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Newsletter of the San Luis Yacht Club



## View From the Bridge

by Bret Clark,  
Commodore

A hoy everyone! I cannot believe that April is here already! As I write this, your board and other members are preparing for our 88th Opening Day. Rear Commodore Tom Swem has organized our annual Clean-up Day, which is on April 5, and Jr. Staff Commodore, Bob Hurd has invested countless hours planning the Opening Day activities. I can assure you that the day will be a special celebration. Your board members will be welcoming you to the event starting at 11:00 on Saturday, April 12. The bar will be open and appetizers will be provided. Our formal program will begin at 12:00. After the Opening Day program has concluded and the Port is declared, "Open," you all are invited to stay and listen to live music. Later in the afternoon, Staff Commodore, Barry Stewart and Marty Fuller have generously offered to cook some food to keep the celebration going.

We have many things to celebrate this year, but one thing that is foremost on my mind is the status of our refreshed galley and bar area. Vice Commodore, Pat Mullen and his group of volunteers (too many to list here, but who will be recognized during Opening Day) really came through. They completed the project before the deadline and under budget despite a Commodore who kept increasing the scope of work. I hope that you all enjoy the improvements and let the volunteers know when you see them.

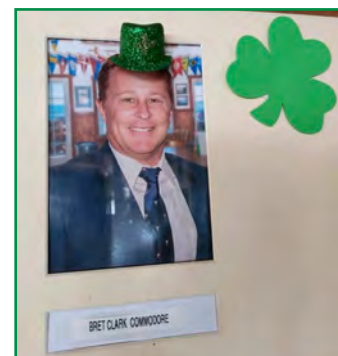
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members to the Club! At the March board meeting, the board approved the New Membership Committee's recommendation to add the following new members to the Club (listed in alphabetical order):

Bruno Giuffrida  
J.Chad Ianneo  
Darby Neil  
Lauri Rainwater-Quinn  
Frank and Mika Richardson  
Sean Schuur  
Amber Tierney  
Steve Williams and Cassandra Bethard

Jr. Staff Commodore, **Bob Hurd**, organized the New Member Orientation and will be shepherding our newest members through their Probationary Membership year. A special, "Thank you," goes to Sr. Staff Commodore, **Ken SanFilippo**, Treasurer, **Lily Curtis**, and Secretary, **Kristin Blecha** who helped with the program. Thanks to **Paul Schiro**, we all were well-fed. I will be publicly recognizing our new members on Opening Day.

Our Social Chair, **Marcia Scott**, organized the first of many fun events that we have planned for this year. Although I couldn't attend the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance, I did in spirit. Staff Commodore, **Barry Stewart** and **Marty Fuller** cooked copious amounts of traditional St. Patrick's Day fare and attendees danced to well into the evening.

If you have any questions or concerns about the club and the course that we are on, please be sure to drop me a line. I will do my best to be transparent, informative, and open to opinions as we continue to chart through new waters.



Nautically,  
—Bret 

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## Vice Views

by Pat Mullen,  
Vice Commodore

**G**reetings fellow Club Members.

With just hours to go before the cooking had to begin, **Steve Dahl** and **Marty Fuller** backed the trailer up to the clubhouse door and rolled in the cleaned and repainted Wolf stove. Thanks to the help of Steve, Marty and **Greg Jackson** the stove was returned to the galley and Steve and Marty made the gas connections and lit the pilots. Just in time for the first big test of our new galley and bar—the St. Patty's Day dinner and dance! The new sinks, plumbing, clean electrical and lighting are all thanks to **Dennis Dempsey** and **Gary Cox**. This team of Marty, Dennis, Steve and Gary have been the best experts and craftsmen and the most fun to work with...and saved our club thousands and thousands of dollars all while making our clubhouse so much nicer, safer and more efficient. Thank you to those four. And

speaking of St. Patty's Day, if you missed that club event, I'm so sorry for you because it was terrific! Social chair **Marcia Scott**, **Lily Curtis**, Lily's sister Julie and Lily's daughter Kimberly, **Brenda Noakes**, **Terry Whitney**, **Lettie Fuller**, **Nancy Stewart**, and new member **Mika Richardson** all did a fantastic job with decorations, serving food, helping in the kitchen and cleanup. And cooks **Barry Stewart**, **Marty Fuller**, and OD **Kristin Rasmussen** made the most delicious, corned beef, carrots and cabbage served on our new china and silverware! Bartending by **Doug Parish** and **Kevin Daily**, along with **Lindee Newman** too were fabulous in green attire and with special St. Patrick's Day drinks. A really fun club event!

While we still have a few finishing items on the galley, like a dishwasher, some stainless-steel fabrication and trim, etc., for the most part it is complete and both galley and bar are fully stocked, looking great and back in operation. When you see any of the members mentioned above, please give them a hearty "thank you!"

Reminder, you need to complete at least one service credit in the first half of the year, so sign up on TTSU now to get your service logged. We have many open spots that need volunteers to sign up.

Cheers,  
—Pat 🚢





## Jr. Staff Commodore Report

by Bob Hurd,  
Jr. Staff Commodore

**A** hoy Members. I'm writing this sitting in the San Luis Obispo Regional Airport waiting to board a plane to Denver and then San Juan Puerto Rico. The next day we will fly to Tortola in the British Virgin Islands and meet up with more than 45 SLYC members for a 10-day bareboat cruise. So far, the only challenge has been my plastic belt buckle caused me to have to frisked to get through TSA. I think the next challenge will be to relax.

The new member process has concluded with the Board of Directors approving the new members recommended by the Membership Committee: **Chad Ianneo, Sean Schuur, Frank and Mika Richardson, Darby Neil, Steve Williams and Cassandra Bethard, Bruno Giuffridas, Lauri Rainwater-Quinn, Amber Tierney.** They will be formally introduced on Opening Day but they are already participating in Club events so be sure to say welcome aboard. Opening Day (Invitation on right) this year will be our 88th year.

Okay, so I did not finish the article sitting in the airport at 4 in the morning so now I am in my hotel room in San Juay Puerto Rico. The hotel is in one of the airport terminals. When I called to ask about a shuttle they said you don't need one.



*Commodore Bret Clark  
and the Flag Officers of*

## **San Luis Yacht Club**

*443 Front Street, Avila Beach, CA 93424*

*"At the foot of the Avila Pier"*

*Cordially invites you to attend*

## **Opening Day Ceremonies** *Saturday, April 12, 2025*

*1100 hours ~ Hors d'oeuvres*

*1200 hours ~ Ceremonies*

*RSVP to*

*Bob Hurd, Junior Staff Commodore  
[jstaffcommodore@slyc.org](mailto:jstaffcommodore@slyc.org) or (805)550-9071*

*Celebrating 88 Years*



Thank you and see you at the Club.  
—Bob



## Rear Commodore Report

by Tom Swem,  
Rear Commodore

**A** loha...Kia Ora...Bula...Talofa and Hi Ya! As of this writing we are now 2 weeks out (April 5th) for our annual Yacht Club Clean-Up day. Every year we get a fabulous turnout of members ready to get their hands a little dirty so we can have the Clubhouse remarkably clean for our 88th Opening Day (April 12th).



Currently we have 25 members signed up via TTSU so we should have a great turnout with everyone remarkably busy. Keep in mind that the Galley is new and it's being happily used by the membership. We will be cleaning and polishing the kitchen and bar area as well

as all other interior and exterior parts of the Clubhouse. If you have a specific item or area that you always take care of get me a note so we can designate it for you.

Staff Commodore **Michael Davis** and Yacht Club Member **Brittany Tomasko** will be on board checking everyone in and giving them a chore to complete, when you have completed the work they will insure that you get your service credit. All volunteers should plan on 3hrs or so.

Areas of focus include; power washing/cleaning the awnings, power washing and cleaning the back stairway and exterior of the back door; and a new item...someone to list what we have in the attic and clean and organize that area. Brittany will also have cards with tasks written out on them so everyone will benefit from a task they simply can't wait to complete.

Given that we have 25 signed up on TTSU, the sign-ups will get the first opportunity to pick up a card and get checked in.

Remember—when cleaning the clubhouse, always clean the very highest parts first cause, ya know...All that stuff falls down for someone else to take care of.

Should be a fabulous day—Coffee and donuts at 8am.

Sea~ya there!  
—Tom



## Cruising News

by Kristin Rasmussen,  
Cruising Captain

**A**hoy SLYC Members.  
We are off on the sail of the year. Your fellow SLYC members and friends are sailing around the British Virgin Islands between March 23 and April 1. Starting from Hodges Creek Marina on Tortola

and heading for Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda then points beyond. Thanks to our Captains **Pat Mullen, Bob Hurd, JJ Francoisse, Marty Fuller, Jack Luxton, and Grant Elwood** we have 43 members and friends participating in the trip.

I can tell you from experience, if you like to boat, sail, and spend time in and around water these trips are some of the best times you can have. Sometimes there are the challenges of travel, weather, provisioning or ?, but somehow any challenges we have are better together.

We will return just after the first of April with stories to be sure.

*See you on the water.*  
—Kristin



## Port Report

by Carter McGowen,  
Port Captain

**H**i folks.  
During the February Harbor District meeting, the scheduled budget conversation was pushed until next month, so this month was all about projects—specifically the yearly dredging of the harbor and various pier projects. The staff at the port are trying to keep the cost of dredging down by applying for a reclassification of the dredged

material, from “disposable material” to “fill material.” This may take some time with the permitting procedures but would save the port considerable amounts of money each year. They are looking to start dredging on March 12 and may extend the season due to the delay caused by permitting issues.

The piers were also discussed in great detail. The commissioners maintained that the Harford Pier is their top priority which, due to maintenance needed because of storm damage and the dredge, may further delay progress on the Avila Pier. They are aiming to open the Avila Pier to bent 70 by October, meaning that the public could access a portion of the pier. Once they reach this point, they will need speciality equipment to continue the project. They are exploring options to contract out the remainder of the project but may face budget challenges once they reach bent 70.

See you all next month!  
—Carter

## Burpees

We have a new burgee that has been added to our collection. **Kevin Daily** and **Lindee Newman** completed a burgee exchange with the Klamath Yacht Club located in Klamath Falls, OR.

—Bob Rollins, Burpees







*San Luis Yacht Club*

# Events Calendar APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 No Reservations Allowed	31	1	2	3 6pm - SLYC Board in the Clubhouse 	4 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social	5 9am - Annual Clean-up 4:30 - Tentative Reservation Hrdlicka
6 No Reservations Allowed	7	8	9 1pm - Wet Wednesday on the Water 	10	11 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social	12 11am - Opening Day 
13 No Reservations Allowed	14	15 Tax Day 	16 Wet Wednesday 	17 3pm - Friends of Avila Pier	18 No Reservations 6pm - Friday Social	19
20 Easter Sunday No Reservations Allowed 	21	22	23	24	25 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	26
27 No Reservations Allowed	28	29	30	1 6pm - SLYC Board in the Clubhouse 	2 No Reservations 6pm - Social Hour	3 2:30pm - Kentucky Derby 

# Events Calendar MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 No Reservations Allowed	28	29	30	1 6pm - SLYC Board Meeting in Clubhouse 	2 No Reservations Allowed 6pm - Social Hour	3 2:30pm - Kentucky Derby 
4 No Reservations Allowed Ocean Race #1 	5 	6	7	8	9 No Reservations Allowed 6pm - Social Hour	10
11 No Reservations Allowed 	12	13 6pm - Steering Committee Meeting	14	15 3pm - Friends of Avila	16 No Reservations Allowed 6pm - Social Hour	17
18 No Reservations Allowed	19	20	21 1pm - Wet Wednesday on the water 	22 3pm - RESERVED Swisher	23 No Reservations Allowed 6pm - Social Hour	24
25 No Reservations Allowed	26 Memorial Day 	27	28	29	30 No Reservations Allowed 6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Potluck 	31 No Reservations Allowed

# *~ Kentucky Derby ~*

*“Run for the Roses”*

*Watch Party*

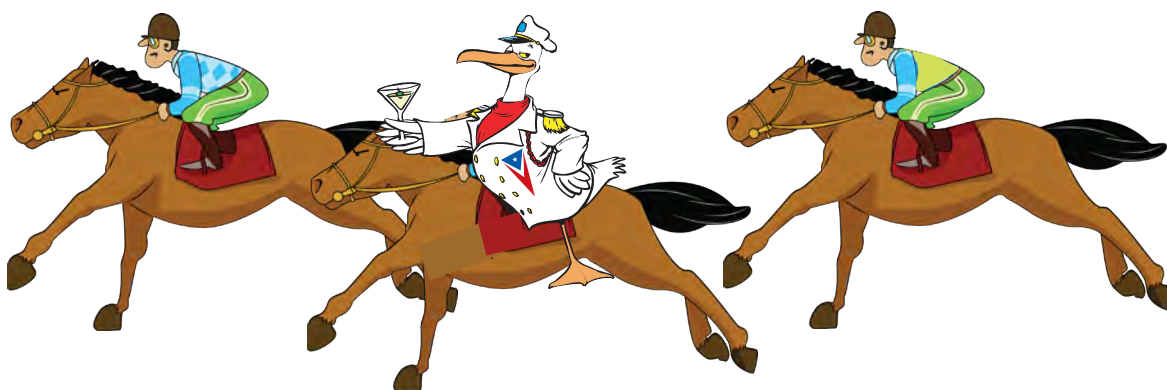
Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$15 per person

- Light lunch will be served
- Bar will offer Juleps in addition to usual Bar menu
- Dress: Ladies: Fancy flowered hats encouraged  
Gents: Club casual
- Club TV will be tuned to the races
- New Competition: Show Boat or Show Horse

Please RSVP by April 30th  
Sign up via [SLYC.ORG](http://SLYC.ORG) members

**PRE-PAID EVENT**



# Bar Host/OD Schedule

## April 2025

- 4 **Friday Social**  
—Ken San Filippo, OD  
Bar Hosts: Steve Johnson  
Melanie Topp  
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Mika Richardson  
Angela Brokaw
- 11 **Friday Social**  
—Bob Hurd, OD  
Bar Hosts: Patrick McGowen  
Jeff Bucher  
Food Host/Clean-up: Mary Bucher  
Joan and Ron Perkins
- 12 **Saturday-OPENING DAY**  
—Bob Hurd, OD  
Early Setup Help: Val Gillespie, Philip Borgardt  
Bar Hosts: Ali Stephenson, Cindy Luxton,  
Sylvia Dodd  
Kitchen Help: Renee Capen  
Clean-up: Mark Corella  
Peggy Golden
- 18 **Wednesday-Wet Wednesday**  
—Pat Mullen, OD  
Bar Hosts: John and Cindy McKellar  
Chief Cook: **OPEN (1)**  
Crew: **OPEN (1)**
- 18 **Friday Social**  
—Kristin Blecha, OD  
Bar Hosts: Kathy and Brian Metcalf  
Barrie Cleveland  
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Kathy and Brian Metcalf  
Sally Krenn
- 25 **Friday Social/Potluck**  
—J.J. Francoisse, OD  
Bar Hosts: Thomas Hill  
Cindy and Jason Vormbaum  
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: **OPEN (3)**



## May 2025

- 2 **Friday Social-Cinco de Mayo**  
—Freman Tidaback, OD  
Bar Hosts: Thomas Hill  
Ali Stephenson  
Food Host/Clean-up: Makenzie Blodgett  
Linda and Bill Thoma



## May 2025 (continued)

- 3 **Saturday-Kentucky Derby Day**  
—Lily Curtis, OD  
Bar Hosts: Marcia Scott  
Jason Curtis
- 9 **Friday Social**  
—Pat Mullen, OD  
Bar Hosts: David Butcher  
Nick Frost  
Food Host/Clean-up: Charlotte Butcher  
Diane Frost
- 10 **Saturday-Commodore's Dinner**  
—Michael Ginn, OD  
Bar Hosts: Dave Tennant  
Kevin Daily  
Chief Cook: Yvonne and Peter Jordan-Secord  
Assist. Cook: Tom and Ruth Donnelly  
Crew: **OPEN (3)**
- 16 **Friday Social**  
—Kristin Blecha, OD  
Bar Hosts: Jeff Blauer  
Mike Nunno  
Food Host/Clean-up: Nancy Alvarado  
Mike Nunno
- 21 **Wednesday-Wet Wednesday**  
—TBD, OD  
Bar Hosts: Chad Ianneo  
George Risher  
Chief Cook: Jim and Jan Smith  
Cook Helper: Dennis Law
- 23 **Friday Social**  
—Kristin Blecha, OD  
Bar Hosts: Cindy Luxton  
Frank Richardson  
Food Hosts/Clean-up: Karen and Scott Negri  
**OPEN (1)**
- 30 **Friday Social/Potluck**  
—Kristin Rasmussen, OD  
Bar Hosts: Judy Bellis  
Kyle Martin  
Kitchen Help/Clean-up: Melissa Smith  
Kevin Williams





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