

# South Bay Cruising Club

Minutes of the General Meeting  
April 27, 2026  
East Islip Library,

**Officers Present:** Stephanie Pizer: Commodore  
Duncan Burns: Vice Commodore  
Joe Werkmeister: Rear Commodore  
Christine Smith: Recording Secretary

**Officers Absent:** Rich Troy: Treasurer

**Governors Present:** Rich LaBella                      Jeff Mattera                      Charlie Margeson      Scott Gesele  
Jeff Frederick                      John Davis                      Joyce Gotard

**Governors Absent:** N/A

## **Committee Chairpersons Present:**

Duncan Burns - Fleet Chaplain	Jerry Holwell - Historian
Wendy Gesele - Program	Charlie Margeson - Regatta Captain
Farley Nachemin - Hospitality	Glen Bernichon - Storekeeper
Sandy Carlberg & Michele Jaeger - Welcoming	Rob Gutmann - GSBYRA
Jay Pizer - Yearbook	Janice Bernichon – Mailing
Jeff Frederick - Corresponding Secretary	Rich Mourino - Webmaster

**Committee Chairpersons Absent:** Ed Anderson - Fleet Captain  
Pam McCarthy – Membership  
Beth Anderson- Fleet Surgeon  
Jeremy Wiss - Legal Chair

- 1. Commencement of the Meeting:** A quorum (15% = 5 members of the 28 Board seats) being present, Commodore Stephanie Pizer commenced the meeting at 7:30
- 2. Approval of the Minutes as presented by the Recording Secretary:**
  - Motion to dispense reading of March minutes made, seconded and approved.
  - Motion to adopt March minutes made, seconded and approved.
- 3. Report of the Treasurer:** Rich Troy: (See Appendix)
- 4. Report of the Fleet Captain:** Ed Anderson: (See Appendix for RV Schedule)

I have attached the most up to date RV schedule for 2026. I have also forwarded this to Rich Mourino to post on the website. I/we will be able to make any necessary changes as the season progresses.

- Although we have RV hosts set up for the season, we are inevitably thrown a curve ball. Unfortunately, Joe Werkmeister had an accident and will be out of commission for the foreseeable future. He had signed up to host two RVs For the one on June 6, Georgi and Paul Sandgren have agreed to fill in. I spoke to Joe and we will leave his Oktoberfest RV on 10/3 as is. God willing, he will be back in action by then.
- I have applied for a permit to use the picnic area in Bellport for our annual "New Member" RV. When I receive that permit, I will forward it to Sandy Carlberg and Michelle Jaeger.

- I have also been in touch with Atlantique and requested resident rates for the following dates;
- Sat, 5/16-Spring Family Weekend
- Wed, 8/19 and Thurs 8/20-One Week Cruise
- Sat, 10/10-Discover's Race and Fall Family Weekend
- In order for SBCC members to get the resident docking rate, two things must be done;
  - 1) Fill in "TOIResident26" as a Coupon Code, and
  - 2)In the special request section, fill in South Bay Cruising Club

This should provide members with the resident docking rate and they will attempt to keep us together as best they can.

**5. Report of the Regatta Captain: Charlie Margeson:**

There was a pre-season meeting on 4/14,  
 5/5/26 there will be a handicap meeting,  
 5/11 Skipper's meeting  
 5/16 1<sup>st</sup> race  
 5/26 BSIR Race which officially starts the season

**6. Report of the Membership Committee: Pam McCarthy: (See Appendix)**

**7. Report of the Fleet Chaplain: Duncan Burns: No Report**

**8. Report of the Program Committee: Wendy Gesele: Scott Gesele prepare a PowerPoint presentation and it's on the website**

**9. Report of the Hospitality Committee: Farley Nachemin**

- Our first party of the season is done. The Spring Party was held on Sunday April 12th at the Bay Shore Yacht Club. We had 70+ attendees for our first celebration of 2026.
- THANK YOU new members Diane and Chuck Ulrich who did a great job hosting their first party!
- Brian Campbell, Commodore of BSYC and his wife Stephanie joined us as guests of SBCC Commodore Stephanie Pizer
- We kept the recommended donation for the Spring Party the same as 2025.
- Raffles and 50/50 brought in \$410 in additional income.
- Thank you Wendy for the cozy wraps!
- Between attendees and other income and after submitted receipts, we are about \$1600 in "the black" for the Spring Party.
- Next Up is Commissioning Day on May 31. Christine and Rob Smith are the hosts.
- I will send information to Jay this week to get the invitation out to the membership

Susan and Farley are meeting tomorrow, April 28 to take inventory of supplies to make sure we are ready.

**10. Report of the Fleet Surgeon: Beth Anderson - No Report**

**11. Report of the Corresponding Secretary: Jeff Frederick: Masthead - I'll get back on track to sending out on regular schedule. We need a new platform to create the Masthead. Maybe Indesign.**

**12. Report of the Yearbook Committee: Jay Pizer: Almost all yearbooks have been distributed. All yearbooks will be distrusted by commissioning day.**

**13. Report of the Historian: Jerry Holwell: Reviewing some of the early yearbooks for Masthead content.**

**14. Report of the Store Keeper: Glen Bernichon: No report**

**15. Report of the Legal Chair: Jeremy Wiss: No report**

**16. Report of the GSBYRA Representative:** Rob Gutmann: As discussed adopted changes to yacht clubs as there is a \$350.00 annual membership fee. There will be a \$50.00 fee for sailors to participate in Regatta. There is a spring dinner on 5/15 to support the grant program for young sailors.

**17. Report of the Mailing Committee:** Janice Bernichon: Mailed 40 packages with yearbooks, all should have been received by now.

**18. Report of the Welcoming Committee:** Sandy Carlberg & Michele Jaeger: The Commodore is doing a great job with the new members luncheons.

**19. Report of the Webmaster:** Rich Mourino – See Appendices

**20. Report of the Shantyman:** No report

**21. Governor's Reports:**

John Davis: No report

Jeff Frederick: No report

Joyce Gotard: No report

Rich LaBella: NO report

Charlie Margeson: No report

Jeff Mattera: No report

Scott Gesele: No report

**21. Report of the Rear Commodore:** Joe Werkmeister: No report

**22. Report of Vice Commodore:** Duncan Burns: No report

**23. Report of the Commodore:** Stephanie Pizer: There was a lunch yesterday (Commodore's Luncheon) with new members, it's the last one of the season until the fall – if we have new members.

**24. Other Business/ New Business:**

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** There was a motion to upgrade the software, which was unanimously approved.

The racing system/program needs to be upgraded. The system we used is no longer updated or supported. We are looking into new apps that will support our needs for keeping track of boats for racing.

**25. Adjournment:** There being no further business before the general membership, Commodore Stephanie Pizer adjourned the meeting at 8:34.

# Appendices

## 3. Treasurer's Report:

An important annual item was completed: Our annual IRS 990-N was filed. There are no payments due with our IRS 990-N. This filing is required to retain our non-profit status, because we do not file income taxes and our annual revenues are below the \$50,000 IRS threshold. If we do not file our IRS 990 for 3 years in a row, our non-profit status is automatically revoked and we would need to re-apply with penalties to qualify again.

A minor item was resolved: An incremental payment of \$10 was sent to US Sailing because they raised their membership by \$10 from \$250 to \$260, but our payment of \$250 had previously been sent.

The major financial expenses (\$200+) in this reporting period include:

- Payment to NY State for annual sales tax filing (as a non-profit: we don't file for income tax, but we do file to pay for sales taxes calculated on our Membership Dues received but reduced by the pass-through member payments of \$7 each made out to GSBYRA)
- Payment to the GSBYRA for both our annual club membership of \$200 and the sum of our prior 12 months of member donations of \$7 each
- Payment to the US Post Office to renew our P.O.Box 365 in Babyon; now costs \$258.
- Payment to Eric Winberry for renewal of the SBCC racing website.

=== (Repeated in every Report) As usual:

The "Excess Reserves" are funds taken from savings, as previously agreed by approval from the Board. That amount slowly decreases each year as the total funds in savings approaches one year of planned budget expenses. If each line item in the budget is spent as planned, then the Excess Reserves will help balance the overall budgeted expenses.

This report was generated after receipt of our prior monthly financial statements from our accounts at Stripe.com (for online credit card payments), Zettle/PayPal (for in-person credit card payments) and the FourLeaf Federal Credit Union (formerly BFCU or Bethpage Federal Credit Union for checking/savings). The amounts in this report are fully reconciled with those bank statements.

The income totals reported by Membership will differ from the amounts reported here because this report shows:

1. the 'net income' from membership payments, reduced by our member's GSBYRA payments, sales tax and Storekeeper items given to new Members, along with
2. what was received and deposited by the end of the month being reported.

Membership payments for the 2026 membership year are counted when received from 10/1/2025 to 9/30/2026.

The attached pages include the Revenue/Expense/Budget Statement and Balance Sheet.

SBCC Revenue/Expense/Budget Statement	as of 3/31/2026 for March 2026			Green shows Revenues over budget or Expenses not yet spent Red shows Revenues not yet received or Expenses overspent		
	This Period	Start to Date	2026 Budget	Variance	% Variance	Comments or Latest Changes
<b>Revenues: (negative variance shows Revenue not yet received)</b>						
Membership Dues for 2026, net after sales tax	785.36	16,508.79	19,041.62	(2,532.83)	-13.3%	Received 10/1/2025 - 9/30/2026; reduced by sales tax
Interest Income	3.45	15.33	76.00	(60.67)	-79.8%	
Storekeeper Income	38.00	38.00	1,467.00	(1,429.00)	-97.4%	includes sales + credits for new full/regular members
<b>Total Revenues for 2026:</b>	<b>826.81</b>	<b>16,562.12</b>	<b>20,584.62</b>	<b>(4,022.50)</b>	<b>-19.5%</b>	Positive Variance Amount means actual revenue is > budget plan
<b>Expenses: (negative variance shows budget funds not yet spent)</b>						
"Excess Reserves"	-	-	(2,571.67)	2,571.67	-100.0%	"Excess Reserves" are shown as a negative value to favorably impact overall budget
BSYC Trailer Storage	-	-	544.00	(544.00)	-100.0%	
Commodore Discretion	-	159.90	500.00	(340.10)	-68.0%	
Fleet: Cruising Awards & Trophies for last year events	-	180.00	150.00	30.00	20.0%	
Fleet: Cruising Awards & Trophies for this year events	-	-	1,450.00	(1,450.00)	-100.0%	
Fleet: Cruising misc	-	-	300.00	(300.00)	-100.0%	
Fleet: Yachting Club of America, Club Membership	-	550.00	550.00	-	0.0%	
Hospitality	(595.03)	(552.09)	2,400.00	(2,952.09)	-123.0%	
Insurance	-	-	6,367.68	(6,367.68)	-100.0%	
Postage, Printing and Supplies	258.00	269.95	704.00	(434.05)	-61.7%	
Program	-	-	250.00	(250.00)	-100.0%	
Program: Change of Watch	-	476.27	650.00	(173.73)	-26.7%	
Regatta: GSBYRA Club Membership	-	-	200.00	(200.00)	-100.0%	
Regatta: Racing Awards & Trophies for last year events	-	677.82	800.00	(122.18)	-15.3%	
Regatta: Racing Awards & Trophies for this year events	-	30.28	600.00	(569.72)	-95.0%	
Regatta: Racing misc	-	-	600.00	(600.00)	-100.0%	
Regatta: Racing website SBCCRACING	276.00	276.00	278.00	(2.00)	-0.7%	
Regatta: US Sailing, Club Membership + PHRF	10.00	10.00	260.00	(250.00)	-96.2%	membership fee increased by \$10 to \$260 for 2026
Storekeeper Expenses	-	-	1,390.00	(1,390.00)	-100.0%	
Treasurer: Bank Charges & Expenses	-	-	30.00	(30.00)	-100.0%	
Web Page, Technology	-	157.21	604.00	(446.79)	-74.0%	
Yearbook	-	-	4,538.00	(4,538.00)	-100.0%	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>(51.03)</b>	<b>2,235.34</b>	<b>20,594.01</b>	<b>(18,358.67)</b>	<b>-89.1%</b>	
<b>Total of Revenue minus Expenses:</b>	<b>877.84</b>	<b>14,326.78</b>	<b>(9.39)</b>	<b>14,336.17</b>	<b>69.6%</b>	Positive values on this line show the total of Expenses not yet spent ↑ when negative, budget is estimated to overspent by this amount this year, including "Excess Reserves"
<b>Other Items, not included in budget: ("Pass through" items, accumulated when received, paid annually)</b>						
Liability: Regatta GSBYRA donations (optional \$7 pp)	(21.00)	(28.00)				accumulated from member payments of \$7 ea. Plus any additional contributions
Liability: Sales Tax set aside from Membership Dues	(159.94)	(197.15)				accumulated as member payments are received at 8.625% for NY State sales tax
PAID: Regatta GSBYRA donations (optional \$7 pp)		354.00				Last paid to GSBYRA in April 2025
PAID: Sales Tax set aside from Membership Dues		1,559.52				Last paid to NYS in March 2025

SBCC Balance Sheet		as of 3/31/2026 for March 2026	
<b>Current Liquid Assets</b>		<b>Amounts</b>	
FourLeaf/BFCU Checking Account	1,956.55		This account pays about 4x the interest rate compared to "savings"
FourLeaf/BFCU Money Market	40,224.16		This account pays about 10x the interest rate compared to "savings"
FourLeaf/BFCU Savings Account	5.04		This account pays very little interest, so the balance is kept low
PayPal Account	-		
Stripe Account	199.44		Stripe transfers funds daily; this end of month balance is usually zero next day
Zettle Account	-		
<b>Total Current Liquid Assets</b>	<b>42,385.19</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
GSBYRA Payable/Donations	(28.00)		
Sales Tax Payable	(197.15)		
Other Accrued Expenses	-		
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(225.15)</b>		
<b>Total Liquid Assets Reduced by Total Liabilities</b>	<b>42,160.04</b>		This is our "Net Worth"
<b>Non-Liquid Assets (not assigned a cash value)</b>	Not included in these reports: Other assets such as the sound system, trailer, the hardware used by Regatta/Racing, the hardware used by Hospitality, and the Storekeeper inventory		

## 6. Membership Report:

- I am enclosing several membership reports before our Board Meeting this Monday April 27th. We are 98% paid for our 2026 dues.
- There are still 3 members that remain **UNPAID** and are now listed as **NGS** (Not in Good Standing). These members have been constantly contacted and have promised to pay. On June 1st, if not paid, all emails to them for any club info will stop.
- We have added several new members to our club as well. Many of them have attended the events and its good to see them participating.
- We have also had several members resign due to various reasons. I always tell them the door is always open to SBCC if they decide to rejoin.

Year	Reg	Sen	Hon	Assoc	Jr	Total	Paid	UnPaid	New	Resign	Deceased	NGS	Coll.	Gsbyra
2026	75	53	18	14	0	160	157	3	4	9	2	3	20280.00	537.00
2025	77	57	17	15	0	166	166	0	10	7	2	1	18325.00	571.00
2024	80	54	18	13	0	165	165	0	10	13	4	2	18130.00	522.00
2023	88	53	18	13	0	172	172	0	24	9	4	0	19820.00	576.00
2022	78	50	18	9	1	156	156	0	5	9	3	4	17440.00	543.00
2021	88	46	18	11	1	164	164	0	9	9	3	2	18475.00	517.00

New Member Name	Membership_Type	Date_Joined	Member Email
Chris Dennerlein & Helene Turner	REGULAR	2026-03-31	jcdenn1959@gmail.com
Greg Schneller	REGULAR	2026-01-01	mirage536@msn.com
Norman & Judith Berhannan	ASSOCIATE	2025-11-25	normashley@aol.com
Brian Scott	REGULAR	2025-11-04	bscott920@gmail.com

Deceased	Last_name	Deceased_Date
Joel	Becker	2026-04-02
Marilyn	Brous	2025-12-27

Resigned Member Name	Date_Resigned	Year Joined	Member Type
Andrew Aguirre	2026-02-24	2023	REGULAR
Michael & Korin Yovino	2026-02-19	2023	ASSOCIATE
Jarrett & Allison Fifield	2026-02-02	2005	REGULAR
Lenny Feldman	2026-01-30	2014	REGULAR
Brad & Victoria Baldwin	2026-01-29	2013	REGULAR
Douglas & Barbara Davies	2026-01-17	1980	SENIOR
DJ & Joe Greco	2026-01-03	2008	SENIOR
Martin & Brenda Kelly	2025-11-08	2022	ASSOCIATE

Not_In_Good_Standi ng	First_Name	Membershi p	Year_Join ed	homepho ne	Cellphone	Sponsor_1	Sponsor _2
Aiossa	Mark & Vanessa	REGULAR	2015		516-369-5181	Reichel, James & Allison	
Sidebottom	Martha Jean	REGULAR	2020		631-774-3548	Everitt, Eric & Bayley	
Soloff	Susan	SENIOR	2008		516-849-9557		

## 19. WEBMASTER Report

I am concerned about our newsletter software and want to bring this up to the board. Everything is working with minor errors now and then which is normal for software on a shared host.

My concerns are :

- I have not received any updates from our newsletter vendor for over 3 years. In the past I would get an update at least every 9 months to one year.
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- I have been unable to contact him (one person vendor) for several months. His bug reporting site has been very quiet since November 2025 with the last issue reported that has not been even opened since that time. The language used by the software is called Perl and is very modular and when one moves from one server to another ( due to a dying server) the modules may not be the same and one has to research to find the correct module for this software. I like what it does but not happy about the need to research for modules when things go wrong.
- I found his Facebook page and he seems to be very interested in hiking in Colorado on trips that take a month or two. He also has a new interest in some organization in that area. We purchased this software for \$300 over 5 years ago. There is no annual fee.

So in the meantime I found a very similar package that is supported and been around for 10 years that does similar things and is not expensive \$90 / year. It runs under our Website software Word Press as a Plugin just like our purchase software does, so it is in one place. It uses a normal program language of PHP and is supported by the vendor by email.

So I have been testing to see the differences. So its just a backup plan.

I needed to prove that email sent by this new system to our club titles do go to the individual address like the current one does. So far the major difference is that each LIST has its own email sending address so instead of sbcc.email as always being the sender it will be different for each list. I may be able to keep the sending address the same for each of the LIST to keep the impact to a bare minimum. Board, Hospitality\_team and Regatta\_team do have a different sender address on our current system and I can use them to keep the impact maybe to zero.

The Membership system has an interface to our current newsletter system so I will have to modify that system to do a similar function or at least be close for new members and when they change their email addresses.

I can have both running and can only change the Board list so we can test out the functions and see if it is acceptable. There is no time limit as we should either discuss what is the best approach. If you rather stay as we are, I can disable the newer software and keep it around until its needed. We are paying for a smaller license with a limit of 100 users per list at \$40/year but if we need to migrate it will be the \$90/year 1000 users per list. Membership has 255 users.

Other companies (very few) allow one to send their emails to a central email address and then they are sent out. Most require one to go to their site to compose an email newsletter and they cost a lot more per month.

**END OF REPORT**