



STILLWATER YACHT CLUB

THE STILLWATER COVE'ER

COMMODORE'S REPORT April 2012

Open Stillwater Yacht Club General Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 10, 2012, at half past five

Hoist your main sail, unfurl your jib and get ready to fly your spinnaker as we launch a new year of sailing regattas, fun-filled parties and exciting events. The **2012**

Stillwater Yacht Club year promises to be our most exciting ever with some new events, some new boats and spiced-up versions of our favorite parties.

We begin on **May 10, 2012**, with a **SYC Member's Happy Hour and General Meeting**. Find out what's new and get your questions answered.



Our season officially begins on **May 19, 2012**, with the **SYC Pier Opening** extravaganza. This year the pier opening is managed by Director Kevin Larkin and will feature a festive pier party highlighted by scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, select wines, tropical music and a very special "Blessing of our Fleet." It is going to be a lively pier opening so make sure you join us.

Director John Pfeiffer is planning an oyster-filled **Humma Humma Party** that will take place on the Beach Club patio and in the dining room. **Humma Humma** has always been a member favorite and this year will be even more special with a chef-carved prime rib buffet, lively island music and lots of oysters. It's going to be fun, fun and more fun.

Our other old favorite, the **Roundup at Indian Village**, will be

Our annual **General Membership Meeting** will be held at 5:30 pm, **Thursday, May 10**, in the Club Room at the Beach Club. In addition to SYC members, all Beach Club members are invited to attend so they may learn the many benefits associated with SYC membership.

The meeting follows the Thursday **Members' Happy Hour** in the Dining Room. There will be a presentation of our 2012 Sailing and Social Agendas, including party dates, Beach Barbeques, sailing lessons, and protocol for reserving standup paddleboards, kayaks and sailboats. We will discuss some exciting excursions and members' dinners we are planning in preparation for the 2013 America's Cup, which will be contested in San Francisco Bay. Additionally, some exciting new family-oriented Sailing and Water Sports activities are planned for this summer.

One of the great benefits of **SYC** Membership is our reciprocity with some very prestigious yacht clubs across the country and around the world. During this meeting, we will announce new reciprocal agreements with two Yacht Clubs in California and will explain how you can take advantage of reciprocity at these and other Yacht Clubs you may wish to visit.

Please invite your **SYC** and Beach Club friends to attend this informative one hour meeting.

led by Director Dave Gellatly, who is planning to make this a country western hoedown like no other. A real finger lick'n good barbecue, foot stomping music and some surprises that will make all our cowboys and cowgirls real happy. Y'all come, ya hear.

This season we will take advantage of our location on beautiful Stillwater Cove with two major regattas, a family fun water sports day, Thursday night mini regattas, six pot luck beach barbecues and an inaugural **SYC Lobster Bake**. We invite everyone



SAVE THE DATES

May 19 Pier Opening

Beach BBQs

June 2 & 16, July 7 & 21, August 4

to participate in our beach and water-oriented events including guests of members

Last year more than eighty young students participated in our **Junior Sailing & Water Sports Program**. This year's program

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leader, Rear Commodore Jeff Cuskey, encourages everyone to invite your children, grandchildren and other family or friends' youngsters to join in the fun. Learn to sail, kayak and stand up paddle board. Adult lessons are also available year round.

We are planning a very special and unique **America's Cup-themed Member Dinner** for this summer that you won't want to miss. Details to come!

This is going to be our most exciting year ever and I hope you will join me and participate in our many activities, use our watercraft, and enjoy the good fellowship through your membership in the Stillwater Yacht Club.

May you have fair winds and following seas this sailing season.

*Jim Fuqua
Commodore*

Vice Commodore Exchanges Burgees with Waikiki Yacht Club

During a recent trip to Honolulu, Vice Commodore Richard Outten exchanged burgees with Waikiki Yacht Club's Scott Bradley (Rear Commodore, Sailing). They have over 2000 burgees from yacht clubs all over the world yet the didn't have ours! Now they do, hanging proudly in paradise. . . .

Following its arrival in Pebble Beach, the Waikiki Yacht Club's flag is displayed at Stillwater Cove by SYC Commodore Jim Fuqua, flanked by (left to right below) Vice Commodore Richard Outten and Rear Commodore Jeff Cuskey. It is the latest addition to our burgeoning burgee collection.



Youth Sailing & Water Sports Program, June 4–August 10, 2012

Experience the joy of sailing and be a part of a long-standing Beach Club tradition! Beginning June 4, Stillwater Yacht Club (**SYC**) offers juniors a variety of waterfront activities. The last two seasons, **SYC** expanded its program to include kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. Given the great turnout, the expansion continues this summer with the addition of three new Laser Pico Sailboats! Sailing and water sports classes are available for juniors of all skill levels, ages eight and older. Make sure you sign up your children or grandchildren early to participate in this fun summer experience. For questions contact Rear Commodore Jeff Cuskey at Cuskey@comcast.net or 831 601-9947.



Adult Sailing Instruction and Certification

Did you know that the **Stillwater Yacht Club** is an American Sailing Association certified sailing school? Adult sailing lessons and certification programs are taught using one of our *Santana 22* sailboats in the Stillwater Cove and Carmel Bay during the **SYC** Sailing Season (May 19 through August 28) by Charlie Kurtmen, **SYC** Port Captain, or Captain Rebecca Lee, both of whom are ASA-certified instructors. Once our **SYC** Pier closes for the season at the end of September, you can still take lessons from Rebecca Lee on one of our *Santana 22s* in Monterey Bay or Carmel Bay.

One of the very unique benefits associated with **SYC** Membership is the availability and free use of our kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, *FJs*, *Laser Picos* and *Santana 22s*. Upon successful completion of the Basic Keelboat Course (ASA 101) you are qualified to use the **SYC** Club's two *Santanna 22s* at no cost!

For additional information or to schedule lessons please contact Charlie Kurtmen at (831) 373-1489 or Rebecca Lee at (831) 915-8321.

Stillwater Yacht Club 2012 Officers & Directors

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