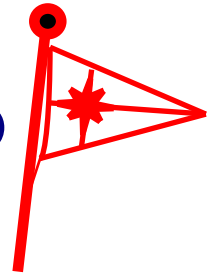


San Leandro Yacht Club

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Commodore Pennington's Message:

Well, the New Year is upon us and we face new challenges while dealing with some of the challenges from 2014. In my last report I reported that we were making some drastic cost cutting measures to help us remain solvent. This included shutting off all unnecessary electrical equipment which has saved us about \$200 per month. The next cost cutting measure is to switch our telephone service, while keeping the same number to an alternative service that is expected to save us another \$50 per month.

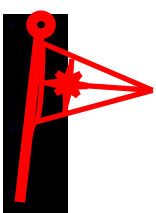
After shutting down the wine cooler we learned that it really wasn't cooling wine, but rather, causing wine and other beverages to be on the warm side. Due to the decline of beer drinkers, we decommissioned the Kegerator and returning all of the CO2 and empty kegs to the vendors. Lastly, the ice machine finally stopped working all together. Your board will need to make a decision on the best way to remove this unused equipment from the club. Barbara Waldstreicher has donated a small ice maker for use at the club, but we will still need to purchase ice from the store as needed for the operation of the bar.

It has been several years since we last changed the locks and keys to the club and feel that it is time to do it in April. Thanks to Dale & Dena Snearly, the lockset to the back door of the club is easy to re-key and we already have an adequate supply of new keys. We recently replaced the combination lock to the back hall, which will receive a new combination when the door lock is reset. We are asking that for anyone requesting a key to the club be a Board Member or a member with Bar Training. Additionally, due to many of the recent changes at the club, that all Board Members will be required to take Bar Training.

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Commodore Pennington's Message (Continued):

The situation at the San Leandro Marina is not clear, but it appears that the city is moving forward with their plans to destroy the marina as we know it, put in a business park and a convention center. The marina proper will be converted into a kayak park after the docks and marina infrastructure is removed along with the former Blue Dolphin Restaurant, El Toritos and of course, the San Leandro Yacht Club. Ground breaking is scheduled to start in May 2016, with the actual demolition to start in March 2017. The city of San Leandro website has additional information regarding the project and the fate of the existing structures.

Since last fall we have had several new members join our club. They are Rick & Victoria Erickson of Fremont, John & Doreen Fellows of San Leandro. Returning member, Sam Walden from Sacramento who brought his in son Jacob and nephew Richard Visperas as new members.

Since my last report I'm happy to report that the Peralta Power Squadron has made a generous donation allowing us to maintain our liability insurance for this year. We have also encouraged them to hold their classes and other activities at our club, which brings in some much needed income. Recently Peralta held its annual Change of Watch on February 28th and will be hosting a district dinner and meeting on Wednesday, May 13th. We also have sort of a cruise-in scheduled for Friday, May 2nd for the South Bay Opening Day. Members are urged to support our club by participating in these activities.

This coming Saturday at 6:30 p.m. we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with potluck dinner. Please plan on coming down to the club and enjoy the merriment with good friends, good food and drink.

Coming events

Norm's Seamanship Class on most Wednesdays starting April 8th

South Bay Opening Day Friday Dinner on May 1st.

Power Squadron District meeting and dinner on Wednesday, May 13th

Sam Walden Party on Saturday, May 23rd.

Check the website for continued updates.