

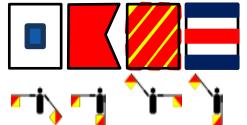


The South Bay Yacht Club

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Slough News

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February 2026

All Hands on Deck!

Club Work Party
February 28th
9am to 12pm

Requesting help from all members to spruce up the patio and surrounding areas in preparation for Springtime.

Coffee and snacks provided.

Membership and storage/mooring fees are due now. Contact Jeff Barnes for more information.

Thursday, February 12

Board Meeting 6pm ~
Member Meeting 7pm
Special Presentation
CCJPA Alviso Railroad
Adaptation Planning
Study





Commodore's Corner

Lisa Bickford, Commodore lisabickford@gmail.com

Can you believe it's February already!? We had a great New Year's Eve on December 31 to ring in 2026, we had a fun Joan Baez Tribute on Saturday, January 10, speakers from Potter Yachters on January 15, a Sea Scout Bridge of Honor on Saturday, January 24, and a Spaghetti Feed on January 31. No boating in January due to weather, but hopefully that'll change for February! We're off to a great start to the year!



Our Annual Crab Feed fundraiser is coming up on Saturday, February 21. **Please plan to be on-site to help if you are able!** We'll need to cook and clean the crab in the morning, make the spaghetti and salads and bread at mid-day, and get the house ready for the event by 4pm. Dinner starts at 5pm. Don't forget to buy your tickets, and invite friends and family to buy tickets, too!

Tickets available now at
southbayyachtclub.org/events



We've had some vandalism and small fires set around the club recently. If you're at the clubhouse, take a look around and ensure things are in ship shape. Our clubhouse and surrounding area needs all of us looking out for it!



Club Calendar – What's Ahead

Every month:

- Saturday Kayak Crew
- Sea Scouts
- Thirsty Thursday
- Final Friday Family Fun
- Work Parties



- 1st Saturday 8am -12pm
 2nd & 4th Saturdays 9:30am – 1pm
 3rd Thursday 6pm - 9pm
 Last Friday 5pm - 9pm
 Every Wednesday 9:30am – 12:30pm
 and on special dates as needed

See the full calendar on the Club website. Watch for emails with event details and registration links.

February

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| 8/Sun | Super Bowl Watch Party
1pm – End of Game |
| 12/Thurs | Board Meeting 6pm
Members Meeting 7pm
Speaker: CCJPA Alviso
Railroad Adaptation
Planning Study Team |
| 21/Sat | Crab Feed, 5pm – 9pm |
| 28/Sat | Work Party, 9am – 12pm |



March

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| 12/Thurs | Board Meeting 6pm
Members Meeting 7pm |
| 15/Sun | St. Patrick's Day Party,
5pm – 9pm |
| 28/Sat | Chili Cook-off & Art Show,
3pm – 8pm |



April

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| 9/Thurs | Board Meeting 6pm
Members Meeting 7pm |
| 11/Sat | Burgers & Bingo, 5-9pm |
| 26/Sun | Opening Day on the Bay
PICYA-hosted event
8:30am – 3:30pm, Alameda |

Members: Keep updated on club bookings and general availability by checking the club calendar. It's a good idea to take a peek before heading over!

Sea Scouts

Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SBYC Board Member



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Sea Scout Ship 300, a charter of the SBYC

Ship 300 recently held our first “Bridge of Honor” for many years. This was an opportunity to recognize the advancement in rank and other successes of our Sea Scouts. We were pleased to welcome around 70 SBYC members, their guests, friends, and representatives from other Sea Scout Ships. Thank you to all who organized this, and others who provided and cooked the pancake breakfast for all attendees prior to the ceremony. The following pictures give a good idea of what is involved in a Bridge of Honor.



We started with a flag raising ceremony conducted outside by members of the Ship. Next, we moved inside to our “Landship” which is a replica of a vessel. After the crew were all assembled, each requested “Permission to come aboard” from the Bosun.



Next, we heard from local politicians and the Ship was honored to receive a Certificate of Commendation from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Here, our Bosun accepts the award from Otto Lee, President of the Board.

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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Here are more pictures of the ceremony



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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 beginning of the year waypoint on our 2026 Club of the Year course was the PICYA Commodore's Ball, which was held on January 24th at the Marin Yacht Club. This black-tie affair is the PICYA's Change of Watch and new officers were installed. Congratulations go to Colleen Strauss, of the San Rafael Yacht Club, who will be the 2026 PICYA Commodore.

Next up, will be the PICYA monthly Delegates Meeting, on February 2, at the beautiful Benicia Yacht Club. Our PICYA Delegate is Gus Meyner and he is planning to attend with JoAnn Barr. Registrations can be made online at PICYA.org, which is also where the Zoom link can be found.

Also, in February, the Treasure Island 360 Cruise will be held on the 21st. Captains may register on the PICYA website and the meet up location will be off the Treasure Island Ferry Terminal. Boats are requested to assemble there at 11:00 AM for a clockwise trip around the island. This is a COTY event and points for our club can be earned.

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

The RBOC has announced that the Governor has reappointed Maggie Hallahan and Thomas Pier, both of San Francisco, to the California Boating and Waterways Commission. These Commissioners have been enthusiastic supporters of recreational boating in northern California.



RBOC has been protecting boating interests since 1968 as the nonprofit advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters before state and local government.

RBOC engages in advocacy efforts on legislation and regulations, supporting proposals that would enhance recreational boating, and opposing proposals that would have a detrimental impact on the state's three million boating enthusiasts.

COTY (Club of the Year Competition)

As announced in the December issue of the Slough News, SBYC has earned its 2nd 3-Star Club of the Year Award. With the continued support of our members, we are looking to excel again this year. The PICYA Commodore's Ball, the February 2nd PICYA Delegates Meeting and the February 21st Treasure Island 360 Cruise all will add COTY points for SBYC... please come out and join the fun!

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



Safety Officer's Report

Tim Ellenberger t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

Safety On The Course Ahead

It's the beginning of the year, and as we always hear, it's a good time to go over your boat's integrity (thru-hulls, etc), keep the battery charge up (on a boat in the water) so the automatic bilge pump will do its job of pumping out water from small leaks that could develop. And also, to check that your emergency equipment is ready for you if you need it.

That said, although it is not on your safety equipment list, keeping a LOOKOUT ahead, is safety item Number 1!

I got my first real-life lesson at around the age of 14. My brother Jim and I were both sailing my Uncle Tani's El Toro in Belvedere Harbor long ago. My brother was forward facing backwards and I was at the helm. We were both leaning back and really scooting along in the harbor. I was watching the sails and wasn't watching where we were going, as there was a lot of open space.

Well, we zip right by this buoy, probably missing it by an inch...it was big, dark, and just about at eye level and it happened so fast, we didn't even have time to think; except to offer our thanks to the deities for not hitting it. The El Toro I am sure would have splintered in many pieces.

The lesson I learned, no matter what else is going on, keep an eye open to your course!

Saying that, I am quite certain that you have learned such a lesson once aboard your own boat.

Sail Ho

Well, with all that, let's go have another wonderful year sailing.

~ Jack O'Loughlin

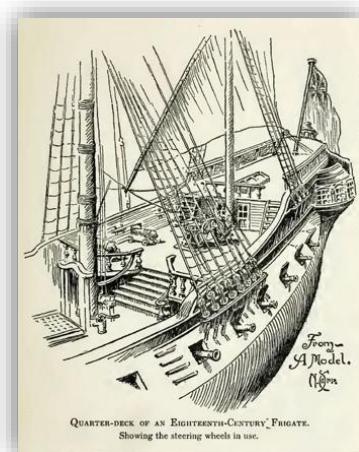


Naughty Cal Corner

By Wind Lass

What exactly is the “bridge” on a ship, and why is it called that?

In the days of sail, the captain or other officer would issue commands from the quarterdeck, which was a raised area just aft of the mainmast, from which he had a 360° view of the surrounding sea. Once sail gave way, first to paddle steamers, then to steamers with propellers, another area was required. In a paddle steamer, the captain needed to be able to get a view of both the port and starboard sides, and get quickly from one to the other, so a bridge was constructed, a sort of walkway, which gave this access.



More recent designs altered the appearance, but not the function, of the bridge and the name remains in use today.



Save the Date

South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

Mountain View Pond Habitat Restoration and Trail Grand Opening Celebration
February 20, 2026 ~ 9:30am – 1pm
SBYC is a stakeholder member.

The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge are hosting this celebration and opportunity to tour the new site and trail from 9:30 a.m. to up to 1 p.m.

Please RSVP on the website if interested. You'll receive further information about the event specifics as they are developed. <https://www.southbayrestoration.org/>

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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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