



THE SHEETS

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Commodore's Comments by Chris Haro



I have seen some Christmas decorations while driving. I have been playing Christmas Music for several weeks now, and we had our closing ceremony last night. This could only mean one thing: Winter is upon us! Here in Southern California, we do not "button up" our fleets, physically close the club house, and wave goodbye to summer. We are blessed that we can keep boating, as well as coming to our clubhouse all year long. Last night at the Closing ceremony, the temperature was over 75 degrees. I did not notice any jackets, sweaters, or gloves donned to keep warm, perhaps to keep the mosquitos away, but not to combat the chilly air. The only way we know the season is 'ending' is because the calendar, and tradition, tell us so.

Last night we held our annual general meeting, where we voted in our new Bridge and Board. What does Bridge and Board really mean? Our Bridge and Board help manage our club. They volunteer their time and lend us their real-life experience to help manage—no, RUN-- our club with the help of committees and numerous volunteers. As I stated last night during the Closing Ceremonies, we, OUR Club, are always looking for fresh blood--I mean new volunteers--to help the communities and/or to help everything run smoothly at SSYC. Without fresh blood, OUR club will get into a rut and start doing the same thing over and over and over again (think Bill Murray's movie Groundhog Day). Maybe you have a suggestion that will increase participation, but are embarrassed to share or dismiss

it because it's not what we normally do. That's okay! We wouldn't have Shrimptastic, Oktoberfest in Lake Arrowhead, or wine tasting in Temecula if we only ever did what we 'normally' do. If you do not share your ideas with the committees and/or your Bridge and Board, OUR Club will miss out and stay the same and do the same old \$&!% over and over again. I implore you to volunteer and help keep OUR club fun and relevant.

Congratulations to your new 2022 Bridge and Board members who were elected during our general meeting on November 12, 2021:

Commodore	Jennifer Johns
Vice Commodore	Tom Noto
Rear Commodore	Clive Gurwitz
Staff Commodore	Tina Simmons
Secretary	Andrea Haro
Treasurer	Don Albrecht
Director	Aline Young
Director	Brad Brigante
Director	Patty Malone

Commodore's Comments ((Continued))

Returning to complete their two-year commitments as your Board of Directors:

Director Kate Pearson

Clive Gurwitz has moved from Director to Rear Commodore.

With tears in my eyes as I write my final article, I wanted to thank you, our club members, for giving me the opportunity to lead YOUR club! I have experienced personal growth that went beyond my expectations when I said yes to a three year, (in my case a four year), journey to LEAD YOUR CLUB. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the other members of our Bridge and Board, NBYC, and the committee chairs for all their support during that last year!

Here's a look back at Chris's two years of service as Commodore:



Signing off for the last time as your humble commodore,

Christopher V Haro



Vice Commodore's Comments by Jen Johns



The holidays are here and one of my favorite club parties is the Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade. There is nothing more festive for a yacht club than being right by the water, watching decked out boats playing holiday music as they pass by. For my last article as Vice Commodore, I thought it would be neat to give you a little history on the Newport Beach Boat Parade.

Boat parades in Newport Harbor have been around since 1908. They got their start by two gentlemen, John Scarpa, an Italian gondolier, and Joseph Beek, developer of the Balboa Ferry Line. In 1907, Scarpa started taking visitors from Pasadena around the harbor in a gondola decorated with Japanese lanterns. This prompted the idea of having a boat parade and the following year the 1st one was held on July 4, 1908 with 9 boats participating. In 1909, the parade was again put on, but this time the lights and decorations were judged.

In 1915, they had the largest turn out to date with over 40 participants; canoes and rowboats joining in the fun. That year, the event featured a derelict boat hull that was set afire, a "rescue" of passengers, a "Battle of Fireworks" between two launches, and the explosion of two underwater mines. That must have been quite a show for the thousands of people watching the parade.

The July parade "Tournaments of Lights" got interrupted two times for a couple of years due to World War I and World War II, but ran consistently until 1949 when it faded out. In 1946, to celebrate the holidays, a barge was lit up with a Christmas tree and towed around the harbor. As time went on, boats started to follow the Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade.

For those of you who have not seen it, make sure to come out to our party on the 18th!

For more about the Boat Parade visit:
www.christmasboatparade.com

Wishing you the Best this Holiday Season! May it be filled with joy and merriment with the ones you love.



Anchors Away!
 Vice Commodore,
Jen Johns



Social by Jennifer Johns

In grand tradition, our November Dinner served as our Closing Ceremonies and General SSYC Meeting. It was so good to see so many SSYC members come out for the fun. What a Whale of a Time we have had with Commodore Haro, but the time has come to vote in a new Bridge and Board. Prior to our voting, we officially welcomed Tom Noto in as our Rear Commodore. Tom will serve a whole 2 months, finishing out the 2021 year. We are so blessed to have him! We also got a budget update from our Treasurer, Don Albrecht. Good news.....we have money!

Towards the end of the night, all ballots were cast and counted and the new 2022 Bridge and Board were announced. Congratulations to:

Myself, who will serve as your Commodore next year

Tom Noto, Vice Commodore

Clive Gurwitz, Rear Commodore

Staff Commodore, Tina Simmons

Secretary, Andrea Haro

Treasurer, Don Albrecht

Patty Malone, Director

Aline Young, Director

Brad Brigante, Director

A HUGE thank you to Kathy Abbott, chair of our Nominating Committee. Also, a big thank you Denise Sullivan, Mike and Penny Nelson, and the Haro's for helping set up this dinner. I couldn't do it without your help! We are a volunteer organization and there are so many different ways we can all participate in helping this club. I sent out an email early November listing all the ways to get involved. If you are interested in anything, please reach out to me.



What Next on the Calendar

ALL dinners need to be paid upfront (online) by the RSVP date to ensure you have reserved your spot for dinner. There will be a 24-hour cancellation period to get a full refund.

December – Boat Parade Party

The Boat Parade is back and we will be celebrating with a dinner and viewing party. Come join us for one of the best views of the Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade on Saturday 12/18/21. The parade does a turn around right in front of our club giving you a direct view to the lights and music. This party will be replacing our 2nd Friday dinner for the month.

January 2022 – Commodore's Ball

Save the date to celebrate the new 2022 Bridge and Board Sat, January 15, 2022 in the evening. This is a black tie encouraged event full of ceremony transitioning out the 2021 Bridge and Board and transitioning in the 2022 Bridge and Board. There will be live music and dancing to close it out. Formal invitations to come.

Eat Drink and Be Merry this Holiday Season!



Stay safe and healthy,
Jen Johns,
Social Director

Cruise by Lisa Cullinane

Dana Point Raft-Up Event

What an exhilarating weekend 50 of us had in week 3 of November! Five boats rafted up in the Dana Point Harbor turning basin and anchorage for non-stop events beginning Friday morning. Two more boats joined from the guest docks along with many SSYC land-lubbers. The primary anchored boats, my sloop, SAILS LADY, and Gavin & Rebekah Long’s power-boat, VERDICT MONEY, held tight the entire week-end with both bow and stern anchors deployed. Bravo to us—neither of us had ever done that before! First time was a charm but we studied for days prior on YOUTUBE.

By 3 pm, we had 5 boats tethered together for an afternoon charcuterie tray on the two local boats followed by a short ride over to the guest docks where we had a more formal Happy Hour aboard the Gurwitz’s MOLAKAI GIRL. We then moved 28 of the *happy* crowd over to dinner at the Wind & Sea Restaurant on the harbor edge. Some of us motored by dinghy over and some walked through the newly installed holiday decorations along the walking path.

Saturday, a dozen SSYC walkers gathered to tour the harbor in 3 miles or so with visits to various harbor high-points led by new member, Tammy Rones and myself. With only a half hour to spare, we gathered at the Dana Point Yacht Club for lunch. Originally slated for 15 people, 32 showed up! DPYC staff did a great job of accommodating our overflow crowd. A second terrific meal!



Overlapping lunch, the band began to serenade us from afar aboard newly anchored MOLAKAI GIRL as we reassembled back on the boats for the planned on-the-water concert by Band X. It was a bit cold (OK,

very cold) but we managed to dance on the bows to stay warm. Those who didn’t dance, snuggled in boat blankies atop all 6 boats.

Dinner was on a private patio at Luciana’s Ristorante where we enjoyed a third excellent meal of Italian delicacies. Stuffed to the gills, we slept like logs, but still got up at the crack of dawn to get a read on the weather for return trips home. Looked like some big winds approaching which sent many of the boats scattering quickly to get ahead of the weather. The “BIG WEATHER” never really materialized. Everyone made it home safely while Gavin, Rebekah, Mark and I got to casually enjoy breakfast aboard the two remaining anchored boats in perfectly 80 degree, sunny Sunday afternoon. Lucky us!



I think everyone, boaters and land-lubbers alike, had a wonderful time! We had a great club turn-out. Shout out to all who helped us— *it takes a village*, as Barbara Russell has been known to say often!



Lisa Cullinane

Ad-hoc Cruise Committee!

Race by John Marshall

THE JIM WHITE MEMORIAL WINTER SERIES

Because of Southern California's year-round temperate climate, it affords us the opportunity to "mess around in boats" all year long! The Jim White Memorial Winter Series offers two races back-to-back on a blustery Saturday beginning January 15th, 2021. This is a series of 8 races continuing with two races on January 29th, February 26th and March 19th. The first warning is scheduled for 12:00 PM for the first race and the second race's first warning is shortly after the last boat finishes from Race 1. Be on the lookout for the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions coming soon!

Since we have so many new members, it's appropriate to share with you the back story on SSYC's winter series. The Winter Series was renamed in honor of South Shore Yacht Club's 1967 Commodore, Jim White. Jim White was a fixture at the 2nd Friday of the Month parties for quite some time. Since he was too old to drive, one of our members would typically pick Jim up at his house and return him to his home afterwards. Jim would use a 3-legged cane to help support himself. Jim White would hold court in our club room, strong drink in hand, where members would greet him.

Even though he knew the answer, he would always shout in his bellowing voice, "How much for the dinner?!" Of course, we would go along with this same ritual once a month, "Jim, it's still just \$25". Jim would respond so everyone could hear him, "Here's a hundred dollars! Give the rest to the Race Committee!" That would be the cue for another member to chime in, "On behalf of the Race Committee, we gladly accept your donation!"

One night after a 2nd Friday of the Month dinner, a few of us went to a bar to audition a band for The Border Run Pre-Race Send-Off Party. Jim got up at one point with his 3-legged cane and we thought he was excusing himself to use the restroom. But, he managed to work himself onto the dance floor to dance with some fine-looking women! That's when all the cell phones came out to capture the moment with this 83-year-old man dancing with the young ladies! Sadly, Jim White passed away and all the SSYC Board of Directors attended his funeral service in our winter yacht club uniforms. Shortly thereafter, we changed the name of SSYC's Winter Series to the Jim White Memorial Winter Series in his honor. We hope you'll honor Jim White's memory by participating in the Jim White Memorial Winter Series starting in January.

John

John Marshall,
Club Race Chair



The Bitter End



DEFINITION OF BOAT: A hole in the surface of the water into which money is thrown



Looking for, or trying to get rid of, boat related items? Maybe a partnership or crew? Send a short notice along with pictures if appropriate to andrea@harocpa.com to put them in The Sheets.

December 2021

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

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