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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)

Anglers	2/1-4/30/2021	Halibut Derby
Port	3/3/2021	Odyssey Book Club on Zoom
Port	3/6/2021	Sing-A-Log with Lark Knowles
Seamen	3/10/2021	Tequila Tasting
Port	3/11/2021	Social Committee Meeting
Fleet	3/19-21/2021	Silver Stars Raft Up West Basin
Port	4/4/2021	Easter Brunch

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

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

Let the fun begin! I am really happy and excited to see so many new and returning faces at the club.

Besides the reopening of the clubhouse and the return of Patio Dining, February saw us able to start having more club events. Our FC, Megan Noyes put on an exceptional and informative Fleet Kick Off meeting where members gathered to learn about the upcoming fleet cruises and events. We also got to have some live music in 2021! Lark Knowles, as talented as always, entertained our members on Valentine's Day and at the Port Mardi Gras night, the club hosted a super fun band! March is planned to have Lark Knowles returning for a sing-a-long, the Seamen's Tequila Tasting Event and the Silver Stars Raft Up in the turning basin! Thank you, FC Megan, PCs Marnie Feely and Jan Casteel and Seamen President Kevin Riggs for all of your hard work in planning these events!

Mark your calendars for Opening Day, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021. It will likely look and be different from our traditional Opening Days in the past due to COVID, but if it happens the way we are thinking, it will be an enjoyable time for all! We may need your help to make this happen (boaters beware!), so don't be surprised when you find me hitting you up for some assistance. If you would like to volunteer for this event (and we always need YOU), feel free to contact me.

With events starting to expand, let me remind you that you may view the online calendar for club events which is located at [www.dwyc.org](http://www.dwyc.org). (Thank you SC Tamara Tatich for managing our website this year). You should also keep an eye on the weekly eBlasts and on our Facebook page for updates, events and our weekly food and drink specials.

Speaking of food and drink, we are thrilled to announce the hiring of Chef Angel Fabian as our new executive chef. Angel has over 30 years experience as an executive chef and he was the executive chef at Harbor Grill for many years. Angel attended the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in Napa Valley and is experienced in an array of different types of cuisine. We look forward to seeing what he will do. Also, since we are thankfully busier with our patio dining, we

have also hired Jorge Lara as our dishwasher. Thank you to Chef Angel and Jorge for joining our team!

I hope you have been enjoying the new sections in the L&B. One new section that has been popular is the "Anchors A-Where?" and we had many people locate the anchor and enter the drawing last month. February's hidden anchor winner was ... Cheryl Kelly! Congratulations Cheryl, come find me for your free drink on me!

As fleet season gets going, please remember to let Ray Bell, our Dockmaster, know when you are leaving your slip for the weekend (or longer) so we can accommodate any visiting boaters. He can be reached at [dockmaster@dwyc.org](mailto:dockmaster@dwyc.org).

As always, I appreciate your support and patience and look forward to seeing you at the club and on the water! 



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# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**

Happy March! I am happy to see that the club is back open for Patio Dining and it has been great to see some smiling faces at the club over the last couple of weeks.

The Food & Beverage Committee continues to meet to discuss the impact of the latest COVID-19 mandates on the club, as well as to decide on weekly specials from our kitchen and bar. Thank you to the Committee members for their continued hard work!

I wanted to also remind everyone that if you don't receive the weekly eBlast, please email me or give me a call so that I can update or add your email address or help to troubleshoot why you may no longer see the email in your inbox (sometimes, the issue is that your email server has sent the email to your junk email folder). I am happy to help you figure it out! The eBlasts are so important for getting club updates right now!

Don't forget - if you know Boaters who would be a good addition to the club, please send them my way! While we still have limited activities due to COVID-19 restrictions, your Flag Officers, Jr. Flag Officers, Directors and Committees are working hard to make the club as great as it can be! FC, Megan Noyes is gearing up for a great Cruising Season, and your PCs, Marnie Feely and Jan Casteel have some fun, safe events lined up. It is so nice to see music back at the club, even if we can't hit the dance floor like we used to!

At the February meeting, the board approved new member

*Cash McCoy*

Non-boat-owner

The following candidates for membership are posted for review prior to the March Board meeting:

*Joe Harris & Loretta Williams*

Boat-owner, 20" Bayliner

*Jay & Karen Styles*

Boat-owner, 27' Coastal Downeaster

*Warren Belkin & Elycia Child*

Boat-owner, 44'10" American Tug

*Greg & Carol Carlson*

Boat-owner, 21'6" Chris Craft Scorpion

*Jeremy & Megan Webb*

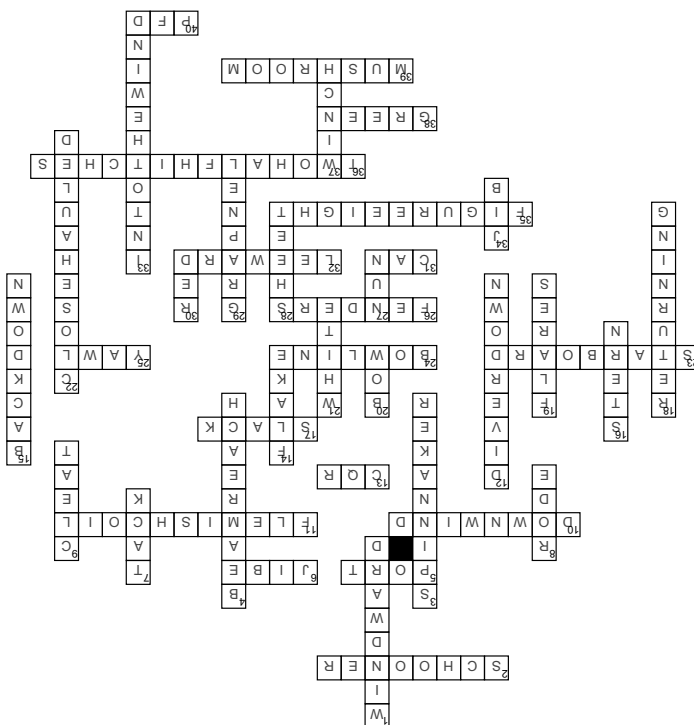
Boat-Owner, 51' Sea Ray Sundancer

*James & Allie Styles*

Associate, boat-owner, 30' Pursuit

Hope that everyone continues to stay healthy and happy!  
Cheers! 

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS Puzzle on page 7.



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.

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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**

The Ship's Store motto for February was: Out with the old – in with the new! February was all about Close Out Specials to make room for new inventory for the Ship's Store! Keep your eyes open for new t-shirts and hats featuring this year's Island Life logo. If there is a particular style or color you like, just let me know! The Ship's Store is here for you. Keep your eyes on Facebook and the weekly eBlast for The Ship's Store hours.



It's been so exciting to hear many of our members are getting vaccinated! The Member Services Committee is available should you need help signing up online for the vaccine, if you need a ride to a vaccination site or even if you need someone to hold your spot in line! We're still here if you need someone to pick up groceries or prescriptions. Please don't hesitate to reach out! There are several volunteers who can safely offer assistance. Email [memberservices@dwyc.org](mailto:memberservices@dwyc.org) or call my cell listed at the front of the newsletter.

As we safely re-open more and more, I have delighted in seeing old friends at the club that I haven't seen in months, and finally getting a chance to meet the new members face-to-face, and not only on Zoom! If you see an unfamiliar face, please introduce yourself and get to know the newest additions to the Best Little Yacht Club on the West Coast! See you at the club! 



## FLEET LOG

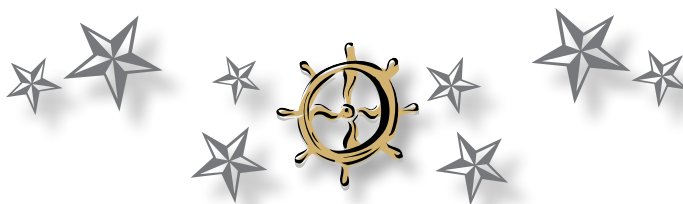
By **MEGAN NOYES**

Hello fellow cruisers! We had a great turn-out for our fleet cruise "kick-off" meeting! Thank you to everyone who joined us at the club or via Zoom! I provided all the upcoming dates for our cruise destinations and a cruise questionnaire that needs to be filled out for each boater. Sign-ups for every cruise and the questionnaire is available on the fleet board at the club or please feel free to email me at: [fleet@dwyc.org](mailto:fleet@dwyc.org). I will be sending out eBlasts and Facebook posts with all the current information for every cruise event!


I am looking for hosts for the cruises as well. Hosting includes having a champagne "eye-opener" on your boat to "kick-off" our cruise event. I supply the champagne; you supply the fun! A big thank you to the Blanco's who have volunteered to host the Shoreline cruise.


I will be working with Eric Gritzmacher to set up vessel safety checks and will advise when we have some dates available for that. Due to the coronavirus, there are new procedures and Eric will guide us through this process. Thank you Eric!

I also mentioned at our fleet meeting about the California Boater Card that the state implemented in 2018. Briefly, every boat operator in the state must possess a boater card by 2025. There is a course, a fee and a deadline to obtain this card. However, once you do obtain it, it lasts for the boater's lifetime. Please see [californiaboardercard.com](http://californiaboardercard.com) for all the details.



Lastly, our first cruise for 2021, the Silver Stars Cruise, is fast approaching! Please come join us March 19-21st in the West Basin of the harbor commencing at 9am! Please RSVP to me via the sign-up sheet or via email.

Any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call, email or chat at the club. Looking forward to getting on the water and making memories! Cheers! 



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# PORT REPORT

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

The Club is now open, and we have had some fun events. Valentine's Day was a hit thanks to Lark Knowles and her music. Everyone seemed to enjoy the roses for all of the ladies, drinking chocolate martinis and eating the chocolate kisses, thank you, Helen! A big thank you to Michele Walsh for helping with the decorations and helping with scouting for the music. Thank you to Tracey Imsland and Stacy Mata for helping with the decorations.

Our Mardi Gras party was also fun. We enjoyed listening to the Black Orchid Band with Kayla Kramer and Jason Brown. A big shout out to Connie Hedrick and Mindy Sicard for volunteering to help decorate. Also, we really appreciate the support that we have received from our wonderful Flag Officers Hydee Riggs, Molly Dearing and Nina McNeely!

We have scheduled the following events for March so please watch for the eBlast with more information:

- March 6th – Sing-A-Long with Lark Knowles 6-9 pm
- March 20th – Back to the 80's Party
- April 4th – Easter Brunch 10 am to 1 pm

The Social Committee will be meeting virtually on March 11th at 6 pm at the club or virtually. 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. If you would like to help make that next event great or have special skills that you think will help, please join us in our club/virtual meeting. Please watch for the flyer with the Zoom sign in information. Your help and friendship are what makes DWYC the "Best Little Yacht Club on the West Coast"

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## ODYSSEY BOOK CLUB

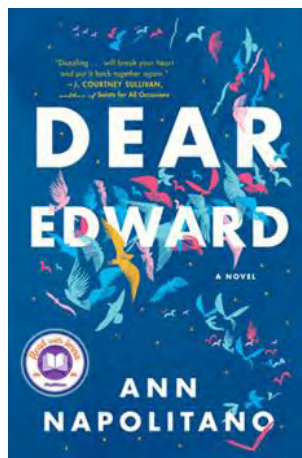
By **NINA McNEELY**

*“March is a tomboy with tousled hair,  
a mischievous smile, mud on her shoes  
and a laugh in her voice.”*

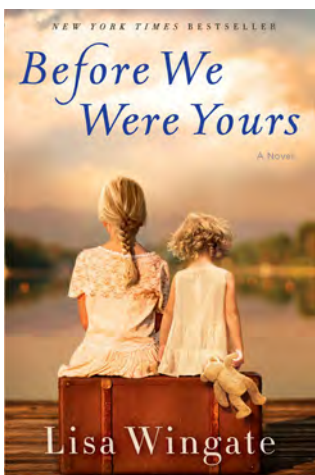
*~Hal Borland*

There are so many wonderful literary quotes about March! There is still a chill in the air, making it a great month to curl up with a book. I've heard from many members who do not come to the Book Club meetings but are reading the monthly selections along with us. I love that! Please don't be shy in making recommendations if you feel you have a book the club may enjoy.


The books for our March meeting are “Dear Edward” by Ann Napolitano and “Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate. Both are very well written, and not for the faint of heart. “Dear Edward” follows the recovery of a 12 year old boy after he is the sole survivor of a plane crash that kills all the other passengers, including his entire family.



The second book, “Before We Were Yours,” while fiction, is based on the true story of The Tennessee Children's Home Society that basically stole children from poor families and put them in paid adoptions with wealthier ones.



With these two emotional stories, we'll have lots to discuss at our next meeting on March 3rd!

Please, email me or check out the weekly eBlast to get the Zoom link so you can join our next meeting. For April, we are probably going to pick something light and funny for a change! Happy Reading! 

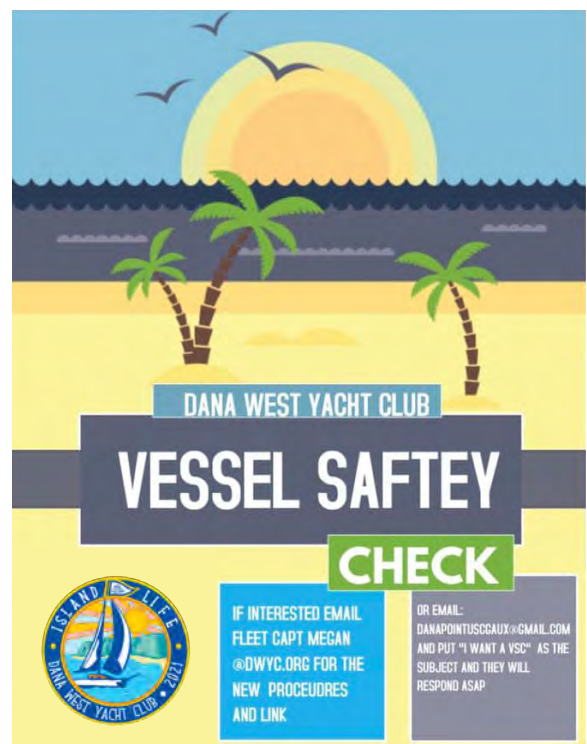


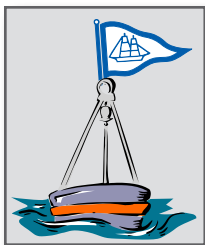
## VESSEL SAFETY

By **MEGAN NOYES**

By now, I'm sure most of you heard about the harbor incident February 18th! A boat explosion resulting in a harbor fire, brings up the perfect opportunity to let everyone know about getting a Vessel Safety Check!

There are new policies and procedures due to the pandemic so please email me at [fleet@dwyc.org](mailto:fleet@dwyc.org) or email directly at [danapointuscgaux@gmail.com](mailto:danapointuscgaux@gmail.com) and put “I want a VSC” in the subject line and they will respond ASAP! 





# EXTRA BITS

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

## NAUTICAL PUZZLE

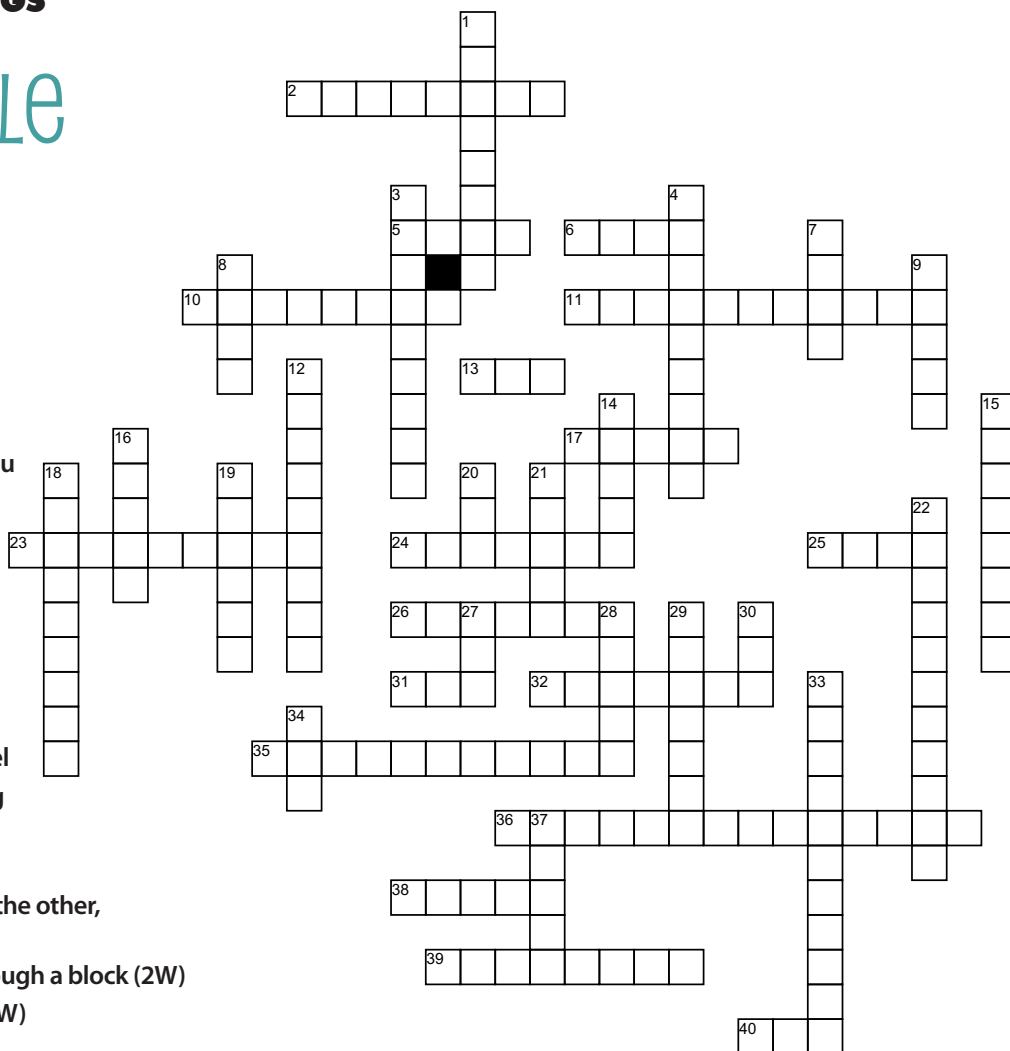
### Across

2. I have 2 to 7 masts with the foremast shorter than the others
5. Left Side of the Boat
6. To change direction by swinging the stern thru the wind
10. Running with wind directly behind you
11. A way to tidy up loose ends of line on a deck and make flat (2W)
13. Another name for a Plow Anchor
17. Time between tide changes
23. Right side of the boat
24. The "King of Knots"
25. I have 2 masts with the shorter one stepped aft of the rudder post or wheel
26. Air filled bumpers used when docking or rafting up boats
31. "Green \_\_\_\_\_"
32. Two boats sailing parallel, one below the other, further from the wind
35. Knot to stop a rope from running through a block (2W)
36. Best way to attach a fender to a rail (3W)
38. Color of Starboard Side Light
39. Type of Permanent Mooring Anchor
40. Personal Floatation Device

### Down

1. Two boats sailing parallel, one closest to the wind
3. A big, colorful forward sail usually used downwind
4. Sailing with wind directly on your side (2W)
7. To change sailing direction by swinging the bow thru the wind
8. Line used for anchoring
9. What you fasten a dockline to
12. Red flag with a white diagonal stripe indicates what?
14. Putting away a sail so it lies back and forth on itself neatly
15. What you always do to make sure your anchor is set
16. Back of the boat
18. "Red, Right, \_\_\_\_\_"
19. A Type of Visual Distress Signals

20. Front of the boat
21. Color of Stern Light
22. Sailing with wind forward of you at 45 degrees or less (2W)
27. "Red \_\_\_\_\_"
28. Line used to pull in a sail
29. Small craft anchor for temporary use
30. Color of Port Side Light
33. Positioning boat with the wind directly in front of you (3W)
34. A Forward Sail
37. Mechanism used in pulling in a sail





# BLAST FROM THE PAST!

The first two shots from the 1920's show the Dana Point area before the harbor construction.



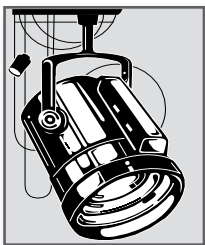
*Images of America, by Doris I. Walker*

After various concepts and possible plans were put forth starting in 1947, only to be tabled by various delays including the Korean war, final plans were finally approved for 2,150 boats at a cost of \$20 million in 1964.

In 1966 the Harbor dedication ceremony took place, the photo above is from 1968, after the rock jetties were built. The two to the right are from 1970 during the harbor construction.

The construction of slips was still underway when the harbor opened in 1971. The Harbor has allowed millions of people to enjoy the marine environment and sea life of Dana Point.





# MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

## DIRECTOR

BRUCE BELANGER

Membership Number: 3249

Director

**Did you have a nickname growing up or now? If so, what was it and where did it come from?** Slo Motion. I was given that name because I was so laid back and casual.

**Current position at club and for how long:** Director for one year filling Barbara Moran's position. Then, I was just re-elected for two years.

**Occupation (or previous occupation):** Firefighter and owner of Specialty Woodwork, Inc.

**Places you have lived:** Native Californian.

**Do you own a boat and if so, what is her name:** 33' Larson Powerboat named *Pelican Whisperer*.

**What is your favorite thing about the club:** Social Aspect! Love meeting and seeing friends.

**What is your favorite memory about the club:** Winning first place at the Opening Day Parade a couple of years ago.

**Favorite food:** Veal Scallopine

**Favorite alcoholic beverage:** Scotch and Soda

**Favorite movies:** Godfather, Casino, The Cooler

**Favorite actors/actresses:** Robert Duval, Clint Eastwood, Reese Witherspoon

**Favorite musical performers:** Frank Sinatra

**Best vacation ever taken:** 11 days in British Virgin Islands board 50' Catamaran

**Hobbies:** Boating, Rv'ing, Guns

**What is the strangest thing you've ever eaten?** Alligator

**If you could choose a lifetime supply of something, what would it be?** Cashews



**Tell us something we may not know about you (try to blow us away – LOL):** I skipped two grades in school, graduated from high school at 16. Joined army at 17.

*What is your secret talent?*  
*Being Lucky at Gambling*

**What is on your bucket list?** Return to Minnesota where I spent my summers at White Bear Lake

## STAFF COMMODORE

RUTH NASTOFF

Membership Number 1313

Staff Commodore 2012

**Did you have a nickname growing up or now? If so, what was it and where did it come from?** Ruthie

**Year of being Commodore:** 2012

**Your Commodore Theme:** Dana West Yacht Club The Pearl of the Harbor....every Sunday was Pearl day for the ladies whether it was a necklace, earrings, bracelet, or ring.

**Occupation (or previous occupation):** Presently, I am a volunteer at Mission Hospital Tower 2, Reception Desk.



**Places you have lived:** Chicago, Illinois, Pontiac, Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, Schaumburg, Illinois, Richardson, Texas, St. Louis, Mo. Manchester, Mo, Oaks, PA, Skippack, PA, King of Prussia, PA, Scottsdale, AZ, Aliso Viejo, CA and presently San Juan Capistrano, CA

**Favorite food:** Pasta, any kind

**Favorite alcoholic beverage:** Rum & Diet Coke

**Favorite movies:** Hallmark Movies

**Best vacation ever taken:** St. Thomas

**What is your secret talent?** Painting

**What is your favorite memory of being Commodore?** It would have to be the remodel of our Yacht Club, not only because the transformation was beautiful, but we also had fun with drawing contests on the walls that were coming down and renovation activities.

**Tell us something we may not know about the history of the club:** Well, some new members may not know but DWYC's Member Number "2" is Carmen Phillips. I believe she holds the title for the longest membership at DWYC. Carmen usually comes to the club on Saturdays if you want to meet her and she is a bartender at the world famous Swallows Inn, in San Juan.



**Tell us something we may not know about you:** Many years ago, I got my Beauticians License (only did it for a short time). I was also a part-time Title Clerk on evenings & weekends and went to car auctions & did the title work. It was a lot of fun.

**What is on your bucket list?** Definitely to go back to St. Thomas some day.



## STAFF COMMODORE

STEVE WHITE

Membership Number: 2006

Staff Commodore: 2013 (partial), 2014

**Did you have a nickname growing up or now? If so, what was it and where did it come from?** Steve (I know, boring).

**Year of being Commodore:** Due to the illness and then passing of Commodore Jackie Fellows, I became acting Commodore in February of 2013 and then Commodore with her passing in April of 2013. I went on to serve in my scheduled year of 2014.

**Your Commodore Theme:** Smooth Sailing

**Occupation (or previous occupation):** Vice President and partner at Liptak Digital Inc.

**Do you own a boat and if so, what is her name?** *Destiny.*

*Favorite Food?*

**Wild Sockeye Salmon**

**Favorite alcoholic beverage:** Nice single malt scotch

**Favorite movies:** The classics are always enjoyable but I lean towards comedies like Blazing Saddles, Caddyshack, Airplane and most any Mel Brooks film.

**Hobbies:** Sailing, golf, stream fishing, classic cars and flying.

**Best vacation ever taken:** As a senior in college, I spent two weeks living on a 39ft sloop sailing the Windward Islands of the Caribbean from St. Vincent to Grenada and back. It was a great adventure and I even got college credit.



### What is your favorite memory of being Commodore?

There are many from the 22 months, but the overall memory is of how well the board worked to move the club forward on the heels of the construction project. The efforts by the Port Captains in both years really made coming to the club fun. Also the work of the Food and Beverage committee that worked so hard to take a club that enjoyed our lunch menu but not so much our dinner offerings, to a club that now greatly enjoys our dinners.

On a personal note, I did enjoy bringing back the Commodore's Challenge Race between DPYC and us in 2013 and 2014. We came in 2nd (out of 2) in 2013 but we did win in 2014, which is the only time DWYC has won the Commodore's Challenge.

**Tell us something we may not know about you:** Well for 7 years I was a volunteer member of an Indy Car racing team traveling to 14 race weekends a year throughout the US and Canada. I got involved with the team through my career in the dental industry. The driver was a practicing dentist and we worked on his Racing Dentist Program that involved educating 4th and 5th grade kids across the country. That led to becoming a member of the team where I would be a spotter during the race. That meant being on top of the track talking with the driver during the race about track conditions and especially accidents. It was a great deal of fun and led to some wild times in cars on and off the track!

**What is on your bucket list?** To have a take off and landing on a Navy aircraft carrier. I actually had an invite to do this but had to pass at that time.

## MEMBERS

SUE GRIESBACH & BOB LANGAN  
Membership Number 2016

Sue Griesbach and Bob Langan joined the club around 2009, about one year after they got their first boat, a Catalina 36 (*Euphoria*). Club member, Ray Ergas, who had been a colleague of Sue and Bob at Chevron for 25 years, had encouraged Sue to get back into sailing, and later, to join the Club. At first, their sailing was limited to the weekends, awaiting the time when they would both be retired. Sue grew up in Madison, Wisconsin and, as a teen, raced a Melges C Skow with her father. Bob, however, had no experience with sailing prior to acquiring the Catalina.

Sue became the Administrator of the News Group for the C36 International Association, which was quite large at the time. She had spent most of her career as a scientific software developer and IT specialist in Exploration R&D at Chevron. Bob also worked at Chevron in R&D as a

research scientist (geophysicist). Fortunately, their career paths never conflicted, as over a 20+ year period they moved together from Pittsburgh, to Houston, to Socal, to Stanford, back to Socal, to New Orleans, and back to Socal.

They ordered a new Catalina 385 in 2013 when Bob was about to retire, expecting to cruise quite a bit.

Little did they know that they would take a different path shortly after getting the new boat. Sue had been crewing on other boats at the weekly "Pharkle" races held just outside the harbor on Thursdays. She asked Bob if he'd be interested in racing *Tómol*, their new boat. They caught the fever and



have ended up racing nearly 50 "Pharkles" and 30 weekend races per year ever since. It didn't matter that *Tómol* was a heavy cruising boat, not a racing boat. Over time they upgraded the boat for racing as much as they could.

Unlike Sue, who was experienced at the helm and all other roles on the boat, Bob knew nothing. With Sue's encouragement, Bob spent a lot of time on the foredeck, studying the sail shapes, trying to make it fit into his academic understanding of fluid dynamics. In his first year he had little to offer. Fortunately, *Tómol* had experienced sailors from DWYC for crew. Among them at the time were Austin Peay, Sam Artinger, Norm Gardner and Eric Gritzmacher. Bob still hopes someone will explain how sailing works in the context of the Navier-Stokes Equations.

Shortly after joining DWYC, Sue became the Club Webmaster, replacing a paid service. At this point, the website had become more important in managing the activities of the Club, so Sue rewrote the website. But for all the members to take advantage of this new functionality, one of the things she had to do was overcome generational barriers, as some members were just learning how to use a computer. She ended up teaching courses at the club house on many of the basics for using computers.

In 2017, Sue was asked to join the executive board of the PHRF Socal Regional Board as their “Data Systems Specialist”. This involved maintaining their website and managing the rather sophisticated data base they have on boats with racing certificates. In 2019 Bob also joined the PHRF Socal Regional Board as the Area Representative from Dana Point and Oceanside.

Over time, with their experienced crew and weekly excursions, Sue and her crew learned how to make *Tómol* more competitive. Their success in 2018, combined with Sue’s service to the sailing community, resulted in Sue’s receipt of the Yachswoman Excellence Award from the Yacht Racing Union of Southern California (YRUSC). YRUSC is a racing association of 31 Southern California Yacht Clubs with facilities capable of hosting major regattas.

*Tómol* has supported the DWYC Charity Regatta every year, and in 2018 and 2019 they were the top boat in fundraising. The current active crew of *Tómol* are split between DWYC and DPYC, with Norm Gardner and Roger Salway of DWYC being regulars. In the 2019 Newport to Ensenada race, the



crew included both the DWYC race director (Roger), and the DPYC race director (Ed Kooij).

Sue has been active in women’s racing, having skippered an all-women’s crew on *Tómol* in the BCYC 2019 Around the Oil Islands 3-race series, in which they won the PHRF C class. In 2018 she and two of the other very talented women’s skippers from Dana Point Harbor, Cindy Wynne and Anna Scharer, co-skippered *Tómol* to a second-place finish in the non-spin class of Newport to Ensenada.

Sue and Bob have lived in San Clemente since 2017, and, before that, they lived in Yorba Linda for 22 years. They hope to keep racing as long as it is exciting, but some longer cruising is likely to be in store in the future.



## DWYC ANGLERS

By **NICK INGERTO**



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## ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **NANCY MAY**

Here we are in March! Daylight Savings Time begins and we celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Thinking about that day, I asked the Islander Board to draw, without researching or looking at any pictures, what each thinks a Leprechaun might look like. Enjoy our charming little renditions!

We will post about upcoming events.

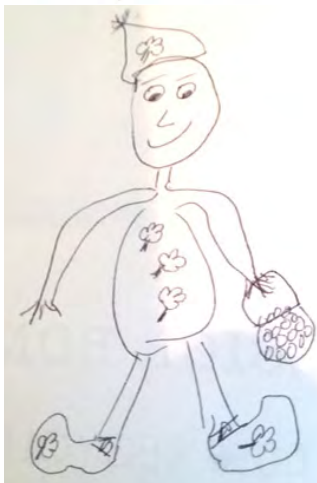


Meanwhile, two Irish blessings for you -

"May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside!"

And this one is so appropriate for this year - "May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future!"

Slaínte! 




## SEAMEN UPDATE

By **KEVIN RIGGS**

The Seamen are back! We are excited to host the Tequila Tasting Event on March 10th.

We will be tasting through Herradura's line of tequila including their reposado, anejo, cristallino, legend and Seleccion Suprema all perfectly paired with a Baja Style Lobster Dinner. We will also have some great prizes and a raffle the night of the event. For those enjoying the tequila, we will have order forms to buy bottles at great prices.


Fleet will have their first cruise, a Raft Up, at the end of the month, so keep an eye out for a Seamen event. As we look to the future and things settle down, we'll try planning some additional events.

We also have some great news, the Seamen have been working with the RMYA, Royal Men's Yachting Association, to create the first ever award for a Men's Auxiliary Group in the yachting world. This award is for a men's auxiliary group that exemplifies seamanship worldwide. We are proud to announce that as we were the one men's auxiliary group who applied, we won! We will be recognized as the leading men's auxiliary group globally and will present the award to the club to be shown for all to enjoy. 

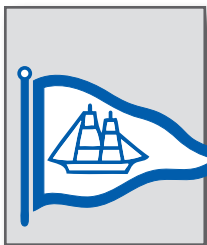
## WHAT THE BELL? Part 2

In last month's "Extra Bits" we provided information about our club bell. Well because of that, we have received updated and corrected information about its history which we would like to share with all of you!

The bell was the captain's bell on a seagoing tanker owned and captained by Tom Al Said, best known at the club as "Tanker Tom". He told the story of how his tanker was attacked and taken over by terrorists while he was not on board. During an armed attempt to retake the tanker, Tom watched from a helicopter while the terrorists sank his ship. The only item that his first officer was able to save was Tom's captain's bell. Tom treasured it.

Tom donated the bell to us with one condition, that DWYC never relinquish possession of it. Steve White, the Commodore at the time, received the bell and agreed to Tom's condition. We are fortunate to still have this treasure in our club and know more about its history. 





# HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

March is here and with it comes St. Patrick's Day. We all know what that means...four-leaf clovers, corned beef and cabbage, green beer and leprechauns.

**“May neighbours respect you,  
trouble neglect you, the angels protect you  
and Heaven accept you.”—Irish Proverb**

It is exciting to hear that so many of our DWYC members have been able to get their first Covid-19 vaccine. Many members have either already had or have appointments for their second vaccine...this is Happiness! A huge thank you to all the front-line workers and organizers who have made this possible.

Cheryl and Bob Kelly share this picture of the quilts donated, to their niece and family, by Maggie Bell and



her quilting guild after the family lost their home and belongings in the fires last year. Thank you, Maggie for arranging to have these beautiful quilts made and donated by you and your quilting friends.

Barb and Dell De Fabry are enjoying the Mexican sun, beaches, food, tequila, music and cruising Banderes Bay. They will be cruising to Barra de Navidad and stopping in coves during the month of March.

After spending three weeks in Kailua Kona, Hawaii in November/December, Jim and Bev Montrella decided to return to Hawaii and visit Maui in early February. Once again, they found the island welcoming and safe. They spent their days watching the whales from shore and snorkeling at Ahihi Kanau Marine Preserve and Black Rock

where they enjoyed seeing numerous fish and beautiful coral while searching for turtles.

Sadly, Bob Hughes passed away on February 12th. We send our thoughts and sympathy to his family and friends.

Carmen Phillips' sister, Dora Hernandez Corey, passed away on February 13th. We send our prayers and deepest sympathy to Carmen during this very sad time.

Jan Casteel had foot surgery on February 11th. We send her our best wishes for a speedy and full recovery.

***Remember: If you'd like to share any health and happiness news in this column, please email me at [happiness@dwyc.org](mailto:happiness@dwyc.org) or text me at 949-633-0807. Let me know if you have a birthday or anniversary you'd like to celebrate in our weekly DWYC eBlast.*** 

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