

THE ANCHORLINE

Santa Margarita Yacht Club



Congratulations to the Santa Margarita Yacht Club newly elected Bridge and Board members for 2025!

Elections for the 2025 positions were held during the general membership meeting on 19 October 2024 and electees were sworn in at the Change of Watch/Holiday Party at the Oceanside Broiler on 8 December 2024.

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, James Johnson,
Jon Coats, Patrick Murty, Michael Newburn

The Bridge and Board of Directors would like to thank all who served on the outgoing 2024 Bridge and Board, your dedication and hard work are what continues to keep Santa Margarita Yacht Club going strong.

Thank you

2024 Bridge and Board of Directors:

Commodore Ryan Ward
Vice Commodore Kiran Bisaccia
Rear Commodore Lee Truenow
Jr. Staff Commodore Robert Gonzales
Secretary Susan Rodriguez
Treasurer Lorrie Truenow

Directors: Kurt Bowen/Race Chair and Historian, Derrek Bond/Quartermaster, James Johnson/Social, Jon Coats/Safety and Education, Patrick Murty/Race Committee

And a special thank you to our Anchorline Editor in Chief Jessica Halfpap for her dedication in putting out this publication and showcasing all of our club updates and events!



YOUR UPCOMING SMYC EVENTS:



PREPARATIONS FOR OUR
SOTH ANNIVERSARY OPENING DAY
WILL BE UNDERWAY SOON, SEE A MEMBER
OF THE BOARD FOR WAYS TO JOIN IN!

BRIDGE AND BOARD MEETINGS ARE
GENERALLY HELD THE 1ST THURSDAY OF
EVERY MONTH.

JAN
9

BRIDGE AND BOARD MEETING
7-8:30PM
SMYC CLUBHOUSE

JAN
26

KICKOFF PARTY (TENTATIVE)
1-4PM
DETAILS TBD

JAN
31

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE
SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS
SANTAMARGARITAYACHTCLUB.COM

APR
6

SOTH ANNIVERSARY OPENING DAY!
9:30-11:00AM
DEL MAR MARINA

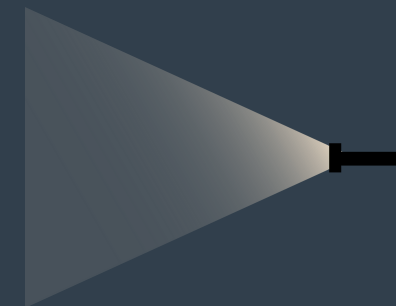
EDUCATION AND SAFETY

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!

Five Navigation Lights For Your Boat



Navigation lights on your boat serve three purposes:

- **Alert** other boats of your presence and relative location.
- **Tell** other boats something about your vessel's size, speed, course, and type (sail or power).
- **Enable** you to apply the Navigation Rules properly.

If you operate your boat at night, you should know what the various lights signify, especially on tugs, barges, and large vessels. You are required to equip your boat with the correct navigation lights. You also must display them when operating between sunset and sunrise and during periods of reduced visibility. Lights that satisfy the International Rules also meet Inland Rules requirements.

Types of navigation lights:

There are five types of vessel navigational lights. The distance at which the lights must be visible varies with the length of the boat.

1. **Masthead lights** are white lights placed over the vessel's fore and aft centerline. Unbroken over a 225-degree arc of the horizon, the light shows from dead ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft the beam (behind the beam) on either side of the vessel. Masthead lights are used only when a boat is under power. Vessels less than 12 meters (39 feet) in length may combine the masthead light with the stern light to provide 360-degree visibility.
2. **All-around lights** are visible 360 degrees around the horizon. They may be white, red, green or yellow, depending on their purpose.
3. **Side lights** are a green light on the starboard side and a red light on the port side each showing an unbroken light over a 112.5-degree arc of the horizon and fixed to show the light from dead ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on its respective side. On boats less than 20 meters (65 feet) long, the sidelights can be combined in one lantern (combination light) carried on the vessel's fore and aft centerline.
4. **Stern lights** are white lights that shine 135 degrees aft (67.5 degrees from directly astern and to each side of the vessel). When you see the stern light of another vessel, you will not see its sidelights or masthead light.
5. **Towing lights** are yellow lights with the same characteristics as stern lights mounted at the stern on towing vessels. A towing vessel is a power-driven vessel towing something astern, alongside or pushing ahead.

Reprint with permission from: Bob Simons bob.calusa@gmail.com

RECAP

SMYC Racing:
Fall Racing Series
Sept-Oct 2024



RECAP

SMYC Racing: Fall Racing Series Sept-Oct 2024

SEPT-DEC 2024



DEL MAR MARINA, OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92054, UNITED STATES



RECAP

SMYC Racing: Oorah Regatta Nov 2024

A close race ending in a tough loss of the Oorah Regatta trophy to our Long Beach friends. Nice sailing, all. Next year we get that trophy back, SMYC!



RECAP

SMYC Racing: Frostbite Regatta, Dec 2024



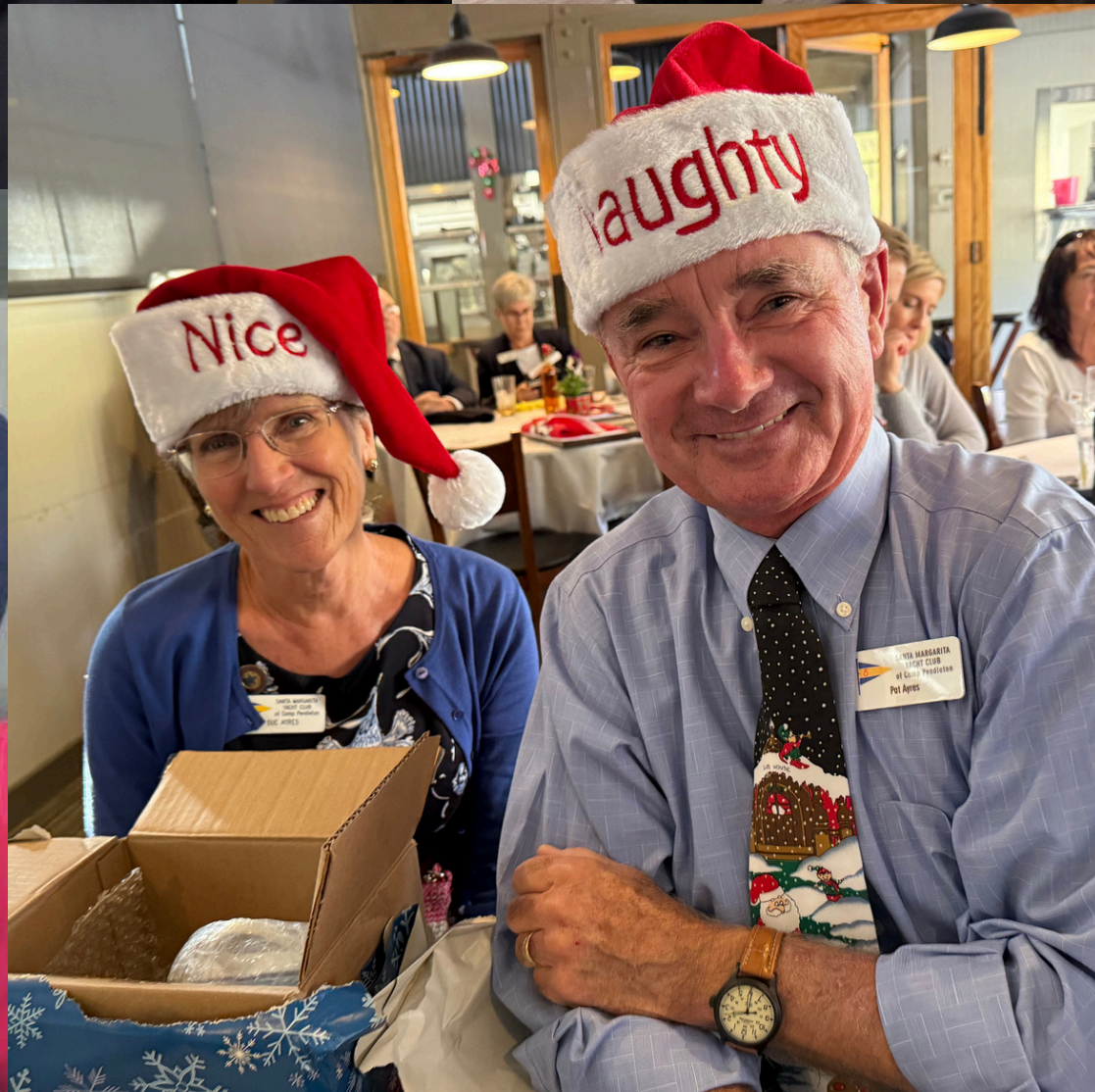
RECAP

Change of Watch, Dec 2024

Annual Change of Watch and Holiday Party,
held at the Oceanside Broiler.

Thank you, volunteers!





RECAP



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year, Santa Margarita Yacht Club!

There were a few events over the course of the fall to make it into this year-end edition. We wrapped up a shortened smallboat race series with a great turnout to complete races 2-4. In November we hosted our annual Oorah Regatta, and in early December we finished our race season with the Frostbite Regatta. Wrapping up the year was our annual Change of Watch and Holiday Party. Thank you to all who sent photographs in of the wins, losses, and general shenanigans, and to all who put in the planning efforts (and the baking and BBQing!) to make these events a success.

Congratulations to our new Board and Bridge. They are already at work on the calendar for 2025, beginning with the kick-off party later this month. Watch the website for updated details, and to pay those membership dues (due Jan 31st). If you'd like to be involved with the behind-the-scenes of our upcoming events this year, please do reach out. Bridge and Board meetings are open to all, and there's plenty of work to be done to keep this little corner of serving our military, veterans, and their families, running well. What a lovely way to give back, dockside!

Of special note for this year, on April 6th we will celebrate our SMYC 50th Anniversary Opening Day. Will you join us?

Hope to see you soon.

Warmly, (unless we're racing - then all bets are off)
Jessica & crew



Have a submission for the January-March 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.

Thank you to our Anchorline photo contributors: Jon, Patrick, Lorrie, Jessica, and Kiran.

