09/19/24

Location: Marina del Rey (Los Angeles County)

Product details: Diesel Fuel

INCIDENT UPDATE

On the night of September 18, a vessel, The Admiral, caught fire while moored at Basin A in Marina del Rey (Los Angeles County). The Los Angeles County Fire Department was able to extinguish the fire and reported there were no injuries. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR), and representatives of the vessel's owner formed a Unified Command to respond to the discharge of red-dye diesel that resulted from the fire. The maximum potential fuel capacity of the vessel was 6,000 gallons, but after discussion with vessel owner representatives, it's likely the amount onboard during the time of the incident was around 4,000 gallons. The vessel is no longer actively discharging fuel. Crews continue to assess the status of the vessel for fuel removal operations. Investigation into the cause of the incident and volume discharged is ongoing. An oil spill response organization is on-scene conducting cleanup and recovery efforts. Containment boom is deployed around the vessel and adjacent impacted areas.

ENVIRONMENTAL

CDFW-OSPR environmental scientists are on-scene working to monitor and limit impacts to environmental resources and sensitive sites. Currently, there have been no observed impacts to environmental sensitive sites.

WILDLIFE

The Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) has been activated to care for oiled wildlife. An oiled Rufous hummingbird was collected within the containment area and transported to the Los Angeles Oiled Bird Care and Education Center for initial care. The hummingbird has since been stabilized and moved to the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center of Orange County for ongoing care. For your safety and the safety of the animals do not attempt to capture oiled animals. Report oiled wildlife to 1-877-UCD-OWCN (1-877-823-6926). This is not an informational or volunteer hotline.

SAFETY

Air monitoring is being conducted within the area. There are currently no reports of a threat to public health.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are not requested at this time. If volunteers are needed in the future, information will be available <https://calspillwatch.wildlife.ca.gov>.

CLAIMS

Community members impacted by the incident can file a claim by visiting www.admiralfire2024.com. If your vessel has been impacted by the incident, please do not attempt to clean it yourself, instead, please utilize the claims process.

QUESTIONS

Media inquiries can be directed to the USCG Public Information Office at 206-815-6689.

Questions from elected officials or agencies can be directed to

the CDFW-OSPR Liaison Officer at OSPRLiaison@wildlife.ca.gov. Questions from Tribal Nations should be directed to the CDFW-OSPR Tribal Liaison Officer at OSPRTribalLiaison@wildlife.ca.gov.





Containment boom is deployed around the vessel and crews are working to recover discharged product.

More information will be shared as significant updates to the response occur.

SCYA LIAISON UPDATES

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC)



By SCYA and RBOC Director, Themis Z. Glatman, tladymanor1@aol.com

Proposed bills, amendments and trailer bills, keep coming out of Sacramento, including a new signed Senate Bill regarding Marine Flares, therefore, RBOC has been in a constant state of alert for new regulations affecting the enjoyment of Boating in California.

Marine Flares

So the bad news first, as Governor Newsom has signed SB1066 Blakespear, to make manufacturers of Marine Flares liable for their "end of life" collection. RBOC had opposed this bill as written since Orion, who is the only manufacturer of Marine Flares for the California market, said these costs would be passed on to customers, or they would most likely, stop providing flares to California boaters. They offered a one year pilot plan to collect them, but it was not included in the final bill.

A bit of good news, came just today, mentioning that for our SoCal area, the Port of San Diego, the Port of LA and the city of Morro Bay will start collection of all expired flares from their various locations. Nothing from LA County as of yet.

Boater's Town Hall

On the 25th, RBOC held a very well attended Town Hall to disseminate all the good things we are involved in, explaining in more detail the issues we have been addressing in the past budget session in Sacramento. Discussions involved the reversal of the boater's registration increase, the fight for more accessible marine areas not included in the Governor's 30X30 plan, the importance of the water diversion plan from the Sacramento Delta to bring water into SoCal.

We also informed the attendees, about the difference in Wind Energy programs from the East coast to the West coast, specially California. The difference being that the Pacific Ocean is SOOO much deeper than the Atlantic, so the

requirements for maintenance would be dramatic, perhaps not making much economic sense. Our representative in Morro Bay, have been in the forefront of this battle, since these MASSIVE turbines would be constructed and moved from their small harbor into the open ocean. This will impact navigable waters in the area.

Another major issue that was discussed, have to do with the TMDL argument we have been dealing with since 2014, and the case for the Copper reduction in the water column. We explained to attendees about the difficulty in creating paint without copper in them that still are effective against algae growth. We continue to try and address this issue which would be of utmost importance to recreational boaters.

As usual, I need to plead with the various Yacht Clubs to continue, and to hopefully increase their contributions to RBOC since we are the ONLY Lobbying firm fighting for California Boaters rights to enjoy our navigable waters. Please become a "Friend of RBOC" with your donation.

Sincerely,
Themis Z. Glatman
RBOC Director
SCYA Director

SCYA COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Marina Del Rey Anglers Receives Generous Grant from Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation

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Marina Del Rey, CA – Marina Del Rey Anglers (MDRA) is thrilled to announce the receipt of a generous \$2,500 grant from the Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation (SMBSF). This significant contribution will support MDRA's youth programs, enriching the lives of many young people in the community.

The grant will be used to enhance MDRA's Youth Fishing Program, which provides at-risk and disadvantaged children with the opportunity to experience the joys of fishing and the marine environment. Through this program, children learn valuable skills, develop a sense of accomplishment, and gain a deeper appreciation for nature and conservation.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Santa Monica Bay Sailing

Foundation for their generous support,” said Keith Lambert, Treasurer at Marina Del Rey Anglers. “This grant will allow us to expand our youth programs and reach more children, providing them with enriching experiences that foster personal growth and a love for the ocean.”

The collaboration between MDRA and SMBSF highlights the power of community partnerships in making a lasting impact. Both organizations share a commitment to youth development and environmental stewardship, creating a unique synergy that benefits the local community.

The Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation has a long history of supporting sailing and watersport programs in the Santa Monica Bay area. Their dedication to helping at-risk youth aligns perfectly with MDRA’s mission to promote sport fishing, conservation, and community involvement.

For more information about Marina Del Rey Anglers and their programs, please visit www.MDRAnglers.com.

About Marina Del Rey Anglers

Marina Del Rey Anglers is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sport fishing, conservation, and community involvement. Established in 1975, MDRA offers a variety of programs and events, including the Youth Fishing Program, White Seabass Grow-Out Program, and the MDR Halibut Derby.

About Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation

The Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation is a non-profit

organization committed to supporting sailing programs in the Santa Monica Bay area. Established in 1990, SMBSF provides funding for youth and adult sailing, boating, and watersport programs, with a focus on helping at-risk youth.

SCYA COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

A Remarkable Transition



By Cleve
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It is the time of year when Yacht Club members all up and down the coast are electing new Boards and Bridges for the next yachting season. For the most part the transitions that will transpire over the next couple of months are straightforward. And thus, it probably will be at the Catalina Island Yacht Club in Avalon (CIYC). The current Vice Commodore will move up the

chairs and be sworn in as the Commodore for 2025. That person is Mary Haller. She is shown in a couple of the photographs on CIYC's website, [CIYC Foundation](#).

But there is quite a bit more to this happy occasion.

In 2002 the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board began the first steps of a process to implement a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Shelter Island Yacht Basin. They sought to reduce the amount of copper that they believed came from marine anti-fouling paint. It began with a public hearing. Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC) sent their Vice Commodore, Jim Wachtler. Silver Gate Yacht Club sent me, as Rear Commodore. The dispiriting tale of the TMDL need not be told here.

At the end of the year, Jim Moved up to Commodore at SWYC and handed off the TMDL responsibility to another, as a new Commodore should. Jim is a fisherman and pursued his passion after completing his term at SWYC and Joined CIYC as well. For my part, I remained involved with trying to deal with the ramifications of the TMDL. Eventually I found myself as one of nine directors from Southern California seated on the board of Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC).

In 2015 I began the year by contacting all the clubs in San Diego asking for contributions for RBOC. The Commodore of SWYC was Mary Haller. I was amazed to learn that she was Jim Wachtler's daughter! Mary promised that she would work very hard to persuade members to contribute to RBOC. She further assured me that Southwestern would match whatever members contributed. And boy, did she come through! SWYC's contribution that year was substantial and greatly exceeded their highest previous contribution. Mary's name is

spoken with awe at RBOC board meetings.

Mary told me that she had not been able to find another situation in which the Commodore of a Yacht Club had been followed a few years later by their daughter succeeding to that office also.

And now, as Mary is preparing to assume the duty of Commodore at CIYC, history repeats itself. Jim Wachtler is a Staff Commodore at CIYC!

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**Registration Open
for 2024 Todos
Santos Regatta 6-
Oct-2024**





(Please distribute to your Race Fleet as appropriate)

Dear Southern California sailing friends,

It's that time of year again....registration is now open for the 19th annual Todos Santos regatta (TDS) around the islands off the coast of Ensenada, Baja California, on Sunday October 6th.

Most US vessels participate in the SWYC's SAN-to-ENS race (the "Little Ensenada race") starting on Friday, have a great time at their paella awards ceremony party on Saturday, then race with us on Sunday. All immigration and boat Temporary

Import Permits (which last 10 years) are easily obtained working ahead of time with the dockmaster at the Hotel Coral

Marina. (Fito Espinoza, 866-302-0066

or fito.espinoza@hotelcoral.com). There's no reason not to join in the fun!

At last year's TDS, we received many compliments on the "taquiza" buffet, so we'll be bringing it back, along with more

one-of-kind statuary artwork used as trophies last year that the participants thought were among the best they'd seen at any race. As always, your race registration includes one ticket to the TDS awards banquet Sunday night, with all food, DJ, dancing, 3 free bottles of wine per table, and more! Additional tickets should be ordered in advance and are USD\$50. Everyone had a great time last year, and we will again be located on the beautiful Caracol Terrace at the Hotel Coral, overlooking the marina, with dancing after dinner.

Race T-shirts are also available for pre-order, but to guarantee availability we must hear from you by Sunday, September 8th. Quantities are extremely limited for these Special Edition shirts, which feature CNB's 25th anniversary logo. Thank your crew by arranging payment ahead of time for their shirts and banquet tickets, to insure availability. Shirts are a 60/40 cotton/poly blend with a soft touch and cost USD\$30.

Shirts and TDS race packs can be picked up at the SWYC's Little Ensenada regatta awards ceremony on Saturday the 5th on "La Playita" at the Hotel Coral starting at 1pm. And the paella, sponsored by CNB, will be prepared on the sand, served buffet style, and features 2 veterans of many paella competitions held locally, CNB co-founder Dr. Joel Velesco, and Captain Ricardo Thompson.

US vessel (non-CNB member) registration (includes 1 banquet ticket) is still only \$60, with Zelle and Paypal as electronic payment options

to ClubNauticoBaja@gmail.com. Please email us in the next few days with your vessel name, sail number, PHRF info and the number of extra banquet tickets and shirts that you want, along with sizes.

We know you are just as excited as we are about this as we are. It's a classic Mexican yacht race. There's nothing else like it. Stay an extra day or two. You'll be thankful you did!

The complete notice of race, sailing instructions, and registration information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/2024TDSRegata> Registration is via email with payment in advance, please.

On behalf of our Commodore Jorge Hurtado and our mesa directiva, we look forward to welcoming you soon. Reach out if any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Tuniewicz

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Seal Beach Yacht Club Salutes Santa Margarita Yacht Club

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Seal Beach Yacht Club members recently enjoyed a visit to Santa Margarita Yacht Club at Camp Pendleton. This stop was part of Seal Beach's annual trip to San Diego, which included visits to several yacht clubs, but it was their first time at Santa Margarita Yacht Club, making it a special occasion. Both clubs are members of Southern California Yachting Association.

The visit was organized by Kiran Bisaccia, Vice Commodore of SMYC and a retired Chief Warrant Officer – 3 of the U.S. Marine Corps, and Staff Commodores Susan Rodriguez and Robert Gonzales. It provided a great chance to connect with fellow boating enthusiasts and learn more about the rich history that the Marines have preserved at the base.



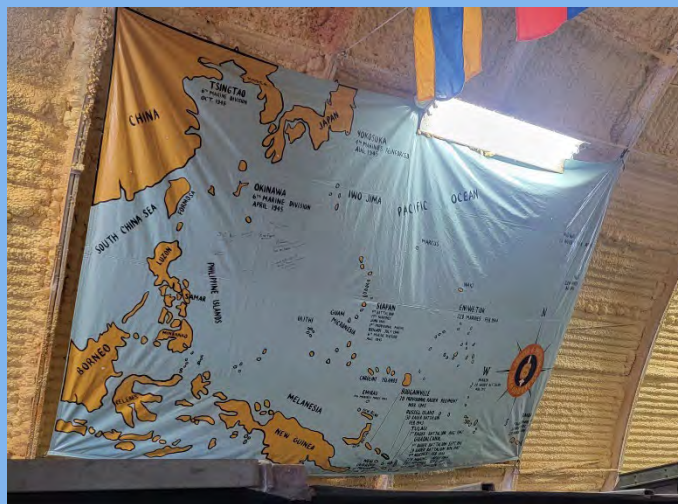
This sign puts you on alert as you enter the area.

A highlight of the day was the tour of the YAT-YAS World War II Museum, led by Staff Sergeant Kyle Ward. The museum's name—YAT-YAS—comes from an acronym that means "You Ain't Tracks, You Ain't Shit," emphasizing the vital role of tracked vehicles in Marine operations. This phrase, while blunt, captures just how crucial these vehicles have been in the success of many missions, especially in tough terrain.



Staff Sergeant Kyle Ward, our tour guide

One focal point of the museum is the Battle of Tarawa, a fierce World War II conflict that showed the need for better amphibious vehicles. The existing landing craft struggled with the coral reefs surrounding Tarawa, which led to heavy Marine casualties. This challenge spurred the innovation of Donald Roebling, an engineer who created the "Alligator" amphibious vehicle. Originally designed for civilian rescues, the military quickly adapted Roebling's vehicle, which became the forerunner of the amphibious tractors (amtracs) used in Marine operations, including at Tarawa.



The handwriting denotes the location of Tarawa WWII conflict.

Today, amphibious vehicles remain a key part of Marine Corps operations, allowing the military to respond quickly to crises around the world. Camp Pendleton is a major site for testing these vehicles, with varied terrains that mimic real-world conditions. Current projects include improving the armor on the Amphibious Combat Vehicle (ACV) to better protect against threats like improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and enhancing its water propulsion system for better performance in challenging sea conditions.

Staff Sergeant Ward highlighted the importance of ongoing innovation: "What we're doing here is about staying ahead of the curve. We're constantly refining our capabilities to ensure that our Marines are equipped to handle any challenge that comes their way," he explained, emphasizing the focus on readiness and adaptability in an ever-changing global landscape.



Burgee Exchange: SMYC Kiran Bisaccia and SIBYC Walt Simmons



SIBYC group picture

As the visit concluded, everyone enjoyed a casual barbecue with contributions from both clubs enjoying each other's company and the shared love of the sea. And, of course in the most time-honored yacht club tradition there was a burgee exchange between Seal Beach Yacht Club Staff Commodore Walt Simmons and Kiran Bisaccia. The hospitality shown by Santa Margarita Yacht Club made the visit memorable, and Seal Beach Yacht Club looks forward to future gatherings. Santa Margarita Yacht Club is always happy to welcome other SCYA clubs, continuing the tradition of yachting friendship and honoring the shared maritime history.



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SCYA SEARCHLIGHT NEWSLETTER

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SCYA sends two types of email messaging: Searchlight (monthly newsletter) and Spotlight (alerts and invitations).

The Searchlight is the monthly SCYA Newsletter. It's intended for News and Announcements. Boater and community interest stories, event details, race results, awards, and member news and save-the-date. The Searchlight is sent to all subscribers.

The Spotlight is intended for Alerts and Invitations and

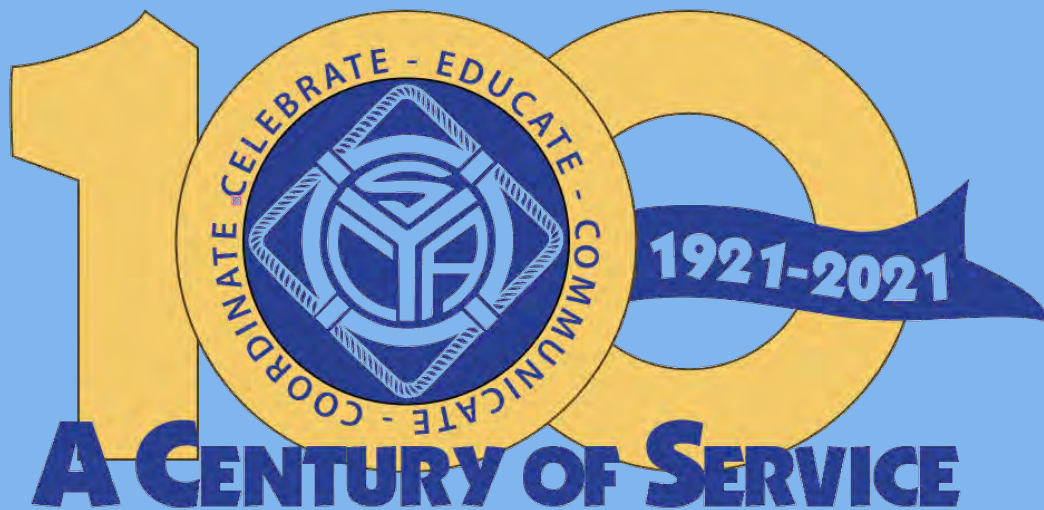
is sent no more than 1x per day, Monday through Friday and can be sent to all subscribers or to member clubs by Harbor Association. Alerts are items of concern that could have an immediate impact on the boating community such as entangled whales or areas to avoid. Invitations include Opening Days, seminars and webinars, NOR, or any other item with a Who, What, When, Where, and How to register to attend.

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