



Sierra Point Yacht Club



Spyglass Newsletter

**Weekly
Summer
Sailing
Races**

**Club
Social
Events**

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& Cruise ins**

**Monthly
Dinners**

**Club Managed
by Volunteers**



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September 2020 Edition

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Club Officers and Board of Directors

Officers

Commodore	Michael Bell
Vice Commodore	Dylan Garrett
Treasurer	lee Panza
Secretary	Jim Lawrie
Rear Commodore	Melissa Vivas
Port Captain	Ed Wilkinson
Fleet Captain	Craig Brackett (Anissa Brackett)

Directors

Nigel Baker	Phil Betney
Kathy McCormac	Terry O'Connell
Jack Ritter	Martin Tali

1. Editor's Update

I am still in the UK (isle of Wight) keeping a low profile during this pandemic - we are seeing a rising rate of infections in the UK so we on the Isle of Wight are being extra cautious and adhering to distancing rules as well as sanitization guidelines. These rules and guidelines have been applied religiously to my sailing club - Brading Haven Yacht Club (BHYC) over here as well as shops and other critical services. I myself have limited my exposure to my house and garden, local shops and to the sailing club. On my return on September 29th, I will isolate for a set time of days to ensure all is ok.

The virus has not stopped BHYC from holding the annual Swan Championship racing this year and so 6 Swans participated in a fun afternoon of competitive racing in the Solent. My Swan Frolic - sail number 1 was the first wooden Swan built in 1955 for the club and I became the proud owner of her 5 years ago.



Frolic (yellow hull) and a close competitor approaching the start/finish line - view taken from our committee boat

The club is building up a fleet of Swans now with restoration of several wooden boats as well as new modern glass fibre replicas. We are hoping to build the fleet up to about 12 boats, some of them will be club boats for hire, others privately owned.



A close race



Lined up for a photo shoot...I am second from left

Another new activity at our club is Kayaking. We have a fleet of Kayaks at the club now, some are available for daily rental. I had a blast out with the ladies for a spin around the harbour, great fun and I am hooked now on Kayaking

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
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2. Commodore's Commentary for September

There has not been much, as of late, to talk about regarding SPYC. That is why I'm thrilled to be able to mention the annual Treasure Island race which took place last Saturday; the feather in the cap of an abbreviated, though exciting racing season. Even though yours truly didn't place very well, I'm happy to say I didn't DNF this time. Many thanks to our race committee for making this season happen!

Michael Bell
SPYC Commodore

3. Club general Updates

Greetings SPYC Members

The Club Reopening Committee updates the SPYC rules given the current San Mateo County status and contacts with ABC and local enforcement agencies. We are happy that SPYC can continue to stay open and want to make sure our members are as safe as possible at the club. At this time giving the limitations of deck space allow members only to use the club.

The rules allow for outdoor dining on the deck and bar service only with food.

The club has purchased a number of single service food items for purchase to eat at the club. We have a variety of sandwiches and salads. We are open to other suggestions from members.

We want all our members to work with us on continued education of safe practices at the club. Masks must be worn when members are not seated and not eating or drinking. The mask rule is to be followed inside and on the deck. As with everywhere we go these days please try to maintain social distancing of six feet when moving about the club. The Officer of the Day's name is on the white board in the lobby and that is the go to person if you have concerns about practices by members at the club related to safe practices. There is a list of OOD duties on the Board.

The SPYC Board appreciates the continued input as we navigate these waters. Stay safe!

The SPYC Reopening Committee

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.

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

Craig (and Anissa)
Fleet Captains Extrordinaire

7. Beer Can Racing Report

The race season has officially ended and while I am relieved I must say I enjoyed this season perhaps more than other seasons. At the beginning I didn't even know if we were going to have a race season this year but it was nice that we were able to come together and stay active even when everything else is shut down. I want to thank all the racers that came out and made it a season.

This years Treasure Island Race was also my favorite of all four that we have had. The wind was consistent around the whole course and everyone except one made it back. I am debating whether or not to have it as a season closing race in the future.

Ok, now prizes which I know all the racers are wondering about. There will be prizes handed out for the Tuesday night series and Treasure Island. We will be having an award dinner on September 26th where those will be handed out.



Finally, I am completing a little movie of some of the racing footage I took from my drone. I will upload that to the website soon. Also, Lee Panza has uploaded some great racing shots already to the website. They are under "photos" tab. Again, thank you to all that made this race season a success. Some of the members who volunteered their time are Kathy McCormac, Terry OConnell, Vince Benson, Michael Bell, Michelle Salmon, Martin Tali and Lee Panza.

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8. Tech Tips. Items for Sale

Frank Solinsky has a West Marine folding bike for sale...Originally \$300. now \$150 or best offer...Like new..call Frank on 530 570 9221...dubug7@gmail.com

9. Member Articles

Non submitted for this month

Thats all for this month Folks - Stay safe out there

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