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From the Helm

Commodore's Report

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2026 SCYA Commodore

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This issue of the Searchlight reflects on the happenings of summer months flown by, while looking ahead to exciting activities and events in the fall—and beyond.

SCYA has been blessed with new leadership who have assumed roles on the team during the summer. As we welcome our incoming leaders and their fresh perspectives, we extend our deepest gratitude to our departing leaders for their many years of dedicated service and invaluable contribution.

John Gaddis, S/C of Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, stepped into the role of Interim Rear Commodore, swapping places with **Herbert Brown III**, S/C of Oceanside Yacht Club, on the SCYA Board of Directors.



Captain Katie Scott Moss, was approved as Interim Secretary by the SCYA Board of Directors. A licensed U.S. Coast Guard 100-Ton Master Captain since 2015, Katie brings professional maritime experience from her service with Harbor Patrol in both Catalina Island and Ventura County, where she earned her EMT and Peace Officer certifications.

Katie's record of service spans two clubs' governing boards. She served on the Board of Directors of the Blue Water Cruising Club from 2020 to 2025, where she also took meeting minutes when

needed, and she currently serves the club as Staff Commodore. At Long Beach Yacht Club, she is a current Flag Officer, appointed Quartermaster in 2026. Katie is also a current member of the Women's Sailing Association and a past instructor for the Sailing Convention for Women. Her combination of hands-on board governance, meticulous minute-taking, and deep-rooted ties to the Southern California sailing community makes her well suited to serve as Secretary of the Southern California Yachting Association.

Katie's predecessor, **Lorraine Coller**, served as SCYA Secretary and Policies & Procedures Chair, with consistency and dedication, for six ½ years. In 2024, Lorraine was appointed Honorary Commodore by SCYA S/C Kathy St. Amant. Her contributions will continue to resonate for years to come. This transition is not only a natural part of organizational evolution, but also a moment to celebrate the legacy of Lorraine's service and the path she's helped shape. With sincerest appreciation to you, Lorraine, for your years of service to SCYA! 🌸 🥂

Ed Feo, S/C of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, is our new SCYA Junior Sailing Committee Chair. After many years, we are thrilled to see this committee launch! Reach out to Ed at jrstaffcommodore@abyc.org.

Brian Randall, Commodore of West Coast Yacht Club, stepped into the role of Chairperson of the SCYA Model Yachting Committee earlier this year. In a few short months, he's organized well-attended, regular monthly meetings and setup a brand-new resource page, see <https://scya.org/scya-model-yachting/>. You can reach Brian at brianrandall@ococeanrentals.com.



Annie Hartman, was appointed SCYA Marketing Communications Chair. Annie works in marketing and has had a passion for sailing since she was young. She learned to sail on Lake Michigan and was a member of the Northwestern Sailing Club. After moving to California, she became involved with the sailing community through LA Sailing in Marina del Rey and Redondo Beach. She is a member of Del Rey Yacht Club. Annie first learned about Southern California Yachting through its programs last year and was impressed by its commitment to growing the sport and supporting the sailing community. "I'm excited for the opportunity to volunteer my time, contribute my skills, and help introduce new members to the sport while continuing to grow as a sailor myself."

Stephanie Sonora, also an active sailor and member of King Harbor Yacht Club, was appointed SCYA Searchlight Editor. She dove right in and in just a couple of short months, has taken the reigns! Stephanie is an absolute delight to work with. To submit articles for our Searchlight, send them to Stephanie at newsletter@scya.org.



Peter Magalhaes, has been appointed SCYA's Harbor Association Liaison, serving as SCYA's primary point of contact with the Harbor Associations throughout Southern California. A member and current Director of Huntington Harbour Yacht Club, Peter brings extensive leadership experience from both the nonprofit and business communities. He is also active in several civic and community organizations and is a strong believer in the values of **Corinthian yachting**—volunteer service, sportsmanship, fellowship, and a shared passion for recreational boating. In his new role, Peter looks forward to getting to know each Harbor Association and learning more about the unique strengths, traditions, and opportunities that make every harbor community special. His goal is to leverage SCYA to support local activities and

initiatives by coordinating communication and the development of resources that advance the interests of SCYA stakeholders. Over the coming months, he hopes to visit each Harbor Association whenever practical, participate virtually when appropriate, and become a trusted resource and ambassador for SCYA while supporting its mission to promote Corinthian yachting and regional collaboration. Reach out to Peter at magalhaes.peter@gmail.com.

Director Jay Nager, just wrapped a very successful U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea certification training weekend at California Yacht Club. Congratulations to Jay, Moderator Kipp Louitt and the entire team for a job well done! Special thank you to **Capt. James Lee**, who was Co-Moderator, for his generous support of the event in time and resources. Because of this effective team, we have 50 more people out there with the skills to save lives and making us all safer on the water!



Director Judi Glover, along with Capt. Wendy Sarnoff, conducted a *Dock to Finish Line* regatta seminar over the weekend too, at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Way to go ladies! If you are interested in resources, reach out to SCYA Service Administrator, Mary Crandall Plasencia, at service@scya.org.

Are you an Old Salt? Join the fun and camaraderie at our annual Old Timers meeting, coming up on September 12 2026 at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. In addition to clubs organizing their Staff/Past Commodores to attend, Old Salt awards will be presented to individuals with 50 or more years of consistent boating experience. Register [HERE](#).



The **2026 SCYA Commodores' Cruise** is October 23-25th in Avalon, hosted by the historic, Catalina Island Yacht Club. Commodore Masters-Gonzales invites all current, past, and future Commodores of SCYA member clubs—and their guests—to attend. SCYA and CIYC have teamed up with Long Beach Yacht Club to expand our annual tradition by bringing back the Commodores Cup Regatta—after 40 years in retirement! We have a "choose your own adventure" lineup of weekend activities. Many thanks to **SCYA & CIYC Judge Advocate, David Baker**, for recognizing the synergy and building the bridge. To **LBYC Commodore, Bob Piercy** for

being a driving force, along with **Cameron MacLaren, LBYC Yachting Director**, for making the regatta details easy-peasy. For more info and to register, click [HERE](#).

Date Change! 2027 SCYA Womens' Convention will be held February 5-7, 2027 at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Mark your calendars. We will begin sharing more information later this month. If you are interested in getting involved, drop me a line at commodore@scya.org.

Behind the scenes, our dedicated team is working on the **SCYA Hub**, a new consolidated SCYA website with a feature-rich members' only area. We will be launching in phases beginning with the annual data collection for the 2027 SCYA Yearbook. **Director Chris Johnson-Pasqua** is chairing the project and will begin contacting clubs soon in preparation.

Also behind the scenes, we've been strengthening SCYA's governance framework, led primarily by the SCYA Finance Committee with **Director David Campagnari** in the chair, in collaboration with **Treasurer & Jr. S/C, Lee Coller**. While everybody knows how important this work is, it rarely gets the recognition it deserves. My deepest gratitude to the team and the SCYA Board of Directors, for your dedicated support of this effort.

At the **SCYA General Meeting in June**, our newest SCYA Junior Member Organization, **Long Beach Sea Base** was voted in by the Delegates after a motion by Membership Chair, S/C Rick Dinon. Accepting on behalf of LBSB was Jeb Price, Director. Welcome to SCYA!



Also at the June General Membership Meeting of Delegates, **LBYC S/C Lisa Meier received the Andy Gram Olympic Trophy.** She was away on LA28 business so Commodore Bob Piercy accepted on her behalf. Congratulations, Lisa!



Finally, our presentation, ***Attracting, Retaining, & Engaging Members—GenZ/Millennial Edition***, was very enlightening, leaving us with more than a few pointers to grow this segment of club membership. Many thanks to **Michael Oliver, ABYC Vice Commodore, and Julia Jaynes**, who currently sits as Top 8 Women's Match Racing Skipper in the United States, in addition to her commitment to advancing community sailing in our region, and valued contributions to advance ABYC programs. While their beginnings in yacht clubs took different paths, a common

theme we heard was the significance of sincerely encouraging young adult members to invite their friends into club activities and spaces. Take their lead when creating new kinds of activities young adults would be interested in attending. Invite young adults (and their friends) to tag along with you to club happenings—introduce them around and keep inviting them back. Inclusive, friend-group social aspect is important. "Elitism" is out; intentionally fostering a culture and mindset of diversity and inclusion is they key. Leverage all club assets to support these efforts. **Ed Feo, Jr. S/C of ABYC**, thank you for connecting us with Michael for the panel—he will be an exceptional Commodore! Michael and Julia, you did a fantastic job and helped us to better understand what attracts prospective young adult members these days, providing valuable insight and direction for our clubs.



As the summer season winds down, Labor Day gives us the perfect excuse to cast off, catch the Pacific breeze, and enjoy our incredible Southern California coast. Whether you are anchoring at Catalina, cruising Newport Harbor, or enjoying a sunset raft-up with friends, we hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday on the water. Thank you to all the captains, crew, and marine professionals who keep our community moving forward! 🚢 ⚓

Much aloha and mahalo 🌺

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From the Bridge

V/C Report

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2026 SCYA Vice Commodore

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Building Connections Across Southern California

By the time you are reading this edition of **Searchlight**, our nation will have celebrated an extraordinary milestone: the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, and across Southern California, families, friends, and communities will

gather to celebrate Independence Day with parades, picnics, fireworks, and patriotic traditions.



Our yachting community celebrated in a way that is uniquely our own. Many SCYA member clubs hosted beautiful Fourth of July boat parades, with vessels proudly decorated in red, white, and blue as they cruised our harbors displaying the Stars and Stripes. These time-honored traditions are a wonderful reminder that our waterways symbolize freedom, adventure, and the enduring spirit of boating. As we marked America's 250th birthday, these patriotic cruises reflected not only our pride in our country but also the Corinthian values of fellowship, volunteerism, and service that unite the SCYA family.

June was equally inspiring as I had the opportunity to visit member clubs, participate in cherished traditions, and witness firsthand the dedication that keeps our yachting community thriving. Whether celebrating Opening Day in the mountains, enjoying fellowship at Catalina Island, or supporting educational initiatives, one thing remains clear: our greatest strength is the people who generously volunteer their time and talents to make our clubs and association successful.

Celebrating Our Member Clubs

June included visits to the Opening Day celebrations at **Lake Gregory Yacht Club** and **Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club**, along with the South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club Emerald Day Cruise. With the Southern California Opening Day season now behind us, I can sincerely say that every club hosted memorable events that reflected the traditions, hospitality, and camaraderie that define our association. Thank you to every club that welcomed visitors so warmly.

Although most Opening Day ceremonies have concluded, I look forward to representing SCYA this October at the **Arizona Yacht Club** Opening Day and continuing to strengthen the relationships that connect our extended yachting community.

Lake Gregory Yacht Club

Nestled in the San Bernardino Mountains, Lake Gregory Yacht Club hosted a warm and welcoming celebration attended by SCYA Editor Stephanie Sonora, Staff Commodore Lee Coller, Honorary Commodore Lorraine Coller, Model Yachting Chair Brian Randall, and members from neighboring clubs.



A highlight of the day was a performance by the Southern California Mountain Fifes & Drums, whose authentic Revolutionary War music perfectly complemented this year's celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

The club also demonstrated remarkable resilience. After losing its longtime meeting facility during winter storms, members relocated to the Crest Forest Senior Center, which overlooks beautiful Lake Gregory. Their commitment to continuing to sail, race, and model yachting is an inspiring example of the Corinthian spirit.

Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club

I also had the pleasure of attending the **94th Opening Day** of Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club, which has proudly served its members since 1932.



It was wonderful visiting with Commodore Devon Reid and Junior Staff Commodore Andrew Kosky and learning more about their outstanding Junior Sailing Program. The celebration concluded with music, dancing, and fellowship, another memorable beginning to the boating season.

On the Water: Emerald Bay Cruise-Catalina

The South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club Emerald Bay Cruise brought together members from Navy Yacht Club Long Beach, South Shores Yacht Club, Windjammers Yacht Club, and South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club.

With beautiful weather greeting us at Catalina Island, members enjoyed music by the South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club Ukulele Group, games, fellowship, a scenic hike led by SCYA Staff Commodore Lee Coller, and, of course, traditional s'mores. It was a wonderful reminder that some of our best boating memories are created through the friendships we share.



Supporting SCYA's Future Through Technology

Behind the scenes, the SCYA Website Committee officially began its work under the leadership of Chair Chris Johnson Pasqua. The committee will meet weekly as we work toward creating a stronger digital presence for SCYA. As a committee member, I look forward to assisting with workflow development and project support.

Committee Highlights

Our committees continue advancing SCYA's mission to **Educate, Communicate, Coordinate, and Celebrate** boating throughout Southern California.

Highlights include:

- Our awaited **Old Timers Luncheon** will be conducted in September. Please encourage your Staff Commodores to register for this wonderful event. Registration is open.
- A successful **Medical Emergencies at Sea Seminar** conducted on June 4th at the Del Rey Yacht Club provided valuable education.
- **"From Dock to Finish Line" Regatta Seminar** was a success on August 22nd at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.
- **Model Yachting Committee** now has its new page on the SCYA website. Access the page for more information.
- **2026 US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar**: was a success over the weekend of August 22-23 at California Yacht Club, with participation from boaters from across the region.
- **Medical Emergencies at Sea Seminar** is coming to Orange County in October. Registration is open.
- I am pleased to announce that **Commodore Jodi Masters-Gonzales has just approved and appointed Peter Magalhaes as SCYA's Harbor Association Liaison**. Peter is a Director of Huntington Harbour Yacht Club and brings extensive leadership experience from both the nonprofit and business communities. In his new role, he will serve as SCYA's primary liaison to the Harbor Associations throughout Southern California.

Working Together

The success of SCYA depends on the support of our member clubs. One of the easiest ways to help is to share event flyers, seminars, and educational opportunities with your members by posting them in your newsletters. Every club that promotes SCYA programs helps strengthen our ability to educate, connect, and serve the boating community.

If your club has ideas for seminars, webinars, or educational programs, I encourage you to reach out. Together, we can continue to create meaningful opportunities that benefit our members and strengthen our association.

As we celebrate America's 250th year and another successful boating season, let us continue building a stronger SCYA through volunteerism, friendship, and a shared love of the water.

Fair winds, following seas, and I look forward to seeing you on the water.



From the Bridge

R/C Report

John Gaddis

2026 SCYA Rear Commodore
(Interim)

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Hi, my name is John Gaddis, and I have the honor of replacing Herbert Brown as Interim Rear Commodore. I have been a member of Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club since 2002. My experience with PCYC includes serving as Staff Commodore, Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear

Commodore, Fleet Captain, Board Director, and editor of our newsletter, the Periplus. I also serve as Chairman of the Pacific Corinthian Marina Board.

Outside of PCYC, I have served three years on the Board of Directors of the Southern California Yachting Association. I am also National Communications Director for the International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG), and Vice President and Treasurer of the IOBG Humanitarian Fund. I believe the spirit of volunteerism is what keeps our yacht clubs thriving. Whether organizing events, publishing newsletters, mentoring future leaders, or working behind the scenes, I enjoy making a lasting contribution to the yachting community.

As Rear Commodore, my first order of business is to work with some very talented people on the prestigious "Old Timers" Award luncheon on Saturday, September 12, 2026, right after our general meeting. The event is going to be held at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in San Pedro, where we will recognize the people who have made many long-term contributions to our boating community. This recognition includes the "Old Salt Awards" given to those with over 50 years of yachting experience, as well as recognition for the oldest male and female SCYA Commodore. I promise you it will be a wonderful event.

I'm sure I'll have more to say once I get use to the position. Feel free to contact me at rearcommodore@scya.org.

John Gaddis

2026 SCYA Interim Rear Commodore
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PORT CAPTAIN

Upcoming Events



Good friends, great memories, and wonderful conversation await. Join us for the Old Timers Luncheon as we celebrate the past and enjoy each other's company.

SCYA OLD TIMERS LUNCHEON

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Luncheon begins at noon

\$60.00 per person

CABRILLO BEACH YACHT CLUB

211 W. 22nd Street
San Pedro, CA 90731
Wilmington, CA





SAVE THE DATE



Medical Emergencies at Sea Seminar



THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 1, 2026



REGISTRATION
BEGINS AT
6:00 PM



BALBOA YACHT CLUB
1801 BAYSIDE DR.
CORONA DEL MAR
CA 92625

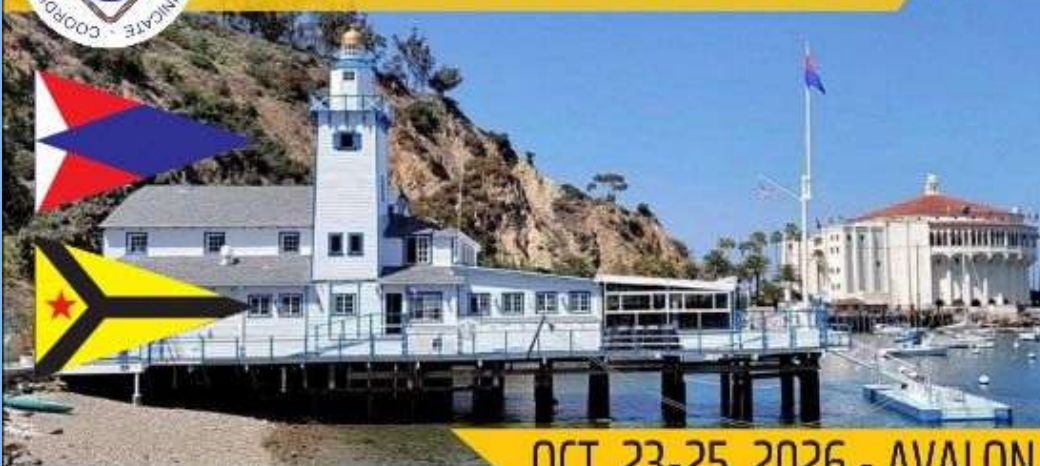


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2026 COMMODORES' CRUISE



OCT. 23-25, 2026 - AVALON

CELEBRATING THE COMMODORES OF SCYA MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS ~ PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE ~

The 2026 SCYA Commodores' Cruise will be October 23-25, 2026 in Avalon, hosted by the historical Catalina Island Yacht Club. All current, past, and future Commodores of SCYA member clubs—and their guests—are invited to attend.

This year, we have a "choose your own adventure" lineup of fun weekend activities to select from:

OPTIONAL WEEKEND FESTIVITIES

- Race to the island (Commodores Cup - Fri)
- Happy Hour (CIYC - Fri)
- Miniature golf (Golf Gardens - Sat)
- Dinner (CIYC - Sat)
- ...and more! (see website)

Commodores, grab your crew! SCYA and CIYC have teamed up with Long Beach Yacht Club to expand our annual tradition by bringing back the **Commodores Cup**—after 40 years in retirement!



COMMODORES CUP*

1935-1985...2026!

Early Bird - \$130, inclusive price per person.

*See website for Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions



FOR MORE INFORMATION
& TO REGISTER, VISIT
WWW.SCYA.ORG

SAVE THE DATE

SCYA General Meeting

Nomination Committee Announcement
Saturday, October 10, 2026 (Zoom) @ noon

SCYA BOD and General Meeting

General Election
Saturday, November 7, 2026
10:30 BOD Meeting | 12:00 Lunch | 12:30 General Meeting
Location: Santa Barbara Yacht Club

2027 SCYA Womens' Convention

February 5-7, 2027 @ Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC)

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



SCYA COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCYA Delegate Application Open for U.S. Adult Sailing Championships



SCYA Delegate Applications Open!

2026 U.S. SAILING ADULT SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

Clifford D. Mallory Trophy

SCYA Area J Delegation Process

Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) may submit one team for consideration to compete for the U.S. Sailing Adult Championship - Clifford D. Mallory Trophy. The 2026 SCYA selection criteria will use the same criteria U.S. Sailing will be using to make their final selections.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

U.S. Sailing

HOSTED BY

Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas (November 4 -7, 2026)

U.S. SAILING ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

For more information, see 2026 U.S. Sailing Adult Championships

webpage,

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2026-u-s-adult-sailing-championship/>

For more information on the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy, see <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/awards-trophies/clifford-d-mallory-trophy/>

TEAMS

- Your club must be **a member organization of SCYA** in good standing.
- The Team Skipper must be a member of the club (all members of the team do not need to be members of the club).
- Your club and all members of your team must be **current members of US Sailing**.
- All participants must be at least 19 years of age in the calendar year of the Event.
- Full eligibility requirements, <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Adult-Champs-Qualification-and-Eligibility-1-1.pdf>
- Crew: 3 or 4 (including the skipper).
- Boat: RS21

KEY DATES

SCYA Application Deadline: September 6, 2026 at 11:45pm PST

SCYA Notifications: On or before September 9, 2026. Must commit within 72 hours of notification.

U.S. Sailing Application Deadline: September 18, 2026

U.S. Sailing Notifications: On or before September 25, 2026

U.S. Sailing Registration Deadline: On or before October 4, 2026

**SCYA U.S. SAILING ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION
COMMITTEE**

This committee is appointed by the SCYA Commodore and comprises of five (5) qualified sailors representing SCYA member organizations in good standing from distinct harbors within the **Area J region**.

The Chairperson of the committee is SCYA Commodore Jodi Masters-Gonzales. Committee members must recuse themselves if their SCYA member organization submits an application hereunder. In such cases, the committee shall appoint a qualified replacement.

Submit your applications to commodore@scya.org

SELECTION PROCESS

SCYA U.S. Sailing Adult Championship Selection Committee will rate each application in accordance with U.S. Sailing's selection process for when the maximum number of resumes exceed the number of spaces available for the event. In this case, the selection committee will review each application and extend invitations accordingly. Resumes will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- 40% Sailor Criteria – How many major events have they competed in the past three years; the number of races in these events, number of attendants
- 20% – Qualified through a regatta at the Regional Sailing Association level
- 20% – Class Criteria – size, diversity, depth, and activity of class they consistently sail nationally
- 10% – sailors under 30 make up 25% of the team
- 10% – female sailors make up at least 25% of the team
- Bonus: Additional 10% if a female is a helm

HOW TO APPLY

To submit an online application, email it to commodore@scya.org.

Please review the U.S. Sailing Adult Championships event page, including

the Notice of Race (NOR) and be prepared to comply with all requirements, before submitting a resume. **Your resume packet to SCYA should be the final packet you will submit to US Sailing, if selected.**

QUESTIONS?

Contact SCYA Commodore Jodi Masters-Gonzales at commodore@scya.org. Please allow a 48-hour response time.

A FOND FAREWELL

S/C Rick & H/C Marlyn Dinon's Departure



Rick & Marlyn Dinon recently announced that they will be moving to Carson City Nevada after living in the Southern California mountains for the last 25 years. They have been heavily involved with SCYA for many

years and we will miss them.

Rick & Marlyn married in 1980. Rick had a boat when they were married and they joined Windjammers' Yacht Club in 1983 in Marina del Rey. Several years later, they also joined Santa Monica Yacht Club and the two clubs later merged.

In 2001, they moved to the Crestline area and were soon joined by three other boating couples from the Marina. After socializing for a while, Marlyn founded the Lake Gregory Yacht Club in 2004 with the other couples and began expanding its membership with locals. In 2009, SCYA S/C Thom Page told them that the LGYC should join SCYA.

An application was filed and in April of 2009, Rick and other club members planned a presentation to the board and membership. However, Rick and others were stuck in Ensenada after a N2E race and could not leave the harbor for four days due to dangerous conditions, so the wives took over and made their successful adlib presentation to SCYA, helped along by some Chardonnay.

After a few years attending SCYA membership meetings, Rick was asked in 2015 to be the Model Boating Chair. In 2016, he joined the Board of Directors. 2017 saw Marlyn join the Board and serve as Midwinter Chair during terrible weather conditions requiring many scheduling adjustments; this formed the basis for today's multi-weekend event. She served on the Board through 2019 and was Port Captain in 2018 & 2019 and Honorary Commodore in 2022. Rick was Rear Commodore in 2017 and Commodore in 2019. Most recently, Rick served as SCYA 2026 Membership Chair.

You can tell that Rick & Marlyn have been one of the pillars of SCYA. They tell us they plan to keep their boat in Long Beach and visit it monthly and some of those visits will correspond to SCYA meetings. We look forward to

seeing them! They remain members of both LGYC and SYCLB.



SCYA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Del Rey Yacht Club Makes History With First on-the-Water T-Hunt

By Charles Pascal
Communications Committee

Have you ever heard of a T-Hunt? It's an on-the-water contest using skills learned about finding a boat or person in trouble using only a marine handheld radio.



On May 17, 2026, the radio Amateur Group organized its first T-hunt.



Charles Pascal WB6CIY, a new club member, organized this exercise. Pascal and his wife Heidi and Paul Hofer traveled to a secret location and began broadcasting in the Marine VHF band using channel 72.

The broadcast began at approximately 11 o'clock from a boat dock on Palawan Way, accessed by both land and sea.

Participants asked questions to ensure the transmitter would communicate enough information to be found. Contesters asked the following questions.

- Where are you located?
- Are you on a boat?
- What is your favorite TV show?
- How long have you been interested in Amateur radio?
- Charlie gave long answers to each question to ensure he would be found.

The first-place winner took 45 minutes. The remaining teams arrived within the hour.

What equipment is needed to participate in a T-hunt? All you need is a marine handheld radio. No special license or directional antennas required.

The T-Hunt was a family activity with participants from 8 to 75. Our youngest members played a key role through their innovation and their questions kept the T-hiders talking so the contesters could track them down.

The T-hunt had four enthusiastic teams participating. The Club awarded participants several prizes for the winners who found the hidden transmitter.

- First Prize \$35 discount at the club's dining room.

- Second prize \$25 discount at the club's dining room
- Third prize is \$15 discount at the club's dining room.

All participants had a wonderful time trying to find the hidden transmitter. T-hunt contest winners were:

1st Place: The Joel Leslie team included Norm Perron and Steve Mandel.

- Norm used two handheld radios, one with a rubber duck antenna and the second without an antenna.
- When the signal was heard on the radio without the antenna Norm followed the strength pattern to look for an increasing signal on the radio without the antenna.
- Norm used his radio squelch settings to increase the squelch as the signal strength increased.



2nd Place: Vice Commodore Jamie Myer family included his children, Zoe and Sabastian.

- A special congratulations for innovation will be awarded to Zoe Meyer.
- Zoe at age 8 knew that aluminum foil shields radio frequency signals. Zoe used this knowledge by increasing the amount of foil on her non-directional antenna to create attenuation or weakening the signal. By decreasing the signal strength and moving in a direction that would increase the signal, Zoe's discovery ensured her team the second-place prize. Zoe your foil technique will be used in future T-hunts. Great job!



3rd place: Ludo Francois family including Heloise, Arthur and Sandrine

- A special shout out to Heloise. Your questions, which kept us talking were on the level of many adults who work in broadcasting. I see a future career.



T-hunting is an exciting sport and can be accomplished with a simple handheld radio. Advanced participants can obtain directional antennas.

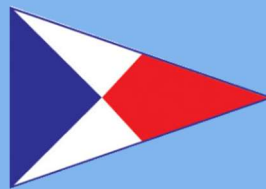
Our Radio Amateur Group is looking forward to conducting future T-hunts and encourage all to join us. T-hunting is an excellent family activity.



T-Hunt participants had a great day!

SCYA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic Catalina Island Club Crossover Weekend



By Shawn Milligan, SCYA Historian, shawn85292@aol.com



"In All The World, No Two Clubs Like This"

A series of nearly forgotten historic events that occurred on Catalina Island over a century ago, were recently celebrated on August 15, 2026, between the Tuna Club of Avalon and the Catalina Island Yacht Club. For the first time in history, both clubs celebrated an association they shared that most people had no idea even existed.

The Tuna Club of Avalon

The Tuna Club of Avalon, founded during the summer of 1898 is regarded as the "birthplace of modern big game sportfishing". The Tuna Club's founder, Dr. Charles Frederick Holder, was a passionate naturalist and was

well known for some of the first books written on big game fishing. Dr. Holder's devotion to big game such as Tuna and Billfish, set the tone for what would become the foundation for the Tuna Club of Avalon, promoting the sport of angling as well as the education and preservation of our oceans powerful pelagic fish.

The Tuna Club in Avalon was comprised of members with such notables as Presidents Teddy Roosevelt & Grover Cleveland. General George S. Patton along with cinema luminaries such as Charlie Chaplin, Tom Mix, Hal Roach and Cecil B. DeMille to name only a few. Decades later (and this is important) the spouses of the Tuna Club's membership wanted to have a place where the activities of socialization around yachting could be the focus.

Catalina Island Yacht Club & Mr. James "Jimmy" Jump



If there was an individual who could be called the "bridge-builder" between the Tuna Club and the newly conceived idea of a potential Catalina Island Yacht Club, that person would be James Jump. James Jump moved to Southern California from the East Coast of the United States in 1909. He was extremely active as a leader in many Southern California institutions. It is difficult to honestly know every organization he was a strategic component of however, this incomplete list would include (in no

particular order):

- Commodore of Los Angeles Yacht Club
- President of the Avalon Tuna Club
- President of the Al Malaikah Shriners
- President of the Jonathn Club of Los Angeles
- Commodore of the Los Angeles Motorboat Club

**** 1st Commodore of the Catalina Island Yacht Club. . .**

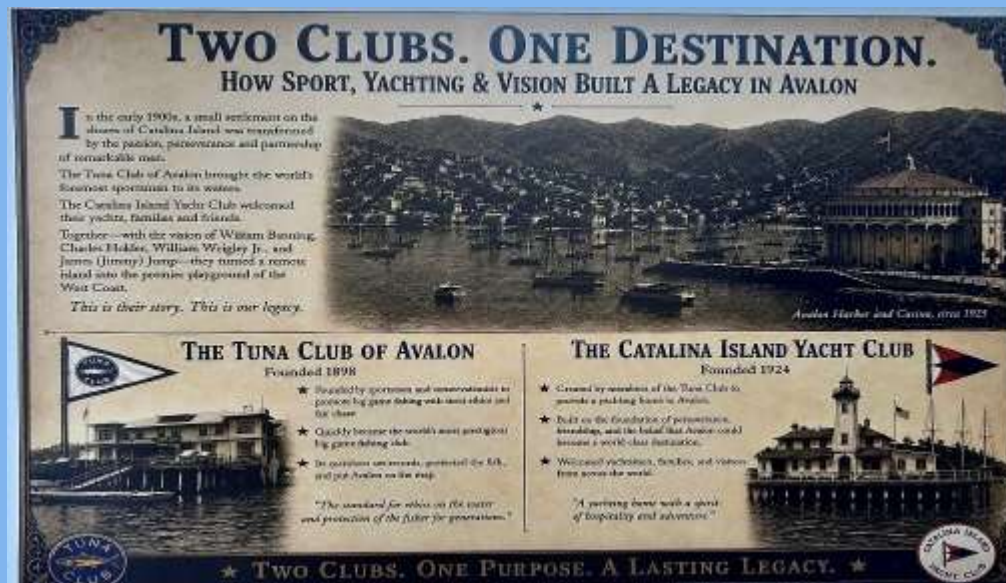
Simply put, James Jump loved being in charge and was reluctant at giving up the reigns of leadership. Once he realized the potential opportunity to branch off from the Tuna Club and build a Catalina Island Yacht Club he could control, well, that was precisely the recipe required to get the ball rolling...

The Foundations of a New Club On Catalina Island

(What Few Know About Southern California's Club Hierarchy)

Back in the 1920's leading up to World War II, many people were not just a member of a single club. The early pioneers of society in Southern California were members of several clubs/organizations. . . One of the most pivotal organizations if not the most important in Southern California at the onset of the 20th century was the Jonathan Club located in downtown Los Angeles. The Jonathan Club members, known as "Jonathans" were the influencers and power brokers of Southern California. Many famous institutions such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, University of California Los Angeles (U.C.L.A.), the Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games of 1932 and yes, the Catalina Island Yacht Club had all been developed and evolved within the halls of the Jonathan Club.

Many of the early members of the Catalina Island yacht Club were originally members of the Tuna Club & also Jonathan's, providing the financial backing to bring C.I.Y.C. to reality. On March 7, 1924, on the top floor of the Pacific Electric building in Downtown Los Angeles (The venue of the Jonathan Club at that time) was the location where Articles of Incorporation and an interim Board of Directors were elected, forming the Catalina Island Yacht Club.



A Historic Sidenote

It should be footnoted that the formation of C.I.Y.C. was considered to be a potentially significant advantage for the Olympics in the sport of "Yachting" if Los Angeles could secure a bid for the 10th Olympiad in 1932. Talks of Los Angeles taking center stage in front of the world had been under consideration as early as 1919. The history of procuring and controlling yachting at the L.A. Olympics however is a story for another episode in C.I.Y.C.'s history and deserves its own historical write-up, so another story for another time.

Catalina Island Clubs 101 (An Education)

It was an educational & immersive experience to learn how both clubs began and how the Tuna Club gave rise to C.I.Y.C. Looking over all the displays of the early visionaries who helped form both clubs and the roles the clubs played over the decades including World War II when military training operations took place across the island including both clubs.

There were several carefully designed exhibits showcasing many members such as, world leaders, businessmen and individuals representing The Golden Age of Hollywood and their contributions to the sport of fishing and yachting. Also, members such as William Wrigley Jr. who was not only a member of both clubs but the mastermind behind developing and building an entire new world within Avalon which became a playground for

celebrities and anyone else who traveled 26 miles across the Pacific Ocean from the harbor of Los Angeles.

Both the Tuna Club and Catalina Island Yacht Club of today, embrace & celebrate their historic pasts of a golden era while simultaneously enjoying the modern camaraderie of their perspective sporting and social activities. For one day in August this year, both clubs took a historic look back over a hundred years ago and realized, **"In All The World, No Two Clubs Like This"**.



Historic displays were on exhibit throughout both clubs. Pictured above is a model of James Jump's fishing yacht "Ranger" alongside storyboards illustrating Catalina Island's club history.



Event chair Bill Larkin providing a history lesson to a packed house at C.I.Y.C.

Tuna Club/C.I.Y.C. Joint History Coordination Team's Initial Meeting



In order from left to right

David Horst C.I.Y.C. Historian

Bill Larkin Club history event Chair

Doug Williams Tuna Club past
President/Historian

Larry Gottlieb C.I.Y.C. Vice Commodore

Shawn Milligan (Not photographed)

S.C.Y.A. History Chair





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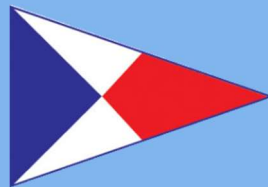
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Celebrating Juneteenth at the Los Angeles Yacht Club

By Sue Thotz, Rear Commodore, Los Angeles Yacht Club

A Holiday Worth Celebrating

The push to organize the event came from a simple conviction: Juneteenth deserves the same place on our club calendar as any other American holiday. With the federal holiday falling on a Friday, a celebration was perfect for our Friday Night Dinner.

The Flags Were All In

Club support was strong from the start. The flag officers were not only enthusiastic about the event, but Commodore Susannah Beven arranged the marketing and menu, and Vice Commodore Scott Weinert hired jazz musician Evan Woods. All flags were present and encouraged participation from members and guests.

A Speaker with a Personal Story

The evening's keynote was Staff Commodore David Calloway, and his connection to Juneteenth runs far deeper than most.

Calloway is the author of *If Someday Comes*, a work of historical fiction based on the true story of his great-grandfather, George Calloway, a slave in Cleveland, Tennessee, before and during the Civil War. The book documents George's journey from enslavement toward freedom. It's a

story that, until Calloway put it to page, existed only in family memory.

Having David speak at a Juneteenth celebration set the tone for the evening:

"Juneteenth is greater than the celebration of the slaves' freedom. It's a celebration of freedom of all Americans — all origins, all religions, all colors. It is a milestone on our road of shared history, and is a day to celebrate our common humanity, our eternal motto: E Pluribus Unum — out of many, one."

Stories That Might Never Have Been Told

What no one fully anticipated was what happened during table conversations.

The evening opened something up. Member Marie Rogers and others began sharing their own family stories about relatives who had been enslaved and their original Juneteenth experience. These weren't prepared remarks. They were the kind of stories that surface only when a space is intentionally made for them.

That's the argument for doing this, right there. Without the celebration, those stories may remain unshared at the club. And your fellow club members remain strangers to a part of each other that matters.

Will It Happen Again?

You don't need a big budget. You don't need a committee. You need someone willing to put it on the calendar and a membership willing to show up.

We did. We will again. We hope you'll join us next year.

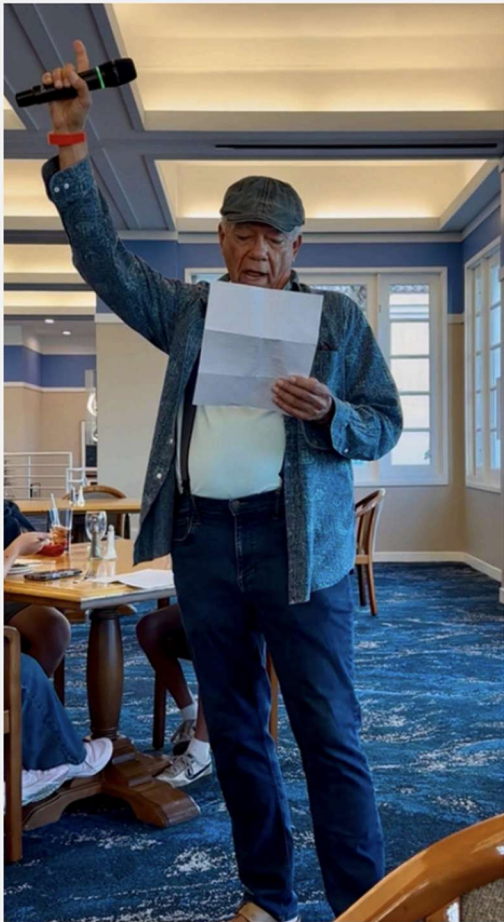


Image Left: Staff Commodore David Calloway addresses LAYC members during the club's Juneteenth celebration. Right: live jazz from Evan Wood set the mood throughout the evening."



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Southern California Yachting Invitational Proves to Be a Community Builder!

By Brian Randall

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TWO HARBORS, CATALINA ISLAND — More than **184 participants aboard 80 boats** converged on Two Harbors for the **2nd Annual Southern California Yachting Invitational**, a weekend that blended spirited competition, creative camaraderie, and charitable giving into one of Southern California's most unique boating events.

Founded by **West Coast Yacht Club**, **Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club**, and **Shoreline Yacht Club**, the Southern California Yachting Invitational was created to strengthen friendships among neighboring yacht clubs while raising money for charitable organizations in an exciting team-based competition.

Building on the success of its inaugural year, the founding clubs welcomed two new participants to this year's event—**Huntington Harbor Yacht Club** and **Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club**—expanding both the competition and the fellowship that has

become the hallmark of the Invitational.

Throughout the weekend, yacht club members competed not only for bragging rights, but for the opportunity to direct the event's charitable proceeds to their club's selected nonprofit organization. Thanks to the generosity of participants, raffle supporters, and auction donors, the Invitational raised **\$3,320**, all of which will benefit the **Long Beach Sea Scouts**, the charity selected by this year's winning club.

After tallying the weekend's points, **Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club (CBYC)** claimed the championship title and earned the honor of presenting the \$3,320 charitable donation to the Long Beach Sea Scouts on behalf of all clubs that participated.

"The Invitational is about much more than winning," organizers noted. "It's about bringing yacht clubs together, creating lasting friendships, and using our passion for boating to give back to our communities."

One of the most anticipated highlights of the weekend was the always-popular **Dinghy Hop**, where participating clubs transformed their dinghies into floating themed venues complete with matching decorations, costumes, appetizers, and signature refreshments.

Among this year's standout themes were:

- **West Coast Yacht Club's "Redneck Yacht Club,"** featuring humorous décor, country-inspired attire, and creative Southern-style refreshments.
- **Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club's Bora Bora"**, featuring tropical flair, Hula Dancers, Spam Rapa, and a Shark bite drink creation.
- **Huntington Harbor Yacht Club's "Island Patriot"** featuring eagles and Red White and Bite Cups, along with a Golden Eagle Drink creation.

The themed dinghy stops kept participants traveling throughout the harbor while meeting members from every participating club and enjoying each club's unique creativity and hospitality.

The fun continued throughout the weekend with a variety of friendly team

competitions, including a **rubber raft relay**, an island-wide **scavenger hunt**, **giant Team Jenga**, and **Corn Hole**, all of which contributed points toward the overall club championship.

As the sun set on Buffalo Park, participants gathered for a catered dinner provided by **Avalon Smokehouse**, where stories from the day's adventures were shared and new friendships continued to grow.

The evening concluded with an energetic **50/50 raffle** and a raffle featuring donated items from generous supporters. These fundraising efforts proved instrumental in helping the Invitational raise the charitable proceeds awarded to the winning club.

With another successful year in the books, organizers believe the Southern California Yachting Invitational has firmly established itself as more than just another boating rendezvous. It has become a celebration of cooperation, community service, and the enduring traditions of Southern California yachting.

As the trophies were presented and the final cheers echoed across Two Harbors, participants were already looking ahead to next year's Invitational, eager to reunite with old friends, welcome new clubs, and continue a tradition where everyone leaves a winner—especially the charities that benefit from the generosity of the Southern California boating community.

If your club is interested in being selected for next years event, please reach out to Brian Randall Commodore of West Coast Yacht Club at Westcoastyachtclub.com



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Extraordinary July 4, 2026 at the American Legion Yacht Club

By Sue Edelstein

Fourth of July 2026, was festive, fantastic, and phenomenal. American Legion Yacht Club (ALYC), Post 291, and community organizations had dedicated people thrilled to lend a hand to create a meaningful event. There was delicious pancake breakfasts and barbecues, people dancing to amazing music, great boating attire for sale, raffle drawings and friends being overjoyed starting at 7:30 A.M. and going on all day and into the evening at this beautiful location on the water with views of Newport Bay. Members, guests, and the general public were invited to participate and in doing so helped benefit causes that the American Legion stands for.

ALYC, whose 60th Anniversary is this year, sponsored the Old Glory Boat Parade, skillfully and jubilantly organized by Commodore Wyatt Hoag with many people (this writer wishes she could name them all) who spent the time that it takes for a big success and that's what occurred. The theme this year was Celebrating 250 Years and The Military and Veterans. The lead and ALYC flagship boat, Valor, was skippered by George Shinrock and carried all parts of the Military and other dignitaries and people.

Guests, members, and those judging the waterway event were treated to board the remarkable yacht, Sundance, that the John M. Curci family graciously donated and provided crew in continued service to the American Legion Yacht Club and the city of Newport Beach. There were six judges, a photographer, and a videographer for a total of eight on the review team scoring the entries (39 boats). Captain Freley expertly ran Sundance. His Captain wife, Karen Corell, thought this year's parade had more participation and she was glad to notice dogs, especially an exuberant labrador jumping in the water and back on a small boat. The highlight for her was seeing the Veterans on Valor, as her sister was once a flight engineer on a helicopter.

The Old Glory Boat Parade is dazzling to watch and boats are judged by a committee, this year headed by Staff Commodore Bruce Batcheller. Bruce was commodore from 2019-2021 and is one of two who served more than two years and in his case three years. He has been in ALYC for 17 years and this is his sixth of being a judge. Those on the water and watching from shore are joyous, waving to each other and carrying on, so judging is not an easy job; boats slow down a little but you may need more time to check it out, sometimes it is hard to tell what number they are or what boat type.

Bruce stated, "Sometimes the fun part are boats that deserve multiple awards and it's hard to pick so we try to be fair to all boats by looking for that one special item that makes them stand out." You may see boats with huge flags, many flags, people dressed as famous characters during The Revolution like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and almost everyone is wearing red, white, and blue or decorating with those colors with foil, balloons, and banners. You may see symbols like eagles, the Statue of Liberty, close up of the Torch, drummers, Uncle Sam, the Liberty Bell, Signing of the Declaration, and hear patriotic music coming from various boats.

The boat parade compares to the awe of the night time fireworks display, yet the unique procession lingers on especially with those directly involved. Many have a hand in creating it, others judging it for trophies, videos and pictures can be watched for many years, and people get to reunite at the Awards Dinner.

Members of ALYC commented:

Jed and Katie Moyer said, "We had such a great time aboard Sundance with incredibly welcoming and friendly people. Judging the decorated boats was fun and a privilege to do at this local tradition that American Legion puts on."

Doug and Melanie Green stated, "It's an honor for us to be judges. It's wonderful to see the boating community come together with so much spirit and enthusiasm."

Mickey Bennett, is a leader in the Membership Committee and for the Boat Parade, was a Co-Chair with the new Event Manager, Amelia Castro. He and his wife Susan agreed, "It was the best Fourth of July Boat Parade we participated in with ALYC! Every boat entry went all out to celebrate our country's 250 Years of Independence. Applause for all the volunteers who made the event spectacular."

One thing we can count on is that plans are probably in place to continue the custom and have a tremendous Fourth of July in 2027!





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Canyon Lake YC Bridges Business & Boating in a Standout "Land & Sea" Debut



Some of the best ideas don't come from boardrooms they come from good conversation, shared vision, and a setting that inspires both. For Canyon Lake, that spark happened lakeside, where two community leaders saw an opportunity to bring something bigger to life. Fast forward one year, and that idea delivered.

The first-ever “Land & Sea” experience united the Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Canyon Lake Yacht Club in a way that felt both natural and long overdue. Local business professionals and community members stepped into a day designed not just for networking, but for genuine connection the kind that lasts well beyond an event.



From the moment the day began, there was a noticeable energy. Conversations flowed easily, introductions turned into opportunities, and the shared pride in Canyon Lake was unmistakable. Whether on the move or gathered, the atmosphere carried a sense of purpose: this community shows up for each other.

A dynamic group of speakers added depth throughout the day, offering perspectives that ranged from business insight to community storytelling. Their voices reflected the diversity and strength of Canyon Lake’s professional and civic leadership, reinforcing a simple truth collaboration is the advantage.

City leadership was present, Yacht Club leadership was engaged, and the Chamber's commitment was evident in every detail. None of it felt forced. It felt aligned.

Shoreline Yacht Club provided more than a venue it delivered an experience. Guests were reminded why this community stands apart. It wasn't just about where they were, but what they're part of.





“Land & Sea” didn’t just introduce a partnership. It set a tone for what’s possible when organizations move with intention and a shared mission.



Special thank you to the president of the Chamber Johnny Pineda, Rick Tobin, Vice President, for leading the planning and bringing the event to life, and to the full Board of Directors for the behind-the-scenes work that made it all come together. We were honored to have Council Member Mark Terry represent the City of Canyon Lake, Property Owners Association director Lainie Cooney, along with Commodore Rob Mora and Rear Commodore Stan "Forever" Young, who continue to support the chambers theme "The Power of Partnership". Special thanks to Donna Ritchie of the Canyon Lake Insider for her photography and for hosting coffee, donuts, and trivia along the way, and to our guest speakers Leslie Garcia, Armand Blais, John Mirassou, Donna Ritchie, Christopher Thompson of Vine FM, Sue Fries, and Marc Hyman for sharing their knowledge and stories throughout the day. Finally, a huge thank you to Shoreline Yacht Club for

their hospitality and stunning venue, providing the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable day.

Missed it this year? You likely heard about it already.

Next time, you'll want to be in the room.

By, Stan "Forever" Young

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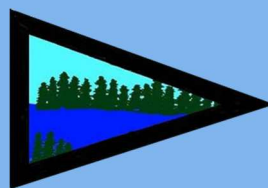
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Treated Like Royalty at Hotel Coral & Marina in Ensenada



By Marsha Philippe, Commodore
Lake Gregory Yacht Club

Earlier this spring when I opened my e-mail I found an interesting invitation. It was from the Hotel Coral & Marina in Ensenada offering the commodore or a designated couple, from each SCYA member club, an expenses paid long weekend at the hotel. I looked at the itinerary and thought, huh wonder what the catch is. After showing it to my first mate, I responded accepting the invitation.

We arrived at West Marine in San Diego on Friday after leaving our car at long term parking and found that there were only 3 of us riding in the van to the hotel. I kept wondering where the other yacht club attendees were, thinking maybe they drove. We had a lovely trip along the coast after breezing through the border and on to the hotel. There we were greeted by staff and checked into our suite with a balcony overlooking the grounds, marina and ocean. We were told to meet in the lobby to be escorted to our personal happy hour with hors d'oeuvres and bottle of wine selected by the chef for pairing with the food. Manager Liz joined us and one other couple, not associated with a yacht club. I asked where the others were and, much to my astonishment, found that we were the only club that had accepted!

Saturday's adventures started, after a fabulous buffet breakfast, with a guided tour of the hotel and marina. We then boarded their van with our own private guide, Sarai, for a tour of the Guadalupe Valley, visiting 3 wineries which included a tour and tasting at each with a late lunch at our last stop. Each winery was as nice as you find in Napa or Temecula, the wines were wonderful and staff very friendly and knowledgeable.

On Sunday, after our buffet breakfast at the hotel, we were met by our private guide to escort us to the Conchas & Vino Festival held just past the hotel courtyard area. We had VIP wrist bands and enjoyed probably too much of the wonderful Ensenada area wines and variety of food. They offered an early departure option for those wanting to return to San Diego that evening. We stayed until Monday and were met by our private guide in the morning for a private tour of Santo Tomas Winery, conducted by the winery manager. Since there were only two of us, we were able to leave Ensenada earlier than the scheduled shuttle time and were driven right to our car with our purchased case of wines in time to beat the rush of north-bound traffic to Temecula.

We were treated like royalty and had a wonderful time. Everything was first rate. I was disappointed for them that we were the only club that was

there. We had a good conversation with hotel manager Liz giving our feedback. I explained about opening day and that most likely the timing contributed to the lack of attendance. I showed her how to look at the opening day schedule so that she could use that as a guide. She explained that the offering was somewhat last minute and centered around the festival. We brain stormed ideas for future which included offering it during the week rather than weekend. I hope that when they offer this again to SCYA member clubs, that every club takes advantage of it. Commodore, if you can't go, pick someone and send them. Our only expenses were gratuities and wines we purchased. Turns out I never did find the "catch"!

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Sign up to receive updates and additional info about Games-time volunteering.

Visit the [LA28 Volunteer Page](#) for more information.

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Marine Event Permit Application Process



The U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center has launched a new online Marine Event Permit application process effective June 3rd. Marine event sponsors conducting regattas, marine parades, fireworks displays, swim events, or similar activities on navigable waters of the United States are encouraged to utilize the updated online submission capability. Applications should be submitted to the appropriate Captain of the Port at least 135 days prior to the scheduled event. Marine Event Permit Application and additional information are available at: <https://navcen.uscg.gov/contact/Application-For-Marine-Event-Permit>.



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Dockside Podcast

California Seabirds

California's seabirds are in crisis — and the heroes at International Bird Rescue are racing to save them. In our latest Dockside podcast episode, we sit down with JD Bergeron, CEO of International Bird Rescue to talk about the massive 2026 starvation event hitting Brown Pelicans, Brandt's Cormorants, and Common Murres — and what it takes to rescue birds on the brink.

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El Niño 2026 Forecast

Scientists are forecasting the possibility of a strong El Niño this year. If sea surface temperatures across the eastern and central Pacific Ocean rise more than 0.5 degrees Celsius above average, El Niño conditions develop. In particularly intense events, when temperatures exceed 2 degrees Celsius, the phenomenon may be classified as a Super El Niño. According to Paul Pastelok, senior meteorologist and lead U.S. long-range forecaster at AccuWeather, sea surface temperatures are already exceeding 0.5 degrees Celsius in difference.

Although El Niño is a naturally occurring climate pattern, stronger events can significantly influence weather around the world. These impacts may include more intense hurricanes in some regions, heavier rainfall and flooding, prolonged drought in others, higher sea levels along certain coastlines, and dangerous surf conditions. While forecasts suggest El Niño could last into 2027, its duration and intensity will continue to be monitored as conditions evolve.

Because of these potential impacts, it's important to stay informed by monitoring local weather forecasts, especially when out boating. Those living in coastal or flood-prone areas should monitor high surf, flood watches, and hurricane outlooks throughout the season. Staying informed is the best way to prepare for the El Niño season ahead. Please remember to boat safely and responsibly.

Boating Under the Influence

The effects of boating under the influence can be fatal and heartbreaking for all involved. In this episode, we talk with Rhonda Campbell, California Victim Services Manager with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Deputy John Canepa with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department about boating under the influence (BUI). Learn about how BUI differs from driving under the influence (DUI), some important and shocking statistics, penalties, and much more. @BoatCA @TheCaliforniaCoast @MADD @SJSheriff.

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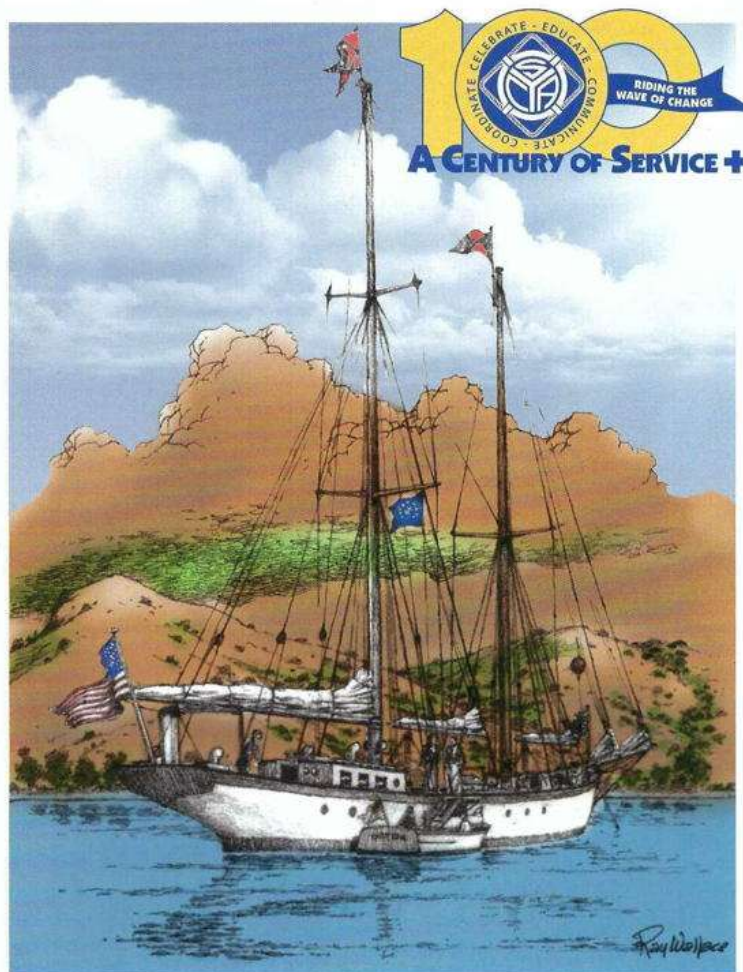
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Southern California Yachting Association's
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