



# THE SHEETS

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## Commodore's Comments by Chris Haro



Last week during racing, I noticed that the sun is setting sooner, and Fall is about a month and a half away!

Exciting things have been happening at your club this past month. First, I would like everyone in the club to CONGRATULATE John Marshall on the great job he has been doing as Race Chair. I along with over 35 other boats participated in the Crew of 2 race! This is an endurance race around Catalina or around Ship Rock. Why is this an endurance race? Well, as the name suggests, there are only two sailors on each boat and, depending on the size and speed of your vessel, the trip may take over 24 hours. I was on *Stardust* owned by our board member Tom Noto. This was our second year competing in the event. We finished just under 24 hours, and our official race time was 20:20:07! I would like to thank Tom Noto for having me as crew and to congratulate Mr. Noto on finishing the race. During our race, we saw a beautiful sunset over the Pacific Ocean. This year the moon rise was obscured by clouds, but the moon was almost a new moon, so we would not have seen much. During the night we looked for the Neowise Comet, but I did not spot the comet's tail! I did see a falling star and I made a wish. What did I wish for?? You know I can not tell you or my wish will not come true!

Our Cruise department hosted a Duffy Poker Cruise in July! We putted around the harbor playing poker. I hear your question; how do you play poker on a Duffy? First off, I must make this crystal clear that

we DID NOT PLAY STRIP POKER! There were 4 Duffys involved and at pre-designated harbor locations, we would draw one card. For you poker players out there, we played 5 card stud, which means at each location we drew one card, with a total of 5 stops. Your hand was determined by the luck of the deal. Let me just say, I did not win. I was in the running for the lowest hand, unfortunately we were not playing golf. I would like to propose to the cruise committee when we play this in the future, and this is off the record, the lowest card drawn at each location must take a drink of their beverage 😊



Jennifer, our Social Committee, has been in talks with the NBYC and she has arranged our FIRST Second Friday Dinner! Thank you Jen! This is our first dinner since February at the club. I am very excited to see you.

However due to COVID-19 we are VERY LIMITED on space. If you have not already done so you must RSVP as the space is extremely limited!

On the horizon, we have Shirmptastic coming in a few weeks. If you have questions about Shirmptastic, please call me or your cruise department for more information.

Your Commodore,

Christopher V Haro



## Vice Commodore's Comments by Gerry Holleger

Hello South Shore Yacht Club Members!

Wow, how time flies! I cannot believe it is August already. I miss seeing each and every one of you at South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC), the friendliest yacht club in Newport Beach. You are all my dear friends. I know it has not been a great 2020 with the Covid-19 pandemic stopping us from doing SSYC events at our sister club, Newport Beach Yacht Club restaurant and bar. I trust each of you are having a pleasant summer season creating memories, even though faced with virus restrictions of social distancing. I empathize with what you are going through.

Many of you know that I returned to active duty Army service this year in support of Covid-19 response. I have been working long days as the House Nursing Supervisor for Madigan Army Medical Center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Tacoma, Washington. I am restricted to the same social distance rules you are and am required to wear a face covering for 12 plus hours a day. I am frequently within six feet of people in my profession. I return to my quiet room on base each night without having MaryBeth or family to talk to about my day's events or hear about theirs. Thoughts of returning to MaryBeth, my family and you, my friends, sustains me to keep going to complete the Covid-19 Support Mission.

I have had a couple of occasions this summer to drive down to Oregon to visit two of my good friends and fellow SSYC members, Pam Ranta and Joe Greenblatt. Pam and Joe traveled to St. Helens, Oregon in March where they found their new home away from home on the water, a trawler class boat. They found the boat nestled under a rustic covered slip behind quaint pastel multicolored floating homes near Scappoose Bay.

Pam, Joe and I met in the sleepy portside town in June to move the boat to its new temporary port where it is receiving a makeover. The event was certainly the highlight of my summer. We started our short two-and-a-half-hour journey in the narrow marsh land bay. We tugged down the narrow estuary going under a couple of motor vehicle and railroad bridges. We merged into the Columbia River where we came upon more villages of floating homes and warehouses before going under I-5 near the city of Vancouver, Washington. The boat finally came to rest on Hayden Island where it is now located at McCuddy's Marina, north of Portland. The state of Washington and snow-covered Mount Adams can be seen to the north and the state of Oregon and Portland just to the south. Evergreen trees can be seen everywhere, they are so beautiful!

Pam and Joe will continue making short trips to the evergreen states to oversee the makeover of their vessel before it takes its maiden voyage to Southern California sometime in October. Please congratulate Joe and Pam and wish them well with their new boat. Cheers to Pam and Joe, I wish them fair winds and following seas!

South Shore Yacht Club is, "the Friendliest Yacht Club in Newport Beach".

**Gerry Holleger**

Vice Commodore



## Social by Jennifer Johns

If there is something we have learned throughout the last couple of months it is that things are ever-evolving, sometimes changing daily. This past month there was no Monthly dinner planned as the Great American Raft Up was scheduled for the 3rd Sat. As you now know, we had some complications with that. Cruise picked up the slack and had two great events out on the water. Thank you, Dean Russell, Martha Gurwitz, and Chris Tadlock. This also has made my monthly article very easy as I have nothing to report except what's coming up next....

### What Next on the Calendar

#### **Sept**

We will have no Friday Dinner as the Endless Summer Beach Party is on calendar.

#### **Oct**

Depending on how August goes and the state of CA we will either try for another dinner at NBYC or Dinner on the bay in Duffys.

Note: The club is open for dining on the patio and out front! Bring your mask and your appetite.



Be safe and healthy.

Cheers,  
*Jen Johns*,  
Social Director

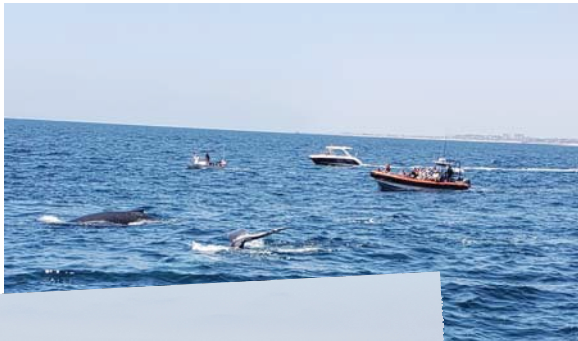
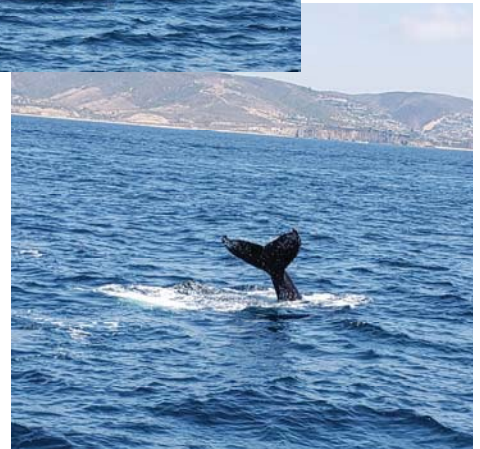


## Cruise by Martha Gurwitz

It was a wonderful day as we headed out to sea for our dolphin/whale watching day, but we didn't know just how amazing it was truly going to be. As we left the harbor, it wasn't very long before we came upon a large number of boats congregated in one spot. We headed to that area and quickly were surrounded by dolphins doing their beautiful dance up close to the boat.



Then, as we enjoyed the dolphins playing, we spotted the whales. It was spectacular. The whales literally jumping in and out of the water with their flukes in the air, right in front of our boat! I think we had the best view of all the boats. Everyone had their phones out taking pictures and videos. When you take off on an excursion like this, you are normally lucky to see a few dolphins and a sea lion. This day we saw pods of dolphins and at least two whales. The 'oohing' and 'ahhhing' was incredible.



We look forward to our Shrimptastic weekend in Two Harbors coming up Friday, August 21st through Sunday the 23rd. This is going to be a really fun event and a great time for us all to get together. Please look for the evite that went out and RSVP right away.

Also, save the weekend of September 25th through the 27th for our cruise to Alamitos Bay.

*Martha Gurwitz*

Cruise Committee

After a few hours, we headed back to the harbor and docked along the marina landing, where we had lunch. All I can say is, for those who couldn't join us, you really missed out!



## Racing by John Marshall

Ahoy, South Shore Yacht Club members and racers! The second month of the Summer Hibachi Series has concluded. Believe it or not, we only have four Wednesday evening races remaining in August. Each boat is given one “Throw-Out” each month as shown in the July Summary below with, “T.O.”. So, if you miss a race or just had a bad race, that one race won’t count. In the PHRF Class A, Jane Hartley and the crew of “Violetta” has demonstrated their dominance, despite not getting the best starts. It’s like she’s giving everyone a head start! Even with the throw-out, “Violetta” finished the month of July with five first place finishes.

2020 Summer Hibachi July Summary PHRF A									
Overall	Point Summary	Yacht Name	Skipper	Yacht Club	9 July 29	8 July 22	7 July 15	6 July 8	5 July 1
1	4	Violetta	Jane Hartley	BCYC	1	1	T.O.	1	1
2	8	Valhalla III	Scott Karlin	SSYC	2	T.O.	2	2	2
3	11	Valentine	Mary Longpre	BYC	3	2	T.O.	3	3
4	15	Nalu V	Mark Ashmore	SSYC	3	4	4	T.O.	4

2020 Summer Hibachi July Summary PHRF B									
Overall	Point Summary	Yacht Name	Skipper	Yacht Club	9 July 29	8 July 22	7 July 15	6 July 8	5 July 1
1	5	Hula Girl	Chris Hill	UCISA	T.O.	1	1	2	1
2	8	Valkyrie	Don Albrecht	SSYC	3	T.O.	2	1	2
3	10	Celia	Jim O'Connor	ALYC	1	T.O.	3	3	3
4	12	Silk	John Hanscom	SSYC	2	2	T.O.	4	4
5	16	Evening Star	Chris Haro	SSYC	3	3	T.O.	5	5

In PHRF Class B, Chris Hill and Patty Malone racing in “Hula Girl” finished first in four of five races to take honors in the month of July. Congratulations!



## Racing (Continued)

SSYC's signature Race Event, the "Crew of 2 Around Catalina" was completed on July 19<sup>th</sup>. In last month's edition of "The Sheets", we had 15 entries. We finished with 37 entries! Apparently, there was a lot of pent-up demand as so many ocean races were canceled in 2020. We had 27 South Shore Yacht Club members participate by being on the start boat, "Molokai Girl" or on the Balboa Pier from 8:00 PM Saturday night until the last boat finished on Sunday at 3:51 PM!

We'd especially like to recognize Clive and Martha Gurwitz for providing the check-in/start boat for the Crew of 2. And to Oliver who retrieved our two offshore tetrahedrons, saving me another trip out to the end of the Balboa Pier on Monday morning. Again, thanks to all who contributed their time and talents to make this signature SSYC Race Event so successful. I could have filled another page with all the compliments we received from the yachting community. Steve Brown and Erik Lidecis on "Dark Star" from Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club were the big winners on the 90nm course Around Catalina on elapsed time and corrected time. Click on this link below to see all the results.

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_regatta\\_results.php?regatta\\_id=20888&show\\_crew=1](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=20888&show_crew=1)



We'll see you on the water.

## John

John Marshall  
Club Race Chair



# August 2020

## Highlights for August

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday Race Series	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Dinner	
21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Shrimptastic	

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2 12:00pm Sunday Race Series
3	4 Board Meeting	5 6:00pm SSYC Hibachi Series	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 6:00pm SSYC Hibachi Series	13	14 6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner Tiki Theme OR Duffy	15	16
17	18	19 6:00pm SSYC Hibachi Series	20	21  -----Catalina-----Shrimptastic-----Cruise-----	22	23
24	25	26 6:00pm SSYC Hibachi Series	27	28	29	30
31						

# September 2020

## Highlights for September

11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Dinner	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Endless Summer Party	

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Board Meeting	2 6:00pm SSYC Hibachi Series	3	4	5 Whale Watching	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Endless Summer Beach Party	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 12:00pm Sunday Race Series
21	22	23	24	25	26	27  -----Cruise-----to-----Alamitos-----Bay-----
28	29	30				



# October 2020

Highlights for October

19 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	BVI Cruise

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	
			--Lake Arrowhead Oktoberfest Land Cruise-----			
5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9 6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner-Rose All Day OR Dinner on a Duffy	10	11 12:00pm Sunday Race Series
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
--SSYC-	-Commodore's-	--Cruise--	--To The--	--British--	--Virgin--	-Islands-
26	27	28 6:00pm Game Night	29	30	31	
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# November 2020

Highlights for November


MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					----LA ---- Land ---- Cruise----	
9	10	11	12	13 6:00pm SSYC Friday Dinner - Closing Ceremonies	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

# December 2020

Highlights for December

-TBD-	

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					6:30pm Boat Parade	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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