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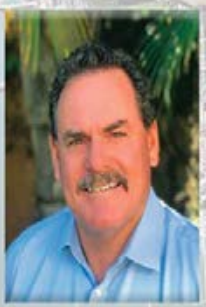

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Setting the Course
From the Commodore
By Commodore Dwight Rowe

October - The month of Halloween, goblins, witches and devils. Well, maybe not that last one. So I guess it's fitting that with the upstairs refresh mostly finished, as with all projects, the devil—and the goblins—are in the details. Light switches, baseboard trim, wood trim details and heating ducts all take more time than anyone could expect. But the team is hard at it and we have chased away most of the devils. Should soon be ready upstairs for some trick or treating.

New Chairs - We need new chairs. I'm hoping to initiate a drive for members to sponsor a chair or two. More details to come, but I think it could be a great way for members to leave their mark on the newly refreshed upstairs.

Wet Wednesdays - The Wet Wednesday racing season came to a great end with Director Peter Acutt winning the C Fleet, John Barnes winning the B Fleet, and Avery Stewart winning the A Fleet.

And what a great trophy presentation at the end, courtesy of the **Katelyn Show**. She has been one of the highlights of the evenings with her colorful presentation of fun facts, curated by my wife Katie, and Andrew Rose. The trophy presentations have been lots of fun and the dinners were well attended.

Many thanks to Race Committee Chair Fred Vance and his team for honking the horns, putting up flags, and carrying on about this and that on the radio. Also, thanks to our great Race Chair Warren Casey for organizing the season.

And thank you to Ed Burnett for all the calculations, permutations and corrections. Thank you to Judy Cunningham and her band of sail-number spotters and timekeepers for keeping a watchful eye on the proceedings.

Our fleet captains—Peter Acutt, Sean Guiltinan and Avery Stewart—have really kept the communication with their fleets going all season.

And how about the kitchen and staff for feeding us and cleaning up after us? That part of the operation often goes unnoticed, but it certainly shouldn't.

Personally, I'm looking forward to getting back to sailing next year. It's been too long.

Al Fresco - I've really been enjoying the al fresco dining on the patio. The weather has been perfect. I think we should make a habit of using the downstairs more often when the weather is really nice. There's something pretty good about sitting outside at the club with friends, enjoying a meal and watching the harbor. What do you think?

Election Time - Election time is here once again. Since no one extra was nominated at the last meeting, the slate of

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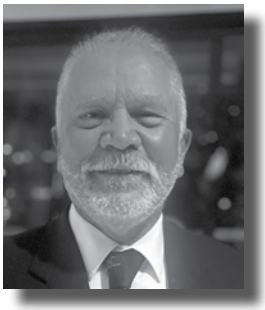
Vice Views

By Vice Commodore John Spille



There's More to Us Than Boats - One of the things I've always enjoyed about Ventura Yacht Club is the variety of people who belong here. We all have one thing in common—we like boats. Beyond that, things can get pretty interesting.

We tend to know each other by their boats. "That's Bob's boat over there." "Mary keeps hers down the dock." But what do we really know about Bob and Mary when they aren't messing around with their boats?

I was reminded of this recently when more than 20 VYC members headed up to Glass Creek Campground in the Sierras for an off-road adventure. There were side-by-side vehicles everywhere, along with a couple of brave—or possibly confused—members who showed up on bicycles.

This was not exactly a typical yacht club outing. There was no dock, no slip, no tide chart and, as far as I know, nobody was checking the wind forecast, well, maybe a little.

The group spent the days exploring the trails and enjoying the mountains. Then, on the last night, things got a little more interesting when a bear decided to visit the campground.

I'm sure the bear was just curious. Or maybe it had heard that some yacht club members were camping nearby and figured there might be some food available.

I can only imagine the conversation the next morning: "How was your trip?"

"Great. Beautiful scenery. Lots of fun. Oh, and we had a bear."

That's not a sentence you hear very often around the VYC bar.

And off-roading isn't the only thing our members get into when they're away from the water.

We have a group of members who enjoy skeet, trap and other shotgun sports. We have members who attend polo matches—and, to be clear, they are spectators, not players. Although watching polo does involve horses moving at high speed, so perhaps there is a little excitement there after all.

Then there are golfers, hikers, cyclists, motorcycle riders, fishermen, travelers and probably a long list of other activities I haven't discovered yet.

It got me thinking about how much we really know about the people we see at the club.

We spend an awful lot of time talking about boats. How the boat is running. How it isn't running. What the wind is doing. What the wind *should* be doing. And, of course, what the latest repair is going to cost.

Maybe once in a while we should ask a different question:

"What do you do when you're not messing with your boat?"

You might be surprised by the answer.

That's one of the things that makes VYC special. Our boats may be what

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From the Rear

By Rear Commodore Ev Ashworth

Earlier this month, Brooke and I took some of our friends out on the *Cygnet* for a tour of our harbor – a working waterfront, home to the largest fishing port in California, 1,341 slips, and providing stunning views of the Topatopa Mountains and Channel Islands. *Cygnet* is the perfect platform for an evening cruise: it's quiet, comfortable, provides a large table to support nibbles and beverages, and easy to maneuver. I prefer it to our boat for harbor tours, as our boat's layout requires that I sit at the helm facing forward with our friends and family gathered in the stern – not the best for casual conversations and engagement. Better to sit in the stern of an electric Duffy on a comfy cushioned bench where you can eye your guests, enjoy the jokes and conversations, be handed appetizers and libations and simply pilot around the harbor.

As many of you know, *Cygnet* was a gift to the club from Staff Commodore Paul Swanson and his wife Sandy. Paul served on the Bridge from 2002-2004, oversaw the design and installation of the elevator that continues to serve our clubhouse – paid for entirely by club member donations. After stepping off the Bridge, Paul continued his support of Southern California yachting for the next 20 years by serving as a director of the Recreational Boaters of California, Commodore of the Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs, Commodore of the Yacht Racing Union of Southern California and Director and Vice President of Blue Gavel. We're fortunate to have Paul and Sandy's engagement and largesse.

Some seventy of you have been certified to handle *Cygnet* – which is only one third of our members. Certification is made easy by our licensed captains, Dave Boatner, Jeff Beller and John Spille. They regularly schedule certification classes, which include a simple review of navigation do's and don'ts, the basics of operating an electric boat (easy-peasy), and time on the water to understand how *Cygnet* handles. Once certified, you may charter *Cygnet* for 2-hour tours any day of the week by reserving with club manager Nick Moller. The check-in/check-out process is straightforward and the charter is quite reasonable: $40 (US)! These monies pay for the routine maintenance of the boat. We're seeking to form a small committee to manage the maintenance of *Cygnet*. If you are interested in helping out, please give me or Sean Guiltinan a call.

Thanks to Sandy and Paul, we have what I consider one of the best benefits of membership in our club: $40 to charter an electric Duffy and enjoy regular evening cruises with friends and family in the happiest place on earth (with deference to Mr. W. Disney).

Ev Ashworth

Membership Bylaws Amendments

By the Board of Directors

Concerns about the fairness, equity and benefits of the club's membership structure have been discussed across multiple Board terms and budget cycles for several years. In late 2025, then Rear Commodore John Spille organized a formal Membership Structure Committee to examine these issues comprehensively. John has written extensively on the Membership Structure Committee's work in his prior *Forecast* installments and his article in this issue provides additional information on the Committee's work. The eight-member committee engaged with our Members, reviewed ClubBenchmark peer data, which the club purchased and provides detailed membership data for

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From the Commodore

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Directors and Commodores is already set. This next year should be a great one.

We will also vote on some Bylaw changes including some changes to the membership classifications.

Captain Dave Boatner is up for election as a Life Member, so now he can never leave! I've enjoyed working with Dave on different committees and especially appreciate having him guide our Bylaws Committee.

Opening the Upstairs - I'm looking forward to officially opening upstairs later in October and having a big party to honor all those who have helped make it happen.

There has been a lot of work, a lot of dust, and undoubtedly a few more of those detail devils and goblins than we originally anticipated. But it's going to be great to see the finished product—and, more importantly, to see the club being enjoyed by our members.

See you upstairs!

Dwight Rowe

Vice Views

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brought many of us together, but it's the people and friendships that make the club what it is.

So this October, the next time you're sitting at the bar, having dinner or just hanging around the club, talk to someone you don't know particularly well. Ask about something besides their boat.

You may discover that the person sitting next to you spends weekends bouncing around the Sierras in a side-by-side, breaking clay targets, watching polo, riding a bicycle through the mountains—or trying to convince a bear that 20-plus yacht club members are not on the menu.

And if you discover someone with an especially interesting hobby or adventure, let me know. We may have to start a new feature in the newsletter:

"What Our Members Do When They're Not Fixing Their Boats."

I'm pretty sure we could fill several issues. And probably have a few good bear stories along the way.

John Spille

Membership Bylaws Amendments

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clubs operating throughout the United States, and developed detailed financial modeling of various dues structures. In July, the Board approved proposed Bylaw changes that go before the general membership in October that developed to:

◆ Modernize the requirements for Senior membership. The current age-62 requirement was written decades ago. Tying Senior status to twenty years of dedicated membership with the club—not to the age of 62 — is a fairer, more modern standard.

◆ Restructuring Senior dues based on around seniority years — not age — to recognize and reward long-term commitment to the club. Senior Membership at VYC has historically been — and remains — one of the most generous benefits in our peer club community, a reflection of how much we value long-term members. The proposed changes preserve that generosity in full for the first thirty years of Senior status. For members who reach the thirty-year milestone, the long-term dues benefit is modestly reduced compared to what the current structure would provide over time. As compared to our current dues structure, the proposed Bylaw changes are estimated to realize an additional $138,000 in revenue over a five-year period (2027-2031). Notably, existing Senior Members with established discount rates are fully protected by a grandfather clause and their current discount rates will remain unchanged.

◆ Replace the Trial Membership Option with a new Associate Membership. This new pathway will open the club membership to boating enthusiasts who are not ready to purchase a Membership Certificate. The club observed that Trial Members who did not convert within their first year often lapsed and left the club. The new Associate Member class creates a more flexible, durable pathway that keeps boating enthusiasts connected to VYC on their own timeline. Trial Members will not be able to vote on club matters or obtain a slip until they purchase a Membership Certificate; however, their seniority date is based on when they became an Associate Member. Please see John Spille's article in the September 2026 *Forecast* for additional information on the proposed Associate Membership class.

As part of this process, the Bylaws Committee identified a number of "cleanup issues" in our current Bylaws that require edits to improve the clarity of our rules. These will be included in the set of changes that will go before our general membership in October.

The Membership Structure Committee will hold a general meeting in September to go over these proposed changes in detail. In addition to the proposed changes to Article 7 of our Bylaws, the Committee has developed a formal presentation along with Frequently Asked Questions that go into detail on the features and benefits of these changes, which are designed to enhance the value of membership in our club.

General Manager

By Nick Moller

October is an important month. There are a lot of important days. National Octopus Day, National Harbor Master Day, National Pizza Day, National Chicken Cacciatore Day and World Kangaroo Day, to name a few. A few other important days in October deserve special attention.

First, October is VYC Elections time. The Ballot not only has Bridge and Board nominees seeking election, but the additional items have been months in the making. Bylaws changes, Membership updates and Financial matters will all be included along with the returning and new Board of Directors. Some of these items require a majority of eligible VYC Members to cast their vote in order to pass. Your vote is important and matters.

Your Ballot will be mailed to you in early October. Instructions will be included. Please follow all written instructions and listed timelines.

A second important day(s) in October comes at the end of the month.

Ideally there will only be four of these important days, maybe five, and in case necessary, up to seven. October Baseball. The Post Season. The Fall Classic. The World Series. For my family, the Post Season is a family affair. After work and after school we fall into our routine. Assuming we are on a winning streak, we all know what to do and where to do what we do. We eat the same meal as the game before. We wear the same clothes as the game before. We sit in the same spots as the game before. Not superstitious, just a baseball family supporting our team from afar.

October is an important month. As VYC Members it is important you vote. As VYC Members and DODGERS FANS, it is important that you watch, support, cheer and celebrate. And as I've told Jim and Katelyn Dembowski many times, the Yankees suck.

Go Dodgers! See ya at the club.

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Nick Moller

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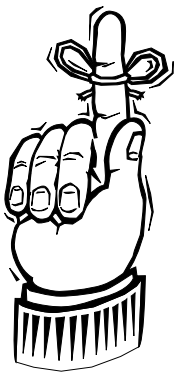

Forecast articles, fliers, ads and photos are due the **15th of the month prior to publication.** (i.e. Content for the November *Forecast* is due October 15.) Please send content to Cindy Daly at cmdaly@pacbell.net and also copy the VYC Office on the email. Thank you!

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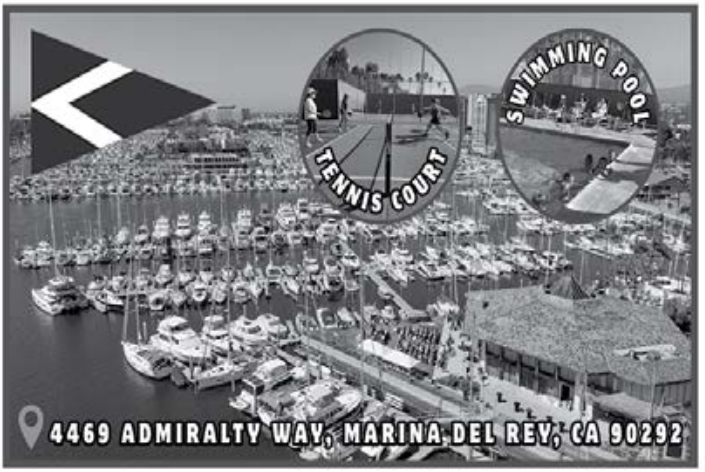

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Membership Report

By Peter Acutt

"Ahoy there, me merry fellow members! Hear ye hear ye!" Yes, it's us at the Membership committee once again – time flies when we are having fun...or getting older/wiser!

Now, now folks, we are still in need of your help here to grow our numbers and reach the SKY to reach our goal of **250 members** by the years end to round out our celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the U.S.

To this end the Membership Committee has had some really nice stemless embossed wine glasses made to be awarded to any member who brings to and introduces a new member to VYC either Regular or Trial/Associate. So fellow members cast your network nets far and wide for family, friends or neighbors who could be interested in joining the VYC community. Let's see the membership grow and reach our target 250/250th!

A nice little tale: During the recent Street and Art Festival in the harbor a prospective member stopped by for an introduction tour of the club. Unfortunately, neither Nick nor I were available – I was showing at the festival. I suggested that following the tour by Lauretta and having lunch at the club that they pop by the festival. I'd be happy to meet and answer any questions. Not sure if it was the tour or the lunch or the festival ambiance and sunshine but they have joined the club as trial members.

The wheels continue turning towards the year end "Vote" for the new Bridge/Board and the Bylaw changes. There are two major topics impacting the "Membership" aspect of the club. The senior fee structure is going forward along with the replacement of the Trial class with the new more outreaching **Associate Class** of VYC membership. If you have any specific or general questions about the Associate membership please, feel free to reach out to any member of the Membership Committee, the Board and the Bridge.

This topic, along with the rest of the changes will be addressed in more depth and detail at a town hall meeting

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scheduled for Saturday Sept. 26 to explain and answer all your questions.

NOTE: Our VYC Bylaws limits its certificated membership to 250 certificates. The new Bylaws will limit the Associate membership to 20% of certificated membership.

Now just a brief reminder of some of the other activities for membership, participation and enjoyment.

The annual ***CAREgivers "Sail-a-Thon"*** is coming up (Oct. 10) and VYC is once again involved in promoting this charitable event. Our goal is to win back the ***Ugly Fish*** award for the most registered participants from any club or organization. We plan to retake it and please sign up your boat – **YES Power as well** it's not just for the blow boaters it's open to ALL boats! It's a very worthy cause. This year there will be a strong emphasis also on an "Inside" course for the SUP, kayakers and junior dinghies – no matter how big or small it counts as an entry! Lisa M. and John N. will be the VYC coordinators.

The annual **VYC Rowdy Relay** has been re-scheduled to run and have fun both on and off the water on October 4. Watch the bulletin board for details and a sign-up sheet.

Last but not least – YES, the annual Sip-'n-Paint is scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 30** – watch out for the poster and sign-up sheet! Another fun evening is planned around the USA 250th anniversary! Our subject this year is going to be the 250th Celebration!

Ahoy New members – WELCOME we all look forward to seeing you and please feel free to walk up and introduce yourselves – not everyone will recognize you at first. Come along, join, get to know fellow members and feel at home at the club.

New Trial Members Bruce & Patty Schultz

Bruce is a retired cinematographer/director of photography having worked in Hollywood film and TV productions for 41 years!

He is currently writing a memoir covering all those years.

Patty is still currently teaching English courses at UCLA along with a college in Virginia (where she used to live) doing this remotely. She is a tenured English professor.

They live in their home of 42 years in Malibu. They have a Catalina 34, *Here be Dragons,* which they plan to bring to Ventura as the drive north is easier than going south to the boat's current slip.

They look forward to being active VYC members in various capacities.

Navigation Contest

Set Your Course • Sunday, October 18 • 9:00 AM

Come aboard for a morning of harbor cruising, course-keeping, and friendly competition.

On any Sunday morning, the harbor comes alive with paddle boarders, kayakers, dinghies, and duffies making their way across the water. The Navigation Contest adds a splash of friendly competition, a few prizes, and plenty of nautical fun to that familiar harbor outing. From the August Fleet: Dan and Lisa Mirisola took top honors in the dinghy class with an average speed of 6.1 knots, while John Nordin led the paddle board class with an average speed of 3.2 knots. Prizes were awarded, and all hands enjoyed a great morning on the water.

Charting the Course

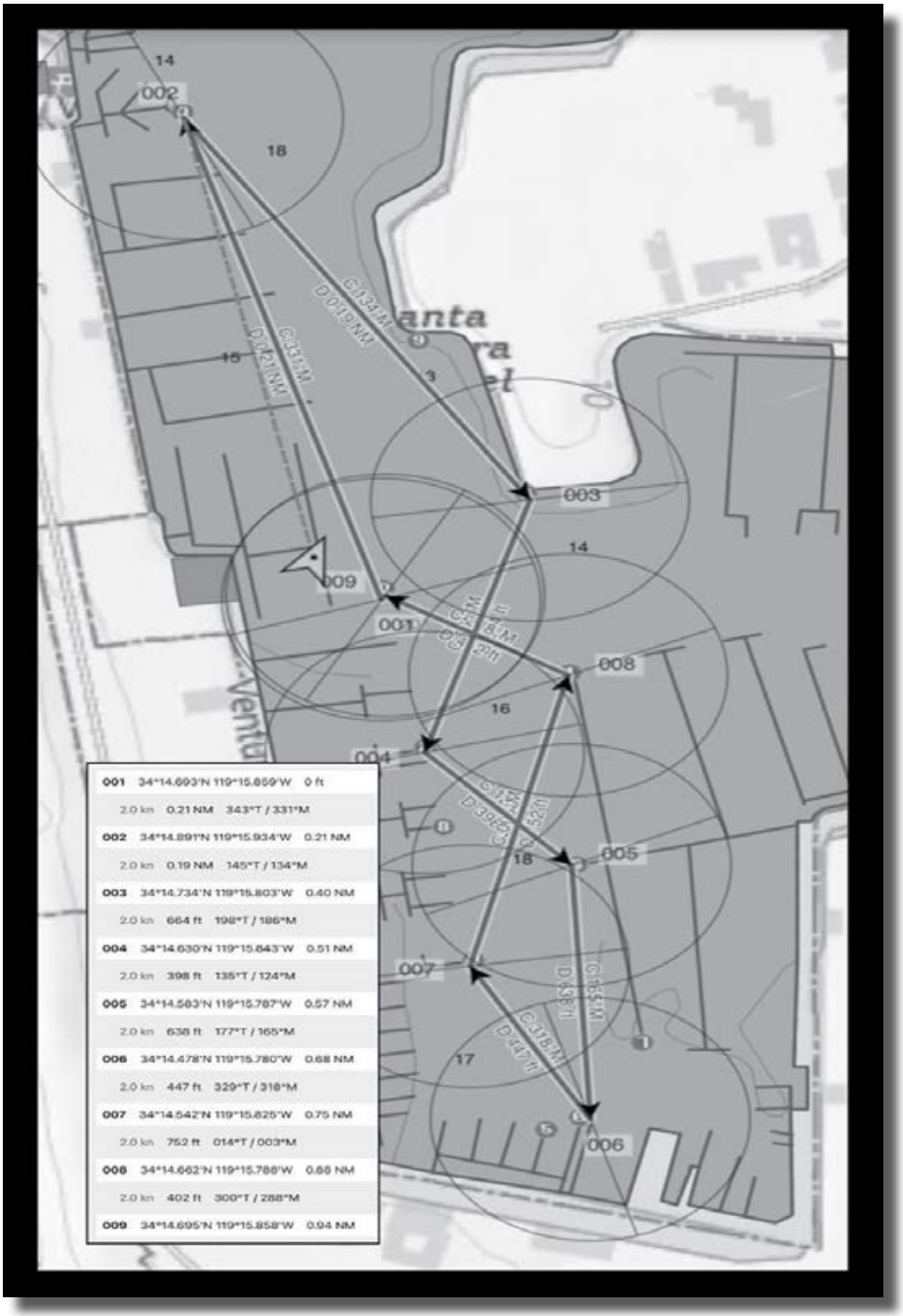
- A course, or sail plan, of about one nautical mile is set with clearly marked turning points using large signs labeled A, B, and so on, mounted on pylons within the harbor.
- Each contestant receives a copy of the sail plan before getting underway.
- The official speed is 3 knots for paddle boards and kayaks, and 5 knots for dinghies and duffies.
- The PRO will assign each contestant's start time and record each finish time.
- The winner is the skipper who comes closest to the official speed for their group.

Dockside Details

Launch Date	Sunday, October 18
First Signal	Contestants gather at 9:00 AM
Rendezvous Point	Adjacent to VYC Slip D-6
Trophies & Medals	Prizes and medals awarded at the VYC clubhouse after the last contestant finishes, at approximately noon

Ready to sail? Sign up on the bulletin board or email kutchma@aol.com.

Navigation Contest Map



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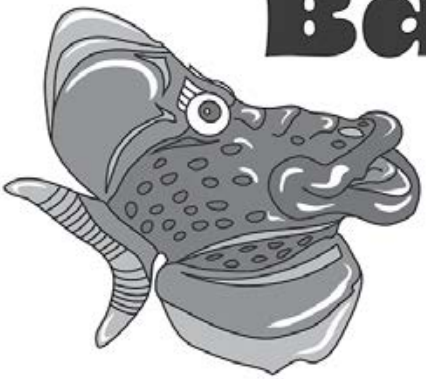
Let's Win the Ugly Fish Back



The Ugly Fish Award goes to the Yacht Club that has the most sign ups for the Sailathon and raises the most money for Caregivers.

ALL WATERCRAFT are eligible including sailboats, powerboats, dinghies, kayaks, SUPs, etc.

Information and registration:
vccaregivers.org/events/

Sign-up Today!

EVENT DATE:
OCTOBER 18, 2026

ENTRY FEE:

BIG BOAT:
$45 Earlybird/$75 after Oct 9.

SMALL CRAFT:
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VENTURA YACHT CLUB

Nominations for the 2027 VYC Bridge and Board of Directors

The Junior Staff Commodore has the responsibility of organizing a committee and making nominations for the Bridge and the Board of Directors.

Junior Staff Commodore Don Clark and his committee have made their recommendations. **Nominees from the Committee are:**

For the Bridge: John Spille for Commodore; Ev Ashworth for Vice Commodore and Michael Eickhoff for Rear Commodore.

For Directors: Peter Acutt, Wally Rutledge and Jeri Dunham for Board of Directors.

(Bios to follow are not proofread by the Forecast *editor.)*

John Spille for Commodore

I've been a member of Ventura Yacht Club for 41 years, and I'm asking for your vote to serve as your next Commodore.

My history with this club's leadership goes back two decades. I first served on the Board from 2004 to 2006, and I returned to the Board in 2020, where I've served continuously since. In that time, I've tried to put in the work behind the scenes that keeps VYC running well and position it for the future.

Much of that work has centered on our facilities and our membership. As Chair of the House and Grounds Committee, I've overseen the physical upkeep of the club our members rely on every day. I've been involved with the upstairs refresh since the inception of the idea. As Chair of the Membership Restructure Committee, I helped lead the effort to modernize our membership classifications — work that culminated in the bylaw changes now before the membership.

I've also served on the Marina Management Committee, and the Watercraft Certification Committee, giving me a broad view across nearly every part of club operations, from the docks to the water to our land-based facilities.

One project I'm especially proud of is my work updating the club's reserve study data. That effort surfaced the real condition of our aging infrastructure and led directly to the proposed project to rebuild A and C docks — an investment that will prolong the life of our marina for decades to come.

On the racing side, I served as Race Director in 1992 and as our PHRF Representative from 2007 to 2009, up until recently I raced on *Rival* regularly, so I understand VYC not just as a clubhouse and a marina, but as a racing community.

I'm running for Commodore because I believe in this club's future, and I want to keep doing the steady, practical work — on our facilities, our membership, and our finances — that keeps VYC strong for the next generation of members. I'd be honored to have your support.

Ev Ashworth for Vice Commodore

One of the real benefits of membership in Ventura Yacht Club is that you get to meet the nicest people – resourceful, clever, fun, optimistic, and engaging. I am in debt to our membership for providing me the opportunity and privilege of serving on our Bridge this year as your Rear Commodore, and to work with many of you to make improvements to our club. I now stand for election as your Vice Commodore and seek your approval.

As many of you know, I've been active in our harbor for the past twenty years - most recently as your Rear Commodore and member of VYC, and through volunteering with the Ventura Port District and the Ventura Sail and Power Squadron (VSPS). I served on the Port Commission for ten years, and together with a strong management team and four other commissioners, we were able to reduce our debt service, expand our commercial docks, extend the useful life of our fishing pier, engage new commercial ventures, and seek to expand our fishing fleet, which is essential to securing federal dredging funding. As a member of VSPS I've served in various positions on its bridge and now serve as the Squadron's Education Officer – and in this role have met many of you through the ABC Safe Boating Classes and VSPS seminars held at the club. My day job for the past 30 years has been as a Principal with Ashworth Leininger Group; together with my business partner and my colleagues we provide expert environmental engineering services to a broad spectrum of industrial, commercial, agricultural, and government clients.

Should I be elected to serve as a Vice Commodore, I will work with our members and Board of Directors to support the continued refurbishment of our grounds, club house, and docks, expand our membership, secure additional funding to replace our support fleet that serves the Juniors program and race programs, and find the clever solutions that will allow all of us to continue to take pride and enjoy our engagement in VYC. I'm always glad to chat directly if you wish. You can reach me at 805-432-9732.

Michael Eickhoff for Rear Commodore

I am honored to be nominated for Rear Commodore of the Ventura Yacht Club.

Boating has been a part of my life for many years, beginning in Wisconsin. I spent a lot of time sailing and became involved with the Sheboygan Yacht Club, where I learned how much a yacht club is about more than just the boats. It is the people, friendships, traditions, and the willingness of members to pitch in and help.

When Kimberly and I settled in Ventura, joining VYC

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Michael Eickhoff for Rear Commodore

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was one of the early things we chose to do. Our experiences at Sheboygan Yacht Club made VYC feel like a natural fit, and we quickly found that same sense of community here. Since joining, we have really enjoyed becoming part of the club and getting to know its members.

My professional career is in Network and Security Administration. Much of what I do involves troubleshooting, looking at problems from different angles, and finding practical solutions. I believe that analytical and technical background can be useful to the club, whether dealing with day-to-day issues, technology, or looking at ways to improve how we operate.

I would be honored to serve on the Bridge and give back to a club that has become an important part of our lives in Ventura. I look forward to helping wherever I can and doing my part to keep VYC moving in a positive direction.

Peter Acutt for Board of Directors

How the past three years have come and gone—as is always the case when you are having fun—but then, who's counting?

I am not too sure how much of an introduction is needed around VYC given my current role as Chair of the Membership Committee for the past five years. I am also a regular participant and driver in our Wet Wednesday Racing program, specifically within the C-Fleet (aka the "Casual Fun Fleet") on our Catalina 320, *Smooth Jazz*. You may have also seen me joining in on the Rowdy Relay—our adult fun-on-the-water day—or perhaps during our Sip-'n-'Paint events and various other club activities. Otherwise, I'm low-key, just enjoying hanging out with a bunch of our like-minded friends at the club.

As a club, we have achieved a great deal over the past few years. We have a number of fantastic years ahead, along with a few new challenges. But challenges are simply opportunities waiting to be tackled chances to rise to the occasion and succeed. This mindset is deeply embedded in the DNA of our club, our members, the Board, and our Management.

It has been a true honor to serve on your Board of Directors for the past three years. If I am once again honored with your vote to serve a second term, I will endeavor to build on this experience. I promise to serve you, our members, to the best of my ability, always keeping the best intentions and interests for the future of VYC at heart.

Jeri Dunham for Board of Directors

Arriving in Ventura in 1994 from inland Southern California, my husband and I immediately knew we had found paradise. From the day we sailed into Ventura Harbor, we were welcomed by friendly people, beautiful weather, and wonderful cruising grounds. A group waiting at the dock caught our lines, welcomed us into the community, and threw us a party. We knew we were home.

Ventura Harbor soon opened the door to an entirely new career. As General Manager of Ventura Isle Marina, I spent my days on the water, surrounded by people who shared my passion for boating. I gained valuable experience in marina and boating operations, as well as harbor governance. Most rewarding were the opportunities to create community through island trips, theme parties, movie nights, and other activities that brought boaters together.

I retired as Regional Project Manager with the construction team at Safe Harbor Marinas, knowing it was time for more boating, more fun, and more time on the water. Joining Ventura Yacht Club was the natural next chapter.

Once again, we were welcomed by wonderful, like-minded boaters. We have enjoyed the clubhouse, racing, social activities, and especially the cruises. Along the way, we have built lasting friendships and gained an even deeper appreciation for this special club and its rich history.

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Ventura Yacht Club Board of Directors. I look forward to giving back to a club that has brought us so much joy, helping preserve its traditions while contributing to its continued success and future.

After all these years, Ventura still feels like paradise, and I am grateful to be part of this wonderful boating community.

Wally Rutledge for Board of Directors

I'm honored to be considered as a Director of the Ventura Yacht Club and am currently enjoying serving as your Port Captain. My wife Laurie and I have been members since 2014 and have enjoyed the camaraderie, as well as many cruises and events. We acquired our first Catalina 27 in 1982, then owned a Catalina 34 and a 470, and now own *Vision* a Grand Banks Eastbay 46 happily docked in the VYC Marina! My family relocated to Ventura in 1968 for my father to work as Vetco Offshore Industries', Direc-

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Social Report

By Tracie West

Greetings from your Social Committee. We sure had a lot of fun around the club this last month.

Labor Day was a blast – a packed event! Thank you Sue, Jean, Therri, Rick and Lisa for helping decorate. The food was amazing – thank you VYC staff. The guest visit and presentation from the Ventura stompers did not disappoint. It was so fun and the band? Need I say more? They were a blast and got everyone out dancing.

Sunday Polo – well...Polo is always lovely. Around the club there we say: "Less Mondays More Polo Sundays!" We were lucky to have a double header and two fall games when VYC visited. An all girls team, and a fall match that didn't disappoint! We had a visit from the winning horse. What a beauty! I was honored to be asked to hand the trophy/awards to the winning horse and players. Members and guests arrived looking lovely and so did you yacht club

dogs!!!

Awards were given to:

- **Best dressed:** Emilie West
- **Best dressed Couple:** Connie and her puppy with lovely matching fascinators.

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tor of Mfg as I was starting at Buena High School. I was born in Pasadena at Huntington Memorial Hospital. As long as I can remember I've loved the water; from a young age on local swim teams, to winning Varsity Letters at Buena in both swimming and water polo with legendary coach Mason Parrish; then on to swim, play water polo, and lifeguard at Ventura College. I was sailing in Ventura Harbor on a Lido 14 before I could drive! Laurie and I met in the dorm at Chico State where I earned a degree in Agriculture/Agronomy. In 2021, I retired after 30 years as Ventura Co. General Mgr. for Nunes Vegetables, a major produce co based in Salinas; then joined my son as a consultant for Rutledge Farming Company, a large vegetable grower on the Oxnard Plain.

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◆ **Best Hat:** Dawnita

Thank you to everyone that supported the event!

We ended the month of September with a fantastic traditional Octoberfest! This is one of my absolute favorites since I was born in Munich. Thank you Heidi and Rafee for all you do for this event. Chef José always does and amazing job! The entertainment was so fun too.

I know its hard to say goodbye to summer after all the fun we have had this year but fall is a gentle reminder that changes can be beautiful!

This month we will have our Halloween Party please see the flyer on page 47. I hope you can join us!!

See you around the club and hope you enjoy "Autumn... the years last loveliest smile." – *Williams Cullent Bryant*

Please join us if you have an interest in helping or planning social events around the club. We meet every second Sunday at 2 p.m.

Having a Party?
Tired of Cleaning UP?

Call the Ventura Yacht Club and have your party or function here!

One of the great benefits of membership is that you have access to a great facility for weddings, anniversary celebrations, birthday parties – you name it. The club is available for your friends and family members who are having a party. All you have to do is be a sponsor.

Reasonable prices and Great location!!

Club rental fees:

Club Facilities Fee (Non-staffed events)
Member-hosted only

13 to 25 persons: $150 26 to 50 persons: $225
51 to 75 persons: $275 76+ persons: $450

No regularly scheduled club food service or events will be cancelled for these member hosted, non-staffed events. Outside caterers or staffing is prohibited. Rental times from 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. only, not to exceed five hours. Events extending beyond 5 hours will be billed double.

Club Usage Fee (VYC staffed events)

Member-hosted parties	**Member-sponsored parties**
13 to 50 persons: $150	Under 50 persons: $450
51+ persons: $250	50 to 99 persons: $650
	100 persons or more: $950

Bartender and catering available.
Bartender charge for member-hosted parties: $30 per hour.
Bartender charge for member-sponsored parties: $45 per hour.

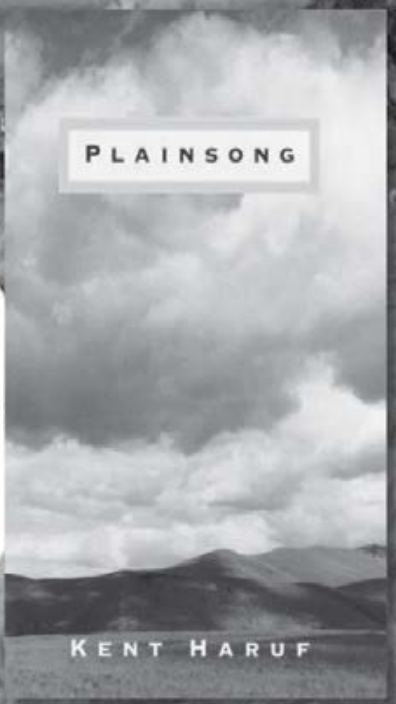
A **refundable** clean-up and repair deposit of $300 is required with the private party application. Cancellation of less than 72 before the event is subject to the forfeiture of 50% of deposit.

The best place in town to have a party and you save the headaches of hosting in your own home. Call the club at 642-0426 for more details or to make a reservation.

VYC BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 P.M.



Come enjoy an hour or two of great conversation with friends. Didn't read the book? Come anyway and meet some fellow booklovers!

October's Book

Plainsong by Kent Haruf

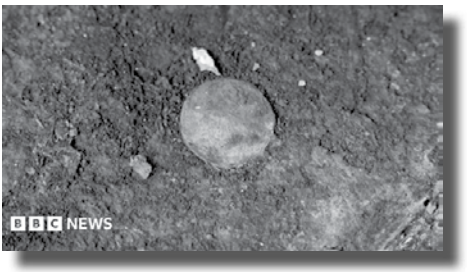
Exploring the Origins of Nautical Superstitions

By Katie Rowe, Ventura Yacht Club Historian

Halloween is tied to superstitions, myths, and omens; those old, lingering beliefs that surface more readily as the season turns. People have long associated bats with wandering spirits or held their breath while passing a cemetery so that no restless soul might slip inside the body. These customs, halfremembered and often playful today, come from a deeper human impulse to explain the unseen and protect oneself from the unknown. Early sailors lived in a world where danger was constant and disaster common. It's no wonder that the culture at sea included omens and rituals that helped them navigate both the ocean and their fears. For this month's article, I turn to the superstitions of the sea, and how they began.

Place a coin beneath the ship's mast

In Greek mythology, souls needed to pay Charon, the ferryman of the underworld, with a coin to cross the river Styx. Historians believe this belief inspired the ancient Greek funeral custom of placing coins on the eyes of the dead, a symbolic payment for safe passage into the afterlife.



Coin recovered from underneath the mast of HMS Victory.

This ritual found its way into early seafaring traditions. Greek and Roman sailors began placing a coin beneath the mast of their vessels. Entire ships could vanish beneath the waves without a trace, and the coin served as a collective offering, a payment to ensure that the entire crew might pass safely into the next world should disaster strike. Over time, the custom evolved into a broader superstition. The expression *"Pay the ferryman and have fair winds"* reflects the belief that this small offering would not only appease the spirits of the sea but also help secure favorable conditions for the voyage ahead.

Archaeologists have discovered coins under the masts of famous shipwrecks, including the legendary *HMS Victory*, offering tangible evidence of the practice. Today, some modern vessels still honor this ancient ritual, preserving a direct link to centuries of maritime heritage.

It is bad luck to harm or kill an albatross

In early seafaring cultures, albatrosses were thought to embody the souls of sailors who had been lost at sea. To harm an albatross was to harm a former human seafarer. Samuel Taylor Coleridge's *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner,* written in 1798, is the most vivid illustration of this taboo. In the poem, a weathered sailor stops a man on his way to a wedding and recounts a harrowing voyage to the Antarctic. Driven south

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by a violent storm, the ship becomes trapped in ice, "wedged between floes" as snow and icicles accumulate on the rigging. Then, salvation appears: *"Eventually, hope arrives in the form of an albatross,"* which the crew welcomes as a good omen. They feed the bird crumbs from their rations, and the ice miraculously splits as "a good south wind" carries the ship north again. The albatross follows faithfully, roosting in the masts and rigging.

Albatross being fed by sailors, by Gustave Doré, 1876.

Without warning or reason, the mariner commits a senseless act. He shoots the albatross with his crossbow. His shipmates initially approve, insisting it was right to kill a bird "that bring the fog and mist," but their relief quickly turns to dread. The ship becomes becalmed, the crew begins to die of thirst: "water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink." A supernature figure condemns the mariner to survive alone: *"The mariner is cursed for having shot the bird."*

No bananas allowed on ships

The origins of this superstition can be found in the 18th century, when trade ships began bringing bananas from the Caribbean back to Britain. Due to the growing popularity of bananas in Europe, demand was high. Naturally, as was common during the era, plenty of these trade ships sank midway through their voyages. When other vessels discovered these wrecks, they often found only floating yellow bananas marking the disaster sites. As far as sailors were concerned, this repeated coincidence was enough to establish a cause: bananas brought misfortune.

In reality, no more bananaladen ships sank than any others. The fruit simply floated, making it more visible at wreck sites and easier to associate with disaster. Nonetheless, it was the bananas that were blamed for these failed endeavors, and the belief hardened into tradition.

Cats are good omens

Cats have accompanied humans on maritime adventures for centuries, with their initial introduction to ships dating back to ancient seafaring cultures such as the Egyptians and Phoenicians. In ancient Egypt, cats were revered as sacred animals and their presence on trading vessels was a common sight. They played a dual role,

"Tiddles" of the *HMS Victorious,* 1942.

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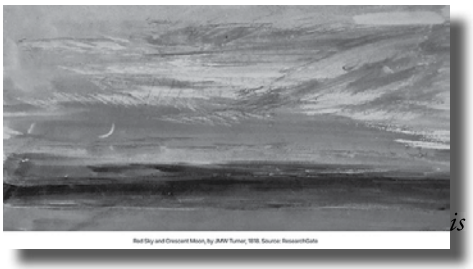
both as protectors of cargo from vermin and as symbols of good fortune. As these ships sailed throughout the Mediterranean, the practice of having cats on board spread to other seafaring cultures, including the Greeks and Romans.

These early sailors quickly realized the pragmatic advantages of keeping cats on board, as they effectively controlled the rodent populations that threatened precious food supplies and ship materials. Over time, practical reliance evolved into superstition and sailors developed beliefs surrounding ship cats. Black cats, for example, were often seen as harbingers of good luck, and a content, wellfed cat was thought to signal a smooth and successful voyage. Conversely, harming a cat was believed to invite storms, misfortune, or even shipwrecks. From pirates and explorers to traders, fishermen, pilgrims, private travelers, and naval officers, generations of mariners found companionship, and comfort, in the presence of a ship's cat.

Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky at morning, sailors take warning

An early reference to this phenomenon can be found in the Bible; "*When evening comes, you say, 'it will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' and in the morning, 'today it will be stormy, for the sky red and overcast.'*" The proverb we recite now is rooted in practical observation. For centuries, people have relied on this simple forecast. Sailors read it from the deck before setting out, and farmers read it from the field before cutting hay or sowing seed.



Red Sky and Crescent Moon, by JMW Turner, 1818.

But does the color of the sky at dawn or dusk truly predict the weather? According to the British Meteorological Office, the answer is yes, at least in a general sense. They explain that *"Red sky at sunset means high pressure is moving from the west, so the next day will usually be dry and pleasant. Red sky in the morning means a red sky appears due to the high-pressure weather system having already moved east, meaning the good weather has passed, most likely making way for a wet and windy low-pressure system."* It seems clear that the ancient saying aligns remarkably well with modern atmospheric science. While today's navigation relies on satellites, radar, and advanced forecasting, the echoes of old sea wisdom still linger in language and tradition.

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VENTURA YACHT CLUB

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EVERY OTHER SUNDAY

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Instructors:
John Nordin
Derek Turner

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- **Something to Paddle**
- **Personal Flotation Device**
- **Leash**
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Paddles and Instruction Provided for Free

VYC has Paddle boards and Kayaks available for members

8:30 a.m.
Meet on VYC Grass

9:00 a.m.
Launch

Beginner Paddle:
VYC Marina

Intermediate Paddle:
Harbor Village and Back

Coffee and Breakfast available
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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There is an easy way to report maintenance issues for our club!

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Our maintenance team will respond and address issues in a timely manner.

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The QR code is posted downstairs next to the office door, and QR code placards are located throughout the VYC premises at strategic locations. If you need one, you will see one!

Help VYC by letting Limble make problems less of a problem!

Notice it, Report it... on Limble!

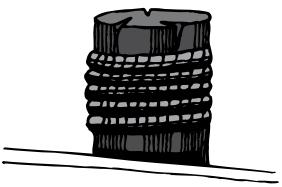
Port Captain

By Wally Rutledge

BOTTOM CLEANING is mandatory! Below the waterline maintenance is as important as above the waterline. Not cleaning the bottom regularly can cause metal to corrode and fail, and water intakes needed to cool engines can become clogged and cause engines to overheat, leading to expensive repairs. Next time you are at your boat, monthly at least, please check to ensure the bottom is clean, and ensure the engine runs and is not overheating.

There are several boats for sale in the VYC Marina. Please note, if your name comes up on the slip waiting list and you decline, you will be billed for one month.

– Port Captain



VENTURA YACHT CLUB

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Race Report

By Warren Casey, Race Chair

Latest News

Felurian **sailing off into the sunset.**

Wet Wednesday Season Finale

We've wrapped up PHRF racing for the year! Wet Wednesdays and Blue Water series have ended this month with great success. Blue Water #3 participation was down for the last race mainly because of the remnants of hurricane Maria. Wet Wednesday ended without a race due to lack of wind at the start. Of course, the wind came up about 15 minutes after, but the dinner and trophy presentation was fantastic. Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to all the Race Committee team members that made this year's Wet Wednesday Series a resounding success!

2026 Series Winners

2026 Series Winners from L-R – Class A, *Pony Boy,* Avery Stewart. Class C, Peter Acutt, *Smooth Jazz*. Class B, Jon Barnes, *Never A ?*. Holding the perpetual trophy, Commodore Dwight Rowe.

Class A Spirit Award (or Iron Keel Award) went to the boat that sailed over 70% of all the races and unfortunately still got last: Team *Motley Crew*, Skipper Dan Chepley.

Class B Spirit Award (or Iron Keel) went to the boat that sailed over 70% of the races and unfortunately still got last: Team *Zorro*, Skipper Ted Chandler.

Class A Rookie of the Year: Team *Pony Boy*, Skipper Avery Stewart.

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Team Enthusiasm Award for best battle cry/slogan and loudest: Team *Fat Tuesday,* Skipper Carlos Brea.

Class B Rookie of the Year: Team *Oseara,* Skipper Sean Guiltinan.

Note: Team *Cephalopod*, Skipper Todd Lemein, won both the Class C Rookie of the year and Spirit Award, but were not present at the presentation so no photos were taken.

Wet Wednesday Survey

Wet Wednesday Survey has been tallied and the majority of owners and sailors are content with the way the racing was run this year.

9 owners responded: owner = 2 points 17 crews responded: crew = 1 point

Summary of Fleet Questions and Responses:

1) Keeping it one series – 23 positive
2) Returning it to two series – 12 positive
3) Starting early – 22 positive, 9 negative
4) Fleets A&B starting together – 12 positive, 13 negative
5) Fleets B&C starting together – 22 positive, 9 negative

A& B Fleet Question:

6) Keep rating change 6/3 – 22 positive, 2 negative

C Fleet Question:

7) Keep rating change 18/9 – 7 positive, 2 negative

CLASS A Series Overall

		As of Week	26	With
		RACES =	22	4
PLACE	BOAT	TYPE	TOTAL POINTS	THROWOUT(S)
1	PONYBOY	MELGES 24OD	52	31
2	DJ	J70OD	56	37
3	MOTLEY CREW	J70	84	59
3	RIVAL	J35OD	88	59
5	FAT TUESDAY	SAN30GPS	93	67
6	CRESTER	J70	122	93
7	BUENA VISTA	OLS40	126	95
8	WILSON	OLS30	133	103

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CLASS B Series Overall

		As of Week	26	With
		RACES =	23	4
PLACE	BOAT	TYPE	TOTAL POINTS	
1	NEVER A ?	SCH34PC	58	37
2	FELURIAN	BEN40OC	72	50
3	OSEARA	CAT42-II	79	56
4	SWELL	HANSE345	83	60
5	ZORRO	LASER 28	90	65
6	JENN'S	PET34	121	92
7	OFOB	CAT36MK2	156	124
8	SHADOWFAX	_505	161	129

CLASS C Series Overall

		As of Week	26	With
		RACES =	22	4
PLACE	BOAT	TYPE	TOTAL POINTS	THROWOUT(S)
1	SMOOTH JAZZ	C320	38	25
2	CEPHALOPOD	CAT30T	47	31
3	MOONSTONE	BENOC352	69	51
4	PURA VIDA	BEN_FIRST	92	69
5	OFOB	CAT36MK2	95	71
6	LEILANI	HUN34	97	73

2026 Blue Water #3 And Overall Results

Congratulations to Jeri and Joe Dunham on *Minka* (the smallest boat in the fleet) for their first place finish in #3 and for winning the series overall trophy.

Jeri Dunham accepting the trophy at the final WW dinner.

2026 Ventura Yacht Club's Blue Water Series
Final Cumulative Results

PLACE	BOAT NAME	BOAT TYPE	SKIPPER	RACE #1	RACE #2	RACE #3	CUMULATIVE
1	Minka	PSC 24	Joe & Jeri Dunham	3	2	1	6
2	Never A ?	Schock 34 PC	Jonathan Barnes	4	1	2	7
3	Felurian	Beneteau Oceanis 40	John Conway	6	3	3	12
4	Windflower	Crealock 37	Dan Mirisola	1	6	7	14
5	Starry Night	Newport 30 MK III	John Ross	2	6	7	15
6	Oseara	Catalina 42	Sean Guiltinan	5	6	7	18
7	Leilani	Hunter	Tracie & Emilie West	8	4	7	19
8	Alegria	Catalina 30	Dean Prophet	8	6	7	21

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2026-2027 Fall & Winter Sailing At VYC

J70

The VYC J70s sail Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m. through the end of November.

- *DJ* is getting ready for the North Americans in late October.
- *Motley Crew* & the *Uhambo* guys should be going to the Goblin Regatta.

Space is limited but we will try to give rides when we can. J70s are easy to sail and lots of fun. We will help any new owners get up to speed, find & train crew. If you have any interest in getting your own J70, meet us on the dock or contact Ryan Cox. We'd love to have more boats in the fleet. Scan the QR code to join the J70 WhatsApp group.

In February, we expect to resume our Saturday afternoon sailing as we prepare for JFest and the SoCal J70 Series.

Thistles

Once we hit November, it's all Thistles. VYC becomes the Thistle capital of the world with the Thistle World Series:

- World Series #1: November 14-15
- World Series #2: December 12-13
- World Series #3: January 23-24

There should be 15 to 25 Thistles racing in Ventura at each event. Expect Thistles to be practicing during the off weekends as well. This is an incredible opportunity to be part of a big one-design series in our home waters. Stanton Smith is the best point of contact to find a ride. Join the WhatsApp group to follow along.

Lasers

In the Spring and Summer, we sail Lasers on Friday nights inside the harbor and enjoy BBQing our own burgers at VYC after racing. We shift to Sunday afternoons in the Fall and Winter. Join the WhatsApp group to keep up to date since we don't have a set schedule. Whenever we can get together with 10 or more boats, we race. VYC owns five Lasers, but they go quickly. The best option is to buy your own. You can find them for under $1000. Any skill level is welcome!

C Boats (DF 95S)

We race remote controlled sailboats off the VYC guest dock in the winter when it's a little cold and people don't want to get wet. Like the Laser group, we race when we can get a group together but don't have a set schedule. It's tons of fun and everyone is welcome to join.

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2026 Ventura Yacht Club Racing Schedule

For the rest this year and in the beginning or 2027:

- Oct 2026 - March 2027 Laser Sundays – Random Sundays (Ryan Cox, coxrm@hotmail.com)
- Nov. 7 - 8 - Carrie Series #2 Fall Opti Regatta (Event Info: https://theclubspot.com/regatta/1jmGIjJGsf)
- Nov. 14 -15 - Thistle World Series #1 (Contact Stan Smith, stanton.e.smith@gmail.com)
- Dec. 12 -13 - Thistle World Series #2 (Contact Stan Smith, stanton.e.smith@gmail.com)
- Jan. 23 - 24, 2027 - Thistle World Series #3 (Contact Stan Smith, stanton.e.smith@gmail.com)

VYC Racing, Webpages and Social Media

ASBCYC Google Calendar: https://shorturl.at/jrI79

VYC Racing Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18cIeesWVdJK-4JhkHt6e9FS7utUsQJJs?usp=share_link

VYC Racing Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1015985196505205

YYC Racing webpage: https://venturayachtclub.org/5619-2/

Information about racing fleets and contact info to get involved:

Race Chairperson – Warren Casey wc@warrencasey.com

One Design Racing Chairperson – Ryan Cox coxrm@hotmail.com

Junior Program Director/Chairperson – Katelyn Dembowski katelynpdembowski@gmail.com

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One Design Racing

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Thistle Fleet Captain – Stanton Smith stanton.e.smith@gmail.com

DF95 (Radio Control Boats) Fleet Captain – Garrett Baum garrettbaum@yahoo.com

PHRF Racing

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Intermediate Class B Fleet Captain – Sean Guiltinan sguiltinan@gmail.com

Beginning non-spinnaker Class C Fleet Captain – Peter Acutt, acuttp@gmail.com

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VYC FB Racing Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1015985196505205

VYC Racing Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/ventura_yacht_club_racing/

Google Drive VYC Race Program: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18cIeesWVdJK-4JhkHt6e9FS7utUsQJJs?usp=share_link

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ASBCYC Google Race Calendar: http://bit.ly/4fKmFuW

SAIL FAST!

VYC PRESENTS

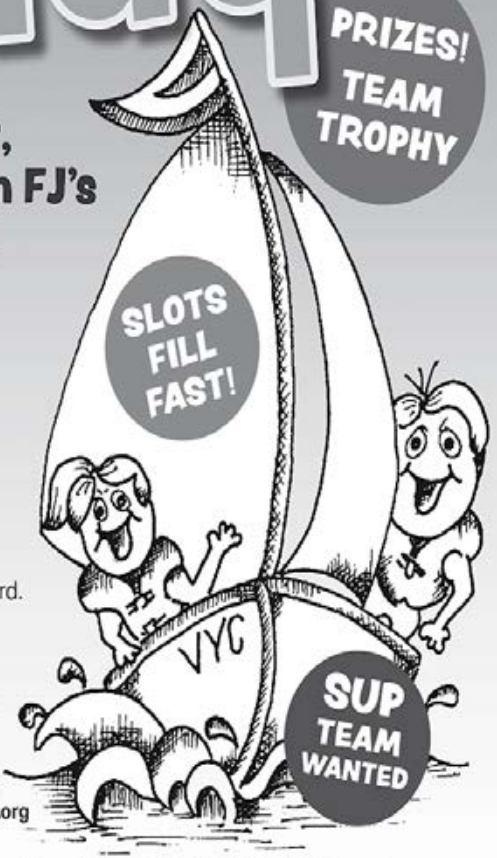
Rowdy Relay

PRIZES! TEAM TROPHY

A fun sailing event, crewed by adults in FJ's on and possibly IN the water!

Sunday October 4th, 2026
Skippers Meeting: 11am
Event: Noon
Cost: $30 per person

- 5 TEAMs of 6 people per TEAM, selected at Skippers meeting.
- Sign-up sheet VYC Bar/Notice board.
- Two races - Relay and TEAM.
- VYC members and their guests.
- After the races stay for "Burn Your Own Burger" and LIVE MUSIC!



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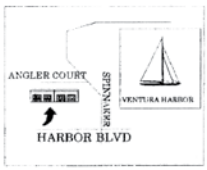

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11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

GRILLED CHICKEN, SALMON OR SHRIMP SALAD

Grilled chicken, salmon or shrimp on a bed of fresh organic greens with tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, avocado and feta cheese. Served with your choice of blue cheese, ranch, thousand island, balsamic vinaigrette, or Caesar . Chicken $13.00. Salmon $15.50 Shrimp $15.00

AUTUMN HARVEST SALAD NEW

Mixed greens and arugula with sliced apples, strawberries, walnuts, and feta cheese. Topped with our vinaigrette. Optional dressings of ranch, blue cheese, or Caesar are available. $12.00

FISH OR SHRIMP & CHIPS

Freshly breaded with a signature spiced batter. $15.00

SOUP OF THE DAY— CUP $3.50 BOWL $6.50

CUP OF SOUP AND HALF SANDWICH $11.00

All dishes below are served with French fries, onion rings, coleslaw, or potato salad.

BAJA FISH OR SHRIMP TACOS

Two freshly battered fish or shrimp tacos with Baja sauce, avocado, and Pico de Gallo. $15.00

CHEESEBURGER OR GARDEN BURGER

Our 6 oz. burgers are freshly made from premium Angus Santa Carota grass-fed beef and are non-GMO, hormone and antibiotic free. $15.00 Garden burgers are made fresh $13.00

CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP NEW

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VENTURA YACHT CLUB SANDWICH OR A BLT NEW

Avocado, bacon, turkey, ham and Swiss cheese top this delectable toasted sandwich. Need something a little lighter? Try Chef's BLT, crispy bacon, fresh tomatoes and lettuce on sourdough. $13.00

All items are subject to tax and tip

VENTURA YACHT CLUB

Happy Hour Small Bites

Tri-tip Sandwich $13.00

Seared tri-tip on a toasted ciabatta loaf with cream of horseradish.
Served with an option of French fries or Onion rings (add $2.00)

VYC Nachos $9.00

House made chips covered with beans, ranchero sauce and shredded cheese. Topped with cilantro.
With an option of steak or chicken (add $3.00)

Chef José's Smash Burger $12.00

Seasoned ground beef smashed in between a toasted bun with cheddar cheese, onions, and tomatoes.
Served with an option of French fries or onion rings. (add $2.00)

Autumn Harvest Salad $12.50

Mixed greens and arugula with sliced apples, walnuts and feta cheese topped with our vinaigrette dressing.

Loaded Potato Skins $6.50

Potato skins fried and baked with bacon bits and shredded cheese topped with green onions.

Pretzel Sticks $5.50

Three baked pretzel sticks served with a nacho cheese dip.

All items are subject to tax and tip.

VENTURA YACHT CLUB

Sunday Breakfast

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All breakfasts include coffee, orange juice, toast, jellies, and fresh salsa.

EGGS BENEDICT

Chef's special recipe – Choose the traditional with ham, or try it Florentine with spinach. Served with hash browns $15.00 NEW *- California benedict style - pico de gallo and avocado with optional jalapenos $16.00*

BREAKFAST BURRITO

Comes with scrambled eggs, hash browns, cheese, and your choice of one meat. (Add extra ham, bacon, sausage, chorizo, or avocado add $1.00 each) $10.00

TWO EGGS - ANY STYLE

Any style eggs, cooked to order - Served with hash browns and your choice of ham, bacon, or sausage $12.00

EGGS RANCHERO

Corn tortillas and cheese topped with two eggs over easy, smothered with a fresh grilled blend of diced ham, onions, tomatoes, mushrooms, and (optional) jalapenos $14.00

THREE-TOPPING OMELETTE

Cooked to order with your choice of three toppings - shredded cheese, ham, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, imitation crab, bay shrimp, or tomatoes (add avocado $1.00) $13.00

PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, OR WAFFLE AND EGGS

Two pancakes, French toast, or a waffle (served with your choice of eggs add $2.50) (add ham, bacon, or sausage $2.00) (add fruit $1.00) $10.00

BREAKFAST SANDWICH NEW

Eggs of your choosing with hash browns, cheese, and your choice of one meat between toasted sourdough bread. (Extra ham, bacon, sausage, chorizo, or avocado $1.00 each) $10.00

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Friday

Dinner 1700-2030

Saturday

Lunch 1100-1400

Grill Night 1700-2030

Sunday

Breakfast 0800-1230

Sunday Munchies 1500-1700

(*Complimentary*)

New Extended Bar

Friday 1600-2130

Saturday 1100-2130

Sunday 0800-1800

Office Hours

Tuesday - Sunday.....0900-1700

Meeting Notice: The Annual Meeting of the Membership is held on the fourth Friday of October at 8 p.m. Regular Meetings of the Membership are usually held on the fourth Friday of the months of January, April, July, August, and September and are held after dinner. The Board of Directors usually meets the third Thursday of every month except December at 7 p.m. Notice of a change to Regular Meetings of the Membership, or of a change to Board of Director meetings, and Notice of Special Board of Director meetings will be via the VYC website Master Calendar.

The Forecast

The Forecast is distributed to the membership by the first of each month. Contributing articles, photographs and flyers should be emailed to the editor, the graphic designer and the club office by the copy deadline.

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October Friday Night Dinners

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 2

Pasta Bar
Garlic Bread
Cioppino Soup
Caesar Salad
Ice Cream Bar
Dinner: $25.00++

OCTOBER 9

Smoked Brisket
Fire Roasted Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Veggies
Gumbo
Peach and Pecan Salad
Peach Cobbler
Dinner: $26.00++

OCTOBER 16

Prime Rib
Red Potatoes
Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Seafood Chowder
Caesar Salad
Apple Pie
Dinner: $31.00++

OCTOBER 23

Flat Iron Steak
Shrimp Scampi
Linguini
Grilled Veggies
French Onion Soup
Mediterranean Salad
Dinner: $27.00++

Monthly Birthday Dinner
ANNUAL FORMAL MEETING

OCTOBER 30

HALLOWEEN DINNER

Soup, Salad, and Dessert:
$16.00++ every night

October Birthdays

Hans Larsen, October 1.
Lance Rosenweig, October 1.
Martin Coert, October 2.
Rachel Chepley, October 3.
Tracy Stewart, October 3.
Jim Boelter, October 4.
Alice Linesch, October 4.
Dottie Berry, October 5.
Tracy Reigelman, October 5.
Stacey Sciumbato, October 5.
Raymond Sponsler, October 5.
Ellen Potter, October 7.
Bruce Cruser, October 8.
Brenda Eells, October 8.
Connie Larson, October 8.
Donna Shattuck-Johnson, October 8.
Dan Cahn, October 9.
Nelly Mac, October 9.
Mike Dawson, October 10.
Belinda Del Pesco, October 11.
Annette Newcomb, October 11.
Sherose Renck, October 12.
Sean Guiltinan, October 14.
Jeff Harley, October 17.
Donna Morris, October 17.
Carol Sexton, October 19.
Jane Dwire, October 23.
Linda Gramckow, October 24.
Adam Nelson, October 24.
Heather Turner, October 24.
Janice Nahm, October 25.
Irene Stanton, October 25.
Cheryl Connally, October 27.
Raymond Ridley, October 27.
Stephen Ehret, October 29.
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David Holien, October 30.
Eric Johansson, October 30.
John Newcomb, October 30.

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HALLOWEEN DINNER
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Costume Contest
$27
Shipwreck Roast
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Roasted Pirate Potatoes
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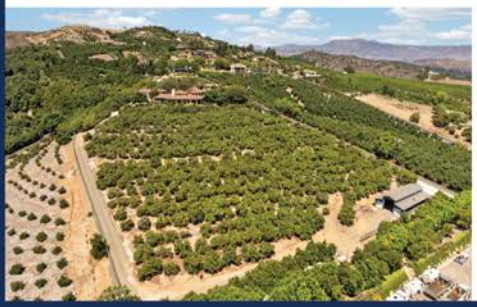

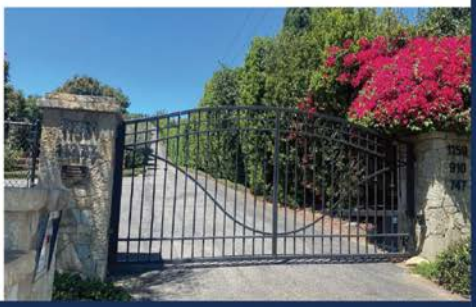

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