



The Monthly Newsletter of Southern California Yachting Association

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Upcoming Meeting

Saturday, February 6th, General Membership Meeting and Board Meeting

**Online Meeting by Zoom
General Membership Meeting at 12:00 pm
Board Meeting 10:30 am**

Attention Member Club Flag Officers, Delegates and Alternate Delegates, February's General Membership Meeting will be a virtual meeting. If you have not already signed up - please register in advance by clicking [THIS LINK](#).

SCYA Flag Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs, please use the same link for both the Board Meeting at 10:30 and the General Meeting following at 12:00 pm.

This month our speakers include Vivian Matuck, Environmental Boating Project Manager for the California Coastal Commission. Vivian will be updating us on coastal cleanup projects that are taking place during the Pandemic.

Another speaker will be Shawn Milligan, SCYA's 100th Anniversary Committee Chair. Shawn will be giving an overview of SCYA's 100th Anniversary.

From the Helm



Bill McNamara
2021 Commodore
SCYA

Welcome to the SCYA Centennial Searchlight February edition. Each year brings changes in all our 90+ member corporations and dozens of affiliated boating organizations, as well as the installation of SCYA's new Officers, Directors, elected and appointed officials, liaisons and committee chairs and the hundreds

of Delegates and Alternate Delegates appointed by clubs from Southern California AZ, NM, UT and Ensenada, Mexico.

In the last few months, SCYA has made some decisions prompted by the ongoing global pandemic:

- We postponed the 2021 Midwinter Regatta until the next winter. Rear Commodore Anne Eubanks has already begun building a committee to make the multi-weekend SCYA Midwinter Regatta on Saturday/Sunday, February 12-13 and 19-20, 2022 another huge success.
- We opted to go virtual on our Board of Directors and General Membership Meetings. We anticipate the use of this web-conferencing technology for representatives too far or too immunocompromised even when some of our landed clubs can once again host our in-person events. We expect this will allow more clubs greater access to our meetings and better inclusion of their wants and needs in our planning.
- We have opted to go virtual in how we deliver services to our members, closing our brick-and-mortar office in Long Beach. And reviewing the use of other web and cloud-based resources for storing and collaborating on our many projects and services.
- We went virtual on our 2020 Awards event and our 2021 Installation event.
- We held our first virtual Rear Commodores' Seminar.
- We scheduled a virtual Club of the Year Seminar for Tuesday February 2nd at 6pm. If you are competing for these honors in 2021, you should have your representative there.

These same external influences will require all of our committee chairs to reinvent their committees and how they deliver value to our members. Fortunately, our new and returning leaders are up to the task. I couldn't be happier to be at the helm. Nothing requires or encourages creative leadership more than a crisis.

One change set in motion 100 years ago is this being SCYA's Centennial anniversary. So a new committee has been formed and led by Staff Commodore Shawn Milligan. The 100th Anniversary Committee has taken a

precedent set by the Midwinter Regatta Committee and created a website where experimental, rapidly expanding content can be archived and refined without risking compromising the mission critical www.SCYA.org website. Shawn, as the previously unofficial SCYA Historical Archivist, and his committee members, including Web Committee Co-Chair, Director Kathy St. Amant, have begun compiling historical content from SCYA's past. Content comes from many of our member clubs and from many of the one-design boat fleets that have contributed to SCYA's first 100 years. Expect frequent updates and an unveiling at the SCYA February General Membership Meeting.

Blue skies and calm seas,
Commodore, Bill McNamara

SCYA Celebrates 100 Years



Visit www.scya.events to learn about SCYA's history, watch historical videos and view early photos.

Welcome Aboard To Your Yachting History

The history of yachting in Southern California is comprised of a diverse cast of characters and events that not only shaped the sport of yachting but helped to promote Southern California as a world leader in sporting excellence. The Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) was formed in 1921 to encourage sportsmanship on the water as well as to promote recognition of the full potential of Southern California's waterways and weather during a time when much of the world only knew of Hollywood.

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2021 SCYA Officers and Directors Installation

As SCYA enters its 100th year we were thrilled to have had over 33 of our member organizations and many affiliated associations represented on Zoom Saturday night, January 16th... imagine the crowd if there was a bar and a band!

Congratulations to our Officers and Directors for 2021.

SCYA 2021 Flag Officers

- Commodore, Bill McNamara

- Vice Commodore, Anne Eubanks
- Rear Commodore, John Caldwell

SCYA 2021 Appointed & Elected Officers

- Secretary, Lorraine Coller
- Treasurer, Chris Haro
- Port Captain, Lee Coller
- Fleet Surgeon, Michael Stone M.D.
- Judge Advocate, Bruce Davis

2021 Directors

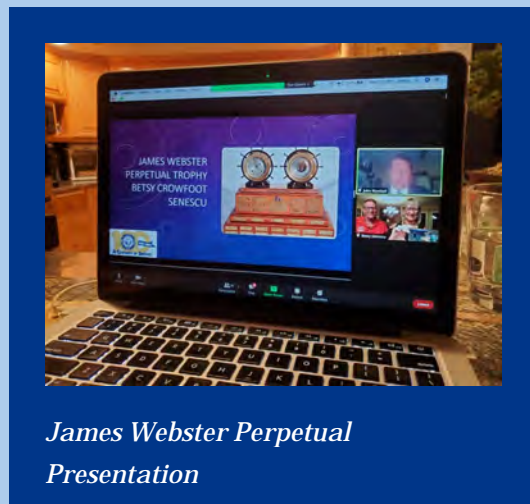
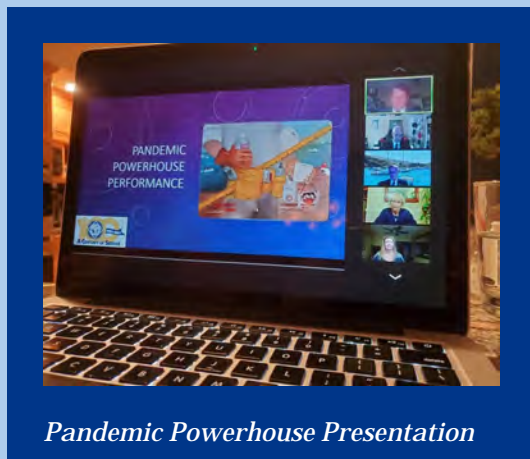
- Paul DeGraw
- Joyce Jackson-Coomber
- Themis Glatman
- Doug Green
- Kimberley Milligan
- Peter Phillips
- John Praiswater
- Owen Provence
- Marie Rogers
- Kathy St. Amant

2020 Award Winners

The highlight of the Annual Awards and Installation Event is the bestowing of trophies on our award winners. This year, being unique in so many ways, was a virtual presentation of awards. Although a little less formal, the ceremony was just as important as every other year with each recipient being honored by

their peers.

Congratulations to 2020 Club of the Year and Perpetual Awardees.



CLUBS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Senior Member Yacht Club – American Legion Yacht Club

Regular Member Yacht Club – Seal Beach Yacht Club

Associate Member Yacht Club - Not awarded in 2020

Commodore's Awards (80% completion of all judging categories)

Senior Member Yacht Club: King Harbor Yacht Club

Regular Member Yacht Club: Not awarded in 2020

Associate Member Yacht Club: Not awarded in 2020

Pandemic Powerhouse Performance Awards

To recognize an exceptional year for our member clubs, we initiated this special award for 2020.

Senior Member Yacht Club: Dana West Yacht Club

Regular Member Yacht Club: Seal Beach Yacht Club

Associate Member Yacht Club: Port Royal Yacht Club

Honorary Mention: Oasis Sailing Club

PERPETUAL AWARDS

Peggy Slater Memorial Award was presented for the 31st time to a female involved in the sport of sailing who best demonstrates outstanding contributions to the enhancement of women's participation in sailing. This year's awardee is a long-time sailboat racer both inshore and offshore, a sailing coach and mentor, a community sailing advocate, a US Coast Guard Master Captain, a spokeswoman and a model for diversity in the sailing community, a Staff Commodore of Los Angeles Yacht Club and an inspiration to many women, both new sailors and "old salts". **Marie Rogers** is the 2020 Peggy Slater Memorial Award recipient.

Warren Ewert Memorial Trophy Is awarded for "Distinguished service to SCYA in the true Corinthian spirit". SCYA Staff Commodore, **Thom Page** was nominated by California Yacht Club, and is the recipient of this notable award. We recognize him for his seventeen years of service to SCYA and the yachting community.

George and Kay Fisher Memorial Trophy is "Awarded to a couple who has rendered distinguished service to SoCal yachting over a long period of time". Our couple awarded this trophy for the 2020 year is **Madeleine and Justin McJones**, nominated by California Yacht Club. This couple have contributed leadership and expertise to three yacht clubs and to youth sailing through SCYYRA

and others. They are the model of unselfish involvement.

Mort Bloom Trophy “recognizes excellence, commitment and duration of service by Judges, Umpires and Race Officers plying their skills in competitive sailing events”. The 2020 trophy goes to **Becky Ashburn**, nominated by the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs. Becky is a member of SDYC and serves on SDYC’s and other race committees. Her reputation nationally and internationally have earned her invitations to serve as Principal Race Officer (PRO) at regattas of all levels both within Southern California, around the United States, and in Mexico. Becky was recently recognized by US Sailing as a National Race Officer.

Sportsmanship Trophy is annually awarded to in recognition of the recipient’s outstanding display of sportsmanship on and off of the water. This trophy is not limited to race crews and skippers. It may include support staff, judges, and others. The 2020 award recipient is **Elizabeth Hjorth**, nominated by California Yacht Club. A great job stepping up when you were needed, Elizabeth.

Maritime Order of the Golden Key Award is awarded for “outstanding service to yachting communications by Amateur Radio operators” The 2020 trophy is presented to **Richard Somers**, nominated by Del Rey Yacht Club. In his 65 years of Amateur Radio experience, Richard has been an organizer, coordinator, author, instructor, net control, and about every other position you could imagine in ham radio.

James Webster Perpetual Trophy recognizes an “individual who need not be actively engaged in sailing or racing, but has displayed an outstanding contribution to yachting”. This individual need not be a member or officer of a yacht club, a boat owner but is someone who has added to the sport of yachting. The 2020 awardee is **Betsy Crowfoot Senescu**. She was nominated by California Yacht Club and is a member of Los Angeles Yacht Club (and others). Betsy was a reporter at the Log and later branched into collaborating on video production covering sailing regattas. She is a Contributing Editor at *Sailing* and has freelanced at many other yachting publications.

Rescue Award recognizes “an outstanding display of heroism and compassion within the sport of Yachting”. It may be awarded for actions on or off the water. The 2020 trophy is awarded to **Carolyn & Sandra Sherman**, nominated by the Cortez Racing Association for their rescue and recovery actions for a competitor’s solo skipper POB and his unmanned boat.

SCYA Press Release

2021 SCYA Midwinter Regatta is Postponed

The 92nd Annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta is postponed until February 2022

LONG BEACH, Calif. – December 16, 2020 – Due to the uncertainty of various Covid19 related restrictions on recreation in Southern California, the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) Board of Directors has decided to postpone 2021’s SCYA Midwinter Regatta. 2021 marks the Centennial Anniversary of SCYA and it is with great disappointment that SCYA is delaying their signature boating event – the 92nd SCYA Midwinter Regatta.

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Breaking News

2021 SCYA Women's Boating Clinic is ON!!!

Good News - Cal Yacht Club will host 2021 Women's Boating Clinic

The third SCYA Woman's Boating Clinic will be held in 2021. Host club will be California Yacht Club. Date is Sunday, September 19th. Stay tuned for more information.

2021 Opening Day Schedule

SCYA has historically been the clearing house for scheduling dates for our member clubs' opening days. During Covid times 2020, we experienced a lot of postponements, cancellations and virtual opening days.

To date, SCYA has received most of our member club's confirmed 2021 opening day dates. We are pursuing avenues to keep this information up to date as provided by the clubs. You can find the latest list through [THIS LINK](#).

We hope to have a full list available and published soon.

2021 Club of the Year Program Criteria

For clarification of COY criteria or to submit the name of your club's COY Coordinator contact: COY Chairperson: Douglas Green (dgreen92807@gmail.com)

The Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) sponsors a Yacht Club of the

Year program for Member Clubs. The purpose of this award program is to promote the Corinthian Spirit in yachting, foster the exchange of information among yacht clubs, and encourage civic involvement and reward participation in SCYA activities.

There are three perpetual Trophies, one for each of the SCYA membership categories, which are awarded each year to the club in each competitive category that earns the most points. The club awarded each Trophy shall be selected by the Club of the Year Committee based on the point system described below; with points accumulated from November 1st through October 31st of each year. Club of the Year awards shall be presented by the outgoing SCYA Commodore at the annual Change of Command/General Membership Meeting the following January.

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SCYA Committee News

Introducing The SCYA Community Outreach Committee

The purpose of the Community Outreach Committee is to focus on the documentation, implementation, and support of our member clubs' boating activities and programs. The Committee goal is to bring boating, fishing, personal watercraft, and the overall Southern California yachting experience to local communities that may not otherwise have the opportunity. The SCYA committee shall provide a platform to assist member clubs and associations in documenting and developing their outreach programs to service their local communities. The committee shall also provide public recognition to those SCYA member organizations that have sustained outreach programs.

To provide focused attention on boating outreach programs the committee is divided into four general activities that can operate as subcommittees:

1. Inclusive Boating: Those sustained programs designed to target a greater segment of the community population, especially those not historically invited to join yacht clubs. The objective of the committee is to offer guidance to clubs as they explore ways to provide membership diversity as described by Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act.

2. Adaptive Boating: To facilitate and enable people to get out on the water whether it is on a boat that sails, is motorized or is paddled or rowed; to get as many people as possible involved in water sports that want to get out on the water and who would otherwise not have the opportunity due to their reduced physical abilities and/or the lack of accessibility.

3. Public Events: SCYA member activities that are open to the public.

4. Philanthropic Events: SCYA member organizations' events designed to raise revenue for charities and events designed to directly benefit individuals served by inclusive and adaptive boating charities

For more information on Inclusive Boating contact SCYA Director (and 2020 Peggy Slater Award recipient) Marie Rogers mer90274@yahoo.com.

For more information on Adaptive Boating contact SCYA Director Peter Phillips. Please let us know if your club's activities includes people that are physically or cognitively challenged. Whether it's a sailboat, powerboat or a boat that you paddle, we'd like to let other SCYA member clubs know about it. Alternatively, if your club is interested in starting a program, please reach out to Peter M. Phillips, SCYA Director and Chair, Adaptive Boating Committee

bluepeter2020@outlook.com.

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SCYA is continuing to look for additional committee members and chairs. Please let us know if you are interested



News from US Sailing

Six Olympic-Class Regattas Scheduled in Florida and California

US Sailing and host yacht clubs at spectacular sailing venues in Florida and California are thrilled to launch a new U.S. based racing and training series of Olympic-class regattas in 2021.

The West Marine US Open Sailing Series offers an increase in high-quality Olympic-class racing for U.S. athletes with a long-term goal of attracting top-level international competitors to race in these regattas for years to come.

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News from RBOC

FEBRUARY RECREATIONAL BOATERS OF CALIFORNIA REPORT Issues Facing Southern California Boaters

Submitted by Peter Phillips

Topics in Report:

- San Pedro Bay Kelp Beds
- 250% Increase of Boat Registration Fees
- Boating Input to CA Fund Deficiency Plan
- Western States Plan for Abandoned and Derelict Vessels

East San Pedro Bay - Preserve Ability of Boaters to Navigate Through Proposed Kelp Beds

RBOC has filed formal comments expressing concerns with the negative impact that the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration project would have on recreational boating.

The project is the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report pertaining to the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study of the City of Long Beach.

RBOC acknowledges and appreciates the objectives of this project to restore 18 square miles of the East San Pedro Bay from approximately the Port of Long Beach to Alamitos Bay in a manner that restores aquatic ecosystems in a marine environment, and that increases abundance and biodiversity of marine populations in East San Pedro Bay.

RBOC is concerned that elements in this project, which include additional rock habitat structure that would support kelp, eelgrass and other sensitive species or habitat types, would have a significant, negative impact on boating.

Specifically, and as clearly shown in the study materials, the project would place kelp beds in areas that are very popular for boaters throughout the region (see diagram below). These routes provide for safe navigation and have been extensively utilized for several decades. This will only increase in the future as key boating events are planned in this area that will provide both recreational opportunities and economic benefits for the region.

RBOC has therefore requested that:

What's All the Fuss Lately with Sea Shanties?

Sea Shanties have been a part of nautical culture practically forever. What's all the fuss over the last month or so? Here's a brief history from the *BBC History Magazine* in case you are wondering as well.

Also here's a [link](#) to some of the most trending sea shanty recordings right now.

A Brief History of Sea Shanties

As the sea shanty craze sweeps the online world in early 2021, naval historian Kate Jamieson shares the evolution of these nautical songs, how they were used at sea, and some of the most famous shanties from history...



Thanks to a viral rendition of the New Zealand whaling song 'Wellerman' by a postman on the social media app TikTok, the sea shanty has experienced somewhat of a revival in January 2021. For many shanty enthusiasts this has been a long time coming, but it has also drawn in record numbers of new fans.

What is a sea shanty?

The history of this nautical tradition spans hundreds, even thousands, of years. Whilst there aren't too many references to shanties throughout the first half of the 18th century, we know songs about life at sea and ashore certainly existed at this time, and this is when they gained common recognition in wider society. Sailors, predominantly those on merchant vessels, used these simple songs to coordinate their actions onboard when heaving lines, setting sails, or turning the capstan (the winch used to raise the anchor).

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