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Thanksgiving
SIYC Cruise 2016
November 19th & 20th
Hadley's Landing
More info on page 2.

A graphic featuring a large, golden-brown maple leaf on a dark wood background. The text is overlaid on the leaf and background.

Upcoming Club Events:

December Holiday Party

December 10 | 6 p.m.

Montinore Estate Vineyards

Hosts: *Rudy Marchesi & Susan Fichter*

See details on page 2 and 3.



New Year's Cruise

December 31-January 1

Coon Island



Cruising reports start on page 8.

Commodore's Comments, November 2016

Greetings members and friends,

Moonshadow is forty years old this month, so for her birthday she is getting new teak installed in her cockpit. It's not quite finished, but I am already gazing at the new wood and considering tackling other deferred maintenance projects.



Many of us think of our boat as an escape capsule and we can't help but look at her lovely shear line and not imagine ourselves anchored in some quiet cove or ghosting along with a gentle breeze on passage to an exotic island. It can be the carrot that we dangle in front of ourselves to keep saving and planning so that one day we too can actually make our dream become a reality. Some of us have already lived the dream and now basking in the memories.

With a bit of luck we'll complete our project and join you all at the Thanksgiving cruise to Hadley's Landing which is a pretty exotic location.

Hope to see you there!
Richard Sandefur
Commodore
Sauvie Island Yacht Club



Thanksgiving Cruise November 19th & 20th, 2016 Hadley's Landing, Sauvie Island

This next weekend, November 19-20, Sue and I invite you to Hadley's Landing for the Thanksgiving Cruise celebration. David Magnan will share his BBQ Turkey, while the rest of us are encouraged to bring our favorite dish/dishes. November weather is what it is, so bring warm clothes and foul weather gear, but pray for sunshine! We look forward to sharing this special holiday with you. And if you are unable to make it, have a special Thanksgiving Day!

George and Sue Stonecliff

SIYC Holiday Party! December 10, 2016 Montinore Estate Vineyards

Holiday Cheer is sure to be in abundance at this year's Holiday Party. Rudy Marchesi and Susan Fichter have again offered up the tasting room of their beautiful winery, Montinore Estate, December 10th, 2016, 6:00 p.m. The yacht club will supply the main course, but all sides, dessert and drinks will be part of the potluck. Staff will be onsite for those interested in wine tasting and purchasing some of their lovely wine.

Keeping with tradition, the SIYC Christmas tree will be on display adorned with ornaments from club members. Remember to make/bring your 2017 ornament to add to our tree! Also, don't forget to bring something for the infamous white elephant gift exchange.



SIYC Holiday Party, Montinore Estate Vineyard 2015

SIYC Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

November 4, 2016

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Commodore Richard Sandefur. The other officers present were Vice-Commodore Gabrielle Dowding, Treasurer Jenny Bruning and Secretary Kim Taylor.

Guests present were: Dennis & Robin Simonson, Kevin Baldwin, and Karen Strong & Mike Smirndon.

Treasurer Jenny gave the Treasurer's Report, which is a healthy \$4,136.21. Please note that we have several members that have not paid dues for the 2016/2017 season. Letters will be going out this week to those that haven't paid yet.

Vice-Commodore/Program Chair Gabrielle Dowding mentioned that anyone wanting SIYC logo clothing should contact her for the catalogs. There is still time to get that wonderful Christmas present for that special person.

Gabrielle then described the programs planned for the rest of the year. The programs will be split about half-and-half between cruising stories and technical programs. Tonight's program will be a presentation on Provisioning in a Foreign Land. Barbara Johnston and Anita Melbo will be the presenters. The December meeting is the Christmas Party. January will be the second half of Kevin Ritz's presentation about preventing and dealing with electricity leakage into the water. (We heard the first half last year).

Ray McCracken and Craig Johnston are the nominating committee for the 2017/2018 officers. If you can possibly help out, your club needs you.

The Christmas Party will be at Montinore Vineyards at 3663 SW Dilley Road, Forest Grove, Oregon 97116 on December 10th at 6:00 p.m. The Club will be in charge of providing a turkey, baked ham, punch, tea and coffee. There will, of course, be wine available for your purchase and enjoyment. You'll need to bring:

- **A dish to share** - Sign-up sheets for what to bring were distributed at the meeting. If you want to sign up, contact Gabrielle for what is needed.
- **A gift for the gift exchange** (a suggested \$10 limit),

- **An ornament** to adorn the SIYC Christmas tree, the more handcrafted/personal the better. Take some time and explore the tree and see all the fun ornaments that members have brought throughout the years, and
- **A donation for the Oregon Food Bank.** Oregon Food Bank supplies hunger-relief to agencies throughout Oregon and Clark County. Please help by bringing your contribution of either food or check.

Come celebrate the Holiday Season with your fellow SIYC members!!

The Stonecliffs are hosting the Thanksgiving Cruise to Hadley's Landing on November 19th and 20th. Dave Mangan will be barbecuing up a fabulous bird, supplied by the club. Members bring dishes to share for a potluck dinner at 6pm on Saturday the 19th. There will also be a potluck breakfast Sunday morning before all the boats depart for home.

The Johnstons are hosting the New Year's Cruise to Coon Island on December 31st and January 1st. More details to come.

The Portland Boat Show is coming up on January 11th through the 15th, 2017. SIYC will have a booth again this year. If you would like to participate and haven't signed up yet please contact Gabrielle.

There will be a January Land Cruise to Astoria on Saturday, January 21st. Chris & Kim Taylor are hosting. Details to follow.

Paul of Openwater hosted the Halloween Cruise, which was at the East Dock of Government Island on October 22nd and 23rd. Due to sketchy weather, Paul was the only attendee. The weather did clear up a bit on Saturday and he had a nice walk and got a few boat projects done.

It was noted that work is scheduled on the Steel Bridge for December. If you are planning on traveling up the Willamette in December, you will want to verify ahead of time that the Steel Bridge is able to lift for you.

Gabrielle then turned to floor over to Barbara Johnston and Anita Melbo who did an excellent program on Provisioning in a Foreign Land.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:30 p.m.

Kim Taylor, Secretary



Local Boat Shows

Portland Boat Show

January 11th, 2017 – January 15th, 2017

Portland Expo Center

Seattle Boat Show

January 27th, 2017 – February 4th, 2017

Indoor: CenturyLink Field Event Center

Outdoor: Chandler’s Cove, South Lake Union



Membership, 50% off

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

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

Recipe of the month: Microwave Mug Brownies

By Linda

This recipe is the easiest brownie ever! It’s a single serving brownie microwaved in a mug. Takes 5 minutes to make.



RECIPE

Combine the following ingredients in a ceramic mug. Make sure there is no metal based imagery on the mug.

Pinch Cinnamon	1 drop Vanilla Extract
2 Tbs Unsweetened Cocoa	2 Tbs Canola or Vegetable Oil
1/4 Cup Flour	1/4 Cup Water
1/4 Cup Sugar	

The trick is getting the cooking time right for your microwave. Every microwave oven model is different, Our 1,000 watt microwave cooked the brownie 1 minute, 40 seconds. If you have a stronger microwave, it will take less time. When complete top with a scoop of ice cream or whipped cream. Enjoy!

Support SIYC with some new threads!

To order please contact Charing at a membership meeting or by email: charingr@gmail.com

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 Duffle ~ \$39.95
- Fleece & Poly Travel Blanket ~ \$25.00

2016-2017 Planning Calendar

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

SIYC Cruising Boats

Boat Name	Owners' Names	Location
<i>Adagio</i>	Jeff & Jane Woodward	San Carlos, MX
<i>Casita</i>	Devon Quinn & Rowan Madix	Alameda, CA
<i>LunaSea</i>	Frank & RaeAnn Haynes	Santa Catalina, CA
<i>Faith Ryder</i>	Mike Dunlop and Peggy Shaw	Channel Islands, CA
<i>Nashira</i>	Mike Floyd	La Paz, BCS, MX
<i>On The Bright Side</i>	Taunya	St. Martin, BVI's
<i>Penelope</i>	Peter & Susan Gierga	San Diego, CA
<i>Pied-A-Mer III</i>	Eric & Pam Sellix	Fiji
<i>Silvergill</i>	Bob Hulegard & Robin Fouche	Newport Beach, CA

Member Websites

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



Social Media: SIYC Facebook Page

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



CRUISING REPORTS

Mike Dunlap & Peggy Shaw, S/V Faith Ryder

Dear SIYC Friends,

We arrived in Cabo San Lucas Thursday night around 0100 with the Baja Haha rally. 146 boats and 605 people.



One boat was lost due to navigation error and several others had to be towed for one reason or another.

One guy fell down the companionway suffering a dislocated shoulder. Luckily we were at anchor and I think I counted 6 doctor/ nurse/EMT type people on the radio offering to help.

Unless you are the "independent" type personality, I would highly recommend considering joining the HaHa next year. We'll be moving out towards San Jose del Cabo on Monday, and further north shortly after.

Fair winds,

Mike & Peggy
S/V Faith Ryder
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Mike Floyd, S/V Nashira

Dear SIYC Friends,

Well I had hoped I'd have more to report but the bash is on hold this month. I had a root canal and some other pressing matters. I may try in December. I am reading now the 2ND edition of Baja Bash 2 by Jim Elfers. Also there was a good article recently in a power boat magazine about a couple that made the trip in May. For now the next adventure is in hold or at least in limbo.

The darker shorter days have been motivating... it's time to go south!

Mike Floyd
S/V Nashira



CRUISING REPORTS

Jeff & Jane Woodward, S/V Adagio

Greeting SIYC Friends,

In Alicia's email asking for more Cruising Reports she asks if "We are all living the dream?". Of course we are!! Only problem is that sometimes dreams have a way of transforming into night mares. As I was walking down the dock the other morning greeting a fellow sail-boater he replied to my "How's it going?" with "One step forward. Two steps back". I don't think that's our current situation. We are making progress. But we are definitely facing some challenges. Perhaps the most accurate thing to say is that cruising is not a never ending vacation. It is a life style. A life style that includes wonderful adventures as well as significant challenges.

Here are Adagio's steps forward: Yesterday our mechanic, Omar came to the boat and aligned the prop shaft. This is a big step forward because now we can re-assemble the engine box which normally lives in the middle of our salon and is the base for our "dining room table". Due to the engine rebuild, the engine box pieces have been occupying valuable space which interferes with our doing other jobs that need to be done before we can sail off into the sunset. Most urgently re-installing the water maker membrane which lives behind the salon settee upon which the engine box pieces have been sitting for the past 6 months. Having the prop shaft aligned also allows us to take the boat out and put some hours on the newly rebuilt engine. We need 20 break-in hours, then an oil change before Omar blesses the engine and sends us on our way to the cruising grounds of the Baja and beyond.

The inverter/charger presented us with a few steps back. In our last Report I think I wrote about the inverter/charger faulting out and then operating normally after a re-boot. As time went on the re-boot worked for shorter and shorter periods of time. Finally only working for a couple of hours before shutting down with a fault. As you all know the inverter/charger is a critical component of a modern cruising boat. It charges the batteries when the boat is at a dock. And it converts DC power to

AC power to run computers, charge cell phones, etc. So we really don't want to leave civilization without a dependable inverter/charger. We made several calls to the manufacturer's technical



support team who walked us through various troubleshooting procedures. We had moments of hope, but in the end it came down to two choices. Replace the existing unit or repair it. The nearest authorized repair facility is a RV service company in Tucson, AZ. 6.5 hours drive from San Carlos, Mexico. When including gas and motel expenses, the cost of repair comes close to the cost of replacement. Getting parts shipped to Mexico is not simple. They can get lost in the customs black hole. Import fees can be quite high. And long delays are to be expected. So we were happy that fellow cruisers, Chris and Sandy Edmonson of S/V Faith were en-route to Mexico. We had the new inverter shipped to an address in Tucson where our friends could pick it up on their way to San Carlos. It should be here by the end of this week.

In the meantime we needed to get the old inverter/charger disconnected and out of its home in the crawl space under the cockpit. I considered doing the job myself, but in the end subbed the job out to a local marine service company here in San Carlos. And I am glad I did. Jesus and Salvador worked for three hours pulling the inverter/charger. When they finally emerged from the tight quarters of the crawl space with the unit in hand, they were both dripping wet with sweat.

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CRUISING REPORTS

Jeff & Jane Woodward, S/V *Adagio* (continued)

When I opened the cover to the inverter I discovered it full of sawdust and fiberglass dust. Yet another gift from the fuel tank problems we had towards the end of last year's cruising season. Apparently the workers failed to properly protect the inverter from the boat surgery necessary to remove and replace the fuel tanks. I suspect that if I clean the inverter with compressed air, it would work fine. I suspect the dust is compromising the internal electronic circuitry. But the new unit is bought and paid for and an authorized repair facility who could thoroughly test the old unit is far away, so we will wait until we are back home before we deal with the old unit.

The adage that world cruising can be defined as "repairing your boat in exotic places" speaks truth. Yes, it can be frustrating. Yes, it can be expensive. Yes, it is not for everyone. And yet there is a certain satisfaction in practicing the art of maintaining the integrity of your boat in challenging places. Besides the material gains in getting everything up to snuff and working, there are the social gains of working

closely with people of a different culture. Learning a bit of a different language. Hearing about their family life. About the local school system. Their dreams for their children and grandchildren. Their take on the US presidential elections. How they feel about Mexican politics. An American tourist would probably never have the opportunity to broach these topics with a Mexican. But when you and your Mexican worker are working side by side. Sweating together. Busting knuckles together. Straining to get a bolt loose. Or doing anything together requiring effort and cooperation these things come up and you slowly form bonds and gain a deeper understanding. You learn a little about another culture and you also gain a deeper understanding of your own culture.

With any luck we will have rebuilt the engine box, installed the new water maker membrane, put 20 hours on the rebuilt engine, installed a new inverter/charger, and put the boat into cruising condition before the end of the month. We hope our next Cruising Report is sent from a remote anchorage on the Baja.

We hope this finds you all healthy and happy,

Jeff and Janie
S/V Adagio
San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico



CRUISING REPORTS

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

Greetings all,

Our last posting had us arriving in New Caledonia from Australia with a slightly bedraggled boat. Several days were spent at Vuda Marina on the island of Viti Levu fixing, replacing and readying for friends, Joan and Mike Mellon, who would be with us for three weeks of exploring the Mamanuka and Yasawa Islands. Anytime cruisers have company from the states the guests always arrive with the much anticipated extra bag "for the boat". While we were looking forward to seeing Mike and Joan we were also anxious to "get the goodies"--a new iPad, an Iridium Go, Mio, Luci lights, Mexican Train, the list goes on and on.

Sailing in Fiji is all about beautiful waters, lovely sand beaches, swimming with manta rays, snorkeling and, the most important consideration---the REEFS! This season we had, in addition to a person on the bow, Ovitalmap, Google earth pictures showing the reefs. Ovitalmaps allowed us to be much more comfortable navigating through and anchoring at the different islands.

On the island of Waya we anchored in Likuliku Bay, in front of the Octopus Resort. Shortly after anchoring a fisherman in his panga came by asking if we had pliers that he could borrow. He returned later that day with the pliers and an invitation to visit his village. The next morning he arrived in his panga, the four of us piled in and he took us on a wild ride to the village where we experienced a very brief Sevu Sevu ceremony. We sat on a raised wooden platform, presented our bundle of Kava Roots to the Chief's representative (the Chief was busy), the representative said something in Fijian, waved his hands in the air and then were then told we were welcome to tour the village. The village suffered quite a bit of damage from cyclone Winston, both primary and secondary schools in the village had been flattened. We visited the "make shift" primary class which was held in an empty building---a couple of desks, a few pencils, very little paper but smiling, energetic children who were excited to show us their drawings. So much teaching is done with so few supplies. Also in Likuliku we enjoyed dinner with friends on SV



Peregrine---we hadn't seen them since June of 2015 in Tonga. Meeting up again with cruising friends is one of the many joys of cruising.

We left Likuliku anchorage and sailed to Drawaga anchorage, sharing the space with a Captain Cook cruise ship. The anchorage is just off Manta Ray Pass, where we hoped to swim with the playful manta rays. The procedure is to dinghy out on the incoming tide, the rays are feeding and you jump in the water and swim along with the graceful rays ---- -I guess it was too windy or the rays weren't hungry because we saw none. However, snorkeling in front of the Manta Ray Resort was amazing. We walked right from the sandy beach into the water and found ourselves in a natural aquarium. It was probably the best snorkeling since the Tuamotos in French Polynesia.

Anchoring in front of the Nanuya Island Resort on the island of Nanuya Lailai was our next stop. This anchorage is one of two that claim to be "The Blue Lagoon" where the movie *The Blue Lagoon*, with a very young Brooke Shields, was filmed. We took a very long hike up and down a mountain to get to Lo's Tea Shop where we indulged in huge pieces of chocolate cake, we needed the energy for our hike back to the dinghy. After four days in the Nanuya Resort Anchorage we moved on to the island of Naviti and anchored off the Botaria Resort. At first we thought that the Resort had been abandoned, but after a while we saw a few folks walking around the grounds. The Resort had sustained much damage from Cyclone Winston but restoration was underway.

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CRUISING REPORTS

Eric & Pam Sellix, S/V Pied-A-Mer III (continued)

Only two guests were staying at Botaria, a young Japanese couple who had arrived on the Yasawa Flyer, a ferry servicing the islands. The ferry stops and is met by a panga sent from the Resort, the panga then takes the guests closer to shore, anchors and then to get to shore the guests have to walk on an underwater path. We knew we couldn't take the dinghy in because of the coral so we flagged the panga and asked for a ride. After depositing the couple on shore he returned and agreed to bring us in to the Resort and return us to Pied-a-Mer. We spent a leisurely afternoon touring the grounds, inspecting the gardens and helped carry bedding plants to the "make shift" greenhouse. We were served Lady Grey tea in the afternoon along with chocolate coconut donuts. We were enjoying ourselves so much that we decided to stay for dinner. So, along with the two guests, we had a delicious three course meal and a very nice Australian white wine.

After a couple of days we returned to the Octopus Resort Anchorage to see a MEKE, a Fijian cultural show. Given the coral shore and the tides we had to decide whether we could risk taking our dinghy to shore or try and arrange for a pick up and delivery by panga. We phoned the resort and found that they could pick us up for the show but no staff would be available to return us to our boat, so we very carefully took the dinghy to shore.

Heading south we anchored at Navadra on Vanua Levu and the next morning headed to Musket Cove where a mere \$10.00 will buy you a life time membership to the Musket Cove Yacht Club--- what a deal! A couple of days later we motored across the Bay to Port Denerau where Joan and Mike caught a taxi to the airport in Nadi and headed home to Santa Cruz. A wonderful three weeks!

Cheers!

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

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



Woodwards, Sea of Cortez Mexico