

# the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



## From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,  
Commodore

### Volunteer Recognition

Each month I take this opportunity to try and recognize the many volunteers who make our club so successful. Sometimes I might miss someone, but recently I listed the wrong person, completely missing giving credit where credit was due. It was an oversight when I did not list **Sylvia Cazier** in the February *Foghorn* as working with **Maxine Warren** on the Social Committee for 2010. **Sherry Root** helped with the Social Committee in 2009. I hope that Sylvia will forgive me.

Notwithstanding my mistake, have you noticed how good the *Foghorn* has been this year? Of course the Editor and the Publisher have a lot to do with the quality of the *Foghorn*, but the content this year has been so good because so many Officers have been contributing articles: Vice Views by Vice Commodore **Warren Ristow**; Fleet News by Sail Fleet Captain **Bob Ellis**; Port Report by Port Captain **Rick Bertram**; Power Report by Power Fleet Captain **Wiley Poole**; Rear Commodore News by Rear Commodore **Bill Dyer**; and Social Scene, Sick Bay, Announcements and more from Staff Commodore **Dorie Zwinger**. Last month the *Foghorn* was 12 pages of quality news, all from volunteers! If you enjoy the *Foghorn*, let them all know to keep up the good work.

Sometimes I read something other than the *Foghorn*. When I come across an interesting article in the local press or elsewhere about one of our members I am always amazed what I learn about the member that I would otherwise never have learned. Such is the case of **Norm Bobczynski**. Norm and his wife **Kathy** transferred their membership to Associate this year. While trying to contact Norm, I Googled his name and what I found more than explained why they needed to become Associates for a while. Read about what Norm is doing at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in this *Foghorn* in excerpts from the publication SLAC Today.

I learned about another Club member recently in an article about **Matthew Wild** and his role as President of the Board of Directors for CASA in the local publication *Journal Plus*, “the community magazine written for and by the local people of the Central Coast.” You can find a free copy of *Journal Plus* at newsstands all over the County. Club member **Hank Johnston**, a CASA volunteer, gave a presentation on CASA at the January Wet Wednesday. CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, are volunteers appointed by judges to serve as mentors and advocates for children in temporary foster care because their parents cannot or will not take care of them. It was great to learn so much about Matthew, and CASA, that otherwise I would never have learned. Get to know Matthew by reading *Journal Plus* and say hello next time you see him.

Read this month too about another Club member, **Gerard Parsons**, in an article submitted by his daughter **Lori Lawson** about sailing adventures on San Luis Bay in 1934.

Speaking of sailing adventures, for the March Wet Wednesday we hosted M.J. Taylor, Education and Outreach Director, of the American Tall Ship Institute (ATSI); operators of the tall ship “*Bill of Rights*.” About 25 members and guests learned about ATSI and their program that encourages positive youth and community development through environmentally aware, curriculum based, ocean centered programs. M.J.’s presentation included a

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short video and a PowerPoint slide show. Both were very compelling and the opportunities for our Club to participate in their success were inspiring. One way we can participate is to charter the “*Bill of Rights*” or book passage on her upcoming trip from Channel Island Harbor to San Diego or on the return trip. Last year Cruising Captain **Tom Swem** put together a day sail on her that was well attended and fun. Past Commodore **Kirk Miller** is on the Board of Directors of ATSI and he is a passionate advocate for their program. Kirk enthusiastically encourages all of us to get out on the water. Kirk and his lovely wife **Mary** prepared a dinner of Thai Fish Soup with salad, rolls, and pie and ice cream for dessert. There were lots of people to help them with serving and cleaning up the delicious meal. Club member **Ramon Hopkins** tended bar. It was a great night and all proceeds from the inexpensive dinner in addition to many other generous gifts of much needed money were donated to the institute. Be on the lookout for information on a trip on the “*Bill of Rights*.”

Almost as good as the *Foghorn, Latitude 38* is a fun publication for sailors and non-sailors alike. Have you ever wondered how every month *Latitude*

38 magazines show up by the front door of the Clubhouse, free for the taking? **Bernice ‘B’ Parsons** delivers them, that’s how they get there. So next time you see ‘B’ thank her. A recent letter to the editor in *Latitude 38* concerning yacht clubs caught my interest. I have to agree with the sailor who wrote,

*“Contrary to a pervasive and inaccurate stereotype, most yacht clubs are warm and welcoming, many clubs also extend reciprocal privileges to other clubs, meaning that no matter where you are in the world, or what club you hail from, as long as you’re near a body of water, you’re likely to find one that will take you in. It doesn’t matter whether you race, cruise or daysail, yacht clubs are the foundation of your sport. They’re hands-down the best place to find experienced, likeminded people whose brains you can pick, and they’re a great place to find rides and crew.”*

I hope you agree our Club is a great place and I hope to see you at Opening Day. Thank you to all of you who continue to support and help me.

—Bob 



## Vice Views

by Warren Ristow,  
Vice Commodore

### Time to Check Safety Equipment

As we get ready for Opening Day at the Club (Saturday, April 9) it reminds us that summer is just around the corner with many activities for us to choose from. For those of us that have boats, take the time now and check all your safety equipment. From PFDs to your Handheld radio, from your anchor and rode to your boat tiedowns if you sometimes trailer with your boat. Are your aerial flares still serviceable? Have you taken stock of your tools you carry to see if they are all there or may need replacing? You get the picture. Take the time now to do all those things you said last winter needed to be done before you venture out on the water this spring and summer. Have fun on the water, be safe, and return to port in good shape.

### Me and My Dingy... Continuing

In conversations at the Club with various members I found out one of our members had an inflatable dingy for sale. After talking to the club member I decided to purchase my inflatable dingy from him.

The dingy was in good shape but I had no motor... hum... another expenditure was heading my way. Wonder if I could talk Melenie into the purchase? Well, Melenie said, “Don’t expect me to row your dingy. You better get some sort of motor for it.” Just happens I was in San Diego during the annual boat show and, lo and behold, when I was walking through the maze of boats I spied outboard motors for sale. Knowing I had the “Boss’s” approval to purchase an outboard motor, I made the “deal” and came home with a 4hp-4 stroke outboard motor for my dingy...to be continued.

—Warren 





## Port Report

by Rick Bertram,  
Port Captain

### Harbor District News

This month's PSL Harbor District meeting was very interesting. Well, shall I say long, but interesting. Truthfully I only lasted till 9:30 p.m. I couldn't make it all the way to the end. There was a lot of discussion about the Harbor Terrace project and what it means to the current full-time and part-time residences of the trailer park. A couple of tenants got up and spoke against the project and the district board members all spoke at length about the project also. The bottom line is that the developer is moving forward but still has no permits. The district decided that no current action needs to be taken with the residents because of the lengthy process of acquiring those permits. In my opinion with the world ending in 2012 it's a moot point. Just kidding... J.

The next topic that took much of the board's energy was the permit for Wave Jammers. Again that topic created a lot of discussion by the board and members of the audience including a short interjection by me. The board elected to approve a license for Wave Jammers with the possibility of requiring a future Coastal Development Permit.

Actually the board is looking into requiring a Coastal Development Permit for all businesses in the future possibly. What this means I am not quite sure yet and I don't think the overall impact has been figured out either.

For all the fishermen out there, Patriot Sportfishing is now running the port's bait sales. They are going to upgrade the existing bait dock, create reliable radio frequencies for bait needs, offer different baits and assure bait is available early in the morning when the boats launch.

The district is going to have a complete survey done of the pier. It is well known that the canopy is in horrible condition and the options are complete removal, tear down and rebuild or just repair it. Costs just for the canopy run from \$150,000 to \$600,000. The board thinks it could go over that amount. The bottom line is the pier is in poor shape also so they are going to complete the overall survey and determine what the priorities should be. Vehicles on the pier may be a thing of the past in the near future. The forces of vehicles on the structure may be too much for the condition that it is in. We will have to wait and see what the survey tell us.

The district is also going to build a new gasoline dispensary. The old one I guess is OSS.

*Stay Dry*  
—Rick 🍷



## Cruising News

by Ron Pigeon,  
Cruising Captain

### Vote!

I need your votes! No, I'm not running for office. Rather, I need you to help me decide which cruising (or other boating-related) events to arrange for this year. So, I'm asking for an informal vote. Here are some of the ideas that have surfaced so far:

Last fall the Club arranged a day sail on the tall ship, *Bill of Rights*. Those who participated raved about the experience. And March's Wet Wednesday featured a representative of the *Bill of Rights'* sponsor, the American Tall Ship Institute.

In addition to learning about the great work they do by providing at-risk youth with cooperative learning experiences building small boats and sailing the *Bill of Rights*, we heard that they are planning a passage from Oxnard to San Diego and back sometime this year. If helping out this fine organization while taking a memorable cruise on a tall ship sounds like your cup of tea (or grog), please let me know and I'll get you more details.

Or how about a more traditional cruise ala Carnival Cruise Lines? There are some very inexpensive three-night weekend cruises and four-night weekday cruises to Mexico this year—some under \$300 per person.

In February's *Foghorn*, I mentioned that that I wanted to arrange a trip to the Bay Area to view the "World Series" regatta that will pre-



Tall Ship, *Bill of Rights*

cede the 2013 America's Cup in San Francisco Bay. Unfortunately, I since found out that we would need to go to most anywhere in the world *other than* San Francisco to view the World Series. So, we'll have to wait a couple of years for that opportunity. But...in the meantime, we can actually *crew* on an America's Cup yacht! Two previous AC competitors—the 1995 incarnation of Dennis Conner's *Stars and Stripes* and *Abracadabra* from the 2000 campaign—are docked in San Diego, and they're available to charter out for an afternoon of racing. If we have enough interest, we could charter both yachts and have a match race. A bit more interest and we could have a replica of the original yacht, *America*, as the race committee boat! Again, please let me know if this is of interest to you. And how about getting there on Amtrac's Pacific Surfliner?

Anyone like to go to the Strictly Sail boat show in Oakland this year? The show runs from April 14 through the 17th, but for working stiffs like me we'd

have to limit it to either Saturday or Sunday (I'd suggest Saturday). Please respond ASAP on this one!

Closer to home, I still have a group tour of the Point San Luis Lighthouse on my radar screen. Cost is about \$25 (includes trolley ride); \$10 more if we include lunch.

I'm also looking for volunteers to host weekend day sailing events at Santa Margarita and Lopez Lakes.

Some of these activities require a "critical mass" of approximately 20 participants, which makes it especially important that I hear from you; not enough response and we'll likely move on to something else. Other cruising ideas are always welcome.

You can reach me at [cruisingcaptain@slyc.org](mailto:cruisingcaptain@slyc.org). I'll tabulate the votes and report back in a future *Foghorn* or *Scuttlebutt*. Looking forward to a great cruising season!

—Ron ⚓



SLYC  
Member Spotlight

## Norm Bobczynski



by Lauren Rugani  
SLAC Today, January 19, 2011

Photo by Brad Plummer

*Excerpted from SLAC Today, the newsletter for the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, home to a two-mile linear accelerator—the longest in the world—near Stanford University. Originally a particle physics research center, SLAC is now a multi-purpose laboratory for astrophysics, photon science, accelerator and particle physics research. Six scientists have been awarded the Nobel Prize for work carried out at SLAC.*

As SLAC science races toward the future, the lab's systems and infrastructure have to keep up. Most of the lab's original facilities are still in place and, as expected with any property over time, some areas are in need of a facelift. Last summer, the SLAC Facilities Division was looking for the right someone to help move the lab forward and ensure that systems old and new would run smoothly as long as there was science to be done. That someone is Norm Bobczynski.

Bobczynski came to SLAC in late August 2010 as the manager of Operations and Maintenance, one of four major initiatives within the Facilities Division. His primary responsibility is to devise a strategy to improve the long-term maintenance and reliability of SLAC's infrastructure.

"Folks here have done an outstanding job in being able to fix infrastructure problems, as they arise, in a very rapid manner," Bobczynski said. But he notes that as the lab ages, normal life-cycle issues associated with deteriorating facilities are likely to happen more often. "As the number of these issues increases, our ability to simply respond to emergencies will be pushed to the limit," he said.

So Bobczynski decided on a proactive approach. First on the list was expanding his staff to include building and systems engineers, positions that had never before existed at SLAC. These new hires, he said, will conduct a thorough analysis and determine the conditions of various systems around the lab, and will develop steps to ensure that they remain in good working order.

Bobczynski calls this reliability-centered maintenance, and it is the first prong of his three-part strategy. Keeping key systems such as underground piping and utilities in good condition will cut down on the number of last-minute fixes. The second part of the strategy involves organization and building up processes to carry out this regular maintenance. These procedures, Bobczynski said, "will emphasize energy efficiency and work effi-

ciency so that we get the best bang for our buck.”

One major hole, however, is the lack of accurate “as built” drawings for many of the lab’s infrastructure and systems, which makes it difficult to come up with adequate maintenance plans. To this end, Bobczynski is also bringing on board new staff for quality management and document control.

He also stresses the importance of his group’s early involvement in new projects, where they can ensure the reliability and maintainability of new systems. Once construction is complete, Operations and Maintenance staff will assume responsibility of any new infrastructure, so Bobczynski plans to put

in place what he calls a “good, robust transition plan” for each project.

Finally, his strategy calls for performance metrics to help the group understand whether they are doing the right things at the right times, and how well their maintenance plans are working. As a whole, the strategy aims to move the lab forward into what Bobczynski calls a “reliable, long-term infrastructure and world-class operation.”

“In the end, we want to ensure that we have the resources to handle the critical systems that keep the lab running,” he said. [↴](#)

## From the Archives – Sailing on San Luis Bay in 1934

by Lorie Lawson

My family has lived in San Luis Obispo all of our lives. My father, Gerard L. Parsons has always been well known in the San Luis Obispo Community, his business at San Luis Mill and Lumber, his long-time passion through Port San Luis Harbor Commission, and his love of antique cars. He was a charter member of the San Luis Yacht Club and held his membership for 72 years. He also helped build the clubhouse and wrote the mini book, “History of the San Luis Yacht Club.” He was one of the “founding fathers” of the Port San Luis Harbor District serving 32 years as a Harbor Commission, and wrote the “Port San Luis Trials and Tribulations 1865-1995.” Below is a story that he loved to tell me about his younger days (when he was 15 years old) and sailing on San Luis Obispo Bay.

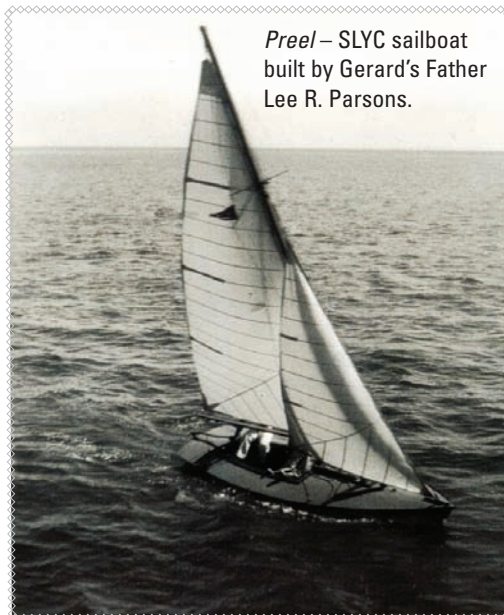
One beautiful day in 1934, Gerard Leroy Parsons and his friend Robert “Bob” Jack of the famous Jack family drove in Gerard’s Model T Ford down to Avila Beach. After arriving to Avila, they strolled out on the Avila pier and noticed all of the boats moored along side of the pier. Gerard said that his friend Leonard Lenger owned one of these boats, and “I don’t believe he would mind if we borrowed his boat and took it out for a short sail.”

Gerard and Bob hoisted the sails and headed across the bay on a beautiful day with a mild sailing breeze. The boat was moving very slowly and the boys wanted a little stronger sailing breeze, so they decided to head outside the Port San Luis break-

water. Robert Moorefield, the Point San Luis Lighthouse keeper, viewed the boys sailing in the rough water outside the breakwater. He noted that the boys were in trouble. At that moment, a large gust of wind knocked the boat down. Moorefield was quite concerned, so he rushed down to the lighthouse pier, boarded the lighthouse launch and fired up the motor, went around the end of the lighthouse breakwater and saved the boys’ lives. Moorefield then towed the disabled vessel back in Avila Beach and deposited the drenched, soaking-wet boys on the Avila pier. Gerard and

Bob thanked Moorefield for saving their lives and for saving the boat. Later the boys met with Lenger and apologized for the damage done to the vessel. Gerard and Bob spent untold hours working on repairs to make the boat return to its tip-top shape.

Gerard is currently 92 years of age, still living in his home in San Luis Obispo with his lovely wife Betty; He will be 93 in March of this year. [↴](#)



*Preel* – SLYC sailboat built by Gerard’s Father Lee R. Parsons.

# Bar Host/OD Schedule

Warren Ristow Vice Commodore

- April**
- 1 Social Hour/Chili Feed**  
—Bob Hurd, OD  
*Hosts:* Linda and John Felder  
Ron and Gillian Sinclair  
Steve and Diane DeRose
  - 3 Brunch**  
—Warren Ristow, OD  
*Hosts:* Ben and Tina Solomon
  - 8 Social Hour**  
—Bill Dyer, OD  
*Hosts:* Willo and Dan Cashier  
Al Schlocker and Sammy McHenry
  - 15 Social Hour/Dinner**  
—Bob Ellis, OD  
*Dinner Host:* Matthew Wild  
*Bar Hosts:* Judy and Hardy Hearn  
Andrew and Cynthia Anthony  
Jim and Paris Bernardo
  - 22 Social Hour**  
—Jean Dyer, OD  
*Hosts:* Tammy Summers  
Richard and Maxine Warren  
Stacy and Gary Cox
  - 29 Social Hour/Potluck**  
—Bob Ellis, OD  
*Hosts:* Sherry and Frank Root



- April Continued** **29 Hosts:** Eoin and Clarie Duffy  
Janet Leonard
- May**
- 1 Brunch**  
—Warren Ristow, OD  
*Hosts:* Nancy and Barry Stewart
- 6 Social Hour**  
—Ron Pigeon, OD  
*Hosts:* Bob and Cherrie Arthur  
Gary and Karen Silva  
Fred and Shannon Bond
- 7 Cinco De Mayo Dinner Taco Night**  
*Host:* Steve Davis
- 13 Social Hour**  
—Rick Bertram, OD  
*Hosts:* Barrie and Melanie Cleveland  
Sylvia Dodd
- 20 Social Hour/Dinner**  
—Steve Johnson, OD  
*Dinner Hosts:* Pete and Mary Kelly  
Jerry and Barbara Crawford  
*Bar Hosts:* Joe and Ski Recchia  
Gordon and Greta Withers  
Delbert and Hilde Hollinger
- 27 Social Hour/Potluck**  
—TBD, OD  
*Hosts:* Albert and Maggie Censullo  
Dennis and Kathy Kunkel  
Cindy Churchill



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Nominating—TBD	

# Events Calendar – April




## April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 <b>No Reservations</b>	28	29	30	31	1 April Fool's Day 6pm - Social Hour 	2 <b>No Reservations</b> 12pm - Lopez Races
3 <b>No Reservations</b> 10am - Brunch 12pm - Lopez Races	4	5	6	7 6pm - Board(Ristow)	8 6pm - Social Hour	9 9am - Sailing Class 12pm - Opening Day 
10 <b>No Reservations</b> 9am - Sailing Class	11	12	13 6pm - Wet Weds	14	15 Tax Day 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Dinner 	16 9am - Sailing Class
17 <b>No Reservations</b> 9am - Sailing Class	18 6pm - Pale Kai	19	20	21	22 Earth Day 6pm - Social Hour 	23
24 Easter <b>No Reservations</b> 	25	26	27	28	29 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	30 <b>No Reservations</b>

# May 2011



## Events Calendar – May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Reservations 10am - Brunch 12pm - Ocean Races	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo 6pm - Board(Pigeon) 	6 6pm - Social Hour	7 6:30pm - Cinco de Mayo Tacos 
8 Mother's Day No Reservations 	9	10	11 6pm - Wet Weds	12	13 6pm - Social Hour	14 9am - Sailing Class
15 No Reservations 9am - Sailing Class	16 6pm - Pale Kai	17	18	19	20 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Dinner	21 9am - Sailing Class 1pm - RESERVED
22 No Reservations 9am - Sailing Class	23	24	25	26	27 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	28
29 John F. Kennedy's Birthday No Reservations 	30 Memorial Day 	31	1	2 6pm - Board(Poole)	3 6pm - Social Hour	4 No Reservations

## Classified

**1985 SeaRay Cruiser:** 25' cuddy cabin. MerCruiser Alpha One V-8 motor, Garmin GPS, Pioneer Stereo, Cybermet marine radio, lots of fishing accessories. Fresh tune up. Not used in past year.

Karen Gruber, (805) 748-1964

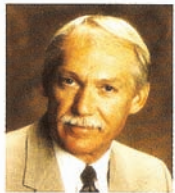
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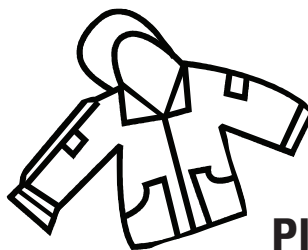
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if it isn't and you want to look at something just grab an officer.  
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