



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

Wednesday Luncheon Program – APRIL 2018, noon to 1:30 p.m.

April 4



Paul Lecomte: Project Manager for The Longest Swim

Follow Ben Lecomte (Paul's uncle) as he prepares for an epic swim from Tokyo to San Francisco, and the first citizen science expedition of its kind. He will attempt to swim the 5500 miles across the Pacific Ocean—for eight hours a day for six months—accompanied by a support sailboat with six crew members. The Longest Swim headquarters is at Altasea, base camp for the next months as the team prepares the support boat *Discoverer* for the expedition.

April 11



**Ryan Kittell: Marine Program Manager,
Los Angeles/Oxnard Weather Forecast Office of
the National Weather Service (NOAA)**

An experienced meteorologist and forecaster for NOAA, Ryan will lay out the specific regional weather effects for our Los Angeles Channel. Working out of the National Weather Service station in Oxnard he is responsible for forecasts for the inner waters of California. A great presentation for racers and cruisers alike.

April 18



Wayne Ettel: President, Maritime Institute Trust

For more than 35 years Wayne has been actively maintaining, repairing, restoring, and campaigning classic vessels of all designs and sizes. He has been instrumental in the preservation of many historical watercraft, especially here in Southern California. Wayne will share his knowledge as well as videos and stories of his most recent project, the S&S yawl *Chubasco*.

April 25



Willie Bell: Junior Staff Commodore

Following the recent completion of our signature Port of LA Harbor Cup—an invitational one-design regatta raced in the challenging waters outside the Port of LA aboard an equalized fleet of Catalina 37 sloops—Willie Bell will give the report of its success. As the Harbor Cup Chairman, Willie will share insights about this exciting collegiate regatta with a growing national profile.

In the tradition of the Club, the Wednesday luncheon is open to the public. Please make reservations at LAYC.org or call the Club office, (310) 831-1203, if you plan to attend. Lunch is \$20+tax and visitors can pay by cash or credit card.