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September 29, 2020

SIBYC Board of Directors
Seal Beach Yacht Club
255 N. Marina Drive
Long Beach, California 90803

Esteemed Directors of SIBYC:

With the utmost reverence I wish to nominate two-time Staff Commodore, Stephen Michael Hollen, to the position of Lifetime Member of Seal Beach Yacht Club.

Our bylaws describe Lifetime Membership as a means of formally recognizing extraordinary service to the Club and the yachting community by a member on a continuing basis for over a period of at least fifteen years. The bylaws state that such service demonstrates a level of dedication, excellence, enthusiasm, and innovation that substantially exceeds expectations of membership.

S/C Hollen has earned this honor through his decades of hands-on service to the Club and for its members. He has served his club selflessly twice through the Flag, in addition to mentoring two Commodores who followed behind him.

S/C Hollen was responsible for our first WiFi and computer network and its replacement, and has been directly involved in our entire network, access system, surveillance system, bar POS, and incidentals too numerous to list. There is not one significant project at SIBYC in over fifteen years that S/C Hollen hasn't somehow been included in.

His impact on SIBYC has been measurable and his passion for SIBYC is all around us in the things we use and take for granted in the clubhouse. His contributions become all the more impressive when you consider many of the personal challenges, he himself has endured over those same years.

On a personal note, it was S/C Hollen that inspired me to become involved in SIBYC about 15 years ago. Since that time I have served as a Director of two Yacht Clubs and the SCYA, have run the Flag at two Yacht Clubs before entering the SCYA Flag next year.

S/C Hollen has been an inspiration, a mentor, confidant, and friend to many at SIBYC and has earned this honored position.

Sincerely,



S/C John A. Caldwell, 2019