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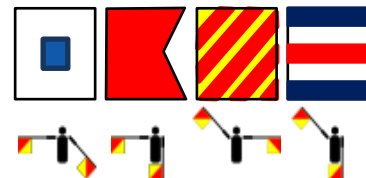


**Board Meeting 6pm and
General Meeting 7pm**

**No Board Meetings
July or August**

**Our next meeting is
Thursday, September 12
In Person or on Zoom**

Keep up to date on SBYC!



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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**. Forth Friday 5pm - 9pm
- **Work Parties:** Every Wednesday 9:30am – 12:30pm
and Last Saturday 9am - 12pm

July - No board meeting in July
Sat, 27 – A Hoedown at SBYC*

August - No board meeting in August



September

Mon, 2 Labor Day Open House*
Sat, 7 Oyster Pirate Fest 3pm – 8pm
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)*
Sat, 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.**

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Hope you were there!



**Wednesday
Work Crew**

**Every
Wednesday
morning,
9:30am –
12:30pm**

Thanks to the June 19th Crew!

(L-R): Nathan McCully, Edwin El-Kareh, Samuel Leyva, Gill Tyndall, Jim Reid, Dean McCully, Tim Miyazaki. Not pictured but present: Shirley Reekie, Amitay Federal, Evan von Kugelgen, Sharon Coates

Tropical Nights, Saturday, June 29th ~

Luau feast, Mai Tais, Hawaiian music and hula on the patio, and games! (And a hula hoop endurance contest - no easy feat on a full stomach!)



Angela
Borricua
Tirado &
Dean
McCully



Hula is an
essential
skill for
Yacht
Clubbers.
Thanks to
JD Puli &
Dancers



Three Generations of Tosts



Hope you were there!



First Saturday Kayaking Crew

Every 1st Saturday monthly
8am – 12pm

Reserve your seat online and meet at the yard to help load boats & gear before heading to the Alviso Marina docks.

Left to Right from front: Sheila Tost, Maria and Luis Herrera, Lisa Bickford, Joshua Michel, Bruce Paton, Shari Brossard, Sergio Michel, Margaret Michel (prospective members with son, Joshua)

Third Thirsty Thursday

Every 3rd
Thursday monthly
6pm – 9pm

Delicious
Cocktails,
Potluck Snacks,
Engaging Chat

Fourth Friday with Friends

Every 4th Friday monthly
5pm – 9pm
A casual game night
with a potluck buffet.



Some hard concentrating on cards, playing Phase 10. Or was that intensity focused on the food? You'll never know unless you go...

Welcome New Members!



Inducted at the June 13th Board meeting:

Sergio and Margaret Michel
Michael Cohen (Debbie Cohen not in photo)

Director Roy Hayes in the back

Interested in becoming a member? Here's how:

- Attend any club activity or meeting as a guest. Sign in at the door.
- Leave your contact info with a club member sponsor.
- Attend at least two club events and become known to at least two SBYC members.
- Fill out a membership application and have two members sign it.
- Submit your application and the \$150.00 initiation fee to a member of the Board or to the Membership Committee for review.
- Your application will be posted to the Community Bulletin Board for 30 days.
- At the next available board meeting, you'll be invited to introduce yourself and the board will vote.
- After induction, you'll receive a pro-rated invoice for the annual membership fee, along with your burgee, fob, and membership binder.

Members, please keep an eye out for guests at Club events and take a minute to introduce yourself! A quick hello can go a long way to help folks feel welcome. Proposed member applications are now on the club bulletin board for:

Ru Paster, posted 6/13
Lori Rock & Bob Cartwright, posted 6/20.



House & Grounds

Lisa Bickford, Vice Commodore lisabickford@gmail.com

Any issues, please contact Lisa 408-398-8398

Work Completed in June

- Storage yard cleanup - trimmed trees at south end, removed garbage, weeding, cleanup behind boats.
- Quotes for yard resurfacing - In progress - Thank you, Roy!
- **Southbayyachtclub.org** is our main website with redirects from .com and .net – working to fix this issue.
- Grounds cleanup - mowing, edging and watering going great - Thank you, Samuel!
- Ring Camera replacements - Thanks for your help, Jim!



Work Planned for July

- Flagpole repairs started 6/28
- Grounds cleanup
- Storage yard cleanup
- Barn organizing
- Storage yard fence repair quotes
- Tree removal at base of driveway



Kells Phelan, 3rd generation steeplejack, working on the flagpole. Progress! Not done yet, but a great start and one flag ready for July 4th!

Check out some pretty amazing photos of their other projects on the JC Phelan and Son, Inc. website
www.uphigh.com
and on Kells' link:
www.kellsphele.com

Goals for rest of 2024:

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

Sea Scouts

Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SYBC Board Member



Sea Scout Ship 300, a charter of the SBYC

Ship 300 (Alviso) had two very successful sailing outings in June.

The first was to Redwood City where we had three Byte dinghies and one Sunfish out. The wind got up steadily just as the Sea Scouts were beginning to master the art of small boat sailing.

At the end, a couple of them asked could they capsize next time... so two weeks later, we met on a scorching (95°) day, with little wind again to start with, on Lexington Reservoir.

Having recently “rescued” nine more Sunfish (we are steadily working to get these into sailable condition) and we had three Bytes and two Sunfish out that day.

Three Sea Scouts opted to try capsizing in a quiet cove, with kayak and rescue launch standing by. All righted their boats and sailed in, with everyone having shown impressive improvement in skills on the water.

We have also welcomed a new Sea Scout, Gavin. Many thanks to all adult helpers, too!

**Redwood
City**



Sea Scouts

Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SYBC Board Member



Sea Scout Ship 300, a charter of the SBYC



Lexington
Reservoir



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 for SBYC.

PICYA (Pacific Inter Club Yachting Association)

Welcome to the summer sailing season and fun times on the water. Summer officially began on June 20th and those brisk summer afternoon winds will be kicking up to fill our sails and to boost our engine thrust. The PICYA calendar is filled too, beginning with the Lipton Cup, hosted by the Encinal Yacht Club on June 14th through the 16th. This small-hull boat race on the Bay was initially sponsored by Sir Thomas Lipton, the "brisk" tea guy with the big mustache. It has been revived by the PICYA as an annual event and has become a favorite of skilled PICYA sailors. The results of the race, which finishes at the St. Francis Yacht Club, are yet to be officially posted.

On July 13th, the PICYA will hold its monthly Delegate Meeting at the San Francisco Yacht Club. At this luncheon, the official results of the Lipton Cup will be announced, and trophies awarded. Advance registration for the meeting can be made through the PICYA.org website. Also, an event overview will be provided for the September 28th Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta and information provided regarding PICYA scholarships submissions.

As a reminder, Emmett Dingel, Gus Meyner, and Sheila Tost are our club delegates to the PICYA. If you have any PICYA related questions, they will be pleased to update you on issues of interest.

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

The RBOC continues to be active in advocating the use of our recreational boater's fees and fuel taxes for purposes which benefit boating infrastructure and not other state general fund programs. This is an ongoing situation that the RBOC monitors closely on our behalf. Also, proposed further restrictions on copper-containing bottom paints are being addressed in Marina del Rey, southern California. There is concern that proposed local restrictions there could be applied statewide.

Another issue under review by the RBOC is the effectiveness of emergency signaling devices, which are being promoted to replace traditional ignitable flares. The concern is that the replacement devices, electrical strobe lights, are not very effective during daylight hours. More information on this review will be provided in future discussions.

COTY (Club of the Year Competition)

Our 2024 COTY year activities are earning us points in this annual PICYA program to encourage cooperation among member yacht clubs. Events are planned throughout the year and you are invited to participate in each of them; see the above PICYA review for those events coming up on the calendar. Also, one of the mainstays of interclub cooperation is the recognition of "reciprocal privileges" between clubs. This is a fancy term for an open invitation, so please do plan a visit...YOU will be welcomed!



Safety Officer's Report

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Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors on Boats, American Boating & Yachting Council (ABYC)

ABYC standards require carbon monoxide detectors on all new boats with gasoline engines or generators and enclosed spaces.

As I'm sure many of you know, carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that basically substitutes itself for the oxygen that red blood cells normally carry throughout our body. In fact, researching for this piece I discovered that a method of execution used in ancient times was to lock the condemned prisoner in a room with a smoldering fire or hot coals!

It's not unreasonable to have a CO detector in our boats. I personally have experienced CO poisoning. My first boat was a Ranger 29 with an Atomic 4 gasoline engine. Out on a cruise when the boat was only two years old, I handed the helm to my then wife while I ran below for a glass of water. I suddenly felt dizzy and instinctively headed for fresh air. Good thing I did – my wife said that if I hadn't come back up she would have assumed I was taking a nap! It turned out that Ranger had built the muffler for my boat out of aluminum! You don't have to be an expert metallurgist to know that hot salt water (from engine cooling) and hot exhaust gasses will eat a hole in aluminum quite quickly – and that's what had happened!

Even though we sailors use an engine less than our powerboat friends, we do find ourselves out on hot, windless days where the "iron jib" is a blessing. So, consider installing a CO detector on your boat. And make sure it's marine rated – not one of the household CO detectors that you find at Home Depot. Marine rated CO detectors will detect long exposures to lower levels of CO than household ones do, and long-term exposure to low levels of CO can be as deadly as shorter-term exposure to higher concentrations of CO.

In researching for this article, I also learned that CO detectors – whether for marine use or installed in our homes – have a finite lifetime, usually seven years. All CO detectors manufactured since 2009 are required to give an "end-of-life" alarm, usually by a special beep. If you hear it, pay attention – your detector may have stopped working!

~ Edited from original article by Lu Abel, **Backwinds**, July 2016

For more information on marine-rated CO detectors, click on the link below:



[Best Marine CO Detector \(for Boats in 2024\)](#)

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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
sbyc.alviso@gmail.com

Who to Contact

at the South Bay Yacht Club

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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 Hayes
Director	Shirley Reekie



Community Events - Good of the Order



4TH of JULY
RED WHITE & SLOUGH
Thursday - Noon to 6
CELEBRATE VETERANS
Hosted By:
The McCully Family
AT THE HISTORIC
SOUTH BAY YACHT CLUB
1491 Hope St, San Jose
Delicious BBQ courtesy of:
CPMentorship.org
FREE BBQ
Music & Fun For
Veterans & Their
Families
Live Music by Steve Eckert & Friends!
FREE for VETERANS & their Families
All kids eat FREE all day
Non-Veteran Adults Suggested Donation \$10 for **BBQ**
Bring a Lawn Chair & Hang Out For A Mellow 4th
Must order FREE tickets online - so we can order enough food
www.regathon.com/4th
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Enriching Lives of Veterans
Team RWB
Serving Veterans Nationwide:
KnowAVet.org
MENTORSHIP regathon.com TEAM RWB KnowAVet.org

Save the date and find your boots!

Jeff Barnes, Teddy Chagoya, Louie Herrera, Tim Miyazaki, and Edye Stein host a Saturday night hoedown on July 27th for SBYC members and their guests.

Registration link will be sent via email.

The McCully Bickford Family invites you to join them for their annual July 4th party at SBYC.
Thursday, July 4
12pm to 6pm
RSVP Required for Dining



A Hoedown at SBYC
Saturday, July 27th - 4:00pm to 10:00pm
Throw on some western attire and mosey on down to the South Bay Yacht Club for a nite of Grubbin' Hootin' & Hollerin'
We're providing the BBQ, Chili, Baked Potatoes, Green Salad, and Corn on the Cob
>> Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share <<
~ Dinner starts at 6:00pm ~
~ Instructional Line Dancing starts at 8:00pm ~
~ No Host Bar all night ~
** This event is open to all SBYC Members and their invited guests **
South Bay Yacht Club - 1491 Hope St - Alviso, CA 95002

News to Note

The Mercury News

By [Caelyn Pender](#) | PUBLISHED: June 25, 2024 |
UPDATED: June 26, 2024

Shigella outbreak grows with cases in homeless encampments along Guadalupe River ~ Public health department advises people to avoid using the river

"The general public is advised to avoid using the Guadalupe River downstream of Highway 85 and Almaden Expressway "out of an abundance of caution," Dr. Monika Roy, assistant health officer and communicable disease controller for Santa Clara County, said at a news conference Monday afternoon. People infected with Shigella have reported using the river for hygiene reasons, she said."

"At the June 18 news conference, public health officials reported three confirmed cases, four cases under evaluation and 19 suspected cases. These cases were primarily affecting people experiencing homelessness in the Columbus Park area as well as some other encampments."

"Roy added that people should wash their hands before eating and avoid touching their face as extra precautions."

Read the full article:

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/06/25/shigella-outbreak-grows-with-cases-in-homeless-encampments-along-guadalupe-river/>



Monthly Newsletters

New issues are emailed by the first of each month. If you prefer, I can send one to you by USPS.

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Yachty Things – Save the Date!

39th Annual Plastic Classic Regatta

Sat, July 20, 2024 - Pier 54 - 1pm

Sponsored by the **Bay View Boat Club**

For info and race entry forms go to

www.bayviewboatclub.org/plastic-classic



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

Open Invitation from Solano Yacht Club to join in on Cruise Ins, free use of their guest dock, parking for RVs for those who drive to meet up.

Dear Commodore and Fellow Yacht Club Members,

This letter serves as an open invitation to you and your members to visit Solano Yacht Club, plan a cruise out to our club, and to join our fleet when we head out to different destinations throughout our Bay Area and Sacramento Delta. With the rise in inflation and fuel prices, and the tightening of budgets, I've noticed a decline in the number of participants of boaters willing to attend cruise outs. If this has affected the number of your cruise out participants as well, I encourage you to reach out and perhaps we may team up to plan some cruise outs together. We still have boaters who are eager to cruise out, including me and my husband, John, in our 420 Sea Ray, Star Pilot. Together we can plan cruise outs that will be worth the efforts of our destination yacht clubs, and teaming up will certainly make it much more fun.

Please consider visiting us, teaming up with us for cruise outs, and planning a cruise in with Solano Yacht Club as your club's destination. My fellow board members and I will work hard to accommodate you and your members. All of us at Solano Yacht Club look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,
Lisa Rodrigues

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