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From the Helm

Commodore's Report

Jodi Masters-Gonzales

2026 SCYA Commodore

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Happy New Year! We are off to a strong start with several SCYA committee updates, including those from the Angling, Club of the Year, Inclusive Boating, Amateur Radio, Membership, Women's Conference, as well as liaison reports from RBOC, Harbor Associations and USCG. Each of them are included in this newsletter.

I am honored to be your 2026 SCYA Commodore and very much looking forward to our upcoming Installation & Awards dinner on Sunday, January 18th. We have only a few seats left, so if you'd like to attend, I recommend [making your reservations ASAP](#).

Last month I had the pleasure of notifying our 2025 awardees they had been nominated and selected out of a very competitive field of applications. The absolute joy of these communications were a gift and instant leadership memory I cherish. Congratulations to all of the winners!

2025 SCYA Perpetual and Service Awardees

- Club of the Year (Senior): American Legion Yacht Club
- Club of the Year (Regular): Santa Monica Windjammers
- Cruising Club of the Year: Port Royal Yacht Club
- Racing Club of the Year: Seal Beach Yacht Club
- Commodore's Award: K. David Campagnari (ALYC)
- Commodore's Award: Jay Nager (SMWYC)
- Commodore's Award: Jeff Pielet (DRYC)
- George & Kay Fisher Memorial Trophy:
Steve & Miriam Moses (CYC)
- James M. Webster Perpetual Trophy:
Jo Murray (ABYC/LBYC)
- Maritime Order of the Golden Key: Paul Artof (DRYC)
- Mort Bloom Perpetual Trophy:
Michael Segerblom (ABYC/LBYC)
- Peggy Slater Memorial Award: Marilyn Cassedy (CYC)
- SCYA Rescue Award: Drew Baldwin (CYC)
- Sportsmanship Award: Michael Gitchell (WSA-SMB)
- Trans Pacific Trophy: Allison Bell (SDYC/TPYC)
- Warren Ewert Memorial Trophy: Marie Rogers (CYC)

Another privilege I have is to select the 2026 SCYA Honorary Commodore. The office of Honorary Commodore may be

granted to a person whom the Association especially desires to honor and shall be selected by the Commodore-elect, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

The person we chose for 2026 is a dedicated leader, broadly known for their tireless service to SCYA, yacht clubs, and sailing organizations at the local, regional and national level. This person is a trailblazer and glass ceiling breaker, devoted to equity on-the-water and in leadership. Their history-making impact has left an indelible mark on our community and in many organizations we know and love.

I am incredibly proud to count **Marie Rogers** as a dear friend, confidant and mentor—and the 2026 SCYA Honorary Commodore!



Thank you for precious time and courageous heart, Marie!

Q1 2026 Scheduling

As you begin planning your 2026 calendars, be sure to mark

the dates for the Club of the Year Seminar, Rear Commodore Seminar, SCYA Midwinter Regatta, and 2020 NWSA/SCYA Women's Conference (scholarship applications close Monday, January 12th and early registration ends Wednesday, January 15th). You'll find more details on all these events in this newsletter.

SCYA 2026 Board of Directors & Appointed Officers

- Commodore, Jodi Masters-Gonzales (PRYC, LAYC, CorsYC, LBWSA)
- Vice Commodore, Elena Yuasa (NYCLB, WSA-OC, LSFYC)
- Rear Commodore, Herbert Brown (OYC)
- Jr. S/C & Treasurer, Lee Coller (KHYC, CorsYC, NYCLB)
- Secretary, H/C Lorraine Coller (KHYC, CorsYC, NYCLB)
- 3rd Year Director, Judi Glover (MorroBYC, SSYC, WSA-OC, CI-WSA)
- 2nd Year Director, John Gaddis (PCYC)
- 2nd Year Director, RJ Green (NHEYC, ALYC)
- 2nd Year Director, Thomas Noto (SSYC, NYCLB)
- 1st Year Director, Paul Artof (DRYC)
- 1st Year Director, David Campagnari (ALYC)
- 1st Year Director, Sally Cohen (SIBYC)
- 1st Year Director, Michael Means (BCYC)
- 1st Year Director, Jay Nager (SMWYC)
- Judge Advocate, David Baker (CIYC, PMYC)
- Fleet Captain, James Lee (KHYC, NYCLB)
- Port Captain, Jill Beideman (LBSYC)
- Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Martin Hopp (DRYC)

- Chaplain, H/C Norie Martin (KHYC)

We have many Committee Chairs and Regional Liaisons who are continuing or who have stepped up to serve the SCYA community in 2026. I look forward to introducing each of them and the valuable work they are doing on behalf our membership in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

I want to express deep gratitude to our 2025 Board of Directors, Appointed Officers, Chairpersons and Liaisons whose terms have ended. Thank you for your many years of distinguished service. We are incredibly grateful for your time, expertise, and the thoughtful manner in which you've carried out your responsibilities. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you and know that your contributions will continue to resonate for years to come.

It was a pleasure being at Oceanside Yacht Club for our transition meeting. OYC Commodore Mark Mallaby and crew were amazing hosts and made us all feel very welcome. Special thank you to OSC S/C and SCYA R/C, Herbert Brown, for making all of the arrangements.



(L-R: Dir. Michael Means, Dir. David Campagnari, Service Administrator Mary Crandall Placencia, Dir. Judii Glover, S/C & Treasurer Lee Coller, Commodore Jodi Masters-Gonzales, R/C Herbert Brown, V/C Elena Yuasa, Dir. Sally Cohen, Dir. Jay Nager, and SYCLB S/C Bob Brown.)

On behalf of the entire SCYA 2026 leadership team, we look forward to serving you in the coming year. Please reach out with any questions, comments, or suggestions. The door is always open.

Much aloha and mahalo 🌺

Jodi Masters-Gonzales

2026 SCYA Commodore
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From the Bridge

V/C Report

Elena Yuasa

2026 SCYA Vice Commodore

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Happy New Year from Your Incoming 2026 SCYA Vice Commodore

Happy New Year, and congratulations to everyone who has stepped forward to serve their yacht clubs in 2026. A new year brings fresh leadership, renewed energy, and exciting opportunities across our Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) community.

As I reflect on my time as 2025 SCYA Rear Commodore, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated, talented, and passionate volunteers, directors, and committee members. That experience has energized and prepared me for my new role as 2026 SCYA Vice

Commodore, and I am genuinely excited about what we can accomplish together in the year ahead.

Leadership & Collaboration in 2026

I look forward to working closely with committee chairs, an outstanding group of leaders, who are enthusiastic about making a difference.

- Director Michael Means – Trophies
- Director Jay Nager – Safety at Sea Seminar
- Director H/C Marie Rogers, – Inclusive Boating
- Director Judi Glover – Regatta Seminar
- Dr. Michael Hopp – Medical Emergencies at Sea Seminar
- Chair, Peter Philips - Adaptive Boating
- Chair, Miles Blatt - Angling
- Chair, Kim Kymlicka - Appeals / Rules
- Chair, Jeannie West - Junior Sailing
- Chair, Brian Randall - Model Yachting
- Chair, Robert Gonzales - Race Management

I am also honored to work alongside our new Fleet Captain, Jame Lee, whose enthusiasm, leadership, experience, and dedication will be a tremendous asset as we move forward.

Committee chairs are eager to outline their programs and recruit volunteers. If someone in your club is interested in serving, please encourage them to contact a committee chair or me directly at vicecommodore@scya.org.

What's Ahead for 2026

This year, my focus will be on expanding opportunities for engagement, education, and collaboration by:

- Hosting special membership events that address club concerns
- Educating members on new initiatives and SCYA resources
- Providing meaningful support to our yacht club community
- Developing additional training seminars and conferences

If you have an idea for a seminar, conference, meet-and-greet, or a specific training opportunity, please don't hesitate to reach out. I want to hear what matters most to you and your club.

Across all committees under my purview, I will emphasize the **CDG** approach:

Connect – Engage in meaningful conversations with yacht clubs and committees representing diverse Corinthian interests to achieve stronger outcomes together.

Discover – Explore innovation, new program opportunities, and collaboration across our boating communities.

Grow – Strengthen programs, regatta series, membership, and understanding of each harbor's sailing community, ensuring the sport we love thrives for generations to come.

Strengthening SCYA for the Future

One of my key goals this year is to complete the remaining sections of the SCYA Policy and Procedure Manual, a comprehensive reference to support committee chairs and volunteers. This effort will strengthen succession planning, enhance continuity, and further advance SCYA's mission. I look forward to working with the Policy and Procedure Committee, led by SCYA Secretary and past Honorary Commodore Lorraine Coller, and presenting this document to the Board for approval.

As yacht clubs transition into new leadership roles, SCYA is doing the same. I look forward to meeting new flag officers and directors at Opening Days and membership meetings, strengthening camaraderie, and working collaboratively to address challenges affecting our shared boating community.

Learning, Networking, and Growing Together

Participation is key, and I encourage everyone to attend our regular SCYA meetings, which feature engaging guest speakers on a wide range of boating topics. Networking remains essential in our community; it is where we connect, learn from one another, and grow together in shared success.

Racing, Committees & Volunteer Opportunities

I am pleased to announce that the Area J Race Calendar has already been posted on our website, well ahead of schedule. As a living document, it will be updated regularly, so please get in touch with me if a race needs to be added or adjusted.

Angling Committee - Chair Miles Blatt Update

Our SCYA Angling Committee Chair, Miles Blatt, has announced the first Anglers Night Out on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Del Rey Yacht Club. This informal social evening will bring anglers together to share ideas and preview what's ahead for 2026. For more information, please get in touch with Miles at myles@mdranglers.com. See his report and event flyer below.

Looking Ahead to 2026

Our annual SCYA R/C Seminar is already scheduled for Feb 7th (see our Rear Commodore article for more information). Two significant events will take place: the SCYA/NWSA Women's Sailing Conference, planned for March, and the SCYA Midwinters Regatta, both of which celebrate and promote boating, leadership, and sailing activities in Area J. I encourage your clubs and members to participate.

The year ahead will be exciting and rewarding and, most importantly, an opportunity to deliver meaningful value to our members, our clubs, and our entire yachting community. I look forward to making 2026 a year to remember.

"Strong yachting communities are built when we listen, collaborate, and serve with purpose. Together, we move forward."

Elena Yuasa

2026 SCYA Vice Commodore
vicecommodore@scya.org



From the Bridge

R/C Report

Herbert Brown

2026 SCYA Rear Commodore

rearcommodore@scya.org

Hello SCYA Community,

My name is Herbert J. Brown II, and I am honored to serve as your 2026 Rear Commodore. I hail from Oceanside Yacht Club in Oceanside, California, and I have been an active member of the sailing and boating community for over ten years.

I look forward to listening, learning, and serving our member clubs throughout the coming year, and I am truly excited to work alongside each club within our Association.

During the nomination and selection process, I was asked what my leadership style is.

My leadership style can be summed up in one word: Collaborative—grounded in Communication, Coordination, and Collaboration. I firmly believe our greatest strength lies in working together, learning from one another, and supporting our clubs as one unified Association.

SAVE THE DATE!

SCYA Rear Commodore Seminar

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Seal Beach Yacht Club

255 N. Marina Drive

Long Beach, CA 90277

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Theme: Beach Casual (no shorts, please)

Represent your yacht club by wearing your club attire (shirt, scarf, pin, name badge, etc.)

Please forward the R/C Seminar information to your club's Rear Commodore. Equivalent roles are also welcome to attend. As this is a time of transition, we may not have your 2026 R/C's email in our database yet.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the months ahead and working together to continue SCYA's proud legacy.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Herbert J. Brown II

2026 SCYA Rear Commodore

rearcommodore@scya.org

PORT CAPTAIN

Upcoming Events



Sunday, January 18, 2026

SCYA Installation and Awards Ceremony

Los Angeles Yacht Club

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Southern California Yachting Association

cordially invites you and a guest to attend the

2026 Installation and Awards Ceremony

Sunday, January 18, 2026

No Host Cocktails at 5:00 pm

Dinner/Awards/Dancing at 6:00 pm

Entertainment: Brent George Live

Los Angeles Yacht Club

245 Whalers Walk

San Pedro, CA 90731

\$125.00 Per Person

Cocktail Attire/Black Tie Optional

Limited Seating

Invitation Non-Transferable

No Walk-ins

Please RSVP at <https://scya.org/event/2026-scya-awards-dinner-installation/>

For more information, please contact SCYA Service Center

phone: 562-433-7426 or email: service@scya.org

Saturday, January 31, 2026

10am PST via Zoom

SCYA Club of the Year (COY) Seminar

REGISTER HERE

Saturday, February 7, 2026

SCYA Rear Commodore Seminar

Seal Beach Yacht Club

REGISTER HERE



SCYA

Rear Commodore Seminar

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Seal Beach Yacht Club
255 N. Marina Drive, Long Beach, CA 90277

\$45.00 per person 9:00AM - 3PM

9:00 Social – Coffee and pastries
9:30AM – 3:00P Seminar

Light Pastries and Lunch Included
Water, Coffee & Tea included
No Host Bar

Register no later than February 2, 2026 by 4 PM!

February 21-22 & February 28-March 1, 2026

SCYA Midwinter Regatta

www.scyamidwinterregatta.org



March 20-22, 2026

NWSA/SCYA Women's Conference

Long Beach Yacht Club

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Early Registration Ends Wednesday, January 15th!

NWSA & SCYA PRESENTS



Women's Sailing Conference
LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB
MARCH 20-22, 2026



SCYA COMMITTEE REPORT

Anglers Night Out Flyer & Program Update



Angler Chair, Myles Blatt, myles@mdrangers.com



**\$20 PER
PERSON**



Hosted by DRYC & SCYA Angler Chair Myles Blatt
****OPEN TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS****

Come out for a night of food, fun, and fishing!

LIGHT APPETIZERS PROVIDED ~ CASH BAR AVAILABLE

RAFFLE PRIZES ~ GIVEAWAYS

FISHING TRIP INFO ~ 2026 PLANS

****LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE****

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
6PM - 9PM

RSVP with the DRYC Front Office. Call 310-823-4664
13900 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Dear SCYA Members,

I'm excited to share that the SCYA Anglers Program is actively being built and expanded, with some very exciting plans already underway for 2026.

My name is Myles Blatt, and I currently serve as the Angler Chair for Del Rey Yacht Club and the SCYA Anglers Program. My goal is to strengthen and unify fishing programs across SCYA—bringing together clubs, anglers, and leadership to create more opportunities for tournaments, education, conservation, and community-driven fishing events.

As part of this effort, I'd like to personally invite you to **Anglers Night Out** on Saturday January 10, 2026 at Del Rey Yacht Club—an informal, social evening designed to bring anglers together, share ideas, and preview what's ahead for 2026.

If your club already has an established fishing or anglers program—or if your club is interested in building one—I would love to connect with you. Likewise, if you are currently serving as your club's Angler Chair, or are involved in fishing-related leadership, please reach out directly.

We are looking to collaborate with members and clubs interested in:

- Fishing tournaments and inter-club events
- Educational seminars and guest speakers
- Conservation and stewardship efforts
- Club-driven fishing outings and programs

This is an open invitation to get involved and help shape the future of fishing within SCYA. The more clubs and members we bring together, the stronger and more impactful this program will become.

Please feel free to contact me directly
at myles@mdrangers.com. I look forward to connecting and
working together. Hope to see you at the Anglers Night Out
event on Saturday January 10, 2026 at DRYC.

Tight lines,

Myles Blatt

DRYC & SCYA Angler Chair

SCYA COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Club of the Year Seminar & New Criteria



Co-Chairpersons, Sylvia Wheeler, ForSylviaW@aol.com &
Director David Campagnari, KDavidCamp@gmail.com



Dear SCYA Member Clubs,

Are you interested in learning how to participate in the SCYA Club of the Year inter-club competition and have one of the prestigious trophies on display at your club? If so, please attend the Club of the Year Seminar to have your questions answered, review new 2026 criteria, and earn points towards your book!

The SCYA COY program celebrates the excellence of our

member organizations through a friendly inter-club competition. There are three trophy types: (Overall) Club of the Year, Racing Club of the Year and Cruising Club of the Year. All clubs who achieve at least 80% of the points in their category will receive the prestigious SCYA Commodore's Award, reflecting a merit of excellence.

The seminar will discuss the revised 2026 criteria, how to document the various categories and what constitutes a winning binder. A certificate of attendance will be available to document your attendance. **This seminar qualifies for 2 points (2 attendees per club) under the category of SCYA Seminar Attendance.**

THE CHALLENGE

Using criteria, developed over several decades, points are accumulated in a number of areas ranging from regional engagement through attendance at SCYA General Meetings and Opening Days, to on-the-water programs and land-based activities that showcase how your club builds value for its members and strengthens Corinthian values within the broader community. For example, Racing, Cruising, Model Yacht Program, Angling, Predicted Log, Clean Boating Program are just a few of the activities that help you earn points. See the complete list of COY criteria on our website, (Overall) Club of the Year, Racing Club of the Year and Cruising Club of the Year.

SCYA 2026 COY INFO SESSION

Join us for the SCYA 2026 COY Seminar via Zoom on January 31, 2026 at 10:00am to review the criteria for each of the

three trophy types and answer any questions you may have.

Register Now!

IMPORTANT DATES

Certain early deadlines are approaching fast! Meeting these deadlines helps ensure your club receives maximum points.

- January 15, 2026 – Submit club Yearbook data to SCYA, including club COY coordinator (your Commodore received this email, reach out to SCYA Commodore Jodi Masters-Gonzales if you are unable to find it (commodore@scya.org))
- January 18, 2026 – Attend the SCYA Installation & Awards Ceremony
- January 31, 2026 – Have your COY Coordinator attend the SCYA COY Seminar (save the date; register when Zoom invite is sent out)
- March 1, 2026 – Remit club dues to SCYA
- November 7, 2026 – Submit COY Binder for 2026

2026 COY CHANGES

The SCYA Board of Directors approved the following COY criteria changes for 2026:

- Racing and Cruising Club of the Year have separate criteria/Deeds of Gift and require separate binders.
- Interim clubs are encouraged to compete in their eligible membership category (see COY criteria for guidelines.)
- Electronic submission of binders is prohibited.
- The November 2026 SCYA General Meeting will NOT be counted in the event of a tie (refer to Tie-Breaker Formula).
- Criteria #6 – Junior Program: Clubs may partner with another SCYA member organization with a viable Junior Program.
- Criteria #10 – Club Cruising Program: Clubs in all categories will receive a maximum of 4 points.
- Criteria #12 – Championship Regatta Hosting – Clubs in all categories may participate and receive maximum points.

Hope to see your club amongst those competing in 2026!

Sincerely,

Sylvia Wheeler, ForSylviaW@aol.com

David Campagnari, KDavidCamp@gmail.com

SCYA Club of the Year Co-Chairs

Register Now!

SCYA COMMITTEE REPORT

Inclusive Boating: Zarrin's Story



Chair, H/C Marie Rogers, marieelizabethrogers@gmail.com

It goes without saying that youth sailing programs offer huge benefits. They help young people build confidence, independence, and teamwork through navigating wind and water, while also boosting STEM skills (physics, math) and environmental awareness, providing a great screen-free activity that develops responsibility, resilience, and lifelong social connections. At the same time, observers are reexamining junior sailing programs that can cause intense competitive pressure leading to burnout, high costs, safety issues, and a focus on racing that alienates non-competitive kids. Because programs typically lack ethnic diversity, bullying based on race currently exists, with program directors often not having tools to address the problem. The affected families are left to decide if the benefits outweigh the drawbacks of staying in these programs.

I interviewed Zarrin Harvey for this story because I have

been searching for kids who come from outside the sailing community and whose families do not live near the water. He was fortunate to have been encouraged by his uncle to join the sailing summer camp offered by Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. He fell in love with the sport, so much so that he wanted to continue in the regular program. In time, his family moved from Riverside to Newport Beach where he was able to join the BCYC team. It is important to add that his mother, Artesha, was protective of her son. They weren't a sailing family, and it was necessary to learn how to navigate in this new world of yacht club life. She attended all practices and events. She went on the road with the team when they traveled. She was there for all the team members and cheered for them enthusiastically. Things changed when Zarrin started to excel. He started winning races and the ugly came out. Competing teams hurled racial slurs. Artesha was hassled by the parents of other teams, suggesting that it was not fair Zarrin was winning just because he was black. The insults were unprovoked and hurtful. What kept them going was the support that they got from Zarrin's coaches and home club.

Zarrin, a senior at Corona Del Mar High School and a member of their sailing team, stays focused on his training and his studies. He has already been tapped for a college sailing scholarship. Zarrin holds Max Mayol, Head Sailing Coach, in the highest regard. Mayol has coached him from Sabots to FJs. Zarrin told stories of BCYC Sailing Director Cameron Maclaren, who was incredibly supportive and fun. After practice, he made kids dance for candy and usually had his sweet dog, Nala, nearby. Finally, he credits Mark Gaudio,

Naples Sabot Champion, for coaching and encouraging him. According to Zarrin, Gaudio is especially amazing at inspiring young kids. These experiences with his coaches have motivated Zarrin to coach the up-and-coming young sailors at BCYC. His kind disposition and celebrity status have kids clamoring for his attention.

Some of Zarrin's Highlights

Awards from BCYC:

- Denny Mason Memorial Trophy: Most Enthusiastic Junior Sailor (2021 and 2022)
- John Pickney Perpetual: Most Outstanding Racing Record Set for a Junior Sailor (2022 and 2023)
- Balboa Bay Fleet Championship Perpetual (2022-2023)

Zarrin's parents are now members of BCYC. Theirs is a story of patience and mutual respect. Artesha volunteered for more than supporting the team. She helped with major club events, and in time was elected to serve on the Board of Directors. She has major respect for the BCYC leadership and staff. She models the steps they took to make her feel welcome as she now does the same for families new to yacht club life.

Next steps for Artesha? Support Zarrin in his college journey...and learn to sail herself!

Young Zarrin



Regatta Life



(L-R: Artesha Flowers-Harvey, BCYC Director & Zarrin Flowers-Harvey, BCYC Junior Director)

Special mention to California Yacht Club's Gabriel Sequeira (Junior Sailing Manager & Head Coach) and Thomas Sylvestre (Senior Sailing Professional) for recognizing Zarrin's talent and assisting in his story being told.

Marie Rogers

12/21/25

SCYA COMMITTEE REPORT



Marina del Rey Sheriff's Dept. Renews Interest in Amateur Radio

Chair, Charles Pascal, radiopascal@earthlink.net



In 1989 I met with the captain of the Marina Del Rey Sheriff's Department, members of the Harbor patrol and the Department of Beaches and Harbors to conduct joint emergency operations with Amateur radio. The operations were conducted through Los Angeles DCS or Disaster Communications Service, which is a national service created by Amateur radio to assist law enforcement.

We implemented a successful program lasting until 1998.

Los Angeles County decided to move in a different direction, which reduced Amateur radio membership from 40 active

members to zero.

Through the dedication and interest of Amateur operators lead by Paul Artof of Del Rey Yacht Club, the interest is now in the process of being revived.

The Marina Del Rey Sheriff's Department wants the help of Amateur operators who have an interest in boating to assist them in emergencies and other community activities.

On October 29, 2025, a meeting was held at Del Rey Yacht Club where the Sheriff's Department and interested Amateurs agreed to draft a working relationship with the Amateur DCS service creating a program that allowed Amateurs to assist the Sheriff's department in monitoring activities using their radios.

The acting captain along with interested deputies attended the meeting.

The plan is to create policies and procedures that will enable Amateur operators to become members of the Los Angeles County Disaster Communications service.

Members holding Amateur licenses will receive a uniform and be required to check in for 30 minutes per week to a DCS network held over Amateur radio.

The activity will be open to all Yacht clubs once a framework has been drafted.

Why join?

In Los Angeles, yacht clubs have been under tremendous pressure regarding County leases and their direction in the future. Public service to the county is a solid strategy to show our value to the community.

As SCYA Amateur Radio Chair, I strongly encourage yacht clubs to contact me by email or phone with ideas how they believe a solid working relationship can be drafted.

Charles Pascal

SCYA Amateur Radio Chair

Email: radiopascal@earthlink.net

Phone: (310) 714-0524

SCYA COMMITTEE REPORT

Notice of New Member Applications



I am pleased to announce two membership items. One is an application for a new Special Membership and the other for advancement to Associate Member. Both are scheduled to be effective on February 21, 2026, following a vote of Delegates at the General Meeting.

An application as a new Special Member has been made by the **Marina del Rey Venture MacGregor Fleet**. This fleet is well known locally and is active in the area. Their website is: MarinaDelReyVentureMacGregorfleet.com. Their application to SCYA has been reviewed by the SCYA Membership Committee and endorsed by the SCYA Board of Directors.

An application to advance to an Associate Member status has been made by **Horizon Yacht Club**. They have been active within SCYA this past year and are eager to continue and intensify that involvement. The club has complied with the criteria to advance to Associate Member and a recommendation by the SCYA Membership Committee has been endorsed by the SCYA Board of Directors.

SCYA's membership protocol requires notice to the SCYA Delegates, with a 30-day period to allow for comment before being moved to vote by the General Membership at the next available meeting. Direct written comments to commodore@scya.org. This is that notice.

Sincerely,
Jodi Masters-Gonzales
Commodore
Southern California Yachting Association
commodore@scya.org



SCYA COMMITTEE REPORT

Scholarship & Early Registration Deadlines Approaching Fast!



*National Women's Sailing Association
Southern California Yachting Association
Working Together*

**EARLY REGISTRATION &
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Ahoy, ladies!

National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA) and Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) are co-hosting the 2026 Women's Sailing Conference in Southern California in collaboration with historic Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC) and Long Beach Women's Sailing Association (LBWSA). Conference dates are **March 20-22-2026**.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES COMING SOON!

- Scholarship Applications due next week Monday, January 12, 2026.
- Early registration ends next week Wednesday, January 15, 2026.
(Save \$50!) NWSA members save an additional \$45 on conference registration.
- Two-payment option: first payment due no later than January 31, 2026.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Apply for the Gail Hine NWSA Conference scholarship (and SCYA matching scholarship) to cover the cost of registration only. The application is good for both scholarships.

2026 CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Check-out the full range of sessions being offered. Choose from four different tracks, build your own cruising track, or mix-and-match for a custom experience!

2026 NWSA/SCYA Women's Conference Classes At A Glance*

Friday Evening							
Welcome Social							
Saturday							
Registration ~ Breakfast ~ Welcome Address							
9:00 am	Crew Overboard	Boat Systems	On The Water Docking	On The Water Anchoring	Take the Helm® Track	Race Committee Track	Advancing Leadership in Racing Track
10:45 am	Electrical System	Flooding Control					
Lunch ~ Keynote Speaker							
1:30 pm	Intro to Navionics	Electrical System	Sailing Knots	Flooding Control	On The Water Anchoring	Take the Helm® Track	Advancing Leadership in Racing Track
3:00 pm	Boat Systems	Heavy Weather	First Aid	Flooding Control			
Social Hour ~ Offsite Ticketed Dinner							
Sunday							
Registration ~ Breakfast							
9:00 am	Avoiding Mishaps	Advanced Navionics	Sailing Knots	Diesel Engine Maintenance	Take the Helm® Track	Race Committee Track	Advanced Sail Trim Track
10:45 am	Crew Overboard	Heavy Weather	Throw a Line				
Silent Auction ~ Lunch ~ Fashion Show							
1:30 pm	Heavy Weather	Extend Your Learning	Basic Sail Trim	Diesel Engine Maintenance	On The Water Dinghy Driving	Race Committee Track	Advanced Sail Trim Track
3:00 pm	First Aid		How to be Good Crew				
Social Hour ~ Trophies/Certificate Presentations							

*This chart highlights educational sessions only; please refer to the conference website for full schedule, networking events, and additional activities

HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

Attendance is capped at 100 and it is recommended that folks register early for best class choices. Attendees from across our local SoCal region and the nation are already rolling in—see old friends and meet new ones! You won't want to miss this beloved conference that has Gail Hine's legacy and DNA baked in. World-class instructors, wide-ranging network of ladies and camaraderie galore.

How you can help get the word out:

- Forward this email to your networks
- Add to your organization's newsletter
- Make a special announcement at upcoming meetings
- Post on social media
- Print and post the flyer ([CLICK HERE](#) for high res 8.5 x 11 version)
- Invite beginners and people who may not be as integrated into the community

Thank you for helping us spread the word and hope to see you there!

Reach out with any questions 🌸

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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Southern California's Harbor Associations



There are 5 harbor associations in Southern California. They are: (1) Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs, (2) Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs, (3) Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs, (4) Association of Orange Coast Yacht Clubs and (5) San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs. They provide a valuable service to their member clubs. The two primary functions of the harbor associations are to coordinate the annual race calendar and to ensure the race buoys are in place. The clubs pay dues to support these activities. The clubs appoint representatives to serve on the harbor association boards. The associations also have awards for outstanding sailing, seamanship and service to the harbor community. These awards are generally presented annually.

There is often dynamic tension between the clubs and the harbor associations particularly in regard to the race calendar. Keep in mind there is a shortage of volunteers for all activities clubs want to accomplish. Every club has a reason to have all their races where they want them on the calendar. Yet there are not enough participants in the races

to effectively support all the races the clubs want. It is in no one's interest to have races that are not well supported. Club race management committees work hard to conduct excellent regattas. They do almost as much work for 5 entries as they do for 25 entries. The harbor association committee members are expected to work collaboratively to combine or eliminate races in order to have a reasonable number of races that can be well supported by the racing sailors in their harbor area. At the same time the club that appointed them to serve expects the club's interest be protected.

Clubs flag officers are encouraged to support their harbor associations work by fulfilling their obligation to provide person power to the harbor association as well has strong support so volunteers will want to participate in the work of the harbor associations.

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SCYA LIAISON REPORT

RBOC: Boating Advocacy Update



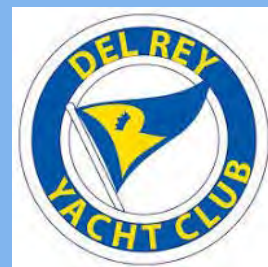
RBOC & BoatUS held a free, virtual, boat advocacy update on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 with timely updates on the key government affairs issues in which we are engaged including: golden mussels, marine flares, registration fees, copper-based anti-fouling paints, water conveyance, E15 fuel, and more!

CLICK WATCH THE REPLAY BELOW.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

DRYC's Quarterly Racing Newsletter



Del Rey YC's quarterly racing newsletter includes some upcoming dates, including the Malibu/Topanga Race on Jan. 3 to kick off the new year. So far, 18 boats have entered including the iconic Ragtime! Can't wait to see her sailing in Santa Monica Bay for the first time in several years. [CLICK HERE](#) for race info.

Marina 4 All Update

Thanks to you, input from local boaters seems to be helping MDR officials appreciate the value of (and interest in) a community sailing center as part of a proposed aquatic center that initially consisted of a public swimming pool to be constructed somewhere in the marina. As reported before, MDR is surveying residents from throughout L.A. County to collect input on what would attract more visitors to the Marina. Responses so far from those not familiar with MDR consist primarily of more public transportation, restaurants, parking, a nature center, among others.

The County's Small Craft Harbor Commission cancelled its December meeting so it's a good bet that Marina 4 All will be part of the agenda at its next meeting on Jan. 14. An updated public presentation is expected with announcement on when the Commission will vote on the M4All initiative including whether to proceed on an aquatic center, its location, and what it would include-swimming pool, community sailing center, parking.

The County's survey appears down today but here is the link: <https://www.mdr4all.org/> The Marina4All working group has created its own survey targeting recreational boaters to

give the working group (and others) a stronger sense of who we are and what we'd like the County to focus on when it comes to MDR improvements: Boater

Survey [<https://wiremedia.typeform.com/to/c1hb1h21>](https://wiremedia.typeform.com/to/c1hb1h21) .

Please participate!

Sincerely,

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HALLOWEEN RACE

John Staff's J/111 Obsidian was the first boat in the 23-boat fleet to cross the finish line to take the win in DRYC's annual Halloween pursuit race. The nine-mile course included five marks that could be rounded in any order, either to port or starboard making for a unique but challenging test of tactical and navigation skills. Clive Svendsen's Catalina 42 Starlight was first boat in Cruiser division.

Photo by Brendan Huffman



DRUMSTICK RACE

Phil Friedman's Sapphire Knight earned first place overall in DRYC's annual Drumstick Intraclub Race in the 8-mile course sailed under sunny skies and light but steady winds for the 21 competitors. Stine Cacavas skippered a J/22 to first place in Performance B class, Gary Schaffel's Odyssey won Cruiser A class, and Ludovic Francois's Hotel Catalina won Cruiser B class.

Photo by Brendan Huffman



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 3: Malibu/Topanga Race (Berger/Stein series #1) - [Event Page](#)
- Jan. 25: US Sailing Race Management Seminar at DRYC
- Jan. 31-Feb. 1: SCYA Midwinters (Optimists)
- Feb. 15: Regatta de Amor (Berger/Stein series #2) - [Event Page](#)
- Mar. 21: Intro to Yacht Racing seminar
- Mar. 22: Pier Pressure Race (Berger/Stein series #3) - [Event Page](#)

Follow us on FB: DRYC Racing!

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Philanthropy at Sea: A Call to



Action for SCYA Clubs

As SCYA Vice Commodore, I have the privilege of visiting clubs, sailing associations, talking with members, and hearing their success stories. Recently, I enjoyed learning about the inspiring work being done by the Women's Sailing Association Orange County (WSA-OC). Their passion for giving back to the community, while bringing their members together, exemplifies how philanthropy can strengthen a yacht club or sailing association. It's a story worth sharing and one that might inspire ideas for your own club.

*This article was submitted by **Commodore Candice Coleman** and **WSA-OC Philanthropy Director Greta Boye**, who shared how rewarding it has been to engage their members in these efforts. Their enthusiasm is contagious, and their results speak for themselves.*

Philanthropy as a Sailing Mission

Women's Sailing Association, Orange County (WSA-OC) is dedicated to enriching the lives of women through access to sailing, education, and community involvement. What makes WSA-OC unique is its commitment to service. Their members donate time, boats, expertise, and financial resources to create transformative experiences for others, demonstrating that yacht clubs can be engines of good in their communities.

Signature Philanthropic Events

WSA-OC hosts on-the-water events that pair skilled skippers and crews with deserving community members for unforgettable experiences:



AdventureSail® – In partnership with the National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA), this annual event introduces less-advantaged girls, often from the Boys & Girls Club of San Clemente, to the thrill of sailing. The girls receive gift bags and, for some, scholarships to sailing schools, creating pathways to a lifetime love of the sea.



Women in the Wind – This day of sailing is designed for women recovering from hardships such as cancer, domestic violence, human trafficking, or homelessness. In collaboration with Soroptimist International, WSA-OC provides a healing and empowering day on the water, helping these women feel strong, capable, and full of hope again.

Building Community Connections

Philanthropy isn't just beneficial for the beneficiaries; it also brings recognition and goodwill to the organization. WSA-OC supports high-visibility community events such as the Dana Point Festival of Whales, hosting a booth and sponsoring a boat in the Dinghy Dash cardboard boat contest.

They also participate in the Bonnie Lou Gibson Memorial Sail for the Visually Impaired (SVI), one of Newport Harbor's most celebrated events, bringing hundreds of blind or visually impaired guests onto the water with the support of over 150 volunteers.

Raising Funds & Raising Spirits

WSA-OC's annual holiday party doubles as its primary fundraiser. Members contribute a variety of auction items, including wine, gift baskets, boat day trips, and weekend getaways. The event not only funds philanthropic programs but also honors the skippers and volunteers who make them possible, reinforcing a culture of generosity and shared purpose.

Why Your Club Should Join the Movement

Philanthropy strengthens more than just the community; it reinforces your club:

- Visibility: Events increase your club's visibility in the community, attracting potential members and partners.
- Engagement: Members bond when working together for a worthy cause, building camaraderie and pride.
- Relevance: Philanthropic initiatives show that yacht clubs are more than private enclaves; they are vital, contributing members of their harbors and cities.
- Spirit: Giving back keeps the Corinthian spirit of yachting alive, service, sportsmanship, and stewardship.

The success of WSA-OC is proof that philanthropy and yachting go hand in hand. As Candice Coleman and Greta Boye shared, engaging members in these efforts has been one of the most rewarding parts of their association's journey.

So, here's the challenge: What could your club do to give back? Whether through a scholarship program, a sailing day for veterans, environmental cleanups, or partnerships with local nonprofits, philanthropy has the power to bring your members together, inspire the next generation, and remind your community why yacht clubs matter.

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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Safety at Sea Programs



Current Safety at Sea programs scheduled for Southern California Region are:

- Kaneohe Yacht Club, Kaneohe, HI – January 24
- SDYC, San Diego, CA – January 31-February 1 (registration full)
- LBYC, Long Beach, CA – February 22-23
- OYC, Oceanside, CA – April 25-26
- SMWYC, Marina Del Rey – May 2-3
- SWYC, San Diego, CA – June 13-14

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Report on USCG GMDSS Taskforce



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1/9/2026

Report on USCG GMDSS Taskforce Meeting 2/8/2026

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National GMDSS Implementation Taskforce
Wilderness Medical Society Associate
Certified Sailing Instructor (novice to advanced)

Please note the name change from USCG GMDSS Taskforce to National GMDSS Implementation Taskforce.

This report will include information on:

Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services
RTCM Recreational Vessel Group
RTCM Special Committee 128 SEND Devices

I was recently assigned to the SC128 and will be attending all meetings starting with the 1/15/2026 meeting.

Recreational Vessel Group:

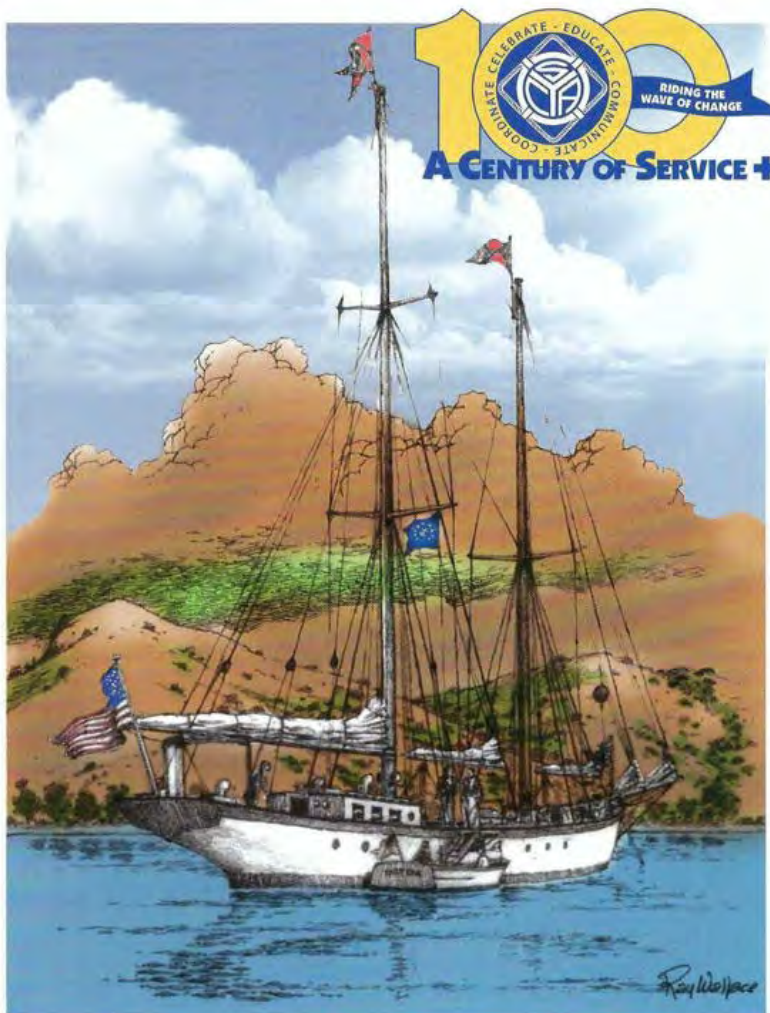
1. The transfer from Sea Tow to America's Boating Club (formerly United States Power Squadrons – A.K.A. US Power Squadron; <https://www.usps.org/>) of all MMSI numbers and responsibilities is complete. MMSI's can be issued by:
 - a. US Power Squadron - https://www.usps.org/php/mmsi_new/
 - b. Boat U.S. - <https://boat.us.com/products-and-services/membership/mmsi/>
 - c. FCC - <https://apps.fcc.gov/eas/userlogin.do?cdlToken=1-888-775-5377> for assistance
2. Registration of EPIRB's and PLB's have been officially transferred from NOAA to USCG (Department of Homeland Security - DHS): <https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov/RGDB/index> This applies to all 406MHz Beacons for US Flagged Vessels. The website has not been updated as of today . . . so hold that thought.
3. 4-Digit VHF Numbers are partially implemented. Additional information is available at this link: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/#id/urn:adobe:US:8708/a11-6bee-4466-a8e9-39c40b2f8d8/> – Full implementation is slated for 2027. If purchasing a new VHF Radio, be sure it is digital (versus analog) and is capable of displaying a 4 digit channel number. For more information: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/us-vhf-channel-information>

¹ If you plan to take your boat to Canada, Mexico or anywhere outside of the United States, you are required to register your MMSI with the FCC

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Yachting Protocol Guidelines Book





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

Yachting Protocol Guidelines

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Southern California Yachting Association's YACHTING PROTOCOL GUIDELINES, 6th edition 2024, is available for purchase online [at the SCYA Shop](#).

Free Ground shipping is available within the 48 contiguous

states. We apologize, but Hawaii, Alaska, and international destinations are excluded.

SCYA SEARCHLIGHT NEWSLETTER

Submission Guidelines



SCYA sends two types of email messaging: Searchlight (monthly newsletter) and Spotlight (alerts and invitations).

The Searchlight is the monthly SCYA Newsletter.

It's intended for News and Announcements. Boater and community interest stories, event details, race results, awards, and member news and save-the-date. The Searchlight is sent to all subscribers.

The Spotlight is intended for Alerts and Invitations.

It 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.

Submission Guidelines

To submit articles to the Searchlight, send the text of your article in a copiable format such as Word or plain text along with a single related image preferably sized 400x400 pixels in jpg, gif, or png format. Searchlight submissions should be sent to the Searchlight Editor at scyanewsletter@scya.org.

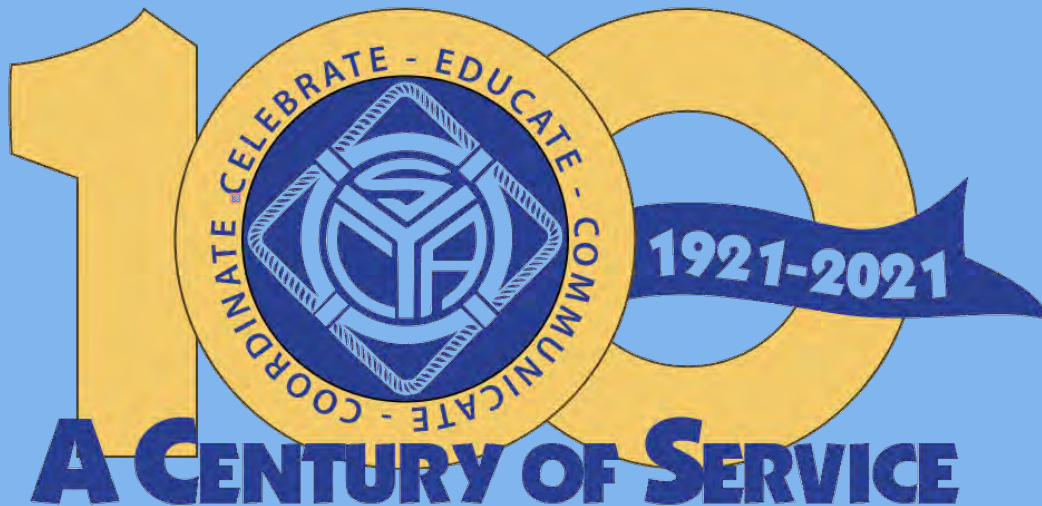
You can submit to the Spotlight in one of two ways. You can submit the Who What When and Where text copiable format such as Word or plain text along with a single related image preferably sized 800x800 pixels in jpg, gif, or png format. Alternatively, you can submit your fully coded HTML with image assets that follow our general format in a .zip file. Spotlight submissions should be sent to the SCYA Service Administrator at service@scya.org.

Neither the Searchlight or the Spotlight sends PDFs, Single-Image or link-only email. SCYA is not equipped to retype text from image files nor responsible for any spelling errors from duplicate efforts. All submissions are subject to editorial approval and/or editing for space or tempo.

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