



The South Bay Yacht Club

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Please mark your calendar for these important meetings in October and November.

Thursday, October 10:

- 6pm Board Meeting
- 7pm Members Meeting

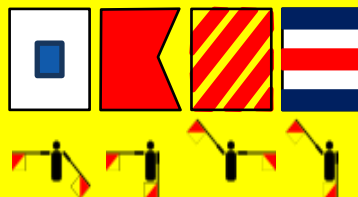
2025 Board of Directors slate will be presented at both meetings.

Thursday, November 14:

- 6pm Annual Member Meeting

Vote on proposed 2025 Board of Directors slate and proposed By-Laws amendments.

It is particularly important for members to attend the November Annual Member meeting — we must have a quorum of memberships present to vote on the new slate and any other changes requiring member approval.



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

October

- Thurs, 10** **Board Meeting 6pm**
Member Meeting 7pm
2024 BOD Nominations due
- Fri, 25** For SBYC members and their guests, **Norton Money**,
at Friday with Friends!
- 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.**

First Saturday Kayaking Crew – September Paddle

High spirits and the snack boat (aka, Safety Patrol)



First Saturday Kayaking Crew

Lisa Bickford, Sheila Tost

This free event for members and their guests is on the 1st Saturday of each month, 8am – 12pm, depending on tides and weather. Reserve your seat online via the emailed link. Load boats/gear at the club yard, then launch from the Alviso Marina dock. This is a great way to meet members, get some exercise, and enjoy the water! Email with questions sbyc.alviso@gmail.com

Oyster-Pirate Fest September 2024 Scrap Book

Many thanks to all the shuckers, galley crew, bakers, bartenders, grill masters, set up folks, and clean up crew!



Great appreciation to Mordecai benHerschel and Suska Varda for the live music.



Thanks to Karen Moultrup for selling raffle tickets and raking in \$\$\$ for the club!



Skilled shuckers Samuel Leyva, George Fota, Anya Nazarova, and Brad Tost

Wild Oyster Project came out this year to take part in the festivities. Laura and Casey brought native Olympia Oyster shells, shared how to spot wild oysters, types of organisms found around oyster beds, Save Your Shucks program, and the Oyster Base Project (OBC).

SBYC member Samuel Leyva pulled the SBYC's OBC up from the Alviso Slough for guests to see the ecosystem created by the oyster shells. He also shared the oyster shells he's been collecting from Pier 402 in San Jose. Member Emmett Dingel is working with Samuel to decorate the Oyster Shell Recycling crate located by the small storage next to the levee. Check it out!

September Board & Members Meeting

Welcome, New Members!



Lori Rock
& Bob
Cartwright



Ru Paster

Special Presentation by Yvan Lazard



Yvan Lazard and Commodore Earl Jensen

Yvan and his three fellow engineers embarked in 2022 on a 5-month voyage on the Kahuna, a JPK 45 fast cruiser, to raise ecological awareness in parallel to their engineering research.

On their journey, they sailed through the North Sea to the Norwegian coast, then skied and mountaineered in uncharted Svalbard. The Kahuna acted as their base camp for the project.

The team's academic research is in partnership with CentraleSupélec's Industrial Engineering Laboratory, which includes testing the sailboat's electric propulsion and hydrogenation.

Learn more:

<https://deriv.com/derivlife/planet/expedition-kahuna>



California Coastal Clean Up Day - September 2024

By SBYC Organizer – Samuel Leyva



South Bay Yacht Club had 27 volunteers come out for this year's event. Together the volunteers picked up litter along the Alviso Slough and Guadalupe River. We started at the SBYC docks and walked one mile down the Guadalupe River Trail where we ended just behind Top Golf and Hwy 237. With the help from Top Golf and staff, who provided a hydration station with bananas and oranges, we were able to hydrate and keep going as the sun warmed the morning up. Together we picked up over 350 lbs. of trash from 9am to 12pm. In all, 871 volunteers removed approximately 32,280 pounds of litter from 46 clean up sites, covering 49 miles of creeks and natural spaces in Santa Clara County. Great work, everyone!



SBYC member Samuel Leyva and Tim Oliver, Public Information Representative, Santa Clara Valley Water District



House & Grounds

Lisa Bickford, Vice Commodore lisabickford@gmail.com

Any issues, please contact Lisa 408-398-8398

Work Completed in September



Thanks to Edwin El-Kareh for clean-up behind the barn!

- Initial plan for Storage Yard Improvements - working with GreenWaste on proper ground cover
- Flag pole repairs - almost done!
- Tree eval with City of San Jose arborist & Davey Tree

Work Planned for October

- Grounds clean-up continues
- Storage yard fence repairs
- Barn lighting
- Weds Work Party fun - join us if you can 9am-12pm
- New member badges
- House plumbing will be replaced in October or early November - schedule pending

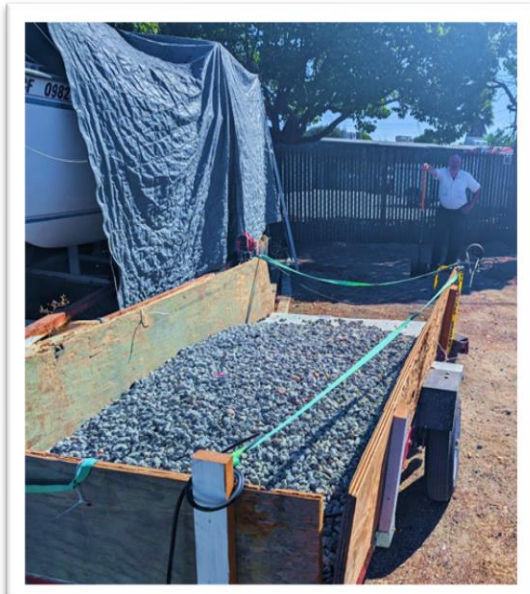
Goals for rest of 2024:

- Storage yard ground cover & fence repairs
- Barn organizing for use and storage
- Storage yard new contracts to all existing space renters
- Committee organization & 2025 planning
- **Annual Members Meeting on Thursday, November 14 – 6 pm.**

Please be there!



Rigging in place



Road base test in the storage yard

Sea Scouts

Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SBYC Board Member



Sea Scout Ship 300, a charter of the SBYC

Lots of activity for the Sea Scouts in September! The first weekend a group journeyed up to Wente Scout Camp near Willets to enjoy kayaking, sailing, fishing, swimming, and shooting. Damian and Lexi earned marksmanship medals.



On the 14th, we were at the SBYC to cover PFD types, distress signals including how to make a “Mayday” call, and worked on knots. We hope to get all Sea Scouts in our Ship up to Apprentice rank soon.

The following weekend, we were made to feel the very welcome guests of the US Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, on Yerba Buena Island. Sea Scouts from all over the Bay Area practiced using flares, recovery at sea techniques, patching holes in “boats,” using firehoses in a reverse tug of war where the idea was to push a buoy along a line with water (but really, to get the other team as wet as possible), putting out fires, and a tour of the 87’ US Coast Guard Cutter, *Tern*. We also watched a vertical insertion training, where a swimmer is dropped into the sea from a helicopter hovering approx. 25’ above the water, and later retrieved, using a sling.



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

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Finally, we recently went sailing on Vasona Lake in Los Gatos, where we have now reached the stage of more experienced Sea Scouts teaching others. There wasn't a lot of wind so there was some (intentional) swimming as well as sailing. It's been a very full month of activities, with great weather.



**Upcoming is Halloween at the SBYC on
Sunday October 27th, 12 PM - 6 PM**

This is our annual Sea Scout fundraiser for our Ship.

**Please come, bring friends, have some spooky fun, and
support us! Thank you.**





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)

The October 7th PICYA Delegates Dinner Meeting will be held at the Pittsburg Yacht Club, which sits on the gateway to the beautiful California Delta. Registrations can be made through the website PICYA.org and attendance can be via Zoom or in person.

The PICYA's always-interesting Fall Management Conference will be held on October 19th at the Stockton Yacht Club. If you'd like to attend, and we hope you do, please get in touch with one of our esteemed PICYA Delegates Emmett Dingel, Gus Meyner, or Sheila Tost.

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

The RBOC is opposing a southern California proposal to require recreational boaters to obtain a permit before applying copper containing bottom paints. Although the proposal is limited at this time to the harbor at Marina Del Ray, there is a concern that boaters statewide could be under such mandates in future years.

COTY (Club of the Year Competition)

The September 21st California Coastal Cleanup Day was a great success! Our coast, as in years prior, was the Bay shoreline adjacent to our clubhouse. Event Coordinator Samuel Leyva thanks all those who lent a hand! Things are looking good out there!

We are moving towards the October 14th finish line of the 2024 COTY interclub competition, the friendly contest that encourages PICYA member clubs to get out and do things; boating things!

There you have it SBYC...as always, we're the fun club!



Safety Officer's Report

Tim Ellenberger t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

iPads and Electronic Charting by Lu Abel

GPS has certainly changed the way we navigate. Beyond GPS itself, the next step in this electronic revolution has been electronics for charting. Chart plotters are certainly more convenient than old-fashioned paper charts. Historically, there have been two ways of getting charts electronically, one using commercial chart plotters from Garmin, Raymarine, and other marine electronics companies. They are bright and waterproof, well suited to a sailboat's helm, although sometimes with kinda small screens. The problem with these sorts of chart plotters is that they depend on third party data "cartridges" with chart information embedded in a proprietary format. How this information gets from NOAA charts to the proprietary cartridges and, more importantly, how accuracy is checked is considered a trade secret by the manufacturers. While these units are undoubtedly loved by many, I am somewhat suspicious of them – in the past I have seen "charts" on them that omitted important features like reefs and hazards.

Today, electronic charts are available from NOAA. They come in two forms: "raster" charts which are like giant raster-scans for JPEGs of traditional paper charts, and "electronic" charts which are NOAA's equivalent of chart plotter charts. The two types are produced from the same master NOAA database and should therefore be identical. If there's a sounding at position X on the raster chart, the same sounding should appear at position X on the electronic chart. While these NOAA electronic charts have been available for a decade or more you needed a computer to display them. And that may have been a challenge – getting a water-tight computer (no cooling fans allowed) and a waterproof display for your boat.

Now there's a third option – displaying them on an iPad or equivalent Android tablet. The tablet itself is inexpensive – under \$1,000 vs a lot more than that for a marine-grade PC. And you might even have a tablet in your life for other purposes. An app to display electronic charts is priced as an app – tens of dollars, not hundreds. And the charts themselves are free from NOAA. Last but not least, waterproof cases for an iPad are inexpensive.

One word of caution: iPads come in two varieties: those with and without cellphone capability. As your Safety Officer will emphatically tell you, never count on cell service out on the water. But in the case of iPads, only those with cellphone capability have a GPS receiver, because the two functions share an antenna and some of the electronics. So, you must have a cell-capable iPad. But you do not actually have to have it activated with a cellular carrier; you simply must have the capability. So be sure to buy a cell-capable iPad!

So even if you have a chart plotter (and especially if you don't) you might want to consider an iPad with an app that displays NOAA electronic charts. It's always nice to have a backup and an iPad would be superb as a backup.

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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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2024 Board of Directors

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



Yachty Things – Flotsam & Jetson

Naughty Cal Corner: Sea punishments

By Wind Lass

For the Halloween month, it might be appropriate to think about ghoulish things done at sea. One punishment used by the Dutch was keelhauling. For this, the sailor was pulled overboard by a rope that extended down and under the bottom or keel of the boat, and back up the other side. It was done quickly and repeatedly, so (usually) the sailor did not drown but was (usually) very much cut up by the barnacles and loose copper sheathing underwater. It was considered particularly appropriate to do in the depths of winter among snow and icebergs. In the early 18th century, the cat-o'-nine-tails punishment superseded this in the Royal Navy. Nine pieces of rope, each with three knots near the end, were attached to a handle, which was used as a whip. This flogging was carried out on the victim's bare back and was only outlawed in 1881.



Sea Scouts on Vasona Lake
Sept 2024



We have fun on the patio
and that's no bull!