

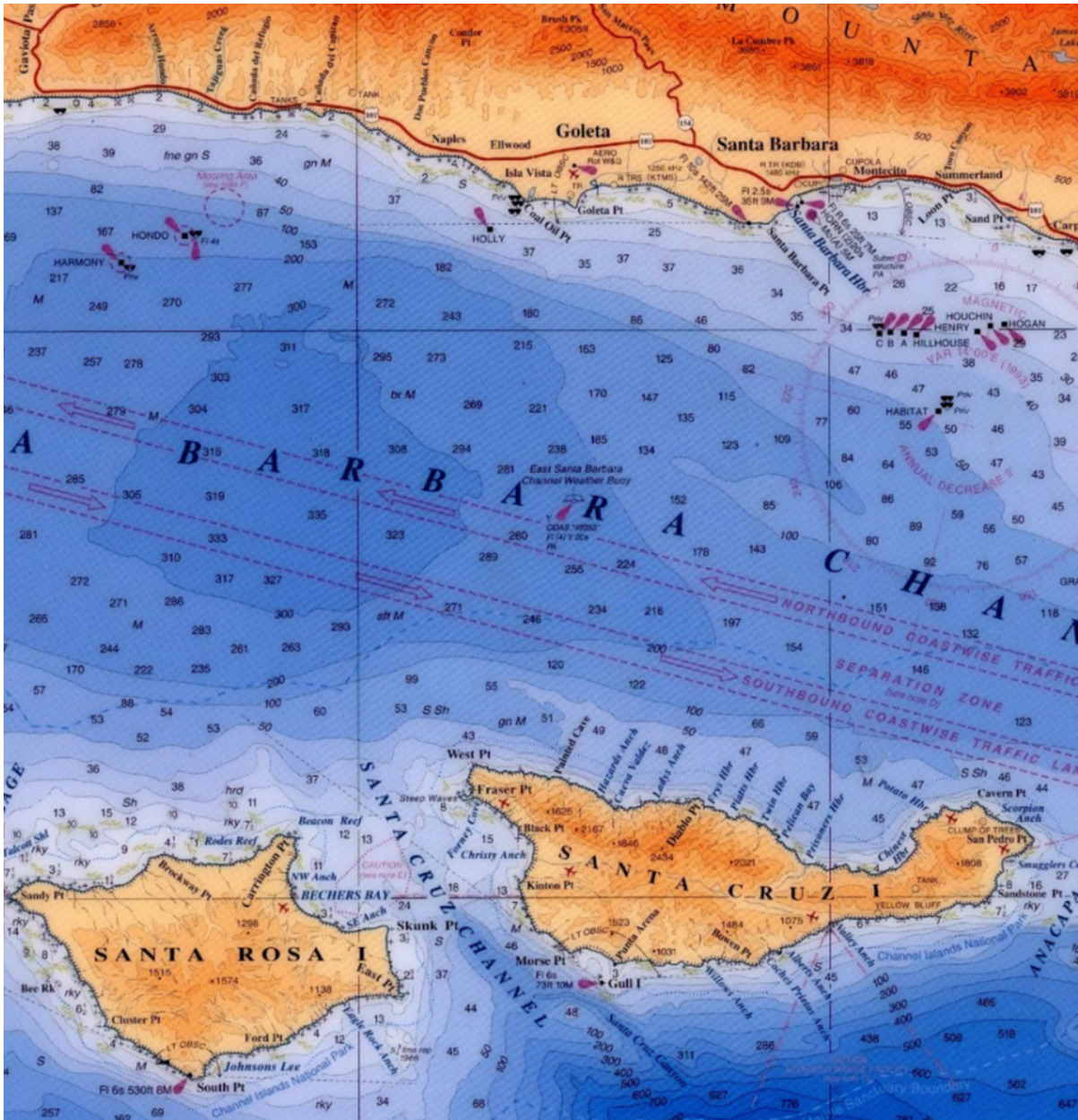


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Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

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Monthly Newsletter June 2026





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Alec Hardy

Hello Squadron Members,

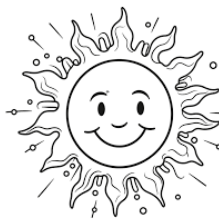
First a big thanks to all who have stepped into Bridge positions this year! Our Change of Watch was a great affair and very enjoyable. One of my favorite things about SBSPS is getting to know like-minded boating people.

My report this month is simple. I want to make sure you are up to date on the next 2 cruising opportunities.

June 26-28 is scheduled as a squadron cruise. Please let me know if you would like to participate. I myself will not be able to make it, but will get those interested in touch with each other for planning. Destination is TBD.

July 11th is our PCYC dinner. The Dock party is at 4pm, Dinner at 7pm. Please let Tom Koch know (tbkoch01@gmail.com) if you will be cruising your boat to PCYC. We are allowed several slips from Friday to Sunday. Please buy dinner tickets directly on the website at; <https://www.sbsps.net/boating-event/pcyc-cruise-and-saturday-dinner/>

Thank you all! Looking forward to our summer events!





SECRETARY'S MESSAGE & ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR MESSAGE



Minutes Change of Watch Business Meeting Awards Celebration May 22, 2026



Cdr Hardy opened the evening with a presentation of his boating background, sharing pictures to accompany the story of his connection to the Channel Islands, sailing, and diving.

We had a quorum and a vote on the slate for 2026-2027 submitted by the Nominations Committee. The slate passed by unanimous vote.

Will Goodale, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that he, Ron Slocum, and John Profant had audited the books of Treasurer Steve York and found all in order.

The Installation of bridge officers and recognition of elected committees (Executive, Nominations, Audit, Rules) for 2026-2027 was performed by P/C Tom Koch.

- Cdr Alec Hardy
- Lt/C Geoge Poe, Education Officer
- Lt/C Virginia Johns, Secretary
- Lt/C Steve York, Treasurer

Each were sworn in and presented with their officer flag.



Alec Hardy, Virginia Johns, Steve York, George Poe, Tom Koch

Cdr Hardy announced the annual squadron awards

- Al Lincoln Education: for continually offering to teach and raising the standard of instruction and instructional materials
 - George Poe
- Crowder Memorial Trophy: in recognition of extraordinary efforts to the squadron
 - Peggy Ciolino
- MVP Award: for providing a valuable service that wouldn't be done if they didn't do it
 - Ron and Vicki Slocum
- Marcia Rowland Watersports Award: for significantly participating in watersports
 - Alec Hardy
- Sailing Award: for making significant use of their sailboat (16 days from Ventura to Hilo Hawaii with adult daughter)
 - Steve Hodges

The Commander mentioned the upcoming squadron activities

- Development of our annual calendar (classes, meetings, social events, cruises)

- PCYC has welcomed us to return but the date is a bit earlier than in the past: Saturday July 11 is the main event with dock party and dinner; some will cruise to Channel Islands Harbor on Friday with a layover at Smugglers Friday night and return on Sunday

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Virginia Johns

In attendance: Neil Ablitt, Sue Ablitt, Scott Burns, Peggy Ciolino, Rich Ciolino, Will Goodale, Alec Hardy, Amber Hardy, Dennis Johns, Virginia Johns, Betty Koch, Tom Koch, George Poe, Sylvia Poe, John Profant, Michelle Profant, Mike Pyzel, Pam Rousseau, Ron Slocum, Vicki Slocum, Steve York

Activities Coordinator Message for June

May

We had a delightful Change of Watch / Awards celebration at Mulligans Saturday May 22nd. We had 21 in attendance. The BBQ buffet was delicious. Alec gave an entertaining presentation about his boating background and connection to our local boating area. Tom Koch was our Installing Officer for the 2026-2027 bridge and elected committees – he always has a nice balance of gravity of the occasion while keeping it brief and mixes in a few relevant stories from our history. Alec presented the awards. Peggy captured the evening in photos that I'm sure she will share in this issue of the Newsletter.

June

We have the Past Commander's brunch (where the Past commanders organize a potluck – to which we all contribute) scheduled for June 6. But that date isn't certain yet. Seems too close to our COW/Awards event. I will keep you posted.

July

We have however CONFIRMED that PCYC welcomes us again this year. It will be a bit earlier than usual. SAVE THE DATE of **Saturday July 11** for the dock appetizer gathering and dinner at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club in Channel Islands Harbor. See the flyer in this newsletter. Some boats may choose to cruise down on Friday July 10, with an overnight stop at Smugglers and return to Santa Barbara on Sunday July 12.

Upcoming Activities

June 6	Sat 10:00am- 12:00pm	Past Commanders' Brunch	Santa Barbara Harbor
June 26 June 28	Fri - Sun	Cruise to Santa Cruz destination TBD	Leave from Harbor
July 10- July 12 July 11	Fri Sun Sat	PCYC Cruise & Dinner (Appetizers on the dock: 4:00pm and dinner at 7:00 in the Crow's Nest)	Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club

Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club Cruise & Dinner

by P/C Tom Koch, SN

At last Friday's Change of Watch, our newly re-elected Commander Hardy announced the next big event for the Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron would be the 2026 Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club (PCYC) Cruise and Dinner. This year's PCYC Cruise and Dinner will be held on the weekend of 10-12 July 2026 with the Dinner to be held in the Crow's Nest at 1800 hours on 11 July 2026. So...

Hear Ye, Hear Ye... Come one and all... come by car, boat, bike, train or plane, but bring a friend and come!

I am announcing the PCYC Cruise and Dinner Banquet for 2026.
All SBSPS members and friends are invited.

PCYC General Manager, Gwen Wilvert, assures me we are Welcome and the PCYC Staff members are looking forward to having us visit them again. They are planning to, once again, serve Prime Rib or Pistachio Encrusted Salmon, drinks, salads, veggies and a Hot Fudge Ice Cream Sundae for dessert. See

the PCYC Flyer for the particulars of the Banquet Dinner on Saturday, 11 July 2026.

Please note: During the past years, SBSPS has been able to support a portion of the Banquet cost and maintain a lower cost to the individual. This year is no exception and we are once again able to offer the Banquet Dinner to remain at a cost of \$60 each.

The PCYC dock will, once again, be opened for boats to tie up. Boats are welcome to arrive in the afternoon on 10 July and stay until the morning of 12 July. If more boats arrive than can tie up to the dock, we are welcome to raft together. Thus, all those wishing to come by boat should be accommodated on the PCYC Dock.

Open the flyer in this Signal Hoist or sent separately from Commander Hardy, fill in your pertinent information, write a check, or pay online at the SBSPS Website, and send it to the address below, as soon as possible. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Please Note:

I must have the boat reservations by 3 July 2026.
Dinner reservations must be submitted by 9 July 2026.
No Refunds for Dinner Reservations after 9 July 2026.

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Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron



Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club
Cruise & Dinner

Dinner & Festivities, Saturday,
July 11, 2026

Slips Available Friday &
Saturday
12 noon July 10 - 11:00AM
July 12

Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron
PACIFIC CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB
CRUISE & DINNER - CROW'S NEST

11 JULY 2026

2600 South Harbor Blvd
Channel Islands Harbor

Dock Appetizers and Drinks @ 1600
PCYC Crows Nest No Host Bar @ 1800

Dinner Crow's Nest @ 1900

Pistachio Encrusted Salmon Or
New York Steak

Dinner Includes:

Seasonal Mixed Greens Salad
Vegetables

Potatoes/Rice Pilaf, Rolls & Butter

Coffee or Tea, Dessert — Ice Cream Sundae

Price: \$60.00 per person

(tax and gratuity included)

Guest dock and rafting available.
After 12n 10 July — 11am 12July

Coming by boat: take left fork, continue to bridge, on left. By car: 101 S to Seaward, left onto Harbor Blvd. to Channel Islands Harbor (approx. 7 miles after exiting 101). Turn right before the bridge, first left into shopping area and another immediate left. Follow the road to PC Yacht Club.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME
YOU DO NOT NEED A BOAT TO PARTICIPATE

Make your reservation NOW! Pay by credit card at https://www.sbsps.net/boating-event/pcyc-cruise-and-saturday-dinner/#tribe-tickets_tickets-form

For further information contact
Tom Koch @ 805 729-3385 or
email: tbkoch01@gmail.com

Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron
PACIFIC CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB
CRUISE & DINNER - CROW'S NEST

RESERVATION FORM
Come by boat or by car, but join us!

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST(S) _____

Coming by Boat: Power _____ Sail _____ Length _____

Approx. date and time of boat arrival: _____

DINNER CHOICE

Pistachio Encrusted Salmon #: _____

New York Steak #: _____

Dinners @ \$60 each: _____ Total \$ _____

Two Ways to Make Your Reservation

Make your reservation and pay by credit card at https://www.sbsps.net/boating-event/pcyc-cruise-and-saturday-dinner/#tribe-tickets_tickets-form or

Make checks payable to Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron and mail along with your choice of entrée to:

Tom Koch
333 Old Mill Rd. Spc 278
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 9
BOAT RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 3
NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS AFTER JULY 9



Report from Coches Prietos

Alec Hardy

My crew and I were able to get Sunday-Monday-Tuesday cleared off the schedule and were able to make it to Coches over the Weekend of May 10th. The weather report called for fairly calm conditions and patchy fog. We did not see much fog but lots of overcast on the way. Primary concern was keep motoring past Yellowbanks as my outboard does not do well with large patties.



Coches was somewhat overcast, with a south swell that while not threatening, did stir up the cove making visibility a little rough. In the future I may suggest Alberts as a back up as the diving and anchoring looked like it would be better under those conditions

For food we tried a couple new things. My tiny charcoal grill was able to cook a tri-tip. The crew brought the tri-tip frozen, and by the time we cooked it that night it was ready to go. I have found that the little hibachi grill only requires about 10 match light briques to get really hot. Also tried out a carton of liquified egg product (which fit into the cooler nicely), which worked great for breakfast burritos with the left over tri-tip.



The way back was about the same conditions, as we left about 1pm on Tuesday. That is a little late because it had started to get dark by the time we got back to Ventura. Again we had to be careful with kelp near Yellowbanks. Past San Pedro point on Santa Cruz we did pick up some wind, which helped with speed, but it did start to die near Ventura. All in all a great starting shakedown cruise!





Operation Clean Sweep

Many ocean lovers showed up for Operation Clean Sweep on Saturday, May 2, at Marina 4 at the Santa Barbara Harbor. Many of those people were from our Squadron. Thank-you all for helping out. Here are some photos from that event.



Janis Johnson, Duane Felender
& Rich Ciolino



Garrett Osgood, Chris
Johnson, Karen Osgood,
George Poe



Octopus found hiding in an old plastic pipe — returned to the sea, of course.



Rich Ciolino, Dennis & Virginia Johns



Some old stuff from under boats on Marina 4



Dennis Johns really getting into it!!



Karen Osgood



More strange objects

Attention Southern California boating friends!

- Own a boat?
- Cruise around Southern California?
- Interested in receiving a FREE marine composting toilet?

Take [this quick survey](#) if you're interested in converting your current holding tank to a marine composting toilet (MCT) or have a new boat without a MSD. In exchange for sharing your first-hand experience installing a marine composting toilet (and any potential conversion from a previous system), you could receive the eco-friendly system for free! Complete this survey for a chance to be selected!

If you know a SoCal boater who would be interested, please forward them this email!

Thank you in advance for your interest and participation!

Cheers to clean waters and stewardship,

The Bay Foundation

(funded by the CA State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways with funding provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund)

Marine composting toilets are self-contained sewage systems that are low-maintenance and present zero opportunities for accidental discharges. To learn more about MCTs, check out [this video](#) and see why many boaters are considering them!

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Above article submitted by Karen Osgood



PHOTOS FROM CHANGE OF WATCH 2026



Rich Ciolino, John Profant,
Neil Oblitt



Steve York, Amber Hardy,
Alec Hardy



Virginia & Dennis Johns



Vicki & Ron Slocum



Neil & Sue Ablitt & Will Goodale



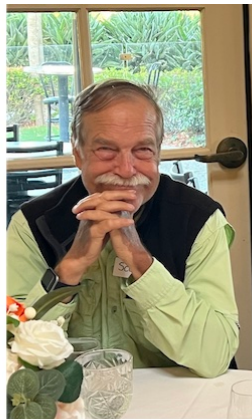
Mike Pyzel & Pam Rousseau



Tom & Betty Koch & Michelle Profant



Sylvia & George Poe



Scott Burns

SANTA BARBARA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON ANNUAL AWARDS



George Poe
Al Lincoln Award



Peggy Ciolino
Crowder Memorial Award



Vicki & Ron Slocum
MVP Award



Alec Hardy
Marcia Rowland
Watersports Award

Not able to be at the Change of Watch — Steve Hodges, who received the Sailing Award.



Santa Barbara Maritime Museum Welcomes Jill Zachary for Talk on the History and Future of Santa Barbara’s Coastal Parks

Presentation will explore how parks from the Douglas Family Preserve to the Andree Clark Bird Refuge have shaped the city’s shoreline, recreation, and identity

Santa Barbara, CA — The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum (SBMM) is pleased to welcome Jill Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Santa Barbara, for a special presentation, “Santa Barbara’s Coastal Parks: Past, Present and Future.” The June talk will explore the remarkable history, cultural importance, and future vision of Santa Barbara’s coastal park system. The talk will take place on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at SBMM. SBMM members are invited to a pre-lecture reception from 6:15–6:45 p.m.

Tickets: 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. Purchase tickets [here](#) or by emailing reservations@sbmm.org or call (805) 456-8750.



Los Banos Drone-3
Photo: City of Santa Barbara

Stretching from the Douglas Family Preserve on the city’s western edge to the Andrée Clark Bird Refuge in the east, Santa Barbara’s coastal parks encompass 291 acres of open space, 6 linear miles of beach, and a diverse range of recreational facilities. For more than 150 years, these public spaces have contributed to the cultural, recreational, ecological, and economic vitality of Santa Barbara, helping define the community’s enduring relationship with the coast.

Zachary’s presentation will provide an overview of the acquisition, development, and evolution of Santa Barbara’s coastal park system over time. The talk will also highlight recent restorations of historically significant community assets, including Plaza del Mar, Thousand Steps, and the Cabrillo Pavilion, along with efforts to honor the heritage of the native Chumash at Ambassador Park, strengthen native habitat and wildfire resilience, and advance renewal plans for Dwight Murphy Field. Attendees will also learn about upcoming community conversations surrounding a citywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan.



Plaza del Mar Band Shell
Folk Orchestra-33
Photo: City of Santa Barbara

As Santa Barbara continues to grow and adapt, its coastal parks remain central to the quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. This presentation offers a timely opportunity to reflect on the past, understand current priorities, and consider the future of these beloved public spaces.



Photo courtesy

Jill Zachary has served as the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Santa Barbara since 2015, overseeing an annual operating budget of \$30 million and the management of 64 parks, beaches, and recreation facilities, as well as the City’s urban forest program, operations at the Municipal Golf Course, and park and facility capital renovations. She began her career with the City in 1999 as a Regional Planner, later serving as Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Manager and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director. A Santa Barbara resident since 1992, Zachary previously worked for the Community Environmental

Council as an environmental program manager. She holds a BA from Oberlin College and a Master of Public Administration from Cal State Northridge.

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

The Maritime Distinguished Speaker Series brings leading voices in ocean science, maritime history, and environmental stewardship to the Santa Barbara community, reinforcing SBMM's mission to illuminate our connections to the sea through education and storytelling. The Maritime Distinguished Speaker Series is sponsored by Marie L Morrisroe.

For tickets and additional information, visit sbmm.org.

About the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum

Founded in 2000, the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum presents and interprets the rich maritime history of the Santa Barbara Channel. Through engaging exhibits and educational programs, SBMM connects visitors of all ages to the stories, science, and culture of our coast and ocean communities. SBMM has become one of the leading maritime museums in the United States and was accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 2021.



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