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From the Helm

Commodore's Report

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As I write this we are on the last weekend of the SCYA Midwinter Regatta (except for Lake Gregory YC who will be hosting the last event on May 10th (seems they really do need to wait for the ice to melt), the largest Regatta in North America. We are in the 95th year, the first regatta held in 1928 (yes, we missed a couple of years, most recently in 2021 due to Covid). In 2028, the same year of the Olympics here in Southern California, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Midwinter Regatta. One

participant who stands out this year Eric Conn of Helmsman Yacht Club, who is participating in his 67th consecutive Midwinter Regatta. He still has his trophy from 1957. Almost as impressive, this year he sailed three different RC races in the Midwinter Regatta, at El Dorado Park in Long Beach on the 15th, at Silvergate Yacht Club in San Diego on the 16th, and at King Harbor Yacht Club in Redondo Beach on the 22nd. We are interested in hearing other stories of long-time Midwinter Regatta participants.

Thank you to S/C John Marshall and John Berry for organizing the regatta this year (as well as the past several years).

Earlier in February was the annual Rear Commodore's Seminar put on by our Rear Commodore Elena Yuasa. Thank you Elena for a wonderful event.

The 2025 Commodores' Cruise is in the planning stage, we are looking at October 24th through the 26th in Avalon. More details will be coming in the next month as things are firmed up.

The Searchlight is our primary means of communication with our membership, and we encourage our members to publicize events they wish to open up to all SCYA by submitting articles to the Searchlight.

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From the Bridge

V/C Report

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This month, what has stood out more than anything, is how fostering community and nurturing *inclusive* community ties builds sustainable value for Corinthian yachting organizations. I hope you enjoy my curation of insights and opportunities in this issue.

1st MONDAYS FOR COMMODORE COHORT 2026

We had the pleasure of hosting **Santa Barbara Yacht Club Commodore, Jeff Berkus, speaking on the topic**

of Attracting, Growing and Retaining Membership. SBYC currently has a waiting list of ~60 people, with an average wait period of ~3 years. How do they do it? By, "positioning the club as a community asset." What's their formula? Watch the replay (below) for all the details. While every club has its own local nuances to consider strategically, there are a few ingredients that seem universal.

Commodore Berkus covers points related to achieving a balanced budget; anticipating and planning for disasters and other business interrupting emergencies; nurturing strong community ties with local government, community influencers, and local non-profit organizations who generate intrinsic value for SBYC members; sustained effort on intentional long-range planning initiatives; sustainable fundraising to support club programs; modernizing while balancing the needs and concerns of members from different demographic groups; and much more!

This was our most attended session to date! Thank you, Commodore Berkus, for your leadership and taking the time to share valuable insights with the SCYA community! **Registration for the next session is required—you can do that [HERE](#).**

SCYA Presentation



SANTA BARBARA
YACHT CLUB

US SAILING LEADERSHIP FORUM 2026

This was my first year attending the US Sailing Leadership Forum (SLF) and well worth the investment. Thank you US Sailing and SCYA Board of Director member, Marie Rogers, for encouraging me to attend and helping me navigate the overwhelming number of options for programs and networking. It was an honor to meet US Sailing Executives, where we discussed our shared history and future roadmap for Regional Sailing Associations (RSAs)—an effort already underway (more on this in the coming months).

Many session Powerpoints are available online **for those unable to make it.** The two sessions I found inspiring for building sustainable community programs were:

Rocking the Boat: Fostering Diversity & Inclusion (*Juan Pablo Sarmiento Torres, Catherine Banks Baum, and Marie*

Rogers), which focused on community sailing for youth. This program builds value through:

- **Empowerment:** focus on building a space for participants to grow personally, social work team, one on one check ins (more).
- **Stewardship:** avenues for surrounding community to access the water and sailing, apprenticeship stewarding that experience.
- **Equity:** learning to sail is not a ticket into the sailing community, creating intentional inroads through partnerships.
- **Belonging:** impact of group voyages (student trip, big row, and sail to Queens) and engaging family/participant community (family night, spring launch, hibernation celebration).

Importance of Independence: Why Women's Events

Matter (*Debby Grimm, Erica Trejo, Kim Stanford*), which focused on community sailing for adult women. This roundtable discussion was led by National Women's Sailing Association President, Debby Grimm (thank you for your leadership, Debby! It was an excellent discussion.)

Our table (who included totally down-to-earth, 2x Olympian, round-the-world sailor, World, European, and National Champion, and Women's America's Cup sailor, Francesca Clapcich) discussed ways we can encourage and support more women in leadership, including helping women overcome barriers and providing mentorship to develop critical skills. Suggestions included spotlighting female

leaders, building a leadership pipeline and mentoring program (succession planning), and nurturing a culture that recognizes the value of diversity in leadership and removes barriers (instead of requiring women to "overcome" them).

I also learned about the U.S. Center for SafeSport, a non-profit designed to support spaces that are free from emotional, physical and sexual abuse and misconduct (yes, this unfortunately remains an issue throughout the broader community). Although this resource is geared to address instances primarily in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement, I encourage us all do what we can to ensure our environments are safe spaces (the SafeSport Code may offer a starting point.)

It was a lot of fun to attend Awards Celebration & Rolex Yachtsman & Yachtswoman of the Year Award Presentation and Dinner, where we celebrated individuals from across the United States who made distinguished accomplishments in the sport. Amongst them was **Long Beach Yacht Club member Kirk Brown who was awarded the Harman Hawkins Trophy**, awarded annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions over a period of time to the sport of sailing in the field of Race Administration (Judging, Race Management, Umpires, Appeals, Racing Rules, Classification and Measurement and Equipment Inspection). Congratulations Kirk and LBYC!



(LBYC member Kirk Brown accepting the Harman Hawkins award.)

Another award highlight was meeting and getting to know Khari Parrish, **who was recognized with US Sailing's Outstanding Program Director Award for his exceptional leadership and vision**. Parrish is the Director of Operations for Community Sailing New Orleans and was nominated for this prestigious award by Director Marie Rogers, who is working with him on a Community Sailing framework that can be shared nationwide.



(Outstanding Program Director Awardee, Khari Parrish with Dir. Marie Rogers.)

MY FIRST CHALLENGE COIN!

During a visit this month to DRYC, Commodore Jeff Pielet, presented me with my very first Challenge Coin. It was such an honor and is a really big deal for those who are familiar. The tradition is more than a century old and "meant to instill unit pride, improve esprit de corps and reward hard work and excellence." Commodore Pielet served for over 41 years in the United States Coast Guard family, including as a Search & Rescue Training Instructor for the last 7 years. Thank you for the warm "welcome aboard," Commodore!



(DRYC Commodore Jeff Pielet & I, moments after the Challenge Coin presentation.)

SailGP COMING TO L.A.

Also this month, I stepped into host SailGP for an SCYA community Zoom on how you and your club can get involved with this year's exciting event. World Youth title an Olympic Gold Medal, Americas Cup Winner, and SailGP founder, Sir Russell Coutts, and members of his team James Pyrah and Tom Herbert-Evans, shared a brief overview of this year's Rolex Los Angeles Sail Grand Prix being held March 15-16th. **SCYA member organizations receive a 15% discount using PROMOCODES5LAX15 on tickets purchased HERE.**

SCYA member organizations who purchase tickets are invited to an exclusive, one-hour tech tour on Saturday the 15th at 0900 (there is limited space on a first-come basis—email vicecommodore@scya.org ASAP if you'd like to join in!) Additional marketing information can be found [HERE](#).



OPENING DAYS

Los Angeles Yacht Club (LAYC) kicked off the 2025 Opening Days Season on January 26th. As a new LAYC member, I feel proud to belong to one of the finest examples of the tradition and camaraderie under the leadership of Commodore Marjorie Irvin and her 2025 team. To kick things off, Commodore Irvin read a heartfelt "love letter" to the membership, thanking all of the S/Cs who came before and asked that they continue to mentor and guide her. We were all overcome with emotion and she received a standing ovation. The LAYC Opening Day Invocation came next, delivered by LAYC S/C Mike Trujillo. It so perfectly set the tone for the year—so much so, I am including it below as a

proxy invocation for the broader SCYA community and 2025 season.

SCYA Corinthian Leadership Seminar (NEW)

Finally, registration has opened for our brand new Corinthian Leadership Seminar, being held on Sunday, March 16th from 0900-1400 at Seal Beach Yacht Club. The overarching learning objective of this seminar is fostering effective teamwork between Flags, BoD and membership of Corinthian yachting organizations. All are invited and we hope to see you there! For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

Much aloha and mahalo 🌺

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From the Bridge

R/C Report

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SCYA R/C Training Seminar:

A Resounding Success

The 2025 SCYA Rear Commodore Training Seminar, held on January 25th at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, was a resounding success! With 47 dedicated attendees eager to lead their clubs into the future, the event was a testament to our yachting community's passion and commitment. Seeing such enthusiasm and engagement was both inspiring and energizing.

Empowering Leadership for the Journey Ahead

Taking on the role of Rear Commodore is an honor and a challenge, but it will be a rewarding journey with the right tools, strategies, and mindset. Throughout the seminar, we explored key topics such as leadership principles, recruitment strategies, safety practices, insurance requirements, fiduciary responsibilities, and the nuances of volunteer leadership. While some topics may not directly impact your current role, they will be essential as you progress through the Flag. Highlights from the Seminar: The day featured dynamic presentations from experienced leaders:

- **Leveraging SCYA for Success,**
by SCYA Commodore Lee Coller
- **Yacht Clubs and Insurance Risks,**
by SCYA S/C Gary Green

- **Race Management,**
SCYA Director Judi Glover
- **Club of the Year,**
by SCYA Co-Chairs Tommy Y Sylvia Wheele
- **R/C Compass: Setting Sail for Success,**
by SCYA R/C Elena Yuasa

Attendees received handbooks and supplemental materials via email, ensuring they have valuable resources to reference as they embark on their leadership journey. Feedback from the post-event survey has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the seminar's impact.

Looking Ahead: Committees and Leadership Initiatives

As your Rear Commodore, I am committed to strengthening SCYA's leadership initiatives. In recent weeks, I have worked to evaluate committee responsibilities and recruit new chairs. With a dedicated team in place, we are ready to tackle SCYA's goals and enhance support for our members and the broader yachting community.

Club of the Year Committee

Chair Sylvia Wheeler and Co-Chair Tommy Wheeler successfully hosted two presentations outlining the 2025 Club of the Year criteria, one via Zoom on January 18th and another at the Rear Commodore Seminar. These resources are now available on the SCYA website for reference.

Radio Communications

Under the leadership of Charles Pascal, the Golden Key Committee has scheduled a Technician License Class on

March 1, 2025, to help participants prepare for the FCC Technician Amateur License exam. With a new committee member on board, Charles seeks additional volunteers to expand and enhance this critical program.

Old Timers Meeting

Chair Sally Cohen is diligently preparing for the Old Timers Meeting, scheduled for September 13th. This cherished event promises an excellent opportunity to celebrate SCYA's history and yachting traditions.

Harbor Associations Committee

Rosalie Davis-Green is dedicated to strengthening SCYA's relationships with various associations. By recruiting representatives from each Harbor Association, we aim to improve communication and advocate for yacht clubs in planning and maintenance discussions that affect boaters across our harbors.

Building Connections:

Engaging with ASMBYC On February 2nd, I had the pleasure of attending the ASMBYC Awards and Installation at the Pacific Mariners Yacht Club. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with members from several prestigious yacht clubs, reinforcing the strong bonds within our community.

With a dedicated team of volunteers and engaging initiatives, SCYA is set for a year of growth and success. I look forward to collaborating with you to enhance our clubs and the broader yachting community.

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SCYA BOARD REPORT

Port Captain Report



SCYA Port Captain RJ Green, thegreenteamre1@gmail.com

SCYA BoD & General Meeting

Saturday, March 15, 2025

SCYA Board Meeting: 10:30 AM

General Membership – Meeting & Luncheon: 12 PM @

Huntington Harbour Yacht Club

Register [HERE](#)

SCYA Leadership Seminar



SCYA Corinthian Leadership Seminar (New!)

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:30am (registration & networking)

9am - 2pm (seminar)

Seal Beach Yacht Club

Register [HERE](#)



SCYA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Call for Articles: 2025 Midwinter Regatta



We are working on a Special Edition of the Searchlight newsletter, highlighting the 2025 SCYA Midwinter Regatta. **If you'd like to highlight your club, participants or community, please submit articles and photos no later than March 15, 2025** to John Gaddis, Searchlight Editor at scyanewsletter@scya.org.

SCYA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Inclusive Boating Committee (IBC)



Marie Rogers Leads the Charge for Diversity in Sailing
By [Carol Lin Vieira](#) (US Sailing Black History Month Spotlight)

Marie Rogers never set out to be a trailblazer – but that's exactly what she has become.

When Rogers first stepped into the world of sailing, it wasn't

because it was a lifelong dream. She was a newcomer, eager to learn but quickly realized that sailing had few spaces for people like her a Black woman. Most of the sailors around her didn't look like her and the sport had not historically been open to people from her community. But that didn't stop her.



Instead, Rogers dove in headfirst, gaining expertise and eventually launching her own program to bring people from underrepresented communities onto the water.

She became the first Black woman to hold the Commodoreship at Los Angeles Yacht Club (LAYC), became a 50-T Master Captain and a certified sailing instructor,

participating in major regattas like the Transpac.

As the first Black member of LAYC – one of the oldest yacht clubs on the West Coast – Rogers saw an opportunity to create a space where everyone could feel welcome. When club members hesitated, fearing the inclusion of “undesirables,” Rogers didn't back down.

“I knew we could offer more than just a spot in the club,” she says. “This was a chance to bring in a diverse group, make the club more vibrant, and even boost the bottom line.”

The result was a thriving community sailing program at LAYC, which offers a range of sailing courses, and bareboat cruising. The club's fleet of Capri 22s plays a central role in the program, and members are encouraged to complete certification within their first year to access discounted initiation fees and dues.

"Community Sailors are at the heart of our club's growth," Rogers explains. "They become the most vibrant and diverse core of our membership."

The program also includes monthly Social Sails, Women on Water events, and Community Sailing Workdays, where members learn boat maintenance and repairs. Those who pass the checkout test can take the boats out without an instructor, furthering their independence and confidence on the water.

The sailing school, which is open to the public, serves as a key avenue for recruiting new members to the club. Over time, many Community Sailors have gone on to purchase their own boats, become Regular Members, or even join the board.

"It's been incredible to see so many people start their journey as Community Sailors and rise through the ranks," says Rogers. "Some have even become flag officers—one of whom was once a Community Sailor."

Rogers' story also caught the attention of documentary

filmmaker Inga Grimmett. Grimmett, who heard about Rogers' groundbreaking work through the Black creators community, began filming her journey.



“There are so few Black professionals in entertainment, especially behind the camera, that we all tend to know each other,” says Rogers, who teaches academics to young performers as they work on set. “The Black creators community supports each other by attending one another’s shows, performances, and events. Inga is part of that world, and she’s just one of the many people I’ve connected with sailing.”

The ensuing documentary, “Black Aquatic: vol. one: Searching For Good Trouble,” now edited and ready for film festival submissions, is described by its [GoFundMe page](#) as “a celebration of the captivating world of offshore racing and the remarkable story of resilience embodied by Marie Rogers. As one of the few African American offshore racing sailors globally, and notably the first African American VP and board

member of US Sailing, her story is not just inspiring—it's groundbreaking and paves the way for a more inclusive future in the sport."

In the documentary, Rogers discusses the importance of diversity in the sport while steering the groundbreaking crew of Good Trouble through the challenging 2023 Transpacific Race, which goes from Los Angeles to Honolulu, Hawaii and is held every two years.

"The race itself is grueling, but the preparation was the hardest part," Rogers recalls. "We had less than two years to get everything together, and the boat wasn't even ours until the last minute."

Despite these challenges, the team forged ahead, with Rogers leading the way and proving that women of color can excel in professional sailing.

Today, Rogers is now an undisputed pillar of the sailing community. She is a member of the US Sailing Board of Directors. As a leader, a woman, and a person of color in a historically exclusive sport, she is inspiring a new generation of sailors to pursue their dreams and change the industry from within.

For a deeper dive into her story, read US Sailing's 2022 feature, [Marie Rogers: From Newcomer to Change Maker](#). And to learn more about the documentary, check out [Ocean's and Roads Films](#).

LBYC HOSTS MAGENTA PROJECT

On Friday, March 21st Long Beach Yacht Club is hosting a Magenta Project's March General Meeting. All are invited to attend. Bar opens at 5pm, dinner is at 6pm and meeting begins at 7pm (see flyer below for meeting details). For more information or to register, contact Director Marie Rogers at marieelizabethrogers@gmail.com.



MARCH GENERAL MEETING

**BAR OPENS - 5PM | DINNER - 6PM
MEETING - 7PM**

LEARN ABOUT THE MAGENTA PROJECT, A WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT ENSURES SAILING IS A MORE EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE SPORT FOR ALL. MAGENTA IS INCREASING WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION AND ROLES IN THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF SAILING FROM INSHORE, OFFSHORE, AND ALL THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES SUPPORT.

CURRENT MAGENTA MENTEE & ABYC MEMBER JULIA JAYNES ALONG WITH HER MENTOR MARIE ROGERS WILL SHARE MORE ABOUT MAGENTA, THEIR STORIES, AND HOW YOU CAN HELP ADVANCE WOMEN IN SAILING.

The logo for The Magenta Project, featuring a large, stylized letter 'M' in magenta with a yellow and cyan outline. The text 'The Magenta Project' is written in black to the left of the 'M'.

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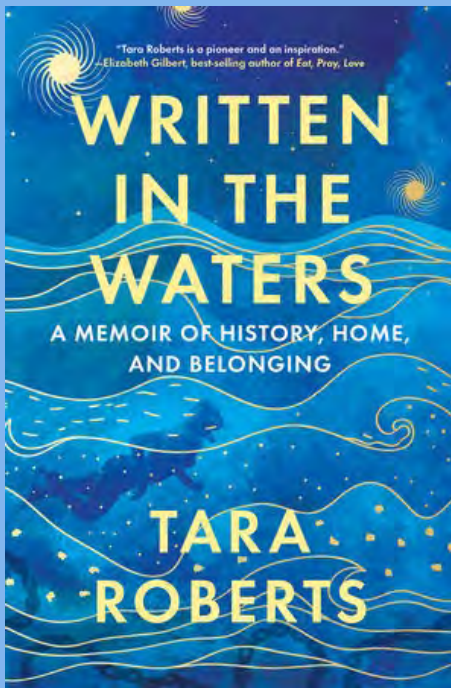
SAILING WITH LAMI & AQUATIC FUTURES!

“We’re creating space for the future generation to explore the ocean, connect with their community, and inspire change in marine science”

Sailing with the Los Angeles Maritime Institute (LAMI) and the Aquatic Futures Foundation. From vision to reality, our first event was a success! A huge thank you to Tall Ship School for hosting us and to Marie Rogers for her inspiring words.

The Aquatic Futures Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a dedicated collective of marine science enthusiasts focused on the advancement of marine science, education, and careers. [Visit their Instagram](#) to learn more.





JOIN THE IBC BOOK CLUB!

Our first book is *Written in the Waters* by Tara Roberts. An epic memoir of Robert's life changing journey which began on a visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., where she glimpsed a photograph of a scuba diving group documenting wrecks of ships that brought enslaved Africans across the sea during the Middle Passage. **For meetup info, contact** vicecommodore@scya.org.

*Would your club like to host the SCYA IBC Book Club?
Hosting our book club is a GREAT way to earn Club of the
Year points!*

AMATEUR RADIO COMMITTEE

Expired Amateur License? Here's What You Can Do!



By Charles Pascal, SCYA Radio Communications Chair
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Lately, I have heard from several Ham operators who discovered their Amateur Radio license had expired beyond the two-year grace period. If this has happened to you, don't worry; I have fantastic news!

Understanding the Two-Year Grace Period

Most Amateur operators know the FCC's two-year expiration grace period for license renewal. According to Part 97B of the FCC regulations, outlined in Sections 101 and 121, an operator has two years to renew their license without taking an exam. However, you cannot transmit during this grace period until the FCC processes and renews your license.

What If Your License Expired Beyond the Grace Period?

If your license has lapsed beyond the two-year window, don't panic; your previous license isn't lost! There is a straightforward way to regain your privileges.

Amateurs who previously held a General or Extra Class license can reclaim their status by passing the Element 2 Technician exam. This exam, consisting of 35 multiple-choice questions, requires a passing score of at least 26 correct answers. The test is administered by authorized Amateur Radio Volunteer Examination (VE) teams. Please contact your online or local VE team

How to Reinstate Your License

1. **Pass the Technician Exam** - Find a VE session near you and take the Element 2 Technician exam.
2. **Provide Proof of Your Previous License** - This can be 1) a copy of your former license, 2) documentation from the FCC Universal Licensing System (ULS), or 3) a listing in an old callbook published before 1987 (many are available online).
3. **Submit Your Documentation** - Once you pass the exam, submit the required proof to the VEs, who will guide you through the reinstatement process.

The regulations allowing this process are detailed in Part 97-505 of the Code of Federal Regulations, so rest assured, this is an official FCC-approved procedure.

Get Back on the Air!

Your local Volunteer team will be more than happy to assist you in navigating this process. They are well-versed in FCC licensing regulations and can help ensure your reinstatement goes smoothly.

Don't let an expired license keep you from enjoying your passion for Ham radio! Study materials to help you pass the Technician exam are available on websites like www.fcclicenseexams.com and others.

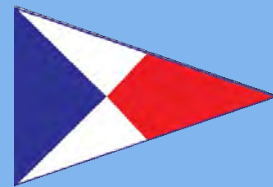
I hope to see all of you on the ham bands.

Charles Pascal

SCYA Radio Communications Chair

SCYA COMMUNITY REPORT

Opening Day Invocation



By Mike Trujillo, Staff Commodore, Los Angeles Yacht Club Board Chair, [Loyola Institute for Spirituality](#)

Los Angeles Yacht Club: Opening Day Invocation (01/26/25)

As so many of our communities have been affected by the disaster of wildfires over the last few weeks, it would be good to begin our invocation with a few moments of silence. Let us turn our hearts to God and to direct our best thoughts, hopes and support for all those who are suffering unimaginable loss, grief, and uncertainty during these days.

And now, Loving God, we thank you for bringing us together to celebrate this Opening Day of the Los Angeles Yacht Club.

We welcome and give thanks for the members, our friends, and our families and guests who join us today to share our ceremony and celebration.

Loving God, we live in challenging times. We find ourselves pulled in a lot of different directions. This can be both exciting and distressing. In these days that sometimes seem angry and divisive, we are grateful that Los Angeles Yacht Club, and Clubs like ours, offer a shelter for us to come and be together. In our Club we share history and continuity. We share friendships that grow and change and endure. We share a love for boating and for being on the water. We may not always share the same thoughts and ideals, but we ask you God for a desire and an ability to continue to come together, to find consensus, and to move forward. In this, we all share a common goodness. To quote the Jesuit Greg Boyle, at our core "we are all unshakably good." God, help us to see that in each other, and to see it in ourselves.

We give thanks as the Los Angeles Yacht Club continues to grow and thrive in these days ahead. We celebrate the diverse range of gifts and talents our members bring. We are thankful for the generosity and abilities that each contributes. Together, and with your grace, they build the fabric and the culture of our Los Angeles Yacht Club.

Loving God, we ask you to bless our Yacht Club, and all the Clubs and organizations that travel along with us.

We give thanks for the dedicated group of Flag Officers, Directors, Staff and volunteers that serve on behalf of our Club. We ask that you watch over them, bless them, and

guide them as they lead us into the activities and opportunities that lie ahead.

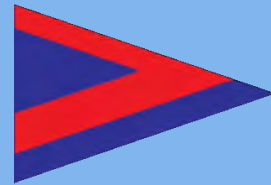
Bless our membership and leaders with wisdom and perspective; and a spirit of collaboration. These gifts will help us continue to build upon our history and tradition; these graces will allow us to celebrate our Los Angeles Yacht Club for many years to come.

We ask you to keep all of us safe, healthy and happy on this Opening Day and in all the days ahead.

Loving God, in your name we make our prayers. Amen.

SCYA COMMUNITY REPORT

Beginner Racing Seminars





BEGINNER RACING SEMINARS

Learn to race and crew your boat

Seminar #3 – Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 9:00 am

We are starting a new year of racing at Ventura Yacht Club on the heels of a very successful 2024 racing season. Ventura Harbor Wet Wednesdays saw a big increase in participation from the C-Class, non-spinnaker cruisers, and family boats. We want to offer another opportunity for learning from our successful seminars.

In our new seminar, we'll cover Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028, and basic tactics for upwind and downwind racing—a recap of last year's seminar.

THIS SEMINAR IS FREE!

Limited to 50 sailors

Sign up on the VYC Clubspot page: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/D2tPjhErYW>

Or call the office to get on the list: 805-642-0426

Our trainers/teachers are experienced west coast award-winning VYC sailors!

Third seminar's subjects:

- Basic Racing Rules with safety in mind
- The race course
- Starting & Finishing
- Windward leg and weather mark rounding, & tactics
- Downwind leg, leeward mark rounding, & tactics



Dave Boatner



Ryan Cox



Join the VYC Facebook Racing Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1015985196505205>

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SCYA COMMUNITY REPORT

Improving the Boat Sewage Disposal Network in California



In this new episode, we will be joined by Claire Combredet from The Bay Foundation, John Kappeler, Senior Engineer for the City of Newport Beach in Orange County, as well as George Hylkema, who inspects and maintains Newport's boat sewage pump-out units. We'll be talking about the Clean Vessel Act and more broadly on the importance of sewage pump-out and dump stations in California. We will cover what pump-out and dump stations are, why they are essential to maintaining good water quality and what The Bay Foundation's role is in championing this infrastructure and assisting with their upkeep and use. We will also discuss with George and John the importance of using the pump-out stations, challenges as well as best practices for boaters and marina managers.

Improving the Boat Sewage Disposal Network



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This podcast was brought to you by the California State Parks and the California Coastal Commission



SCYA COMMUNITY REPORT

FREE Invasive Species Prevention Workshop



*(Golden mussels colonizing the exterior housing of water quality equipment at
Rough and Ready Island in October 2024. Photo: Jay Aldrich (DWR))*

Everyone accessing California's waterways is invited to learn how to stop the spread of freshwater aquatic invasive species

(AIS) into uninfected waterways. This free virtual workshop will help the public learn how they can recognize freshwater AIS in their region and how to take action to prevent them from spreading.

Workshop participants will:

- **Gain an understanding of the impacts** freshwater AIS have on the environment, recreation and on our economy.
- **Learn about the biology** and how to recognize freshwater AIS including: Quagga, Zebra and Golden mussels; floating and submersed aquatic weeds including Water hyacinth , South American spongeplant and Uruguay water primrose, Brazilian waterweed, Curlyleaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil (Coontail), and fanwort.
- **Learn about the management and control** methods being used in our State for these AIS.
- **Learn how to take action** and prevent spreading freshwater invasive species by inspecting and cleaning equipment and watercraft.

Advance registration is required [HERE](#)

(You must register to attend by March 24th, 2025)

WORKSHOP DATE: Thursday, March 27th, 2025

WORKSHOP TIME: 9 am - 12 pm



(Golden Mussel shells collected in October 2024 at a water quality station at Rough & Ready Island near Stockton in San Joaquin County, California, USA. Photo: Elizabeth Wells, Ph. D. (DWR)

The workshop is being hosted by California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways, California Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California State Lands Commission, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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The SCYA 2024 Safety at Sea event was graced with a grant from the Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation. I truly want to thank the Foundation. This helped to keep the costs down for those attending. <https://www.smbssf.org>



Mustang Survival

Mustang Survival donated their top-of-the-line PFD for a raffle item. The HIT Hydrostatic Inflatable PFD. It was the coveted item in the drawing. Local MdR sailor Marcy Rye won it. After the weekend of training, she left with the best tool to survive at sea. <https://mustangsurvival.com/collections/inflatable-pfds>



Maritime Museum of San Diego

Another coveted raffle item came from the Maritime Museum of San Diego. The lucky winner got two passes for a four-hour adventure on the gorgeous official tall ship of the State of

California the Californian. The four hours on board a Topsail Schooner is the one raffle item I really wanted to run off with. The Museum provided two sets of the passes. The other set was auctioned off during one of our SCYA general meetings. My thanks to Theresa Smullen, Director of Marketing at the Museum for building a partnership with SCYA. Please go to the Museum, tell them you are a member of SCYA! <https://sdmaritime.org>



LA ROCHE-POSAY

LA ROCHE-POSAY, the top-of-the-line sunscreen and dermatological skincare laboratory provided ample supplies of their famous sunscreen. They provided so many samples, they were shared during one of our meetings as well as the Safety at Sea. Every sample and their well-made hats were scooped up. Our sailors will be much safer from sun damage now. <https://www.laroche-posay.us/>

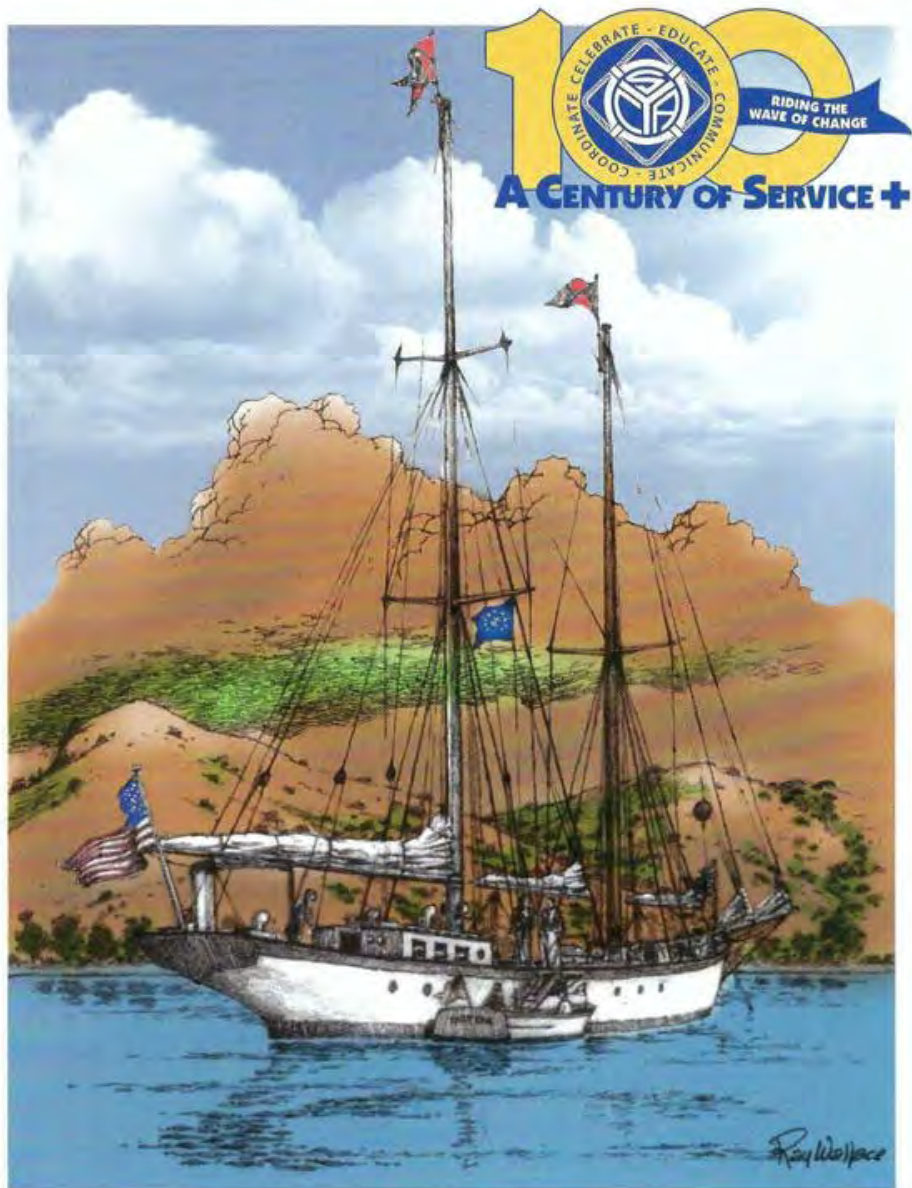
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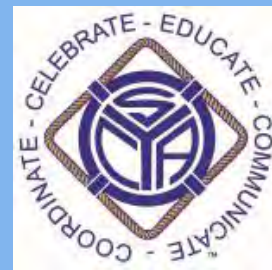
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Free Ground shipping is available within the 48 contiguous states. We apologize, but Hawaii, Alaska, and international destinations are excluded.

SCYA SEARCHLIGHT NEWSLETTER

Submission Guidelines



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

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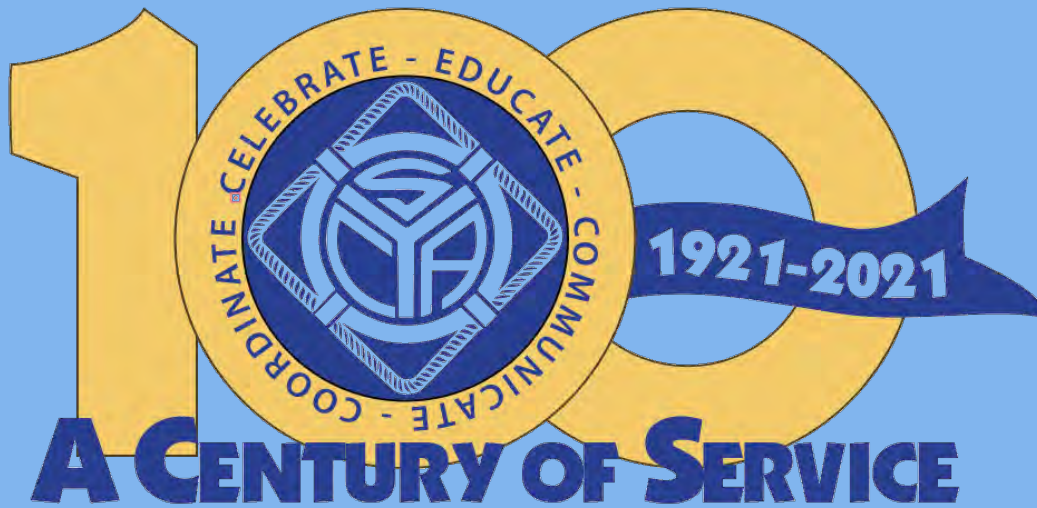
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To submit articles to the Searchlight, send the text of your article in a copiable format such as Word or plain text along with a single related image preferably sized 400x400 pixels in jpg, gif, or png format. **Searchlight submissions should be sent to the Searchlight Editor at scyanewsletter@scya.org.**

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