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

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**UPCOMING MEETING - CALLING ALL STAFF COMMODORES**

# Saturday, September 11th, Old Timers Luncheon

**General Membership Meeting - 12:00**  
**Board Meeting - 10:30**  
**Newport Harbor Yacht Club**

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

Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Newport Beach

Trophy for highest attendance of Staff Commodores from a member club!

Click [HERE](#) to Register for in-person luncheon and by zoom.

After registering for zoom, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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



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# From the Helm



**Bill McNamara**

Commodore  
SCYA

Ahoy

During SCYA's centennial year, I've thought often of what SCYA is and what it is not. First and foremost, SCYA is an association of over 90 non-profit corporations committed to the boating centric pleasure of their dozens or hundreds of members. These corporations also have their own bylaws, policies, procedures, traditions, employees and volunteers. SCYA exists to Communicate, Educate, Coordinate and Celebrate with, and for, these 90+ Members that we serve. We strive to learn how we can be of service and we create programs and events to be of service.

Historically, Members have asked that we document their leadership and compile contact information – we do that through our annual yearbook and increasingly through our website. We have been asked to assist in membership recruitment and we do that through [member listings](#) on our website and [Membership Seminars](#) – the next one is at Shoreline Yacht Club on September 18th. We also devote time and energy to providing meetings with topics of interest to our Members' Delegates and Alternate Delegates – our next [SCYA meeting is September 11th](#). We'll be celebrating our Members' Staff Commodores and have a presentation on SCYA's 100 years of history at one of our

founding clubs, Newport Harbor Yacht Club, in their completely rebuilt clubhouse. Recently, Members have asked for information about multi-club cooperative cruising and where clubs can rent or share facilities on Catalina Island. We've been pleased to learn much of that is already going on and we plan to add such capabilities to our website through the efforts of the SCYA Cruising Committee. We intend to also find ways to serve that portion of our Members' members that cruise beyond our many Members' harbors on their own boats and by chartering throughout the Pacific and the other seas and oceans of the world.

Members have expressed interest in assisting in promoting their sailboat regattas and powerboat predicted log races, we do that through our annual race calendar – [CLICK HERE](#) . We have been asked to enhance boating safety educational opportunities and SCYA has provided annual Medical Emergencies at Sea Seminars and have coordinated US Sailing certified Safety at Sea Seminars including the next one October 2nd & 3rd at Cal Yacht Club – [CLICK HERE](#).

Our commitment to youth dinghy sailing continues with our initial creation of the Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association (SCYYRA pronounced Sky-Rah) years ago. Helping young sailors transition from racing in dinghies to racing, day sailing and cruising in the types of keelboats (and power yachts) so many of our Members' members own, rent and charter, is a current focus of mine. I'm interested in learning about and promoting any ongoing programs encouraging existing youth boaters to become future adult yacht club members after dinghy racing is behind them. Let me know what is working for your club.

It may seem SCYA is involved with all aspects of Corinthian Yachting,

but it is equally important to understand what we are not. We offer education, but we do not dictate. We publish the SCYA Yachting Protocol Guidelines booklet filled with traditions and common practices of uniforms and yachting formal attire, but no requirements exist. We document standards of ceremony, yachting etiquette and courtesies, but no mandates for Members' or their members' compliance is expressed or expected. Included is an expansion of the voluntary US Flag Code with time-honored recommendations for the display of the US Flag or US Yacht Ensign ashore or afloat along with club burgees, officer and private signal flags, code flags for dressing ship and other nations' "courtesy flags", but as you'll see in any marina or gathering on the water, clubs and members have their own ways. The booklet is available for ordering at SCYA meetings or by emailing [Service@SCYA.org](mailto:Service@SCYA.org) for unit and bulk pricing – a great stocking stuffer for current and incoming Officers, Directors, Delegates and other keepers of nautical tradition.

We also do not proscribe how our Member clubs recruit, vet and bring on-board their members. Clubs come in all shapes and sizes: formal or not, expensive or not, insular or not, reflective of the communities in which they operate or not, welcoming of non-boaters or restrictive to existing active boaters. Some of our Members' clubs require a specific percentage of their members to own boats, some even require 100% boat ownership. Others require a specific amount of on-the-water participation of their members and many require service to the club, sometimes as merely acting as an Officer of the Deck at a minimum frequency.

SCYA's current and past Officers and Directors are always available to share what they've observed, but it is our Member organizations that plot their own course and adapt to suit their members and the

members they hope to attract. When building up a community of yachtsmen and yachtswomen, we don't always get what we hope for... so recruit additional boaters thoughtfully.

Commodores will soon be receiving an invitation to the SCYA Commodores' Cruise (plural possessive) the weekend of November 5th through the 7th. If you cannot attend, please allow another Delegate or Officer to represent your club. Friday night will be an SCYA 100th Anniversary banquet at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club which will be open to any and all Officers, Delegates and Alternate Delegates of your club or Association. More to come on this.

Fair Winds  
Bill McNamara

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**ANOTHER CHAPTER IN:**

# SCYA Celebrates 100 Years



## Early Powerboat Racing



*Reproduced from SCYA's Centennial Celebration webpages found at [www.scya.events](http://www.scya.events)*

*Above Photo: Thunderballs, driven by Pete Rothschild, shown finishing first in the Hennessey Cup Race. Pete later completed a sweep by taking first in the rugged Long Beach to San Francisco Race.*

This story, and the photos, are from the SCYA Yachting Yearbook, 1967, pages 42 and 43,

**Long Beach - San Francisco Race 1966**

THE LONGEST AND MOST CHALLENGING offshore power boat competition ever held, the Long Beach-San Francisco Race, was won by *Thunderballs*, a 233 Thunderbird-Formula, driven by co-owners Peter Rothschild and Larry Smith. The 430-mile course running up the rugged California coast covered some of the most feared water in the world. Two other boats out of a starting fleet of 9 finished the awesome run. *Surf Rider*, famous for her many victories including overall honors in the 1964 Cowes-Torquay Race, was second driven by Bob Nordskog. *Alimony III*, a sister Bertram 31 to *Surf Rider*, was third, driven by Jack Jenkins. The winning time was 11 hours, 25 minutes, 57 seconds.

The race began at 7:30 a.m. Friday, October 28th, with 9 out of 12 registered starters at the line. *Thunderstruck*, a new boat, never quite got together. *NKKI II* had her engine stolen two days before the race. *Lucky-B* was scratch - at the last minute because of crew injuries. Shortly after the start, *Zippe*, a 25' Bertram driven by Dick Bertram, began acting up and by the Pt. Dume check point, some 40 miles after the start, was 45 minutes behind the fleet. *Zippe* finally had to leave the course with transmission trouble.

By the time the leading boats reached Santa Barbara, 90 miles after the start, a four boat battle was shaping up. *Thunderballs* was first, followed closely by the 32' aluminum boat, *Big Broad Jumper*, driven by Bill Wishnick, the new and powerful 28' Donzi *Patty Lou*, driven by Bob Rautbord, and the never raced *Lil' Maltese Magnum* driven by Don Aronow. Less than 10 minutes separated the first and fourth boats. Remaining competitors were in the order of passing: *Surf Rider* driven by Bob Nordskog, *Alimony III* driven by Jack Jenkins, *Channel Clipper* driven by Beau Weill and *Pioneer* driven by Bill Cooper. *Pioneer* was forced to limp into Santa Barbara suffering from

transmission trouble. After an unsuccessful attempt to make repairs, Cooper had to discontinue the race.

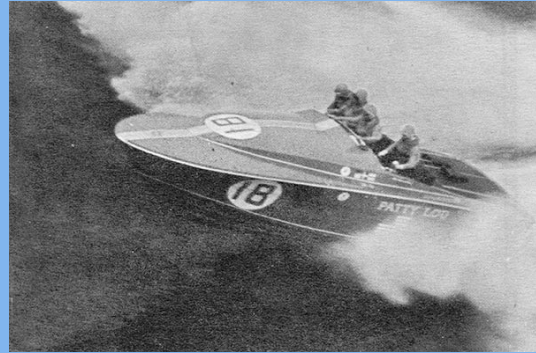
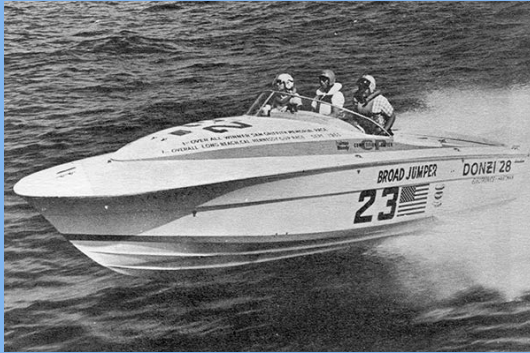
Now there were seven and the Pacific Ocean was beginning to show some strength. By the time the racers rounded Pt. Conception, large rolling seas of 15 feet were standing boats on their transoms. It was in these waters, known as the "Grave Yard of the Pacific," that the larger *Big Broad Jumper* captured a slight lead over *Thunderballs*. The fleet began to string out on the immense seas.

*Big Broad Jumper* continued to lead up the coast, her rough water capabilities making her look like a sure winner into the lay-over port of Morro Bay. But, alas, there had been a slight miscalculation and 16 miles short of refuge *Big Broad Jumper* sputtered to a stop — out of gas! *Thunderballs*, close astern, smashed on to be first into Morro Bay covering the 230 rugged miles in 5 hours, 28 minutes, 27 seconds. Second boat to Morro Bay was Don Aronow's *Lil Maltese Magnum* (6 hours 11 minutes, 52 seconds). *Patty Lou* was third (6 hours, 41 minutes, 50 seconds.) *Surf Rider*, *Alimony 111*, and *Channel Clipper* followed, the last boat getting in 8 hours, 41 minutes, 55 seconds after the start.

Click to read the exciting finish [HERE](#)

... The Long Beach-San Francisco Race is destined to be an offshore classic. The course presents every challenge imaginable to boat and crew. Because of its coastwise nature, the race lends itself to spectator participation like no other offshore race in the world. The warmth and enthusiasm of the people of Long Beach, Morro Bay, and San Francisco are second to none.

October 1967 will see another great Long Beach-San Francisco Race take place and it is hoped that entries will include international participation.



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

# SCYA 2021 Commodores' Cruise

Each year SCYA invites the Commodores of our member clubs to join us on a cruise - be it by land or by sea.

This year Commodore McNamara has chosen Newport Beach to be the destination November 5-7. The cruise will highlight the local clubs in the area for a variety of weekend activities.

Currently the schedule is:

Friday Centennial Dinner at BCYC

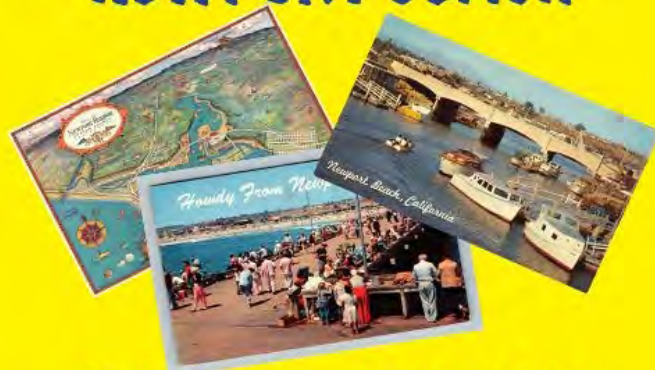
Saturday Luncheon at NHYC

Sunday Brunch TBD

Sunday Afternoon Entertainment at ALYC

Commodores, please watch your inboxes for an invitation to the event!

## **2021 SCYA Commodores' Cruise to Beautiful NEWPORT BEACH**



**FRIDAY - SUNDAY  
November 5 - 7**

**Dock your boat at Marina Park!!!  
Hotel Options Available**

**Let's Visit our Member Clubs in the Harbor**

**Friday - 100th Anniversary Dinner  
Saturday - Duffy Cruise and Cocktail Party  
Sunday - Brunch and Afternoon Activity**

# California Coastal Commission Clean-up Day



## **Your Yacht Club Can HELP!**

California Coastal Cleanup is the third Saturday of September. This year it is on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 9am-Noon. Goal is to remove the trash and plastic pollution at beaches and waterways throughout the state. In 2019, more than 74,000 volunteers picked up more than 900,000 pounds of trash from beaches and waterways throughout California.

The cleanup brings awareness to the marine litter problem and provides a community event for direct involvement. Join the movement for an environment where people and ecosystems can survive and thrive. Volunteer alongside your friends, families and other club members.

The event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy. California Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest volunteer event in the US and International Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest volunteer event on the planet!

Participate throughout the month by cleaning your neighborhoods, parks, and other local areas. Trash from inland areas flows downstream to the coast, so cleaning up neighborhood trash prevents marine debris. Gather cleanup supplies from home, download the CleanSwell app (to count your trash, and to have your trash counted!), and clean on your own time throughout September. More than 14,000 Californians participated in a neighborhood cleanup during September 2020, preventing over 150,000 pounds of trash from entering our stormwater systems and potentially polluting our coast and ocean.

For more information as to how you and/or your club can participate visit [coast4u@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:coast4u@coastal.ca.gov).

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#### SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS

# 2022 MidWinter Regatta

After not being able to hold the 2021 SCYA Mid-Winter Regatta, there is a lot of excitement in planning 2022. We are expecting to get a lot of participation up and down our Southern California coastline for this two weekend event. Please get with your Race Chairs to discuss your club's participation.



**SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS: Membership Committee**

# Membership Seminar This Month!

**SCYA Membership Seminar**

Shoreline Yacht Club  
386 Shoreline Drive South, Long Beach, CA 90802

**10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**  
**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

**These are always popular - be sure to attend!**

**Price: \$35**

[Click here to register](#)

Subjects to be discussed:

- Technology, Analytics and Social Media
- Entertainment and Events
- Diversity - group activity
- Open Forum: Reopening and Post Vaccinations
- Recruitment and Retention - Thinking Outside the Box
- Terminated or reduced membership due to Covid-19

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**SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - Kathy St. Amant Reports**

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

The Women's Boating Event is really shaping up. Registrations are ongoing, coaches have committed, volunteers are bringing boats, LA Beaches and Harbors and California Yacht Club are hosting the berths,

while CYC and SMWYC are preparing our land-based events and catering.

We have some wonderful sponsors: NAOS Yachts, Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, Neptune Marina, Lisa Bronitt Photography, CYC, US Sailing, Regatta Premium Craft Mixers, Alan's Artisan Soap Co., Ultimate Sailing, Dana Warf, and Captain Dave's. These are GREAT, but it isn't too late to get more. Our expenses are high, the food is the biggest item we must cover. Please put out your feelers for more sponsorships. We need raffle items as well.

As the event chair, I am still in the position of needing more assistance in the preparation and for the days of the event and need volunteers to make this successful. There are so many logistical avenues that must be attended to, from meeting the attendees, docking boats, moving coaches and VIPs to and from venues, monitoring the events, and daily interfacing with authorities, etc., etc., etc.

Please email me at [Kathy@SCYA.events](mailto:Kathy@SCYA.events) and let me know your availability on the 17th, 18th, and the 19th.

For SCYA's Centennial Celebration Year, this is our event to show our members why we are here.

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

Submitted by Kathy St. Amant  
Women's Boating Event Chair

Head gear, provided in a new concept in the 20's. "Under transport a world-famous, you have to be among the top boatmen your boat and your navigation equipment for this regatta," said Hildebrandt. "Who has competition from two countries plus the United States, and it's a very experienced and diversified field of boaters."



The regatta started on Aug. 12 and finished on Aug. 15 in Santa Monica Bay.

### OLYMPICS UPDATE

By JOHANN B. DARLING

The Olympic games closed off on July 27 with a closing ceremony opening July 25 and running through Aug. 8. The sailing competition, unfortunately, the United States did not make away with any medals for this round of the Olympics but here are the results for each sailing event provided by the official Olympic website at <http://olympic.com/>.

**Women's Windsurfer - RS:X Race 15**  
**Gold Medal:** China, Fu Ruofu  
**Silver Medal:** China, Zhongyi Wang  
**Bronze Medal:** Great Britain, Emma Wilson

**Men's Windsurfer - RS:X Race 15**  
**Gold Medal:** Netherlands, Vincent Besseke  
**Silver Medal:** China, Thomas Gohard  
**Bronze Medal:** China, Kun Bi

**Men's One Person Dinghy, Laser**  
**Gold Medal:** Australia, Mark Webb  
**Silver Medal:** Canada, Tomislav Mijatovic  
**Bronze Medal:** Norway, Håvard Torsvik

**Women's One Person Dinghy, Laser Radial**  
**Gold Medal:** Denmark, Anne-Marie Rasmussen  
**Silver Medal:** Sweden, Jenny Olsson  
**Bronze Medal:** Netherlands, Margie Bouwmeester

**Women's Skiff - 470**  
**Gold Medal:** United States, Catharine Clark and Jennifer Armstrong  
**Silver Medal:** Netherlands, Thea Lub and Suzanne de Vries  
**Bronze Medal:** Netherlands, Anneliese Bekkering and Anneliese Smit

**Men's Skiff - 470**  
**Gold Medal:** Great Britain, Garry Oakes and Stuart Bithell  
**Silver Medal:** New Zealand, Peter Bourke and Ross "Lal" Thomas  
**Bronze Medal:** Germany, Dirk Hehl and Thomas Thiemann

**Men's One Person Dinghy (Olympic)**  
**Gold Medal:** Great Britain, Scott Skelton  
**Silver Medal:** Hungary, Zoltan Balazs  
**Bronze Medal:** Spain, Juan Carlos Ferrer

**Mixed Multihull - Nacra 17 Flying Dutchman**  
**Gold Medal:** Italy, Riccardo "Riki" and Caterina Banti  
**Silver Medal:** Great Britain, John Dennis and Gennifer James  
**Bronze Medal:** Germany, Frank Kuehnelt and Alina Schumacher

The SCYA Olympics are scheduled to take place in Santa Monica



### ON THE HORIZONS

By JOHANN B. DARLING

#### Labour Day Regatta, SCYRA Ullman and Frost Series, Sept. 4-8

As America's Bay Fleet Club will host the Labour Day Regatta, Sept. 4-8. The regatta is open to ocean racing classes: 2001, 2003, 4-Cat, C-20, C-23, C-40, 2001, Formula 18, Hobie 16, 4-Cat, Laser, Mistral, Laser Radial, Laser A2, Nacra 17, International One Design and Multihull, Skandia, Tempest and Viper 540 and Bay Area classes: Nacra 17, Sunfish, Juniper A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z. Open to all SCYA members in \$10 and \$20 for non-members entry fees have to be submitted on or before August 20. There will be a \$20 late fee for entries submitted after that time. For full day for entry, a \$400 fee will be charged. For more information see <http://www.scya.com/olympics>.

#### Outlook Trophy Aug. 29

Southern Coast Competitive Yacht Club will host Outlook Trophy, an event to raise funds for the Red Cross. The regatta will be held on the Marina del Rey, September 29, 2009. Open to all SCYA members in \$10 and \$20 for non-members entry fees have to be submitted on or before August 20. There will be a \$20 late fee for entries submitted after that time. For full day for entry, a \$400 fee will be charged. For more information see <http://www.scya.com/olympics>.

#### 87th Annual Long Beach to Dana Point, Sept. 4

Shoreline Yacht Club, Dana Point Yacht Club, and Dana Point Yacht Club will host the 87th Annual Long Beach to Dana Point, Sept. 4. Open to all SCYA members in \$10 and \$20 for non-members entry fees have to be submitted on or before August 20. There will be a \$20 late fee for entries submitted after that time. For full day for entry, a \$400 fee will be charged. For more information see <http://www.scya.com/olympics>.



Marie Rogers Nelson Mares SS Marie during the workshop Tressac Dreams from 2009's event.

#### Southern California Yachting Association Celebrates 100 Years by Expanding Women's Boating Event

The 31st annual event will be held over to days at Marina del Rey's Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club and the California Yacht Club.

By JOHANN B. DARLING

SEA, BEACH - The Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a special event on the Marina del Rey's Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club and the California Yacht Club. The event will take place on September 18th and 19th. The event will feature a variety of activities, including a regatta, a workshop, and a social event. The regatta will be held on the Marina del Rey's Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club. The workshop will be held on the California Yacht Club. The social event will be held on the Marina del Rey's Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club.

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

**The Southern California Yachting Association is celebrating A Century of Service**

As part of our celebration, we have extended our 31st Women's Boating Event to two days!

**NEW WORKSHOPS**  
Saturday:  
Junior Match Racing  
Girls 9-17

**ALL WOMEN BOATERS**  
2 Days of Workshops & Events  
25+ Workshops to choose from  
Topics for all Levels  
On the water, "classroom,"  
dockside - sail & power

**Featured Speakers:**  
Captain Debbie Huntsman & Rosalie Green  
Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner - Parties!  
A full weekend EVENT

**LEARN MORE & SIGN UP TODAY**  
[www.scya.com/events/womens-event/](http://www.scya.com/events/womens-event/)

Check out our ad and editorial write up in August 20 - Sept 2 edition of *The Log* - page 22-23.

## SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - Marie Rogers Inclusive Boating Chair

# Inclusive Boating



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 AT 7:30 AM PDT – 3:30 PM  
PDT

**National Women's Sailing Association  
Conference**

Jackson Park Yacht Club • Chicago, Illinois

*On a National Level:*

NATIONAL WOMENS SAILING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE  
Jackson Park Yacht Club, Chicago on September 11  
In Person or Online

The theme SHARING SAILING! celebrates women of all colors who teach, coach and find ways to invite women aboard — as well as the sailors who come to learn. All women sailors attending the September 11th educational event will find new opportunities to connect with friends, meet new shipmates, perhaps discover a new place to sail, and of course, learn new skills.

LIVE IN-PERSON, LIVE ONLINE VIDEO, PREMIERS

Streaming select interactive workshops so both live and virtual attendees can interact. Premiering new instructional videos to offer a

rich, concurrent on-line conference. Join no matter where you are!  
Classes include: Diesel Basics Using Charts to Plot a Course How to  
Buy a Boat Sustainable Sailing And more!

Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

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# US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminars



SCYA co-sponsors Safety at Sea Seminars with US Sailing in this region. There is an upcoming regional programs scheduled and they currently have availability – please let your club members know about these opportunities.

**California Yacht Club**, Marina del Rey, October 2-3 -

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER

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## UPCOMING MEETING

# Copper Bottom Paint Fight Continues

*Please consider attending the Port of San Diego meeting to discuss  
this topic on Sept 14, 2021.*

Letter from the Copper Reduction Program Team  
Port of San Diego

Dear San Diego Bay Boating Community,

As part of the Port of San Diego's Copper Reduction Program and on-going efforts to improve water quality in the Shelter Island Yacht Basin (SIYB) and San Diego Bay, the Port is considering an **eight-week pause** on in-water hull cleaning of boats with copper-based paint in the SIYB to begin in December of this year. The pause will reduce copper loads and improve water quality during that period and weekly water testing will be conducted.

As the mechanism to implement the temporary in-water hull cleaning pause, Port staff will seek direction on a proposed amendment to Article 4.14 of the District Code, Regulation of In-Water Hull Cleaning, at the Board of Port Commissioners' September 14, 2021 monthly Board meeting. The public is invited to participate in the meeting. The agenda and details on how to participate will be posted here on or shortly after Thursday, September 9.

Interested parties can find the Draft In-Water Hull Cleaning Pilot Pause Study Sampling and Analysis Plan [here](#), and the draft proposed Amendment to Article 4.14 of the District Code, Regulation of In-Water Hull Cleaning, [here](#) as a red-line/strikethrough, and [here](#) as a clean version.

The Port's Copper Reduction Program focuses on reducing and eliminating sources of dissolved copper in the bay. Too much copper in the water can have a variety of adverse effects on sea life. In San

Diego Bay, the SIYB has been identified as an area where high copper levels exceed federal and state standards. A regulatory order requires the Port of San Diego, marinas, yacht clubs, hull cleaners and boaters to reduce copper pollution in this area by 76 percent by 2022.

Together with the boating community, we've reduced copper loading in SIYB by 45 percent, but we can and need to do more.

These documents are also available at [portofsandiego.org/copper-reduction-program](http://portofsandiego.org/copper-reduction-program).

Copper Reduction Program Team  
Port of San Diego

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## News from RBOC

### SEPTEMBER RECREATIONAL BOATERS OF CALIFORNIA NEWS



What's going on at RBOC? Click [HERE](#) to read the latest on these topics in this month's RBOC *BOATER BRIEF*:

- Boat Registration Fee Increase - Prevented for Now
- Governor Signs Fix-it Ticket Legislation

- Sport Fishing Licenses
- 30x30 and Navigable Waterways
- Privacy Act Accommodations for Warranties and Recalls

**RBOC BOATER BRIEF**  
Protecting your boating interests.  
925 L Street • Suite 260  
Sacramento CA 95814  
www.rbo.org  
Recreational Boaters of California  
FALL 2021

**250% Boat Registration Fee Hike - Prevented for Now**  
RBOC appreciates the action taken by Governor Newsom and the State Legislature to remove a proposed 250% increase in boat registration fees from the state budget in response to the serious concerns raised by RBOC, our national advocacy partner Boat Owners Association of The United States, and boating associations including the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association, Southern California Yachting Association, Marine Recreation Association, California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains, California Yacht Brokers Association, National Marine Manufacturers Association,

California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains, thousands of California boaters who took action, and several other allied organizations.

"This is the right decision for boaters," responded RBOC President Winston Bumpus. "The further we look into the many different pots where boater-generated fuel tax dollars are placed, the more questions boaters have identified about the fairness of a registration fee increase."

Continued Bumpus: "For instance, boaters pay \$107 million each year in fuel taxes to the state, yet only \$15 million [14%] is provided to the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund [HWRF] for a number of programs and services including boater education and operator certification, safety and enforcement on the waterways, boating facilities, removal of abandoned and derelict watercraft,

and efforts to combat invasive species."

Added David B. Kennedy with BoatU.S. Government Affairs: "This is a great demonstration of the benefits of boaters engaging on issues that matter to their boating. Working with RBOC, over 4,000 messages were sent by BoatU.S. members to the legislature and governor. It's clear their voices were heard."

The final state budget action allocates state general fund dollars to the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund [HWRF] administered by the Division of Boating and Waterways [DBW] for a variety of programs and services that benefit boaters.

RBOC and others will participate in a public stakeholder process DBW will initiate in the near future to develop recommendations to the Legislature for long-term solutions to the deficiencies that DBW and State Parks state that the HWRF is experiencing. Boat registration fees will be part of that conversation, together with efficiencies and improvements to existing programs and revisions to better serve the boating public.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

# Now that's an Old Boat!



## Old Boat - New Digs

*This is what was happening 4500 Years before SCYA was founded! Commodore McNamara wanted to share this as he visited the King Khufu Solar Boat (above) while it was in its original museum.*

*PUBLISHED AUG 13, 2021 3:38 PM BY THE MARITIME EXECUTIVE*

Egypt is proceeding with efforts to preserve and display the world's oldest intact ship following the relocation of a 4,600-year-old Pharaoh's ship to a new museum that is set to open outside the capital Cairo. As part of efforts to preserve its ancient heritage, the country has relocated the King Khufu Solar Boat from the archaeological site of the Giza pyramids to a dedicated building within the Grand Egyptian Museum, a state-of-the-art venue slated to open later this year.

Presumably built for King Khufu, the Solar Boat is considered to be the oldest intact ship in the world. Linking to King Khufu it is believed to

have been placed around 2500 BCE in a pit at the foot of the Great Pyramid of Giza and was discovered in 1954 by the Egyptologist Kamal el-Mallakh. The boat was first shown to the public in 1985 in the Giza Solar Boat Museum, close to where it was found.

The delicate operation to transport the boat to its new home was undertaken by the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in collaboration with a consortium of Belgium's Besix and Egypt's Orascom Construction. It took six months to prepare for the 10-hour trip operation. The two companies are also in charge of the construction of the Grand Egyptian Museum, the world's largest museum dedicated to a single civilization. Earlier this year in a spectacular show, Egypt began moving other artifacts to the museum.

"The project to transport the first Khufu boat aims to preserve the largest, oldest and most important organic relic, made of wood, in human history, which is more than 4600 years old, and to display it in a proper manner commensurate with its importance in the Grand Egyptian Museum," said the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

The ship, which weighs 45 tons with a length of 143 feet and a width of 19 feet, was transported to its new home by a self-propelled modular transporter that reached its destination at a speed of one kilometer per hour.

"This will be a major museum jewel for the world to which we have just added a fantastic additional piece, the world's oldest intact ship," said Pierre Sironval, BESIX Group Deputy CEO.

The Grand Egyptian Museum is one of the largest constructions in

modern Egypt and will be the home of thousands of objects documenting Egyptian civilization, including the treasure of Tutankhamun whose 5,300 objects will be displayed for the first time since their discovery in 1922. Built on the Giza Plateau, the museum has a total surface area of approximately five million square feet and is expected to attract millions of visitors annually to Egypt.

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