

From the Bridge

by Bob Hurd,
 Commodore

Wedding receptions are parties held after the completion of a marriage ceremony for those who have attended the wedding, hence the name reception: the couple receives society, in the form of family and friends, for the first time as a married couple.

Twenty six years ago this month, **Margie Hurd** and I received society for the first time as a married couple at the Yacht Club after completing our marriage ceremony in the First Presbyterian Church on Marsh Street in San Luis Obispo.

In order to reserve the Clubhouse for our party we had to first become members. Becoming a member was a lot easier in 1985. Months before our wedding day we rang the doorbell at the Club and **Jeff Liberman** (Commodore 1986) answered the door. After telling us that to reserve the Clubhouse you had to be members, Jeff asked us if we wanted to become members. We did and with one more sponsor (I don't remember who, but maybe Historian **Brian King** can) and an appearance before the Board, we were members.

Little did I know the day of our wedding reception that twenty six years later not only would I

still be married to Margie Hurd, but Commodore as well. I think I had too much fun that day with all of our favorite relatives and friends to be thinking too much about the future.

But I'm pretty sure we cleaned up after our party. I've had to address cleaning up a lot lately. We all expect to come to the Clubhouse and find it clean. And if it is not reserved, that it not be crowded. Many members have relayed to me they have found the Clubhouse on too many occasions dirty, crumbs on the tables, floor not swept, dishes in the dishwasher, kitchen a mess, BBQ dirty and or uncovered, and the trash and recycling full. I too have found the Clubhouse dirty too many times.

Next time you enjoy the Clubhouse, please leave it like you would like to find it.

When I come across an interesting article in the local press or elsewhere about one of our members, I am always anxious to share what I learn about the member that I would otherwise never have learned. As a graduate of Cal Poly in Civil Engineering, I recently read the Cal Poly College of Engineering publication *Doing, 2010-2011 Annual Report*. When I read about Club member **Jordi Puig-Suari** (married to our own Foghorn Publisher **Gillian Hall**) in the most recent edition, I was anxious to share the news with you. Read about the Distinguished Scholarship Award Jordi received in this *Foghorn* in excerpts from Cal Poly Engineering publication *Doing, 2010-2011 Annual Report*.

Mark your calendars for the next Zongo All-Stars Yachting Cup Race to be held on Friday, August 10, 2012. This is will be the fourth year of the annual race from Morro Bay to Port San Luis ending with a celebration in our Clubhouse and music by the Zongo All-Stars later at Mr. Ricks across the street. This year the event was a success, maybe too much so, with lots of revelers celebrating in the Clubhouse.

Behind the scenes of the Zongo Cup festivities this year, Club member **Bob Cazier** provided water taxi service to racers and crew to and from their boats at anchor between the Cal Poly and Avila Piers into the wee hours of the morning (he ran out of gas literally and figuratively). And in the

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Clubhouse, Club member **Sylvia Cazier** provided hors d'oeuvres for the racers; Club member **John Roffoni** and friends provided an inexpensive fish and chips dinner; scheduled bar hosts **Jerry and Barbara Crawford, Barbara and Ed Evanish, and Mark and Betty Gillespie** tried to hold down the bar; and Club members **Steve Davis, Brenda Noakes** and **Ramon Hopkins** tried to hold on. It was the proverbial 6 lbs. of #@%! in a 5 lb. bag with the bar bringing in record receipts. Thanks to everyone who made the evening a success! Next year we'll try not to schedule so much in one evening.

On Tuesday, October 4, Operation Surf held a dinner in the Clubhouse for the participants of the Amazing Surf Adventures of the Central Coast. What is Operation Surf? According to their website, <http://www.operationssurf.com>.



Photo courtesy of Operation Surf

“Operation Surf is a recreational and rehabilitative surf experience for active duty military recently wounded on tour in Iraq, Afghanistan or training maneuvers. As part of their recovery process at the Center for the Intrepid, Brooke Army Medical Center, they are encouraged to participate in off-site recreational activities, such as OPERATION SURF, which also provide rehabilitative qualities. In doing so, they return to their daily rehabilitation with a renewed sense of determination so they can

get on with living their lives and being productive members of society once again. We wish them all the best in their recovery and thank them for their service to our country!!”

Club members **Pete Kelley, Mary Matakovich, Bob Cazier** and myself helped with the dinner and tended bar. I was proud that the SLYC Board of Directors waived the reservation fees for the event. Watching the participants see photos of themselves in a slide show and their responses was powerful. I would like to see our Club raise our level of support for Operation Surf in the future.

On Wednesday, October 12, we tried one more time to have a truly “wet” Wet Wednesday. We were successful, with a great turnout. Thanks goes to our Sail Fleet Captain, **Bob Ellis**, who put it all together, including borrowing an aluminum skiff from the Port San Luis Chandlery and Pub (thanks to the proprietor Kevin Kreowski) and ferrying people to and from boats well after dark—sans flashlights. **Ramon Hopkins**, Bar Manager, helped with opening and running the bar. Club members **Michael Dobrzensky, Nancy Mahnke** and **Lindalee Fromm** crewed for **Bob Ellis** on his sailboat *Miss Arden*. Club Member **Mark Hawes** was assisted with his crew, club member **Steve Johnson**, on the sailboat *Salty Dog*. Club members **Gregory Ross** and his friend and **Darrell and Linda Rundstrom** sailed *Stormy*, including returning to the mooring in the dark with no motor. Club member **Keith Pellemeier** helped me sail *Happy Hour*. It was a great time with four boats, a surreal warm offshore breeze, and a wonderful moonrise over Pirates Cove. We were slumming though compared to the 100 ft motor yacht, *Domani*, at anchor between the Avila and Cal Poly piers.

Once ashore, we were joined by club members **John and Karen Hiatt** in the Clubhouse where we enjoyed German beers, bratwurst and potato salad. I think an evening sail in the fall in Port San Luis is about as good as it gets and I'm looking forward to next year. Join us next year for some fun.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support and help me.

—Bob 



“Meet the Candidates” dinner, October 14.



Vice News

by Warren Ristow,
Vice Commodore



I hope everyone had several nice vacations this past year. Melenie and I just got back from fishing the Eastern Sierras for several weeks. Due to high water in the streams and Owens river fishing was challenging this year. All the lakes were mostly

full with some snow still left at the higher elevations. Mammoth got 15 inches of snow two days before we came home and Melenie took this picture (top left) as we were driving home down 395.

With January just around the corner be prepared for new assignments in Brunch, Dinners and Bar Hosting. I just got a really nice email from two of our members offering to be a Bar Host again this year, they had been Bar Hosts earlier in the year.

Guess what, I had a cancellation for a date in November and was able to “plug” them in. This type of email just made me so happy and made me realize we have many “special” members in our Club. Thanks again to those “special members” who make our Club what it is.

—Warren ⚓



Cruising News

by Ron Pigeon,
Cruising Captain

Join us this month for a cruise in San Diego Bay! We’ve timed this cruise to coincide with first day of the pre-America’s Cup World Series regatta.

We’ll take Amtrak to San Diego Friday afternoon, November 11, arriving Friday night. On Saturday

we’ll charter one or more sailing craft for the day from the Harbor Island Yacht Club and view three fleet races—hopefully from close range. Friday and Saturday nights we will stay in a nearby hotel. Sunday we leave San Diego at noon (via Amtrak) and arrive back at the Central Coast around 8 p.m. More details on the Cruising page at www.slyc.org.

Please contact me ASAP either by email (cruisingcaptain@slyc.org) or by phone (481-7887) if you you’d like to join us for this unique opportunity!

—Ron ⚓



Power Report

by Wiley Poole,
Power Fleet Captain

Where did the wind go? Things were pretty quiet for the Chase Boat on the last day of sailing for this season. Winds were very light all day long and even with an earlier start (11:00 a.m.) we were only able to get two races in before calling it quits.

As before, the launch facility was a driving factor. With a 4:00 p.m. closing time for the boat hoist, the last race needs to be over by around 3:00 p.m., to allow time for people to clean up their boats and get a ride back to the dock.

With this thought in mind, I am going to recommend to the board of directors that all ocean races begin at 11:00 a.m. next year. The winds may be light for the first race, but this should really help at the end of the day when it’s time to get off the water before the chase boat has to be retrieved.

Also on the agenda for the board to consider is the installation of a permanent GPS for the chase boat. Volunteers have had to bring their own, which is a system that shouldn’t be relied upon. Speaking of volunteers, we can always use more help, so please don’t hesitate to step forward when you can. It’s a fun day on the water.

—Wiley ⚓



Port Report

by Rick Bertram,
Port Captain

Well summer is over and I made a lobster trip over to Avalon and guess who I ran into? Yes it was Captain Kirk and his gang. Does he ever touch land? Well Dave and I didn't spend much time with them because we were catching bait for our lobster hoops in the day and then fishing lobster most of the night but we did go out to his boat



(L to R) Greg, Mary Miller, Rick, Kirk Miller and Dave.

and they came over to my house on *Clarissa* for a few beers. Kirk had his foot in a bucket of sea water the whole time. See what I mean. I think if some part of him is not on or in the ocean something bad happens.

Anyway, back to Port Captain business. Just to let you know I am running again for Port Captain. I have enjoyed the past year and still have a lot to learn. It's hard to make all the port meetings due to my work schedule however I do speak with them on the phone here and there if I cannot attend.

As you may know Fat Cats has a lease with the district and they were awarded the RFP for another year. The port wants a long term lease however Fat Cats and the Harbor District are still working on some issues. Until they are all worked out they are going with one year lease extensions. I think I said that right.

For those of you who enjoy walking the plank, I mean the pier, work on strengthening the canopy is moving along. Some of the pilings have also been replaced so it looks like things will be a lot safer out there when the storms start hitting. On another note, the state set aside \$100,000 for boat turn ins. That means that those who might abandon their boats on a mooring or sink them, OOPS did I say that, they can turn it in. Out of that 100K the PSL District received \$20,000. That's a pretty good chunk of the pot. I am not sure how it all works but if any of you are trying to figure out what to do with your un-seaworthy vessel give the port a call and they can probably help you out. PG&E is also still working on their seismic studies in the area. They will be working with the local commercial fisherman on the impacts of the project if any.

One last note, the Lighthouse Keepers are going to have a couple tours next year. I'm not sure of the dates.

Ok, now it's one last thing. We have come to the end of our rental period for our mooring. We did not have a lot of business – however it was rented a few times.

—Rick 📍



From the Archives

by Brian King,
Historian

Does any one know who created this and when it was created? If you do, email me at esailor@esailor.com or call 805-235-7361.

—Brian 📍





Cruising the British Virgin Islands (BVI) A Sailing Paradise

by Brian King,
Staff Commodore

BVI is in the West Indies, a short airplane hop from Puerto Rico or a stones through from US Virgin Islands (USVI). It is a collection of islands with nice trade winds that are ideal for sailing. BVI's main industry revolves around Charter Boat oriented Cruising. The islands have many harbors and coves with bars and restaurants on the beach. Most islands have mooring balls for overnight mooring costing \$25 - \$30 per night. Snorkeling and scuba diving are fabulous in BVI. The main island is Tortola and has the only airport (on Beef Island which is attached to Tortola by a bridge).

With its small bays and hidden coves, once havens for pirates, the British Virgin Islands are among the world's loveliest cruising areas. The islands mainly attract those who like to sail, although landlubbers will delight in the beaches. Despite predictions that mass tourism will invade, the islands are still an escapist's paradise. The smaller islands have colorful names, such as Fallen Jerusalem and Ginger. Norman Island is said to have been the proto-



Michel Crandall and Brian King at the wheel.

type for Robert Louis Stevenson's novel Treasure Island. On Deadman's Bay, Blackbeard reputedly marooned 15 pirates and a bottle of rum, giving rise to the well-known ditty.

BVI's temperature ranges average 77 degrees in winter (December through March) and 82 degrees in summer (June through August). Though the islands get less than 50 inches of rain a year, count on occasional brief tropical showers. Hurricane season peaks in August and September (mostly the latter), so stay away during those times. The BVI's



Sandy Spit

high travel season is from December 15 to April 15. November, early December and May are good times to visit too, as charter prices are lower and cruise ships are fewer. My favorite time is mid-May through mid-June. I like to be there during Memorial Day weekend because the famous Foxy's Wooden Boat Regatta is held then.

Most of the Charter companies are based on Tortola Island, chartering sailboats (Monohull or Catamaran) between 30' and 50'. Power boats are also available. You can charter a boat with a Captain or "Bareboat" (you captain it yourself). Occasionally one of our members, Gary Nichols, works as a Captain in BVI. I like to sail the boat myself, so do not hire a captain. Charter companies focus on boats of different ages. Some, like "Moorings," only charter boats new to five years old. These boats are more expensive to charter than boats a little older. I usually try to charter a boat from 5 to 10 years old. Boats of that age can be found at Conch Charters, BVI Yacht Charters and others. My favorite boat to charter in BVI is a 43' to 47' Catamaran with 4 cabins and 4 heads. This is ideal for 4 couples. I have chartered in BVI 12 times starting in 1993 and I hope I return many more times. The cost of chartering a "bareboat" Catamaran of about 44' (4 Cabins, 4 heads, 4 couples) like I like runs from \$3,400 to

\$7,000 per week or about \$150 to \$250/couple/day depending on age, features and discounts.

There are only two ways to get to BVI: Fly to Tortola through Puerto Rico, or fly to St Thomas USVI and take a ferry to Tortola. I prefer to fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico, spend the night in San Juan, then fly to Tortola in the morning to pick up the boat.

So, when should we go again? I have chartered a Cat from May 23 to June 6, 2012 and have a full crew signed up for my boat...I hope we can have several boats from SLYC there at the same time, as we have in some past years. Contact me at esailor@esailor.com or 805-235-7361 if you want to charter a boat and join us.

Join me in a sailing paradise cruise BVI 2012
— Brian 🚢



Foxy's Wooden Boat Regatta



SLYC
Member Spotlight

Jordi Puig-Suari

AERO Professor Receives Distinguished Scholarship Award

by Amy Hewes, Cal Poly Engineering

Excerpted from the Cal Poly College of Engineering, May 09, 2011 CENG News & Events

Cal Poly's Distinguished Scholarship Award recognizes the contributions of professors who raise the University's international profile and create unique opportunities for students. Aerospace engineering professor Jordi Puig-Suari more than fits the bill.

Puig-Suari founded the CubeSat Program in 1999 with Stanford University. Since that time, dozens of universities, institutions and students throughout the world have had the opportunity to launch picosatellites into space. More than 100 organizations now participate in CubeSat, which has proven to be so successful that NASA has awarded Cal Poly a five-year contract to provide P-POD services of its own CubeSat Program.

A teacher at Cal Poly since 1998, Puig-Suari was recipient of the TRW Excellence in Teaching Award in 2001, received the CENG Lockheed Martin Endowed Professorship in 2001-02, and received the 2004 CENG Northrop Grumman Excellence in Teaching and Research Award. He is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, American Society of Engineering



Education, and Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1988 and master's degree in 1990 in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from Purdue University, and a doctorate degree in the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics in 1993 from Purdue University.

The Distinguished Scholarship Award was established in 2003 to recognize faculty achievements in research, creative work and other professional development activities. The award supports research and other creative endeavors and encourages the professional growth of Cal Poly faculty members. ⚓

Burgees

Ahoy Mates!
Guess what's New at the Club?
Five New Burgees!



- 1. Grosse Ile. Yacht Club Michigan, from Dan and Georgina Pease**
- 2. Women's Sailing Association—Santa Monica Bay, California, from Lindalee Fromm**
- 3. Oyster Point Yacht Club—South Point, San Francisco California, from Steve Davis**
- 4. Perrysburg Boat Club—Perrysburg, Ohio, from John Oberg**
- 5. Mission Bay Yacht Club—San Diego California**

Bar Host/OD Schedule

Warren Ristow Vice Commodore

November 4 Social Hour

—Tom Swem OD

Hosts: Joe and Barbara Boud
Bee Parsons and Doug Parish
Paul and Kerry Spencer

11 Social Hour

—Steve Davis, OD

Hosts: Mike and Jill Nunno
Jana and Graham Barter
Chris and Linda Schroeder

18 Social Hour

—Michael Dobrzensky, OD

Hosts: Bob and Wendy Lucas
David Smiley and
Mary Ann Vasconcellos

25 Bar Closed

December 2 Social Hour

—Bob Hurd OD

Hosts: Neil and Carol Thom
Doug and Mary Wilson
Kathleen O'Neil

9 Social Hour

—Bill Dyer, OD

Hosts: Troy and Chris Rudman
Ken and Terry Filippo
Charlene Souza

16 Social Hour

—Sharon Andresen, OD

Hosts: Ray and Coleen Mattison
Keith Pellemeier
Dave and Andi Tennant

23 Bar Closed

30 Social Hour

—Jean Dyer, OD

Hosts: Craig Bernard
David and Tanya Erbstoesser
Lindalee Fromm



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Events Calendar – November








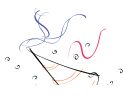
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 No Reservations	31 Halloween	1	2	3 6 pm - Board (Bertram)	4 6 pm - Social Hour	5 No Reservations 6 pm - General Meeting
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends No Reservations 10 am - Brunch	7	8 Election Day	9 6 pm - Wet Weds	10	11 Veterans Day 6 pm - Social Hour	12 9 am - Sailing Class
13 No Reservations 9 am - Sailing Class	14	15 6 pm - Pale Kai	16	17	18 6 pm - Installation of Officers 6 pm - Social Hour 7 pm - Dinner	19 9 am - Sailing Class
20 No Reservations 9 am - Sailing Class	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 Bar Closed	26
27 No Reservations	28	29	30	1 6 pm - Board	2 6 pm - Social Hour 6 pm - Tree Decorating	3 No Reservations

Events Calendar – December



December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 No Reservations	28	29	30	1 6pm - Board	2 6pm - Social Hour 6pm - Tree Decorating 	3 No Reservations
4 No Reservations 10am - Brunch/Staff Recognition	5	6	7	8	9 6pm - Social Hour	10 9am - Sailing Class 4pm - RESERVED 
11 No Reservations 9am - Sailing Class 	12	13	14	15 5pm - RESERVED	16 6pm - Social Hour	17 9am - Sailing Class 12pm - RESERVED 
18 No Reservations 9am - Sailing Class 	19	20 6pm - Pale Kai 	21	22	23 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas No Reservations 	26	27	28	29	30 6pm - Social Hour	31 New Year's Eve 

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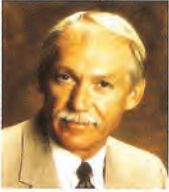
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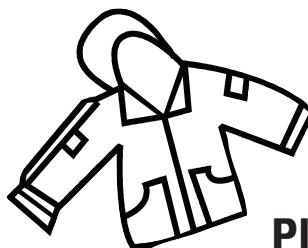
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