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Opening Day on the South Bay 2024 Annual Photo

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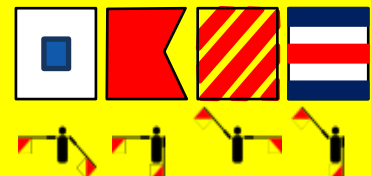
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Board Meeting 6pm and General Meeting 7pm

Thursday, June 13
In Person or on Zoom

Keep up to date on SBYC business



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 Family Fun**, Last Friday 5pm - 9pm
- **Work Party**, Last Saturday 9am - 12pm

June

Sat, 1 Alviso Dragon Boat Festival*
Thurs, 13 Board Meeting 6pm
 Member Meeting 7pm
Sat, 29 Tropical Nights Party 4pm – 8pm
 Must RSVP



July - No Board Meeting in July

August - No board meeting in August
Sat, 3 SBYC Sail-in 12pm – 8pm

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.**



Commodore's Corner

Earl Jensen, Commodore Earl_jensen@comcast.net

Spring is in the air, we're past Opening-Day-on-the-Bay and the club is buzzing with activity. I would actually say that the scuttlebug on the poop deck is hunky dory.

The aspect of being part of a club and socializing with other members of the club is extremely important. It brings out the cohesiveness that is the hallmark of a well-functioning club. It makes members want to attend and bring guests in as well. What especially comes to mind is the standing event for third Thursdays and Fourth Fridays. Keep showing up and have some fellowship and a drink.

I recently picked up a copy of "A Message to Garcia" by Elbert Hubbard. It is an inspiring story that you can read in about 20 minutes. (40 million copies in circulation) Here is an excerpt:

"My heart goes out to the man (or a woman) who does his work when the 'boss' is away as well as when he is home, who when given the letter to Garcia, quietly takes the missive without asking any idiotic questions."

The essence I surmised from the text was, when taking on a job, to do your best, apply your best judgement, and quietly carry out your mission. In other words, "Carry a Message to

Garcia." I see many examples of this every week as many of you go quietly about your tasks without making a fuss of it. If we continue to do this, we will be the better club for it.

As we slip into the summer months, the club involvement was historically subdued (as it was explained to me: This is the time when people take their boats for a summer cruise!). The Board is off for July and August. However, the club is not closed and if you have concerns or questions, I can ensure you that no one has taken the boats out for a summer cruise 😊. Call us.

~ Earl Jensen, Commodore



Commodore Jensen & Sea Scout,
Scout-o-Rama 2024

Hope you were there!

Wild Oyster Project Presentation at the May 9th Board meeting



Member Samuel Leyva with Wild Oyster Project's Casey Harper & Laura Valvassori checking on SBYC's Base Camp habitat. and they also found a wee sculpin.



Mothers' Day Brunch & Opening Day on the South Bay on May 12



Let us just say – Bacon. Ramos Gin Fizzes. Flowers to take home. We are so glad you joined us.

The Brunch Bunch: Brad Tost, Shari Broussard, Sheila Tost, Margaret Nolin, Evan von Kugelgen, and Jeff Barnes. (Skip Broussard was busy working and Mallory von Kugelgen took the photo.)



See the Sea Scouts pages for more photos!

Good news...



Welcome New Members!

Inducted at the May 9
Board meeting:

Edye Stein,
Sharon Coate, and
Timothy Cano

(Director Roy Hayes in the back)



Member Samuel Leyva and South Bay Yacht Club hosted **National River Cleanup Day** on May 18. Samuel reports that 40 volunteers cleared 500 lbs of trash.





House & Grounds

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Work Completed in May

- Tree drip system installed, thanks to Weds Work Party!
- House Inventory updates - Gill, Samuel and Mohammed
- Approval to repair flagpole and funding from South Bay Historic Restoration Foundation - Thank you, SBHRF!!
- New trash can holders - Thank you, Nathan!

Work Planned for June

- Flagpole repairs
- Finalize quotes for house plumbing and storage yard work
- Storage yard cleaning
- Barn organizing
- Grounds cleanup

Goals for rest of 2024:

- Storage yard fence repairs and ground cover replacement
- House plumbing replacement
- Boston Whaler motor repair/replacement
- Barn organizing for use and storage



Sea Scouts

Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SYBC Board Member



Sea Scout Ship 300, a charter of the SBYC

Members of our Sea Scout Ship have participated in a variety of events, now that the weather is finally cooperating.

A group of leaders and Sea Scouts attended Scout-o-Rama at History Park, San Jose, along with hundreds of other Scouts and one other Sea Scout Ship. Our blue uniforms were quite distinctive.

The next day was Opening Day (others might say it was Mother's Day!) at the SBYC. Last year, we had one kayak modified to sail but this year we had six vessels: two row boats, one sculling shell, one kayak, one sailboat, and the Whaler power boat. Let's see if we can increase by another five next year and hold this event during a high tide.

The following weekend, Jason wanted to try out his Klepper sailing kayak; he'd had it out kayaking, but this was to test the sailing part of a sailing kayak and we had a lot of fun. Ask him about the history of this amazing vessel and its month-long trip off the coast of west Africa.

This most recent Saturday, we had a rowboat, a kayak, the Whaler, and a sailboat out for some fun on the slough. It was Lexi's first time helming and she did a great job.

Our next outing is planned for sailing at Redwood City and our new sailors can test their skills there.



Opening Day Regatta



Jason's
Klepper

Sea Scouts

Shirley Reekie - Skipper, Ship 300 and SYBC Board Member



300

Sea Scout Ship 300, a charter of the SBYC



Shirley Reekie leads the Regatta pack



Nathan waves as the South Bay Opening Day Parade passes



Commodore Earl Jensen captains the SBYC Opening Day Parade lead boat

Lexi helming





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)

Thanks to those who came up to San Francisco in April for the PICYA's annual Opening Day on the Bay weekend. The San Jose Sailing Club had 5 boats cruise in for the weekend, including the Ellenberger's Hummingbird. With a tip of our sailor's hat to a 2024 PICYA rule change, Hummingbird represented the South Bay Yacht Club in Sunday's decorated boat parade. Way to go SBYC! The Opening Day awards party was held on May 13th at the Oyster Point YC and SBYC Delegates Emmett Dingell and Gus Meyner were in attendance. No, we did not win any awards, but we had a great time...and isn't that the point of it all! As a reminder, there are 10 region-wide meetings each year and you are always welcome to attend.

On May 12th, the South Bay Yacht Club hosted Opening Day on the South Bay. About 40 happy friends enjoyed the fun from our club with a delicious Mother's Day brunch, very generous Ramos Fizzes poured at the bar, and a shallow draft boat regatta followed by a decorated boat parade. What a time we had! You are all invited to join in for the fun next year...don't miss it. In the COTY world, this was a Regional Opening Day and we had attendees from as far away as the Petaluma Yacht Club.

COTY (Club of the Year Competition)

What is that Club of the Year thing? It's a friendly PICYA sponsored competition to encourage recreational boating activities in Northern California and to enhance cooperation among its 105 or so member clubs. Have you ever visited other Bay Area yacht clubs? It's fun and the 'reciprocal' visiting privileges are part of our clubs PICYA membership! Why do the COTY thing...because SBYC IS A YACHT CLUB and, by definition, a yacht club does "yachty" things.

Our COTY Coordinator is Emmett Dingell, working with Tim Ellenberger, the San Jose Sailing Club's COTY Coordinator, to learn the ropes...so to speak. He's attended all the monthly PICYA Delegates Meetings, the Commodore's Ball, and other events on behalf of SBYC. Our shallow draft on the water boating events, community service fund raisers, Sea Scout sponsorship, and coastal and river cleanup events are all part of the mix. Yes, we have boats...small and large power and sail boats and we are out there using them. Take a minute to talk to Emmett and you'll be amazed at how many 'yachty' things we do!

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

\$20,000,000,000...yes, that's \$20 billion, the new estimate for construction of the scaled down "single" tunnel for the Delta Conveyance water project. RBOC has taken a firm stand on opposition to a proposal, but it is an uphill battle against the state. One possible saving grace is the state's current projected budget shortfall of \$27 billion. If the project can be delayed, future construction price increases may make it prohibitively expensive to build.



Safety Officer's Report

Tim Ellenberger t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

Tim has been appointed as the Club's Safety Officer. For PICYA Club of the Year qualifications, a Club Safety Officer and regular safety articles add to our club's boating footprint. Here, he's sharing an article, edited for space, that first appeared in the January 2106 issue of **Backwind**.

"At the Dock Alone" by Lu Abel

Have you ever thought what would happen if you fell overboard? "Yes," you say, "my crew is well versed in MOB recovery!" But wait, what if you were alone? "I don't singlehand!" No, I mean what if you were alone while your boat was tied up at the dock?!

In almost 40 years of sailing, I've been overboard from my boat three times. Each time my boat was firmly tied up at the dock!

The first time was when I was distracted when carrying a handful of "stuff" down the finger that my brand new first boat was attached to, a perfect example of the old saying "long walk on a short pier." Splash!

The next time the lifelines on my boat were down. I was squatting and happily polishing the cabin sides when I leaned back - splash!

The most recent time, I was trying to untangle a rope, paying it out as I walked backwards down a finger. Except my path wasn't straight and I neatly backed off the edge of the finger! Splash!

West Marine sells a fiberglass "boarding step" designed to have a rope threaded through it. Tied off to a midship cleat, it allows one to "step up" to a high freeboard boat. I bought one, threaded it with a loop of rope of a sufficient length to put the step about 3 feet below the top of the finger, and tied it off to a dock cleat. Having the step alone is not enough – I also tied off another loop of rope to give me something to grab on to so I can pull myself erect with my foot in the loop.

Last but not least, these two items – the step and the loop – are not in the water growing barnacles. They are both on the edge of the finger, ready to be pulled into the water if ever needed.

That's my solution. Yours may very well differ. But give it some thought sometime.

Fair winds and safe passages – including down your slip!



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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.

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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 Hayes
Director	Shirley Reekie



Community Events - Good of the Order

CPMentorship.org Presents
**ALVISO
BABY DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL**
Sat June 1, 2024 Noon-5pm
Decorate Kayaks as "Baby Dragons"
Then paddle down from the Alviso Marina
Dragon Festival South Bay Yacht Club



Kayaks Decorated
To Look Like
Dragons!

Alviso Marina South Bay Yacht Club

DECORATE KAYAKS | RIDE BABY DRAGON KAYAKS
ARTS & CRAFTS | FACE PAINTING
LIVE MUSIC | FREE FOOD | Make Chinese Food Zongzi

South Bay Yacht Club
1491 Hope St., San Jose/Alviso. CA
RSVP www.regathon.com/dragonboat



Alviso Baby Dragon Boat Festival

Saturday, June 1
Noon – 5pm
Alviso Marina

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



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
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
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Yachty Things – Save the Date!

Bay View Boat Club would like to invite all interested vintage fiberglass sailboat owners with boats spanning from the 1960s through 1999, to enter our 39th annual “Plastic Classic” Regatta on **Saturday, July 20, 2024**. The race will take place off the waters of SF Pier 54. Let’s get those fiberglass beauties out racing for the 39th year!

39th Annual Plastic Classic Regatta

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

*Sponsored by the **Bay View Boat Club***

Following the race, join in on the celebration: Dinner, awards, live music and dancing. Complimentary water taxi service available to boats anchored in the cove. For info and race entry forms go to: www.bayviewboatclub.org/plastic-classic



The 32nd [Women's Sailing Seminar](#) will be hosted by Island Yacht Club in Alameda **September 27-29, 2024**.

This is a sailing event that's by women and for women! All skills and experience are welcome. Join IYC for a fun filled weekend of coaching, learning and sailing sisterhood. They have new course offerings and new experiences to offer something for everyone!

Early Bird Registration opens June 15th - Don't Miss out!

[Click HERE to stay in the loop](#) - more details coming soon!

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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