

THE ANCHORLINE

Santa Margarita Yacht Club



What a great summer it has been at SMYC! From our Winery Social at Adobe Hills with its fantastic food and views, to the August General Membership Meeting and nominations for the 2026 Bridge and Board, to the always-popular Catalina Island Cruise (extra special thanks to Juan Carlos and Luly Lizalde aboard S/V Reprieve for leading it!) this quarter was filled with camaraderie and fun both on and off the water.

As we move into the final stretch of the year, there's plenty still ahead. The last small boat race will be on October 4th, followed by a social at Oceanside Yacht Club. On October 11th, join us at the clubhouse for our General Membership Meeting and elections. November brings two big events, the Oorah Regatta on the 1st, and a cruise to Dana Point led by our Port Captain John Bottema along with a social at Dana West on the 15th. And of course, we'll close the year together at our Holiday Party and Change of Watch on December 7th. This is always one of the best events of the year, a chance to celebrate the season, honor our outgoing Bridge and Board, and welcome the incoming leadership. I look forward to seeing you all at these upcoming events!

See you on the water,

Kiran Bisaccia

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YOUR UPCOMING SMYC EVENTS:



SEE WEBPAGE FOR
FULL CALENDAR OF
EVENTS AND CONTACT
INFORMATION:

WWW.SANTAMARGARITAYACHTCLUB.COM

BRIDGE AND BOARD MEETINGS:

OCT 2ND , NOV 6TH , DEC 4TH
7PM-8:30PM AT SMYC CLUBHOUSE
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

DEL MAR MARINA HALLOWEEN KAYAK HAUNT:
OCTOBER 18TH , 10:30AM-2PM

SAVE THE DATE:

NOV 15-16, DANA WEST
TENTATIVE UPCOMING CRUISE AND SOCIAL EVENT
(IN PLANNING STAGES)

OCT
4

SMALL BOAT RACING SERIES #8
10AM-3PM
RACES BEGIN AT 10:45
CELEBRATION AT 2PM AT OYC

OCT
11

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(AND ELECTIONS!)
SAT, OCT 11TH , 4-7PM
SMYC CLUBHOUSE

NOV
1

OORAH REGATTA
10AM-3PM, RACES BEGIN AT 12:30
DEL MAR MARINA

DEC
6

FROSTBITE REGATTA
10AM-2PM, RACES BEGIN AT 12:30
DEL MAR MARINA

DEC
7

HOLIDAY PARTY & CHANGE OF WATCH
11AM-2PM
OCEANSIDE BROILER

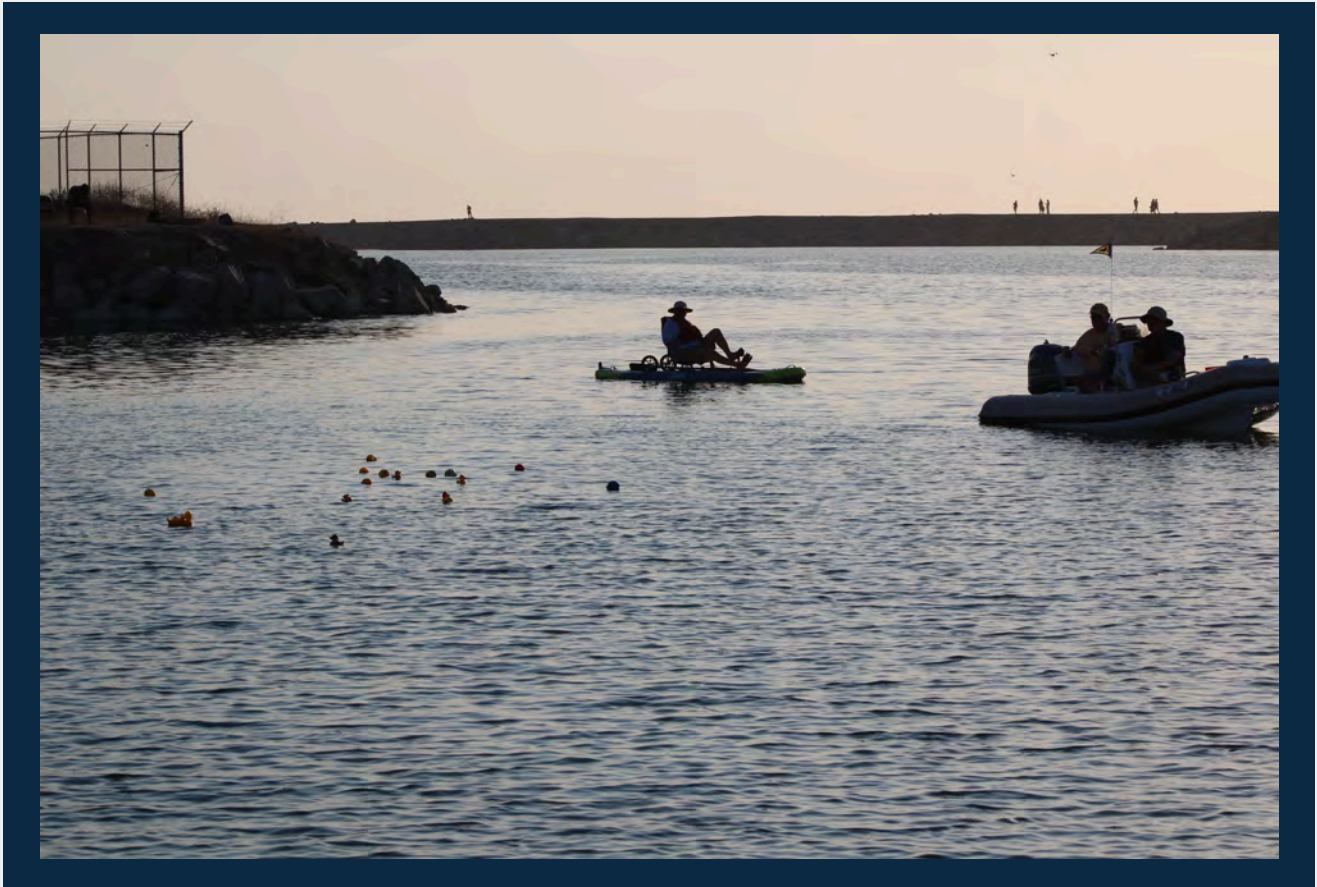
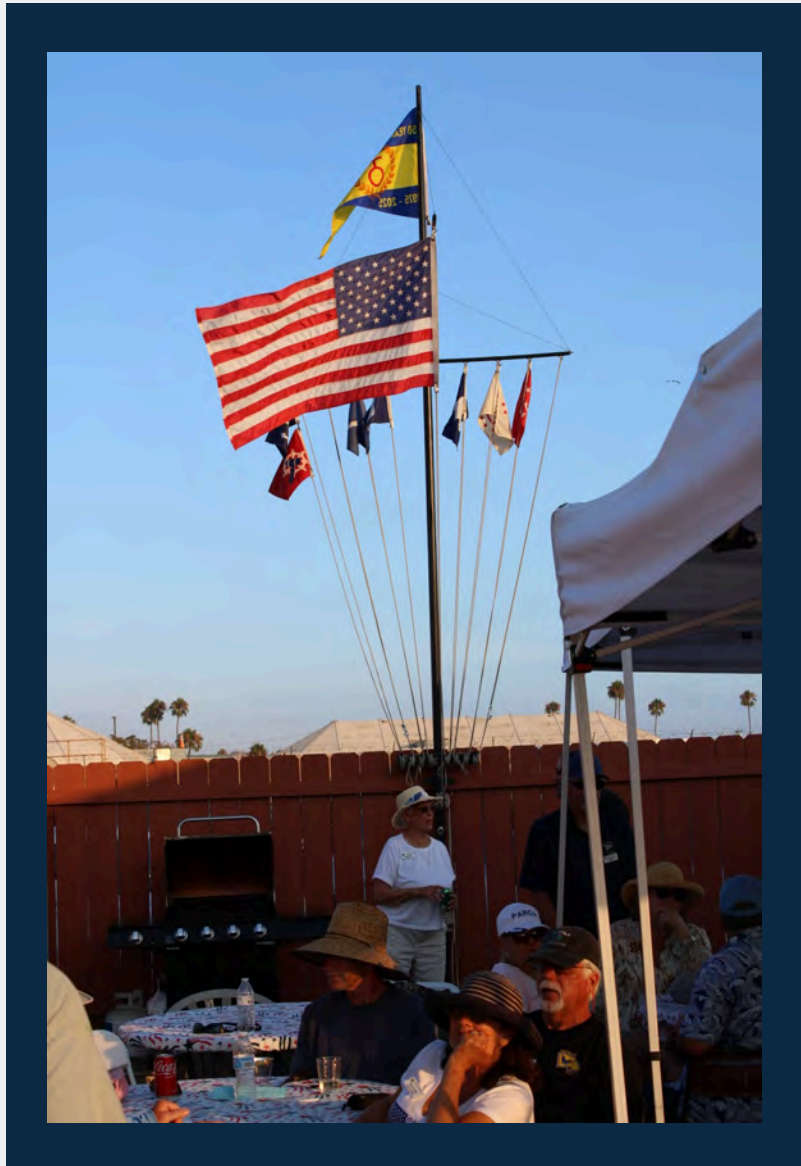
RECAP

Visitors and Guests

On Tuesday 5 August, the Seal Beach Yacht Club visited Santa Margarita Yacht Club for dinner and to socialize.

Seal Beach Yacht Club arrived right on time at 4:00 pm and after brief introductions we provided an overview of the Del Mar area on Camp Pendleton and the different training that occurs in and around the boat basin. Dinner was served around 5:30 pm and was a combination of entrees and hors d'oeuvres from both yacht clubs. After dinner, SBYC introduced us to rubber duck racing. We took bets on specific rubber ducks and after betting we watched the ducks race toward C dock. We did pretty well for beginners with two Santa Margarita Yacht Club members betting on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ducks. Once racing was complete, Seal Beach Yacht Club presented us with an ornamental rubber duck in Marine Corps Dress Blues.

Seal Beach Yacht Club departed at 7:00 pm for Oceanside Harbor. The event was a great opportunity to socialize and get to know the Seal Beach Yacht Club. A special thanks to Lee and Lorrie, Kurt, and James for coordinating and helping set up and cook food.



Rubber Duck Racing!

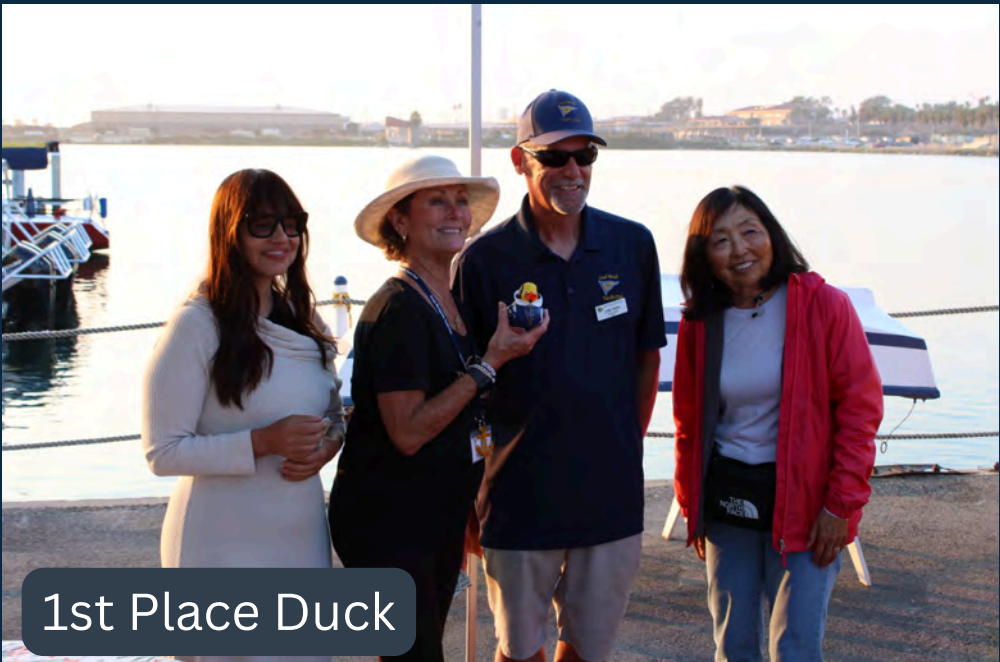


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More great photos from the Seal Beach Yacht Club visit on August 5th.
Thanks to John Bottema for sending in the snapshots and write-up.



JUL-SEP 2025



RECAP Catalina Cruise, August 2025

The SMYC held a Catalina Cruise from Thursday, 11 September 2025 to Tuesday the 16th.



**Thank you to Juan Lizalde for the write-up and pictures.
(See more Catalina Cruise photos on the next pages)**

Early morning on Thursday, SV Reprieve II with Skipper Juan Carlos (JC) Lizalde and crew, Andrew James Saucedo (AJ), departed DMM to Dana Point Harbor. Upon arrival, Reprieve was docked at a slip and its crew was joined by Lourdes Lizalde, Irvin Lizalde, and Joe Gallardo spending a pleasant night at Dana Point. Meanwhile, on Thursday evening, SV O'Shinn Flyer with Skipper Emma Shinn and crew Demi Moore and Matt Piper departed DMM for Catalina, cruising through the night. Lumpy seas and light wind on the nose meant they had to motor the entire way, but it was an uneventful trip other than dodging cruise ships heading towards the shipping lane southeast of Catalina. Upon their arrival Friday morning at daybreak, they found mooring at Hamilton Cove. Later on the day, Kara Shinn arrived on the island via Ferry and joined O'Shinn Flyer.

Friday morning, Reprieve departed Dana Point and cruised to Catalina with its crew enjoying a partly cloudy day with pleasant temperatures and slight NE wind. Upon arrival to the island, Reprieve anchored off the north shore of Hamilton Cove. With the boats being secured and with hungry tummies, both crews met for delicious food and drinks at Maggie's Blue Rose where tales of passages were shared.

Saturday, Reprieve relocated to a mooring site in front of Middle Beach which afforded front seats to the Mediterranean atmosphere of Avalon's waterfront. Sunday, O' Shinn Flyer also relocated to the Avalon Bay, thereby allowing boats' crews a closer interaction.

Saturday through Monday, the three experienced SCUBA divers of the group (Emma, Matt, and Demi) marveled at Catalina's famed marine life (including the massive Giant Black Sea Bass, Garibaldi, Kelp Bass, the kelp forests, and much much more) by the Casino Point Dive Park area while others (JC, AJ, and Kara) worked towards obtaining their diving certifications. Other members preferred strolling through town, enjoying beautiful weather. The island's Festival of Art brought an increase of visitors and added a "sunny with a chance of smile" scene. Evenings were spent with crews enjoying dinners, drinks, and most importantly each other's lovely company in their vessels as the approaching autumn warm hues contributed to spectacular sunsets.

Tuesday, on the return cruise to DMM, early morning calm water conditions offered both vessels' crews continuous spottings of pods of dolphins for hours. Following winds and seas provided a relaxed completion of this wonderful cruise in the afternoon.

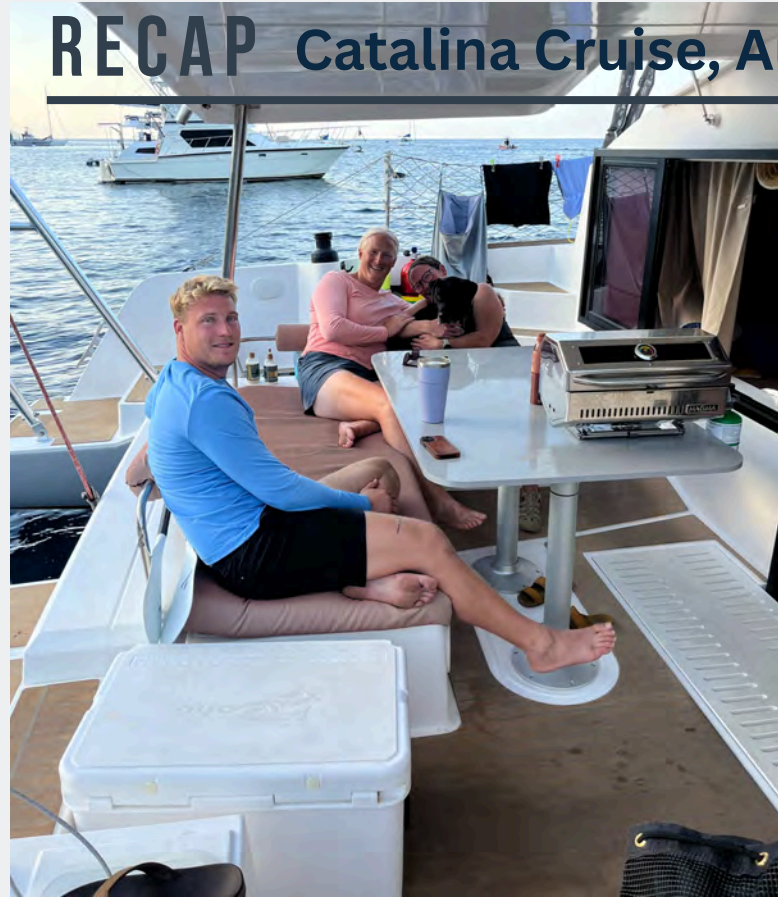


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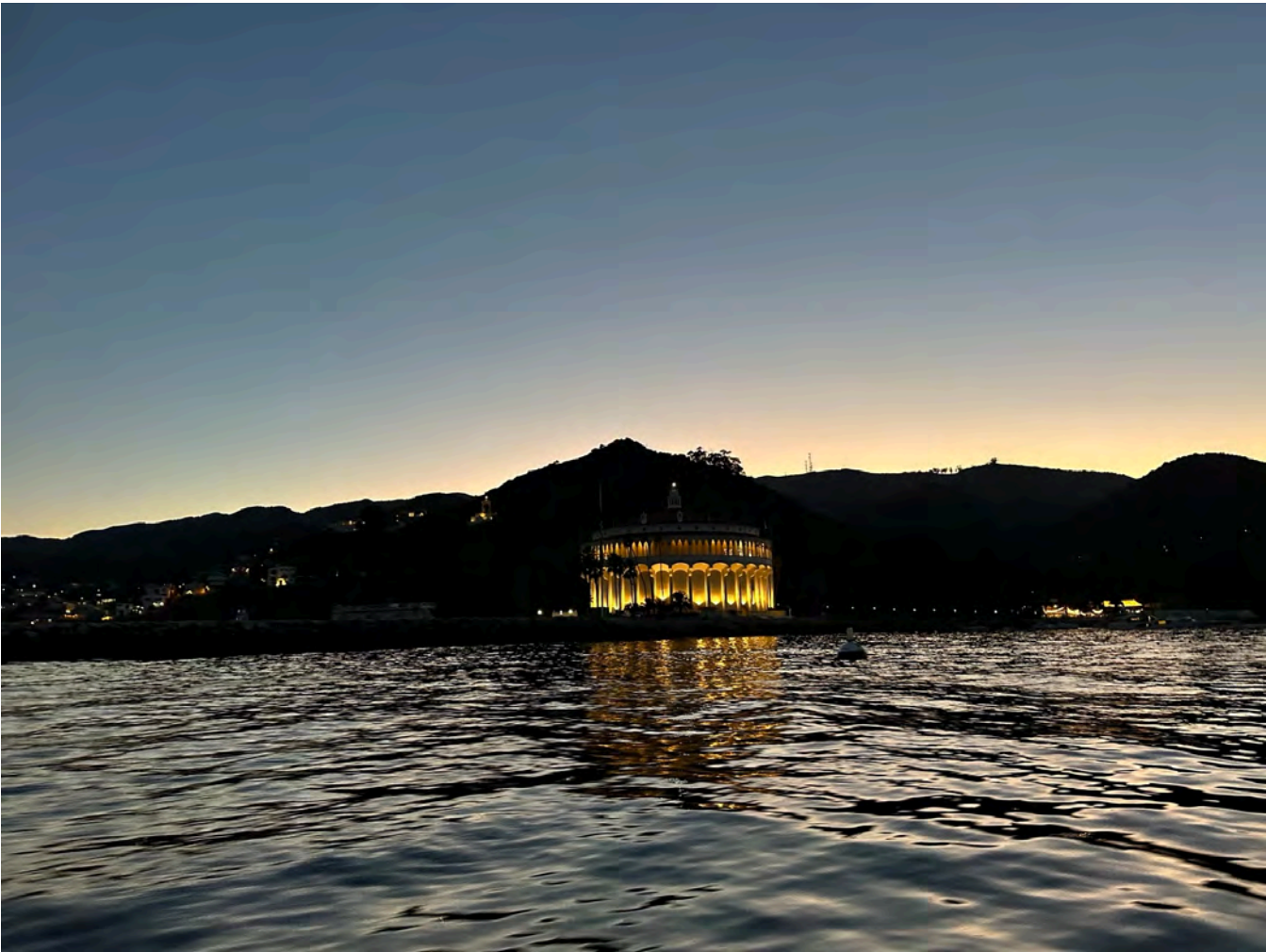
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RECAP Race Days: Del Mar Marina



There's one more race left in this year's SMYC series: this Saturday, Oct 4th!



RECAP Race Days: Del Mar Marina

A few more from race days with the Del Mar Marina: August 13th. SMYC hosted the Del Mar Marina end-of-series celebration with a post-race cookout. Congrats to SMYC winners Laeken, Kurt, Sue, and Cal, and thank you Race Committee and volunteers!



RECAP Race Days: Oceanside Harbor

SMYC Members spotted representing well at the Oceanside Friday Night Series.

Nice job to John Bottema and crew of We Be Jammin' -- and congrats on a 1st place finish over there!

You can find information on upcoming race events with OYC at:

<https://oceansideyc.net/racing/>



EDUCATION AND SAFETY

What's a Vessel Safety Check?

A Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is a service performed at your boat – ranging in locations from dock to your driveway. A vessel safety check usually takes 15 to 30 minutes, depending upon the size of your boat.

EVEN EXPERIENCED BOATERS NEED A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK – Fifteen minutes could save your life and the life of your family.

What's In it For Me?

Vessels passing safety checks are awarded a U.S. Coast Guard / Auxiliary decal that informs the Coast Guard / Auxiliary Harbor Patrol, Sheriff's & Police, and other boating law-enforcement & safety agencies that your boat was in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws during a safety check for that year. Best of all, every Vessel Safety Check is 100% Free of charge! In many cases boating insurance agencies offer discounts for vessels which undergo a Vessel Safety Check every year.

What if I Don't Pass?

If your boat does not pass, no citation is issued at that time. Instead, you are provided a written report in how to correct any discrepancies.

Why Receive a Vessel Safety Check?

Safety! The peace of mind that your boat meets federal safety standards and that in an emergency you will have the necessary equipment to save lives and summon help.

Find an Examiner:

Are you ready to get started on your path to safer boating? Follow the link below, then fill out the short request form and click the submit button. We will locate the closest volunteer vessel examiners within 30 miles of your location and request that they contact you and set up a Vessel Safety Check for your boat.

What Type of Items Are Checked?

- Life Jackets
- Registration and numbering
- Navigation lights
- Ventilation
- Fire extinguishers
- Distress signals (flares, horn, etc.)
- Battery cover and connections

These items are all currently required by state and federal laws and, if missing or non-operating, can result in a citation if your vessel is inspected by the Coast Guard.

To get started: <https://cgaux.org/vsc/> <https://sdsps.org/vessel-safety-checks-2/> or email vsc@sdsps.org

All decals and safety checks are void December 31st of year they are inspected; they are also void should the operator/owner fail to maintain the vessel's equipment or the vessel itself to the standard at the time of the safety check. Information brought to you from: <https://cgaux.org/vsc/>.

*Have a safety topic you'd like to see addressed?
Contact Jon Coats to request or submit updates to include
here on our Safety and Education page.
Thank you, Jon!*



Resources and Reminders:



General Membership Meeting

& OKTOBERFEST BBQ

Saturday Oct 11 @ 4pm - SMYC Clubhouse

ELECTIONS of the Bridge and Directors for 2026

Both the BALLOT and PROXY are located on the Website
Please bring your completed ballot to the meeting.
Ballots can also be mailed to:
INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS c/o SMYC
P.O. Box 2043, Oceanside, CA 92051

AFTER MEETING BBQ ... Bratwurst ~ Sauerkraut ~ German Potato Salad
will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share
RSVP to admin@santamargaritayachtclub.com
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2025 SMYC Small Boat Racing Series

Last Race of the Season - October 4

Open to SMYC Members - 16.5 Capris and 9.5 RS Teras

*Immediately following the races
All racers, family, and friends are
invited to join us for the end of our
racing series CELEBRATION
at Oceanside Yacht Club.*

*The winners will be recognized
and receive their awards at this
celebration.*



RACING TIMES:
Registration - 10:00am
Skippers' Meeting - 10:30am
Races Start - 10:45am



Non-sailing members can join the assembly on the docks and cheer for our sailors.
For further information and to reserve a boat, please contact the SMYC racing organizer:
Kurt Bowen - cabowen@cox.net

OORAH! REGATTA - 2025

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER - 10:00 AM

 **DEFEND THE BULLDOG!**

**RACES
START AT
12:30 PM**

**DEL MAR MARINA
CAMP PENDLETON**



SANTA MARGARITA YACHT CLUB

VS



NAVY YACHT CLUB
LONG BEACH
NAVY YACHT CLUB
SAN DIEGO

BBQ TO FOLLOW THE RACE

October 13, 1775  November 10, 1775



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's a pleasure to put together the quarterly snapshots of SMYC happenings to look back on, and this summer was no exception. Thank you especially to John and Juan for their photo contributions – the time taken to narrate a bit of those club adventures is a sweet investment into our little slice of the sailing community. Keep 'em coming!

My own family has enjoyed growing in skills and abilities at the marina this summer, largely from the offerings within the club. The Youth Achievement Award scholarships our teens were gifted at last spring's Opening Day have been spent well, enabling them to compete in many of the recent race events where they're ever eager to learn more. There's nothing like the competitive environment (don't let those small boat races fool you) to keep us humble and emphasize areas of weakness! As a family we're planning for our next level of certifications, in anticipation of submitting our very own Catalina Cruise photos in the future. What a treat to have such areas to explore nearby. Thank you to SMYC friends for the inspiration.

My favorite part of belonging to the SMYC is watching a shared love of the sport transcend age and experience. I love the little moments of learning, knowledge exchanged between skill-levels and generations, and the joy of seeing insight come to life on the water. Thank you to all who give in this way.

Thank you also to those serving behind the scenes! If you're interested in joining in as a volunteer in any area, come out for a Bridge and Board meeting and see where you might enjoy lending a hand. There's something for everyone, and several things on the fall calendar!

Hope to see you at the upcoming events.

Warmly,
Jessica & family



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Email Jessica Halfpap at: jhalfpap@gmail.com

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for additional club resources and information.

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