



SDAYC Dinner Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2025 - 6:30PM at OYC

1. **Call to Order:** 6:35 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** OYC Commodore, Mark Mallaby
3. **Toast by Senior SDAYC:** Staff Commodore SDAYC & SGYC –Bill Sedgwick
4. **Introduction & Recognition of OYC Commodore Mark Mallaby**
5. **Introduction of SDAYC Staff Commodores present**
 - a. Bill Sedgwick - 2018
 - b. Bill Edwards - 2022
 - c. Cleve Hardaker - 2024
6. **Call to approve the minutes of the April meeting.** Moved, seconded and Approved
7. **Introduction of SDAYC Board members:** VC Mark Mallaby, RC Sandra Sherman, Treasurer Peter Hunt & Julianne, Director Jenee Gillam-Ray /Alex, SC Cleve Hardaker/Sandy, JAG Jeffrey Laveson: Sr Director Bob Howdyshell - shoulder
8. **Commodore's message: Welcoming SDAYC member clubs to the dinner meeting.**
Tonight will be a different format with roundtable discussions on three topics of interest for yacht clubs.
9. **Evening Roundtables - Mark Mallaby and reports by the Roundtable Moderators**

• **Yacht Club Elections-** Jerelyn Biehl: The takeaway from the various discussions was a commonality among most of the clubs that have a nominating committee. The nominating committees are either made up of membership or staff commodores or a mix of the two. Slates are made and the membership then votes on the slate. The biggest challenge seemed to be succession planning. One tip that was shared is that the nominating committee interviews the current board members and asks what are our strengths and weaknesses on the current Board and what are they looking for in the next board member(s). Do they need a financial person, a sailing racer, or someone with a specific expertise (F&B, legal, etc.) What do they need to make the board well rounded. Once they have the direction, they then can select the nominees.

• **Operational Organization-**Sandra Sherman: Focused one discussion on paid staff. In general most of the yacht clubs have similar structures. A GM, and then area directors which may be separated by front of the house, back of the house, food and beverage versus catering versus events. What was interesting was that the structure of how they report to the Board is different. Some report to the Commodore, some report to the Bridge, or different levels of the Flags. Everyone agreed that having the GM responsible for land and water was beneficial, especially for the larger clubs.

• **Financial Health-** Peter Hunt: Same theme through out conversations, labor costs have increased which significantly impacts operations. CCYC reported \$1 increase in labor cost equates to \$80,000 per year of additional cost. Challenge is to make money and maybe break even on food and beverage and never make money. Every yacht club has leases and

mortgages except for Navy and Santa Margarita. Therefore, don't have to negotiate with the City of San Diego and Port.

10. Roll Call of Member, Associate, Affiliate and Liaison Clubs and announcements:

Regular Member Clubs

- a. **Coronado Cays Yacht Club** (Commodore Kevin Brenden)
- b. **Mission Bay Yacht Club.** (Vice Commodore Daniel Sipes)
- c. **Navy Yacht Club San Diego.** (Vice Commodore Joe Torres)
- d. **Oceanside Yacht Club.** (Commodore Mark Mallaby)
- e. **San Diego Yacht Club.** (Rear Commodore Bill Budd)
- f. **Silver Gate Yacht Club.** (Commodore Damon Forney)
- g. **Southwestern Yacht Club.** (Vice Commodore Joe Goodrich)

Associate Member Clubs

- h. **Cortez Racing Association** (Commodore Chuck Bowers)
- i. **Pt Loma Yacht Club** (Rear Commodore Gordon Eckler)
- j. **Santa Margarita Yacht Club.** (Commodore Kiran Bisaccia)

Affiliate Member Clubs

- k. **San Diego Cruiser Association**
- l. **San Diego Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club**

Liaison Members

- m. **Challenged Sailors Association**
- n. **IOBG District 15** (Vice Commodore Susan Rodriguez)
- o. **NOSA** (JoAnn Sedgwick)
- p. **PCYA**
- q. **RBOC.**

Bill Edwards - Big Bay Boom: Requesting perimeter boats for July 4th

11. New Business:

- a. **Opening Day Schedules**
 - May 18, Sunday SGYC 10:00 AM
 - May 18, Sunday SWYC 2:00 PM
 - May 25, Sunday CYC 11:00 AM

12. Next Meeting: June 19, 2025, hosted by SDYC-Charitable and Fundraising Efforts by SDAYC clubs.

Attire: Blue Blazer, whites

b. 2025 SDAYC Meeting Scheduled and Topics

June 19	SDYC	Charitable & Fundraising Efforts
July 17	NYCSD at SGYC	
September 18	SWYC	Communications panel
October 16	SGYC	
November 20	MBYC	Port Captains Round Table

13. Adjourn: 8:40 PM