



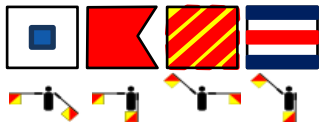
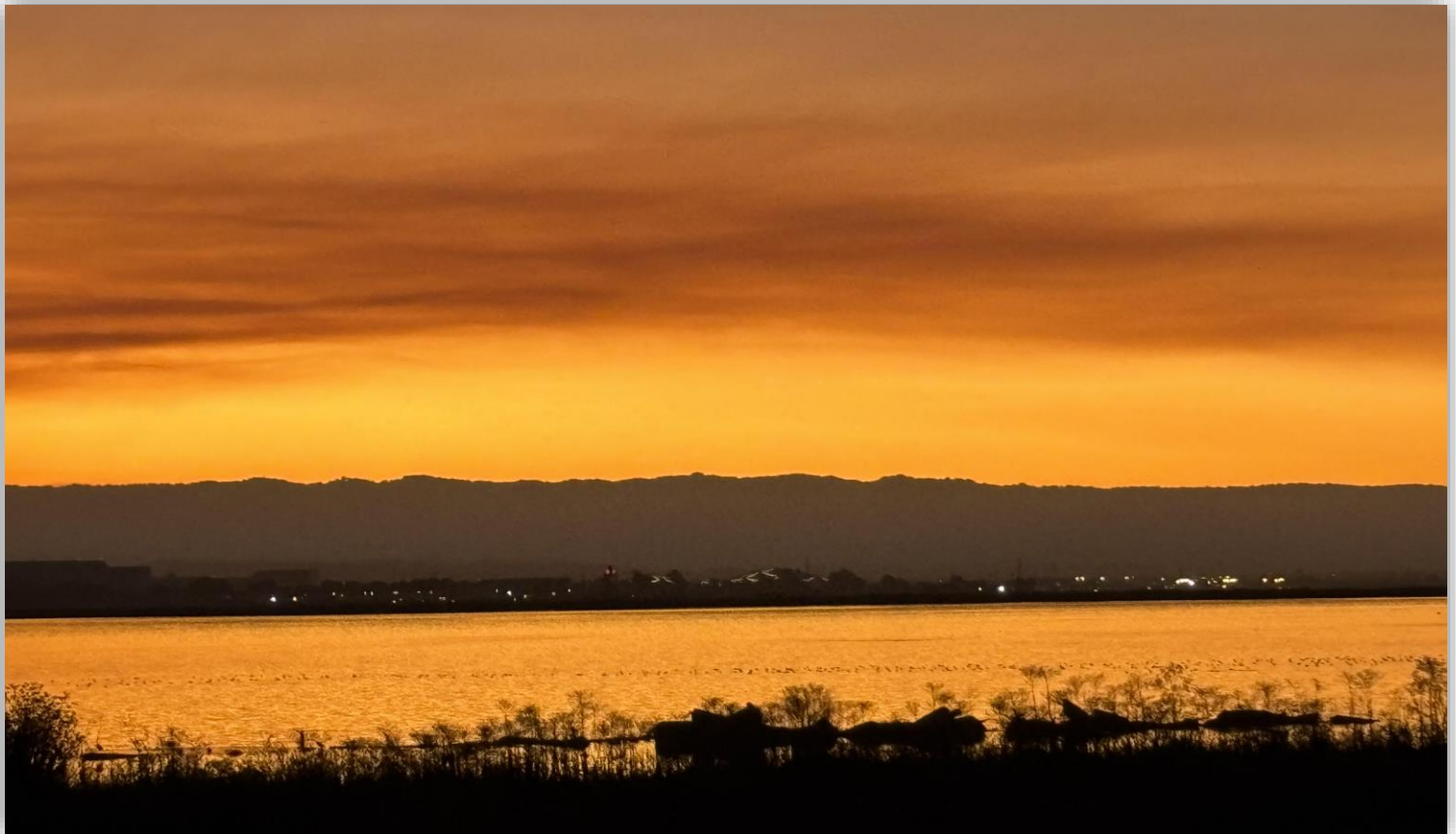
The South Bay Yacht Club

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February 2025



2025 Board of Directors

Commodore: **Lisa Bickford**
Vice Commodore: **Earl Jensen**
Treasurer: **Jim Reid**
Secretary: **Sheila Tost**
Director: **Roy Hays**
Director: **Shirley Reekie**
Port Captain: **Bart Laine**

Thursday, February 13, 2025

6pm Board Meeting

7pm Member Meeting

Please attend!



Club Calendar – *What's Ahead*

Every month:

- **Saturday Kayak Krew**, 1st Saturday 8am -12pm
- **Sea Scouts**, 2nd & 4th Saturdays 9:30am – 1pm
- **Thirsty Thursday**, 3rd Thursday 6pm - 9pm
- **Friday with Friends**. Final Friday 5pm - 9pm
- **Work Parties**: Every Wednesday 9:30am – 12:30pm and monthly on the Fourth Saturday 9am - 12pm

February

8/Sat **Spaghetti Feed, 4pm – 10pm**

9/Sun **Super Bowl Watch Party, 1pm**

13/Thurs **SBYC Monthly Meeting
Board 6pm, Club 7pm**



See the full
annual calendar
on the Club
website.

Watch for emails
with event details
and registration
links.

March

1/Sat **Crab Feed**

13/Thurs **SBYC Monthly Meeting
Board 6pm, Club 7pm**

15/Sat **St. Patrick's Day Party**

February is Hoppin'!

SOUTH BAY YACHT CLUB

SPAGHETTI
Dinner



\$15/Adult
Kids <18 FREE

Saturday, February 8, 2025
4pm-10pm
Dinner includes Spaghetti,
Bread, Salad, Dessert

1491 Hope St, San Jose
Tickets: southbayyachtclub.org/events



SOUTH BAY YACHT CLUB

PARTY
SUPER BOWL LIX



Bring Your Own Meat BBQ
No Host Bar

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9th, 2025 = 1:00 PM to GAME OVER

Bring Friends! **FREE!**

SOUTH BAY YACHT CLUB
1491 Hope Street, San Jose, CA

Free Admission - Free Parking
Watch the Game on the Club's Big Screen TV
Bring your own meat to BBQ – Bring snacks to share
No Host Bar

Kickoff 3:30PM

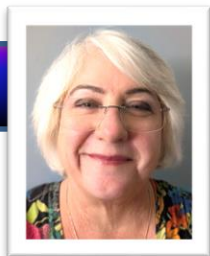
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Welcome New Members!



SBYC Secretary Sheila Tost welcomes new members Alexanda Maddison and Martin Gooch with Commodore Lisa Bickford at the January 9th board meeting. Welcome aboard!!



Commodore's Corner

Lisa Bickford, Commodore lisabickford@gmail.com

Is it Spring yet?

I don't know about you, but I'm ready for Spring already! After a quiet holiday season, we've hit the ground running in 2025. We got our concrete poured in the storage yard, a good cleaning of the clubhouse after the holiday decorations were put away, and we have a club calendar for 2025 with something for everyone to enjoy.

At the January Board meeting we discussed our Committee structure and assigned a Board member to be the liaison to each Committee Chair so that Board members can report monthly on Committee progress and any issues/concerns/questions. If you have not yet joined a committee for our club, consider one of these:

Bar Evan von Kugelgen	Galley Gillian Tyndall	House & Grounds Sharon Coate	Storage Yard Samuel Leyva
Barn Dean McCully	Membership & Newsletter Mallory von Kugelgen	Fleet Shirley Reekie	Audit Jeff Barnes
History Edwin El-Kareh	Rentals Roy Hays	Port Bart Laine	Nominating Sharon Coate Diane Suan Gillian Tyndall
Events & Activities Meg Taylor			

I would like to invite every club member to get involved with our club in some way. Choose a committee, come to an event, come kayaking on first Saturday, initiate an activity of your own like a walk along the slough or a trip to another yacht club as a group.

The Board will be meeting on Wednesday, February 5, in a closed session to plan for 2025 and discuss club operations. If you have any input, please provide it to me or a Board member of your choice before then.

Next up, please RSVP for our Saturday, February 8 Spaghetti Feed on our website at southbayyachtclub.org/events. We will need all hands on deck for Saturday, March 1 for our Annual Crab Feed. Mark your calendar and come help!

~ Commodore Lisa

Sea Scouts

Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SBYC Board Member



300

Sea Scout Ship 300, a charter of the SBYC

January activities included fishing from the Capitola Pier early in the month.

Most recently, we were motor boating and kayaking on Alviso Slough where Sea Scouts practiced driving and docking the Boston Whaler. We welcomed a new Sea Scout, Friday, to our Ship this past meeting and there was again a good turn out: 8 current Sea Scouts, 2 “honorary” Sea Scouts and our newest member.



Sea Scout visit to the
USS Hornet on
December 28

Next month's activities include the annual swim test, rowing a whaleboat, and a visit to CSU Maritime.

For more info on Ship 300, please contact either Skipper Shirley Reekie (kayakrowsail@gmail.com) or Committee Chair Lisa Bickford (lisabickford@gmail.com)



PICYA & Regional News

Tim Ellenberger t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

Ahoy and thanks for stopping by Cap'n Tim's Dock. I've been sitting topside and spinning a yarn or two with our friends from the PICYA and RBOC. Here is what's been whistling in the wind for SBYC.

PICYA (Pacific Inter Club Yachting Association)

As we sail into February, we can look back a bit and find the great memories of the 33rd Annual PICYA Commodore's Ball floating happily in our wake. The Ball was held on Saturday, January 25th at the Sequoia Yacht Club. Sequoia was the perfect location, as long-time member David Jackson is the new 2025 Commodore of the PICYA. Congratulations, David!



Next up on the PICYA calendar is the February 2nd Delegates Brunch Meeting at the South Beach Yacht Club. All are invited to attend, and registrations can be made through the PICYA website. A note, the PICYA has changed the look of its website and a visit to PICYA.org will introduce you to its friendly new interface. A prominent feature is a link to the PICYA Navigator newsletter, which is now being published quarterly. A look there is an easy way to see what's going on for recreational boaters around the Bay

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

The RBOC has been our primary legislative representative for many years. Upcoming is the 2025 California Boater's Congress, May 27-28 in Sacramento. This event, co-sponsored by the RBOC and Boat US, reviews issues of importance to boaters and gathers input towards the formation of the RBOC's legislative agenda.

COTY (Club of the Year Competition)

SBYC is cruising ahead into the 2025 boating year and the annual COTY interclub competition. We will soon be submitting our annual PICYA Yearbook data and making our supportive donations to the RBOC and the PICYA. The new COTY year began on October 15th, and we already are posting points!

There you have it SBYC... as always; we're the FUN club!



Safety Officer's Report

Tim Ellenberger t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

The Safety Corner by Lu Abel

Loops

One of the passengers on the powerboat shared this eye-witness account the next day on the Club Sea Ray forum: "Yesterday, I was passenger on a 34' fishing charter out the eastern shore of Maryland. We had fished all morning and by noon we headed in. It was a brand new boat, first trip out. Six passengers plus the Captain.



"We were underway for about 10 minutes, and I estimate our speed was around 30 knots. Visibility was unlimited. Most of the passengers were hanging out enjoying the ride, and no one was really paying attention to the situation on the water.

"I was on a port side bench seat, looking toward the stern. Suddenly, a guy yells "WATCH OUT!!!" I spun around to look forward and all I saw was white sail through the windshield. "Then impact! We T-boned a sailboat with two guys in the cockpit. We were thrown to the deck. Now we are on top of the sailboat. "Our captain was kind of dazed so being an experienced boater, I first told everyone to grab a life vest. We did a head count and injury check and nothing serious beyond cuts, scrapes, and bruises. I could not tell what was happening on the sailboat. I turned on the marine radio and Mayday'd. CG answers and I give GPS coordinates. The guys in the sailboat are shaken up but OK (everyone was shaken up but no panic).

"So now we are sitting up on top of the sailboat, with our stern close to being swamped. I found the bilge pump switch and turned it on to "auto" but it did not appear to be working. Switch to manual mode and it started pumping water overboard. The switch set up required that you hold the switch down for the pump to work.

"I'm at the helm holding this fricking switch down, dangerously close to swamping, and I'm thinking if we swamp, I'm going to be trapped in the cockpit with no way out. It was dicey at that point. 'CG arrives about 15 minutes later and transfers the sail boaters to another boat, then they start to transfer the six passengers from the charter to another boat. I have to admit that the CG did an awesome job. The CG actually went back to the charter boat and retrieved our coolers!! DNR, Marine Police, Fire Boats, Tow Boats, we had 'em all. I was kind of surprised that only one boater offered assistance.

"So, as far as I know, no serious injuries. It could have been a whole lot worse. For the life of me, I cannot understand how this happened. Broad daylight, Captain was not drinking, etc. One guy said that he thought the sailboat changed tack. I guess my big lesson is: Stay far away from all other boats because you don't know what they might do. "I'm sharing this story reluctantly since the Captain is a good guy, but it's all over the news anyway. As a Captain of your vessel, be alert at all times. Don't put yourself in a situation too close to other boats. As a passenger, be a second set of eyes for the Captain. Give wide berth to other vessels. "Stuff happens fast. I have this anxiety right now about boating, but I'm going to go down to my 27' Sun Dancer and do some maintenance work. I'm sure I'll get over it but I'll not forget yesterday."

Yachty Things

Naughty Cal Corner

By Wind Lass

Is it right or left?

One of the many reasons contributing to the *Titanic* disaster, was a misinterpretation of the last-minute order to alter course.

When the iceberg was at last spotted a couple of miles away, the order was given “Hard a starboard!” Under the old system of orders, derived from when a steering tiller was used, putting a tiller hard over on the starboard (right) side would have caused the ship to turn to port/left and this is what the Quartermaster at first did, forgetting the new system.

Under this new system, still in use today, “Hard a starboard!” meant to turn a wheel hard to starboard, causing the ship to veer to starboard. When learning to sail a small tiller-steered boat, one minutes, remember that putting the tiller to starboard causes the boat to turn to port and vice versa, and here’s why: when the tiller is to starboard, the flow of water past the rudder causes a turn to port.

It may seem strange for the first few minutes, but a new sailor soon gets used to it.

We hope to start offering sailing lessons (to members only, and for a small fee payable to SBYC) starting in the spring using Sunfish dinghies, when the tide/current are favorable.



Sunfish dinghies

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Rent the historic South Bay Yacht Club for your next corporate or personal event. This relaxed, rustic location accommodates up to 96 guests. Rental rates are negotiable. A signed Usage Agreement is required for all uses of the Club. Contact the Club Rental Manager at sbyc.alviso@gmail.com



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