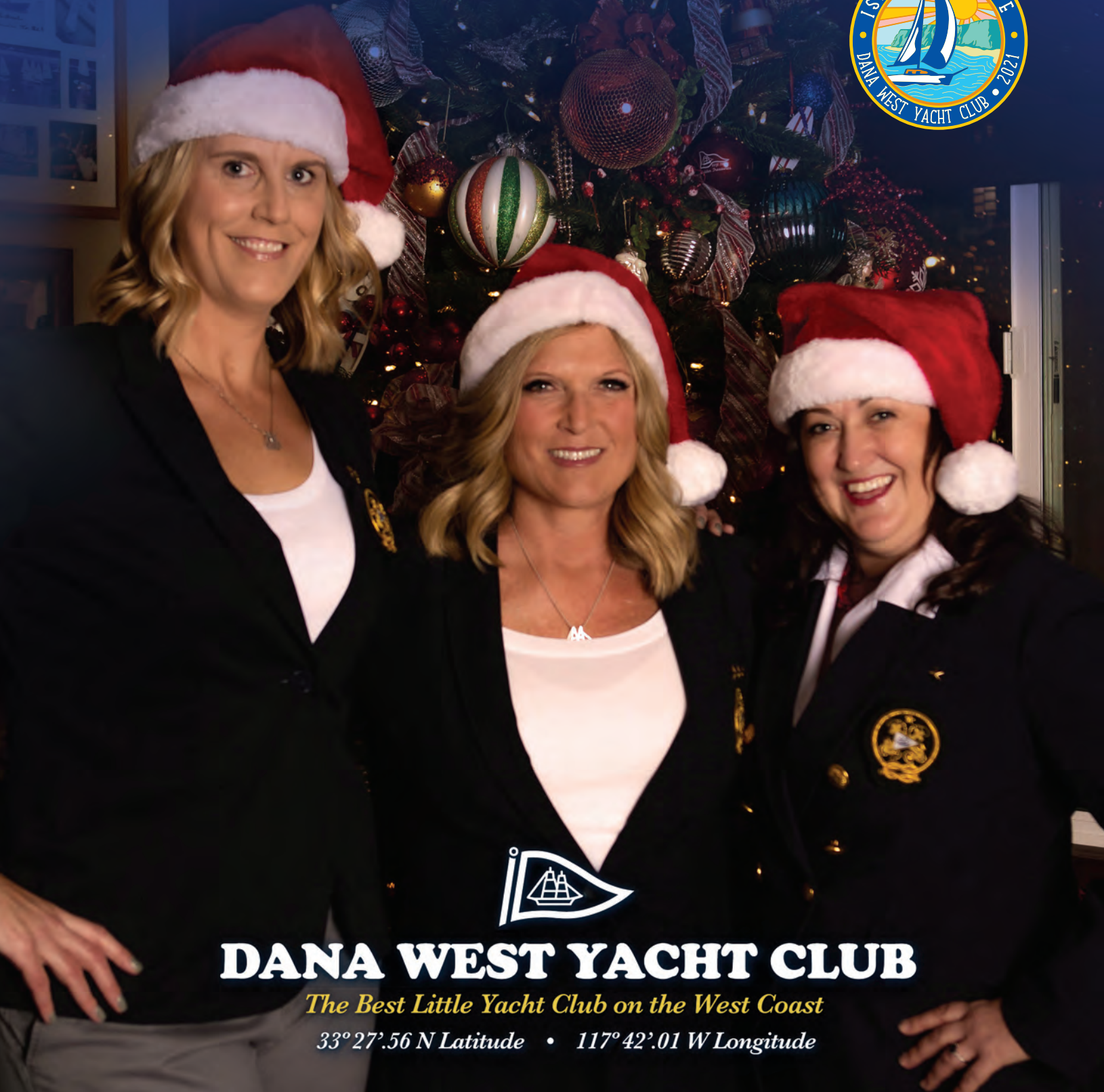


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ANCHORS A-WHERE?!

This month our Christmas contest challenges you to find this particular Santa's sleigh, no others will do! It's hidden within the pages of the Lines&Bits newsletter.



When you find it, email the page number and location description to editor@dwyc.org before the 10th of the month. 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)

Islanders	12/1/21	See's Candy Sales
Commodore	12/4-11/21	Commodore's Land Cruise - Mexico
BNG	12/7/21	BNG Meeting
Islanders	12/12/21	Gift Exchange
Port	12/16/21	Social Committee Meeting
Port	12/18/21	Member's Only Party
Silver Stars	12/31/21	Scholarship Application Deadline
Port	12/31/21	New Year's Eve Party

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

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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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

As I write this, I can't believe it is my last article written as Commodore. Wow the year flew by so fast!

I have so many wonderful memories of this past year and I want to thank everyone for making things so special for me. I will forever cherish the kindness of our members, our events on the water (including raft ups, cruising to clubs and the Island, dinghy parades, renaming of our boat *Island Life* at Isthmus, Charity Regatta, club racing, junior sailing camp and races), our events at the club (including Opening Day, live music, dance parties, karaoke, wine and spirit tasting events and blackjack). Also, our events away from the club (including the Commodore's Ball at El Adobe and the Commodore's Cruise to Akumal). It was a fabulous year and thank you for helping me create these lifetime memories.

A few recent highlights that I want to make sure everyone is aware of in case you haven't heard:

1. After a year's absence, Dana West Yacht Club's 24th Annual Charity Regatta benefitting American Cancer Society occurred in June this year. Our Charity Regatta raised over \$53,000 this year to benefit American Cancer Society! That is all due to those who put in a tremendous amount of time and work to make it happen including: SC Pam Northcott, SC Helen Hawkins, Mary Strazzulla, SC George Bloomfield, SC Alex Gelman, Secretary Cheryl Kelly, Janice Artinger and Roger Salway. (Forgive me if I left anyone out!). And we mustn't forget that Janice Artinger was presented the Jackie Fellows award as the member who raised the most money for the charity regatta through her invaluable efforts with the online auction. Congratulations, Janice and all!

2. The Paul Berkery Memorial Tin Cup Golf Tournament raised over \$22,000 to benefit the Juniors Sailing Program! Thank you to Brenda Berkery and all who volunteered and participated.

3. San Diego Yacht Club hosted the Southern California Beneteau Cup in September that included the Beneteau First 36.7 West Coast Championships. The Beneteau First 36.7 was designed by the renowned naval architect Bruce Farr and was first launched in 2001 with 817 built worldwide. While the Beneteau plant in South Carolina has

built 274 solely for the North American market, there are active one design fleets in Southern California, Chicago, Detroit, and Toronto. One Design (OD) boats are built exactly the same and are limited to the type of sails, the number of sails, and can have limited to no modifications. Dana West Yacht Club Skipper Mark Williams and his crew did a stellar job tactically on several challenging courses over the two-day event competing among some of Southern California's best skippers. Their crew work and skillful performance aboard *Buenos Aires* won them the honor of West Coast Champions in the one class design fleet! Mark's crew consisted of members Scott Clapp and Sue Griesbach, and also Alexander Williams, Mary Hardy, Ken Rightmire, Bill Pasco, Marius Vygantas and James Au. Go check out the new trophy hanging on the wall near the trophy case. We are very proud of you!

4. Our Juniors continue to dominate at their races, and we must be very proud! Our RS Tera junior sailors won 1st through 3rd in the Lido Island Halloween Regatta in October! Thank you to Mark Williams, SC Steve White, SC Dawn Rasmussen, SC Cliff Fellows and coaches Catherine Reynolds and Tyler Welk for all of their effort and success this year.

As this year comes to a close, it is important to thank those that have put in so much time and energy for our club. First off, thank you to our staff that provides amazing food and beverages to us and ensures we are smoothly operating. These include Chef Angel, Bar manager George, Jorge, Juan Carlos, Fadia, Pablo, Mike, Kris, Garrett, Jose, Dawn, Darlene and Paul. You are all highly appreciated.

Your board, committees, staff and volunteers work extremely hard behind the scenes to make the best of what is available to bring value to our members so that we have a club where we can eat and drink with the best prices in town, and where we are able to boat, socialize and play together. I am inspired by their passion and generosity, and I take pleasure in knowing and working with each and every one of them.

Thank you to our 2021 Committee Chairs and other volunteer positions and their committee members. I am appreciative for the extensive time you all put into this club.

Thank you to the Committee Chairs:

Anglers: Nick Ingerto
Business Networking Group: Patricia Chiku
Charity Regatta: SC Pam Northcott, SC Helen Hawkins and Mary Strazzulla (and thank you to Roger Salway and his committee for their help with the Regatta race itself!)
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Paul Berkery Memorial Tin Cup Golf Tournament: Brenda Berkery
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Seamen: President Kevin Riggs
Trivia – While not a committee, I would like to thank VC Molly Dearing and Matt Dearing for the time and work they put into Monday Trivia Nights which have been a great success.

I would also like to thank SC Mike Metz for his long service as chair of the Long-Range Planning and Finance Committees.

And a special thank you to SC Helen Hawkins and all of those on the Helen Hawkins "taking care of business for the club committee". We can't do all this without you.

Thank you to my Board of Directors who have been engaging and mindful to do what is in the best interest of the club and its members.

Bruce Belanger
Rich Blanco
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David McGuire
Leigh Anne Pack
Dan Rodowicz

Thank you to my appointed officers for their tremendous support this year:

Treasurer: David Walsh
Secretary: Cheryl Kelly
Dockmaster: Ray Bell
Judge Advocate: SC Phil Eaton

Thank you for JSC Tamara Tatich for your input and help throughout the year.

Thank you to our Junior Staff Officers including Fleet Captain Megan Noyes who is always so positive, shows grace under fire and consistently has the true desire to help this club succeed. Also thank you to Port Captains Jan Casteel and Marnie Feeley for their tremendous time and effort for our club while still having the ability to stay calm.

And to my Senior Staff Officers:

Vice Commodore Molly Dearing, as I have told you many times this year, I am thankful for your commitment, loyalty, always being considerate and letting me bend your ears to the brink of breakage. You are going to make a great Commodore.

Rear Commodore Nina McNeely, thank you for always being passionate, thoughtful, willing to help and for throwing me the most amazing Commodore's Ball ever! I am excited for your journey up to Commodore.

Finally, thank you to my husband Kevin, who has been my biggest supporter and has shown understanding and patience while I spent my time and focus on the club. You are always ready to help whenever needed and you definitely keep me grounded and laughing, especially in the most trying of times.

We have some fun things coming up in December including the Islander's Gift Exchange, the Members Only Party and our New Year's Eve Party which will include live music from the James Kelly Band, a fun photobooth and the passing of the command to Molly Dearing! And keep an eye out, as we may even have a few more warm and bright surprises for you before the end of the year.

I would like to congratulate the November pie winners: Vito Ferlauto (yes, AGAIN!) and Ruth Nastoff. Congratulations --- find me for your free drinks!

A year end toast to all of you:

Until we are together again, fair winds and following seas.

For our sailors, have fun and sail fast.

For our cruisers, may the voyages be as interesting and as enjoyable as your destinations.

For our anglers, tight lines and good things come to those who wait.

For all of our members, health, laughter and happiness throughout the year.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season, Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and Happy New Year! 



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**

Ho Ho Ho! Where did the time go?

You may have noticed that we have new menu books, and hopefully you noticed that there are some new menu items as well – while the chips and guacamole shareable appetizer is my favorite, we think that members will also be excited about the Grilled Herb Chicken Dinner. The menu also has a slightly new “look and feel”. Thank you to Pam Northcott, the F&B Committee, and Chef Angel and the kitchen staff for all of your hard work.

Thank you to all of you who took time to cast your ballot and participate in the Board election. We had a large number of ballots returned; it just may be a record year. At the November Board meeting, the election results were certified and the Board approved Appointments for your 2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

- Commodore: Yours truly!
- Vice Commodore: Nina McNeely
- Rear Commodore: Megan Noyes
- Fleet Captain: Roger Salway
- Port Captain: Sophie Lentini
- Director: Rich Blanco
- Director: Bruce Belanger
- Director: Leigh Anne Pack
- Director: Kevin Riggs
- Director: Brenden Dalrymple
- Director: Tom Rafferty
- Secretary: Cheryl Kelly
- Treasurer: Cindy Fiorillo
- Judge Advocate: Phil Eaton
- Jr. Staff Commodore: Hydee Riggs

I am honored to work with such a great group next year! As we close out this year, I wanted to express my gratitude to those who have helped me this year (and please accept my apologies that space does not allow me to list everyone)... so, thank you to:

Commodore Hydee Riggs for being even keeled, even when the waters got rough. Her creative ideas kept the club exciting, and I know that members really appreciated the unexpected surprises that she brought to us (my favorite

– the bagpiper at Opening Day!). Hydee has set the bar for the Commodore’s job extremely high, I’ll be proud if I do the job even half as well as she has. We are lucky to have had her at the DWYC helm in 2021!

Rear Commodore Nina McNeely for being organized and a great sounding board, and for always stepping up to help out whenever asked.

Fleet Captain Megan Noyes for pushing thru to plan such a fun cruising season, even when Covid and oil spills presented challenges, and for her endless enthusiasm!

Marnie Feeley and Jan Casteel for planning so many great events... keeping us dancing and singing all year! So much fun!

Newsletter Editor Julie D’Urso for your patience (someone who shall remain nameless always seems to be the last to turn in her article) and for your tireless work and commitment to making sure our Lines & Bits Newsletter lands in our member’s mailbox at the first of the month, and making it look easy, which I am certain it is not.

Pam Northcott and Committee for running the Food & Beverage Committee and continuing to work on constant improvements with our F&B services.

Membership Committee members Nancy Galaz and Kathy Belanger for assisting this year with membership tasks. We didn’t have to do much this year, but I appreciated that you were there in case I needed you!

Mark Williams, Dawn Rasmussen, and Steve White and the Juniors program, which continues to grow what is becoming a pretty amazing youth sailing program.

All of the 2021 appointed Officers and Directors for your volunteerism and support, and for helping to keep the ship steady and moving.

S/C Helen Hawkins for.... well, where do I start and where do I end... so, I guess, thank you for everything that you do for the club!

Our staff – Angel, George, Jorge, Juan Carlos, Fadia, Pablo, Mike, Kris, Garrett, Jose, Dawn, Darlene and Paul for their hard work and dedication.

My circle of friends, old and new, for keeping me laughing.

My husband for his patience, support and always making me smile, and for running Trivia. It is a lot of work, and it does not go unnoticed!

You, DWYC Members, for your continued patience with some of the changes that were made this year, and for your support during a year which was still not totally normal. Members are the heart and soul of our club; you are what makes Dana West such a wonderful place to be. Thank you!!

Best wishes for a happy holiday season! Cheers! 

The following members have been posted for approval at the December Board of Directors meeting:

Bob & Cindy Baker – *Boat Owner*

Bill Fischer – *Boat Owner*

Michael & Janice Dingillo – *Non Boat Owner*

Jerry & Gloria Markussen – *Boat Owner*

Joseph & Laura Muller – *Boat Owner*

Eda Powell-Selecky & Paul Selecky – *Boat Owner*

Steve Weldon – *Boat Owner*

The following members have been approved as members at the November Board of Directors meeting:

David & Liza Veeneman – *Boat Owner*

Cem & Berna Yorulmaz – *Boat Owner*



NEW MEMBERS

Please note that pictured new members may have been approved at a prior Board of Director's meeting but due to deadlines of this publication may not be acknowledged nor their photographs printed here until the following months.



Donna Albano



Clare Kenney



Jeremy & Tina Ognall



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**

Whoosh! Did you hear that? That was the sound of 2021 rushing through! This year has been a whirlwind of celebrations, occasions and moments just flying by! I am so excited to once again be able to slow down and celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Christmas has always been a special season for me: I love the lights, the decorations, the movies, the music (although that can get tiresome after the 30th playing of Mariah Carey's "All I want for Christmas").

The Christmas season always lets us reflect on the year that came before. For me it has been a year of great and wonderful change. I married the person who has made me the happiest and celebrated that occasion with friends and family I was unable to see for most of 2020. For the club it has been a year of great change as well. We rejoiced when we were able to take down the barriers at the bar, dance again and have special events. We also said goodbye to several members with heartfelt remembrances.

My sincere thanks go out to Hydee and Molly for their leadership over the past year and all they and their husbands do for our favorite club. Megan made an exceptional Fleet Captain and proved she is adept at rolling with the punches! Jan and Marnie made a wonderful Port Captain team with so many events to enjoy. The whole Board of Directors kept the club running smoothly!

In Ship's Store news, we'll have commemorative mugs for the 2021 Island Life year! These are going to make great presents for family, friends, fellow club members and all of the gift exchanges we missed out on last year! If you don't see me around the Ship's Store, please feel free to contact me so we can arrange a time to meet.

I am very excited to be moving on into 2022. See you at the club! 

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FLEET LOG

By **MEGAN NOYES**

Hi Cruisers! I can't believe how fast this year flew by! I want to thank all our "cruisers" who were a part of our many adventures! What a wonderful time we had and it was great to get back on the water and put Covid behind us.

I want to thank all who helped host and who participated in all the fun games and activities and I want to thank my husband who helped me along the way as well!

I have really enjoyed being Fleet Captain this year and getting to know so many of you, while enjoying some great yacht clubs and the Isthmus.

As I reflect back on the year, I'm so grateful for all the memories! DWYC sure knows how to have fun, wherever we are, and I look forward to the adventures yet to come! I wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season! See everyone at the club or on the water! 

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PORT REPORT

By **JAN CASTEEL & MARNIE FEELY**

We have had some great events in October and November. Our Halloween Party was spooky and a ghoulishly good time. We enjoyed listening to the Don Ross Band. Thank you to everyone who came in costume. A big shout out to all of our volunteers who helped us decorate.

The winners of the costume contests are the following:
SCARIEST: Mike Neson
GROUP: Rex Hall, Patti Markus, Ray and Nancy Galaz and Don and Peggy Arbenz
COUPLE: Ulla Bjorkquist and John Bridle
MALE: Bob and Friend
FEMALE: Sophie Lentini



Our thanks to Jim Carey for making the Dueling Pianos event possible. We also enjoyed listening and dancing to the Black Orchid Band. They are always fantastic!




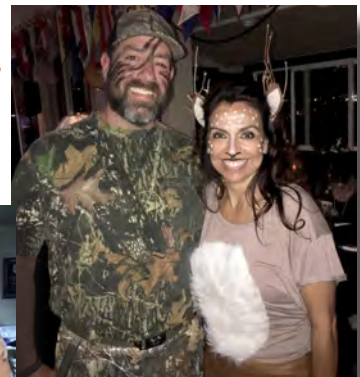
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We have scheduled the following events for December so please look for the weekly flyers for more information:
Members Only Christmas Party Dec. 18th 2:00 to 5:00
New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31st James Kelly Band
Members only due to limited seating (Tickets on sale Dec. 1st)

The Social Committee will be meeting at the club on December 16th at 6 PM. Any member who is interested may join us for a drink, planning and fun. 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 meeting. Your help and friendship are what makes DWYC the "Best Little Yacht Club on the West Coast" 



Thanks to Sherry Kay for sharing her photos!



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JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

Thanks to the support of the DWYC membership, this has been one of the best years ever for the DWYC Juniors/Dana West Youth Sailing Program. Here are a few phenomenal statistics. The program has:

- Added fall and winter/spring RS Tera and High Performance (C420) racing programs.
- Hired two full time coaches.
- Held six weeks of summer camp with 125 kids from across the region participating.
- Added five RS Teras to the fleet, with two more to come.
- Hosted the RS Tera Southern California Championships.
- Wyatt Dalby won the RS Tera Southern California and National Championships, with Xyler Yee taking 2nd.
- The racing teams participated in 10 regattas across Southern California.
- Moved four kids into the double handed (C420) program, with six on the RS Tera team.
- The Paul Berkery Memorial Tin Cup raised \$22,000.



We are so grateful for all the support we have received this year to be able to take the program to the next level! These funds will: buy two more new RS Teras, contribute to operating expenses, and per the request of the Tin Cup committee, we will provide scholarships for underprivileged youth for next year's summer camp.

Speaking of support – if you're a friend of SC Jim Ferguson on Facebook, then you know he is famous for his one skillet dinners. He has perfected his recipes with inspiration from his and Kathy's travels literally around the world on their sailboat, *Maggie*. Once completed, Jim's cookbook will be on sale at the club with all proceeds going to Juniors. Thank you, Jim, for this delicious fundraiser!

The RS Tera Team continues to have a great turnout and results in the regattas. The Halloween Tera Regatta was

held at Lido Isle Yacht Club and DWYC racers placed 1st-7th. Congratulations to winner Xyler Yee, followed by Delany Ernest in 2nd and Daniel Guo in 3rd.

On November 13th, six racers on the RS Tera team raced in the Pre-Turkey Regatta at Westlake Yacht Club. Delany Ernest took 3rd in the Gold Class and Kaden Brown took 1st in the Silver Class. Congrats to our kids who continue to get better and compete at a high level.

Finally, check out our website to make a last minute tax deduction for 2021 or give your little sailor a gift card for camp, merchandise or racing programs.

A sincere thank you, AGAIN, for your support in 2021. 
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THE PATRICK WALSH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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Club Member's Name: _____ Member #: _____

Student's Name: _____ Student's Age: _____

Student's Address: _____

Applicable School Year: (1st yr.) _____ (2nd yr.) _____ GPA: _____ Class Units This Year: _____

Relationship to Member: _____

NOTE: All materials should be submitted together and must be received by the deadline below.

HOW IT WORKS To be considered for a Scholarship Award, Students must submit all required materials by the deadline below. Qualifying Students may receive up to \$2,000.00. The Scholarship Committee will make every effort to distribute funds equitably while retaining a reserve. Award Recipients will be determined by December 31st and Awards distributed within 30 days. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

WHERE DO THESE FUNDS COME FROM The Silver Stars (DWYC Staff Commodores) host a number of fundraising events throughout the year exclusively for this purpose. 100% of members' generous contributions from these events go into the DWYC Scholarship Fund.

Please ask your family to help promote and support these events!

CRITERIA

- Student must be a child or grandchild of a current Regular or Senior DWYC club member who has been a member in good standing for at least one year prior to the Application deadline
- Student must not have previously received a DWYC Scholarship Award
- Student must be entering or attending a trade school, junior college, college or university

DEADLINE – Student Applicants must provide the following no later than December 1st:

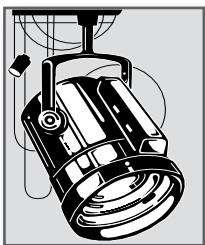
- Their completed Application
- A written Statement of 200 words or less stating why they should receive a DWYC Scholarship Award
- A copy of their current Student Card or school registration
- Applicable Receipts for required materials such as books and/or school tuition
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The Application and supporting materials may be delivered to:

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or sent by e-mail to: scholarship@DWYC.org

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

COMMODORE / MEMBER:

HYDEE & KEVIN RIGGS

Membership Number: 3243

Year Joined: 2017

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

Hydee: Hydee Ho. My uncle Jerry would always sing the Cab Calloway Minnie the Moocher scat phrase “Hi De Ho” to me and it stuck. Later on in life, the nickname did not go over so well for obvious reasons.

Kevin Riggs: Never a nickname, most people called me “Riggs.”

Current position at club and for how long:

Hydee: 2021 Commodore

Kevin: 2021 Commodore and Seamen President

Occupation:

Hydee: Lawyer

Kevin: General contractor, husband extraordinaire

Do you own a boat and if so, what is her name:

Hydee and Kevin: A Sea Ray 390 Motor Yacht named *Island Life* and a Boston Whaler named *Island Hopper*.

What’s your favorite thing or memory about the club:

Hydee: There’s a tie! Opening Day and Commodore’s Ball. I love the traditions, positive energy and fun!!!

Kevin: I really enjoy the members but one of my favorite parts of the club is fleet and traveling to the Island and other yacht clubs.

Favorite food:

Hydee and Kevin: Sushi!

Favorite alcoholic beverage:

Hydee: A few months ago, I might have said the cocktail “Trip to the Islands”, but since I have had my fill of those, I’d say Tequila!

Kevin: Vodka Martini with blue cheese stuffed olives.

Best vacation ever taken:

Hydee: Oh, that is way too difficult. I’d say New Zealand, Tahiti and barefoot boating in the BVI’s are way up there



along with the South Baja trip to Guerrero Negro with Matt and Molly Dearing to literally play with the whales (especially Stevie).

Kevin: I do not have a favorite one. I just love to travel. One of the coolest was our trip to Ireland, Scotland and England. I blend well with the Irish!

Hobbies:

Hydee: First off travel!!! But I have to admit I am also a bit of a sky daredevil. I love heights and participating in activities that happen in the sky: sky diving, paragliding, hot air ballooning, flying in extreme biplanes, zip lining. And I can’t forget to include boating and spending time with my grandsons, Logan and Forrest.



Kevin: First and foremost, travel. I love boating, road trips with off-roading, motorcycles, side by sides and anything that doesn’t deal with heights.

What is your secret talent?

Hydee: I am pretty good at words, languages and word games, especially Boggle and Scrabble (and now no one in my family will play with me).

Kevin: I can simultaneously pat my head, stomp my foot, rub my belly, turn in a circle while clicking my tongue, clucking and humming a tune.

What is the strangest thing you’ve ever eaten?

Hydee: A toss-up between crocodile (I’d eat it again) and

tacos de sesos (Never have to eat it again).
Kevin: a whole iguana and other bizarre delicacies.

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


Hydee: Vacations without work obligations or spending limits.
Kevin: Gasoline including diesel.

Tell us some things we may not know about you:

Hydee: I played volleyball in the Junior Olympics. Also, during a difficult period of time in life, I wrote daily thank you letters to friends and family over a period of six months to continually remind me of what I was thankful for. Maybe not a secret I dance like Elaine Benes. And my singing is no better.
Kevin: In college I spent a summer working at a processing plant in Egegik, Alaska. My buddy and I drove to SEATAC airport and then took three different planes progressively smaller all the way to Egegik. I took care of all my obligations for three months and sublet my room. I operated the forklift and heavy crane equipment. Never certified for anything, I have the Irish gift of gab, some call it BS, and talked my way into those jobs to keep myself off the slime line. The salmon season exploded that year and the plant hit all their limits in about six weeks. The whole camp closed up early and we flew back to Seattle. I had a decision to make with six weeks free and a fist full of cash. I could do the responsible thing and head back home or take a six week road trip across the US. Needless to say, it was the best road trip I've ever taken!



What is on your bucket list?

Hydee: Retirement and travel! I want to spend some extended time on *Island Life*, bareboat in Croatia and experience an African safari.
Kevin: Too long to tell, but heavily inclusive of travel with my wonderful wife. Every time I check one item off the list, I add three more. Europe again. 




ODYSSEY BOOK CLUB

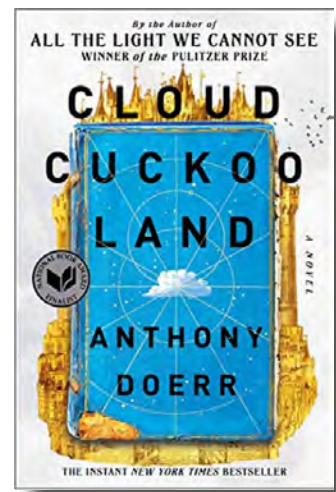
By **NINA McNEELY**

We'll be making some changes to DWYC's Odyssey Book Club in 2022! The Book Club will be meeting in person for the first time, and there will be a new person at the helm. Stay tuned to the weekly eBlast for updates!

In the meantime, the next meeting for the Book Club is Wednesday, December 1st at 6:00pm by Zoom. We're reading "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doerr, Pulitzer Prize winning author of "All the Light We Cannot See."

The online synopsis:

Set in Constantinople in the fifteenth century, in a small town in present-day Idaho, and on an interstellar ship decades from now, Anthony Doerr's gorgeous third novel is a triumph of imagination and compassion, a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds in peril, who find resilience, hope—and a book. In *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, Doerr has created a magnificent tapestry of times and places that reflects our vast interconnectedness—with other species, with each other, with those who lived before us, and with those who will be here after we're gone. 



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RACE


By **TAMARA TATICH**


It has been a pleasure to serve the racers this year. We had a lot of friendly competition on the water. It felt so wonderful to be out in breeze on those lucky days while supporting the race program for DWYC. I appreciate everyone that stepped up to serve with me and be sure to hit me up so I can buy you a “thank you” beverage to personally express my appreciation.

Included in my article is a story about the benefits of Performance Hull Paint written by Bob Langan. It should be of interest to racers and non-racers alike!

The only news coming up of interest is the 92nd SCYA Midwinters Regatta. DWYC is hosting the non-spinnaker class on February 12 & 13, 2022; and DPYC is hosting the spinnaker and one-design classes the following weekend on February 19 & 20. Midwinters is the second largest race event we host, our Charity Regatta being the first. The weekends are sure to be challenging for all who participate.

I’m looking for several volunteers to help on the Race Committee. You don’t have to wait for me to hunt you down if you’re interested! Please call or email if you are available either or both days. I’m especially searching for those with a boat that can anchor out comfortably to host our committee boat. We pay the committee with wonderful fare and beverages, and a celebratory trophy ceremony once we get back to the club. All good fun and the racers share so many wonderful stories when we’re together.

In closing for 2021, I wish you all my sincere hopes for a lovely holiday and am looking forward to being together as we welcome in 2022! Cheers to you all! 



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Performance Hull Paint

By Bob Langan

This is the time of year when boaters make plans to put a fresh coat of antifouling paint on the bottom of their hull. Sailors who race want to go faster, power boaters with large engines want to get better fuel mileage and power boaters with secondary electric motors for cruising short distances want to get a little more distance out of their batteries. This story is for you.

When Sue Griesbach and I bought our Catalina 385 in 2013 we didn’t envision racing her. But within a year we were racing almost every week and had embarked on upgrading every aspect that would make her faster. The bottom paint is a key part, and we had switched from a standard ablative paint to a hard paint that could be sprayed and burnished to create a smoother surface. Like many racers and non-racers, we had been using Trinidad SR, which is 65% copper, a potent biocide.

About four and a half years ago, Pettit announced a new paint targeted at boaters who wanted to make their hulls more slippery while retaining antifouling properties: Black Widow (BW). It contains four slickening agents, molybdenum disulfide, PTFE, silicon, and graphite. It also contains two biocides, copper (25%) and zinc (2.5%). It is sufficiently hard such that it can be burnished to a mirror finish. Divers clean the hull by wiping it gently once a month (or before each race) with a wool glove. In my mind I felt our boat might benefit because we have more wetted area than a similar-sized racing boat.

This all sounded great in the press releases, but I wanted something that would be reasonably durable. I wanted at least two years of racing life. Three years ago I found several racing boats in Newport Beach that had just opted for this paint, and I followed them for the next two years. They were extremely satisfied, and the paint was holding up well after two years. On top of that, the shipyard that did the work, Basin Marine, had fallen in love with the handling characteristics of the paint when being sprayed.

So, in December 2020 we opted for the BW. It is compatible with Trinidad SR, so only some sanding of the old paint was necessary before spraying in their outdoor “booth”. Spraying uses 50-100% more paint than rolling, and it


took almost 4 gallons. These paints are expensive (about \$500/gal if provided by the shipyard), and spraying is significantly more labor intensive.

To obtain the mirror finish the paint is sanded with 3000+ grit sandpaper, followed by burnishing with a polishing compound and power buffer. The sanding removes overspray and other roughness, but even if one skips the sanding step, a mirror finish is obtained. We chose to skip the sanding to get a little more life out of the paint. In the picture, Sue looks closely at her reflection in the gun-metal finish at the shipyard.

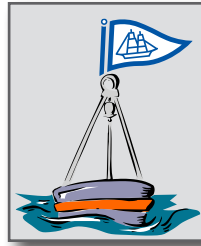


When the paint is new, it is supposed to “cure” in the water for several months before it gets wiped down for the first time. After about two months I asked our diver, Ed Riener, to take a look at the build-up of winter growth, and he created a video of his inspection: <https://vimeo.com/505026240>. There was a film of growth that just “blew” off with a wave of his hand.

Was it worth it? Absolutely. It has noticeably improved the performance of our boat in winds under 10 kts. Several of our regular competitors have even noticed the difference.

I have dived under the boat twice this year to look at the bottom, once in May and the other in October. It is very smooth and shows no sign of deterioration, and our diver agrees. In another year we will probably have our boat hauled out for other maintenance, and we will make a decision as to whether a paint refresh and new burnish are called for. 

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EXTRA BITS

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

As we near winter, here are a few “seasonally appropriate” nautical terms and their origins!

“Port” and (Christmas) “STARboard”




The word ‘starboard’ is the combination of two old words: stéor (meaning ‘steer’) and bord (meaning ‘the side of a boat’). In the past, ships used to have rudders on their center line and they were controlled using a steering oar. As most of the sailors were right-handed then, the steering oar used to control the ship was located over or through the right side of the stern. For this reason, most of the seafarers were calling the right side the ‘steering side’, which later became known as ‘starboard’.

The left side is called ‘port’ because ships with steerboards or star boards would dock at ports on the opposite side of the steerboard or star. As the right side was the steerboard side or star board side, the left side was the port side. This was decided so that the dock would not interfere with operating the steerboard or star.

Another reason why the left side is ‘port’ is because it sounds different from ‘starboard’. Originally, sailors were calling the left side ‘larboard’, an English term for loading, which was easily confused with ‘starboard’, especially when challenging conditions at sea made it difficult to hear.

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In days of old, cannonballs were piled on deck beside the cannon in pyramid fashion and retained in a ring called a brass monkey. If the weather was very cold, the brass ring would contract faster than the iron cannonballs, causing some of them to topple. From this the expression was, and is today, used to describe something that is very cold. 



HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

What! How can it be December already? December is a time of shopping for those perfect gifts, wrapping those gifts, enjoying the lights of the harbor and surroundings, sampling all the traditional food of the season and getting out that ugly Christmas sweater. This December also brings many of us the opportunity to reunite with family and friends after a long absence. Whether you are travelling this season or staying home, I wish you much love, joy and peace this holiday season.

Happy Hanukkah! “We light candles in testament that faith makes miracles possible.” – Nachum Braverman

Merry Christmas! “It’s the most wonderful time of the year. There’ll be much mistletoeing and hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near.” – George Wyle and Eddie Pola

Sandy and Jerry Wetzler recently returned from a wonderful Viking cruise along the coast of Croatia with many stops at ports along the way. Their two-week cruise included excursions on sailboats with masts, but no sails (apparently a common sight there), as well as land sightseeing tours.



During one excursion, Jerry told me that the bus to return to the ship had to wait for him until he was allowed to leave the confessional (see photo).


Patrick and Susan Edgerton’s son, Tom, was involved in a horrific accident last June. Tom finally went home after 133 days of intensive care, several procedures and surgeries. Members of the Gilbert Police Department lined Tom’s street, along with family and friends to welcome Detective Sergeant Tom home. Patrick and Susan send many thanks to members of DWYC for their continued support, prayers and well wishes.

Katie and Chip Prather recently celebrated their 40th anniversary in Capitola.

We send Ernie Echevarria best wishes as he continues to recover from a recent surgery.


Sharon Hodson passed away on September 23rd. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. We send our deepest sympathy to Sharon’s family and friends.

Kathy Ferguson’s sister, Joan “Joni” Fitzgibbons, passed away on October 13th. We send our heartfelt sympathy to Kathy, Jim and their family.

Please let me know if you’d like to share special events with members in this column (trips, family celebrations, weddings, new grandbabies). Also, be sure to let me know if you have a birthday or anniversary you’d like to celebrate in our DWYC Weekly E-Blast. Email me at happiness@dwyc.org or text me at 949-632-0807. 



SILVER STARS

Cheers to the Kitchen crew for the Silver Stars French Toast Breakfast which was held before the General Membership Meeting. 





ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **NANCY MAY**

We Islanders had a great year getting back into the activities we love and raising money for our club! We were able to help our DWYC with new televisions for our patio, and later in November, made a donation to help fill our military Christmas stockings.

After our DWYC General Meeting in October, we held our annual Election Social, sipped champagne and




enjoyed chocolate fondue (thank you Mindy Sicard for this delicious treat!). Leann Rodowicz was elected to the position of Historian for 2022. Our 2022 Islander Board of Directors will be: Karen Blanco-President, Judy Rydburg-Vice President, Kathy Belanger-Secretary, Jan Pritchard-Treasurer, Leann Rodowicz-Historian, and Nancy May-Advisor.



Stop by our display and table to purchase See's candy this month. Treat yourself or buy gifts of chocolates and peanut brittle!

Sunday, December 12th, from 11:30-3:30, is our annual Gift Exchange Luncheon. Reserve your spot with a

payment of \$30. (Cash or check made out to DWYC Islanders can be deposited in the Islander box by the back patio door. NO PAYMENTS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR). Remember to bring your \$20 gift for our fun exchange. We've planned a delicious lunch with a complimentary drink ticket, and a 50/50 raffle plus other raffle prizes as well. We are pleased to welcome vendors to our patio before, during and after lunch.

This is my last article of the year and I have so enjoyed being your Islander President for the last two years. I've met so many new and old Islanders and am so thankful for my amazing board. I would like to thank Karen Blanco, Judy Rydburg, Kathy Belanger, Jan Pritchard and Diane Hooper for their never-ending support, enthusiasm and expertise! Many thanks to Commodore Hyde, the kitchen staff, bartenders, Food and Beverage Committee, our club members, Helen Hawkins, Mindy Sicard, Matt and Molly Dearing and Julie D'Urso for helping make our events and year so successful. We appreciate you all. 

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SAILING FOR LIFE



By **CHERYL KELLY**



Thanks to the generosity of DWYC members and racers, the club presented a \$53,325 check to American Cancer Society at the general membership meeting in October.

The annual Sailing for Life Charity Regatta was held in June following a year's absence. This year marked our 24th event. The inaugural VIRTUAL auction was a rousing success and will return for the 2022 Regatta, which is in the planning stages. Thanks to all of the members who donated




money, auction items, purchased wine at the wine tasting dinner and participated in the dinghy poker run. Not to be left out, our thanks also to the racers for their participation and money raising. And of course, we could not have done it without the dedicated volunteers. The success of this event depends on all of you to make it happen.

Giving opportunities for 2021 are still available. Make a check payable to American Cancer Society, Inc, and mail to West Region, P.O. Box 910549, San Diego, CA 92191. Write "DWYC Regatta" on the memo line and make sure it's postmarked before Dec. 31. Remember to contact your tax professional for details on 2021 tax benefits.

You may also hand-deliver your monetary donation to Helen Hawkins at the club, prior to Dec. 15.

Ask if your employer provides matching gifts. To learn more, please go to: <https://bit.ly/acsmatchinggifts>.

Meanwhile, mark your calendar for June 3, 4 and 5, 2022 for the 25th annual Sailing for Life Charity Regatta. We are now accepting your donated items for the 2022 online auction. Go to: <https://bit.ly/dwycregatta>, and select "auction information/donate an auction item." More information, including online auction bidding dates and details about the regatta, wine tasting and dinghy poker run will be announced in the coming months! 



BUSINESS NETWORK GROUP


By **PATRICIA CHIKU**

Where did year 2021 go?? I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and a super Black Friday. The holidays continue till the end of the year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the BNG family. In observance of the holidays, BNG will be taking January off. February 1st, 2022 will be our first new year meeting.

Our last meeting was a huge success. A big thank you to Doctor Harkins for a great presentation. His mission is to get you RESULTS and he believes in relieving human suffering through perfect function of the spine and extremities. Doctor Harkins uses a unique perspective to pursue pain free living passionately and relentlessly for the world. Doctor Harkins is proud to bring you convenient, affordable, straightforward and effective chiropractic care. Feel free to contact ChiroCore "Every Visit Always \$30 No Hidden Costs/Fees" at 24941 Dana Point Harbor Dr. C 120, Dana Point, CA 92629. Email: Dr.H@chirocore.com Phone: (949)791-9197

Our December 7th, 2021, BNG Finale of 2021 will be filled with joy and celebrations of a successful year. We are closing this year in style with our BNG signature finale festivities. You won't want to miss, BNG's "Everyone On Stage". BNG never leaves anyone behind. Everyone is going on stage and tell us about their 2022 business plans and how we can help. Please come and join us. Bar Opens @ 5:00 p.m.

I want to give a shout out to all who attended BNG meetings, there wouldn't be a meeting without you. Thank you all for allowing me to chair these meetings with overwhelming love and support. New and exciting changes are coming up in 2022 to boost the tremendous growth achieved so far. We hope to see you and your business minded guest at the BNG event very soon. If you are looking for any type of service, consider resources from BNG. We are members helping members.

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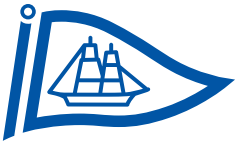


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