

THE STILLWATER COVE'ER



June/July 2017

Commodore's Log



Welcome to the Summer of 2017 at SYC. The season is off to a terrific start! A large number of new members have

joined the club this year. We offer each of them a warm welcome and hope they will enjoy their membership in SYC for years to come.

The water sports season began with our May 20th Pier Opening. The weather was picture perfect, the hors d'oeuvres were in ready supply and the blessing of the fleet provided a nice touch of ceremony, followed by the Wild Blue Trio tropical music and, most importantly, everyone had a great time. Thanks go to Vice Commodore Smith for orchestrating such an enjoyable launch of the season.

Our annual Tacos and Beer on the pier event signaled the start of our Thursday night Adult Sailing program.

The Humma Humma on June 16 was a wonderful evening in our beautiful Beach Club dining room that was exquisitely decorated by the hard working social committee. Members enjoyed the great dinner menu and danced to the festive music of the Muse Band.

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2017 Yacht Club Season is Underway



From Beer, Burgers and Bingo to Pier BBQs and the Humma Humma, so far our Board of Directors has planned a wonderful season of fun and memories for our members. And it's far from over, upcoming events promise to provide a great opportunity for camaraderie and entertainment. Remember to reserve early for events this year as the excitement and participation is growing for our signature events.

We hit perfection with the weather during the Pier Opening Party, which was a great introduction to our 2017 schedule. A number of members arrived without reservations, which reminds all of us to remember call and reserve early. Humma Humma was up next and the dining room was

transformed into a tropical Isle complete with goldfish, colorful umbrellas and dancing flamingos. Our members kept the theme going with their festive nautical attire. The Tropical Meuse Band knows how to keep the audience involved and provided instruments and music to chase inhibitions away, flooding the dance floor with enthusiastic participants.

Please make sure to let us know your review of SYC events, food and entertainment as it helps plan next year's activities. We use your reviews to continue the favorites. Email Vice Commodore Dixie Smith at vicecommodore@sycpb.org with your comments after the events. 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.



Ports of Call Dinner

Saturday, July 15, 2017, 6 pm - 9 pm

SYC is about to embark on our annual Ports of Call voyage ([see 6/27 email](#)) Our itinerary includes stops throughout South America. Chef Elias has promised an exciting menu featuring a Peruvian beet salad, an Argentinian-style New York steak and warm bread pudding with Columbian gelato. Be sure your passport is up-to-date and register early (no later than 5 pm on July 11) as attendance is limited to 125. Please reserve by email mcnamarab@pebblebeach.com or call the Beach Club at 831-625-8587. Cost \$75 per member, non-BC-members \$85. Members must make their own reservations charged to your Beach Club account. Table size is capped at 8.



Youth Water Sports Program

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 include instruction in boat safety. Weekly sessions 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. (1 or 2 day reservations will not be confirmed until two weeks prior to the specific session.) Programs are open to SYC members' and friends' children & grandchildren.

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. Space is limited.

Meet Our Sailing Instructors

Mark Michael, Summer Sailing Instructor

Our second-featured sailing instructor this season is Mark Michael, son of Commodore Sherif Michael. A graduate of Pacific Grove High School, Mark departs this fall to study mechanical engineering at University of the Pacific. This year marks his fourth as sailing instructor for the Youth Water Sports ("YWS") camps. Mark works with Port Captain Charlie Kurtmen maintaining equipment and preparing for summer by installing our docks. As several of our serious sailors do, Mark also belongs to the Monterey Yacht Club (MYC) because it is year-round. He races with both clubs, often



with Charlie. For the Veeder Cup, a competition between a joint SYC/MYC team against a joint team from Santa Cruz & Elkhorn Yacht Clubs, Mark represented SYC sailing to victory as the SYC/MYC team took the win. Both teams sail identical large, fast boats. Last year it was Santa Cruz 52's, with 15-20 crewing on each boat. The previous year, Mark, Charlie and Rebecca Lee challenged MYC in Santana 22s.

One of Mark's fondest sailing experiences was sailing in the British Virgin Islands with his family in a chartered 40' catamaran. They enjoyed the

tropical weather, venturing among all the islands with another family.

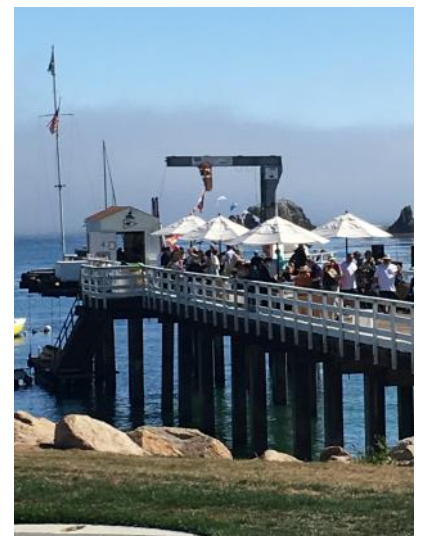
Mark began sailing at age 7 and learned to sail here at SYC (and MYC). He grew up hanging out at the SYC pier, helping Charlie and other Harbor Masters and Port Captains. Rebecca Lee was his first sailing instructor. At that time, SYC only offered sailing, but has since added kayaks and paddle boards to the Club's repertoire, which Mark says helps reach younger potential recruits. He enjoys teaching at the YWS camps because it keeps him outdoors in nature and seeing a variety of marine life. Mark enjoys how sailing provides a range of experiences, from a relaxing good time to intense racing. He also appreciates that the YWS camps introduce young children to sailing who otherwise would lack such exposure. Since sailing is not as common as it used to be, Mark likes expanding the sport's fan base. You will find Mark this summer on the pier or on the water, introducing campers to sailing, kayaking and stand-up paddle or enjoying a moment on the water for himself. Be sure to say hello to our fine young protégé and wish him well before he leaves for his greatest venture yet at university.

(Article contributed by Megan Mayer and Marlene Martin.) Next month's Cove'er article will feature our third Sailing Instructor.

Adult Sailing & Regattas Continues Thursdays through September 7

Each Thursday night until September 7, three or four short "just-for-fun" SYC races are scheduled. 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, where drinks and hors d'oeuvres are shared. 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.

2017 SYC Pier BBQs Dates

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

(Denotes Date Change)

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 website or call Bruce Graham at 831-595-9402 to volunteer.

Committee Members Needed

SYC functions and events are run by the Board of Directors and SYC Committees. Current SYC Committees include: Membership, Social, Sailing and Youth Water Sports, as well as Strategic Planning. Please consider joining a committee; we need your help and promise you will have fun. To discuss your

interest or ask any questions please contact either: Vice Commodore Dixie Smith 209-481-0626 ViceCommodore@sycpb.org or Rear Commodore Terry Russey 831-521-711 RearCommodore@sycpb.org



Learning to Sail

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? Come Thursday nights and learn.



Adult Sailing & Certification: SYC is an ASA (American Sailing Association) certified sailing school. Adult sailing lessons and certification programs are taught in Stillwater Cove or on Carmel Bay during the SYC Sailing Season by Charlie Kurtmen, SYC Port Captain. Upon 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.

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



Bitter End Yacht Club
Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands



Richard Branson, Necker Island
British Virgin Islands.

to Director Pfeiffer, email the exchange photo to Director Abercrombie for the web, and return the unused burgees to the BTC office.



Upcoming SYC Events

- 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, 5pm
- 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 pm
Beach Club Dining Room
- Dec 3 Lighted Boat Parade, MPYC

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Watch for our upcoming social events: Ports of Call Dinner on July 15, Dining with Spirits on August 28, Author's Night with a light buffet on September 12 and our continuing Potluck Pier BBQs, a favorite of most SYC members scheduled for July 1, July 30, August 13, Sept 17 and Pier closing on October 15.

The Youth Sailing and Water Sports Program is underway under the supervision of Rear Commodore Terry Russey. There are still openings available for your children, grandchildren and their friends to sign up for the fun. Help them begin a life-long love of the water and gain new skills. Sign up at sycpb.org

SYC's Board of Directors is dedicated to providing you with the best possible member experience. We hope you enjoy this year's activities off and on the water and encourage you to make the most of your SYC membership.

There are many people working to make these events run smoothly and ensure that the sailing and water sports equipment is in good working order. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Officers and Directors, as well as our member volunteers, for their efforts.

Enjoy the rest of the SYC events and activities and my best wishes for a wonderful summer!

Commodore Carl