



St. Francis Yacht Club

RACE COMMITTEE REPORT



November 2021

Let's celebrate a great racing season!

Hello Race Committee volunteers!

Seven months ago, we were contemplating a restart of the St Francis Yacht Club racing program, after a year and a month without racing (you all know why). A full calendar of events was planned, but was the Race Committee team up to the challenge? Had our skills atrophied, enthusiasm faded, and team dispersed, after a year of quarantine?

Here we are at the end of the busy schedule, and the 2021 racing season has been a smashing success. You RC volunteers can claim much of the credit. Together we worked hard, learned a lot, and helped each other become, once again, a championship-caliber team.



Sign-up for the Race Committee Appreciation Party!

Bravo all! Now is the time to celebrate a great achievement, dine with RC friends, and raise a toast to a season of successes. The Race Committee Appreciation Party is upcoming, on **November 19th**. We will share a meal – no sandwich with chips & apple this evening – and talk about the great year behind us and the better year upcoming.

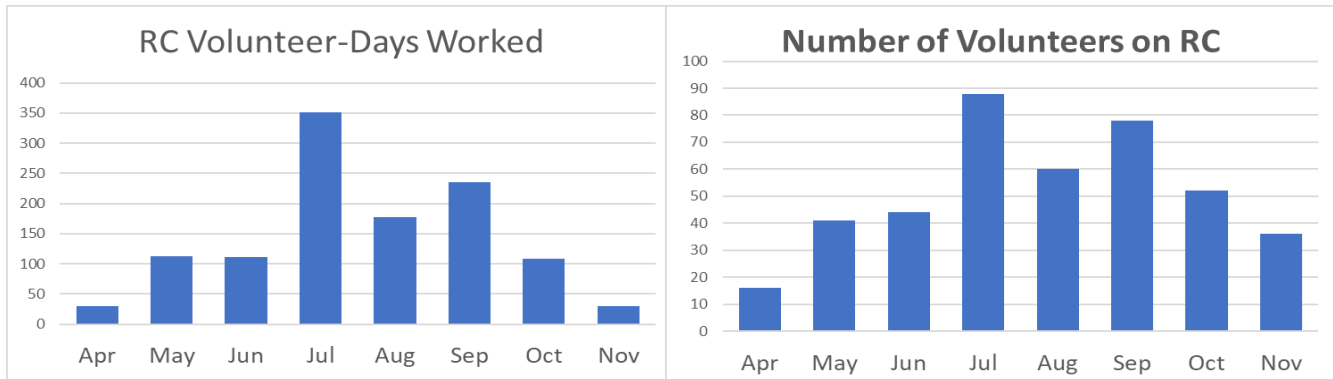
[Register your RSVP on Cervis](#) – That's important!

THE 2021 RACE SEASON BY THE NUMBERS

Despite the late start to the season, 2021 was a very full season that placed a heavy demand on the race committee. Counting the on-going November events, **158 people** on the Race Committee team **volunteered over 1,000 volunteer/days** of service. We were on-site **96 days**, supporting **26 different regattas** or race series.

This season we started and recorded **658 races!** Can you guess which regatta had the most races? (*Hint: it isn't the Rolex Big Boat. Answer below*)

Of the **158 volunteers** who contributed their time, energy, and enthusiasm this season, **43** participated for the **first time**. Congratulations and welcome! Our new training program, RC University, was attended by **24** volunteers for an average of **four days** each.



These are extraordinary participation numbers for any yacht club, especially so as we slowly come out of a pandemic year. Congratulations and thanks to all!

PS: And... while the RBBS was our largest regatta in terms of volunteers in action, the California Dreaming match racing event ran more races, **56** in total, as the exhausted crew in the committee boat will remember!

THE 2021 SEASON, GREAT TEAMS SUPPORTING GREAT REGATTAS





2021 SEASON – RC GATHERS BEFORE AND AFTER THE RACING





RACE COMMITTEE ON THE BAY – IN THE MIDST OF THE ACTION!





RACE COMMITTEE AT THE 2021 ROLEX BIG BOAT SERIES

The Rolex Big Boat returned in 2021, as “big” as ever. The race committee team for this special event totaled 69 people, running over 50 races on three separate race venues. In total, the RBBS team put in an aggregate 200+ workdays supporting this regatta.





RACE COMMITTEE TRAINING – RC UNIVERSITY RETURNS IN 2022:

Plans are being made for a return of the very popular **RC University** series of Race Committee Training Days. In January and February, you can go onto the boats and onto the Bay, to learn *and practice* critical signal boat and mark set skills.

Been wishing for a chance to “yank an anchor”, flap a flag, or put your bowline to the test? Watch for announcements and be among the first to sign-up!



REMEMBER: SIGN-UP FOR THE PARTY – [Click Here!](#)

As always, if you have questions contact Marianne Dean at mqdean@gmail.com

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