



SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF YACHT CLUBS  
Minutes for Dinner Meeting Held December 10, 2020

Commodore Poltorak called the virtual meeting to order at 6:30PM and led the pledge of allegiance as a staff commodore of MBYC.

Commodore Poltorak then recognized MBYC Past Commodore and SDAYC Past Commodore who proposed a toast to the success of the MBYC Board of Directors during the 2021 yachting season.

Commodore Poltorak then recognized MBYC Commodore Gene Ratliffe who introduced his board members.

Commodore Poltorak then recognized the SDAYC Staff Commodores present.

Commodore Poltorak called for approval of the minutes for the November 19, 2020 Dinner Meeting and a motion was made and carried (M/C) to accept them as written.

Commodore Poltorak then began introducing the SDAYC Board of Directors for their reports:

Representative Phil Kinnison: No report.

Treasurer Bob Ehlers: He made comments about the past year; stated the books are closed out for 2020.

Junior Director Jim Murtland: No report.

Senior Director Wayne Strickland: He also made comments about the past year and what SDAYC did to help us get through it.

Rear Commodore Bill Edwards: Reported that the Bylaws amendments had been unanimously approved by the delegates and would be posted on the website in the coming week. He gave out a shout out to the delegate who participated.

Vice Commodore Dianna Durgin: Stated the Racing Calendar is at the printers and she will distribute them after they are received next week.

Junior Staff Commodore Margo Hemond: No report.

Commodore Poltorak: Introduced his wife Belen.

Commodore Poltorak then began the roll call of Regular Member, Associate and Affiliate Clubs as well as Liaison Members for their reports:

CCYC: Dianna Durgin noted that their club is closed except for takeout.



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CYC: Wayne Strickland noted they are sailing the remote control boating, regattas cancelled and are doing takeout.

MBYC: Commodore Gene Ratliffe thanked SDAYC for getting us sailing and he announced that a couple of club races are coming out and that they too are providing food takeout.

NYCSD: Vice Commodore Bob Howdysshell reported they held a Fall Series and that their Board of Directors were installed the last Sunday in November.

OYC: Commodore Mark Mallaby stated OYC is following the rules, they raced in the Hot Rum Series; thanking SDYC for the race and SWYC for hosting him and his boat. They nominated their Junior Sailing program for the Junior Program Horder award solicited by SCYA. Vice Commodore Ira Hecht reported they are providing takeout dining as well.

SDYC: Rear Commodore Jeff Tatter reported that they completed the Hot Rum Regatta and that they had a successful fund raising event for military families which raised 80,000 dollars for them.

SGYC: Commodore Lisa Clements reported they have a member, Lee Johnson, single handed sailed to Hawaii in 21 days and he will be gone a year while sailing to destination yet unknown. SGYC is also takeout only for food and also have heat and serve meal options.

SWYC: Commodore Steve Frailey noted that this year has been a struggle but enjoys the SDAYC meeting opportunity to share with other clubs. They are also providing takeout meals and looking for ways to provide more services within COVID guidelines

CRA: Commodore Suzie Graff reported they are racing and they voted their annual Sportsmanship Awards to four different members. She also expressed her appreciation for SDAYC and Collen Cooke for their work to open racing up to non-household members this year.

PLYC: Commodore Jamie Anderson stated they had a rough year but they did conduct a few races. He invited all clubs to stop by for Sunday barbeques and he looks forward to next year. He recognized PC Michael Kirkgestner for his hard work.

SMYC: Junior Director Murtland noted that Kat Wacker would be the Commodore next year and was not present; probably dealing with the loss of her partner.

SDCA: Treasurer Bob Ehlers stated they are ready to conduct predicted log racing next year. He was asked about observers during COVID restrictions and noted they record the predicted log races.



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IOBG International stated it has been a rough year for them as well and he went on to report on the Yacht Club Management Seminar (YMCS) the IOBG D15 conducts annually and it will be done virtually on January 22, 2021. Hand out materials will be sent to attendees in PDF.

IOBG D-15: President Roger Robinson identified the 2021 elected officers, reported that they will have their installation on January 8, 2021 via zoom and acknowledged that they will be conducting the YCMS in January.

IOBG D-15 Auxiliary: Belen Poltorak stated they will conduct a spouse's seminar in conjunction with D-15's YCMC in January.

NOSA: Vice Commodore JoAnn Sedgwick discussed which races will be selected as we move into 2021.

RBOC: President Cleave Hardaker provided an overview of the past year after recognizing other members of his board. He briefly discussed the planting of kelp beds in Long Beach in front of the Los Alamitos entrance. Also, he asked for funds from the clubs to help them continue their good work.

SCYA: Commodore John Marshall stated they will have a virtual installation on Saturday. He appreciated the attendance to his Commodore round tables and hopes his replacement will continue them. Their focus is currently on the SCYA Mid-Winter Regatta that are held in San Diego.

America's Boating Channel: Sean McArdle stated they are conducting virtual lessons that do not require in person instruction. His message to us all "was wear the mask".

Commodore Poltorak then began the Awards Presentation

- a. John M. Rumsey: Commodore Poltorak announced both of the awardees as Ralph and Judy Longfellow from CYC and Jason Davis from OYC. Commodore Poltorak provided commendatory remarks about them and Commodore Mallaby of OYC accepted the award for Jason. CYC's Wayne Strickland, Senior Director SDAYC, relayed their nominee's apology for not making the meeting.
- b. Yachtsman of the Year: Vice Commodore Dianne Durgin provided a summary of Garry Adalian nomination and called for an election acclamation for the award. He was unanimously elected with no nays. Garry said a few words about the honor.
- c. Alonzo de Jessop: Rear Commodore Bill Edwards announced that Dianne Jacob could not attend and that her award was delivered to her. He noted that CRA nominated Dianne for her work on opening boating for our boaters. He also accepted the award for the San Diego



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Association for which SDYC nominated them for their work on opening San Diego County to boating.

- d. Paul J. Hartley: Senior Director Wayne Strickland announced the Junior Yachtsman/Yachtswoman of the Year and congratulated Marleigh Henehan of MBYC who was in attendance. Marleigh thanked SDAYC.
- e. Pete Curtin Sportsmanship: Junior Director Margo King Hemond stated that this was an inaugural award and that the Crew of Sea Maiden received the award for their daring recovery of a solo sailor who fell off of his boat. Sandra Sherman, one of the recipients, let the group know of others that had assisted in the rescue.
- f. As a follow up SCYSA's Commodore, John Marshall, announced they are giving their sportsmanship award to the Crew of Sea Maiden as well.

Commodore Poltorak provided comments about his tenure, thanking his board and acknowledging the work they had done as well as his pleasure meeting with SDAYC regularly. He commented on the challenges of COVID that precluded the in person interactions that virtual meetings preclude. He recognized the efforts of his board and presented them their gifts as is tradition for the change of watch ceremony.

Commodore Poltorak then turned over the meeting to Staff Commodore Marshall Nemoy to conduct the dismissal and installation of the 2020 and 2021 board of directors respectively:

Staff Commodore Nemoy dismissed:

- a. Commodore Michael Poltorak
- b. Vice Commodore Dianna Durgin
- c. Rear Commodore Bill Edwards
- d. Senior Director Wayne Strickland
- e. Junior Director Jim Murtland
- f. Junior Staff Commodore Margo King Hemond
- g. Treasurer Bob Ehlers

Staff Commodore Nemoy Installed:

- a. Commodore- Dianna Durgin
- b. Vice Commodore- Bill Edwards
- c. Rear Commodore- Wayne Strickland
- d. Junior Staff Commodore- Michael Poltorak
- e. Senior Director- Jim Murtland
- f. Junior Director- Phil Kinnison
- g. Treasurer- Margo King Hemond



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h. Secretary- Jerelyn Biehl

Commodore Durgin thanked Staff Commodore Poltorak's for his service to the board and then presented a gift to departing Commodore Michael Poltorak which was displayed virtually by Vice Commodore Edwards.

Commodore Durgin then provided comments and a special recognition for departing board member Bob Ehlers who served SDAYC continuously for over 20 years and served as Commodore twice. She also recognized outgoing JAG Bill Dysart's service.

Commodore announced the next meeting will be on February 18, 2021, hosted by CCYC, dress blue blazer/greys barring any COVID restrictions.

Commodore Durgin adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Rear Commodore Bill Edwards

Commodore Dianna Durgin

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