



SAUVIE ISLAND YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Party
Saturday, December 7, 2013
More details inside, page 3.

Upcoming Cruises



Thanksgiving Cruise November 16 & 17:

At the Hadleys Landling Docks. Come by boat or come by land! Bring your pot-luck dinner contribution. Food theme: "Thanksgiving!" Your host will be David Mangan. Details inside at page 2.



New Years Cruise December 28 & 29:

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

Looking ahead:

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2014, 7:30 pm at Sauvie Island Academy. Watch the next newsletter for information about speaker and topic.

This month's cruising reports start on page 11.

Commodore's Comments New Members, New Ideas, Familiar Interests

New members are bringing a refreshing vitality to the SIYC. This month we welcomed Rusty and Taunya, with Terry and Charing and Alicia and Ray soon be inducted. Our new members have been actively participating in Club activities. Most are early in their cruising preparation and eager to learn. This puts a different slant on our programs—topics that seem old hat to some of the saltier members are new and interesting to the less experienced cruisers.

I have been looking over the survey results. 25 people have responded and I reopened the survey to let the new and soon-to-be members add their responses. Although the answers are mostly what I expected, there are some nuggets worth mining. (All full analysis will be sent in the next few weeks.) While most of our members have greater than 10 years sailing experience and 52% have made extended passages, a full 44% have sailed primarily on inland waters. Interest in cruising stories and sailing technique talks was very strong. The basic mix of programs seems to be about right. There were many excellent suggestions for growing the club's membership which we will be exploring in the months to come. But when asked about interest in participating in SIYC committees and being officers, the responses ranged from lukewarm to "not a chance." The newest members don't feel knowledgeable enough about the SIYC to be officers, which is reasonable. They can help out a lot by lending a hand with committee assignments. For example, the Vice-Commodore would love to have assistance in finding program speakers. Hopefully more involvement in Club activities will help produce tomorrow's new officers.

Craig Johnston, Commodore

Thanksgiving Cruise: Hadley's Landing November 16-17



Join us this coming weekend at Hadley's Landing for our traditional Thanksgiving cruise. Your host will be David Mangan. Thanksgiving dinner is planned for Saturday around 5 pm and there will be a pot-luck breakfast Sunday morning as well.



For your potluck contributions, have in mind the Thanksgiving theme. David will be barbecuing one of his famous turkeys, so you should bring whatever else is traditional – stuffing? Pumpkin pie? Candied yams? Salad? If the weather allows, we'll eat dinner

and breakfast on the dock, otherwise inside one or several boats.

If you can't make it by boat, consider coming to the dinner by land: There is a parking area on Sauvie Island about ¾ mile away from Hadley's Landing. Bring a flashlight and your potluck contribution, and wear clothing and footwear appropriate to the weather.

Here's a link to a webpage that describes the trail: [Wapato Greenway trail](#)

This has always been a fun cruise for SIYC members, and we hope to see you there. Questions? Call David at (503) 705-5525

**Club Christmas Party:
December 7, 2013
6:00 pm at the Johnston
residence.**



In December, there will be no membership meeting. Don't show up at Sauvie Island Academy; it will be dark. Instead, we'll expect you at the Johnston residence in Scappoose!

We've traditionally had high attendance at our Christmas parties, so it may be a good

occasion to see members you haven't seen in awhile. We'll share a potluck dinner (the club provides roast turkey and baked ham). Your contribution should be something that goes well with a holiday dinner.

The club's Christmas tree will be up, decorated with ornaments from many of the club's past 36 years. Please bring your nautical ornament to add to the tree – mark it with the name of your boat and "2013". Hand crafted ornaments are especially appreciated.



We'll be accepting donations for the Oregon Food Bank – either canned goods or a check payable to "Oregon Food Bank." (We're told that your dollars make a more effective contribution than your canned goods. The Food Bank folks have more purchasing power, and access to close-out sources.)

If the stars line up properly (i.e. if the musicians can get their acts together) perhaps we'll celebrate with some Christmas carols and other seasonal music.



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.

Directions to come – watch your email!

Last month's SIYC Cruise: Halloween at Government Island

- Sue Stonecliffe, S/V Julia Max

It was spooky watching so many boats show up this year to Government Island East Dock! We had the largest cruise turnout in recent memory: 13 boats and 25 people in all with *many prospective new members*:

Moonshadow, Cambria, Ranidan, Julia Max, Conch, Hawksbill, Hokuloa, Sequoia, Rowena (guests Ray and Alicia), *Carolmarie* (guests Terry and Charing), *On a Whim* (guests Rusty, Taunya, and 3 children), *Sangria* (guest Cliff), and *Penelope* (former members Peter and Susan).



With so many participants, you can only imagine the number of great pot-luck dishes served Saturday night. David Mangan brought



a meatloaf monster foot complete with almond slice toenails and ketchup blood. It tasted ghoulishly good. Costumed partyers dressed as pirates and gypsy with swords, eye-patch,

diamond cross, earrings, wig, and makeup. Terry from *Carolmarie* won for the best individual adult costume, Ray and Alicia from *Rowena* (below) were the best dressed couple. Annika, the oldest daughter from *On a Whim* came dressed in a gas mask and worn out



ripped clothing topped by her life jacket. Great kid's costume!

The pumpkins were so difficult to judge that we asked Fiona and Linnea (the 2 younger children) to help out. They decided that David Mangan's witch and cauldron (below)

was best followed by 2 pumpkins designed by Alicia: *s/v Rowena* in a lightning storm at sea and a haunted house complete with smoke in the chimney and bats flying around. (See photo page 10). Honorable mention went to Sarah's carving of a skull.

A full moon rounded out the beautiful evening spent around the heaters and fireplace on the dock. The children roasted marshmallows for s'mores (see photo, page 7) while the adults told tales of the sea.



New Members: Rusty Gesner & Taunya Coutts



New members Rusty Gesner and Taunya Coutts have been together for 5+ years. They have 6 children total. Rusty's Rick and Alicia, and Taunya's Lara are adults. Taunya's Linnea (8), Annika (14) and Fiona (7) live with Rusty & Taunya half time. They have varying interest in sailing, so you may meet them at SIYC events - they are outgoing and enjoy a party.

Taunya left a sales and administrative career to return to college during the economic downturn, and will receive a BS in Biology (with a marine/tropical focus) this Spring. Rusty is the world's longest term AutoCAD user (since 1982), author/editor of 20+ CAD books, a Licensed Architect (WA), and since 1997 has managed the CAD/BIM software systems and users at Mackenzie (www.mcknze.com), a leading NW regional architectural and engineering firm.

One of the things that drew them together was a sense of adventure. Taunya has always desired to visit and even live in exotic (especially tropical) places, and a trip to Belize convinced Rusty that tropical adventure was something he definitely wanted more of as well.

In several years, after Taunya receives her Masters or PhD and Rusty retires, they were thinking to do some international travel. When some cruising friends inspired them to investigate what it would be like to cruise the world, they realized that it fit into everything they want to do.

Rusty crewed on his younger brother's Flying Dutchman in Midwest regattas and in the 1974 Nationals (second place in junior class and B fleet). Then, boatless, he resorted to biking, skiing (15+ years in Mt Hood Ski Patrol), and kayaking for recreation until June 2012, when they bought their 1992 Macgregor 26S (the classic, real sailboat, not the new Mac 26 motor-sailor). Rusty spends much time researching sailboats and cruising, mining blogs and forums for technical information and to learn from others experiences. Taunya took a term abroad at www.sea.org, doing science research while learning to crew a 135' brigantine. With four weeks sailing through the Sargasso sea, she learned how to navigate by chart and sextant and loved her bluewater time.

Their 6-7 year plan is to finish renovating their house, complete degree(s) (Taunya), buy their bluewater boat and bring it here to refit and practice sailing it, retire (Rusty) and sail away. The kids will come with them - and have the opportunity to experience and grow in a way many their age never will.

They named their boat "On a Whim" because they weren't planning to buy it for a couple of years, however it was one of those seems-too-good-to-be-true deals. The original owners had kept this 1992 boat garaged for 18 years, taking it out only for a week's vacation each year. It looked like new and the 20 year old Honda only had 120 hours on it!. Rusty and Taunya chose this type of boat because its water-ballasted design and kick-up rudder and centerboard gives it a shoal draft or 16" and makes it easily trailerable. In addition to cruising the Columbia, they plan to take it to Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands.

Rusty and Taunya say they're really excited to be new members of SIYC, because they feel it will help them grow and live their cruising dreams.

SIYC Clothing & Accessories For 2013 to 2014

Port Authority
Competitor Jacket.....\$42.00
Wind and water resistant
Adult JP54

Sport Tek
Fleece 1/4 Zip Pullover.....\$46.00
F247
Ladies Tech Fleece Full-Zip
Hooded Jacket.....\$48.00
L248

Call Sarah for color choices: [503-774-3381](tel:503-774-3381)

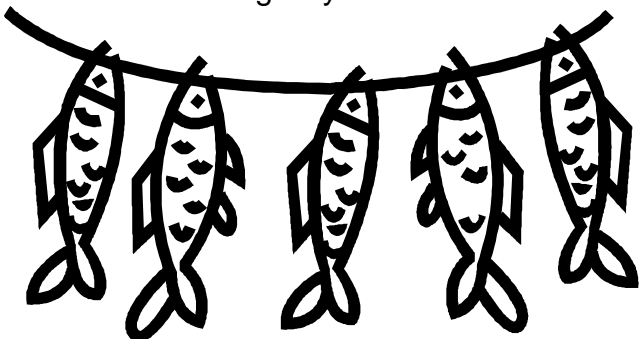
A check made out to "SIYC" needs to accompany orders.

Mail checks to Sarah Daugherty, see roster for mailing address or give her your order at the next SIYC meeting.

Recipe of the Month: Pickled Fish

- Barbara Johnston, S/V Sequoia

Last month, I shared with you a yogurt recipe for when you're very far away from any cartons of milk. Like this month's recipe, it came from my friend, Iretta. We met Steve and Iretta in a remote lagoon in the Tuamotus. We were there a week, and every day there was a new treat from Iretta's galley.



This pickled fish is a great hors d'oeuvre. It's a great way to deal with too much fish and no way to store it: serve it to your neighbors. Besides, it keeps, and gets more delicious for a few days if you have space in your refrigerator.

Iretta had great stores of whole spices which she used liberally in her recipes. Some of them are listed in this recipe, but she encouraged me to add any whole spices I felt like. She was unwilling to specify amounts, but leaves it all up to the cook.

½ cup water or orange juice
½ cup vinegar
2/3 cup chicken or fish broth
2-3 cloves of garlic, sliced
Bay leaves
Oregano
Cumin
Coriander seeds
Black pepper
Red pepper flakes
Cloves (optional)
Allspice (optional)
Salt
About 2 pounds white fish, cut into 1" pieces.
One onion, finely sliced.

Combine all the ingredients except the fish and onion in a saucepan, and boil one minute. Set aside.

Dry the fish thoroughly and sauté quickly in very hot oil until until nicely browned and the fish is just cooked through.

Arrange in a dish in a single layer & cover with one finely sliced onion. Pour the marinade over the top and refrigerate 8 hours, occasionally spooning the marinade over the fish.

Serve with fresh bread or crackers.

If you like to cook, please send us your favorite recipe, suitable for preparation aboard, for inclusion as a future recipe of the month!

Seeking Crew

Want to crew with SIYC members to the South Pacific? Eric and Pam Sellix of *Pied-a-Mer III* are planning to depart from Banderas Bay (Puerto Vallarta) next spring, and they're looking for crew to help with the passage. This could be an extraordinary opportunity to get some experience on the ocean, with a destination in a tropical paradise. If you're interested, contact them by email (see membership roster).



Suwarow Island, 2003, S/V Sequoia

Thank You for the Coffee!

Thanks are due to Tom & Kathy Edwards, and Ed & Sarah Daugherty for their contributions of two new coffee urns. The ones we were relying on before had been showing their age, and now we are all set for the next generation of SIYC coffee and tea drinkers!

What About the Duckworth Dock?

There was discussion at the November 1, 2013 membership meeting about the status of the Duckworth Dock on the Willamette River in downtown Portland. Is it available as temporary tie-up while awaiting a bridge

opening? Would it be a possible destination for a cruise?

This issue came up because we received a letter via CRYA, in which the Portland Bureau of Transportation proposed a new policy limiting tie-ups at the dock to daytime hours only. They requested comment from recreational boaters.

Rusty Gesner reported just before we went to print:

We walked down to and on the Willamette eastside docks today. The fire department dock just north of the Hawthorne Bridge (the green vertical-lift bridge) is signed "Transient Moorage, Maximum Tie-Up Time 1 Hour" and the Duckworth Dock between the Morrison Bridge and the Steel Bridge (the black vertical-lift bridge) is signed "Transient Moorage, Maximum Tie-Up Time 72 Hours, Maximum Size 60 Ft Recreational Vessel." There were a half dozen liveaboard boats tied up there. They seemed like people trying to make the best of tough times, but it would not be a desirable place for a gathering, and there likely wouldn't be enough space anyway. Either dock should be fine for a short tie-up awaiting a bridge lift.



Halloween cruise celebrants Alicia (S/V Rowena), Linnea and Fiona (S/V On a Whim), roasting marshmallows



Club Business

SIYC Membership Meeting

November 1, 2013

Sauvie Island Academy

This well-attended meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commodore Craig Johnston. Other officers present were Vice Commodore Mark Nerczuk, Treasurer George Stonecliffe, and Secretary Sue Stonecliffe.

Guests:

Terry and Charing O'Shea, (4th activity), Ray McCracken and Alicia Watkins (3rd activity) Rusty Gesner and Taunya Coutts were inducted into the club by Membership Chair, Ed Daugherty.

Treasurer's Report: \$2,677.20

Newsletter: New members will be introduced as they join.

Refreshments: November meeting will be hosted by Nick and Gail Wigen

Programs: January: Nick and Gail will present this summer's cruise to the Gulf Islands including Butchart Gardens.

Cruises: See October report elsewhere in this issue. Thanksgiving Cruise will be at Hadley's Landing Nov. 16-17.

New Business: Due to the increase in cost of stitched burgees and club nametags, Craig announced a vote at the January meeting to increase the initiation dues from \$35 to \$50. Those prospective members already attending activities will pay \$35. We are out of the screen-printed burgees, so for the time being, anyone wanting burgees to give out to yacht clubs along their cruising route should arrange

for the screen printed flags themselves. The Sellixes will probably do this, and Ed will send them the sole remaining screen-printed burgee as a sample. The Sellixes will get information back to Ed about the possibility of the club buying a supply of screen-printed burgees directly from a Mexican source.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. followed by "Anchoring on the Columbia River" by Nick Wigen, George Stonecliffe, Craig Johnston, and Ed Daugherty.

SIYC Board Meeting October 30, 2013

The SIYC Board met at the Stonecliffe's home at 6:00 p.m. attended by Commodore Craig Johnston, Vice Commodore Mark Nerczuk, Treasurer George Stonecliffe, and Secretary Sue Stonecliffe, Membership Chairman Ed Daugherty, and Sarah Daugherty.

Next Board Meeting: A brief meeting will be held before the Christmas Party at Craig and Barbara's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Stonecliffe, Secretary



2013-2014 CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS		BOARD MEETINGS		CRUISES	
November 1	Sauvie Island Academy	October 30	TBD	November 16-17	Thanksgiving Cruise, Hadley's
December 7	Christmas Party TBD	December 7	Christmas Party	December 28-29	New Years Cruise, Coon Island
January 3	Sauvie Island Academy	January 2	TBD	January TBD	Land Cruise, TBD
February 7	Sauvie Island Academy	February 5	TBD	February 15-16	Valentine Cruise, Coon Island
March 7	Sauvie Island Academy	March 5	TBD	March 15-16	Anchoring Cruise
April 4	Sauvie Island Academy	April 2	TBD	April 19-20	Navigation Cruise
May 2	Sauvie Island Academy	April 30	TBD	May 17-18	Annual Race/Drift Cruise (Sand Island)
June 7	Annual picnic, location TBD				

SIYC CRUISING BOATS – Locations outside of the Pacific Northwest

Boat Name	Owners' Names	Location
<i>Adagio</i>	Jeff & Jane Woodward	Sea of Cortez, Mexico
<i>Imi Loa</i>	Devon Quinn & Rowan Madix	Alameda, CA
<i>LunaSea</i>	Frank & RaeAnn Haynes	San Francisco Bay, CA
<i>Nashira</i>	Mike Floyd	Cabo San Lucas, BCS, Mexico
<i>Perpetua</i>	Pat & Susan Canniff	Mazatlan, Mexico
<i>Pied-A-Mer III</i>	Eric & Pam Sellix	Sea of Cortez, Mexico
<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/>
Julia Max: <http://www.sailblogs.com/member/juliamax/>
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/>
Sequoia: <http://www.svsequoia.com/>

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

Other websites of interest to Portland area sailors

<http://www.siyc.org/> Our very own **Sauvie Island Yacht Club**. If you haven't checked out the club website yet, please do so – it's looking really good, and is full of informative articles and spectacular photography by club members.

<http://www.webnautica.us/CRYA/>: **Columbia River Yachting Association** – This is the umbrella organization for Yacht Clubs along the Columbia River – SIYC is a member. See especially their links to all the other yacht clubs' websites, and their calendar of club cruises.

<http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/pages/index.aspx> **Oregon State Marine Board** – Your source for information related to licensing, safety, boater education, Oregon boating destinations and many other maritime concerns.

<http://www.weather.gov/> The **National Weather Service** – Find out what the weather will be *before* you head out on the water.

<http://threesheetsnw.com/> A Seattle-based website that's chock full of good information about cruising in Puget Sound and farther afield, plus general information that's helpful to any cruiser anywhere.

<http://www.owsa.net/> SIYC women – If an emergency arose while you were out cruising, could you take over from your partner? If not, this is the one for you: **Oregon Women's Sailing Association**. This local organization offers sailing classes (including cruising skills) especially for (and sometimes exclusively for) women.



S/V Rowena, her jack-o-lanterns and her Pirate Captain's hook.

CRUISING REPORTS

From Mike Floyd, S/V Nashira

I'm in Mexico -- Cabo San Lucas. The Baja HaHa was a blast. Great sailing!! I was in the slow group but we managed to place above the others in the rally. 1st place. Check out this month's Latitude 38. The weather is super. It's like summertime. More to come.

Mike Floyd
S/V Nashira

Ps
There may be pics on electronic latitude 38...



Imagine your editor's astonishment to find, for the first time in the almost four years I've been editing this newsletter's cruising reports, that as of the November 10th submission deadline, no one had sent me any cruising reports! I'll have to assume that everyone is getting busy readying for the cruising season, and somehow missed my email saying it was time to write...

Mike Floyd rescued me when, on November 12th, he sent me this short report and a few pictures of his grinning countenance in front of Cabo San Lucas scenery. Tell us more, Mike!

Other cruising members out there – let's hear from you in the coming months – your reports of your adventures are the heart and soul of the club and we want to know what it's like!



Basking in the setting sun, Hanalei Bay, Kauai, July 2011. Photo by Barbara Johnston, S/V Sequoia