



SEARCHLIGHT



The Monthly Newsletter of Southern California Yachting Association

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UPCOMING MEETING

**Saturday, April 9th
General Membership and
Board Meeting**

Live and on Zoom

Board Meeting 10:30 am
General Membership Meeting at noon
South Shore Yacht Club

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

**2022 Tentative Meeting Dates
(Some Venues TBD)**

February 6, 2022 - Board meeting only via Zoom

March 5, 2022 - Installation Dinner and Meeting
(by invitation)

April 9, 2022 - General Meeting, South Shore Yacht Club

May, 2022 - no meeting

June 11, 2022 - General Meeting

July 9, 2022 - Board meeting only

August 2022 - no meeting

September 2022 - Commodores' Cruise

October 8, 2022 - General Meeting - Oldtimers Luncheon

November 12, 2022 - General Meeting - Elections

December 10, 2022 - Transitional Board meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- The Importance of Women in Yacht Clubs, March 19th, hosted by CBYC
 - US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar, April 9th and 10th at BCYC
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From the Helm



Anne Eubanks
Commodore
SCYA

With the conclusion of a very successful Midwinter Regatta in February, March has been abuzz with activities, and it is starting to feel like maybe we might cautiously be returning to some sense of normalcy. Many thanks to the host clubs and racers who participated in the Midwinters, and it sounds like everyone had fun. Many of you sent event pictures and we have posted them on our website and included them in the Searchlight.

Serving as Regatta Co-Chairs, John Berry and I had a lot of fun getting to know the many Race Chairs who made this Regatta happen. Your hard work made our life easy. We are very grateful for your efforts.

Thanks to all who attended the SCYA Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner. It was a fun evening, and I was delighted getting to visit with so many of you. Congratulations to all the award winners; we enjoyed

celebrating your accomplishments. A list of the awardees and pictures are included in this edition of the *Searchlight*. For a link to the evening's pictures click [HERE](#).

The Rear Commodores Seminar was also a big success and the talent coming up through the Flags of our member clubs is impressive. The Rear Commodore coming the farthest distance to attend was Marshall Williamson from Arizona Yacht Club. Expect to see great initiatives coming out of The Class of 2024 Commodores.

The SCYA Officers have enjoyed attending as many Opening Days as we can fit on our calendar, and we appreciate your invitations. What I love most about Opening Days is learning about the history of our member clubs. It is fascinating to hear of the many accomplishments. It is also fun meeting so many of you.

Your SCYA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs are working hard on several new initiatives this year, and we are addressing a few items which fell through the cracks over the years. If you think of something we have missed, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Our next General Meeting is April 9th at South Shore Yacht Club in Newport Beach. It will be a hybrid meeting with a Zoom option available, but we hope to see you in person. The next US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar is scheduled for April 9th and 10th at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona Del Mar. Closing out April, and the much-anticipated offshore Regatta for many southern California racers, is the Newport

to Ensenada International Yacht Race. From SCYA we wish all racers participating in this iconic event fair winds and following seas.

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SCYA Installation Meeting and Awards Banquet



On March 5th, Dana Point Yacht Club hosted SCYA's Installation Meeting and Awards Banquet.

The Officers and Directors for 2022 are:

Flag Officers

Commodore, Anne Eubanks
Vice Commodore, John Caldwell
Rear Commodore, Kathy St. Amant

Directors

Paul DeGraw
Themis Glatman

Douglas Green
Lee Coller
Vic Jedlicka
Jeanne Stafford
Jodi Masters-Gonzales
Marie Rogers
John Praiswater
Rosalee Davis Green

2022 Appointed & Elected Officers

Secretary, Lorraine Coller
Treasurer, Chris Haro
Port Captain, Tamara Tatich
Fleet Captain, Lee Coller
Fleet Surgeon, Michael Stone
Judge Advocate, Kimberly Milligan





Club of the Year Awards:

One of the highlights of the Awards Ceremony is the announcement of the Club of the Year Awards which highlight the overall excellence of our Member Clubs in their membership size categories.

Although Covid has limited many activities, 2021 year we had two category winners. For the Associate Member Division, the winner was Port Royal Yacht Club and for the Senior Member Division, the winner was Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club.



Perpetual Trophies:

Peggy Slater Memorial Award was presented for the 32nd

time to a female involved in the sport of sailing who best demonstrates outstanding contributions to the enhancement of women's participation in sailing.

This year's awardee, **Mary Voigt**, was nominated by Long Beach Yacht Club, She's a long-time member of LBYC and has dedicated countless volunteer hours to the Long Beach Sailing Foundation for past two decades. As Charter Manager of the Catalina 37 fleet, Mary's had an extraordinary influence on hundreds of sailors, locally, nationally and internationally. She's been instrumental in organizing and raising financial support and sponsorships for many events including: Women's One Design Challenge - first contested in 1992 and rededicated as the Linda Elias Memorial in 2003. The Mayor's Cup - An international women's match race regatta. LBYC'S Stem Program - involving middle school students

Additionally she helped organizers of Los Angeles Yacht Clubs Harbor Cup - an annual collegiate regatta that mandates one girl on each team. She has worked with the Boys and Girls Clubs youth sailing programs and the Sea Gals women's sailing program, and was in charge of the beach venue for the 2016 Paralympic Games held in Long Beach.

In 2012 and 2016, Mary was the Chairman of the Long Beach Yacht Club's signature event, the Congressional Cup, and has been treasurer of that event for the last ten years.

Warren Ewert Memorial Trophy is awarded for "Distinguished service to SCYA in the true Corinthian spirit".

Staff Commodore **Jon Reynolds** was nominated by American Legion Yacht Club, and is the recipient of this notable award. We recognize him for his seventeen years of service to SCYA and the yachting community.

George and Kay Fisher Memorial Trophy is “Awarded to a couple who has rendered distinguished service to SoCal yachting over a long period of time”. Our couple awarded this trophy for the 2021 year is **Mark and Robin Townsend**, nominated by Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Mark and Robin have been volunteering on race committees for almost 50 years. They met about 40 years ago and married two years later and have been running, judging, and participating in racing together ever since. Award accepted by ABYC SC Chuck Clay.

Mort Bloom Trophy “recognizes excellence, commitment and duration of service by Judges, Umpires and Race Officers plying their skills in competitive sailing events”. The 2021 trophy goes to **Steve Kuritz** of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. One of just 11 AROs in the United States, Steve is responsible for recruiting, developing, training and, ultimately, certifying new race officers in the Southwest; and has been an integral part of around 210 regattas, either as a judge or member of race management. Award accepted by ABYC SC Chuck Clay.

Sportsmanship Trophy is annually awarded to in recognition of the recipient’s outstanding display of sportsmanship on and off of the water. This trophy is not limited to race crews and skippers. It may include support staff, judges, and others. The 2021 award recipient

is **Christina Tarantola**, nominated by California Yacht Club. Christina has been a driving force in boating activities for the Association of Santa Monica Bay for over a decade. She was the 2012 recipient of Marilyn Butefish Award for “exceptional contribution to the promotion of women’s sailing through service to WSA”, and has been a longtime crewmember of WSA-SMB’s Linda Elias Memorial Women’s One Design Challenge team. The trophy will be presented at CYC’s Opening Day.

Maritime Order of the Golden Key Award is awarded for “outstanding service to yachting communications by Amateur Radio operators” The 2021 trophy is presented to **Scott Jarema**, nominated by California Yacht Club. The trophy will be presented at CYC’s Opening Day.

James Webster Perpetual Trophy recognizes an “individual who need not be actively engaged in sailing or racing, but has displayed an outstanding contribution to yachting”. This individual need not be a member or officer of a yacht club, a boat owner but is someone who has added to the sport of yachting. 2021 winner is **Bronny Daniels** of both Balboa Yacht Club and Long Beach Yacht Club. Bronny Daniels, photographer, has become such a fixture on the Southern California Race circuit from San Diego to Los Angeles, that it is hard to imagine a regatta without her on the docks or on the water! Bronny’s photos are gorgeous and action packed, but her real contribution is the sense of community she has created in Southern California racing by taking and posting smiling faces of racers. She captures them all - everything from the sleds at the start of TransPac, to

family teams during summer events, and juniors learning to sail and race, often times catching multiple generations in a single shot. It's her ability to capture the full circle of all involved that has endeared her to the wider Southern California yachting community. The list of regattas Bronny has photographed since 2004, including many charitable ones, is a mile long. Take the time to visit her website to see a history of southern California regattas.

The **SCYA Rescue Award** recognizes "an outstanding display of heroism and compassion within the sport of Yachting". It may be awarded for actions on or off the water. The 2021 trophy is awarded to **Steven Natvig** of Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. Steve grew up sailing in the King Harbor Yacht Club junior program and went on to become a junior coach for the Club before taking his current position as Head Coach at CBYC. Clearly, good seamanship was one of the many lessons he learned as a youth. Steve was crewing on Horizon, a Santa Cruz 50 in the Coastal Cup, a race co-sponsored by Encinal and Santa Barbara Yacht Clubs on May 31 – June 1. During a gybe in a freshening breeze, the boat's skipper was caught in the path of the mainsheet and was flung into the water. Although the crew immediately brought the boat back to the man overboard, it was apparent to Steve that the skipper lacked the strength to assist in his own rescue. Without concern for his personal safety, Steve jumped into the water to make contact with the skipper and successfully brought him back to the boat. For this selfless act of heroism, that undoubtedly saved a person's life. Steve is most deserving of this award.



Peggy Slater Memorial Award Recipient Mary Voigt (LBYC) (left).



Warren Ewert Memorial Award Recipient Jon Reynolds (ALYC) (second from right)



James Webster Perpetual Trophy Recipient Bronny Daniels (center)



Honorary Commodore

Each year, the incoming commodore of SCYA has the opportunity to select an individual as Honorary Commodore. "It is with heartfelt joy that I announce Marlyn Dinon of Lake Gregory Yacht Club as my choice for Honorary Commodore in 2022," Commodore Eubanks said during the presentation. Marlyn served on the SCYA Board of Directors for four years and was Port Captain for two years. She is a past Midwinter Regatta Chair and an active and founding member of Lake Gregory Yacht Club serving as VC in 2010 and Commodore in 2011. Marlyn also served as Membership Chair for LGYC for four years and as Social Chair for one year. In addition, she was President of the SMWYC Women's Auxiliary, the Rag Dolls.

2022 Opening Day Calendar



The most up to date list of opening days can be found on our website - [LINK](#). With Covid regulations changing, we are working to keep this list up to date.

COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 Midwinter Regatta

92nd SCYA Midwinter Regatta a Success!

With 23 host clubs, approximately 500 boats, and 2500 racers, the 92nd Midwinter Regatta was a big success. Below are the individual yacht club reports. All results can be found using this [LINK](#).

Radio Control: The Radio Control fleet had a much bigger presence in this year's Regatta with fleets from Helmsman Yacht Club, Orange County Model Sailing Club, Silver Gate Yacht Club and Lake Gregory Yacht Club (still to race).

Helmsman Yacht Club The DF 95 Class Midwinter Regatta held at El Dorado Park in Long Beach was a challenging event. 30 skippers showed up on Saturday morning to find very light and extremely shifty breezes from the north, due to the weak Santa Ana conditions. This put a premium on trying to find the next puff of breeze. Fortunately Sunday was

a bit better with the breeze clocking around to the SW and picking up slightly, 3-6 knots most of the day. Due to the large number of boats and the difficulty of trying to have fair sailing for all the skippers we used the Heat Management System to split the fleet into two groups. Race Committee duties were handled by PROs Kevin Gault, Don Frakes, and Hal Richards, with scoring handled by Chris Collins. The Helmsmen Model Sailing Club, and Orange County Model Sailing Club both participated in management of this SCYA sponsored event. Note: We had two sailors drive over from Phoenix and one drove down from Washington state for this regatta. Also, several SCYA yacht clubs represented by racers that are members: Shoreline YC, Alamitos Bay YC, Dana Point YC, California YC, King Harbor YC, Balboa YC, Coronado YC, Cabrillo Beach YC.

Mission Bay Yacht Club MBYC had the most entries with 85 racers across twelve fleets. Thank you MBYC for always having big participation.

Southwestern Yacht Club/Cortez Racing

Association/San Diego Yacht Club These three clubs joined together to make a terrific racing event on San Diego Bay. In order to handle the large PHRF classes and J-24's, SDYC assisted SWYC/CRA with Race Committee duties. Sixty-three boats raced and had a great time. This is an example of excellent team work.

California Yacht Club One of the classes represented at CYC was the International Star Class with eight boats racing. The prestigious Frank Borzage Midwinter Perpetual Star

Trophy was presented to Doug Smith and Brian O'Mahony from St. Francis Yacht Club. This trophy was deeded to SCYA on March 27, 1931. Each race was to be over 12 nautical miles.

Hollywood Yacht Club 2022 MidWinter Predicted Log Contest

The Southern California Yachting Association sponsors the largest series of regattas on the west coast, ranging from Santa Barbara to San Diego. It lasts for two weeks and the only power boat activity is the Predicted Log contest which Hollywood Yacht Club hosts. The predicted log contest this year was only 9nm long, in and around the Long Beach breakwater and included a 360° turn on one leg. Each check point was visible on the start of the leg and the only navigation instruments permitted were the compass and tachometer. It was anticipated that the final scores would be much higher than typical but that was not the case. Another SCYA Perpetual Trophy - the T. Embrey Midwinter Perpetual Predicted Log – Novice is presented for this event.

All the host clubs participating indicated they had a great time and loved the trophies. Thanks to all who joined SCYA to make this Regatta a success.

Please visit the SCYA MidWinters Photo Gallery [HERE](#).



American Legion Yacht Club



Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club



California Yacht Club
Photo by Lisa Bronitt



Channel Islands Yacht Club



Dana Point Yacht Club



Dana West Yacht Club



Helmsman Yacht Club
Photo by David Ridgeway



Hollywood Yacht Club



Newport Harbor Yacht Club
Photo by Tom Walker



Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club
Photo by Lisa Bronitt



Silver Gate Yacht Club

NOSA UPDATES



N2E Updates

Nearly 90 boats (and counting) have already signed up for the 74th Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race on April 22, 2022, and will help celebrate NOSA's 75th Anniversary. To make sure sailors are race-ready and have the best chances of winning, or at least have a safe and fun sail, NOSA will offer two sailing seminars this month.

The first will be March 10 at Del Rey Yacht Club; an in-person event. The second, at Dana Point Yacht Club, will feature a special Zoom appearance by a renowned SoCal sailor on March 31.

DPYC is on a near decade-long streak of winning the trophy for having the most N2E entries. Fleet Captains up for a challenge should capitalize on this already exciting season and launch a challenge to dethrone the champs!

Sailors will have the option of racing on one of three courses, Dana Point, San Diego, or the classic course to Ensenada. For the second year, the Storm Trysail Club will offer a trophy for the best three-boat team.

Registration for the race, and seminars, along with practically everything else a sailor needs for N2E can be found at NOSA's [website](#) under the Race Info tab.



SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - Peter Phillips, Adaptive Boating Chair

Adaptive Boating

Midwinters Race 2022 - Coronado Yacht Club hosted an adaptive Midwinters race for Challenged Sailors San Diego

(CSSD) on February 19 and 20, with practice racing held on Friday the 18th. The racing took place on Glorietta Bay, Coronado, California. Racers and companion sailors raced in CSSD's fleet of eight Martin 16's adapted for the handicapped / disabled sailors. Several races were held each day, Saturday and Sunday with a racers dinner Saturday night. The wind cooperated and the racing was tight, especially for the top three finishers! Everyone had a great time!

California Inclusive Sailing – Newport Beach California Inclusive Sailing-NB (CIS-NB) hosted adaptive sailors on their RS Venture, 4U, and on a Harbor 20 last month. They sailed to Marina Park, the planned site of Newport Beach's (and California's) first transfer lift on a public dock. This month, on March 12, Christian Buhl, president of CIS-NB will sail with the Adaptive Freedom Foundation at Marina Park. Participants will have the option of paddle boarding and/or sailing. And 4U will be on the start line again for the Newport to Ensenada Regatta, racing in the Newport to Dana Point Sprint. They will try to beat last year's time to Dana Point of 3 hours and 6 minutes.

The Adaptive Freedom Foundation – Newport Beach

The Adaptive Freedom Foundation held their first paddle day of the season in Newport Beach's Marina Park on March 12th. It was a beautiful day for it with lots fun for both participants and volunteers alike! Adaptive Boating Advocacy The San Diego Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club (SDMBBSC), has been host to many water-skiing sessions for blind people over the years. It's currently faced with being evicted. You may have

seen in the recent San Diego press that the City is acting on the revitalization of the De Anza Cove area. The plan is called "De Anza Natural". While SDMBBSC supports the proper management of a healthy Mission Bay the unfortunate part for their Club is that if the plan goes through as written their club will be closed down and replaced by wetlands and dunes.

What's your club up to? Or Planning for 2022? Get in touch with Peter Phillips (me) and let me know! Email: bluepeter2020@outlook.com, cell 619-340-9555.



MidWinters Regatta at CorYC



California Inclusive Sailing Program - Newport Beach



The Adaptive Freedom Foundation, Newport Beach's their first paddle day

SCYA COMMITTEE NEWS - Marie Rogers Inclusive Boating Chair

Inclusive Boating

As we explore ways to make our yacht clubs more diverse, many have asked the following questions: "What is DEI and what does it have to do with yachting?" "Can't just ANYBODY join a yacht club?"

Just because we might say we want diversity doesn't mean

we do anything about it. Inclusion and equity mean setting a goal. For example, your club's board of directors might vote to increase outreach efforts to create a member population reflecting your city's diversity in a stated amount of time. The following points explain the differences between INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY...and ACCESS:

- Inclusion: All feel welcomed and valued Inclusion is the act of creating environments in which any individual or group can be and feel welcomed, respected, represented, supported, and valued to fully participate.
- Diversity: All the ways we differ Diversity includes all of the ways in which people differ, encompassing the different characteristics that make one individual or group different from another. While diversity is often used in reference to race, ethnicity, and gender, we embrace a broader definition that also includes age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, education, marital status, language, physical appearance, geography, and any other identifiers that make one individual or group different from another.
- Equity: All having the opportunity to fully participate Equity encompasses the policies and practices used to ensure the fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement for all people, while at the same time trying to identify and eliminate barriers that have historically prevented the full participation of some individuals or groups.
- Access: Of any and all abilities Access refers to the commitment for everyone to be included in all programs and activities.

News from RBOC

MARCH RECREATIONAL BOATERS OF CALIFORNIA NEWS



Report from Themis Glatman, SCYA and RBOC Director:

RBOC is mourning the passing of one of their esteemed members and Past President, Ray Durazo. An eight bells ceremony was conducted in honor of Ray at the March 8th meeting with many members sharing fond memories of their times and experiences with him. He will be missed!

RBOC Key Issue Updates

Boater Fees and Taxes – State Parks & Division of Boating and Waterways Budget RBOC supports the dedication of boater fees and taxes for programs and services that directly benefit boaters. RBOC therefore appreciates the decision made by the Governor and Legislature with the state budget or fiscal year 2021-2022 to refrain from significantly increasing boat registration fees and convening a stakeholder process. This process is underway and is providing the opportunity for all interested parties and the state to review the expenditure of more than \$100 million each year in fuel

tax dollars attributable to boats, the most effective and efficient use of those funds, to identify approaches for increasing the small percentage of those monies currently directed to boating programs, and to enhance the financial participation of non-boaters who benefit from the current and future programs. RBOC is encouraged with the progress being made and supports the Governor's budget proposal to continue the engagement into the next fiscal year so that the analysis can be thorough and comprehensive, and lead to recommendations that provide a path to expanded opportunities for all Californians to enjoy on-the-water recreation in the years ahead.

Outdoor Recreation & Preservation of Water – RBOC supports the expansion of sustainable outdoor recreation, the preservation of ocean and inland waterways, and the promotion of the economic development and job growth that can occur in this sector. As these initiatives move forward through legislation and administrative actions including the 30x30 and Outdoors for All efforts, and baselines are established to measure our progress, it is essential to acknowledge the significant progress that California has already achieved, the tremendous value that on-the-water recreation provides to sustaining our mental and physical health, and the importance of measures that have considered and incorporate a variety of reasoned perspectives.

Beach Erosion & Replenishment – RBOC supports the dedication of state general fund dollars in the current year's budget and in the Governor's proposed budget for the next fiscal year for beach erosion control and replenishment. This

program will become increasingly important within the state's response to climate change, will necessarily expand beyond sand, and benefits all Californians. The expert staff in the Division of Boating and Waterways can leverage those general fund dollars going forward.

Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessels – The state budget for the current fiscal year recognizes the benefits all Californians receive through the dedication of state general fund dollars to programs that aim and preventing and addressing the negative environmental impacts that occur when a large vessel formerly used for commercial purposes is abandoned on the state's waterways. Recreational boaters have already stepped up, sponsoring and financially supporting a landmark, effective state program managed by the Division of Boating and Waterways to reimburse local governments when they accept a recreational vessel in lieu of abandonment or remove an abandoned or derelict recreational vessel from their waterways.

Human and Medical Waste in Waterways – RBOC appreciates the increasing concerns with the amount of medical, hazardous and human waste that is polluting our waterways. Efforts to address this problem by singling out boaters for potential misdemeanors inappropriately focuses on a population that strives to comply with the applicable laws and fails to recognize that federal law already prohibits this behavior. Recreational boaters have financially supported programs that have provided pump out stations and have made them available to the public.

Boating and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – RBOC opposes the California WaterFix that, as revised to one tunnel, would still significantly impede navigation and harm Delta recreation. Instead, efforts should be made to provide additional water storage capacity. Dredging RBOC supports local, state funding for critical dredging projects that clear navigable waterways of silt and debris to enable those waterways to renew the recreation and tourism opportunities they provide to the public. A recent success story is the Petaluma Dredge Project led by Congressman Jared Huffman [D-San Rafael], Petaluma Mayor Teresa Barrett, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, members of Petaluma Yacht Club and numerous stakeholders including the 2,500 signatories on the Mayor's Dredge Pledge. This \$9.7 million project has re-opened a 13-mile tidal slough after years of neglect.

Looking ahead - The United States Coast Guard has begun a study to see where access routes would be impacted by the placement of "Wind Mill Turbines" along the Pacific coast.

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