



THE SHEETS

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Commodore's Comments by Chris Haro



Happy Valentine's Day!

I hope all of you are recovered from the holidays and that there were no holiday blues for you or your families. I know the only blues that I have are from the 15 pounds that I gained.

January was an incredibly sad month for our SSSYC family. Joe Greenblatt passed away late in the month. Joe was an avid sailor with our club for over 14 years. If you ever sailed with Joe, then you will know that he expected perfection from each crew member, no matter if this was your first sail or your 100th. Joe is survived by his loving family and his beloved Pam. Pam and Joe were a staple at our dinners and SSSYC events until they moved last year. During the Board Meeting on February 2, 2021, John Marshall rang the Ship's Bell eight times in honor of Joe.

We also lost Laurie Natland Kasbar's son, Xavier. He was a brilliant young man who devoted his life to helping others: he created the Gemini Reading Program and was developing a program of decreasing oversight to assist mental health patients adjust to life after being discharged. His colleagues on this project are determined to see it successfully implemented. His project, Ordo Angelorum was finished posthumously according to his design.

Andrea and I had dinner at NBYC on January 30th. We had a nice romantic dinner overlooking the water. Freddy (he played at one of SSSYC's dinners), was playing great music in the bar. While we were there, we ran in to an SSSYC member (Jessica) having dinner with friends. It was almost like old times. For our new members, one of the best perks of our membership is dining at NBYC. You can get a membership at NBYC at no charge, put your dinner/drinks on a tab and just pay it at the end of the month. Honestly, I am spoiled, I hate going out to dinner any where other than NBYC, as the staff know us, (think Norm from Cheers) and Heter's and Kenny's pours are very generous. The COVID-19 stoppage has hit NBYC hard. If you are able, get out and have dinner a couple of times this month, by the water, where everybody knows your name.

The Jim White Memorial Series Race has started! I am not going to tell you anything else, as you must read John Marshall's race report in this issue.

That's all I have for this month, I hope to see you soon on the water or at NBYC!

Your Humble Commodore,
Chris Haro

Christopher V Haro



Vice Commodore's Comments by Gerry Holleger

Hello South Shore Yacht Club!

It is with a heavy heart that I announce one of our Staff Commodores, Joe Greenblatt, passed away January 23, 2021. I want to pay tribute to this distinguished gentleman in this article.

His funeral service was held Friday, January 29, 2021. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only 20 people could attend the services. South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC) representatives who attended the services were MaryBeth Holleger, Tom Noto & Jessica Bass, and Clive & Martha Gurwitz. Several other SSYC members were among one hundred other friends and family members who attended via Zoom.

Joe was an avid racer who was often seen participating in SSYC's Winter Jim White Memorial Series, the Summer Hibachi Series, and Crew of Two. Joe also raced in other Southern California racing events.

Joe with his partner, Pam Ranta, was also seen at many other SSYC events like our famous Friday Night Dinners and cruise events. Though Joe would tell you he was mainly in the club for racing, he was passionate about sail racing on his boat, "Michegass". Joe often invited fellow SSYC'ers to serve as crew onboard *Michegaas*. He was known for his no-nonsense navigation methods, that some people credited to his strict Philadelphia upbringing.

In the Spring of 2020, Joe sold old *Michegass*, giving up sailing for motor boating. Joe and Pam purchased a trawler class boat in Saint Helens, Oregon in March and proudly named her "Just Joshin'" after Pam's son who predeceased Joe last year.

Just Joshin' was their new home away from home on the water. They found the boat nestled under a rustic covered slip, and behind quaint, pastel, multicolored, floating homes near the sleepy portside town of Scappoose Bay, Oregon. I remember joining Joe and Pam when they moved the boat to a temporary port where she began her makeover; the event was the highlight of my summer. We took a short two-and-a-half-hour journey in the marshland narrows to a tapered estuary, then merged into the Columbia River where we came upon Vancouver, Washington. The *Just Joshin'* rested in a marina on Hayden Island, North Portland.

Pam and Joe made short trips to the evergreen state to oversee the makeover of their vessel before she took her maiden voyage to Southern California last October. *Just Joshin'* now calls Long Beach her home port. Joe was so proud. I dedicate this month of February to Staff Commodore Joe Greenblatt, for all his contributions to SSYC Racing & Sailing. I wish my brother, Joe, fair winds and following seas! Rest in peace Joe.



Gerry Holleger

Vice Commodore



Social by Jennifer Johns

Well, Orange County has come out of our Stay-at-Home Order this last month, which I am hoping we can take as a good sign we heading in the right direction. But with that being said, there is still uncertainty about when our Social Events will be back on track. As most of you know, this has not deterred my brainstorming of themed dinners for the year! This year has been pretty easy to plan, as there was a whole year of themed parties I had ready for last year that weren't able to happen. I thought I would take this opportunity to map out the year for you all. If we can't dine at NBYC, we will look into other options such as Dinner on the Bay.

February: Our Friday Dinner Is Back!

March: Commodore's Ball—TBD based on inside dining, if not, then patio dining.

April: Derby Day Themed Dinner

May: SSYC Opening Day *Saturday 5/1/21*

June: Duffy Dining OR Our Annual Seafood Bake at NBYC

July: Tiki Themed Dinner

August: Rosé All Day Themed Dinner

September: Endless Summer Beach Party
Saturday 9/18/21

October: Fall Thankfulness & Gratitude Themed Dinner

November: Closing Ceremonies

December: Boat Parade *Saturday 12/18/21*

What Next on the Calendar

*****Note: all of the following is subject to change based on the COVID-19 circumstances*****

February

We are back at NBYC, kicking off our 2021 Friday Dinner series, HOWEVER, this month it will be the 3rd Friday, February 19th.

March

Commodore's Ball: Let's see if we can be all together celebrating inside for our 2021 Commodore's Ball. Formal invitations will be sent out via email once we can determine an exact date. We are looking at the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month to give more time for COVID to level out.

Stay safe and Healthy.

Cheers,
Jen Johns
Social Director



Cruise by Martha Gurwitz

First, I'd like to take this time to bid adieu to our dear friend and past Commodore, Joe Greenblatt. We are really going to miss you. May you rest in peace.

People are starting to get the vaccine, California is starting to open up again and hopefully soon we'll be back to normal. It might be a new normal for a while but we are really anxious to get wonderful and exciting events scheduled again at SSYC.

FEBRUARY



Gray whales continue their migration south. This is one of the peak migration months for gray whales and multiple gray whales sighted during single whale watching cruise is common. Finback whales, humpback whales, and even killer whales may also be sighted during this month. Inshore bottlenose dolphin and common dolphin are regularly encountered during February as well.



We are looking forward to whale watching trips aboard Molokai Girl, and hopefully Shindig if needed, in the month of February. Gray whales migrate 10,000 miles round trip every year, traveling between their winter calving lagoons in Mexico and summer feeding grounds in the Arctic. It's the longest migration of any animal on earth. The 2011 population of California gray whales was thought to number around 28,000, and they all pass the coast as they migrate.

Gray whales start swimming south from Alaska in October, generally passing the coast off San Diego from December through January and again in February and March when they return to their feeding grounds. They're closest to the shore when traveling south, in particular between Monterey and San Diego.

Fin whales can also be seen in the winter. Fin whales are second only to the blue whale in size and weight, growing up to 70 feet long and weighing 70 tons. They're long and sleek, with a V-shaped head which is flat on top. A few thousand of them can be found along the California coast.

The event will be coming out soon for this adventure. If you want to go, make sure to sign up quickly. There will be a nominal fee to join us. Please check out our other activities on the calendar and make sure to save the date. Lots of fun activities are being planned.

Stay safe and healthy and, hopefully, we'll see you soon.

Martha Gurwitz

Cruise Committee



Racing by John Marshall

THE JIM WHITE MEMORIAL WINTER SERIES



We've been on the water for two Saturdays now. First, January 16th and second, January 30th. This is known as a Winter Series, suggesting dreary, gray skies, rain and/or foggy weather. So far, it's been nothing like that at all! January 16th was unusually warm and everyone on the Race Committee and the crew on the boats were wearing shorts.

January 30th was preceded by a couple of days of stormy weather. So, we were expecting more wintry weather. But, that didn't happen. We had steady winds of 7-11 mph out of the West. We even had two friendly dolphins that circled the Race Committee boat. The only issue we had to deal with was the missing "Q" mark off of Collins Island in Race # 3, so we were forced to "throw out" Race # 3.

Races 5 and 6 are scheduled for February 27th and March 27th. The demand to participate on the race committee boats exceed our COVID-19 capacity of 10 people on board. We're trying our best to give every member a chance to participate and appreciate your patience as we try to give everyone an opportunity to join us.



STANDINGS 2021

2021 White Winter Memorial Series Summary PHRF A												
Overall	Point Summary	Yacht Name	Skipper	Yacht Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8
1	4	Radical Departure	Rosene Family	BYC	2	1	T.O.	1				
2	5	Violetta	Jane Hartley	BCYC	1	2	T.O.	2				
3	11	Valhalla III	Scott Karlin	SSYC	3	4	T.O.	4				
4	10	Miss Informed	Jeff Tighe	BYC	4	3	T.O.	3				
5	15	Nalu V	Mark Ashmore	SSYC	5	5	T.O.	5				

2021 White Winter Memorial Series Summary PHRF B												
Overall	Point Summary	Yacht Name	Skipper	Yacht Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8
1	4	Valkyrie	Don Albrecht	SSYC	1	1	T.O.	2				
2	5	Mystery	Dan Paracchini	ALYC	2	2	T.O.	1				
3	10	Silk	John Hanscom	SSYC	3	3	T.O.	4				
4	11	No Ka Oi	Lori Romano	WSAOC	4	4	T.O.	3				

We'll see you on the water.

John

John Marshall,
Club Race Chair



February 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Board Meeting					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Friday Dinner		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					12:00pm Jim White Racing Series	Whale Watching

March 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Board Meeting					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					12:00pm Jim White Racing Series	
29	30	31				
Commodore's Ball : TBD, shooting for 3rd or 4th Saurday of March						

April 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Board Meeting			6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner- Derby Day Theme		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				-----Cruise-----to-----Avalon-----		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1 SSYC Opening Day	2
3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				--Cruise-----to-----San----- Diego---		
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San Diego Continued-----						

June 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Board Meeting	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Duffy Dinner Excursion OR Annual Seafood Bake -TBD	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Picnic at the Dunes	27
28	29	30				

July 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Board Meeting			6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner- Tiki Theme	Great American Raft Up Party in the Harbor	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Board Meeting					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner - Rosé All Day Theme		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				-----Catalina-----Shrimptastic-----Cruise-----		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Board Meeting					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					Endless Summer Beach Party	Duffy Day Scavenger Hunt
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					La Jolla Kayaking	
27	28	29	30			

October 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8 6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner - Fall Thankfulness and Gratitude	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Lake Arrowhead Oktoberfest	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Board Meeting					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner - Closing Ceremonies		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				---Dana---	--- Point ---	---Cruise--
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Duffy Lights Christmas Cruise		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					Christmas Boat Parade	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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