



COMMODORE'S REPORT

May 2013



Welcome to the year of the **America's Cup!** **SYC** got off to an early start back in January when

members of **Oracle Team USA**, Defender of the 34th **America's Cup**, dropped by for a visit. Our pre-season activities continued on **March 10** with the Cup-themed "Wine & Wind" event, a wine reception at the *Museum of Monterey* followed by a screening of the Francis Coppola produced movie, *Wind*. Thanks go to **SYC** Secretary Peter Baldwin, who organized the event. It was a wonderful evening!

The official launch of **SYC's** season will take place at the **May 18 Pier Opening Party**, a yearly tradition generously hosted for us by the *Beach Club*. Director Tad Church and wife Carol have overseen the plans for what promises to be a terrific waterfront kick-off. Save the date!

We have a number of social events and activities scheduled this year, including old favorites like the **Humma Humma**, **Beach BBQs** and **Commodore's Ball** as well as a repeat of our fabulous **Lobster Fest**, which was such a success that we're making it an annual event! **SYC's America's Cup Committee**, chaired by Past Commodore Kay Sullivan, continues to explore a number of options

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Stillwater Yacht Club Members Only Pier Opening Party

Saturday, May 18, 2013 • 4:00 – 6:00 PM

The *Stillwater Yacht Club* is launching its new season with a festive **Pier Opening on the Pier at Stillwater Cove, Saturday, May 18, 4-6 pm**. This is a Members-Only Event. No guests, please.

Members will enjoy a tropical theme with the Steel Drum Band Duo "Pan Montuno" and delicious hors d'oeuvres including oysters and two unique shrimp preparations. Select wines, soft drinks, and water are also provided.

This is a special reward for membership and a fun-filled afternoon! Welcome aboard!



America's Cup Dinner in Pebble Beach

Save the date of **June 15** for an exclusive event!

The *Stillwater Yacht Club* will be hosting a dinner with Tom Ehman (Vice Commodore of the *Golden Gate Yacht Club* and Executive Director of America's Cup Properties, Inc.) and members of **Oracle Team USA**, **Defender of the Cup**. We will begin with a reception so you will have an opportunity to meet and mingle with our guests. We are also trying to coordinate having the America's Cup Trophy on display. The Cup is touring the country with two security guards and will hopefully be back in time for our dinner. Details will follow but do mark your calendars for this Not-to-Miss event!



"A sailor is an artist whose medium is the wind." —Webb Chile



for our members to participate in Cup-related festivities. Next up is a **Special America's Cup Dinner** to be held on **June 15** that we expect will include members of **Oracle Team USA** and a return of Tom Ehman, Vice Commodore of the *Golden Gate Yacht Club*, the current home of the Cup.

One of the great benefits associated with **SYC Membership** is the availability and free use of our kayaks, stand-up paddle-boards and sailboats (FJs, *Laser Picos* and *Santana*



22s). Over the last few seasons, we have upgraded our Water Sports equipment, added to our fleet and christened a new Boathouse, offering many more options for members of all ages.

Whether you're looking forward to Social or Water Sports activities, or both, the year of the Cup promises to be the best ever for **SYC**. I hope you'll join in the fellowship and fun!

Fair winds,
Richard Outten
Commodore



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 Stillwater Cove and Carmel Bay during the **SYC Sailing Season** 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.

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.

Youth Sailing & Water Sports Program June 17 – August 23, 2013

Experience the joy of sailing and be a part of a long-standing *Beach Club* tradition! Beginning **June 17**, for ten weeks, Stillwater Yacht Club (**SYC**) offers juniors a variety of waterfront activities. Over the last three seasons, **SYC** has expanded its program to include kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. Given the great turnout, the expansion continued last summer with the addition of three new *Laser Pico Sailboats*, as well as other new equipment. Sailing and water sports classes are available for juniors of all skill levels, ages eight and older. (Adult lessons are also offered by appointment, see next article for details). Students will learn the basics of boating, including knot-tying, rigging, understanding sea and wind conditions, nautical terminology and dinghy sailing. All classes will include instruction in boat safety. Weekly sessions will meet **Monday through Friday from 1-4:30 pm in Stillwater Cove**. For those unable to attend a five-day session, a flexible schedule can be arranged. A daily rate is also available. Students must pass a swimming proficiency test; wetsuits are recommended. Junior fees are \$250/week for BC members; \$275/week for non-members. Be sure to sign up your children or grandchildren early to participate in this fun summer experience. For additional information and class reservations please contact **SYC Rear Commodore Sherif Michael** at 831-624-6116 or by email at watersports@stillwateryachtclub.org Space is limited.

It's Official! The 2013 Great Humma Humma Party is set for Saturday, August 3, 2013

Don't miss it. Food, Drinks and Dancing. Mark your calendars—Reception & Dinner. If you have suggestions for the event or would like to work on the planning committee send an email or call Bob Beck, this year's chairman of the event: (rbeck@sbcglobal.net or 831.626.3212)

2013 Stillwater Yacht Club (SYC) Social Event Calendar

- 05/18 **SYC Member Only Pier Opening Party**
(see article in this Cover'er)
- 06/08 **Beach BBQ**
(see article in this Cover'er)
- 06/15 **America's Cup Presentation & Dinner**
(see article in this Cover'er)
- 06/29 **Beach BBQ**
- 07/13 **Beach BBQ**
- 08/03 **Humma Humma Dinner Party**
- 08/10 **Beach BBQ**
- 08/24 **Special "Gilligan's Island" Theme Beach BBQ**
- 09/07 **Beach BBQ**
- 09/21 **Beach BBQ**
- 10/05 **Lobster Fest on the Pier**
- 10/19 **Beach BBQ**
- 11/09 **Commodore's Ball**



Oracle Team USA — DEFENDER OF THE 34TH AMERICA'S CUP Visits Stillwater Yacht Club

During their January trip to Pebble Beach, seven members of **Oracle Team USA** visited the *Stillwater Yacht Club*. The group included Sir Russell Coutts (Oracle Team CEO, Helmsman and four-time winner of the **America's Cup**); James Spithill (Helmsman and Winner of the **33rd America's Cup**); and recently knighted Sir Ben Ainsley (winner of four consecutive Olympic Gold Medals in sailing). It was great fun to meet them and hear about them gearing up for the races.



(L-R): James Spithill (Skipper/Helmsman), Tom Slingsby (Tactician). Simon Daubney (Trimmer), Sir Ben Ainsley (Helmsman). Sir Russell Coutts (CEO/Helmsman), Matthew Mason (Pit), Richard (friend of the team), Lloyd Gilmore (Marketing), Murray Jones (Wingsail)

2013 Beach Barbecues

BBQs will be held on Saturday evenings through the season, selected for favorable tides:



- June 8 • June 29 • July 13
- August 10 • August 24 (*Special Gilligan's Island-themed BBQ*)
- September 7 • September 21 •
- October 19 • All Potluck Beach BBQs start at 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM.
- No reservations required—just show up!**

Beach BBQs are limited to members and two guests free of charge. Additional guests are \$10 each to cover wine expenses—Please pay the **SYC** Volunteer Bartender at the event.

SYC provides complimentary wine, soft drinks, BBQ grills and tables. Please bring portable tables for backup. Members and their guests bring their own entrée and condiments. Plates, utensils and napkins provided by Yacht Club. Please bring your own tablecloth. No glass vessels please—*Beach Club* rules.

Members are also asked to bring a Potluck Side Dish to be placed on the community buffet table. This dish may be an appetizer, salad, vegetable, casserole or a dessert. Whatever you bring, it should be sufficient to share with three times the number of people in your party and it **MUST** be placed on the community buffet table. If your guests are teen-aged kids, keep in mind that extra food may be required on the community table. It will also be helpful if you can bring a stick of wood or two for the fire. For health and safety reasons, pets are discouraged.



SYC Approaches Membership Cap

The **SYC** has grown more popular, especially in the past three years. Last year our membership grew to 292 families and we were close to capacity at the **Humma Humma** and **LobsterFest**. With just eight picnic tables (eight people per table) the **Beach Barbecues (BBQs)** were getting crowded.

To address this situation, we have done two things:

1) We have capped our membership at 325 families. As this article is being written, we have 315 members and 10 vacancies. Once we reach our cap, applicants will be put on a waiting list until there is an opening. (One forty-year **SYC** member has already given notification, saying, "In the 70s I retired to Pebble Beach and joined the **SYC**. I rarely go to **SYC** activities, but for forty years I have travelled the world, using my **SYC** membership card for admittance to yacht clubs in Europe, the Pacific Islands, Australia and Asia. Membership in **SYC** has been one of the best investments I ever made. But I no longer travel now, so I am resigning.")

2) We have increased seating at **BBQs** by fifty percent by adding four more tables. With eight people per table, ninety-six people will be able to sit at the same time.

For any membership matter contact Terry Russey at 521-7111 or TerryR007@Gmail.com or other members of the Membership Committee (Carl Meyer, Hilary Landry, Walter Huntley and Debbie Monti.)

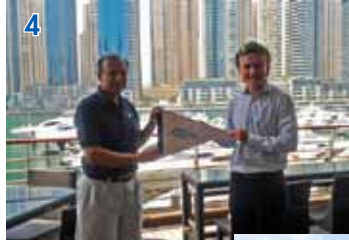
REMINDER: Your new membership cards will be included with your 2013 Roster, which will be mailed mid-May.



SYC Burgee Collection

Over the past year, **SYC** has been amassing a growing burgee collection, which we plan to display in our new Boathouse. Next time you visit a reciprocal yacht club whose burgee we don't yet have, please consider obtaining their flag to add to our collection. Here's how it works: Pick up an **SYC** burgee from our stock (the 12" x 18" standard size).

Ask the reciprocal yacht club you're visiting to participate in a burgee exchange. Have someone take a picture of the hand off of flags between yourself and a representative of the other club. When you return, we will display the new burgee in the boathouse and post the picture of you making the exchange on a dedicated page on our website. Become part of this fun, new **SYC** tradition. Here are pictures since we began the exchanges last year. Hope to see your photo in the next **Cove'er!**



- Yacht Club Burgees**
- 1 **Royal Hong Kong**
Mr. Mrs. Richard Nutter
 - 2 **Waikiki**
Richard Outten
 - 3 **Royal Brighton**
Sherif Michael
 - 4 **Dubai**
Sherif Michael
 - 5 **Royal Melbourne**
Sherif Michael
 - 6 **Capital, D.C.**
Sherif Michael
 - 7 **Campagna della Vela**, Jim Fuqua
 - 8 **Smyrna**
Kay Sullivan
 - 9 **Chicago at SYC**
Peter Baldwin
 - 10 **Oracle Team USA at SYC** Richard Outten
 - 11 **Seal Beach**
Richard Outten
 - 12 **Annapolis**
John Pfeffeir
 - 13 **Heidelberg**
Sherif Michael
 - 14 **Monaco**
Jim Fuqua
 - 15 **Newport Harbor**
Kay Sullivan
 - 16 **Long Beach at SYC**
Richard Outten

Stillwater Yacht Club 2013 Officers & Directors

- Commodore:** Richard Outten
- Vice Commodore:** Jeff Cuskey
- Rear Commodore:** Sherif Michael
- Staff Commodore:** James Fuqua
- Secretary:** Peter Baldwin
- Treasurer:** David Gellatly
- Port Captain:** Charles Kurtmen
- Fleet Captain:** Richard Clark
- Fleet Surgeon:** Richard Dauphine, MD
- Directors:** Bon Abercrombie
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Tad Church
Dick George
Debbie Jett
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