

November meeting Recap

Held at the Victoria Pub, November 11, 2025

Wild Turkey Classic Plastic

Discussion was held about our upcoming Wild Turkey Classic Plastic race on November 29. Registration is on Regatta Network <https://www.regattanetwork.com/html/calendar.php>. You must register before midnight November 26! No last minute entries. Entry fees are refundable via regatta network.

You'll notice in the SIs that we've built several courses to hopefully match a wide range of wind conditions. And we've included the provision to start and finish either at Mandalay Buoy or CI Harbor. We'll see what the turnout from Ventura sailors is and possibly move the start/ finish down to CI based on that. Course announcement will be made on the Friday before the race via email. We have a committee boat! John Gray aboard his Sea Ray 49 "Moby Dill" (he's a retired pickle magnate) has graciously offered to start and finish us. Thank you, John!

Awards for the overall Classic Plastic spinnaker class, non-spinnaker class, open class (newer than 2005), and ORCA class will be given, as well as first place for the classics per decade. This will all be happening at AYC directly following the racing. The bar will be open and Chuck will be serving up his infamous chili. Skippers are free and crew is \$5 a head.

Sail a thon

Sail a thon was a huge success. Roughly 20 water-craft from outrigger canoes to large sailboats sailed around a triangular course in the Pierpont Bay to raise money for Caregivers, a volunteer organization that assists the elderly with everyday activities in their homes. Bill Matson singlehanded his catamaran, Cats Pajamas. I think he sailed the most laps of anyone. Ryk and Larry were aboard Velero and put in a good showing in the light air, as did Ron on She-said-No. Wai'lani made the trek up from CI harbor to enjoy a day of sailing. The coveted "Ugly Fish Award" (for most entries from one club) went to PBYC this year. I didn't see the statistics but they couldn't have beaten VSC by more than a boat or two. Maybe next year! The "Cash Me if You Can" award (most donations pledged) went to Akua Kai in partnership with Bob Shirley. Bob has won this repeatedly due to his loyal supporters that donate each year. Alicia and I garnered a few generous donations among our friends but the best part was when we were asked by Caregivers to have a few of their loyal benefactors aboard, and it was discovered they had already donated to other boats, we were able to generate a few more donations so they could stay aboard. It was a nice day on the water and I thank my crew of Layne, CeCe and Lynda who helped us sail in lots of traffic with a good number of passengers aboard.

Racing Scene

Things are winding down for the year. PBYC and AYC wrapped up their 2 Harbors Series. This was 3 days of racing in fairly light wind conditions. VSC was well represented in all 3 classes with Wai'lani, She Said No, and Akua Kai sailing all three races. She Said No and Akua Kai won their divisions. Jane announced the Association of Santa Barbara Channel Yacht Clubs google calendar is finalized for 2026. Thank you, Jane, for your efforts to organize not just our sailing but the whole channel's. <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/month/2025/11/1>

John Hoffman announced an event on Friday November 21 at Crowne Plaza to celebrate the whales in our Santa Barbara Channel. See attached flyer. Speaking of whales, Marisela delivered the monthly Island/Channel Report. Many Humpbacks hanging out in the channel and the Grays should be heading south anytime. In state government, there is a bill to phase out gill netting in Southern California. Check out the article at <https://www.independent.com/2025/10/30/gillnets-get-death-knell-around-channel-islands/?amp=1>. Anybody remember when abalone were everywhere around the Channel Islands?

No pub quiz this meeting as all were enjoying the lively conversation so much.

Next meeting is December 9.