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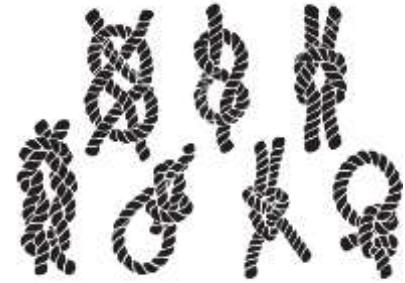
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Summer SIYC Cruise

Elochoman Slough Marina,
Cathlamet Washington

Hosts: Michael Downing and
Gabrielle Lennartz

July 11th - 12th 2015

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Summer Boating Events

Summer Sailstice: June 20th

Get out and sail on the longest day of the year. <http://www.summersailstice.com/>

Portland Waterfront Blues Festival: July 2nd - 5th 2015

Anchor your boat downtown for front row seats to the Blues Festival and Fireworks.

Commodore's Comments, April 2015

A Good Breeze at Our Backs



This June at the Annual Picnic I will hand the Commodore's Flag to Richard with mixed emotions. Two years at the helm is long enough that I am sure everyone will welcome seeing new faces in the front of the room, but it has been a good time for the SIYC and for me.

This is actually my second time around, as I also served as Commodore from 2008-2010. But what a difference between then and now. On my first watch, many of the older members were drifting away and the newer ones were headed out on passage. At the May business meeting in 2010, no one had volunteered to run for Commodore, and with the threat of our doors closing, Gary stepped up and saved the day. We are fortunate that he did, and that his good leadership was followed by George.

The biggest difference between then and now is the influx of new members, sparked more than a little by Richard's return from his circumnavigation and offer to get the word out around the dock. Many factors have helped our growth, such as the brochure and this year's first time presence at the Portland Boat Show. I am indebted to George for his exemplary leadership as Commodore and his care and thoroughness as Treasurer. Our new members have brought energy and enthusiasm as they share the cruising dream.

The bottom line is we have a dynamic group taking office and we can expect a great year coming up.

Richard has a number of ideas to continue our growth and Gabrielle has already planned nearly the entire season of speakers! There is

nothing like coming off a watch with the wind at your back, miles under the keel, and fresh crew to take over.

Fair Winds,
Craig

Summer Cathlamet Cruise

Join in for a warm weather cruise down the Columbia to scenic Cathlamet (at about river mile, 38, behind Puget Island). We will gather at the Elochoman Slough Marina starting Friday July 10th with a big bbq potluck at the marina's pavilion on Saturday, followed by a bowline and reef knot tying contest. Awards given for fastest knot. Plan on a 3, 4, or more day outing with the option of exploring nearby destinations such as Prairie Channel .

Currently we have 6 boats going, Carol Marie, Nasty, Rowena, Moontide, Openwater, and Perseverance.

Reservations are advised, so call Gabrielle and join the fun! Not ready to bring your boat? Yurts and cute cabins are available to rent at the marina park or drive up and join us for Sat dinner.

When: July 10 - 12, 2015

Where: Elochoman Slough Marina

Hosts: Michael and Gabrielle Dowding

svmtcrew@gmail.com 360-567-5922

Other: Marina has very nice bathrooms &

showers. 30'-39' \$15.00; 40'-49' \$17.00

Plus \$8.00 for electricity.



May Race/Drift Cruise

Gary Weber of S/V Cambria hosted the SIYC 35th annual Race/Drift Cruise. It was a huge success! Ten boats attended while seven raced.

All the sailboats hovered at the starting line, trying desperately not to drift over before the horn. By the time all the boats had passed Sand Island a real race had developed between Craig, Barbara and guests on S/V Sequoia, Nat and Tara on S/V Junovia, Richard and guests S/V Moonshadow, and George and Sue on S/V Julia Max. Heading up the second fleet was Ray and Alicia on S/V Rowena, Paul and guest on S/V Openwater, and Michael and Gabrielle on S/V Moontide.

As the race continued the winds picked up. There were wonderful moments when we were able to truly sail the boats... then it would die again and we would drift toward the finish line.

Race Results: Fin Keel

1st Craig and Barbara Johnston, and guests.

Race Results: Full Keel

1st Richard Sanderful and guests.
2nd Nat and Tara Powning
3rd George and Sue Stonecliffe
4th Ray McCracken and Alicia Watkins

After the race we all returned to Sand Island docks to enjoy each other's company. Over a wonderful potluck awards were handed out to those that placed. Throughout the evening it we all wandered to different boats, enjoying the comradery of the club.



After a delicious breakfast, boats started to pack up for home. It was a wonderful cruise with a magnificent turn out. What a way to end the cruising year!



June Membership BBQ

By, Barbara Johnston of S/V Sequoia

About 35 members and guests came out for the Club's annual picnic at Kelly Point Park, on a sunny June day. Most came by car, but two (Terry and Charing O'Shea) came by water, using Charing's new pontoon boat. The picnic was notable for delicious pot-luck contributions, and expertly grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.



This was also the occasion for the passing of the gavel. Outgoing Commodore, Craig Johnston (or as we'll now call him, "Rear" Commodore Johnston), spoke briefly about the 81st anniversary of D-Day and the debt we owe our forefathers for the victory that followed. Then he passed the gavel to our new Commodore, Richard



Sandefur. He and his incoming slate of officers: Gabrielle Lennartz (Vice Commodore), Charing O'Shea (Secretary) and Jenny Bruning (Treasurer) officially took over the business of the club.

Membership chairman Ray McCracken introduced prospective new members Jay and Carolee Tyson. They promised to "leave a clean wake" during their cruising and were formally inducted. New annual membership cards and rosters were distributed to all members present.

Great conversations were had, old friendships were renewed, and new ones made. There were plenty of sea stories told and sea chanteys sung. It was a perfect day.



New Members

We are Jay and Carolee Tyson. Our cruising dream began over 30 years ago when Jay's (now ex) father-in-law built a steel hulled cruiser and set sail, planning to be gone for two years. While they cruised the Pacific for over

eight years, Jay was his mail service and was fascinated with the thought of cruising "one day."

Our dream of cruising picked up speed when we took John and Amanda Neal's Offshore Cruising Seminar in April 2010. We spent the next three years looking for our boat. Our search included Portland and Seattle (of course) and all points in between. We also traveled to Long Beach, CA and Annapolis, MD looking at boats. Our 1988 Norseman 400 came on the market on a Thursday. The following Sunday, which was Mother's Day, we drove to Seattle to have a look. We made an offer that afternoon. Everything was finalized by June 4, 2013. After new standing rigging was installed, we sailed her to Portland in July. It was a gorgeous sail!

The Norseman 400 is designed by Gary Grant, the second boat he designed. He now designs super yachts. His last yacht "Crazy Me" was a finalist in the World Super Yacht Award. Saying we are very pleased with the design and layout of the boat would be an understatement. We are giddy with it. Our boat is very livable, every system is easily accessible, and she sails like a dream.



We spent the next two years getting ready to cruise. We sold our house and all of our stuff, including the farm, livestock, and equipment. We moved aboard July, 2014. We learned in the seminar to expect costs of 20% of purchase price outfitting a boat for cruising. I think that must be new boats. Our boat is 27 years old. We've spent just at 50% of purchase price rebuilding, replacing, and adding new systems. It took us all of two years to settle on her name, Shameless. Figured it fit us pretty well.

We have five children between us, ages 21 to 28. Some are excited to come visit us in tropical waters, some are wishing we'd stay home and play grandma and grandpa. Maybe later. This is our time.

Facebook: SV Shameless
www.svshameless.com

Congratulations!

Congratulations Taunya Couts and Rusty Geiser! They recently purchased a cruising catamaran. In Florida now, they plan to bring it back to the Portland. Looking for crew now.



Recipe of the Month

By, Jenny Bruning of S/V Nevermore

Texas BBQ Sauce

2 Tablespoon	brown sugar
1 Tablespoon	paprika
1 teaspoon	salt
2 teaspoons	dry mustard
½ teaspoons	chili powder
¼ teaspoons	cayenne powder
4 Tablespoons	Worcheshire sauvce
¼ cup	apple cider vinegar
1 small can	tomato sauce
¼ cup	ketchup
½ cup	water (you can exclude this if you like your sauce thicker)

Simmer over medium heat for 15-30 minutes until thickened.

If you don't like a more mild sauce you can use half the spices above-it is purely up to your personal preference.

SIYC Clothing & Accessories For 2014 to 2015

To give you an idea of what you can purchase, here is a short list.

Sport Tek Tech Fleece Ladies Tech Fleece Full-Zip Hooded Jacket; Ladies sizes xs-4XL
\$49.00

1/4-Zip Pullover; Adult sizes xs-4XL
\$47.00

Sport Tek Super Heavy Weight Sweatshirts Crew neck; Adult sizes xs-4XL
\$37.00

Pullover Hooded; Adult sizes xs-4XL
\$43.00

Full Zip Hooded; Adult sizes xs-4XL
\$47.00

See me, Sarah Daugherty, at the meetings or email at wedaugherty@q.com

Reminder: Annual Dues

Your annual dues will be payable on April 1st. George Stonecliffe will be accepting checks or you can mail checks to the club at:
SIYC
P.O. Box 2524
Portland, OR 97208-2524.

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.

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 (\$10 for every \$250 spent) at West Marine
- Marina fuel and service discounts
- Towing discount, Insurance and many more.

See the whole list at www.BoatUS.com

Summer Cruise Report's

As we break for the summer cruising season please remember to send your reports our way. We love sharing what our members are doing with the club.

Email Cruising reports to Taunya Couts at tmcouts@gmail.com



S/V Rowena cruising in Barkley Sound last summer with S/V CarolMarie

New Officers

Congratulations to all the new officers!

Commodore:	Richard Sandefur
Vice-Commodore:	Gabrielle Lennartz
Treasurer:	Jenny Bruning
Secretary:	Charing O'Shea
Membership Chair:	Ray McCracken



Club Business

SIYC Membership Meeting

May 2, 2015

Sauvie Island Academy

This meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Rear Commodore George Stonecliffe. Also present was Secretary Sue Stonecliffe. Guests: Tim and Cheryl Hryciw, 18 members present. Ed Daugherty inducted new members Tim and Cynthia Bowie, owners of s/v Osprey.

Treasurer George Stonecliffe reported \$3,889.90 in the bank.

It was moved and seconded that the slate of officers be accepted for the 2015-16 year: Richard Sandefur Commodore, Gabrielle Dowding Vice Commodore, Craig Johnston Rear Commodore, Jenny Bruning Treasurer, and Charing O-Shea Secretary. The club voted unanimously. Kimberly Winkler agreed to organize refreshments next year, the only position left to fill.

It was moved and seconded that 10 new double-sided club burgees be purchased for new members.

2015-16 Rosters will be handed out at the June picnic to those who have paid their dues.

Newsletter Editor Alicia Watkins will include a biographic article this month about new members Tim and Cynthia Bowie.

Winner of the Navigation Cruise quiz in the Bluewater division was George Stonecliffe. The cruise destination was changed to anchoring in Gramma's Cove due to a rule at the Red Lion hotel refusing all night moorage at their dock to anyone. Members attending without a boat were ferried by dingy from shore. The weather turned sunny and warm for the week-end and attracted 8 boats and 5 members without their boats.

Garry handed out packets for the Race-Drift Cruise May 15-16. Ed Daugherty offered to help with the committee boat. T-shirts will be available on the 14th. Garry invited everyone to tie up at Sandy Island on Friday, May 14th.

The June picnic will be held at Kelly Point State Park June 6th from 12-3:00 p.m. The club will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and soft drinks.

Our summer cruise to Cathlamet, Washington will be July 11-12. Michael Dowding agreed to be host for this event.

The Raffle brought in \$326, and everyone went home with something they wanted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 followed by desserts.

SIYC Board Meeting April 29, 2015

The SIYC Board met at 6:30 p.m. at the home of George and Sue Stonecliffe. All current and prospective officers, spouses, and Membership Committee members attended. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss job descriptions.

Pam and Eric Sellix will be awarded the Blue Water Sailor Award at the next meeting they attend.

Respectfully
Submitted,
Sue Stonecliffe,
Secretary



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
Adagio	Jeff & Jane Woodward	San Carlos, MX
Casita	Devon Quinn & Rowan Madix	Alameda, CA
LunaSea	Frank & RaeAnn Haynes	Santa Catalina, CA
Nashira	Mike Floyd	La Paz, BCS, MX
Penelope	Peter & Susan Gierga	La Cruz, MX
Perpetua	Pat & Susan Canniff	Mazatlan, MX
Pied-A-Mer III	Eric & Pam Sellix	La Paz, MX
Ranidan	Jim & Linda Noval	La Paz, MX
Shameless	Jay & Carolee Tyson	Astoria, OR
Silvergirl	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/>
- Perpetua blog:** http://www.sailblogs.com/member/our_journeys/
- Perpetua Pictures:** http://imageevent.com/our_journeys/
- Moonshadow:** <http://www.voyagemoonshadow.blogspot.com/>
- Moontide:** <http://www.svmoontide.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/>
- Shameless:** <http://svshameless.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.



Oregon Coast, Photo by Alicia Watkins of S/V Rowena

CRUISING REPORTS

Mike Floyd S/V Nashira

Well, I made the drive to Baja Mexico. I stopped midway at Halfway Inn. The builder has wood to repair my mast next month. So then, hopefully I will be sailing (bashing) in July up to San Diego.

I sold the car to a local and used his truck to move the mast. Then I borrowed a trailer from the Marina de la Paz (thanks Neil!) It was a good trip and hopefully I'm going back this month for the bottom painting, and a new shaft bearing.

Ps I'm still looking for lawyer to help with insurance claim.

Mike Floyd
S/V Nashira
La Paz, Mexico



Peter & Susan Gierga, S/V Penelope

April 23

Stuck in LaCruz: La Cruz is a lovely little village but enough is enough! We have been here almost a month and have almost a month left to go. Pretty soon they will want me to start paying taxes!



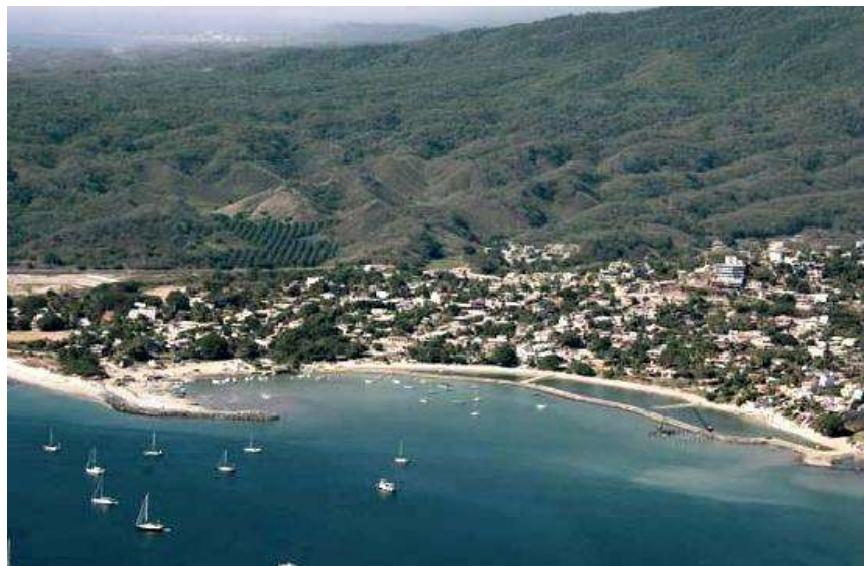
It just turned out this way. Peter has to be in Portland for business May 4th. It didn't take as long to get here from the last place we were as we thought it would so we accidentally ended up being stuck here longer than we probably would choose. On the other hand, it's been nice to get to know the community and the people a little better.

The hardest part of this cruising lifestyle is the learning curve associated with pulling into a new place. Where do we anchor? Where do we take the dinghy to get to shore? Where's the shower? What public transportation do they offer? Where's the lavenderia? Where's the Mega? Where are the best street tacos? Is the water safe to drink? Only after these basic questions are answered can we then feel free to explore the sites, play, relax or have some fun. And each place we go we have to start over answering these questions. Having been here a while, day to day life is easier. I guess La Cruz is a pretty good place to be stuck.

May 3

Today I earned a PhD in Penelope. Peter has gone to America. He left me alone in La Cruz de Huanacaxtle. Two of my longtime friends from OWSA, Robin Smith and Lynda Davis, flew in from Portland to keep me out of trouble during my abandonment.

Today, the three of us decided to sail Penelope across Banderas Bay, approximately 15 miles, to the little fishing village of Yelapa. I was feeling



a little apprehensive about taking the boat out by myself but not apprehensive enough not to go.

We pulled her out of the marina at 10:00 am. Just like backing a car out of the garage, I needed to turn the steering wheel to the right in order for the front of the boat to go left. Since I don't own a car and I haven't backed Penelope out of a slip in almost a year, I initially turned the steering wheel in the wrong direction. We were pulling out of the slip heading west when we needed to be heading east to leave the marina. I quickly caught my mistake and corrected but instead of a single back up and pull out of here, it turned into an 18 point turn. After numerous forward, back, forward, back, forward, backs to correct the problem, we were on our way.



For the first time since I've been in Banderas Bay, the wind was light. What is typically a three hour sail took six.

But, it was a blast. We talked and laughed and snacked and drank lots of water to stay hydrated. We analyzed our sail trim and tried different configurations to get the boat to go a little faster. We had an excellent sail to Yelapa.

Just before 4:00 pm, we were getting close to our destination and needed to bring in the sails. The head sail and the stacil went down without a hitch. As I dropped the main, I wondered why we were having such a hard time flaking the sail. It seemed the main was flopping all over the place. Suddenly, I realized I had forgotten to put the lazy jacks in place. "Oh, dear! If you guys tell Peter I forgot to put the lazy jacks in place I'll disown you." Back up goes the main.

Already flustered, we had a tough time getting hooked up with the mooring ball. Every time I approached the ball, I came too close to the ponga driver and he had to speed out of the way like a bull fighter dodging a bull. The wind was now blowing hard and the current was pushing us to shore. He got so frustrated with us at one point he zoomed off to help someone else. They managed to get hooked up in a very few minutes and he was back. Between the ponga driver's inability to hold onto



our line, and my lack of experience, it took six times circling the bay to get us hooked up.

Finally, we are here. The main sail cover is on but most of the sail is poking out from underneath and refugee lines are everywhere.

While straightening things on deck, I noticed Lynda was just standing there, idling staring at the mountains. Just as I was about to rudely ask her to help us, she bent over the side of the boat and puked. I anticipate the boat could be fairly rocky in this bay. It could be a very long night for my poor friend, Lynda.

May 4

The next morning, the ponga driver picked us up and took us to shore. We got directions to the cascadia (waterfall) from an English speaking local and headed up the cobblestone path. The sights and sounds of this rural hamlet are spectacular.

Going back, we had nice wind and made it across the bay in record time. This time when I lowered the main sail I had the lazy jacks smartly in place.

For the first time since I've been here, the wind was out of the north rather than out of the south. We had selected a slip which would allow me to pull in facing into the wind – until the wind decided to change direction!

Because the wind was coming from behind me and I was concerned about being blown into the dock, I didn't get as close to the dock as I would have liked. My crew committed the mortal sin of throwing the mooring lines to the helpful, or rather helpless, helpers waiting on the dock. As to be expected, this resulted in a lot of loud hollering, "Wrap the line around the cleat." And the implied, "Just don't stand there with the rope in your hand like an idiot."



But, we landed safely which in and of itself is a success. As they say, I learned more from my less than stellar docking than I did from my last five perfect ones.

May 22

Peter comes home today! So much has happened. Robin and Lynda were here for 13 days. We did and saw so many things together. Things I've been too busy to even tell you about.

On Mother's Day, my sisters moved my mom into an Independent Living Facility. It was very sad for me to think I cannot go home again. Soon, my mom's house will belong to someone else. It broke my heart for me and for her. But, she has adapted to the new place amazingly well. She had been there only one week when she began to organize a bridge group!



I hired a man to clean Penelope. He spent two days on the stainless steel. He said to me, "When I bid this job I didn't look carefully at how much stainless steel there is!" Then, he spent another three days washing, buffing, polishing and waxing everything fiberglass. She sparkles.

I wrote a 3,000 word essay entitled *Living on the Hook*, recounting the five continuous months Peter and I lived at

anchor. I am working with my editor, Carol, and hope to have it published in the future. I've been in the Marina de la Cruz for three weeks. There is no movement of the boat and the showers are very close but I am ready to get back on the water. We'll leave here Monday.

Over the next few weeks we'll make our way 1,000 miles back up the outside of the Baja Peninsula to San Diego. As you know, I had mixed emotions about back tracking but now I am looking forward to it. Closer to friends and family, able to get a job if I want, English speaking people, and NOT 103 degrees F.

It has gotten very hot here in the last three weeks. Peter is NOT going to like it. Between 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm all I can do is lay on the couch in front of three fans and sweat.

I will be so grateful to have all the responsibility of this great big boat off my shoulders. I was very lucky while Peter was gone. Nothing broke. But, things break all the time and without Peter we would be sunk. Hurry home, honey!

Susan and Peter
S/V Penelope
La Cruz, Mexico

Michael and Gabrielle Dowding, S/V Moontide

Some of the best parts of warm weather: The tarps come off the boats. People reemerge from their Winter torpor inside, and the sounds of conversation and laughter can be heard once again on the dock. Cold weather clothes are stowed, and warm weather clothes are donned. Rigging gets checked and prepped for sailing.



But nice weather also means our excuse for avoiding outdoor projects is gone. Time to get out and work on the boat! For those of you who follow our Restoration section on the SVMoontide website, check out 2015. You can see there that our major Spring project has been cutting holes and installing the last four deadlights on the main cabin. Scary stuff!

After so many years of boat rebuilding, Gabrielle and I have agreed upon the "10-foot Rule" of boat appearance -- if it looks good from 10' away, we're happy. The thing about the windows is, if it gets installed at a funny angle, it looks bad a half a mile away! So we moved slowly, sweated vigorously, and, well, we think they look pretty good! Now, with windows installed and a new Force 10 stove in our galley, we can do some Spring cleaning, clear away the Winter grunge, and prepare to do a little sailing!

Michael and Gabrielle Dowding
S/V Moontide
Portland, OR



Jim and Linda Noval, S/V Ranidan

As the sun set on our time in Mexico, Jim spent hours organizing and cleaning Ranidan in preparation of shipping her up north. Sails and lines taken down, deck cleared, everything stowed for a happy passage. The weather had gotten brutally hot so Jim was ready to go home.

The cargo ship Tramper had arrived in the bay ready to pick up several boats. Ranidan was last. You can see several masts already on board, including a very large motor yacht.



Jim pulled up to the side of the vessel so the divers could put straps around in very particular places. They did a great job so it was up, up and away! It's impressive to see so many tons float upward!

Ranidan was carefully lowered into cradles on the deck and tied down as Jim pulled away in a panga. Next stop is Victoria, Canada.

The cruiser's have a saying that all our plans are written in the sand at low tide which means that at least twice a day they are washed away and we have to start over. Sailing to Mexico was an amazing adventure and though we don't know exactly what we'll do next we are always grateful for everything we have been able to do so far.

Blessings to all and thank you for coming along with us. We'll let you know what's next when we figure it out.

Jim and Linda Noval
S/V Ranidan
La Paz, Mexico



Pam & Eric Sellix, S/V Pied-a-Mer III

Check out the chart plotter.....islands! It's very exciting for us and our crew--soon to make landfall. We're 26 days from Banderas Bay to Hiva Oa, Marquesas. Our passage was easy, the crew was great and no major breakdowns.



Land Ho! Hiva Oa South Pacific, paradise. We felt like we were in a movie.

Oh, baguettes! We made all of our own bread while on passage. Now we buy baguettes and splurge on Brie. The grocery stores are stocked with wonderful items---expensive but available.

Pam & Eric Sellix
S/V Pied-a-Mer III
La Cruz, Mexico

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.

