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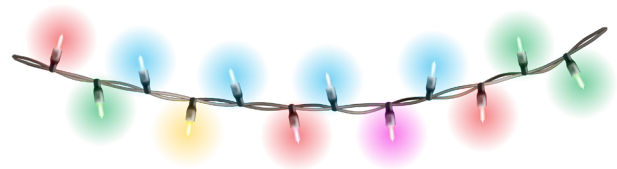
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Christmas Party!
December 4 at 6 pm
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Christmas Party

Comments from the Commodore



The Holidays stir the hearts and souls of us all! With Thanksgiving just past, we have the SIYC Christmas Party to bring us together. Please look for the Invitation article below which explains the details of the Party.

At the end of this month we have the New Year's Cruise at Coon Island East Dock on December 31st through January 2nd. What a great way to start off 2022 with friends and good cheer!

In addition we look forward to the Portland Boat Show on January 12th through 16th at the Expo Center. The Club will have a booth promoting membership to fellow sailors! Look for sign-up sheets soon, so we can have the booth fully staffed for the show.

George Stonecliffe, SIYC Commodore

This year's SIYC December meeting is the Christmas Party. It will be held on Saturday, December 4th at 6pm, at the Stonecliffe's house in Portland.



We'll have a potluck dinner together. A roast turkey and a honey-baked ham will be provided by the Club, and we ask that you bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Please RSVP, indicating what you'll bring.



After dinner, the traditional White Elephant gift exchange will take place. Everyone should bring a gift to exchange (valued less than \$20). Look for plenty of hi-jinks as we ooh and ah over the gifts and then plot to steal them under the rules of the game.

Each year members are asked to bring a decoration for the club's tree. Yours should be marked with your boat name and the year "2021." George and Sue will have two trees – the first exhibiting SIYC ornaments from past years, and the second for this year's decorations.

Holiday music will be presented by Barbara, Craig and Susan for your enjoyment.



Each year SIYC gathers donations for the Oregon Food Bank. Please bring a donation – either an item of canned food or a check made out to the Oregon Food Bank.

Please let us know if you're coming: email George, or call him. Let him know what you'll be bringing as a Potluck contribution.

Meeting Minutes

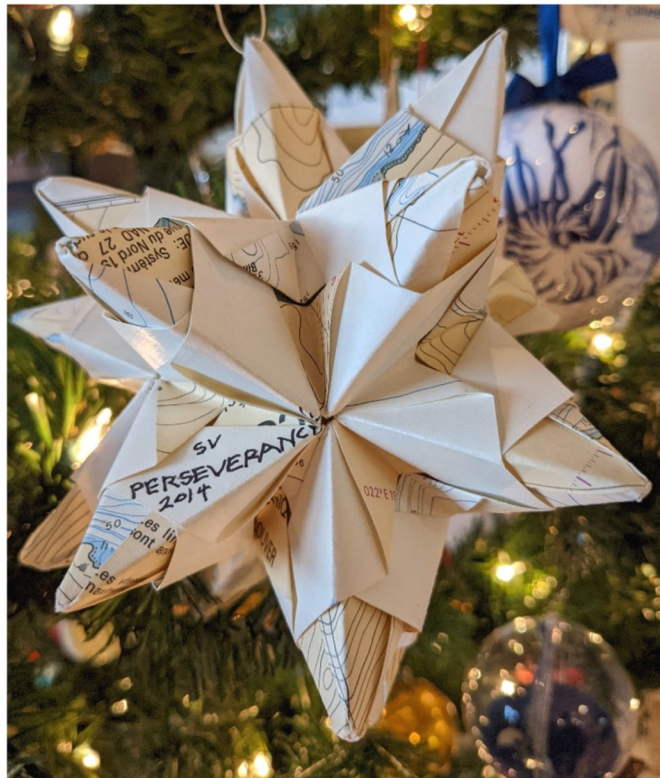


Sauvie Island Yacht Club Members Virtual Meeting Minutes November 5, 2021 at 7:30pm

Board and Chair Members Present: Commodore George Stonecliffe, Vice Commodore Craig Johnston, Secretary Debbie Khoja, Rear Commodore Dave Mery, Barbara Johnston (*Newsletter*)

Members Present: Pierre Blouin & Marie Dion, Mark Church, Ed & Sarah Daugherty, Rudy Marchesi & Susan Fichter, Penny Mery, Bruce and Jan Payne, Richard Sandefur, Sue Stonecliffe, Cliff Tannas, and Garry Weber

Guests: Gene Johnson, Barnaby and Olga Tuttle (guests of Richard Sandefur)



Attendees Unable to Identify by ZOOM: 503-621-3470

Commodore George Stonecliffe opened the meeting by welcoming the members and guests. He will contact the Sauvie Island School in January to see when SIYC can hold in-person meetings there. Until then, monthly meetings will continue to be held by zoom.

Secretary Report: October 1 meeting minutes were approved.

Introduction of Guests: Barnaby and Olga Tuttle own a Cape Dory 33 and are interested in blue water sailing. This was Gene Johnson's second meeting and he also attended the June Picnic.

October 22-24 Halloween Cruise: George and Sue were cruise hosts on Craig and Barbara Johnston's s/v Sequoia. Paul Wise on s/v Open Water won the costume and pumpkin carving contests. Peter Petrick and Adrienne Palmer arrived Saturday morning on s/v Amazing Grace. They were inducted as the newest SIYC members. They successfully cruised to and from Lewiston, Idaho through all dams and fixed bridges with a 52-foot mast. George reported torrential rain and wind didn't impact the fun factor.

November 19-21 Thanksgiving Cruise: Rudy and Susan Marchesi will host on s/v Allegro. Location is Gilbert River Docks.

December 4 Christmas Party: It starts at 6pm and will be held at Commodore George Stonecliffe's house. They have room for 30-40 people.

- **RSVP & Potluck Item:** Be sure to RSVP to the Christmas Party email and include info about your potluck item. The Stonecliffe's will provide the turkey.
- **White Elephant Gift Exchange:** \$20 or less.
- **Oregon Food Bank Donations:** Checks or canned foods. Dave Mery will take the canned goods to the Food Bank. Personal checks should be made

payable to Oregon Food Bank. In the past, SIYC has also donated to this charity.

- **Music:** Barbara Johnston will play the cello. Sue Stonecliffe will play the piano. Craig Johnston will play the drums.
- **Sailing-themed Tree Ornaments:** There will be a 2nd Christmas tree for new ornaments.

January 7 Member Meeting: Rob Martin and Sarah Laidlaw will talk about cruising in Mexico.

February 4 Member Meeting: Peter Petrick and Adrienne Palmer will talk about their cruise from Portland, Oregon to Lewiston, Idaho.

Ian Weedman's– Rigging Presentation: Ian is co-owner of Brian Toss Yacht Riggers in Port Townsend, Washington with over 20 years of experience. You can email questions to him, and check the website at briontoss.com.

He gave a great technical presentation which will not be captured by these notes. Ian recommended having a Rig Survey done before any Re-Rigging project. This will help to strategize a game plan and avoid any surprises before pulling the mast.

Craig Johnston asked if Brian Toss Rigging could travel to Portland to inspect boats. Ian replied that with travel charges, it would be cheaper to coordinate with other boats for a couple of days. It takes 2 hours to survey a sailboat up to 60 feet.

Type 316 wire is more corrosion resistant than other wires. Hayne terminals are dominating the market. Type 304 is stronger but will corrode faster. Norseman terminals break more than others.

Fiber rigging is replacing stainless steel wire rigging. Fiber shrouds, jib stays, forestays, halyards are in the market. Dyneema rigging rope if sized correctly for your boat is 3-5 times stronger than stainless steel wire rigging, however it is vulnerable to chafe and UV light.

Because it's 75% lighter than stainless steel rigging, the weight at the top of the mast is reduced and you can wait to reef at 22-25 knots instead of 18-20 knots. It's 2 times more expensive than stainless steel and is labor intensive to rig. It is inspectable and lasts as long as stainless steel.

In Port Townsend, a sailboat with fiber rigging hit live electrical wires during a haul out. If its rigging had been made of stainless steel instead of fiber, an arc with 110,000 volts of electricity could have killed bystanders, the travel lift operator and other helpers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Khoja
SIYC Secretary

Recipe of the Month: Pouding Chômeur

Marie Blouin



Ed: One of the Blouins' contributions to the Thanksgiving Cruise potluck was this scrumptious cake. I asked Marie to share her recipe, and she readily agreed.

Pierre and I both grew up in Quebec and "pouding chomeur" was a staple dessert in any French Canadian family during the Holidays. The legend is that the pouding was created by factory workers during the Great Depression,

women making do with few ingredients including butter, flour, milk and eggs. The sweet caramel sauce that bathes the simple batter was likely made from brown sugar during economic hard times and was later replaced with maple syrup.

Pouding Chômeur

For the Syrup:

2 cups maple syrup
2 cups heavy cream

For the Batter:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup white sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla extract
2 eggs, at room temperature
1 teaspoon baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon fine salt
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Butter a deep baking dish and place it on a sheet pan.

Bring maple syrup and heavy cream to a boil in a deep saucepan over medium-high heat. Turn off heat once mixture starts to bubble, stir, and set aside.

Beat butter and sugar together in a bowl using a spatula or electric mixer until creamy and well combined. Whisk in vanilla extract and 1 egg until incorporated. Mix in the other egg. Sprinkle in baking powder, salt, and flour. Mix with a spatula until batter is just combined.

Transfer batter to the prepared dish and pour the maple-cream sauce on top, stopping between 1/2 to 1-inch from the top of the dish. Reserve any extra sauce.

Bake in the center of the preheated oven until pudding is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out mostly clean, about 30 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes; serve pudding with any extra maple-cream sauce.

Thanksgiving Cruise Report

Rudy Marchesi & Susan Fichter, Cruise Hosts

The Thanksgiving cruise was a great success. It had been a long time since many of us have been together in person and the pleasure of the conviviality was contagious. Hosts Rudy and Susan of SV Allegro provided the basics for a great Thanksgiving dinner, and everyone contributed an array of delicacies that were widely appreciated.

We all gathered on Friday at the Gilbert River dock in exceptionally good weather for mid-November which held throughout the entire

weekend. On Saturday an adventurous group jumped in their kayaks and dinghies and headed up the Gilbert River all the way up to Sturgeon Lake for a rewarding side trip.

After our Saturday evening dinner, we sat on the dock, told stories and listened to Rudy on the guitar and Pierre on the soprano saxophone.

Sunday morning's breakfast was an embarrassment of riches with wonderful dishes from every boat. The fog kept us from feeling like we had to leave so we ended up remaining on the dock engaged in lively conversation and a lot of catching up. A good time was had by all.





Richard in Moonshadow's dinghy, and Marie in her kayak, making their way toward Sturgeon Lake. Photos by Susan Fichter





Food and drink for our Saturday night Thanksgiving feast. Photos by Barbara Johnston.



Music-making, singing and dancing into the evening. Photos by Barbara Johnston.

Sunday morning in the fog. Photo right by Barbara Johnston; photo below by Rudy Marchesi.





A rare sunny Saturday in November; SIYC boats lined up along the Gilbert River dock. Photo by Mark Downing

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	Cabo San Lucas, BCS, Mexico
<i>CarolMarie</i>	Terry & Charing O'Shea	Honolulu
<i>Kaaluna</i>	Chris & Kim Taylor	Puerto Peñasco, Mexico

2021 -22 Calendar

GENERAL MEETINGS*		BOARD MEETINGS		CRUISES**	
Date/ theme	Location	Date	Location	Dates	Where/ theme
December 4 Christmas party	Stonecliffe Home	December 4	Stonecliffe Home	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. But for the first meetings of this year, we'll be meeting by Zoom. We don't yet know whether the school will be allowing us to meet there this year at all. 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.

Member Boat Websites

Amazing Grace	https://sailingamazinggrace.com/
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, newsletter@siyc.org, and we'll make sure your website or blog is included in future issues of the newsletter.

Other websites of interest to Portland area sailors

<http://www.siyc.org/> Our very own **Sauvie Island Yacht Club**. If you haven't checked out the club website yet, please do so – it's looking really good, and is full of informative articles and spectacular photography by club members, not to mention back issues of this newsletter.

<http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/pages/index.aspx> **Oregon State Marine Board** – Your source for information related to licensing, safety, boater education, Oregon boating destinations and many other maritime concerns.

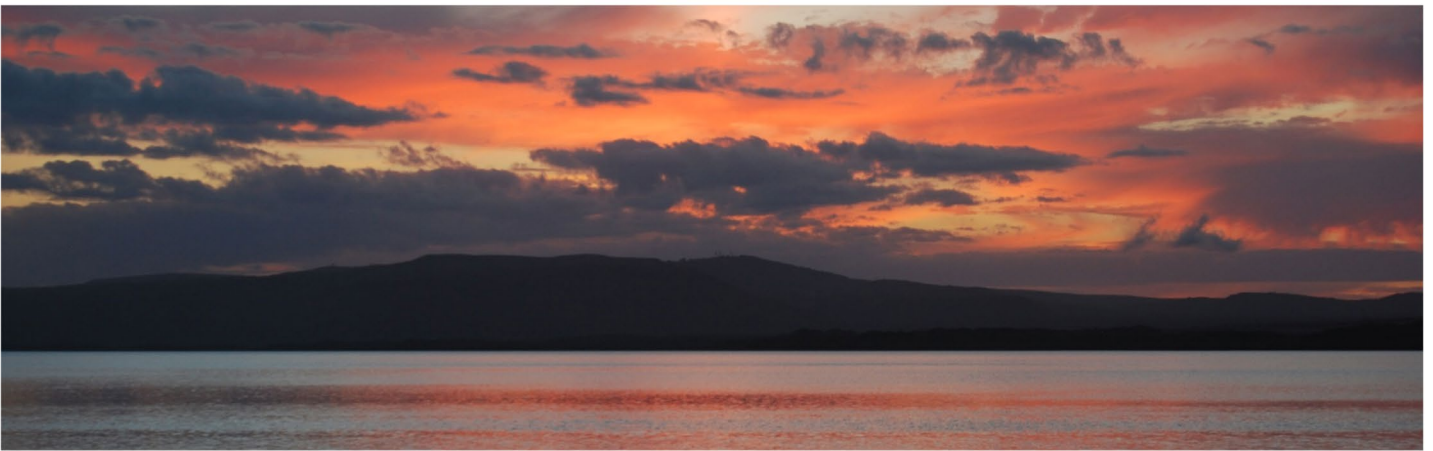
<http://www.weather.gov/> The **National Weather Service** – Find out what the weather will be *before* you head out on the water.

<https://48north.com/> A Seattle-based website that's chock full of good information about cruising in Puget Sound and farther afield, plus general information that's helpful to any cruiser anywhere.

<http://www.owsa.net/> SIYC women – If an emergency arose while you were out cruising, could you take over from your partner? If not, this is the one for you: **Oregon Women's Sailing Association**. This local organization offers sailing classes (including cruising skills) especially for (and sometimes exclusively for) women.

<https://www.noonsite.com/place/canada/formalities/#biosecurity-section>
If you're cruising to Canada and want to know all the border crossing regulations during this time of pandemic, this website may have the best summary and multiple links.

<https://parks.state.wa.us/648/Moorage>
Information about regulations and mooring permits required for **Washington State Parks** along the Columbia River and elsewhere.



Sunset at Molokai Island, Hawaii

CRUISING REPORTS

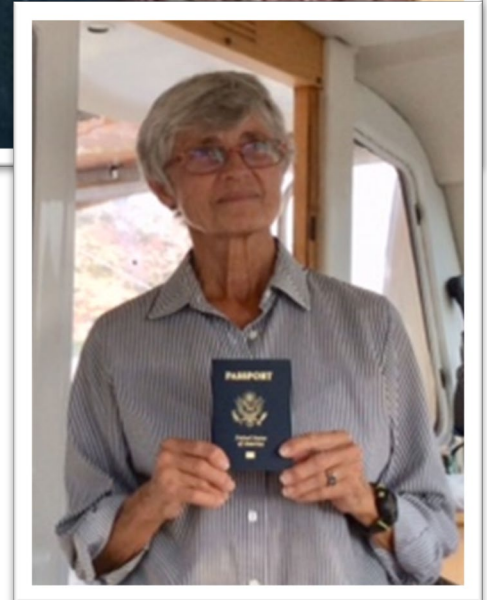
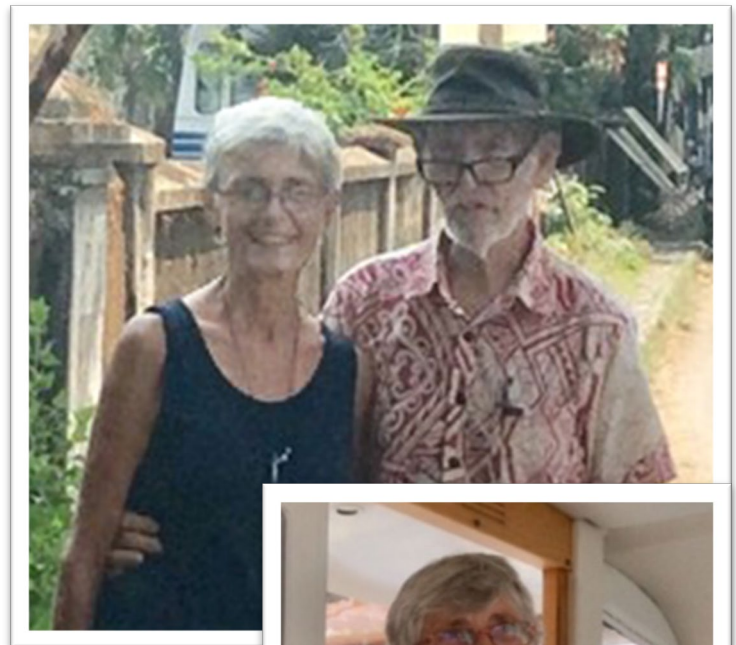
This month we bring you reports from Pied-a-Mer III in Turkey and Mapache in Mexico. Eric and Pam (Pied-a-Mer III) are experienced cruisers who have been traveling the globe for more than 9 years. Rob and Sarah (Mapache) are talking about doing much the same, but relatively speaking are just getting started.

*From Eric & Pam Sellix, SV
Pied-a-Mer III*

A happy ending to last months “cliff hanger”, the Passport Olympics! My new passport arrived on November 18.

Backing up a little.....when the time came to work on the electronic renewal form, I realized that I could begin to fill out the form, quit, and then begin all over again. For the next few days, I would work on the application, get caught up in something else, then start all over.

Finally, I completed and printed the form, made a copy of every page of my existing passport, addressed the large mailer, and arranged with Metin to meet up at the Garanti Bank, main branch on Monday, November 1 to get the required cashier’s check in USD. The check would only be good for 10 days and had to be in the hands of the American Embassy in Ankara within a week or the application would not be processed. The teller at the bank had never prepared a cashier’s check, let alone one in US dollars, she spoke only Turkish, and Google Translate would not have been sufficient for this mission. Without Metin it



would have been quite a challenge; he again saved the day. We walked a few blocks to the PTT (Posta ve Telgraf Teskilati), the National post where I signed my application, enclosed my current passport, and sent the envelope “express/one day delivery”. I was pleased and surprised to receive my new “good for 10 years” Passport in just 17 days.

The Republic of Turkey was founded on October 29, 1923, by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk who became the first president of the Turkish Republic. 2021 marked the 93rd anniversary of this national holiday which is celebrated very much like the

Fourth of July in the US. It was exciting to share this holiday day with the patriotic Turks. We joined locals with a ceremony at the marina, a parade of boats from the marina to the Alanya Castle, lots of flares, balloons, music, and a Turkish BBQ. We were



guests on a charter powerboat which was decorated with red & white balloons (The Turkish flag is red & white), very loud music, and lots of flares. The first photo shows boats preparing for the parade, the large flag has a picture of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. The next photo shows the parade along Kleopatra Beach, Taurus Mountains in the background.



We are still using taxis for all our shopping. I did ride a bus once but just wasn't comfortable with the "unmasked" passengers. We have developed a friendship with two Turkish taxi drivers who are our "go to" drivers when we need local knowledge and interpreters. If we are simply needing to get from the marina to a location where we don't need Turkish assistance, we just take a random taxi, which is super simple because..... These orange boxes are all over town. This one is at the marina, push the button and a taxi appears!

My latest project is an application for a UK Partner Visa. Eric has dual citizenship but I don't; I am eligible for a 6 month visa but we want to stay longer than 6 months. Stay tuned for that one!



Sunrise seen from my morning walk.

Wishing everyone a "thankful" Thanksgiving,

Pam & Eric, sv Pied-a-Mer III

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

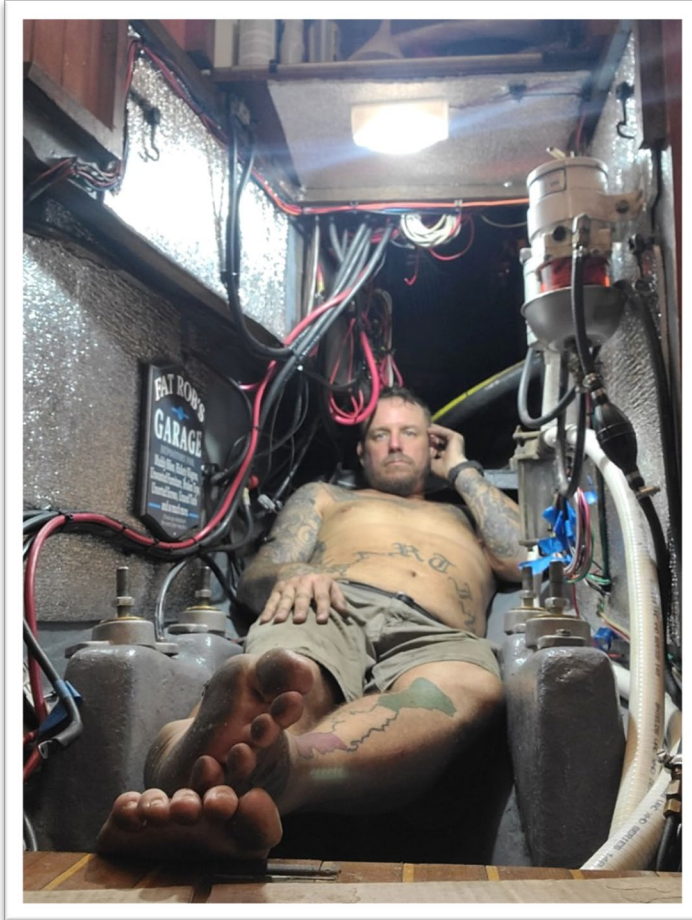


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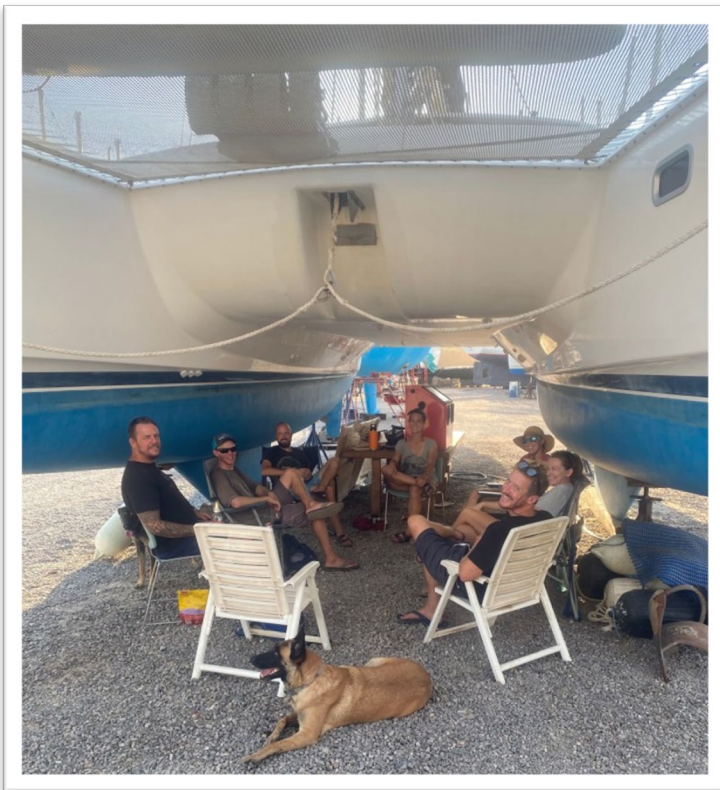
Having the boat out of the water has felt like a reset. This is our second time in a boatyard with a mountain of upgrades, changes, and fixes to complete. The boat sits unnaturally out of the water with her insides askew, and we live in a temporary

space off the boat. The first time was the start of this trip. We spent three months in the boatyard in Ilwaco, Washington, before heading out of the Columbia River's mouth into the Pacific.

In Ilwaco, we spent days in a giant metal barn with Mapache, a handful of sparrows, and an extended family of pigeons. Every day brought a new scavenger hunt because, despite our efforts, nothing remained organized. Somehow the DeWalt cordless drill was always missing when you needed it. And to this day, I do not know how the large screwdriver ended up underneath the dinghy in the far corner of the barn for a month. Each morning, we pumped ourselves up with coffee and music. We worked nonstop until our end-of-day routine of shuffling down the road to the marina showers to watch paint, fiberglass, and sweat wash down the drain. At night, we slept in a tent below our boat. The air was usually chilly. And the blues and greens of the Pacific Northwest's forested landscape was just outside of the yard. Apart from our bird roommates, we saw squirrels, raccoons, and black bears, and we gained comrades in the others working on boats.



Our second boatyard experience is similar with the daily plugging-through of the to-do list that ends in the boat's dust circling a shower drain. I spent time at the top of the mast and behind our sewing machine, while Rob spent time underneath the boat and squashed into the engine compartment. A noticeable percentage of our days was spent searching for a necessary tool amongst the disarray. But this time, we breathe the hot desert air of northern Sonora, Mexico, surrounded by its landscape that is painted from browns and oranges and filled in with tiendas. Lizards and street-dogs comprise our animal guestlist.



Again, we have built a solid community of people, who are also working on their boats. That community helps each other with projects that need another set of hands or brains, as well as with spare parts. Instead of a cup of sugar, neighbors ask for a stainless steel bolt or a size-10 zipper slider. The community also provides company for a few warm Tecates under the shade of our neighbor's catamaran. Instead of a tent under the boat, we have an apartment a few blocks away, which is now filled with boat stores and sewing projects, leaving us to wonder how it all fits back inside of Mapache.

Our time here is almost over. Hurricane season has officially ended in this part of the world, and most of our to-do list is complete. We have plenty left undone, because boat projects are never over and there is always something that does not work quite right. We are set to go back in the water on November ~~15 20 23~~ 27, pending whether that is the “mañana” that the boatyard (and Mapache) intends.

Over the last week, engine parts revised the “mañana” of our splash date. Rob rebuilt our engine while in the yard. Part of the rebuild included a purchase of a refurbished long block. When we went to test the engine this week, it had no oil pressure. After some investigation, Rob determined an oil-pump gear was missing—a gear that is not available for purchase due to the age of that style engine. Meanwhile, a local recycler had collected our old engine to take to a metal recycler in Mexicali. Rob hustled on his bike to the man’s storage yard and luckily discovered that our old engine had missed the most recent truck to Mexicali. Rob was able to pull out the necessary piece. But when he went to install it, he found that another component of the oil pump was incorrect (it was a component made for a car and not a boat).

After much internet searching, Rob sourced the correct piece from Ebay and overnighted it to the gas station in the closest U.S. border town, which accepts packages for a \$12 fee. Today, Rob is catching a ride from two of our boatyard neighbors (muchas gracias) to collect the piece.

And with any luck, our mañana for Mapache’s splash date will not change again. *[Indeed, Facebook discloses they DID splash on November 27. See photo above. -Ed.]*



Our planned route from here is to cross back over to the Baja side of the Sea of Cortés, sailing south to La Paz, where we will pick up our new-to-us, smaller dinghy (which will give us more room on deck, where we store her). Then, we plan

to cross back to mainland Mexico, hitting Mazatlán to continue our trek south. Over the next year, we will follow the Pacific coastline of Central America toward the Panama Canal.



Boatyard friends (the daughters of our friends with whom we intend to buddy boat), supporting Mapache with their [t-shirts](#) and inspecting Mapache's new bottom paint.

When we left Ilwaco, we had planned to go west around the world, crossing the Pacific from Mexico. But the COVID pandemic has heavily impacted many of the small South Pacific islands, limiting their accessibility to visitors. Of course, COVID has impacted everywhere, but much of the Caribbean and Europe is opening sooner and safer. So, as with most boat plans, we are changing it up, heading east around the world. And a bonus to the new plan is that we have gained a buddy boat, who has a similar eastward route and schedule. Cruising in the Sea of Cortés gave us a lot. Along with beautiful and abundant water and the stark and mystical land, the Sea brought us a community of like-minded adventurers on boats. And four of those adventurers intend to cruise with us for the next couple of years, hopefully including an Atlantic crossing.

Of course, this will likely change again . . . it *is* a boat plan.

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

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.



Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands

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!

Send your contributions to Barbara Johnston, newsletter@siyc.org. 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.



After the annual SIYC Race-Drift event, on the docks of Sand Island, St. Helens, OR