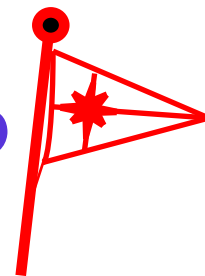


San Leandro Yacht Club

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7-9	Coyote Point YC Cruise-in: Friday PM Potluck, Saturday Dinner @ 7 PM, Sunday AM Breakfast – Hosted by Faye Stevens
March 13	Board Meeting, 1900
March 15	Club Dinner & Special Meeting, 1900
March 21	Skippers Meeting/Happy Hour, 1800
March 22-23	Cruise-out to Coyote Point YC
March 29-30	Spring Cleaning Days
April 5	Safety Day, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
April 17	Board Meeting, 1900
April 25	Skippers Meeting/Happy Hour, 1800
April 26-27	Cruise-out/Anchor-out, Clipper Cove
April 27	Opening Day on the Bay

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HAPPY HOUR: FRIDAYS, 1800-2000

Officers and Appointees

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Clubhouse Manager	Shane Brooker (510 790-8629)
Staff Commodore	Dena Snearly (925.337.4351)



Past Commodore Roll Call

1986	Hans Schneider
1987	Michael Dixon
1995	Robbie Robinson
1996	Barbara Chapman
1998	Bob Hungerford
1999	Renate Rupprecht
2002-2003	Lee Stevens
2004	Faye Stevens
2005	Dena Snearly
2006	Bruce Moon



Commodore's Corner *Dale Snearly*

San Leandro YC never has a dull moment. We now have internet and WiFi at the club house and also a computer that members can use to look up things on the web. A big thanks goes to Shane Brooker for configuring the computers that were a gift to the club from Dan Williams. Dena has organized the board room to fit the computers. Thank you Dena.

We now have a new tap of beer. Shane and Randy got Drake's - a local San Leandro brewery - to install the tap and a keg of Drake's Amber, which is one of the personal favorites of the Commodore. Look for more changes on the taps as it is planned to rotate the beers to offer variety. This means that you can have input on what goes on tap – just talk to the club house manager.

Speaking of which, another change, Randy Kalie has resigned from Vice Commodore and Club House

Manager. Shane Brooker has been appointed to Club House Manager, and we are having a special meeting as part of our club dinner on March 15, so the membership can vote on the appointment. I heartily ask you to support Shane in running the bar and club house, and to please attend the dinner to vote. I'd like to give Randy Kalie many thanks for his past efforts, ideas, and support of the club.

The February club dinner was a sweetheart dinner with Dena and I as hosts. It was a wonderful evening with great food and friends. It was also our general membership meeting. Everyone on the board did a wonderful job of presenting reports. I thank each of them as well as the members attending. It is an important task for supporting the club.

Looking forward ... I already mentioned the March 15 club dinner with a bit of green for St. Patrick's. It should be fun and we'll see if there is green beer around! We also have our spring cleaning March 29th. Please come down to brighten and clean the club for the year. Many hands are needed to make the work light. In April we will have a post tax day club dinner on April 19th. It is a much needed recovery for the paying of the tax man and what better way than to be with friends at the club. Also Opening Day on the Bay is April 26 and I know we will be going out to see the parade and enjoy the start of a new boating season. We have several new members with new boats so this will be an exciting to for them and us older boaters to enjoy the energy. Kurt Blankenship has plans for a motorcycle and car show hosted by the yacht club coming up in June. Also, there are ideas floating around the club about a big screen TV and maybe even adding addition onto the building. Share your ideas for the club with members and the board. You never know what will happen. After all it is your club.

It is time for that last thought. I ran into a saying by Abraham Lincoln. It made me chuckle and think. "The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time." I hope that as you plan your future that you remember to live each day to the fullest. Learn, live and love in each moment to have your future bright. AND get down to the water and let's go boating!

Commodore Dale Snearly



Rear View

Kurt Blankenship

Club Dinners

Saturday, March 15, 7:00 pm

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Saturday, March 15, 2008**

Corned Beef, Cabbage & Fixins

Host: Delmarie Snodgrass
Cost: \$12.00 per person



**Celebrate Earth Day Dinner
Saturday, April 19, 7:00 pm**

Baked Ham, Scalopped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Host: Alan Rutan
Cost: \$12.00 per person

Be sure to sign up at the clubhouse to help the cooks plan and shop. Thanks!

Frank Wilson

Editor's Notes: The Port Captain and trusty side-kick have been at it again. The men's room has a new look – fresh paint!! And, it looks great – feel free to check it out (better knock first!). Frank and Tina are on vacation, on a cruise ship somewhere in the Caribbean... it's a tough life.



Fleeting Moments
Dan Williams

Greetings from the Fleet Captain. Well we have finally begun to lock in some dates for cruise outs.

March 22. Coyote Point
April 26. Treasure Island Anchor Out
May 17 Loch Lomond

As the cruise out approaches we will have more details. I am also looking to reschedule the wine tour, which was cancelled due to the storm last weekend. An additional "research mission" may also be planned.



NCPCA News

Many people ask, "What is an 'Over-the-Bottom' Contest?"

It is not easy to describe to someone who has not been in one (the best way to find out is to ride with a Member, or Enter yourself!), but here it is in very simple terms...The Contest is similar to a Car Rally Race, only for Motor Yachts. Each contest has a specific course that all boats must follow.

Boaters may select the speed class they want to run - generally 6, 8 or 10 knots.

Each boat must maintain the selected speed over the entire course, which sounds simple on the surface. However, tides, currents, and even obstacles must be taken into account!



Port Captain

In addition, to make sure the boaters follow the correct course, and speed - there are "checkers" placed in strategic spots along the course. If a boat is early, or late, crossing a checkpoint - error points are given to that boat. The vessel with the least error points (ie: most accurate course and time) is the winner!

"Over-the-Bottom" Contests are not only a lot of fun - they are a great way to improve navigational skills. If you own a power vessel, and belong to a Northern California Yacht Club - contact one of our current Officers to find out how you and your club can join in

2008 Schedule

March 15	Novice Contest at Bridge Marina YC
April 11-13	Fun Cruise at Village West Marina
May 3	San Leandro YC
May 10	Encinal YC
June 7	Oxbow YC (No Electronics!)
June 14	Bridge Marina YC
June 21	San Joaquin YC
Aug 16	Ebony YC
Aug 23	Stockton YC
Sept 13	Benicia YC
Sept 20	San Rafael YC
Sept 27	Vallejo YC
Oct 11	Fall Delegates Meeting
Nov (TBD)	Change of Watch

1. Mist, Beneteau First 38, Robert Hu and Keith Barker
2. Paradigm, J/32, Luther Izmirian
3. Jet Lag, Catalina 34, Torin Knorr

Nonspinnaker Division (3 entries):

1. Spirit, Hunter 37 Legend, Wayne Weathers
2. Hot Ice, C&C 110, Mike Haddock
3. Spirit, Catalina 27, Alan Orr & Mark Green

I wasn't able to sail Saturday, but I heard the Sequoia YC race committee headed by first-timer Olivier Lauveral (and ably assisted by Kevin & Renee Hartig of SPYC) did an excellent job of running the event. Thanks to them for their leadership atop Redwood Creek.

FYI, our next race will be the first of SBYRA's Summer Series. Summer #1 will be held on Saturday, April 12, on the Sierra Point YC course just north of SFO. Please sign-up for this seven-race series on our association's internet site beginning next week. Also please encourage new skippers to join us in SBYRA's Novice Division which has its own start at each race following the gun for the Nonspinnaker Division. Best.... Larry Westland



Sunshine Lady
Tina Hand

The Club wishes to extend a very Happy Birthday to all members celebrating their birthday in

March

- 12 – Dan Williams
- 13 – Judy Pennington

April

- 1 – Joann Killian
- 7 – Michelle Haynes
- 6 – Julie Brooker
- 29 – Wally Leppanen

Stop by the Club and enjoy a free birthday drink!



South Bay Yacht Racing Association Skippers & Crews:

Here's a snapshot of last Saturday's race on the Sequoia YC race course south of the Hayward-San Mateo Bridge. Winter #5 was sailed in 15-21 knots of wind in conjunction with Sequoia's own winter series and attracted a total of 13 boats. Scored separately, the seven SBYRA boats that competed finished as follows:

Spinnaker Division (4 entries):

MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE

Earth Day on the Bay!

Cargill

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Saturday
April 19th, 2008
8am - 5pm

- ★ Live Music with the **The Banana Slug String Band II**
- ★ Fish & Shark feeding at our aquariums
- ★ 4 two-hour trips aboard our ship, the **Robert G. Brownlee** (register on-line ahead of time)
- ★ Kilaheua outrigger canoe lessons & hula dance!
- ★ Environmental Info Fair
- ★ Presentation by Al Gore's Climate Project
- ★ Ocean Arts & Crafts and much more!

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insert Safety Day flyer



2008 Events



MARCH

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 SBYRA WINTER RACE #5
2	3 PILOTING	4	5	6	7	8 COYOTE POINT YC CRUISE-IN
9	10 PILOTING	11	12	13 BOARD MEETING, 1900	14	15 CLUB DINNER, 1900
16	17 NO CLASS	18	19	20	21 SKIPPERS MEETING, 1800	22 CRUISE- OUT TO COYOTE POINT YC
23 EASTER	24 PILOTING	25	26	27	28	29 SPRING CLEANING DAY

APRIL

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 30 SPRING CLEANING FINISHED	MARCH 31 PILOTING	1	2	3	4	5 SAFETY DAY
6	7 PILOTING	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 PERALTA ADVANCED PILOTING CLASS	15	16	17 BOARD MEETING, 1900 SAILBOAT	SHOW AT	19 CLUB DINNER, 1900 OAKLAND
20 MARINA	21 ADVANCED PILOTING	22	23	24	25 SKIPPERS MEETING, 1800	26 CRUISE- OUT/ANCH OR-OUT, CLIPPER COVE
27 OPENING DAY ON THE BAY	28 ADVANCED PILOTING	29	30			

MAY

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 NCPCA CRUISE-IN
4	5 ADVANCED PILOTING	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 ADVANCED PILOTING	13	14	15 BOARD MEETING, 1900	16 SKIPERS MEETING, 1800	17 CRUISE- OUT TO LOCH LOMOND YC
18 CLUB DINNER & GENERAL MEETING	19 ADVANCED PILOTING	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28	29	30	31 POSSIBLE CRUISE-IN 10:57 5.1

JUNE

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 POSSIBLE CRUISE-IN	2 ADVANCED PILOTING	3	4	5	6 ANCHOR- OUT TRIP	7 ANCHOR- OUT
8	9 ADVANCED PILOTING	10	11	12	13	14 11:43 4.9
15	16 ADVANCED PILOTING	17	18	19 BOARD MEETING, 1900	20	21 CLUB DINNER, 1900
22	23 ADVANCED PILOTING	24	25	26	27	28 9:42 4.6 14:34 2.2
29	30					