



**The Monthly Newsletter of Southern California Yachting Association**

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**UPCOMING MEETING**

**Sunday, June 6th, General  
Membership Meeting and  
Board Meeting - LIVE at  
CBYC!**

**Hybrid Meeting with In-Person and Zoom Participants**  
**Board Meeting 10:30 am**  
**General Membership Meeting at 12:00 pm**

## **Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club**

Ahoy SCYA Member Club representatives: appointed Delegates, appointed Alternate Delegates and the Flag Officers that make the appointments, SCYA's June General Membership Meeting will be a Hybrid Meeting with in-person and Zoom participants.

Guest Speaker is Tony Budrovich, President and CEO of the Catalina Island Conservancy.

Also available via Zoom. To register in advance for the Zoom meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvf-oojsiGtXA\\_g6Sv3HjKn94RCSLzD6c](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvf-oojsiGtXA_g6Sv3HjKn94RCSLzD6c)

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# From the Helm



**Bill McNamara**

Commodore  
SCYA

SCYA, now in our 100th year, has certainly seen many changes, but we have also maintained many traditions. Fiberglass, dacron, carbon fiber, foiling... so many technological innovations. All contrasted with the constancy of Corinthianism, volunteerism, democratic elections, Opening Day celebrations, the uniformity of our uniforms, amateur competition and many more traditions unique to yachting.

Our founders and subsequent leaders resisted many temptations to reject the wisdom of those that preceded them. We were founded as an Association, not of individual boaters, but of boating clubs. SCYA's Members (capital M) are, by and large, corporations. Their members are individuals, with a wide variety of boating interests and human needs that they attend to. We serve our organizational Members and they serve their individual members. The foregoing distinction has been reinforced in me by the ongoing review of our Bylaws by the Bylaws Committee.

Ultimately, SCYA is led by representatives of our Member organizations. Those representatives are selected by their clubs and SCYA is notified of their appointments (and each change to appointments) by written instructions from a Member's leadership

(typically a Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore or their corporation Secretary). Clubs are free to appoint any member they wish as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to SCYA. This year's SCYA Yearbook lists the Delegates and Alternate Delegates for each of our Members. Our founders chose this type of representative democracy so that clubs (like US States) did not have to rely on their otherwise very busy Flag Officers to represent them, just as US States have Governors separate from US Congresspeople. Clubs are free to appoint their Flag Officers to represent them at SCYA, just as US States could send their Governor to Congress, however most clubs appoint active committee chairs and active Staff Commodores. Once appointed, these representatives take part in the meetings and committees that make up SCYA. Committee Chairs are selected and through this SCYA volunteerism, future leaders (of clubs and of SCYA) are found and nurtured. Each month, Committee Chairs can submit to SCYA's Board of Directors reports on their progress and put forward motions to be discussed and possibly voted on to improve the services SCYA provides to our Members. I ask you to look into your club for representatives to actively represent your club and to benefit from the camaraderie and leadership experiences available through SCYA participation.

I and SCYA's future Commodores will be very grateful for your sharing your best and brightest with us. We'll do our best to send them back engaged and ready to continue to better your club and all of Corinthian yachting.

Fair Winds  
Bill McNamara

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# 2021 Opening Day Schedule - UPDATED



SCYA has historically been the clearing house for scheduling dates for our member clubs' opening days. During Covid restrictions in 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 committed to keeping this information up to date as provided by the clubs. You can find the latest list through [\*\*THIS LINK.\*\*](#)

If you are aware of any corrections or changes please send them to [Service@SCYA.org](mailto:Service@SCYA.org).

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# 2021 Race Calendar - UPDATED

2021 has had a tough year getting started for racing. Things are looking up at this point and we have the most current information available through [THIS LINK](#).

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**ANOTHER CHAPTER IN:**

## SCYA Celebrates 100 Years



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in *History of S.C.Y.A.* by Paul W. Hiller, 1970. Check out this site to learn about SCYA's history, view historical videos and view early photos.

## **AN ASSOCIATION IS BORN**

To those of us who can recall 1921, the memory of an enthusiastic group of yachtsmen still is strong in our minds. In San Diego the SDYC had a very close-knit group of hard sailing men, who were also known for their prowess in splicing the mainbrace. The Jessops, Clem Stose and their ilk had composed a rollicking, riotous song "We're from Sunny San Diego," and they wanted more places and occasions to sing it, other than on the sand flats of the old home town. Up Newport way, the NHYC had refurbished an old dance pavilion and Warmington, Vibert, Putnam, Heseman and Beek, heard of a strange bird, started a cult to advertise this same wonderful Woofle, who laid cubical eggs with spots on them with which, when properly treated, the aborigines had used as an economic control of wampum. Los Angeles Harbor had a fine new clubhouse erected by Frank Garbutt, and the old South Coast Corinthian and L. A. Boat Clubs had been asked to consolidate and make the California YC a going concern. This they did, while Radford, the Laubershiemer Bros., Hesselberger, Brown and Dickson joined in with a few choruses of the Animal Fair. Further to the North, Major Max Fleishmann, Ed Gurley, the Cornwalls, Daultons and others in Santa Barbara, repaired to the old Caprice to dream of a breakwater for their harbor.

So, in 1922 the stage was set for the consolidation of these interests. Unlike youthful city gangs, these groups of yachtsmen did not fight when they got together, other than that of rousing competition afloat, but preferred to refresh themselves while the Rocking Chair Fleet resailed the races. It was the era of Volstead and little can be said about such matters, but at least companionship and good will flowed along with the kindred spirits. The great day was April 14, 1922, articles of association of these groups were signed by no less than five clubs as the result of meetings starting the previous year. The leaders were none other than the Grand Old Man of Southern California Yachting, Dr. Albert Soiland, and Claude Putnam for NHYC. Walter Brown and Dan Laubersheimer of the LAYC, Otto Widley and Jim Dickson of the LAMBC, Clem Stose of SDYC, Earle Ovington and G. E. Berg of the SBYC. The California YC was originally in the group, but for some reason it was not a signer of the original Articles of Association, but later joined and became a moving force.

Today most of the boats of the era would be classed as "Pushwaters," as they varied tremendously in line, rig and displacement. The rule of the time was the Universal Rule, but each owner made modifications much as he saw fit, and accurate measuring was still for the future. A race was apt to be a matter of extreme skill, plus a certain amount of ingenuity in preparation. While the day of the sandbagger had passed, the art of lightening the ship before a race was apt to be carried to extremes. In fact, at the April meeting in 1923, the delegates demanded that uniform measurement and racing rules be adopted, and Edson Schock was called

upon to formulate them. About the only one-design classes at that time were the R Boats and the Stars. The Snowbird was about to be launched in Newport by our own Jim Webster. So it was, that when the clubs got together for a regatta, it became a compromise of the practices of each club. Hence, the time was ripe for coordination. With this accomplished, the demand for one design classes became acute so inter-club races could be held. We were years behind the East where these facts were established. The immediate and lusty growth of yachting is enough testimony to the farsightedness of the founders.

Let us look at these founders. First, comes Doctor Soiland, who will go down in history and affection as The Admiral. In the early days it was reasoned that as clubs had Commodores, it was only natural that the head of the association should hold higher rank, and so Admiral it was. The first minutes refer to him as Admiral. It can be no reflection upon Al Soiland that he dearly loved the title. He knew he had welded the association together. No one ever lived that loved the honor more, or did more to deserve it. Though it was soon apparent that it was just too much "dog" for us yachtsmen, the Admiral loved and cherished the title until his dying day. It was affectionately used by those of us who best knew his contributions to the sport. The NHYC, The Honolulu Race, the SCYA, and the 1932 Olympics are his monuments. Let us think of him with great and silent respect.

The other NHYC signer was none other than Claude G. Putnam. "PUT" to most of us. Many an early member of the NHYC looked upon him as the ACE of those Woofle Bird Eggs

he was ever extolling. Fresh from the deserts of Arizona, where in Salome he had illustrated the stories that made Dick Wick Hall famous. For many years it was reasoned, he rigged a line about his waist whenever he went to sea, fearing that like the famous Tog, he had never learned to swim. Perhaps our concern over him was enhanced by his voyage in the Joy, when, sailing from Santa Barbara to Newport, he fetched a land fall on Pt. Loma. His explanations had to do with the un-nautical habit of laying a pair of pliers beside the compass. He was a bad man to compete with in any regatta, and a true friend around the clubhouse fire. He was ever active in association affairs, and the Pirate Cartoons in the NHYC clubhouse are his bequest to the sport.

From the LAYC Dan Laubersheimer, one of a family of fine sailors and an attorney of prominence, could be found at the helm of the Ortona most any weekend. He had the vision to see the advantages of organization, and his legal knowledge made it practical. He, with Walter Brown, brought with them the very active and militant LAYC, than which there has never been a lustier group of deep water racing sailors.

Otto Wildey and Jim Dickson signed for the LAMBC, keen powerboat men, and just as keen sailors. Jim built and sailed the Jubilo in the 1923 Honolulu Race, and was still sailing her on his death two years back. Sunny San Diego had but one man there, our own Clem Stose, now the #1 in SCYA affairs.

The California Yacht Club was not yet in being, but the LAAC, as a club within a club, listed among its members many owners of fine yachts. Led by Frank Garbutt, and his

associate Matt Walsh, spoke for a sizable fleet, their enthusiasm and zeal gave impetus and much financial help to the new association.

Now that we had an association, and it was functioning, it was of course, necessary to have a summer regatta, and right away we find Newport Harbor and Santa Barbara competing for such an affair. At the April 14th meeting, the regatta for 1922 was awarded Newport Harbor and the 1923 to Santa Barbara. No mention of financing appears in this set of minutes, so it must have been provided by the local boys.

[Click Here](#) to read more.



Off of Seal Beach Pier, the race starts. To the left, MINERVA is in the foreground, ORTONA is beyond.

## SCYA PUBLICATIONS

# 2021 SCYA Yearbook

## SCYA 2021 Yearbook is available!

The 2021 "Go-To Guide" for who's who in yachting is ready for distribution. The Yearbook highlights 2020's Service Awards as well as a full roster of SCYA Member yacht clubs and their officers, key personnel, Delegates and Alternate Delegates. Each club should have already received their yearbook allotment (based on Membership Level). Additional books are available at SCYA meetings for \$15 each... while limited supplies last.



# 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](mailto:service@SCYA.org)



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## SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS

# Update Regarding Women's Boating Event September 18-19

The SCYA Women's Boating Event is continuing to shape up. This month SMWYC's Junior Program Director has volunteered to put on a Girls Santana 20 Match Racing Event on Saturday. Girls from 9 to 17 will be invited to participate. There will be a round robin event with 3 boats and crews switching it up during the day. Full details are still in the works.

Kathy needs area representatives to volunteer to help spread

the word in each SCYA sector. She has posters and post cards to distribute to begin the advertising campaign. The sector reps will be asked to acquire a set of the materials and distribute them to their yacht clubs, area marine stores, and places that would draw the attention of our audiences. Volunteers are also in high demand for the event. Please contact Kathy with your availability.

Kathy St. Amant SCYA Director and Women's Boating Chair  
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[CLICK HERE](https://www.scya.events/womens-event/) to reach the Women's Boating Event Website -  
<https://www.scya.events/womens-event/>



The poster features a woman in a grey and black sailing jacket and a blue headband, looking out over the ocean. The background is a bright, hazy sky over the water. In the top right corner, there is a large yellow '100' logo with a circular emblem inside containing the SCYA logo and the text 'CELEBRATE - EDUCATE - COMMUNICATE - COORDINATE'. To the right of the '100' is a blue banner with '1921-2021' and the text 'A CENTURY OF SERVICE' below it. The main text in the center reads '2021 SCYA's 31st WOMEN'S BOATING EVENT' in large blue letters, with 'September 18th & 19th' below it. At the bottom, there are two pennants on a wooden stand: a blue pennant with a red star and a white triangle, and a blue pennant with a white triangle. Below the pennants, it says 'Saturday Santa Monica Windjammers' and 'Sunday California Yacht Club'. At the very bottom, the website 'www.SCYA.Events/womens-event' is written in large blue letters.

**2021 SCYA's 31st WOMEN'S BOATING EVENT**  
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# News from US Sailing



Since its inception in 2012, US Sailing's STEM education initiative, Reach, has had an immeasurable impact on youth across the country who are learning Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts using sailing as an educational platform. For more information on our local activities, contact Commodore McNamara who has been teaching US Sailing Reach STEM programs at the Newport Sea Base for the last few years. Read below about the impressive work sailing programs did while implementing Reach in 2020.



Photo Credit: Green Bay Sail & Paddle



## 2020 IMPACT REPORT

The mission of US Sailing's Reach Initiative is to engage youth and enhance career opportunities in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics while fostering Environmental Stewardship through hands-on learning experiences.

### 78,800 Youth\*

Participated in Reach in 2020 at over 400 programs.



Community Boating Center, Inc. (New Bedford)  
 Sailing Center Chesapeake  
 Community Sailing Center (VT)  
 The Downtown Sailing Center  
 Herreshoff Marine Museum  
 SUNY Maritime College  
 Buzzards Bay Coalition's Onset Bay Center  
 Sail Salem

Sail LA – Wilmington Youth Sailing Center  
 Community Sailing New Orleans  
 Hudson River Community Sailing  
 Community Boating Center (RI)  
 Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation  
 Community Boating Center (WA)

\*Sailing organization participant numbers are averaged based on programs executing STEM programming, events, and outreach activities.

Due to Covid-19, 2020 numbers were smaller than expected and there weren't any US Sailing sponsored events, but the students' experience was just as valuable!

### Positive Youth Development

#### Life Skills

43% of students feel they can apply skills learned sailing to real life situations and problem solving

#### Self-confidence

42% of students built self-confidence in their programs

#### Retention

55% of students report an interest in continuing to learn STEM through sailing after participating in the Reach program

### Reach Students are Diverse

2020 Student Pre-Test Data Results Reveal Ethnic Diversity.\*

Reach Student Ethnicity

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# News from RBOC

## JUNE RECREATIONAL BOATERS OF CALIFORNIA NEWS



## RBOC, BOATUS YIELD RESULTS FOR BOATERS IN CALIFORNIA BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS

*Boaters speak up for a responsible boat registration fee increase, funds for AIS prevention and recreational facilities*

The voices of recreational boaters, more than 4,000 strong who recently contacted their California state legislators and governor's office asking for a more responsible and fair boat registration fee increase, have been heard.

During recent budget negotiations, RBOC, our advocacy partner Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), and a coalition of additional stakeholders won hard-earned concessions that save Golden State boaters money, leads to a path that more equitably funds Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) programs and beach replenishment efforts, and supports funding for construction, maintenance and operations of public recreation facilities at state water

projects.

"We appreciate the support from our partner BoatUS, as well as our coalition partners and the boating community to make the boater's perspective heard in Sacramento.", said Winston Bumpus. RBOC President.

"Advocacy works," said BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. "Legislators clearly listened, and we thank them for understanding our needs."

At issue was a budget proposal on the table for a 250% boat registration fee increase. RBOC/ BoatUS worked to reduce the increase to 100%, which now increases the cost of a two-year California recreational boat registration from \$20 to \$40.

Also at stake was the California State Parks' critical Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund (HWRF), which supports the state's AIS efforts as well as boating infrastructure and programs such as launch ramp construction, maintenance, and repair; boating safety; registration; and enforcement programs. As recently as 2019, the HWRF had teetered on insolvency. RBOC and BoatU.S. were able to take a proposed two-year, \$20 million spending level and increase it by \$10.7 million for the next four years, totaling more than \$60 million in HWRF funding, adding stability to the fund.

The state had also been raiding HWRF for beach restoration. "It makes no sense for boaters to carry the burden of beach replenishment for the entire state, and we are glad legislators agreed with us by including a provision that would suspend

transfers of HWRF funds to the public beach restoration fund," added Kennedy.

State legislators are expected to vote on the budget by early June.

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## Traditions

# Opening day boat parade... a modern day tradition?



As Opening Day celebrations are finally emerging in Southern California, many include a Boat Parade as part of the festivities.

This modern day Presentation of the Fleet is a carry-over from the

British Naval tradition of the "Sail Past". The Sail Past tradition began at the first Yacht Club that was formed at Cowes in England more than 200 years ago. The membership at Cowes was primarily aristocratic and many were familiar with Naval practice and tradition. Cowes Yacht Club later changed its name to the Royal Yacht Squadron and certain social graces were added to the traditional Naval practices.

The actual "Review of the Fleet" is steeped in more than 600 years of Royal Navy tradition and history and was introduced at Yacht Clubs as a continuation of that naval habit of having Navy Admirals (and/or Royalty) review the fleet on special occasions.

Protocol demanded that a flagship be anchored with the Admiral and staff on the Quarterdeck to receive and return the salute. Vessels sailed past, dipping their colors in salute, and with their captain also saluting with the ship's company standing to attention. The Vice-Admiral would lead the fleet passing in review and the final vessel in the line would carry the Rear Admiral.

Currently throughout Canada, Australia and the British Isles, Sail Past continues to be a formal event that officially opens the boating season. Many yacht clubs also follow the Sail Past with a "Blessing of the Fleet" a long-standing European tradition, first practiced in Portugal of seeking divine providence to those who labored or ventured on the sea to assure good harvest, safe passage and safe return.

Our "Boat Parade" goes even father back in history. One of the earliest references to something similar is in the "The Iliad", that records: "After two years of preparation, the Greek Fleet, of more than a 1000 ships and an army of 100,000 men, assembled at the Port of

Aulis, in Northeastern Greece, for a Sail Past of Troy." It is believed that from this ceremony came the famous expression that "Helen of Troy had the face that launched a 1,000 ships."

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