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From the Helm

Commodore's Report

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I am incredibly proud of the impact we've had over the last month.

Together, SCYA clubs and organizations continue to advance exceptional examples of Corinthian sailing and recreational boating efforts across our area and broader national stage. The dedication of our many committees and club leaders continue to make it possible—THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to all for your hard work, commitment, and ongoing contributions to the mission of SCYA.

March SCYA General Meeting of Delegates

By overwhelming request at our February meeting, we arranged for Mike Van Dyke to attend and update SCYA Delegates on LA28 Olympics. Roughly 70 SCYA Delegates and member representatives attended. Mike is Board Chair of the California International Sailing Association, US Sailing Director, and SCYA Olympic Liaison.

Mike provided a brief history of the Olympics in Los Angeles, reviewed technological advancements and overall scope of production of Paris 2024 to create a general baseline as to local Olympic production and awareness of what LA28 preparation entails. He previewed what to expect in 2028, specifically around roles and responsibilities of organizing bodies; venues, races, competitors, and how the SCYA community can get involved. To request a PDF of Mike's presentation, please send an email to service@scya.org.

Thank you for your rapid response to our members and making the presentation happen on short notice, Mike!



(Group selfie: SCYA Delegates and Mike Van Dyke!)

A BIG thank you to San Diego Yacht Club, Commodore Alli Bell and her entire team for the wonderful hospitality and collaboration to make our March meeting a success! Mike generously donated LA28 pins and stickers and Alli stepped in to help us hand them out to the lucky recipients. It was a fun and exciting bow to tie on the luncheon.



(LA28 pin & sticker lucky lady, NOSA & Silver Gate Yacht Club Delegate, Jo Anne Sedgwick, pictured with SCYA Jr. S/C Lee Coller, R/C Herbert Brown, SDYC Commodore Alli Bell and SCYA Ways & Means Chair, Jasmine Aceves Quen.)

SCYA also presented Alli, also Etchells Class Secretary for the North American Etchells Class Association with the *SCYA Owen Churchill Angelita Trophy*. The trophy be presented to the top Corinthian Team at the **2026 US Etchells National Championships** at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, MA October 9-11, 2026. We are thrilled this historic trophy has been given new life and will continue on in namesake and spirit of deed for generations to come.

In the earlier SCYA Board of Directors meeting, a major technology upgrade was approved to provide much needed restructuring of SCYA's critical digital infrastructure, including improvements to the website, data management and annual yearbook production. It is our goal to complete this upgrade by end of year.

Also approved by SCYA Board of Directors was the selection of the 2025 awardee of the **SCYA Andy Gram Olympic Trophy**. Lisa Meier, Long Beach Yacht Club Jr. S/C, was unanimously selected for her contribution and effort in promoting Olympic yachting activities through Long Beach Yacht Club for the benefit of Southern California. She will be presented with the trophy during the June SCYA General Meeting of Delegates. **Congratulations, Lisa!** (Nominations for 2026 awardees will open in the fall—get your submissions ready!)

Welcome aboard to Jasmine Aceves Quen who was appointed Chair of Ways and Means (fundraising baskets), and Grace Harley who was appointed Chair of the Old Timers meeting (September SCYA General Meeting of Delegates.) Jasmine was the NYCLB Vice Commodore, and she is currently an Army Sergeant First Class. Grace is Jr. S/C of Hollywood Yacht Club. They were recruited by V/C Yuasa, and serve under R/C Brown.

NATIONAL NEWS



Julia Jaynes of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club awarded the 2026 David Storrs U.S. Sailing Match Racing Grant. This grant is awarded to one female and one male skipper each year and provides financial and mentoring support to ensure successful match racing campaigns and continued participation in the discipline.

"I feel honored and grateful to be a recipient of the David Storrs

match racing grant. This grant means so much to me as I grow as a female match racer in the US. In the past year, I've dedicated myself to advancing as a match racer. Match Racing has been the quickest way I have learned and grown as a sailor. I'm excited to see what this year will bring under the mentorship of Steve Flam and the support of the grant. Thank you to David Storrs and US Sailing for providing this opportunity. I'd like to give a special thank you to SCYA and Commodore Jodi for helping me with a letter of recommendation for the award," said Julia.

Determined to find a way into the sport, Julia first became involved as an umpire. In a relatively short period of time, she gained meaningful competitive experience across the sport and currently sits as Top 8 Women's Match Racing Skipper in the USA. Julia is a deserving candidate, a highly competitive sailor, and a compelling representative of the future of match racing in the United States.

Congratulations, Julia!

The **U.S. Sailing Regional Sailing Association Committee (RSAC)** met this month, [see report](#) in this issue.

REGIONAL NEWS



The **2026 NWSA/SCYA Women's Conference** was a huge success! More than 100 ladies attended from SoCal and across the nation to grow their confidence and skills under the guidance of 15 instructors, who provided subject matter expertise in 38 sessions spanning the weekend. Four SCYA clubs were coordinated to provide the facilities, assets and support, ensuring a comfortable and safe learning environment. Dozens of volunteers, advisors, and the woman who started it all—Gail Hine—was with us every step of the way.

Suffice it to say, we accomplished the mission of firmly re-establishing the annual SCYA Women's Conference and are working to ensure a community-driven, sustainable model going forward.

Organizers made sure there was something for everyone. Post-event survey results were glowing overall (as were the smiles all weekend long). It truly took a village and the valued partnership of our local clubs, community venues, and National Women's Sailing Association.

SCYA Women's Conference 2027 planning is already underway, returning in March 2027—date and SoCal location will be announced this Summer! A special edition of the Searchlight is forthcoming, with in-depth conference highlights and photos.

Opening Days are in full swing! This season, SCYA has already sent more than 35 invites at the request of SCYA member clubs and organizations. A trend we are observing (and received a number of questions about) is a shift toward inviting those beyond current Bridge. Many clubs have requested that invitations be sent to all those on SCYA's mailing list—a population that includes everyone from Staff Commodores to club general membership. It's been fun running into first-timers and listening to their excitement as they recall their favorite highlights from different Opening Days events. I like it and see it as a positive way to build camaraderie, reciprocal patronage, and buzz between SCYA clubs and their members. Would love to hear from clubs as to meaningful impact on budgets, members, and tradition—is this something your club plans to continue going forward? Why or why not? P.S. I wish I could attend all Opening Days, but it is simply impossible. Focusing this year on supporting clubs whose Opening Days I have yet to attend.

2026 SCYA Yearbooks were distributed at our March meeting; books were hand-delivered or mailed to clubs not in attendance. If your club did not receive books, or, if you would like to order additional, please reach out to SCYA Service Administrator, Mary Crandall Placencia at service@scya.org.

In this issue, the reports of our V/C Yuasa, R/C Brown and our

many committee Chairs are included, providing updates on events and organizing they are working on and what to look forward to. If there are reports that we missed, please send me a note and I will make sure we report on it in the next issue.

Much aloha and mahalo 🌺

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From the Bridge

V/C Report

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Connecting, Celebrating, and Sailing Forward Together

The start of Opening Season brings a special kind of energy,

and this year, it has been nothing short of inspiring. March has provided a meaningful opportunity to connect with many of our member clubs, celebrate long-standing traditions, and experience firsthand the enthusiasm that defines our SCYA community. At every stop, one thing has been clear: our strength lies in our people, our shared passion for boating, and our commitment to excellence on and off the water.

Opening Days: Tradition in Motion

I had the pleasure of attending Opening Day ceremonies at Cerritos Yacht Club, Navy Yacht Club San Diego, South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club, Pacific Mariners Yacht Club, Del Rey Yacht Club, Shoreline Yacht Club, and Hollywood Yacht Club. Each celebration carried its own unique character, from the pride of newly installed Flag Officers to the camaraderie shared among members, yet all reflected a common spirit of optimism and unity. The energy was unmistakable, and it was an honor to personally congratulate the leaders who will help guide their clubs through the year ahead.



Building Meaningful Connections

Throughout the month, I connected with members across San Diego, Santa Monica, San Pedro, and Alamitos Bay. These conversations are more than visits; they are opportunities to listen, learn, and ensure SCYA continues to evolve in ways that truly support our clubs. I encourage every member to engage with SCYA meetings and committees. Your voice matters, and your participation plays a vital role in shaping our future.

We were also pleased to welcome two new leaders: Jasmine Aceves-Quen as Chair of Ways and Means, and Grace Harley as Chair of Old Timers. Their leadership will further enhance the great work already underway.

Celebrating Excellence on the Water



On the racing front, I had the honor of attending the SCYA Midwinter PHRF Race Trophy Presentation at American Legion Yacht Club. Celebrating the accomplishments of our talented racers is always a highlight, and this year was no exception.

Special recognition goes to SCYA Director Tom Noto for his outstanding leadership in organizing a successful 2026 SCYA Midwinter Regatta. We are currently collecting event photos and exploring a special Midwinter feature edition. Stay tuned for more.

Committees in Action

Momentum continues to build across our committees. Under the leadership of Commodore Jodi Masters-Gonzales, we met with Brian Randall, Chair of Model Yachting Committee and Robert

Gonzales, Chair of Race Management Committee, to review committee charters and set priorities for the year ahead. Both committees are already actively engaging with clubs, gathering feedback, and aligning efforts. This kind of proactive collaboration is key to strengthening our association from within.

Education & Safety: Investing in Our Members

We are excited to offer valuable learning opportunities designed to educate and empower our community:

- **Medical Emergencies and Problems at Sea Seminar** presented by SCYA Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Michael Hopp, on June 4th at DRYC.
- **From Dock to Finish Line: 10 Steps to Run a Successful Regatta** presented by SCYA Director, Judi Glover, on August 22nd at ABYC.
- **U.S. Sailing International Safety at Sea certification** presented by SCYA Director Jay Nager, on August 22-23rd at CYC.

These programs reflect our commitment to supporting our members both on and off the water.

Sailing Forward Together

This has been an energizing and inspiring start to the season—and the momentum is only building.

As Vice Commodore, I remain committed to connecting with our clubs, listening to your ideas, and creating opportunities that strengthen our entire community. I encourage each of you to get involved by attending a meeting, joining a committee,

volunteering, or simply reaching out. Together, we are not just participating in this season; we are shaping the future of SCYA.

Let's make this a season defined by connection, growth, and shared success.

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From the Bridge

R/C Report

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Hello SCYA Community,

As the weather begins to warm and opening days are upon us, it's time to get back on the water with friends and family.

In February, I had the opportunity to visit the Silver Gate Yacht Club in sunny San Diego, California, for their Radio-Controlled Midwinter Regatta and Awards Presentation. During the awards program, I learned that it was one of the best sailing days the model fleets have experienced in years, with steady winds blowing straight down the channel.



(1st place winner Dave Endert V32)



(1st place winner Dennis Sharp LGYC Dragon 95)



(2nd place winner Joe Plymesser Dragon 95 and V32)

Two fleets raced on February 14: the Dragon-95s, a very fast and exciting model class, and the V-32s (Victor Model), which are slightly slower but an excellent boat for beginners and those new to model sailing.

I was also pleased to meet Terry and Dave Endert, Model Fleet Chairs at Silver Gate Yacht Club, along with Staff Commodore Jo Anne Sedgwick.

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Oceanside Yacht Club Opening Day, where these words truly resonated with me:

As we prepare to sail:

- *Guide each vessel safely through uncertain winds.*
- *Grant wisdom to every captain and crew.*
- *Protect us from danger on the waters.*
- *Surround our families and guests with safety and joy.*

May our regattas reflect sportsmanship, our meetings reflect cooperation, and our gatherings reflect friendship. Let this harbor be a place of peace, encouragement, and welcome.

Powerful words for an Opening Day—and ones we can all carry forward.

I also had the opportunity to have lunch at American Legion Yacht Club with Staff Commodore Tommy Wheeler and Commodore Wyatt Hoag. It was a valuable chance to learn more about SCYA and deepen my understanding of their club. As Rear Commodore, I look forward to connecting with more of our member clubs and their leadership, and I will be reaching out to continue building those relationships.

Please mark your calendar for our next General Meeting of Delegates on June 13, 2026. Jasmine, our Ways and Means Chairperson, will be leading the effort—come out and support her and the wonderful baskets benefiting SCYA programs.

Also, **save the date** for our Old Timer's and General Membership Meeting of Delegates on September 12, 2026,

chaired by Grace Harley.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

My closing thoughts—fair winds and following seas.

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PORT CAPTAIN

Upcoming Events



MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND PROBLEMS AT SEA

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026 | 7-9 PM

PRESENTED BY

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AND DR DOUG GALEN, DDS



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August 22, 2026

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

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Seminar: 1000 - 1430

**Hosted by Southern California
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Presented by:

SCYA Director Judi Glover

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SAVE THE DATE!

SCYA Old Timer's General Meeting of Delegates

Saturday, September 12, 2026 @ CBYC

Check scya.org for full calendar of meetings and events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Inclusive Boating: A Sailor's Conversation with Marcus Asante



By Marie Rogers, SCYA H/C and Committee Chair
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Like many who have had an opportunity to sail beyond Southern California, I have gained a curiosity for places and people who sail in different parts of the U.S. Mainly through my experiences with US Sailing and the National Women's Sailing Association, I have visited yacht clubs whose marinas are situated in bays, inlets, rivers, and lakes, some in the historic centers of town, that are nothing like what we have at home. The sailors in these areas reflect the unique character of these locations, whether they are on working vessels or recreational boats, the pride expressed in their connection to the sea and its history is infectious.

I set up a meeting with Marcus Asante, an east coast sailing pioneer. He has the distinction of founding one of the first African American sailing clubs on the Chesapeake Bay. Why

start such a club? That is revealed later in the interview.

Asante is originally from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and moved to Baltimore as a young adult. From paddling canoes and kayaks, he transitioned into sailing at the age of 25. He has since skippered vessels over thousands of nautical miles on rivers, lakes, oceans, and bays, including those in the Caribbean and West Africa. Beyond sailing, he is a historian and musician who advocates for the recognition of African-American maritime heritage, frequently citing the local history of figures like Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, and many lesser-known figures. In 2001, Captain Asante founded the Universal Sailing Club, one of the first African-American sailing clubs on the Chesapeake Bay and served as the club's first commodore. A 2012 graduate of The Landing School, he is a skilled marine technician with expertise in diesel engines, electrical systems, and yacht management. Employing this expertise, Captain Asante became the Director of the Marine Arts Workshop, which provides maritime trade education and sailing safety training for teens and young adults. Asante is currently serving on the board of Tall Ships America.

Marie: Marcus, what is sailing is all about?

Marcus: First, it is important that people have an opportunity to connect with nature. Sailing is perfect for that and for people to respect the beauty and the power of the ocean. When you learn how to manage a boat, and do it safely, it is a tremendous sense of accomplishment. A person can create lifelong friendships and memories through sailing. This is something that you and I have been doing through our work, bringing people to the water so that they can also be in nature and

create memories for themselves and their families. Of course, yacht clubs and sailing centers provide access to racing and lots of smart and experienced sailors.

Marie: What is the relationship between sailing and Black history?

Marcus: I created Universal Sailing Club bring together the existing black sailors of the Chesapeake Bay at that time, drawing inspiration from historical figures like Matthew Henson, who had traveled the world from Baltimore as a sailor long before his North Pole expeditions with Admiral Peary. It is important to connect with nature and create lifelong memories through sailing. I have made it my life's work to study and speak to the history as well as to become an accomplished sailor. It is part of the club's mission to bring our unique history into view of what sailing means to us. The role of sailing vessels and small boats are now understood to be an important part of many escapes from slavery by freedom seekers, thanks to historians like Timothy Walker and Marcus Rediker, among others.

Marie: Why did you create Universal Sailing Club?

Marcus: The club was formed to provide a supportive and culturally inclusive environment for African American sailors, addressing the historical lack of representation and the need for camaraderie among Black sailors. Cultural similarities and shared experiences proved to foster bonds among members who were not readily accepted in traditional yacht clubs of the area. Our members are actively sailing in the Chesapeake area, and up and down the eastern seaboard. We regularly charter in Europe, the Caribbean and the South Seas.

Marie: Why is the Chesapeake Bay an important location for the creation of a Black sailing club?

Marcus: The Chesapeake area is rich in historical and environmental importance. The Chesapeake Bay has the oldest black yacht clubs in the country, and four of them are easily over 50 years old. They are all powerboaters, and I felt it was time to introduce a black sailing organization. The skills necessary in learning to sail create unity among sailors, regardless of their backgrounds. The Chesapeake Bay has been a center for global commerce for more than 400 years, and longer than that among regional indigenous populations. African American mariners and shipyard workers arrived in the area as early as the 17th century and worked in many areas of the industry. Free and enslaved caulkers and other shipyard personnel of Baltimore were renowned for their expertise and excellent quality of work during the 1800's.

Marie: I have heard you refer to "Maritime Marronage." Please define that for me.

Marcus: It refers to the seagoing routes used by enslaved and Indigenous peoples to escape slavery and colonialism. Marronage is a field of study focusing on these escape routes and maroon communities wherever slavery occurs, while the Overseas Freeway is the maritime aspect of the Underground Railroad, which includes northern and southern routes. Enslaved people used their knowledge of boats, currents, and fishing to escape to freedom in the Chesapeake Bay and other areas. These activities are also found throughout the Americas.

Marie: What is the sailor's relationship to the planet as a whole?

Marcus: Sailors have a unique perspective. We arrive to cities and towns via water and ports instead of land. We can somewhat compare it to the reactions of indigenous people when encountering Spanish explorers or other outsiders for the first time. This is something most people do not get to experience, being welcomed by the locals in this way. I tell my students to not forget about the privilege that we have as recreational sailors in modern times, the expense and the work it takes to design and build boats, to build marinas and the rest of the infrastructure that supports our activities. It is also very important to engage in cultural exchanges and understandings when traveling to new cities and countries. We should become more multilingual and environmentally conscious whether on land or on the water. We can equate taking care of the planet to caring for our personal well-being.

Marie: Well Said, and thank you!



(Pictured: Marcus Asante)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Model Yachting Update





By Brian Randall, SCYA Model Yachting Chair
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The following is the summary of the April 20th SCYA Model Yacht Meeting (2nd meeting of the year thus far).

Meeting was held via zoom at 6:30 p.m. On April 20th, 2026

The meeting Concluded at 7:30

Several Members could not attend due to the schedule conflict with SCYA general Membership meeting via zoom

We had 9 participants out of the 23 contacts in the group during this meeting:

Chair: Brian Randall West Coast YC

Tristan Richmond Santa Barbara YC

Nicole Peoples Huntington Harbour YC

Bob Shumacher OCMSC

Matthew Phillip Lake Gregory YC

Michael Schachter Helmsmen YC

Don Shirley Helmsmen YC / Alamitos Bay YC

Rick Lantello American Legion YC

Tucker Trasser Del Rey YC

The group reviewed the purpose of the meeting. Clubs gave their updates of what was going on in each.

Lake Gregory reported that they are dredging the lake in several areas, so they are trying to scope out a new location for sailing on a temporary basis. They announced a regatta coming up on May 9th that everyone is invited to.

Rick Dinon announced that he is reaching back out to Santos Village to try and organize a day of sailing on their small lake (**Lake Arrowhead**).

DPYC - Mike Hatcher stated their club will be focusing on Model Yachts once Newport to Ensenada was completed.

Ventura YC is trying to find another location for sailing and is reaching out to the Oxnard water authority to access an area behind the Vons shopping center at Wooley and Victoria. The docks at VYC are too small. (The sailing group communicates via a "what's app" text stream.)

Huntington Harbour YC - Nicole Peoples asked some great questions as HHYC is trying to get a program off the ground. What is the best boat to purchase for a beginning club (Lasers and Dragon Flite 95's seemed to be the general response.) Scoring methods to be used?? Nicole was invited up to Lake Gregory as well as Harveston Ranch Lake to try out different boats.

Del Rey YC - It was also suggested to bring the juniors of programs into this group as the Model yachts are great for

Juniors. Motion RC was recommended for acquiring new boat purchases, have an assembly party when you get the boats as it makes it easier to put together when more people are involved.

OCMSC shared a software type for their scoring. Shoe gave lots of advice on different matters of racing. The scoring program is called A Fleet. It works on an Android tablet and the program is available for free. A small tablet costs around \$100. Well worth the investment if you are going to be running events. Shoe also stated that OCMSC ran the midwinter regatta in February for SCYA. A brief discussion on this was held and expressed that SCYA would like to see a Mid Winter event continue for next year.

WCYC - Brian Randall asked about if there was any PHRF type of rating so that boats of different designs can compete in the same race. The answer was no but that the different boats can be in the race and just score against themselves if there is only one entry of that design.

Harveston YC - Temecula John Harrington's contact information for Harveston was also shared with Nicole to access the lake in Temecula.

OSMC It was shared that the insurance that OCMSC has on the lake covers ALYC since they sail a lot at the events.

Helmsmen YC - April 23 - There is a practice for IOM's, DF95's and Santa Barbaras as well as any boat you may have at El Dorado Pond. Practice starts at 1100. Sunday the OPM's and Santa Barbaras are on the racing menu at El Dorado.

It was reported that the AMYA racing rules seminar held on March 25th was very good and worth attending. Brian R. Has added the links to the slide deck.

Here they are:

<https://youtu.be/fCuJD0LUzbl?si=ctK7hmOHAVwRSXJG>

<https://youtu.be/KahN5d3x4Wc?si=mBzNL8arovLkZIXM>

*****The group would like to see a section of the SCYA website have Model Yachting and links posted as well as a classified section to post items available.

The group appreciated the meeting, and the consensus was to have another meeting next month. Brian Randall stated he would send out the invite.

Here is the link to the next meeting:

May 26th 6:30 p.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8379634524?omn=85842663737>

There have been some great follow up emails from the members of the group helping each other out that I have been CC'd on. The group is progressing nicely.

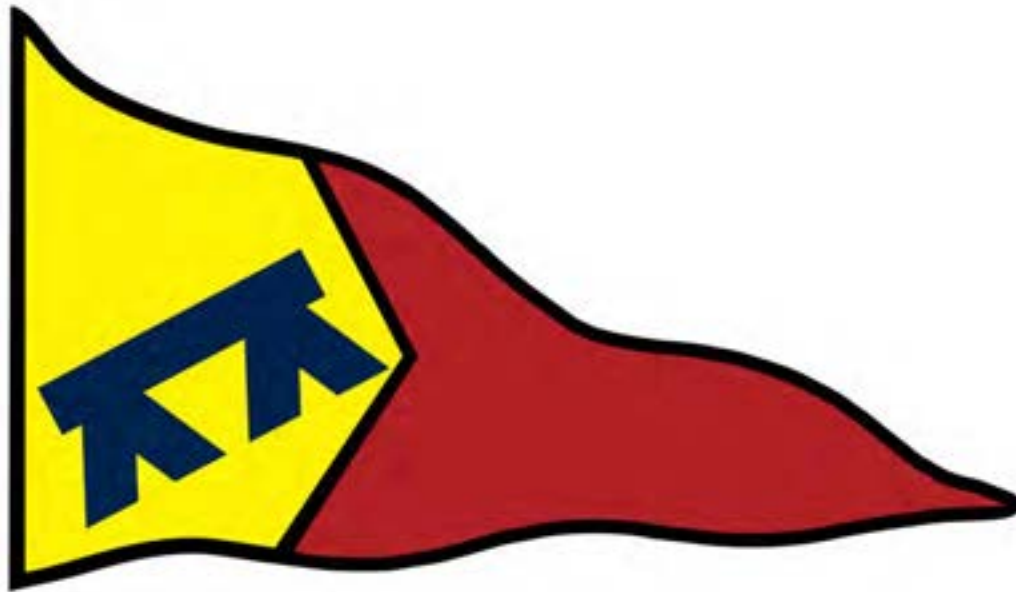
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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Race Management Update

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As we head into the peak of the spring season, the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) remains committed to supporting the high standard of excellence our sailors and member clubs expect on the water. While SCYA does not conduct races directly, we play a vital role in strengthening and promoting race management across our region.

Through our Race Management Committee, SCYA supports race officers within US Sailing Area J, actively promotes member club events, helping to increase visibility and participation. While competitors focus on their tactics on the water, SCYA is proud

to work behind the scenes, supporting our yacht clubs, empowering volunteers, and fostering consistency, fairness, and excellence in race management throughout Southern California.

We are especially looking forward to supporting the 61st Annual Congressional Cup Match Race Regatta, hosted by the [Long Beach Yacht Club](#). This world-class event takes place from Wednesday, April 29, through Sunday, May 3, with the best viewing (and race action) centered around the Belmont Veterans Memorial Belmont Pier.

Whether you're a seasoned PRO or a newcomer looking to learn from the best, we encourage you to get involved; there truly is no better way to experience the thrill of match racing than from the RC signal boat.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Congressional Cup Returns to Long Beach with World- Class Racing



A true Southern California sailing tradition with over six decades of history, the Congressional Cup remains one of the most important events in international sailing and a signature sporting event for the region. From world-class competition to unmatched spectator access, it offers a rare opportunity to experience elite sailing up close, where every maneuver matters and every decision can determine the outcome.

Hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club, the Congressional Cup is a cornerstone of the World Match Racing Tour and has been widely regarded as the “Grand Prix of Match Racing” for 61 years. It is also recognized as the “granddaddy” of modern world-class match racing, the premier and longest-running event of its kind in North America.

Founded in 1965, the Congressional Cup set the standard for top-level match racing worldwide and pioneered the concept of on-the-water umpiring, now used throughout the sport. Each year, the world’s top-ranked sailors return to Long Beach to compete in this five-day regatta, vying for the prestigious Congressional Cup trophy and the iconic Crimson Blazer.



Often compared to The Masters’ Green Jacket in golf, the Crimson Blazer represents one of the highest honors in yacht

racing. The event has long been considered a gateway to the America's Cup, with many of the sport's most celebrated sailors having competed in Long Beach, including Ted Turner, Dennis Conner, Ed Baird, Dean Barker, Taylor Canfield, James Spithill, Paul Cayard, and Francesco Bruni.

Beyond the racing, the Congressional Cup is known for its exceptional atmosphere and hospitality. Many competitors consider it their favorite regatta of the year, thanks to the combination of elite competition and the warm welcome provided by more than 300 dedicated Long Beach Yacht Club member volunteers, who help bring the event to life each year. This year, it will be under the leadership of Event Chairman Ken Mattfeld and LBYC Commodore Bob Piercy.

The 2026 lineup delivers a compelling mix of elite veterans and emerging talent.

The Congressional Cup returns to Long Beach Yacht Club from April 29 to May 3, 2026, bringing together the world's top match racing sailors for one of the most prestigious and spectator-friendly events in the sport.

World number one Chris Poole (USA) leads the field as a two-time Congressional Cup champion, including a historic undefeated 24–0 run in 2023. Close behind is Australia's Cole Tapper, ranked third in the world and continuing his rapid ascent on the international stage.

Sweden's Johnie Berntsson, a 2009 Congressional Cup winner, returns for his seventeenth appearance, bringing decades of experience and continued success at the highest level. France's

Ian Garreta and Aurélien Pierroz, both ranked among the world's top competitors, add further depth, with Pierroz making his Congressional Cup debut following strong performances on the World Match Racing Tour.

Defending champion Eric Monnin (SUI) returns after claiming his first Congressional Cup title last year, while Denmark's Jeppe Borch and American Christian Prendergast round out a field that promises a true "young guns versus old guard" showdown.

Completing the lineup are the two recent qualifiers from the Ficker Cup: Scotty Dickson (USA), who delivered a dominant, record-setting performance to claim his 15th title, and Sweden's Oscar Engström, who secured second place to earn his Congressional Cup invitation.

Few sailing events in the world offer such close and accessible viewing as the Congressional Cup. Whether you have an hour or an entire afternoon, the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier provides one of the best vantage points in the sport, you can feel like you are almost within reach of the action. Racing and live commentary typically begin around 11:30 a.m., depending on conditions.



Follow the Action

Daily race updates, results, and coverage are available at: www.thecongressionalcup.com

Live streaming coverage will be available later in the event, featuring expert commentary and race analysis, along with updates on:

Instagram: @lbycconcup

Facebook: @congressionalcup

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adaptive Boating: Regional Directory



Peter M. Phillip, Adaptive Boating SCYA Committee
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Adaptive Boating. You've probably heard about it, may or may not know someone who's involved with it, and it may or may not be a part of your life – now at least.

SCYA has long been an advocate for Adaptive Sailing, now referred to as Adaptive Boating. Nowadays, it takes many forms besides just sailing. The SCYA Adaptive Boating Committee is dedicated to promoting adaptive water-based activities for people with disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals with physical or cognitive disabilities to experience the joy of boating by facilitating access to adaptive water sports and fostering a supportive community.

What Adaptive Boating plans does your club have for 2026?
Contact Peter Phillips (me) and let me know!
Email: bluepeter2020@outlook.com, cell 619-340-9555.

No plans? That's okay. There are lots of organizations in SoCal that already have plans and are happy to have you, your family, or friends participate, volunteer, or donate.

So here they are, arranged by city from North to South. And if you're aware of a SoCal Adaptive Boating program that's not on the list, please let me know. Want to start a program, the SCYA Adaptive Boating committee and I are happy to help, just let me know!

Long Beach & Honolulu, HI

Adaptive Freedom Foundation (AFF) in Long Beach and Honolulu, HI, floats people in wheelchairs on their WASUPs (Wheelchair-Adapted Stand-Up Paddleboards).

Executive Director / President: Amy Lagera

Website: <https://www.adaptivefreedomfoundation.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=adaptive%20freedom%20foundation>

Phone: (714) 465-6001; Email:
amy@adaptivefreedomfoundation.org



(Adaptive Freedom Foundation WASSUP fully loaded)

Newport Beach

California Inclusive Sailing (CIS) has sailing benefiting people, including those with physical and cognitive disabilities, on board their two 16' RS Ventures that sail regularly.

Executive Director / President: Christian Buhl

Website: <https://californiainclusivesailing.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/California-Inclusive->

Sailing-Newport-Beach-2148974655393071/Phone: 949-675-2211 Email: christianbuhl4@gmail.com

San Diego

Challenged Sailors San Diego (CSSD), San Diego, CA - CSSD offers sailing, training, and racing to people with physical and/or cognitive disabilities on its fleet of 10 Martin 16's and a Hansa SKUD 18. Free sailing every Friday and Saturday, year-round.

President: Steve Bridge, MD

Phone: (619) 665-

5716 Email: Stephen.Bridge@ChallengedSailors.org

Website: ChallengedSailors.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/challengedsailors>



(CSSD Martin 16s under sail)

San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club

(SDMBBSC) teaches blind and vision-impaired children and Adults to water ski several times a year during the summer

months at Hidden Anchorage, located on Fiesta Island. The Blind Ski program gives participants confidence and the knowledge that they can participate in other activities.

Commodore: Steve Parrott Email: commodore@sdmbbbsc.org

Website: <https://sdmbbbsc.org/>

Facebook: [San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club](#)

Team River Runner San Diego (TRRSD) is one of about 65 chapters of TRR National that provides all veterans and their families an opportunity to find health, healing, community purpose, and new challenges through adventure and adaptive paddle sports!

Chapter Coordinator: Dale Osborn. Email: tg.dale@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.teamriverrunner.org/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TeamRiverRunnerSanDiego/>

Coronado

KMAC Foundation provides therapeutic, recreational, racing, and other sailing opportunities for people with disabilities to enhance their mobility, well-being, and independence. KMAC has a fleet of 3 Hansa 303s and 3 Hansa Libertys.

Website: KMACFoundation.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/challengedsailors>

Executive Director / President: Jamie McArthur

Phone: (619) 884-6290 Email: KMACFoundation@gmail.com



(Hansa 303s and Libertys racing on San Diego Bay)

National Programs with activities in SoCal (San Diego)

U.S. Patriot Sailing (USPS), a national organization with a San Diego chapter, supports our Veteran community by welcoming our fellow Veterans back onto a winning TEAM - offering camaraderie, mission accomplishment, and new dynamic experiences.

Website: <https://www.uspatriotsailing.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SailUSPatriot>

Email: contact@uspatriotsailing.org



(US Patriot Sailing 3rd place finish in the San Diego Islands Race (ORR-C division) Feb 2026)

Warrior Sailing (WS) Program gets military service members on the water to provide physical, mental, and emotional therapy for a variety of injuries and illnesses.

Website: <http://warriorsailing.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/warriorsailingprogram/>

Contact: Ben Poucher Email: ben@warriorsailing.org

- **May 27-29, 2026:** Basic Training Camp, San Diego, CA (SDYC)
- **June 1-3, 2026:** ASA 101 Keelboat Certification Course, San Diego, CA (SDYC)



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCYA Webinar: Governance of Mutual Benefit Corporations



Director Paul Artof, SCYA Programs Chair, peartof@yahoo.com

Does your California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Yacht Club adhere to its corporate responsibilities?

Are your board members aware of their fiduciary duties and fulfilling their legal and ethical responsibilities as directors of a nonprofit corporation?

Do you have or would like to have a tax-exempt charitable foundation to work in coordination with your sailing programs?

These were among the issues discussed during an SCYA Zoom webinar on April 23rd. Kristen Anderson delivered a comprehensive legal webinar on nonprofit corporate governance and tax-exempt status requirements for yacht clubs operating as 501(c)(3) public benefit corporations and 501(c)(7) social clubs. The presentation covered, including but not limited to: fiduciary duties, self-dealing transactions, member rights, conflict of interest policies, unrelated business taxable income

(UBTI), and compliance requirements with the IRS, California Franchise Tax Board, Secretary of State, and Attorney General's office. Kristen may be contacted at kristen@lnfp.com or by calling (818) 623-9898.

Click below to watch the replay or reach out to service@scya.org to request a copy of Kristen's Powerpoint slides.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Trophy Update



By Director Michael Means, SCYA Trophy
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Yacht Club Trophies...Why?

Yacht Club and Trophies are synonymous with one another. Many yacht club trophies are decades—or even over a century—old. They're often engraved year after year with winners' names, creating a living record of the club's history. Winning one means becoming part of the legacy of the yacht club where they preside.

Within yacht clubs, trophies carry meaning well beyond just “winning something.” They're part of the culture, history, and identity of sailing communities. Be it a weekly race or a major regatta, trophies create goals to strive for, encourage members to improve and participate, add excitement, prestige for the club, keep traditions of competition alive as well as the symbolism and identity that go with each one. In short, Yacht club trophies aren't just awards, they're storytellers. Many have a name attached and that Sailor has a story that is just as interesting as the trophy itself.

Sailing is highly technical and team-driven. Trophies recognize excellence in:

- Navigation and strategy
- Boat handling and seamanship
- Team coordination

They validate skill in a sport where conditions are always changing.

Trophies are often awarded at social events or regatta dinners, reinforcing bonds within the club. Even competitors celebrate each other, strengthening a sense of shared passion for sailing.

I have been tasked with researching and locating the current list of SCYA trophies that are “in the wind.” Our small committee is running down each last known location as each one of those have a story. The process of locating is much like turning a page in a book to learn more of the story, however the story can be a slow read. A yacht club is the book, and each trophy is a chapter.

One of the trophies we are very interested in finding this year, is the **SCYA Commodore's Trophy**.



The **SCYA Commodore's Challenge Trophy** has a long history, dating back to 1972. It is a friendly, annual racing competition between SCYA member clubs, represented by a crew of boys and/or girls under the age of 18. The deed specifies that a challenge must be made in the waters of the home club defending the trophy by a club of Southern California Yachting Association, and the yacht must be a one design of a boat owned by the defending club (and a few other details). Commodore Masters-Gonzales would like to see this annual competition return this year.

If you have information about the whereabouts of this, or other SCYA trophies that have been in your storage case for some time, please reach out.

Michael Means

SCYA Director & Trophy Chair

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Amateur Radio: Invitation to T-Hunt Games



By Charles Pascal, Amateur Radio
Chair, radiopascal@earthlink.net



Attention all boaters we want to invite you to participate in our first hidden “T” hunt game. Success will rest upon your ability to navigate on the water in the Marina using a dinghy with a handheld marine radio. Your goal for this mission is to find our “hidden” transmitter on one of the marine frequencies of which you will be advised. The transmitter call sign will be Bravo Zulu. This transmitter will be in a secret fixed Marina location, and your goal is to find it using your dinghy and handheld. Bring your marine handheld and either form or join your winning team to enjoy the nautical pursuit.

Instructions and lessons will be provided by Charlie Pascal prior to this activity on May 17 at 10:00. The hunt for our Bravo Zulu transmitter begins at 12:00. The three top winners will receive discount coupons for dining upstairs. First place will earn \$35.00; Second place will be awarded a \$25.00 and \$15.00 for Third.

For all questions contact Paul Hofer at Pfh11@att.net.

LIAISON REPORT

U.S. Sailing: Regional Sailing



Association Committee (RSAC) Update

By Commodore Jodi Masters-Gonzales,
Area J Regional Sailing Association (RSA) Representative
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The U.S. Sailing Regional Sailing Committee (RSAC) met this month. Below is a summary of that meeting:

KEY OUTCOMES

The meeting covered U.S. Sailing organizational updates, including successful regional symposiums (300+ attendees across 4 locations), a new gender identity competition policy required by executive order, and PHRF fleet engagement initiatives. Area coordinators reported on regional activities, with emphasis on race official recruitment needs and water level challenges in some regions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regional Symposiums:** Four symposiums completed (Seattle, Hilton Head, Bristol, Lake Geneva) with ~300 total attendees; final 2026 event scheduled for Lakewood Yacht Club, Houston on June 27th.
- **NSPS 2027:** Planning underway for National Sailing Programs Symposium in Fort Myers, FL, January 20-23,

2027 at Luminary Hotel; call for presentations launching in Weekly Lift.

- **Olympic Leadership:** Molly Vandemoer appointed as new Director of Olympic Sailing.
- **REACH Grants:** 10 organizations awarded \$3,500 grants for STEM through Sailing programs.
- **Adult Sailing Championship:** Scheduled for November 4-7, 2026 at Lakewood Yacht Club in RS21s.

DECISIONS MADE

- **Gender Identity Policy:** New competition policy approved by board, applies narrowly to U.S. Sailing championship events and international team selection only (not club/regional racing); defines women's category as assigned female at birth, combines men's and open categories.
- **Policy Implementation:** Gender identity policy will replace interim policy after May 19th board meeting and be published on bylaws/regulations page.
- **PHRF Engagement:** U.S. Sailing committed to ongoing support for PHRF fleets through regular coordination calls, translation tools between fleets, and best practices documentation.

REGIONAL UPDATES

Area E (Great Lakes)

- Boats launching soon; first regatta at Ohio State University using J24s.

- Critical shortage of race officers and judges; exploring uncertified judge program with appeals process.
- Active outreach programs including Spectrum Sailing for autistic youth and cancer society sunset sails.

Area F (Southwest)

- Texas Sailing Association youth circuit active; Charlotte Rose won in France, Noah Ritzaman performing well at Olympic level.
- Increased interest in returning to racing post-COVID.
- Water restrictions implemented in Colorado Front Range cities; Lake Dillon won't launch boats until late May/early June, racing starts late June 2021.

Area F (Pacific Northwest)

- Youth sailing season running through October with busy summer racing circuit.
- Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation gala raised funds for full summer community sailing program serving 50+ teens with free sailing and wooden boat building.
- Swift and other offshore keelboat regattas upcoming.

Area J (Southern California)

- Women's Sailing Conference had 100+ attendees with new Race Committee (dozen participants), advanced sail trim, and sailing leadership tracks. Race Committee track participants translated chalk-talk to practical hands-on regatta service.

- Safety at Sea certification course planned for late season (41 certified in 2025); working with Jonathan Kabak. Moderator is Capt. Kit Louttit.
- Julia Jaynes of ABYC awarded 2026 David Storrs U.S. Sailing Match Racing Grant.
- Exploring holding a U.S. Adult Sailing Championship qualifying event to avoid resume-based delegate selection. Hundreds of races are planned throughout the region—from championship to casual (refer to SCYA 2026 Race Calendar).

Colorado High-Altitude Racing

- Developing air density correction tables for racing at 5,000 feet (Denver) and 9,000 feet (Dillon) due to 15-40% power difference in wind.
- Examining hull weight and sail area adjustments for heavier boats under-performing at altitude.

PHRF WORKING GROUP PROGRESS

- Regular Zoom calls established with multiple PHRF fleets nationwide focused on fleet-to-fleet communication and idea sharing.
- Key topics: translation tools between fleets, base boat definitions, national reference ratings discussion ongoing.
- U.S. Sailing approach: facilitate fleet collaboration rather than impose top-down mandates; let regions develop solutions fitting their conditions.

- Multi-rating systems (California's windward/leeward vs. random leg vs. ocean ratings) generating interest from other fleets as solution for boat performance disparities.

IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES

- **Race Official Shortage:** Multiple areas reporting critical need for more race officers, judges, and umpires.
- **Water Levels:** Colorado lakes extremely low with city water restrictions; Cherry Creek and other Front Range reservoirs affected.
- **Older Boat Competitiveness:** IOR-era boats struggling to compete with modern designs (J-boats, JPKs) due to ease of movement through water differences, discouraging participation.
- **Staff Response Times:** U.S. Sailing staff taking on new roles while maintaining old responsibilities may cause decision-making delays.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- **Instructor Courses:** Multiple Level 1, 2, and 3 courses scheduled for summer season.
- **Regional Symposium Materials:** All presentations uploaded to Google Drive for sharing 24
- **Olympic Pathway Support:** Phil Muller, John Pearce (youth competition), and Giselle Niehaus (Olympic development manager) available for regional program consultation.

NEXT MEETINGS: August 27, 2026: Noon Eastern Time.
Contact Commodore Masters-Gonzales, commodore@scya.org,

with any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions you'd like raised at RSAC.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN SAILING

The 2025–2028 Strategic Plan is anchored in a mission to “Grow American sailing and achieve Olympic excellence through education, competition, and community.” Its foundation is built on US Sailing’s core values—Serve with Purpose, Act with Integrity, Inspire Connection, and Lead Together—principles shared across every corner of the sailing community.

At the heart of the plan are three strategic pillars:

- 01 Drive Operational Excellence**
Strengthen organizational capacity and financial stability to deliver excellence across programs, services and stakeholder engagement.
- 02 Inspire the Sailing Community**
Attract and engage the sailing community through meaningful experiences that inspire participation, connection and lifelong engagement.
- 03 Succeed on the World Stage**
Leverage the United States’ strengths to develop a continuous pipeline of world-class athletes, driving greater international success with momentum toward consistent elite performance.

Strategies to Achieve Lasting Impact
To bring the plan to life, US Sailing will focus on:

- **Modernizing** member experiences and expanding digital learning and training tools
- **Deepening partnerships** with clubs, classes, and community organizations
- **Strengthening the national athlete pipeline** through collaboration across the high-performance ecosystem
- **Empowering** Team USA at the LA28 Olympic Games
- **Investing** in technology and organizational capacity to support efficient, high-quality service delivery

LIAISON REPORT

RBOC Boater Brief





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RBOC Boater Brief – March 7, 2026

Here is a quick update on what your boating advocacy organization RBOC is doing in Sacramento:

Our voluntary 18-member board of directors selected by PICYA and SCYA is reviewing 1,800 new pieces of legislation together with our advocate. Identifying those that impact boating, prioritizing the key proposals, and developing advocacy strategies to protect boating. We are already working on:

Aquatic Invasive Species – golden mussels and more: legislation to expand efforts to prevent the infestation and spread of golden mussels and also enable recreational boaters to have reasonable access to inland waterbodies.

Marine Flares - legislation to require the producers of pyrotechnic marine flares to take them back and dispose of them at the end of their useful lives.

Delta Conveyance Project - appeals of the state's certification that the project is consistent with the Delta Plan.

Boating Fund Deficiency - RBOC is 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.

Copper-based Anti-fouling Marine Coatings – legislation that could lead to a ban on the use of all copper-based antifouling surfaces on boat hulls, even approved low-leach rate paints.

Any restrictions or prohibitions on the use of copper-based anti-fouling surfaces must be accompanied by findings that the alternatives are available, effective and affordable.

E15 Fuel - RBOC is continuing to push for the availability of affordable E10 for the boating community, and for education and outreach to inform boaters and help them avoid the use of E15.

Boat Registrations - RBOC is contacting the author and requesting that the author amend the legislation analyzing DMV vehicle registrations to include vessel registrations in the proposed study and consideration of transferring this function to the Division of Boating and Waterways in State Parks.

We will continue to provide updates on RBOC's advocacy efforts and we hope you will share them with your members in your monthly newsletter or magazine.

When important issues need attention, you will receive an email for a Call-to-Action. If you receive a Call-to-Action time is of the essence. Please forward it to your membership immediately.

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RBOC: 2026 Legislative Day

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Highlighted Upcoming Racing



The **Port Royal Classic Regatta** will be held on **Saturday, May 16th** at 1300 hours! This is our longest running regatta and is always a lot of fun! We will have 4 classes: PHRF spinnaker; PHRF classic spinnaker; cruiser; and classic cruiser. As you recall, to qualify for a "classic" class, eligible vessels must be designed in 2001 or before, be constructed of fiberglass and have an overall length greater than 19 feet. For the starts, we

will combine the two spinnaker classes and the two cruiser classes (scoring will be separate).

Registration is now open on RMS! We are offering a discounted early registration deadline which is end of day, Wednesday, May 6th.

For more details, visit our website: [Classic Regatta - Port Royal Yacht Club](https://www.regattaman.com/new_event_page.php?race_id=1104&yr=2026) or the RMS

system: https://www.regattaman.com/new_event_page.php?race_id=1104&yr=2026

Please help us to get the word out!

See you on the water!

- PRYC Race Committee

PRYC Race Captain: Deborah Jackson,
PRYCracing@gmail.com, (818) 406-3954

OTHER HAPPENINGS

SB21KH

— 53rd Annual —

SANTA BARBARA TO KING HARBOR RACE

— July 24-25, 2026 —



Registration and Race Details:
<https://www.sbyc.org/sb-kh>



SOUTH COAST CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB PRESENTS

Sunstroke Series 2026

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Racing Thursday Nights
April 30 – Sept 3



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**PSSA 2026
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SAIL TRIM

ULLMAN SAILS

Mon, May 04

Join Us for an Inspiring Evening with Bruce Cooper!

The Pacific Singlehanded Sailing Association is thrilled to welcome **Bruce Cooper**, owner of Ullman Sails Newport Beach and a highly respected figure in the global sailing community! With over 35 years of professional experience, Bruce is excited to share his insights and expertise with fellow sailing enthusiasts.

Having spent over three decades at Ullman Sails, Bruce has mastered sail design, quality control, and racing strategy. He transformed his lifelong passion for Southern California sailing into owning the Newport Beach and Long Beach franchises in 2006, where he continues to be a dedicated leader, helping sailors bring their visions to life.

We are truly honored to have Bruce as part of our Speaker Series! He will delve into various sail types and shapes, and how to tailor them to your specific boat and adventures. Whether you're into cruising, racing, solo sailing, or fully crewing, Bruce's wealth of knowledge is invaluable! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

****RSVP now, as space is limited!**

Bruce Cooper

SAIL TRIM

Monday May 4th at SCCYC, MDR.

6:30PM, Social Gathering

7:30PM, Presentation.

Check out [SCYA's 2026 Racing Calendar](#), for a full list of racing in our region.

SCYA members receive promotional support for events as a value-add to membership. Send requests service@scya.org.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

USCG Local News to Mariners



USCG Local Notice to Mariners regarding Cable Route Survey Operations in the San Pedro Channel between Port of Long Beach and Catalina Island April 10, 2026 through May 10, 2026

SPECIAL REQUEST

ALL VESSELS AND FISHING ACTIVITY REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN A 1 NAUTICAL MILE (1 NM) CLOSEST POINT OF APPROACH (CPA).

This information is included in USCG Local Notice to Mariners publications and broadcasts.

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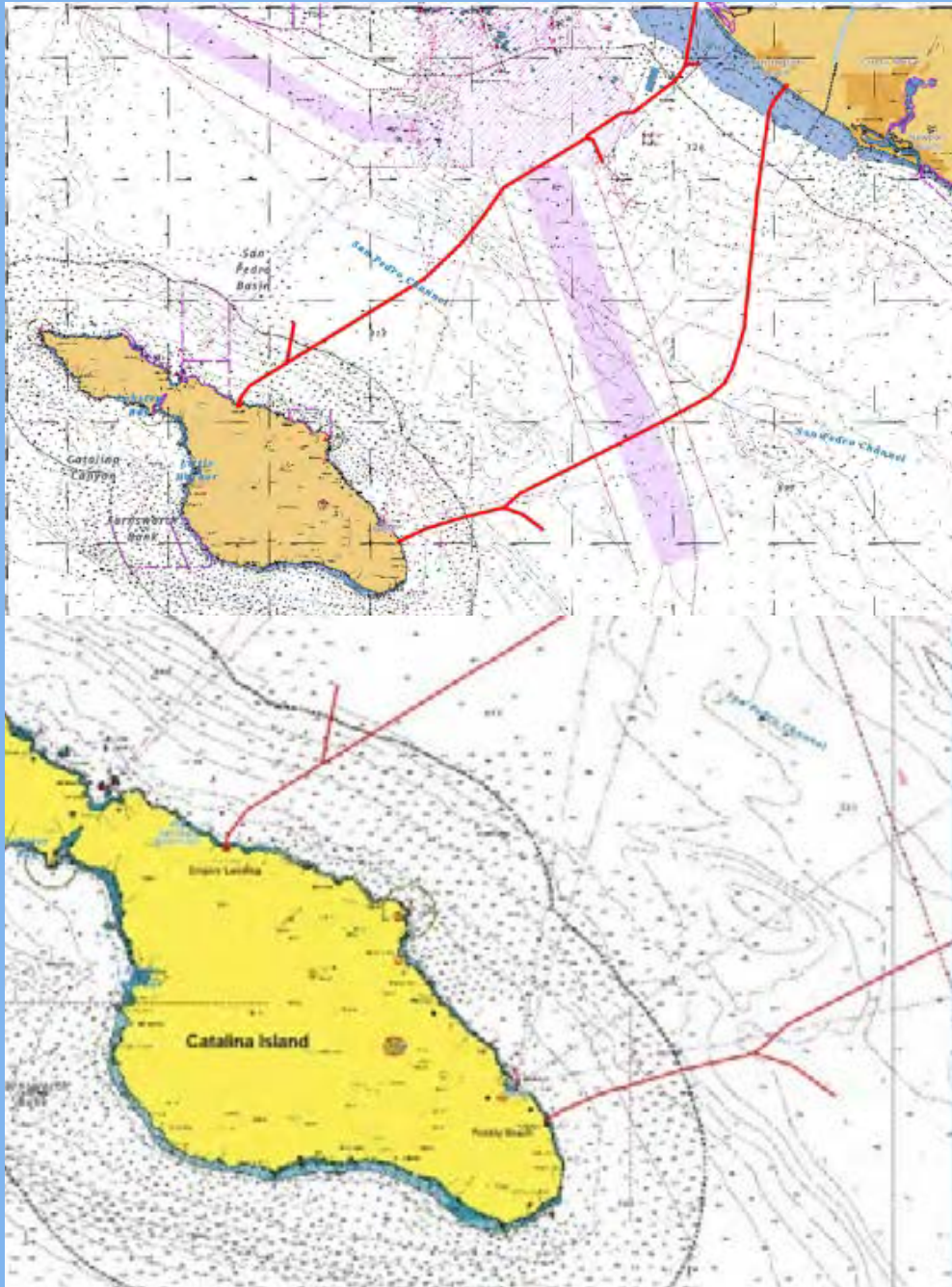
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Activity: Undersea Telecommunications Cable Route Survey
Location: US Southern California Federal/Territorial Waters
Activity Period: April 10th 2026 – May 10th 2026
24 hr. Contact: Survey Party Chief / Bridge Phone: +1 929 481 5774
ISATPHONE PRO 2: +870 776 114 988 (Emergency use only)
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E-mail: becaptain@egssurvey.com (Captain)

OPERATION

24/7 cable route survey operations including the stern deployment of a sonar towfish tethered with steel cable at varying water depths to collect geophysical/bathymetric mapping data for a proposed undersea telecommunications cable. The towfish towing wire layback will be 3x water depth behind the vessel stern. The maximum water depth of tow operations will be 1200 meters. The sonar sensor (below) will be towed approx. 20-40 meters from the seafloor. The survey corridor is 250 meters centered on the survey centerline. Operations in water depths greater than 1200 meters will utilize hull mounted equipment only.

LOCATION

The R/V BOLD EXPLORER will be conducting an undersea telecommunications cable survey in US Pacific coastal/marine waters Latitude 33.72460 Longitude -118.49966 and Latitude 33.29490 Longitude -117.90611. See the red route centerline in maps below. The vessel will depart from Port Long Beach.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Invitation: Kick-
Off Meeting for
Harbors and
Watercraft
Revolving Fund
(HWRF)
Stakeholder
Engagement





State of California • Natural Resources Agency

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
P.O. Box 942895 • Sacramento, CA 94295-0001
Division of Boating & Waterways

Gov. Gavin Newsom, Governor

Armando Quintana, Director

April 27, 2026

To: Recreational Boating Stakeholders and Public

Subject: INVITATION: Kick-Off Meeting for Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund (HWRF) Stakeholder Engagement

Dear Recreational Boating Stakeholder,

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) invites you to participate in a virtual kick-off meeting regarding the future of the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund (HWRF).

As a valued partner in California's boating community, your perspective is essential as we begin the required stakeholder engagement process. This initiative is designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of the fund, which supports critical programs including but not limited to, boating safety, law enforcement, infrastructure grants, and aquatic invasive species management.

Meeting Details

We will be hosting this introductory session virtually to ensure broad participation from across the state.

- **Date:** Friday, May 8, 2026
- **Time:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (A calendar invitation with instructions will follow)
- **Location:** Virtual via **Microsoft Teams**
- **RSVP:** email PubInfo@parks.ca.gov, subject line "HWRF Engagement 05/2026"
- **Purpose:** To outline the engagement roadmap, define key objectives for the HWRF review, and establish a collaborative framework for future discussions.

Why Your Participation Matters

HWRF is the primary funding source for many of the services that keep California's waterways safe and accessible. This kick-off meeting serves as the foundation for a transparent and inclusive dialogue. We aim to:

- Provide a clear overview of the current status of the HWRF.
- Review past stakeholders' engagement initiatives.
- Gather additional feedback on stakeholder priorities.
- Review the timeline for the upcoming engagement sessions.
- Inform DBW on drafting long-term solutions.

Next Steps

Please save the date on your calendar. A formal agenda and the Microsoft Teams meeting link will be distributed once the specific time is finalized.

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We look forward to collaborating with you to ensure that California remains a premier destination for recreational boating.

Sincerely,

Signed by:
Ramona Fernandez

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Ramona Fernandez
Deputy Director
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Division of Boating and Waterways

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Free Virtual Salt & Freshwater Invasive Species Prevention Workshop





Everyone accessing California's waterways is invited to learn **how to stop the spread of salt and freshwater aquatic invasive species (AIS) into uninfested waterways**. This **free virtual workshop** will help the public learn how they can recognize some salt and freshwater AIS in their region and how to take action to prevent them from spreading.

Workshop participants will:

- Gain an understanding of the impacts salt and freshwater AIS have on the environment, recreation and on our economy.
- Learn about the biology of AIS and how to recognize them, including:
- Freshwater invasive species: Quagga, Zebra and Golden mussels) and Saltwater invasive species:
- Asian kelp or Wakame
- Clubbed Tunicate
- Devil Weed
- Green Crab

- Asian Date mussel
- Learn about the management and control methods being used in our State for these AIS.
- Learn how to take action and prevent spreading salt and freshwater invasive species by inspecting and cleaning equipment and watercraft.

Advance registration is required [HERE](#) (You must register to attend by May 12th, 2026)

WORKSHOP DATE: Thursday, May 14th, 2026

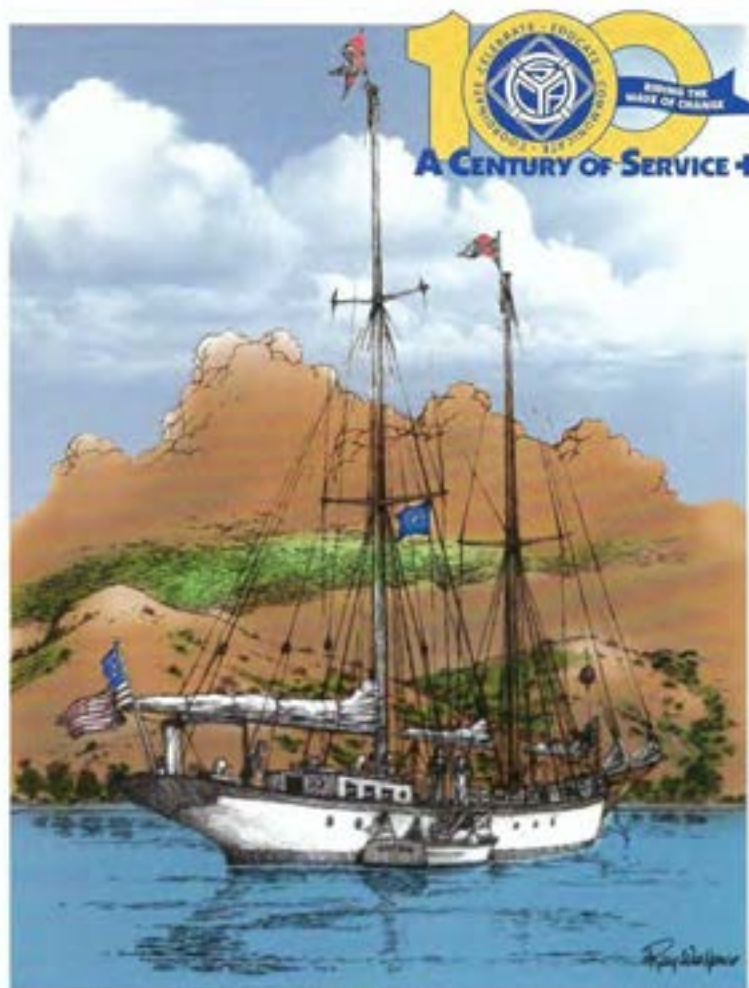
WORKSHOP TIME: 9 am - 12 pm

The workshop is being hosted by California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways, California Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California State Lands Commission, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

SCYA SHIP STORE

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.

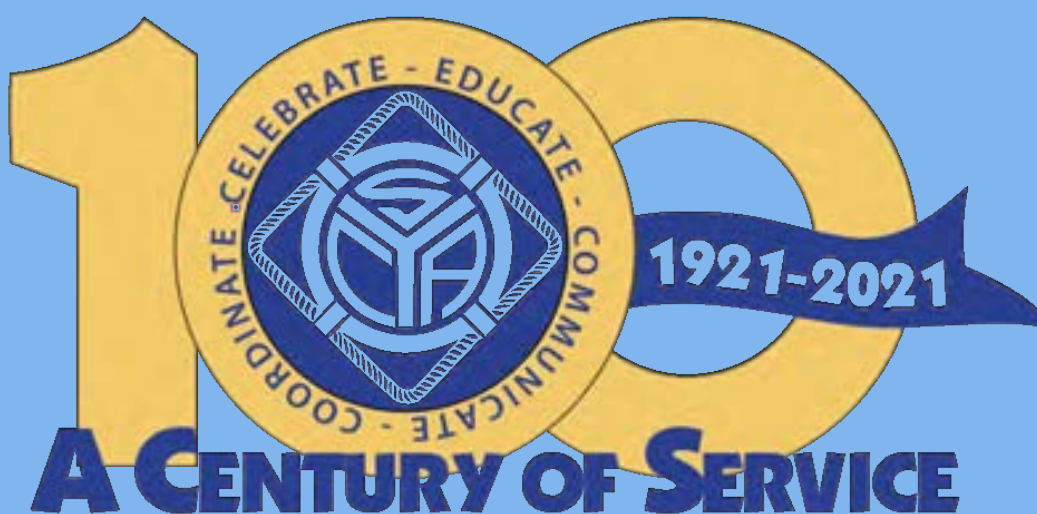
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