

The South Bay Yacht Club

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November 2024

Proposed Slate - 2025 Board of Directors

Please attend

The Annual Member Meeting

**Thursday,
November 14
~ 6pm ~**

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

**A quorum of
memberships
must be present
to vote on the
new slate and any
other changes
requiring member
approval.**

Commodore: Lisa Bickford



I've been Vice Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer since joining in 2010. I love to kayak and am thrilled to return boating to our club in all ways!

Vice Commodore: Earl Jensen



I've been a member for 6 years, and Ship 300 Scout Commissioner a year before that. Commodore 2021-2024. I love sailing and have a 23' sloop named Margaret Ann.

Treasurer: Jeff Barnes



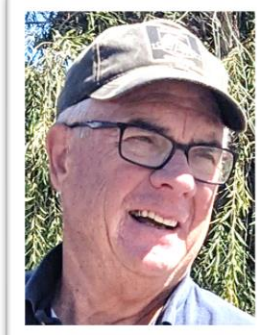
I've worked in the accounting field for 15+ years in multiple companies and nonprofits. I became interested in the club in 2023 and joined in January 2024.

Secretary: Sheila Tost



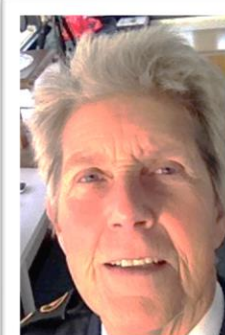
My husband, Brad, and I have been SBYC members for more than a dozen years. Besides serving as Board Secretary, I am co-Bar Manager and co-Leader of First Saturday Kayak Crew.

Director: Roy Hayes



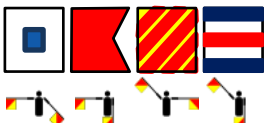
Roy served as Commodore in 2008/2009, 2018/2019, and 2020. He is a champion bingo caller and avid outdoor sportsman.

Director: Shirley Reekie



I'm a professor and former department chair at SJSU teaching sailing, rowing, and kayaking among other things. An overly competitive dinghy racer since the age of 6 in the UK, I've been a SBYC member for 4 years, most recently also serving as our Sea Scout Skipper.

Port Captain: Bart Laine



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

November

Thurs, 14 **Annual Board Meeting and Election of 2025 Officers 6pm**

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
Presentation: South Bay Salt
Pond Restoration Project

Tues, 31 New Year's Eve at SBYC
4pm – 9pm

***Watch your email for event details such as times and reservation links.**



October Sunset 2024 – Lisa Bickford



House & Grounds

Lisa Bickford, Vice Commodore lisabickford@gmail.com

Any issues, please contact Lisa 408-398-8398

Work Completed in October

- Storage yard improvements ongoing - new ground cover in progress - Thanks to Dean McCully and Weds Work Party!
- Flagpole repairs - COMPLETE - Thanks to Shirley Reekie!
- Lights behind the barn - Thanks to George Fota!
- Light replacements in clubhouse - Thanks to Earl Jensen!
- Grounds cleanup - Thanks to Samuel Leyva!



Flagpole Crew: Commodore Earl Jensen, Roofer Francisco Medina and son, Member Tom Laine

Work Planned for November

- Grounds cleanup continues
- Storage yard fence repairs
- Barn lighting inside
- Weds Work Party fun - join us if you can 9am-12pm
- New member badges
- House plumbing replacement starts on Mon, Nov 4
- House electrical upgrades also start on Nov 4
- A busy month around the club!

Goals for rest of 2024:

- Storage yard ground cover and 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 Thurs, Nov 14, 6pm - Please Be There!**

October Happenings

Fourth Friday with Friends with Norton Money

We sure hope you made it to this fantastic evening for a little pre-Halloween fun and some wonderful music! SBYC member Christine Mendonca's brother is in a band based in London. He and his bandmate were in town and, with a local keyboardist friend, treated everyone to their special brand of Alternative American with soul. Thanks so much, Jeremy and Dan (and friend!) – it was a terrific night ~



Thanks, Hall & Oates, for making the scene ...



Christine & member Evan von Kugelgen serving up some delicious libations



Christine and band brother, Jeremy between sets



SBYC Oyster Base Camp:

Keep an eye on the oyster shell collection crate along the club driveway. Member Samuel Levya has been collecting shells from Pier 402 in San Jose for future use. Check it out!

Sea Scouts

Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SBYC Board Member



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Sea Scout Ship 300, a charter of the SBYC

Working to perfect our flag hoisting procedure and sewing patches onto uniforms for newer Sea Scouts and those with new rank responsibilities were the order of the day for early October.



The following day was “Day on the Bay” and our Sea Scouts helped provide launch and safety help for the many people who had their introduction to kayaking that day.

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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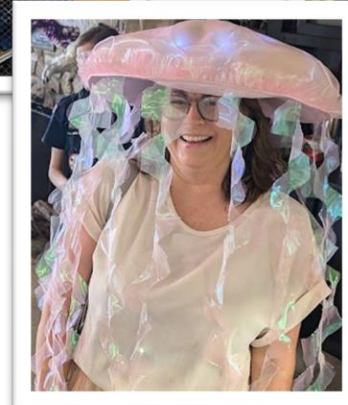
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The annual Sea Scout Ship 300 Halloween fundraiser concluded our month. Many thanks to all who helped set this up on the Saturday and also to those who attended and/or helped or contributed on the Sunday. We raised nearly \$1000 towards the running of the ship for the year. Both adults and children earned prizes for the best costumes.





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 November 4th PICYA Delegates Dinner Meeting will be held at the Berkeley Yacht Club, which sits on stilts along the bay's eastern shore. Registrations can be made through the website PICYA.org and attendance can be via Zoom or in person. This is the "Awards" meeting and SBYC has lots to celebrate. It is expected that we will be recognized as a 3-Star Club, which is a very good start to future awards! Many thanks go to each of you for participating in PICYA-sponsored events throughout the year.

Another reason to celebrate comes in the person of our very own PICYA Delegate Gus Meyner. Gus, who has a wealth of boating experience and has represented numerous Bay Area yacht clubs over the years, will be the recipient of a very special award...The Jo Bates Memorial Delegate of the Year Award. He will be recognized as the "delegate who has best served in the image of (the legendary) Jo Bates, for the greatest contribution of time and effort for the good of the PICYA." Way to go, Gus!

The PICYA's always interesting Fall Management Conference was held on October 19th at the Stockton Yacht Club. Many thanks go to our Delegate Gus Meyner and JoAnn Barr for attending. Topics covered included an overview of the PICYA events planned for 2025. It promises to be a great year.

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

The RBOC has been opposing a southern California, Marina del Ray, proposal to require recreational boaters to obtain a permit before applying copper containing bottom paints. Although the RBOC's opposition was adamant, the proposal was approved and will go into effect in two years. The RBOC is now requesting additional time before the mandate goes into effect, saying that more study needs to be done before the final regulations are implemented. Of further concern is that boaters statewide could come under such mandates in future years.

COTY (Club of the Year Competition)

We have crossed the October 14th finish line of the 2024 COTY interclub competition. I am pleased to say that we are running with the fleet! As noted above, it is our expectation that we have notched 150 points, which is just what we needed to be recognized as a 3-Star Club! Over the past year, SBYC has attended conferences, delegate meetings, the Commodores Ball, donated funds towards better Bay boating, purchased PICYA yearbooks, published a newsletter with PICYA/RBOC and safety articles, hosted a South Bay Opening Day, had boats into Bay Area yacht clubs, participated in community service events, paraded for Opening Day on the Bay and had a great time doing it all. We finished the year STRONG and can be proud of our standing among the over 100 Bay Area yacht clubs.

Thanks to everyone who came out and got it done!



Safety Officer's Report

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A Very Useful Tide and Current Website ~ by Lu Abel

NOAA has a very interesting tide and current web site. From it you can get tidal predictions for any tidal station anywhere in the USA (as well as current predictions for any station offering them). Beyond that, though, you can get a lot more information, even down to actual measured tides and currents for many stations.

The website is titled very appropriately as <https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/> and shows the whole country. Simply zoom in (ala Google Maps) until you are in the area of interest to you (eg, SF Bay). One of the things I really like about this page is that the locations of tidal stations are shown on the map. So, for example, you can see that the “Alameda” station is located on the outside of the island by the USS Hornet.

Interestingly, as it comes up, this site shows no tidal stations inside the Estuary, yet both of my tidal prediction apps on my iPhone show stations in the Estuary. With a bit of fiddling with the web site, specifically in the upper right corner changing “Type” to “Tide Predictions” all these missing stations popped up. They appear to be mathematical prediction points and not actual measurement points like Alameda Station. Click on a station on the map and you’ll get a pop-up that gives the name of the station and the times of the next two high and the next two low tides. In addition, there is a link to “Station Home Page” on the left side.

A station’s home page – especially the page for a “real” station as opposed to a “mathematical” station is a treasure trove of information – instantaneous information (like current tidal level and, interestingly, the difference between actual water level as it is affected by winds and weather and the predicted tide), predictive information (eg, times of future high and low tides), historical information (including even a picture of the station!), and various data points (eg, what’s the difference between MLLW, the reference for tidal data, and MHW, the reference for bridge clearances?).

I could go on-and-on (I haven’t, for example, even talked about current prediction features of the site), but this is clearly a very useful and informative site. Definitely worth bookmarking on your web browser. NOAA buoy info is available through a companion smartphone app, NOAA BUOY REPORTS. It is channeled through a private developer, Juggernaut Technology Inc., but basic buoy information is free to view.



**TIDES &
CURRENTS**

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2024 Board of Directors

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



Yachty Things

Naughty Cal Corner

By Wind Lass

A schooner, aside from being a drinking glass, is a sailing vessel with two or more masts that are rigged fore and aft, i.e., not square sails. Despite perhaps sounding Dutch, the word is derived from the Scottish word “scoon,” meaning to skip stones over the water.



BUT have you ever wondered how produce was transported to San Francisco from the Santa Clara Valley before there were easily passable roads or a railway?

The answer is clear in a picture in the SBYC clubhouse on the extreme left near the galley. There you will find a photograph of the 59' “Alma,” the last survivor of the San Francisco Bay scow schooners, built in 1891. She was discovered in the mud at Alviso in 1959, and is now fully restored and sailing in San Francisco.



These scow schooners were quite beamy, making them stable and, importantly, had flat bottoms enabling them to sail into the shallow creeks of the bay to pick up cargo from places still named today such as Eden Landing, Dixon Landing, Smith's Landing.

What others can you find?

Painted on the canning
factory wall near the
SBYC

