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Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8, 2012

6:00 pm at the residence of Craig &
Barbara Johnston. See details next page.



Upcoming Cruise Weekends

Thanksgiving Cruise November 17 & 18:

At Hadley's Landing, hosted by David
Mangan. See details next page.

New Years Cruise December 29 & 30:

At Coon Island; we're still looking for a
member boat to serve as host!

Coming up in the new year:

January 4, 2013: Daniel Ly, American
Red Cross, will speak on disaster
preparedness and Red Cross programs.

February 1, 2013: Our speaker will be
Mark Schrader, captain of the Around the
Americas expedition, a 28,000 mile
circumnavigation of North and South
America -- raising awareness of the oceans
combined with compelling adventure!

Be sure to check out this month's
cruising reports, starting page 9.

Commodore's Comments

Are you missing out? Consider attending at least a couple of SIYC club meetings and cruises during the 2012-13 year. At the November meeting, Carol Hasse delighted us by presenting 'Sailtrim and Handling'. Honing our sailing skills comes by a more thorough understanding of 'those white triangles' we carry on board and how to adjust them for optimum performance.

Is SIYC meeting your needs? Let us know what you want, so that we can attract you to Club activities. We miss you, and look forward to seeing you in the coming months.

--- George Stonecliffe

Thanksgiving Cruise

Coming right up on November 17-18 is SIYC's traditional Thanksgiving cruise, held at Hadley's Landing on the Multnomah Channel. David Mangan of S/V Hawksbill hosts, and he'll barbecue a mouth watering turkey. If you haven't tasted his turkey before, this is one not to miss. Other cruisers are asked to bring traditional Thanksgiving "fixin's" – side dishes or desserts. Dinner is at 5 pm Saturday evening – don't be late! David also plans to bring his dockside firepit. If the weather is nasty, this will be a very welcome item. Please bring a Prestolog or a couple of pieces of firewood to contribute to the general effort to stay warm. Call David (503-543-5154) for more info.

SIYC Annual Christmas Party December 8, 2012

Don't miss SIYC's Christmas party this year! Following tradition, we'll share a potluck dinner, trim the SIYC Christmas tree with new and old nautical ornaments, and make donations to the

Oregon Food Bank. New this year, we'll have some Christmas-themed musical entertainment from SIYC members Sue Stonecliffe and Barbara Johnston.



The club will provide the main course: a barbecued turkey (expertly prepared by our own David Mangan) and a baked ham. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share, plus your choice of beverage and your own dishes and implements.



We'll have the tree all set up to receive your new nautical-themed ornament (please mark with boat name and year). Hand crafted ornaments are especially welcome. We'll also decorate the tree with many of the ornaments members have contributed in past years.

We may need a few more folding tables and chairs to accommodate all of us for dinner. Please call Craig or Barbara (503-543-0945) if you can loan such items.

We'll be collecting food items for donation to the Oregon Food Bank. We also welcome checks payable to Oregon Food Bank – apparently they are able to make your food-buying dollar go even further than you can.

Last but not least: There will be a gift exchange. Please bring a gift-wrapped item suitable for giving to your fellow club members!

Directions: *[omitted from website edition for privacy reasons]*

Relief efforts after Hurricane Sandy

Many of us have watched in dismay and horror as Hurricane Sandy lashed out at homes, sea walls, businesses, parks and marinas on the East Coast. The power is still out in parts of the storm region, and many are wondering about the best way to help. News reports have indicated that scammers have set up quick and sometimes fraudulent organizations and websites to take advantage of the sympathy coming from well meaning people.



Don't give to an organization you don't know! One of the best ways to help is to give money to the American Red Cross. You can donate online at <http://www.redcross.org>.

Or call 1-800 REDCROSS or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

Contributions may also be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance in response to disasters.

SIYC Clothing & Accessories For 2012/13

'Sport-Tek' Brand

Sweatshirts

Pullover, hooded-----\$30.00
Adult-F254

Zip front, hooded----- \$36.00
Adult-F258

Fleece Jackets

Ladies Zip front, hooded-----\$38.00
Adult-L265

'Port Authority' Brand

Competitor Jacket-----\$42.00
Wind & water resistant
Adult-JP54

Wind Jackets-----\$52.00
Full zip
Adult-J707
Ladies-L707

*** Call Sarah for color choices: **503/774-3381**

*** A check made out to 'SIYC' needs to accompany orders.

Mail checks to: Sarah Daugherty

Halloween Cruise to Government Island.

--Mark Nerczuk

Despite somewhat inclement weather, with buckets of rain coming down throughout the weekend, the Halloween Cruise to Government Island was a great success. David Mangan on Hawksbill arrived on Friday night and the rest of the cruisers arrived on Saturday. A total of 9 boats made it to the East Dock on the Government Island.



The boats in attendance were: Ursa Minor, Sequoia, Penelope, Julia Max, Hokuloa, Hawksbill, Conch, Cambria, and Baltic Wanderer. In addition, there were two visiting boats from OWSA invited by Penelope.



In no time the rain shelters were erected, and all the cruisers gathered around for a social gathering. It was a great opportunity to connect with the fellow cruisers and catch up with all the news. At that time, few crews began carving of the pumpkins that were judged later

by the commodore, George Stonecliffe. First place went to Conch, second to Hokuloa, and the third to Hawksbill.



A highlight of the evening was a costume contest. First place went to Nick from Ursa Minor dressed as Lance Armstrong on drugs. Second place went to Craig from Sequoia dressed as the Animal on Sesame Street and third to Ed and Sarah from Hokuloa as Grimm Reapers.



As soon as all the boats arrived and were safely tied, the preparations for the potluck started. The dinner was, as usual, a great showcase of home cooking worthy of the best restaurants in town. As one could expect, the menu was predominated by all kinds of stews very appropriate for the cold and rainy day.

Dinner was interrupted by a violent squall that rattled the rigging and tested the strength of the rain shelters. The rain was coming sideways pounding on the boats. At the same time, a double rainbow appeared and colored the river and the boat with the yellowish tint. It was spectacular. The evening ended with a movie night on Sequoia.



Next morning breakfast was by no means a light affair. The cruisers feasted on crepes, bacon, various forms of scrambled eggs and much more. Same as dinner, the breakfast was another confirmation of the incredible culinary skills of the SIYC cruisers. Soon after breakfast, all the boats began preparations for departure.



Club Business

SIYC Board Meeting November 2, 2012

The SIYC Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the Rock Creek Tavern. In attendance were Commodore George Stonecliffe, Vice Commodore Craig Johnston, Rear Commodore Gary Weber, Treasurer David Mangan, and Secretary Sue Stonecliffe.

The treasurer reported 4 members have not yet paid their dues. Gary agreed to follow up with them again. Charles Ball and Susan Greene chose to drop their membership. The club earned \$92 in last month's raffle.

Would anyone like to organize a land cruise in January? We no longer have many members interested in caravanning to the Seattle Boat Show. Mark posted many photos and a video on the SIYC website. It was decided that cruise hosts in the future be asked to take photos and send them to Mark for posting.

Craig is working on programs for the January through March membership meetings including a program by Mark Schraeder who circumnavigated the Americas.

To support the Red Cross and their efforts helping victims of Hurricane Sandy, look for the URL to donate in this Newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stonecliffe, SIYC Secretary

SIYC General Meeting November 3, 2012

The SIYC General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 at the Sauvie Island Academy. Commodore George Stonecliffe recognized 5 guests. In an effort to give our speaker, Carol Hasse maximum time for her program, committee and officer reports were tabled until January.

Commodore Stonecliffe asked for a vote from the membership on the new Rule for Cruising Members as published in the October Newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

Marianne Mallowney brought homemade cookies, and Bryan Robbins brought a wonderful display of vegetables and healthy snacks for refreshments.

Club Cruise Reports: 9 boats came to the Halloween Cruise: Baltic Wanderer, Cambria, Conch, Hawksbill, Hokuloa, Julia Max, Penelope, Sequoia, and Ursa Minor. It was a smashing success with pumpkins carved in wonderfully imaginative ways and lots of costumes. 5 women and 2 more boats from OWSA came as guests of Susan and Peter Gierga. Nick Wigen stole the costume contest dressed as Lance Armstrong, complete with an I-V trolley of illegal drugs. Thanks go to cruise hosts Mark and Becky Nerczuk, s/v “Baltic Wanderer”.

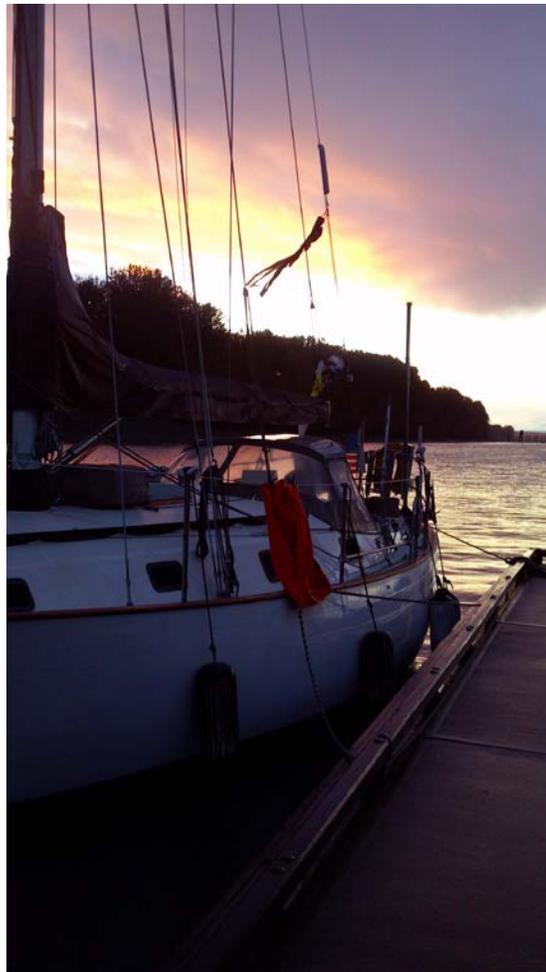
The next cruise on November 17-18 will be hosted by David Mangan at Hadley’s Landing. David asked that participants bring presto logs or firewood for his dockside fireplace. He also requested gravy to go with the barbequed turkey.

The next meeting is the holiday party hosted by Craig and Barbara Johnston at their home on Saturday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. Members were asked to bring Oregon Food Bank donations, nautical ornaments with their boat name for the tree, and a wrapped gift for the gift exchange in addition to their culinary contribution. Turkey and ham will be provided by the club.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Program: Carol Hasse gave us a college level lecture on sail trim, focusing especially on cruising sail trim. We only wished there had been handouts for further study and synthesis of all the information she gave us. Thanks to all who came and participated with excellent questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stonecliffe, SIYC Secretary



Sunset at Government Island, 2012 Halloween cruise.

Please continue to send letters, articles, photos, educational opportunities, recipes, ideas for programs, and other information to our Newsletter Editor Barbara Johnston
The submission deadline is the 10th of each month.

Or if your contact information has changed let our Database Coordinator, George Stonecliffe, know.

2012-2013 CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS		BOARD MEETINGS		CRUISES	
December 8	Christmas Party	December 8	Christmas Party	December 29-30	New Years Cruise, Coon Island
January 4	Sauvie Island Academy	January 3	TBD	January TBD	Land Cruise, TBD
February 1	Sauvie Island Academy	January 31	TBD	February 16-17	Valentine Cruise, Coon Island
March 1	Sauvie Island Academy	February 28	TBD	March 16-17	Anchoring Cruise
April 5	Sauvie Island Academy	April 4	TBD	April 20-21	Navigation Cruise
May 3	Sauvie Island Academy	May 2	TBD	May 18-19	Annual Race/Drift Cruise (Sand Island)
June 1	Annual picnic, location TBD				

SIYC CRUISING BOATS – Locations outside of the Pacific Northwest

Boat Name	Owners' Names	Location
<i>Adagio</i>	Jeff & Jane Woodward	West coast of Mexico
<i>Ahwahnee</i>	Tom & Kathy Edwards	Port Charlotte, Florida
<i>Imi Loa</i>	Devon Quinn & Rowan Madix	Alameda, CA
<i>Kailani</i>	David & Christy Dykkestén	Panama
<i>Lungta</i>	Dan Finkelstein & Kathy Mitchell	Sea of Cortez, Mexico
<i>Moonshadow</i>	Richard Sandefur & Anita Melbo	Underway from Trinidad to Panama
<i>Nashira</i>	Mike Floyd	Crescent City, CA
<i>Perpetua</i>	Pat & Susan Canniff	Mazatlan, Mexico
<i>Pied-A-Mer III</i>	Eric & Pam Sellix	Baja Haha and beyond
<i>Rolling Thunder</i>	Bruce, Jan & Max Payne	San Carlos, Mexico
<i>Silvergirl</i>	Bob Hulegard & Robin Fouche	Newport Beach, CA

Member Websites

Adagio:	http://sailblogs.com/member/turningleft/
Ahwahnee:	http://www.sailblogs.com/member/voyage_continued/
Julia Max:	http://www.sailblogs.com/member/juliamax/
Perpetua blog:	http://www.sailblogs.com/member/our_journeys/
Perpetua Pictures:	http://imageevent.com/our_journeys/
Lungta:	http://www.lungtalife.com/blog
Pied-a-Mer III	http://www.sailblogs.com/member/sesesail/
Sequoia:	http://www.svsequoia.com/

Calling all Blogs

Do you have a website or blog for your sailboat? We'd like to expand this section to include all of our members who have cruising websites and blogs, whether they are now cruising or not. Please let us know, and we'll add yours in this section.

Or maybe you update friends about your travels from Facebook? If you'd be willing to accept SIYC members as "friends," tell us how to connect with you on Facebook.

Please send website, blog or Facebook information to Barbara Johnston, .

Let's Stay in Touch with our Cruising Members

In order to keep our great reports coming in, we need to let these cruisers know that their reports are appreciated. So when you see a cruiser who has written something special for our newsletter, be sure to say something. If the cruiser is far away, they'd love to hear from you, and to know that their reports are appreciated.

As Marianne wrote in the SIYC Newsletter last May, about a *former* club member:

"He wrote several articles for the newsletter during his travels and said he was always disappointed that even though his stories were published, he never had any feedback from the editors or members. He felt he was writing to a void.

"I was wondering if we thank those sailors who send in their stories or if the members might need to know that those travelers would like to hear from our members who do read the stories.

"Seems so simple and a way to stay in touch."

CRUISING REPORTS

From Richard Sandefur, S/V Moonshadow



Hello everyone,

This will be short as we have cleared out of Trinidad and will be setting sail in a few hours. Our first stop will be Bonaire, which is around 400 miles. The weather looks promising, 10-15 kts on the starboard quarter and seas less than two meters.

Nothing exciting has happened since last month except Moonshadow has crew now. Another Portland boat, Iris, with John and Janet Colby is next to us in the marina and we are leaving at the same time for Bonaire. Hey, a yacht race! They are members of Portland Yacht Club and live in Lake Oswego. They are also completing a circumnavigation by way of South Africa. We had never met them until they came into the marina here and yet we live only a few miles apart and kept our boats very close to each other in Portland.

My crew, Elaine, and I took Moonshadow out into the Atlantic a few days ago and had a “cracking good sail” as Elaine described it. She is British, lives in Singapore and has her own 26 foot boat there which she races. She has participated in a few races from Hong Kong to the Philippines. After our sail we came back to a lovely, quiet anchorage for the night before returning to the craziness of the marina and provisioning.

I’m looking forward to being at sea again.

Cheers, Richard
SV Moonshadow



From Tom & Kathy Edwards, S/V Awahnee

We just said goodbye to cruisers that came to visit from Panama and El Salvador and Tom has started to work on the outboard. We plan to start the trek to Port Charlotte, Florida after Thanksgiving.

Plan A is to return to the boat, install the refurbished V-drive, redo all the head plumbing (the Captain's favorite job), paint the bottom and replace the heat exchanger. Then we should be off to the Florida Keys and the Bahamas. We have family members and Portland sailors planning to join us along the way.

We are attaching a picture of how we covered our toe rail this past season. We saw several folks in the yard using this technique so thought we'd give it a try. We used strips of sunbrella and cut the clips out of a 4" pvc pipe. Tom made a slit down the middle and then started cutting the clips about 1" thick. Only took a few hours to cut and install.



Sail on,
Tom and Kathy Edwards
Ahwahnee

From Jeff & Jane Woodward, S/V Adagio



Dear SIYC Friends,

We have just arrived in San Carlos after a four day drive. We don't have much to report in regards to cruising. But here's how our drive south went.

We left Oregon on Monday, October 29. It was pouring. The windshield wipers were barely able to keep up. As we climbed the hill towards and past Detroit Lake, on the way towards Bend, there were little rivers of rain water crossing the road. The rain lightened up as we drove further east and south. With Bend in the rear view mirror, patches of blue appeared between the clouds. By the time we made Klamath Falls the sky was mostly blue with lots of

sunshine. And it only got brighter and warmer as we drove south. At some point it was necessary to turn the AC on in the car. But the tops of the mountains we were passing were dusted with snow.

We stopped for the night in Susanville, CA; Las Vegas, NV; and Phoenix, AZ. Normally we like to go all the way to Green Valley, AZ before making the border crossing, but this year one of our grand daughters is a student at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, so we stopped there to tour the campus and spend some time with her. As it turned out our hotel was having a Halloween Party. With a Flamenco Dancing dinner show. The dancers were in Day of the Dead make up. And they were really great! The setting was very intimate. Our chair legs were actually touching the dance platform. There was a male and female dancer, a drummer/percussionist, a lead guitar, a bass guitar, and a male singer. They were fantastic. What a night!

Our Ford Explorer was so full of boat parts and supplies that we only had the two front seats available for passengers. The back was full up to and a little past the window sills. So we had to shuttle Janie and our grand daughter to and from the campus one at a time.

From Phoenix to San Carlos is about 450 miles, or 8 hours of driving time plus the delays at the border. So we got up at 0330 hours and were on the road way before dawn. Which was a good thing. Because even then we had some horrific traffic to contend with until we were well out of Phoenix. We stopped in Green Valley for breakfast, and were at the border by around 0900. We stopped to get our passports stamped. Last year we had to pay a \$100 USD fine because we did not get the stamp at the border crossing, and because by the time we made it to the Immigration Office in Guaymas, Jeff's FM-3 card had expired.

We got green lights at all the custom's stops, and so did not have to stop to be inspected by the customs agents. There was an extra inspection center alongside the road a little south of the KM 21 Immigration/Customs Inspection Station that was not one of the regular permanent stops. It was just a group of Federali cars parked alongside and on the road, creating a sort of blockade/slow down barricade. We think this was a drug/contraband inspection. A white VW sedan with Mexican plates had just whizzed past us at about 90 mph. He was still going pretty fast as he approached the inspection place, and the officers picked him to be inspected. Banging on the hood with their hands and arms to stop him. We slowed to a crawl and kept a close lookout to see if anybody was interested in looking us over. Nobody did. And when we got past the station we slowly accelerated back up to 70 mph.

We arrived in San Carlos a little before 3 PM. This is our 5th cruising season in Mexico, and so driving into San Carlos was a little like arriving home after a long trip. We pulled into Jax Snaks for a late lunch. Janie had fish tacos and I had Chile relleno. Then it was a quick stop at the real estate office to pick up the keys to our apartment, and from there we went to Marina Seca, where *Adagio* has been resting on the hard during the off season. Lots of friendly faces. Big smiles. Catching up on how the summer months treated us all. And discussing the work we need to get done before we can launch *Adagio* for another cruising season here on the west coast of Mexico.

When we finally arrived at our apartment, we only un-packed what we needed for the night. Had a drink on the patio overlooking the bay where two sailboats bobbed at anchor. Watched the sky light up with the setting sun and fell into a familiar bed for a well deserved sleep.

Later --

It's Sunday, November 4. We spent this morning in front of the TV watching the Sunday morning talk shows from the Tucson, AZ cable channels. It looks like the election is going to be a close one.

Once the talking heads were done, we drove out to the Soggy Peso Beach. We made a stop at the ATM in



town, but unfortunately the bank machines seem to have run out of money. Thursday and Friday were local holidays - Day of the Dead and All Souls Day- and so there were lots of folks visiting the ATM. But our coin purse still had 300 pesos in it. Enough for a couple of Margaritas apiece, so off we went.

It was a beautiful day. A bit of northerly breeze. Maybe 12 to 15 knots. Enough to cool us off. And enough to make things a challenge for the kite boarders. But just below the point where the sand blows into your drink and makes being at the beach no fun.

There were not many gringos at the beach. The annual migration seems to be waiting for the US elections to be done. It was almost all Mexicans. Families with kids. Young people making out in the water and on the beach chairs. The canned music was shut down as the live band tuned up around 4 PM. First a power boat came into anchorage. Later a big cat anchored. When we first arrived there were only two or three kite boarders and one wind surfer out in the water. But by the time we called it quits, we counted nine wind surfers.

It was a beautiful relaxing day. A nice reward for our long days of driving. A good day to rest up before the long days of work re-commissioning *Adagio* that lay in the future.

Early tomorrow morning we will go to Immigration in Guaymas (20 miles south of San Carlos) to get our FM-3 cards renewed. At 1330 hours *Adagio* gets moved from the storage yard to the work yard of Marina Seca, San Carlos. And our work will begin.



All our best,

Jeff and Janie
S/V Adagio

From Devon Quinn & Rowan Madix, S/V Imi Loa

[This is Part II of Imi Loa's report – Part I appeared in October's newsletter – Ed.]

[You may recall that last month, we read about Devon & Rowan's rugged trip up the Washington coast, learning about most possible things that could go wrong. They went from there to Neah Bay, Port Angeles, and finally the San Juans. They were having a great time, but at the end of July, figured it was time to head south. We pick up the story there... -- Ed.]

First stop was Port Townsend which we really enjoyed. From there it was the reverse of our trip up, hop over to



Port Angeles, then to Neah Bay and around Cape Flattery. It was flat calm leaving Neah Bay (despite the forecast of 5-10 knots from the NW) so we motored through the day and night to Westport. We were hoping for a good weather window that would allow us to go non-stop to San Francisco but it was not to be. Instead we waited in Westport while gales were blowing off Cape Blanco and Cape Mendocino.

Finally after 6 days the forecast was looking good so we departed the next morning. It was foggy and calm for the first few hours but then we had a nice NW wind and made good time. Most of the night we were running under a double reefed main and staysail, making about 5.5 knots. By morning we

were down to just the staysail and still making great time until we had a failure in our self steering. It was an easy fix but we needed some hardware so we diverted to Newport.

The wind started dropping and when we were about a mile out it died altogether so naturally we decided to start the engine. Devon turned the key and nothing happened. Well not quite nothing, we could hear the starter solenoid engage but the engine didn't even try to turn over. Devon quickly found the problem; the cylinders were flooded with seawater!! We knew immediately what had happened: the waves had forced water in through the exhaust and into the engine. We have a high rise exhaust elbow and vented loop above the water line but the pressure of the following seas was enough to back water up all the way to the cylinders. We've heard of this happening and had considered putting a ball valve on our exhaust but with the long list of projects it just never got done.

Fortunately no harm was done. Devon drained the water out of the muffler and manually rotated the engine a little at a time until the water was forced out. Then she fired right up. She ran roughly for a minute or two then it was like nothing had happened. The valves are fine, no water got in the oil, and she is still running like a champ so we got lucky on this one. Once we got to Newport we headed straight to Englund Marine and got a ball valve for the exhaust!

After Newport the only real excitement we had was being visited by a pod of humpback whales 15 miles off of Bodega Bay. For about 20 minutes we had 7 or 8 whales swimming on all sides of us within a boat length. Awesome doesn't even begin to describe it. They weren't doing any acrobatics, it seemed like they were just

curious about us, and they would gently surface next to us over and over again. There was at least one pair (a larger and a smaller so maybe a mom and her adolescent calf?) and then several individuals. Of course we were a little bit scared but mostly just amazed and in awe. No, we didn't get any pictures or video. Rowan said that she knew as soon as she went for the camera they would be gone and she was right. This was on our last day out and it happened to be Rowan's birthday. Being visited by whales and finally passing under the Golden Gate Bridge, not a bad birthday!! Oh, and we anchored that night at San Francisco's aquatic park on the waterfront where the Americas Cup officially kicked off the next morning.

We hope everyone is doing well and we miss attending the meetings and club cruises but the newsletter helps us feel connected to the group. We especially enjoyed reading about Dave Mangan's adventures aboard s/v Tortuga and he is absolutely right: river sailing is nothing like ocean sailing!

Our plan is to stay in the Bay Area for the next few years taking advantage of the excellent sailing and saving money. Then, as the cliché goes, we will head south until the butter melts. If anybody is heading our way send us an email, we'd love to take you out for a drink.

We thought we'd close with a top ten list.

The top 10 things the crew of 'Imi Loa learned this summer:

- 10) Check the weather often
- 9) Don't believe the weather forecast
- 8) Install a high water alarm (or at least look in the bilge on a regular basis)
- 7) Don't count on your cabin heater staying lit in 25 knots of wind
- 6) Whales are BIG!!
- 5) Six days in Westport is five days too many
- 4) Bioluminescence on a moonless night at sea is a magical sight to behold
- 3) Have faith in your boat, she can take more than you can
- 2) When in the open ocean and sleep deprived, the telephone pole you are about to run into is *probably* just the mast

And the number one thing the crew of 'Imi Loa learned this summer.....you should always disconnect your tether *before* stepping off the boat to tie her up (especially when the wind is blowing the boat off the dock)
