



# SAUVIE ISLAND YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## March Anchoring Cruise

Anchoring cruise to Grandma's  
Cove, Columbia River

Hosts: S/V Rowena  
Ray McCracken & Alicia Watkins

March 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2016

## Upcoming Club Events

April Membership Meeting  
Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

April Navigation Cruise  
April 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 2016

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## Commodore's Comments, March 2016

Hi folks,

We had a large turn out at the February general meeting including several new members and others that are interested in joining SIYC.



It was a pleasure to hear two officers from the Multnomah County Sheriff's River Patrol speak from their perspective. They tried to convey that they're not just out there to make sure we all go by the rules, but to assist us and all the people who use our river system. They encouraged us to not hesitate to hail them on VHF channel 16, call 503-988-6788 or just dial 911 (even if it's NOT an emergency.) They requested our assistance to keep our eyes and ears open when we're on the river and call them if anything looks out of the ordinary.

We are fortunate to have Kevin Ritz speaking at the April meeting about stray currents and electric shock drowning (ESD). This is an opportunity for us to learn what we can do to insure no more innocent lives are lost due to faulty electrical systems on our boats.

The annual spring anchoring cruise will again be at Grandma's Cove. We should have gate access through Schooner Creek Boat Works for those wanting to join us by land.

Cheers,

Richard Sandefur  
Commodore



## March Anchoring Cruise



**Date:** March 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2016  
**Location:** Grandma's Cove  
Columbia River (Schooner Cove)  
**Hosts:** Ray McCracken Alicia Watkins  
**Theme:** Tropical Paradise



Although we have been getting quite a bit of rainy spring weather, this weekend we are celebrating the tropics! The weather looks like it will cooperate so let's enjoy.

Dust off your Hawaiian shirt, grab your fedora, and join us at Granny's Cove. Food and drink should be inspired by the islands. Points for decorating yourselves and the boat!

Ray and Alicia will be arriving Friday afternoon and setting anchor. Anyone who can come early is encouraged to join! Saturday there will be another potluck dinner followed by a potluck breakfast Sunday morning. Those who cannot bring your boat can drive to Schooner Creek and be ferried to the boats on *T/T Rowena*.

This has always been one of our most loved cruises. Last year we had eight boats and quite a few members come by land. Let's beat the springtime blues and have a great time!

If you have any questions please call Ray (503) 803-9910 or Alicia (503) 780-1144.

Commodore

## April Membership Meeting

**Date:** April 1<sup>th</sup> 2016  
**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Location:** Sauvie Island Academy  
**Speaker:** Kevin Ritz  
**Topic:** Electric Shock Drowning (ESD)

Come join us at the Sauvie Island Academy! We will have a brief membership meeting followed by for an informative talk from Kevin Ritz.

Kevin Ritz will speak on the prevention of drowning by electrical shock. Stray current is a silent and invisible killer often transmitted from unsuspecting and otherwise responsibly kept boats. Learn how to protect your boat and yourself from stray current.

## Recipe of the Month

By, Susan Fichter

In the spirit of St Patrick's Day Susan Fichter shared a wonderful recipe for Irish Soda Bread. This recipe was given to her by her dear friend Martha.

### IRISH SODA BREAD

#### Ingredients:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 tablespoons caraway seeds
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cold
- 2 cups golden or dark raisins
- 1 1/2 scant cups buttermilk
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon heavy cream

#### Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper; set

2. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, and caraway seeds until well combined.
2. Using a pastry cutter or two knives in scissor fashion, cut in butter until the mixture feels like coarse meal. Stir in raisins until evenly distributed.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together buttermilk, egg, and baking soda until well combined. Pour buttermilk mixture into the flour-and-butter mixture all at once, and stir with a fork until all the liquid is absorbed and the mixture begins to hold together. It should resemble a rough biscuit dough. Using your hands, press the dough into a round, dome-shaped loaf about 8 inches in diameter. Lift the loaf from the bowl, and transfer it to the prepared baking sheet.
4. In a small bowl, mix the egg yolk and cream together. With a pastry brush, brush the egg wash over the loaf. With a sharp knife or razor, incise a cross, about 1/2 inch deep, into the top of the loaf. Transfer to the oven. Bake, rotating halfway through, until it is deep golden brown and a wooden skewer comes out clean when inserted into the center, about 70 minutes. Remove from oven, and transfer bread from the baking sheet to a wire rack to cool.



## Reciprocal Privileges

### The Value of YachtDestinations.org

By, George Stonecliffe

SIYC values its Reciprocal Privileges with other Yacht Clubs on the west coast of North America. When you plan your next blue water trip north or south of the Columbia River, check out the yacht clubs with which we have approved Reciprocal Privileges.

When you go to YachtDestinations.org, you need to “Create an Account” of your own, and while doing so indicate that you are a member of “Sauvie Island Yacht Club”. Then when you “Sign In”, the database of clubs will filter down to those with whom our club has reciprocal relations. Then these clubs can be found graphically under the “Destinations Tab” or in tabular form under the “Details” tab. By clicking on the icons on these pages you will find a wealth of information about a club’s facilities, terms of use, and the surrounding area.

You may view the all-inclusive database of yacht clubs by going into the website without signing in. If you find a particular club that you are interested in, but that we do NOT have a relationship with, contact George Stonecliffe (our SIYC Reciprocal Administrator) at georgestonecliffe@gmail.com. It may take a few weeks to establish a relationship, and sometimes we have been turned down. But we can approach any club that is listed in the database.

For more information, please contact George Stonecliffe at georgestonecliffe@gmail.com.

## Boat U.S. Membership

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](http://www.BoatUS.com)

## Inducted Members

We inducted one new boat this month, **S/V Two Dream**.

Welcome Richard and Susan Hoglen, we

look forward to learning more about you and your cruising plans. Look for their bio in upcoming newsletter.



## New and Returning Members

We would love to learn more about you. Please submit bio’s with pictures to Alicia at:

## Social Media



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.

## For Sale

Icom IC-M700PRO with Icom AT-130 Antenna tuner. The M700PRO is a FCC type excepted Marine radio with Ham Bands software installed by Rogers Marine. Covers 160 through 10 mtrs amateur and all Marine SSB frequencies at 150 watts P.E.P.

The Icom IC-130 Antenna tuner tunes all Marine SSB and Ham HF frequencies with either an insulated back stay or Marine whip Antenna.

Will only sell as a pair. Give me a call for price.  
Art Zehner-



## Reminder: Annual Dues

Your annual dues will be payable on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Jennifer Bruning will be accepting checks or you can mail checks to the club at:

SIYC

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Here are the different classes of membership, and the annual amounts to be paid by each.

Membership is per boat, not per person:

Regular Membership	\$50
Life Member	\$-0-
Post Member	\$20
Cruising Member	\$20

**Life Member:** A member who has paid full dues for at least 20 years.

**Post Member:** A member who has paid full dues for at least 5 years and no longer owns a boat, but wishes to stay involved in club activities.

**Cruising Member:**

- Has cruised away from Oregon and Washington at least six months during the last fiscal year (April 1-March 31);
- Has paid full regular membership dues for at least two years; and
- Has made at least **three** newsletter contributions during the last fiscal year.

## SIYC Clothing & Accessories For 2015 to 2016

Support SIYC with some new threads! To order please contact Charing at a membership meeting or by email:

Some of the many items for sale, price includes logo:

- Port Authority Gradient Soft Shell Jacket
  - \$65.00
- Port Authority Torrent Waterproof Jacket
  - \$55.00
- Liberty Bags Explorer Duffel
  - \$39.95
- Fleece & Poly Travel Blanket
  - \$25.00



## SIYC Club Business



Look for this month's notes in the next newsletter. Secretary O'Shea is out of town for family emergency. Thought the attached

## Boaters Swap Meet

### Time:

5 AM - 1 PM (Opens at 5am downstairs across from Gas Works parking lot and 7am upstairs)  
Come as early as you like to get the best deals.

Location: Fisheries Supply  
1900 N. Northlake Way  
Seattle, WA 98103

### What to Expect:

A maritime flea market, full of boating goods, old parts, and new parts, outboards, buoys, dock line, coolers, heaters, chain, clothing, and so much more. Die-hard bargain boaters have been known to arrive the night before to stake out a good parking spot, although sellers are not allowed to use the lower tier of the upper parking lot (closest to the store entrance).

## SIYC Sailors

Picture might be of interest to some members. It was taken on the 4th of July this summer at our place in Ocean Park, WA and shows SIYC friendships continue past sailing days.

Left to right: S/V Perpetua, Patrick, Capt. Pat and Admiral Susan  
S/V Albion, Molly and Brent Forsberg (she's in blue and he's behind her)  
S/V Rascal, Granddaughter Natalie (in front) with Marianne and Ed Mallowney (next to Brent)  
S/V Xtasea, Tom and Sue Stose (next to Natalie)  
S/V Ahwahnee, Kathy and Tom Edwards (last two on front row)  
S/V Mira, Jan and Dwight Rich (Portland sailors we all met in Mazatlan)

The BBQ was a potluck event with family and friends and it just happened that we realized how many boats were represented from SIYC.



***Big THANK YOU to Kathy Edwards for the Picture and article!***

## 2015-2016 Planning Calendar

GENERAL MEETINGS		BOARD MEETINGS		CRUISES	
Date/theme	Location	Date	Location	Dates	Where/theme
September 4 Potluck	Sauvie Island Academy	September 2	TBD	Sept. 12-13	Gilbert River Docks
October 2	Sauvie Island Academy	September 30	TBD	Oct. 24-25	Annual Halloween cruise – Government Island E.
November 6	Sauvie Island Academy	November 4	TBD	Nov. 21-22	Annual Thanksgiving cruise – Hadley's Landing
December 12	Christmas Party - TBD	December 12	At party		
January 8	Sauvie Island Academy	January 6	TBD	Jan. 2-3	New Year's cruise – Coon Island
February 5	Sauvie Island Academy	February 2	TBD	Feb. 13-14	Valentine Cruise
March 4	Sauvie Island Academy	March 2	TBD	Mar. 19-20	Anchoring Cruise
April 1	Sauvie Island Academy	March 30	TBD	April 16-17	Navigation Cruise
May 6 Annual Meeting/ Dessert Potluck	Sauvie Island Academy	May 4	TBD	May 21-22	Annual Race/Drift Cruise – Sand Island
June 4 Annual Picnic	TBD				

## SIYC CRUISING BOATS

Boat Name	Owners' Names	Location
<i>Adagio</i>	Jeff & Jane Woodward	La Cruz Huanacastle, Nayarit, MX
<i>Casita</i>	Devon Quinn & Rowan Madix	Alameda, CA
<i>LunaSea</i>	Frank & RaeAnn Haynes	Santa Catalina, CA
<i>Nashira</i>	Mike Floyd	La Paz, BCS, MX
<i>On The Bright Side</i>	Taunya	Fajardo, Puerto Rico
<i>Penelope</i>	Peter & Susan Gierga	Bahia San Gabrielle, Mexico
<i>Pied-A-Mer III</i>	Eric & Pam Sellix	Sydney, Australia
<i>Shameless</i>	Jay & Carolee Tyson	San Jose del Cabo, MX
<i>Silvergirl</i>	Bob Hulegard & Robin Fouche	Newport Beach, CA



## Member Websites



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

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, and we'll make sure your website or blog is included in future issues of the newsletter.



*Picture by Mike Floyd, La Paz Mexico, looking toward Marina de La Paz*

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## ***CRUISING REPORTS***

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### ***Jeff & Jane Woodward, S/V Adagio***

Hi Everybody,

We are laid up at the mechanic's dock in La Cruz. We had a little problem with clogged fuel lines.

Here is the story.

We left Tenacatita at sunrise Monday morning, February 22 with plans to sail to Mazatlan. All was going well. We were sailing for much of the day making very good time. We had some big swells. 7 or 8 footers. But they were spaced far enough apart not to make traveling uncomfortable or slow. Sometime in the early afternoon the wind went light and we had to start motor sailing. But we continued to be making good speed. 6 or 7 knots with the engine trotting along at 2000 rpm. Everything was going great. I went below to get a nap in order to be rested for my night watch. About 45 minutes later the engine lugged down and then died.



I looked at the vacuum gauge on the Racor filter. It was pegged. The tank we were running on was a little less than half full. 30 gallons in a 70 gallon tank. We switched to the full tank. The engine started and ran, but no change on the vacuum meter. So we changed the 10 micron Racor filter cartridge. Then re-started the engine. The engine started and ran, but the vacuum gauge needle was still way high. So we changed the 2 micron spin on cartridge fuel filter. Same thing. The engine started and ran, but the gauge was way high. So we shut it down again and I opened the fuel pump, not the one on the injector, the one that runs off the cam. It has a screen, so I pulled it and cleaned it and got the same results as before.

A lot of boats took the same weather window to travel north from Tenacatita. We had been catching one of them and were about to overtake him. While we were messing with the filter changes, etc. he got a couple miles ahead. We gave him a call on the vhf radio to let him know our situation. And said that we planned to motor sail into La Cruz where we could get professional mechanical help. We would try to make La Cruz with the engine at 1100 rpm. At that point we were about 50 miles south of Cabo Corrientes.

A big catamaran, Speakeasy left Tenacatita around noon and had been slowly catching us. He heard our radio conversation with the other boat and said he would shadow us. And he did. He caught up to us about an hour or two after our breakdown. At first we were able to make close to 5 knots motor sailing. And for a short time we were able to pure sail at 6 knots plus. But after dark the wind died and then went on the nose and our boat

speed suffered. At times we were struggling to make good more than 2 knots, but usually were able to keep in the 3's.

We constantly tweaked the sails to get every tenth of a knot out of whatever breeze we could use. And we checked the vacuum gauge every 15 minutes to be sure the needle did not move any higher. It was a long stressful night. We had wonderful conditions. A bright full moon, mild sea conditions, light winds. But we knew we were on the knife edge and that the engine could die at any moment. It was really comforting to look back and see Speakeasy's running lights a quarter of a mile behind. And we will forever be grateful to their generosity in standing by us all night long.

We rounded the Cape about 0300 Tuesday morning, and arrived in Marina La Cruz about 1100. We called the marina on the cell phone to alert them to our situation. They said they could deploy a panga for a tow if needed. Once we got into water less than 100 feet deep we set the anchor ready for immediate deployment. My worst fear was the engine would die as we entered the marina in close quarters with lots of other boats. I wanted to be ready and able to park Adagio without swapping paint.

Luckily we did not have to deploy the hook and were able to bring ourselves safely to the dock with a barely running engine. Once we were safely moored we called Peter Vargas of SeaTek Marine to let him know we had arrived. He said he would send his mechanic right down, but we were bone tired and asked if it was OK to get to work the next day after I had gotten some rest.

We got started with Javier, the mechanic Wednesday morning. We opened the fuel lines to the Racor filter. Just a bare dribble of fuel escaped the open line. Which is what I suspected. But I was surprised by what a small dribble came out. No wonder the poor engine was starving.

Long story short. We opened all the fittings; tank supply to manifold, tank return line to manifold, manifold to Racor filter, manifold to engine return line, Racor filter to secondary filter. Of course most of these lines are doubled, with a port and a starboard. The fuel line is 1/4" copper tubing with short sections of rubber hose between the copper and the Racor filter, etc. What we did was take a few wraps of SOS Tape at the ends of the copper tubing. Then we fit a 1/2" clear water hose over the SOS tape with a small funnel on the other end of the water hose. We poured clean diesel into the funnel and caught the dirty diesel in a cup at the other end. We started out just blowing the clean diesel through the line with our mouth. After a few passes we used compressed air to blow each line clear. It took about a half day to get all the lines clear.

The copper tubing has lots of 90 degree bends in them, and there are several sections of tubing that are buried behind finished teak. I'd be a lot happier with larger diameter fuel lines and with fewer sharp bends. But to change the existing system at this point would be a major undertaking.

That's about where we are in this story. I don't want to run the engine using the dirty fuel in our tanks. I've found a guy who will clean the tank and polish the fuel, but he can't do the job before Tuesday. He thinks he can do the job in 3 hours once he gets started.

I've asked Javier, the mechanic, to install a set of quick connect fittings on the Racor filter housing to make servicing the turbo and sediment bowl easier. We have decided to wait until the tank cleaning is done before re-installing the Racor filter housing.

With any luck we will be ready to continue our travels north on Thursday. Let's hope the weather will be good.

Jeff and Janie

*S/V Adagio*

At the repair dock La Cruz Huanacastle, Nayarit, Mexico

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## ***Mike Floyd, S/V Nashira***

Hello Everyone,

Nashira is still in La Paz. The main mast is repaired and ready to sail away. I have moved her outside the marina. She is anchored with other cruisers near marina de La Paz. This is much more affordable, as 2 years in Mexico paying dock fees has used up the cruising kitty (if I'd just taken the advice and stayed out of marinas). Last month's trip down with a friend was enjoyable. All it took for him to offer to fix the outboard motor was a hair raising row back to the boat at night with the wind and current against us. He caught a catfish off the boat and we barbequed them on the spot. I've got plans to go to San Diego in July. I'm going down again this month. We had a fast easy crossing at the Tijuana airport to San Diego, only 10 minutes. No we weren't running and yes it was daytime. It's the new border crossing express.

More to follow,

Mike Floyd

*S/V Nashira*

La Paz, Mexico



*Taken by Mike Floyd in La Paz Mexico*

## ***Eric & Pam Sellix, S/V Pied-A-Mer III***

Greetings from Sydney Harbour,

An item on our "to do" list for Australia was to sail south to Wollongong. Pied-a-Mer was built at the Seawind factory in Wollongong and was one of the last boats built in Australia before the factory was moved to Viet Nam. We spent a week traveling south with our first stop Port Hacking where we spent a night at anchor and a night on a mooring in Cronulla. Jibbon Beach was our next stop in Port Hacking. We took a mooring ball in front of a deserted white sand beach, dinghied to shore and discovered that we were close to Aboriginal stone carvings of the Dharawal people. We hiked through the bush and found the carvings on huge flat rocks. The images have been worn by wind and rain but are still visible. We were told that designated elders are the only ones who can preserve Aboriginal carvings for their people and there don't seem to be any Dharawal elders, so the carvings are faint. Signage helped to locate the carvings and understand their meaning. After two days at Jibbon Beach we sailed to Wollongong. We began our trip with main and screecher, the wind picked up, screecher furled and jib out. We saw gusts to 25k as we were about to enter the very narrow looking entrance to the Harbour. The very tiny anchorage was full, no room for us. We had been told if we needed assistance in finding a spot for the night to radio Antonia, who manages the fish Co-op. We phoned Antonia and she was very helpful, we eventually tied up to a commercial fishing boat, Miss Holly. The only way to stay overnight if the anchorage is full is to tie up to a fishing boat for a fee of \$27.50. This was fine with us as Pied-a-Mer's first home was at the Fish Station on Wallace Slough. Miss Holly was leaving at 0600, which was fine as we wanted to get an early start for Jervis Bay. After tying up to Miss Holly we explored Wollongong. Wollongong is New South Wales third largest city and is full of art galleries, museums and performance venues. There is an emphasis on health and wellbeing with amazing bush walks, a gorgeous beach and lots of water activities. Again, we could have stayed longer.



Our next stop was Jervis Bay which we had heard about ever since we arrived in Australia. As we entered the Bay there were very strong north winds so, we called Marine Rescue, our "go to" group for advice, as to the best place to anchor or pick up a mooring. We were told to go to "Hole In The Wall" which is surrounded by Boonderee National Park. We picked up a mooring, we were the only boat in the anchorage. The high lite of our stay in Jervis Bay was to meet a pen pal of our daughter, Melinda. Thirty some years ago my parents were traveling in Australia. My mom met a little girl in Ulladulla who was the same age as our daughter, same first

name and both girls played the flute. When my folks returned my Mom gave our Melinda, the address of Melinda Mathews in Australia. The two girls have been in contact ever since but never met each other. This was a very special treat for all of us!

Cheers!

Eric & Pam Sellix  
*S/V Pied-A-Mer III*  
Sydney, Australia



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## Let's Stay in Touch with our Cruising Members

*If you enjoyed 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*



*Picture taken by the Woodward's, motor-sailing toward San Jose del Cabo*