



SEARCHLIGHT



The Monthly Newsletter of Southern California Yachting Association

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UPCOMING MEETING

Saturday, October 2nd

General Membership Meeting - 12:00
Board Meeting - 10:30
San Diego Yacht Club

Hybrid Meeting with In-Person and Zoom Participants

Board Meeting 10:30 am

General Membership Meeting at 12:00 pm

San Diego Yacht Club, San Diego

Speakers:

Peter Phillips - SCYA Adaptive Boating Chair
Marie Rogers - SCYA Inclusion Committee Chair

Luncheon reservations have closed but Click [HERE](#) to Register for 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 – All SCYA's General Membership Meetings will be Hybrid Meetings with in-person and Zoom participants.

NEXT Month's Meeting will be Saturday, November 13th at Long Beach Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA

From the Helm



Bill McNamara
Commodore
SCYA

Ahoy!

Fall has befallen us. Cloud cover brought dropping temperatures, the US Navy Blue Angels and US Air Force Thunderbirds began practicing here for the Huntington Beach Airshow, and days are shorter all heralding this fourth season of SCYA's Centennial Year. CoViD pushed many boating events into this end of the year. Mooring utilization at Catalina set records as boaters sought the freedom of the ocean and the island. And boat sales resulted in unprecedentedly low inventory levels. All very good for increasing the pool of active boaters that SCYA member clubs cast their nets to recruit new members.

Last month, SCYA hosted its annual Membership Seminar. Committee Chair Christine Doll and technologist Scott LaMay led presentations and break-out sessions with Membership Committee chairs from SCYA's clubs. Most attendees represented clubs that had boating-activity requirements of prospective members and a few had limited numbers of memberships available for non-boat owners (frequently called shore or social memberships - without voting or office holding rights). Attendees were reminded that fishing is better in the water and Yacht Club recruiting is better in the marina. This reinforces SCYA's commitments to supporting our member clubs primarily with boating oriented Education, Coordination, Communication and Celebration as seen on our website, periodic Spotlight emails and monthly Searchlight newsletters.

As CoVID waned, SCYA was fortunate to be able to schedule our 33rd women's' boating event (WBE) which started decades ago when this largest identifiable group of active boaters were not being asked to join yacht clubs. Through increasing knowledge and demonstrated expertise we can be proud that this once underrepresented group is now increasingly embraced as equal members, and often as the primary yacht club members in their households. Women are increasingly common in the elected and appointed leadership of our clubs. This path to inclusivity is well understood. Women became an active part of the boater demographic that yacht clubs recruit from... and yacht clubs began to recruit them. Finding interested boaters is every Membership Chair's responsibility; it is easiest when the club will welcome active boaters without biases or reservations.

As SCYA strives to assist member clubs that wish to have a membership more reflective of their local communities, we encourage them to go into their local active boating community and recruit for the diversities they desire. When SCYA formed the Community Outreach Committee, the intent was to make all members of the boating community aware of the reasons our 90+ clubs' thousands of boaters have found that yacht club(s) enrich their lives year after year. At this Saturday's SCYA meeting we'll hear from the chairs of two of the Community Outreach subcommittees. SCYA Director and Adaptive Boating committee chair, Peter Phillips will explain the ongoing activities of numerous area adaptive boating groups... some are within existing SCYA clubs while others are made up primarily of adaptive boaters coming together as a Community Sailing Organization (CSO). What they all have in

common is a pool of active boaters that require some adaptation to the boats and/or facilities they use. As Peter will show, any of our clubs would be lucky to recruit from this demographic of active boaters. Another Director, Marie Rogers will speak and solicit questions about her Inclusive Boating subcommittee's efforts in encouraging active boating among members of other under-served demographics while simultaneously helping clubs seeking increased diversity learn how best to overcome conscious or unconscious impediments to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). SCYA looks forward to helping clubs and all members of the boating community... to find and support each other in our second century.

Fair Winds,

Bill McNamara

Commodore SCYA

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN:

SCYA Celebrates 100 Years



A Look Back at Newport Harbor



Above photo is Newport Harbor circa 1925. Unknown source.

The following articles are reproduced from SCYA's Centennial Celebration webpages found at www.scya.events Original stories appeared in the SCYA 2017 Race Calendar & Yacht Club Directory.

As we prepare to visit Newport Harbor for the 2021 Commodores' Cruise and Centennial Dinner, it seemed like a nice time to check in on the history of our two host clubs - Newport Harbor Yacht Club

and Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. This month we take a look at the history of Newport Harbor Yacht Club.



Newport Harbor Yacht Club

The history of the Newport Harbor Yacht Club, established in 1916, is intertwined with the development of the city of Newport Beach and its world-renowned yachting and recreational harbor. Since 1919, the Club's permanent home has been at its present location at 720 W. Bay Avenue.

Dr. Albert Soiland, the Norwegian-born founder and first commodore of the Club, was a man with an inborn love of sailing and the sea. He first saw Lower Newport Bay in 1906, when it was still the marshy estuary of the Santa Ana River. Familiar with the great ports of America and Europe, he dreamed of a future Newport Harbor. Sharing Soiland's harbor vision were the founders of the new city of Newport Beach, incorporated in the summer of 1906 with a year-round population of 230 people. Old-timers among them looked back to the nineteenth century when, for two decades, Newport Landing on the inner shores of the bay had been used by lumber schooners as a shipping port. Because of shallow, shifting channels and the

unprotected entrance at Corona del Mar, navigation was dangerous and uncertain.

After repeated attempts to interest the federal government in harbor reclamation failed, this pioneer enterprise was moved in 1889 from the bay to McFadden's ocean wharf where it flourished through the 1890s.

Formation of the Newport Harbor Yacht Club in 1916 strengthened local confidence at a time when plans were at last under way for the first harbor improvement projects financed by the city of Newport Beach and Orange County. Within a few years, the Santa Ana River was diverted from the Lower Bay, channels were dredged and a short west jetty was constructed at the bay's entrance. Newport Beach business and professional leaders took pride in the new Club, and a number of them signed up as charter members. When the former pavilion was freshly painted and renovated as the new clubhouse, the Club became a nucleus of social and civic life in the little peninsula community.

Early Newport Bay reclamation projects were to prove disappointing. The task was too great and had barely begun when money ran scarce. County-wide support was lacking. Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, however, Newport Harbor Yacht Club members joined every movement for government-financed harbor development. By their example and enthusiasm, they and increasing numbers of other boat owners awakened public interest in water-related activities of all kinds. Yachting grew rapidly despite the limitations of the bay's treacherous entrance, its sandbars and its tidal flats. Club events and boat parades drew thousands of enthusiastic spectators from all over Southern California.

The long struggle for the creation of Newport Harbor ended with the

final major jetty extension, dredging and landfill projects completed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers in 1936. In May of that year, the Club hosted the largest and most joyous celebration in the town's thirty-year history. This dedication of Newport Harbor, with its safe entrance and deep channels, was the turning point in the history of the city. A glorious new era began for Newport Harbor Yacht Club.

CLICK [HERE](#) to read more about our other SCYA Member Clubs.

SCYA MEETING NEWS

Old Timer's Trophy Awarded to SYC-LB



Traditionally, SCYA hosts an annual luncheon honoring our member clubs Staff Commodores. To up the ante, a trophy is presented to the club who has the most staff commodores present.

This year the event was held at the September meeting at the beautifully renovated Newport Harbor Yacht Club. After an educational and entertaining presentation by SC Shawn Milligan on the History of SCYA, the room was silent as the announcement was made.

The 2021 winning club was Shoreline Yacht Club of Long Beach with eight Staff Commodores present. Coming up in second place was Lake Gregory Yacht Club with six Staff Commodores in attendance. Both Clubs went home with an "Old Salt" trophy to display for a year.



NOW OPEN FOR RESERVATIONS

SCYA 2021 Commodores' Cruise

Friday November 5th - Sunday November 7th

SCYA's Commodores' Cruise is designed to give Commodores from our 90+ Member Yacht Clubs an opportunity to come together and socialize. The 2021 Commodores' Cruise will include visits to some of the yacht clubs that call Newport Harbor home.

This year, being SCYA's 100th Anniversary, we have included a kick-off dinner which is open to all SCYA Delegates and Alternate Delegates as well as current and Staff Commodores or their surrogates. SCYA Officers, Appointed Officers, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Honorary and Staff Commodores are also welcome. The Centennial Celebration will be held at BCYC and will be an evening of great food, libations, music and dancing. Don't Miss It!

Saturday is a full day of fun with a luncheon at NHYC, a Duffy excursion in the afternoon and a Cocktail Party at the home of South Shore Yacht Club (Newport Beach Yacht Club) that won't leave you hungry. Saturday and Sunday events are for Member Clubs' Commodores or Surrogates and SCYA Hosts - SCYA Board of Directors, Officers, Appointed Officers and Staff Commodores only.

Sunday is a relaxing morning where you can use your own reciprocal privileges and have brunch at one of the many yacht clubs in the harbor. Finish the weekend at the home of American Legion Yacht Club listening to music and ordering some lunch.

Please come by boat or car. Use your reciprocals for a yacht club slip or mooring or stay at Marina Park 949-270-8159 - harbormaster@newportbeachca.gov. If you need a hotel room there are a number around in various price ranges. We do not have a block

of rooms reserved.

Cruise charges are in three categories.

All Weekend Pass (all activities Friday and Saturday)

Friday Dinner Only

All Saturday Activities

Sunday - is open but we need a reservation count for ALYC

Itinerary:

November 5 – 7, 2021

Friday Night Centennial Celebration – Dinner and Dancing at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club . 6pm – 10pm – \$89 per person. Semi-Formal Attire.

Saturday Activities – \$136 per person

Luncheon at Newport Harbor Yacht Club 12pm – 2pm

Afternoon Duffy Ride and Scavenger Hunt 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Evening Cocktail Party with Heavy Appetizers at Newport Beach Yacht Club (home to South Shore Yacht Club and Women's Sailing Association of Orange County) No Host Bar. 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday Activities

Brunch on your own – Make a Reservation to visit one of your friendly, welcoming reciprocal Yacht Clubs

Afternoon music at American Legion Post #291 (Home of American Legion Yacht Club.) Reservation for entry is required. Lunch is available. 1pm – 5pm

Pricing:

All Weekend Pass – Friday night, Saturday Activities and Sunday

American Legion \$225

Friday Centennial Dinner Only \$89

Saturday Activities Only \$136

Sunday Reservation for ALYC No Host Bar / Lunch

Registration is now open. CLICK [HERE](#) to sign up!

SCYA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INVITES YOU

100th Anniversary
A CENTURY OF SERVICE
1921-2021

Commodores' Cruise 2021 to Newport Beach

LET'S ENJOY OUR LOCAL MEMBER CLUBS
COME BY LAND OR SEA

FRIDAY, NOV. 5 - SUNDAY NOV. 7

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY EVENING - 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AT BAHIA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB
SATURDAY - LUNCH AT NEWPORT HARBOR YACHT CLUB

AFTERNOON DUFFY SCAVENGER HUNT
EVENING - COCKTAIL PARTY WITH HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES
AT NEWPORT BEACH YACHT CLUB - HOME OF SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB AND WSA/OC

SUNDAY BRUNCH ON YOUR OWN - USE YOUR RECIPROCALLS!
SUNDAY AFTERNOON - MUSIC AND FOOD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 291 - HOME OF ALYC

Visit SCYA.org for event pricing and
reservations

www.scya.org/PosterMyWall.com

SCYA Centennial Gala - open to all!



Friday, November 5th

Who's invited???

Member Clubs: All Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Commodores (or surrogates) and Staff Commodores

Host Club - SCYA: Current Officers, Appointed Officers, Board of Directors, Honorary and Staff Commodores, Committee Chairs

Join us for a lovely evening at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club.
No-Host Cocktails at 6, Dinner at 7 and Dancing at 8.
\$89 per person.

Please visit SCYA.org to register, or click [HERE](#).

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: Steve Harvey Reports

Membership Seminar Recap

Twenty five participants from 14 SCYA member clubs participated in an informative and interactive session exploring a myriad of ideas and issues facing yacht clubs' Membership Chairs in this challenging time.

Christine Doll, R/C PMYC, and Scott LaMay, V/C, PCMY, did a fantastic job presenting technology tools to enhance recruitment and retention of members in the morning session. Using these tools enable more rapid follow up to potential member inquiries and more thorough contact and follow up with potential members.

Managing communication with new and not so new members is also critical for member retention. Using these advanced tools provides a tremendous improvement in speed and volume of communication resulting in increased member satisfaction and participation in club events.

Following lunch, Christine facilitated an interactive session in which we did a deep dive to analyze each club's membership activities strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis). In that exercise, three groups collaborated to identify club-specific items within these four membership recruitment and retention categories: 1) Strengths supporting recruitment and retention, 2) Weaknesses working against

membership, 3) Opportunities to improve recruitment and retention and 4) Threats affecting membership success.

Each group summarized and reported on each of the four categories – a great sharing and learning experience for each of us to take back to our clubs and integrate into our membership recruitment and retention strategies and tactics.

Thank you Christine and Scott for a great seminar!

SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - Kathy St. Amant Reports

Women's Boating Event Recap

SCYA's 31st Women's Boating Event

The event kicked off on Friday night with a hamburger and hot dog dinner for the coaches and certain volunteers at SMWYC. The coaches checked in, received their COACH hats and arm bands for the weekend. As I was providing information to the coaches for the WBE, we were disrupted by an earthquake. I was so busy keeping the bullet points I needed to share in my mind that I never felt it.

Saturday started off with breakfast and short discussions on VHF DNC radios given by Norm Perron, and navigating Santa Monica Bay by Captain Wendy Sarnoff who really worked the room. Everyone got a chart of the bay and went to work plotting

the day's adventure to come, then went out to their assigned boats waiting for them in Burton Chase Park and the fleet took off for King Harbor. Along the way the skippers and coaches kept the ladies busy as they learned about "The Cruising Life".

Once in King Harbor, some boats anchored, and some picked up a mooring for lunch. KHYC enjoyed surprise visits from the group as some went in to eat and see the clubhouse. After a few hours of hanging out, taking dinghy rides, etc. we all headed back to MdR with a beautiful breeze to take us home.

While the ladies were out on the water to King Harbor, quite a few juniors were learning all about match racing out of SMWYC, under the watchful eyes of Coach Steve Potter. They were out in the club's Santana 20's duking it out team by team.

Saturday's dinner at SMWYC was a packed house and packed evening. Our first special guest speaker was USCG LTJG Christina Sandstedt, Commander, USCG Cutter Black Fin, based in Santa Barbara. The room of women learned from her that leadership is the key to gaining the respect women deserve when we are on the water sharing responsibilities.

Following her, Captain Debbie Huntsman used a very different method to reach the audience; she shared digital paintings she created on her iPad. Beautiful images of the water, her sailing adventures, the weather, and more. Utilizing the images, she broached topics that left the group with much to ponder. At the end of her presentation, Debbie put one of her images up for the raffle.

Sunday was sunny and beautiful. The group met at California Yacht Club for breakfast, then all separated and went to their respective workshops. One group jumped into the CYC pool under the guidance of US Sailing's Bruce Brown and Dave Robertson to learn about survival in the water. The liferaft was inflated ahead of time and was ready for the women to climb in and help each other make it "alive". Afterwards, many shared with me the importance of what they learned in those three hours in the pool. The rest of the ladies were either in land-based workshops or out on the water learning many aspects about boating, from basic maintenance, rigging, racing, sail trim, celestial navigation, and on and on.

Lunch on the patio provided a much-needed break for the information they learned in the morning to soak in before heading out again. But first: Rosalie Green shared the loss of *Green Dragon 2* with the crew. For the ladies who just climbed into a liferaft, hearing Rosalie share the real experience left a huge impression. All headed out for their afternoon workshops and had a great time learning more and more.

The cocktail party on the lawn at CYC, sponsored by NAOS YACHTS, MdR, was also a huge success. The food was never ending, and the drinks flowed freely. The boat owners were given a huge round of applause for their generosity, the coaches were applauded for their hard work, and everyone left very happy. The group left slowly not wanting the 31st WBE to end.

SCYA has so many volunteers to thank for their hard work to make this event happen. Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club and Rear Commodore Kathie Bass, California Yacht Club and

liaison Mary Stuyvesant, 40 coaches which included 10 boat owners. Plus, NAOS provided 2 boats, CYC provided 3 boats, and SMWYC provided 5 boats. Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors provided slips for all of Saturday's activities, CYC provided slips for all of Sunday's activities. I personally want to thank SCYA Director Owen Provence for jumping in and helping me with the attendance list and workshop signups. A very time intensive job. Also, Christine Pernin who went out early in 2021 and found our very important sponsors. We cannot run an event like this without sponsors. My special thanks to Lisa Bronitt and Rick Horner, both professional photographers who gave up their time all three days to photograph the events. The processing of the hundreds of images is almost done. Links to see them and purchase favorites will be out shortly. My list of thank you's could fill ten more issues of The Searchlight. All who were there for me, THANK YOU. You all know who you are, every one of you just as important as the other.

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





SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - Peter Phillips, Adaptive Boating Chair

Adaptive Boating



Warrior Sailing held Basic Keelboat training at SDYC from 9/22 – 9/28. Sunshine, smiles, camaraderie, learning, healing, and growth. Thank you to our awesome coaches, volunteers, and local supporters.

Here is a partial list of Regional Adaptive Boating organizations.

Warrior Sailing

(WS) - <http://warriorsailing.org/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/warriorsailing/>

[ook.com/warriorsailingprogram/](http://www.warriorsailingprogram.com)

Getting military service members on the water can provide physical, mental, and emotional therapy for a variety of injuries and illness. Sailing is an outlet to cope with the long-term effects of PTSD, brain injury, amputation, paralysis, and nerve damage...plus it's really fun way for our warrior sailors to express their most natural abilities: teamwork and competitive drive.

Adaptive Freedom Foundation

(AFF) <https://www.adaptivefreedomfoundation.org/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AdaptiveFreedomFoundation>

AFF's California chapter coordinates activities out of Huntington Beach. Adaptive Freedom Foundation is dedicated to offering open water experiences for people with disabilities including those that are excluded from participation. AFF adapts oceanic activity promoting accessibility and inclusion. They float people in wheelchairs in water in their WASUP's (Wheelchair Adapted Stand Up Paddleboards), on a paddle board, on the water! AFF held a Paddle Day at . AFF has held three Paddle Days in our area this summer: Marina Park, Newport Beach on August 28th, August 29th at Mother's Beach, Long Beach and on September 18th they held a Paddle Day at Dana Point.



Challenged Sailors San Diego

(CSSD) <https://www.challengedsailors.org/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/search/topq=challenged%20sailors%20san%20diego>

Challenged Sailors continues to get physically challenged sailors out on the water. Currently they have a fleet of 8 Martin 16's, and a Hansa SKUD.

U.S. Patriot Sailing

(USPS) <https://www.uspatriotsailing.org/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SailUSPatriot>

US Patriot Sailing, a national organization with a San Diego chapter, supports our veteran community by welcoming our fellow veterans back onto a winning TEAM. They offer camaraderie, mission accomplishment, and new dynamic experiences. USPS fosters supportive and understanding to veteran communities, ready to help teammates navigate the hardships of transition, rehabilitation after injury, and the complex life challenges associated with combat deployments.

California Inclusive Sailing – Newport Beach (CIS-NB) <https://www.facebook.com/California-Inclusive-Sailing-Newport-Beach-2148974655393071>

Christian Buhl leads this not-for-profit organization with a 16' RS Venture, named 4U, that sails every week out of Lido Isla Yacht Club in Newport Beach. Their 2021 Goal is to include as many inner-city children, disabled veterans, etc. as possible to sail with them.

News from CIS:

- 1901 Bayside Drive public dock in Newport Beach is officially open. This dock was previously closed by the Sheriff's Department. The closure caught the attention of the California Coastal Commission and a few local citizens who came together and asked for change. On Sept. 21, Christian sailed to the Bayside Drive dock and three amputees on their RS Venture "4U" during the Harvest Full Moon. They sailed out to the Pacific and had a peaceful sail.
- On 10/2/21, Christian and team member John Pascal Van Houden (JP) will host a health and wellness round table for the Harvard Alumni California Chapter. Outdoor recreation and Parkinson's disease is the topic of the day. 4U will be on display and ready to sail.

Team River Runner San Diego (TRRSD)

<https://www.teamriverrunner.org/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TeamRiverRunnerSanDiego/>

Team River Runner San Diego (TRRSD) is one of about 65 chapters of TRR National that provides opportunities for Veterans and Active-Duty soldiers to find health, healing, community purpose, and new challenges through paddle sports.

Some of their activities include monthly flat-water paddles on Mission Bay both for patients at Balboa Medical Center as part of their recovery program and for local Veterans dealing with any of the injuries that occurred while they were in a theater of war or afterward. They can bring family and friends, and participants seeking the therapeutic benefits of paddling do not have to be a Veteran. TRRSD did not hold any events in SoCal in the past several months and unfortunately, ALL Team River Runner chapters, nationally, are immediately suspending all indoor and outdoor paddling sessions until further notice.

San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club

<https://sdmbbbsc.org/>

SDMBBSC holds a Blind Ski Clinic and teaches sightless children and adults to water ski several times a year during the summer months at Hidden Anchorage located on Fiesta Island. The Blind Ski program gives the participants self-assurance and knowledge they can participate in other activities.

Please let me know if your club or organization has an adaptive program.

Peter Phillips - bluepeter2020@outlook.com.

SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - Marie Rogers Inclusive Boating Chair

Inclusive Boating



Photo Courtesy of Chicago Sun-Times

On a National Level:

National Sailing Hall of Fame Inductee - Captain William D. "Bill" Pinkney

Solo Circumnavigator

2021 Lifetime Achievement Award

Reprinted from National Sailing Hall of Fame Inductee List 2021

Bill Pinkney had a dream. After spending eight years in the United States Navy as a hospital corpsman (1956-1964), and working several jobs ranging from a limbo dancer to make-up artist, he got more serious working for Revlon and later the Johnson Products Company and finally the City of Chicago. One

thing he had in his mind was to sail around the world – alone.

Pinkney learned to sail while living in Puerto Rico after his time in the Navy. One of his goals was to leave a legacy for his grandchildren, April and Brian Walton. To have an inspiring impact Pinkney spent a few years setting up educational programs and engaged a film crew to follow his voyage. It was a major undertaking. Up until his departure on August 5, 1990, no African American had attempted such a bold adventure.

His yacht was a Valiant 47-foot sloop named “The Commitment” that he purchased from blue water veteran Mark Schrader. The boat had been adapted for singlehanded sailing. The voyage featured the rounding of the five great capes including Cape Horn, which has the reputation of being the windiest part of the world. The 27,000 mile circumnavigation took 22 months and ended on June 9, 1992.

Throughout the trip Pinkney sent footage back to Globe TV and communicated with some 30,000 school children. The finished production titled, “The Incredible Voyage of Bill Pinkney,” won the George Foster Peabody Award for excellence in children’s television programming. The film has aired on the Disney Channel, National Geographic and PBS stations. He was in high demand as a public speaker. His book, “Captain Bill Pinkney’s Journey” was used for learning to read, and for teaching the lessons of commitment and reaching goals. His talks, book and film have inspired thousands of sailors of all ages...

Read the full story here <https://nshof.org/inductees/pinkney-william/>

ON A LOCAL LEVEL – LETTER FROM SMWYC COMMODORE WENDY SARNOFF

August 15th, 2021, "Commodores Invitational Open House", It's about time! What a joy to invite members of my community to MY CLUB! Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club hosted their invitational open house to friends of SMWYC. I give thanks to our bridge and board members Kathe Bass and Raissa White for helping spread the good news about SMWYC and what yacht clubs must look like.

Supported by Staff Commodore Gisele of IBOG and Commodore Rick Horner from Marina City Club Yacht Club, we celebrated what SMWYC IS... "The little club with a big heart"! We met at 1000 hours greeted by Erin at the front desk, then, came into the board room for introductions and a brief history of SMWYC.

There were questions, "What do you have to offer?" "We don't have a pool or tennis courts, so let's go take a look and see." We have paddle boards, bicycles, kayaks, adult sailing lessons, a juniors program for our mini mariners, cruising, racing, events, celebrations and boats-o-plenty, so we can sail with members and friends.

We toured SMWYC, the boats, members boats and wound up together on the "Yellow Catamaran", *Caritas*, (which isn't really yellow, but it has a lot of yellow on it!). It's sunshine-bright, just like our day.

At the conclusion we visited the most amazing viewing promontory in MARINA DEL REY, the SMWYC Food and Beverage, place to be, with Chef

IZZY. German at the bar, prepared beverages for all, as we stepped out on the upper level patio to celebrate "Lots-o-Knots" with Commodore, Wendy. Gisele took pictures (there were lots of pictures), and amazingly, we didn't have to ask anyone to smile, because everyone just SMILED, enthusiastic and interested, the whole morning.

That's what we did! More importantly, take a moment and glance over the photos, everyone is welcome. Folks came just to learn more, about boating, about yacht clubs, about friendships, about inclusion, and the sign at the door "Members Only" means ALL People, ALL MEMBERS are Welcomed Here! I think of SMWYC as the every person yacht club, affordable, caring, genuine, small enough to know many, yet big enough to provide real opportunities to be on the water. Look at the time... oh my goodness... it's 1430hrs. People don't stay, if they aren't having fun. Did I get everyone's contact information? OOPS, NO! Did I know all of their names, you bet! Contact information... by the end of the day, everyone knew everyone. What I do know is... I will welcome you all, again, your friends, your families, your children and grandchildren, so we all may share in our greatest gift, the SEA!

LET'S GO SAILING, together!

Thank you for your time and sharing yourselves with us!

Club Pride!

Commodore Wendy Sarnoff



SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - John Miller, Chair



US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminars

Safety at Sea Program Schedule 2021 - 2022

In-person US Sailing Safety at Sea Courses are back! NEW FOR 2021 - Refresher Course If your certification has lapsed in the last 10 years for the International (ISAF) Offshore Safety at Sea with Hands-on Training You no longer need to take the Complete Two-day Course! Refresher Courses (Day-2 Modified Hands-on Only) are being offered at select locations (See Below)

Course Offerings and Dates

October 2-3, 2021 CYC Marina del Rey, CA International (ISAF) Offshore Safety at Sea With Hands-On Training: Info and Registration

October 3, 2021 CYC Marina del Rey, CA Refresher and Hands-on Only:
Info and Registrations

January 29-30, 2022 SDYC San Diego, CA International (ISAF) Offshore
Safety at Sea With Hands-On Training: Info and Registration

January 30, 2022 SDYC San Diego, CA Refresher and Hands-on Only:
Info and Registrations

February 26-27, 2022 JPYC Chicago, IL International (ISAF) Offshore
Safety at Sea With Hands-On Training: Info and Registration

February 26-27, 2022 JPYC Chicago, IL Refresher and Hands-on Only:
Info and Registrations

June 18-19, 2022 SWYC San Diego, CA International (ISAF) Offshore
Safety at Sea With Hands-On Training: Info and Registration

June 19, 2022 SWYC San Diego, CA Refresher and Hands-on Only: Info
and Registrations

Additional Offerings are Listed on the US Sailing Website. See [US Sailing Website](#) for registration.

There is a wealth of information available on the US Sailing website specific to Safety at Sea: Safety at Sea Resources. You also have the option to purchase a "Safety at Sea: A Guide to Safety Under Sail and Personal Survival."

News from RBOC

OCTOBER RECREATIONAL BOATERS OF CALIFORNIA NEWS



RBOC takes on Dana Point Boaters Association Advocacy

Click [HERE](#) to read the letter written by RBOC to the California State Lands Commission.

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Long Beach Break Wall (Kelp Forrest plan) update: October 2021

Kelp or No Kelp, that is the Question
By Todd Leutheuser, VP South, RBOC

A Little History

In 2019, at the request and expense from the City of Long Beach, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) produced a feasibility study to remove some, or all, of the eastern portion of the almost 10-mile ocean break wall built in the WWII era to protect the harbor. The study was commissioned under the auspice that the waters in the eastern portion of San Pedro Bay would benefit with more wave and tidal action. The eastern area, protected by the breakwater, is a five-mile coast which is buffeted between two (mostly concrete lined) "rivers" which collect much of the rainfall from the heavily populated Los Angeles basin. It is important to note that the eastern portion of the Alamitos Bay is home to four commercial oil islands, an

enormous boating community and a safe harbor for large commercial mooring.

Keep the Break Wall, But...

The 2019 ACOE feasibility study determined that removing any of the break wall, was indeed, not feasible. However, the ACOE determined that the ecosystem could be “restored” by creating a series of artificial reefs to encourage the growth of underwater vegetation, which would promote sea life helping to ultimately clean the area’s waters. Implementation of the plan would be mostly funded by the ACOE, and partly funded by the City of Long Beach.

Proposed Kelp in Navigational Waterways

The ACOE’s artificial reef plan included building over 120 acres of kelp forest, much of which is in U.S. Coast Guard designated navigable waterways immediately outside of the Alamitos Bay Harbor where over 2,000 recreational and commercial boats are based. Sailors have known for centuries that kelp, which grows to the surface of the ocean, is a navigational hazard and needs to be avoided as it can foul and impact a vessels ability to operate, leading to possible catastrophic consequences.

RBOC and Boaters React

In January of 2020, the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) submitted comments to the ACOE indicating that the plan would be detrimental to ocean navigation and requested that the boating community be considered a stakeholder and consulted prior to any further development of the plan.

In January of 2021 a large group of boaters from the region

formed “The Safe Boating and Fair Access Alliance” (SBFA) and attended a zoom meeting with the ACOE discussing the negative impacts of the plan to the community at large.

Good News from the City

In the May of 2021, the SBFA made a presentation to the Long Beach Marine Advisory Commission (MAC) regarding the impact of the ACOE plan. The MAC formed an Ad Hoc Committee to review the issue and during the August 12, 2021 meeting, Bruce Mac Rae, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee reported that the City of Long Beach has no intentions to move forward with the “environmental restoration” at this time.

More to Come...

So far, so good for the boating community? Not so fast. In September, Todd Lealand, Manager of the Marine Operations for the city of Long Beach reported to the MAC that the ACOE is revising its feasibility report to respond to the issues raised by the boating community. Stay tuned...

Todd Leutheuser, is the VP south of the RBOC and is a member of the Long Beach Yacht Club



REGIONAL NEWS

More on San Diego's Copper Bottom Paint Saga

Port of San Diego to Pause In Water Hull Cleaning this Winter

The Port of San Diego wants boat owners in the Shelter Island Yacht basin to skip bottom cleanings for 8 weeks starting in December. The Port of San Diego held a meeting to discuss this topic on Sept 14, 2021. The proposal was approved to move forward and details of the copper measurement were released.

On October 12, 2021, Port staff will be going to the Board of Port

Commissioners to formally seek adoption of the draft amendment to Article 4.14 of the District Code, Regulation of In-Water Hull Cleaning. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Above image courtesy of *The Log*, December 23, 2020 edition

FROM OUR ANGLING COMMITTEE

It's getting Buggy around here.



It's Lobster Season!

California's recreational spiny lobster season is set to kick off Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at 6 a.m., continuing through March 16, 2022. Last year's season was particularly active, likely driven by residents looking for opportunities for outdoor activities during COVID-19 lockdowns.

"We saw a record number of lobster report card sales during the 2020-2021 lobster season" said California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Marine Environmental Scientist Jenny Hofmeister. "Typically, about 33,000 report cards are purchased each season, but nearly 46,000 were purchased this last season. Over half of those were new lobster hunters."

Season-opening weekend is one of the busiest times on the water, as thousands of lobster divers and hoop netters flock to their favorite lobstering spot. Before heading out to the water, be sure you know all the current regulations.

When taking lobster, please consult the [Ocean Sport Fishing Interactive Web Map](#) for the California coastline to ensure you are not fishing in prohibited waters.

"It is extremely important that fishermen know the location and regulations for each Marine Protected Area (MPA) near where they will be fishing," said CDFW Capt. Kord. "Unfortunately, every year numerous citations are issued to lobster fishermen, both divers and hoop netters alike, for unlawful take in an MPA."

A Little Bit About Our Lobsters

The California spiny lobster, *Panulirus interruptus*, is common from Point

Conception, California to Magdalena Bay on the west coast of Baja California, Mexico.

Among the more than 40 species of spiny lobsters known worldwide, the California spiny lobster is one of the largest. Males can reach three feet long and weigh up to 26 pounds. There is currently no reliable method for aging lobster, but the California spiny lobster is thought to live for 50 years or more.

Like all crustaceans, the California spiny lobster must shed, or molt, its outer shell repeatedly to grow, and may molt about 40 times before reaching legal harvest size. Unlike the East Coast lobster, *Homarus americanus*, the California spiny lobster lacks large, powerful front claws. To defend itself, it relies on sharp spines on the body shell, tail, and whip-like antennae. If these fail, the lobster can rapidly swim away from danger by flexing its powerful tail.

Common spiny lobster predators include giant sea bass, California sheephead, cabezon, horn shark, leopard shark, octopus, sea otters, and humans. The spiny lobster is a nocturnal scavenger that feeds on fishes, sea urchins, clams, mussels, snails, worms, algae, or even weak or injured lobster. During the day, it shelters in caves and crevices. Rocky reefs and other hard-bottom substrates are its preferred habitat, but it may also favor manmade habitats such as jetties, piers, rock seawalls, breakwaters, artificial reefs, and other structures that provide food and shelter. Surfgrass and eelgrass beds can also be productive lobster hunting grounds. At night, when it is out foraging, lobster can sometimes be found on exposed sand or mud bottoms.

Spiny lobster usually move into shallow water during spring and summer, and migrate to deeper water in fall and winter. Adult lobster have been

found as deep as 240 feet during the winter, possibly to avoid the effects of stormy weather.

To learn more about how to stay legal when lobster fishing, hoop-netting hints and the reproduction cycle of lobsters download the complete CDFW Brochure "California Spiny Lobster Fishing and Life History Information" [HERE](#).

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