Our club is a club of volunteers. I am proud to be associated with a group of such giving people. Our Vice Commodore has made great improvements on the “house” this year; installing lights where needed, and keeping up with general maintenance of the grounds. Our Rear Commodore has done an awesome job covering all social events, even putting on innovative ideas like the mechanical bull. From the flag officers to the board members, to the guys who work so hard on the race staff boats even down to the person performing OD (officer of the day) duties, everyone is so giving of their time for the good of the club. It is amazing to be part of such a wonderful group of people.

Our staff is second to none, with Jennifer maintaining the books and Greg managing the office it seems nothing is left on the back burner! Another trait that is so beneficial to the club as a whole is that Greg is very frugal with money spent at the club. Honestly, he can squeeze a penny until Lincoln scream ouch! Thanks to our paid staff for doing such a good job.

Our country has certainly had it’s share of catastrophe this summer, mostly from nature but also some human generated. From Hurricanes to mass shootings to the whole state of California practically going up in smoke, it has been a horrific summer.

The first significant hurricane to mention is hurricane Harvey. It started on 8/17 and eventually made landfall in Texas before going back to sea and making another landfall in Louisiana. Harvey’s max winds were 130mph. Before Harvey was even fin-
ished, Irma was gaining force on 8/30 aimed directly toward the leeward Isles, the Virgin Islands, Cuba and Puerto Rico. Irma had max winds of 185 before dying out on 9/16 followed quickly by hurricane Maria. Talk about a one-two punch! Maria packed a breeze of 175 mph and slammed Puerto Rico before it had even recovered from the devastation of Irma. To see a short clip of the effects of Irma on Road Town on Tortola, click on this site: http://youtu.be/u3QDs3Jx5pc

Even while these hurricanes were wreaking havoc, the hideous shooting in Las Vegas happened. Rather than concentrating on the horrific nature of this event, I would like to share a video of what happened at this concert just a few moments before the shooting started. Click on this link to see a clip of the concert: http://youtu.be/EK8KKvD7H4M

Shortly after these events, we started hearing about the massive fires being fueled by Santa Ana winds in southern California. Though this was disconcerting, it was not close enough for us to worry about personally, though we certainly had sympathy for those affected. Then the fires started in Sonoma destroying massive parts of Santa Rosa. Once again, we anguished for those affected. Though they were 150 miles away, we actually saw some of the smoke down here. Then, one morning I walked outside and the smoke was even fresher. I found out there was a fire in Boulder Creek. The rain on Thursday night helped extinguish this one. Click on this link to see the devastating effect of the fire in Santa Rosa: http://youtu.be/zxFHMNtQ32g

Showing these events would not do justice if we did not honor all of the first responders who bravely rushed to the aid of the many people in danger. Our first responders routinely lay their lives on the line whether the danger is wind, water, fire or weapons. Meanwhile, Santa Cruz as a whole has had a pretty peaceful summer with great sailing weather. Almost as if we were an oasis of peace in a world of anguish. http://youtu.be/pO-NyFZUGgM We are certainly blessed to live here.

Barry Keeler
Commodore

From the Vice Commodore

I am writing this aboard the cruise ship M/S Paul Gauguin sailing the waters of French Polynesia and the Cook Islands. This voyage is part vacation and part birthday present for my wife, Suzy. As our birthdays increase in number, and that’s a good thing considering the alternative, we decided to celebrate in the South Pacific in a place we had not explored before.

Our cruise took us to the Society Islands of Tahiti, Huahine, Taha’a, Bora Bora and Moorea and the Cook Islands of Rarotonga and Aitutaki. Underway, these islands seem to magically appear on the horizon, sprouting up from the sea. When ashore, the island people smile and warmly greet you with IA ORANA (Yo-Rah-Nah) which means Hello. These islands indeed welcome you and seem to emit a warm, friendly feel.

The Paul Gauguin is a smaller ship designed specifically to travel through the shallow waters of the South Pacific islands. Her draft of only 17 feet (L-504 ft, W-72 ft) allows us to navigate through some very narrow passes through striking but treacherous reefs that surround these beautiful islands. And beautiful islands they are, just like you see on the postcards, lush green islands with ragged mountain peaks, palm trees swaying in the breeze and crystal clear, turquoise lagoons that surround the shoreline.
Our 12 days aboard seemed to go slowly as we adjusted to the ocean swells and the tempo of life at sea. It brought back memories when Suzy and I cruised full time on our Wauquiez 45, Suzy Q, in the Med and Caribbean. The *Paul Gauguin* was, of course, a much, much larger ship and I no longer had the responsibilities of the Captain, assuring the safety of my crew and ship, watching the weather and navigating through the reefs. Instead I am a passenger, and a well pampered passenger at that, enjoying the ride. But there is something about being at sea, no matter what size the ship, that we both enjoy and keeps calling us back.

The fun part was discovering the islands and we
explored first by land, most islands are just a short drive
around the perimeter, and by sea, snorkeling in the azure
lagoon waters seeing multi-colored reef fish and beauti-
ful coral and swimming with back tip sharks and rays.

Now back at home, I sailed in both One Design
and SCORE races enjoying being on the water again,
this time on our own Monterey Bay, some 4000 nauti-
cal miles from these islands. To the islands of French
Polynesia, I say Nana (Nah-Nah) or Goodbye and I hope
to return again someday.

Joe Altmann
Vice Commodore
Upcoming SCYC Events Calendar

Pumpkin Carving
    October 29

New Member Meet & Greet
    November 4

AGM
    November 5

Regatta Appreciation Dinner
    November 11

Santana 22 Team Racing
    November 11

Music and Appetizers
    November 12

Midwinters #1
    November 18

Potluck / Thanksgiving Theme
    November 19

Club Closed
    November 23, 24 & 26

Crab Feed
    November 25

The Social Committee was very busy planning the first SCYC Pumpkin Carving Contest which is Sunday, Oct. 29th starting at 3:30pm. The top five carving winners will be taking home the following prizes: Yeti Hopper Two 30 Cooler, Boye Sheepfoot Folding Knife, Apple Airpods, SolJam Solar-Powered Bluetooth Speakers, and a Georis Winery 3-Pack. Come out and carve your pumpkin and enjoy the afternoon! Carving contest begins at 4pm with 2 hours of carving time. For more information or any questions as well as a full list of rules please email: ashleybasanese@gmail.com

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November 4th, De Schuyler and the membership committee, will be hosting a new member meet and greet with a chocolate fondue spread provided by Fresh Prep. This is a great way to get to know SCYC’s newest members.

The following day, Sunday Nov. 5th, the SCYC Board of Directors and Fresh Prep will be hosting the Annual General Meeting starting at 4pm. This is a great opportunity to hear about what has happened in our club over the year as well as vote on your upcoming board members.

Be sure to save the date for the annual Thanksgiving Potluck on November 19th. Paul Basanese is already testing recipes for this year’s turkey as well as making his famous desert. Come out and join us at 5:30. Bring a dish to share.

As always the Social Committee would love to hear your feedback. Please feel free to email ashleybasanese@gmail.com

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of Scott Walecka, Joe Altmann, Ric Diola, De Schuyler, Skip Ely and chairman Lou Pambianco assessed the financial health of our club and concluded that the club has managed budgets well since the extensive remodel was completed and the mortgage loan was secured. This has allowed the Board to fund the reserve mortgage fund annually with the intent to pay down the existing mortgage when the balloon payment is due in 2023.

After reviewing the benefits of paying down the mortgage loan earlier, the committee recommended to the SCYC Board that a principal payment of $200,000.00 plus a $2000.00 prepayment penalty be made in November 2017. The Board approved the recommendation. Funds for the pay down will come from money that has been reserved from the mortgage loan for emergency purposes and money that has been accumulating in the mortgage reserve fund. This will result in interest savings over the remaining life of the loan. The club will maintain a $100,000.00 line of credit.

The Finance Committee further recommended that the Board continue to fund the reserve mortgage fund annually. The Board approved the recommendation. If the club continues to manage the budget with discipline, it is projected that there will be sufficient funds in the reserve mortgage fund to pay off the mortgage in 2023.

Congratulations are due to the members of SCYC for the efforts that you put in to make our mem-
ber owned club the success that it is. Because of your efforts, we continue to attract new members each year, and our Corinthian membership continues to grow as well. The new member initiation fees and member dues are budgeted each year to pay for the services the club provides. Well done, club members!

Lou Pambianco
Chairman Finance Committee

**Annual General Membership Meeting**

November 5th at 4:00pm

The bar will be open before and after the meeting with appetizers to follow

We always need a quorum so please join us!

There will be a brief “State of the Club” and then vote for your 2018 Slate of Officers

Joe Altmann                        Commodore
Ashley Basanese               Vice Commodore
Jason Lauer                              Rear Commodore
Secretary                                     Tom Postlewaite
Treasurer                                          Scott Walecka
Director                                               Homer Lighthall
Director                                                   John Buchanan

**Membership Report**

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Adaptive sailing and SCYC member, **John Fraser**, out on the Monterey Bay
Regatta Report

The strong winds we generally had this year have finally tapered off and the Fall One Design and SCORE series’ have wrapped up for the season. In Fall SCORE it was Buona Sera, Astra and Animal taking the top spots in A Fleet, and in B Fleet it was Rio, Mistress Quickly and Kemosabe.

In Fall One Design it was Sumo, Rio, and Mistress Quickly in the SC27 division and in the Santana 22’s it was Hot Tuna, Odonata, and Shanman. Thanks to all the participants and RC who were out on the race course this fall.

SCYC’s Mike Holt also made us proud this month when he won his third 505 World Championship along with crew Carl Smit. Mike dominated the 87 boat fleet and difficult conditions with such skill that he was able to skip the last race on the sixth day of racing. Congratulations on this amazing achievement.

Registration for the 2017-18 Midwinter season is now open. Let’s get a great turn out for that series.

The club Race Committee team is winding down 2017 duties and beginning plans for 2018.

For 2017 we stayed pretty close to budget and turn
out for this year’s regatta was generally good to slightly down for the year. A lot more sailors were involved in getting our A Fleet boats around courses in Santa Cruz and up and down the West Coast and to Hawaii. The Jack and Jill was the exception where we had one of our largest turn outs for the year with 28 double handed and family division boats making it out for a great day on the water.

For 2018 the centerpiece of the planning and scheduling will be the return of Made in Santa Cruz Regatta tentatively set for the last two weekends in May. The plan we are working with is to host the SC27 and Moore 24 Nationals over Memorial Day weekend, and to have the rest of the MiSC boats race the weekend before. We are hoping to get a lot of participation from local boats, boats from around the bay, and all up and down the west coast. The current schedule would allow SoCal boats on their way to SF for the start of the Spinnaker Cup and California Offshore Race Week to stop off for some racing in Santa Cruz one week before Spinnaker Cup. The Made in Santa Cruz Regatta will fall on what traditionally would be One Design and SCORE weekends so we are attempting to figure out plans and options for those races. If you have input on that talk to your fleet captain or PRO with suggestions or ideas.

We will also celebrate the clubs’ 90th Anniversary on April 14th with the running of the traditional Commodore’s Regatta and post race celebration. Start making plans for those two regattas and all your racing plans for next year!

Chris Hofmann
Regatta Chairperson

Eddie Marez shown with Angela Madden and Chris Deaver after accepting the Fall SCORE trophy