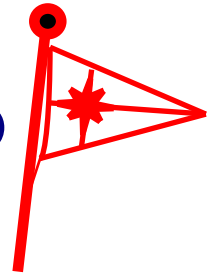


# San Leandro Yacht Club

## Puff 'n' Putt



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### Commodore Pennington's Message:

As many of you know, your club is attempting to survive, however with a reduced membership pool we are working with a smaller Board of Directors. We currently do not have a Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Staff Commodore, Power and Sail Fleet Captains nor a Puff n' Putt Editor. These are important positions in any club and without them we are simply not able to do all of the activities that are part of the normal functions each watch year. As a result there have not been very many Friday evening Happy Hours, monthly dinners, or any of the required quarterly general membership meetings. We have also experienced a dramatic drop in cruise-ins and member sponsored company dinners. We have also seen a drop in membership resulting in insufficient income to support the operation of the club.

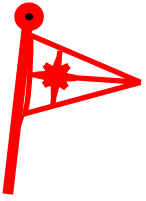
With the drop in income we have had to find ways to reduce expenses. For example, we have had a sharp increase in electricity costs due to tiered-pricing during the middle of the day. To mitigate this we have had to turn off the beverage chiller and the ice maker. We have also decommissioned the Keegerator. Also, due to the cost to maintain the beverage dispenser and it was decided to eliminate CO<sup>2</sup> and syrups from the dispenser. What was in the chiller is now in the refrigerator. When needed, we will simply turn on the chiller and the ice maker and purchase beverages in cans and bottles. The good news is that our most recent utility statement has shown a sizable reduction in the club's electricity expense.

Dwight Pitcaithley, our newest member has been leading the charge to save the San Leandro Marina. He has been attending meetings of the San Leandro City Council, other Town Hall Meetings, and meetings with several individuals and groups at City Hall. He has also held an event at the San Leandro Yacht Club with the mayor and other city officials attending. One of the most pressing issues facing the city is the cost of dredging the harbor and the channel, and the cost of disposing the dredging spoils. Needless to say, this has been an up-hill battle with a rather bleak end result.

On the positive side, we will have our Annual Fun Day and Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and we hope to see all our members there, and we hope to have some great Chili and you get to be the judge to vote for your favorite. Mark your calendar and plan to come on down to the club. Also, check out the calendar on the website for additional information.

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