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Annual Picnic

June 5, noon at
Sauvie Island's Big Island Marina
IN PERSON!!!!

Passing of the Gavel
Induction of New Members
Raffle

Good food
Good company

DO COME!

RSVP to Debbie Khoja
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Comments from the Commodore



My vision for the Club is to nurture the love of Bluewater Cruising through fellowship, training, sharing resources and personal experiences with Club members and their guests. For over fifty years the Club has been open to those with this common interest. I for one am pleased to be a part of this dream-building energy.

As we return to normal Club activities, we will share time together at our meetings, watching programs, participating in river cruises, and sharing in conversations with each other.

Under the direction of the previous Board, an exciting effort by Jay Kerr and Mark Church has been renewing the functionality, purpose, and access to the SIYC Website. As we learn about these new developments this year, we will benefit from this focus on Club communications. In addition, the forthcoming SIYC Roster is an important resource for members to remain in touch, to share names, email addresses, boat names, photos, reciprocal Clubs, and so on.

Whether or not we see you at the Picnic on June 5th, we wish you an active boating summer, and will see you in the fall.

George Stonecliffe, SIYC Commodore

Annual Election Results

SIYC's annual election took place at the annual Members meeting on May 7, 2021. The four nominated candidates were elected by acclamation. Your new officers are Debbie Khoja, Secretary; Tim Hryciw, Treasurer; Craig

Johnston, Vice-Commodore; and George Stonecliffe, Commodore. All will be formally inducted at the "passing of the gavel" ceremony to take place at the June 5 picnic.

2021 -22 Dues Reminder

This a friendly reminder to members who have forgotten to pay their membership fees. We will be handing out 2021-22 membership cards to paid members at the picnic on June 5. These cards are also used for reciprocal yacht club moorages. For paid members who can't attend the picnic, we will mail the membership card to your address. If you have a new mailing address, please email the SIYC Secretary at Debbie.Khoja@gmail.com with the new information. We will also be publishing the 2021-22 Roster very soon which is another reason to pay your membership dues as soon as possible.

If you are having any financial hardship regarding the payment of dues, please let any of the SIYC officers know so we can look into other arrangements.

Has your membership status changed?

Below is a description of the 4 different classes of membership. For more detailed information, please refer to SIYC By-Laws and Rules.

Membership Year: April 1 – March 31

Full Member: \$50 per year. Any Member in good standing provided their annual dues are paid.

Post Member: \$20 per year. Any member who has been a full, dues paying member for no less than five (5) full membership years and wishes to stay involved in the club activities after no longer owning a boat. Post members get the newsletter and attend meetings, but may not vote, hold office or participate in the Race-Cruise.

Life Member: No dues. Any member who has been a full, dues paying member for no less than twenty (20) full membership years.

Cruising Member: \$20 dues. Any member who has been a full, dues paying member for no

less than two (2) full membership years. In any and all subsequent membership years, a cruising member must have cruised for at least six (6) continuous months outside Oregon and Washington waters during the preceding membership year in order to be eligible for a reduction in current dues to \$20 per year. The reduced rate takes effect on the April 1st after a request for reduction has been received by the treasurer AND at least three (3) newsletter contributions have been received by the newsletter editor. To maintain cruising status, cruising members must continue to cruise at least six (6) continuous months AND continue to contribute at least three (3) newsletter contributions to the SIYC Newsletter per membership year.

SIYC Annual Picnic

SIYC Picnic Is Coming!

Saturday, June 5th at Noon

Outdoors at Big Island Marina

18015 NW Sauvie Island Rd, Sauvie Island

All members, family members, and prospective members are invited to this exciting event. The Club will provide free burgers, dogs, buns, condiments and Costco pies and ice cream.

Please RSVP by May 28 to Debbie Khoja, our new club secretary at debbie.khoja@gmail.com. It's important to include the total number of your party with your RSVP so that we have enough food.

The plan: We will enjoy lunch and conversation together and introduce new and prospective members.

There will be a "passing the gavel" ceremony to bring on the newly elected officers, and then our annual fund-raising raffle and new silent auction.

Bring:

1. Your salad or side dish to share as well as serving utensils.

2. Your chair and, if possible, a portable table.

3. Your own beverage

4. Your own plate, cup, napkins, cutlery and other implements of destruction.

5. Overhead shelter if rain is threatening.

6. Your musical instrument, if you'd like to participate in group singing/music.

7. Raffle and silent auction contributions (see below) and cash/checkbook

Raffle: This annual event is a major source of fundraising for club projects. This year we hope to raise at least \$400 to cover the cost of updating our website. We'll be selling raffle tickets at \$5 each. We encourage everyone to bring an item or two (or many): surplus boating equipment, cruising guides and reference books, and items of more general interest, such as home-made treats, bottles of wine, decorative items, and other goodies that might be of interest to other members.

Silent auction: This is a new opportunity for members and guests to offer more expensive items with proceeds split 50/50 with the Club. (A minimum starting price can be established for auction items.)

Covid Considerations: Covid-19 remains a risk. At this time, we anticipate most members will be vaccinated. Since we will be outdoors, masks are optional. We intend to have servers with masks and gloves serving the burgers & dogs and spooning out the salads and side dishes to minimize the general contact with food dishes by Club members. Feel free to bring your own side dishes and chips not to be shared with others if you are at all nervous about taking part in the potluck. Members must evaluate their own immune status and the risks to themselves and others if they participate in this activity.

Any questions? Please send a text to Sue Stonecliffe at 503-432-1933. She is the Picnic Coordinator and is also looking for volunteers to help with setup, serving food and cleanup.

Get to know new members: Pierre Blouin & Marie Dion



We are both still working full time but have started dreaming about our “next” sailing chapter. Our boat is “Viva”, an Amel Super Maramu 53’ ketch. We are in the preliminary stages of getting her ready for far away cruising. Our immediate goals are to enjoy sailing her locally and building memories aboard with our family, and especially our 2-year-old grandson Felix.

We’re moored in St. Helens and plan to sail north this July to the San Juans and hopefully back into Canada’s Gulf Islands. We’re very happy to join the SIYC and look forward to building friendships, make connections and learning from experienced sailors.

Editor’s note: Pierre and Marie will be formally inducted at the June 5 Club picnic.

News from CRYA

As you may know, SIYC is a member of the Columbia River Yachting Association, which serves as an umbrella organization for various yacht clubs along the lower Columbia River. Our new Commodore, George Stonecliffe, submitted these two news articles from the CRYA newsletter as worthy of our attention and interest:

“Welcome Martin Slough Dock to the CRYA Portfolio!”

We are proud to announce that we have completed the acquisition of the Martin Slough Docks from Columbia River Yacht Club. We are working now to get the dock cleaned and sealed, re-anchored as well as adding signage as to the docks purpose for boaters. We have visions of a floating dog dock for keeping animals off of the island as the owner has requested many times. Watch for more information as projects continue and enjoy what we are working for in CRYA.”

2021 marks our 34th years of sailing together! Our first date was sailing a Tanzer 22 on the Great Lakes out of Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Marie was studying English at Queen’s University and Pierre was managing the marina at the Royal Military College (dream summer job!).



Fast forward a “few years”, two kids in tow, we adventured, leaving the motherland and moved first to Arizona and ultimately to Portland in 2001. This is when we rekindled our love of sailing, we sailed for a few years on the Columbia, yet again on a Tanzer 22, and from then on, all family vacations were spent sailing in the Pacific Northwest and ultimately chartering all over the world as we became Sunsail boat owners of a Jeanneau 36 in Split, Croatia.



Martin Slough Dock

“Senate Bill 859 - Increase the Marine board abandoned and derelict boat fund from \$150K to \$1M.

Update: At this point in time, both the SB740 and SB840 have been replaced with a new one, Senate Bill 859. This bill allows for the increase of the maximum amount allowed in the Abandoned and Derelict Boat Account to increase from \$150,000 as it is today, to \$1Million in the future. The goal is to jumpstart the fund with an initial \$1M seed money, then work to create a long-term solution. This allows almost immediate access to funds for boat removal as needed. A big win for everyone! Stan Tonneson needs to be thanked for his efforts. If you are unaware, he owns Rocky Pointe Marina and really has been driving for a solution. I'm sure we'll hear more soon, but right now this is pretty big news.”



Club Governance



Board Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting
May 6, 2021

Attendees: Dave Mery, Bill & Dawn Schuldt, George & Monica Fetzer, Craig & Barbara Johnston, George & Sue Stonecliffe, Jay Kerr, Tim Hryciw, Debbie Khoja.

Commodore Dave called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. He thanked everyone for supporting him in his role as commodore for the past two years.

Vice-Commodore Report: Dawn announced there is a speaker for tomorrow night's monthly members meeting.

Treasurer Report: Monica reported that club members donated \$508 to the Oregon Food Bank as part of the holiday food drive, and the club donated \$150, for a total of \$658.

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George Fetzer
SIYC – Secretary

Membership Meeting Minutes

**Membership Virtual Meeting
May 7, 2021**

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George & Monica Fetzer, Craig & Barbara

Johnston, George & Sue Stonecliffe, Jay Kerr,
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From your Newsletter Editor

This is the final issue of the SIYC Newsletter for the 2020-21 season. The Newsletter will be on hiatus for the summer months and will resume with the September issue.

I hope that we will be able to fill the September issue with lots of cruising reports and photos from your summer activities. Don't forget to drop us a line at cellolaw@gmail.com.

Barbara Johnston
SIYC Newsletter Editor

SIYC Cruising Boats

Boat Name	Owners' Names	Location
<i>Mapache</i>	Rob Martin & Sarah Laidlaw	Sea of Cortez, Mexico
<i>Pied-A-Mer III</i>	Eric & Pam Sellix	Alanya, Turkey
<i>Catspaw</i>	Rick & Cynthia Woldridge	Sea of Cortez, Mexico
<i>No Regrets</i>	Bruce & Lynette Bayne	Chula Vista, California
<i>CarolMarie</i>	Terry & Charing O'Shea	En route from San Diego to Honolulu

Member Boat Websites

By His Grace	http://www.sailblogs.com/member/byhisgrace/
Julia Max	http://www.sailblogs.com/member/juliamax/
Ma Makani	http://boatzo.com/sailingourdreams/
Moonshadow	http://www.voyagemoonshadow.blogspot.com/
Mapache	https://leakylittleboat.com/
Pied-a-Mer III	http://www.sailblogs.com/member/sesesail/
Rowena	http://www.svrowena.com/
Sequoia	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.

2021-22 Calendar

GENERAL MEETINGS		BOARD MEETINGS		CRUISES**	
Date/ theme	Location	Date	Location	Dates	Where/ theme
June 5 Annual Picnic	Big Island Marina	June 3	Zoom		
September 10	TBD*	September 9	Zoom	Sept. 17-19	Gilbert River
October 8	TBD*	October 7		Oct. 22-24	E. Govt Island, Bartlett Landing/ Halloween
November 5	TBD*	November 4		Nov 19-21	Location TBD/ Thanksgiving Cruise
December 4 Christmas party	Stonecliffe Home	December 2		Dec 31-Jan 2	Coon Island, East Dock New Year's Cruise
January 7	TBD*	January 6		TBD	
February 4	TBD*	February 3		Feb 11-13	Coon Island, Valentine's Day Cruise
March 4	TBD*	March 3		March 11-13	Anchoring Cruise, TBD
April 1	TBD*	March 31		April 22-24	Navigation Cruise, TBD
May 6 – Annual mtg, dessert potluck	TBD*	May 5		May 14-15	Annual Race/Drift Cruise, Sand Island, St. Helens
June 4 Annual Picnic	TBD	June 2			

Notes:

***General meetings:** All meetings begin at 7:30 pm, except as noted. We have traditionally met at Sauvie Island School. At this point we don't know whether the school will be allowing us to meet there in September. So, the meeting may be held in another location and/or we may continue to use Zoom. (There is some consideration of using Zoom even when most of us meet in person, so that members who are out of the area or are cruising may be able to join us virtually).

****Cruises:** These dates and locations for cruises have been reserved for us with the Columbia River Yachting Association. A host will be announced for each cruise. If unable to attend by boat, you are invited to attend by car if the dock is accessible.



CRUISING REPORTS

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

A Piece of Cake

We made it to Baja Sur (the southern state of the Baja peninsula), landing in Bahía Tortugas after Isla de Cedros. Tortugas is a remote town that marks the halfway point on the desolate west coast of Baja. It thrives on providing supplies and fuel to boats making the trek toward the promised water of the Sea of Cortez. We had heard stories that the floating fuel vendors in Tortugas charge excessive rates and cheat the amount of fuel that they provide. The local gas station is a short walk from the beach into town, and we could easily carry or wheel jerrycans there to avoid the racket. But Rob and I believe that the “excessive rates” of the floating fuel vendors are merely a service fee to enjoy the convenience of them bringing fuel to your boat. And our past experiences taught us that negative stories about people are often misguided or exaggerated.



As soon as we dropped anchor, a fuel boat approached and the vendor offered his service. We planned to buy fuel from him later to support his business but needed to first check our tanks and get settled. So, we politely declined. He had a strange response, telling us that we should avoid taking our dinghy to the beach because “banditos” would steal our outboard motor. We saw through the veiled threat as a way to dissuade us from buying fuel at the town’s gas station.

We went to town several times over the course of our five days in Bahía Tortugas, leaving our dinghy on the beach, locked to a light pole with the outboard locked to the transom. Of course, a savvy thief could easily cut the lock to the dinghy or, even, cut the transom to obtain the outboard. But the most interest directed at us or

our boat were friendly waves from a family who lived in a house on the beach and from the children playing in the park across the street. The fuel hustlers persisted, and each time we went to shore, they repeatedly yelled at us about banditos. They offered another service, too, imploring us to tie our dinghy to their dock, where we could pay them to guard it.

Through regulations or lost visitors, the COVID-19 pandemic has closed or severely hampered most businesses in the Baja towns we stopped. The fuel vendors' desperate attempts to ensure our business were a sign of that struggle. Thankfully, we also witnessed a sign of hope against the pandemic's destruction. It flew into Tortugas one night. From our boat, we watched a helicopter land in the town's basketball court for 15 minutes before flying back into the moonless night. The next morning, during a grocery-store run, we saw a line of people outside the local police station and medical clinic. The military was administering COVID-19 vaccines, which the helicopter had delivered!



The other major event for us in Tortugas was baked from a Betty Crocker cake mix. Boxes of it are common shelf items at Baja markets. And, in celebration of reaching Baja Sur, I bought a box. We ate our pieces of cake and decided to deliver two of the extra pieces to a man on a fishing boat anchored next to us. He was thrilled, and immediately handed us a reciprocal gift of fresh clam ceviche. Then, 20 minutes later, he dinghied over to our boat, gifting us four lobster tails. The bartering market in Mexico is clearly skewed toward sugar.



The man's name is Leonardo and he is the engineer (and security while in port) of a fishing boat that works as a supply vessel to the nearby island of Natividad. A smaller local boat shuttles food, fuel, and various items from shore to Leonardo's boat. The most impressive of those items was a

full-size truck, which precariously balanced on the shuttle boat between the cabin and motor before Leonardo craned it onto his boat's deck. Leonardo works year-round, living on the boat, with one annual vacation, which he spends visiting his children and girlfriend in Ensenada. We spent several afternoons visiting with him on his boat with him patiently interpreting our often-inadequate Spanish.



The day before setting out to continue our west-coast-Baja passage, we conducted business with the fuel vendors. We told them the quantity of fuel that we wished to purchase, we agreed on a price, and they hauled it in a large tank on their boat to our boat. We asked them to fill our five-gallon jerrycans one at a time so that we could make sure our fuel gauge was properly calibrated. The method provided an additional benefit of allowing us to check that we received the amount of fuel that we had ordered. At jug number 7, one of the two men on the fuel boat said that he was at jug 8. Rob and I protested, and I showed him the written record that I was keeping as Rob emptied each jerry can into our fuel tanks. The vendors continued to fill until actual jug 10, arguing the entire time that they were giving us 11 jugs. They loudly talked about how we were cheats and "ratos" but accepted payment for 50 gallons as originally agreed. I paid and told them to keep the change (a minimal amount). Then, they screamed about how they had worked hard

and deserved a better tip. I was unaware that a tip for the fuel service was customary and had not factored it in. In the end, we gave them an extra 200 pesos (about \$10), which they accepted. I was happy to give them the money that we did—they definitely need it and they did provide a service—but their interactions with us only support their reputation as the true “banditos” of Tortugas.

The rest of our journey down Baja Sur’s west coast was unremarkable apart from the sea life, the beautiful desert shoreline, and the wild blue Pacific. We stopped at Bahía Asunción, Abrejos, and Bahía de Magdalena (the latter of which afforded us more time sharing an anchorage with gray whales), before making it to Los Cabos at the tip of Baja.



As we neared Cabo San Lucas, its infamous rock arches in sight, a flotilla of pangas, giant motor cruisers, and a pirate ship rapidly approached us. Tourists! Sunburnt faces and English screams greeted us on their way to search for whales and a morning alcohol-buzz. This was somewhat shocking to us after our acclimation to the small dusty towns of Baja’s west coast. We

anchored amongst mega yachts just off the resort-packed beach and promptly found pizza and craft beer at a rooftop brewery overlooking the water. We soon tired of the tourist-packed town and raised anchor to head on to La Paz.

Strong winds and waves in the wrong direction hit us as we attempted to round the tip of Baja’s peninsula. We decided against a stubborn onward fight and, instead, turned around and pulled into the other cabo (San José del Cabo). There, we found an immaculate (and reasonably priced) marina attached to a resort. Unlike Cabo San Lucas, the space was not overcrowded. The streets around the marina were

peaceful and offered several quality restaurants (even ones with vegetarian menu items). You might guess which one captured most of our dinner dinero—the one with the friendly dog out front and a sign reading “El Marinero Borracho.” Finding this refuge, we spent a day cleaning the entire boat, ourselves, and our laundry, and then we treated ourselves to a few “vacation days.” For two lazy afternoons, we hung out at the resort’s private beach and its rooftop swimming pool before pushing on in much calmer weather around Baja’s point and into the Sea of Cortez. We made it to La Paz, by way of Bahía Los Frailes and Ensenada de Muertos, three months later than we originally planned . . . it was a piece of cake.



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

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



Merhaba

About the only thing that has changed here in Turkey since the last newsletter is the weather. We had a week of spring and now “summer”! Days are warm and sunny with a gentle ocean breeze, nights are comfortable but will become hotter in July, August and September.

We just finished a 19-day Lockdown where, again because of our age, we were not allowed out of the marina. Many restrictions were lifted this week, but restaurants still do packet service only (take

out), weekends are Lockdown, masks and social distancing at all times. The government continues to stress the need for the vaccine and is enforcing fines on those who do not comply with the restrictions. It's interesting that tourists are not held to restrictions, but we are not considered tourists!

Because of Covid our time in Turkey is allowing us to experience and appreciate the culture of the country. Following are a few of the more interesting Turkish customs:

1. **CLEANSE WITH KOLONYA.** Kolonya originated in Turkey and for hundreds of years this Ottoman era cologne has been synonymous with Turkish hospitality. Kolonya has a refreshing quality because of the 80% alcohol it contains. Aromatic fragrances such as lemon, lilac and rose are added to the mixture, lemon being the most common. It is an important tradition to offer Kolonya during guest visits, on bus trips and in restaurants. In addition to using it as a fragrance, it is also used to treat dizziness, fainting, headaches and now, because it kills germs, it is used to fight coronavirus. Since Turkey's first confirmed Coronavirus cases some of the nation's main Kolonya producers have said their sales have increased at least fivefold.



2. **THERE IS ALWAYS TEA.** Tea or CAY in Turkish, is served anytime/anywhere. Traditionally cay is served in a small clear tulip shaped glass, often on a saucer with a very small spoon and two lumps of sugar. We have been served tea in a pharmacy, a jewelry store, an “elektrik shop, the marina office and private homes.

3. LEAVE YOUR SHOES AT THE DOOR. The Turks never wear outdoor shoes in the house. As soon as you have been greeted by your Turkish hosts you will be handed a pair of slippers or house shoes. The main reason for this is not only to keep the house clean but also to avoid the transition of bacteria into the home. An old Turkish saying is that if you walk on a cold floor without protection, you will catch a cold, which is why a Turkish Family will have a collection of slippers for their guests.

4. COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF FOOD. No matter what time of day you visit a Turkish home you will be greeted by mouthwatering smells of food being cooked. The Turks love their food. Turkish breakfast, KAHVALTI, is the best reason to get out of bed in the morning. A typical breakfast consists of black and green olives, cucumbers, cured meats, dips and sauces, eggs, fresh cheeses, fresh tomatoes, fresh baked bread, fruit preserves and jams, Honey, pastries and sweet butter. It seems that by the time breakfast is over people begin planning a tea break— with sweet pastries. We were invited to a home with arrival time of 5:30.



We weren't sure if the invitation included dinner and weren't comfortable asking. On arrival we were served tea and then a couple of hours later several dishes were brought out, both savories and sweets. We learned that this was just food to accompany more tea, dinner would follow later.

This photo was taken one morning in November. Eric and I ordered fruit, toast, and coffee? Our friends simply ordered "breakfast" and the items on the table are only a few that were part of their meal. Eric and I were amazed!

Have a wonderful summer in the PNW!

Pam & Eric Sellix, SV Pied-a-Mer III – www.sailblogs.com/member/sesesail/

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.

Newsletter Contributions

Would you like to contribute to SIYC's monthly newsletter? Perhaps you have a cruising story you'd like to share. Technical information about sailing or systems? Your favorite recipe or picture? SIYC members are awaiting your input, especially during these 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 every month except July and August, a few days before the monthly membership meeting. The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the preceding month.
