



San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs (SDAYC) Dinner Meeting Minutes

Date: July 17, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Silver Gate Yacht Club (SGYC), Hosted by Navy Yacht Club San Diego

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at **6:39 PM**.

Opening Ceremonies

- **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Navy YCSD Staff Commodore **Roger Robinson**
- **Toast** by Senior SDAYC Staff Commodore **Bill Edwards**

Introductions by Commodore Jerelyn Biehl

- Recognition of Navy YCSD Vice Commodore **Joe Torres**
- SDAYC Staff Commodores present:
 - **Bill Sedgwick** (2018)
 - **Bill Edwards** (2022)
 - **Wayne Strickland** (2024)

Approval of Minutes

- **June meeting minutes** were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Introduction of SDAYC Board Members

- Rear Commodore: **Sandra Sherman**
- Director: **Jenee Gillam-Ray** (and husband Alex)
- Senior Director: **Bob Howdyshe**

Commodore's Message

- Commodore highlighted SDAYC's strong showing at the **2025 Transpac Race**:
 - **SDYC Vice Commodore Alli Bell**: First female skipper to win Transpac and took 1st overall on corrected time.
 - **Tom Holthus (SDYC)**: Won **Division 1** with his boat *BadPak*.



Evening Program: Port Developments & Community Engagement

Guest Speaker: Danielle Moore, Chair of the Port of San Diego Board of Commissioners

Key points covered:

- **Big Bay Boom Fireworks:** Over \$100M economic impact, half a million attendees. Environmental mitigation efforts including water testing, debris cleanup, and feasibility study for drone/hybrid displays.
- **Gaylord Pacific Resort & Convention Center:** 22 stories, 1,600 rooms, \$265M public contribution; opened on time and budget.
- **TopGolf Project:** Proposed for Harbor Island; under environmental review.
- **Harbor Island West Marina:** \$67M redevelopment project to begin summer 2025, 2-year timeline.
- **Fisherman's Landing & Driscoll's Wharf:** Significant investment in sport and commercial fishing infrastructure.
- **Coronado YC Redevelopment:** \$18M investment, new public access, promenade, and clubhouse; environmental review phase.
- **National City Balance Plan:** Park expansion, terminal efficiency improvements, and hotel/RV developments.
- **Maritime Clean Air Strategy:** Electrification of port infrastructure, including cranes and tugboats. No tax revenue—entirely funded by leases and maritime activity.

Q&A included:

- Construction timelines for Harbor Island West
- Details on Seaport Village, National City development, and port funding mechanisms
- Comments on fireworks regulation and community access

Club Reports

- **Coronado Cays YC:** Hosting **Dutch Shoe Marathon** (200+ Sabots), clubhouse redevelopment underway.
- **Mission Bay YC:** Commentary on fireworks costs, recent emergency dredging project completed.
- **Navy YC San Diego:** Hosting **South Bay Combined Navy Cup**, luau planned post-race.
- **San Diego YC:** Continued participation in Dutch Shoe Marathon, celebrating Transpac successes.
- **Silver Gate YC:** Hosted the meeting.
- **Southwestern YC:** Upcoming **Three Mark Fiasco** race and **Commodore's Challenge**.
- **Cortez Racing Association:** Ongoing **Beer Can Series**, upcoming **Sharp Hospice Regatta** (Aug 23).
- **Point Loma YC:** Racing events and benefit for Challenge Sailors in Oct.



- **Challenged Sailors Association:** Group sails with ALS Society and other orgs scheduled.
- **IOBG District 15:** Planning end-of-summer appreciation BBQ.
- **NOSA:** Newport to Ensenada & San Diego Race confirmed for April 24–26, 2026.

RBOC Report (Recreational Boaters of CA)

- Support requested from clubs for lobbying efforts on marine issues.
- Ongoing legislation for **marine flare disposal** (SB 561).
- Fundraising and membership engagement encouraged.

Special Presentations

- **Veterans Boat Parade:** Planned expansion to 60 boats. Participation encouraged.
- **Parade of Lights:** 55th Anniversary in 2025 (Dec 14 & 21), theme: *"Out of this World Christmas"*.
- Cortez Racing fundraiser: Tickets for a cruise aboard the *Sea Cloud*—all proceeds to benefit CRA.

New Business

- None raised.

Next Meeting

- **No meeting in August**
- **Next meeting: September 18, 2025**, hosted by **Southwestern YC**
 - **Attire:** Island casual
 - **Topic:** Communications Panel

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned.