

# THE STILLWATER COVE'ER



April/May, 2017

## Commodore's Log



Welcome  
to the  
2017  
SYC Season

This year's Sailing and Social Season began on March 1 with our 2017 Events Preview Meeting in the Commodore's Room of the Beach Club. The SYC Chairs presented a schedule of exciting events, beginning with the Bingo, Burgers and Beer Buffet (BBBB) on March 15 and concluding with the Lighted Boat Parade in Monterey Bay on December 3 as well as the exciting water sports programs that will run during the season. The full schedule is on our SYC website. ([sycpb.org](http://sycpb.org)) Our next major event will be the May 20th Pier Opening - a festive party on the pier featuring food, wine, live music and a very special "Blessing of our Fleet." Please save the date and join us!

Whether you're looking forward to social or water sports activities, or both, this year promises to be one of the best ever for SYC. I hope you'll join in the fellowship and fun!

Happy Sails,  
Commodore Carl

## Fabulous Start to the 2017 Yacht Club Season

Our board of directors has opened the 2017 season of memories for our members. We have already enjoyed two social events that brought friends back together. The Burgers, Bingo and Beer Buffet was a sell-out kick-off evening. We had to turn away reservations due the popularity in its 4th year! This is a good reminder for you to reserve early this year. Our newest event, Mardi Gras, had members arriving in costume and masks. After their pictures were taken, they entered the dining room to the



colors of purple, gold and green... classic New Orleans Bourbon Street. Each table had its own King Cake with the surprise good luck charm hidden inside. Frenchman Laurent Fourgo and his ensemble ignited the atmosphere for our members with New Orleans' jazzy music. Chef Elias outdid himself with fabulous New Orleans favorite dishes.

Please make sure to let us know your review of our events, food and entertainment. It helps us plan next year's activities, since other than scheduling restraints due to Pebble Beach's available calendar, we use your reviews to continue the favorites. Please email Vice Commodore Dixie Smith ([ViceCommodore@SYCPB.org](mailto:ViceCommodore@SYCPB.org)) with your comments after the events. As a reminder SYC mirrors the Beach Club policy allowing our single members to take an accompanied friend, companion or significant other to any activity or event as part of your SYC membership.

## Pier Opening Party

Saturday, May 20, 2017, 4-6pm

SYC will launch the new season with the Pier Opening Party on the Stillwater Cove Pier. This is a Members-Only Event. (No guests, please) Members will enjoy feel-good music where Key West meets Southern California with the hot trio Wild Blue! Delicious hors d'oeuvres, select wines and beverages will be served. Attendance is limited to 200 with a nominal fee of \$16 all inclusive. Please reserve early with the Beach Club (831-622-8776) or email [Reehmj@pebblebeach.com](mailto:Reehmj@pebblebeach.com) Please come and join us to kick off a promising great season!



*"A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor.  
Choppy waves make for a joyful return."*



# Youth Water Sports Program

Info Mtg: May 8 @ 5:30 pm

Sessions: June 12–August 4, 2017

Experience the joy of sailing, kayaking and paddle-boarding! Beginning June 12, for eight weeks, Stillwater Yacht Club (SYC) offers juniors a variety of waterfront activities. Sailing and water sports classes are available for juniors of all skill levels, ages eight and older. 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. Programs are open to SYC members' and friends' kids.

Students must pass a swimming proficiency test; wetsuits and water shoes are required. Junior fees are \$250/week or \$50/day. For additional information and class reservations, please contact SYC Rear Commodore Terry Russey by email at [watersports@sycpb.org](mailto:watersports@sycpb.org). Space is limited.

## Meet Our Sailing Instructors

### Olivia Gibbons, Summer Sailing Instructor

Olivia Gibbons is one of three fine sailors who delight in teaching children and adults the love of the sea and the skills of sailing. Olivia is serving her third summer as a Summer Sailing Instructor with our Youth Water Sports camp ("YWS"). She hails from Port Townsend, Washington and San Diego and is a student of Marine Science at CSUMB. The YWS camp suits her style perfectly. Her favorite parts of the camp are sailing on Fridays and playing with the kids. Friday sailing days involve taking out the Santana or the Sally Jo Catalina to see dolphins or whales. Olivia beams as she describes seeing an Orca last summer. CSUMB's Marine Science program and proximity to Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Big Sur enticed Olivia to move to the peninsula and stay during her summers. Fortunately for us, the YWS has kept her happy here for three summers. Graduating this year, Olivia hopes to work at MBARI or a similar research center.

The YWS camp teaches sailing, kayaking, and stand up paddle. Sailing addresses knots, points of sail, and angle versus wind. Students navigate sailboats and explore Stillwater's many coves. The specific curriculum changes with the students' preferences each week. Olivia enjoys the mix of local and visiting students in the camp. Many of the students live locally year round or for summers, often pointing out their houses from the water. She is particularly excited about the program with the Boys & Girls Club where students receive a scholarship for the camp and a discount for

the wetsuit. Wetsuits are required gear, especially with capsized drills as are water shoes.



Our instructional fleet includes Flying Juniors, 14 feet in length, which hold one instructor and two students, and Picos at 11 feet which can hold 1-3 students. The first three camp sessions have a capacity of 8 students and the last five sessions hold 12 students. All sessions run from 1-4:30 each day. Students may enroll daily or weekly - friends are encouraged!

Look for Olivia this summer on the pier or in the water, and be sure to ask her about YWS camp and what sea life she is seeing in the cove. (Article contributed by Megan Mayer and Marlene Martin.) Next month's Cove'er article will feature Instructor Mark Michael.

## Adult Sailing & Regattas

Begins Thursday, May 25, 2017

Each Thursday night from May 25 until September 7, we will have three or four short "just-for-fun" races. The harbor master stays late to allow adults to utilize SYC's water sports equipment. The fun starts at 5:00 pm and lasts until after sunset. All races begin at the Pier and take place within viewing distance of the dock. If you don't sail, you can have a great time watching the action from the Pier. Neither exceptional sailing skills nor knowledge of racing rules is required—just bring a good attitude and be prepared to have fun. If you prefer not to sail, you can take out one of SYC's kayaks or stand-up paddle boards.



For some, the après sailing soirée is the best part, when we share drinks and hors d'oeuvres and recall our modestly-competitive sailing adventures. Please bring your own beverages as well as a little something (snacks, cheese, crackers light hors d'oeuvres, etc.) to share with the other participants. The evening's regatta winner is awarded a cup. For more information contact Sherif Michael (831) 624-6116 or Charlie Kurtmen (559) 917-0559.





# 2017 Pier Potluck BBQs

Select Saturdays and Sundays, 5-7 pm

Be sure to join the fun on select Saturday and Sunday evenings, 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm throughout the season! No reservations are required. Members may bring two guests free-of-charge. Additional guests are welcome with a cost of \$10 for each adult and \$5 for children.

SYC provides complimentary wine, beer, soft drinks and barbecue grills. Members and guests bring their own entrée and condiments.

Plates, utensils and napkins are provided by the Beach Club. No glass vessels, please (Beach Club rules). Members are also asked to bring a potluck side dish, which may be an appetizer, salad, vegetable, casserole or a dessert. Whatever you choose to bring, it should be for six to eight others and be placed on the community buffet table for all to share and enjoy!

We ask that you welcome new members and guests and invite them to sit at your table. Volunteers are needed to assist

in bartending and other helpful tasks. Check the [sycpb.org](http://sycpb.org) website or call Bruce Graham at (831) 595-9402 to volunteer.



Ticket price is \$75 for members, \$85 for guests and is all-inclusive except for bar-ordered drinks. An email announcement will be made two weeks before the event. Reserve early with the Beach Club (831-622-8776) or email [Reehmj@pebblebeach.com](mailto:Reehmj@pebblebeach.com)

## Tacos & Beer on the Pier

Thursday, May 25th, 5 pm

Tacos & Beer kicks off the 2017 Thursday Night Adult Sailing season. Cost is \$15 per person. You say you don't know how to sail? No problem! We will pair you up with an experienced sailor to take you out onto Stillwater Cove. You want to learn to kayak or paddle board? We will have a short clinic to show you how. Would you like to become ASA certified or have your children and/or grandchildren participate in the Junior Water Sport Program? We will have information tables staffed with SYC members and instructors to answer your questions.

Maybe you would just like to come out and watch the activity. No matter your motivation, this will be a fun evening and we look forward to seeing you! You can RSVP and send a check to SYC, P O Box 561, Pebble Beach 93953, 48-hour cancellation notice is required for refunds. Any questions, please call Dixie Smith at 209-481-0626 or email [vicecommodore@SYCPB.org](mailto:vicecommodore@SYCPB.org)

Adult Sailing & Certification: Stillwater Yacht Club is an ASA (American Sailing Association) certified sailing school. Adult sailing lessons and certification programs are taught in Stillwater Cove and Carmel Bay during the SYC sailing season by Charlie Kurtmen, SYC Port Captain. Upon successful completion of the Basic Keelboat course [ASA 101] you are qualified to use the SYC's three Santanas at no cost! For additional information or to schedule lessons please contact Charlie Kurtmen at (559) 917-0559

### 2017 SYC Pier BBQs Dates

- ① May 6
- ② June 11
- ③ July 1
- ④ July 30
- ⑤ August 13- Theme: Concours
- ⑥ Sept 17
- ⑦ October 15

(Denotes Date Change)

## The Humma Humma Party

Friday, June 16, 2017 • 6-9:00 pm

Mark your calendar for this year's Humma Humma, which promises to be an evening of great food, smooth wines and a packed dance floor! The popular Tropical Meuse Band returns to entice us onto the dance floor, so wear your dancing shoes. We will

have prizes for Best and Worst Hawaiian shirts and Best and Worst MuuMuu dresses.

SYC members will be given priority reservations. Guests will be waitlisted and accommodated on a space-available basis.





## 2017 SYC Events

- Mar 15      Bingo, Burgers and Beer Buffet
- Apr 12      Mardi Gras
- May 6       Stillwater Pier BBQ #1, 5 pm
- May 8       Water Sports Info Night, 5:30 pm
- May 20      Stillwater Pier Opening, 4 pm
- May 25      Tacos and Beer on the Pier
- June 11     Stillwater Pier BBQ #2, 5pm
- June 12     Junior Water Sports Classes  
Session One, Stillwater Pier, 1 pm
- June 15     Adult Sailing Lesson #1 of 13  
Stillwater Cove 5:00, pm
- June 16     Humma Humma Party, 6 pm
- July 1       Stillwater Pier BBQ #3, 5 pm
- July 15      Ports of Call: Food & Wine, 6 pm
- July 30      Stillwater Pier BBQ #4, 5 pm
- Aug 13      Stillwater Pier BBQ #5, 5 pm  
Concours Theme
- Aug 28      Dining with Spirits, 6 pm
- Sept 12     Author's Night, 6 pm
- Sept 17     Stillwater Pier BBQ #6, 5 pm
- Oct 1        Lobster Fest, 4 pm  
Stillwater Pier
- Oct 15      Stillwater Pier BBQ #7, 5 pm
- Nov 18      Commodore's Ball, 6:00 pm  
Beach Club Dining Room
- Dec 3        Lighted Boat Parade

### Stillwater Yacht Club 2017 Officers & Directors

Commodore	Carl Meyer
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(PC) Past Commodore

Visit the SYC website at [sycpb.org](http://sycpb.org)

### Burgee Update

We encourage you to exchange burgees with other clubs when you visit. Check our burgee photos before you leave in order to avoid duplicate exchanges. Burgees are available from the BTC office or from Director Pfeiffer. Upon your return, give the new burgee to Director Pfeiffer, email the exchange photo to Director Abercrombie for the web, and return the unused burgees to the BTC office.