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Newsletter of the Convair Sailing Club

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Convair Sailing Honors Alex Leondis



The Victory 633 seen here with it's new name, honoring long time member and coach Alex Leondis.

Long-time CSC member Alex Leondis has been honored by the naming of his boat. The Victory 633 will hereafter be known as "LEONDIS."

Alex's contributions to the club over the decades are legion. He joined the Convair Sailing Club in 1977 and was a key volunteer from the beginning, having consistently served on the board in various capacities including as Commodore. Among his many contributions and recommendations are: His many years serving as the Chief of Racing, his work on establishing the CSC Rule Book, his many years serving as an instructor, His helping establish relationships with Torrey Pines Sailing Club,

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CSC Mourns The Loss Of Bob Coburn

Former Rear Commodore and long time Convair Sailing Club member Bob Coburn passed away on November 12th. He died at his home in La Jolla and is survived by his wife Marjorie (Midge), her two children Polly K. Foster and Matthew Ryan Foster and their 12 grandchildren. His funeral was



held on Saturday, November 18th at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church where he was a member for 40 years.

Bob was born to Robert and Clarice Coburn in Pocahontas VA on March 30th, 1931. He and his brothers Curtis and William grew up in Maybeury WV.

He began his education at Concord College in Athens WV, completing two years there before enlisting in the Air Force in 1951. His education continued at the University of Maryland where he earned a BA in Military Sociology in 1962.

Enlisting as a private, Bob rose to the rank of Colonel during his 28 years in the service. He had joined in the hope of learning to fly. During his career he piloted an impressive



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Midge and Bob Coburn at a CSC mixer.

The Results Are In For 2023 Victory Championship.

We have results! And a champion for the season!

Congratulations to Ryan Drobek and his brother Brendan on winning the 2023 Victory championship series! They didn't want to take chances, so they won both November races!

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Mission Bay Yacht Club, South-western Yacht Club and Fresno Yacht Club.

He also served as Fleet Captain, becoming an expert at boat maintenance. To this day he maintains his own workshop with sail loft and vast collection of things which are likely to be useful to the club



Alex Leondis, seen here helping with repairs, a familiar sight to most CSC members.



Alex was one of CSC's most successful captains, winning Sailor Of The Year three times.

sooner or later. Want an old sail? Alex has them. Need Aluminum parts welded? Alex was equipped and ready to help.

Alex is a very successful racer having won the Shotwell Sailor Of The Year in 1983, 1989 and 2009. "He talks to his sails", says Harry Smith.

"It's one of his secrets to success." He was also a long time member and coach of the SuperSloopers where he helped develop their routines and communications.

A true Rocket Scientist, helping on the development of the Atlas rocket before there was a General



His contributions to CSC extended from the rudder to the Board of Directors.

Congratulations William And Abdullah Your Victory Checkout!



Our latest Victory sailors, William McCullough and Abdullah Salahudeen. Welcome aboard! 🏆



Dynamics Space System Division. He was involved in the Apollo missions and worked on the calculations for launching, landing and retrieving the Apollo capsules.

Alex has been dealing with health issues for a few months and was recently reported by his daughter to be holding steady but not up for sailing. We wish him a full recovery and return to our waters with renewed vigor. 🏆


Victory Race Results

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Trophies were awarded at the December 9 Holiday Party.


Congratulations also to Hugo Day on winning both of his races (again). He's raced with us only two months and he's won all four times. Look out!

December 2 was our annual team race.

The race results are listed to the right and continued on page 5. 



A Recent Victory For The SuperSloopers!

Attendance is growing. A recent meeting of the SuperSloopers drew so many sailors that we ran out of boats! 



Victory November Standings

CSC/TPSC Regatta Results

November 7, 2023

2023 November 4, 5

Fleet order = C, A, B, D

Fleet A PRO = CSC, Peter Wells

Sat, Nov 4, 1330 PM

SKIPPER	---SDAV---		Boat	F1	F2	Regatta Points
	Old	New				
Sandy Leon	2.138	2.247	648	3	2	5
Ryan Drobek	2.666	2.166	611	1	1	2
Terry Edlund	2.735	3.415	610	5	5	10
Bruce / Robert	3.313	3.519	633	4	4	8
Kevin Gerbracht	3.372	3.110	634	2	3	5

Fleet B PRO = CSC, Alen Metzger

Sun, Nov 4, 1030 AM

SKIPPER	---SDAV---		Boat	F1	F2	Regatta Points
	Old	New				
James Walker	3.586	3.335	633	3	1	10
Doug Bass	3.641	3.224	618	1	2	9
Mike Norden / Traci	3.942	3.734	634	2	3	11
Dan + Dennis	4.021	4.240	632	4	4	14

Fleet C PRO = CSC, Ryan Drobek

Sat, Nov 5, 1030 AM

SKIPPER	---SDAV---		Boat	F1	F2	Regatta Points
	Old	New				
Peter Wells	4.037	3.726	648	1	2	13
Craig Unger	4.069	4.348	633	2	5	17
Fred MacDougall	4.154	4.708	TPSC	5	4	19
Bob Lewis	4.330	4.981	615	4	6	20
Jack Cabeen	4.492	4.492	TPSC	dnc	dnc	30
J Otto / D Gayon	4.562	4.243	611	3	1	14
Tabor's Pirates	4.737	4.701	610	jns	3	19

Fleet D PRO = CSC, Doug Diepholz

Sun, Nov 5, 1330 PM

SKIPPER	---SDAV---		Boat	F1	F2	Regatta Points
	Old	New				
Yehor Shyticov	4.742	4.742	632	dnc	dnc	30
Alen Metzger/Nicole	5.453	5.617	610	4	dnf	20
Zarko Tasev	5.686	5.330	633	2	3	17
Cesar Mize	5.815	5.815	634	dnc	dnc	30
Gregory Herbster	6.482	5.887	TPSC	3	2	17
Hugo Day	6.500	5.450	618	1	1	14

jns = justified not started

dnf = did not finish

dnc = did not show up

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Victory November Standings, *continued*

Cumulative Championship Points 2023 November (Final)

Skipper	Place	Points
Ryan Drobek	1	24
Sandy Leon	2	29
John K / Joe R	3	33
Bruce / Robert	4	49
Terry Edlund	5	50
Doug Diepholz	6	56
Kevin Gerbracht	7	65
Joe Curran	8	70
Mike Norden / Traci	9	81
James Walker	10	86
Dan + Dennis	11	88
Doug Bass	12	92
Fred McDougall	13	102
Craig Unger	14	103
Peter Wells	14	103
Greg Roberts	16	110
J Otto / D Gayon	17	120
John Hysler	18	122
Jack Cabeen	19	125
Alen Metzger/Nicole	20	131
Alex Leondis	21	134
Fernando Valera	22	137
Zarko Tasev	23	143
Mark Whitehouse	24	154
Cesar Mize	25	160
Tabor's Pirates	25	160
Gregory Herbster	27	162
Hugo Day	28	178
Bob Lewis	29	185
Peter Kern	30	196
Yehor Shyticov	31	198

number of aircraft, both transports and fighters. His favorite was the F86 because, according to him, it flew like a sports car.



F86 Sabre. In service: 1949 to 1994. Designed to counter the Mig 15

During his career in the Air Force he served as a fighter pilot, flight instructor and Squadron Commander as well as serving in the Pentagon and North American Defense Command. Overseas he served a tour in Iceland and two tours in Thailand (once as a liaison to the Thai Air Force and the other as a combat fighter pilot in the Viet Nam conflict). He retired a highly decorated officer in 1979.

Bob then worked as a Systems Engineer for Martin Marietta and General Dynamics on the Titan Missile program. He retired in 1993.

He was an active member of St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in La Jolla. He served on the Vestry, as a Lector and assisted in the serving of communion as a Chalice Bearer.

He was an active member, racer and instructor here at the Convair Sailing Club for many years, and a regular participant with the Thursday SuperSloopers.

Bob's memorial service was attended by Convair members; Bill Burch, Harry Smith, Alex Leondis, Christine Edlund, Sandy Leon, and Tracy Williams. *RB*

Introducing the 2024 Convair Sailing Club Board of Directors!

Meet Your Board of Directors

Commodore..... Sandy Leon
Vice Commodore..... Tracy Williams
Rear Commodore..... *Open*
Tracy Williams (interim only)
Secretary..... Bob Keefe
Treasurer..... Rich Gadek
Director..... Paul Feldon
Director..... Bill Burch
Director..... Doug Bass
Fleet Captain..... *Open*
Port Captain..... Mark Sutton
Chief of Racing..... Sandy Leon
Chief of Instruction..... Robert Skillings

Our new year will begin with new positions on the board. Thanks to our members who stepped up to take on these vital positions!

As you can see, there are still some open slots that need to be filled.

The *Fleet Captain* coordinates maintenance of the boats and all their equipment and is responsible for procurement and installation of all maintenance items.

The *Chief of Instruction* coordinates classroom and water instruction and orientation, formulates instruction policies for the Board, and reviews and acts on requests for deviation from such policies.

If you'd like to discuss the possibility of filling one of these positions please contact:


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Registration Day Coming Up This Month!


Registration Day is Saturday, January 13th at the HIWM pool-side. The time will be between 10:00 AM and Noon with coffee and donuts. Bring your old key and a check for \$525. 



New Sails For The Victorys!

Donations from club members raised enough money to start re-fitting sails on the Victory fleet.

"I've ordered ten new Victory jibs from Ullman" said Sandy Leon, "They should be ready before our February races. I hope to be able to order new mainsails in a few months."

CSC members have currently donated \$8,900 to the sail fund: \$5,000 from Kris Valentino, \$1,000 from Rita Rohling, and \$2,900 from 13 other members. The Club's membership remains low, but the finances are improving. If you are thinking about donating, you can put a check in the dock box payment slot or mail it to the club. Be sure to reference "Victory Sail" on the memo line. 

Helpful Info.

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