



TIDES AND CURRENTS
March 2025 Newsletter



Set Sail into Spring: New Adventures Await



COMMODORE'S CORNER

March Winds and Springtime Beginnings "In like a lion, out like a lamb?" March is certainly living up to its reputation, with several sail cancellations due to unpredictable weather. But as we look ahead, the promise of spring brings fresh opportunities. I, for one, am ready for calmer seas—I just signed up for four sails in April! Spring is a season of renewal, and with it comes the excitement of our Opening Day festivities on April 24. This annual tradition marks the beginning of new adventures on the water, filled with fresh breezes, new discoveries, and plenty of camaraderie.

Spring also welcomes new members to OSC—potential Mates and Skippers who will help ensure our club's future. Each of us plays a role in fostering growth, so let's take the opportunity to engage others in conversations about all that OSC has to offer. Your enthusiasm and personal experiences are the best way to inspire new sailors to join our community. Let's set sail into the season ahead full of possibilities, new friendships, and great days on the water!

Let the wind fill your sails—every day!

—SKIPPER GREG

ST PATRICKS CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER!

The Village Inn provided the perfect setting. Adding to the excitement, our raffle featured two bottles of Bailey's and a box of Godiva chocolates, which were won by **Kat Batey**, **Maxine Morisaki**, and **Laura DeSoto**—congratulations! A heartfelt thank you to **Susan Paul** and **Michele Phillips** for their generous contributions. We can't wait to do it all again next year. Until then.... May the luck of the Irish be with you!

ON THE WATER

BYC 66 Series Race #1 - March 8th: OASIS boats competed in this early spring race. Congratulations to Skipper **Don Gordon**, Mate Candidate **Jesus Morales**, and crew members **Robert Wilson**, **Matt Humphreys**, **Linda Keirnan**, **Woody White**, and **Mark Fulgenzi** for the win over Oasis V. One crew member credited the successful day to crew communications as this group has been practicing together on Wednesday's. So proud of both boats Skippers and crews.

RACING LITE SCHEDULE

- Match Race Practices: April 5th and April 16th
- Gennaker Practice: April 9th
- BYC 66 Series Race #2: April 19th
 - OASIS 5: Skippers **Annette Parsons** & **Gerrit LeGrand**
 - OASIS 6: Skipper **Don Gordon**



OSC & WSA MEMBERS EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF SAILGP LA

More than a dozen members of the OASIS Sailing Club, joined by members of the Women's Sailing Association of Orange County, gathered on March 15-16 to witness the electrifying SailGP LA event. This premier international sailing competition showcases high-performance F50 foiling catamarans, capable of reaching speeds up to three times the wind speed—an astonishing 60 knots at peak performance.

Attendees on Saturday were treated to an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour before the race. Club member **Cynthia Priddy** raved about the experience, saying, "The Tech Tour with Tom was amazing—everyone absolutely loved it!" The races themselves were nothing short of exhilarating, filled with daring maneuvers, intense competition, and high-stakes drama. After two days of thrilling matchups, Northstar Canada secured their first win of the 2025 season, edging out Australia and New Zealand in a dramatic winner-takes-all final.

Relive the action at: [SailGP.com](https://www.sailgp.com)



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Wishing Skipper John Santo Fair Winds and Following Seas



SKIPPER JOHN HEADS TO SOUTH COUNTY

Our legendary Skipper, **John Santo**, and his wonderful first mate, Maureen, have set sail from Newport Beach to the storied shores of San Juan Capistrano. A city famed for its historic mission and the annual return of the cliff swallows—now home to two more truly remarkable residents.

John, your years of dedication, skill, and camaraderie have left an indelible mark on our club. From your steady hand at the helm to your infectious passion for sailing, we are all better sailors (and better friends) because of you. While we can never thank you enough, we send you off with our deepest gratitude and best wishes for smooth sailing ahead. You'll always have a place in our hearts—and a spot on deck whenever the winds call you back!



INAUGURAL SKIPPER SAILS IN MARCH

When it comes to assembling a dream team, New Skipper **Kathy Panzl** nailed it for her maiden voyage! With two seasoned Skippers, two expert Mates, a Transpac race veteran, and a top-notch marine life spotter, the boat was brimming with talent. The only thing missing? The wind! But a little calm water never dampens a great crew's spirit.

New Skipper **Andy McVay** made a smooth debut on the water, picking up a sail from a fellow Skipper for his very first outing. With good winds and an upbeat, festive atmosphere, Andy had the crew tacking all the way back up the harbor, showcasing both skill and enthusiasm. A big shout-out to Andy for making such a solid call – we're looking forward to many more adventures on the water!

APPAREL CORNER

SPRING SALE: Check out new additions in our line sheet and come to the **MARCH MEMBER MEETING FOR 10% OFF** any in-stock item, to support a well-dressed Oasis Sailing Club Membership for Opening Day. Check out the updated [product line sheet here](#).



Looking forward to Spring Sailing, **Nancy LeGrand**

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Welcome aboard **Lora Cross** and **Andre Lopez**. New members can learn more about our club by visiting our website at www.oasissailingclub.org. Also, be sure to pick up your OSC Name Badge and free OSC logo hat. We are actively looking to add new club members so let your friends, neighbors and colleagues know about our great club. They can contact **Dorothy Ables** to learn more at oscmembership@oasissailingclub.org or (949) 400-6177.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH	EVENT
3/26/25	ALL MEMBER MEETING WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, STEPHEN GRAEBER: 1:30 – 3:00pm OASIS Senior Center. Stephen will be sharing highlights from a recent trip to Africa. Come see his amazing photos and hear about his adventures.
	FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR SKIPPER JOHN SANTO. Join us immediately following the member meeting at El Cholo. RSVP to Newport633@gmail.com .
4/24/25	OSC OPENING DAY AND OPEN HOUSE: 10:30am – 2:30pm Balboa Yacht Basin. 10:30am Registration, 11:00am Ceremony, 12:00pm Lunch and Dock Party. All members, previous members, and guests are welcome. Music, free food, and lots of fun. RSVP to Newport633@gmail.com .

