



# SAUVIE ISLAND YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## *Club Meeting*

Our club meets the  
**First Friday of Each Month**

Sauvie Island School  
14445 NW Charlton Road

7:30 pm Business Meeting  
8:00 pm Program

Next Meeting: **October 1<sup>st</sup> 7:30 PM**

This month's program:

### *"Preparing to Cruise Off Shore"*

*Hosting a panel of speakers who have taken their  
boats to blue water.*

*Listen to their stories, ask questions, and make  
contacts with those who have done it. Join us  
for an interesting program.*

## *Cruise Weekend*

October 23-24<sup>th</sup>

Halloween Cruise

E. Government Island

Cruise over anytime Saturday. Bring a  
favorite **horror story** to share around the  
fire.



## Commodore's Comments

### September 2010

Hi everyone. This is my first time as a SIYC officer and I know everyone will do as much as they can to help both me and the club through the 2010-2011 season. We have some challenges to meet this year so I am asking you all to join your SIYC friends and participate in all our fun and instructive meetings and cruises.

My fellow officers and committee members are all looking forward to enjoying a wonderful season with you all!

Thank you, Garry Weber

## SIYC Board Meeting

### September 2010

Meeting held at home of George & Sue Stonecliffe on 8/31/10. In attendance: Ed MULLOWNEY, Garry Weber, Ed & Sarah Daugherty, George & Sue Stonecliffe and Susan Gierga.

Susan Gierga talked about the SIYC newsletter that she is now responsible for creating and sending out each month.

- Susan is requesting that all material to be included in the monthly newsletter be sent to her no later than the Friday following the meeting (Sept 10<sup>th</sup> for the September newsletter)
- Susan requested a list of all SIYC member boats that are currently cruising so she can contact them to request cruising reports.

Garry Weber indicated that the information she needs should be in the last newsletter

- Susan proposed that SIYC exclusively send the monthly newsletter electronically. She is going to contact Gail Wigen to determine how many members currently receive a paper copy of the newsletter. The plan is to then contact those members to determine if electronic copies are viable.

Vice Commodore George Stonecliffe presented an outline of the monthly meeting Programs for the upcoming year. George has established an overall program theme of "Preparing to cross the Columbia River Bar". George will develop monthly programs that are aimed at providing the Club membership

with the essential skills and equipment necessary to prepare a boat and its crew to safely cross the Columbia River Bar. The intent is to generate interest in a cruise next summer that will travel down the Columbia, across the Bar and either down to Newport or up to Grays Harbor and back.

Susan Gierga asked about Club support for Jeff Gerritsen in his effort to improve the existing SIYC website. Jeff is willing to maintain the website but he needs more input as to what should be on the site. Garry Weber indicated he would contact Jeff and determine how best to get him the direction and information he needs. It was brought up that two years ago the SIYC Board voted to waive the annual dues for Jeff Gerritsen in exchange for his help with starting up the Club website.

Ed Daugherty suggested the Board determine if a newsletter sent out prior to the first meeting in September would be helpful. Everyone thought it would be a good idea and it will be done next year.

Garry Weber will contact members who are still shown in the current Roster but who have not paid dues for the current April, 2010 – March 2011 year to determine if they wish to continue as members or wish to be removed from the Roster.

Dates and locations for SIYC Board Meetings:

09/28/10 Ed & Sarah Daugherty  
11/02/10 Ed & Marianne MULLOWNEY  
01/04/11 George & Sue Stonecliffe  
02/01/11 Ed & Marianne MULLOWNEY  
03/01/11 Ed & Sarah Daugherty  
03/29/11 Garry Weber will host at a TBD restaurant  
05/03/11 George & Sue Stonecliffe

George & Sue Stonecliffe volunteered to host the September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> SIYC cruise at the Gilbert River docks.

## SIYC Club Meeting Minutes, September 3

Garry Weber, Commodore, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm, and introduced two new guests: Devon Quinn and Rowan Madix who own sv Imi Loa, an Erickson 31 moored at St. Helens Marina. Asked how they heard of SIYC, Rowan mentioned they Googled us and found our website.

Fourteen members and guests attended.

Garry mentioned the Club's financial position is balanced and stable.

Programs for this year will focus around the theme of 'Crossing over the Columbia River Bar'. George Stonecliffe will be heading up the Program schedule for the year. This information will be added to the website, as it develops.

Jane Woodward (sv Adagio) requested more summer social events that Club cruisers with boats in far away places can come back to and get together.

The September Cruise is on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Gilbert River dock. A Mexican theme will be used for the Potlucks Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Unpaid Dues need to be sent in please.

Committee appointments were discussed:

Programs: George Stonecliffe

Newsletter: Susan Gierga

Database: Ed Mallowney

CRYA: Ed Mallowney

Refreshments: Sue Stonecliffe

Membership: open

Cruising: open

Board Members:

Garry Weber, Commodore

George Stonecliffe, Vice-Commodore

Marianne Mallowney, Secretary

Ed Mallowney, Treasurer

Susan Gierga, Newsletter

Ed Daugherty, Past Commodore

Sarah Daugherty reviewed the SIYC clothing items that may be purchased.

George Stonecliffe showed pictures taken in New Zealand during their 2009-10 South Pacific cruise.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Stonecliffe (for Marianne)

## SIYC Clothing & Accessories For 2010/11

Short-sleeved collared sport shirt -----	\$20.00
Adult - K420 Ladies cut - L420	
Long sleeved -----	\$28.00
Adult - K320	
Sweatshirts	
Pullover, hooded -----	\$24.00
Adult - PC90H	
Crew neck-----	\$17.00
Adult - PC90	
Zip front, hooded-----	\$32.00
Adult - -F258	
Fleece Jackets	
Zip front-----	\$40.00
Adult - JP77	
Ladies cut - LP77 (no green)	
Fleece Vests-----	\$30.00
Adult - JP79 Ladies cut - LP79	
Wind Shirt (v-neck nylon) \$24.00	
Adult - JP72	
Zip Front Nylon Jacket\$30.00	
Adult - JP70	
Anorak ¼ zip pullover, hooded-----	\$32.00

\*\*\* All items come in green and navy except where noted.

\*\*\* A check made out to SIYC need to accompany orders.

Mail checks to: Sarah Daugherty

10207 SE 92nd Ave

Portland OR 97086

Note: sizes beyond L will be \$1.50 more.



# Happy Birthday!

Rick Brady 10/02  
Ron Hughes 10/04  
Ed MULLowney 10/2  
Norm Peterson 10/10  
Garry Weber 10/07

# Joyeux Anniversaire

Wilson, Terry & Michele 09/30  
Calef, Richard & Sandra 09/18/56  
Dykkesten, David & Christy 09/22/02  
Frazee, Ken & Ruth 09/12/62  
Mask, Jim & Kathy 10/25  
Taylor, Chris & Kim 10/23/82

*"And in the end, it's not the years in your life  
that count. It's the life in your years."  
Abraham Lincoln*

*"Love is what makes two people sit in the middle of  
a bench when there is plenty of room at both ends"*



**We encourage club members to send in new ads for the advertising section for our next issue. Send text (and photos if possible), and always include an asking price and your contact information. Also, please be sure to update me on items that should be removed from the listings.  
Thanks!**

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

MarkTwain

Please continue to send letters, articles, educational opportunities, recipes and other items that you would like to share with the club. Susan Gierga – [susangierga@hotmail.com](mailto:susangierga@hotmail.com).  
 If you have new contact information, please contact Database Coordinator; Susan Gierga – [susangierga@hotmail.com](mailto:susangierga@hotmail.com).

## 2010-2011 CALENDAR

MEETINGS		BOARD MEETINGS		CRUISES	
September 3	Sauvie Island School	August 31	TBD	September 11 – 12	Gilbert River Docks
October 1	Sauvie Island School	September 28	TBD	October 23 – 24	E. Government Island
November 5	Sauvie Island School	November 2	TBD	November 20 - 21	Thanksgiving at Hadley's Landing
December 11	TBD	At Christmas Party	TBD	December 31-1	New Year's Cruise Coon Island
January 7	Sauvie Island School	January 4	TBD	January	TBD
February 4	Sauvie Island School	February 1	TBD	February 12-13	Valentine's Cruise Coon Island
March 4	Sauvie Island School	March 1	TBD	March 12-13	Anchoring Cruise
April 1	Sauvie Island School	March 29	TBD	April 16-17	Navigation Cruise
May 6	Sauvie Island School	May 3	TBD	May 14-15	Race/Drift Cruise Sand Island
June 4	Annual Picnic	At Annual Picnic	TBD		

### *SIYC's August Cruise Report*

There was no cruise in August. Hope you had a wonderful summer. Plan to attend the SIYC October Cruise to be held at the E. Government Island Docks. Arrive anytime during the day on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

### **ATTENTION ALL SIYC MEMBERS!**

**If you have information regarding any of our cruising boats, updates on locations, etc., PLEASE let me know! We can only keep this section current if we have the information!**

Crusier Liaison: Susan Gierga [susangierga@hotmail.com](mailto:susangierga@hotmail.com) 541-480-4675

## SIYC CRUISING BOATS – Locations out of the United States

Boat Name	Owners	Location
Adagio	Jeff & Jane Woodward	West coast of Mexico
Ahwahnee	Tom & Kathy Edwards	Bahia del Sol, El Salvador
Glaoch Ne Mara	Rick Brady	Mazatlan, Mexico
Kailani	David & Christy Dykkestén	Bocas del Toro, Panama
Moonshadow	Richard Sandefur & Anita Melbo	Turkey
Perpetua	Pat & Susan Canniff	Mazatlan, Mexico
Rolling Thunder	Bruce, Jan & Max Payne	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
Sea Tern	Herman & Nancy Ford	For Sale...
Wild Rover	Mike & Gail Cannady	South Carolina...

**SIYC Boat in Hawaii:** Earl and Donna Davis's s/v Starbound

### Cruising Websites/contact info:

**Adagio:** <http://www.svadagio.net>  
**Ahwahnee:** [www.sailblogs.com/member/voyage\\_continued](http://www.sailblogs.com/member/voyage_continued)  
**Albion:** [www.teleport.com/~forsberg/log1.htm](http://www.teleport.com/~forsberg/log1.htm)  
**Moonshadow blog:** <http://voyagemoonshadow.blogspot.com/>  
**Perpetua blog:** [http://www.sailblogs.com/member/our\\_journeys/](http://www.sailblogs.com/member/our_journeys/)  
**Perpetua Pictures:** [http://imageevent.com/our\\_journeys/](http://imageevent.com/our_journeys/)  
**Kailani:** [kailaniatsea@yahoo.net](mailto:kailaniatsea@yahoo.net)

### ATTENTION ALL CRUISERS:

*Your letters are the highlight of the newsletter!!!...We really want to hear from you...Where you are... your adventures...recipes (we haven't had any of those in a long time!)... Cruising tips...gossip...well, you get the idea. ☺*



# Cruising Reports

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August 14, 2010

Monterey, California

Dear Friends,

It has been a couple of years since we have contributed to the newsletter, however, we haven't really done much interesting...except two summer trips to Alaska, of which we had reported about in the past. Tiring of the weather and rain of the northwest, I was able to convince Ruth, my wife, to give Mexico a try for a couple of years, after which we will have the boat shipped back north. Our plans are to spend the winters in Mexico, returning to Friday Harbor for the summers.

We are planning on going south with the Baja Ha-Ha. Having never done a rally before, we are not sure what to expect...however, I suspect it will prove to be an enjoyable experience. As I am retired from the Navy, I will be able to leave the boat at the marina at Fiddlers Cove...on the Coronado Strand, for 6 weeks, prior to the starting of the Baja Ha-Ha.

With that in mind, following a week in the boatyard, the SV Misty Blue, with four guys on board, departed Port Townsend, August 1 for a trip to San Diego. We spent the first night in Neah Bay to get "adjusted", picked up diesel for \$2.60 a gallon!...then took a overnight motor trip to Newport, Oregon. We then generally harbor hopped to Monterey...except for another overnighter from Eureka south.

The weather has been fine, other than not much sailing...it was a little lumpy at first, with 6' to 7' seas/swell at 7-8 seconds...with winds generally less than 15 knots. Only twice...for about four or five hour periods, were we able to sail, with northwest winds around 20 knots. Once below Cape Mendocino, the seas flatten out, with very little wind. Moorage, thus far, has been very reasonable...no more than \$30 for a 44' sailboat, with a lot of available space...fuel prices are creeping up...last diesel was \$3.06 a gallon...I expect it to increase even more as we get further south.

We will spend a few days in Monterey, then fast track to San Diego, as some of the guys need to get home. Then after 6 weeks or so, Ruth and I will rejoin the boat mid October, along with a friend, to do the Baja Ha-Ha. Our plans for Mexico are wide open...there are a few places we will need to see...but beyond that, I guess it will be where the wind blows and our hearts wander!



Received from Barbara Johnston  
September 2010

I retired from the law practice in June, so getting ready to go on this trip has been combined with trying to find my feet as a retired person. Every now and then I get an email which has to do with my law practice, and I feel a twinge that I'm not back there, involved in that very exciting, rewarding (if sometimes frustrating) way to make a living. We've quit making contributions to the retirement kitty,

and now we're starting to withdraw. It's as though every lesson and discipline I learned about money, since I was five years old, has suddenly been reversed. Adding to the angst of that reversal has been the expense of getting Sequoia (and us) ready to cruise again. Just this week we're spending more than \$1000 on paper and electronic charts!

We departed from home on August 21. (There is a certain amount of regret about leaving home. This is the best time of year in the Pacific Northwest. The vegetable garden is just coming into its own, and there are those strawberries and blueberries... Our housesitter, Dave Mangan, has assured us, during every conversation, that he's fully enjoying those strawberries and blueberries.) We might not have left on August 21, because we weren't quite ready, but our friend, Buck Boston, was able to crew for us that week if we could stop and pick him up in Newport. We hadn't heard from anyone else, despite extensive emailing and phoning. So it was a now-or-never situation, if we wanted to have crew. Not having crew would mean we'd arrive in San Francisco Bay exhausted. Someone always needs to be awake, tending to the sails, the engine, and watching for other boats. If it's just the two of us, an uninterrupted six hours of sleep becomes impossible. So the last 24 hours before we left was a non-stop marathon of trips to the store, trips to the boat, and finding all the hidden stowage spots on the boat.

We sailed partway down the Columbia River, to the Cathlamet Yacht Harbor. There followed a little bit of rain, a good night's sleep, and plans to depart by 8:30 a.m., so we could make the 2:00 slack water for crossing the Columbia River bar. Unfortunately, Cathlamet is somewhat depth-challenged. Our six and a half foot draft was too much for the relatively low-tide depth of 8:30 a.m., and we had quite a few onlookers by the time we determined that there was no route out of the marina that would allow us to pass. One helpful skipper suggested that we try again in an hour, and "go over close to the fuel dock." Back to our slip, and we watched the depth sounder as the tide came in. It had gained almost a foot by 9:30 a.m., so we tried again. We made it over near the fuel dock and then slipped into the ooze again, slithering to a halt. We backed out, tried another route, and the helpful skipper, who had taken to his dinghy with a crew of children, motioned that we should follow his route. He led us out of the marina, and we made it, presumably with scant inches to spare.

The rest of the trip down the river was uneventful. We motored past Astoria, not realizing (until listening to cell phone messages later) that our friends, Chip & Kit Gardes, were watching us go by from a waterfront restaurant. We raised the sails before we crossed the bar, and sailed in light northwest winds for a bit, before giving up and turning on the motor, motorsailing through the night. There was enough wind to sail, briefly, before we reached the Newport entrance at 7 a.m.

We stayed that day in Newport, connected with Buck, and watched the wind speed increase to 30 knots. The next morning (August 24), we departed Newport, 467 nautical miles to go to San Francisco Bay. There was good wind all the way – by the time we got there (August 27), we had reduced sail to just part of the staysail, out on a pole. We were trying to slow down so we wouldn't be going under the Golden Gate in the middle of the night. The seas were quite lumpy, and the boat thrashed around a great deal more than I would have liked. On the plus side, I didn't get seasick, and got plenty of exercise staying upright. The wind finally dropped off, and we were through the fog, and under the bridge at about 10 a.m.

So here we are in Alameda, docked among the pristine racing sailboats with their carbon fiber sails. We connected up with another Outbound 44 owner, had dinner with old friends, had dinner with one branch of the family and will be getting together with other family tonight. Tomorrow we plan to set out for several days of cruising around SF Bay, and possibly up the Sacramento River delta. Next week, we'll be back at the dock, attending to boat chores. The week after that, back to Oregon (by plane) to play

Beethoven's 9th in Newport (does it seem like there's a certain circularity to all this?)

The long term plan is that we'll be in Mexico by sometime in November. Beyond that, the only plan is to enjoy Mexico, get relaxed, and figure out how to be retired.

Best wishes to all our friends and family!

Craig & Barbara Johnston  
S/V Sequoia  
[www.svsequoia.com](http://www.svsequoia.com)



Sept. 8, 2010 Malta

Hello SIYC Friends;

We were in Turkey when we last wrote several months ago. Leaving Turkey, we sailed through the southern Cyclades islands of Greece, checking into the EU at Symi, which has a beautiful circular harbor lined with pastel colored buildings. Most of the other islands have the white sugar cube buildings that you see in the travel posters. We spent some time on the large island of Kos where, much to our surprise, we ran into a cruising couple we met in 2002 in Tonga. We anchored at the islands of Astypalea, Ios and Milos, taking a swim off the boat each afternoon to cool ourselves off. We watched the weather carefully as we didn't want to tangle with the Meltemi winds.

It seemed that the tourists on these islands (and there were lots of them) were mostly European. Perhaps when Americans travel to Greece they tend to go to the more well known islands that are closer to the mainland.

From Milos we did an overnigher to the Peloponnese peninsula. Hadn't done that in awhile! We tied up to a quay (an unfinished marina so there was no charge) near Monemvasia, a beautiful fortified city built on an island connected to the mainland by a causeway. No cars enter Monemvasia even though people live there and there are shops and restaurants.

We day sailed (and motored) across the southern Peloponnese, discovering several castles and fortified cities along the way, each one different from the other. The tourists seemed to be mostly Greeks on holiday. Our last stop, the city of Pylos at the southwest corner of Greece, had yet another castle to explore. We side-tied to a rusty lighter in another unfinished marina, just a few minutes walk to town.

Our 3 day passage to Sicily was mostly uneventful. That is, except for the sudden appearance of a half dozen military jets that (one at a time) swooped down close to the sea not far from us and then zoomed off towards Italy. We anchored in a large bay just off the city of Syracuse, yet another fortified city. We also saw a few large ships come to think of it. Syracuse proved to be a great place to visit with a good anchorage. Some cruising friends that we had met in 2004 in Vanuatu (it's a small world) sailed into the bay and anchored nearby. The four of us did an all day excursion by train, circling Mt. Etna which is an active volcano.

We are currently in a marina in Malta, surrounded by old buildings, forts and churches built in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, looking across at the capital city of Valletta. We had hoped to anchor somewhere but could not as boats of all sizes on moorings fill every possible spot. Since arriving here we have been treated daily (and nightly) to music, bands, church bells, fireworks and booming cannons. We have learned that Malta has lots of festivals and holidays. In 2 or 3 weeks Moonshadow will be hauled out and put in a boatyard for the winter. We didn't get as far as we had thought we would this season.

See you all soon, Anita and Richard