



SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF YACHT CLUBS
Minutes for Dinner Meeting Held November 19, 2020

Commodore Poltorak called the virtual meeting to order at 6:30PM. SDAYC Treasurer Bob Ehlers then led the pledge of allegiance to our flag; followed by SDYC Staff Commodore John Laun who proposed a toast to SDAYC for their work in leading the effort to all non-household members as guests and crew on our boats.

Commodore Poltorak then recognized SDYC Commodore Brian Thomas who introduced his board members and then introduce the guest speaker, John Laun, who spoke at length about the Port Authorities effort to establish public waterfront access on our yacht clubs leasehold properties. A lengthy discussion followed his presentation which raised the interest in the Port's Master Plan.

Following John's presentation and follow on discussion Commodore Poltorak introduce PCYA Commodore Larry Mayne who further introduced Molly Obrien, Director of the Peninsula Youth Sailing Program, who presented her views on Junior Programs on the longevity of our yacht clubs. She went on to solicit nominations for the 2020 Horder Memorial Award which recognizes junior programs; including recreational boating on the pacific coast.

Commodore Poltorak called for approval of the minutes for the October 15, 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: We are on target for money and ready to give out some awards.

Junior Director Jim Murtland: In his 28 years at OYC he finds them to be in great shape and give them a Bravo Zulu.

Senior Director Wayne Strickland: He reported a good time at the Commodores receptions and they enjoyed Commodore Poltorak and Rear Commodores presence. He then reported on the PJ Hartley committee and their award selection which was conducted outside in accordance with COVID protocol. Marleigh Henehan (MBYC) was selected.

Rear Commodore, Bill Edwards: Reported that the Jessop vote was held using EZVote and both nominees, Dianne Jacobs, County Supervisor nominated by CRA and SDAYC, nominated by SDYC, met the required two-thirds of the delegated and are approved.

Vice Commodore Dianna Durgin: She acknowledged her committee for the Yachtsman to the Year selection. She then reported they had one nominee, Garry Adalian (CCYC) who is a predicted log racer who was approved by her committee.



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Junior Staff Commodore Margo Hemond: reported she and her committee selected the inaugural Pete Curtin Sportsmanship Award to the Crew of Sea Maiden (Carolyn Sherman, Sandra Sherman and Brian Fritzges). She related the inspiring story that led to their selection of this nomination.

Commodore Poltorak: Reported on the John M. Rumsey Award and there were two nominees, Ralph and Judy Longfellow (CYC) and Jason Davis (OYC), a synopsis of their nominations. The SDAYC endorsed and selected both of the nominations for the award.

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

CCYC: Vice Commodore Dave Murree reported that they have a lot of outdoor area and he offered the availability for its use for future dinner meetings or other activities to SDAYC yacht clubs. He noted their Commodores Ball was held recently with good success.

CYC: Treasurer Steve Schelkun reported they held the Commodores Reception and that they held their annual elections, announced the slate, and a paper ballot for the membership to approve the slate was in progress.

MBYC: Vice Commodore Gene Ratliffe announced their board members present and thanked SDAYC for their coordination during this hard year. Their membership and junior program is doing well and serving food on the patio and are planning next year.

NYCSD: Vice Commodore Bob Howdyshell introduced members present. They have held their election and he announced the new flags and their induction will be next week. They are holding a fall racing schedule.

OYC: Commodore Mark Mallaby stated they have been working through holding meetings by zoom and introduced Ira Hecht the P-Commodore. Their club is in good financial shape and membership is doing well. Their junior program thrived during COVID as have all the clubs with junior programs and the cruising program as well.

SDYC: Commodore Brian Thomas thanked SDAYC for coordination and holding things together. He reported that financially they ended up better than expected in the face of COVID and that they have a waiting list for new members. He credited their success with racing to a "let's get racing committee" focusing on single-handed and race your household racing.

SGYC: Commodore Lisa Clements introduced her board and members present and that their installation occurred on November 7. Their racing program is active again and they are doing what they can in the face of COVID. They were also able to put together the Yachting Cup with 33 boats on two courses within a week of the lifting of restrictions on non-household sailors on



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our boats. He announced a highlight for their yachting year that their juniors have been invited to the New York Yacht Club's Rolex invitational which will be sailed in IC37 craft.

SWYC: Rear Commodore Gary Jorgensen said their membership is at an all-time high. Their junior program is experiencing the same success as other clubs such that they have to increase their Laser storage. They have a lot of patio area with helps with COVID issues. Their charity is Elder Help. They normally have a regatta but they have reverted to donations only and doing well. He announced the elections are forthcoming.

CVYC: Commodore Linda Walsh has assumed the position for this year and will continue for 2021. She introduced her sister Jackie Altman who announced that she will be the Vice Commodore for the remainder of this year and next year and that they have entered into an agreement with CCYC to join their Junior Sailor Program.

CRA: Member Cleave Hardaker stated CRA is glad that SDAYC and the Port Tenants Association got boating opened off and that they will be going after a racing program in 2021.

CSA: Member Doug Bass stated they have started up racing again and they are looking forward to next year.

SDCA: Treasurer Bob Ehlers stated they had a full season of racing under the radar.

NOSA: Although JoAnn Sedgwick was present she had audio issues and could not be heard.

RBOC: President Cleave Hardaker introduced the RBOC ex-officio members present and announced they have had a busy year hosting forums affecting boating issues providing oversight of the Division of Waterways actions.

SCYA: Commodore John Marshall commended Dianna Durgin for working on the SDAYC calendar so he could see the Mid-winters schedule. He also reported that the Newport to Ensenada race will happen next year. He stated the SCYA Commodores Cruise was a success.

America's Boating Channel: Commander Doug Bass gave a shout out to SWYC which takes advantage of in person safety classes in the past. They have also sponsored severs predicted log races

IOBG D-15:

Commodore Poltorak called for any old business:

- a. Dinner Date Selection Process: Rear Commodore Edwards recapped the process to select dinner date for 2021 and thanked all those involved to make it a smooth event.



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Commodore Poltorak called for any new business:

- a. Bylaw Amendment Voting- Rear Commodore Edwards announce SDAYC intention to conduct a vote on proposed amendments to the bylaws before the December dinner meeting.
- b. Voting for the SDAYC 2021 Board of Directors- Junior Staff Commodore announced the slate that was approved at the October 15 dinner meeting:
 - 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
 - h. Secretary- Jerelyn Biehl

She then called for an election of the slate by acclamation to which all were ayes and no nays.

Commodore announced the next meeting will likely be a virtual meeting on December 10, 2020, hosted by MBYC, dress casual if at home or blue blazer/greys (black tie optional) if part of an installation.

Commodore Poltorak adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Rear Commodore Bill Edwards

Commodore Michael Poltorak
