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ANCHORS A-WHERE?!

This monthly contest challenges you to find this anchor hidden within the pages of the Lines&Bits newsletter.



When you find it, email the page number and location description to editor@dwyc.org and you will be entered in a monthly random drawing to win a complimentary cocktail at the club courtesy of the Commodore!

SAVE THE DATE!

(See articles for event details)

Rear	2/3/2021	Odyssey Book Club
Port	2/9/2021	Super Bowl Sunday
Port	2/11/2021	Social Committee Meeting
Fleet	2/13/2021	Fleet Kickoff
Juniors	2/13/2021	Racks/Lockers Rebuild & Retrofit
Port	2/14/2021	Valentine's Day
Port	2/20/2021	Mardi Gras
Seamen	2/24/2021	Tequila Tasting

**All dates are tentative. Check for latest in eBlasts!*



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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

“Bob and Weave”: To make rapid bodily movements up and down and from side to side, for example as an evasive tactic by a boxer. That is what we continue to do daily to evade the COVID punches that persist in being thrown at all of us. But it will not beat us as we are tenacious, and we will endure.

Even though this year has not quite started out as I could have ever envisioned when I began this journey of going up the flags years ago, I have to say that it does help me realize many things I should be grateful for. So, are you ready for a few?

Above all, I am grateful for my husband, family and friends and that they remain safe and healthy.

I am grateful for our members who remain patient and understanding during these extraordinary times and continue to support our club (really, we cannot do it without you).

I am grateful that we were able to have a few virtual happy hours and game nights, yoga classes and book club in January. Thank you to Marnie Feely, Jan Casteel, Matt Dearing, Molly Dearing, Stacy Savage and Nina McNeely for heading those up!

I am grateful that we were able to get our members together for the General Membership meeting so they could hear how well we weathered 2020 under the remarkable direction of our JSC Tamara Tatich, despite those COVID punches.

I am sincerely grateful for my DWYC family including staff, volunteers and members and their invaluable creativity and support (seriously, it really humbles me).

So, thank you all.

Now on to some business. First off, congratulations to Susan White who won the raffle for finding the hidden anchor in last month's Lines & Bits! You win a drink on me!! Who will be the one to win it this month?

To keep things interesting, please send me your favorite Blast from the Past photographs of the club itself, members and/or your favorite events so we can feature

them in the Lines & Bits. You may email the photographs to commodore@dwyc.org and please include the names of the people in the photos.

For those members who do not have a parking pass to our parking lot, please be reminded that you may come in and park to pick up your food and drinks to go without cost to you so long as you exit in less than 30 minutes. If you go 30 minutes or beyond, then understand that you will be charged the regular hourly rate.

We have a few planned events in February that we hope will be going forward besides our wonderful takeout food and drinks. Thank you to the Seamen for hosting a grassy knoll pre-super bowl get together scheduled for Saturday, February 6, and FC Megan Noyes for hosting the Cruise Kick Off on Saturday, February 13. Hopefully, we will be cleared to have patio seating sometime soon so additional events that are planned in February can proceed. Please see the weekly eBlasts and the club's Facebook page for updates.

Finally, please know that we are here for you if you need us. Feel free to reach out to me or our membership services committee headed by Nina McNeely at memberservices@dwyc.org. And if you are sick or you have been exposed to someone who is sick or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, we kindly ask that you refrain from coming into the club until you have recovered and/or quarantined so we can do our part to prevent the spread of the virus. And always wear your mask and maintain social distancing.

I continue to serve you and do my very best to provide our members with a club they can be proud of. 



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**

Adapt and adjust. Adapt and adjust. Adapt and adjust. Repeat, repeat, repeat. It's our new mantra! Thank you to our members for their continued patience and support and thank you to the Board of Directors for their leadership, creativity and commitment to this club! We wouldn't be the best little yacht club around without our wonderful members!

The Food & Beverage Committee meets weekly to ensure that we have great weekly food and drink specials. Keep your eyes open for the weekly eBlast where you can find the latest menus, specials and other important information about the club.

The club continues to accept applications for membership. So, if you have a friend, dock neighbor, work associate or family member who may be interested in joining, please send them my way. DWYC continues to be the best deal in town! 

The following applicant was approved as a member at the January Board of Directors meeting:

Terry and Wendy Converse
Boat Owner – San Juan Capistrano

The following applicant has been posted for approval at the February Board of Directors meeting:

Alan Karr
Boat Owner - Dana Point

The By-Laws require that new applicants for membership be posted on the Bulletin Board for twenty one (21) days. Any regular member may place an objection against an applicant by submitting the objection in writing to the Board of Directors prior to the next Board meeting.

Dana West is a 501(c)(7), not for profit, mutual benefit corporation. In compliance with the California State Liquor Laws, we must have an Officer of the Day at the door, and all guests of DWYC members must be signed in by the member with our "Swipeon" system before entrance. All visiting yacht club members must present verification, sign in with "Swipeon" and must wear a guest badge, printed by the "Swipeon" system. The OD must verify individuals, by requesting them to present their current membership card. Most members have their cards ready as they enter.

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**

Hello, Members! It's February and love is in the air! What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with some new DWYC gear for your sweetie? We have a new stock of DWYC sweatshirts and hats for your gifting ease. If you are looking for something a little extra special, we stock sterling silver, white and yellow gold burgee pendants. These are always popular, and many members go on to have the jewelry customized with gemstones. (Guys, don't forget to buy a neck chain for the pendant! I can recommend a good jeweler if you need one.)



Did you know you can have any DWYC clothing we offer customized? You can have custom embroidery added with

your boat name, family name, member number, anything your heart desires! Contact me if you want to have your crew decked out in matching outfits.

The Member Services committee continues to be available to any member who needs a little help! If you are staying at home and need someone to pick up groceries, prescriptions or even if you just need help getting on Zoom, please don't hesitate to reach out. There are several volunteers who can safely offer assistance. Email memberservices@dwyc.org or call my cell listed at the front of the newsletter.

Keep your eyes on Facebook and the weekly eBlast for The Ship's Store hours. If you need anything, just send me an email!

I look forward to the day we can all be together at the clubhouse! Hope to see you at the club soon! 

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PORT REPORT

By **JAN CASTEEL**
& **MARNIE FEELY**

As the Club was not able to have indoor gatherings, we were unable to have our Annual Pajama Party on January 1, 2021.

As the Club is closed, the outdoor events scheduled for January had to be canceled, but we are planning some fun times outdoors, as permitted, with a beautiful view of the harbor and the most spectacular sunsets.

We will also be scheduling some virtual DWYC Happy Hours. Please look for the flyers in the weekly eBlast.

Tentatively scheduled events for February:

- February, 7th Super Bowl Sunday - *Only if Club is open (we will not be able to arrange a TV large enough outdoors)
- February 14th – Sunday – we had planned to have music during dinner, however, as club may not be open, we will try and plan Music in the Afternoon on the Knoll that day . Please watch for flyers in the weekly eBlast .

- February 20th Saturday - Mardi Gras Party is planned for dinnertime in the club. At this time, we are hoping that we can all get together in the club, or we will plan on meeting on the Knoll. Michelle Walsh is helping with music selection. Thank you Michelle.

The Social Committee will be meeting virtually on February 11th at 6 PM. Any member who is interested may join us. Our social committee is made up of members who want to help with our social events. We look forward to hearing from you as to what type of events you would like to see at the club. Please join our virtual meeting to help us make our next events great, especially if you have special skills you think will help. Watch for the flyer with the weekly eBlast for ZOOM sign in information. Your help and friendship make DWYC the “Best Little Yacht Club on the West Coast!”

Looking forward to good times together. 



FLEET LOG

By **MEGAN NOYES**

Come join us on Saturday February 13, 2021 from 3:30-5pm for the kickoff cruise meeting.

We will gather on the grassy knoll across the street from the club to hear all about the dates and information for the upcoming cruise season.

Please be sure to order some yummy food and drinks from the club ahead of time and bring a chair and jacket.

We will also have the meeting available via ZOOM.

Any questions, please call or email me. I'm so looking forward to seeing you all and making many memories on the water! 



ODYSSEY BOOK CLUB

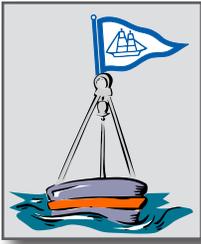
By **NINA McNEELY**

Since the Odyssey Book Club's first meeting on March 26, 2020, we have read an amazing total of 22 books together! Meeting each month to discuss the books, how they relate to our lives, and catching up with the Book Club members has become a highlight of my month.

If you haven't joined us but were thinking about it, please come to the next meeting! We are continuing to meet on ZOOM from the comfort of our homes.



The books we selected for our February meeting were “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett and “The Flight Girls” by Noelle Salazar. Read one or both. Email me or check out the weekly eBlast for the ZOOM link so you too can share at our next meeting. Happy Reading! 



EXTRA BITS

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

WHAT THE BELL?!

By now you have all probably seen or heard the club's bell that is kept at the club and rung on special occasions. The last time was to ring out 2020 and ring in 2021 at the Seamen Soiree on New Year's Eve.

But did you know its history? According to a very credible source (thank you SC Helen Hawkins!), the bell was donated by now deceased member Tom Myers. It was previously homed on a tanker he operated that ran between Lebanon and Cypress.



The bell is also used on Opening Day and at memorial services at the club where the bell is rung eight times to honor those members that have crossed the bar.

BLAST FROM THE PAST!



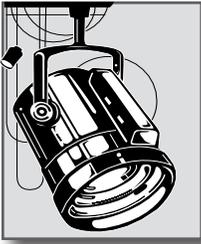
Members George Huges, Mitzi and Ralph & Mary Baker.



FISH TALES!

Maggie McNamara's grandfather, Alfonse Hamann, holds the world's record for catching the largest striped marlin swordfish. It was caught on August 18, 1931 with a weight of 692 pounds. 13'5" long and a girth of 65 inches. It took 1 hour and 52 minutes to land in Balboa, California! He donated the marlin to the Chicago's World Fair but someone stole it and it was never seen again. 





MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

DIRECTOR

CHERYL KELLY

Membership Number: 1689

Secretary (for the last 14 years!)

Did you have a nickname growing up or now? If so, what was it and where did it come from? “Paintbrushes.” As a little kid, I had yard-long eyelashes everyone said resembled paintbrushes!

Occupation: Journalist, serving as a newspaper reporter for many years, then as a public affairs representative for Irvine Ranch Water District, from which I retired in 2017.

Places you have lived: I’m a Southern California native, never lived anywhere else. The beach is my drug of choice!

Do you own a boat and if so, what is her name: We have a Catalina-30 sailboat, *Summer Wind*.

What is your favorite thing or memory about the club: It’s hard to pinpoint any one thing, but any party involving dancing, or a karaoke night are OK with me.

Favorite foods: Anything with shrimp! And of course, Mac and cheese.

Favorite alcoholic beverage: Hard cider, champagne and Mike’s buffalo milks!

What is the strangest thing you’ve ever eaten? Maybe not strange, but jerk shrimp in Florida that I was told was “not too spicy.” Yeah, sure. . .

One bite had me gasping like Pierce Brosnan in “Mrs. Doubtfire!”

Favorite musical performers: Jimmy Buffett, Zac Brown, Blake Shelton, country, country and country!

Best vacation ever taken: New Zealand was awesome. But so was Wales and Isle of Man. And England. And any lighthouse tour. OK, time to stop...

What is your secret talent? I love to write. Did plenty of that

when I was a reporter. Haven’t done much of that since I retired, however.

Hobbies: Reading, lighthouse touring and collecting, sailing, camping and road trips.

If you could choose a lifetime supply of something, what would it be? Books, books and more books!

Tell us something we may not know about you: While a reporter in 1996, I flew in a Blue Angels’ FA-18 prior to the El Toro Air Show. Every year, the Blue Angels would invite



three media members - print, TV and radio, to take flights. I represented my newspaper. I have never experienced anything quite like it, before or since. The proverbial “E-ticket” ride. We pulled G’s, did barrel rolls over the ocean and an aircraft carrier take off. I was the only one of the three media members who did not get sick. After my flight, I had to rush back to the newsroom and chronicle my adventure on a tight deadline. It was tough because I was still 10 feet off the ground from the excitement of it all!

What is on your bucket list? More travel, when it’s possible again. Australia is at the top of the list. We do have a lighthouse tour in Ireland scheduled for 2021.



What is your secret talent? Played drums and marched in New York City St. Patrick's Day parade and Detroit's Thanksgiving Day parade.

What's your favorite memory of being Commodore? The Fab Foursome: Mark Kovacs, Dave Dempsey, Myself and Richard Ferrell all being on the Board together. (photo at left)

Tell us something we may not know about you: I was raised by my dad, a NYC Police Chief and attended four different high schools in four years.

What is on your bucket list? Staying alive, traveling to Ireland and doing another BVI trip.

STAFF COMMODORE

PAUL DAMIEN BERKERY
 Membership Number 1062
 Staff Commodore 2001

Your Commodore Theme: No theme for the year but Opening Day theme was Spring Fling 2001.

Previous Occupation: AAA 41 years, last 20 years as manager of South County offices.

Do you own a boat and if so, what is her name: Not currently, but had *Cheeta* for 11 years and bought *Chiripa* in 2001 and sold in 2017.

Favorite food: Steak

Favorite alcoholic beverage: JB Scotch

Favorite movie: Pretty Woman!!!

Hobbies: Boating, traveling

Tell us something we may not know about the history of the club:

The Commodore's cruise was once a sailing challenge between the Commodores of DWYC and DPYC.

Best vacation ever taken: BVI 2001 bareboating, Tahiti DWYC cruise on the *Paul Gauguin*.

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STAFF COMMODORE

JIM FERGUSON
 Membership Number: 167
 Staff Commodore: 1985

Did you have a nickname growing up or now? Fergie

Your Commodore Theme: Polynesian

Occupation: Retired mathematics teacher and department chair as well as a football and baseball coach for 39 years.

Do you own a boat and if so, what is her name: Maggie is a cutter rigged Celestial 48, currently in Tropea, Italy.



Places lived: Grew up in Cucamonga and have been in Dana Point since 1972. We lived aboard from 1980 till 2005.

Favorite food: Italian by far, with some Mexican tossed in as well.

Favorite alcohol: Red wines, particularly Pinot Noirs.

Hobbies: Sailing, of course, cooking, riding my Trikke.

Best vacation: Took two years sailing to Greece and back.

What is your secret talent: Way too closely guarded to say.

*What is your favorite memory
from being Commodore?*

Buttoning my blazer on Opening Day.

Tell us something we may not know about the history of the club: DWYC has six directors because we wanted to have representation on each of the six docks in the West Basin.

Tell us something we may not know about you: I have a wife who has sailed 65,000 miles with me and is still raring to go.

What is on your bucket list? If we ever get a chance to go back to the boat, we want to winter on *Maggie* in Venice.



MEMBER

VIKKI VARGAS

Membership Number 3425

Favorite thing about the club: Meeting new people and learning how we may have crossed paths previously in Orange County. Truly feel the sense of inclusion at the club.

Occupation: Orange County Reporter for NBCLA for nearly 40 years!

Favorite food: Mexican!

Favorite alcoholic beverage: Chardonnay and an occasional margarita. (Just ask George!)

Best vacation ever taken: Mediterranean cruise from Italy to France with my mother and daughter. Quite the adventure for the three generations.

What is your secret talent? I make necklaces out of wine corks. Probably have collected enough to build a small ship.

Hobbies: I love to garden since it's all potted plants where we live now.

If you could choose a lifetime supply of something, what would it be? Happiness.

Do you own a boat and if so, what is her name: So, here's the deal. No, because hubby fantasizes about a motor. I prefer the romance of a sailboat, which means we will likely remain land lubbers.

Favorite actor:

**I went to college with Kevin Costner,
so I better name him.**

If you could give your 16-year-old self advice, what would you tell yourself? Priorities change.

What do you pride yourself at being really good at?
Listening and analyzing.

Tell us something(s) we may not know about you:
I ran a half marathon.

What is on your bucket list? Field of Dreams baseball game in Iowa which is supposed to happen this year. Play ball!





RACE

By **TAMARA TATICH**

And they're off! Oops...wrong sport, but we are pretty much "off." Traditionally, this is a great month of racing with the SCYA's Midwinter Regatta in Dana Point and learning with the Women's Sailing Convention in Newport. I attended the convention at BCYC last year that was celebrating their 30th anniversary and had a great time catching up with ladies I don't see very often now that I'm not racing so much. I signed up for a course led by Holly Scott, who is a well-known sailor in the yachting community having earned numerous honors over the years. She took a group of us through rebuilding a winch, something I had always wanted to learn. I also learned how to repair canvas and some basics on electrical systems. I felt a need for more working knowledge maintaining a boat over the how to sail and the fundamentals of racing. I was really looking forward to starting the year by attending again, but I'll settle on putting what I learned into action this year as there are four winches that are in desperate need of attention on *Pillow Talk!*

SCYA decided to cancel the 92nd Midwinters Regatta, one of the largest regattas with 27 yacht clubs participating as hosts from Santa Barbara to San Diego. For decades, DWYC has been one of the hosts for the racers that prefer to sail without a spinnaker. This year, we were looking forward to not only sending the racers around a random leg course, but to also have the RS Tera fleet. By the way, SCYA is celebrating its 100th year serving the yachting community!

DWYC and DPYC have also decided to postpone the Rookie Regatta and Seminar until we can host a classroom of participants. Having turned into more of a fair-weathered sailor, I'm good with waiting for warmer days and we'll update the calendar once we get the green light.

The good news is that we will host the Jack and Jill Series no matter what! No reason not to do it since it is a crew of two that allows for social distancing. Speaking of Jack and Jill...if you won last year and haven't picked up your award, please reach out me so I can get it in your hands.

Races are on the master calendar and available on the website when you click on "Race."

See you on the water! 



JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

As you know, the success of DWYS this past year has been driven by the fact that we have added a full-time Sailing Director, Anthony Capri, and Head Sailing Coach, Catherine Reynolds, who joined us last June. This month we'll start with introducing Coach Reynolds.

Catherine is a college sailor at the University of California Santa Barbara, pursuing a double major in Global Studies and Middle East Studies. She loves the ocean and has been a sailor for most of her life! While not studying global relations, you will certainly find her out on the water.

At age 13 she began training in C420's at BYC and has continued to race dinghies across the country for the last eight years. She was the captain of a youth offshore team and skippered her first Newport to Ensenada at 14 years old. After a few more N2E's and regional racing series, she discovered Match Racing, including the Harken and Musto regattas in Australia and as well as a stint in France on the World Match Race World Tour. Winning the U.S. Match Racing National Championship in 2018 opened opportunities to compete at Oakcliff in New York and race in two Governors Cups at BYC against the top Match Racers from around the globe.

Catherine propelled her racing experience into a successful coaching career. She started coaching at 13 years old and grew to coach the Youth Racing Team at the Newport Sea Base for four years. Afterward, she spent three years with a fellow coach developing the Dana Point YC racing program from the ground up, including High School, Club and Youth Racing Teams. The following two years, she served as the Double Handed coach for the BYC Racing Team and in 2020, joined DWYC as the Head Coach. Catherine and Anthony have helped to create our High School and Youth Racing Team, comprised of 22 youth athletes. Between the BYC and DWYC programs, Catherine has coached two sailors to Championships - an International Champion plus a State Champion for DWYC, Oliver Ernest.

Catherine says she finds no greater joy than the opportunity to build a family of youth athletes and support young adults as they light up with the joy of sailing through the development of their skills on and off the water.

We're ecstatic to have Catherine on board and hope your kids, grandkids, neighbor's and friend's kids come out and join in the fun! 

"As the ocean has no end,
so does my love for you."



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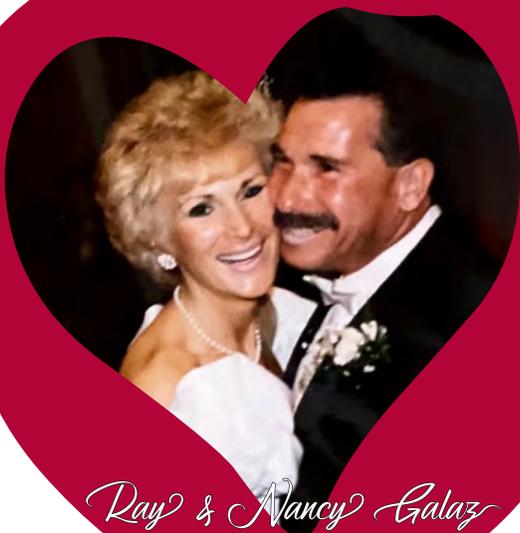
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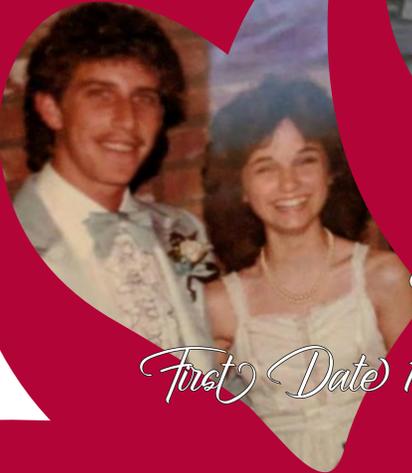
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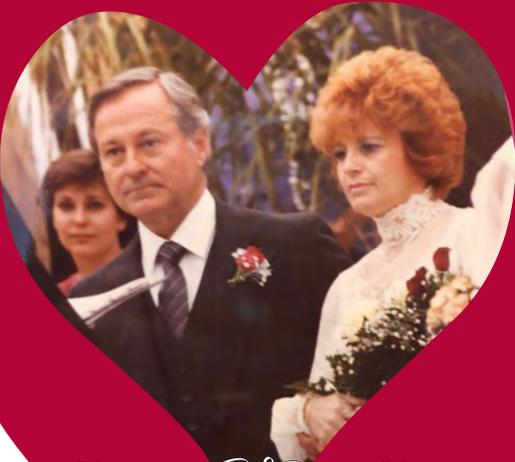
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ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **NANCY MAY**

We all welcomed in 2021 in creative and different ways than usual and now look forward to February and perhaps vaccinations, Valentines and hopefully a re- opening of our club! We, your board, are happily 'installed' again as your governing body even though we couldn't hold our annual Installation Luncheon.

If DWYC can be opened by April, we have some fun activities planned which include:

- April 18 – Spring Luncheon
- May 1 – Kentucky Derby
- June 12 – Blackjack
- Sept. 22 – Mystery Dinner
- Oct. 23 – Election Social
- Dec. 4 – Gift Exchange Luncheon

Also, 3rd Thursdays in June, July, August and September – Mixers on the patio!

Our Seamen have a tequila tasting night planned for the future, so with your fabulous, favorite tequila, you might want to try this very refreshing and wonderful drink called a Salty Raccoon which I discovered recently at The Cocktail Corner in South Lake Tahoe. I had requests for the recipe, so here it is:



Salty Raccoon

Simple Syrup

Boil 2 C. sugar in 1 C. water with 4-5 sprigs of rosemary until semi thick. Strain it. Can refrigerate for 2 weeks.

Combine

- 1 oz. fresh squeezed lime juice
- 1 oz. rosemary simple syrup
- 2 oz. tequila
- Smoked sea salt
- Charred sprig of rosemary



Rim your glass with a smoked sea salt. Light a sprig of rosemary on fire to char it. Lay it across top of drink! So good!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! 



SEAMEN UPDATE

By **KEVIN RIGGS**

Unfortunately, the Seamen don't have much to report right now. Our Seamen Tequila Tasting event has been postponed to February 24th and whereas we hope this will happen, we are planning day by day. Please stay tuned on DWYC weekly eBlasts and social media for updates. 



SAILING FOR LIFE

By **MARY STRAZZULLA**

The Charity Regatta Committee presented a check to the American Cancer Society for \$13,350. Not bad for a Covid-19 year when the Charity Regatta was not even held! Most of the funds, \$9,000, came from the Wine Tasting Dinner.



Pictured from left to right: Mary Strazzulla, Helen Hawkins, Kirsten Strauch – ACS Sr. Exec. Dir., Tamara Tatich – 2020 Commodore, Pam Northcott. 

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HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

One of the best things about living where we live are the beautiful winter sunsets. I am so grateful for so many members sharing their past month's stunning photos on social media. Along with these beautiful sunsets, February brings Valentine's Day which means chocolate, champagne and special expressions of love.

“Love doesn't make the world go around. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.”-Franklin P. Jones

Speaking of love...Patience Kupratis and Karl Berger got married! They have been dating for 30 years and tied the knot on January 25, 2021 in Port Charlotte, Florida. We wish them continued happiness and much love.

Tom and Deborah Dominick are excitedly planning their daughter's wedding for June which has been delayed for the past year because of Covid-19. Hopefully, we will have more information to share when the special day occurs.

Cheryl and Bob Kelly received three beautiful quilts from Maggie Bell and her guild for their niece's family who lost their home earlier in a fire. Both Cheryl and Bob are so grateful to Maggie and her guild for their generosity. We are looking forward to pictures, hopefully in the next Lines & Bits.

Sadly, several members have lost loved ones recently. We send our deepest sympathy and prayers to each of our members who are grieving at this time.

Kathleen Young's father passed away on December 21st.

Maryl Lincoln's sister, Randa Baird, passed away on New Year's Day from complications of Covid-19.

Mitz Penney's mother, Eileen Wilson, passed away on January 3rd.

Remember: Let me know if you have a birthday or anniversary you'd like to celebrate in our weekly DWYC eBlast. If you'd like to share any health and happiness news in this column, please email me at happiness@dwyc.org or you can text me at 949-632-0807. 



SILVER STARS

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

As usual, we had our first meeting of the year in January (on Zoom, not usual) to plan out our fundraising dates for 2021. As a reminder, we raise money for the Silver Stars Scholarship Fund, which each year awards scholarships to our members' children and grandchildren that are attending college. We are proud to say that in 2020 we gave out almost \$11,500 in scholarships!

It will remain to be seen what events we can actually pull off events in 2021, but our intent is to get back to a normal slate of in-person fundraisers post spring. Please place these dates on your calendar:

- April – Raffle Basket
- May 1 – Zoom Bingo
- September 5 – Champagne Brunch
- October 23 – French Toast Breakfast (pre-General Membership Meeting)
- November 10 – Lobster Dinner and Wine Tasting

Applications for scholarships are due by August 31st and we will put a form in the newsletter this summer. The scholarship awards will be announced at the September 5th Champagne Brunch.

Thank you for all the support over the years and we look forward to continuing this 30+ year tradition at DWYC! 

Welcome to the newest Silver Star, Tamara Tatich. Her Commodore hand off to Hydee Riggs took place on NYE 2020 during our outdoor festivities.





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(949) 370-1269

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