

THE ANCHORLINE

Santa Margarita Yacht Club



As we conclude a busy and memorable second quarter, I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone for making this yachting season truly special. Despite a weather-challenged opening day in April, we launched the season with enthusiasm, and that momentum has carried us forward. Our small boat racing series is now underway, thanks to the dedicated leadership of Kurt Bowen and the Race Committee. Rear Commodore and Port Captain John Bottema have also ensured our monthly small boat racing series run more smoothly than ever.

We've enjoyed some wonderful cruising experiences as well. Santa Margarita Yacht Club (SMYC), together with Del Mar Marina, organized a successful trip to Coronado (Fiddler's Cove), highlighted by a memorable opening day at the Coronado Yacht Club. Earlier this year, our cruise to Catalina stood out as another sailing highlight.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on encouraging club member participation, fostering open discussion and camaraderie, and making the most of our time on the water. The 4th of July BBQ will be here soon, starting about 6pm at the clubhouse. On August 23rd, our general membership meeting will provide an opportunity to help shape the future of the club as we take nominations for the 2027 Bridge and Board.

We continue to support the monthly day sail, inviting any boat to join the OYC "E Dock" group every Monday and Thursday. Members meet at the "growler" at 10:00am, sail for a few hours, and then return to OYC "E Dock" for a debrief with beverages and snacks. SMYC has additional small boat races planned, along with an August cruise to Dana Point and another to Catalina in October. We are also working closely with Oceanside Yacht Club on upcoming racing events and more.

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

SAVE THE DATE:

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
SUMMER SMALL BOAT SAIL RACES
DEL MAR MARINA, 5-8PM

SAVE THE DATE: AUG 22

10 EASY STEPS TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL REGATTA!
AUG 22, REGISTRATION AT 9AM, SEMINAR 10-2:30
INFO FLYER ON PAGE 9

SAVE THE DATE: AUG 23

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AUG 23RD, 4PM, SMYC CLUBHOUSE
COME SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FOR OUR BOARD!

JUN
27

SMALL BOAT RACING SERIES #4
10AM-2PM
RACES BEGIN AT 10:45
DEL MAR MARINA

JUL
1

DEL MAR MARINA SUMMER RACES
5PM-8PM
DEL MAR MARINA, CAMP PENDLETON

JUL
4

JULY 4TH BBQ — 6PM
BURGERS + DOGS PROVIDED.
BRING A SIDE/DESSERT TO SHARE
FIREWORKS AT 9PM; BOATS MAY
ANCHOR IN BASIN

JUL
8

DEL MAR MARINA SUMMER RACES
5PM-8PM
DEL MAR MARINA, CAMP PENDLETON

JUL
25

SMALL BOAT RACING SERIES #5
10AM-2PM
RACES BEGIN AT 10:45
DEL MAR MARINA

RECAP Opening Day 2026!



RECAP Membership Meeting at Lake O'Neill



The General Membership meeting was particularly productive, featuring robust open discussions and an excellent sense of humor. These elements, combined with outstanding food and strong camaraderie, contributed to a highly successful day at Lake O'Neill. We eagerly anticipate our next gathering in August.



RECAP Memorial Day Cruise To Coronado



RECAP Out and About



Adobe Hill Winery, Fallbrook, April 25th

Southwest Yacht Club's Opening Day



RECAP Race Days - Del Mar Marina



RECAP Race Days - Oceanside

We Be Jammin's John Bottema representing well in both ongoing Oceanside Twilight series and Coastal Race series, and the Women 4 Women Regatta. Well done!



Boating Float Plan Importance:

A boating float plan is a simple but essential safety tool. It's a written or shared outline of your trip, left with someone on shore before you depart.

This plan should include:

- Your boat's description
- Names of everyone on board
- Your departure point
- Planned route
- Destination
- Expected return time.

The main purpose of a float plan is to save time in an emergency. If you don't return as scheduled, your contact can notify authorities and provide critical details to guide search and rescue teams. Without this information, responders may waste valuable time trying to locate you.

Float plans are especially important for solo trips, offshore boating, or traveling in less busy areas where help may not be nearby.

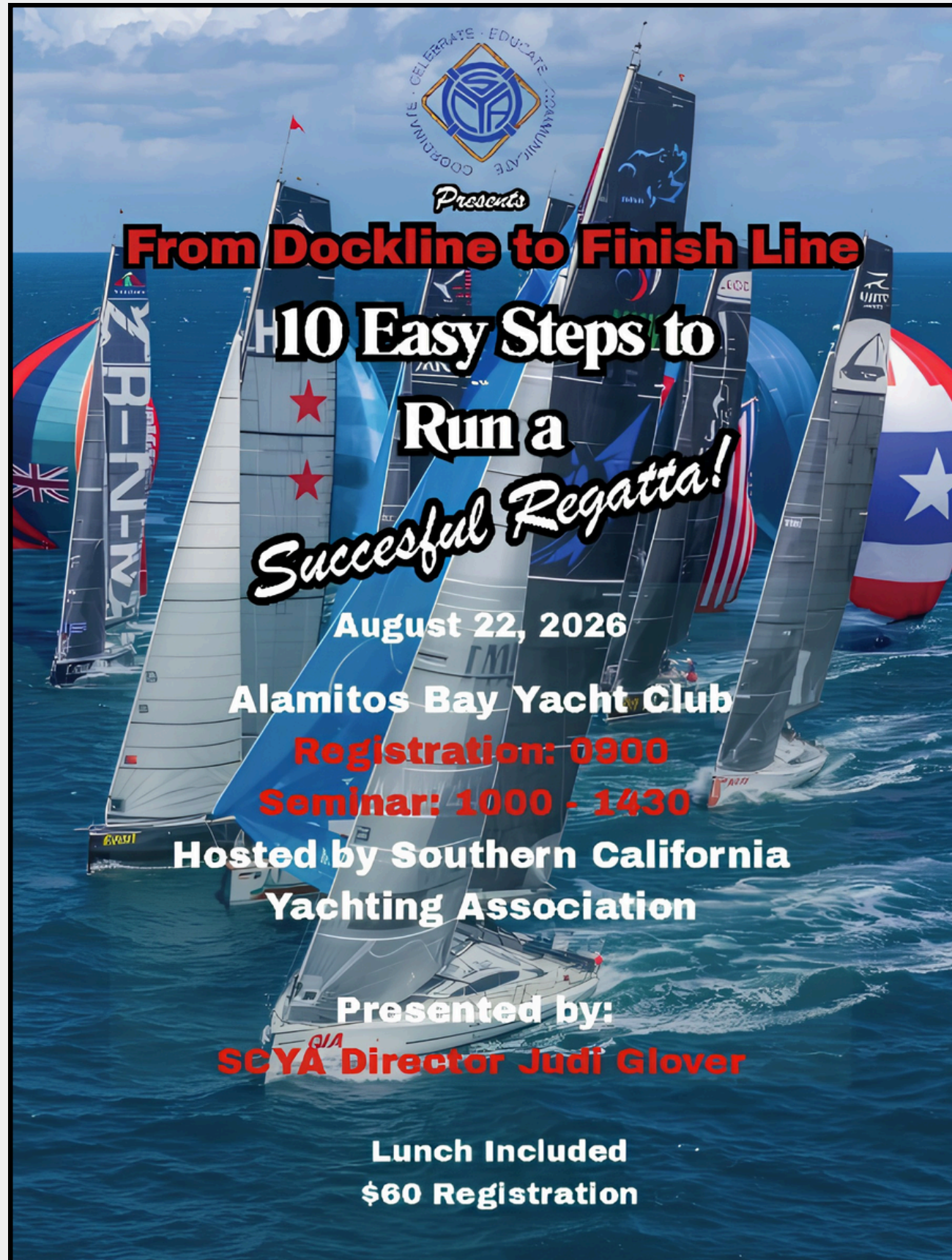
It only takes a few minutes to create a float plan, but it can make a lifesaving difference. It's a basic precaution every boater should use before heading out on the water.

*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:



From Dockline to Finish Line
10 Easy Steps to
Run a
Successful Regatta!

August 22, 2026
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Registration: 0900
Seminar: 1000 - 1430
Hosted by Southern California
Yachting Association
Presented by:
SCYA Director Judi Glover
Lunch Included
\$60 Registration

DEL MAR MARINA, OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92054, UNITED STATES



YOUTH AWARD



APRIL-JUN 2026

This award is available to any boy or girl who shows that they have an interest in the Camp Pendleton sailing program.

- Any boy or girl who is qualified to use Del Mar Marina and Camp Pendleton facilities.
- Who is younger than 23 years old by December 31 of the year of the application.
- Submit the application no later than November 1.

The application is available on our website on the "Forms & Downloads" page, or you can scan the QR code here.



General Membership Meeting

NOMINATIONS

Bring your nominations for the upcoming
2027 Board & Directors election

Sunday, August 23rd - 1:00 pm
SMYC Clubhouse, Del Mar Marina

BBQ - burgers and dogs provided.
Please bring your favorite
side dish or dessert to share.



Resources and Reminders:



2026 Classes & Cruises

JUNE 17, 18, 19 & 24, 25, 26; JULY 8, 9, 10 & 22
AUG 5, 6, 7 & 12, 13, 14

YOUTH SAILING

\$200 - 3 DAY COURSE, RS TERRA

JAN 10, 11, 18; FEB 7, 8, 15; MAR 7, 8, 15; APR 4, 5, 12;
MAY 2, 3, 10; JUNE 6, 7, 14; JUL 11, 12, 19; AUG 1, 2, 9;
SEPT 5, 6, 13; OCT 3, 4, 11; NOV 7, 8, 15; DEC 5, 6, 13

LEARN TO SAIL

\$300 - 3 DAY COURSE, 16.5 CAPRI

JAN 17-18, 25; FEB 14-15, 22; MAR 14-15, 22; APR 18-19, 26;
MAY 16-17, 24; JUN 20-21, 28; JUL 18-19, 26; AUG 22-23, 30;
SEP 19-20, 27; OCT 17-18, 25; NOV 14-15, 22; DEC 12-13, 20

KEELBOAT & CRUISING

\$375- 3 DAY COURSE, CATALINA 22'

FEB 27-28; APR 25-26; JUN 27-28; AUG 22-23
OCT 24-25

ADVANCED SEAMANSHIP

\$200- 2 DAY COURSE, CATALINA 25'/27'

JAN 18, MAR 15,
MAY 10, JUL 12,
SEP 13, NOV 15

SPINNAKER CLINIC

\$40, 1 DAY COURSE,
CATALINA 25'/27'

TBD

CELESTIAL NAVIGATION

\$50, 1.5 DAY COURSE

CRUISES

FEB 27-MAR 2 CATALINA
APR 18, 19 DANA POINT
MAY 23, 24, 25 GLOBETTA
BAY, SAN DIEGO
AUG 15, 16 DANA POINT
OCT 10, 11, 12 CATALINA
DAY RATE X2 + \$20
OVERNIGHT FEE

SUMMER RACE SERIES - WEDNESDAYS @ 1200 - JUNE 24 - AUG 12 CAPRI \$30 (\$180 SERIES), RS TERRA \$15 (\$90 SERIES) EASTER KAYAK EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 18 - HALLOWEEN EVENT SATURDAY, OCT 24



SMALL SAILBOAT RACING SCHEDULE 2026

Racing Series

- March 21
- April 18
- May 23
- June 27
- July 25
- August 22
- September 19
- October 24

OORAH! Regatta

- November 14



LETTER FROM THE GUEST EDITOR

Dear Readers,

It's hard to believe we're into summer routines at the Yacht Club already. The photos submitted show a nice range of events, to include the rainy Opening Day! Thank you for sending those in - and for all who have worked to make those happen.

I've been enjoying working on racing skills with We Be Jammin' - we've been learning to work together as a team, to rig and trim the spinnaker even for short race legs, and to improve our start timing. It's been fun to see the focus show in our race results! I was sad to have to miss the Women 4 Women Regatta, but have loved learning in the coastal series and the twilight series with John. We've even seen some wildlife - most recently a shark and a Mola Mola on the race down from Dana Point. I'm only sad that I haven't made it to the small boat races yet this spring, we have missed doing those!

I love hearing of upcoming events and cruises, and look forward to hopefully joining in for some of those.

Thanks for letting me take the helm for the issue, and I can't wait to see everyone out on the water soon!

Sincerely,
Emery Halfpap
Guest Editor
Youth Sailor with SMYC



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

**Email Jessica at:
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**<https://santamargaritayachtclub.com>
for additional club resources and information.**

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