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From the Helm

Commodore's Report

Lee Coller

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I can't believe I'm half-way through my commodore year at SCYA, time sure flies. In any case, I'm excited about the things we have coming up. On June 19th we have the Medical Emergencies at Sea seminar being held at Del Rey Yacht Club, where you can learn from our fleet surgeon, Dr. Martin Hopp on how to handle medical emergencies when 911 isn't immediately available. I will be attending this myself. Thank you to our Vice Commodore, Jodi Masters-Gonzales, for putting this

together. Coming up on August 16th and 17th we will be sponsoring a Safety at Sea seminar at Cal Yacht Club. Plan to attend. This is a US Sailing seminar and is required training for off-shore races such as the Transpac. Information is available on the scya.org website.

Speaking of races. I'm excited to be attending the award ceremony for the Newport Ensenada race (I will have attended this by the time you read this). I will also be in Hawaii for the end of the Transpac in July (my wife, SCYA secretary Lorraine Coller, is really looking forward to that). If you would like an SCYA representative to be present at an awards ceremony, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate that.

Just a reminder SCYA is happy to publicize events that your clubs are opening up to all of SCYA membership, just email service@scya.org with the information.

If you would like to be involved with SCYA, we are still looking for volunteers. Specifically, we are looking for people to manage our Information Technology and a Trophy chair. I've currently taken the responsibility of maintaining the SCYA website. If there is anything you would like to see there, please feel free to let me know (commodore@scya.org).

Finally, we are into our last month (with a few exceptions) of opening day. I'll be attending a lot in May, if you see me, please find me and introduce yourself.

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From the Bridge

V/C Report

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Spring is in full swing! We've been busy cooking up several programs and are excited to announce them to the SCYA community. Please share this newsletter with your members and announce these events in your newsletter and Board Meetings. Hope to see you there!

Medical Emergencies at Sea

Make sure you're prepared to deal with common medical

emergencies at sea by reviewing routine injuries and illness that occur onboard, how to handle them and the medical supplies every boat owner should have on board beyond the typical first aid kit. Hosted at Del Rey Yacht Club on Thursday, June 19, 2025 from 6-9pm and presented by SCYA Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Martin Hopp. Find dinner and registration details [HERE](#). **Regular pricing ends May 30!**

U.S. Sailing International Offshore Safety at Sea Certification

SCYA presents US Sailing sanctioned International Offshore Safety at Sea certification course the weekend of August 16-17, 2025. Hosted by California Yacht Club and led by moderator is Captain Debbie Huntsman, this course is for everyone—cruisers, power boaters, sailboat racers and those requiring the International Offshore certificate that complies with World Sailing guidelines for Personal Safety ([World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix G compliant](#)). We have an incredible line up of instructors and bonus content for those who register for both days. A one-day option and the refresher course for those who need to renew their certificate are also available. An exclusive dinner for attendees aboard CYC's new Northwind 133' motor yacht is being planned and invitations will be going out to those who have registered. [Registration is open and limited to 50 people \(early bird pricing ends May 31st!\)](#) For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

SCYA Inclusive Boating Book Club

On the 3rd Monday of every month, IBC is meeting to reflect and discuss books recommended to those interested in learning more about organizational culture and diversity. The current

title is *Caste: The Origins of our Discontent*, by Isabel Wilkerson. Our first meeting discussion was powerful as we worked through the nuanced differences—and intersections— of race, class and caste through everyday examples and experiences of book club members. I highly recommend joining these meeting as a solid first step for those wishing to develop a more inclusive boating community. Everyone is welcome and there is no expectation other than a willingness to learn more. **Our next meeting is Monday, June 16 6pm via Zoom.** To register, click [HERE](#).

1st Mondays for Commodores

This Monday, July 14 from 6-7pm via Zoom, John Hamilton (Vice Commodore, California Yacht Club) will be presenting on *CYC Strong: Reflections and Lessons on Disaster, Resilience, and Community*. **This event is free and open to all SCYA members.** Registration is required, you can do that [HERE](#).

Save the Date!

- SCYA Women's Boating Event, Feb 6 - 8, 2026
- SCYA Midwinter Regatta, Feb 21 - 22, Feb. 28 - Mar 1, 2026

If you are interested in sponsoring either of these events, or interested in hosting a MWR event, please reach out to vicecommodore@scya.org.

Much aloha and mahalo 🌺

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From the Bridge

R/C Report

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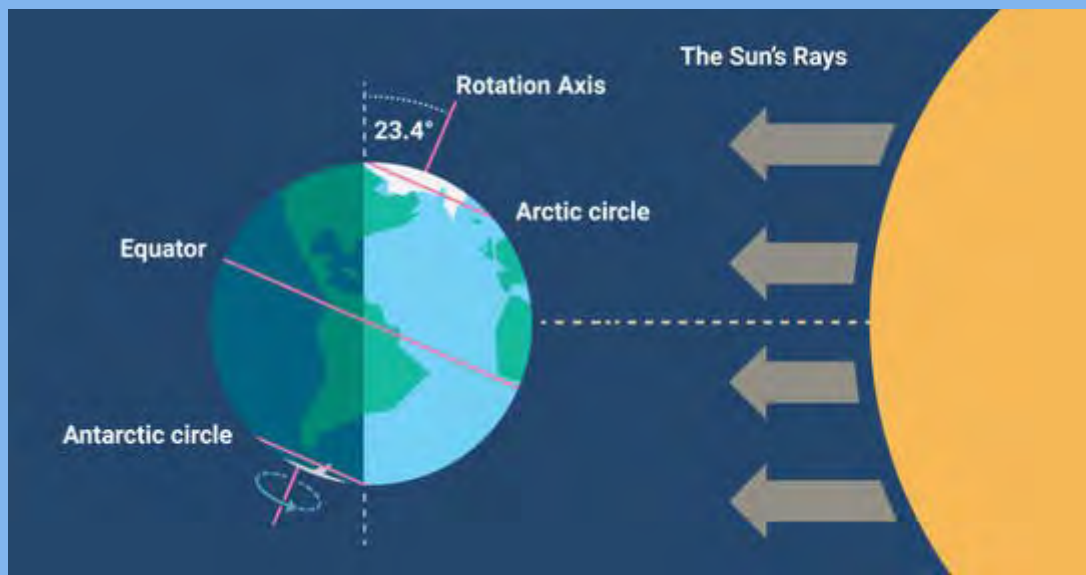
**Summer Sailstice 2025 – Your Invitation to Sail,
Celebrate, and Shine!**



As the days grow longer and the summer breeze fills our sails, there's no better way to welcome the season than by joining sailors worldwide to celebrate Summer Sailstice, June 21–22, 2025.

Whether you're captaining a Hobie, Hanse, J/Boat, or hand-built dinghy, this is your invitation to get on the water and be part of a truly global celebration of sailing. I've had the pleasure of attending several Opening Day events this season, and it's heartening to hear so many of you share your excitement for summer sailing and the meaningful traditions that keep our community thriving.

What is Summer Sailstice? Sailing + solstice = Sailstice!



In Latin, solstice means **“sun standing still,”** referring to the fact that the sun appears to linger at its highest point in the sky for the year at midday on the summer solstice. Throughout history, humans have celebrated the solstice with rituals such as bonfires and ceremonial dances to mark the passage of the seasons. This brings us to the celebration of summer and sailing the Summer Sailstice.

It occurs on the day when the Earth's poles are tilted closest to the sun. For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, that's usually between June 20 and 22.

It began in 2001 as an annual worldwide celebration of sailing held on the weekend nearest the summer solstice. Summer Sailstice was created to give sailing its holiday—one that connects sailors across continents to celebrate the sport and the ocean that sustains it. From just 200 boats at its start, it has grown to inspire over 19,000 participants annually, all joining forces to celebrate the joy of sailing on the longest day of the year.

More than just fun, it's also about connection, camaraderie, and stewardship of our waters.

Why Your Club Should Participate in or Organize a Summer Sailstice event

This is your club's chance to:

- Showcase your spirit and facilities
- Unite your members in a joyful, inclusive event
- Strengthen bonds with neighboring clubs and sailing schools
- Be featured in SCYA and broader sailing community publications

Additionally, this is a perfect opportunity to welcome new sailors and showcase our vibrant yachting culture.

Need help getting started? SCYA supports your efforts with event planning and helps you connect with nearby clubs for collaborative events.

Spotlight: WSA-OC Celebrates Sailstice with an Upcoming Event

The Women's Sailing Association of Orange County continues to shine in Sailstice celebrations. **From group day sails in Newport Beach or Dana Point** to welcoming sailors of all backgrounds and skill levels, their events are fun, inclusive, and inspirational. Let's follow their lead in creating something

memorable at every SCYA club!

Ready to Plan Your Event? Here Are Some Great Ideas:

Fun and Unique Activities:

- **Celebrate Solar Noon** – Signal the exact moment with a bell, cannon, or horn as sails go up together!
- **Sail-In Movie Night** – Host a dockside showing of a classic sailing film.
- **Sail with Mom** – Invite families for a Summer Sailstice celebration honoring moms.
- **Photo Challenge** – Share your best sailing moments with the SCYA community.
- **Family Sail Day** – Introduce new sailors with community outreach sails.
- **Sail & Clean** – Combine a harbor clean-up with a fun day on the water.
- **Prize Raffle** – Reward participants with club gear or sponsor-donated prizes.
- **Dockside BBQ or Dance** – Cap the day with music, food, and community fun.

Thinking Bigger?

Use your Sailstice event to launch:

- A new sailing or youth program event
- A regatta or sister club collaboration

[Suggested Summer Sailstice Planning Checklist](#)

3–4 Weeks Before:

- Form your planning team
- Define the scope of your event
- Secure permits, budget, and sponsors
- Begin promoting in newsletters and social media

2 Weeks Before:

- Confirm RSVPs and supplies
- Coordinate vendors and finalize logistics
- Prepare emergency and safety protocols

1 Week Before:

- Conduct a walkthrough
- Test sound and tech gear
- Assemble signage and welcome kits

Day Of:

- Set up early and brief volunteers
- Welcome attendees and capture the magic in photos
- Sail, celebrate, and connect!

Afterward:

- Clean up and thank your team

- Gather feedback
- Share your highlights with SCYA and your club community

SCYA Wants to Help Promote Your Club's Event

Let us help spread the word! Email your event plans, flyers, or ideas to service@scya.org, and we'll share them across our communication channels to help build momentum and visibility. If you need help brainstorming or coordinating with other clubs, we're here for that, too!

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Upcoming Events



June 7, 2025 - SCYA Board and General Meeting

Channel Islands Yacht Club

10:30am - SCYA Board Meeting

Noon - 2pm, General Meeting and Lunch

Guest Speaker: Rich Somers on Community Outreach

RSVP by Tuesday, June 3rd at 4pm

\$35 per person, includes lunch



MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AT SEA

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025 | 6-9PM

PRESENTED BY

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION
DR. MARTIN HOPP, SCYA FLEET SURGEON

HOSTED BY



\$50 Early Bird Registration (ends May 15th)
\$60 Regular Registration (ends May 30th)
\$65 Late Registration (ends June 15th)

For more information and to register,
go to scya.org/events-meetings



@ Cal Yacht Club • August 16-17, 2025



CYC Strong:

Reflections and Lessons
on Disaster, Resilience,
and Community
with John Hamilton,
V/C Cal Yacht Club



- The 2024 CYC fire – what happened
- The immediate loss – impact to CYC & its members
- Picking up the pieces – recovery & pivot
- Renewal – importance of community
- Path forward – resilience & building a new future
- Call to action – how SCYA community can help

7/14/25 at 6 pm

Presented by SCYA
Register @ scya.org

SCYA HISTORY COMMITTEE

The 1932 Los
Angeles Olympic
Games and SCYA



By: Shawn Milligan – Chair of SCYA History Committee

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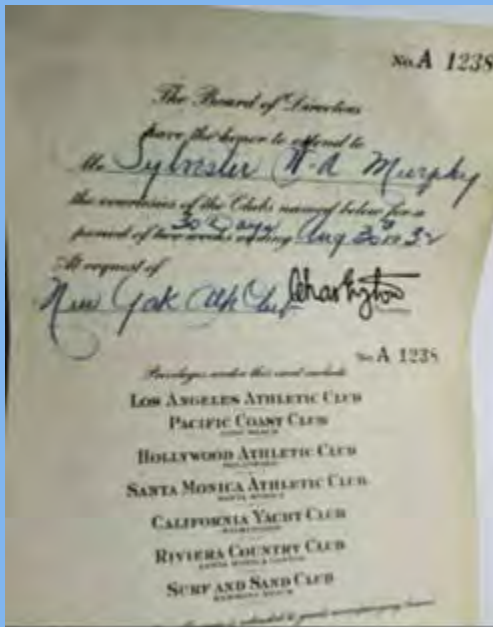
LOS ANGELES
1932



When the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) was formed in 1921, it was created for several reasons: to provide opportunities for meeting and competing with fellow yachtsmen along the Southern California coast in Corinthian competitions and to establish a framework of standards that these competitions would follow. Moreover, it aimed to demonstrate to the rest of the country that Southern California could be a world power in yachting and much more.

When Admiral Albert Soiland formed the Southern California Yachting Association, he set his sights on the opportunity that if Los Angeles ever hosted the Summer Olympic Games, he would make sure that SCYA not only played a role in the Yachting events but would control them. Albert Soiland realized that if

Los Angeles ever hosted the Olympics, the yachting events would be less successful without the Association.



Reciprocity card for the 1932 Olympics featuring the California Yacht Club.

One thing we do know from early SCYA board meeting minutes is that once the association was underway, the topic of the 1932 Olympics was introduced.

From that moment, the admiral drove relentlessly until the Olympics were an accomplished fact and in the association's hands.

Finding a boat for the monotype and making the financial arrangements was difficult. Then SCYA found that the Olympic Organizing Committee would have no money for expenses because there was no "gate" to yachting events.

We had to raise our own, and a committee consisting of Commodores Morgan Adams, Al Christie, A.N. Kemp, Donald W. Douglas, Al Rogers, Al Soiland, Douglas Radford, Max Fleischman, Slysby M. Spaulding, and Owen Churchill acted as guarantors for the expenses and entertainment of the contestants.

That was not all; the North American Yacht Racing Union's consent and cooperation had to be obtained in order to select the monotype. The International Dinghy was relatively unknown in these waters, so the Snowbird was selected, and an entire

fleet of Snowbirds was built for the Olympics, in rotation, through the series. The Stars, 6 meters 8s, comprised the rest of the classes, and eliminations were held.

SCYA provided boats for those nations that could only afford to send teams. Some seventeen nations entered and raced. Sailors from the United States were successful in the Eight Meter and Star classes, France won the Monotype class, and Sweden won the Six Meters.

The 1932 Olympic Yacht Races were the jewel in Admiral Soiland's crown. His dream of elevating Southern California to the world sailing stage came true, with SCYA at the helm, literally and figuratively.



As we look back, the legacy of those Games lives on in SCYA's continuing mission to support, organize, and inspire excellence in yachting across the Pacific Coast.

MIDWINTER REGATTA COMMITTEE

66 Years of
Midwinter Regattas



By: Elena Yuasa - 2025 SCYA Rear Commodore
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Eric Conn recently raced in three 2025 Midwinter regattas during which he mentioned that he had participated in *66 consecutive* Midwinters! Of course, we had to find out more, so several of us met him recently for lunch.

Commodore Lee Coller, Staff Commodore & 2025 Midwinter co-chair John Marshall, and Staff Commodore Rick Dinon met Eric at the Crab Pot in Alamitos Bay. We learned that Eric also participated in 15 Newport / Ensenada races, 4 TransPacs and Olympic trials. In fact, Eric has his first Midwinter trophy!

Not only is Eric an active sailor, he is also a member of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Blue Water Cruising Club, Helmsmen Model Yacht Club, Orange County Model Yacht Club, San Diego Argonauts, AMYA & U.S Sailing.

In addition to his Ericson 29, Eric owns 16 remote control sailboats.

The three of us from SCYA enjoyed talking the state of yachting and racing today and in the past. Eric even went so far as to provide each of us with a four-page essay and bio which he had prepared for our meeting.

It was an informative and entertaining luncheon with this unique sailor. Thanks Eric!



SCYA LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Key Boating Issue Update - PICYA Opening Day



By: Jerry Desmond, Esq., Director of Government Relations
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Since it was established by PICYA together with SCYA 56 years ago, RBOC has protected and enhanced boating interests on legislation and regulations that impact every aspect of boating.

RBOC's current efforts include:

Engaging with the various state and regional agencies as they take action to prevent the infestation of water bodies by the **golden mussel**, often imposing restrictions and prohibitions on all on-the-water activities.

- Advocating for legislation establishing an extended producer responsibility program for pyrotechnic **marine flares** to acknowledge that there is only one manufacturer and so that the take-back requirements are structured to ensure that the costs of implementation do not place an unreasonable burden on boaters.

- Opposing the **Delta Conveyance** Project that, as revised to one tunnel, would still significantly impede navigation and harm Delta recreation.
- Advocating for updates and efficiencies to state programs financed by **boat registration fees** to ensure they provide positive benefits to boaters and share costs with other stakeholders where appropriate – prior to an increase in boat registration fees.
- Supporting legislation to review the effectiveness of low-leach-rate paint and elevated copper concentrations in saltwater harbors, bays, and marinas that are primarily a result of the use of **copper-based antifouling paint**, and to determine the best methods to address elevated copper concentrations in saltwater harbors, bays, and marinas that are primarily a result of the use of this paint in the state.
- Requesting that the **Outdoor Recreation for All** [30x30] program identify the values of, and prioritize on-the-water opportunities within its initiatives. Clear confirmation should also be provided that the significant areas of water that have been protected over the years, including the marine life protected areas [MLPAs] count towards the 30% preservation goal.
- Raising concerns that the state's **authorization of E15 fuel** will raise prices on E10 gasoline, will restrict the availability of that fuel, and will inevitably ruin many boat engines.

Keep up-to-date on our efforts: Sign up for emails at rboc.org, follow us on Facebook and/or X!

SCYA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Junior Sailing Committee



By Howard Brenner, Chair and SCYA Director,
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SCYA JUNIOR SAILING COMMITTEE INVITATION

The Committee's Purpose:

- *Support SCYA member clubs' junior sailors programs*
- *Experience the joy of sailing*
- *Development of sailing skills & growth as Corinthian sailors.*
- *Best practice interactive communication forums for all SCYA members that include Junior yachting competition,*
- *Coordination of Junior race schedules, activities, special events, and regattas results via Searchlight, seminars, and special guests.*

*Anyone interested in being part of this committee, attend the next Youth Sailing Committee. Contact **Howard Brenner** (scyayouthsailing@gmail.com)*



SCYA COMMITTEE REPORTS



What is AIS and How Can It Enhance Your Maritime Safety?

By Charles Pascal – SCYA Chair, Radio Communications Committee.

AIS, or Automatic Identification System, is a powerful maritime technology that significantly enhances water safety. Utilized by vessels of all sizes, AIS transmits essential information such as a vessel's identity, position, course, and speed to nearby ships and shore stations. Consider it real-time electronic visibility, providing mariners with increased situational awareness and aiding in preventing collisions at sea.

AIS is not a replacement for RADAR but a complement, offering precise, digital information that RADAR alone can't provide. AIS operates on VHF radio frequencies, primarily channels 70 and 87, and supports the broader Vessel Traffic System, which manages maritime traffic in busy waterways.

Types of AIS Systems

AIS systems come in three primary classes, each suited to

different types of vessels and operational needs:

Class C – Receive Only

Class C AIS might be proper for you if you're a casual or local boater looking for an entry-level option. It lets you receive AIS signals from other vessels, giving you valuable insight into nearby traffic. However, it does not transmit your own vessel's information. Class C units are relatively inexpensive, with some models starting at **\$86**.

Class B – Recreational Vessels

Designed for recreational and smaller commercial vessels, **Class B AIS** both sends and receives data. These systems operate within normal VHF ranges up to about 40 miles, depending on antenna height, terrain, and weather, and can be either **standard or satellite-enabled**.

- Standard Class B AIS is suitable for near-shore use.
- Satellite-enabled Class B AIS is ideal for offshore and extended cruising, with signals transmitted via the **Ku-band** (12.56 GHz) and picked up by **Low Earth Orbit (LEO)** satellites.

Depending on features and satellite capability, a Class B system will cost between \$695 and \$1,595.

Class A – Commercial Vessels

Class A AIS is mandatory for large commercial ships (300+ gross tons) and passenger vessels and offers the most sophisticated data transmission. These systems send high-powered, satellite-enabled signals, ensuring global tracking

visibility. Class A AIS units range from \$2,500 to \$4,000 and are critical for high-traffic areas, busy ports, and international voyages.

How Satellite AIS Works

Satellite AIS (or S-AIS) extends coverage beyond VHF's line-of-sight limits. These satellites continuously pass over open ocean, collecting AIS messages and relaying them to ground stations in packet bursts. This "store and forward" system ensures even the most remote vessels remain trackable—an essential capability in emergencies involving the safety of life or property.

Why AIS Matters for You

Whether cruising along the coastline or voyaging offshore, installing an AIS system provides a layer of safety that radar or visual navigation cannot match. Even a basic receive-only AIS can offer a clearer picture of the traffic around you, particularly helpful in fog, darkness, or crowded waterways.

If you haven't considered installing AIS on your vessel, now is a great time to explore your options. The peace of mind it brings could make all the difference on your next voyage.

INCLUSIVE BOATING COMMITTEE



Magenta Project Presentation at LAYC

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In her effort to expand diversity efforts at LAYC, Commodore Marjorie Irvin invited Julia Jaynes of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club to describe her experiences as a mentee in the Magenta Project. The program has supported the careers of 200+ women from 20 different countries with a 9+month mentoring curriculum designed to launch their careers in the marine industry. Julia

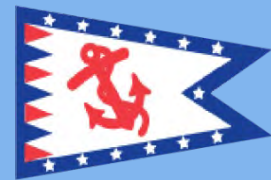
was chosen to specialize in the Offshore Division and plans on working as a navigator.

She described the essence of the program as a collective of passionate sailors committed to creating equal access and opportunities for women in sailing. It was started in 2015 by members of the all-female 'Team SCA' who successfully competed in the 2014-15 Volvo Ocean Race campaign. There are many luminaries that established the organization such as Olympian, Sally Barkow, and graduates of the program such as 2024 Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year and first American woman to race solo, non-stop, around the globe, Cole Brauer.

Julia has the distinction of being the 8th top women's match racing champion in the U.S. and excels across the spectrum of sailing. A Fulbright scholar with a master's in economics from the University of British Columbia, Julia is working to build the image of women as serious and capable offshore sailors.

SCYA COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Transpac 2025 Update



By: William J. Guilfoyle - TPYC Commodore
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Transpac 2025, the 53rd edition of the classic race across the Pacific is set for the first start July 1. In these final months the TPYC Board of Directors, committee chairs, volunteers both here and in Honolulu are hard at work making the final preparations to welcome the 61 entries to Cabrillo Way Marina and across the finish line at Diamondhead buoy off Honolulu.

The fleet will be split into 3 handicapped based starting days on Tuesday July 1, Thursday July 3 and Saturday July 5.

I'd like to extend an invitation to all SCYA club members to join us in San Pedro for a week of festivities to see the boats as they make their final preparations, celebrate with the sailors their first significant milestone, making it to the starting line and send this year's fleet off to Honolulu.




The week starts on Saturday June 28 with the Aloha Send-off Party sponsored by Fess Parker & Third Window Brewing onboard the USS Iowa. There we will have live music, food &

drink, USCG demonstrations, fleet introductions and a blessing of the fleet capped off with firing the USS Iowa's anti-aircraft guns to mark the official opening of Transpac 2025. If you'd like to join us, tickets can be purchased online from our website at transpacyc.com.

Sunday June 29 will mark the official opening of the Suntex Race Village in Cabrillo Way Marina. The village located on the south side of the marina adjacent to the Dry boat storage will be the home to the official Race Office & sponsors. Official Transpac 2025 race gear can be purchased, Third Window Brewing will have daily smash burgers, smoked ribs, beer and wine, Mount Gay will be there to introduce their new Navy Strength Rum along with SD Boat Works, Garmin and other race sponsors each afternoon through the last start on Saturday.

We're excited to have an iconic fleet and plenty of shore side activities. Whether attending the party, joining us at Suntex Race Village or getting out on the water as part of the large spectator fleets to watch the starts we hope to see SCYA club members come down to wish the teams a fast and safe passage to Hawaii.

Aloha –
Bill Guilfoyle, Commodore
[TPYC](#)



SCYA COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Channel Islands Yacht Club Hosts 12th Annual Disabled Veterans Sail Day

By: James Glass - 2025 CIYC Vice Commodore
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On Sunday, June 8th, 2025, the Channel Islands Yacht Club will proudly host its 12th Annual Disabled Veterans Sail Day, a cherished tradition that honors the courage and sacrifice of disabled veterans with a heartfelt and unforgettable day on the water.

Veterans from across Southern California are invited to the Channel Islands Harbor for an afternoon of sailing or cruising through the scenic Santa Barbara Channel, hosted by Channel Islands Yacht Club members and volunteer skippers. The event is designed to show appreciation, create connection, and provide a rejuvenating experience surrounded by the natural beauty of the Pacific Ocean.

The day will begin at Channel Islands Yacht Club with a light breakfast, giving veterans, volunteers, and boat crews the chance to gather, and meet. Shortly after, veterans will be paired with their host vessels — a mix of sailboats and power boats generously offered by club members — and set off for an afternoon on the open water.

Once underway, participants will enjoy panoramic views of the Channel Islands, fresh ocean air, and the peaceful motion of the sea. For many, it's not just a fun outing but a powerful and healing experience.

After returning to the harbor, all guests are invited back to the Channel Islands Yacht Club for a BBQ celebration, where they'll be treated to a hearty meal, more camaraderie, and the warm hospitality that Channel Islands Yacht Club is known for.

This annual event is made possible by the generosity of local sponsors, the dedication of club members, and the support of the wider community. From meals and beverages to event coordination and vessel preparation, every detail is a labor of love.

As the 12th year of this meaningful tradition sets sail, Channel Islands Yacht Club looks forward to once again honoring our veterans in the best way they know how — with wind in the sails, sunshine overhead, and a community united in thanks.

James Glass - Channel Islands Yacht Club Vice Commodore
2025

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SCYA COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



FREE Free Spill Response Communication Workshops



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response, the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission are inviting all the marinas and yacht clubs to participate in the FREE 2025 workshops. Join us in one of these important workshops! All facilities are encouraged to participate because you deal with motorized vessels.

LEARN ABOUT

- California's Oil Spill Response Structure
- California's Marinas and Yacht Clubs Spill Response Communication Packet

- NEW Real Life Spill Case Studies: Lessons Learned and Best Practices
- Oil Spill Response Resources for Boating Facilities

REGISTRATION

Thursday, June 19th, 2025 (9:45 am to 12:45 pm)

Attend in-Person: Encinal Yacht Club (1251 Pacific Marina, Alameda, CA 94501)

Free parking available at the facility

You Must Register at Vivian.Matuk@coastal.ca.gov

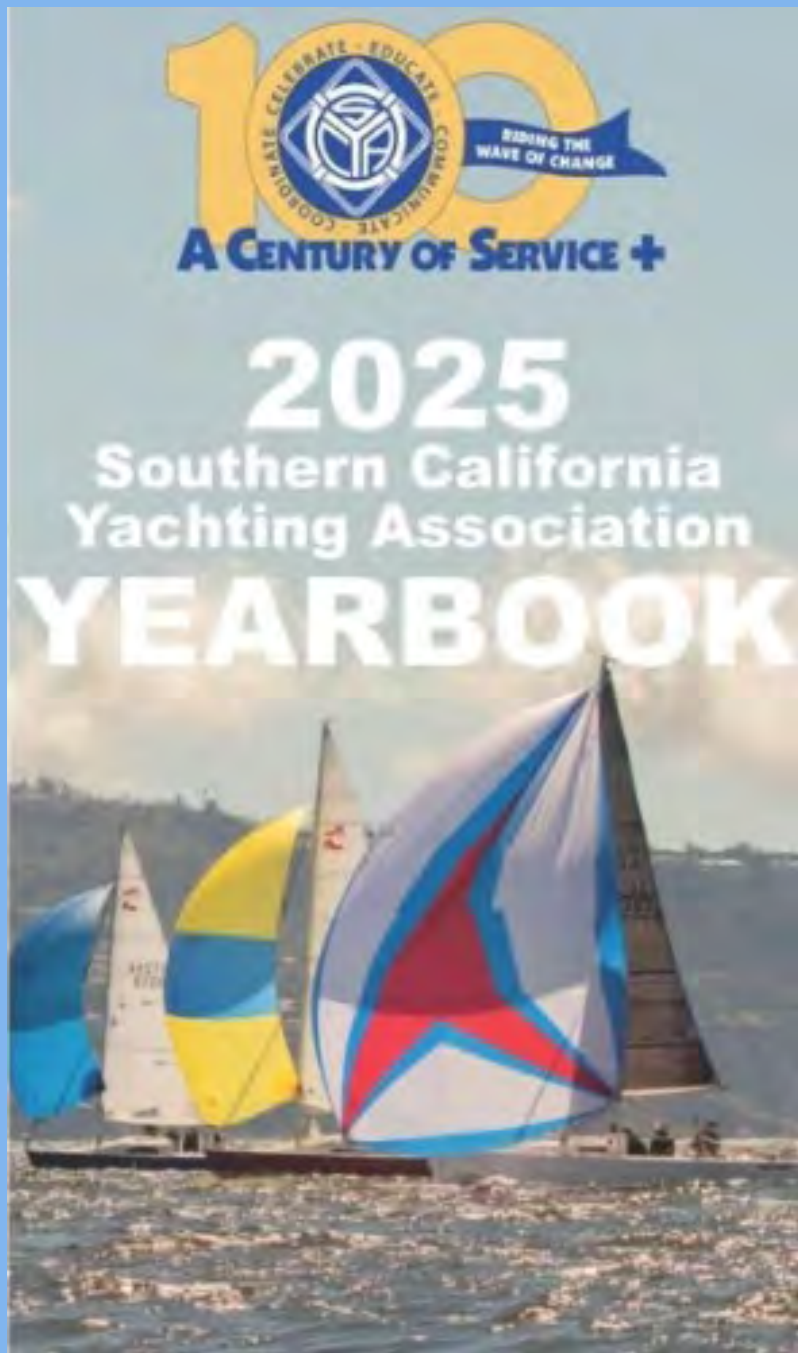
Attend Virtually: Click [here](#) to register



SCYA SHIP STORE



SCYA Yearbook 2025



2025 SCYA YEARBOOK

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The Southern California Yachting Association's 2025 Yearbook, is available for purchase online [at the SCYA Shop](#). *At this time, only SCYA Member Organizations and Affiliated Associations are eligible to purchase the book.*

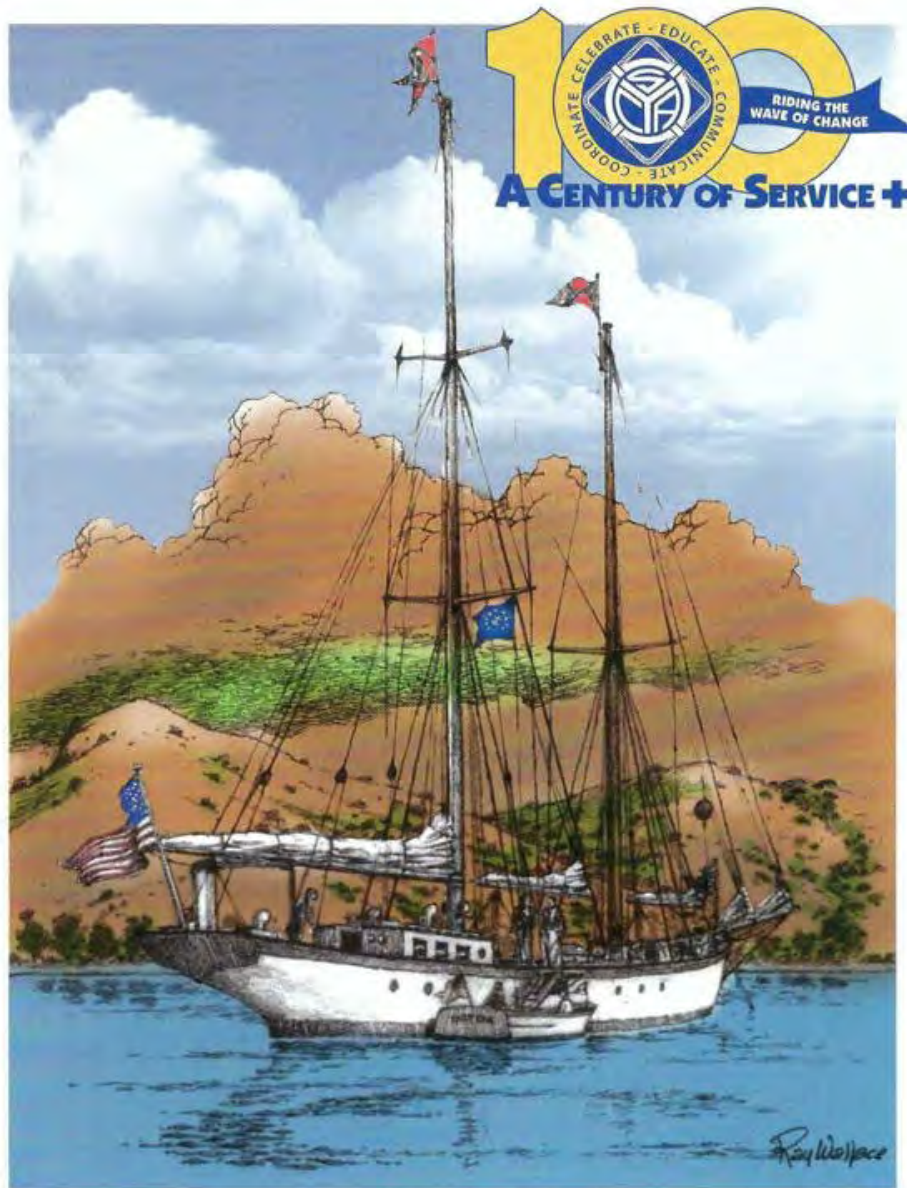
Free Ground shipping is available within the 48 contiguous states. We apologize, but Hawaii, Alaska, and international destinations are excluded.



SCYA SHIP STORE

Yachting Protocol Guidelines Book





Southern California Yachting Association's
**YACHTING PROTOCOL
GUIDELINES**

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SMJ Industrial Radio

We are able to stay connected during the SCYA 2024 Safety at Sea "hands on day" without the rental radios from SJM

Industrial Radio. The ability of the instructors to stay in touch throughout the large venue was a key safety factor. SJM is our go to choice for walkie talkie professional radios. <https://radios.sjmradio.com/>



Santa Monica Bay Sailing Association

The SCYA 2024 Safety at Sea event was graced with a grant from the Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation. I truly want to thank the Foundation. This helped to keep the costs down for those attending. <https://www.smbssf.org>



Mustang Survival

Mustang Survival donated their top-of-the-line PFD for a raffle item. The HIT Hydrostatic Inflatable PFD. It was the coveted item in the drawing. Local MdR sailor Marcy Rye won it. After the weekend of training, she left with the best tool to survive at sea. <https://mustangsurvival.com/collections/inflatable-pfds>



Maritime Museum of San Diego

Another coveted raffle item came from the Maritime Museum of San Diego. The lucky winner got two passes for a four-hour adventure on the gorgeous official tall ship of the State of California the Californian. The four hours on board a Topsail Schooner is the one raffle item I really wanted to run off with. The Museum provided two sets of the passes. The other set was auctioned off during one of our SCYA general meetings. My thanks to Theresa Smullen, Director of Marketing at the Museum for building a partnership with SCYA. Please go to the Museum, tell them you are a member of SCYA! <https://sdmaritime.org>



LA ROCHE-POSAY

LA ROCHE-POSAY, the top-of-the-line sunscreen and dermatological skincare laboratory provided ample supplies of their famous sunscreen. They provided so many samples, they were shared during one of our meetings as well as the Safety at Sea. Every sample and their well-made

hats were scooped up. Our sailors will be much safer from sun damage now. <https://www.laroche-posay.us/>

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The Spotlight is intended for Alerts and Invitations and is sent no more than 1x per day, Monday through Friday and can be sent to all subscribers or to member clubs by Harbor Association. Alerts are items of concern that could have an immediate impact on the boating community such as entangled whales or areas to avoid. Invitations include Opening Days, seminars and webinars, NOR, or any other item with a Who, What, When, Where, and How to register to attend.

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