



Southern California Yachting Association

September 23, 2026

ALL MEMBERS OF SCYA

Dear Commodore:

SCYA is now accepting nominations for the Peggy Slater Memorial Award.

This award is given annually to a female involved in the sport of sailing who ***best demonstrates outstanding contributions to the enhancement of women's participation in sailing or individual participation in the sport of sailing.***

The Deed of Gift that includes a short biography of Peggy Slater and the online nomination form is available on the SCYA website: https://scya.org/scya_service-awards/. Nominations are due by **October 31, 2026**. The Peggy Slater Memorial Award Selection Committee, which consists of all previous recipients of this award, will thoughtfully review all submissions and select a recipient who will be presented with the award at the SCYA Installation Dinner in January 2027.

I strongly encourage you to consider renominating your candidate from a previous year if she was not selected for the award. Each year the Committee must choose only one woman from a group of highly qualified nominations; therefore, prior nominees are reconsidered when submitted. The quality and completeness of your nomination is very important. Please outline the merits of your nominee through letters of recommendation and a resume of no more than three pages. Letters of recommendation highlighting the nominee's character and inspiration to others are particularly important; however, the number of recommendations submitted is less important than the diversity of viewpoints represented. Please note that the same woman may be nominated by more than one yacht club.

Although your year of leadership is ending, please give this nomination your personal attention and consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me at carmitage@interserv.com should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carol Armitage, Chair
Peggy Slater Award Selection Committee