

# **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION**

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 8, 2020

**LOCATION:** Southwestern YC hosting, Commodore Ryan Hunter

**CALL TO ORDER AT:** 11:36am

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE LED BY:** Vice Commodore Bill McNamara

Chaplain Norie Martin gave the Invocation.

Vivian Matuck will present during lunch.

Commodore Marshall introduced the bridge and board of directors.

### **The SCYA Staff Commodores present included:**

Jerry Martin

Jim Murtland

Shawn Milligan

Rick Dinon

### **The SCYA Honorary Commodores present included:**

2012 M. L. Buck

2013 Anne Sacks

2014 Chuck Jeglikowski

2015 Norie Martin

2017 Dick Townsend

2018 Rod Woods

2019 Cleve Hardaker

### **Other Dignitaries present included:**

Blue Gavel: Rosalie Green, Joyce Jackson Coomber, Jeanne Stafford

Southwestern YC Commodore Ryan Hunter welcomed SCYA. Staff Commodore Jerry Martin made the toast.

### **Presentation:**

Vivian Matuk, Environmental Boating Program Manager presented the program.

## **Agenda**

- Coastal Cleanup Day
- Marinas and Yacht Clubs Spill Response Communication Workshops
- Dockwalker Program
- Free Pumpout App Nav
- Coastal Clean Up day 2020

## **Coastal Cleanup Day**

Several clubs participated last year. The top item that continues to be collected in the last 35 years is cigarette butts. We need to educate the smokers that this has environmental impacts. Plastic bags are no longer in the Top 10. The statewide ban of single use plastic bags has significantly reduced the cleanup of discarded plastic bags.

Coastal Clean-Up Day is a great event to not only clean up, but also to collect data to drive legislation. It is the largest volunteer event in CA and the nation. It is part of the International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Marine debris, manufactured solid waste that enters the marine environment, has impacts to economy (recreation) and environment/health. Plastic is the most abundant and widespread source of debris. The amount of plastic is equal to emptying a garbage truck into the ocean every minute. This problem impacts the entire water column. It is not just floating plastic, but it is at all levels in the water column (floating, suspended and sunk).

Plastic impacts wildlife from habitat destruction to entanglement. It is a global problem. Over 800 marine species are impacted by marine debris. One quarter of seafood species in California have plastic in them. In addition, while 20% of the pollution from ocean-based sources (commercial shipping) 80% comes from litter.

Last year over 1100 sites in the state participated in Cleanup Day. This is not just a coastal event. There were 77,410 volunteers, 25M lbs. trash collected, 1849 miles of shoreline addressed. Port Royal assisted with a pilot project and then opened the program to the yacht clubs. This event occurs the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of September. The event in 2020 will be 9/26 to deconflict with Rosh Hashana. But any day is a good day to participate. This is good for stewardship. Volunteers will be trained to work the event. Each county in CA has a coordinator. It is a great way to give back.

To participate, go to [coastalcleanupday.org](http://coastalcleanupday.org). Scroll to the yacht club and marina link for more information. A guidebook is available to facilitate execution of the event. Flyers on the tables have contact information also.

There are additional seminars/workshops for the yacht clubs. Another thing clubs can do is to eliminate single use plastic items (straws, stirrers, flat ware).

### **Marina and Yacht Club Spill Response**

Is there an emergency spill plan in place? We are partnering with Southwestern YC and California YC to conduct workshops.

### **Dock walker Program**

This is an invitation to become environmental educators. You can also get points for Club of the Year. This service provides education and ways to promote clean boating practices. We have trained over 1000 dock walkers and distributed over 100K dock walker/clean boating kits.

### **Free Pump-out App Nav**

This app includes dump stations and floating restrooms. It also shows public pump-outs and private (yacht club) pump-outs and lists cost/schedule associated with pump-out. You can also report issues with the pump-out stations. Color coded pins indicate operational, non-operational, issue reported, and units exist but not monitored.

**ADJOURN FOR LUNCH AT: 12:13pm**

**MEETING RESUMED AT: 12:25pm**

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED:** Yes 25 clubs checked in.

There was some correspondence between SCYA and US Sailing. Vice Commodore Bill McNamara and Staff Commodore Mark Hansen attended the leadership counsel. We do need better coms between organizations.

### **MINUTES OF PRIOR GENERAL MEETING APPROVED:**

Jerry Martin made the motion to approve the minutes. John Praiswater seconded it and the minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Jeglikowski presented the Treasurer's report.

We have plenty of cash. Midwinter fees have come in. We still have some money coming in. He acknowledged Kathy St Amant.

Commodore Marshall said that Del Rey and Santa Monica Windjammers will be co-hosting the Women's Sailing Clinic on 9/12.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Vivian Matuk. See above for program.

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

April 4<sup>th</sup> is the SCYA Medical Emergencies at Sea Seminar. Doctors Michael Stone, Michael Stone, Jr. and Jerry Hughes along with Joe Cyber (medical supplies) will be presenting. This is a good seminar. Accidents can and do happen. RV Owners are also invited to attend.

The Membership Seminar is coming up. This is a great opportunity to get more community involvement.

The Commodore's Cruise is planned for 10/2-10/5. We plan to have a nice reception in Commodore Marshall's suite.

Vice Commodore McNamara commented that Navy YC and Shoreline YC held very nice Opening Days.

Commodore Marshall asked if there were any donations to RBOC. There were none.

Legislative Day is 3/23 and 3/24. It is available to both PICYA and SCYA BOD. Desmond and Desmond set up the appointments and will facilitate getting you together with your local legislators. Legislative Day was started by Gail Hine, the first woman president of RBOC, about 20 years ago.

We are still addressing the copper issue. There are some site-specific water effects studies. Testing in MDR indicates that boaters are not impacting any living organisms in the water at all. If interested, you can still get involved.

SCYA yearbooks are completed and onsite. Please take them for your club and for your neighboring clubs so that we don't have ship as many to the clubs. Senior clubs receive 6 copies, Regular clubs, 4, and Associate/Other receive 2 copies.

**PORT CAPTAIN:** The next meeting is at Los Angeles Yacht Club in San Pedro, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. We may attend the Huntington Harbor Yacht Club Opening Day after party.

ATTIRE: Summer Uniform

**OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:** Conducted by Southwestern YC S/C Mary Haller

**WINNERS**

1. Rodney Coomber
2. Drew Bernet
3. Anne Eubanks

**ADJOURNMENT:** 12:49