



Sierra Point Yacht Club



Spyglass Newsletter

Weekly
Summer
Sailing
Races

Club
Social
Events

Cruise outs
& Cruise ins

Monthly
Dinners

Club Managed
by Volunteers



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August 2020 Edition

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Club Officers and Board of Directors

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Commodore	Michael Bell
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Nigel Baker	Phil Betney
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Jack Ritter	Martin Tali

1. Editor's Update

The COVID-19 committee meet regularly to access the current California and local rules regarding 'stay in place' and relaxation guidelines and will be giving updates via email to club members when appropriate.

I am still staying safe here on the Isle of Wight. The infection rate is rising again in the UK and several cities have reimposed lockdown procedures. At the time of this writing we 'Islanders' are following Government guidelines with mandatory mask wearing in public places as well as within public services - such as shops, bars and restaurants, and following disinfectant procedures. We do have many tourists on the Island this month and it is causing concern amongst us 'Locals' as we cannot measure if any are asymptomatic carriers of the virus - quite a stressful time right now. Also not sure when it will be safe enough to travel back to the US. Currently I am due back on September 8th - but this date may change depending on how this virus is spreading or mutating.

I am managing to do some sailing on my Swan Frolic - in fact, the only place I feel completely safe is out at sea with the wind powering my sails

I constantly require articles from our members to make our Spyglass a true members input newsletter, any story will do - land or sea - ***so come on members - get those articles to me.***

Onward and upward
Spyglass editor.
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2. Commodore's Commentary for August

It's hard to believe that we are rounding the corner on summer. Though it's been a strange season, I can't help but to be grateful for my "escape pod". We have the unique ability to distance with the ones we love at some gorgeous anchorages that are just a stones throw from SPYC. I hope you're all having a terrific summer and taking advantage of the long days while they last.

Michael Bell
SPYC Commodore

3. Club general Updates

The Clubhouse is still operating under the conditions of the COVID 19 virus precautions. The BOD has assigned a committee to manage the situation and meet regularly too access the situation and to amend our club access rules appropriately. These updates will be broadcast to club members via email and Spyglass so that new access and event updates will get to our members as soon as available:

The COVID-19 committee will update Club members via email when new guidelines become available.

4. From the Bilges

No smut submitted for this month.

5. Events Calendar

Due to COVID -19 restrictions, our monthly dinners and our Sunday breakfasts are postponed until further notice.

6. Cruise-Outs/Ins Update

Craig and Anissa are working on our 2020 year cruise out schedule which is now based on the current COVID19 restrictions and club closedowns - of course the planned future cruise-out destinations are fluid and will be dependent on the outcome of our current COVID19 lockdowns and how soon we can confidentially resume a definite cruise-out program.

Don't forget to check out the club calendar for future cruise outs that become definite: Sign up before they fill up.

Log in to monitor the Club cruising planning for 2020/21 and sign up for individual cruise outs at: <http://www.sierrapointyc.org>

Then open the cruising link in the left hand menu.

Craig (and Anissa)
Fleet Captains Extrordinaire

2020 Cruise Out Schedule -based on COVID19 status			
Jan No Cruise Outs Planned	Feb No Cruise Outs Planned	Mar 13-15 Aeolian YC Cancelled	Apr 3-5 Oakland YC Cancelled
Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
Cancelled	Cancelled	Nov No Cruise Outs Planned	Dec No Cruise Outs Planned

7. Beer Can Racing Report

The Beer Can racing got off to a rough start as we dealt with dragging anchors on the committee boat but after spending \$600 on a new anchor we are finally holding the start line. Many thanks to Vince who has let us use his boat as the committee boat this year. Even though it was a rough start I think people just appreciated being out racing again.

We will be continuing to have Beer Can Races on Tuesday night but we also will be having the Treasure Island Race August 29th. It will be a 12pm start and all are welcome to join. I will post details at the club and on the docks. After the race we will have to-go meals that can be picked up at the club.

It's nice to see boat out racing again I hope we can finish the season strong.

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8. Tech Tips. Items for Sale

No new tech tips or items for sale this month

9. Monthly Articles

9.1 History of Sailing and its Objects No. 5 - The Catamaran

Catamaran

Catamaran comes from the Tamil word which means 'tied wood'. The craft is made up of two logs, or manufactured hulls of whatever material. The earliest craft were used by Polynesians to traverse the Pacific.

A 17th century English adventurer, William Dampier, observed the craft on the southwestern coast of India.

The first to be built in Europe was designed by William Petty in 1662. His concept was to build a craft that would sail faster with less wind in shallower water. Did not work commercially at that point.

In 1820, Englishman Mayflower Crisp built a two hulled ship, the 'Original' and for several years she worked between Rangoon and India.

The famous American designer, Nathaniel Herreshoff, built the 'Amaryllis' in 1876. Her superior performance at a regatta at the New York Yacht Club gained such howls from the monohull sailors that the class was banned from racing. The class was finally recognized in Olympic racing in 1976.

Catamaran car ferries have broken trans Atlantic records with the 'Sea Cat' setting the record in 1990 of 2,880 mi in three days from New York to Lizard Cornwall

The 'Cats' had finally arrived.

Captain Jack

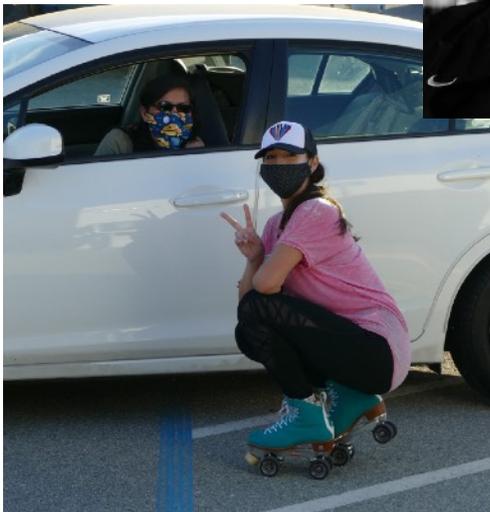
9.2 Car Hop Monthly Dinner

Six weeks ago Sierra Point Yacht Club had a monthly dinner the only way we could. Free To-go meals were roller skated out to cars handed off to members to enjoy on the deck or on their boats. Most of it went smoothly but it was the first meal we had to serve in this way and it took a lot of planning and adapting to pull it off. I would like to thank Kathy McCormac, Terry OConnell, Andrea Domel and Michelle Salmon for helping make the dinner a success.

I hope in the future we can find more creative ways to bring members together safely. During these times of uncertainty hopefully the club can think of ways

to safely give back to the members and keep everyone connected. I hope everyone is doing well. Enjoy some of the pictures below.

Dylan



Thats all for this month Folks - Stay safe out there

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