

THE ANCHORLINE

Santa Margarita Yacht Club



Congratulations to the Santa Margarita Yacht Club newly elected Bridge and Board members for 2026! Elections for the 2026 positions were held during the general membership meeting on 11 October 2025 and electees were sworn in at the Change of Watch/Holiday Party at the Oceanside Broiler on 7 December 2025.

*2026 Bridge and Board of Directors:

Commodore Lee Truenow, Vice Commodore Kurt Bowen, Rear Commodore John Bottema,
Jr. Staff Commodore Kiran Bisaccia, Secretary Susan Rodriguez, Treasurer Lorrie Truenow
Directors: Derrek Bond, Jon Coats, James Johnson, Thomas Nelson, A.J. Saucedo.

The Bridge and Board of Directors would like to thank all who served on the outgoing 2025 Bridge and Board, your hard work and passion are what continues to keep Santa Margarita Yacht Club admirable and durable.

*Thank you 2025 Bridge and Board of Directors:

Commodore Kiran Bisaccia, Vice Commodore Lee Truenow, Rear Commodore Kurt Bowen,
Jr. Staff Commodore Ryan Ward, Secretary Susan Rodriguez, Treasurer Lorrie Truenow
Directors: Derrek Bond, Jon Coats, James Johnson, Patrick Murty, Mike Newburn.

Special recognition to our Anchorline Editor in Chief Jessica Halfpap's dedication in brilliantly developing each publication while sharing all of our club news and events with our members!

Fair winds and following seas,
Lee Truenow

Commodore Santa Margarita Yacht Club
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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:

JAN 15TH, FEB 5TH, MAR 5TH
7PM-8:30PM AT SMYC CLUBHOUSE
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

SMYC WATCH DUTY & GREET VISITORS:
SAT/SUN ALL YEAR, FLEXIBLE SHIFTS 10AM-2PM

SAVE THE DATE:

2026 KICK-OFF PARTY:
FEB 1, 1-3PM AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY
FLYER AND RSVP INFO ON PAGE 9

FEB
1

ANNUAL KICK-OFF PARTY (TENTATIVE)
1PM-3PM
OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY
SAN MARCOS, CA

MAR
21

SMALL BOAT RACING SERIES #1
10AM-2PM
RACES BEGIN AT 10:45
DEL MAR MARINA

MAR
28

LARGE BOAT RACE SERIES (TENTATIVE)
ALL DAY
DEL MAR MARINA
IF INTERESTED, CONTACT KURT BOWEN

APR
12

SMYC OPENING DAY
ALL DAY, REGISTRATION AT 9:30AM
CEREMONY STARTS AT 10AM
DEL MAR MARINA

APR
18

SMALL BOAT RACING SERIES #2
10AM-2PM
RACES BEGIN AT 10:45
DEL MAR MARINA

RECAP Bridge and Board of Directors Event



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RECAP Race Days: Del Mar Marina

Another race at Del Mar Marina and an after party lunch and awards at the Oceanside Yacht Club!



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RECAP Race Days: Oceanside Harbor

SMYC Members spotted representing well at the Oceanside Harbor! Photos from October and the 2025 Holiday Regatta.
Congrats to We Be Jammin' on 6th place overall at the Holiday Regatta!

You can find information on upcoming race events with OYC at:
<https://oceansideyc.net/racing/>



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RECAP Remembering past Commodore Skip Carpenter



Charles “Skip” Carpenter Jr., was laid to rest on November 5, 2025 at the Miramar National Cemetery, born August 21, 1934 in Boston, to Rear Admiral Charles and Dorothy Carpenter. He was commissioned into the United States Marine Corps as a 2nd lieutenant upon graduation from the University of Virginia. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Received his Masters Degree from the Naval Postgraduate School, after retiring from the Marines he went on to a successful career in Quality Assurance,

While stationed in Honolulu, he met the love of his life Bonnie, a stewardess also based there. They were married for 60 glorious years.

Awarded the Bronze Star, Skip’s life is one you only read about in books. He traveled to over 100 countries. The cruise ship became his home away from home.

The ocean was Skip’s second home, and he was an avid sailor and fisherman. He was an active member of the Coronado, Santa Margarita (Past Commodore), and La Playa Yacht Clubs.

A Patron of the arts, he was also a connoisseur of the drink, finding like minded comrades with his association to The La Jolla Wine & Food and Chaines des Rotisseurs Societies.

He is survived by his three children: Camie, Chad (Maureen), and Cort. Six grandchildren: Taylor (Brad), Cole, Connor (Addy), Andria, Sebastian, Mia, and great grandson Greyson, along with his sister, Olivia Salzberg.



EDUCATION AND SAFETY

If You're Ever Under the Helo:

To prepare a boat for US Coast Guard helicopter rescue operations, follow these guidelines:

FOLLOWING THESE STEPS CAN HELP ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL AND SAFE RESCUE OPERATION

Ensure Safety:

Make sure all passengers wear life jackets and stow loose items that could be caught by the helicopter's rotor blades.

Communicate:

Tune your VHF Marine radio to channel 16 and ensure it's on and the volume is up. Establish clear communication with the helicopter.

Prepare for Approach:

Lower antenna masts and secure sails if you're on a sailboat. The helicopter pilot will approach into the wind to enhance visibility.

Maintain Course:

Keep the boat heading and speed as directed by the helicopter pilot. Ensure the boat is stable and can maintain course until the rescue is complete.

Be Prepared:

Have a detailed pre-underway briefing with the helicopter crew to discuss goals, signals, and safety procedures.

*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:

Now accepting Santa Margarita Yacht Club membership renewal payments for 2026

Please complete the 2026 Renewal Form available as a fillable PDF on the website.

There are now three (3) ways to pay, noted on the bottom of the form.

Cards will be mailed out as payments are received starting in December.

Questions - please contact Susan Rodriguez, Membership Chair at srodz@proton.me



KICK-OFF PARTY 2026

Santa Margarita Yacht Club's 2026 Annual Kick-Off Party

The Old Spaghetti Factory

111 N. Twin Oaks Valley Rd., San Marcos, CA

February 1, 2026 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

\$30 per person  No Host Bar

Pasta w/Meat Sauce ● Pasta w/White Clam Sauce ● Pasta w/Mushroom Sauce
(Vegan/Vegetarian)

Reserve your spot and pre-pay using PayPal (on our website) or Zelle

*If you need other payment arrangements, please contact admin@santamargaritayachtclub.com

RSVP by pre-payment or email admin@santamargaritayachtclub.com
no later than January 28.

Introducing
Santa Margarita yacht Club
2026 Bridge & Board

Commodore

Lee Truenow

Vice Commodore

Kurt Bowen

Rear Commodore

John Bottema

Secretary

Susan Rodriguez

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LETTER FROM THE GUEST EDITOR

Dear readers,

I am grateful for the opportunity to be the guest editor for this edition of the Anchorline! Thank you Mr. Lee and Mr. Kurt for the photos, and Mr. John, Mr. Lee, and Mrs. Camie Carpenter for the write-ups. I appreciate all the time you spend writing up these little updates for us.

I have enjoyed everyone’s investment in helping me grow in my sailing skills and abilities these past few years. This past year I have been given the opportunity to be part of Mr. John and We Be Jammin’s crew, which has taught me not only more about trimming sails and reading the wind, but teamwork, resilience, and respect for the sport.

My favorite part of belonging to the SMYC is the community it provides. The club brings together sailors of all ages and experience levels who are willing to share their knowledge, encouragement, and passion for the sport. Whether it’s receiving advice from the race committee on the dock, learning from Mr. Pat and Mrs. Sue, and Mr. John on the water, or simply hanging out with a hotdog after a morning of races, the yacht club has been a huge support and motivation for me to improve in my sailing skills.

Thank you also to everyone serving behind the scenes! Thank you for taking the time to read this issue, and if you’re interested in joining as a volunteer in any area, come out for a Bridge and Board meeting and see where you might enjoy lending a hand!

Sincerely,
Emery Halfpap
Guest Editor
Youth Sailor for SMYC



Have a submission for the next edition of our Anchorline? We'd love to hear from you.

Email Jessica Halfpap at: jhalfpap@gmail.com
<https://santamargaritayachtclub.com>
for additional club resources and information.

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