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Upcoming Club Events: SIYC Membership Meeting

February 3, 2017 | 7 p.m.

Sauvie Island Academy

See speaker topic on page 3.



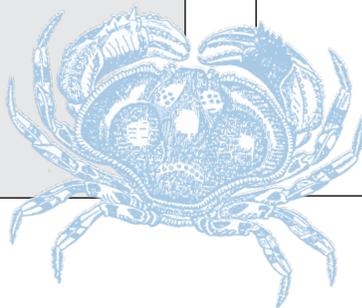
SIYC Valentines Cruise

February 11th -12th, 2017

Coon Island, East Dock

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Commodore's Comments

January 2017

Hello SIYC members and friends,

When I was elected commodore I was handed a list of my duties for each month. In September the commodore is supposed to contact CRYA with our cruise destinations for the year, in June contact the Oregon Secretary of State with updated names and addresses of our officers. One of the recurring monthly duties is to write the commodore's report for the newsletter by the 5th of each month. Even though there is nothing specified about what I was to write, I assumed it should be something informational or motivational spiced up with a bit of wit. So, all of you get to read my interpretation of those things.



One of the tools I use as commodore and sailor to keep my muddling mind in the mix and stay up on local information is to read the Coast Guards' weekly *Local Notice to Mariners*. We used to have to go to the Coast Guard Station to get a copy or hope our friendly harbor master posted it, but today we can just subscribe to it electronically and each week it shows up in my email. We are in district thirteen so if you are interested just Google "Local Notice to Mariners District 13" and click subscribe with your email address.

Stay up to date on local information by reading the Coast Guards' weekly Local Notice to Mariners.

Another tool which helps keep me focused is to occasionally peruse the *Coast Pilot 7* which covers all of the West Coast including the Columbia River from the mouth to the Snake River and Willamette River. It's a wealth of information including average sea height and wind speeds by month, bridge clearances and opening times. Have you ever been waiting on the railroad bridge downstream of I-5 after calling "Hey bridge will you open for me" on the VHF and heard a tug calling the same bridge by

saying "KQ9049 Vancouver" and thinking "Wow! That sounded cool and professional." Where did they get that call sign? The coast pilot. I prefer to have a hard copy but it also is available online.

I'm proud to part of a club that also can be used as a tool to stay informed and motivated, as well as the fun of socializing with other sailors.

Happy sailing!
Richard Sandefur
Commodore
Sauvie Island Yacht Club



SIYC January Land Cruise

Astoria Maritime Museum

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Hosts: Kim & Chris Taylor

The plan is for us all to drive to Astoria in time to get to the Columbia River Maritime Museum arriving around noon.

Link for the museum is: <http://www.crmmm.org/>

For those interested in going to Englund Marine (95 Hamburg Ave, Astoria, OR 97103) to do some shopping, I suggest an arrival time of 11:00 (ish) so that you can be to the museum by noon. Chris & I will be going to Englund first.

After we have had plenty of time to wander around touring all the exhibits together, we will adjourn to the Wet Dog Cafe at 144 - 11th Street (<http://www.wetdogcafe.com/>) for an early dinner (scheduled for 4:00) before driving back.

Everyone will be responsible for their own costs pertaining to the museum and dinner. For those that want to arrange car pooling, please contact Kim at kimt@pactrust.com or (503) 543-6467 and I'll try to get y'all hooked up.

Please R.S.V.P to kimt@pactrust.com

SIYC New Year's Cruise Trip Report

The New Year's cruise this year took place at Coon Island. December 31 actually fell on Saturday night, so our celebrations were very timely. Seven boats (*Sequoia*, *OpenWater*, *Cambria*, *Conch*, *Kaaluna*, *Betty Lou* and *Iamanja*) braved the weather forecasts promising lots of snow. Members and guests erected the tarp walls around Coon Island's shelter, and gathered lots of wood. There was a fabulous fire in the shelter's fire pit, and several members brought propane heaters. Everyone was toasty warm and we gathered for a meal of fabulous comfort food.

The snow never really materialized, and we had a celebratory evening and a tasty (if under-attended) (blame the New Year's festivities) breakfast. The docks were icy, but the misty vistas were magical. A nighttime chorus of Sandhill cranes accompanied a star-filled sky.

Barbara Johnston
S/V *Sequoia*

SIYC at Portland Boat Show January 11th-15th, 2017



As in previous years, SIYC has a booth at the Portland Boat Show, introducing our club to interested sailors. The heavy snowfalls somewhat limited the attendance this year, but as the show wraps up on Sunday, January 15, there has been quite a bit of interest the Club. We hope for some new potential members who may attend club meetings and events over the next several months.

Thank you to SIYC volunteers for helping out at our booth this year.



Seattle Boat Show January 27th-February 4th, 2017

Indoor: CenturyLink Field Event Center
Outdoor: Chandler's Cove, South Lake Union



New Year's Cruise, January 2017

SIYC February Meeting Topic

Friday, February 3

Guest Speaker – Deputy Jason Tyrus
Multnomah River Sheriffs

Deputy Jason Tyrus, who presented last year will return to bring us up to date on what is happening on our water ways, new safety concerns, particularly the increase in boating fatalities due to “distracted boaters.”



He will also highlight the success achieved concerning removal of derelict vessels.

We encourage you to bring any questions.

SIYC Valentines Cruise

Saturday & Sunday, February 11th-12th

Location: Coon Island, East Dock

Hosts: Kim & Chris Taylor



Saturday the 11th there will be a potluck up under the shelter. Since the weather will be cold, let's make the these be, “Foods from Warm Countries.”

Also, bring your best artistic skills because, starting at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, we will be having a Valentine decorating contest.

Let's plan on a breakfast potluck Sunday morning.

Besides the noted food, please bring your own eating utensils, chairs, tables, tarps might be nice, firewood and/or propane heaters. See you there!

BoatUS[®] Membership, 50% off

The SIYC is a participating member of the Boat U.S. Group program, which allows SIYC members a 50% discount on their individual Boat U.S. membership dues. To take advantage you will need our group code: [GA81077Y](#). Use the code when renewing your individual membership.

There are numerous savings available with a Boat U.S. membership, on a few of which include:

- A 4% rebate at West Marine
 - Marina fuel and service discounts
 - Towing discount, Insurance and many more.
- See the whole list at www.BoatUS.com



East Dock, Coon Island

Recipe of the Month Apricot and Red Lentil Soup:

From Michelle Wilson, S/V Conch

Makes 4-6 servings (8 cups)

Ingredients:

- 4 Medium tomatoes (1 1/4 lbs)
- 3 Tbl Extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large Onion, cut into 1/4" pieces (2 1/2 cups)
- 2 med Carrots, cut into 1/4" pieces (1 1/2 cups)
- 3 cloves Garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 C Dried Apricots, cut into 1/2" pieces
- 1 tsp Cumin seed
- 2/3 C Dried split Red Lentils
- 4 C Vegetable broth (no added salt), warmed
- 2 Tbl Fresh Thyme Leaves
- 3 Tbl Fresh Lemon Juice
- 1/2 tsp Kosher Salt, or more as needed
- 1/2 tsp Freshly ground Black Pepper, or more as needed
- 1/4 C Flat-Leaf Parsley, finely chopped, for serving
- 1 lb Ground, mild Italian Sausage (optional)

Steps:

Hull and halve the tomatoes. Use the large-holed side of a box grater to grate the tomato halves, cut sides down, over a bowl until nothing is left but the skins. Discard the skins.



Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Once the oil shimmers, add the onion, carrots; cook, stirring occasionally, until they soften and turn sweet; 10-12 minutes. Add the garlic, apricots, and cumin seed; cook until fragrant, 2-3 minutes. Stir in the tomato pulp and cook a few minutes.

Add the lentils, pour in the broth and increase the heat to medium-high. Once the mixture comes to a boil, reduce the heat to medium-low so the liquid is barely bubbling. Cover and cook the lentils until they are tender, 20 minutes.

Stir in the thyme leaves and lemon juice, then remove from the heat.

Use an immersion blender to blend about half the soup in the pot, leaving the rest to give the soup texture. Add the salt and pepper to taste.

Add parsley to each serving.

(Optional: Add 1 pound of cooked, ground, mild Italian sausage)



2016-2017 Planning Calendar

General Meetings		Board Meetings		Cruises	
Date/Theme	Location	Date	Location	Dates	Where/Theme
September 9 Potluck	Sauvie Island Academy	September 7	TBD	Sept 17-18	Gilbert River Docks
October 7	Sauvie Island Academy	October 5	TBD	Oct. 22-23	Annual Halloween Cruise — Government Island East
November 4	Sauvie Island Academy	November 2	TBD	Nov. 19-20	Annual Thanksgiving Cruise — Hadley's Landing
December 10 Christmas Party	Montinore Vineyards	At Christmas Party	At Christmas Party	Dec 31- Jan. 1	New Year's Cruise Coon Island — East Dock
January 6	Sauvie Island Academy	January 4	TBD	Jan. 21	Land Cruise — Englund / Astoria Maritime Museum
February 3	Sauvie Island Academy	February 1	TBD	Feb. 11-12	Valentine Cruise Coon Island Ease Dock
March 3	Sauvie Island Academy	March 1	TBD	Mar. 18-19	Anchoring Cruise — TBD
April 7	Sauvie Island Academy	April 5	TBD	April 15-16	Navigation Cruise — Riverplace Dock
May 5 Annual Meeting/ Dessert Potluck	Sauvie Island Academy	May 3	TBD	May 20-21	Annual Race/Drift Cruise — Sand Island
June 3 Annual Picnic	TBD				

SIYC Cruising Boats

Boat Name	Owners' Names	Location
<i>Adagio</i>	Jeff & Jane Woodward	San Carlos, MX
<i>Casita</i>	Devon Quinn & Rowan Madix	Alameda, CA
<i>LunaSea</i>	Frank & RaeAnn Haynes	Santa Catalina, CA
<i>Faith Ryder</i>	Mike Dunlap & Peggy Shaw	La Paz, MX
<i>Nashira</i>	Mike Floyd	La Paz, BCS, MX
<i>Pied-A-Mer III</i>	Eric & Pam Sellix	Fiji
<i>Silvergirl</i>	Bob Hulegard & Robin Fouche	Newport Beach, CA

Member Websites

CarolMarie:	http://www.svcarolmarie.com/
Julia Max:	http://www.sailblogs.com/member/juliamax/
Penelope:	http://cruisingwithcaptainpeterandtheadmiral.com/
Moonshadow:	http://www.voyagemoonshadow.blogspot.com/
Moontide:	http://www.svmoontide.com/
On the Bright Side:	http://www.svonthebrightside.wordpress.com
Pied-a-Mer III:	http://www.sailblogs.com/member/sesesail/
Ranidan:	http://persimmonsky.wordpress.com/
Rowena:	http://www.sailblogs.com/member/rowena/
Sequoia:	http://www.svsequoia.com/

SIYC members : Do you have a website or blog for your boat that isn't listed above? If so, please get the information to your trusty editor, Alicia Watkins, aliciawatkins@gmail.com, and we'll make sure your website or blog is included in future issues of the newsletter.



Social Media: SIYC Facebook Page

The club has decided to create a SIYC facebook page! If you haven't yet liked our page please do so. We will be posting upcoming events and cruises, sharing pictures and connecting members.

If you enjoy the stories from these cruising members of Sauvie Island Yacht Club, please say so. Sometimes the cruisers comment that they feel like they are sending their articles into a black hole, and they never get any feedback. Let's all make an effort to let them know they are appreciated. If you see them, say something. If they are still out cruising, send them an email. If you have questions for them, do ask – it may be the seed for an interesting future report. – Ed



CRUISING REPORTS

Eric & Pam Sellix, S/V *Pied-a-Mer* Part 1 Fiji

Greetings All,

Was I ever surprised when Eric announced that I had not sent in an article for the newsletter. Insisting that he was mistaken, I checked my iPad and, lo and behold, he was correct. Hmm-mm, why hadn't I and what had I been doing? Well, I never did figure out the "why?", but will pick up from where we left off in Fiji.

When I last wrote we were at anchor in Musket Cove. After a couple of days of exploring we weighed anchor and motored the short distance to Port Denerau where we sadly said "goodbye" to friends Mike and Joan. However, the good news was, we found a fellow who said he could fix my iPad-----and he did. In addition to using all of the memory, we had been overcharging the battery! The computer guru said that, unless we are underway and using the iPad for additional navigation, we need to let the battery run down at least once a week. This was a surprise to us but also a relief to at least know what had happened. And, even though I had not backed up the iPad since 2012---I didn't loose anything!

Vuda Marina was our next stop where we, again, had work done on the "generator from Hell" and enjoyed hosting another potluck with 25 cruisers onboard *Pied-a-Mer*. After five days in the marina we motored around the corner from Vuda and anchored in Sawini Bay where we enjoyed watching the 10th day of a Hindu celebration, Ananta Chaturdashi----the bay was filled with panga



Local train bringing sugar cane to factory in Lautoka.

style boats carrying celebrants in brightly colored clothing and each boat with an image of Ganeesh, the elephant God. After 11 days in Saweni we returned to Vuda Marina where we again enjoyed an evening with friends (Vuda is like summer camp or a class reunion), had a fellow cruiser look at the generator (he determined that we needed to order a new rocker arm), bought a few items at the marina store and checked out of Fiji.



We had an interesting passage to New Caledonia---warm sunny days with a lot of motoring. An entry in my journal on day #6 reads: "Should reach Havanah Pass in about one hour. Seeing land is like leaving the serenity and adventure of the passage and back to reality---the real world". New Caledonia is one of our favorite places, each time we are here (this was the third time) we see new things have new adventures. The highlite of this visit was 5 nights on a mooring off a small "day use only" island about 5 miles from Noumea, Ilot Laregnere or Spider Island (which is much easier to pronounce)! Here, we swam with turtles in clear aqua waters, snorkeled with rainbow colored fish and walked the warm, white sand beach. Evenings were spent with two other US cruising boats---pot lucks and games on *Pied-a-Mer*. These are the "good" times of cruising. Back to Noumea for checking out----Noumea is the only place to check in and out which is the reason many cruisers see very few of the surrounding New Caledonian islands.

If I were to make a New Year's resolution it would be to keep up with articles for the newsletter---will try!!! Next installment, Passage to Opuia, New Zealand.

Eric & Pam Sellix
S/V *Pied-a-Mer*

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CRUISING REPORTS

Eric & Pam Sellix, S/V *Pied-a-Mer* Part 2- New Zealand

Greetings from New Zealand, I wrote this on November 10 but didn't hit send, better late than never!

We have been in Opuia, New Zealand now for 5 days, long enough to do laundry, provision, locate boat parts and reconnect with cruising friends and make new friends. Last night we got down to analyzing our passage from Noumea, New Caledonia to Opuia and deemed it a good one. We had some very good winds, periods of very little wind, a few rain showers, daily SSB contact with friends, Jenny and Rich on sv Plan Sea and yes, we did have a couple of boat issues----anyone know a boat that doesn't have a glitch or two on an ocean passage? Our first 24 hours out we covered 160.65 mm---which, for us, is very good. For the first couple of days the seas were pretty roly but the sun was blazing---we were smiling. We would occasionally hit a "no wind" pocket, turn on an engine for a short time and then be back under sail. Day #3 we started the starboard engine and discovered that the prop was not functioning, now we are down to just the port engine. Now, we were OK with one functioning engine however, we knew we would need the starboard fuel as we still had at least 5 days of passage before we reached NZ. Day #3 was a day of continual wind shifts, confused seas, sail changes and motor motor sailing. Day #4 was a good day of sailing, bad valve on propane tank (which Eric was able to temporarily solve) and we traded shorts for long pants and long sleeved shirts. This was the last day that we were able to see svPlan Sea----they changed course a bit and motor sailed ahead of us. We were trying to sail as much as possible. On my 1200-0400 watch on Day#5, the sky was as black as I had ever seen it. At 0605 we went to third reef with the main and reefed the jib-----sailed through the day. At 0600 on Day#6 Eric woke me up, the second reef line had broken and there was a ripped seam in the main sail. Eric immediately grabbed tape, etc. and, with me keeping the boat into the wind, taped the sail hoping to prevent further tearing. Our other major project for Day #6 was decanting two jerry cans of diesel into the port tank. Then, Day #7 brought



successfully siphoning diesel from the starboard engine into jerry cans and then decanting the jerry cans into the port engine----all of this was done inside the boat---we didn't have to go out in the wind and rain. We had always talked about what we would do in a situation like this and now we know-- --it can be done. This was a good exercise. Maybe our success was due to pod of dolphins and a pod of whales that shared our "spot on the "ocean---- we wished they had had AIS or nav lights. Day #8--- --0942, at the Customs dock in Opuia.

Continuation.....

We spent 4 weeks in Opuia. The first 10 days were filled with activities associated with the "All Points Rally" sponsored by the Island Cruising Association. We were wined and dined by local businesses, attended seminars on New Zealand customs & culture, sail repair, alternatives to downwind sails, diesel maintenance, epoxy & fiberglass tips & tricks, fishing in NZ and sailing the NZ waters. We spent a day touring the area by bus visiting a Kauri (indigenous tree) Workshop, historic sites and a chocolate factory. Following the rally activities we spent the next couple of weeks increasing our power from solar sources. We installed new and replaced existing solar panels, bringing us up to 800 watts----so far, so good.

Leaving Opuia we motored South to Whangarei where we are now on a pile mooring on the Hatea River at Town Basin Marina.

Next month----all about Whangarei and surrounding areas.

Eric & Pam Sellix
S/V *Pied-a-Mer*

CRUISING REPORTS

Jeff & Jane Woodward, S/V Adagio Part 1 La Paz

Howdy everybody,

We hope you had wonderful Christmases and that 2017 will treat you well.

We had not intended to stop in La Paz this year. Our original plans were to bypass La Paz and instead head to San Jose del Cabo for a fuel stop before making the Southern Crossing from the tip of the Baja Peninsula across to Tenacatita on the mainland side (about 125 miles south of Puerto Vallarta). But as most of you know our plans changed when our anchor windlass wiring caused a fire on deck on Friday evening, December 23. Mary at Marina de la Paz was full up, but understanding our emergency she made room for us to come in and repair the boat. She put us in a 60 foot slip. Between a 53 foot Hallberg Rassy and a 58 foot Sunseeker motor yacht. We look pretty dinky between these two much bigger boats.

Of course nobody was working Christmas Day, but Monday morning we had Victor, the electrician and Juan, the fiberglass/paint guy on the job. They repaired both the cause and the results of the fire and did some other work that had been on the To-Do list for some time. We arrived at the marina on Christmas Eve just ahead of a week long norther. So the time spent on repairs did not slow our progress heading south. Had we not been in La Paz, we would have been hunkered down in the lee of an island anchored somewhere waiting for the buffaloes (big square white cap waves) to stop stampeding.



The La Paz "Suction" is famous among Sea of Cortez cruisers. Once you get here it is hard to get away. Club Cruceros's club house is here at Marina de la Paz and is full of friendly and helpful folks. The town has many attractions. Talented boat maintenance and repair folks. R.O. water. Great restaurants. Jewelry shops. Ice cream shops. Supermarkets. Traditional Mexican Markets

full of interesting stalls. Fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, fish, clothing, you name it. Lots of color. Lots of smells. Most good. Some not so good. And always a people watching experience that makes you glad you came.



So while in La Paz, in addition to the repairs, we got six loads of laundry done. Made a trip to the supermarket and provisioned for at least six weeks. Filled the fuel tanks. Filled the water tanks. Gave the boat the last fresh water bath she will get for at least the next two months. Met friends for lunch. Visited a few of our favorite restaurants. Enjoyed lightening fast internet for emails and weather sites as well as cell towers for phone calls home.



We will get up before the sun tomorrow morning to take our last showers and to get the boat off the dock and on her way to Ensenada de los Muertos. It is a 60 mile run and will take about 10 hours. We plan to stay just the night then leave the following

morning for Bahia Los Frailes. That will be a 50 mile run and should take about 8 hours. We plan to rest on Monday on the hook in Frailes. Then leave for Tenacatita around 0300 Tuesday morning. It is about 360 miles, 60 hours from Frailes to Tenacatita. Three days and two nights. We hope to be tucked into the Tenacatita anchorage before the next norther arrives on Friday.

Happy New Year,

Jeff & Janie Woodward
S/V Adagio
Loreto, Mexico

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CRUISING REPORTS

Jeff & Jane Woodward, S/V *Adagio* Part 2 Los Frailes

Hi Everybody,

We are hunkered down behind the tall rocky hill of Los Frailes (23°23' N 109°25' W). The wind is whistling and we have little white caps bouncing off the bow. But just around the corner where the hill meets the sea, buffaloes are dancing and crashing on the rocks. We are the only boat in the anchorage, but there is lots of company. The beach still has a couple dozen camps of locals. Some with vans or RVs, many just car camping. Yesterday when the wind was lighter there were several kayakers and stand up paddle boarders. Two of the stand up paddle boarders were different than we've seen before. They were made by Hobie and instead of paddles there are two inclined foot peddles. The rider holds on to a handle that must be attached to a rudder and steps down on the foot peddles sort of like peddling a bike. They were able to generate pretty good speed. Enough to create a small bow wake.

When we arrived here on New Year's Day there were three sailboats with their anchors down. Yesterday two of them left early in the morning. We visited with the last boat a bit yesterday. Two men and a woman. All about our age. All Canadians. They left this morning for San Jose del Cabo. The couple will fly home and a new couple is joining the boat. The wind was just starting to pick up as they headed south out of the anchorage.

Lots of pangas (local open utility boats, about 25 feet long and powered by a 100 hp outboards) from the Pulmo Reef dive shops have been coming into the anchorage. Pulmo Reef must be getting winds in excess of 20 knots and seas of 3 to 5 feet. So the pangas are taking their snorkel customers to the lee behind the cliff. There are lots of rocks with pretty colorful fish. Depth from 0 to 25 feet. The SCUBA divers are at the point where the mountain meets the sea. Depths to about 50 feet. Once below the surface things should be pretty peaceful, but getting in and out of the bouncing boat will be a challenge.



We left La Paz on Saturday morning, New Year's Eve. We got up around 0400 to get an early start since we would be traveling 60 miles to Los Muertos, about

a 10 hour trip. We wanted to get settled before the sun set. But when we turned on the instruments in preparation to get underway the alarm on the depth sounder went active and we were unable to silence it. The depth finder was one of the things the electrician had worked on. When we tested it, it seemed fine. The alarm began sounding only after it was on for about 20 minutes. We hadn't left it running that long when the electrician was still aboard and so we thought all was good. We waited until 0700 to call the electrician. He got to the boat around 0830, had it fixed in no time. And we were on our way by 0900. We made good time getting to Muertos setting the hook shortly after the sun went down, but before complete darkness set in.

We joined the New Year with our heads on our pillows. When revelers on the beach set off fireworks we just rolled over and went back to sleep.

The wind is forecast to continue all day today and all day Wednesday. We are hoping it will settle down Thursday and give us a window for Friday. We are getting good single side-band reception so are able to get weather both via voice on the morning Radio Net, and by computer.

We hope this finds everybody in good health and good spirits. May 2017 treat you well.

Jeff & Janie Woodward
S/V Adagio

Los Frailes until we can sail for Tenacatita, Mexico

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CRUISING REPORTS

Jeff & Jane Woodward, S/V *Adagio* Part 3 Tenacatita

We are in Tenacatita now. Didn't plan to leave when we did, but got a good weather window with a norther predicted to arrive three days down the road. So it was a mad scramble to move the stuff out of the Q-berth, into the V-berth, and do all the things necessary to change from an at anchor boat to an underway boat. We got out of Frailes around 0930 on Thursday and arrived here 60 hours later. 2130 Saturday. Arriving in Ten Bay we had a nice moon high in sky and radar, so coming to anchor in the dark was not bad. Especially since we know the place pretty well and there are not a lot of things to bump into.

There are about 20 boats here. We know lots of them. Several friends with stand up paddle boards have paddled over to say hello. In an hour or so we will swim in with the "swim team" play bocce ball, cards, tell lies. Then swim back to the boat for dinner.

We had a good crossing. Started off as a really nice sail. Wind and seas on the port quarter. We were making 8 knots for awhile. Not heeling excessively. Nice ride. But towards sunset the wind died to 5 and 6 knots apparent. With the 5 to 6 foot seas at 6 or 7 seconds, the seas were shaking the wind out of the sails and we had to start burning diesel. Didn't turn off the engine until the hook was down.

The second night out, after the moon had set, we were visited by a pod of dolphin. They were quieter than most dolphin. And they were not interested in riding the bow. Instead they swooped in from astern, all glowy with phosphorescence, and leaving a streak of phosphorescence in their wake. They streaked towards the boat at about midships then swooped off to make a short quiet blow off to the side of the boat then would fall



back to the stern to do it again and again. Sometimes there were three or four of them abreast streaking to and then

away from the boat. Very Twilight Zone-ish.

About an hour after the dolphin left us I went below to do a round. Check the engine, etc. As I entered the companionway I noticed something on the rug in front of the stove. So I went over to pick it up. It was wet and mooshy. Which didn't seem quite right. So I found a flashlight and discovered that we had three little squid that had hopped out of the sea, through the open port light and into our galley. That must be the explanation for what the dolphin visit was all about. The dolphin were feeding on the squid using the boat's hull to block the squid's escape. Next morning there were little dead squid hidden all over the outside of the boat. Janie found one yesterday that somehow got into the rolled up cockpit dodger windshield plastic.

The only other thing worth mentioning is that there is a pod of four dolphin here in the anchorage. Everyday they come into the bay swimming quite close to the boats at anchor. Yesterday one lucky boat owner was in the water when the dolphin visited his boat and he got a close up view of them in the water. It was a good show. The dolphin made a couple of breaches and seemed to be purposefully interacting with the man in the water. I'm jealous! Every time I've gotten into the water when the dolphin are near they back off and I never get to see them. Maybe this will be the year I get to swim with wild dolphin.

That's the news from here. Hope this finds you all in good health and good spirits.

Jeff & Janie Woodward
S/V *Adagio*

Bahia Tenacatita, 19°18 N 104°50 W, Mexico