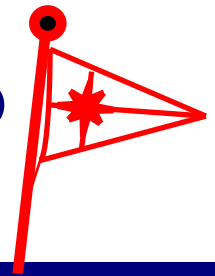


# San Leandro Yacht Club

## Puff 'n' Putt



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**Comments from the Editor:** As a volunteer organization, SLYC relies exclusively on the efforts of its members and the newsletter is no exception. A very special thanks goes to Jacky Harty for all her help with this P&P.

We have had some great P&P editors, like Michelle Haynes for example, and we have had some not so great, like me for example. So we are always looking for another great editor.

At the end of the day it's the fellowship of our little group that counts, not the words and picture pasted on a page. And so, to quote a great man, "Ask not what the club can do for you, but rather what can you do for our little club."

**The calendar section is now available online @**  
<http://www.sanleandroyc.org/Calendar.htm>



## 2011 Officers and Appointees

Commodore	Julie Brooker
Vice Commodore	Shane Brooker
Rear Commodore	Patrick Weber
Secretary	Alisa Kennison
Treasurer	Jaclyn Harty
Power Fleet Captain	Norm Pennington
Sail Fleet Captain	Talbot Harty
Port Captain	Tony Padilla
Clubhouse Manager	Dan Williams
Staff Commodore	Bruce Moon
Web Master	Norm Pennington

generous matching donation for the new Kegorator. The beer runith cold! I am very excited to work with the new board and come up with ideas and plans that will increase the membership and income to the club. The days will be getting longer and the weather better so I hope to see all of you more often. Also Birthdays...stop by for a drink on the Commadorable!

## Vice Commodore

*Shane Brooker*



It's a another year for SLYC. Some members lost, but remembered, and more new friends joining in. It's the ebb and flow of a community. It's the way of our little bay.

And so introducing our newest club members,



Dave and Helen Smith own a Lafitte 44, with plans to retire cruising.



Steve and Lisa Plant are live-aboards in San Leandro and have three dogs to walk come rain or shine.

Mark and Priscilla Plafcan commute from Boise, ID to their California office, a 57' sport fisher.

Craig Shipman of San Ramon has joined in as a future boating enthusiast.



## Past Commodore Roll Call 2010



Bruce Moon



## Commodore's Corner *Julie Brooker*



Hello SLYC Members,  
It is with great honor I accept the position as the 2011 SLYC Commodore, or as some refer, the Commadorable. This year is bursting with new club ideas and excitement. As your Commadorable, I will make sure that our club stays true to its reputation of being the "Friendliest Lil' Yacht Club on the Bay." This will be a year of appreciating those who really put forward an effort to volunteer their time and resources to make our club successful. I would like to take this time to give a huge thank you to Dan Williams for his



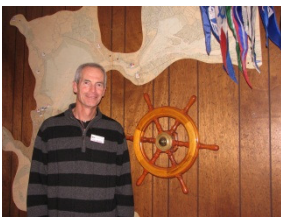
And a future member, Tony and Paula Padilla's grandson, Zaiden, who sang the hit song "Feliz Navidad" to the membership at our SLYC Christmas party dinner.

Our calendar continues to update as events in the future are firmed up. So check it often for changes.



**Rear Commodore**

*Patrick Weber*



We have a busy but interesting year ahead. Our Commodorable has outlined and our Board members have presented us all with a very nice cruise in and cruise out schedule. Along with club and membership dinners, America's Boating Course, talk of a CPR class, and Yoga three times a week, we will be a busy club. In keeping our club vibrant we have many new members on deck and Delmarie and her staff has been diligently working hard to bring many more great boats into our Marina. Let's all make an effort to encourage our new neighbors to become members of the original San Leandro Yacht Club.

My active involvement in the club begins with an appreciation to all previous board and general members for their hard work at keeping this historical institution viable. I feel in keeping the spirit of traditions melded with the exciting future opportunities will let us pass on to future members the sound club entrusted to this board.

Thanks for the opportunity,  
Dish Pan Hands Pat... Rear Commodore



**Secretary**

*Alisa Kennison*



I, Alisa Kennison Secretary of San Leandro Yacht Club, when not taking and typing notes and minutes, am very active. I live in Fremont three days a week and in Jackson four days a week. My hobby is loading and unloading our cars (Ha Ha). We have 5.2 acres of flat and hilly land in Jackson. I own my own company, Kennison's Metal Fab., and have a staff of six. I am married to Bill Kennison, who you have probably met around the club. We have two children, both are married. We bought a house in Jackson four years ago. Since then we have acquired two grandchildren. Giana is a very precocious three year old and Lucas is only 10 months old and has a mind of his own already. We enjoy heading to Jackson... there is lots of fresh air and trees. We also acquired some chickens and a turkey. We now have eggs and lots of them. We have learned a lot from Tony and Paula, our fellow club members, about chickens and their care. It is a lot of fun. I really enjoy going and getting the eggs. They are all different sizes and colors.

I don't have any goals for the club this year... just keep taking notes and typing them up. We are hoping to get our boat running so we can go out and do some boating this year though!!!

Respectfully Submitted  
Alisa Kennison  
Secretary



## Treasurer

*Jaclyn Harty*



Happy New Year SLYC!

2011 is sure to be another great year, with many new and exciting changes on the horizon. As many of you have heard, I have agreed to take over as Treasurer so that Delmarie can focus her attention on the marina. I know that Delmarie has served the club well for many years and I hope to do the position justice. Delmarie worked closely with me to bring me up to speed and assisted the Audit Committee last month in an audit to finalize the hand-off.

As your new treasurer, I promise to work hard to manage our books and support SLYC's financial goals over the coming year. So far, we are off to a great start! Our financials are now up to date and I am working on a formal budget for this fiscal year so that we know just how much have to spend on improvements to our wonderful little club.

Sincerely,  
Jackie Harty  
Treasurer



## Power Fleet Captain

*Norm Pennington*



In 2010 members of the San Leandro Yacht Club participated in several

cruises and one tour. I was hoping that we would have broader participation, however being a small club it can sometimes be challenging to get a group sail or cruise to destinations in the greater bay area. For those who may not know me, most of my cruising is done in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Delta to some really great cruising destinations. For me, it is sort of a frontier area, especially some of the hamlets and small towns that line the rivers.

Last year I was not able to schedule as many cruises as I would liked due to a few conflicting schedules, one being my Panama Canal Cruise and a major illness as a result of surgery. We did manage to have a couple of cruises, participation in South Bay Opening Day and a land/sea cruise to Angel Island.

This year I am planning cruises to some of the same, as well as some new destinations that I hope members will want to participate on. Some possible destinations include Aeolian Yacht Club, Ballena Bay Yacht Club, Marina Bay Yacht Club, Oyster Point Yacht Club, and Peninsula Yacht Club. Activities include South Bay Opening Day, Fleet Week, and possibly another land/Sea cruise to Vallejo. Lastly, I am open to member suggestions for cruise destinations. I expect that we will have the Annual Safety Day at the San Leandro Marina and the San Leandro Yacht Club. This will be your chance to get a free Vessel Safety Check. The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is conducted to see if your boat has all of the required safety equipment, and that the equipment is current and serviceable. Boat that pass the VSC will be awarded a decal showing that the vessel complies with all state and federal regulations. While we are on the topic of safety, have you taken a safe boating course? If you have not taken one, I will be presenting America's Boating Course starting February 18<sup>th</sup> at the San Leandro Yacht Club. For more information and to sign-up, go to the Peralta website at: <http://www.peraltasquadron.org/education/abc3course.html>



## Sail Fleet Captain

## *Talbot Harty*



As the proud owner of a 42' trawler named "Angel Face," you may be wondering why I have volunteered to be the new SLYC Sail Fleet Captain. The fact is that I am fairly new to boats. I bought Angel Face a little over seven years ago as a way to rapidly dispose of post-tax earnings while providing an endless list of projects and learning opportunities. She has been truly amazing in these regards. However, this past summer I came to the realization that there was more to boating than that deep sense of security in knowing that I could I never be deprived of things to fix or spend our money on; security that Angel Face has so generously provided for our family all these years.

I was introduced to sailing by the notorious Captain Shane Brooker, and was immediately hooked. My short voyages aboard the Black Adder and Isabella were life-changing. My imagination has been captured by the realization that you can harness the silent force of the wind and journey to faraway places. Even a single hour of sailing has washed away the my most stressful days of the rat race that I work in. Yes, I am hooked on sailing and I look forward to being your Sail Fleet Captain this year. I hope to learn from the more experienced sailors in our club, while sharing my unbridled enthusiasm and profound ignorance.

With the support of my lovely wife, we are working toward the day when we trade in our beloved Angel Face for our own sailboat and set sail to explore faraway places - all without giving up the gift of security that Angel Face has given us.

Talbot Harty  
SLYC Sail Fleet Captain



## **Port Captain**

*Tony Padilla*



Ahoy Clubbies and Happy New Year to all!

I feel a freshening breeze in my face and it carries the scent of positive change ahead for the Club. Keeping up with maintenance issues like plumbing or lighting is always in the mix, but gaining a new Board Room is like expanding the facility and upgrading all at the same time. That to me is exciting news. I plan to make it a priority to help see plans for the new room come to fruition.

I have had many members offer to help me with some of the more daunting work, such as the dock repair and the Pampas Grass, and for that I am most thankful. It is a great honor to be in the company of such good and dedicated friends. The building proper is in good shape at the moment and the grounds are manageable so I feel confident that the upcoming busy calendar, cruise-in, cruise-out, dinners, and events will be a pleasure for hosts and guests alike. I hope to see you soon at the clubhouse for fun, food, fellowship and of course drinking and boating (not necessarily at the same time).

May your Halyards be tight and the Wind at your back.  
Tony Padilla  
Port Captain



## **House Manager**

*Dan Williams*



We had quite a gathering at the club for New Years' Eve. The evening began around 6pm with dinner and just seemed to keep going as more and more people showed up, many bringing food to share. We tried to do the countdown on East Coast Time, but couldn't find a TV channel that carried it. So, we settled in for

the long haul up to “real” midnight. Some folks played Jenga, dice or cribbage to pass the time with friends, while the music played on. We still had about 16 when the magic hour arrived, which was greeted with a champagne toast. The music kept on, and there were still three couples dancing to it when I left at 1:30 am!

On Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, we had our “un-Deck the Club” happy hour. For whatever reasons, we only had a small group show up to put away the tree and other holiday decorations. Those who were there were treated to a wonderful fajita dinner courtesy of Dan Williams. Thank you, Dan!!

Come on down and join the fun! See you here.



**Sunshine Lady 2011**  
*Miss Magillicudy*



The Club wishes to extend a very Happy Birthday to all members celebrating their birthday in 2011. The rest of you,... well... you have my deepest sympathy. And remember to stop by the clubhouse and enjoy a free SLYC member birthday drink! Talent is where you find it.....

## Articles

**New Years Day:**  
Jan 1, 2011

Cruise out the Chanel News Year day. The air was chill, the wind was South and mild. Dan Williams checked the tide on his I-pad display. An 8 foot high followed by an -1 foot low. According to Capitan Shane the draft is 3 feet (Santana 24 “Black Adder”) The Channel is

dredged to 6 feet. But, the Harbor entrance is not . The Harbor Basin is somewhat less? The entrance to the Basin is clogged by a Bar, the fuel dock is silted up as well, and on most zero tides your 4 to 5 foot keel will stick in the mud on a low tide. I have churned up mud with my Kayak paddles! (2 to 3 feet)

None of this hampers such intrepid Sailors as the SLYC Buccaneers of the Black Adder. The High Tide was at 9:14 AM (7.8 feet) the low was at 4:25 PM (-0.8 feet) for the San Leandro Chanel. Capitan of the SLYC Club Boat (Captain Shane Brooker) Led three unsuspecting crew members to the task at hand, Sail out on New Years Day, Destination 'Unknown'. Departure time: 11nish (about a 6 foot outgoing tide)

We did not need the motor for more than 5 minutes with the South wind. We reached out the channel with ease. The Crew list was this; Captain: Shane Brooker, First Mate Dan Williams, Second Mate: Sam Walden, Terdmate: Tony There were those who opted out of the adventure, but, considering we did not need ice to keep the beer cold, who can blame them. We all had a great time sailing the little boat around with nothing to do but enjoy the beauty of the Bay. Perhaps to good of a time because we turned around to head back a little later than we should have. The mild conditions slowed our return even more. Of course being such die-hard sailors we were not disposed to start the motor to speed our return. So, as we turned at the mouth of the channel to cross the Bar, not surprisingly, we stuck hard right in front of the fishermen on the point. After much rocking and rolling to cheers and jeers from the much entertained fishermen, we called for rescue. Our Angel appeared in minutes in the form of Ron Helm and his speedy dingy, “What the Helm”. So we tossed anchor and hitched a ride to the Clubhouse for the 3 to 4 hour wait for the flood tide.

A good time was had by all on the first day of the New Year. I hope you all had the same.

Sincerely,

Tony Padilla

Port Capitan

### **Tsunami Tsailing 3/11/11**

Paula and I awoke to the TV news Friday morning. Japan had suffered a 9.0 earth quake and tsunami and the west coast of America was under a Tsunami warning. We saw TV images of Santa Cruz harbor as currents swept away and swamped boats and docks in a back and forth tidal rip every 20 to 30 minutes. Nobody knew just what to expect here.

We headed to the Marina to check out the situation first hand. There was more traffic than usual for a Friday morning; otherwise all seemed as usual. As we milled around the area talking to residents and fellow boat owners we were able to watch the tidal action of the tide basin in front of El Toritos Restaurant. The predicted Low Tide was 0.7 at 1114am. We arrived shortly before that time. Normally we would see the mud flat extending out to the point, a huge expanse of bay mud in front of El Toritos.

What we saw was an advancing tide, visibly increasing and advancing towards the restaurant. In a matter of 10 minutes the quarter of the expanse was covered by tide and in the next 10 minutes it stopped advancing and began to retreat just as fast back to the usual low tide mark. That series of surges occurred three or four times during the next few hours. Kurt, the harbor master guy, remarked that the current at the mouth of the Yacht Basin flooded and ebbed with visible effect several times in a few hours.

I thought it would be interesting to know if anyone was measuring and recording the tidal flux as it occurred.

A short time later I received a call from Dan Williams saying the tide and the wind looked good for a sail and would You and Paula like to join Audry and Me for an afternoon sail? The high tide was 4.7 at 615pm and by 300pm we were motoring out the channel. The wind was West at about 10 to 15, so we set a reef in the main and Jib. We beat and reached and ran on a fairly flat bay with nice steady breezes for 3 delightful hours and ran back to the harbor on the high tide with perhaps a little extra push from the Tsunami. We

were the only boat on the bay as far as we could see. In my boating experience, I was taught that if you are the only boat visible on the bay, then there might be a reason why everyone else is in port. Oh well, it is not the first time for me. There were no discernible currents or tidal effects at the time of our cruise. The effects of the Tsunami came at Low tide in the morning and by the afternoon, the Hi tide we were sailing on, we experienced one of the great South Bay sailing adventures of our lives. Here's to: friendship, saltwater, Southwest Airlines, sunny and partly cloudy skies, brisk winds, mild winds and a thrill of Tsunami Adventures.

Regards,  
Tony and Paula Padilla  
Thanks to :  
Skipper Dan, Audry and the *Deseado*