



The South Bay Yacht Club

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September Issue 2024

Board Meeting 6pm and General Meeting 7pm

Welcome back from the summer break!

Our next meeting is

Thursday, September 12th

In Person or on Zoom

Please come at 6pm to meet newly inducted members, learn about club business for the rest of the year, and see how you can contribute!

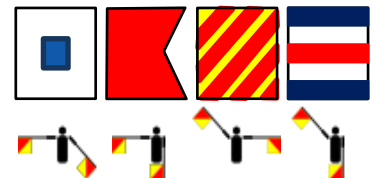


Upper Bay Yachtsman Cruise to SBYC 1913 – can you find this hanging in the club?

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Club Calendar – What's Ahead

Every month:

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

September

Sat, 7 Oyster Pirate Fest 4pm – 9pm
Thurs, 12 Board Meeting 6pm
Member Meeting 7pm
Sat, 28 Coastal Cleanup Day 9am-12pm

October

Thurs, 10 Board Meeting 6pm
Member Meeting 7pm
2024 BOD Nominations due
Sat, 12 Day on the Bay (tentative)*
Sun, 27 Sea Scouts Halloween Party
2pm – 7pm

November

**Thurs, 14 Annual Board Meeting and
Election of 2025 Officers 7pm**
Sat, 16 Commodores Dinner
Cocktails 5pm, Dinner 6pm
Fri, 29 Jingle Mingle Clubhouse
Decorating 5pm – 8pm

December

Sat, 7 Holiday Party
Cocktails 5pm, Dinner 6pm
Thurs, 12 Board Meeting 6pm
Member Meeting 7pm
Tues, 31 New Year's Eve at SBYC
4pm – 9pm



***Watch your email for party flyers with details about times and reservations.**



House & Grounds

Lisa Bickford, Vice Commodore lisabickford@gmail.com

Any issues, please contact Lisa 408-398-8398

Work Completed in August

- We were off in August, so not a lot was done
- CP Mentorship Summer Camp finished Fri, Aug 2.
 - Special thanks to everyone who helped clean and tidy!
- Plan for storage yard improvements and cleanup finalized



Work Planned for September

- Flag pole repairs
- Grounds cleanup continues
- Storage yard cleanup and improvements
- Storage yard fence repairs
- Barn organizing
- Weds Work Party fun – join us if you can 9am-12pm
- Tree removal at base of driveway
- New member badges
- Replace bar printer

Goals for rest of 2024:

- Storage yard ground cover & fence repairs
- House plumbing replacement – quotes in progress
- Barn organizing for use and storage
- Storage yard new contracts to all existing space renters
- Committee organization & 2025 planning

Sea Scouts

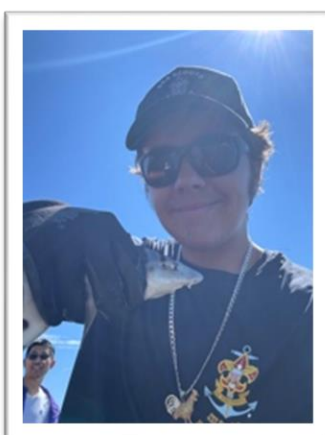
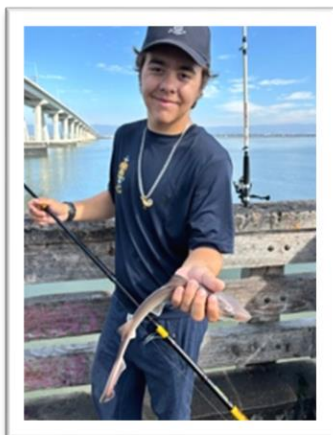
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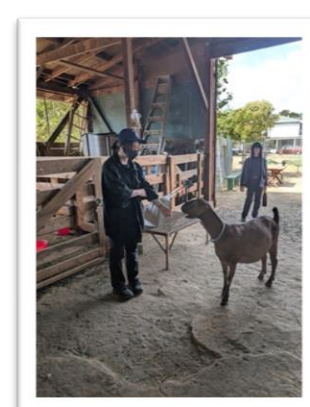
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Sea Scout Ship 300, a charter of the SBYC

Our Sea Scout Ship has certainly had variety in August. On August 10th, a group went fishing at Dumbarton Pier. Jason wrote: "Fishing was slow during the meeting unfortunately. Couple bites but no fish landed during the meeting. I happened to catch a shark right after the meeting." And here's the proof. It was this big didn't get away!



On Aug 24th we had a great turn out and welcomed new Sea Scouts to visit Homesteaders 4-H club to see the chickens, turkey, calves, rabbits, goats, bees, and assorted produce. Many Scouts are also 4-H'ers.



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

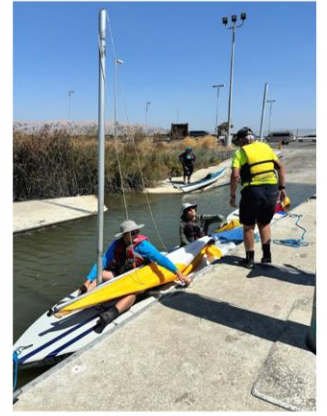
Sea Scouts

Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SBYC Board Member



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On August 31st, a small group of invited Sea Scouts who have sailed quite a bit, plus SBYC member Chris Stahl and friend Colin, sailed from Palo Alto Baylands to Alviso, a voyage of just over 9 miles. We rigged our boats as we waited for the tide to fill in the south bay and set off in little wind to tack along the channel into more open water. The breeze picked up steadily, as forecast, as we sped past seals off Calaveras Point and hung a right (OK, we gybed onto starboard as we turned to starboard) into Alviso Slough under the power lines. Chris and Colin sailed their Banshees, and Nathan and Jason, Lexi and Shirley, sailed in two Sunfish, all arriving at Alviso around 3 hours later. Thanks to Lisa for being the “Safety Boat” in her kayak (but no one got stuck on the mud), and to Chris for the idea: let’s make this the First Annual SBYC Sail In from Palo Alto.



Thank you also to those who made all the trips possible, especially while I was sailboat racing in the UK.





PICYA & Regional News

Tim Ellenberger t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

Ahoy and thanks for stopping by Cap'n Tim's Dock. Here is what's been whistling in the wind.

PICYA (Pacific Inter Club Yachting Association)

The September 9th **PICYA Delegates Dinner Meeting** will be held at the Westpoint Yacht Club's beautiful new clubhouse. For those who have yet to visit, it is a great venue and the sure-to-be-delicious dinner buffet will be a treat! Registrations can be made through the website PICYA.org. Our SBYC Delegates to the PICYA are Emmett Dingel, Gus Meyner, and Sheila Tost.

You are invited to join in on September 28th for **California Coastal Cleanup Day**. Watch for a flier for this 9 AM event at the clubhouse, dress casually and enjoy a walk along our levees and the slough...even more enjoyable after we help pickup after those who did not pickup after themselves.

On September 28th, the PICYA will be coordinating the **Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta**. This annual event is hosted by the Encinal Yacht Club and draws boats and volunteers from clubs throughout northern California to honor our military veterans with a day of fun on The Bay. Whether you register your boat or register as a shore volunteer, you will be giving back to those who have given so much of their lives for all of us. Please register at PICYA.org for this wonderful day...

Congratulations to those selected to receive PICYA Scholarships, announced at the August Delegates Meeting. Also announced were possible changes to the way the scholarship program is structured.

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

You may thank the RBOC in future years for the buoy lights and audible signals which guide you into California harbors and waterways at night or during inclement weather. The US Coast Guard is making preliminary plans to eliminate such guides to navigation, saying that in the age of GPS such aids are no longer needed. No matter how accurate GPS navigation is, on board devices are subject to failure and a visual or audible is essential to ensure safe passage. The ever-vigilant RBOC caught wind of this preliminary proposal in its early stages and is making all efforts to oppose it.

COTY (Club of the Year Competition)

It's been a fun boating year and as we move into fall, we also move towards the finish line of the 2024 COTY interclub competition. This friendly competition encourages PICYA member clubs to get out and do things and SBYC has been doing just that!

Watch for fliers on upcoming Community Service events and invitations for you to join in for the September 9th PICYA Delegates Meeting, the September 28th Coastal Cleanup Day and the Wheelchair Regatta on September 28th. These are the final events of the COTY year, which ends in mid-October and every point we earn now will count BIG TIME!



Safety Officer's Report

Tim Ellenberger t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

With appreciation to Lu Abel, here is a classic safety article originally published in the January 2017 issue of the **Backwind** and remains just as pertinent today.

For those of us who love to anchor out for the night, we need to be careful of "no anchor" zones – places where anchoring is forbidden, typically because cables or other man-made objects cross the bottom. It's designated by a red area on a chart. Fortunately, there are very few of them in the Bay or Delta.

Scanning through my charts I find just two. More famous is the no anchor zone (primarily aimed at commercial ships) above the BART tunnel from Oakland to San Francisco, running from Oakland's Outer Harbor to SF's Ferry Building. Not good to have a ten-ton anchor from a tanker or container ship tearing the roof off the tunnel! The only other one I can find is an underwater cable between McDonald and Mandeville Islands up in the Delta.

But if we charter a boat elsewhere, it's worth knowing about this simple chart symbol, a red line outlining the "no anchor" zone or following an underwater cable or tunnel. If it's large enough, there'll be the words "No Anchor." Sometimes anchoring is forbidden in certain spots not by hazards but by government ordinance.

What caused me to write this article is not exactly a "no anchor" situation but with the same result. A large commercial ship dropped anchor in the English Channel to wait out a strong gale. It dragged its anchor – and cut one of two major electrical cables joining Britain and France's electrical grids allowing the two countries to exchange electricity.

Britain is actually an exporter of electricity to France and the severed cable carried fully half of the electricity exported to France, leading France's electrical grid operator to warn of potential cutbacks and even rolling blackouts this winter.

It's highly improbable that our relatively small boats would cut or tear a cable, but exactly the opposite could happen – we could discover our anchor is snagged on the cable. And then what to do?

Probably the safest is to simply release anchor and rode – and remember to not do it again as we empty our wallet at West Marine...
Lu Abel



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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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Who to Contact

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2024 Board of Directors

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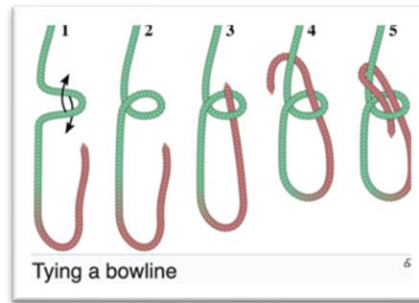
Yachty Things – This & That



The **32nd Women's Sailing Seminar** hosted by Island Yacht Club in Alameda is on **September 27-29, 2024**. Registration now open.

Naughty Cal Trivia by Wind Lass

The bowline—the most useful knot of all?



The “king of knots” or bowline (pronounced “bow” to rhyme with sew, and “lin” to rhyme with spin) is probably the most useful knot of the hundreds there are because it makes a non-slip loop (when tied correctly!) that is always easy to untie, regardless of the load that was placed on it. This knot can be tied round an object directly or tied in advance so that the line can be passed through the loop to cinch tight. The knot was found when an ancient Egyptian ship was excavated in the 1950s, showing how old it is.

To see the knot “tie itself” go to [animatedknots.com](https://www.animatedknots.com) and look for bowline.

Have you seen this hat?

Members Lori Rock and Bob Cartwright left their hats behind at the August hoe-down. The clean up crew left them on the bar that night and now we don't where they've gotten to. If you know their location, can you please email Lori at lorirock21@gmail.com? They would love to get them back ~ thanks!



California Boater Card – Online Course


Hello my fellow SBYC Members,

If you are or plan to be a boater this year or next, you might consider taking this training by USCG Auxiliary. It's all online and it's great preparation for the now required California Boater Card.

If you don't know about the California Boater Card requirements and you have a boat, please ask me or Commodore Earl or Skipper Shirley for more information.

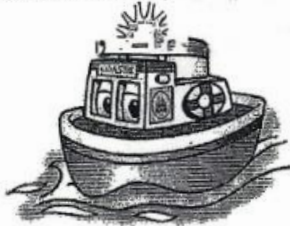
Consider taking this course. It's **all** online, so should be fairly convenient for everyone! See the flyer on this page.

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Boat America Course
A Course for Boaters, PWC Operators, Canoeists, Kayakers

Successfully completing this course and passing the exam, meets the qualifications to apply for the California Boater Card, required for operating a motorized vessel (effective 1/1/2024 operator 60 years or younger; effective 1/1/2025 all age)



TOPICS INCLUDE:

Intro to Boating	Boating Law	Safety Equipment
Safe Operation	Navigation	Boating Emergencies
Trailerling	Sports and Boating	California State Laws



Class Information
Oct 2 to Oct 5, 2024 Online Course (Zoom link to be provided after registration)
Classes meet Wed and Thurs 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm (Pacific Time)
Sat 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm (Pacific Time)

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