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Upcoming Events



*Friday, December 11 at 7:00 pm
A Zoom Holiday Celebration*

Prepare to enjoy yourselves in the holiday spirit, at your own home, but in the virtual company of other SIYC members. See all the details on the next page.



*January 13-17, 2021
Portland Boat Show*

Join other SIYC members in staffing our booth at the Portland Boat Show. See all the details on page 3. (Fingers crossed that government Covid-19 orders will allow the Boat Show to proceed)!

This month's cruising reports
start on page 8.

Commodore's Comments Volunteers Needed!

- *Dave Mery*

Ahoy All,

The virtual meetings seem to be doing well. If you are having troubles joining a meeting please let me (david.mery@gsa.gov) know and I'll try to assist you

We will be needing new officers next year, please consider throwing your hat into the ring. It is very rewarding and fun. If you are interested in Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer or Secretary please let any of the officers know.

I have emailed the Boat Show folks for an update as to whether or not we will be having a boat show. No answer yet. I will be putting out a signup sheet soon though to cover time frames if we do participate.

SIYC Virtual Christmas Party Friday December 11, 7 pm



As most of you know, SIYC will be holding an online Holiday celebration this year. Instead of having food, drink and party games together in person, we'll try to do so via a Zoom meeting.

So plan for wearing your favorite (or ugliest) Christmas sweater or other suitable holiday garb. Bring a nice dinner or hors d'oeuvres to nosh on, and of course BYOB.

The committee (Monica Fetzer, Barbara Johnston, Bruce Bayne and Dawn Schuldt) will be planning some party games that can be done online. If advance preparation is needed, we'll be letting you know by email.

We're hoping everyone can share a favorite sailing picture or two. If you can have those

pictures ready on your computer, you can use the "share screen" button on your Zoom window.

We're also hoping for some holiday music. Unfortunately singing together online doesn't work well (too much delay), but if you are willing to sing or play an instrument on your own, we'd all love to hear from you.

If you have a Christmas story or holiday memory you'd like to share, we're all ears.

There's no need to check in right at 7 pm – we'll keep going until at least 8 pm and probably later, and people should feel free to come and go. If there is a member of your household who is not an SIYC member but would like to join our party, please bring them along!

If you are an SIYC member, you'll be receiving a Zoom invitation to the party a day or two in advance – keep your eyes peeled!

If you know of a prospective member who would like to join us, please give one of the committee members a heads-up so we can send them an invitation.



SIYC's 2014 Christmas Party

Donations to Oregon Food Bank



In past years, one of the activities at the annual Holiday Party has been the gathering of donations for Oregon Food Bank. This year, we don't think it's practical to assemble and transport donations of actual cans, bottles and boxes, but we sure can consolidate our monetary donations to continue the generous support of SIYC.

To that end, we have created a group donation portal at Oregon Food Bank's website. Please consider donating – it is tax deductible and so needed, especially this year! Check it out: <https://give.oregonfoodbank.org/SIYC>

SIYC's Portland Boat Show Booth



As you read the following, please keep in mind Governor Brown's most current executive order prohibits indoor event spaces from opening at all. If it remains in effect in Multnomah County into January, the Boat Show almost certainly won't happen.

That would really be too bad, because we have found that our booth has been an excellent source for new club members.

Here's the 2021 Boat Show schedule:

Wednesday, Jan 13: 11am – 9pm
Thursday, Jan 14: 11am – 9pm
Friday, Jan 15: 11am – 9pm
Saturday, Jan 16: 10am – 8pm
Sunday, Jan 17: 10am – 6pm



Each day we will need at least 3 sets of volunteers. You can do it by yourself, or team up with your spouse or another club member. We'll have brochures to offer interested people, and they'll be invited to attend a club meeting or sign up to get on our newsletter list. In past years, many of us have shown slide shows of club activities and cruising destinations.

Your status as an exhibitor/volunteer entitles you to free show admission. There are always interesting booths offering boat electronics, equipment, and personal gear for sale. There are often interesting sailboats to inspect.

The sponsoring organization promises to provide a zero-transmission environment. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing,

We'll have a sign-up sheet within the next few weeks, and the Board will be communicating how and where to sign up. Volunteer! Take this opportunity to show off our club and bring in new members to keep the sailing and cruising juices flowing!

Get to Know Your Officers: George & Monica Fetzer - SIYC's Secretary & Treasurer



Continuing our series of articles to tell you a bit more about SIYC's currently serving officers, we feature this month the club's Secretary and Treasurer. We find that if you did not know people before the pandemic, it's pretty hard to get to know them now. So here's what George and Monica Fetzer would like you to know about themselves.

Monica grew up in Portland and started sailing as a teenager, when her father bought their family's first catamaran... a 14-foot Aqua Cat. She caught catamaran fever, but it lay dormant for many years while she moved to SE Idaho...more known for mountains and high desert than water. Then, in 2000 she moved back to Portland. Her dad and brother both had moved on to keelboats, so she did some sailing with them...but never lost her love for the speed and adrenaline of sailing Hobies.

In 2002 Monica and George married. They shared the driveway...he with his beloved ski boat, she with her Hobie 16. Soon they added a Hobie 14, on George's side of the driveway. They got involved with the local Hobie Fleet 72. Monica found a racing partner, and 'casually' raced around the Pacific Northwest while George raced his H14 in a few more local races.

She did a stint as Commodore of the local Hobie fleet, which, as we all know, mainly means chief bottlewasher and cat-herder. They both can quite unequivocally say that sailing small, fast catamarans teaches you quickly how to handle WIND!

In 2016, George and Monica spent a week with her brother Peter aboard his Balboa 27 in the San Juan Islands. They'd sailed aboard different boats for years, but suddenly the slower pace was justified by being able to dunk down into the cabin and make a sandwich, grab a beer, or take a nap.

The next year they purchased their own 1977 Balboa 27, and renamed it Sail a Vie. She's a Lyle Hess designed swing keel boat with an inboard diesel. They are able to moor her right behind their floating home on Sauvie Island and keep her trailered during the long winter months. Since then they've been learning plenty while sailing local waters, but don't be surprised if or when they pop up with some seemingly beginner-type question. After all, there are all these 'systems' on a keelboat, and navigation involves more than sticking your wet finger in the air! They joined SIYC to learn from you all, figuring with the wealth of knowledge represented here they wouldn't always have to learn things the hard way! They're happy to be Sauvie Island Yacht Club's smallest boat, and so far, no dreams about going bigger!

Meeting Minutes



Members' Virtual Meeting of
November 6, 2020

In attendance: Craig & Barbara Johnston, Jeff Byrne, Pierre Blouin & Marie Dion, Bill & Dawn Schuldt, Bruce Bayne, George & Sue Stonecliffe, Mark Church, Paul Wise, Dave & Penny Mery, Richard Sandefur, Mark Krajcar,

Garry Weber, Craig Hull, Rudy Marchesi, George & Monica Fetzer, (possibly others, sometimes it's hard to identify everyone on Zoom).

Commodore Dave Mery opened the meeting with announcements.

Thanks to Barbara for preparing the newsletter and thanks to Dawn for sending out the club roster.

New officers are needed in May. Current officers will be leaving their positions, so think about what position you want to run for in May, 2021.

Virtual holiday party and happy hour is tentatively scheduled for December 11, 2020 on Zoom. The holiday party committee is Monica, Barbara, Bruce and Dawn. Be prepared to share your favorite sailing picture, sing a Christmas carol, play a musical instrument, or share a talent that you have with us on Zoom.

The Portland Boat Show is scheduled for January 13 – 17, 2021 at the Expo Center.

Richard introduced our guests, Pierre Blouin & Marie Dion. Their boat "Viva" is an ML53, moored at Rocky Pointe Marina.

Monica gave the Treasurer's Report. The club was three years past due on the fee for reciprocal privileges with Yacht Destinations, which has now been paid - \$150. The printing and mailing of the club roster was the other expense last month - \$236. The club received late dues from one member - \$50.

Craig Johnston presented a slide show on Downwind Sailing, with pictures from all over the world. The presentation concluded with questions and answers around 9:00 pm.

Thanks Craig!

Humbly submitted,
George Fetzer
Outgoing Secretary.

Recipe of the Month: Sue's Zucchini and Vegetable Medley

- Sue Stonecliffe



When cooking on the boat, we usually like to eat fresh fruits and vegetables, so we often have various bits of vegetables left over in the refrigerator that need to be used up before heading for more fresh provisions. This recipe would be great on a cold November evening.

Use about a half cup of each of the various vegetables, as much as you have leftover or according to taste. Other vegetables that could also be added are cauliflower, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, and carrots, cut up small enough to cook quickly.

In a pot, add 1 T extra light olive oil and heat on medium. Add one generous slice of onion cut up, sliced mushrooms, and chopped zucchini and cook until crisp/tender, about 30 seconds. Add one 16 oz can chopped tomatoes (or fresh from your garden).

Add fresh green beans cut small along with the tomatoes; cover and bring the mixture to a boil. Add salt, pepper and Italian seasonings to taste. Boil no more than 1 minute.

Serve topped with Parmesan Cheese if desired. To make this a one-pot meal, add leftover or canned chicken.

If you like to cook, please send us your favorite recipe, suitable for preparation aboard, for inclusion as a future recipe of the month!

And don't miss our bonus recipe this month, sent from Alanya, Turkey by Pam Sellix of Pied-A-Mer III – Look for it below, on page 12.

2020-2021 CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS		BOARD MEETINGS		CRUISES (see note below)	
Date/theme	Location	Date	Location	Dates	Where/theme
September 4	Zoom (online)	September 3	TBD	Sept. 18-20	Gilbert River Docks
October 2	Zoom (online)	October 1	TBD	Oct. 23-25	Annual Halloween cruise – Government Island E.
November 6	Zoom (online)	November 5	TBD	Nov. 20-22	Annual Thanksgiving cruise – Hadley's Landing
December 11 Christmas Party	Zoom (online)	TBD	TBD	Dec. 27-29	New Year's cruise – Coon Island E. Dock
January 8	Zoom (online)	January 7	TBD		
February 5	TBD	February 4	TBD	Feb. 12-14	Valentine Cruise – Coon Island
March 5	TBD	March 4	TBD	March 20-21	Anchoring Cruise
April 2	TBD	April 1	TBD	April 16-18	Navigation Cruise – Downtown, River Place
May 7 Annual Meeting/ Dessert Potluck	TBD	May 6	TBD	May 14-16	Annual Race/Drift Cruise – Sand Island
June 6 Annual Picnic	TBD				

Note: The club will not be sponsoring cruises this year because of the Corona Virus pandemic. But these dates and locations for cruises have been reserved for us with the Columbia River Yachting Association. There will be no hosts. However, members are free to gather at these places at the designated times. If you are interacting with other club members there, please use social distancing and wear masks.

SIYC CRUISING BOATS

Boat Name	Owners' Names	Location
<i>Mapache</i>	Rob Martin & Sarah Laidlaw	San Diego, California
<i>Pied-A-Mer III</i>	Eric & Pam Sellix	Alanya, Turkey
<i>Catspaw</i>	Rick & Cynthia Woldridge	Puerto Peñasco, Mexico
<i>Ma Makani</i>	Mark & Linda Church	En route via truck to New Orleans

Member Boat Websites

By His Grace
Julia Max
Ma Makani
Moonshadow
Mapache
Pied-a-Mer III
Rowena
Sequoia

<http://www.sailblogs.com/member/byhisgrace/>
<http://www.sailblogs.com/member/juliamax/>
<http://boatzo.com/sailingourdreams/>
<http://www.voyagemoonshadow.blogspot.com/>
<https://leakylittleboatcom.com/>
<http://www.sailblogs.com/member/sesesail/>
<http://www.svrowena.com/>
<https://www.sailblogs.com/member/svsequoia/>

SIYC members : Do you have an active website or blog for your boat that isn't listed above? If so, please get the information to your trusty editor, Barbara Johnston, cellolaw@gmail.com, and we'll make sure your website or blog is included in future issues of the newsletter.



Tahanea, Tuamotu Islands, French Polynesia

CRUISING REPORTS

From Rob Martin (RacerRob) and Sarah Laidlaw, S/V Mapache

Assholes and Elbows

One of the best things to come out of our journey so far is consistent evidence that people are good. We have experienced unsolicited kindness in every place that we have stopped. Complete strangers have loaned us their marina keys until we were able to obtain our own, offered use of their vehicles, helped push us off of or pull us onto a dock in strong current and wind, dropped off a bottle of wine just to say, “welcome to their city,” divulged their secret anchoring spots, bought us meals, and become our biggest supporters. The Humboldt Yacht Club let us use their clubhouse for our NPR interview, and the Point San Pablo Yacht Club allowed us to keep our boat at their guest dock for two weeks so that we could attend Rob’s father’s memorial. We’ve made new friends over impromptu happy hours and hometown tours, as well as while pushing Mapache into the Santa Barbara Harbor.



If you’re following our blog, you’ll know that we had to make our way to Santa Barbara without use of our propeller due to a broken key connecting the driveshaft to the engine. Despite lack of sleep from the previous two days’ passage, we were up early motoring our dinghy into the harbor. We spoke to Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol, who were immediately understanding of our circumstance. They secured us an end-tie (the easiest spot to dock in a marina). Our assigned end-tie was directly in front of Warren Buffett’s partner’s mega-yacht, a massive and immaculate catamaran that holds 149 passengers. Our plan was to use our dinghy with its outboard engine to push Mapache off anchor, around the wharf pier, through the buoy-marked channel, into the harbor, and tie up while avoiding the dozens of paddle boards, kayakers, small and large sail and motor boats, and that mega-yacht. I would steer and Rob would captain our “tugboat,” the dinghy. As we rode back to Mapache on the dinghy, its

engine started failing. It would take several pulls to get it running again, but it was clear that it was now unreliable. Trouble enjoys company, I suppose.

As we sat on Mapache contemplating what to do next, a dinghy holding three people drinking cocktails, one of whom wore a pirate hat (it was Halloween), motored alongside us. They called out and threw us a couple of breakfast sandwiches and two White Claws. It turned out that the pirate was my mother's friend's son, Matt. He and his family have a sailboat in the harbor and live in town. Having known them for all of two minutes, they gave us no alternative to them helping push Mapache with their dinghy.



Matt traded his passengers for his teenage son, Shane, and the two of them gripped onto Mapache's port stays while standing in and motoring their dinghy. Rob pushed the nose of our dinghy against Mapache's stern. We easily made it off anchor and were underway with enough momentum for me to steer from Mapache's helm. Our dinghy's motor repeatedly gave out, leaving Rob behind, but Matt and Shane provided enough power alone. Shane and Matt got rocked in wind waves, took water over their dinghy's bow, and were yanked around as they held tight. But they never let go of Mapache. We successfully navigated the channel and into the marina, with some help from Chris, Matt's wife, paddleboarding ahead and warning people not to cross in front of us. Rob caught up to push Mapache again, so Matt sped ahead and dropped Shane on the dock to catch lines. Matt stood by in his dinghy to help adjust Mapache's

positioning as needed. Harbor Patrol also stood by, sensibly positioning their boat between our assigned dock and the giant catamaran. My focus in the marina was on that catamaran, telling myself, “just don’t hit that!” We gracefully pulled alongside the dock, Shane caught our midship and stern lines, and a harbor patrol officer caught our bow line. We tied off, and it was a smooth success. If it weren’t for my excessive thanking of everyone, we might have looked like professionals.

Knowing Matt, Shane, and Chris (and later, Matt’s and Chris’s daughter, Quinn) is an honor. They are the type that see a way to help another and jump in, no questions asked. They take away any awkwardness in the situation, providing easy confidence and positivity. We have found that there are a lot of people who want to help others, but only some of those people take steps to do so, and even fewer keep at it no matter how much worse the problem develops. Rob describes the people who help others and see a job to the end as people who are willing to jump in, “assholes and elbows.” The term comes from his navy days and is a compliment. Urban Dictionary defines the slang term as “working hard at a task,” allegedly originating from farm work, where “[i]f a group of field hands are busy and bent over picking crops, then a supervisor looking out over the group would see nothing but ‘assholes and elbows.’” Matt, Chris, and Shane are those “assholes-and-elbows-type” helpers. To top it all off, they also left us a six-pack of local, craft beer in our dock box.

We are thrilled to have made so many new friends and seen the good parts of human nature. But we definitely have not forgotten our old friends and family. They also keep us going, sending us spontaneous messages of encouragement, answering our calls in the middle of a workday to provide a second opinion on the forecast or a boat repair, visiting us when they can, accepting countless packages for us, and so much more. Thank you, new friends and old, for being part of our journey.

Now, it’s time to repair the boat!

Rob & Sarah – S/V Mapache – www.leakylittleboat.com

(Editor note: As we were readying this newsletter for publication, Rob and Sarah [posted an update](#) describing the repairs. If you are heading out for long-distance cruising anytime soon, we highly recommend you read their post. The repairs involve the engine driveshaft, and in particular the keyway and key. This is striking because it is the third drive shaft problem we have become aware of within the 32 SIYC member boats, just in the last three months!)

From Eric & Pam Sellix, S/V Pied-A-Mer III

Merhaba (Hello) Everyone,

We are continuing to enjoy the challenges of life in Turkey. When in a new country, we try to master commonly used words and phrases. The Turkish language, in my opinion, is very difficult to learn. However, with the help of Ebru and Duygu, the gals in the marina office, I am compiling my own dictionary. Ebru or Duygu will say a word and write it down, then I write “my” phonetic spelling next to the word. This system seems to be working but only for single words. I’ve not mastered sentences!



Our “best friend” is Google Translate! We grocery shop with phone in hand using Google to translate labels. This is time consuming and grocery shopping becomes a whole day event. The marina runs a weekly shuttle into town to the Bazar (produce market) and Migros (grocery store). We, along with fellow cruisers Wade and Diane, are the only passengers. Ismail, our driver is very accommodating and will even stop along the way for us to run a quick errand.



The Bazar is an Open Air market with an amazing variety of fresh vegetables, fruits/both fresh and dried, nuts, cheeses, herbs and spices and unidentifiable produce. Samples are freely given, and we are encouraged to taste everything!

AFIYET OLSUN: “Enjoy your food” or “Bon Appetite” — We are certainly enjoying Turkish cuisine and doing so mostly as an educational venue. I am on a mission to learn the “Art of Turkish Cooking”! COVID-19 restrictions and taxis for transportation combined with

our “cruising budget” do not allow us to have many meals in restaurants, though food here is very reasonable. So, I have asked the marina staff to give me cooking classes.

Sundays are a slow day here at the marina and Duygu and Sultun are my instructors. There is a small kitchenette off the marina office (smaller than the galley on Pied-a-Mer) and from this tiny space Sultun prepares the most amazing food. I choose a dish from the ones that Sultun prepares for the staff, prep the ingredients on the boat and take everything up to the office. Last Sunday I was making soup and decided that it made more sense to cook on the boat rather than

carry a hot pot from the office to the boat. So, with an online recipe in hand which I had shown to Duygu for authenticity, I made Kiyimli Patates Yemeni. After I tasted the soup, it seemed that it was missing something, so I added lemon juice and Siracha Sauce. Eric and I thought that these improved the soup but when I took some up to the marina office for Duygu and Sultun they both made faces and shook their heads——NO!

Sultun does not speak English so after a long Turkish discussion with Duygu, I was told by Duygu (who speaks English very well) that I should not do my cooking lessons by myself on the boat! Well, that took care of that. Next Sunday I will take my prepped ingredients to the marina office.

Our current favorite dish from my cooking class is Kisir. This dish is particularly representative of two important staples of Turkey's cuisine: bulgur and salads.

KISIR

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup Bulgur (very, very fine)
- Boiling water to cover bulgur
- 60ml olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 1-2 Tablespoon tomato paste
- 1-2 Tablespoon Biber salcasi (pepper paste)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2-3 tomatoes
- 4 green onions
- 2 lemons or limes
- 3/4-1 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 small cucumber peeled and chopped.



DIRECTIONS

1. In small bowl pour boiling water to cover bulgur, put lid on bowl and set aside.
2. In small pan over low heat sauté onion onions in olive oil until very soft. Stirring often.
3. To onion mixture add tomato and pepper paste and a little salt. Stir and cook over low heat.
4. In bowl chop tomato, green onion, squeeze juice of 1-2 lemon or lime, add fresh parsley and cucumber. Let sit a few minutes for flavors to blend.

5. Loosen bulgar up with a fork and add it to the sautéed onion/tomato paste mixture, stir well.
6. Stir tomato/green onion mixture into bulgar mixture and mix well. Add about 1 teaspoon salt and more citrus juice if desired.

NOTES

Serve with clean crisp romaine leaves. Put a scoop of bulgar mixture inside of romaine leaf and eat with hands.

Can add a bit of nar eksisi (pomegranate molasses), which, I am told, can be made by boiling down pomegranate juice until it becomes syrupy. *(Editor's note: Turkish Pepper Paste (Biber salcasi) is available on Amazon, and I found online recipes for making it from scratch.)*

Let's explore! Alanya is a resort town on Turkey's central Mediterranean Coast (also known as the Turkish Riviera). Covid concerns have kept us close to Alanya where we have explored many of the historical sites in the city. Sailing into Alanya Harbor we were greeted by the Alanya Castle sitting 820 feet high on a rocky peninsula jutting into the Mediterranean Sea, which protects it from 3 sides. Most of the castle was built in the 13th century on remnants of earlier Byzantine and Roman era fortifications. We opted not to walk up to the castle but rode the Alanya Aerial Tramway (Teleferik), which has become one of the icons of the holiday village.



Alanya Shipyard

Another of the landmarks of Alanya is the Red Tower, one of the best examples of 13th century Mediterranean defense structures. It sits at the point where the castle meets northern fortifications. It was built to keep the port under control for centuries.

We marveled at the the interior of the Alanya Shipyard, built by Seljuk Sultan Alaaddin Keykubat (these names are a challenge), in 1228 which has been used as shipbuilding and ship

accommodation for centuries. As we wandered through cavern like rooms filled with ancient shipbuilding tools and materials, we marveled at how, in many countries, historical/museum artifacts are in the open air with no protective coverings or security.

Another popular “must see” is The Damlatas Cave, which is famous for its healthy air for asthma patients and the cave leads directly to the most popular beach in Alanya, Cleopatra Beach, where Queen Cleopatra is said to have enjoyed the two kilometers of crystal clear sea and golden sand. When we arrived in Alanya, Cleopatra beach was packed with people however a couple of days ago when I walked the beach it was empty—Covid and Winter have taken over.

In the six months we have been in Turkey we finally managed to do a day trip to Aspendos and Said and a weekend in Cappadocia. These trips were before the following announcement from the Ministry of the Interior: Alayna, Turkey.....November 18, 2020.

“Curfew for over 65 now restricted to 10am to 1pm and ‘under 20’s from 1pm to 4pm each day.”

Turkey is continuing to take Covid seriously.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!

Eric & Pam

Sv Pied-a-Mer III – www.sailblogs.com/member/sesesail/

From Rick and Cynthia Woldridge, S/V Catspaw

Dear SIYCers,

We've mentioned how much we like this boatyard. They absolutely bend over backwards to do whatever you need. In this boatyard, there is a man named Pancho. He's an all-round welder, mechanic and troubleshooter. I tell Pancho that I need a tall ladder to do some taping. The next morning, he shows up with a ladder. I send an email to the Cabrales Boatyard Cruisers FB page that we need water, the water truck shows up that afternoon. Rick mentions he needs to go up the mizzen, Pancho says "No problem. We'll use the lift." Using the lift didn't work out, but not for lack of willingness.



The heart and soul of this boatyard are the Cabrales family: Salvador II (the dad) and Salvador III (the son). Their "what can we do for you" attitude is reflected in their employees' willingness to accommodate...even when our Spanish isn't up to the task, they figure it out. 😊



Salvador II runs around the yards in a little golf cart that is a fiberglass replica of a Mercedes. Salvador II told us when he was young, he told his dad that someday he'd buy him a Mercedes. Maturity brought reality, so he ended up buying his dad the Mercedes golf cart. We thought it was a charming story and exemplifies the relationship between father and son. We noticed that the emblem was missing from the hood and were told that it had been stolen. Salvador II had been so helpful in hooking me up with the orthopedist, we wanted to show a little appreciation. We ordered a genuine Mercedes hood ornament (fairly cheap on Amazon) and had it delivered to Salvador III's house in Phoenix, who in turn brought it down to us.

The plan was to install it in the evening, after Salvador II had gone home. Unfortunately, we discovered that the fiberglass of the hood was too thick to install. Rick talked to Pancho, who took his Dremel to it and shaved it thin. A beautiful installation and fun surprise for Salvador II. The Cabrales are very family oriented and their family (siblings, kiddies, everyone) gets together on Saturdays. So as a thank-you, I made a couple of cheesecakes last week. Such a small thing, but when we took them over, Salvador II said it was too much. It really touched my heart. About 2 hours later, he showed up at the coach with a bag of gargantuan shrimp. Huge! I put the knife right next to the bag for scale. That knife is 11" long! There's about a kilo of those big boys in the bag. Guess what was for dinner?



Boat projects are calling. I'll have more time for a proper cruising report once we're back in the water headed south.

Until then, stay sane, stay safe, wear your mask!!

Rick and Cynthia

S/V Catspaw

Let's Stay in Touch with our Cruising Members

If you enjoyed the stories from these cruising members of Sauvie Island Yacht Club, please say so. Sometimes the cruisers comment that they feel like they are sending their articles into a black hole, and they never get any feedback. Let's all make an effort to let them know they are appreciated. If you see them, say something. If they are still out cruising, send them an email. If you have questions for them, do ask – it may be the seed for an interesting future report. – Ed.



Sunset – Tenacatita Bay, Jalisco, Mexico

Newsletter Contributions

Would you like to contribute to SIYC's monthly newsletter? Perhaps you had particularly interesting cruising experiences that you'd like to share. Technical information about sailing or systems? Your favorite recipe? Pictures are great, too! All of these things would be enjoyed by other SIYC members, especially during these socially distanced times when actually getting out on the water, not to mention socializing with each other, can be more difficult.

Send your contributions to Barbara Johnston, cellolaw@gmail.com. We publish very month except during the summer, a few days before the monthly membership meeting. The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the preceding month.
