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## FLAG OFFICERS



**Richard Countess**  
**Commodore**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As your newly elected Commodore (did you know I was Commodore in 1986?) I pledge to continue to make PBYC the place to be in '23. First of all, I would like to thank my good friend Jeff Olmstead for being at the helm of the club for these past two years. [It might have seemed like two years, but I was only one year. -Ed.] Jeff has worked diligently during the pandemic to keep the club open, and we enter the new year with a bright future ahead of us. I am extremely pleased to have Andy Killion and Amrit Khalsa join me as the flag officers of the club as well as two returning directors Andy Fried and Lisa Hopper and two newly elected directors Candy Girdlestone and Jeff Cowan.

This is your club and we have a lot to offer. We have our monthly General Meetings along with a dinner, a program and a drawing for cash (you must be present to win), an active race program that is the envy of other yacht clubs, a cruise program chaired by Andy Fried that includes cruises to the Channel Islands and harbors along the coast, a social program chaired by Tina Killion that will include social events and open houses for potential new members throughout the year (contact Tina if you have ideas for new events). We are re-inventing our power fleet program that will be chaired by Vickie Brewer and will include several fishing contests. Our facility is in the capable hands of our Port Captain Tim

Parkinson. With Alex Verharen and Candy Girdlestone as co-chairs of the Membership Committee and the Program Committee, and Amrit as the Social Media/Publicity chair I anticipate attracting many new members to the club where they will be able to enjoy the same family atmosphere for which PBYC is known.

Our first two social events of the year are the New Year's Day Pot Luck and Game Day that will include a football pool on January 1<sup>st</sup> and then an afternoon of live music by the Sierra Highway band on January 15<sup>th</sup> (look at the flyers in the newsletter for details).

Please put our Change of Command dinner scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> on your calendar (more details to follow later).

Richard Countess  
Commodore

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**Andy Killion**  
**Vice Commodore**



I hope this note finds all of our valued Fore "N" Aft readers happy and safe. This is my first entry as an officer of our club so I thought it would be good to provide a brief explanation as to how I came to this position. Richard Countess caught me during a weak moment and that is that....no that's not the best explanation however true it may be. No, the real answer started way, way back in time when as a wee lad I lived aboard a small sloop on "D" dock just across the channel from the club's observation deck. Leo Robbins, the actual man, did teach me how to sail and I was a sea scout too. I made money on the weekends by cleaning boat bottoms free diving and worked briefly at the Ventura Harbor Boat Yard during high school. One day when climbing out of a fuel tank covered in epoxy paint, "JP" the original yard manager, said, "you ought to go to college so you won't need to climb in fuel tanks when you get older" (great advice) so I went on to underwater construction school at the Santa Barbara City College and then the California Maritime Academy.

I spent a very brief maritime career in Alaska before burying my anchor back home to marry the love of my life Tina and to raise our son Jack and daughter Carly. Besides all things boats, my other passion has been investment management. I joined Dean Witter

nee Morgan Stanley in 1993 and began my journey along Wall St. At 38 I grew bored and bought the Anchors Way Boat Yard from Chuck and Irene Stanton. Those were fun and exciting times for my wife Tina and I. Until the great recession came and stayed three years longer than we could stand. Believe me when I say Tina never lets me forget the decision to leave my cushy little desk job, so I wrote a book about my experience to help me never forget those years and choices. [*How to Fail in Business... While Trying Really Hard.*] A copy is available in the club's library. -Ed.] We created the Sailathon way back in 2002 to support VC Caregivers which is most likely when my strong bond to PBYC and its members began. Thank You PBYC!

Today I leverage my experiences providing counsel for both my passions "stocksANDYachts" (See what he did there? -Ed.) as president of Bankers Investment Counseling one of the oldest investment companies in Ventura County and still find the time to crawl around in boats (ironically fuel tanks too) as an accredited marine surveyor.

Tina and I look forward to helping PBYC move forward and grow while bringing our passion for our little boating community to the fore spreading the love of all things boats. See you at the waters edge!

Andy Killion  
Vice Commodore



**Amrit Khalsa**  
**Rear Commodore**



Happy New Year!

Time flies when you're sailing into new adventures! Here's to being the Rear Commodore for 2023 :) I am honored to be part of a great racing club with wonderful members and I am looking forward to bringing in new members into the club with Fun Social Events, Live Music, Potlucks, Game nights & Monthly Sunday Brunch? The options are endless!

We have fantastic views and an amazing racing committee along with outstanding members :)

To start off the New Year, we have New Year's Day Potluck and Game Day on Sunday Jan 1st from 10am-5pm complete with Football viewing, yummy food (bring your favorite dish or snacks) a football pool organized by Alex, Ventura monopoly, and cards.

Mid-January on the 15th from 2-5pm Sierra Hwy Band will be playing Live Music and filling the club with good vibes, fun times, and the sound of great tunes will fill the Harbor and hopefully bring in new members to join!

Sending Everyone Blessings of Clear Skies,  
Amrit Khalsa  
Rear Commodore

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Andy Fried**



**Lisa Hopper**



**Candy Girdlestone**



**Jeff Cowan**

(photos pending)

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## Race Commentary by Richard Countess Race Chair



### ASBCYC HIGH POINT SERIES

I have been asked by the Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs to compile the results for the 2022 High Point Series trophies. There are three trophies awarded each year to the three boats with the highest scores. These trophies are intended to promote inter club competition. There are ten races that make up the High Points Trophy competition. They are CIYC's Wild Bill, PCYC's McCune, SBSC/PBYC's Hardway, VSC's Frenchie's Rum Run, PBYC's Milt Ingram, AYC's Wes Goleman, VYC's Governor's Cup, SBYC's Holiday Regatta, SBYC's Santa Barbara to King Harbor, and SBSC's Goleta race. Scoring and points for each race are awarded as follows: first place receives 4 points, second place receives 3 points, third place receives 2 points, and all others that start the race (including DNFs) receive 1 point. This scoring system eliminates the advantage to boats racing in large fleets compared to boats racing in small fleets. The results of the competition will be included in next month's race column.

### FINISH LINE

Several racers have suggested a different finish line for weekend races. Boats would finish at the Mandalay buoy without having an RC boat at the finish line. The thinking is that this would increase participation of Channel Island boats in races that finish in Ventura and vice versa. The simplest way would be for each boat to record and report its own finish time. That could be enhanced somewhat by requiring all to download RaceQs (available at RaceQs.com), a free app that records each boat's track and, after everyone uploads their tracks, can display all boats' tracks simultaneously. I like this idea and intend to implement it for our Spring Series and then ask the racers for their feedback.

### SPRING SERIES

PBYC's race committee has a reprieve in January since our 2023 racing season doesn't start until February at which point we have our annual three-race Spring Series. The dates for these three races are February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. The start signal for the first class is scheduled for 1100 hours on each race day. The course will be chosen from the 2023 PBYC Spring Series Course Chart with course lengths varying from 7 to 28 miles. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted on PBYC's web site in February.

**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING LOCAL RACES**

January 28 VYC's Winter Regatta

February 5 PCYC's TGIS Winter Series Race #1

**February 18 PBYC's Spring Series Race #1**

February 25/26 CIYC's SCYA Midwinters Regatta (PHRF and J-24)

March 5 PCYC's TGIS Winter Series Race #2

**March 11 PBYC's Spring Series Race #2**

March 12 VYC's Spring Regatta

March 18 AYC's Saint Patrick's Day Regatta

**March 25 PBYC's Spring Series Race #3**

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## JANUARY EVENTS AT PBYC

Join us on New Year's Day for Football, food, and fun. The Rose Parade and Rose Bowl game (in fact, all college bowl games) are on Monday, January 2, this year, so it will be all NFL on Sunday. [Click here](#) for a schedule of games. Then just two weeks later, again on Sunday, the Sierra Highway Band will be playing at the club again in the afternoon. If you missed them at our Halloween party, this is a second chance to hear them. If you heard them at Halloween, you'll probably want to come and listen again.



The poster for Pierpont Bay Yacht Club's New Year's Day Potluck & Game Day event features a festive design with a light blue background and colorful confetti. At the top, the club's name "PIERPONT BAY YACHT CLUB" is displayed in a serif font, flanked by two blue sailboat logos. Below the name, the event title "New Years Day Potluck & Game Day" is written in a large, elegant cursive script. To the right of the title, the event details are listed in a bold, sans-serif font: "Join us for Football Viewing, Delicious Eats & Drinks overlooking the Harbor", "SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST, 2023", "10AM - 5PM", and "Bring an Dish to Share & Enjoy the Cash Bar". At the bottom, the club's address and phone number are provided: "PBYC 1363 Spinnaker Dr, Ventura CA 93001" and "805-644-6672". A small sailboat logo is also present at the bottom center.

**PIERPONT  
BAY YACHT  
CLUB**

*New Years Day  
Potluck & Game Day*

Join us for Football Viewing,  
Delicious Eats & Drinks overlooking  
the Harbor

**SUNDAY  
JANUARY  
1ST, 2023  
10AM - 5PM**

**Bring an Dish to Share  
& Enjoy the Cash Bar**

**PBYC 1363 Spinnaker Dr, Ventura CA 93001  
805-644-6672**



## DECEMBER MIXER AND UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

On Saturday, December 3, Ventura Isle Marina and Freedom Boat Club held a mixer and Ugly Sweater contest at the PBYC clubhouse. About 2 dozen people enjoyed an afternoon of camaraderie and snacks from the sideboard. Six finalists in the Ugly Sweater contest were heartily booed and cheered by the crowd as they displayed their best ugly sweaters. History does not record the winner, but the finalists are shown here in all their glory.







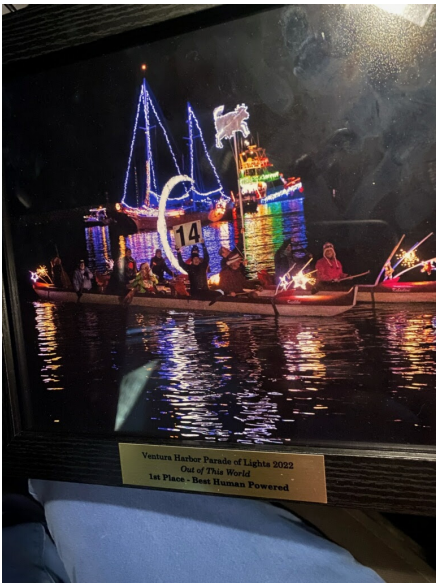
## VENTURA HARBOR PARADE OF LIGHTS

The Ventura Harbor Parade of Lights was held on Friday and Saturday nights, December 16 & 17. The theme was "Out of this World." About 35 boats participated in the parade on Saturday night. Ventura Outrigger Canoe Club won the Best Human-powered award for their "The Cow Jumped Over the Moon" decorations. Photos of the parade and fireworks afterward are shown below.

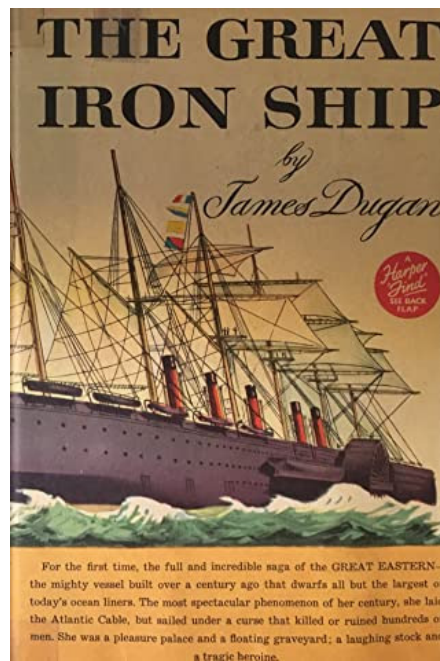
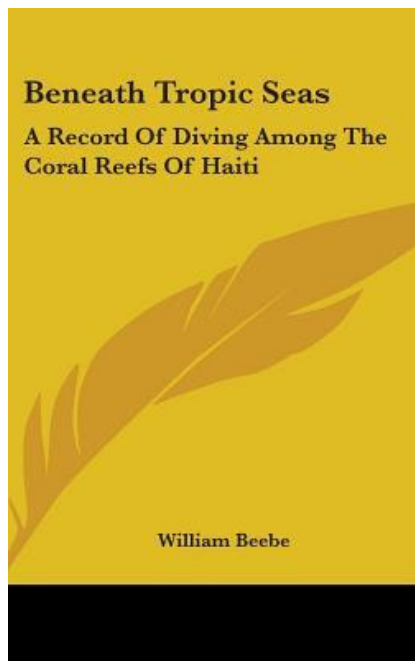








BOOK PREVIEWS



We have two book previews this month, not book reviews. I just bought these books as an end-of-year gift for myself (too late for Christmas) at the local used-book store *Lost Books* in the Montrose Shopping Park, so haven't had time to read them yet.

*Beneath Tropic Seas*, from 1928, is by William Beebe. You may have heard of his deep-sea dives in *Bathysphere*, off the coast of Bermuda. This book is from a slightly earlier time and covers his exploration of the coral reefs of Port-au-Prince, Haiti in a deep-sea diving suit. Besides just observing the marine life, he invented new methods of underwater photography and communicating in real time with his support crew on the surface. He made over 300 dives in about 100 days and created a vast catalog of the species he found there.

*The Great Iron Ship*, by James Dugan, from 1953, is about the construction and life of the giant iron steamship *Great Eastern*, designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel in the 19th century. The ship was many times larger than any other built up to that time and was labeled "The Wonder of the Seas" and "The Floating City," among other superlatives. Built at the time of the transition from wood to iron construction and from sail to steam propulsion, she had engines delivering 11,000 horsepower to both side wheels and a single screw propeller, but also six masts carrying 6,500 square yards of canvas sails. She had a checkered career, though, and ended her days as a tourist attraction and billboard in Liverpool before finally being scrapped.

These older books may be available at your local library, or the Editor will loan his copies to interested club members after he finishes reading them.

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Looking for something to do related to boating while you are spending too much time at home? Get your California Boater Card! All operators of motorized boats will soon be required to carry this card while on state waters. (That includes your sailboat while operating under power.) Good news! You don't have to leave home to get it! Many organizations offer online courses that qualify you for a card. The California Department of Boating and Waterways maintains a list of safe boating courses approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the state. Some of them are even free!!! How easy can it get? It's way better and easier than going to the DMV for your driver's license. Click the link below for more information.

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## SCUTTLEBUTT

New Jr. Staff Commodore Jeff finally finished his mast and boom rerigging and painting just in time for the new year! Tuesday, Dec. 6 was the big day. Scott Nordeng, our own Tim Parkinson, and Ryan stepped the mast and added some of the traditional coins for good luck. A Hawaii-themed US quarter, a US dime, and a Bahamian quarter with a sailboat (from my own collection of coins) now lie at the base of the mast. Now about that new mainsail...



## MEMBER RESUME

Coming Soon! -Webmaster

Did you know that there  
is an online form to  
submit your PBYC  
*Member Resume?*

Let everyone know

THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS:

1. Where are you originally from,  
and how did you come to live  
or keep your boat in the  
Ventura/Channel Islands  
area?

**about your life, work &  
boating experience!**

**It's an added benefit of  
belonging to our  
little yacht club!**

2. What do or did you do for a living?
3. Is this a service or experience that would be useful to other club members?
4. What are your main boating interests, training, or experience?
5. Tell us a little about yourself and your immediate family.



## **CLOTHESLINE**

### **A Traveling Challenge by Kappy Paulson**

PBYC has lots of travelers, both locally, across the US & worldwide. "Represent" our club by wearing PBYC paraphernalia, including race tees. Take a picture of yourself and we'll post it in the newsletter!

#### **Need PBYC Clothing?**

We are starting a new on-demand clothing order system. You can order PBYC clothing at any time. See <https://pbycclothesline.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

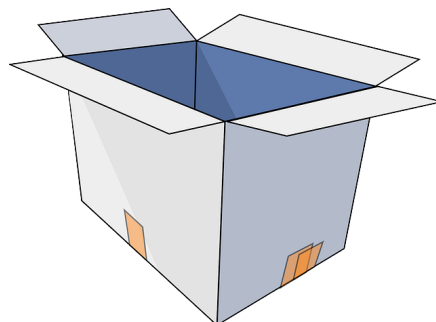
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**PBYC purchased clothing come beautifully embroidered with our logo.**

## **CLUB WISH LIST**

If you have anything on the list that you could donate to the club, or think of something we need, please email FNA editor, [Jeff Olmstead](#). THANKS!

- **Electric Can Opener**







## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

31. Jim Adriensen

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY CLUB CALENDAR

### JANUARY

Sun. 1. New Year's Day party 10 AM - 5 PM Football, Food, Fun.

Thu. 4. Los Padres Ski Club 7:30 - 9:30 PM

**Sun. 8. Board meeting 1 -2 PM**

Sun. 15. Sierra Highway Band 2 - 5 PM

Tue. 24. Reserved for Davies 4 - 8 PM

**Sat. 28. Membership meeting and Change of Command dinner 6 - 9 PM (approx.)**

### FEBRUARY

Thu. 2. Los Padres Ski Club 7:30 - 9:30 PM

**Sun. 12. Board meeting 1 -2 PM** Followed by Super Bowl

**Sat. 18. Spring Series race #1**

**Sat. 25. Membership meeting and dinner 6 - 9 PM**



## CLUB HOSTS

The club host is responsible for washing barware, cleaning the bar area and tables, vacuuming, and especially taking out the trash and recyclables. Hosts are also encouraged to advertise an activity at the club on their duty night to give members a reason to come to the club.

The Weekend O.D. is the one to contact for any assistance with club host duties or any questions regarding opening or closing of the club.

### ONLINE CLUB HOST SCHEDULE

(As of November 1, 2022)

(T) are new members in training.

The assigned OD is responsible for training new members

JANUARY				
DATES	OD	FRI 6-9	SAT 6-9	SUN 2-5
30,31,1	Goetz	Brewer	no host	Cowan
6, 7, 8	Countess	Brewer	Verharen	Heath/Paulson
13, 14, 15	Hopper	Brewer	Jonason/Khalsa	Fried/Mailman
20, 21, 22	Fried/Mailman	Brewer	Goetz	Olmstead
27, 28, 29	Girdlestone	Brewer	paid bar (C of C)	Hopper

FEBRUARY				
DATES	OD	FRI	SAT 6-9	SUN 2-5
3, 4, 5	Killion	Brewer	Goetz	Clark
10, 11, 12	Khalsa/ Jonason	Brewer	Tacke	Ashland Superbowl, Bd. Meeting
17, 18, 19	Cowan	Brewer	Verharen-SS race 1	McKibben
24, 25, 26	Hopper	Brewer	Salmon	Parkinson-gen. meeting

*REMEMBER: Each member is responsible for getting their own HOST REPLACEMENT and notifying their Weekend OD when unable to host the day assigned.*

#### To Find A Replacement Host:

- 1st: Check the [Club Calendar](#) and contact ONLY hosts within the same month.
- 2nd: Email [Records Admin](#) for volunteers outside of your assigned month.
- 3rd: Text or email the [Rear Commodore](#) with any change of schedule.

*Thank you everyone for understanding that this is a volunteer club and we try our best to accommodate members scheduling conflicts and preferences. If there is a particular day you cannot host or have upcoming vacation plans, please let me know as far in advance as possible. - Su Countess., Rear Commodore*

#### Attention all hands!

The Fore 'n' Aft is your newsletter. If you have a story about the club or boating in general that you think club members would be interested in, submit it to the editor, Jeff Olmstead, at [jeffrey.olmstead@att.net](mailto:jeffrey.olmstead@att.net). Please try to submit pictures, posters, etc., in jpeg format and text in Word or plain text to conform to the limitations of the program. We give credit for submissions. You will see **your name** in the Fore 'n' Aft.

This month's photo credits go to VOCC, the editor, and the internet.

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