

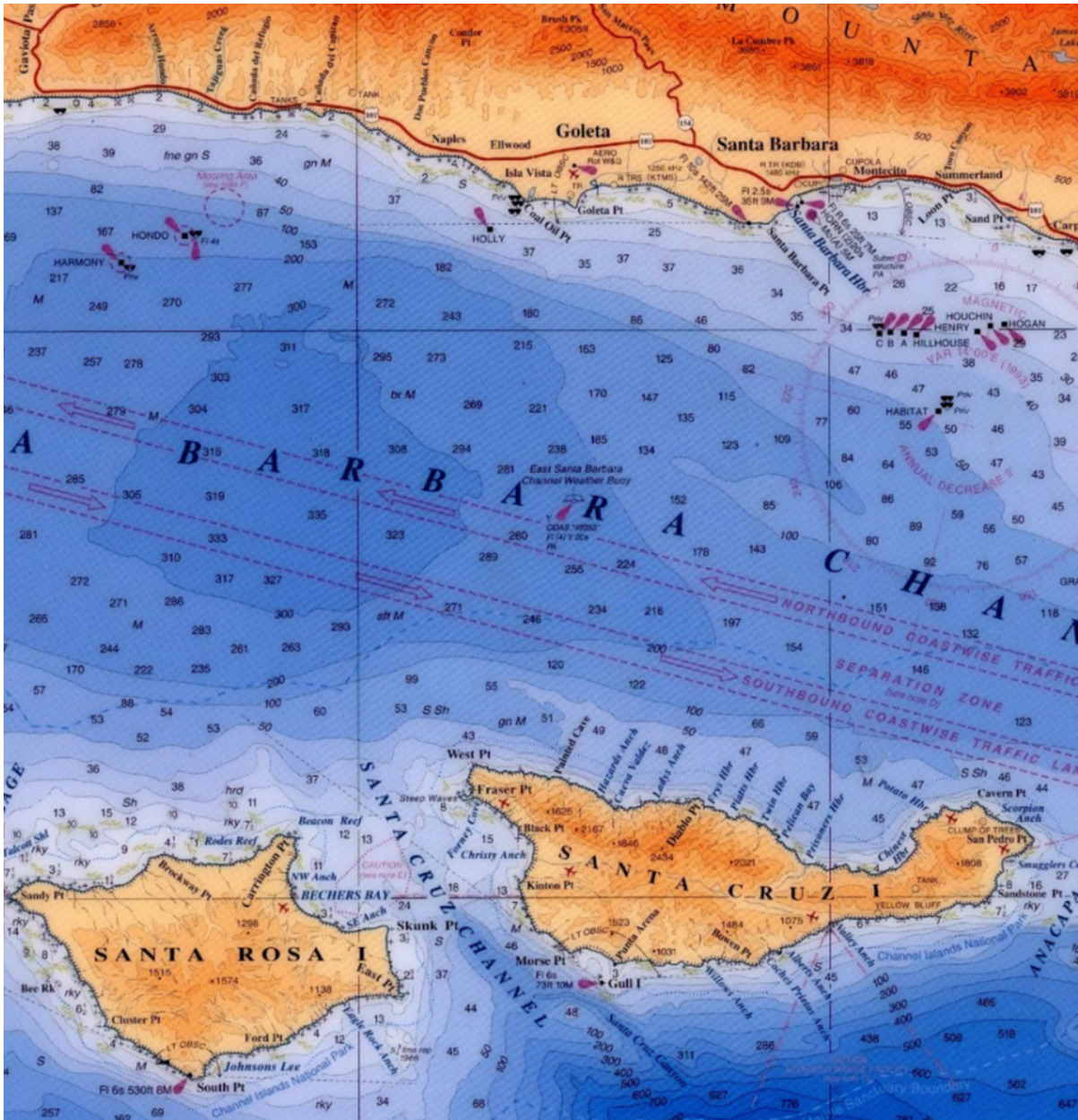


Signal Hoist

Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

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Monthly Newsletter May 2026





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Alec Hardy

Hello Squadron Members,

The summer is fast approaching and I know we're all looking forward to a new year out on the water and at our great Squadron events. Coming up soon is Change Of Watch, scheduled to be at Mulligan's for dinner, Please Stay Tuned for more details. I'll be making a short presentation on my life experiences.

For those planning to participate in Clean Sweep this weekend, my biggest thanks. I'm looking forward to hearing all about the event. While the date isn't finalized, we are still on for the PCYC cruise and the Yacht Club is happy to host us. This is our premier dinner and cruise to Channel Islands Harbor and I think one of the best get togethers of the season. Date is TBD in July and we will post more info as soon as we can.

Our recent business meeting went well, and I would like to thank George Poe who will be stepping into our SEO position. Please thank him when you see him and I look forward to supporting him in any way I can during the upcoming year.

I'll be attempting to get to Coches 10th, 11th and 12th of May, and I plan to have a report ready for the next Signal Hoist.

See you soon!



**SECRETARY'S MESSAGE
&
ACTIVITIES
COORDINATOR
MESSAGE**

We had a member business meeting on Thursday, April 23. Dates for the Change Watch and PCYC were discussed. Alec is now working at the Chrisman California Islands Center in Carpinteria and is not available for weekend cruises to the islands, therefore the next planned cruise will begin on Sunday, May 10, and return on Tuesday, May 12. Alec is enthusiastic about working with our new SEO, George Poe and promoting our classes to the public.

The 2025-2026 Squadron Nominating Committee: John Profant and Virginia Johns, have submitted their slate for the 2026-2027 year. It was read at the business meeting and appears below for those of you who missed the meeting



**Squadron Leadership for
2026-2027**

Executive Committee
Bridge Officers

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| Commander | Alec Hardy |
| Squadron Education Officer | George Poe |

Secretary

Virginia Johns

Treasurer

Steve York

Most recent Past Commander

Virginia Johns

Members-at-Large

**Betty Koch
Peggy Ciolino**

Auditing Committee

**Rich Ciolino
Ronald Slocum
William Goodale**

Rules Committee

**Tom Koch
William Goodale**

Nominating Committee

**John Profant
Virginia Johns**

Signal Hoist Editor

Peggy Ciolino

Other Committees:

Activities: Social and Community Service

Virginia Johns

Activities: Boating

Scott Burns, Alec Hardy

Safety: Vessel Safety Check

John Profant

Activities Coordinator Message

We have a Community Service event early May. **Saturday May 3**, we will provide a dock support team for the Santa Barbara Harbor Operation Clean Sweep. We provide volunteers for the work crew – they provide us with donuts and lunch! Note: **Gather at entrance to Marina 4 at 8:00am.**

We always have our first organized cruise of the season in May (we schedule one monthly May – Sept). For the May/shakedown cruise we generally go to Fry's Harbor on Santa Cruz Island. Alec and Scott, our cruise coordinators, always remind us that the May one is a good time to make sure your boat is ready for the season. Check your safety equipment and if you want a Vessel

Safety Check, contact John Profant. The date will likely be **early May**; it will be announced by our cruise coordinators – probably in this newsletter – so read on!

The Nominating Committee has announced our proposed slate for 2026-2027. The Change of Watch where we install the new officers and announce our annual awards will be **Friday May 22, 6pm, at Mulligans**. Please participate in nominating yourself or fellow squadron members for the awards. And attend the event, it is always fun.

Upcoming Activities

May 2	Sat 8:00am- 12:00pm	Operation Clean Sweep	Santa Barbara Harbor
May 10- May 12	Mon - Tues	Cruise to Frys Harbor	Leave from Harbor
May 22	Fri 6:00pm	Change of Watch	Mulligan's



Operation Clean Sweep

Santa Barbara Harbor

8am - noon

Saturday May 2

The squadron has provided a team for this community service event for many years. It is always fun. If you look at the ad about this event on the Harbor's website you see our gang in action one of the past years.

It starts at 8 when they assign our team an area in the harbor.

Divers are in the water pulling up items that accidentally fell overboard. We are on the docks helping drag the items on dock and cart them to the trash bins on shore.

It ends around noon with the harbor providing us some delicious lunch sandwiches.

We go home feeling so good about the work we have done in our own backyard among friends.

Can you participate this year?

Let me know,

Virginia sbmesafirstmate@gmail.com 805 770 0611

Hoping to see you down on the docks in work clothes that day!

Perfect Day for Ships & Dips

It was a perfect April day for the Squadron's annual Ships & Dips. Thank-you to Vicki & Ron Slocum and Rose & Max Davis for hosting on their boats. Here are a few pics:



Vicki Slocum, Charlie Michaelson, Ron Slocum



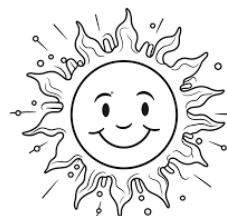
Charlie Michaelson, Vicki Slocum, John Bridgwater



John Profant, Sylvia Poe, George Poe



George Poe, Rich Ciolino, Max Davis



Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron Annual Awards

Who do you know that deserves recognition?

Al Lincoln Award Continually offering to teach and raising the standard to an amazingly high level - New teaching aids via the computer, providing students with fascinating material to supplement the basic course material, etc .

Crowder Memorial Trophy Given to a member in recognition of extraordinary efforts to the Squadron. (Formerly, *The Commander's Trophy*, was renamed in 2025 for P/C Don Crowder who exemplified this award's criteria his entire squadron career.)

MVP Award Awarded to a member who has provided a valuable service that wouldn't have been done if they didn't do it.

Maria Rowland Watersports Award Given to members who have significantly participated in watersports during the past year.

Power Boat Award Made significant use of their power boat.

Sailing Award Made significant use of their sailboat.

Santa Maria Award Recipient deemed to be the most active NEW member – meaning a member for no more than two years.

The Boner Award We memorialize the biggest blunder of the year. Actually something to be proud of - if you haven't pulled a boner you haven't been boating enough.

You are welcome to nominate yourself or your fellow squadron members for any of the above awards. The Boner Award is one where we hope to see lots of nominations (including self-nominations). We read all of the nominations for this category at the awards ceremony – not just the winner – always entertaining!

Send in your nominations to Virginia by **May 15**

Be Informed of Waterfront Recommendations

Thank-you again, to Steve York for being our eyes on the Waterfront Department. You can find plans presented to the Harbor Commission in April by the Waterfront Director, Mike Wiltshire. You will read plans for improving the parking system at kiosks in Waterfront lots, the budget for the Waterfront and how it's arrived at, and reasons for proposed slip fee increases in 2027. Click on <https://santabarbaraca.gov/harbor-commission> and search under Staff Reports for the presentations of April 16, 2026.



Bone to Reef: UC Santa Barbara Bioengineer Dr. Marley Dewey Shares Breakthrough Path for Coral Recovery at SBMM



Santa Barbara, CA — The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum (SBMM) is proud to present the May installment of its Maritime Distinguished Speaker Series, "How Our Skeletons Can Save Our Reefs," featuring Dr. Marley Dewey, assistant professor of bioengineering at UC Santa Barbara. The lecture will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. SBMM members are invited to a pre-lecture reception from 6:15–6:45 p.m.

Tickets are free for Navigators Circle members, \$10 for SBMM members, \$20 for the general public, and \$5 for students and educators with a valid school ID or email. Reserve [online](#), email reservations@sbmm.org, or call (805) 456-8750.

Coral reefs are built by living animals that create calcium-based skeletons—structures that support entire ecosystems, protect coastlines, and provide food and livelihoods for millions of people worldwide. However, due to ocean warming and acidification, coral reefs have declined by more than 50 percent since 1950. Traditional restoration efforts have struggled to keep pace with this rapid loss, prompting scientists to explore innovative new solutions.

Dr. Dewey’s research offers a groundbreaking perspective by applying advances in biomaterials and tissue engineering—originally developed to repair human bone—to coral reef restoration. While coral skeletons have historically been used to repair human bones, Dr. Dewey’s lab reverses this approach, using lessons from bone repair technologies to design materials that can help accelerate coral growth and rebuild damaged reef structures.



Her presentation will explore the scientific connections between human and coral skeletons, the history of biomaterials research, and the emerging field of coral tissue engineering. This work has significant implications for coastal ecosystems worldwide, including those that influence ocean health and biodiversity along the California coast and within the Santa Barbara Channel.

“SBMM is honored to host researchers like Dr. Dewey, whose work demonstrates how innovation and science can help address some of the

most pressing challenges facing our oceans,” said Dean Noble, executive director of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. “Her research reflects the kind of forward-thinking solutions that inspire hope and deepen our community’s connection to ocean stewardship.”

SBMM Director of Education Lis Perry added, “Our Maritime Distinguished Speaker Series brings leading voices in ocean science and conservation directly to our community. Dr. Dewey’s presentation highlights how interdisciplinary research can help protect marine ecosystems and inspire the next generation of ocean advocates.”

Dr. Marley Dewey is an assistant professor of bioengineering at UC Santa Barbara. She earned her BS in chemical engineering from the University of Maine and her PhD in materials science and engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she was a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow and recipient of the Annual Innovation Award for Outstanding PhD Thesis. She later served as an NIH Clinical and Translational Science Fellow at the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research focuses on developing biomaterials and nanoparticles to improve human bone repair, treat disease, and restore coral reef ecosystems.

“Corals and humans both rely on skeletons to provide structure and support,” said Dr. Dewey. “By applying what we’ve learned from repairing human bone, we can develop new tools that may help coral reefs recover and strengthen in the face of environmental change.”

This presentation reflects SBMM’s mission to explore and interpret the rich maritime and marine ecosystem history of the Santa Barbara Channel while connecting the public with contemporary research that shapes the future of our oceans.



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