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General Meeting

Friday, November 1, 2013

(First Friday of each month at Sauvie Island Academy)

7:30 Business meeting

8:00 Refreshments

8:15: Panel discussion: Cruising and anchoring along the Columbia River.

More details inside, page 3.



Halloween Cruise

The October Halloween Cruise will rendezvous at the Government Island East Docks on October 19 & 20. Bring a pumpkin to carve, a costume to wear to dinner and your pot-luck dinner contribution. Food theme: "Halloween!" Your hosts will be George and Sue Stonecliffe. Details inside at page 3.

Looking ahead:

The SIYC Christmas party (December 8) will once again be held at the Johnston house in Scappoose. Make sure it's on your calendar!

This month's cruising reports start on page 9.

Commodore's Comments

This year promises to bring interesting changes and a sharper focus on the topics that appeal to us. About the time you read this you will receive a separate email with a short questionnaire on how the SIYC can best meet your needs. Your data will be kept confidential within the Club. I hope everyone will fill it out and get their input back for review. Our goal is to make the Club more responsive to your needs.

Our October meeting was well attended for a presentation on Crossing the Bar (the Columbia River, not going to heaven!). This is a topic of perennial interest, particularly with the newer members who have yet to get a lot of blue-water experience. Our next presentation will also focus locally, highlighting some great anchorages along the Columbia River. During the winter we will have speakers describing tropical cruising adventures that most of us dream about.

The next cruise (October 19-20) will be to the East dock at Government Island, a short trip for all of you who moor in the Portland area. This will of course be the Halloween cruise, so plan on a pumpkin to carve, costumes to wear, and pumpkin-themed food. George and Sue Stonecliffe will host.

This edition of the newsletter also has a new feature: profiles of new members as they join the Club. This month features Dallas and Nori Hemphill, experienced cruisers with a foot in both hemispheres. Stay on the lookout for new acquaintances to bring to our events – hopefully they may join our ranks and get the same honor.

Craig Johnston, Commodore

Halloween Cruise: Government Island, East Docks October 19-20

Join us next weekend at Government Island for our traditional Halloween cruise. Your hosts will be George & Sue Stonecliffe. They'll be at the docks by Friday night, so if you're inspired, join them then. Pot luck meals are planned for Saturday dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. There will be a pumpkin carving contest Saturday afternoon, and there will be awards for the best jack-o-lantern and the best costume.

For your potluck contributions have in mind the Halloween theme. Bring your pumpkin(s) for carving and a candle or light for inside the pumpkin. If the weather allows, we'll eat dinner and breakfast on the dock, otherwise inside one or several boats. There will definitely be a display of the lighted up jack-o-lanterns.

This has always been a fun cruise for SIYC members, and it may be closer for you folks who have your boats moored in Portland. Come and join the fun! Questions? Call George or Sue at 503-352-9414



Ed & Sara Daugherty in costume last year

November Membership Meeting Panel Presentation: Cruising and Anchoring Along the Columbia River.

Don't miss our next membership meeting on November 1, 2013. The program will be a panel presentation about the joys and pitfalls of cruising and anchoring along the Columbia River, within a day or two of the Portland area. We expect to have presentations by members George Stonecliffe, Ed Daugherty, and Craig Johnston, among others. We'll hear about downriver destinations like Tongue Point Lagoon, Prairie Channel and Martin Slough, and upriver destinations like Beacon Rock and Miller Island.



The Washington State Park dock at Beacon Rock.

Last month's SIYC Cruise: Gilbert River

The Gilbert River Cruise started Friday, September 20, for *Hokuloa* as a warm sunny day. By 3:20 p.m. rain lightly sprinkled from the heavens. Dave Mangan aboard *Hawksbill* arrived before 8 p.m. and ate his dinner aboard *Hokuloa*.

Dave explored the inlets around Gilbert River during the morning hours.

The crowd, *Cambria*, *Moonshadow* and *Tarani* arrived mid-afternoon while *Perserverance*, captained by Rudy Marchese arrived at dinner time.

The theme of the potluck dinner was Mexican and the flavors were true, such as ceviche, spicy grilled chicken pieces, quesadillas, Mexican lasagna, and a vegetarian casserole. A Berry Betty was offered by Dena Seabrook of *Tarani*.



Breakfast Sunday morning was a fruit fest, dishes of colorful, tasty fruit tempting the palate.

Wind gusts and slanting rain greeted the returning boats as they made their way to their moorages. The picture above shows Dave Mangan working his Bar-B-Q magic on a Mexican chicken dish.

New Members: Dallas & Nori Hemphill

This month we're starting a new feature which we hope to repeat in future issues, as new members join the club. Take this opportunity to get to know our new members.

Nori and Dallas live in Eugene, but are natives of Seattle and New Zealand, respectively. Their boat *Summer Rose* is a Passport 42, cutter rig, built in 1988, and she's moored on the River at St. Helens. They've owned her for

15 years, and during that time have sailed as far north as Alaska and as far south as the south end of New Zealand, and quite a few places in between.



The boat has a conservative, seaworthy design, and so far has been able to take whatever conditions the sea gods could throw at her. "If ever we fail to reach port," they say, "it won't be the boat's fault!" Nori, the daughter of a ship's officer, is smart enough to leave the long or rough passages to Dallas and his friends, but enjoys coastal sailing in quiet waters and fair weather. For the next couple or so years, they plan to cruise summers in western US and Canadian waters, rating them first equal with New Zealand of all the cruising grounds they've sailed so far.



Nori and Dallas express great satisfaction at being accepted as SIYC members. They have greatly enjoyed the camaraderie and the tremendous practical value in the Club events they've attended, and look forward to many more!

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: Yogurt

- Barbara Johnston, S/V Sequoia

This is a true cruising recipe: you're days away from any store, and out of fresh milk, but you do have powdered milk and access to a live-culture yogurt. Maybe you found it in the bottom of your refrigerator, or maybe the next boat in the anchorage can spot you some...

I first tasted this yogurt at an anchorage in the Tuamotus, aboard *S/V Rigo*. Iretta very kindly gave me some of her starter, and wrote out the recipe for me. Here it is, in its entirety. A word of warning: you must be at anchor, at a dock or at least in very calm waters – the yogurt won't set if you're crashing through high seas!

For 1 ½ liters:

3 Tablespoons live-culture yogurt
1 ½ liters of milk, made from dry milk. How rich you like the yogurt determines how much powder to use. Iretta likes it rich, so she uses about 2 cups of powder for this amount of liquid.

Mix the powder into about half the water and put the rest of the water on to boil. Add enough boiling water to bring the whole lot to 115° F. Dilute the starter yogurt a bit and stir it into the hot milk. Iretta does all the mixing in the jar in which she lets the “yoging” happen. Cover the jar and leave it to rest tucked into 2 down pillows for 4-5 hours. Don’t shake it around after you’ve put it to rest. If you don’t have down pillows, and prefer to use a wide mouth thermos, that will work fine. It won’t hurt to let it “yog” more than 4-5 hours, but it will become more tart. After 8 hours it will begin to deteriorate, so refrigerate it before then. It’s best to make a new batch in 5-7 days. Don’t be tempted to use more starter or the result will be “stringy”.



Now that your yogurt is completed, you can put it on top of cereal, add fruit and a sweetener for a nice dessert, use it as an ingredient in Beef Stroganoff or Chicken Paprikash, a topping for curry, or drain it for several hours in cheese cloth to get a close imitation of cream cheese.

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



Club Business

SIYC Membership Meeting October 4, 2013

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 O'Shea, Rusty Gesner and Taunya Coutts.

New Member: Dallas Hemphill was inducted into the club by Membership Chair, Ed Daugherty.

Treasurer's Report: George handed out a Report for October. We currently have \$2,572.20. Missing dues from 5 members are in the mail.

Newsletter: Barbara will publish the October Newsletter shortly. Very interesting cruising letters have been coming in from our local members. Be sure to read them!

Website: Mark has posted the video from the bombing of the Ripple Rock in Seymour Narrows. He would like to post items for sale.

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

Programs: for the November meeting, we will have 3 members presenting anchorages on the

Columbia River from Astoria to Beacon Rock State Park. Programs from January forward will include other members talking about their cruising in the Canadian and San Juan Islands.

Cruises: Ed and Sarah Dougherty hosted the September cruise to the Gilbert River. 6 member boats attended: *Hokuloa*, *Hawksbill*, *Cambria*, *Moonshadow*, *Summer Rose*, and *Perseverance*. One guest boat attended: Dave, Karen, and Dena Seabrook on *s/v Tarani*.

Our next cruise will be hosted by George and Sue Stonecliffe at East Dock, Government Island on October 19-20. Everyone is encouraged to come, bring pumpkins for carving, and wear a costume to dinner on Saturday night. Menus should reflect fall or Halloween themes.

New Business: Commodore Johnston will send us all a questionnaire to get more information about our interests for the future of the club. Look for his e-mail or snail-mail correspondence in the coming month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Captain Ron Micjan of Columbia Towing based in Ilwaco gave us a fantastic program about crossing the Columbia River Bar safely. As captain of a rescue boat designed to pull boats out of trouble, he had many harrowing stories to tell and advice on how to avoid the hazards of tide, high breaking waves, and fog.

SIYC Board Meeting October 3, 2013

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

Craig had called all 6 members with delinquent dues. One boat has chosen to drop out of the club. 5 others agreed to send in their dues amounting to \$160.

Treasurer: George had a monthly report prepared. It was suggested that last month's checking balance should be included. \$75 was donated to The Sailing Foundation in appreciation for their presentation in July in support of our man overboard seminar. George will give Mark a list of boats no longer in the club to eliminate from the website. There is no money in the budget for paying speakers.

Program: Various ideas were discussed about future programs from our own members' experiences, especially cruising locally. George will contact John Colby, *s/v Iris* who just completed his circumnavigation.

Membership: Dallas Hemphill has paid his initiation fee dues. Ed has nametags, burgee, and roster for his induction at the next membership meeting. Dave and Karen and Dena Seabrook were given a membership application form at the September cruise they attended on their boat, *s/v Tarani*.

Newsletter: Discussion ensued about publishing the Newsletter on the website alone in the future. This would require additional formatting. No decision was made.

Cruise: 6 boats attended at Coon Island. George & Sue will host the Halloween Cruise at Government Island, October 19-20.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 30th, 6:00 p.m. at George and Sue's home.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Stonecliffe, Secretary



Photo by Garry Weber at the 2013 Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival.

2013-2014 CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS		BOARD MEETINGS		CRUISES	
October 4	Sauvie Island Academy	October 2	TBD	October 19-20	Halloween Cruise, East Government Island
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 14-20	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	Marina del Rey, CA
<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.



Photo by Garry Weber, from his summer cruise to the San Juans. See his full report starting on the next page.

CRUISING REPORTS

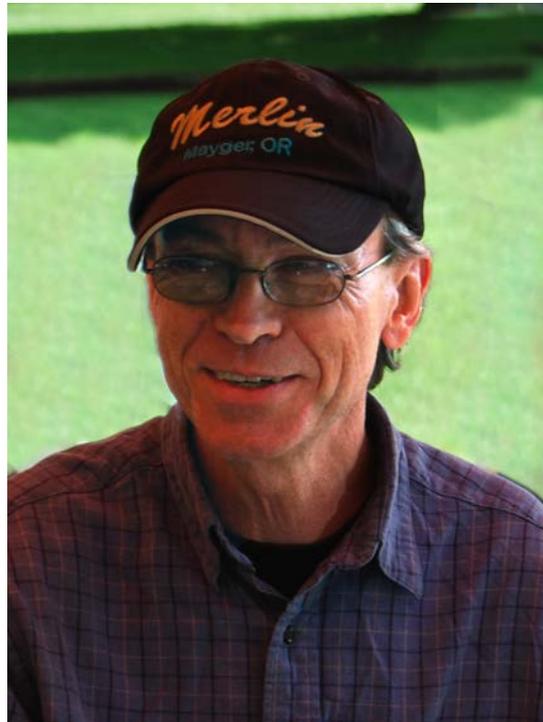
From Garry Weber, S/V Cambria

This summer I took a month to cruise the San Juan and Gulf Islands. I left Portland August 15th and took two days to get to Astoria, stopping at a friend's dock at "Batwater Station" inside of Crims Island. It is a beautiful place which they have opened to events such as yacht club rendezvous on a reservation basis. Michael and Karin are a very charming and hospitable couple with a long history of boating. Karin who is from Southern California used to crew for friends down Baja in a 25 footer when she was a teenager! She has sailed with me in the Channel Islands, her old stomping grounds. They have owned a wooden 34 ft Garden Ketch for years before they found their present boat, *Merlin*. She is a 1946 50 ft Shane Cruiser. Here is a link.

<http://www.batwater.com/index.html>

After staying the night in Astoria it was up the coast single handing. The forecast was for light winds and a 3 ft swell from the west at 19 seconds. Sunny, warm and a starry night! Was that really the Oregon / Washington coast? After a 28 hour motor trip

I arrived in Neah Bay and anchored for the night. Then on to Port Angeles, Roche Harbor and finally Ganges on Saltspring Island to visit Leslie Fornier, a former SIYC member who cruised *Kestrel* to Mexico and Central America with her husband Jay. Now she owns a house overlooking the bay and works for the school district with summers off! How cool is that! We took an overnight trip to Portland Island nearby which is a very nice marine park.



After 5 days at Saltspring I was on my own again and spent a few days at Wallace Island Marine Park with a stern tie to a ring in the rock cliff. Nice hiking and kayaking!

Next I headed back to the US to clear at Roche Harbor and then to Prevost Harbor on Stuart Island. One of my favorite spots in the San Juans. There is a wonderful hike to Turn Point where orcas are sometimes seen from the cliffs. I met up there with my old friend Ahoi and his friend Maggie who were up from Olympia on a cruise in *Pia* before participating in the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival. *Pia* is a 1938 Spitzgatter (Danish for double ender) which Ahoi restored and keeps in pristine condition. We

had a great time hiking and sailing around the harbor in his 10 foot pram which he built himself, of course.



After Prevost we went to Deer Harbor on Orcas Island for a wooden boat rendezvous for boats that had been in the Classic Boat Show in Victoria the weekend before and that were heading for the Festival in Port Townsend the following weekend. I crewed on *Pia* for the sailboat race in which we were one of the smallest boats, racing against 60 foot topsail schooners and everything in between. After the race we had a great dinner with baked local salmon and all sorts of side dishes including ice cream for dessert. Those wooden boat people know how to enjoy themselves.

I left in the morning to catch the tide so I could get to PT early and get a slip at the Boat Haven as I don't really like anchoring with the fleet of anchored and not so well anchored boats there for the Festival. The festival is always fun because I run into friends I haven't seen in a while. Ed and Marianne Mullowney were there and treated me to a Pizza dinner! My phone was ringing and I was getting texts and emails from people I know from all over the place who were up for the show. There was live music every night and food and all kinds of programs and activities for 3 days not to mention the boats themselves. I sailed on two different wooden boats. one in the 26-and-under race, and then on *Pia* for the sail-by on Sunday. Saturday I was joined by my longtime friend Barbara from San Francisco who was going to be my crew for the trip down the coast and back to Portland. Party, Party, Party, but we managed to slip out in the fog early Monday morning only seeing two buoys all the way to Port Angeles. The next morning was clear and beautiful with a forecast for east wind! We managed to sail 25 miles wing on wing at 5.5 to 6 knots. The best sailing on the whole trip! We spent the next night in Neah Bay and left in the morning with clear skies and a strong east wind. By the time we got to Tatoosh Island we were going 6 k with just a double reefed main! We were looking forward to a screaming reach down the coast but shortly after heading south the wind shifted to on the nose and stayed there for most of the way down. Yuck! It was only 5 to 15 and didn't slow us down much but was not what I would call pleasant. Then fog for most of the night till it lifted and became low dark clouds. We caught the slack before the flood around 2:00 PM into the Columbia where things improved and turned into a pleasant day. We had the tide so continued up river to Cathlamet for rest and showers. Then it was on to St Helens where we happened on a music and dinner event put on by local Churches. Free food and music! In the evening we went to the Columbia Theater right there in old town to see the new Star Trek movie for \$3 each. What a deal! The Columbia is a very cute little old theater well worth stopping to check out. Just a few blocks from the free public docks.

The last day we only had to motor up to Portland and we were safely back! A big thank you hug for my crew Barbara! Another boating adventure!

Garry Weber
S/V Cambria

From Mike Floyd, S/V Nashira

Nashira is at Marina Del Ray today Oct 10. We (myself and two crew) leave tonight for San Diego.

In Morro Bay I changed the alternator then moved off the mooring ball and tied to the guest dock at Morro Bay Yacht Club. Great folks. We left at 10 am with clear skies. After that it was mostly sail by day and motor by night.

We skipped Santa Barbara in favor of Ventura, and got to Ventura Yacht Club at dusk. Tuesday night they had a potluck so we stayed and left Wednesday morning. It was windy: 15 knots gusting to 20 plus so we sailed the entire way to marina Del Ray and made it inside 10 pm at night. Now we are at the California Yacht Club. Very nice! We plan to leave for San Diego tonight after watching turtles race at Brennan's Pub (on You Tube).

So far. .. fair winds AND following seas.

Mike Floyd
S/V Nashira



From Jim & Linda Noval, S/V Ranidan

In last month's newsletter we left Jim and Linda in Port Angeles. Here are a few lines about their return home.

We stayed overnight in Neah Bay where the main industry once was fishing. It's fallen on hard times.

Then we went out to sea and blew down the Washington Coast. This shows our speed over ground (SOG) is faster than our speed through the water. Waves were moving fast and



pushing us as we re-entered inland waters at Astoria.

Crossing the bar, we had following sea that rose up higher than our deck and created a wall as it crested (behind us, thankfully and not on top of us). Then we went up and down as in a roller coaster. Very, very glad when we finally tied up to a dock and could stand on land again.



Son Daniel and his lovely wife Petra joined Jim for the final push to Portland.

Ranidan is now tucked safely into her slip here in Portland and resting until we take her out again next year.

Jim & Linda Noval
S/V Ranidan

From prospective member Terry O'Shea, S/V CarolMarie

On the 10th of September I accompanied joined a friend from work, Nick Hopman, down in San Francisco to view the America's Cup races at Marina Green. We drove down in the morning passing through the 101 traffic and arriving on the Embarcadero around 10:45am. As we rounded AT&T park a recognizable image of an AC72 wing appeared on the horizon. The wing was 145 feet tall and was mounted to the AC72 ETNZ, aka the Kiwis. It wasn't long before our drive found us gawking at Larry Ellison's \$38 Million number 17, the defender of the America's Cup being towed to the AC Village. We followed taking as many pictures as we could until we found parking on the Embarcadero. Once we arrived at the AC Village we saw both the boats being prepared in the bay for the upcoming race. We grab a cab and went out to the Marina Green where our seats were located.

Once at the Marina Green we saw the AC45 from Oracle (pre-race leading to the America's Cup). We stopped and took a photo next to the cheating boat that cost USA-Oracle the 2 point deficit and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ the crew.



As the start of the first race counted down the two AC72's jockeyed for position. When the starting gun went off USA-Oracle had successfully pinched up the New Zealand Challenger allowing the USA to take the lead.

Within moments of rounding the first mark Oracle was up on her foils and screamed passed us a 44.4 knots or 49.7 mph. Leading the Kiwis all the way toward Alcatraz Island.

But all was a miss on the next turn when John Kosteki (SF native) made the mistake of trying a foiling tack, 270° turn toward Alcatraz Island to escape the current. Although his intentions were good the team didn't execute the risky maneuver and Oracle fell off her foils allowing the Kiwis to pass quickly by.

By the time the Kiwis had reached the upwind mark and made the turn they had a full 1.3 KM between them and Oracle. The Kiwis made the turn, and rose up on their foils on a lop-sided drag race to the finish.

The Kiwis readily won the first race by over one minute between the two boats. After changing their headsail Oracle pulled out their one time use delay race card which canceled the second race of the day. The Oracle Skipper, Jimmy Spithill, later said in a press interview, “We need to go back and regroup. We feel they have an edge on us at the moment, especially upwind. We need to do a bit of work here and we’re going to play the card, strategically, and hopefully improve in time for the next race.”

The impact of wearable computing on the race was clear. Both skippers had up to the minute reports on weather and puffs streaming to their wearable devices. The afterguard were all wearing orange armbands with iPads linked to systems on the boats showing telemetry.

The item that fascinated me was the fact that the USA is now behind 4 races and use wearables while the New Zealand team didn’t use them at all and has won the majority of the races. What it shows is that perhaps having the wearables doesn’t guarantee you a victory. Overall a good trip and a nice day.

Now, in retrospect, Team Oracle must have known what they were doing because after the delay they came back to what has been known as the greatest comeback in sporting history this century to win 9-8 over the Kiwis. There were 12 more races, after the one we watched. When the next America's Cup comes around I'd invite everyone to attend for at least one day. Seeing the AC72 flying 40-48 knots downwind under wind alone was awesome to watch. As many of you know it takes a while but often some of the America's Cup technology eventually get passed down to us cruisers.

Terry O'Shea
S/V CarolMarie

Let's Stay in Touch with our Cruising Members

If you enjoyed the stories and pictures 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.



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