

the Foghorn

Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,
Commodore

Thanks to all of you who supported and helped me through last year. And what a year it was. I started the year as Sail Fleet Captain and was content dealing with the races and Wet Wednesdays. In April, I took on the duties of Vice Commodore and you saw my face frequently on the pages of the Foghorn. I hope this year to keep it to one job, Commodore, and only one photo in the Foghorn each month.

So, what are my duties as Commodore? According to the Club's Constitution:

"The Commodore's duty is to take command of the squadron, to preside at all meetings, and to enforce the rules and regulations of the Club. The Commodore shall enforce all provisions regarding the conduct of the various officers of the Club, conduct of the Club members and general provisions for the Club's welfare. The Commodore shall call special meetings of the Club or Board of Directors, whenever the Commodore deems it necessary, or upon the written request of five Flag Members in good standing. The Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of all committees."

Squadron seems like an odd word in this context. So I looked on the internet and found one definition for squadron, "Squadron (naval), a unit of 3-4 major naval vessels that may be part of a larger task force or a naval fleet.

I don't want to change the Club Constitution, but we don't have 3-4 major naval vessels. So, I looked for another definition. The Merriam Webster Dictionary (I receive a free Merriam Webster Word of the Day email subscription), has two definitions, one of which is, "a large group of people or things, a squadron of limos," for example. Now that is us, a large group of people. Armed with the knowledge of what my duties are, I am ready to start the New Year as Commodore.

So what will my goals be for the next year? As a starting point, I looked again to the Club's Constitution.

The objectives of the SLYC are to:

1. Improve the port facilities of Port San Luis
2. Develop Yachting in the Port San Luis region
3. Attract visiting Yachtsmen from other ports to Port San Luis
4. Benefit Avila Beach

To improve port facilities, we need to convey to the Port what improvements are desired. I will work with Rick Bertram, 2011 Port Captain, to insure that there is good communication with the Port. Rick's enthusiasm is contagious and I think he will be a great Port Captain. Help Rick out by thanking him for attending Port meetings and letting him know how you think the Port is doing at portcaptain@slyc.org.

Developing yachting in the region and attracting boaters from other ports can be accomplished through our races and the Fourth of July Boat Parade. Bob Ellis, 2011 Sail Fleet Captain, is already working on the upcoming year and can count on my support to insure we are working toward this goal. Support Bob Ellis and his efforts and you will help with achieving our objectives. Dust off that old sailboat and race or contact Bob Ellis to volunteer to be on the Race Committee at fleet_captain@slyc.org.

Another way to develop yachting in the region is to continue with our Wet Wednesday program. The last Wet Wednesday of 2010 we had a slide show presentation from Simon and Sheila Smith about the preparation for and their travels to and from the Newport to Ensenada race on their 35' sailboat *Diligence*.

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Wet Wednesday, December 2010

The presentation was well attended and a good example of working towards our yachting goals.

In the past, Wet Wednesdays were the responsibility of the Sail Fleet Captain. Beginning in 2011, we will be looking towards Club members to volunteer to put on Wet Wednesdays. If you know of a fun or interesting presentation that would work well for a Wet Wednesday, let me know. Contact me at commodore@slyc.org.

I'd like to think that if the Club works to benefit Avila Beach we will also be benefiting the bigger community we live in. To that end, we can use the Wet Wednesday program to go beyond yachting and host presentations like our program in January, Court Appointed Social Advocates (CASA). CASA will give a presentation on their program which matches local volunteers with local abused and neglected children to represent their best interests in the courtroom and other settings. Club member

Hank Johnston is coordinating this event. I hope you'll agree that this is consistent with our objectives and volunteer to help Hank.

For my own personal goals as Commodore in 2011, I have three, okay four: get to know more of you which will happen when Club activities get more of you involved; reach out and get more involvement from our youth; have fun; and raise funds for and erect a new flagpole by Opening Day 2012.

Opening Day 2012 will be the seventy-fifth opening day. What better way to show our love for the building and the institution than a new flagpole to fly the U.S. Ensign, Club Burgee, and Officer Flags on that momentous day. Look for details and fundraising events in the coming months.

Thank you to all of you who will support and help me through 2011. I'm excited with all of the possibilities and confident it will be a great year.

—Bob 



Vice Views

by Warren Ristow,
Vice Commodore

As we start the New Year with high hopes, expectations, and learning to put 2011 on our checks and other documents, please take out your 2011 scheduler and put the following date on it for OPENING DAY, Saturday April 9, 2011.

One of my duties is to schedule Bar Hosts, so following past practices, you can expect an email from me about a month before you are scheduled. This is a fun assignment and very important to your Yacht Club, as all of us need to partici-




pate as we thrive on volunteer service and activism.

Me and My Dingy

A regular feature of my ramblings will be an ongoing adventure of "Me and My Dingy". About seven years ago Melenie and I started to go with a friend who has a share in a 56' houseboat on Lake Powell. The group, made up of four or five couples, brought along a ski boat and a jet ski to explore the lake once we made land each evening. Lake Powell has hundreds of miles of canyons that lead off from the main body of water that are just majestic – often very narrow at the upper end with cliffs over 75 feet towering over you.

To be continued...

—Warren 



Power Report

by Wiley Poole,
Power Fleet Captain

I am honored to be the new Power Fleet Captain for 2011 and look forward to a fun and rewarding year. As a new member I thought I would use this space to tell you a little about my background and why I am so excited to be a member of the San Luis Yacht Club. In short, I love boating.

I was lucky enough to be raised in a boating family and have been sailing, cruising, and waterskiing since I was a small boy. When I was 15 my dad started Trailer Boats Magazine, and I worked there for the next thirty-five years.

Because of that experience I was able to drive, test and report on hundreds of different boats over the years, mostly powerboats. These ranged from 10' dinghies to 46' trawlers and gave me a wonderful opportunity to sample many different styles of boats.

My personal boat during many of these years was a 21' Eliminator jet boat. I used it recreationally for boat camping at the Colorado River. More exciting though, I also raced the boat in white water rapids. This was mostly in Idaho, including marathon races on the Snake, Salmon, Payette and Clearwater Rivers. If you haven't seen white water racing, it's an adrenalin rush like you can't believe.

An entirely different experience was the extensive cruising we were able to do in the name of journalism. For example, we took our 25' Skipjack from Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas during the 1980's (twice, actually), and then cruised a 24' Bayliner from Seattle to LA in the 90's. This was followed by a trip in the Gulf of Mexico from Brownsville Texas to New Orleans on the same boat.

The coast of Maine aboard a 26' Sea Ray was memorable for its extremely heavy fog where navigation skills were tested beyond my comfort level. A cruise from Lake Superior to Lake Michigan aboard a 26' Four Winns was a scenic wonder, as was one on the Saint Lawrence River through Montreal and Quebec.

While I was doing all this on small boats for our magazine, my dad moved up to trawlers, and I continued cruising south with him from Puerto Vallarta to the Panama Canal (Costa Rica was the highlight). From there we went up the Caribbean to Cancun where gale force winds led to my first real bout with seasickness, for two non-stop days! I do not want to do that again.

What I do want to do; is be your Power Fleet Captain. What better excuse to go boating than "it's my job"? That's what I've been doing all my life.

P.S. I'd welcome some help aboard the club boat during our race season so please let me know if you might be available.

—Wiley 📌



Port Report

by Rick Bertram,
Port Captain

Well, this is my first month as Port Captain and I am just trying to get my bearings. I am working on our Mooring Policy, Guest Mooring Policy and information on our website concerning our moorings. I'll have it done this month for the board to review and make any changes prior to approval. I

am also talking to Kevin at Port Hartford Chandlery about the shuttle fees. We are going to meet to see if we can get some final numbers for the shuttle soon. The current fee is \$5.00 as you know. The good news is he is willing to give us a discount if we have multiple sailors going to their boats at the same time. He will also work with us for the Morro Bay to PSL event and maybe other races too. I asked him to start thinking about an exact price and how many boats/sailors that meant prior to us getting a reduced rate.

—Rick 📌





Fleet News

by Bob Ellis,
Sail Fleet Captain

A hoy, Salty Dogs...this is your new Sail Fleet Captain speaking. A new year awaits us and I am eagerly looking forward to it. I am proud and very pleased to be your Sail Fleet Captain and I look forward to providing the organization my loyalty, support, and services. I had a terrific mentor, Bob Hurd, when I was helping out with the races last year and I know that I have BIG shoes to fill. I am confident that we will have an outstanding race season and I anticipate fun for everyone who participates.

I have set a few goals for myself and the club this year. I want to increase the number of participants in our races. I would like to increase the "fun" sails throughout the year. I would love to have the club represented at the High Sierra Regatta in July 2011. And I want to strengthen SLYC's support of the community and community events. Working together with the community, collaboratively, will

benefit everyone in the long run. With your help I am confident we can achieve these goals.

Races 2011

Our race dates for 2011 have been tentatively set and they are as follows:


Lake Races

February 13 – Lopez Lake
March 13 – Santa Margarita Lake
April 9 – Lopez Lake (Camp over)
April 10– Lopez Lake

Ocean Races

May 1 June 5 July 3
August 7 September 4 October 2

While I gained a lot of experience helping with the race committee last year I will desperately need support and help in the up-coming year. Please consider helping out by committing to assist with the races and join me in what I am certain will be a fun-packed year!

—Bob 

2011 Officers Swear In!



(l-r) Staff Commodore Dobrzensky; Warren Ristow; Steve Johnson; Jean Dyer; Bill Dyer; Rick Bertram; Tom Swem; Sharon Andresen; Bob Hurd; and Ron Pigeon

Holiday Sing-Along



A special thank you to all who made the Christmas sing-along so successful this year:

Sylvia Cazier, who did an incredible job with the food and beautiful table decorations!

Doug Anthony, whose keyboard talents are awesome!

Brad Anthony, who is not only a talented bass player, but a great tuba player as well (if you attended last year's event, you know what we are talking about).

Al Censullo who is an awesome guitarist; and **Maggie Censullo**, coordinator and dancer.

Special thanks to talented guest singer **Donna Marshall** from Kindred Spirits (Santa will be down her chimney for sure!)

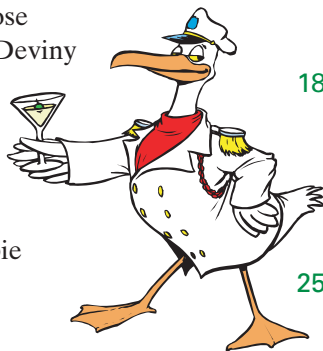
Greg Schifano, a very versatile and talented musician, singer and uke player!
And last but not least, **Bob Hurd** as Santa (does he remember which girls were naughty and which were nice?)



Bar Host/OD Schedule

Bob Hurd Vice Commodore

- January**
- 2 Bar Closed**
- 7 Social Hour**
 – Bob Hurd, OD
Hosts: Bram and Debbie Anthony
 Doug Anthony
 Ernie and Joan DeGasparis
- 14 Social Hour**
 – Warren Ristow, OD
Hosts: Steve and Diane DeRose
 William and Christina Deviny
 Jim and Jeanette Efird
- 21 Social Hour/Dinner**
 – Bill Dyer, OD
Hosts: Bob and Wendy Lucas
 Marc and Betty Gillespie
- 28 Social Hour/Potluck**
 – Sharon Andresen, OD
Hosts: Ted Kapner
 Michael Lant and Kelly Bolland
 Janet Leonard



- February**
- 4 Social Hour**
 – Jean Dyer, OD
Hosts: Rod and Margie Valine
 John and Cindy Wallace
 Quinn and Diane Plante
- 11 Social Hour**
 – Wiley Poole, OD
Hosts: B Parsons and Doug Parish
 Dennis and Sybil Wheeler
 Paul and Rebecca Ollice
- 18 Social Hour/Dinner**
 – Ron Pigeon, OD
Hosts: Leland and Debby Swenson
 Frank and Barbara Sances
 Bret and Rayma Northington
- 25 Social Hour/Potluck**
 – Rick Bertram, OD
Hosts: Bob and Correne Whipps
 James and Janice Smith
 Darrell and Ellie Ross

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Events Calendar – January



January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 No Reservations	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	1 New Year's Day No Reservations
2 No Brunch No Reservations	3	4	5	6 6pm - Board	7 6pm - Social Hour	8 9am - Sailing Class 10am - Reserved
9 No Reservations 9am - Sailing Class 10am - Brunch. Staff	10	11	12 6pm - Wet Weds	13	14 6pm - Social Hour	15 9am - Sailing Class
16 No Reservations 9am - Sailing Class	17 Martin Luther King, Jr's Day	18 6pm - Pale Kai	19	20	21 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Dinner	22 9am - Reserved
23 No Reservations	24	25	26	27	28 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	29
30 No Reservations	31	1	2 Groundhog Day	3 6pm - Board	4 6pm - Social Hour	5 No Reservations

Events Calendar – February



February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 No Reservations	31	1	2 Groundhog Day	3 6 pm - Board	4 6 pm - Social Hour	5 No Reservations
6 No Reservations 10am - Brunch	7	8	9 6 pm - Wet Weds	10	11 6 pm - Social Hour	12 Lincoln's Birthday 9am - Sailing Class
13 No Reservations 9 am - Sailing Class	14 Valentine's Day	15 6 pm - Pale Kai	16	17	18 6 pm - Social Hour 7 pm - Dinner	19 9 am - Sailing Class
20 No Reservations 9 am - Sailing Class	21 Washington's Birthday	22	23	24	25 6 pm - Social Hour 7 pm - Potluck	26 3 pm - Reserved
27 No Reservations	28	1	2	3 6 pm - Board	4 6 pm - Social Hour	5 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.

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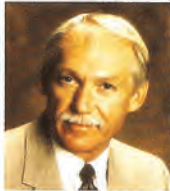


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