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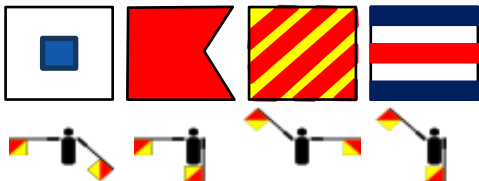
Slough News

www.southbayyachtclub.org

April 2025

**Thursday
April 10, 2025**

**6pm Board Meeting
7pm Member Meeting
Please join us!**



At The Top of the Stairs

One day before the Worm Moon & the lunar eclipse, seen after the March 13 Board & Club meetings. Come to the meeting in April ~ don't miss moments like this!

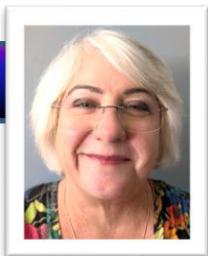


If you're looking for more shenanigans and blarney after our St. Paddy's Day party, you won't want to miss **Burgers & Bingo!** RSVP now at www.southbayyachtclub.org or use the flyer's QR code to access the registration page.

**SOUTH BAY YACHT CLUB
BURGERS
& BINGO**

11	18	39	57	75
6	25	Adults Only	55	71
\$20	16	ONE CARD ONE DOLLAR	47	
5	30	34	53	74
26	BIG PRIZES	46	63	

RSVP: southbayyachtclub.org/events
Saturday April 12, 2025 4-9pm
1491 Hope St., Alviso



Commodore's Corner

Lisa Bickford, Commodore lisabickford@gmail.com

Amazing that it is April already! This year is flying by. Yesterday I had the pleasure of meeting with fellow commodores and other leaders at the annual PICYA Leadership Conference. We talked about how to invite more of our community to our yacht club, and how to increase membership. We also talked about events and activities that we could share with other yacht clubs in our area. I met the commodore from the Los Gatos Yacht Club and invited them to our upcoming **Opening Day on the South Bay on May 24**. If you haven't already marked your calendar, please plan to come out for our Parade of Boats, Rubber Duckie Race, a Gin Fizz at the bar, and some fun on the water.



Members Tim
Ellenberger and Gus
Meyner



Ideas for sailboat and kayak storage and better
usage at our docks.



Los Gatos Yacht Club
~ Lauren Schenck

For April, we have a lot of fun coming up, so find some time to come out and join us! First up is **First Saturday Kayaking** where I hope to be back in my boat paddling. Next up is **Burgers and Bingo**, always a fun time, and don't forget our regular **Board and Club meetings**!

I want to take a moment to thank Sharon Coate and the **Wednesday Work Party Crew** (Barry, Kelly, Evan, Dean, Shirley, and Roy) for the amazing job they are doing painting the stairwell and second floor, and power washing the patio! It is really looking great and I invite everyone to come see their handiwork! Thank you to Gill Tyndall for supporting our first very organized **Saturday Work Party** on March 22. I'm sorry I couldn't be more help!

I'm still looking for help with our **Speaker Series**. If anyone has ideas on a speaker or two, please talk to me so we can coordinate some speakers for our club!

I hope to see you soon around the clubhouse or on the water!



~ Commodore Lisa

Club Calendar – *What's Ahead*

Every month:

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

April

10/Thurs SBYC Monthly Meeting
Board 6pm, Club 7pm

12/Sat Burgers & Bingo 4pm – 9pm

See the full
calendar on the
Club website.

Watch for emails
with event details
and registration
links.

May

8/Thurs SBYC Monthly Meeting
Board 6pm, Club 7pm

17/Sat National River Clean-up

24//Sat Opening Day on the
South Bay 10:30am



June

12/Thurs SBYC Monthly Meeting
Board 6pm, Club 7pm

14/Sat Renaissance Faire
3pm – 7pm

Coming Up!

**We are registered for this year's
National River Clean Up Day**
Saturday, May 17 ~ 9am – 12pm

20 volunteers are needed to help keep our
Guadalupe River clean for safe and pleasurable
boating. Many hands make light work!

RSVP via the Eventbrite link available soon.

Please meet at the Club, ready to go by 9am.
Supplies are provided. Be sure to come prepared: closed toed shoes, layers, hat, sunglasses, and
sunscreen.

Many thanks to Samuel Levya for coordinating!



Welcome, New Members!



**So happy to have you
join us!**

(Left to right)
Darrell Lefler,
Kelly Moyer, and
Commodore Lisa Bickford

Do you know someone who would enjoy being a SBYC member?

Invite them to be a guest at some of our many events and activities! If they decide we're a good
match for their interests and talents, contact Mallory von Kugelgen (408) 813-3677
malloryvk@gmail.com for "next steps."

Or if you've been a sponsor before, there are blank applications on the club bulletin board and a
pocket to put a completed form in. Just let Mallory know there is a pending application and she'll take
it from there. Thanks!

Sea Scouts

Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SBYC Board Member



300

Sea Scout Ship 300, a charter of the SBYC

Our Sea Scout Ship's two outings this month were kayaking on the slough on March 8, when we welcomed new potential members and camping at Del Valle this past weekend. Notice the connecting theme of most of the photographs?!



In addition to eating, some of the group went fishing and others went on a boat ride. With the weather getting warmer, our next outing is planned for sailing Sunfish dinghies at Vasona Reservoir.

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

There May Have Been Leprechauns....





House & Grounds

Earl Jensen, Vice Commodore

Earl_jensen@comcast.net

The doldrums of winter are almost gone. Well, except for a few lingering showers. Soon enough we 'll have May flowers. Put on your raincoat and enjoy it.

For some business: It's time to revisit email etiquette.

The Golden Rules of Electronic Communication

Anna Post (spokesperson for the Emily Post Institute) put it this way: "Technology and etiquette have a fascinating intersection. Etiquette lets people know how to act in common, and sometimes uncommon situations, and how to expect others to react. But the pace of technology is blazingly fast and creates new situations daily. So, we have to apply a basic tenet of etiquette — be considerate of those around us — to constantly adapt to how we, as a society, want to use technology."

Here are the first three rules for good communication:

1. Don't "Reply to all".

Think about how many people there are on the general distribution list and if they really want to read a "Me too!" response that was really only meant for one person.

2. Look at your email a second time before you send.

We have all hit the "send" button prematurely and you can't take it back!

3. Make the "Subject" reflect the message and end your message with your name.

Don't make us guess who sent it based on the email address (for example realcoolguy@sbyc.com) and don't make us read a long message to figure out what it is about.



House and grounds:

Thank you to the many people helping out with the clubhouse to make operations move smoothly and in presentable condition. I ask the members who are not so involved with the day-to-day operations to make time to come check out the club while there are activities going on. There is a regular weekly crew on Wednesday mornings, so show up and see what these persons do. Who knows? Maybe there is something you can contribute.

We have had a rash of theft and vandalism at the Club. Most recently, theft and damage of our brand-new power meter and panel on the clubhouse. The month before that the panel on the levee pole was vandalized and the meter was stolen. Five minutes of misdeed caused thousands of dollars of damage and weeks of work for us, the members. Senseless. We reported it to PG&E and the police, and we are waiting for some action.

If you see or hear something, say something! I'm all ears.

Earl



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 this issue of the newsletter goes to press, the 2025 Spring Leadership Conference on March 29th at the Encinal Yacht Club is promising to have many interesting presentations, including one from the West Wright Potter's pocket sailors club. These little trailer-able boats are the stuff of legend and those looking to attend on behalf of SBYC will hear about the history of the club and their ongoing adventures. Our PICYA Delegate Gus Meyner is planning to attend, along with JoAnn Barr.

A reminder, the PICYA has changed the look of its website and a visit to PICYA.org will introduce you to its friendly new interface. Prominent new features include a yearly event calendar. A look there is an easy way to see what's going on for recreational boaters around the Bay. A glance at the new PICYA website will inform you about the SAIL GP races that were held on March 22nd and 23rd in San Francisco. This leg of the SAIL GP international calendar was run in high winds and choppy Bay waters. It was very exciting and well attended by enthusiastic shoreline viewers.

Its spring and that brings up the Opening Day on the Bay celebration and parade along the San Francisco waterfront. The date is Sunday, April 27th and our partner club, the San Jose Sailing Club, will be cruising into South Beach Harbor that weekend. Slips have been reserved for along B Dock and if you have a boat and would like to cruise in, contact Tim. They will be decorating our boats on Saturday the 26th for the parade and that evening a dinner will be held at the South Beach Yacht Club. You are invited to join the fun...again just let Tim know.

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.

In regard to RBOC input to the state legislature, there is a focus on maintaining access to copper containing bottom paints for recreational boats. At this time, some southern California marinas are scheduled to ban the application of these paints at a future time. There is concern over this ban and its possible expansion beyond the currently targeted southern California harbors.

COTY (Club of the Year Competition)

SBYC is cruising ahead into the 2025 boating year and the annual COTY interclub competition. The new COTY year began on October 15th and we already are posting points! The next opportunity for BIG COTY POINTS is coming up at the March 29th Spring Leadership Conference. Following up on that is the PICYA's April Delegates Meeting at the Village West Yacht Club in Stockton, which is also a COTY event. And wait, there's more... Opening Day on the Bay is on the COTY calendar, too, and you are invited to join in.

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

The Magnetic North Pole is Moving – Faster and Faster

By Lu Abel

As most of you likely know, the Magnetic North Pole is not coincident with the true Pole. For many years it was in northern Canada but no longer. The Magnetic Pole is moving towards Siberia and away from Canada at an ever-increasing rate. It has moved about 1000 miles towards the true pole since 1900. The Magnetic Pole is now east of the International Date Line. "It's like Canada and Siberia are in a giant tug-of-war and Siberia is winning!"

Why should we care? Because many of us have that old-fashioned thing called a magnetic compass aboard our boats. And to use it for navigation we need to know our local Magnetic Variation – the difference between True North and Magnetic North.

Okay, being off by a degree or so is likely no big deal since it's hard to steer a boat that accurately, but a larger change in variation could send one into the mudflats or a rock. Since the magnetic pole is (or at least was) in northern Canada, compasses on the West Coast point east of true north and, correspondingly, west of true north on the East Coast. But with the movement of Magnetic North towards the North Pole, magnetic variation has declined! Thirty years ago, variation in the Bay Area was around 16 degrees east but today it's slightly below 14 degrees.

Magnetic variation is a fact of life for a sailor but if you know the facts and adjust your course for deviation, you will be happy sailor – regardless of where your compass points!



Opening Day on the Bay ~ Sunday, April 27th You can still get tickets!

Our Club has a group attending, so join us on the official PICYA Committee Boat, the Cabernet Sauvignon. Boarding begins at 9am with departure at 9:30am. Return is at 2:45pm. Lunch is included, and parking is free.

For more information and to purchase tickets: www.picya.org

This San Francisco Bay tradition is organized by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA).

Contact Mallory von Kugelgen with questions
malloryvk@gmail.com

Naughty Cal Corner & Mardi Gras at Petaluma Yacht Club

By Wind Lass

Things to check before you go on the water:

1. Are you and all crew wearing an appropriate lifejacket (PFD) and is it properly adjusted?
2. Have you checked the weather forecast, especially what the strength and direction of the wind is likely to be?
3. If on tidal water, do you know when the next high/low tide is, how high/low it will be, and what that means for current direction?
4. Do you have with you some means of calling for help, if need be (marine radio, cell phone—which may or may not work if away from land)? Distress signals (flares, etc)?
5. Have you told someone where you are going and when you plan to return, so they can raise the alarm if you are overdue? First aid kit?
6. Do you have a throwable device in the boat? Bailer? Oars/paddles, if appropriate?
7. If appropriate, do you have an anchor, chain, and sufficient length of line?
8. If with an engine, do you have a fire extinguisher and is the battery charged?
9. If there is any chance you will be out after dark, do you have navigation lights or at minimum, a flashlight?
10. Do you have a boat plug and is it in place?!



**BRING YOUR KREWE TO THE
PETALUMA YACHT CLUB
MARDI GRAS THEMED CELEBRATION
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
MAY 22ND – 26TH**

LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROLLER – LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!
REGARDER THE REVELRY INCLUDED
FOR \$100 DOUBLOON DOLLARS PER PERSON!

- FLAMBEAUX BREAKFASTS ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY!
- FETE DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT ON SATURDAY NIGHT!
- BOURBON STREET DOCK COCKTAIL CONTEST
- MASQUERADE COSTUME CONTEST SATURDAY NIGHT!
- CARNIVAL GAME "FLOAT YOUR BOAT" ON SUNDAY!
- AND MORE IN THIS FAT TUESDAY THEMED CELEBRATION

**KREWE LEADERS – ASSEMBLE YOUR KINGS, QUEENS,
MAIDS & DUKES!**

RSVP AND PAY BY MAY 10TH, 2025 - USE THE QR CODE

QUESTIONS? EMAIL OUR KING CAKE COMMODORE:
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OR OUR CRUISE IN KREWE LEADER
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NOTE: The Petaluma Turning Basin received new docks opposite the turning basin from the PYC. The Small Craft Center was moved to PYC's side of the Turning Basin for this project. The Small Craft Center will remain in the middle of our dock until the City dredges the other side of the Turning Basin this coming fall. This year, some boats will have to dock on the other side of the Turning Basin and walk across the footbridge for festivities.

The Petaluma Yacht Club cordially invites us all to their Memorial Day Extravaganza - A Mardi Gras Themed Weekend - Thursday, May 22nd through Monday, May 26th.

More details at their website:

[Petaluma Yacht Club](https://www.petalumayachtclub.com)

You can also use the QR code on the flyer.

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Clubhouse Rentals

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

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