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OIG's Jerry Martin Wears Commodore's Hat in Yachting Group

(Jan 24, 2003) Maybe no one actually salutes when he steps aboard a boat these days, but Jerry Martin, a senior investigator in the Office of the Inspector General, holds a commanding position as Commodore of the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA).

Recently installed in the post, Martin leads a group of 90 yacht clubs that operate between Morro Bay and San Diego and that includes clubs in Fresno, Nevada and Arizona. He previously has served in several offices reporting to SCYA commodores.

Martin is an experienced sailor who has won a number of long-distance races on the West Coast. Piloting fast 30-foot sailboats with five-to-seven-member crews, he has won the Newport to Ensenada race, the Marina Del Ray to San Diego event and the Santa Barbara to King Harbor race through the Channel Islands.

Martin also is certified by the United States Sailing Association as a judge and senior race officer, officiating at races throughout the West. He volunteers for duty with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and is qualified as a crewman and instructor in boating safety.

Martin has been involved in yacht club management for 25 years, serving as commodore of three yachting organizations. As SCYA's commodore, he is chief administrative officer with responsibility for personnel and all social functions, as well as overseeing those who coordinate yacht races and other events.

Martin joined the Office of the Inspector General in April 2001 following a career as a special investigator in the U.S. Army, the federal government and Northrup Corp.

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