



The Monthly Newsletter of Southern California Yachting Association

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Upcoming Meeting

**Saturday, March 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, March'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 you will be hearing from some of our committee chairs updating you on their work.

- SCYA and KHYC Staff Commodore, **Mark Hansen** will be reviewing the Opening Day mailing label invitation service and guest registration and announcement-script service that SCYA has been providing for many, many years, ... and he'll be exploring electronic invitation capabilities SCYA would like to offer our members as well.
- **Owen Provence** SCYA Director and WSA-LB and SYCLB Staff Commodore, will explain how you can get information to her about your club's goings on.
- **Anne Eubanks**, SCYA Vice Commodore and DPYC Staff Commodore, will be introducing and reviewing the PPP Award applications magazine. This magazine highlights some of the many ways our fellow SCYA clubs innovated to overcome the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions throughout 2020.

- And back by popular demand, we will have another special 100th Anniversary history lesson from SCYA Staff Commodore **Shawn Milligan**.
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From the Helm



Bill McNamara
2021 Commodore
SCYA

March... will it come in like a lion and go out like a lamb? Immunologically speaking, I certainly hope so. For so very many reasons.

Over half of SCYA's Member clubs and organizations have provided us with a date for their 2021 Opening Day. We asked for, and received, registration and ceremony times, however they may be tentative. At this point we cannot predict is how the events will be structured and who will be invited to participate. The most current list is under the Members tab on the SCYA.org homepage. Take a look and let us know of any date or time changes.

SCYA has a long-standing tradition of assisting clubs in providing addresses for Opening Day invitations, streamlining on-site registration documentation and simplifying the script used to welcome and recognize visiting officers from other clubs and associations. This year will be no exception, and at the SCYA noon Saturday, March 6th General Membership meeting, SCYA Staff Commodore Mark Hansen will explain the enhancements and explore electronic invitation possibilities with us all.

One key aspect of our Association and our meetings is the representation each club has in our discussions and decision making. That representation is appointed by each club's Flag Officers (Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore) or their Corporate Secretary – by writing (or emailing) SCYA with an updated list of 1, 2 or 3 Delegates and 3 Alternate Delegates. Clubs are free to appoint any member to any of these posts, but we have noticed that Flag Officers, especially of our larger and most active clubs, rarely have time for SCYA's meetings and Committee activities "while going up the chairs." We therefore encourage busy Flag Officers to appoint other club members who are aware of their club's wants and needs and also have an interest in yachting philanthropy beyond their own club.

The variability in the number of Delegates comes from the Class of SCYA membership - which is related to the number of adult households represented by the club's membership and the club's annual Corinthian boating activity level. So, touch base with me <Commodore@SCYA.org> or the SCYA

Services Manager, Sylvia Wheeler <Services@SCYA.org>, to check on your club's current appointment list. Many of you reading this are part of clubs who are currently under-represented. Please reach out to your Flag Officers if you would like to serve as a Delegate. As Vice Commodore Anne Eubanks has said, each representative's "success comes from communicating and sharing ideas, and making the good ideas happen." You can see an excellent example of this in Anne's article on the Pandemic Powerhouse Performance Award submissions e-magazine through the link in this newsletter! Don't miss reading this inspiring collection of some of the many ways SCYA members confronted the challenges and persevered in 2020.

Fair winds,
Bill McNamara

Another Chapter in:

SCYA Celebrates 100 Years



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

With the SCYA Midwinter Regatta postponed, it seemed like a fun idea to look back at its beginnings...

EARLY MIDWINTER REGATTA HISTORY - A WHO'S WHO OF HOLLYWOOD YACHTSMEN

By: F. Daniel Somrack

The Southern California Yachting Association's Midwinter Regatta has been a yearly tradition since its inception in 1928. It began when Corinthians from many of the newly formed California yachting clubs joined forces with SCYA and the L. A. Junior Chamber of Commerce to organize a prestigious yachting event for the Pacific Coast.

From the outset, SCYA's regatta attracted yachters from around the country. Serious yachting events had previously taken place on the eastern seaboard at celebrated venues

like the New York Yacht Club. By the Roaring Twenties, Southern California had the interest and the financial capability to produce a serious competition and respected event.

The non-seasonal climate of Southern California was another favorable attraction for competitive yachters. With average wind speeds on the Catalina Channel between 5-10 knots and air temperatures around 70° year long, the weather helped to make the Midwinter Regatta a world class event.

SCYA's early Vice Commodore, Owen P. Churchill, worked with newspaper men to promote this Pacific Coast tournament and encouraged eastern yachtsmen to participate. As a world renown yachtsman, Churchill would win the Gold Medal at the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics in his 8-meter sloop, "Angelita."

To Read More about the Early SCYA Midwinter Regattas
Click to [Read More](#)



From SCYA Vice Commodore Anne Eubanks

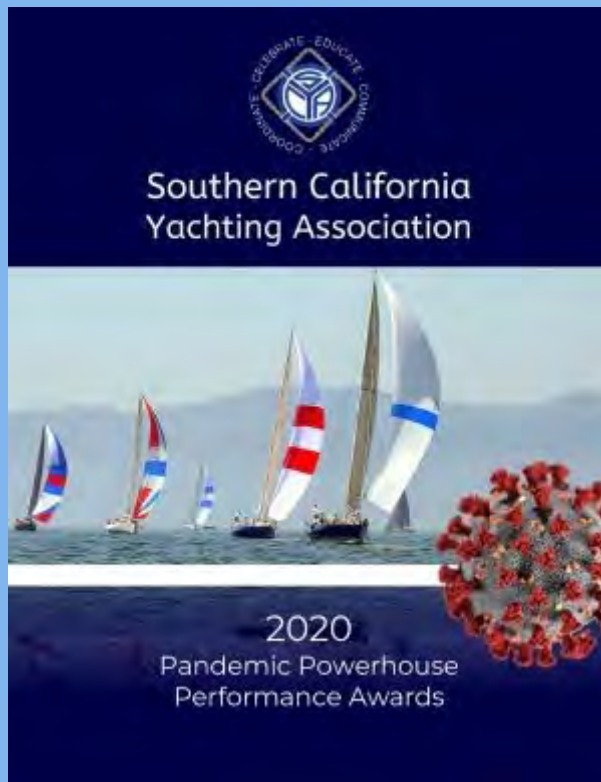
SCYA Pandemic Powerhouse Performance Award Magazine Released

The roller coaster year of 2020 can be called the year of relearning. For many of us, our busy lives screeched to a halt and we were forced to remember how to slow down and smell the roses. Our in-person meetings turned into Zoom meetings. We became better chefs since restaurant excursions were no more. Our new entertainment was card games, puzzles, bike riding; just like when we were

kids. Conversations over family meals reawakened. Boating became the new hobby for many families. Our air got cleaner because we drove our cars less. We could easily relearn what we already knew, but our yacht club leadership had to learn new things. How does one manage during a Pandemic with the dynamics and government orders changing sometimes daily?

A Herculean effort was performed by our member clubs and we encouraged them to share their successes by applying for the Pandemic Powerhouse Performance Award. The following magazine shares their stories and adventures. We hope you enjoy reading about their journeys and learn something new along the way!

[CLICK HERE](#) TO READ FULL MAGAZINE



SCYA PUBLICATIONS

2021 SCYA Yearbook

SCYA 2021 Yearbook is off to the presses!

The 2021 "Go-To Guide" for who's who in yachting is currently being published. The Yearbook highlights 2020's Service Awards as well as a full roster of SCYA yacht clubs and their officers, directors and delegates. Each club will be receiving their



allotment (based on Membership Level)
soon.

SCYA Protocol Guide

SCYA Protocol Guide Available

SCYA just received a new shipment of our popular Yachting Protocol Guidelines Booklet. In it you will find sections on proper yachting etiquette, special events attire and proper display of burgees and related signal flags. This is a popular item to give to new Board Members. Available for purchase from the Service Center. Contact Sylvia at service@SCYA.org



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](#).

SCYA Committee News

2021 SCYA WOMEN'S BOATING EVENT – SMWYC & CYC Sept. 18th & 19th, 2021

Kathy St. Amant - SCYA Director and Women's Boating Chair

[CLICK HERE](#) to reach the Women's Boating Event Website - <https://www.scya.events/womens-event/>

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club & California Yacht Club, in Marina del Rey, will be our hosts September 18th & 19th for the 31st SCYA Women's Boating Event. The 2021 team is hard at work building out a fun and educational couple of days that will meet the educational needs of many Southern California women boaters.

The list of clinics and coaches who will be on hand to teach and guide participants is growing fast. Sessions include classroom lectures and hands-on training on board sail and power vessels.

Saturday's session will be a day long on the water event geared toward the cruising life. The day will include a chosen destination, depending on the weather, anchoring, cruising meal planning, dinghy handling, swimming, and kicking back. The day will culminate with a sit down dinner at SMWYC and a special guest speaker.

Sunday will be filled with a multitude of sessions with the opportunity to learn many skills, both on land and on the water. A high ratio of coaches to attendees means lots of personal attention.

Registration will open in June. Check the URL often, clinics and cool happenings will be added as soon as verified.

We are actively seeking coaches and volunteers to lend their vessels for the clinic. [CLICK HERE](#) to apply for a coaching spot or to add your vessel to the list.

If you have any questions regarding coaching or vessels, please contact me: Kathy St. Amant SCYA Director and Women's Boating Chair Kathy@scya.events



The poster features a woman in sailing gear on a boat against a sunset background. It includes the SCYA 100th anniversary logo (1921-2021) and the text: "2021 SCYA's 31st WOMEN'S BOATING EVENT September 18th & 19th". It also lists the event locations: "Saturday Santa Monica Windjammers" and "Sunday California Yacht Club", along with the website "www.SCYA.Events/womens-event".

2021
SCYA's 31st
WOMEN'S BOATING EVENT
September 18th & 19th

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CELEBRATE - EDUCATE - COMMUNICATE
1921-2021
A CENTURY OF SERVICE

Saturday
Santa Monica
Windjammers

Sunday
California
Yacht Club

www.SCYA.Events/womens-event

News from US Sailing



2021 Safety at Sea Courses Announced

A lot of people missed the opportunity to take Safety at Sea courses in 2020 due to Covid congregating restrictions. US Sailing has extended all certifications due to expire in 2020 and 2021 until the end of 2021.

Both Hands-on and Online courses are now scheduled for 2021. To learn more about the programs offered by US Sailing [CLICK HERE](#). To find out local dates and venues and register [CLICK HERE](#).

Also from US Sailing:

The Racing Rules of Sailing is published every four years by World Sailing, the international authority for the sport. These rules, amended by US "prescriptions," govern sailboat racing in the United States and in the portions of international races that pass through U.S. waters. The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 took effect on January 1, 2021. You can

preorder *The Racing Rules of Sailing* books by [CLICKING HERE](#).

NEW RACING RULES APP

When it comes to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2021-2024, US Sailing makes the rules available whenever and wherever you want. Their premier product, the Racing Rules App, ensures you have access to the rules at all times.

US Sailing has expanded the menu of App features to streamline your overall experience. This NEW App provides you with optimized and searchable access to the rules and media resources to help you reference them in real-time. You can submit a protest or request redress from your device, draw and submit animated protest diagrams with the Whiteboard feature, and much more using the NEW Racing Rules App!

[Click here](#) to download

News from RBOC

MARCH RECREATIONAL BOATERS OF CALIFORNIA NEWS

Submitted by Peter Phillips, SCYA Director and
Committee Chair



RBOC ADVOCATING FOR KEY CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSED 250% VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE

RBOC and a number of additional boating community organizations are advocating for key revisions to Governor Newsom's proposed 250% vessel registration fee increase that would take effect on July 1.

California boaters would see their boat registration fees increase from a minimum of \$20 every two years to at least \$70 every two years as soon as July 1 if the Governor's state budget proposal is enacted.

Budget subcommittees in the state Senate and Assembly are discussing this proposal now, and are anticipated to decide on the issue in the next few weeks. as the state budget development process moves forward in the state capitol. RBOC leaders and advocate are lobbying and testifying.

For the February 16 joint boating community letter to the Legislature on this issue: [CLICK HERE](#)

More information:

The Governor's proposed state budget for the Division of

Boating and Waterways [DBW] proposes adjustments to the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund [HWRF].

The HWRF receives no monies from the state's General Fund.

It is comprised of boat fuel tax dollars, registration fees, federal monies, and interest payments on loans from the HWRF..

The HWRF support several programs and services that benefit boaters including infrastructure such as launch ramps, education, aquatic centers, local boating law enforcement, the boater certification card, and invasive species prevention and control.

The Governor's proposal includes an increase in the minimum amount of vessel registration fees, from \$20 every two years to \$70 every two years, effective July 1.

This proposed registration fee increase is being considered as the state increasingly dedicates boater fuel tax dollars to the state parks system. and not to the HWRF. This started decades ago, and now totals \$107 million each year.

In contrast, only \$15 million [14%] of the fuel taxes paid by boaters are placed in the HWRF for the programs and services that directly benefit boaters.

It is also important to acknowledge that:

The owners and operators of more than 640,000 registered

vessels in California also pay a very significant amount of property taxes to the counties.

The proposed 250% registration fee increase would extract an additional \$20 million from California boaters - most of whom earn under \$100K per year and 95% of whom own a small boat that is 26 feet long and smaller.

[CLICK TO READ MORE](#)

News from NOSA



NOSA SEMINARS

N2E sailing seminars are going virtual!

NOSA will present Zoom seminars on March 10, March 16, and April 7 at 7 p.m. Presenters will be Phil Herzfeld, Bruce Cooper, John Sangmeister, and Chuck Skews of Ullman Sails San Diego.

[Click Here](#) for specific details and registration for each seminar.

NOSA offers these seminars to help educate new N2E racers and refresh the memories of race veterans on general subjects that prepare you for this race, such as:

- tips on soliciting and organizing your crew and boat preparation
- how to navigate the registration process, such as getting a sail number and a rating certificate
- ensuring your compliance with the Notice of Race and the relevant safety standards
- preparing for entering and leaving Mexico with permits and other formalities
- organizing hotels for your team and dockage for your boat

And race-related topics such as:

- organizing the crew and developing a coherent and successful race plan
- specific racing strategy and tactical tips for this race
- preparation and storage of equipment on the boat
- navigation tips
- sail trim guidelines
- sailing at night and watch system options
- weather forecast sources and analysis tips

The presenters are experienced and have a wealth of knowledge to share, so we hope you take advantage of this by attending one of these seminars – what you learn will help not only improve your score but help to let you better relax and enjoy participating in this great race.

From the California Coastal Commission

In February, one of our Guest Speakers was Vivian Matuk, the Environmental Boating Program Manager for the California Coastal Commission. Vivian spoke to us about the success of last year's Coastal Clean Up Day and reached out to SCYA Member Clubs to participate in 2021's event on April 17th.

Vivian also spoke about another worthy endeavor of the CCC - **The Dockwalker Program.**

The Dockwalker program provides one-on-one outreach in local harbors to help boaters appropriately discard of used oil, share best clean boating practices, and waste products.

Dockwalkers are partners who inspire and educate boaters and other recreators to be safe and environmentally sound while boating in California. These partners distribute boater kits with educational materials anywhere where boaters are and while visiting marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows and boating events.

Anyone from 15 to 100 years young and interested in water quality and sharing clean boating information (regardless of your background) can become a Dockwalker! The only requirement is that you take a free training class.

To learn more about the Dockwalker program and the upcoming virtual training dates [CLICK HERE.](#)



What do "Aloof", "Groggy" and "Slush Fund" all have in common? ?



USS Constitution

NavSource Online: Service Ship Photo Archive

Many common words and sayings have nautical roots from early shipping, whaling or sailing days. Learning about their history is fun! Merriam-Webster.com has a list of ten common phrases that are part the lexicon of our language with nautical roots. [Click Here for More.](#)

Aloof

Definition: removed or distant either physically or emotionally
Aloof was originally a nautical term referring to sailing into the wind as a way to stay clear of the shore or a hazard. (Its opposite is alee.) The word is commonly found with keep, as 18th-century English poet Alexander Pope illustrates in his translation of Homer's *Odyssey*: "With all our force we kept aloof to sea." The "steering away" technique of keeping aloof influenced the general uses of the word relating to physical or emotional distance or indifference.

Aloof is based on the prefix a- and louf, an older variant of another nautical term luff, which refers to sailing a ship nearer to the wind.

Groggy

Definition: weak and unsteady on the feet or in action

The story of groggy begins with grogram, the name of a coarse, loosely woven fabric made entirely or partly from silk. The 18th-century English Admiral Edward Vernon is reputed to have been in the habit of wearing a grogram cloak and to have earned, for this peculiarity, the nickname "Old Grog" among the sailors under his command. In Old Grog's day, sailors in the Royal Navy in the West Indies were customarily given a daily ration of rum, but in 1740 Vernon, alarmed by the damage to the physical and moral health of his men, ordered that the rum should be diluted with water. The decision wasn't very popular with the sailors, who supposedly dubbed the mixture grog after Vernon. The word grog eventually became a general term for any liquor, even undiluted, which led to people applying the term groggy to anyone, however sober, who moved with the unsteadiness characteristic of someone who has had too much grog.

Slush Fund

Definition: an unregulated fund often used for illicit purposes

In nautical jargon, slush is the refuse grease rendered from the salted meat cooked on board a ship. This slush was once commonly skimmed and put into barrels to be sold in port. The money received from sales was put into a "slush fund"

and used to purchase luxuries for the crew that they otherwise could not afford. In the late 19th century, the term slush fund was appropriated for monies set aside for political ends. Such slush funds were used to supplement the salaries of government employees, bribing public officials, or carrying on corruptive propaganda on behalf of special interests.

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