

THE ANCHORLINE

Santa Margarita Yacht Club



Greetings SMYC Members, I am very happy to see 2026 off to a great start and our club's calendar being filled with lots of activities on the water. I'm hoping to see everyone at all the upcoming events that draw your interest and even submit new ideas!

Thank you to all who attended our February kickoff party. We were honored to have Andy Hill from the USS Midway Foundation to tell us all about the Midway's "Surprises, Milestones, and Disasters."

Our racing season started with an educational seminar and the first of eight small boat races. A huge shout-out to Race Committee Chair Kurt Bown, John Bottema, and all volunteers for all the you do each and every race event! Racing is a great way to sharpen your sailing skills in a fun, competitive setting.

Cruise Chair Tom Nelson organized a very successful sail to Catalina in conjunction with the Del Mar Marina. We learned during the sail the Director AJ Saucedo was to be deployed, and we wish him well and safe return.

Social events are in full swing, with Director James Johnson once again leading the way. We had a great time in 2025 so we're doing it again at Adobe Hill Winery with future events in the works, so be sure to check the website for updates.

Finally, join us at 10am on April 12th at Oceanside Yacht Club for our 51st Opening Day Ceremony! It will be a blast, and I am looking forward to celebrating with all of you.

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:

MAY 7TH, JUN 4TH, JUL 2ND

7PM-8:30PM AT SMYC CLUBHOUSE

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP WITH
OPENING DAY!

SAVE THE DATE:

CRUISE TO DANA POINT

APRIL 25-26 - START AT DEL MAR MARINA

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT TOM NELSON

SAVE THE DATE:

SMYC OPENING DAY

APR 12, REGISTRATION AT 9:30, CEREMONY AT 10

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APR
12

SMYC OPENING DAY
CHECK IN 9:30AM, CEREMONY AT 10
OCEANSIDE YACHT CLUB
1950 N HARBOR DR

APR
18

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

APR
25

ADOBE HILL WINERY SOCIAL
1PM-3PM
FOR INFO, CONTACT LEE TRUENOW
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MAY
23

SMALL BOAT RACING SERIES #3
10AM-2PM
RACES BEGIN AT 10:45
DEL MAR MARINA

MAY
30

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
4PM-7PM
BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE
SMYC CLUBHOUSE

RECAP

Feb 1st Kick Off Party

JAN-MAR 2026



RECAP

Small Boat Racing Series #1



Had a great first race for our Small Boat Race Series. We had an RS Tera fleet and a Capri fleet.

Congrats everyone, and hope to see y'all on April 18th!



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Man Overboard Drills:

This is a brief overview of man overboard (MOB) drills on sailboats, as they are one of the most important safety practices onboard

MOB DRILLS PREPARE CREWS TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN AN EMERGENCY:

Step 1: Immediate Recognition

Anyone who sees the incident should shout “man overboard!” and maintain constant visual contact. A designated spotter should continuously point at the person in the water to guide the helmsman.

Step 1b: Flotation Device

At the same time as step 1, a flotation device should be thrown toward the victim, and the MOB function on the GPS should be activated to mark the location. Quick action in these first moments is critical.

Boat Handling:

Boat handling is key during recovery. Common methods like the quick stop or figure-eight maneuver help to return to the victim while maintaining control. Approaching from downwind or down current allows for a safer pickup.

Regular Practice:

Regular practice builds confidence and coordination. Crews should rehearse roles and practice in different conditions. Recovery can be physically demanding, so equipment like ladders or slings are important.

Consistent MOB drills ensure the crew can act fast, work together, and save lives.

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!

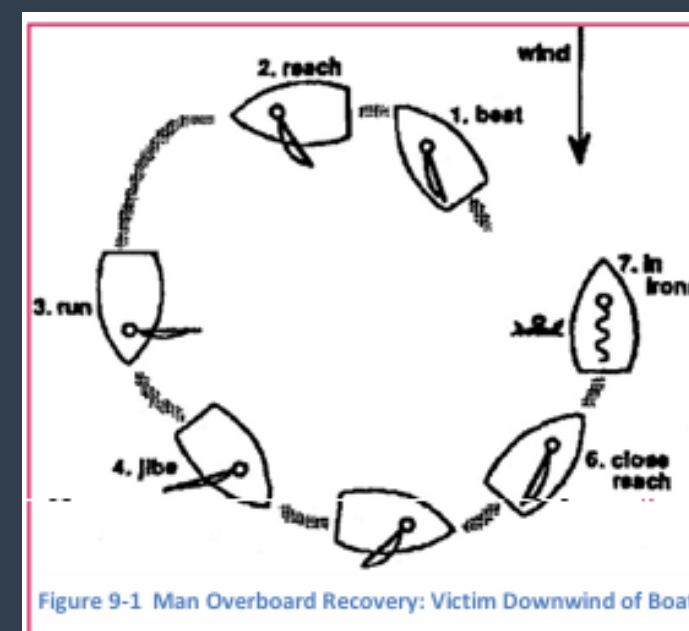


Figure 9-1 Man Overboard Recovery: Victim Downwind of Boat

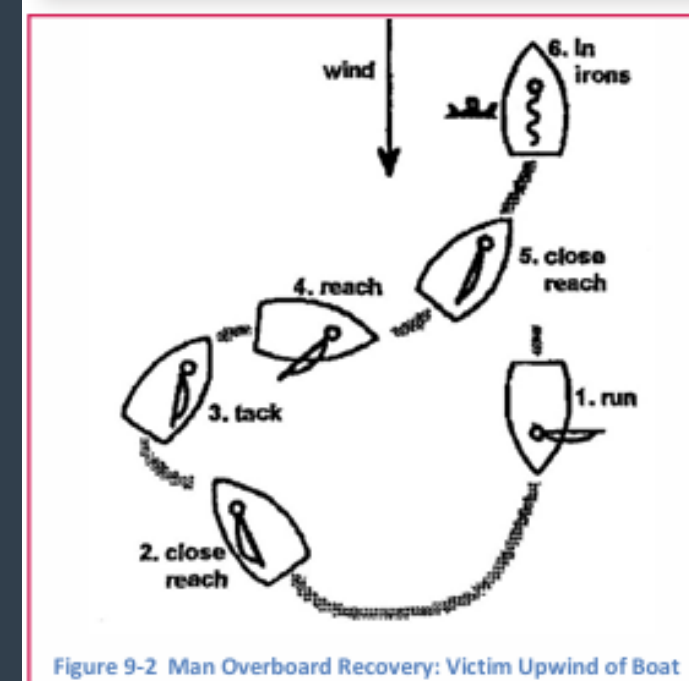


Figure 9-2 Man Overboard Recovery: Victim Upwind of Boat

Resources and Reminders:



Commodore Lee Truenow
and the Officers and Directors
of
Santa Margarita Yacht Club



Invite you and your guest to attend the
51st Opening Day Ceremonies
Sunday, April 12, 2026

Registration/Breakfast 9:30 am
Opening Ceremony 10:00am

RSVP Required to srodz@proton.me

Special Location - Oceanside Yacht Club
1950 Harbor Drive N, Oceanside, CA 92054

Dress - Yacht Club Casual or
Navy Blazer with White Pants/Skirt

Come out for some fun, relaxation, and enjoy
Adobe Hill estate-grown and produced wines with other
members of SMYC

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

40740 Via Ranchitos, Fallbrook, CA 92028

santamargaritayachtclub.com adobehillwinery.com

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

FREE Ages 7 and up
EGG-PHIBIOUS
KAYAK EGG HUNT



SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 10:30 - 2:00

SMYC will be supporting this event and request volunteers.
Please contact Lee Truenow at lee.truenow8365@gmail.com
or (719) 393-3302 for information and to volunteer



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'

<p>JAN 18, MAR 15, MAY 10, JUL 12, SEP 13, NOV 15</p> <p>SPINNAKER CLINIC</p> <p>\$40, 1 DAY COURSE, CATALINA 25'/27'</p>	<p>TBD</p> <p>CELESTIAL NAVIGATION</p> <p>\$50, 1.5 DAY COURSE</p>	<p>CRUISES</p> <p>FEB 27-MAR 2 CATALINA APR 18, 19 DANA POINT MAY 23, 24, 25 GLOBIETTA BAY, SAN DIEGO AUG 15, 16 DANA POINT</p> <p>OCT 10, 11, 12 CATALINA DAY RATE X2 + \$20 OVERNIGHT FEE</p>
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SUMMER RACE SERIES - WEDNESDAYS @ 1900 - JUNE 24 - AUG 12 CAPRI \$30 (\$180 SERIES), RS TERRA \$15 (\$90 SERIES) EASTER KAYAK EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 18 - HALLOWEEN EVENT SATURDAY, OCT 24

SANTA MARGARITA YACHT CLUB

SMALL SAILBOAT RACING SCHEDULE 2026

Racing Series

- March 21
- April 18
- May 23
- June 27
- July 25
- August 15
- September 19
- October 24

OORAH! Regatta

- November 14



LETTER FROM THE GUEST EDITOR

Dear Readers,

I am thrilled to be the guest editor again for this month's issue of the Anchorline! Thank you to everyone who submitted photos or notes, they are greatly appreciated. Being part of the SMYC has been such a fun and rewarding experience. It's hard not to love a community that's all about good times, learning (or teaching) new skills, and spending time out on the water.

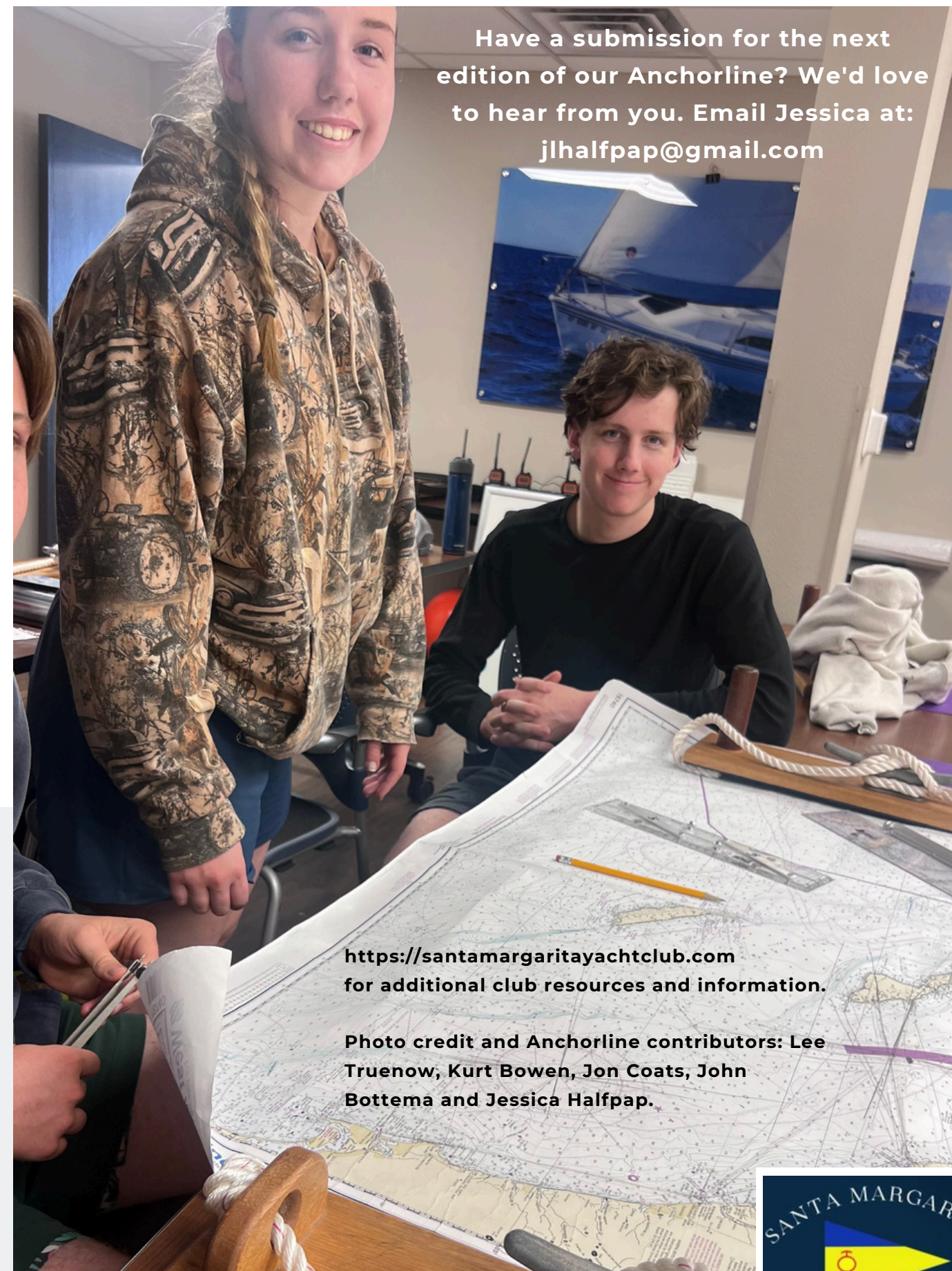
Lately I've been sailing with the We Be Jammin' crew, and am learning something new every time. My brothers and my mom and I just completed the keelboat class. It was enjoyable to take the course and learn together as a family, and I was especially grateful to have my scholarship from the yacht club to help pay for it - thank you! The class has helped me appreciate all the small details that go into smooth sailing.

What I love about the SMYC is how welcoming everyone is. Whether we're racing or just hanging out on the docks, there's always someone sharing advice, stories, or a beverage, with a smile.

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! Have something to share? Send us your story and photos for next quarter - hopefully we have some great sailing happening this spring and summer!

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



Have a submission for the next edition of our Anchorline? We'd love to hear from you. Email Jessica at: jlhalfpap@gmail.com

<https://santamargaritayachtclub.com>
 for additional club resources and information.

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