

The South Bay Yacht Club

Since 1888

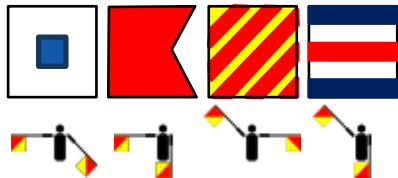
Slough News

www.southbayyachtclub.org

April Issue 2024

Inside...

- Commodore's Corner
- Welcome New Members
- Club Calendar
- Past Events
- House & Grounds Updates
- Oyster Base Camp
- Sea Scouts
- Club Meetings & Membership
- Secretary's Report
- PICYA & Regional News
- Contact & Rental Info
- Smooth Sailing



2024 Board of Directors

Commodore	Earl Jensen
Vice Commodore	Lisa Bickford
Treasurer	Jim Reid
Secretary	Sheila Tost
Port Captain	Bart Laine
Director	Roy Hayes
Director	Shirley Reekie



Thursday, April 11
Board Meeting 6pm
General Meeting 7pm
Upstairs In Person or Zoom
Keep up to date on SBYC business



Commodore's Corner

Earl Jensen, Commodore Earl_jensen@comcast.net

After a long struggle with the City and PG&E, the sun is shining favorably upon our solar panels, and we are making power! We went online on Friday, March 22nd, and the panels were generating 4.3kW right off the bat. We are in the process of making the power generation data available on the SBYC website. Keep a lookout. You can see the public view of our Enphase solar generation and consumption here: <https://enlighten.enphaseenergy.com/web/z8BC5063300/history/graph/hours?public=1>

The club is busy. Rentals are humming along, club events are on the rise, and members hang out and socialize. If you're a long-time seasoned member, please do come and meet the new members at the Member's monthly meeting, the Third Thursday, or the Fourth Friday. Tell a tale or two 😊

Your opinions matter, but only if you tell someone. All your Board Members and myself are always receptive to hear out your suggestions. If you have gripes, please spare the Board Members and go straight to me. I will hear you out. See you at the club ~

"There are good ships, And there are wood ships, The ships that sail the sea.
But the best ships, Are friendships, And may they always be."



California Boater Card Classes in May

The SBYC is pleased to offer California Boaters Card instruction by Earl Jensen and Shirley Reekie starting in May. Members of the San Jose Sailing Club and the South Bay Yacht Club are invited to participate.

It will take three 4-hour sessions and one online test. We can take the test together, so you have a lifeline. The Boaters card is considered like a driver's license for the water.

As of 1/1/2024, operators aged 60 and younger must have a card. By January 1, 2025 it will be mandatory for everyone. The card costs \$10 payable to the State of California. Get more info here:

www.californiaboatercard.com
[Get your California Boating License Online | BoaterExam](#)

Multiple companies offer courses online for typically \$50, plus the \$10 to California. We will teach you for free.

I am starting an interest list. Please do email me at earl_jensen@comcast.net if you are interested.

Welcome New Members!



January 2024

Tim Miyazaki
Louie Herrera
Jeff Barnes
Mary & Steve Bartlett
Edwin El-Kareh (not in photo)

February 2024

Welcome to Kathleen Hall and
Teddy Chagoya

We did not get a
commemorative photo of
Kathleen and Teddy, but
we're sure they were
smiling!

No inductions
in March

Why Become a Member of SBYC?

- Easy enjoyment of local waterways
- Participation in fun, social, Club events
- Special guest presentations on local wildlife, boating, and environmental interests
- Use of the Clubhouse 24/7 (with consideration for private rentals and events)
- Low boat storage and moorage fees
- Access to the Club Barn and dock
- Reciprocal rights with other yacht clubs via our Club membership in Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA)

Club Calendar – What’s Ahead

Every month:

- **Saturday Kayak Crew**, 1st Saturday 8am -12pm
- **Sea Scouts**, 2nd & 4th Saturdays 9:30am – 12:30pm
- **Thirsty Thursday**, 3rd Thursday 6pm - 9pm
- **Friday Family Fun**, Last Friday 5pm - 9pm
- **Work Party**, Last Saturday 9am - 12pm



April

- Thurs, 11 Board Meeting 6pm
Member Meeting 7pm
- Sun, 14 Burgers & Bingo 4pm – 8pm
- Sun, 28 Chili Cook-off 2pm – 6pm

May

- Thurs, 9 Board Meeting 6pm
Member Meeting 7pm
- Sun, 12 Opening Day on the Bay &
Mother’s Day Brunch 8 am – 1pm

June

- Sat, 1 Alviso Dragon Boat Festival*
- Sat, 8 Tropical Night Party 5pm – 9pm
- Thurs, 13 Board Meeting 6pm
Member Meeting 7pm

July - No Board Meeting in July

August - No board meeting in August

- Sat, 3 SBYC Sail-in 12pm – 8pm

September

- Mon, 2 Labor Day Open House*
- Sat, 7 Oyster Pirate Fest 3pm – 8pm
- Thurs, 12 Board Meeting 6pm
Member Meeting 7pm
- Sat, 28 Coastal Cleanup Day 9am-12pm

October

- Thurs, 10 Board Meeting 6pm
Member Meeting 7pm
2024 BOD Nominations due
- Sat, 12 Day on the Bay (tentative)*
- Sat, 27 Sea Scouts Halloween Party
2pm – 7pm

November

- Thurs, 14 Annual Board Meeting and
Election of 2025 Officers 7pm
- Sat, 16 Commodores Dinner
Cocktails 5pm, Dinner 6pm
- Fri, 29 Jingle Mingle Clubhouse
Decorating 5pm – 8pm

December

- Sat, 7 Holiday Party
Cocktails 5pm, Dinner 6pm
- Thurs, 12 Board Meeting 6pm
Member Meeting 7pm
- Tues, 31 New Year’s Eve at SBYC
4pm – 9pm

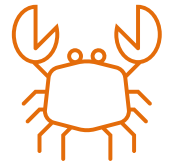
***Watch your email for party flyers with details about times and reservations.**



**Use your camera on
the QR code to
access Club news
and activities online!**

Congratulations to the Crab Feed Team!

February's event was delicious and a good time for everyone, except the crabs. 😊



St. Patrick's Day

Music, a little Irish dancing, Guinness beef stew, corned beef and cabbage, and perhaps a wee bit o' blarney at the bar. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship. See you next March!





House & Grounds

Lisa Bickford, Vice Commodore lisabickford@gmail.com

Welcome to Springtime at South Bay Yacht Club!

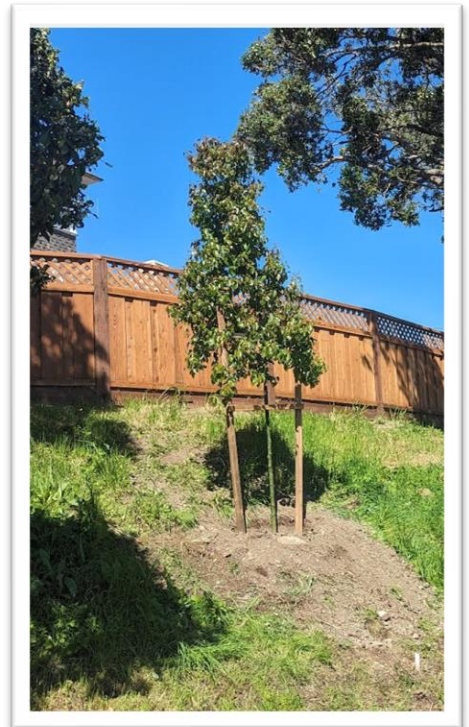
There is so much going on with our wonderful club and we hope you'll take your cue from the warm spring weather and come out to enjoy some time with your fellow club members!

We've had a lot going on already this year! The Board has just concluded a set of strategic planning meetings and we're preparing an update for you all with our top priorities for 2024-2025.

We've had several events already this year, including our annual Crab Feed in February and our St. Patrick's Day party earlier this month. We've got some fun events coming up in April, so check the calendar and watch for emailed details.

Around the House, we have a bunch of great things going on:

1. **Solar Power System is on**, thanks to our contractor and to Commodore Earl Jensen.
2. **A tree was replaced** on the hillside in our front yard. It came down in a storm about a year ago and it took a while for us and Davey Tree to agree on what to put in. It'll need watering as it grows, so please keep an eye on it if you're around the clubhouse!
3. **We're planning to resurface the Storage Yard** sometime this summer. We'll be in touch with those affected so that we can create a plan with the least disruption for everyone.
4. **We've contracted with a lawn service starting in April** to keep our grounds looking great! If you see Santos there on a Saturday, say hello to him, and thank him for his efforts. He also does the lawn for Comcast across the street so we got a great deal.

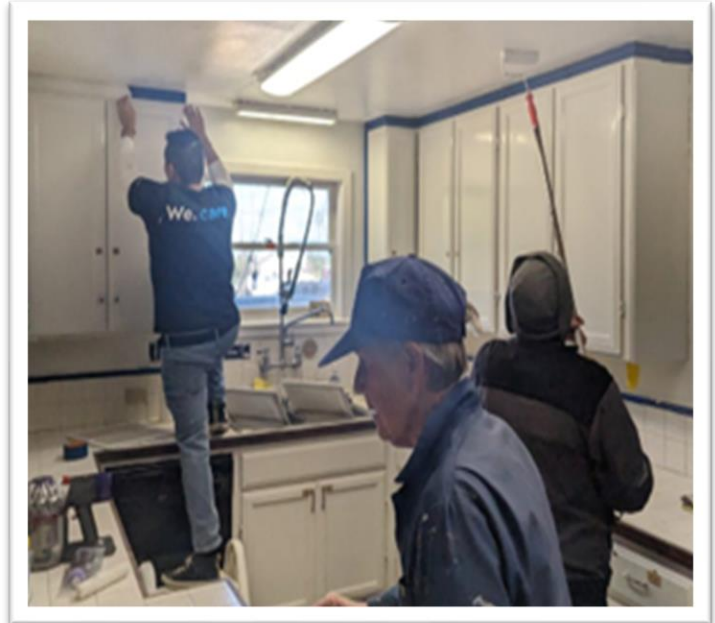


Continued on next page

House & Grounds continued

Lisa Bickford, Vice Commodore lisabickford@gmail.com

5. **Wednesday Work Crew** has done a great job of cleaning up the house! Thanks to Gill, Dean, Shirley, Tim, Nathan and several others for coming out to help. If you're free on a Wednesday morning, come hang out and see what they're up to.
6. **Dog catchers** - there have been a rash of dog abandonments and several calls to San Jose Animal Control. Traps have been set, but so far we still have 3 strays wandering around. Please do not feed them or water them as we need to get them picked up and taken somewhere for adoption.
7. **The Flagpole** is slowly getting repainted, re-fitted and will be ready soon for a Sea Scout Flag Ceremony. Many thanks to Jim Boland and Shirley Reekie!



Sadly, we had to cancel First Saturday Kayaking in Jan, Feb and March, but we've got our sights firmly on April and we're hoping for fair weather going forward so we can have some fun on the water together! If you haven't tried kayaking, watch for the signups and come out and try it. I promise you'll enjoy the peace and serenity of paddling on the Alviso Slough!

Lastly, we always have a list of things that need doing around our clubhouse. We rely on all our volunteers to support the club with time, talent or treasure. (Thanks, Roy Hays, for the reminder.) Come out and say hello, be in touch with one or more of your Board members, and remember that this is our club, and it is whatever we make it.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all around the clubhouse and on the water in 2024!

Lisa Bickford
Vice Commodore

Crab Feed Income: \$4263.22
St Patrick's Day Income: \$700.12



Oyster Base Camp

WILD OYSTER PROJECT

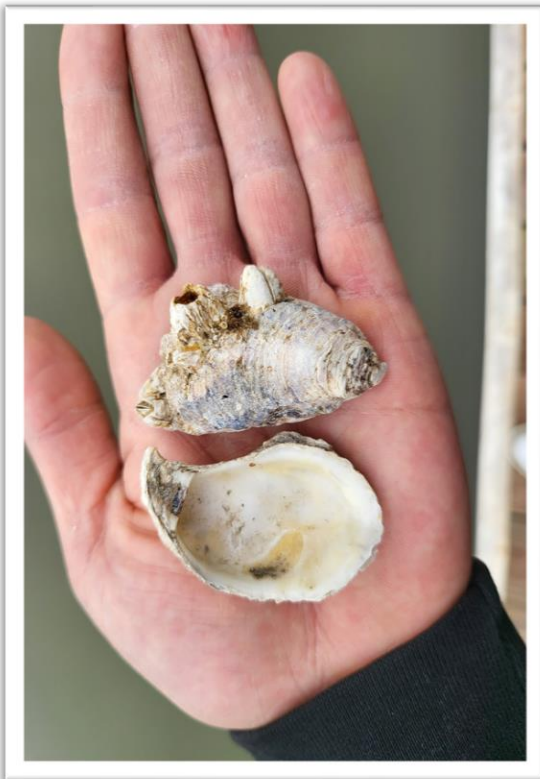


SBYC is partnering with the Wild Oyster Project, which maintains an oyster gardening program called Oyster Base Camps. Base Camps are like miniature oyster reefs, installed throughout the San Francisco Bay. There is no charge to host a camp and our camp is on our dock!

Base Camps increase the chances of oyster larvae finding a place to settle, grow, and contribute to reviving the wild oyster population in the Bay.

A successfully established Base Camp can filter over 1,000 gallons of water a day. Thanks to Samuel Leyva for bringing this collaboration to the Board!

For lots of good details, visit the [Oyster Base Camp website](http://www.wildoysters.org).
(www.wildoysters.org)



Sea Scouts



Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SYBC Board Member



Did you know that your South Bay Yacht Club charts a Sea Scout Ship (like a Scout troop)?

We are Sea Scout Ship 300 “**SSS Spartan**” and meet every 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9:30am - 12:30pm, usually at the SBYC.

Our Ship is open to young people ages 14-21.

In the past year our Sea Scouts have participated in:

- Dinghy sailing at Vasona Reservoir and Camp Wente,
- Kayaking and motor boating on Alviso Slough,
- Olympic-style rowing at Los Gatos Rowing Club,
- A Sea Scout Ship 300/SBYC “Saltwater Safari” voyage on the Santa Clara County catamaran on the slough
- Model boat building,



- Preparation to take the California Boaters’ Card,
- SBYC Opening Day and Day on the Bay,
- First Aid/CPR/AED training, and
- Sailed some bigger boats in SF’s Opening Day.

(continued next page)



Sea Scouts continued

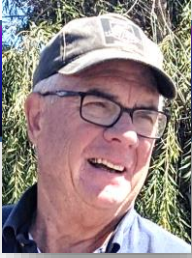
Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SYBC Board Member

We also visited the Bay Model and Call of the Sea Celebration in Sausalito, went to Half Moon Bay for the low tide walk, and hiked, camped, and fished.

In the near future, we hope to be dinghy sailing on the slough with our five donated dinghies, which our Sea Scouts helped get ready for the new season. We also plan to build a replica of *Alma*, the last scow schooner on SF bay, found in the mud at Alviso in 1959, and restored.



For more info on Ship 300,
please contact either
Skipper Shirley Reekie
(kayakrowsail@gmail.com)
or Committee Chair
Lisa Bickford
(lisabickford@gmail.com)



Club Meetings & Membership

Roy Hays, Membership Chair roylhays@aol.com

Club Board meetings occur the second Thursday of the month starting at 6:00 pm. A general membership meeting follows, usually starting around 7:15, depending on how long the Board meeting runs.

Members are welcome to attend the monthly Board meeting and encouraged to attend the general membership meeting that follows. This is the time to come and be heard.

Member involvement is crucial in keeping our Club running smoothly, cleanly, and happily!

Your ideas and preferences are essential in making this YOUR Club. Please consider joining a committee — we should all be on at least one — and making our Club and Clubhouse shine. ~ Sheila Tost, bradandsheila@yahoo.com



- 1. Harbor Committee:** *Chair:* Bart Laine, *Members:* Charlie Bell, Roy Hays, Jeremy O’Keefe
- 2. House & Grounds Committee:** *Chair:* Lisa Bickford, *Members:* Norm Fredrickson, Roy Hays, Dean McCully, Nathan McCully, Sheila Tost, Gill Tyndall, Earl Jensen, Mohammed Alam
- 3. Hospitality & Entertainment Committee:** *Chair:* Dean McCully, *Members:* Mordecai benHerschel, Sarah Johnson, Nathan McCully, Meg Taylor
- 4. Membership Committee:** *Chair:* Roy Hays, *Members:* Lisa Bickford, Sheila Tost, Mallory von Kugelgen, Kathleen Hall
- 5. Bar Committee:** *Chair:* Sheila Tost, *Members:* Lisa Bickford, Emmett Dingel, Marsha Dyslin, Roy Hays, Earl Jensen, Evan von Kugelgen, Christine Mendonca, Dean McCully, Nathan McCully, Samuel Leyva, Tim Miyazaki, Jeff Barnes, Sarah Johnson



PICYA & Regional News

Tim Ellenberger t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

Cap'n Tim's Dock – April 2024

Ahoy and thanks for stopping by Cap'n Tim's Dock. I've been sitting topside and spinning a yarn or two with our friends from the PICYA and RBOC. Here is what's been whistling in the wind for SBYC.

PICYA (Pacific Inter Club Yachting Association)

The PICYA Spring Leadership Conference was held on March 23rd at the South Beach Yacht Club. The day began at 9:30 AM and included a continental breakfast, speakers of interest and lunch. Emmett Dingel, Gus Meyner, and Sheila Tost attended from SBYC. Captain Mark Manes of the San Francisco Bar Pilots Association made an engaging presentation regarding the safe transit of commercial ships to Bay and Delta Harbors. In light of the recent container ship collision with the Francis Key Bridge in Baltimore, valuable insights were provided. Also, in a fun after session, electric boat rides were given by manufacturer Vita Power. With the rapid improvement in battery technologies, powering recreational boats with electric propulsion is becoming more popular.

Coming up on the PICYA Calendar is the annual Opening Day on the Bay Parade on Sunday, April 28th. Our sister club, The San Jose Sailing Club, has its April cruise-in scheduled for April 26th-28th at South Beach Harbor, for convenient staging. This year's theme is "Rockin' The Bay." For those who have an interest in decorating or bringing a boat for Sunday's noon parade, feel free to contact me.

Continued on next page...



PICYA & Regional News continued

Tim Ellenberger t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

On April 6th, the monthly PICYA Delegates meeting will be held at the Benicia Yacht Club. Registrations for in person or Zoom participation may be made through the PICYA website, www.picya.org.

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

On March 13th, our RBOC represented our interests at the 8th Annual California Legislative Boating Congress. State Treasurer Fiona Ma was the featured speaker as attendees forwarded their priorities for enhancement of boating opportunities. These initiatives are instrumental in guiding policy decisions and grant funds. \$10,000,000 in grant funds have been made available in 2024 to improve local access improvements to waterways for recreational boaters.

COTY (Club of the Year Competition)

Our 2024 COTY year activities to date have attendance at Delegates Meetings and the submission of our 2024 PICYA Yearbook information along with our Yearbook order, payment of our annual PICYA membership dues and other monetary donations towards PICYA (Pacific Interclub Yachting Association) programs. The goal of the COTY program is to encourage the 107 members of the PICYA's Northern Region to enjoy regional boating activities in cooperation with other clubs. An annual record of our participation is maintained by a COTY coordinator and our coordinator is Emmett Dingel. Emmett also serves as our Delegate to the PICYA, along with Sheila Tost and Gus Meyner. If you'd like to know more, please just ask.

There you have it SBYC...
the best yacht club in the South Bay!





Secretary

Sheila Tost, Secretary bradandsheila@yahoo.com

- All 2024 membership cards (via snail mail) and annual membership packets (via email) have been sent. If you have not received them, please let me know.
- Your Board of Directors has met twice in special Sunday meetings to review the House & Grounds maintenance/project list and prioritize in order of importance. The list is long, and we are making great progress. Ask a Board member if you're interested in learning more.
- Speaking of maintenance, many members have become reinvigorated, interested, and involved in upkeep of the house and grounds. Next time you're at the Club, take a look at the Galley, the backyard, the Steward's Quarters, etc. and admire how fresh and clean the Blue Lady is looking.
- Please consider getting more involved by joining SBYC Committees including Harbor, House & Grounds, Hospitality & Entertainment, Membership, and Bar. Your time, ideas, remembered history (some you longer-term members have lots of SBYC history in your heads!) and interest help make our Club the best it can be.
- Come and meet your new bartenders! We have a truly spectacular crew covering Board meetings, Third Thirsty Thursday, Fridays with Friends, and all the special events organized by the Hospitality & Entertainment Committee.



Third Thirsty Thursday
Every 3rd Thursday monthly 6pm – 9pm
Delicious Cocktails,
Potluck Snacks,
Engaging Chat

~ continued next page...

Secretary continued

Sheila Tost, Secretary bradandsheila@yahoo.com

- You like games you say? Cribbage, corn hole, even a spirited game of Uno have made appearances! Evan found a couple of old dice cups behind the bar — are there any members who can remind us how to play Liar's Dice?
- A yacht club belongs on the water! Join our First Saturdays Kayak Crew, get cleared to use the newly-repaired Boston Whaler power boat owned by the Club, or check in with the new sailboats the Sea Scouts are learning to sail in!



First Saturday Kayaking Crew

Every 1st Saturday
monthly 8am – 12pm

Reserve your seat
online and meet at
the yard to help load
boats & gear before
heading to the
Alviso Marina docks.

- Board meetings will continue to be held on the second Thursday of the month at 6 PM. The meeting has been relocated upstairs to the Board room where it has historically been held, to allow for a quicker, more thorough agenda. The Board will provide a synopsis downstairs in the Clubhouse at 7 PM, immediately following the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.
- If you have ideas, questions, or suggestions for the Board, please ask any Board member to add it to the monthly agenda. We want to hear from members!
- Another 2024 goal of the Board is to review SBYC's past strategic plan to update and reinvigorate SBYC's Purpose Statement, Goals, Board Meetings, Newsletter, Committees, Waterways, Organization Management & Fiscal Responsibility. This work is ongoing, let us know if you have thoughts, suggestions, ideas.

Contact & Rental Info

Contact Info:

(408) 263-0100

www.southbayyachtclub.org

sbyc.alviso@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

South Bay Yacht Club

PO Box 100

Alviso, CA 95002

Clubhouse Address

South Bay Yacht Club

1491 Hope Street

Alviso, CA 95002

Clubhouse Rentals

Rent the historic South Bay Yacht Club for your next corporate or personal event. This relaxed, rustic location accommodates up to 96 guests. Rental rates are negotiable. A signed usage agreement is required for all uses of the Clubhouse.

Contact the Club Rental Manager at

sbyc.alviso@gmail.com

Who to Contact

at the *South Bay Yacht Club*

Commodore & General Questions

Earl Jensen, Commodore

(408) 655-9548 earl_jensen@comcast.net

Membership Info & Clubhouse Rental

Roy Hays (408) 497-6094

roylhays@aol.com

Secretary

Sheila Tost (408) 218-9914

bradandsheila@yahoo.com

Mooring and Docks

Bart Laine, Port Captain

(408) 262-0147 — bart.laine@gmail.com

Dry Storage, Lockers, House & Grounds

Lisa Bickford, Vice Commodore

(408) 398-8398 — lisabickford@gmail.com

Financial Questions

Jim Reid, Treasurer

(408) 442-8158 — reidjc@sbcglobal.net



Smooth Sailing

See activity news and photos on the SBYC social media pages.
Click on these **Facebook** and **Instagram** logos to connect:



Monthly Newsletters Resume

New issues will be emailed by the first of each month.

Please let me know if you'd prefer regular post instead of email.

If you have some photos or news you'd like to share, please email me by the 25th. I'd like to start a "Bulletin Board" page of items of note by members – we are all doing some cool stuff!

Mallory von Kugelgen
malloryvk@gmail.com
(408) 813-3677

