

Race Committee Launches into 2022

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The StFYC Race Committee launched into the 2022 racing season with several preseason events, including markset boat training and the Race Committee Kickoff Party. Each of these events was well attended and reflective of the spirit of volunteering.

Gerard Sheridan, Linda Ratterman, and Larry Zarembinski.

The 2022 Race Committee Kickoff held on February 12 was attended by 60 member and non-member volunteers. The kickoff event was coordinated by Bill

VanDervoort and Linda Ratterman in cooperation with the Executive Race Committee, Sailing Directors and club management. R/C Beau Vrolyk and Thom Maswell, Deputy Chair of the Executive Race Committee, opened the event with information and updates to the 2022 racing season. Tony Chargin discussed preparation, etiquette, fun, and safety on the race course, followed by S/C Ken Glidewell who remarked on the Rolex Big Boat Series and 2022 regatta highlights.

Afternoon session topics featured knots and line handling, race flags, GPS basics, recording, markset boat setup, and radio communications. Lance Berc gave a delightful presentation on the winds and currents that affect racers the Bay. A PRO panel discussion moderated by Jay Dean that featured PROs Tony Chargin, Michael Moradzadeh and Don Wieneke describing how they would handle issues on the race course.

StFYC members are encouraged to take advantage of future Race Committee training opportunities and events. Both member and non-member volunteers are welcome to join in on the Race Committee fun. See you on the water! 🇺🇸



Three markset training sessions on January 22, 29 and February 5 were spearheaded by Bill VanDervoort, Chair of the Race Committee Skills Development and Outreach Subcommittee, in cooperation with Sailing Directors Adam Corpuz-Lahne and Grace Carrick and club management. The all-day training included sessions featuring knots and line handling, markset flags, markset boat setup and markset operations. Twenty-five member and nonmember volunteers are now ready to employ their skills on the race course.

Special thanks go out to the experienced instructors who graciously volunteered their time: Bjorn Antell, Wood Banthin, Lance Berc, Dave Corbin, Tony Chargin, Mitch Cihomsky, Jay Dean, Christine Ghia, S/C Paul Heineken, Alan Laflin, Peggy Lidster, Mike Mahoney, Denis Marriott, Tim McCormick, Maggie Neff,



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